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ASB Constitution *Hall denies 'plot'*

Peter Hall, speaker of the senate, said yesterday he did not participate in a "conspiracy" to maneuver the proposed ASB Constitution in an effort to make political gain.

The alleged conspiracy centered on a proposal which would have changed the grade point requirement for ASB presidential candidates from 2.3 to 2.5. This change would have eliminated the present ASB President, John Jackson, as a potential candidate.

This proposal was originally introduced in the ASB House by Bill Bennett. Hall said he did not actively support Bennett's proposal.

Hall said personally he was divided on Bennett's proposal.

"In some respects I was for the proposal," because it would tend to raise the

academic requirements for the top three ASB officials, he said. Currently, these requirements are lower than those of other large universities.

Hall said the proposal also had its negative points, because it "could tend to eliminate good people" from the ranks of potential ASB candidates.

The proposal was never introduced to the Senate, he said.

"If I had really wanted it passed," said Hall, "I would have done something there."

On March 6 during a joint meeting of the House and Senate, the proposal was rejected.

When questioned about the proposed constitution, Hall said that he felt that the revision was a good one. "I endorse it," he said.

'Congress' passes new constitution

A joint session of the house and senate passed the ASB constitution March 6, making only a few changes in the overall format of the proposed constitution.

The student body will vote on the proposed constitution Wednesday, March 28. Two thirds of the voting participants will be required for the constitution to be accepted.

The changes made by the ASB Congress included voting down a section of the proposed constitution which would raise the grade point average for ASB President and the House and Senate Speakers from 2.3 to 2.5.

The congress also changed the senate composition from four to five senators from each undergraduate class. They eliminated the senators-at-large positions.

The latest ASB constitution has several provisions which are not present in the existing constitution.

These provisions include insuring equal citizenship rights for all students, eliminating the speaker pro tem positions in the ASB house and senate, and limiting the number of the inferior courts that can be created to handle student judicial affairs.

The provisions would also include creating a general sessions court to handle cases assigned it by the routing committee and appellate jurisdiction over appeals from the intra-dormitory councils, including the traffic court, in the constitution and changing the constitutional amendment procedure requiring 500 rather than 150 students to sign petitions proposing an amendment.

This issue of the SIDELINES is a special edition primarily concerned with March 28's constitutional referendum. The next regular edition will be published Friday.

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Firman Cunningham dies

Services were held yesterday for Firman Cunningham, dean of the school of business and economics, who died Saturday in Rutherford Hospital after a heart attack. Cunningham, a native of Warren County, Tenn., was 53.

He came to MTSU in 1952 as a professor of economics. He was previously a member of the faculty at Bluefield State College, Bluefield, W. Va. Cunningham received his bachelor of science degree from MTSU, his master of science degree from Uni-

versity of Tennessee and his doctor of philosophy from Vanderbilt University.

He taught in the Warren County school system from 1939 to 1942 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was also consultant to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Cunningham was affiliated with the American Management Association and the American Economics Association. He was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

Survivors include his

wife, Loraine Jones Cunningham; his father, James F. Cunningham, Woodbury, Tenn.; two sons, Wayne, Lake Geneva, Wis., and Paul Cunningham, Prattville, Ala.; two brothers, James C., Murfreesboro, and Billy H. Cunningham, Hendersonville, and four grandchildren.

**Von Lazar to talk
on socialist Chile
Thursday in UC**

Author and associate professor of international politics at Tufts University, Arpad von Lazar, will speak on Socialist Chile Thursday, March 22, in the University Center Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Von Lazar, a native of Hungary, received his Ph.D. in political science at the University of North Carolina and taught at Vanderbilt University before accepting his present position at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Author of several books, von Lazar is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Latin American Studies Association, executive committee member of the Northeast Council for Latin American studies and a consultant/expert with governmental and private international agencies.

The lecture is sponsored by the Ideas & Issues Committee.

Extended illness claims M.G. Scarlett's mother

Funeral services for Mossie Scarlett, 86, mother of MTSU President M.G. Scarlett, were held Saturday in Reading, Pa.

Scarlett, the former Mossie Ritzman, died March 14 following a long illness. She was a member of the United Church of Christ, the Post Office

Auxiliary, the Christian Women's Club and the Senior Citizens Club.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence A. Scarlett; two sons, M.G. and John Scarlett; a sister Essie Ritzman, and six grandchildren, Jon, David, Nancy, Holly, Randy and Sean Scarlett.

SIDELINES positions open

Editor-in-chief and business manager of **SIDELINES** for the summer term will be selected at a meeting Thursday, March 22, of the Interim Board of Publications, chairman Edward Kimbrell announced today.

The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in room 100 of the

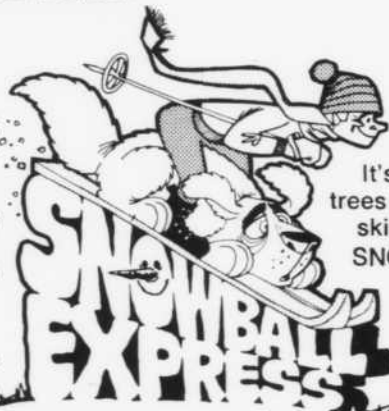
Memorial Gymnasium.

Written applications for both posts are to be submitted to Glenn Himebaugh, **SIDELINES** sponsor, no later than Wednesday, March 21, Kimbrell said. They should include a summary of journalism courses taken, practical experience and other pertinent details.

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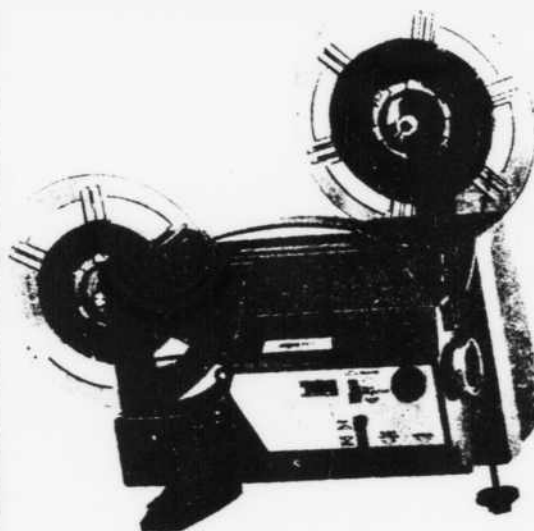
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Jackson comments on 'mish-mash'

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the front page article entitled "News Analysis" in the March 6 issue of **SIDELINES**. I can appreciate Mike West's attempt to bring to light and explain a growingly confused situation revolving around the debate for a new ASB Constitution. Mike, I believe, apparently was mislead, however, somewhere along the line of his investigation of the petty political "mish mash."

In the first place, strangely enough, I have never personally been asked by anyone involved whether I would be a candidate in the new election; perhaps if I had, this whole situation could have been totally avoided. Secondly, and equally as important, Peter Hall, as far as I know, has never "publicly" advocated the passage of the troublesome "2.5 amendment." That is not

to say, of course, that he might not have promulgated the amendment in private circles (perhaps Mike got his information here). In any event, no public announcement of advocacy was made.

Letter

I can think of nothing more damaging, save perhaps contested elections, to the ASB than these insane small-time inter-political squabbles in which ASB seems to find itself occasionally. In this particular case, it involved potential candidates whose supporters attempted maneuvers to out-finesse the "other side." All becomes quite ridiculous after a while and now it will probably just lead to a lot of emotional accusations of guilt and name calling. Strangely enough, Peter Hall and myself

are, were, and always will be quite good friends and both find it all very distasteful and childish. To be sure, we have found that everyone holds us ultimately responsible for the actions and the words of our own supporters, whether or not we are aware of said actions and words; good or bad, that's the way it is.

For our part, we find that the situation was overplayed and somewhat distorted by all. Perhaps this was the fault of those who were questioned rather than that of Mike West.

On behalf of the Associated Student Body, I, as it's president,

hope we have learned from this unfortunate experience that we should hesitate when the tendency is to jump to rash conclusions, that there is a great deal more to do than allow petty politics to invade our effort to provide a working ASB and finally that it is essential that we all cooperate in our efforts to work as a team and make MTSU a better university for its students.

John Jackson (in conjunction with Peter Hall)
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Nixon offers some solutions to fiscal matters

By Ray Notgrass

One of my teachers says that his knowledge of money is strictly academic: his only knowledge of it is what he has read in books. I feel much the same way when I pretend to speak on fiscal matters, but ignorance has never impeded liberals from speaking out, so here goes.

After four years of Nixonomics, and over a year of Phases I, II and now III, the economic policy of this administration can be said to have succeeded--sort of.

The rate of inflation has been slowed from what it was in the early Nixon years, but it is still significant. Now we hear that food prices rose in January at a faster rate than any since the Korean War. Those who should know say we should expect more increases in the future.

On the Other Hand

It is my opinion that farmers have always had it rough. If they work hard in the American tradition, the market is flooded with food and prices go down. If they try to limit production to bring prices up, they are criticized for trying to control what goes on America's tables.

This year, farmers have been hit by heavy, damaging rains that ruined many crops. Cattle were killed in the bitter cold. And several bushels were sold to the Russians, which not only provided a windfall for grain speculators, but took away much

of what could conceivably have been used in this country. The effect of this has been to raise prices.

Add to this the fact that unemployment's been reduced--sort of; the dollar is in bad shape on world markets; buying power of the dollar has not kept pace with the cost of living; and several big union contracts are up for renewal or renegotiation this year. It all portends a sticky situation.

One question that needs to be asked is to what extent policies of the Nixon administration affect the economic situation. After all, Nixon has been blamed for everything from Watergate to the Johnstown flood. Deficit spending, called full-employment budget or whatever, hurts the nation's economy, because there is no way for the government to keep its house in order. The "voluntary" nature of Phase III will hurt, because private enterprise, being what it is, is trying to make a buck, and will make two when it can.

Income tax? Try this: no personal deductions, a reasonable dependent deduction, then tax all else at a fixed rate. The exact rates needed would have to be figured out to meet the needs of the government.

The present system at least ought to be worked over closely to close some big loopholes. The problem is, however, that there are not that many rich people to milk. The middle class will always provide the bulk of income tax revenue.

What can be done? I really don't have an answer. Food prices go up, but farmers are not rich: it gets lost somewhere in between. Labor gripes about inflation, then asks for inflationary wage hikes. Management also wants more money. These are just some of the complexities in our nation's economy. I would say, first, blame Nixon, but not completely; second, we need to reverse some priorities in this country.

Europe's Focus

New talent does exist

By David Percy

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In a time when new bands are a dime-a-dozen, it is a refreshing change to find that true talent still exists. Case in point is Focus, a new band from Europe that I predict will stand the music world on its ear.

Don't make the mistake of labeling them a rock band, for they are above mere rock and roll. Comprised of Thijs van Leer, Jan Akkerman, Cyriel Havermans and Pierre Van der Linden, Focus is currently riding on the success of their single, "Hocus Pocus", which is included on the album. While this cut is a bit of a rocker, it is just different enough to not fall into the rock category.

While all the music on the "A" side of the album is pleasant to listen to, the real treat is side two. This side contains a 22 minute, seven part musical masterpiece entitled "Eruption."

Review

If I were a music professor, I would explain the true beauty of this piece better, but some things are better appreciated being listened to than talked about. Grab this album if you truly like good music.

Whether your taste is rock, classical or whatever, most anyone could find something in this record. This review is especially dedicated and recommended to the music professors at MTSU from Duke to Smith. This one is a must.

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McClure improves, establishes two records

All-American triple jumper Barry McClure continued to better his performance by leaping 54-1 3/4 at the NCAA Indoor Championships March 9.

McClure's mark in the meet enabled him to establish two records: he is the first collegian to jump over 54 feet indoors, and he is also the first to successfully defend his indoor championship in the triple jump.

In the same event, Tommy Haynes tripled to a distance of 51-11 3/4 for a fourth place finish.

Those two places netted the Blue Raiders eight points and a tie for eighth place with four other teams.

Blue Raider netters extended their record to 3-0 with another 9-0 win over Marshall and a 6-3 victory over Indiana State.

The Blue Raider baseball team returned from their Florida trip with a 2-6 record, winning the first and last games on the trip.

The Raiders won the first game against Florida International, 5-4. Jack Laverty was the winning pitcher, but he had to have relief help including Gary Melson who ended the game with a strikeout with the winning run on second

base. Tommy Owens tripled in the two winning runs in the eighth inning.

FIU evened the score with the Blue as they won the next game 11-8. Melson was credited with the loss.

The next three games were with Miami and the Raiders dropped all three, 11-7, 8-0, and 6-3. Respectively, losing pitchers were Gary Matthews, Laverty and Melson.

Two more losses followed, one to Auburn 13-4 and one to Jacksonville 11-9. Matthews and Bill Ramage were saddled with the losses.

The final game of the trip was against Auburn

and the Blue eked out a 3-2 decision. Roger Cox's single to left center in the top of the ninth drove in the winning run. Laverty picked up his second win of the season.

Les Price was the top Raider hitter for the trip.

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