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MTSU student will run for mayor

by D'Nice Lawson

City campaigns and elections come and go in Murfreesboro. The campus population seldom notices, much less participates.

But Dennis Arvell Weldon, candidate for mayor, would like to see this change.

Weldon is a 23-year-old senior in political science at MTSU who qualified earlier this week for the mayor's race. "In any election, there ought to be a challenge," he said. "A candidate should not be unopposed—the people deserve a choice."

Murfreesboro operates under a city management government which means that the city council runs governmental affairs. The mayor is more for ceremonial purposes and to preside over the city council, Weldon said.

The incumbent Mayor W.H. Westbrook is seeking his fourth term in the April 18 election. There's no limit to the number of

consecutive terms a mayor is eligible to serve, according to Amy Williams, county registrar.

Up until the last day for qualifying as candidate for mayor, Westbrook was unopposed. "Of course the candidates are always hopeful no one will run against them," Williams said.

But Weldon decided to "participate in the governmental process" so he took the required petition and got 25 registered voters to sign. He wants his campaign to be viewed "as an example of citizen participation."

Perhaps the attention toward him will convince others of the necessity to vote. "Even if they don't vote for me, I'd like to see them vote," he said.

A 30-day residency requirement is all that's needed in order to be eligible to vote in the city's election. Any MTSU student wishing to cast a ballot will have to go to the Rutherford County election com-

mittee before Friday to register.

For those returning home for the summer and wishing to vote in home elections, a 30-day wait will allow students to re-establish registration in their own countries.

The university is a big part of Murfreesboro, about one-third of the population, according to Weldon. Campus voting could play a big part in the upcoming election.

Weldon is originally from Nashville, but has lived in Murfreesboro for six years. In addition to going to school part time, he is an engineer at Chromalox Division of Emerson Electric Co. here.

When asked how he had time to work, go to school and actively campaign for mayor, Weldon replied, "I'm not married. So that gives me more time to devote to the community and to the people."

"Lately, it's more common for younger people to be running for political offices," Williams said. "But it's unusual for a student to



Dennis Weldon

be running."

Because of his age, Weldon said, a lot of people were describing him as trying to "go against the establishment." But this isn't true, he said.

"I work with people every day. Age isn't a hinderance."

One week of rent charged if staying during break

by Lisa Human

Provisions for students to stay on campus during spring break will be made for those who do not go home, but so far no one has expressed a need to stay.

"We'd certainly be glad to talk to anyone that wants to stay," said Jim Craig, director of housing. "We wouldn't want to make it difficult on those who simply can't go home."

If students do need to stay during spring break, they will all stay in one or two dorms selected by the housing office, Craig added.

Only un-occupied rooms will be offered to students wishing to stay, so no one living in those dorms will have to vacate their room during spring break, he said. Students staying will be charged the regular rate of the particular dorm that they will stay in for one week.

"People used to take advantage of this week and use it to stay and just not go home, or for their own convenience," Craig said.

The energy shortage, plus the fact that the twenty students that stayed last year only brought in \$200, are some problems connected with opening dorms during spring break, Craig explained.

Burglary and theft, which usually

occur during spring break, are easier to detect if no one is living there, he said. If two or three people are living in a dorm, it is hard to tell who is supposed to be there and who isn't.

"I imagine there will be some who need to stay," Craig said.

Students living in J and K apartments will not be affected, as those buildings are open all year.

Polls will open at 7:30, Mar. 15

Three polling places will be available to students for the ASB elections on March 15 and 16, according to Steve White, ASB election commissioner.

Students can vote at polls set up on the second floor of Old Main, the NCB courtyard and the second floor of the University Center. All polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

Stories on the ASB candidates begin on page six.

Due to spring break and late distribution there will be no March 17 Sidelines. The next edition of Sidelines will be published Tuesday, March 28.



Jere Hold [left] and Mary Bland of Phi Kappa Alpha won first-place at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon dancing marathon Saturday night. Couples danced for 24 hours to raise money to fight muscular dystrophy. Aiming for \$10,000, the marathon netted from \$4,000 to \$5,000. SAE plans to make it an annual event. [Steve Harbison photo].

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Signing of waiver urged

Shewmake denies dorm break ins

by Valorie Vaughn

Campus police do not just barge into a dorm room when they need to search it, but go through a standard procedure, according to Ivan Shewmake, dean of men.

"Unless it is a matter of life or

death, campus police must obtain a state search warrant or a signed waiver from the dorm resident before they can search a dorm room," Shewmake said.

Shewmake said that suspicion of theft or illegal drug possession are the two main reasons that campus

police will search a dorm room.

Shewmake said that if campus police have reason to believe that illegal activity is taking place in a dorm room, but do not have a search warrant, it is advantageous for the student to sign a waiver to allow the campus police to search the room. The reason for this is once a state warrant is used, no matter how small the amount of contraband found, the case will have to be settled off campus.

However, if a student signs a waiver and only a small amount of contraband is found, then the university has the option of settling the case on campus only.

Shewmake said that if a member of the opposite sex is found in a dorm room after visitation hours, both participants will probably be put on a period of probation. "Each case, however, would have to be decided on differently, depending on the circumstances," Shewmake said.

Terry Allison, a resident assistant in Cummings Hall, said that dorm checks are taken to make sure that the residents are keeping their rooms clean and not to invade on a resident's privacy.

Allison said that during visitation hours, a hostess works in the lobby to check visitors in and out of the dorm.

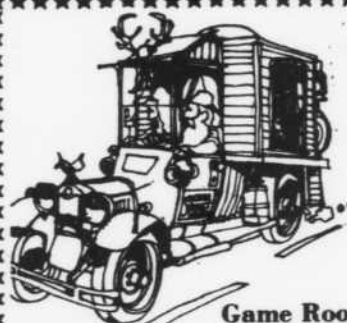
This is to insure that everyone who is not a resident of the dorm leaves at the end of a visitation period, she added.

Allison said that "whenever any male except janitors," are working in the dorm and need in a room, a resident assistant or dorm director is with them at all times. Allison said that she knocks on a resident's door and if there is no answer, opens the door to let the repairmen work on the room.

"The only custodians with keys to dorm rooms are the custodians who work in H and I dorms, Ken Fox, director of maintenance, said. "This is because the custodians have to go through the dorms to get to the bathrooms because of the 'quad setup' of the dorms."

Fox added that custodians that have been working at MTSU for a long time usually do not have to show any identification to the dorm directors, since the dorm directors already know them. However, if a new custodian begins working at MTSU, it is a general rule that an old custodian will work with him, until the dorm directors and resident assistants learn his face and name, and realize that he really is a custodian, not just someone trying to get into the dorms.

These kinds of procedures are used to secure the safety and privacy of the dorm residents, according to Fox.



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The Baptist Student Union will sponsor Nashville singer Kay DeKalb in a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday night at the Baptist Student Center. DeKalb has sung for two years at Opryland in "I Hear America Singing."

Class to take Williamsburg trip

The history department is offering "Problems in Colonial America: The Colonial Society of Williamsburg, Virginia," as one of its three-hour intersession courses (May 16-June 2).

The course includes a six-day trip to Williamsburg and is open to students and members of the community who have had the 201 American History course or an equivalent course elsewhere.

The cost per person, in addition to registration fees, is \$150. This includes transportation, meals and lodging; a tour of the public buildings, private homes, taverns, craftshops, William and Mary College and a visit to one or more of the neighboring plantations.

To familiarize the students with the important aspects of the Chesapeake society and to consider the significance of Williamsburg in early American history, there will be seven lecture-discussion ses-

sions featured in the course.

Anyone interested in this course should contact the instructor, Lew-right B. Sikes.

Faculty approves tenure

by Faye Hale

Tenure and a conference on Professional Negotiations and Higher Education were the two main topics covered at the faculty senate meeting last night.

The Faculty Senate Tenure Committee reviewed the present tenure situation and a purposed non-tenure hiring situation and decided not to ask for a change of tenure rule.

In the present situation, a faculty member must be recommended for tenure at the end of a six-year period or be given notice of his termination. The senate was considering putting faculty on a non-tenure track. This would mean that their contract could be renewed indefinitely. However, they could also be terminated at any time, according to Sue Whitt, president of the faculty senate. "With this form of hiring there would be no guarantees," Whitt said.

The committee was not in favor of the non-tenure hiring and the senate accepted the report by a 23 to four vote. However, the senate is recommending other changes, Whitt said. These changes include clarification of the policies in practice.

A conference on Professional Negotiations and Higher Education has been planned for March 31 and April 1. However, the university will not provide funds for the event, according to Patrick Doyle, chairman of the Professional Negotiations Committee. A member of the senate has offered to put up the \$2200 it would take to cover the cost of the conference. The conference would be for faculty members, administrators, legislators and students.

Also covered in last night's meeting was a five-year plan for future funding and clerical salary raises.

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Editorials

No endorsement this year

Tomorrow begins the first day of the two-day election for ASB offices.

Since this is the last Sidelines before the election, many students will turn to this page searching for the paper's endorsement of a candidate. They will search in vain.

This year, Sidelines has decided not to endorse any candidate because too many of the candidates are personal friends of members of the Sidelines staff.

The staff felt an objective and fair decision on who the paper should endorse could not be made.

Because the Sidelines staff does not endorse anyone does not mean we are apathetic to the election. It is the goal of today's paper to present the views of the different candidates so that an informed decision can be made. If a student is confused about who to vote for, he should read the news articles on the candidates—not the editorial page.

Students can judge for themselves. Besides, a Sidelines endorsement would not make any real difference in the voting. It would probably lose as many votes for a candidate as it would gain.

Even though the staff chose not to endorse a candidate, Sidelines is not ignoring the campaign. The articles on the candidates are more than just candidates' statements.

Questions were asked not so much on what they promised to do but how they would go about implementing those promises. By reading these articles, students should be able to determine who has the promises as well as the methods to accomplish the goals.

Printing delays distribution

Last week Sidelines received a letter complaining about the paper coming out so late in the afternoons. The letter, by freshman David Gresham, stated that he does not see Friday's paper until Monday, thereby missing all the news that occurred over the weekend.

He's right. The paper is not usually placed on the stands until 1:30 p.m. on Friday and now it's getting to be almost 4:30 p.m. for Tuesday's paper. The paper is so late on Tuesday that it is actually a Wednesday paper.

Alan Harrison of Mid-South Publishing Co., which publishes the Daily News Journal and Sidelines, is quite honest about the problem. On Tuesday, Sidelines is printed after the Merchants Advocate, a shopper-type paper owned by Mid-South. Harrison says that as the profitable Advocate grows, it will take longer to print and thus be later in getting out.

It is irritating to be pushed back further in the day and have what were intended as announcements of things to happen become announcements of things missed.

Sidelines' contract with Mid-South states that if the paper is delivered before 8 a.m., they will have it printed by 10:30 a.m. This semester Sidelines has been delivered to the printer much earlier than 8 a.m. Mid-South, however, has failed to uphold its part of the contract.

Sidelines will continue its efforts to have the paper on campus earlier. Unfortunately, the money from the other papers they print speaks a little louder.

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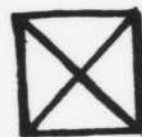
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Letters

White capitalist stupidity evident in South Africa

To the Editor:

In response to the letter of D.Q. Reynolds, Jr., I must say that I was hearing old segregation music.

The same folk-learning half-truths and hypocrisy that I heard and read as a child growing up in the American South during the forties and fifties.

Maybe, Mr. Reynolds, Jr. never saw black children being forceably bussed across the county, sometimes 20 or 30 miles, past nice, warm brick schools on the way.

Hopefully, their old busses made it all the way to school and back.

What has this got to do with South Africa and the problem they have with all these Blacks in majority? The situation in many ways is similar to the conditions in the segregated South of America. However, it is also similar to the early 20th century North and, also, depression of 1929 California and the problems they had with the Okie migrations. They are now reaping what they sowed, for it was the White capitalist that enticed the immigration of cheap labor with promises of cash money in the pocket and a less restricted life than the elder dominated tribal life. How could the young not be taken in?

A large labor supply means an unlimited supply of cheap labor, one of the principles of Adam Smith, whose old "hands off business" capitalism was proven unworkable by the Great Depression of 1929.

Evidently, the White capitalist thought that cheap labor was stupid labor, that Blacks would never want and demand a larger piece of the pie.

One of the latest examples of stupidity shown by the White Supremacist minority is the establishing the so-called tribal states which are set up in the northern bush county of South Africa.

When one of those states are established by the minority white parliament, the Blacks living and working in the South are told that they are no longer citizens of Johannesburg or whatever city they were most likely born and raised in, some for generations, but are citizens of some little tribal state that they have never seen or heard of.

Of course, the rationale is that if they are not citizens of Johannesburg, they can not be expected to vote in Johannesburg. However, the Black people are not that stupid. Sooner or later parliament is going to run out of bush, not to mention tribes to name it after.

Of course, Mr. Reynolds is correct about the I.D. They don't have to carry them when they are born. After grown, some have been killed by the police for not doing so.

As far as the Davis Cup is concerned, why shouldn't fair-minded people protest the meet? How many Blacks are allowed to compete for honors in South Africa? The answer is none. What kind of sportsmanship is that?

Sure, we should have majority vote in this country as well as South Africa. But along with the political concept of majority rules goes the equality important concept of minority rights. The founding fathers of the country included the Bill of Rights in the Constitution to insure those rights, as well as those of the individual. After all, we are all individuals in the end, not a black minority or white majority, especially north of the Rio Grande.

If the White Supremacy minority in South Africa fears that this minority rights principle will not be extended to theory they must have something to feel guilty about.

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Open Forum

Bored freshman collides with 'lunkheadedness'

by Susan Armistead
MTSU Freshman

It's snowed here a lot in the past month or two. And most every time it has, roads have been either closed or, at the very least, deemed unsafe for travel. So it's hard for me to understand why my behavior a few weeks ago drew such an annoyed and abusive response from the local highway patrol.

See, I'd been up here, in or about this dorm, for four weeks straight. Those of you attuned to campus living probably have an idea of what that can do to a person. For example, I stood in the doorway of my room and observed 25 to 30 females, sporting toilet-paper cone-heads, bunny-hopping down the hall to the strains of "It ain't the meat, it's the motion." Bizarre? Sure, but strangely enough that's not what convinced me I needed the influence of some new surroundings; only when I realized I thought this display of id nothing unusual, did I begin to worry.

So, I made plans to spend the following Saturday afternoon errand-running in Nashville. Being the cautious, responsible individual that I am, I thought it wise, if not necessary, for the safety of me and my car to phone the authorities for briefing on the condition and advice on the usage of the interstate between here and "Music City," or as it's called in the business, the "Town of Tunes."

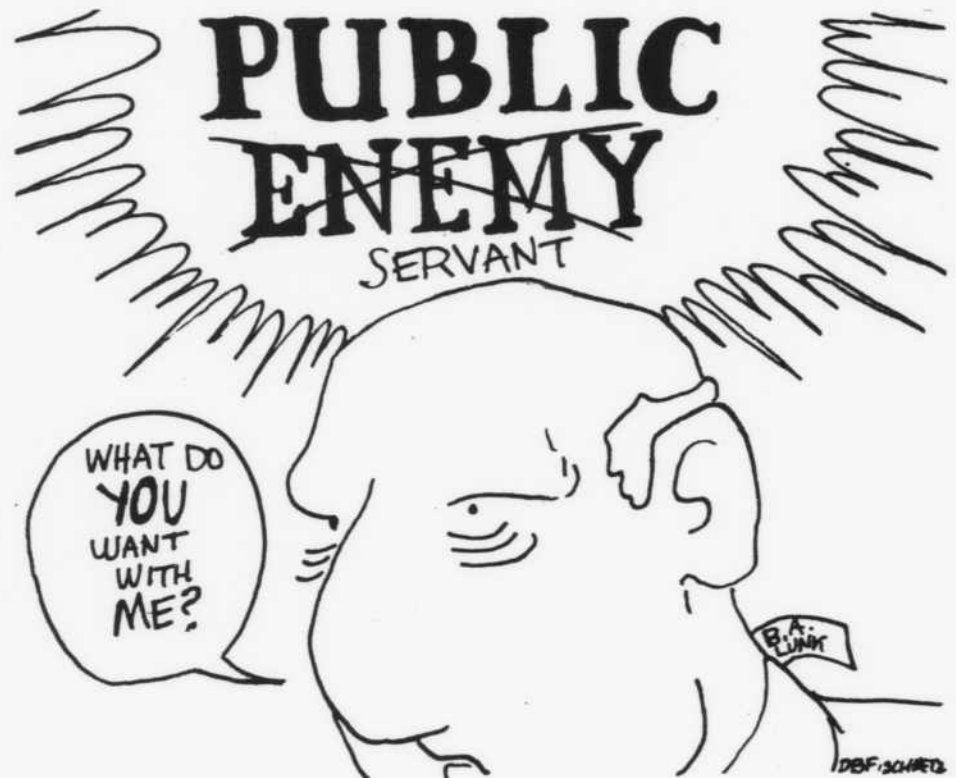
Well, I could feel a resistance from the instant I finished dialing the patrol station. All at once it hit me that the sequence of numbers spelled out "DON'T CALL"—and that's pretty hard to do with only seven digits. Anyway, the call was taken by whom I assumed to be an employee, but as things go, the fellah was only sitting in. It seems the regular receptionist was out to lunch and this guy was merely

acting as a temporary replacement—none too happy with the job, I might add. He wasn't a friendly man. He's the kind of person who'd spend his free time phoning foreign exchange students asking them why they don't commute.

Predictably, my first question to him pertained to the state of the roads. Now, to set the mood, I want to find the right word to accurately describe his attitude...chafed, that's it. The man's emotions sustained a year-round rash. At any rate, he left the phone, less than graciously, to retrieve an answer for me. And he did; it's just that I wanted something a little more reassuring than "Yeah, you can go ahead and try it; you might make it, heh, heh, heh!" I mean, with fiends like this, who needs enemas, you know?

Well, at this point, most people would just forget it; but I wanted out pretty bad, so I tried again. This time, however, I was more specific. I asked him whether or not he knew if more snow was expected, and if so, would I, if I were to make the trip, run the risk of getting stuck in town overnight? That's when he blew. Admittedly, the question was a little out of his field, but what's it gonna do—traumatize him to talk Fahrenheit for a minute?

This is a catharsis, not a gripe. Unrepresentative of all public servants, my specific experience is most likely the exception instead of the rule. But take note: **Lunkheadedness does still exist, if only in the minds [?] of a few.**



Raider mascot is disgrace

To the Editor:

Just a brief note to write you about something which has concerned me for the past several months.

The point of my concern is our new "Raider." To be quite honest, I feel that this person is a disgrace, not only to present students and the university's image, but also to all former students (such as I) and anyone associated with MTSU.

It would seem to me a poll would be in order of all MTSU supporters

just to see how people really feel about the "Raider." Possibly, someone should plant a recording device in the stands at MTSU basketball games or other events to pick up comments.

I can assure you I will continue to support MTSU. I only hope I will be able to overcome the embarrassment I face every time an out-of-town friend sees our Raider. Perhaps I could send you some of the comments from these people, too.

Bill Hayes
893-0232

Frat thanks Earle

To the Editor:

While the basketball season is still on everyone's mind, we would like to express our appreciation to a man whose hard work and dedication has brought honor and recognition to Middle Tennessee State University; Coach Jimmy Earle.

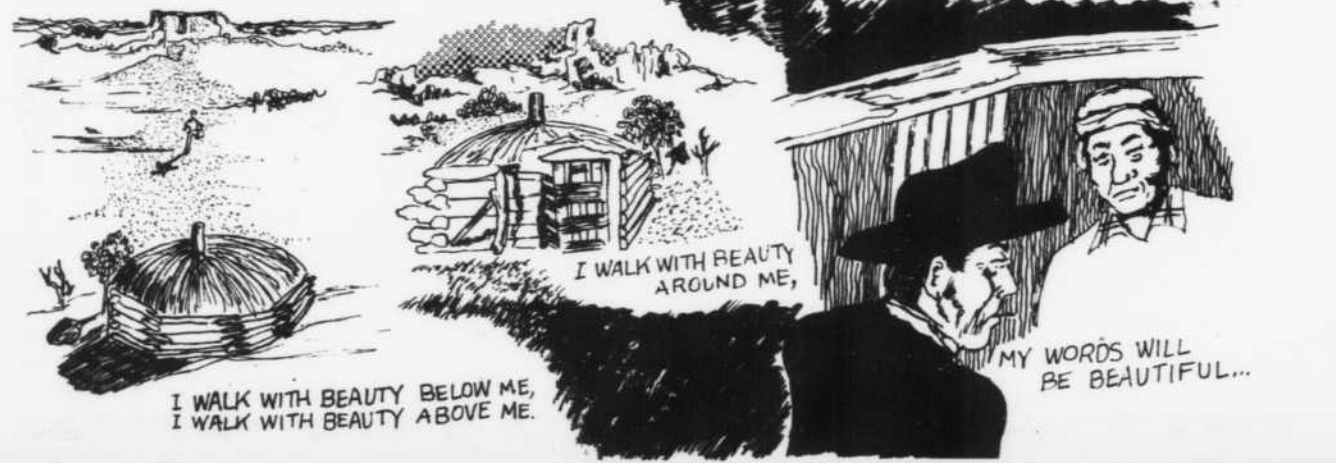
Again he has led our Blue Raiders to a victorious season crowned by the 1977-78 Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

We are proud of the outstanding performance of Coach Earle and the basketball team, and especially proud to hail him as an illustrious alumnus of our organization. His leadership will surely make the future basketball seasons as bright and exciting as this one has been. Thanks again,

The Brothers of Kappa Sigma

SHAKERS

by DBFischnetz



Student apathy is the main problem

Apathy is one of the biggest issues in the presidential race, according to candidate Ernie Edwards. "Students will lose all power to govern themselves if they



Ernie Edwards

don't become more concerned," he said.

Students should be encouraged to spend weekends on campus because they want to, not because they have to, Edwards said. "I've only seen parking lots full on

weekends when it was snowing and too bad to drive," he added.

Edwards, a public relations-advertising junior, wants to propose a "comprehensive program" of weekend activities, including dances, basketball tournaments and film festivals.

"I'd also like to see reduced weekend rates for students at local restaurants and skating rinks," he added.

Promotion of the university's academic program is another of Edwards' concerns. "Education levels at other universities are being downgraded," he said, "but here we have such things as an accredited business school."

Some faculty don't know more than the students they teach, Edwards said. "Students should have input into who is hired for teaching positions," he added, suggesting that a student advisory committee be formed to give students a voice in writing job descriptions and hiring faculty.

"Students need to express their views about what is wrong. If somebody feels something is im-

portant, they should speak out," Edwards said. "If we can solve the apathy problem, the little problems will fall into place."



Justin Johnson

Improving communication between the ASB and the students is Justin K. Johnson's main goal if he becomes ASB president.

"I think the reason most students are not involved on this campus is because they are either satisfied or because of a lack of communication. I tend to think it is the latter," Johnson said.

The Manchester graduate student said he could bridge the communication gap by working more closely with *Sidelines* and WMOT.

Johnson suggested that the ASB could get a 30-minute segment of radio time per week to announce events happening on and off campus.

Air time for the program would be donated by WMOT, according to Johnson's plan. "This is a student radio station. In recent years it seems like it has been getting away from that idea," Johnson said.

A bulletin board in the grill

would keep students posted on ASB bills and other announcements would also help student communication, Johnson said. If the ASB budget allowed, he added, he would like to see more ads such as Tonto, which appeared in *Sidelines* during the fall.

Johnson said effective communication would help solve the crime problem on campus. "There are places on this campus where my girlfriend will not walk alone," he said.

Publishing a crime report telling where campus crimes most often occur would let students know where the problem places are, Johnson said. He said by identifying such areas, university police could be placed there at various times during the night.

Johnson, who began school at MTSU in 1971, said he wants to encourage involvement in the ASB by having as many diversified people working with him as possible.

"I'm not so vain as to think I can get the job done by myself. I want to incorporate all factions. I don't want it to be just fraternities or independents or guys or gals," Johnson said.

Johnson said he has always been concerned with the happenings of the ASB and was planning on running for president in 1975. He dropped out, however, when his friend Ted Helberg announced his candidacy.

Pikes sponsor dance for MD

Pi Kappa Alpha will sponsor a dance party at 9 p.m. Wednesday with all proceeds going to Muscular Dystrophy.

The dance, to be held at the Hot Wheels Arena, will cost \$2 for men and women and \$3 for couples and will feature the band "Hallelujah."

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Mike McDonald

The establishment of a legal aid program and a Student Consumer Protection Agency are two main issues of Mike McDonald, contender for ASB President.

McDonald hopes to establish the legal aid program for students who need legal advice for a fee of about \$10.

Before registration, students may sign a contract which will guarantee him the assistance of an attorney when needed, according to McDonald.

"We will have it set up during orientation so that parents will know about the program," McDonald said.

He hopes to get about 300 students to participate in the program.

"We are trying to get a good attorney that students can use," McDonald added.

The student consumer protection agency will work as a mediator between the students and the merchants of Murfreesboro.

McDonald said that in this pro-

gram, a student will be able to return any defective material purchased.

Also under the agency, McDonald wants a student member to serve as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. McDonald said that some of the merchants agreed to the program, but the head of the Chamber of Commerce was not sure of the idea.

Other issues of McDonald are:

•Project HELP: A students' Human Emergency Line Program where a student may call in case of a crisis.

•Bookstore By-Pass System: A system where students may purchase books from each other at a lower cost and bypass the bookstore.

•A Course Evaluation Handbook: to assist new and present students with information about the courses

and instructors at MTSU.

•An ASB Newsletter: This will let the students be more aware of what is happening on campus.

•Student Escort Service: A service to escort men and women to other areas of campus with maybe credit hours for the escorts.

•An on-and-off campus directory: This will be beneficial for students wanting to know telephone numbers off campus.

New system will prevent double voting

by Valorie Vaughn

To prevent double voting in the ASB elections, a new system has been developed for student voting in the upcoming election.

The whole system will rest on the honesty of the poll workers, election commissioner Steve White said. Two poll workers will be

assigned to each election area. The first poll worker will mark the back of a student's I.D. and ask the student's classification. The second poll worker will check a computer printout to insure that the student has given the correct classification. The second poll worker will then give that student one ballot, and will write down the number of students who have voted, White explained.

Seven members of the election commission will check the poll workers from time to time and

compare the number of students who have voted against the number of ballots given by the poll workers, he added.

Although there has not been any cheating problem in previous elections, "everyone gets scared of ballot stuffing," White said.

"It is impossible to be 100 percent sure that nobody cheats, but I am pleased with this system," he said, adding that human error or conspiracy were about the only two ways that the system could be used for cheating.

ASPA received merit award

MTSU's Student Chapter of the American Society for Personnel Administration was one of eight chapters in the nation to receive the Superior Merit Award during 1976 and 1977.

Any students at MTSU who have an interest in personnel management activities may attend the meetings. The meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in OM 224.

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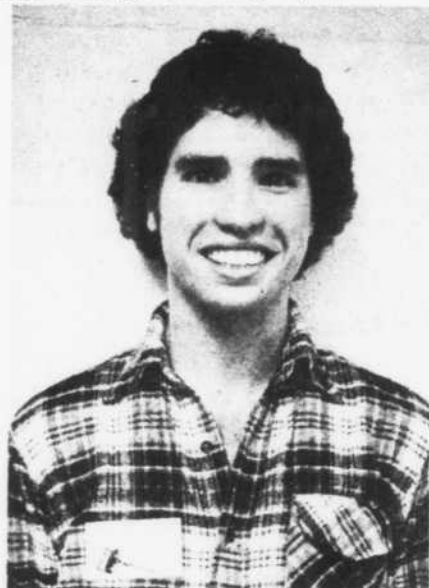
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New leadership will change ASB image, Fitzhugh says

Claiming that new leadership is needed in the ASB, William Fitzhugh, ASB speaker of the senate candidate, wants to remove the ASB's image of being a joke.



William Fitzhugh

"People have come up to me and asked what is wrong with the ASB. I began to look around and see that it is a joke—senators don't even show up for meetings. So I said to myself to either shut-up or put-up," Fitzhugh said.

Fitzhugh, ASB external affairs director said he didn't know exactly how to make all the changes, but he said there were some obvious

changes to be made.

"The most obvious is the 24-hour-operator," Fitzhugh said. "The administration says it can't have one because of budget cut-backs, that's crap."

Fitzhugh said if a 24-hour-operator was not available, he would settle for an 8 a.m.-8 p.m. operator as "long as the student directory is good and thorough."

Introducing a two-color parking system is Fitzhugh's solution to eliminating the confusing parking problem. The system would have one color for students and one color for faculty, including administration.

The Nashville junior said his two-color plan would not remove overcrowding. He said the overcrowding problem was caused by people parking in the wrong places. Fitzhugh said the police should keep "ticketing them until they quit parking in the wrong places."

Freshmen not being aware of where to park was also part of the parking problem. He said the freshmen orientation should be improved to make freshmen more aware of things such as parking and their rights as students. "Orientation week needs to be more than just a week of fun and games," Fitzhugh said.

Syler's platform based on parking, faculty advising

Speaker of the senate candidate Kent Syler has formed his platform on the issues he has heard the most complaints about: parking and academic advisement.



Kent Syler

"I went to the students and tried to figure out what they were concerned with," Syler said. "And whether or not the administration thinks parking is a problem; the students think it is."

Syler, who is serving as senate speaker pro tempore, recently proposed a bill calling for a limit on the number of tickets written for one car during a six-hour period, which

the senate approved.

As another solution, he suggested a parking committee "to insure a steady diet of solutions" to the administration and campus police. "We need to find new ways to work this out," he added.

Syler also recommended that no parking tickets be issued after 2 p.m. on Fridays. "I saw a car ticketed at 4 p.m. one Friday for being in the wrong color space and there were five spaces on either side of it."

Campus Police Chief Matt Royal has always worked well with the ASB, Syler said. "We give him some good ideas, and we give him some bad ideas, too."

A lack of conformity in academic advising is another issue Syler said he is working on. "Some advisors sit down with the student and go over his schedule, while others just sign it."

A seminar for faculty advisors would help them become more aware of the students', particularly freshmen, needs, he added.

"The presiding senate officer has a lot to do with what the senate passes," Syler said. "He should keep the meetings in order and running smoothly and make sure that little conflicts don't turn into big ones."

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Allen: house speaker needs experience

Martha Allen thinks she has the experience needed to serve as Speaker of the House from terms as a freshman and sophomore senator and a term as senator at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

Allen, a junior from Columbia,

Floyd: students should vote

The major points of interest for Mark Floyd, speaker of the house candidate, is for the students to vote and for an increase in participation of the students in the house.

Floyd said that he had no other major issues because it would be impossible to take a stand on issues until students show interest in the ASB.

"It is hard to represent the students when only 20 percent turn out to vote," Floyd said. "You can't overcome any problems until

served as freshman senator at Martin in Pulaski and sophomore senator at Columbia State.

Campus unity is a problem Allen sees at MTSU. "The only time we pull together is at a basketball game," Allen said. Interest work-ideas to the students. "We need

disinterested in the ASB if he is unfamiliar with the parliamentary procedures," he said.

Floyd suggested a workshop for learning the parliamentary procedures so that students will not become disinterested.

Floyd said that he will work to see that the proper parliamentary procedures are accomplished in the house. "I am not afraid to take the stand," Floyd said. "If you don't show confidence in yourself, how can you expect others to have confidence in you," he added.

Another concern of Floyd is student rights. He suggests a student rights seminar to help the students with their problems.

"Students are subject to city laws and ordinances and they are thrown into a different environment. This will be where they can bring their problems," he said.

more cultural events to get departments involved with each other," according to Allen.

When asked about the lack of involvement in the House, Allen suggested reinforcement as the answer. "If they come to the meetings, give them reinforcements in the way of more important issues that would interest them. After they got involved in a bill, they would want to see it passed," Allen said.

Allen would like to see more student questionnaires and polls. This would be a way to find out the students interests, problems with the academic system, problems with their majors and whatever concerns the students most.



Martha Allen

"Education is not as well-rounded at MTSU as it could be," Allen said.



Mark Floyd

you get the students involved."

He said the main problem the house has is low attendance. "When a student comes into the house, he represents some organization. A student can become



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Candidates discuss laundry facility, library hours**Four seniors, no grad student run for ASB Senate**

Only four candidates are running for the five senior senator positions in the ASB elections and there are no graduate students running for the two open offices.

The four seniors running are Fred Hackney, Joe Horn, Nelson Wilson and David Sloan.

Hackney, presently a junior senator, is running for senior senator in order to "get more done than we did last year."

One of the things Hackney would like to see accomplished is a washer-dryer complex for boys' dorms. "The complex could be located near Woodmore cafeteria," Hackney said, "but that would have to be looked into."

The library should stay open during finals and mid-term, he said. To account for labor cost, students could be found to work in

the library the extra hours, he added. He would also like to follow-up on the fire codes bill that was passed recently.

Senior senator candidate Joe Horn "would like to see more responsiveness from the senate, more activities."

Presently a junior senator serving on the safety committee, Horne said he has "no specific issues in mind," and preferred not to mention which presidential candidate he is backing.

Horn would like for freshmen to be able to have blue parking stickers on their cars, but his response to getting more parking spaces at MTSU was that "MTSU doesn't really have it that bad." He added that at some schools, such as UT-Knoxville, students are sometimes lucky to park within a mile

of their dorms.

Nelson Wilson, who is presently a junior senator, is a member of the athletic committee. "We didn't get very much accomplished this year, so I thought I'd give it another try," Wilson said.

Wilson is negative about the possibility of extending the library hours; however, he would like to see it stay open until at least midnight.

"I don't think Craig is going to give in. The administration would have to get on his back," he said.

Intramural sports is one of Wilson's concerns. "There is more student interest in this area than any other project," Wilson said. He plans to propose that if a person lives in a dorm for two or three years and then moves off campus, he can still come back and play for his dorm in intramural sports.

David Sloan, a recording industry management major, is another

candidate concerned about intramural sports. "The intramural budget is too tight," Sloan said, advocating a budget increase.

Sloan is also concerned with the upgrading of dorms. There should be more benefits and activities for dorm residents, he said.

Parking around the dorm areas is another problem that should be looked into, Sloan said. An extension of H Hall's parking lot or the construction of another lot about half the size of H's would correct the problem, he said.

The drainage problem around H dorm during rainy weather is another problem that needs attention, Sloan said. Although he has been told nothing can be done about the "at times, six-inch" water build-up, he said it needs further attention.

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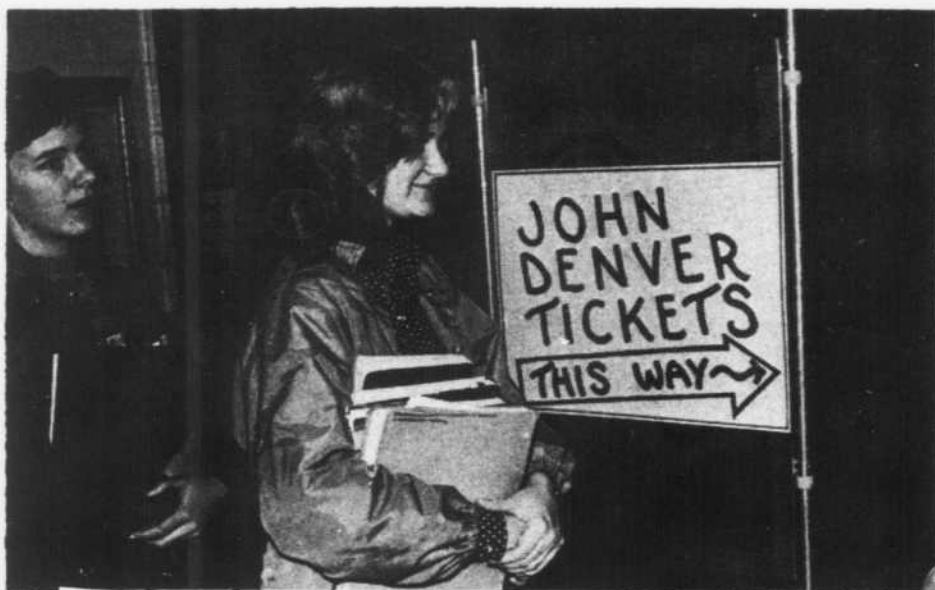
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Photography classes offered

Two photography classes will be offered at MTSU beginning March 27, sponsored by the mass communications department and the Office of Continuing Education.

The beginning class, "Improving Your Photography," will start March 27 and continue on consecutive Monday nights through May 8.

Cost for the beginning course is \$20, which does not include camera or the cost of supplies. A maximum of 10 students will be allowed in the course.

"Continuing to Improve Your

Photography," the advanced class, will be a continuation of the basic course.

Fee for the advanced course is \$25, excluding camera and supply costs. A maximum of 25 students will be allowed to enroll. The class will begin March 30 and continue each Thursday night through May 11.

Both classes will meet in room 314 of the UC from 7-9 p.m. with Alan Loveless as the instructor.

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A film on teaching social studies in secondary schools will also be shown, followed by a question and answer session and a panel discussion.

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From crib notes to plagiarizing

Students admit to variety of cheating methods

by Lora York

What happens when you take a test you can't pass without cheating?

Because of the pressures of college, several students admit they cheat just as have students before them. A student who carried "crib notes" in the '20s was doing the same thing as students today.

"Sure I cheat," replied David, a history major. "When I leave here I want to have the best grade average I possibly can. If cheating helps achieve that grade, then I'll cheat."

Other students admitted to cheating on the smaller quizzes teachers give.

"Yes I cheat. I need the good grade. I don't cheat on big tests, but I do on the less important ones. It's easier to get the answers from someone else's paper when the quizzes are short," said Jenny, an office management major.

While some students feel a need to cheat to get ahead, there are many who are trying to ignore the competitive pressures.

Pam, a dental hygiene major, confessed to cheating in high school, but not in college. "I just don't feel it's fair to cheat here at college," she replied.

I've seen college students using

crib notes, trying to look at someone else's paper and even ripping out the required information from text books. I feel they are cheating no one but themselves when they do that. I think that if worst comes to worst I'll get along without the aid of cheating," said John, a biology major.

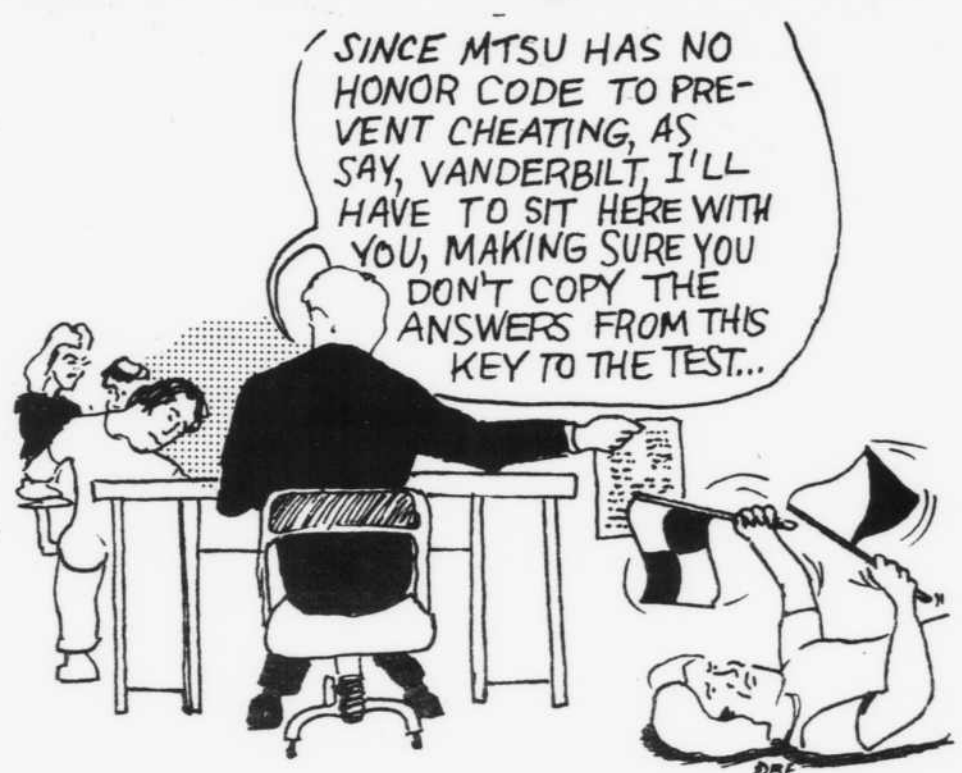
Different professors use different disciplinary actions on students caught cheating.

"Failure," answered one physical science professor when asked what steps he takes when he catches a person cheating.

"If a situation develops where there is cheating, the majority of students cheating feel that they are justified. To them it is a matter of survival. Even in a situation like this there are some students who would rather fail than cheat," he replied.

Plagiarism, the act of using someone else's ideas or writings and passing them off as one's own, is a form of cheating with which the English department often must deal.

"Cheating is rare. Most of the plagiarism is done out of ignorance," explained one English professor. "On the graduate level, the penalty for any type of cheating is expulsion."



"Another English professor said students in that department were 'digging their own grave' by cheating.

"Anytime an undergraduate cheats in composition he is making a classic mistake if he thinks the instructor won't recognize it. We are familiar with each student's tone and style," he commented.

Both professors agreed that it was hard to cheat with an idea. They also agreed that there is an increase in the casual attitude about cheating among the students.

"When the classrooms are crowded it is difficult to control cheating and it's hard on the students not to cheat when they are so close together," commented one English professor.

"I'm rather lenient, but when there is a definite case of cheating that I can prove, I just throw the test away and they receive a zero," he said.

"There has been an increase of cheating in my classes because I have gone from an essay test to an objective test," he added.

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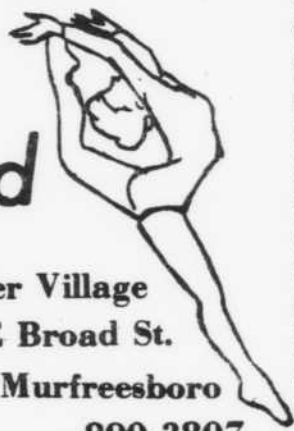
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M.G. Scarlett

by Patricia Bates

President M.G. Scarlett says, "students haven't begun to recognize their power" in determining the quality of their education at MTSU.

Scarlett spoke to a public relations class and pointed out the value of p.r. to MTSU in acquiring money and recruiting students.

"We are now in the process of developing a five-year master plan—we will plan for two years—and one of the points being discussed is raising our admission standards," he said.

He compared education in today to education 10 years ago.

"In the '60s, there was a lot of student protesting and uprising, but that isn't happening with you students," he said. "You have the power to change things about your education in the future."

In recruiting, he said, the university tries to sell its major points to the students.

"But we find the best p.r. is by word of mouth. Once we get a few students from a high school not heavily recruited in the past, we begin to get more and more. It happened in Maryville and Jackson."

Talking about the past, Scarlett

said that MTSU had doubled growth in the late '60s—something his administration "had worked hard at."

"We hired lots of bright, young people with new doctorate degrees in order to respond to the new growth. We were able to add many more programs and professors," he said.

MTSU doesn't get as much federal money as some schools, Scarlett said.

"Much of the federal money goes to older, more established institutions. We get student appropriations each year based on the number of students returning each fall, and this year they amounted to about \$1,500 per student."

Private funds are also important to the university, he said, adding that last year MTSU received \$600,000 in contributions.

Scarlett and the class discussed grading, teaching methods and student problems.

"When you have a complaint or a problem concerning you about this university, go to the teacher, department head, ASB or the dean. If you haven't found the answer, then you've stopped somewhere along the way and haven't gone as far as you can go. I keep my door always open," he said.

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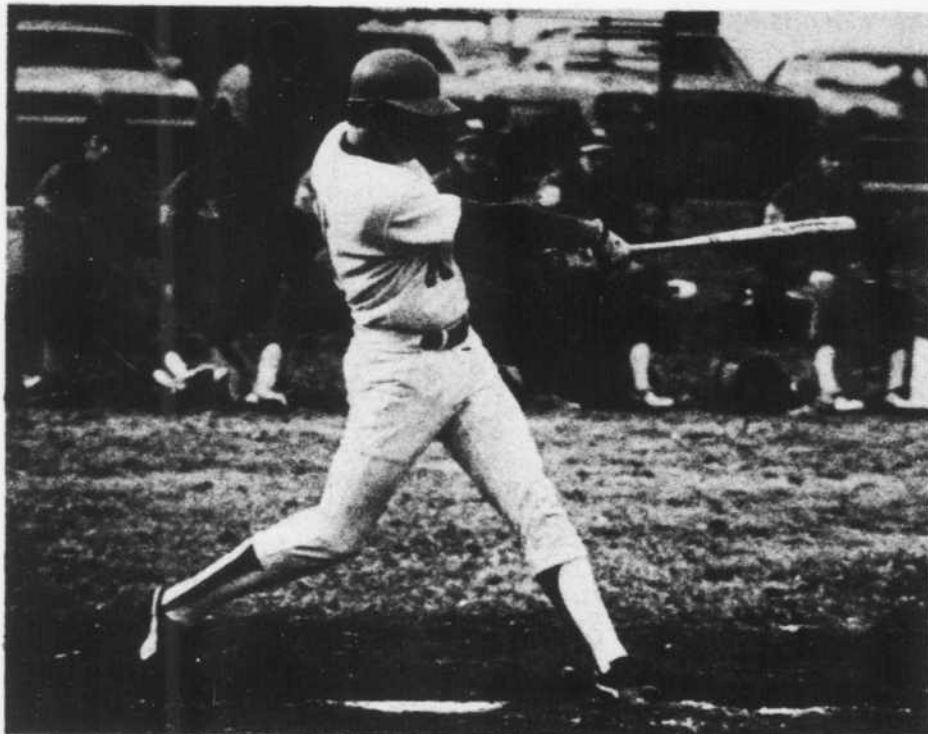
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Neal hopes for good start-optimistic about chances

by Lora York

Women's tennis Coach Sandy Neal is hoping for an exceptionally good season for her team as they open their season today.

The lady netters will be hosting William Jewell College at 2 p.m.

"All the girls are looking good, but it's really hard to tell how good since we've not been able to hit the balls around outside because of bad weather," Neal said.

"We've had to practice inside, hitting the balls off the wall but all the girls have been working hard," Neal added.

Number one and two players on the team are Elina Durchman and

Nancy Broadhurst, respectively. Durchman, a native of Finland, was the 1977 MVP in OVC women's tennis.

"We have a pretty rough schedule this year," Neal noted. "After today's game we go to Florida and those Florida teams are always tough."

"We'll be playing the top teams in Tennessee when we go against Knoxville and UT Chattanooga," Neal said. "Western Kentucky is the best in Kentucky and they're on our schedule also," she added.

After today's match-up, the women will travel to Sewanee to play the University of the South at 2 p.m. Wednesday.



Most of this year's firepower will have to come from these two. Elina Durchman [left] and Nancy Broadhurst [right]. [Robin Rudd photo].

by Eddie Gossage

If you had been working every day for the past week and a half, you would want a day off when you got the chance, wouldn't you?

Well, the Blue Raider baseball team had the day off yesterday, but instead of taking a nap, lying around the dorm or watching "Our Gang," they took to the practice field to prepare for this afternoon's invasion by Vanderbilt.

Middle Tennessee will face the Commodores, a perennial power in the Southeastern Conference, this afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

"It's still early in the season and we have to work on the fundamentals," MTSU Head Baseball Coach John Stanford explained. "Our practice time is about over now, so we need every chance we get."

As for the Commodores, Stanford said, "They're a good team and they've got everybody back. Vandy is sound at every position, catching, outfielders, infielders and they've got pretty pitching."

"They'll probably throw a left-hander at us," Stanford prophesized, "because we stack our batting order with lefthanders."

MTSU's record stands at 3-3-2 after taking two of three games from Jacksonville State this past

weekend.

Saturday, the Raiders thumped Jacksonville 12-7 behind the hitting of Bobby Hines, Doug Hicks and Eric Graves. Hines and Hicks both hit two run homers while Graves hit a homerun with none on base.

David Booker pitched seven and one-third innings while Mike McMeen came on in relief for the final two and two-third innings.

In Sunday's action, MTSU split a doubleheader with the Jacksonville squad, winning the opener 8-1, but losing the nightcap 11-4.

In the opening game, Mike Moore pitched the entire game and was credited with the win while Mike Graham tossed the opening one and one-third innings of the second game. Mike McMeen came on in relief again for two innings while Tom Wilson tossed the final four.

"We've been hitting better and been playing pretty good defense," Stanford said. "The coaching staff has especially been pleased by the catching of Tom Zakotnik and Eric Graves and the play of Mike Tobitt at short stop."

The Raiders travel to Beaumont, Texas, to face Lamar on Thursday and Friday. Friday's game is scheduled to be a doubleheader.

Western dumps Syracuse 87-86, faces Michigan State in tourney

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

Western Kentucky, a 15 to 20 point underdog as it carried the OVC banner, shocked Syracuse with an 87-86 overtime win in the first round of the NCAA Mideast Regionals on Saturday.

"Our players felt like they could win the game all along," said Western coach Jim Richards.

"I suspect Syracuse was overlooking us slightly. There has been a lot written and spoken about our record (15-13). I imagine Syracuse felt like a team that had lost 13 games already could lose another one without too much trouble," he said.

Western's performance was marred by an intrasquad squabble which took place during the overtime period.

The altercation was termed not more than emotions spilling over. At least three of the players were arguing among themselves and a shove exchanged before senior center James Johnson stepped in to cool things down.

"It was nothing serious," Johnson said later. "Things like that happen sometimes. There's no problem on this team."

Western now moves on to face Michigan State on Thursday in Dayton, Ohio, in the second round. Michigan State advanced by rolling over Providence 77-63.

MTSU fans will remember the sound thumping Michigan State gave the Raiders earlier in the season, 72-51, even though it was on State's home floor and Middle played most of the game without the services of Bob Martin.

If Western slips past Michigan State (possible) and Kentucky beats Miami of Ohio, (expected) it would mark the first meeting of the two teams since 1971 when Western trounced the Wildcats 107-83.



Jim Richards

Sports Editorial**Intramural office disappointed by turnout**

About the only question raised at last week's open forum held by the intramural department was "where is everybody?"

After an extensive effort by the IM department to send out flyers announcing the open meeting, they were rewarded with a "grand" turnout of eight.

And of the eight people who did show up, six of them had been asked by a teacher to attend the meeting for extra credit in their "Coaching Intramurals" class.

The 175 flyers printed by the department were sent to every team captain of every basketball team involved in this past season's program. The flyers were also sent to each fraternity, with the team captain from each of their teams receiving one, regardless of how many teams they had signed up.

With the numerous criticizing letters sent to Sidelines lately to blast the incompetency of the officiating during the past basketball season, the IM officials should just about be fed up with the whole situation.

"We've caught an unusual amount of criticism this year about our officiating, but it's really nothing new," Mitch Chambers of the intramural department said.

"We've been criticized ever since we began the intramural

program here and we still haven't come up with any answers. We thought we would give the students another chance to voice their opinions, so we held another open session. But just like last year,

but we do a lot of good things for the kids here, too. I've always understood that it's human nature for someone to fuss when they feel they have been unjustly treated, but to hear someone say that we

that she got a notice announcing the meeting, but she was graduating after this semester so what would be the use in going.

Legitimate as this reason is, this seems to sum up the whole attitude toward the IM department. Who cares!

Most everyone shows up for game time, but when the time comes for anyone to put a little back into the program by donating a little time, there always seems to be better things to do.

"We're not looking for anyone to come over and tell us how great our program is, but it would be nice to hear a few positive things every once and awhile," one IM student staff member said.

Are we all so immature that we can't accept a bad call every once in awhile from our peers? After all, the intramural department is set up to provide recreation for the students of MTSU and if they wanted to, they could turn the whole basketball program into a fun league and do away with referees.

As intramural official Joe Ruffner put it so well at the first basketball formation meeting, "We're here to provide a way for you people to exercise and enjoy yourselves, but if you want intense competition you should go over and try out for Coach Earle's Blue Raiders."



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hardly anyone showed," Chambers admitted disgustedly. (Last year only one person showed up for the meeting.)

"Sure, we've got our faults and I'm sure we make a lot of mistakes,

won't listen to them when they do come over to voice their complaint is a little too much to take" Chambers added.

One girl who wrote a "hot" letter earlier in the basketball season said

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Boys state starts today**Girls exit--boys enter with championship hopes**

by Scott Adams

After capturing the TSSAA Girls State Championship Class AA title last year, Bolivar moved up to an even larger Class AAA division and tucked away that title Saturday night with a 56-39 victory over Lebanon.

A crowd of 8,735 at Murphy Center watched Bolivar ride the hot hand of senior forward Diane Jones to their sixth straight win in state tournament competition and eighth in their last nine tests.

The Tigerettes were runner-up in Class AA two years ago.

Jones threw in 31 points for a three-game total of 104. She was also voted the tournament's most valuable player, completing a sensational career that saw her start on all three of past state tourney teams.

It was all Cassandra Howard in the Class AA finals as she poured in 37 points to lead Chester County to a 59-45 victory over Livingston.

As one writer put it, it was the 5'8" Howard who was the center of attention, not the state championship. In scoring her 37 points, she brought her tournament total to 116, surpassing the 106 record she set last year as a freshman.

Livingston, a surprise finalist in AA, was led in scoring by Sue Hicks with 16 points while Lucretia Huffines added 12. Carol Morris with 14 points was the only Chester County player, other than Howard, in double figures.

The win was most rewarding for Chester County, 30-2 on the year,

who lost last year in the district, regional and state tournament finals to Bolivar.

"It's great," Chester County Coach John Pipkin said. "It's what we've been waiting on and working for since last year. It's great to be the champions."

The win marked just the second time in the 21-year history of the girls state tournament that a team has won back-to-back titles. Bradley County was the first to turn the trick, winning in 1975 and 1976.

Perri Huckeby, voted the Class A Most Valuable Player, and Rebecca Rains each scored 17 points for the Bobkittens, who ended the season with a mark of 29-4.

In the Class A finals it was the Pickett County Bobkittens who took the coveted title as they slipped by powerful Maryville Porter 42-39.

Porter, trying for its fourth title, was paced in scoring by Becky Parker with 26 points while Gaye Johnson added 11.

And just as quickly as the Murphy Center gym floor cools off after a week of torrid girls' action, boy's teams from all over the state will invade with the same championship hopes the girls held.

Memphis will have two of the three pretourney favorites when the boy's state tourney gets underway here on Tuesday.

Melrose in Class AAA and Bolton in Class A are both from Shelby County and finished no. 1 in the final regular season action ratings for their respective classes.

Joining Bolton and Melrose in the favorites' role will be Knoxville

Holston in Class AA. The three favorites show only one loss apiece this season.

Holston boasts two outstanding college prospects in 6'3" William Hanks and 6'5" Chris Harris, both of which Raider Coach Jimmy Earle has expressed interest in.

One other player also of interest to Earle is Scott Sanderson of Giles County (Giles Co. provided the Raiders with an outstanding prospect last year in Mike Frost.)

One-girl team holds on for basketball victory

The University Lake high school girls' basketball team from Hartland, Wis. was playing Shoreland Lutheran High in Kenosha recently.

Four University Lake players were out sick with the flu, leaving only five to suit up.

Still, the Lakers led 22-11 at halftime.

Soon, however, University Lake started to recede. Mary Allen fouled out, and the Lakers finished the third quarter with four players and a 25-16 lead.

Rita Landis sprained an ankle and departed early in the fourth quarter.

Sandy Saeger fouled out with less than three minutes left. And Ann Yeomans fouled out with about one minute to go; but her team still led 33-25.

The tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday with Chattanooga Riverside battling Knoxville Rule in a Class AA game. Bolton makes its debut at 3 p.m. against Friendsville.

The second session that night finds Melrose against Springfield at 6 p.m., Bellevue opposite Memphis University School at 7:30 p.m. in Class AA and the state's only undefeated team, Elkton, meeting Midway at 9 p.m. in a Class A match-up.

That left Laura Merisalo, who had four fouls, to play against five Shoreland opponents, a problem on defense certainly but also a headache when she had to inbound the ball (she tossed it to an opponent and tried to steal it back).

Laura gave up four points in that final minute, but University Lake still won 33-29.

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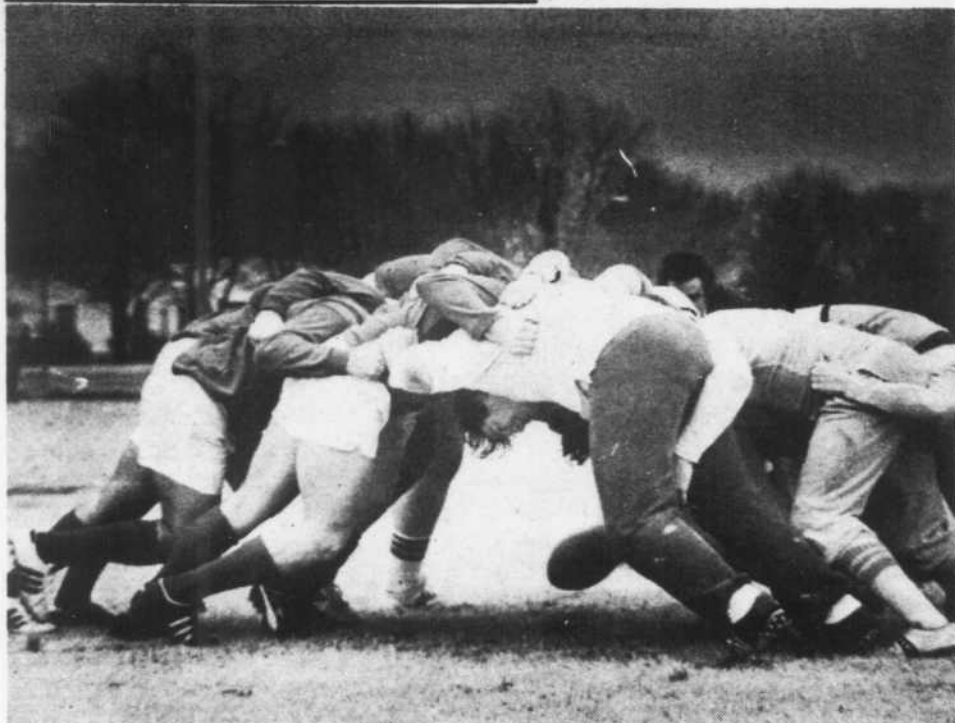


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← The club's next game will be against Vanderbilt, here, after spring break. [Cindy Hicks photo].

Even though their opponents, Tullahoma didn't show up, Brad Leedham of the Middle Tennessee Rugby Club gave his best effort in Sunday's intrasquad battle. [Cindy Hicks photo]. →



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OVC to lose automatic NCAA bid?

Will the Ohio Valley Conference lose its automatic bid to the NCAA tournament?

That seems to be the question on every OVC follower's mind lately, as rumors have been spread throughout the conference that this will be the last year.

"We're just one step away from

being able to compete on a national level every night of the season," OVC Commissioner Bob Vanatta said. "Hopefully, Western Kentucky will do some miracle work in the tournament this time and restore some of our conference prestige," he added.

Even if the Hilltoppers pull some

unexpected tricks propelling themselves into the finals in St. Louis, the OVC would still not be assured of retaining its automatic bid.

Ironically enough, the Mideast Regionals will be held in Murphy Center next year and if the OVC were to lose its automatic bid, but MTSU somehow received an at-

large berth, they would probably be sent to either the Midwest or Farwest regionals.

"This would greatly damage our conference mostly in the recruiting area," Vanatta said.

"I guess we'll just have to wait and see what Western does and then it will be in the hands of the NCAA officials," he added.

Two deemed All-American indoor track season ends

by Eddie Gossage

Two members of the Blue Raider track squad joined the ranks of the All-Americans following their performances this weekend in the NCAA Indoor Track Championships.

The meet was held in Detroit at the Cobo Arena.

Sheikh Faye and John DoDoo nabbed All-American honors with their sixth place finishes in the national event.

Faye grabbed sixth place in the long jump, leaping 24 feet, eight and one-half inches.

DoDoo took sixth place honors leaping 52 feet, nine and three-quarter inches in the triple jump.

Faye and DoDoo are the sixth and seventh Raiders in MTSU history to be named All-American in track.

Miler Gary Perry just missed All-American honors with a seventh place finish. Perry completed the mile in 4:10.7.

MTSU will host the first outdoor track meet of the season this

Saturday. Other teams involved in the meet are Illinois State, Miami (Ohio) and East Tennessee. Field events are scheduled to get under way at 1:30 p.m. with the running events starting at 2:30 p.m.

The meet will be the only outdoor meet of the year for MTSU until the Raiders host the OVC Championships on May 5.

CORRECTION

In the intramural championships article printed in the March 7 issue of *Sidelines*, the final score of the Fun League championship was omitted.

Kickers, Inc. defeated Short People 47-43. Both teams had gone into the game undefeated.

Sidelines regrets the error.

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Baseball team deserves more student support

by Eddie Gossage

Fact: MTSU's baseball team won the OVC's Western Division Title last year.

Fact: Year in and year out the Raiders either win the title or are contenders for the divisional pennant.

Fact: Several MTSU players are drafted into the professional ranks every year.

Fact: It's fun, entertaining, and even better than that, it's free.

All of these are definite factors on the side of the MTSU baseball squad. There is only one question remaining: why don't MTSU students, faculty, administration and Murfreesboro residents support the MTSU baseball squad?

At the Raider home opener, only a handful of people showed up and

a large majority of that crowd were members of the MTSU women's tennis and basketball teams. At one time the crowd even dwindled to eight people.

It is a shame and a disgrace to Coach John Stanford and his team to have to play in front of such a dismal crowd. Middle Tennessee will play their first home game on their own turf on March 24 against Hope College after having the infield resodded.

The quality of play is good, the quality of the players is even better and the quality of coaching is even higher than that.

With the days getting warmer and complaints from students about nothing to do, it's a natural—support the MTSU baseball team.

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