

Dunn will back higher education restructure



State's man

Governor Winfield Dunn delivers his State of the State Address last Friday, before greeting members of the Tennessee Press Association convention in Nashville.

Bookstore official says thieves will be caught

"Students who sell stolen books to the university bookstore will most likely be apprehended," according to Earl Harris, bookstore official.

A total of five students were convicted of selling stolen books to the bookstore this past semester which is a marked increase in the number of apprehensions of book thieves, said Harris.

All of these illegal sales took place during the 'Buy-back' time following semester exams, he added.

Harris said they were all suspected of thievery after several students had identified their books on the shelves of the bookstore.

He said that the only way to apprehend book thieves is for students to come and look for their books when they think they have been stolen.

The best time to look for a stolen book is right after buy-back time before the book is resold, Harris said.

He suggested that students initial pages in their books so they may be properly identified if stolen.

After a book has been identified by its original owner, Harris traces the voucher number of the sales transaction to determine the name of the book seller.

He then fills out a special form and sends it and the voucher to

the Dean of Students office for investigation.

Assistant Dean of Students Paul Cantrell begins investigation with interviews of both the original owner and the suspected thief.

Cantrell said that in most cases when the suspect is presented with the implicating facts, he confesses.

The student is then given a choice of adjudication by Dean Cantrell, which automatically waives right of appeal, or the case may be routed through the university discipline committee.

This system contrasts with the procedure at the University of Tennessee which simply sends the student to the local police station for booking.

Civil action may be taken by the offended student at MTSU, also, if he desires.

Cantrell said that no such action had yet been taken although one case was almost taken to civil court when the thief refused restitution.

He pointed out that each case costs the university, and ultimately the student, a sizeable amount of money due to the paper work and time involved.

Cantrell said the offended student receives full value for the stolen book instead of what the thief receives when he sells it back to the bookstore.

By Mike West
Layout Editor

NASHVILLE - Gov. Winfield Dunn stated last Friday night during his State of the State address that he will propose to the General Assembly a new structure of the governing of higher education in Tennessee.

Dunn said that he will "strive to improve the educational process through the state minimum foundation programs and by meeting the needs of vocational, technical, special and higher education."

HE INDICATED that "the top priority item" in his administration's attempt to curb environmental damage will be legislation to control the damage that strip mining is doing in Tennessee.

"I will transmit to the General Assembly a surface mining bill which will give Tennessee the best law on this subject in the United States," stressed the governor.

The bill will provide for complete reclamation of strip mined acreage within one year. "To assure a proper reclamation program, each operator who obtains a mining permit will be required to post a cash or surety bond in an amount calculated to cover the entire cost of the reclamation program," said the state's chief executive.

DUNN STATED that he will also recommend the establishment of a "Housing Development Corporation" that will help provide "safe, decent and sanitary housing" in Tennessee.

He indicated that he will back a no-fault insurance program that will attempt to curb the spiraling cost of automobile insurance and guarantee the rapid payment of claims.

A HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM and a highway beautification program will also be recommended to the General Assembly.

Dunn indicated that it "will not be necessary to increase taxes during the coming fiscal year." He said that he will ask the legislature to keep the 1/2 per cent increase in the state sales tax that was authorized last year.

The governor stressed that Tennessee must participate in a revenue sharing program as proposed by President Richard Nixon.

"I HAVE PLACED major emphasis on a number of internal management improvements in order that our state government might operate more efficiently to insure that the citizens receive the maximum value in services for every tax dollar," he commented.

To help achieve this end, Dunn said, the Governor's study on cost control was established. The governor indicated that 41 per cent of the Jarman Commission's recommendations had been put into action.

His administration is now working to develop "a strong central management capability" in areas including printing, data processing, motor vehicle management and food service.

DUNN SAID that he will also propose the establishment of a Department of Transportation.

"Nothing is more important to us than the sound development and education of our children," commented the governor.

"It remains my goal," said Dunn to establish a state kindergarten program placed under the minimum foundation system with the program available to every child in the state during the next three years.

"I WILL, THEREFORE, recommend to the General Assembly this year an additional appropriation of at least \$2 million dollars for early childhood education," he continued.

Another area of concern, pointed out the governor, is the quality of rehabilitative services that are provided by several state institutions, departments and special schools for Tennesseans that are lawbreakers, mentally or physically deficient or are addicted to drugs or alcohol.

"I intend to recommend funds for improvements to the main prison in Nashville and to initiate, again with the help of federal funds, a system of facilities which will relieve our overcrowded state institutions and which will, in the near future, give much-needed relief to the jails and detention quarters of local jurisdictions," stated Dunn.

PLANS ARE being made to provide better aid for the mentally ill and retarded by increasing emphasis on community programs and by upgrading state mental institutions toward accreditation.

Higher education panel schedules hearings on tuition, fee changes

By Ron Patton
News Editor

basic hourly charge in community colleges; and a \$5 administrative fee per quarter for every student to cover the cost of maintaining records and other administrative services.

Suggested rates are \$4.50 per quarter-hour for community college students, \$7 per quarter-hour for university undergraduates, \$11 per quarter-hour for university graduates and the \$5 administrative fee for all students.

State universities operating on a semester calendar would have an additional one-third of the hourly fee added to the quarter-hour price.

"Such a proposal as this would lessen the burden on part-time students, creating a more equitable distribution of educational costs," according to Ken Barber, a THEC official.

From the proposed change, four and one-half million dollars is anticipated annually in extra revenue, Barber added.

Also recommended in the proposal is an increase in out-of-state tuition to \$720 from the current \$600-\$615 per academic year. The commission proposes that out-of-state tuition be increased gradually until non-resident students are paying in tuition and fees, as much as the state appropriation per student, now about \$1,150 annually.

"Increases in charges for out-of-state students will result in termination of state subsidies for non-residents," according to Barber.

Increases in out-of-state tuition has caused concern among educators, with some fearing that increases will decrease out-of-state enrollment and offset any additional revenue that might be realized.

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National survey

Job hunting may not be hard

By Carol Norville
Feature Editor

MTSU's 1972 graduates, as well as graduates from all over the nation, may not have as hard a time as they expected in finding a job, according to a survey done by Frank Endicott at Northwestern University.

As stated in "U. S. News and World Report," "There appears to be a probable increase in the employment of graduates with the bachelor's degrees of approximately 11 per cent for 1972. At the master's level a very small decrease of three per cent was reported."

Endicott's survey, involving 185 business and industrial firms, was received during a period when many business leaders were concerned and uncertain about 1972. Endicott said, "The wage-price freeze had been recently imposed and guidelines for the post-freeze period had not yet been fully developed."

"Nevertheless," Endicott added, "it is important to note

that more than half of the companies predicted for 1972 a better business year than 1971 and only 11 per cent indicated that business in 1972 would not be as good."

According to a survey done in December, 1971, by the College Placement Council, there is an anticipated five per cent increase in hiring over last year for all degree levels. At the bachelor's level there is an anticipated nine per cent increase. This national survey indicates that the greatest gain in hiring for bachelor's degrees is expected in engineering and business.

The survey results further indicated that recruiting activity on campuses may not increase proportionately with the hiring. The first reason stated was the higher acceptance rate from those graduates already offered jobs.

Second, there are a large number of mail-in and walk-in applications and the need for recruitment activity is not so great. Third, referrals are made from other sources such as alumni.

Another national survey done by the College Placement Council

regarding the actual hiring done in the fall semester stated that the number of job offers dropped 14 per cent from last January. These losses were greatest in the technical fields. However, the accounting field showed an increase in the number of job offers this year.

For the 1972 MTSU graduates, depending on the field in which they are entering, the job outlook may not be so bad according to these surveys.

Martha Turner, placement officer, stated that out of 305 January graduates with bachelor's degrees, only 135 are registered with the placement office. Of the 135 graduates, 22 have accepted jobs in business and government.

Teaching positions have been accepted by 13, with 9 of these in Tennessee. There are still 40 graduates who responded to the survey seeking employment, 25 of which are women.

"There are a few graduates who have taken temporary jobs, and some of these students can be considered underemployed," stated Ms. Turner. She cited one example of an elementary education major who took a bookkeeping job because she could not find other employment.

MTSU receives audio board

The audio board used to make some of the first commercial recordings in Nashville has been given to MTSU according to Gary Brooks; head of the division of broadcasting.

To be used in making recordings on campus, the board con-

trols the volume and tone of the sounds being recorded.

Johnny Rosen, owner of Fanta Sound, donated the recording equipment which was built by WSM in 1924 or 1925. Since it was built the equipment has belonged to Castile studio and Columbia recording studio.

Scores of country recording artists have recorded on the board including Red Foley, Hank Williams, Ray Anthony, Andrew Herman, and Francis Craig.

Brooks stated that the equipment has not been used in several years but seems to be in good condition. Spare parts might be difficult to find but can be made, said the broadcaster.

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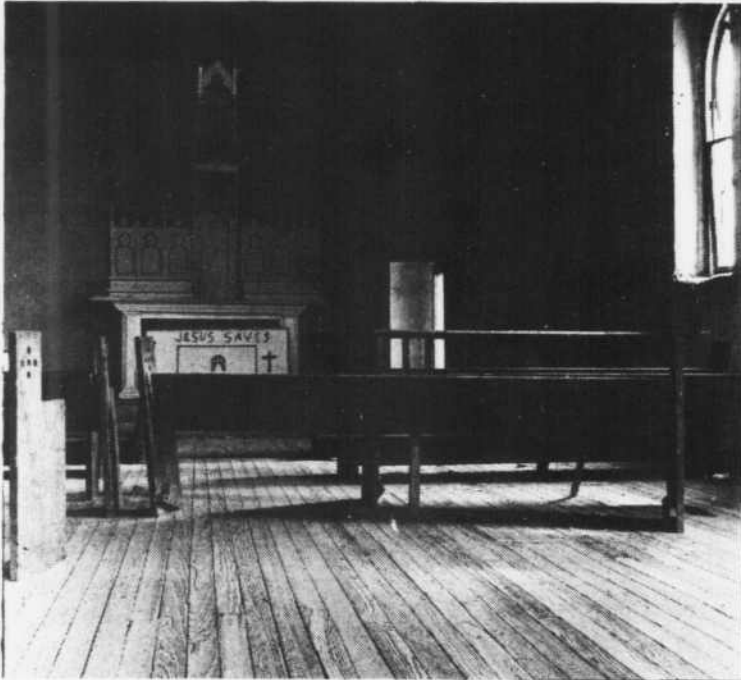
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Hopkins' photo exhibit features Southwest



Ghost church

Photographed near Big Bend National Park, a church in the ghost town of Terlinqua may be viewed January 30 through February 11.

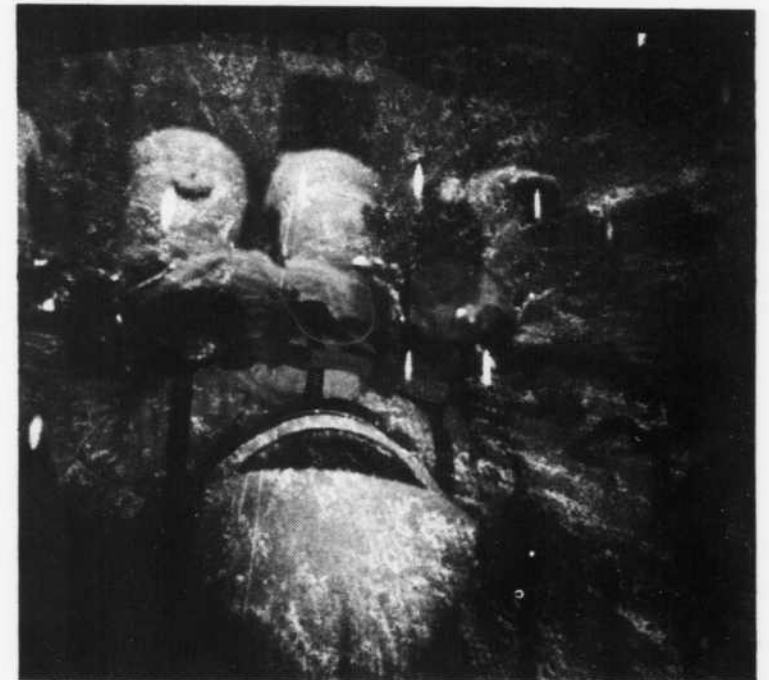
By Ron Patton
News Editor

Photographs compiled by Diane Hopkins portraying scenes of the Southwest are to go on exhibit January 30 through February 11 in the university photographic gallery.

Shot in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, a majority of the photographs focus on Big Bend National Park, located on the Texas-Mexico border in the southwest part of the state.

Additionally presented in the exhibition is the ghost towns of Terlinqua and Cinnebar which, according to photography instructor Harold Baldwin, has been presented in "a straight forward approach using the dominate elements of form and texture."

The remainder of the show is Interstate 30 shot with high contrast film and also a couple of collages which give additional interest, adds Baldwin.



'In space'

'In Space', photographed in Houston, Texas, will be shown in the university photo gallery.

Prytula, Bridges conduct albino rat experiments

Research findings of two MTSU professors recently appeared in the first quarter 1972 issue of the "Psychology Reports." Research on albino rats titled, "Partial Reinforcement Effect Under Odor Control," was conducted by Robert E. Prytula and Cecil C. Bridges of the psychology department, graduate student H. R. Anderson and former student Larry C. Hayes.

"The thing we did that was a little different was to show that some of the partial reinforcement effect can be accounted for in terms of an odor left by the preceding animal," said Prytula.

"Odor is a stimulus that no one has paid attention to in this type of research," he said.

The partial reinforcement effect persists longest in behavior on a human level, Prytula said. The slot machine habitue is an illustration.

"For animals and mammals, much of behavior is guided by pheromones, chemical communicators that elicit highly specific behavior," explained Bridges.

"This research indicates a frustrated rat can mark a spot and another rat can read the cue," he said.

"The rat's nose is one-sixteenth inch off the floor and the olfactory lobe accounts for a major portion of the brain. The animal has poor vision," said Prytula.

"We've known that rats follow an odor trail to food, and avoid poison the same way. If a rat gets a sub-lethal dose, he will mark the poison with an odor which the next rat will use to avoid the poison," he said.

"We do not know if there is one or two types of odors. There appears to be only one, the 'non-reward' odor. There doesn't seem to be any 'reward' odor," Prytula said.

College journalists to hold seminar

John Seigenthaler, editor of the "Nashville Tennessean," will open the Tennessee Collegiate Press Association's winter workshop on the UT Knoxville campus with his speech tonight at 7:45.

Participating collegiate journalists will study advertising, news content, sports writing, newspaper layout, editorial writing and photography. Over 120 students from 16 schools will attend the workshop.

Participating SIDELINES personnel include: Monica Cox, Murfreesboro senior; Chuck Snyder, president emeritus of TCPA; Mike West, Murfreesboro junior; Jim Leonhirth, Murfreesboro senior; Dennis Frobish, Topeka, Kan., senior; Dennis Deathridge, Gallatin sophomore; Ron Patton, Dayton graduate student; Diane Johnson, Oak Ridge senior; Dennis Phillips, Nashville junior;

Debbie Polk, Nashville junior; Julia Little, Nashville junior, and Becky Freeman, Nashville senior.

Attending "Collage" personnel are: Lucy Sikes, Murfreesboro sophomore; Dave Miller, Nashville sophomore; Teena Andrews, Cleveland senior; Bill Bennett, Belvidere junior and Janice Dobbins, Columbia junior.

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SIDELINES staff

Editor, business manager restructure positions

The SIDELINES has reorganized staff positions, according to Rebecca Freeman, editor-in-chief for the spring semester. Ms. Freeman indicated that the reorganization has enlarged both the editorial and business staffs of the publication to more thoroughly meet the demands of its increasing size.

Managing editor for the spring semester will be Diane Johnson, Oak Ridge senior. Ms. Johnson has served as managing editor of the SIDELINES for fall, 1971, semester, and as editor-in-chief of the Cumberland Collegian at Cumberland College.

Serving as layout editor for the spring semester will be Mike West. West in his new position will be responsible for the graphic presentation of each issue of the SIDELINES. He has held the positions of news co-ordinator and managing edit-

or, according to Ms. Freeman. Shannon Trolinger will work as assistant layout editor. Ms. Trolinger served as a reporter this summer on the "Waverly Democrat". During the fall semester Ms. Trolinger was a special reporter for the SIDELINES.

Ron Patton, Dayton, Tenn. graduate student, is serving as news co-ordinator. Patton served as editor of the Waverly, Tenn. "News-Sentinel" during the fall semester.

Sandra Wheeler, Gallatin, Tenn. sophomore, will take over the post of assistant news editor. Ms. Wheeler has been a reporter for the SIDELINES.

Dennis Frobish, Murfreesboro senior, will work as copy editor for the Tuesday edition. Frobish was copy editor during the fall semester. He also writes an editorial column, "Dennis Who?", Ms. Freeman added.

David Burger, Smithville senior, will copy-edit the Friday editions of the SIDELINES. The editor is a German and English major and has served on the news staff for the past two semesters.

Wally Sudduth will resume his duties this semester as sports editor. Avery Smith and Doug Williams will continue as assistant sports editors, the editor-in-chief continued.

Carol Norville, Bells, Tenn. senior, will maintain the position of feature editor. The English major has held the position during the fall semester. Murfreesboro senior, Peggy Smith, will be the assistant feature editor, Ms. Freeman further indicated.

Dennis Phillips, returning business manager for the SIDELINES, announced that Shelia Massey, Lebanon junior, Roger Murray, Tullahoma junior and Debbie Polk, Nashville junior,

will serve as advertising managers. Ms. Polk served in the position last semester. Ms. Massey was in charge of the SIDELINES morgue last semester. Murray has previously served as assistant news editor and has worked in advertising on the "Tullahoma News".

Sales co-ordinator will be Dan Townes, Shelbyville freshman, according to Phillips. Nashville junior Buzz Rader will assume the classified manager's position.

The business manager indicated that Dennis Deathridge, Gallatin freshman, will continue as office manager. David Sims, Nashville freshman, will be circulation manager, Phillips concluded.

Ms. Anne W. Nunamaker serves as faculty adviser to the SIDELINES. Glenn Himebaugh is production supervisor.

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Pianist to stage concert

Loren Withers, head of piano instruction at Duke University, will present works of Liszt, Brahms, Chopin and Mussorbsky in a concert Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. He will also conduct a master-class Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. in the choral hall.

Withers has been a member of

the faculty at Duke University since 1959. Previously he studied at the University of Kansas and New York University. After World War II, he was a scholarship student at the Julliard School of Music.

The pianist is a performer as well as teacher. He has given solo recitals, concerto performances with symphonies, chamber music recitals, and has conducted workshops for piano teachers in several states. Withers holds two patents on a piano teaching aid which will be introduced in the near future.

Withers, the newly elected national chairman of the Music

Teachers National Association Piano Section, was selected as MTNA's "Teacher of the Year" in 1965.

During the past several seasons Withers has collaborated with violinist Giorgio Giompi in the Giompi-Withers Duo. Together they have performed most of the standard violin-piano repertoire, including performances of the ten sonatas by Beethoven.

Among the places he will play recitals during the current season are Cincinnati, Kansas City, New Orleans, Tampa, Albany, N. Y., Norfolk, Va., and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

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MTSU junior drops charges in assault and battery case

Charges of assault and battery by Sale Creek junior Linda Bolton against a 68-year-old Murfreesboro resident, Ms. Martha Scurlock, 721 N. Maple, were dropped yesterday in sessions court.

Ms. Bolton, who stated she had been an employee of Central State Mental Hospital for two years, refused to carry the case into higher court when Ms. Scurlock entered a plea of not guilty.

Ms. Bolton told sessions Court Judge James Buckner, "I do not want Mrs. Scurlock tried as a criminal. I am only concerned about her safety and the safety of residents in the apartment after Mrs. Scurlock's bizarre behavior."

According to testimony given by Ms. Bolton, the incident occurred Monday at 10:40 p.m. when she and her roommate, Marsha Keen, a Chattanooga senior, ac-

companied by two other girls returned from visiting neighbors.

Ms. Scurlock stated she was upset with them for having the girls there but denied charges of hitting Ms. Bolton, adding "I didn't strike the girl. I only tried to catch a bottle which was about to fall." Ms. Bolton had claimed that she was attacked with a bottle.

Ms. Bolton countered the landlady's statements by saying, "She hit me several times and reached for a bottle. 'She said she was going to get a gun,' the student further stated, explaining that after the threat she went for the police.

The elderly Ms. Scurlock lives with her invalid daughter at the Maple St. residence which is divided into three apartments, two occupied by students.

Ms. Bolton and her roommate vacated the apartment Wednesday.

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Bill fails to halt mining

Governor Winfield Dunn, Friday, announced the anticipated proposals by his administration to counteract strip mining in Tennessee. He termed the legislation "the top priority item" in his efforts to halt environmental damage.

The Governor's recognition of the strip mining problem in the state is commendable. His bill will increase the enforcement of the existing legislation and the rapid reclamation of land damaged by strip mining.

The Governor's proposal includes the reclamation of land including the regrading of land damaged by the technique to restore it to an approximation of its original condition. He also asked that the strip miners replant land whose vegetation had been destroyed by the operation.

The Governor, nevertheless, has not gone far enough in his proposals. The legislation does not insure that once the damaged land has been replanted, the miners will continue its cultivation.

The most serious flaw in the legislation is that it does not insure the elimination of the mining technique. To reduce the profit resulting from the procedure does not automatically serve to alleviate it.

Regardless of the proposal's merits, it faces strict opposition during the coming legislative session from lobbyists for the miners and the interests of some state legislators in strip mining concerns.

The Governor should reexamine his own proposal to determine if a half-hearted attempt is worth the effort.

National Perspective

Nixon faces dual issues

President Nixon has apparently become a disciple of Keynesian economics as he preaches the merits of deficit spending with his new budget proposals.

He released the budget prior to his announcement of his peace plan, hoping perhaps that the reaction to each would offset the other. These two areas hold for the President his major worries for re-election.

The war issue still being pursued by the President's opponents may be diffused if Nixon can pull out some type of settlement or pull out prior to November. His opponents can certainly do little to stop the success of such a gambit.

Joy over the return of the prisoners might ruffle queries of why the deal could not have been made prior to the election year. The North Vietnamese have issued a less than enthusiastic response to the peace plan but the President can always contend that he gave it a try.

The President in his State of the Union address called for statesmanship above partisanship and in his address Tuesday night called for unified support for his actions.

The President could have given the same act of good faith that President Johnson did when he announced the beginnings of the Paris peace talks; he could have announced that he was not a candidate for re-election.

This sounds, of course, like

By Jim Leonhirth

pure fantasy but it might have established the President as truly a great American statesman rather than a great American politician. Free from political restraints, the President might perform in the Moscow and Peking negotiations with a much greater degree of national unity and support.

There remains however, the aforementioned problem of the economy and the unbalanced budget. Chief among economic desires of Nixon are a reduction of inflation, welfare reform and the implementation of a revenue-sharing program.

Union leaders have no great love for the President and many laborers join them in this sentiment especially with some transactions of the President's price and pay boards.

Whether or not the President can overcome his economic difficulties is not yet clear, but the prospects now appear pretty bleak. As several presidents before him, all his international endeavors may come to nil if the domestic environment is stormy and the storms are economic.

The President could do well to engage in fantasy and not only gain a peace in Indochina but also a granite tribute atop Mt. Rushmore. Nixon's call for statesmanship should begin with his own conduct.

Dennis Who?

Future stays Presidential secret

What's this world coming to?

Shh. It's a secret that only Dick Nixon and Henry Kissinger know. Or at least it seems that way.

Tuesday night the President announced that secret meetings concerning peace in South East Asia have been held in Paris for the last 30 months. He said it is his judgement "that the purposes of peace will best be served by bringing out publicly the proposals we have been making in private."

The peace proposals he read in his statement are ones that many people in this country have been calling for years. Had they been made public years ago it is possible that we would be out of Viet Nam today.

He indicated that by making public now the proposals he CLAIMS had been made in private

By Dennis Frobish

months ago, North Viet Nam may be forced to make peace.

The question that must inevitably arise is this: Why wouldn't this line of action have worked two or three years ago? Why couldn't he have made the same proposals three years ago that he made Tuesday night?

The answer may have nothing to do with peace; the answer may be found in the fact that 1972 is an election year for Richard Nixon.

If secret negotiations have been in progress as we have been told, the President may have only stiffened North Vietnamese resistance by publicly disclosing them. They may become more recalcitrant because President Nixon violated the trust.

In his speech the President for the first time admitted that

the presidential elections in South Viet Nam were a farce. He didn't, of course, say that, but by admitting that elections not controlled by President Thieu were necessary, he implied that the previous one was unfair and undemocratic.

The American people have been lied to so much and so often that they are no longer sure what or whom to believe. It will be hard for many people to believe that the statement Tuesday night is complete and honest.

How do we know what clandestine activities are taking place right now? There is, of course, no way for us to know.

What we can do, however, is make a conscientious effort to put honest men in office. But who are the honest men in America today?

Shh. That's a secret, too.

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Raiders lose two on road to Kentucky OVC rivals

MTSU's Blue Raiders returned from the OVC's "Valley of Death"—firm believers in the old adage, "it's tough on the road".

Back-to-back road losses to Eastern Kentucky and Morehead dropped the Raider record to 8-4 with a 2-2 conference worksheet.

After an 85-53 mauling by conference co-leader Eastern on Saturday night, the Big Blue were thwarted by Morehead's sophomore-laden Eagles by a single point, 64-63.

"It's hard to believe it was the same team both nights," stated Head Coach Jimmy Earle,

By Wally Sudduth

"the Eastern game was a total disaster, one of those games you hope will never happen to you, but if you stay in coaching long enough, it's going to sometime."

Even though we didn't win, we played so much better at Morehead that I am very encouraged," noted Earle.

Eastern hit 61.1 per cent from the field, mostly accounted for by 24 lay-ups, and 88.2 per cent from the charity stripe as they demolished the Raiders. Daryl Dunagan with 22 points and 11 rebounds led a host of double figure Colonels.

Dan Argabright followed with 18 markers and three players, Billy Burton, Charlie Mitchell and Charlie Brunker, netted 13 points. The Raiders had only one man in double digits, Herman Sykes with 10.

The Morehead game saw the aggressive Raiders battle back from an eight point deficit to tie at 27-all at the half, and

actually take a 31-30 lead early in the second session.

Never able to take a substantial lead, the Blue saw floor mistakes and a pair of fast break baskets by the Eagles put the Raiders nine in the hole well past the mid-point of the second half.

An aggressive press and clutch baskets by Sykes, Chester Brown and Jim Drew enabled the Raiders to draw within one point. A missed lay-up and a disputed foul on the ensuing trip down the floor which drew a technical appeared to, once again, put the Raiders out of reach.

This was not the case, however, as the persistent Blue kept the pressure on until the final seconds when a Howard Wallen free throw put the icing on the Eagle cake. Mason Bonner scored for the Raiders at the buzzer to account for the final score.

Brown, who had his best offensive night of the season, pumped in 23 points followed by Sykes with 17. Eugene Lyons led the balanced Morehead attack with 18 points. Wallen with 14 and Leonard Coulter with 13 were the other big Eagle guns.



Ball hawks

Blue Raiders, Mason Bonner and Jim Drew glance down the court during their 77-57 defeat of UT Martin. Drew led the Blue's scoring effort with a total of 21 points.

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Blue gains overtime win

Herm "The Worm" Sykes returned to the Raider lineup late in the second half, after nursing an ankle injury for 15 minutes, to pour in six counters, the last an 18-footer which gave the Big Blue a 57-57 tie with two seconds remaining in regulation time, en route to a 65-63 overtime win over the visiting UT Chattanooga Mocs.

Reserve forward Nick Prater, playing for foul-plagued Terry Johnson, canned five clutch points in the extra session to ice the

Raider win and run their record to 9-4 for the season.

Sykes led all Blue scorers with 18 points followed by Prater and Jim Drew with 14 each. Big Chester Brown claimed 16 caroms for the Raiders to go with the 11 collected by Johnson before he retired with five fouls.

Ernest Taylor pumped in 16 points and snatched 13 rebounds to lead the Mocs in both departments. Walter McGary had 15 and Doug Hale 10 to round out the visitors scoring.

In the nip-and-tuck contest which saw neither team able to gain over a five point margin, the Raiders got much needed help from the bench as Sykes, the

leading Blue point getter, was sidelined for almost 1/3 of the game and then Johnson and Drew were disqualified via the personal foul route.

Besides Prater's offensive outburst, reserve backcourt man, Larry Rainey, contributed heavily to the constant Raider defensive pressure maintained throughout the game which resulted in 29 Moc turnovers.

"Any time you win with your leading scorer on the bench for 15 minutes, you are getting a tremendous effort," observed an obviously relieved and emotionally drained Coach Jimmy Earle after the physical contest.

"All I can think of now is, we won," smiled the tired but happy head mentor.



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Blue leads momentarily

MTSU's irreverent Raiders leaped into the OVC cage wars with gusto and came away with a pair of wins over East Tennessee and arch-rival Tennessee Tech to put them temporarily atop the conference with a spotless 2-0 conference record.

Unanimously picked to finish last by the league's coaches, the scrappy Raiders "are playing on pride, and have something to prove," according to Coach Jimmy Earle.

The underdog Raiders knocked off ETSU's Bucs 74-68 on Saturday night, Jan. 15, and then did in Tech, previous winner over Western, by a 66-55 count on Monday, Jan. 17.

The Big Blue used double figure scoring by Jim Drew (19), Herm Sykes (18), and Chester Brown (15) to offset the Bucs prolific guard duo of Henry White and Tommy Martin. White notched 18 points to lead Buc scorers followed by Martin with 14.

After jumping to an 8-1 lead, the Raiders were overtaken, and ETSU took a 26-22 lead with 7:20 remaining in the first half. A Drew basket and three consecutive Sykes free throws gave the Raiders back a lead they never relinquished.

The Raiders threatened to make the game a runaway as defensive standout and floor leader, Mason Bonner, forced backcourt turnovers which the Raiders converted into a 54-39 margin.

The Bucs continued to make the game struggle and cut the

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imposing Raider lead to five, but with only 15 seconds remaining, Sykes iced the victory with charity tosses.

Raider pressure defense was once again instrumental in the victory as the Bucs were forced into 21 floor mistakes, a statistic made even more important since the Blue were outshot from both the field and the charity stripe 51.2 to 44.6 percent from the floor and 82.8 to 66.7 percent at the line.

In a game of similar coaching philosophies (defense) and physical match-ups, the Raiders used the individual offensive brilliance of senior guard Herm Sykes, who collected 29 tallies, and an overall team defensive effort spearheaded by sophomore floor leader Bonner to overhaul the Eagles.

The contest saw the lead change hands nine times and the score tied six times in a nip-and-tuck

battle which was not decided until the last two minutes. Sykes then took complete charge by bucketing nine of the eleven Raider points during this span, seven of eight free throws and a last second field goal.

Raider defensive pressure forced Tech into 28 floor mistakes as compared to a season high 22 for the Blue. The highly touted guard duo of Al Lewis and Wayne Pack were held to a combined total of 10 points by the inspired efforts of Sykes and Bonner.

Both teams shot well with the Raiders holding the edge (52.2 to 46 percent) from the floor and Tech's shading the Blue from the charity stripe (64.3 to 62.1 percent).

Raiders roll UT Martin's Pacers

MTSU's Raiders gained an ample measure of revenge here Jan. 20 as they manhandled the UT Martin Pacers 77-57 to make up for an earlier one point road loss.

The Big Blue jumped to a 10-3 lead and were never seriously threatened as they blew out to a 38-25 halftime edge.

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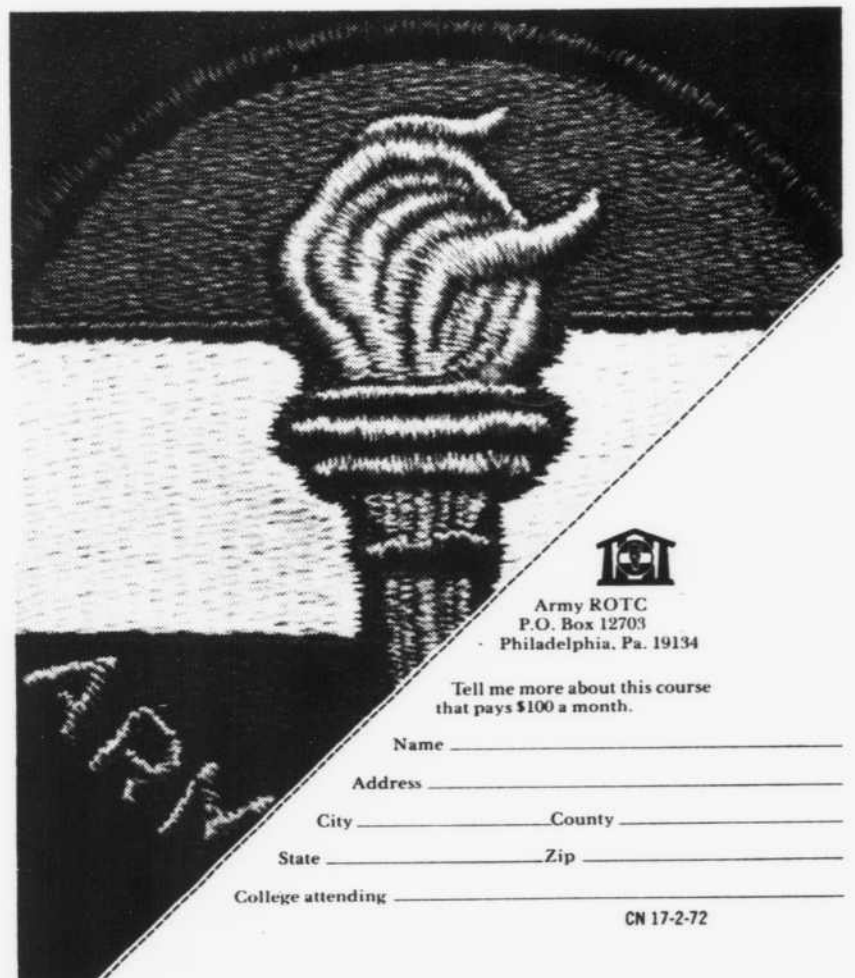
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