

*But . . . !*

Douglas Vernier, WMOT manager, discusses the report of an American Association of University Professors (AAUP) committee with fellow teachers on Wednesday evening. The AAUP members passed a resolution backing Vernier.

## Local AAUP votes to support Vernier

By Becky Freeman  
Editor-in-Chief

and was adopted.

Committee Chairman Frank Ginanni, in response to questions from the floor, indicated that most of the people, "even those who were critical of Doug Vernier, in a sense, denied any personality difficulties with Doug."

He further stated that this negated the issue of personality difficulties "unless it were specifically with the president."

Concerning an implication of censorship indicated by the committee, examples were cited by program director Pat Jones and Douglas Vernier who were present at the meeting.

The report indicated that the broadcast of controversial programs on the station had been halted for the last two years after the broadcast of a program concerning a local liquor referendum.

Vernier indicated that John Hood, administrative assistant to the president, had asked to hear a broadcast concerning abortions. Vernier said that he had earlier offered to let "them" listen to a program at any time.

Absent from the meeting were President Scarlett, John Hood, Edward Kimbrell, Marshall Gunselman, Gary Brooks, Larry Lowe and Earl Hinton, who were interviewed for the report.

The campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) voted 20-6 Wednesday night to support the recommendation formulated by the committee studying Douglas Vernier's transfer.

This story contains coverage of the AAUP meeting Wednesday night. The related story below is concerned with findings of the AAUP committee that studied the reassignment of Vernier.

The recommendation called for an investigation by the AAUP national office unless the administrative director of WMOT, Edward Kimbrell, would at the earliest opportunity "rescind the transfer" of Vernier.

The recommendation further called for the director to "make strenuous efforts to seek improved communication, relations and cooperation with the station manager of WMOT who should do likewise." The chapter also called for evidence that guidelines "sufficient for the guarantee of complete academic freedom for all campus communications media now and in the future, will be provided."

An amendment to the original recommendation was submitted by June Martin, French professor, who suggested that the original recommendation include the phrase "lack of due process,"

## AAUP cites 'injustice' in Vernier reassignment

Evidence of injustice, absence of due process, breach of professional ethics and violation of academic freedom was found in a study of the reassignment of WMOT manager, Doug Vernier, according to the report of an American Association of University Professors (AAUP) committee which made the study.

The report, released Wednesday, recommended that the local chapter of the AAUP call for an investigation by the national office unless Vernier is reinstated; working relations are improved between Vernier and the radio station's administrative director, Edward Kimbrell; and guarantees of academic freedom for campus media are provided.

Appointed March 2 by AAUP President James Huhta, at the request of Vernier, the six-member committee drew up a 28-page report with a 128-page appendix of memoranda, letters and guidelines.

In the introduction to the report, the committee stated that they were not challenging the right of the chief administrative

officer to transfer, demote or dismiss an untenured member of the staff.

The committee noted: "It is, however, a matter of serious concern to the university community that when such drastic action is deemed necessary the reasons for such actions be stated clearly, specifically and substantiated with facts."

The report states that the committee had no intention or jurisdiction "to prove or disprove anything concerning Mr. Vernier's situation," but rather, "to discover as much information as possible relevant to Mr. Vernier's transfer."

Vernier was informed by Kimbrell of his transfer to the post of producer for special programs in the presence of President M.G. Scarlett and in the president's office, the report stated.

The report indicates that Vernier was verbally given three reasons for loss of the manager's post. The reasons given by Kimbrell, according to the report, included, "Vernier doesn't get along with the president; there is

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Special Reporter

difficulty communicating with Mr. Vernier."

They also included, "Mr. Vernier's students lack confidence in him and the nebulous rising finances of the radio station."

Vernier, the report states, views this action not only as the

loss of his job but as the possible "destruction of his career as the manager of a public radio station."

The report also contains a contention by Vernier that Kimbrell and Marshall Gunselman, consultant for the Learning Resources Center, are attempting to "exert control over all of the university media by having them included

in and administered by a proposed School of Communications."

An inherent danger of censorship is present, Vernier notes in the report, if all news programs to be carried by WMOT are produced by the classes of that school.

The station director, according to the report, feels "the real (Continued on Page 3)

## Huffer contests ASB election

"I am contesting the candidacy of John Jackson for ASB President because he violated Section IV, Article E of the ASB constitution," stated unsuccessful presidential candidate Dennis Huffer last night.

The Winchester junior charged that Jackson had violated the ASB Constitution by announcing his candidacy March 21 in SIDELINES, thereby illegally opening his formal campaign.

Section IV, Article E reads: "The Election Commission shall make available to any prospect-

ive candidate a proper petition. This petition may be filed from a date three weeks prior to the election. The election shall take place exactly one week from the close of the filing period. No formal campaign may take place until the close of the filing period."

In the March 21 edition of SIDELINES, Jackson said that he had sent out letters to all campus organizations offering to meet with them and discuss his candidacy.

"These actions would be construed by any ordinary student

as constituting the beginning of a formal campaign," according to Huffer.

"I myself was inhibited from announcing my candidacy earlier due to the last rule of Section E, as apparently were the other two candidates," said Huffer.

Huffer added that he was now in the process of filing his grievances through the proper channels.

Thor F. Carden, sophomore; Phillip B. Cash, junior, and Bill Aldred, junior, have signed Huffer's petition charging Jackson.





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## Vernier decision 'good,' says Scarlett

President M. G. Scarlett termed the reassignment of WMOT station manager Doug Vernier "a very good decision" at Wednesday's President's Lunch Forum.

Vernier has not been fired; his salary has not been reduced, Scarlett said. The assignment change came after thorough evaluation for three and a half years, he added.

The president said he could not comment on the American Association of University Professors' committee report, because he had not yet read it.

The use of the "W" in place of a grade was expanded last spring because of concern over academic flunk outs, the administrator said. Last spring eight per cent of the student body were

in this category as compared to seven per cent this fall, Scarlett noted in defending the expansion.

He emphasized that the "W" is not a grade and that grading is and rightly should be the job of the instructors.

The university will apparently be funded at a lower level this year than last, the president said. The appropriations bill sent to the Governor by the legislature was based on last year's budget plus a six per cent cost of living increase.

The Governor returned the bill to the legislature calling for \$74,000 less than they had recommended. (The entire budget for the university is over \$9 million.)

A new governing board for regional universities and junior

colleges is expected to go into effect next fall, Scarlett said.

The system will have the same structure as UT, including a chancellor and a board of directors. The chancellor and the board should be able to be aggressive for the system in Nashville, he said.

"I assume some current state board members will be members of the new board," Scarlett said. The Governor has the authority to appoint them, so it is up to him, he added.

One building on campus may receive a new name this spring, but there isn't time to set up the ceremony and do all that needs to be done to name more than one, Scarlett said. He noted that the school needs to get state board approval before it can officially name a building.

## Steering committee meets with Scarlett

Members of the Faculty Senate steering committee met with President M.G. Scarlett yesterday afternoon to hear Scarlett's reasons for the transferral of Douglas Vernier, according to Earl Young, president of the Faculty Senate.

When contacted by SIDELINES Young indicated that the meeting was requested by Scarlett Tuesday, but yesterday was the first

opportunity for all of the committee members to meet with him.

Young stated that the chief administrator indicated that he wanted to "keep us abreast and informed of the situation with WMOT."

The Faculty Senate steering committee, composed of two senators from each academic school,

the officers of the Faculty Senate and the immediate past president of the senate, have also taken the "W" policy under consideration. Young added that the policy would be discussed at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate which will be held on May 1. Announcements about the conference with Scarlett would also be given to the student body then, the president concluded.

## Ideas and Issues to present environmental seminar

"Environmental Insights," a program set for April 18-20 in the UC Theater, will feature talks by David J. Wilson, Billy J. Isom and Wallace H. Fuller, according to Harley Foutch, program chairman.

The program is presented under the auspices of the MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee, which has sponsored such speakers this year as humorist Art Buchwald, astronaut Don Eislle, journalist Harrison Salisbury and civil rights worker Ralph Abernathy.

Foutch indicated that each seminar will begin at 10 a.m., with one each day during the three-day series.

According to the assistant professor of agriculture, Wilson's talk will explore the role of the city in water pollution. He added that Wilson, who is currently a physical chemistry professor at Vanderbilt University, has won awards from the Tennessee Conservation League as well as from a sportsman-conservationist group in New York.

Foutch said that Wilson is the present chairman of the Nashville Committee for Scientific Information, having previously served on a similar committee in Rochester, New York.

Isom, an MTSU alumnus, works with the environmental biology branch of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Muscle Shoals, Ala-

bama, according to the program chairman.

He indicated that Isom's seminar, "Life in the Water," deals with the problems polluted water can cause for living organisms.

Fuller, according to Foutch, is a soils expert who has served as a consultant for agricultural, biological and municipal problems in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Panama as well as the United States.

Foutch said that Fuller has also served as a consultant on appointments with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Fuller's seminar, "Life in the Soil," will sketch the possibilities of the soil as a means of decomposing pollutants, Foutch said.

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issue here is the difference between his and Dr. Scarlett's views on public relations and public service."

The report indicates that Vernier had difficulties with the president in regard to the airing of a documentary concerning an apartment raid in 1969, and that the president asked him not to air the program because of the problems it might bring for the president with the community.

The show was aired, according to Vernier's testimony, after students who had produced the program complained to the president. Vernier denied the report states, that he "put the students up" to complaining to Scarlett.

Vernier also stated that John Hood, now assistant to the president, had asked the station not to run or to delay a documentary concerning a liquor referendum because it might "hurt the image of the university in the community's eyes," according to the report.

The report also dealt with the visit of a consultant from Ball State University who was retained to study the radio station and make recommendations.

Vernier, the report states, was shocked at the responses, especially those which implied that under the direction of Vernier WMOT was "deliberately attempting to stir up the community by broadcasting controversial subject matter programs."

## Vernier receives presidential memo

Soon after the consultant's visit, the report notes, Vernier received a memo from the president which defined the primary purpose of the radio station to be one which reflected the aims of the university with other objectives to be defined by the Communications Committee.

The report states that part of Vernier's responses to the consultant's recommendations were "printed in the SIDELINES out of context and without Mr. Vernier's knowledge" and "President Scarlett called Mr. Vernier at home and 'cussed' him out, claiming that Mr. Vernier had been discourteous to an invited guest and that Mr. Vernier had made a fool of Dr. Scarlett."

Vernier, according to the report, was called in and told to change the music in the early hours or be fired.

Also cited in the report were problems in receiving the Health Education and Welfare (HEW) grant for the increase of the power of the station and continued problems with distinctions between public relations and public service.

Vernier discussed his relationship with the president, the report stated, saying that the president has the right to fire him but that the president had received misinformation about him.

Vernier, according to the report, blames "people close to the president with the dissatisfaction." He identified them, the report stated, as Kimbrell and Gunselman, who he contends, "see him as a threat to their attempt to gain control of all campus media."

The report indicated that Vernier stated grave concern that "two men so recently come to this campus in so short a time appear to be coming so close to dictatorial control of the media."

Although, according to the report, Vernier was told by Kimbrell that all former supervisors had been informed of the transfer and had concurred, the committee's study indicated that John Weems, Larry Lowe and Lane Boutwell, all former supervisors, were not informed of the intended transfer.

Clay Tucker, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, indicated, according to the report, that Vernier's performance while he worked with him was "intelligent and efficient."

Tucker, the report said, described the complaints in the first year of the operation of the radio station as being two-fold, dealing with technical difficulties and music programming.

Gunselman, when interviewed, indicated a general concern that "the boy" would "do something detrimental to the university," the report said.

He added, according to the report, that Kimbrell and Scarlett felt that Vernier would do best in a position dealing with production.

Kimbrell, assistant professor of journalism, brought the committee a list of six items concerning Vernier.

The report said that Kimbrell told the committee that a Ph.D. in broadcasting with more experience was desired for the station manager's post but indicated that Vernier had not been informed of this at the "emotionally-charged meeting."

Kimbrell criticized the present design of the station, noting that it is not designed to be "integrated into the instructional program for maximum student involvement."

Two students, Ken Davidson and Debbie Curd, testified concerning their disenchantment with the station and Vernier and the lack of morale at the station the report stated.

The report also stated that the students complained about the unavailability of the station equipment for students of broadcasting.

## Boutwell praises work of Vernier

Lane Boutwell praised the work of Vernier, according to the report, adding that a Ph.D. was not needed for a manager of WMOT noting that what was needed was a "practical and not an academic man."

Larry Lowe, the committee reports, indicated that the "radio station has progressed to the point where it is now because of the initiative and drive of Mr. Vernier."

Lowe stated that an injustice had been done to Vernier, according to the report. "The manner in which this was done was unprofessional and unethical," he stated.

Gary Brooks and Pat Jones indicated that a Ph.D. as manager of the station would be hard to obtain and perhaps not even desirable.

The report stated that T. Earl Hinton, chairman of the Communications Committee, was "unable to answer many of the committee's questions concerning Vernier."

Hinton, according to the report, stated that he had assumed the president had adequate reasons for this action, and he felt the president shouldn't be questioned.

"In his capacity as Chairman of the Communications Committee and of his relations with

Dr. Scarlett, Dr. Hinton says, 'I may not understand, but I'm with him,' the report stated.

Hood criticized Vernier, the report said, because "he did not accept a dual role for the station involving both university aims and student training, and that he required so much involvement directly from the president's office."

Hood indicated that he knew of the decision to remove Vernier and concurred in it, the committee reported.

Frank Ginanni, chairman of the AAUP committee, talked with John Weems, former vice-president for finance and administration, and Weems indicated that he

had not been informed of the decision to remove Vernier prior to the act.

Weems stated that in his opinion Vernier's biggest problems were several people close to the president who were hypersensitive to the public relations image of the university," the report said.

The report continued that the committee had met informally with President Scarlett and no "voluminous notes" were taken.

The report did state that Scarlett feels that he had made his position on the direction and the multiple roles of the radio clear on a number of occasions over the past four years, and that Mr. Vernier had been unable to or unwilling to understand."

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# Five city council candidates express opinions

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the second in a two-part series dealing with the nine candidates seeking the three at-large seats in Murfreesboro City Council in elections April 18. The other candidates were described in the April 11 issue of the SIDELINES.

Joe B. Jackson, incumbent candidate for City Council, said that he feels there are no severe issues involved in the city council elections.

"If one or two main problems must be cited, it would include the potential growth of Murfreesboro of which the new interstate program is a part," said Jackson.

Jackson, who is general manager of Home Roofing Co., ex-

plained that citizens of Murfreesboro are "right in the middle of this growth now," and that it is very important that the challenge of this growth be met.

The 1949 graduate of Middle Tennessee State College said that he decided to run for this office "because of my interest in Murfreesboro, and I feel that I have something to offer."

Another possible issue in the race, Jackson said, is the working out of a suitable educational program concerning unification of the school systems.

"We should be prepared to do the job as necessary, without chaos, if the people vote in the referendum that they want this

By Larry Harrington  
and Carol Norville

unification. "That's why we must start to work now on this project so we will be prepared to carry out the wishes of the Murfreesboro citizens," he suggested.



Jackson

Tom Rainey, an MTSU senior majoring in business management and candidate for the City Council, said, "Young people need someone on the City Council not just as a voice for them, but also to offer different opinions to the members of the City Council."

"Everybody seems to think that the unification of the school system is the major issue in this race, and although it is important, I am just as interested in the pollution problem," the student said.

He explained that this includes litter as well as open burning, although "the City Council cannot solve this problem entirely, for it also depends on the citizens as well."

"At the present time I am against the unification of the school systems," Rainey said. He explained that he felt it needed more extensive studying and also a greater voice from the teachers.

Concerning equal housing in Murfreesboro, Rainey said that blacks are very much discriminated against.

"I think that if the apartment owners and landlords in Murfreesboro realized the full legal implications of this type of discrimination, they would do more to correct this wrong."

Rainey said a revamping of the police force in Murfreesboro is necessary. He explained that in a conversation with Detective E. N. Brown, Brown stated that better pay is necessary to attract younger and more intelligent people to the police force and also members of the police force should have at least two years of college.

"I agree with his stand, but I don't feel there is much of

a problem between the students and the force, mainly because the students have more dealing with the campus force."



Rainey

Edward E. Miller has been a member of the City Council for eight years, and is a member of the city planning commission and city real estate boards.

Miller, who raises and sells Tennessee Walking Horses, said the unification of the school systems is the most important issue of the race.

"After thorough study of the matter, I realize the importance of unification and am willing to take all steps to assure its workability when it has been determined that unification will assure quality education for all concerned," Miller said.

Miller believes that the relationship between the fraternities and the City Council was much improved after the exchange of views and opinions which took place last year. "We are working together better now and must continue to do so," he stated.

Concerning equal housing in Murfreesboro, Miller stated that Congress has established sufficient guidelines for equal housing, and if these guidelines are properly directed they will meet the needs of all our people.



Miller

Promising to provide better communication between citizens and city government, council candidate Sheldon Schwartz said he had a few different ideas that might "bring the council up to 1972."

"I have never been in the council, and I'm going to have to go down there and learn," he said.

Schwartz, who owns a retail business on the square, said the location of his business would make it easy for citizens to keep in touch with him.

"I am easy to find. I'm at one place all day long. Citizens can come and talk to me, and I'll present their ideas to the council."

"On the other hand, I'll put council proceedings in the paper. People can call me and tell me how they feel on important issues, and I'll vote the wishes of the majority," he added.

Urban renewal in Murfreesboro's Westview area was criticized by Schwartz for following the national trend to take people out of old ghettos and put them in new ones. "We should help people upgrade their present neighborhoods," he said, "and not relocate them."

Better city planning and purchasing procedures, the candidate said, would enable Murfreesboro to stretch the tax dollar and eliminate the need for a hike in property taxes.



Schwartz

Promising to devote himself to the "mighty problems and challenges that are before us," incumbent councilman Robert "Tee-Niny" Scales challenged other concerned citizens to register and vote and work together "toward the goal that our children will have a better opportunity than we've had."

Terming education the most important issue facing Murfreesboro, Scales said, "This problem cannot be resolved in a climate of fear."

The eight year veteran of Murfreesboro city government said he was willing to continue the half cent sales tax to help implement unification of city and county schools.

Scales emphasized that many problems which once faced Murfreesboro have been overcome by working with "unity and togetherness."

Calling for "an honest system of open housing," Scales said, "In integrated communities, people not only live together and learn together, but build together as well."



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## Editorial: Controversy may bring solution

The AAUP committee report on the transfer of Douglas Vernier has stimulated a considerable degree of controversy. This controversy must not be interpreted as being necessarily bad for the university.

Indeed, the controversy might be a manifestation of its good health.

The controversy is good for the university in that it demonstrates the inherent nature of an effort by educators and students to seek the truth. It shows the willingness of those most directly involved to be open to self examination. Self examination can lead to both personal growth and improvement of relations with their fellow community members.

The AAUP report has demonstrated that doubts have been raised in the minds of committee members concern-

ing the procedures exhibited in the transferral of the radio station manager. These doubts were further demonstrated by the questions presented by the AAUP members and others at the open meeting.

One administrator has stated that he felt that some of the report's statements were biased and prejudiced. Seemingly, the recommendation passed by the AAUP does not leave much of an opportunity for reconciliation. That is a misconception.

The members of the academic community possess an opportunity to alleviate many of the doubts and conflicts in the minds of both sides through a rather unusual procedure.

The administration could utilize formal proceedings ordinarily followed after the dismissal of an instructor. This procedure adopted by the Faculty

Senate and approved by the University President in 1968 may be instituted with the recommendation of three members of the Faculty Steering Committee.

An inquiry would be arbitrated by persons mutually agreeable to both the administrators involved, Douglas Vernier and the AAUP.

Such a solution would open the only real avenue of appeal left within the university community. The procedure would allow Vernier, the AAUP and the administration access to answers to questions raised by the AAUP report, and a chance to work for reconciliation throughout the proceedings.

Disagreements are valuable in that they allow men to learn how they differ and how to work together in spite of their differences. If they will allow themselves, the individuals involved in this situation can help themselves and the university.

## North Vietnamization Troop withdrawal leaves enemy

To the Editor:

Mr. Dennis Frobish wrote an interesting article on the Nixon Vietnamization policy, but there is some indication that his information is a little dated. It is true that Mr. Nixon wrote an article for the August, 1964, issue of the "Reader's Digest" entitled: "Needed In Vietnam: The Will to Win."

Yes, Mr. Nixon did say, "Victory is essential to the survival of freedom," and yes, he did say, "We must make up our mind to win this war by whatever means short of nuclear attack."

In 1968, candidate Nixon was calling a win in Vietnam and said he had a plan for ending the war. As it turned out, the "plan" was Vietnamization.

Vietnamization to him does not mean exactly what we think it means.

Candidate Nixon became President Nixon, and he said in his Inaugural Address: "The peace we seek is not victory." What he meant by that was clarified in September of 1969 when he said it didn't matter to him if South Vietnam adopted a Communist form of government--or even if one were imposed by force?

Just how far the Nixon switch on Vietnam went was indicated by the Drummond brothers in their column of October 21, 1969: "The dove-supported Democratic plank advocated a 'phased withdrawal' of all foreign troops from Vietnam.

Richard Nixon has gone further. He has begun a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops without the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops. The dove-supported Democratic plank opposed a 'unilateral withdrawal.' The President has gone beyond it with a unilateral withdrawal."

So it has become "perfectly clear" that the Vietnamization policy has not been the South Vietnamization of South Vietnam, but the North Vietnamization of South Vietnam. Whether or not this has been President Nixon's "game plan," it at least appears so.

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"THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR THE PACKERS, AND A GIANT LEAP FOR THE VEGETARIANS."

## Radio workers support Vernier, claim freedom violated

To the Editor:

I would like to address myself to the recent farce imposed on Mr. Douglas Vernier, station manager of WMOT, regarding his demotion from that position.

After attending the meeting of the MTSU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), on Wednesday night, I feel that a letter is necessary, first, to make clear the feelings of the personnel at WMOT, and second, to make note of ambiguous statements which were brought out by the AAUP committee concerning Dr. Kimbrell, President Scarlett and Dr. Gunselman.

I would like to be specific concern-

ing the ambiguities mentioned. In the report it may be noted that Mr. Vernier was in their presence and that Vernier was informed of his demotion by Dr. Kimbrell and Dr. Scarlett in their presence and that Mr. Vernier's previous supervisors were also informed and that they all concurred with his demotion.

However, later in the same report, the committee interviewed all of Mr. Vernier's previous supervisors of which there are five--Dr. Lowe, Dr. Tucker, Dr. Weems, Dr. Wagner, and Mr. Hood--and found that only one was contacted concerning Mr. Vernier's demotion and that he was the only one who concurred with the demotion; he being Mr. John Hood, assistant to Dr. Scarlett.

It might also be noted that Mr. Vernier was under the supervision of Dr. Lowe and Dr. Weems for the majority of his four years employment and that Mr. Hood was over Mr. Vernier for only three months of this period. Once again I would point that in the report Mr. Vernier's previous supervisors were asked specifically if they concurred with the decision of the demotion even though they were not contacted, and they all, save one, said they did not concur.

### Letters

Also, it has come to my attention that in Thursday's edition of "The Nashville Tennessean" Dr. Scarlett states that he did not consult Dr. Weems of Mr. Vernier's demotion, even though it appears in the AAUP report that he did.

I consider the method used for demotion of Mr. Vernier a violation of academic freedom and is important not only to employees of this university, but to its students as well. No one can consider himself to be secure in his job without some sort of academic freedom.

I think it important also to list the initial reasons, some of which were later withdrawn, given by Dr. Kimbrell for Mr. Vernier's demotion. They are:

1. "Mr. Vernier doesn't get along with the president; there is difficulty

communicating with Mr. Vernier."

2. Mr. Vernier's students lack confidence in him.

3. The nebulous rising finances of the radio station.

At this point, I would like to clarify the second reason above. I am speaking for the student personnel of WMOT, and they share my sentiments, as they too will co-sign this letter.

We are fully behind Mr. Vernier and request his reinstatement. He has been completely dedicated and sincere in the three years I have worked for him, and I believe it is directly attributable to him for the present high status of WMOT-FM.

In no way do we consider this a personal degradation against either President Scarlett, Dr. Kimbrell or Dr. Gunselman, but we do believe a mistake has been made, serious enough to warrant this letter so that we might voice our opinions. The following co-signers agree with me in these statements herein.

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# Athletes aid in drug battle

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Besides the obvious commercials by star performers in various sports on T.V. during every athletic contest, there are those who work without the publicity and under real life situations in the drug environment.

One of these underacclaimed personalities is Chuck Taylor, ex- St. Louis and now New York Mets pitcher.

A native Tennessean, the 29-year-old Taylor is an off-season resident of Murfreesboro, and as almost everyone knows, was a pitcher for MTSU before turning professional.

Taylor not only lives in Murfreesboro but contributes to the community by coaching Junior Pro League basketball and this past winter worked with physical education classes at Tennessee Preparatory School in Nashville for the Tennessee Education Department. His official position is youth consultant with the drug education team.

"My primary responsibility is to promote youth involvement in local programs on drug education," he said. Convincing young people to use their influence on classmates concerning the dan-

By Wally Sudduth  
Sports Editor

gers of drug abuse is one of his hoped-for results.

Taylor is one of the people who is doing something about a growing national problem instead of just piously badmouthing the people who are, or might potentially become, abusers. I am glad to say I know him, and I count our acquaintance as one worth furthering.

### Baseball teams to visit campus

Baseball is in the spotlight this weekend at MTSU. The Raiders play a doubleheader with South Alabama, ranked first in the nation (that's right, first in the nation!) in the latest poll, on Saturday and entertain Western Kentucky on Sunday in a single game.

Heavy hitting catcher Dave Glover, who has been sidelined with a broken finger, is a sorely missed cog in the lately anemic Blue attack.

Another disappointment to date has been the slump of All-Star thirdsacker Les Price. Although Les is still one of the club leaders in RBI's, his batting average is almost 90 points off last year's.

### Golfers to try for tourney win

Blue Raider golfers are participating in the 25th annual Tennessee Intercollegiate Conference golf tournament at Sewanne this weekend. Here's hoping for a

little better weather than last week's freezeout and also a little higher finish.

I know I'm not the only one with these thoughts on his mind either. Rumor has it Coach E.K. Patty was extremely displeased when the tourney was called because of weather after the Raider golfers had completed their second round with much better scores than on the first. Since play was called during the course of the second round, nine hole totals became the final standings.

### Thinclads travel for relay meet

Dean Hayes and the track team are in Knoxville for the Dogwood Relays this weekend and tangle with Murray next Tuesday. Some of the stellar performers who missed the Kentucky meet last week because of injuries and the like seem ready to perform.

It looks like All-Americans who are in the middle of their competitive year could find something better to do than sprain their ankle in intramural basketball games.

### Netters set for conference

Although possibly overshadowed by the appearance of the number one baseball team in the country, Raider tennis is set for a big weekend with the OVC quadrangular upcoming. The Blue tangles with East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech in this one.

With that much going on this weekend here on campus, maybe a few of the dorm moles will get out and support the Blue in spring sports for a change.

Thanks for your vote. I'll do my best.

Margaret Eastes

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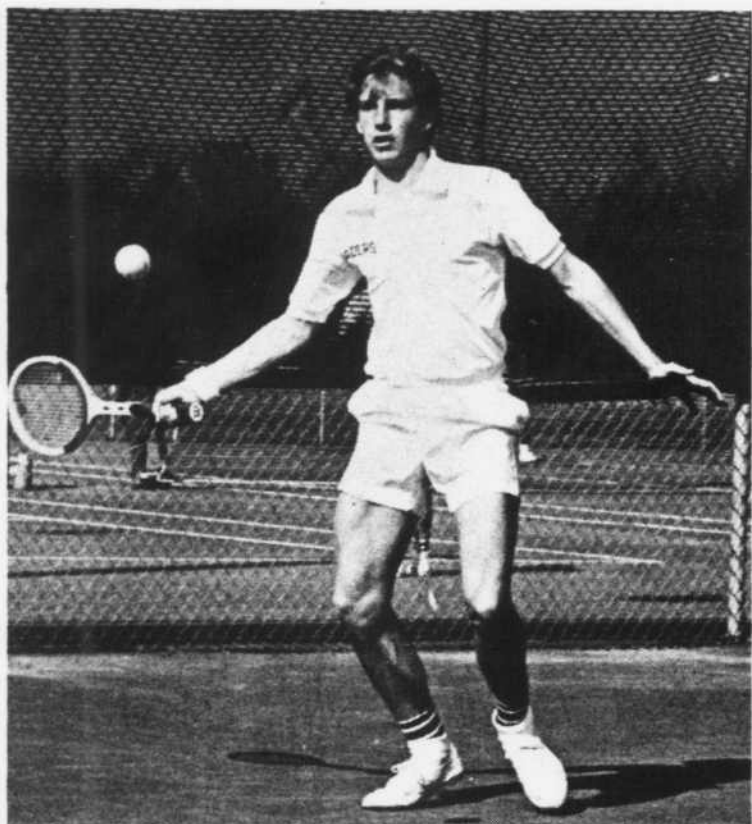
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## Consistent

Doug Miedaner, freshman from Wauwatosa, Wis., has been the most consistent winner for the Raiders this season.

## Miedaner aces position

"One of the top freshmen players in the Ohio Valley Conference," says tennis coach Larry Castle about Doug Miedaner. Playing at the number six singles position, Miedaner, according to Castle, should be the favored player at the position in OVC play.

So far this season, Miedaner has nine wins in singles competition and five losses. Most notable of his wins are victories against highly-ranked Florida State (twice), Murray State (twice), and Cincinnati (once).

A native of Wauwatosa, Wis., Miedaner was heavily recruited by Mississippi State, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Cincinnati and East Tennessee.

Castle, who was the tennis coach at East Tennessee, became friends with Miedaner. When

By Wayne Kindness  
Asst. Sports Editor

Castle accepted the tennis coaching job at MTSU, he offered Miedaner a scholarship.

Miedaner began playing tennis when he was 15, and as a junior in high school was the number two ranked player in Wisconsin.

"After I started playing, it just got in my blood," said Miedaner. "That first year, though, I got bombed...really bad."

He credits his father as being the biggest help in developing his game. "My father worked with me every day; he worked with me on all phases of my game and practiced with me almost every night," he said.

"My game has improved about 90 per cent since coming to MTSU," Miedaner said.

## PE heads to meet

Executives of the Tennessee Association of Health and Physical Education will meet on campus Saturday, according to Maggie B. Davis, secretary of the organization at MTSU.

Davis described the association as "a professional organization of all the people in the state who teach health, physical education and recreation."

Initial plans for the state convention in December will be discussed at the meeting which will be attended by about 30 people from Middle, East and West Tennessee, she concluded.

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# SIDE LINES

## Jackson wins in ASB runoff

John Jackson captured the ASB presidential race during a special run off election held yesterday. Jackson received a total of 696 votes. This represents 50.84 percent of 1,369 votes cast.

His opponent, Charles Lea, received 671 votes. Presidential candidates, Charlie Akers and Dennis Huffer were eliminated from the race during Wednesday's election. Akers, a Franklin junior, received 416 votes, which was 24.7 percent of 1,659 votes cast during the election. Huffer, a Winchester junior, got 9 percent of the vote. This amounted to 150 votes.

Peter Hall, Nashville sophomore, defeated Jeff Barnett, Waynesboro junior, for the post of speaker of the senate (vice-president). Hall received 1,017 votes for 63.2 percent of the 1,607 votes cast.

Barnett won 36.1 percent of the votes which amounted to 581 votes. A total of 9 write-in votes were cast in this contest.

Emily Webb, Jackson sophomore, swept by her opponent, Mason Bonner, with 93.6 percent of the 1,429 votes cast. Bonner, Tuscaloosa sophomore, received 89 write-in votes (5.8 percent).

In the senior senator race there were five candidates running for five positions. Aurelia Holden, Murfreesboro junior, received 228 votes. Bob Johnson, Nashville junior, received 247 votes. Bill Myatt, Hixson junior, won 226 votes. Dennis Phillips, Nashville junior, got a total of 224 votes, and Buzz Rader, Nashville junior, received 225 votes.

The newly elected junior senators are Brazo Barry, Nashville sophomore, (290 votes); Charles Berry, Murfreesboro sophomore, (226 votes); Judy Butler, Nashville sophomore (335 votes) and Patti Lynn Diffie, Nashville sophomore, (235).

In the freshman senatorial race there were a total of 11 candidates running for four posts. The winners were: Charlene Cantrell, Murfreesboro freshman, (382 votes); Margaret Eastes, Shelbyville freshman, (283 votes); Martha Hobbs, Nashville freshman, (363) and Emily Mann, Hendersonville freshman (471).

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Presidential candidate Dennis Huffer contests election. (See inside front page)

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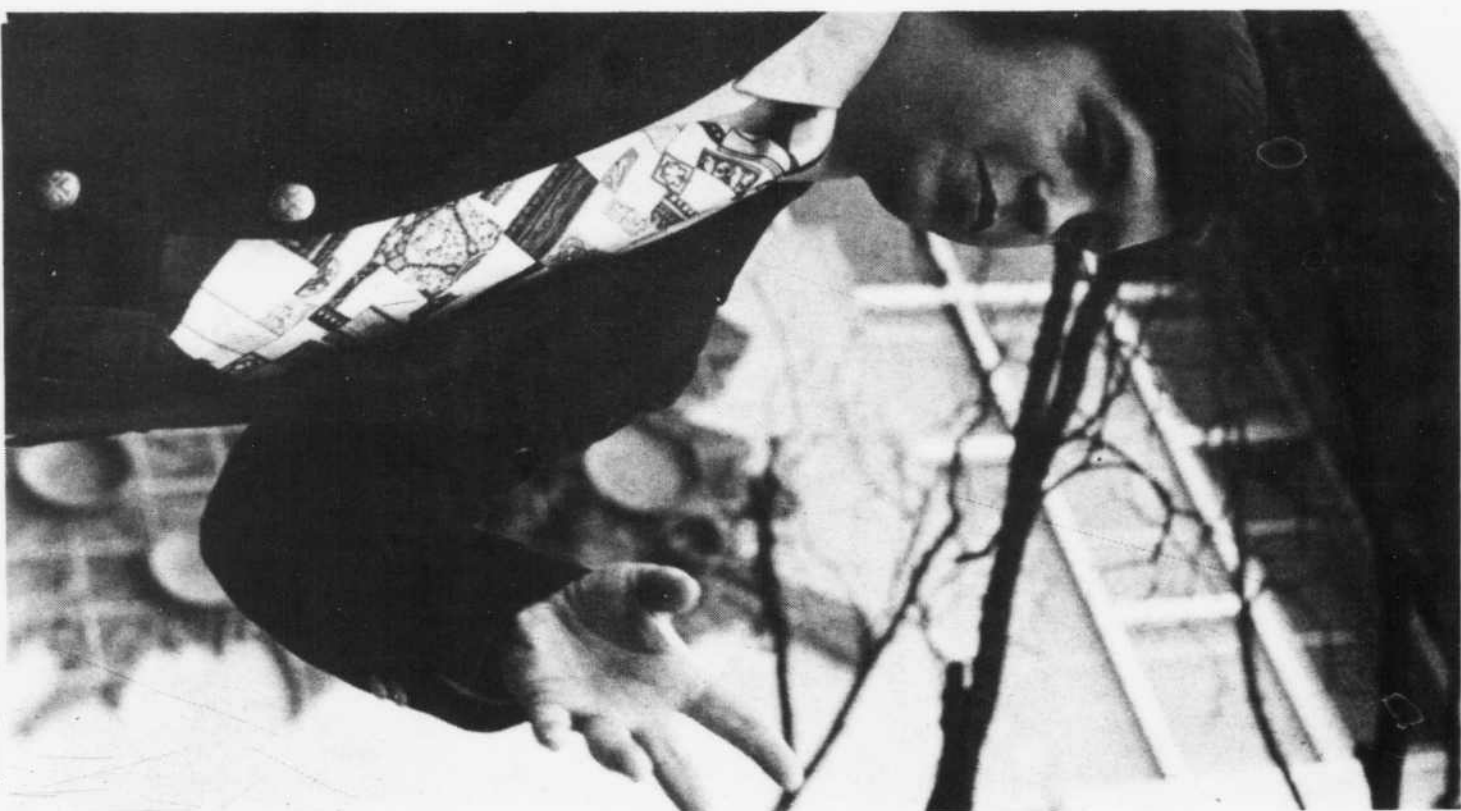
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### Winner?

John Jackson, Chattanooga junior, won the ASB presidential runoff by a slim 25 vote margin. Jackson received 50.8 percent of the total vote. Jackson's victory was contested last night by presidential hopeful Dennis Huffer, Winchester junior.