Campus AAUP urges reconsideration of YSA decision

MTSU's branch of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), passed a resolution urging the administration to reconsider its rejection of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) as a campus organization, according to Roy Clark, local AAUP president.

The resolution came shortly after a drastic reduction in local YSA membership, which left only two MTSU students in the group.

Thomas Vandervort, local American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) president, said the Nashville ACLU chapter had voted to support the YSA's fight for university recognition, but might consider dropping the case as a result of the club's unexpected membership loss.

As to whether the Murfrees-

By Gary Matthews

boro ACLU branch would defend the Alliance, the MTSU political science instructor stated, "We would like more legal advice."

Former YSA members said they left because of disagreement with policies of the national organization as expressed by one of its leaders from New York who visited Murfreesboro last

A YSA spokesman stated that there was "no mass exodus" from the group, since its numbers had already declined from 13 to 5 before the visit by the national leader.

Some of those who withdrew, he indicated, had joined the YSA "not knowing exactly what it is," while others felt a prolonged courtroom battle to win recognition was not worth the

The spokesman added, however, that attempts to gain university acceptance might later be continued, although at present the YSA does not have the five members required for all recognized campus organiza-

Plans to sue the university to obtain YSA recognition were announced Feb. 25 by John Votava, Atlanta YSA member and executive secretary of the Floridabased Committee for Free Assembly and Political Expression on campus.

Votava argued that the administration's Feb. 16 rejection of the YSA was unconstitutional

and violated the Bill of Rights.

The issue, he insisted, was not what the YSA believes, but whether the university has the right to censor political views they disagree with."

He denied charges that the Alliance is a violent, subversive organization.

They're working in every legal way to change the system, Votava stated.

"If the civil liberties of one group are endangered, all come into jeopardy, the committee

member kept repeating.
President M.G. Scarlett's letter of rejection said the YSA was denied for the following rea-

1. Examination of its national

versive, revolutionary, activistic and violent."

The national convention is the highest governing body of the YSA, and its decisions are binding upon the entire mem-

bership.
3. Information in 1 and 2 above," Scarlett continued, "indicates that the local YSA, no matter how well intentioned, would become a pawn at the disposal of the national organization to the likely detriment of MTSU."

"Denial of recognition of the YSA by the University is simply a denial of any implied endorsement by the University of the organization, and the denial of campus privileges afforded to constitution, Scarlett asserted, University approved organiza-indicated that the YSA is "sub-tions," the president concluded.

State legislature passes amended UT-N proposal

The state senate passed and sent to the governor a bill elevating UT-Nashville to full university status. The upper chamber had approved the legislation last week with an amendment prohibiting the acquisition of land and construction of newfacilities by the school's board of trustees. However, the house approved an amendment Tuesday which restored those powers.

An amendment introduced by Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, making it clear that UT-Nashville is to limit itself almost entirely to night courses, also gained approval in the house Tuesday.

The bill as amended in the house was returned to the senate where it passed easily.

Black legislators in the house and senate opposed the bill on the grounds that expansion of UT-Nashville perpetuates a dual university system.

Educators and students at Tennessee State University in Nashville, a predominantly black institution, have expressed concern that growth of UT-Nashville represent a useless duplication of programs to the detriment of TSU.

Cross burners remain unknown

Investigations by the Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification have failed to uncover the parties responsible for the cross-burning incident which occurred in December, Security Agent W.E. Coleman reported in a letter Tuesday to Dean of Students Robert La-

Coleman said, "My investigation fails to reflect the parties responsible for this incident even though we have made an extensive search and made many inquiries.

The cross-burning incident occurred on Dec. 10 following an MTSU-Shorter College basketball game and resulted in a protest march on President M.G. Scarlett's home by a group of black students.

Gerald Edwards, BSA president, indicated at the time that the burning might have been a reaction to the Get Hip Whitey Week held December 7-11.

Activities for the week included

a poster display concerning Huey Newton, Angela Davis, Martin Luther King and other black figures and a speech by comedian Dick Gregory.

Official reaction to the incident included a statement by President Scarlett broadcast over WMOT radio Dec. 16.

In the statement, Scarlett cited 'excellent race relationships and urged students to be especially careful not to provoke

others and cautioned them to avoid hasty acts and over-reaction to situations.

Coleman, in his letter, said that there was little doubt that the incident was "perpetrated by uni-versity students and it appeared that the cross was constructed of a 'saw horse' which had been picked up on campus."

The security agent added that the case "would be most diffi-cult to prosecute."

He noted "There is possibly a violation under 39-2805 TCA,

however, this is a borderline incident that could probably best be dealt with by the University Administration if the guilty parties could be identified.

39-2805 TCA is a state law (Continued on Pg. 2)

'Theatre at Noon'

Touring group to present cuttings

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the spring Festival of the Arts will feature "Mrs. Tucker's Marvelous Mini Tra-vellin' Troupe" in "the Bit." The "Theatre at Noon" per-

formance will be in the Arena Theatre.

For the past several years, the University Theatre has featured a travelling show as part of its spring semester bill of The show is staffed by eight cast members, one understudy, a technical director, and an accompanist, according to director Dorethe Tucker.

Mrs. Tucker stated that each year the touring company travels to high schools, colleges, women's clubs, and civic organizations across the state to provide light entertainment at assemblies.

The idea for a touring show originally came up after the department had received many requests from groups throughout the state to have a show brought to them. The group has always received more requests than it honor, Mrs. Tucker explained.

This year, the University Theatre was offered a contract by the Tennessee Arts Commission to take a travelling show to workBy Tony Pendergrass

shops for the Federated Women's Clubs. On this circuit, the cast performs for audiences in each district of the federation and appears for all the officers in the state. The group receives travelling expenses from the Arts

Already this season, the travelling cast has performed dates in Murfreesboro, Kingston, Carthage, Newport, and Tullahoma. Next week, there will be a performance in Jackson following the two performances for Theatre at Noon. Soon thereafter the troupe will present a show in Nashville.

Mrs. Tucker related that the entire troupe has been plagued with the flu in recent weeks and is only now regaining its full strength. On a couple of occasions, fellow cast members, the understudy, and the technical director have had to learn someone's part and go on stage for him with only a day or two day's notice.

"Everybody's had the flu but me and Susan (Glass) and we've got it now," Mrs. Tucker lamented. But she hastily added, "We've got most of our energy

back now and can promise a good show next week.

The show will feature cuttings from "Hello Dolly," "Sweet Charity," "The Fantastiks," and

Cast members are: Connie O'Connell, Chattanooga senior; Ronnie Meek, Goodlettsville junior; Jean Riggan, Santa Fe junior; Ron Martin, Watertown sen-Susan Glass, Nashville

Also in the troupe are: Bob Trebing, Nashville senior; Jenan Dorman, McMinnville junior; Lane Davies, Dalton, Ga., junior.

Nancy Clendenin, Goodlettsville junior, is understudy for all female parts. Clark Tucker, Murfreesboro senior, is technical director and male understudy. Pat Mabry, Hendersonville junior, is the pianist for the troupe.

"Theatre at Noon" is but one of the Spring Festival of the Arts which is scheduled to include the final productions of "Time of Your Life," "Your Own Thing," concerts by Jerry Perkin and Pat Webb, "Faults in Collision" which is a concert in dance, and a student art show which is to be exhibited in the University Center



Your Own Thing'

Pictured above are several members of the cast from the rock musical "Your Own Thing" which will be presented at MTSU as part of the Fine Arts Festival. The play is a modern version of the Shakespearean comedy "Twelfth Night."

V.D. reaches epidemic level

Venereal disease is at the epidemic level in Tennessee, according to Dr. Doty Murphy, the state epidemiologist. Dr. Murphy made this remark at the Venereal Disease Symposium in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Tuesday night.

The symposium was staged by the Health and Physical Education Club under the direction of Mrs. Mary Belle Ginanni and Kenneth

Chambers.

Dr. Murphy was a last minute replacement for State Commissioner of Health Dr. Eugene Fowinkle. Dr. Murphy was well qualified to fill in at the symposium since he is the state's chief venereal disease investigator, said Mrs. Ginanni.

In addition to the featured speaker, the symposium included a panel made up of local health personnel.

Dr. Murphy related statistics on the incidence of venereal disease of all kinds in Tennessee and termed the disease to be in epidemic proportions. To illustrate the easy communicability of venereal disease, the case of "Syphilis Mary," a California prostitute, was cited.

A truck driver contracted the disease from her and was treated. The source was traced to Mary, who, fortunately, had kept records of her contacts. Within three weeks time, over three hundred men had been located and treated. The point of the story is, Dr. Murphy stated, to show how one person can infect such a large number of people.

He went on to cast aside the "old wives" tale" that venereal disease can be transmitted simply through such means as kissing and unsanitary toilet facilities. He said that the disease is only transmitted through direct intercourse, and only in the case of a chancre (sore) can it be passed on by kissing.

By David Burger

It was also pointed out that although the occurence of venereal disease is on the upsurge, the money available to combat it is lessening. He stressed the need for all concerned individuals to become involved in an effort to persuade the legislature and other groups to provide the much—needed money.

MTSU*s physician, Dr. Robert Hackman, related that the number of students with the disease who had come in to see him was relatively low. This is contrary to a rumor circulated last fall that the incidence on campus was rather high. It also runs counter to the high occurence in the state.

After the panelists spoke there was a question and answer session with the audience. Dr. Hackman stated that any student can find help for venereal disease at the infirmary. The meeting between doctor and student is strictly confidential and no report is sent to parents. He urged any student desiring help to con-

tact either the infirmary or the health department. Dr. Murphy stressed that the disease can be cured with penicillin if treated early. If one cannot take penicillin, then other antibiotics can also be used. If the disease is allowed to go untreated, he warned, it can lead to sterilization, blindness, birth defects in one's children, or even worse.

Those on the panel were: Dr. Robert Sanders, director of the Rutherford County Health Department; Dr. Radford Smith, Murfreesboro internist; and Dr. Robert Hackman, campus physician. Dr. Sanders served as moderator of the panel and also participated in co-ordinating the symposium.

File 13

MIK to present Tyrone Smith

Tyrone Smith, nationally-known recording artist, will be the featured star this evening at a dance sponsored by the Mu lota Kappa fraternity.

The event will be held at the Rutherford County Agriculture Center from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. and the proceeds from the dance will be contributed to the Patterson scholarship fund of Murfreesboro, according to Bonnie Price, member of MIK.

Price noted that the Patterson scholarship fund was instituted to honor the late Murfreesboro physician, a prominent black civic leader until his death several years ago.

Lea announces election discussion

The ASB election commission will sponsor, Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center, a meeting to discuss election procedures, according to Charles Lea, election commissioner.

Students who wish to work at the constitutional referendum and senior superlative election March 17 are asked to attend this meeting.

Cinema features 'Best House in London'

"The Best House in London," starring David Hemmings and Joanna Pettet, will be shown tonight at 6 and 8 in the University Center Theatre.

Dance to feature 'Candy Stripes'

"The Candy Stripes" from Pulaski will play tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Tennessee Room at the Fun Night sponsored by the dance committee.

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Dean LaLance stated that the university had conducted an extensive investigation with numerous interviews but had discerned only circumstantial evidence, nothing useful for prosecution.

He added, however, that he intends to propose to the All-Campus Rules Committee measures which would regulate and control such incidents.

Such measures may take the form of a rule which would prohibit all open burning on campus unless approved by the administration, LaLance said.

Edwards, in regard to the investigation, said he had "mixed reactions."

"Perhaps they have tried, and perhaps they can't get a definite prosecution under that statute," he commented, "but the fact remains that the crosses were burned."

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Cinema to show 'Red Desert'

"Red Desert," an Italian movie, will be shown March 29 in the University Center Theatre as part of the Foreign Lan uage department's film series, according to department chairman Coy Porter.

The movie, beginning at 7;30 p.m., involves the neglected and neurotic wife of an electronics engineer who futilely seeks some

type of mental relief through her love affair with another man.

The presentation of the story, however, is actually the most important aspect of the film, Porter said, with the story presented in a fragmentary fashion with situations often having no beginnings nor resolutions.

The director is Michelangelo Antonioni.

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Noon - Theatre at Noon, Arena Theatre 8 p.m. - "Your Own Thing," DA Auditerium

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House approves bill for 18 year old voters

The state House of Representatives passed by a vote of 71-14 a bill which would lower the voting age to 18 in state and local elections. The action came Tuesday after the Senate had sent a similar measure back to committee.

Senate action came after a number of senators had taken the floor to question the constitutionality of such a measure. Sen. Edward Blank, D-Columbia, said the legislature would be usurping power from the people in trying to lower the voting age without a constitutional amendment.

He pointed out that such an amendment had failed when on the ballot in 1968.

Blank said that he personally favors participation by 18-yearolds, but, he added, legislators cannot forget their responsibility to the State Constitution.

Sen. Ed Gillock, D-Memphis, sponsor of the bill, pointed to

Perkins to perform

classical works

of this century

Jerry Perkins, chairman of

MTSU's piano faculty, will pre-

sent a concert featuring the works

of twentieth-century classical

composers Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

His performance will consist

of musical selections composed Jeno Takacs, Alban Berg, Claude Debussy, and Bela Bar-

tok. Perkins studied under Takacs, a teacher who takes very

Perkins studied at the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati on an honor scholarship. He received his doctorate from Boston Uni-

Perkins won the American Mu-

sic Scholarship Association Concerto Competition and was a so-

loist with the Cincinnati Civic

On April 3, he will present this same program at Town Hall in New York City. This presentation will be sponsored by a

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the cost of setting up a procedure allowing 18-year-olds to vote in federal elections alone as a major reason for passing his bill. Gillock said the possibility of amending the State Constitution was almost nil because of the difficult procedure set forth.

The amendment would have to pass this legislature and the 88th General Assembly by a twothirds vote before being submitted to the people, when it would have to receive a majority of all those voting in the governor's race.

Some opposition to the bill came from senators who felt the house version was more exacting and made other changes in the law which were necessary to insure orderly registration of 18-year-olds. The indication was that they would support the house bill.

House opposition to the bill was

ASB hopefuls file petitions

Twelve students thus far have filed petitions for the ASB and elections recently rescheduled for March 31, according to Charles Lea, ASB election commissioner.

Lea indicated that the deadline for qualifying petitions had been extended to March 24 for both elections.

Ron Merville, Nashville junior, has submitted a petition for the office of speaker of the ASB house. Merville had no comment

on his candidacy.

Seeking the post of senior senator are Dennis Frobish, Nashville: Bill Williamson, Murfreesboro; and Ralph Crary, Murfreesbore.

Another candidate seeking a senior senate post is Kenny Mc-Neese, Franklin; running for junior senator is Maxie Starks, Old Hickory.

Petitions for sophomore senator have been filed by Wilburn Kirkham, Gallatin; Peter Hall, Nashville; and Mary McCool, Nashville.

Other students seeking sophomore class offices thus far are Ronald Volpe, Brentwood, for president and Cathy Beechboard, Nashville, for executive sec-

Alan Reynolds, Kingsport, has

Primary bill passes House

Surprising many observers, the House passed without debate and sent to the Senate Wednesday which would create a presidential primary in Tenn-The vote was 62-12.

Rep. Victor Ashe, a young Knoxville Republican and sponsor of the legislation, was surprised by the ease with which the measure passed.

By Jim Leonhirth

submitted a petition for the post of junior representative.

The elections were postponed Tuesday by a group of ASB officials including Lea, ASB president Bart Gordon, ASB attorney general Joey Livesay, and speaker of the house Roger Hardaway.

The decision was made, Lea said, to give students time to act on four proposed constitutional amendments which could change election criteria and procedures.

On March 17, he indicated, a referendum will be held to determine the fate of these amendments' another election the same day will be conducted to elect senior superlatives.

The amendments which have

already passed two readings in the ASB Congress would broaden the qualifications for ASB executive officers, change the inauguration date for ASB officials, add a senator from the graduate school and eliminate nominations of senators from the floor of class meetings.

Specifically, the first amendment would open candidacy for the top ASB offices to juniors, graduate students, and students carrying a part-time load.

The amendment would further require candidates for the executive posts to have been students at MTSU for a total of two semesters, one of which must immediately precede election to

The second amendment would change the time for assuming the ASB offices from the first week in May to the second Tuesday in

Another change that will effect the elections is the recently passed legislation which restructured class officer government to include a president, executive board member, and representa-tive elected by the class.

The executive board will aid the class presidents in coordinating such social events as Homecoming, the Mid-Winter Formal, and the President's Ball.

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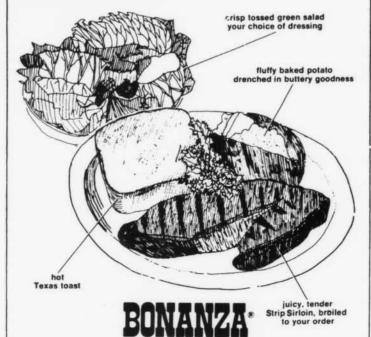
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Ford report reflects irrelevance

Higher Education deserves a drastic shakeup because it is irrelevant to students and society, according to a Ford Foundation report.

The 113-page "Report on Higher Education" endorsed by the Nixon Administration states that "We have seen disturbing trends toward uniformity in our institutions, growing bureaucracy, over emphasis on academic credentials, isolation of students and faculty from the world--a growing rigidity and uniformity of structure that makes higher education reflect less and less the interests of society."

Elliot L. Richardson, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare who introduced the study Monday at a news conference suggested that the report bolsters the complaints of some students about their colleges and universities.

The nine member Ford study group found that recent reforms emphasizing diversification of curriculum and changes in governing are insufficient.

Decentralization of state college and university systems; examining universities for uniform granting of degrees, and drastic reform of professional

accreditation groups to encourage work-training as an alternative to solely academic preparation was recommended.

Additionally the report recommended the creation of new institutions that emphasized enrollment regardless of a students age; creative dropping-out for work experience; and the addition to faculties of such practitioners as lawyers, psychiatrists and politicians.

The study group says that higher education erred in adopting as its model the elite, academic university with its highpowered PhD-laden faculties.

Instruction--including tutorial, off-campus and televised--should be geared to experience, the report relates rather than to classroom lectures.

The Ford study suggests that higher education should look to the future in terms of functioning as a part of society, rather than existing apart from it.

The growth of the academic community along these lines could make higher education more relevant both to its chosen participants and the so-called real world.

Festival offers variety

Despite the operating difficulties that a diminished budget has imposed on all university programs and departments, the Fine Arts Committee has correlated a week of activities beginning tonight with the penultimate performance of "The Time of Your Life."

During six successive days, members of the university community will have an opportunity to be exposed to music, drama, dance, and art ex-

The spring Festival of the Arts has been scheduled to include a variety of interesting programs, but faces the same problem that has confronted predecesant festivals: student involvement.

Although the program is entirely free, lack of student attendance can make it a dismal experience to the coordinating proponents.

In the past, it has been primarily the students majoring in fine arts related departments that have taken advantage of the festivals rather than a spectrum of the student body.

Hopefully, more students will be interested in attending the exhibits and performances offered this semester.

Postponement advantageous

The Associated Student Body Election Commission postponed the ASB elections from March 17 to March 31. The postponement was enacted on Monday for two reasons.

First, the class officers bill passed in the ASB last week had not yet been approved by Presi-

Secondly, the constitutional amendments passed last week by the ASB and subject to approval by a student assembly would revise the electoral system, vastly enlarging the base of candidacy for the executive offices.

The constitutional referendum is now slated to take place on March 17.

With those changes in the ASB electoral process imminent, the election postponement appears advantageous to the student by relieving him of repetitious duplication of procedures.

Bili Mauldin



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SIDELINES

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SIDELINES Letters

university symbol?

To the Editor: The Ft. Pillow massacre is one of the many fine events that transpired under the leadership of Nathan Bedford Forrest. During the Civil War a rebel force commanded by N. B. Forrest invaded a fort at Fort Pillow. Tenn., occupied predominately by Blacks. Three hundred persons were murdered including women and children. Some were nailed to logs and others were burned alive. The rally cry was "Kill all the niggers.

N. B. Ferrest, former slave trader turned Confederate Gen-eral, gained the title of "The Wizard of the Saddle" because of activities as a Confederate General. N. B. went on to become Grand Wizard of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux

There are very few Americans who are not familiar with the KKK. We feel that it is unnecessary to go into the infamous acts of an organization which represents violence, irrational thinking, and racism.

Progress has been slow in the South. A people who cling to the past and live in the shadow of the "Old Southern traditions" find progress passing them by. For over a hundred years Southerners have rallied to the cry of Dixie and other symbols of the "good ole days"; yet there are few who can remember when the "good ole days" existed. The "good ole days" are dead and should be buried, yet the South hangs on to obsolete things.

If a man sits and does nothing but reminisce about the days gone by, he is likely to let the world pass him by. Canthis analogy be drawn to the South? Can this indeed be an analogy to MTSU? A campus that is progressing rapidly in size and po-

tential is represented by this "dream" with Nathan Bedford Forrest galloping across bookstore supplies, decals, promotional literature in the University Center. Does Forrest really represent MTSU and all its students?

How many people who take the symbol for granted know what it means and how many support it? Is N. B. Forrest a symbol of MTSU now or of the MTSU that existed when the South was grasping for a foothole on a dying dream? Is this symbol representation of a progressive university with an enrollment of over 7500 students of different races and ethnic groups or is it something we accept because "It's always been there."

MTSU is changing rapidly and it is time to put some things away in the files. Instructors retire when they get old and buildings are torn down when new ones are needed. It is time we let N. B. Forrest die. A symbol of a school should be representative of its ideas, aspirations, and mainly its students. Forrest does not represent the ideals of this institution.

There have been promises that the university symbol is going to be changed. Hating to be redundant, we ask again -- When is it going to be changed? Will it be tomorrow, next month, next year or never? Prolonging anissue that must be faced is like rubbing salt in a wound.

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Nathan B. Forrest- Join the Jesus Revolution

The following is a paraphase of Luke 19:1-10. It is a result of the Christian movement taking place on this campus now and more specifically concerned with "Join the Jesus Revolution" movement.

JESUS CAME TO MTSU

At noon last Thursday Jesus was found strolling down the sidewalk from the Cope Administration Building to the NCB. Naturally a large crowd turned out to see Jesus.

All religious organizations were present including the Baptist Student Union, Christian Center and the Newman Club.

Many other curious spectators were also present.

Everyone was pressing close to Jesus and all the Christian groups were trying to get him to come to their center and speak. Wowl Nearly 4,000 were there to see

During this time interval a guy named Zach was coming across campus from Beasley Hall headed for the SUB to eat lunch.

Zach was a short guy and couldn't see what was going on, so he asked one of the

When the BSU'er turned around and saw it was Zach, he said, "Oh, it is Jesusl, but I guess you wouldn't be interested. He then turned his back on Zach. Why did the BSU'er have this attitude?

Zach was a hippy looking guy, left-wing radical, smoked, used drugs, member of a national fraternity and was rich, snobby and

Anyone like this couldn't possibly be interested in Jesus. In fact, he needed to get some things straight in his life before he could meet Jesus.

Zach wanted to see Jesus. So he climbed up in one of the large walnut trees by the sidewalk so he could see lesus.

Thoughts ran through Zach's ad. "I've been searching for something to fill this emptiness in my life. I've tried everything that I know to find happiness and peace -- yet I'm still empty. I've heard Jesus offers love, peace, happiness, purpose and power; but that sounds like a lot of 'bull' to me."

"Look at all the so-called Christians running around here. I don't see anything in them. They stay closed up in their little cliques and centers. What have they ever offered me?"

Jesus was just getting out of the crowd. He looked up to thank God for letting him get out of the mob.

When he looked up, there sat Zach in the tree. Jesus somehow knew Zach had problems and told him, "Zach, don't just sit there like a knot on a log, get down from the tree, get your car and let's go over to the fraternity house."

Boy, was Zach surprised. He jumped out of the tree, got in his Corvette with Jesus and roared over to the fraternity house.

This drove the Christians wild. They were mad because Jesus was associating with this Zach at the fraternity house, and wouldn't come to their centers

Jesus was really getting low now -- he sure would have to go to church Sunday and get sanctified, or so the Christians thought.

Jesus talked to Zach a while and then Zach invited Christ into his life. There Zach was sorry for all the things he had done and now he wanted to change them. He wanted Jesus to change, use and

What does this say to the Christians?

At first maybe we don't recognize anything. Look closer. Jesus came to seek the "lost". That is what we are to dol

Jesus has today no eyes, hands or mouth -- except ours. Jesus wants us to see the people we come in contact with daily as people who are in need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

He wants us to look past the put on, fake security of society to the real inner man. Do we as Christians limit the working of the Holy Spirit by thinking that people we associate with daily can't possibly be looking and searching?

What does this say to the non-

Jesus said I came to save that which was "lost". A person who is "lost" is one who is separated from God because of his sinful

What is sin? Simply ignoring God. This separation results in frustrations, uselessness, worry, fear, lack of purpose and worst of all -- emptiness. Manuses things of the world to fulfill these until he sees man has no control over them. Jesus is the only way.

Realize that God loves you and wants you and wants to give you a better life. Admit your sin and separation before God.

Invite Jesus Christ to be the bridge of the gap between you and God. Personally invite him into your life. Let Jesus come in and change you like He did Zach.

It's not an easy life being a Christian, but it is a good life.

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National Perspective

Muhammad Ali's defeat resembles 'trial by combat'

Muhammad Ali Monday night ended the highly-touted fight but has not ebbed the flood of controversy surrounding the former heavyweight champion.

Ali was decked by Frazier in the fifteenth round and thus his undefeated career was ended as was his attempt to make a comeback.

His loss on points was not as dramatic as a knockout or a rechnical knockout but it was a defeat nonetheless.

In some respects, the fight resembled a medieval "trial by combat⁹⁹ in which the competi-tors decided a controversy by physical combat.

Ali's draft resistance and subsequent national unpopularity had made his quest for the boxing crown stripped from him seemingly an attempt to vindicate his ideas and actions.

Ali's loss, however, must be interpreted more as a matter of physical limitation rather than divine providence.

The fight, moreover, in its production had few facets of a chivalrous duel but rather with the endeavors of the promoters only a very green hue about it.

Earnings for Ali will be minimal after taxes and training fees By Jim Leonhirth

are paid, and doubtless he would have preferred the victory. What the fight decides is not

Ali's philosophical correctness nor who will be rewarded from the receipts but merely who is the world heavyweight champion.

Joe Frazier because of his physical strength and endurance and fighting skill defeated Muhammad Ali for the title in 1971 and will presumably hold it until someone stronger or more skillful defeats him.

Cassius Clay because of his physical strength and endurance and fighting skill defeated Sonny

Liston for the title in 1964 and presumably would have held it until someone stronger or more skillful defeated him if the World Boxing Commission had not decided to strip him of his title because of his religious

Ironically enough, Ali if he had been inducted would probably never have seen combat but would have worked in Special Services and giving boxing lessons and demonstrations.

Joe Frazier has indeed won the heavyweight crown but the actions of the boxing world and the public have tarnished its gloss somewhat.

Cites misunderstanding

To the Editor:

After reading Pat Allen's review of William Saroyan's Pulitzer Prize winning play "The Time of Your Life," we have come to the conclusion that Miss Allen completely misunderstood the play and its characters. Joe is not really a "small time philanthropist" nor is Joe's main

purpose to arrange the marriage of his friend Tom to the prostitute, Kitty Duval. Too, Miss Allen was mistaken in her analysis of Lane Davies' portrayal of Joe. Lane was not "unsure of his character" but rather,

the CHARACTER Joe is unsure of himself.

Her statement concerning unnecessary characters detracting from action between the main characters is completely wrong. Every character in "The Time of Your Life" is a "main" character. This is the central theme of the play -- the interaction of people from all walks of life.

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Questions ASB Special

To the Editor:

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! Nor would anyone else who has ever raised a Saint Bernard. Contrary to the ASB Special Report, Lord Byron will not soon weigh 500 pounds. If he does, Saint fanciers around the world will descend on MTSU by the thousands. A 500 lb. Saint Bernard. God, it's frightening.

To be truthful, any 200 lb. Saint is above normal. The average weight for a full-grown male Saint Bernard is approximately 185 pounds while a female tips the scales at about 140 pounds. So you can easily see, a 500 lb. Saint would be quite an oddity.

Before the person who wrote that caption makes any more state-ments of "fact," I suggest he read The New Complete Saint Bernard, written by leading authorities in the Saint Bernard

It would appear that such a noticeable blunder would make the rest of the articles suspect in many eyes. It is possible that others are not as suspicious as myself, but that one mistake caused me to wonder if the ASB is always as careless with their

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Letters to the Editor

The SIDELINES welcomes all comment and opinion on current events or on items published in this newspaper in the form of letters to the editor.

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McClure leads team to NCAA competition

Four track and field athletes from Middle Tennessee State got an early breakfast at Woodmore Cafeteria this morning and then loaded into the station wagon with head coach Dean Hayes for the biggest race of the year for all of them in Detroit, Mich., the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Barry McClure, the sophomore All-America triple jumper, Charles Wilson, the sophomore defending OVC 100 yard dash king, and freshmen Nate Porter and Tommy Haynes all look ready and determined for the big event, which will be televised on the Wide World of Sports Saturday afternoon.

'I think they re all ready for this one and all have a good chan-ce of placing in the competition," Hayes replied before they left.

"Barry has been jumping real well and is an excellent hope of placing in the top four this year," he continued.

McClure, who hails from Car-rolton, Ga., finished fourth in the NCAA indoor triple jump last spring and was sixth in this same indoor meet last fall.

"Only one of the five that beat him last year is back and he's beat him already this year so Barry, if he has one of his real good days, could win it all."

He qualified for the NCAA's by jumping 51-9.5 in the Mason-Dixon Games and also set a meet record at the Ohio State Relays with a 50-5.5 leap. He has consistently gone over the 50 foot mark this winter.

Wilson, who needs only to develop some confidence to become great, according to Hayes, is a product of Nashville North and ran a 9.5 hundred in the OVC meet last spring to take the He has been running the 60-yard dash in the low 6.2's all winter and has clicked off a 6.1 on one occasion (the world record for this event is 5.9). He won the USTFF Meet this winter and also was second in the Ohio State Invitational, behind defending NCAA champion Jerry Hill of Ohio State.

"Tommy won the USTFF Championships, the Ohio State Invitational crown, and also was tops in a quadrangular meet between Illinois, Murrary State and Kentucky State.

Porter, the other freshman taking the trip, was one of the top hurdlers in the nation last year as a senior at Bradenton, Fla., and qualified for this meet with an 8.9 in the 70 yard high hurdles.

He has been timed in 13.8 in the 120 high hurdles, also a fine time.

All-America status awaits the first through fourth place finishers in this meet, which is incentive enough for these competitors. -- Gary Davenport.



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Baseball opens with Bethel

Coach A.H. 'Lefty' Solomon's diamondmen took on a strong Motlow State squad Tuesday afternoon in a scrimmage game and came out with some 'fine defensive plays and a good look at the squad as they prepare for their season and home opener Saturday afternoon against Bethel College at 2:30 on the beautifully trimmed Blue Raider field.

"We jumped out to a 6-0 lead, got a couple of triples, and had some fine defensive plays," the beaming head mentor replied, "and went on to take a 7-2 scrimmage victory. But most important, we finally got away from team practice and drills and got a look at ourselves against someone else for the first time since the fall schedule ended four months ago."

The talented coach, leading his men into the battles of Ohio Valley Conference baseball for the first time, is optimistic about his first game as head coach. "We don't know a lot about Bethel except they beat us last year 4-1 and that's incentive enough for me."

He pointed out some fine plays by Tony Kessinger and Ed Robishaud, and also the fine hitting of Mike Townsend. Also credited with some good practice sessions were Les Price and Ed Manson, both of whom have been getting some good hits and good 'glove efforts.

"Yes, we're getting tired of looking at ourselves so much and this game got us out of that rut. We had planned to play several games this week but the weather caused us to cancel them," SolBy Gary Davenport

"Our pitchers are looking real good," he continued. "Randy Bratton, Jim Gilliam, and Gary O'Bryan all went three innings against Motlow and looked real strong. Buckers impressed me the most but a couple of the other pitchers are coming along real good and will see a lot of action.

He also pointed out that one of the three pitchers would start against Bethel, although at the time he wasn't sure which it would be.

Townsend will start at first base for the Raiders tomorrow afternoon, Kessinger will man second, Harry Maurice at shortstop, and Price will handle third. Manson, Robishaud, and Steve Jones will handle the outfield positions, and veteran John Heatherly will catch.

"I expect Bill Bevins, Scott Corbin, Alex Miller, Tommy Nolan, and Taylor Edwards to all see a lot of action," he concluded.

"Our intention is to build our program to the point where we can compete effectively with anyone of NCAA University Division Status.**

Solomon believes that the best

way to do this is to beef up the schedule, to play the "big boys." And this is what he has done.

In addition to the Ohio Vailey Conference teams, some strong baseball teams will be visiting Murfreesboro this spring.

Union University, which beat NCAA runner-up Florida State, last season, Wayne State, Bradley University, Akron University and David Lipscomb will play in Murfreesboro, while MTSU will play Vanderbilt, Tampa, Florida A & M, Stetson and Eddie Stankey's University of South Alabama team on the road.

Fisher joins Raider staff

Dean Fisher, highly successful prep coach at Lafayette, Tenn., has joined the football staff at MTSU.

Fisher, 34, will coach the de-fensive ends. He will also work toward his doctorate in Sept-ember in MTSU's new Doctor of Arts program.

As head coach at Macon County High School, Fisher posted an impressive 59-29-2 record in eight years. His teams participated in three bowl games, and were the Region III Class AA champions twice gaining the state playoffs on both occasions.

Prior to his Macon County post, Fisher was an assistant coach at both Lebanon and Le-

noir City.

A 1955 graduate of White County High School in Sparta, Fisher attended the University of Tennessee for two years, then transferred to Middle Tennessee State. At MTSU, he played one full season of football (1959), but was injured in the opening game of the 1960 season, ending his career.

Fisher received his B. S. from MTSU in 1960, and earned his M. A. in 1961. He is married to the former Mary Lynn Sharpe, and they have two children, Chris, and lon 1.

"Dean was one of the finest high school coaches around, and we feel that he will be just as successful in college," stated Blue Raider head coach Bill Peck. "We are awfully glad to get him."

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Riley on ALL-OVC team With their second champion-ship of the 1970-71 school year the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers have taken a commanding

All but one of the OVC schools are represented in the 1970-71 All-OVC team that was selected by the head coaches. Western Kentucky placed three, Murray has two, and the others with the exception of East Tennessee have

The team is composed of six seniors, two juniors and two sophomores.

Jim McDaniels is the only senior who has been named to the allstar team each of his three varsity years.

Murray's Jimmy Young, Jim Day of Morehead, Jim Rose of Western and Ken Riley of Middle Tennessee have been chosen twice. Larry Noble of Austin Peay is the one senior who is not a repeater.

The top four scorers are on the team. McDaniels is the scoring leader with an average of 29.2 ppg and has the chance to boost this average in NCAA tournament

McDaniels also leads the league in rebounds (15.5) and field goal percent (54.2).

Eastern's George Bryant is the free throw leader with 85.3 and has the second best scoring average (24.7). Jim Day is second in rebounds (13.6), third in scor-

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ing (24.3) and third in shooting from the field (51.2)

Larry Noble is the fourth best scorer with an average of 19.3

Six of the stars are from Kentucky and two are Tennesseans.

Illinois and Indiana are the only other states represented.

Kentucky's All-Western American Jim McDaniels once again is the choice of the OVC coaches as the Player of the Year.

McDaniels won the honor last year and joins former Western Kentucky great, Clem Haskins, as a repeat winner.

Big Jim who led the OVC in scoring, shooting percent and rewas the unanimous

choice of the coaches. George Bryant, Eastern Kentucky's fine

guard, was runner-up.
Coach John Oldham whose
Western Kentucky team successfully defended the OVC title was selected as Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches.

Oldham was also accorded Coach of the Year honors last season and now has been chosen for the honor for the fourth time.

Oldham now has had six chamionship teams - 4 at Western and 2 at Tennessee Tech. In 16 years as a head coach he has won 260 and lost 123 for a .679 percentage.

His Hilltopper team will meet Jacksonville in the first round of the NCAA tourpament on March

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