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Journalist exposes cruelty in detention centers

by Ted Rayburn

"There is a chemistry for violence within institutions," investigative journalist Kenneth Wooden said in a speech on juvenile justice systems last night in the Learning Resources Center.

Accounts of children and teenagers incarcerated in state reformatories, both for criminal and status offenses, and the undue punishment inflicted upon them, highlighted Wooden's speech.

Over three years, the journalist and teacher visited reform schools and detention centers in 28 states, compiling information which later was incorporated in the book *Weeping in the Playtime of Others*.

Wooden's accounts included children who were placed in solitary confinement for 30 days for minor infractions such as stealing crackers from the cafeteria, stealing postage stamps or masturbating. At one institution, a boy refusing to work was placed in an 8 x 10 foot room into which the guard then tossed a tear-gas device. The makeup of the gas was such that it became a dust which clung to the youth's skin, causing permanent chemical burns.

On one occasion, two girls who were pregnant at the time they entered a reformatory were forced to have abortions; in some schools,



Kenneth Wooden

particularly in Illinois, girls are given a drug which will prevent pregnancy for a 12-month period. The drug is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and has been shown to cause types of cancer in laboratory testing, Wooden emphasized.

Children and teenagers are not the only persons mistreated by the state due to reformatory management, Wooden added. An example was cited in which the reform schools in a certain state were shut down for three years, but maintained their full staffs. "Employees guarded empty corridors and played pinochle for three years at the cost of \$6.6 million to taxpayers."

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Francescon wins by 2 votes in Wednesday's election

by Jenny Tenpenny

Wednesday's ASB presidential runoff proves that your vote really does count.

Bobby Francescon, Nashville senior, defeated Garry Ellis for the top student government position 694-692. Francescon is the first independent candidate to win that position in 10 years.

Danny Dunkelburger, ASB election commissioner, said the voter



Bobby Francescon

turnout represented 15 percent of the total student population, "still not a majority but more than anticipated for the runoff."

Dunkelburger added that many students came to the polls but did not have their ID which was needed to vote.

Francescon said his first priority as president would be to get his 'cabinet organized in such a way to get more people involved in working with the ASB.'

"I've talked with all the presidential candidates about serving in some capacity with the student government, but I haven't as yet decided who would fill any of the positions," Francescon said yesterday.

Francescon emphasized that anyone who was interested in working in the ASB could get in touch with him at the ASB office or drop a note to Box 2894. He will be holding an organizational meeting within the next two weeks.

Francescon hopes to make the student ombudsman program stronger during the upcoming year. "It (a stronger ombudsman) is as simple as one student picking up on the needs of other students and doing something about it," Francescon said, adding, "There are 9,000 students on this campus and the power of the people is where it's at."

"I want to thank everybody who helped me in the campaign," Francescon said, "and especially those who came to the polls again--even those who voted for Gary. It just shows that one person can make a difference."

ASB to survey student concern

by Jenny Tenpenny

A survey will be circulated next week which will ask students to respond to items they feel are of greatest concern to the university population.

Mike McDonald, senate speaker-elect, is conducting the survey in order to find out what the students are concerned about. "There are a lot of issues I hear about through the grapevine," McDonald said, "so I want to see what the students really think."

"I want to know what issues to give top priority to as speaker of the senate," he stressed.

Issues such as alcohol on

campus, visitation, a crisis call line and maintenance conditions in the dorm will be considered in the survey; there will be room for each respondent to make additional comments.

The survey will be distributed through campus mail.

Forms will also be available in the ASB office for students who do not have campus boxes and wish to participate.

McDonald emphasized the need for students to participate. "This is one way the total student population will have of voicing their opinion. If they want us to be effective, we have to know how they feel," McDonald said.



The "Gong Show" held in the Grill Thursday night features [left to right] Judge Al Wilkerson, winner Kerry Emrick, winners for worst act Lisa Togole and Betsy Brown.

Campus Calendar

ASB SENATE WORKSHOP: University Center and Learning Resources Center, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tennessee High School & Drama League: District IV Festival, D.A. Auditorium, 1-10 p.m.

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Baseball: MTSU/Jacksonville, Baseball field, 3 p.m.
Banquet: Business Education Conference, Tennessee Room, SUB, 6 p.m.
Art Department: Slide Presentation, Agriculture Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow
Business Education Conference: UC 322-A,B,C and 324-A,B,C, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Depart. of Psychology: Drive-In Workshop, UC Theater, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

MBA Comprehensive Examination:

REVISED 1977 SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 18—Registration—Murphy Athletic Center—8 to 4.

June 20—1st term classes begin.

June 21—Last day for 1st term registration.

July 4—Holiday.

July 15—1st term and mid-term (whole session) exams.

July 18—2nd term registration—Classes begin.

July 19—Last day for 2nd term registration.

August 10—Final Exams.

August 12—Convocation—11 a.m.

The purpose of the Summer Schedule change is to accommodate entering freshmen from high schools and graduate students (teachers) impacted by the weather and energy shortage this winter.

Students will still be able to take a full load (12 semester hours) during the summer.

OM 205, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
ACT Examination: Tennessee Room, SUB, 8-12 noon.
Tennessee High School & Drama League: District IV Festival, D.A. Auditorium, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
ASB Senate Workshop: University Center and Learning Resources Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Luncheon-Faculty Dining Room, SUB, 1 p.m.)

Kappa Sigma: Muscular Dystrophy Dance-A-Thon, AM Gym, 7 a.m.-1 a.m.

Bicycle Safety Inspection Workshop Tour (Chamber of Commerce), Greenland Drive Parking Lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Track Meet: MTSU/David Lipscomb/Illinois State, Jones Field Track, 1:30 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma Initiation: Dining Room B, SUB 2-4 p.m.

Church of Christ Student Group: Dinner, Tennessee Room, SUB 6 p.m.

Sunday

Bicycle Safety Inspection Workshop and Tour (Chamber of Commerce), Greenland Drive Parking Lot and Picnic Area, 12 noon-7 p.m.

Kappa Sigma: Muscular Dystrophy Dance-A-Thon, AM Gym, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Baseball: MTSU/Milligan, Baseball field, 1 p.m.

Chi Omega: Banquet, Tennessee Room, 2-4 p.m.

Senior Recital: Beverly Hill and Randal Brooks, UC Theatre, 4 p.m.

Monday

SAE: Miss MTSU Ticket sale, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Doctorate of Arts: Comprehensive Exams, UC 314, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Baseball: MTSU/Wisconsin Eau Claire) Baseball Field, 1 p.m.

Sigma Nu: Spring Softball Invitational Tournament, Intramural fields, 3:30-6 p.m.
Movie: "Lucky Lady," UC Theatre 3, 6 & 8 p.m.
Miss MTSU Pageant Rehearsal Murphy Center, 6-12 p.m.
Residence Hall Programming Disco Dance, Tennessee Room SUB 8-12 p.m.

KIOSK

Judy Gordon, a sophomore majoring in speech and hearing therapy, was named 1977-78 Sidelines advertising manager Tuesday by the Committee of Student Publications.

Applications for summer 1978 and fall 1977 Sidelines editor-in-chief must be submitted by April 15. Applications forms may be obtained in Room 307 of the SU and should be returned there. The committee will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, April 25, in NCB 304 to select these editors. Applicants who do not attend the April 25 meeting will not be considered. Committee chairman Dr. Reza Ordoubian said.

Wade Sugg, MTSU junior agribusiness major, has been selected to participate in a summer trainee program sponsored by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Louisville, Kentucky and the Murfreesboro Production Credit Association.

The summer program will last twelve weeks during which Sugg will work in Louisville, Kentucky, Murfreesboro and other PC districts in Middle Tennessee. MTSU credit will be given.

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Students vary interpreting on design 'your own bag'

by Phyllis Skipper

The assignment was "to design your own bag." The problem was to interpret the word bag in any number of ways.

This was an assignment given by associate professor Philip Vander Weg to his advanced design class.

Steve Rucker, art major with emphasis in ceramics, looked at the problem and came up with an idea related to what he is doing in ceramics. "The bag is the same form as one of my ceramic pieces," Rucker said. What form is it? Well, it's a 75 foot long megaphone-type object. It's an environment.

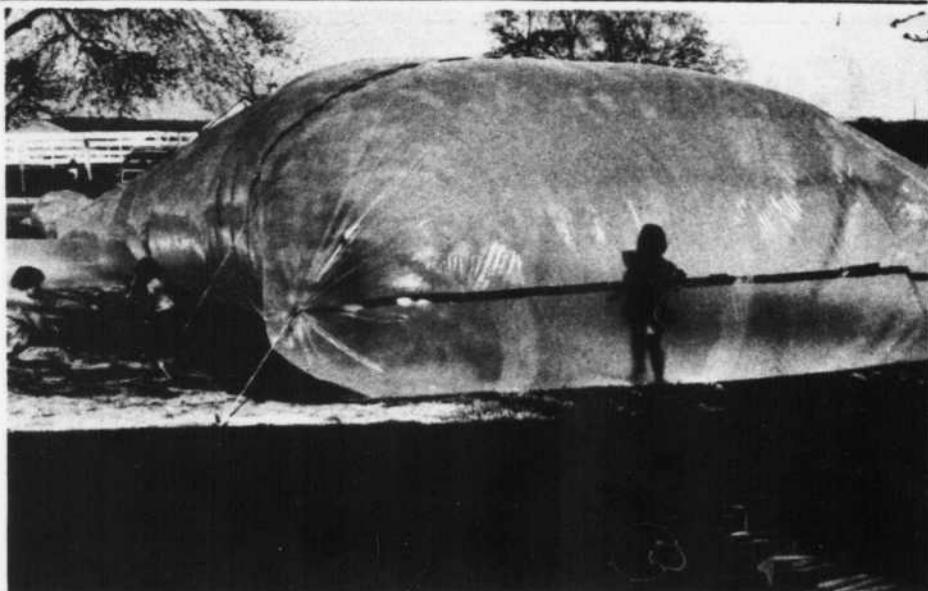
Rucker's idea was "rather than the bag being an object that we look upon, let the bag be an environment. It has no floor, no walls, the floor and the walls are one. It is a sensual experience as well as a visual one."

Rucker got the idea from a pamphlet published by a group of architects in California called "The Ant Farm." "They make inflatables for mass gatherings such as rock festivals and Earth Day. The pamphlet tells where to get materials and it lists do's and don'ts," Rucker explained.

Although some inflatables are colored and striped, Rucker's bag is clear polyethylene plastic. He used duct tape as a stronghold and also as part of the design. The bag was inflated by an electric window fan, and the fan circulates air in the bag.

"It took about five to 10 minutes to inflate the bag, it took about three to four hours to tape and about two hours to set it up outside the art barn," Rucker explained.

The bag first came into shape in the form of rough sketches. "I did plans on the chalk board, but the



actual dimension was a result in making it," Rucker said.

Rucker spent about \$35 on 200 feet of plastic (10 foot width) and it can expand with the wind. "In other words," Rucker explained, "It can be more or less as the day goes on due to the wind."

How do people react when they go inside a bag?

"It's a rush because most people have never been in a bag. Little kids got overstimulated with it," Rucker said. Your voice sounds different in the bag, it has sort of twang to it. Although I don't understand why your voice sounds different, it's probably because there are no corners," Rucker reasoned.

Safety office to study suggestions, violations

A new procedure has been established to provide a means for employees, faculty and students to submit safety suggestions and recommendations, and to report alleged safety violations.

Suggestions, recommendations or alleged violations will be submitted to the Safety Office. Forms provided for this purpose are available in the Safety Office, the ASB office, the office of the Dean of Student Services and the department heads.

According to the procedure, upon receipt of the suggestion, recommendation, or complaint the problem will be investigated by the Safety Director. The person submitting the form will then be notified of the action taken to correct the problem. If the Safety Director determines there is no violation of safety regulation or standard, the person submitting the report will be notified of this determination.

The procedure is in no way

intended to preclude the reporting of conditions of an emergency nature by phone. These reports will be up with a written report using the same form as used for reporting conditions of a less serious nature.

If an employee or faculty member is not satisfied that proper consideration has been given to an alleged safety violation which has been reported under the procedure, he may submit his complaint which university President and then the Chancellor for consideration of the

Board of Regents.

If the complaint is not resolved by the Board of Regents the employee or faculty member has certain appeal rights under the new rules.

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Grade complaints wrapped in lots of red tape

by Steve Miller

If you have ever attempted to file a complaint against an instructor concerning a grade, then you know that the grievance process involves a great deal of red tape.

The complaint procedure, which is outlined in the "Rescue", starts with the student and proves to be a very long process. After the student talks with his instructor, then, according to the outline, he talks with his advisor. After the advisor, comes the department chairman who then goes back to the instructor.

After the complaint leaves the department chairman, it goes to the dean of the school. By this time, everything has to be in writing. If you are not satisfied with the decision the complaint goes to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. After leaving this office, the grievance goes to the Academic

Appeals Committee, and then back to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Again according to the outline, the next step is the Title IX Officer. After this comes the Grievance and Complaint Committee, the President of the university, and finally, the Board of Regents.

The Academic Appeals Committee, which is one of the many steps in the complaint procedure, is chaired by Dr. Fred Colvin. He said that at the present time, the main purpose of his committee is to hear cases that involve a student being expelled from school and seeking to gain readmission.

Colvin went on to say that the committee is making recommendations that they be allowed to hear complaints from students concerning grades.

"A legitimate complaint," said Colvin, "involved a case of

receiving a lower grade than should be, prejudice, changing guidelines for a class without telling them, or a professor never being available for consultation outside class."

The Title IX Officer in the complaint process is involved not only with students, but with all employees of the university, and is part of a federal program instituted to protect against cases of discrimination. A student can use this step only if he can prove discrimination on the basis of race, age, sex, etc.

After the Title IX Officer is a committee which hears cases of discrimination. But Lynn Haston, coordinator of this step, explained that according to many of MTSU's deans and department chairmen the committee has never met. In fact the complaint process rarely goes beyond the dean of the school. They usually try to keep the problem between the instructor and the student.

"The classroom belongs to the instructor and the students. The grade belongs to the instructor and the class is the instructor's," said Dr. William Beasley, chairman of the English dept. "In the final analysis, he (the student) and the instructor have to come together. Nobody else is qualified to say what grade is acceptable."

ASB President Richard Langford feels the complaint procedure is severely inadequate. He said that nobody seems to accept responsibility for the process.

"Nobody knows who's working with whom and because of this, the student gets the shaft," said Langford. "Because of the complexity of the guidelines, different teachers have different sets of guidelines. We need one uniform guideline for the whole university."

Although this process may seem impossible to use, it is all we have at the present time. If you have a legitimate grievance you do have the right to complain through

proper channels. Just remember that it requires a lot of time and patience.

Chairman of the Mass Communications department Dr. Edward Kimbrell said when he receives a complaint from a student he works toward a reconciliation between the student and the instructor. He added that he goes back to the teacher and tries to talk out the problem with him.

"It is in the student's best interest to understand that the further from the source a problem goes, the more difficult it is to solve," said Dr. Edwin Voorhies, Dean of Basic and Applied Sciences. "I would insist that a student has the right to complain and I would rather it be informal, but the time comes when a formal, written procedure is needed."

If all of this seems like a lot of hopeless red tape, then just talk to Gail Wilson who tried to go through the procedure. Last spring she received a grade in a class which she felt she did not deserve. According to the written outline in the "Rescue", she tried to talk with her instructor and the department chairman. Wilson found that she had to write letters to both parties to set up appointments.

She finally got an appointment with her instructor, but because he was a part-time teacher, she had to go to his office in Nashville. It had taken Wilson all summer to get far enough along in the process to talk to the department chairman. He said she would have to write a paper describing in detail her complaint before she could talk to the dean. She then decided to drop the whole thing.

Wilson said she feels most students don't use the complaint process not only because of the time and trouble involved, but also because they fear further reprecussions from the instructor.

She thinks her problem could have been solved had she been able to talk to the dean without having to write a detailed paper about the problem.

\$7500 loan bill introduced

Nashville--Citing a need to keep more of Tennessee's graduating physicians in the state, Sen. Curtis Person, R-Memphis, last week introduced a bill into the state Senate that would loan money for a student's entire medical education, amounting to about \$7500 per student per year.

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Trueblood speaks here Tuesday

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Walking horse class set

"The Tennessee Walking Horse in History and in Action" will be the subject of a class April 15 and 16, according to Dr. Earl E. Keese, Director of the Office of Continuing Education at MTSU.

Dr. Bob Womack, nationally known authority on Walking Horse, will speak and direct the activity. His objectives include developing appreciation for the Walking Horse, outlining the development of the Walking Horse, and offering

a recreational alternative to participants of the class.

The April 15 session of the class will be conducted from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in room 204 of the MTSU Agricultural Building.

A registration fee of \$4 is required for entrance to the class. Name, address, social security number, and the fee should be sent to the MTSU Business Office. Further information may be secured at the MTSU office of continuing education, 898-2462.



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In addition, Dr. Trueblood has written 31 books including Philosophy of Religion, General Religion and Company of the Committed.

The lecture series, which is open to the public, is provided by a gift from Mrs. Henry Harrel to the MTSU Foundation.

For further information, contact Dr. John McRay in the Religious Studies Department.

Fulton talks to students tonight

Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton will be the keynote speaker at a high school student government convention here today hosted by ASB.

The convention is the first of its kind held at MTSU. Workshops to be held by the twenty ASB senators include subjects on fund-raising and school spirit projects.

Fulton will speak at 11:00 a.m. today in the UC Theater on the issues of the day affecting state government.

Later tonight, Nashville attorney and former candidate for governor Lamar Alexander will speak in the multi-media room of the LRC at 7:00 p.m.

Tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m., State Democratic Party member Bill Owen will speak in the UC Theater.

At a 1:00 p.m. luncheon, Public Service Commissioner Bob Clement will talk to a gathering in the Faculty Dining Room in the SUB.

Registration for students invited from every high school in the state will take place from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. on April 1. Speaking engagements, open to the public, were arranged by ASB senator Kent Syler, personnel director under the convention coordination of ASB Speaker of the Senate Buddy Creasman.

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Election results show more voters can make difference at the polls

"I would have voted for you, but I forgot my ID. Anyway my vote won't make any difference."

But the results proved you wrong. Two votes for Ellis in Wednesday's presidential runoff could have meant another runoff. But all that is beside the point.

Every vote does count and even though 15 per cent of the student body voted [which is unusual for a regular election], a majority of the students felt their votes were meaningless. So again we have an ASB president who was elected by roughly 7.5 or 8 per cent of the student body. You can't call that a representative.

However, we congratulate Francescon on his victory. We feel that he will strive to represent the total university community and release the ASB from fraternity and sorority dominance.

Both men running for the office were good choices--the outcome shows that. A few votes here or there could have made a difference. It is unfortunate for any official, however, to be elected by less than a majority of the student population.

ASB senate slammed again as 'worthless, incompetent'

To the editor:

Once again this year the ASB Senate has demonstrated its worthlessness and incompetence. Before spring break, a bill of great importance came to the Senate from the House of Representatives. Entitled, "The Executive Organization Act," this ten-page bill set up guidelines and structured the President's Administrative Cabinet, the most determinative group within the ASB.

Although this bill was a good idea and very much needed, there were some serious errors in it--many bordering on unconstitutionality. In my own research, I have talked with a few of the present cabinet members who view parts of "The Executive Organization Act" as extremely vague and potentially "un-administrable."

Now, what really disturbs me is that the ASB Senate not only passed this bill, but did so without even so much as reading it! In spite of its length, this bill was read aloud, in full, at the House meeting (as was the "Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1977," which was of comparable length), but the

Senate actually voted NOT to have the bill read, and none of the Senators had any prior knowledge of what was contained within the bill.

This type of behavior on the part of the ASB Senate is nothing short of sheer laziness, irresponsibility, and incompetence!! As compulsive "clock watchers," it seems they are more interested in when they can get out of the meeting than attending to the business at hand.

Even when some members openly admitted they had no idea what was in the act, a motion to table the bill and refer it to a committee to study it, failed.

As a result of such conduct I have proposed a "Legislation Bill" (which has passed the Senate and will go before the House on Tuesday) that I hope will deal with future situations like this adequately.

Cheryl Saggese
ASB Senator
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To the editor:

At this time I would like to explain the efforts of NORML to reduce the criminal penalties surrounding the simple possession of marijuana.

It seems that many people cannot distinguish the difference between this effort and the legalization of marijuana. Legalization means giving governmental approval to the use, selling and distribution of marijuana. Decriminalization applies only to the user of marijuana by replacing criminal penalties with civil penalties. By continuing civil penalties, a policy of discouragement remains without the severity of a criminal record.

It appears that many legislators feel that by reducing penalties they would be encouraging use. This is a fallacy that anti-reform people promulgate. As studies by the Federal government have indicated in Oregon (where marijuana penalties have been reduced for three years) and in California (where penalties were reduced in 1976), "no significant increase of usage has developed."

NORML is not trying to encourage the use of any drug. However, we are attempting a more rational approach to the issue. The question remains: which is more harmful to society, the labeling of 30 million Americans as criminals, or the use of marijuana itself.

College campuses are supposed to be politically fertile, but I have yet to see this demonstrated by my peers. Students who could be directly affected by the decriminalization of marijuana have shown very little interest in the issue. And they are the ones who will suffer if this bill is not passed.

Next Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate judiciary hearing room the legislative process begins on this issue. Whether the bill passes or fails this year is entirely up to you. NORML has worked exhaustively with the public and legislature to educate and provide alternatives to this social issue. It is now time for you to show your elected representatives how you feel. It is imperative to the passage of this bill that you contact them.

If you would like to go to the legislature Tuesday, or if you need to know the name of your representative, contact Fred Schwoebel or myself at 898-3784. Lee Cohen
MTSU coordinator NORML



Fabled ASB wizard strikes apathy

To the editor:

"And let the people cry," spoke the great Wizard of Dinkleberry.

"For I sit upon this throne of power and desperately look for someone to take charge of the laws of our land."

"But everywhere I turn the wicked head of apathy dares to strike my efforts down. And yes, this golden knight of splendour with his armour stamped as 'frat', is the only one who consistently offers leadership for our laws."

And then the great wizard laid back and the tears swelled in his

eyes and he spoke, not to fraternities, not to so-called freaks, but to every individual that danced upon the merry land of MTSU.

He said, "If we as bitter foolsicker among split factions and blame one another for the failures of basically ourselves, then we shall never rise above the mediocrity which stalks and plagues our little land and we are doomed to float aimlessly on a windless sea."

The great wizard said nothing more.

William Fitzhugh
Box 1097

Ambassador may be 'cure plan' for new ASB administration

To the editor:

By now, the outcome of the ASB elections is apparent and attention should now be focused on the new administration. Each year, a new crop of hopefuls campaign for votes with promises seldom kept. Thus each year the 10 to 15 per cent of the students (who vote) end up feeling conned, cheated and "sold out" to the administration.

They go on to grad school in disgust and have little else to do with the ASB. Radical slogans and innovative ideas seem to mellow and compromise over time. Could it be that this phenomenon is built into the system of student government and not a matter of yearly personalities?

University administrations have yet to take student government seriously. This is, no doubt, related to the fact that the typical dean or president has an earned doctorate and 20 to 30 years experience. No doubt, some of the criteria in their selection is related to their ability to placate the faculty, manage the campus, and control the students.

The student leadership is much more youthful, less educated and less experienced; often selected on less functional criteria—hair style, race, major, sex, etc. For these reasons, it is not unusual for student governments to be buffeted, brow-beaten and easily manipulated. Policy, like water, flows the line of least resistance—starting at the top.

But there is a partial cure for this. While we cannot expect a 20 year old undergraduate to sit across the bargaining table from a dean or

president with any sense of parity or without feeling somewhat intimidated, even outnumbered, we can provide the proper buffers—an ambassador.

The new president of the ASB needs to appoint an ambassador to the administration with the firm understanding that all communication between ASB and the administration will flow through the ambassador. This will: 1) free student government to marshal the expertise and talent there is in the student body; 2) enable them to make a more firm and determined stand on certain issues; 3) give them the time necessary to hammer out a defendable position (idle and careless words are no substitute); and 4) strengthen the ASB executive with independence and an opportunity for a courageous conscience. The ambassador need not fear reprisals from the administration if his messages are perhaps too frank, since they are not his words. Also, the administration may wisely attempt to win over the sympathies of the ambassador.

Rash statements might be eliminated by the openness of the diplomacy. No more deals in smoke-filled rooms, or excessive compromise on the critical human needs we hear so much about prior to the election. Only by breaking loose from the perpetual bureaucracy can the ASB provide the leadership, independence, courage and innovation so sorely needed at MTSU.

D.Q. Reynolds, Jr.
Box 6010

Graduate pays his \$2 fine; now he is able to graduate

To the editor:

Editors note: Sidelines received a carbon copy of the following letter addressed to the MTSU Business Office.

Please find enclosed a check for the amount of \$2 for the parking ticket received on July 30, 1975 by my husband Wayne. He graduated from your University in late August of 1975. At that time, before receiving his graduation regalia, he paid in full all parking tickets charged to him, according to your office records. (Therefore, in any future correspondence, you need not enclose that little slip of paper telling him that he cannot graduate unless he pays all outstanding bills due the University.)

Needless to say, the countless bills we have received over the past two years have had a disheartening effect on both of us. We have decided not to contribute to MTSU, as we have seen the manner in which the University handles

alumni contributions. In other words, your office has spent well over the \$2 due you for office expense, paper and postage for a bill not paid nearly two years ago...through a mistake attributed to your office.

However, in the hope of conserving some poor, misguided alumni's loving contribution to continuing education at MTSU, we hereby submit the aforementioned \$2.

Carol Hudgens
202 E. Short St.
Manchester, TN 37355

Correction

Sidelines mistakenly identified the picture of Karolyn Jackson and Jackie Smith in last Tuesday's paper as kicking off Kappa Week. The cutline should have identified them as being part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha 1977 Spring Line. We regret the error.



Viewer can reject porn

To the editor:

I read with interest the letter submitted by Mr. Samuel M. Randolph in the March 29 issue of *Sidelines* and I would like to respond to it. I will have to paraphrase what he said in order to respond, but it is not my intention to misconstrue his remarks. If anyone feels I have done this I apologize.

He starts off with a broad statement to the effect that all Christian parents who prayed for their son's safe return from a war got their wish and that all these returning soldiers turned their backs on their morality. Anyone can see that this statement is pure fantasy. Within any group, veterans included, will be different people who went different ways.

Later, Mr. Randolph comments on lawmaking and how God has been left out. He condemns people who "have forgotten the all-mighty creator." He forgets that, in a society like ours, everyone has some input into the lawmaking process—regardless of religion or the lack of it and not just the chosen few who hold the "right" views and opinions.

After that, Mr. Randolph talks about what women are and are not for. Which is really for them, as walking, talking thinking individuals to decide.

But then he attacks the right of the porn-lords to publish their material. Let me make it clear that I do not wish to defend the porn-lords or the material they produce. I find it sickening and repulsive. Further, I am not naive enough to think that they do it for any reason other than money.

Yet, if Hustler, Beaver, Adam, Oui and all the rest are not allowed to publish, how long will it be before Newsweek, Time, The Washington Post and others are denied the same right? Banning the "bad" magazines sets a precedent for banning the "good" ones, too.

Finally he says that pornography corrupts those who see it.. I dispute this.

Pornography itself does not have any omnipotent power of corrup-

tion. The person looking at it can either accept or reject what he sees. It is up to him and him alone. I have rejected it.

Many people believe that America as a nation is in a state of decline and that pornography is a sign of this. (Mr. Randolph did not say that in his letter.) This may or may not be the case; I don't know. If it is then the expropriation of pornography will not stop this trend. It will take some basic change in the people themselves. Don't ask me what it is or how to bring it about; I don't even pretend to know.

George E. Benson
Box 1211

McDonald will listen to gripes

To the editor:

Now that the elections are over, I am sure that the students wonder if the candidates they have elected will keep their campaign promises. However, they will not have to wonder about Mike McDonald.

He is one guy that I know a person can trust. He does not see a difference between black and white, and he does not play favorites. As one of his many friends, who range from black to white to people from different countries, I know this to be true.

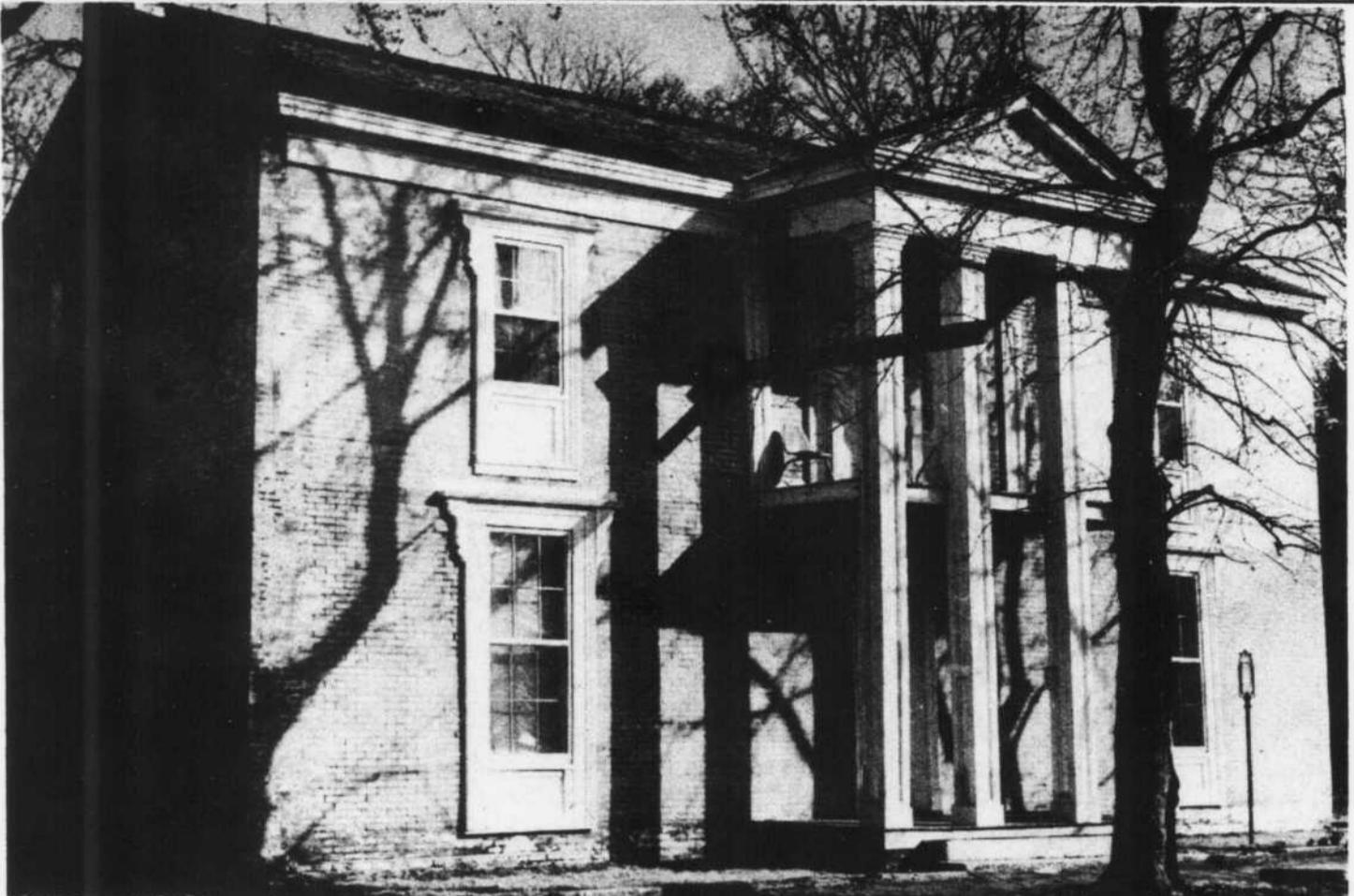
Mike will listen to your problems, and will try to help you solve them, but he cannot if he doesn't know what the problems are. As Mike has said he is going to talk to students on campus, but there is no way that he can see everyone with a problem.

The students of MTSU are very lucky to have someone who cares the way that Mike does. Good luck next year, my good friend.

Delano Morgan
Box 3959



A house



Andy's roommates--[left to right] Marty Smith [former roommate], Jennifer Howard, Steve Logan, not pictured Mike Jones and Wade Gilbert.

Back in 1850 Sterling B. Jon built a four room house with kitchen and an outhouse out back. The house at 500 N. Spring St. has been occupied by four Murfreesboro mayors, derelict apartment dwellers and one student over its 127 year lifetime.

The four mayors—Col. N. Collier, Ingram B. Collier, James H. Crichtlow and N. Collier Crichtlow—were all part of the Collier-Lane-Crichtlow family clan who lived in the house for almost 100 years.

Through the years many names have been painted on the mail box at 500 N. Spring St., but today the mailbox sports a new name—the name of a MTSU student.

The student is Andy Howell, history major at MTSU. Andy and his father bought the house two years ago. At the time they bought it the house was condemned.

"My father and I have wanted to get an old house for several years now," Andy said. Andy was sitting in an overstuffed chair, the warm spring sun shining through the large front upstairs window playing shadows on his face as we sat in the living room talking. "We wanted to restore an old house, and in doing so we wanted to get one in as bad shape as possible so we could afford to buy it, and then fix it up and show that we could take one terrible condition and put it back into shape."

The Collier-Lane-Crichtlow house or "The House of Mayors" as it is commonly known around Murfreesboro is one of many historic homes in the area. History preservation majors have visited the house several times and Andy loves to talk about the house.

"We bought the house from Mr. Crichtlow through his cousin Sam who got us interested in the house two years ago and we've been working on it ever since."

While the house was standing condemned, winos made it their hangout. "I must have found over 100 Bay Rum bottles in the house I was cleaning up," Andy said. "Every now and then I'd run across a cheap vodka bottle. Vodka was a delicacy for these derelicts."

"The night after we bought the house I was showing it to a friend mine," Andy said. "We walked around back and found a door locked. We peered through the window and staring back at us was a bald-headed drunk, drunk as a coot," Andy laughed as he reminisced the night. "It scared us so bad we turned around and ran back to the car as fast as we could, took off and did 90 miles an hour on the way back home to Lebanon never looking back."

"I'm just waiting for one cold dark night when some wino will

All of 127 years of history

come back thinking no one lives here," Andy said.

Andy is the fourth generation Howell to be in the construction business. His father operates Howell Construction in Nashville and Andy plans to go into the business when he graduates. "My family has been in the construction business since my great grandfather established it in 1874," Andy explained.

He certainly has the necessary background for taking on the seemingly impossible project of restoring an old run-down house.

Andy is restoring the solid brick masonry house with 13 inch thick walls virtually by himself, except for the help of his father and a few friends.

"We first tore all the ceilings out and redid them in drywall, we replastered all the walls, and we had to replace two floors," Andy explained. Andy's pride and joy is the new wood shingled roof which adds to the beauty and authenticity of the house.

"We wanted to re-do the house keeping it's original mode. So we tore out the back middle section and redid it using all modern conveniences. The house has been added on to three or four times; the back middle section is an addition. We made the back middle section look like it doesn't belong with the rest of the house because it doesn't," Andy said.

To save on expenses, Andy and his father buy parts, or are given things, from other old houses that are being torn down. "We got five mantelpieces from an old house of the same period that was being torn down in Murray County." The house holds eight fireplaces.

In keeping with the originality of the house, Andy has furnished all the doors with locks that were probably put in the house when it was first built. Andy explained that all the locks are "Carpenter locks." Carpenter was an Englishman who had a patent on a type of brass lock. Andy points to a lock and smiles with pride. "This is a rare lock. It has the seal of the King of England on it. It is another type of Carpenter lock, but there weren't many of this type made." Andy buys most of his locks at flea markets. "I get them very cheap because most of the time people don't know what they are."

Most of the furniture in the house is early attic. Andy lives in the upstairs of the house. He occupies two rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. His sitting/living room is located on the front upstairs of the house, his bedroom is in the back of the living room.

Andy's bedroom is complete with an antique desk that was given to him by his grandfather (the desk was supposedly a clerk's desk from

Andrew Jackson's law office in Nashville), and a beautiful 1873 model Winchester rifle, (the gun that won the West), hangs over the mantelpiece in Andy's bedroom.

The living room is decorated with typical college furnishings—a little of this and that. Old pictures and photographs line the walls, there is a comfortable sofa and chairs, and along the front windows Andy has homemade shelves holding his stereo, albums and books.

There is still a lot to be done to the house. "The paint on the walls and on the floors have to be stripped, and only the upstairs fireplaces work. I'm in the process of making the house so it will be cheaper to heat next winter," Andy said. And with rising heating costs that will be one of the hardest jobs.

The only modern fixtures in the house are in the modern middle section, except for the central heating unit and electricity.

At present, Andy rents rooms "only to friends to help with the cost of redoing the house," Andy says. Andy lives with Wade, Wilber, Mike, Don and Fred. Fred's a cat. Andy's brother's girlfriend lives in a separate apartment out back.

As we entered one room on a grand tour of the huge house, Andy explained that the mantelpiece in the one room could be the only original mantelpiece in the house. "It's put together with wooden pegs except for the few nails I've put in hoping to keep it together."

"But most of the stuff in this house will outlast the stuff built now," Andy said. "I imagine this house will outlast the subdivision homes being built today."

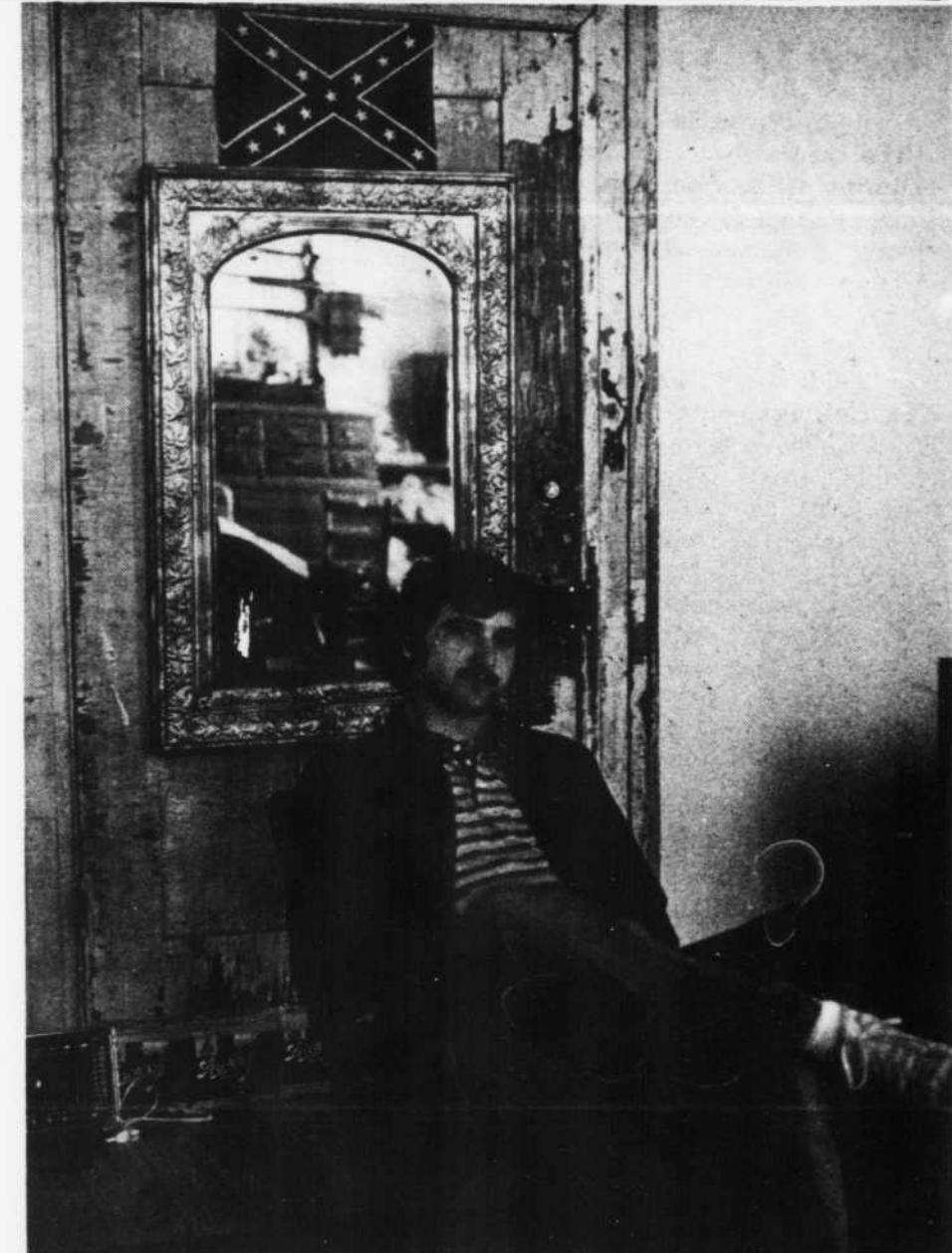
And it probably will.

Top left: "The House of Mayors" at 500 North Spring St. has been standing for 127 years and is owned by student Andy Howell.

Left middle: Andy Howell, owner of the house, sits at an antique desk that was once a clerk's desk in Andrew Jackson's law office.

Top right: Andy ascends an ornate staircase that is the focal point of the entrance hall.

Bottom right: Steve Logan sits in front of a wide door, one of the many exquisite features of the house.



**Photos and text
by Phyllis Skipper**

Craft show exhibits different media

by Phyllis Skipper

The craft show in the art barn featuring artists from all over the United States in fields of fiber, metal, glass and clay will last through April 15.

Three MTSU art instructors were instrumental in inviting artists from each field; Janet Higgins--fibers, Ken Catbagan--clay and glass, Klaus Kallenberger--metals.

All the artists are well-known in their fields as well as being art instructors at different universities.

Two "friendship quilts" are on display in the fibers section of the show. Although these quilts are put together basically the same way, the uniqueness of the quilts is in the way they originated. Higgins explained the friendship quilt, "A group of eight people got together and designed two squares each. They made eight duplicate squares of each design. That way everyone in the group has two squares from each person. The quilt consists of 16 squares, but everybody puts them together in different ways."

Higgins said that the quiltmaking course offered during intersession will be doing a "friendship quilt."

Ken Catbagan, chairman and coordinator of the event, invited three people who work in clay and the people who work in glass. "The reason I chose three people is

because I felt they were working in a contemporary direction with the media. They are all excellent craftsmen," Catbagan said.

Klaus Kallenberger invited 24 people in metals who represent 38 pieces. Some of the artists use precious metals such as gold and silver as well as precious gems. Plastics were also used. The objects

include functional jewelry, and containers as well as contemporary design.

Catbagan is in the process of designing a catalogue which will be a record of every piece in the show and will be sent to universities, colleges and galleries throughout the country.



Elementary students participate in HYPER Health Fair here Wednesday.
Staff photo by Thom Coombs

Energy topic of Ag seminar

Three days of programs discussing where America has been and where it is going in the field of energy will be presented by the MTSU Agriculture Department on April 11, 13 and 15.

The 1977 Environmental Seminar will center around the different areas of energy research and will

feature some of the top experts in the respective fields.

The first seminar will be held at MTSU's University Theater on the 11th and will be conducted by John W. Massey of the Marshall Space Flight Center. His topic will be "Solar Energy." The lecture will begin at 10:00 a.m.

On the 13th, the second seminar will be held in the University Theater at 10:00 a.m. William D. Adams of the ENERGY Research and Development Administration of Oak Ridge will conduct "Creating Energy Sources for the Future: the National Plan for Energy, Development, and Demonstration."

On the 15th, the topic will be "Nuclear Energy-Safety Aspects." The speaker will be Mark Wisenburg of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga. This lecture will also be in the University Theater at 10:00 a.m.

The programs are free and open to the public.

Combined fields offered in health

Persons in the mid-state area interested in the interdisciplinary fields of science, nursing, social work, teaching and others may find their needs in a MTSU program for health majors that leads to a bachelor of science degree.

Courses within MTSU's Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety Department's four-year program aim primarily toward secondary school health education, but may be applied to other professional positions.

Health majors are offered at only two other institutions of higher learning in this area—East Tenn. State University and UT-Knoxville. MTSU's program will no longer grant automatic certification for health education to persons who, in the past, might have majored in physical education and minored in health.

Recruitment through high school counseling offices and health educators is being considered to promote the four-year-old program at MTSU, which "provides for more efficient development of health knowledges and attitudes" than those methods that might be used in the home.

"An array of health concerns" are explored. Nutritional problems of feeding needy children are contrasted with the "enormous useless sale of vitamin and mineral supplements" by the "best-fed country in the world."

Health problems are due not to medical failures but, "in great part, to educational failures," the program admits.

For further information on the areas of health suitable to individual needs and interests, call Dr. Sondra E. Wilcox, MTSU Health Facilitator, at 898-2132 or write Box 251, MTSU.

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'Six Weeks' pleasant shock

by Debbie Runions

SIX WEEKS, by Fred Mustard Stewart, Arbor House, \$7.95, 184 pp. "I'm too young. I'm at that awful age--all lust and no action." So said the eleven-year-old Nicky Dreyfus. She was to remain that awful age. She had leukemia and only six weeks to live.

Fred Mustard Stewart's *Six Weeks* is a love story. It tells of a love between Senator Bill Dalton, married, and Charlotte Dreyfus, millionairess. The new and fresh ingredient to this versity of an old story is their love for the heroine, Nicky, the precocious child who wanted to grow up to be a ballerina.

"I'm going to be the Margot Fonteyn for 1980...I'll dance before all the crowned heads of Europe and have 432 lovers, including

Muhammad Ali and Joe Namath," she said.

Nicky had a philosophy for every aspect of life. Her dialogue throughout the book is unbeatable. On meeting the Senator for the first time, she said: "Children are the last exploited minority. We're tyrannized by Adult Fascist...denied the vote and constitutional guarantees.

When her mother asks how she likes the Senator: "I want to go to bed with him."

Later to the Senator: "If I become your mistress, I'd better warn you...I'm expensive."

Six Weeks is totally different from former works for Fred Mustard Stewart, including *The Mephisto Waltz*, *The Methuselah Enzyme*. His earlier works are

NOTICE!

Due to the fact that the staff has quit and absconded to Rio with the remaining money,

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tightly written novels of suspense and horror. *Six Weeks* comes as a shock, but a pleasant one.

The only obvious flaw in the book is that it is strongly reminiscent of Eric Segal's *Love Story*. It is almost as if they were both written by the same formula. Both Stewart and Segal's heroines were tough-mouthed females, unconventional

and vulnerable--and both died. However, Stewart managed to pull off his story despite similarities through Nicky. He also kept the plot, which could have easily become maudlin, clean and simply touching.

The novel is being made into a movie by Columbia Pictures. Tatum O'Neal will play Nicky Dreyfus. One cannot but wonder if *Six Weeks* wasn't written especially for her.

For you who love smart-mouthed kids and pure romance, *Six Weeks* is a must.

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Television excels in debut album

by Steve Huhman

Television is the ultimate garage band (not to be confused with punk band, although they are first cousins). It is creative, intense and energetic, but very unpolished.

Its instruments sound like \$100 Western Auto specials, and the album mix is highly treble. Vocals are, to be blunt, poor, at least from a technical standpoint. Yet the vocals have a haunting, compelling nature about them that is attractive, nonetheless.

All four group members are good on their instruments, although none are really outstanding in their field. But they use what they have in a much more effective way than many of their technical superiors.

Tom Verlaine and Richard Lloyd

are effective guitarists, both during individual solos and while fingering the constant double lead figures of the melody.

Billy Ficca's percussion is used to contribute to the total atmosphere of the song and to accent musical situations, instead of just keeping the beat. Fred Smith's bass is often the true melody line of the song, with guitarists providing embellishments.

There are no standard rock and roll cuts on "Marquee Moon," Television's first album. While not weird or surrealistic, Television's songs are not categorizable in terms of any common genre.

"Elevation" has a strange stop-rhythm and an unusual note sequence. "Friction" has a kind of pop-psychadelic feel to it. "Prove

It" takes off on a guitar break that peels off from the main song in a manner reminiscent of the way John Cipollina used to segue into some of his better string-benders.

My only criticism of the band is that some of the longer cuts do not contain enough variation to justify their extended length. They would be better served with one less chorus and about a minute lopped off.

Television has received a lot of publicity over the past two years, even before they signed a recording contract. Unlike some groups such as the New York Dolls and Kiss who received similar pre-signing build-up, they have lived up to every bit of their advance raves.

All in all, "Marquee Moon" is an excellent debut album.

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Recruiting pace slackens...now comes the wait

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Jimmy Earle's suitcase is back in the closet. The recruiting chase is just about over...now it's time to "wait and see."

With assistant coaches Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson and Jan Stauffer scurrying about from Texas to Ohio, and Earle chatting with prospects in the states between, MTSU coaches must now "wait and see" how fruitful the recruiting effort was.

The goal is the signing of a low post player, "a shot rejector and somebody to get the ball off the boards," Earle said.

Two recruits are already in the Raider fold, a pair of 6-7 forwards (Raymond Martin and Mark Lynn), but the big man Middle Tennessee fans want so badly will be one of the several prospects to visit campus in the coming month.

"I think we are in good shape, but you never really know how things will end up," Earle said after returning yesterday from a lengthy trip.

Simpson, now the dean of assistant coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference, called this week the "hang time. We have been visiting recruits and making contacts all season. Now that we have the prospects we want coming in for a visit, we just hang around and hope."



Bob Martin



Greg Joyner

The colorful Simpson blazed a trail through Texas a month ago and concentrated his efforts on an 80-mile radius in the Lone Star state. Seven "outstanding" low post players were in the area, Simpson said.

Four of those have been committed to visit MTSU. One called after hearing the Raiders' made the NCAA tournament. All are 6-7 or better and offer what Earle terms "immediate help."

One player who could certainly offer instant help at MTSU is Alabaman Bobby Caddage, a 6-9 terror who is termed the "best pure post man in Dixie" by one major scouting service. Caddage is reportedly leaning toward Auburn but will visit MTSU.

Two other junior college stars will also arrive from Alabama, the state which produced Leroy Coleman, who made the All-OVC freshman team this season.

Eight high school players will make the trip to Murfreesboro from Ohio. One who is from Indiana has said he will visit. Two high school players in Tennessee are leaning toward Middle Tennessee.

"We are after the six junior college players hot 'n heavy," Earle said. But it may be June 1 before all of all scholarships (six) are gone. We expect the junior college players to sign late."

...The MTSU "Basketball Appreciation Night" has been scheduled for April 7 at Stones River Country Club...The first day to sign the national letter of intent is April 13...Earle was pulling for Marquette in the NCAA tournament.

...Memphis papers the last few days have mentioned Earle as a possible successor to Kermit Davis at Mississippi State. Davis was fired recently after alumni became disgruntled with his coaching job after he got off to an 8-0 slate and finishing the season barely .500.

Earle said he has not applied for the job and hasn't filled out an application for a coaching position since he was named MTSU head coach eight years ago.

PARTING SHOT: Raiders Bob Martin and Greg Joyner are due some congratulations. They were named to the All-OVC Academic Team, which means a grade point average of 3.0 or better and at least being in the top six starters.

The last mile: it could mean Raider victory

by John Pitts
Assistant Sports Editor

Dean Hayes, his team fresh from a successful journey to the Florida Relays, faces strong opposition against three teams in a match tomorrow on Jones Field.

"I'm sure Illinois State will be looking to get us," Hayes said, noting that his squad defeated ISU here last year.

David Lipscomb and Carthage Colleges will be more than innocent

bystanders in the meet, fielding several outstanding individual performers of their own.

"With the mile relay team we've got, I'm not afraid of taking the meet to the last race; if we can go into that race ahead or pretty close we should win," veteran Raider coach added.

Individually, the Raiders' strengths should mainly lie with senior discus-javelin ace Harrison Salami, long jumper-triple jumper John DoDoo and jumper Shiekh

Faye, who returns to action after suffering for several weeks with a knee injury.

Faye will not jump in the meet, but will participate in at least two running events.

In almost every event, Raider performers face stiff competition. In the pole vault, ISU fields three athletes with neat-15 foot performances this year.

In the long jump, DoDoo is rated the favorite, although Illinois State's Tim Pennick has jumped 24-9 this season. Another promising leaper, ISU's Steve Martin, was out all winter with a broken arm and returns to action in this meet.

Scottie Akins, the MTSU shot-putter thrust into action by a nagging injury to OVC champion Ted Hausauer, will get close competition from ISU's Paul Fencl. Both have put the shot more than 52 feet this year.

Again, DoDoo will be counted on to carry MTSU in the triple jump, facing a threat from ISU's Martin, who jumped 53-2 1/4 last year while on a European tour.

Salami will lead the Raiders in both the discus and the javelin; against him, ISU will send an Illinois high school state champion

(discus) and an Illinois junior college champion (javelin). Bill Elmer will back up Salami in both events.

Hayes is confident of the abilities of both the 440-yard and the mile relay teams. Faye will join Ed Thomas, David Robinson and DoDoo in what should prove to be the best combination for the event this year.

Distance men Gary Perry and Dennis Votava will compete in the 1500 meters against the Illinois state mile champion of 1975

In the high hurdles, Thomas and Russell Holloway will represent the Raiders. Ed Stegall and J.T. Musgrave will take on a crowded and capable 400-meter field, which will include 1975 NAIA champ Jim Blumingberg (David Lipscomb).

Faye will carry the MTSU banner in the 100-meter race. Votava could face a baker's dozen of good distance runners in the 5000-meter and Holloway and Thomas will compete in the intermediate hurdles.

To round out the Raider team, Faye will join Robinson against such competition as Lipscomb's Blumingberg in the 220-meter, and Perry will run the 800.



Olympian Rayfield Dupree [left] and NCAA qualifier John DoDoo race to the finish line in practice for tomorrow's meet.

KA, Smith Hall win too

'Great recruiter' masterminds IM championship

by Eddie Gossage

Wanna know one of the greatest "recruiters" in the history of MTSU intramural basketball?

His name is Mike Talbert and he hails from Yanceyville, N.C., also the home of Raider roundballer Sleepy Taylor.

As a matter of fact, Talbert teamed with Sleepy in high school when Taylor was only a freshman. Both were starting guards for Bartlett-Yancy High School.

"Mike was a good ball player and a real good shooter. I started my freshman year with him when he was a senior," Sleepy said yesterday. "We've been real good friends ever since I came up here."

The big thing that has etched Mike Talbert's name into Blue Raider IM athletic history, was the fact that Talbert coached the "Blue Bruins" to the championship of independent division in this year's intramural league.

The champions in the other two divisions were the Blue Bombers of Smith Hall [dorm division] and Kappa Alpha [fraternity division].

Talbert received his title as the supreme "recruiter" in the intramural league by netting players from Long Island N.Y. to South Bend, Ind. to Shelby, N.C.

Of course Talbert actually didn't recruit these players, but that is where some of them are from. The team is almost as interesting as Talbert himself.

Brothers Rick and Greg Entzman have their roots in South Bend. Murray Nicholson comes all the way from Long Island. Another South Bend native on the team was Tom Ciszar.

Football players Reggie Bell, from Shelby, N.C., and linebacker Andre Bullock, from nearby Columbia, Tenn., were also players for the Blue Bruins.

Jim Shemwell, graduate assistant basketball coach for MTSU, also took time out to play.

Kenny Parham, former Junior Varsity basketball player for the Blue Raiders, and former standout with Pearl High School in Nashville, was on the team as well.

Murfreesboro was well repre-



BLUE BRUINS—Kenneth Parham; Greg Entzman; Murray Nicholson; Tom Ciszar; Michael Matlock; Reggie Bell; Jim Shemwell; Andre Bullock; Rick Entzman.

sented by two players for the Bruins, Johnny Jones and Roy Hoover.

Captain of the team was former MTSU basketball players Mike Matlock, who at one time starred for Nashville's McGavock High School. Matlock was described as the "team leader in every kind of way."

And last but not least was player-coach Mike Talbert. Talbert said he saw little action, playing only when needed, but mostly stood around coaching the team.

Most people don't know of the ties Talbert has with the MTSU basketball team, but Mike's title, according to Assistant Coach Jan Stauffer, is graduate assistant. Mike said his job consists mostly in helping with recruiting and getting information out to prospects.

Coach Jimmy Earle had nothing but praise for Talbert. "Mike wants to coach and he helps us in any way he can. He's a good boy and is going to be a good coach because he studies the game and is not afraid of work."

Why did Talbert come all the way to Murfreesboro from Yanceyville?

"Indirectly I came here because Sleepy was here. I wanted to come because he might need a friend and I didn't want him to get discouraged," Talbert commented yesterday.

So if you come from the uttermost parts of the earth and want to play basketball next year, get in touch with Mike Talbert, and he might be able to sneak you past the immigration authorities and all the way to the MTSU intramural league.



KAPPA ALPHA—Front row [left to right]: Glen Burford; Wiley Carr; John Neely. Second row: Keith Collins; Craig Collins; Rick Myatt; Rick Smith.

Blue Raider cheerleader tryout meeting scheduled for April 14

Cheerleader tryouts are scheduled for April 14, and an organizational meeting will be held Monday to orient potential cheerleaders to the requirements of the tryouts.

"All students interested in cheering should meet at 3 p.m. Monday in room 313 of the university center," graduate assistant Jim Coleman said yesterday.

"We're expecting a big turnout for the tryout itself, and we will pass out information at the Monday meeting to let people have time to

prepare themselves."

After the orientation meeting, interested students will be able to meet with Coleman and several of the present Raider cheerleaders at Jones Field on April 11, 12, and 13 to practice routines, Coleman said. "At that meeting, we will explain about the judging and the rules and regulations of the tryout," Coleman said.

"Girls can try out with or without a partner," Coleman said, adding "We need as many guys as we can to try out as well."



SMITH HALL—Front row [left to right]: Leroy Dandy; Philo Jennings. Second row: Ken Lusk; Pete Clark; Rod Croft; Dale Womack; Alen Few. Third row: Clyde Harris; Eight-Ball; Jim Colbert; Greg Lewis; Allen Moss.



Mike Moore

Spring football brings a new look

by John Pitts
Assistant Sports Editor

Ben Hurt, third-year football coach at MTSU, sat back and relaxed for the first time all afternoon. Pulling off his socks, he wiggled his toes and smiled.

Spring training is rough on coaches, too.

"We've had an excellent eight days of practice," Hurt said, "They've got great attitude...there are some real good, skilled people."

Hurt's squad is looking to improve on a pair of 4-7 records. Last year, the team finished sixth in the OVC.

There will be new faces in this year's lineup, and some old faces in

new positions. But the most important faces will be the familiar ones that return to their same positions...especially in the offensive backfield.

Mike Robinson and Mike Moore return as quarterback and prime running back for the team. Robinson missed the last 3 1/2 games with a knee injury last season, while Moore finished with more than 1,000 yards for the second straight season in '76.

This year, the most important play from Robinson to Moore may be a pass, not a handoff.

Under new offensive coach Marshall Taylor, the Raiders have installed a dropback passing game that "gives more variety" to the Raider attack, according to the ex-WFL head coach who came to MTSU after the departure of offensive coordinator Bobby Baldwin to Texas at El Paso.

"We'll have a lot more formations than in the past two years...I want to dictate to the defense...make the defense adjustments to our game," Taylor said.

Teaming up with the two Mikes is Robbie Rogers, a junior who

showed impressive strength in the latter part of last season. All the backs should benefit from an improved offensive line, spearheaded by junior college transfer Daryl Williams, a 6-3, 240-pound Houston product.

On defense, the faces remain the same, but some have been moved around. Aggressive Morris Bell, last year a defensive end, has made the transition to middle linebacker. Chris Keen, last year's center, is now a defensive end. And the entire defensive backfield returns, as well as linebacker Tony Buck and end Reggie Bell.

"We'll have more depth, and be a little bit bigger," explained defensive coach Ray Hughes.

All three Raider coaches agree that one thing sets this squad apart from the two before it: senior leadership and attitude.

"We know each other real well...we're very close on this team," commented Moore, the workhorse back of the offense and 1975 OVC Player of the Year. "We throw a lot more and I think that's good...everyone on offense has improved a lot."



A coach shouts directions to his blindfolded team as they try to find their way in action from "Anything Goes" earlier this week.

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Slumping Raiders eyeball familiar crossroads

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

The enthusiasm comes and goes...Raider rallies are being thwarted because runners are getting picked off base...routine plays are repeatedly being botched...there is no senior leadership...disaster awaits.

The list goes on, but that is most of what coach John Stanford figures is wrong with Middle Tennessee's defending Ohio Valley Conference baseball champions--losers of seven of the last eight games.

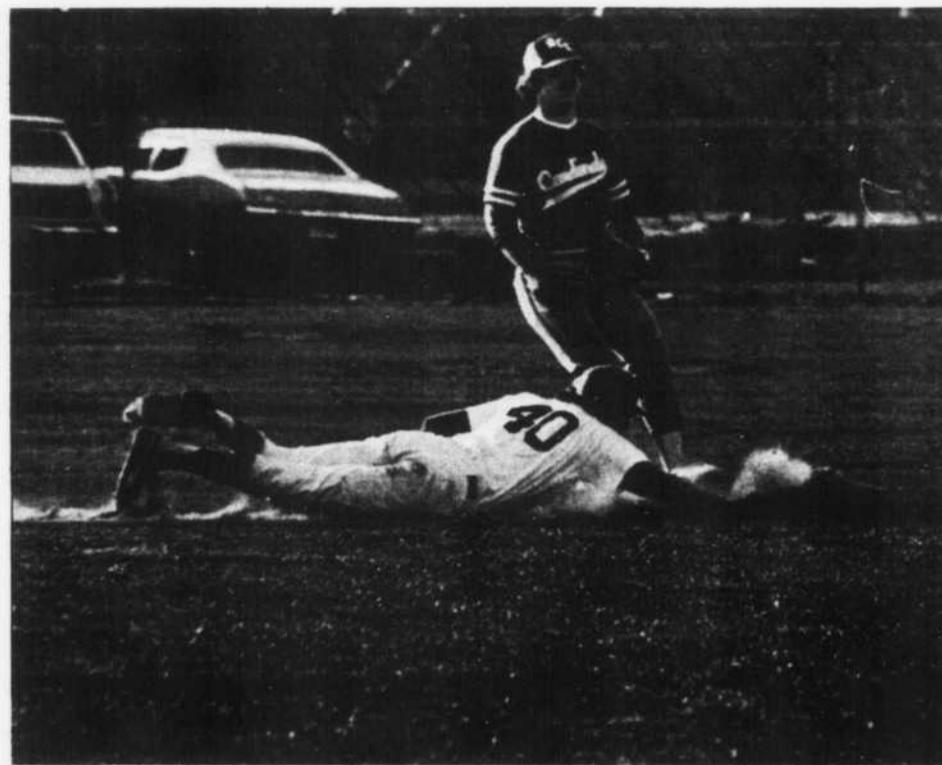
Belmont toppled the Blue Raiders in Nashville, 6 to 3, Wednesday for the latest setback. MTSU's record is 12-11. Jacksonville State (24-3), a perennial southern power, invades campus today at 3 p.m.

"We've been playing baseball without any pride," Stanford fumed only minutes after a closed-door meeting yesterday in the clubhouse. "We did some soul searching," Stanford admitted.

The meeting found Stanford and assistant coaches Steve Peterson and Carmen Fusco explaining their feelings. Veteran players probably reflected on last year.

It was almost the exact time a year ago that MTSU held an identical 12-11 record and a 1-1 slate in the OVC. "It was the crossroads to our season," Stanford agreed.

"That is the one optimistic note about this season so far," Sanford grumbled. "We had the same record last year, but pulled things together. We won 21 of the next 22 and went to the NCAA tournament."



This Raider runner scampers safely back to base, but coach John Stanford feels the team is making too many mental errors.

Just what is wrong?

"We are just going through the motions of being a ballclub," Stanford quickly replied. "The problem with this team is that it hasn't been consistently mentally ready to play when it walks

between the white lines."

The hitting has been adequate, but less than effective when runners are on base. Defensive breakdowns have been frequent but not the sole reason for the slump.

Only two pitchers have satisfied

the coaches to date: Bob Hardin (3-2), who was felled by a sizzling line drive that hit his leg in yesterday's practice, and lefty Mike Moore (3-1).

"We have too many experienced pitchers who aren't coming through. If we don't get that straightened out we could be in for a long season," Stanford predicted.

But the lack of leadership is the most perplexing shortcoming, Stanford said. MTSU lost 12 seniors last year.

"Somebody has got to grab hold of the reins and take control. The coaches feel the material for a winner is on hand. We just don't have the pride and heart yet," Stanford said.

...Peterson probably wants to beat Jacksonville State more than anyone else. The second-year Raider coach played college ball there (catcher) and helped Jacksonville State to two consecutive appearances in the collegiate World Series.

...Despite the .500 conference record, Middle Tennessee is in a four-way logjam for first place in the Western Division. Saturday MTSU tangles with hefty-hitting Austin Peay in Clarksville.



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Short paves the way

Injury-riddled netters romp to fourth victory

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Whoever said tennis was a sissy's sport didn't talk with MTSU coach Dick LaLance...every time he looks up another Raider netter is limping or needing a blood test.

"I was upset at first," LaLance laughed last night of a situation in which one player hobbled with a sprained ankle, another slowed with mononucleosis and a third going to the doctor for a blood test.

Despite the injuries and unbalanced blood cells, MTSU whipped David Lipscomb yesterday behind Murphy Center, 7-2, with freshman Dale Short playing No. 1 instead of senior Lasse Durchman, who is probably awaiting the results of a blood test right now.

LaLance took over the Raider program--defending OVC champs--only in late summer and could muster but seven players on a young squad. The minimum is six.

"We just have to face the fact that we have a skeleton team and keep pluggin' away. The boys know it, they just have to suck it up and play," LaLance explained.

Short's easy 6-1, 6-4 win over Phil Lancaster was typical of the day's

action, which ended with MTSU having a record of 4-4.

"My elbow was kind of sore. So was my shoulder. I guess I could have beaten him worse," Short admitted, "but I didn't want to press the arm. We've had enough injuries as it is."

Twice Short drew applause from the bleachers after hitting pinpoint lobs. The 6-0, 150-pound Miami, Fla., native said he doesn't have much problem looking for motivation before a match.

Dale just thinks of his grandfather.

"His name is Gene Short and he's had one national tennis title in 55-and-over and three or four in the 60's division," said Short, normally the No. 1 player.

Dale started playing tennis in sunny Miami when he was nine. The competition was top-notch. One guy he played is now one of the top players at UCLA; others are scattered at prestigious tennis universities across America.

"I come from a tennis family. I guess tennis just came natural to me. My stepmother was ranked sixth in the world in 1958. I don't know if you have heard of her; she is Karol Fageros," Dale said before

a lengthy pause.

"They called her the Golden Goddess at Forrest Hills. Why? That's kind of funny...she wore golden lace panties," Short laughed.

Before a tragic bus accident, the "Golden Goddess" toured with Althea Gibson, then ranked No. 1 in the world. "Then" was the late 1950's...and Gibson, of course, was black.

"It did cause some trouble," Short admitted. "But mainly they went to other countries to show people blacks and whites could get along together in America."

Dale moved to Murfreesboro two years ago. The tennis competition was naturally not quite as stiff. Short turned his attention to cross-country and track for a while...he even became an All-American.

College recruiters wanted him to run in the fall, play tennis in the spring. But Dale's first love was tennis.

"I guess it is in my blood," Dale said.

Other singles winners yesterday were Peter Heffernan, Tony Fernandez, Chris Baker and Mike Patrick.



Dale Short

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