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ASB commissioner resigns

by Faye Hale

Byron West, who was confirmed as the election commissioner by the ASB senate Thursday, announced his resignation yesterday.

West met opposition from the senate when a question of his semester hours was raised. According to the 1977 Comprehensive Electoral Act, the election commissioner must have 45 semester hours. West, who has only 34 hours, told the senate he con-

sidered the requirement a by-law and therefore not binding.

The senate confirmed West by a six to four vote, though immediately two senators said they were unaware of what they were voting for.

"Mike McDonald (ASB president), and I asked the Chief Justice and the Attorney general of the Supreme Court to interpret the 45 semester hour requirement and they felt that it was a by-law,"

West said.

"I didn't feel that it was a question of qualification," West added. "I don't see how 11 more hours can make me more qualified. I really felt I could continue doing the job."

West has served as commissioner since his appointment to the post by McDonald six months ago.

When asked about his resignation West said he felt it would be in the best interest of everyone con-

cerned for him to resign.

"Freshmen elections are coming up soon and if I handled them as election commissioner and it was later declared invalid because of the hours the election would be declared invalid," West said.

"The cabinet was behind me and the decision was totally mine, I had to make a decision one way or the other just for my own peace of

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More students may qualify for loans

by Jerry Williamson

An additional 1.5 million middle-income students will become eligible for financial aid if the House of Representatives passes the Middle Income Student Assistance Act.

The act, presently in the House

Rules Committee, will benefit students from families with incomes up to \$25,000.

"With inflation going up, the people are making more money, but the cost of tuition is going up so much that the people can in no

way pay it," U.S. Rep. Albert Gore, Jr., said.

"The Middle Income Student Assistance act is a very good act and I strongly support the bill," Gore added.

The House Rules committee has "refused to approve the act for floor consideration," a memorandum from Charles B. Saunders, Jr., vice president for governmental relations, with the American Council on Education, said.

Besides the Middle Income Student Act, students who qualify may seek aid through the guaranteed student loan program, financial aid department, and the GI Bill.

Through the guaranteed student loan program, students are loaned money on an interest free basis, which is paid to the lending institution by the federal government.

Two students injured

Two MTSU students were injured Tuesday about 9:30 p.m. when they were struck by a car on South Tennessee Boulevard near the East Vine Street intersection.

Rebecca Lynn Johnston, 20, and Belinda Kelly Graham, 17, had left the sidewalk to follow their dog when they were hit by a car driven by Betty S. Clemons, city police said. Clemons is not an MTSU student.

Clemons was driving with her headlights off, witnesses said, but turned them on immediately before the accident. She was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving without a license, police said.

Both students were taken to Rutherford Hospital and are in satisfactory condition.

The payback period begins on the first day of the 10th month after graduation, Barbara Brown, a vice-president of Commerce Union Bank, said. This gives the students a chance to find a job, so he can pay his money back, she added.

The guaranteed student loan program is not entirely based on family income, but also on the number of family dependents, Brown said.

MTSU has about 3,100 students receiving financial aid this year, Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid, said.

For those students who do not qualify for financial aid, Wrenn said, "I see a tremendous number of people who are looking for an installment plan."

"I think that MTSU may be approved as a lending agency in the future for those who can not get loans from banks," he added. "It may be that the time has come that the state looks a little differently at the different kinds of payments."

Although Tennessee has 16,000 Vietnam veterans who are eligible to receive benefits from the GI Bill, only 9,500 have taken advantage of this, George L. Henry, veterans services officer in Nashville, said.

In order to be eligible to receive GI benefits, veterans must have at least 181 days of continuous active-duty service.

"A veteran with less than 181 days of service may be eligible if he or she was released because of a service connected disability," a veterans administration pamphlet states.

Veterans attending a university as a full-time student will receive \$311 each month. If he has a

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Joseph T. Smith [left], band director of the MTSU Band of Blue, is not trying to imitate a whopping crane but instead just gesturing during a band practice this week. [Robin Rudd photo]

Extra job plan rejected

Faculty members reacted negatively to the proposal by the State Board of Regents that would regulate outside employment, at a meeting of the Associated American University Professors.

The draft proposed by the State Board of Regents states that a "written request for permission to engage in outside employment must be submitted to the president through regular administrative channels."

Although it is stirring up quite a bit of interest among faculty members, "it is only a draft and will probably not be acted upon by the board until their spring meeting," Frank Essex, president of the faculty senate, said.

Presently, there is no one policy handling this matter, although the faculty handbook outlines some policies relative to outside employment. Many faculty members feel these rules and regulations are adequate, Essex said.

"The main reason the board has for proposing the draft is to get all 16 Tennessee colleges under one policy instead of having several different policies," Essex said.

Whatever the reason for the proposed policy, it has already been a major factor in the resignation of Tom Helm, associate professor of industrial science department Es-

sex added.

In Helm's resignation letter, he recognized the fact that the proposed policy was still in draft form, but still felt it would put quite a limit on his career, Essex said.

Some faculty members feel the draft places a threat on their freedom.

"The policy suggest that I'm not professional enough to judge what to do. I must be given a specific outline like an hourly worker," Beryl West, associate professor of psychology, said.

Roy Clark, President of AAUP, said professors who now live on farms understand that they can work on them. Under the proposed policy they would have to ask permission from the university and if they were told they would not, would be obligated to give up one or the other, he added.

When discussed at the faculty senate meeting, many faculty members felt they did not want a draft at all. However, Essex said Roy Lassiter of the Board of Regents had told him "there will be a policy."

A motion was made at the faculty senate meeting to let the teachers vote on the proposed draft.



Mark Floyd [left], speaker of the ASB house told the members one of the goals for the house this year would be to issue a monthly report on the ASB budget. [Robin Rudd photo]

ASB adopts new policies

by Janet Hyatt

A monthly ASB budget report will be one of the new policies of the house, speaker Mark Floyd, said at the Tuesday meeting of the ASB house.

"In the past when the money was spent no one would really know where it had gone," Floyd said. The monthly budget report will be a kind of "watch-guard" over the budget, he added.

Other new procedures included a roll call vote on all important motions. "This way organizations will know how their representatives are voting and how they compare with the way everyone else voted," Floyd said.

"We also hope to send a newsletter or have some type of formal communication every month with every organization," the speaker added. Copies of important bills will be sent to representatives to study before the meeting, so they can be prepared for questions.

The duties of the speaker pro temp will be expanded this semester, Floyd said. "Besides the duties of taking my place when I can't be here or if I desire to debate, the speaker pro temp will also be in charge of following the bills throughout the governmental procedure."

Floyd said in the past there has been a problem with bills being pigeonholed in the senate and the house losing touch with them. This new procedure should help the house keep up with the bills.

The senate meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. During the next meeting, on Sept. 26, the house will elect a speaker pro temp, a secretary and a parliamentarian.

Mike McDonald, ASB president, told the house, "For once we're putting all personal bias and personal egos aside to present the student government in the best light possible."

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250 lawsuits filed

Firestone avoids publicizing replacement offer

by Richard Layhew

Although the "policy is not being made public," The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. has established a policy to replace Firestone 500 radials, P.W. Carter, manager of the Firestone stores division here in Murfreesboro, said yesterday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has recommended that Firestone recall the tire because they are prone to blowouts and tread separation.

"Since production began, there have been 34 deaths, thousands of complaints, and hundreds of accidents," according to a document from the Division of Consumers Affairs.

To date, there have been 250 lawsuits filed against Firestone based on failure of the 500 radials; nine with a verdict against Firestone, 64 settled out of court, and 22 that Firestone won.

The company has advised its

dealers to allow dissatisfied customers to trade in their 500's on the newer 721 series steel-belted radials, adjusting them for tread wear, even if the 500's aren't defective, Carter said.

If the customer insists on replacing the non-defective 500 tires on his or her car, dealers are to replace them "on a customer satisfaction basis at a reasonably and mutually agreed upon price," Carter said.


An investigation by the Division

of Consumer Affairs revealed that the nine Firestone dealers in the Nashville area are not revealing the new adjustment policy.

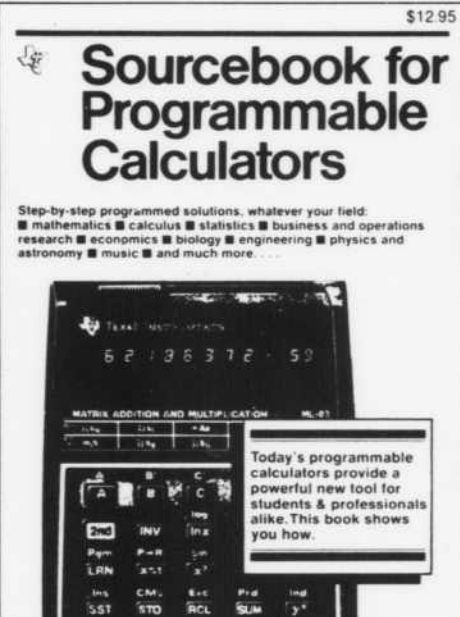
The Division of Consumers Affairs received the same response from all nine stores, "we adjust them like any other tire, by pro-rating them on tread-wear. Our policy is the same as on any other Firestone tire in that we pro-rate them on tread wear."

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Civil rights struggle not over

Every time we think we're finally going forward, we take another step backwards.

A general sessions judge in Nashville last week refused to marry an interracial couple. "Y'all just scat on out of my courtroom," Judge Dennis Summers reportedly told the couple. He later said he did not approve of mixed marriages and would not perform any.

A group of black lawyers, calling for a public apology, concede that Summers is not legally required to marry every couple who appears before him. However, they are worried his action reflects a prejudiced attitude which may affect his treatment of black lawyers.

While Summers is not disobeying the law, he is upholding an outdated and ridiculous prejudice against a black person and a white person being joined in marriage. If they are both adults they should be allowed to marry. It's as simple as that. Color has nothing to do with love.

But what is really disheartening is that this prejudiced opinion was expressed by a publicly-elected official, a judge who supposedly is a little wiser than the rest of us. He was elected to serve with an open mind and an unbiased attitude, which are essential qualities for a judge. Apparently, Summers already has his mind made regarding interracial marriages. The lawyers are afraid this narrow point of view may extend to other matters and are considering asking for a formal investigation.

After all the years of bloody fighting and bitter accusations, after all the misunderstandings and misconceptions, we may feel justified today in believing the civil rights struggle is finally over. But occasionally we hear a small voice, like Summers, mouthing the same old words. When that happens, we should realize that now, with the spectacular confrontations behind us, we need to work on our personal attitudes. The little victories are as important as the big ones.

—Cathy Wood

Citizens not given a voice

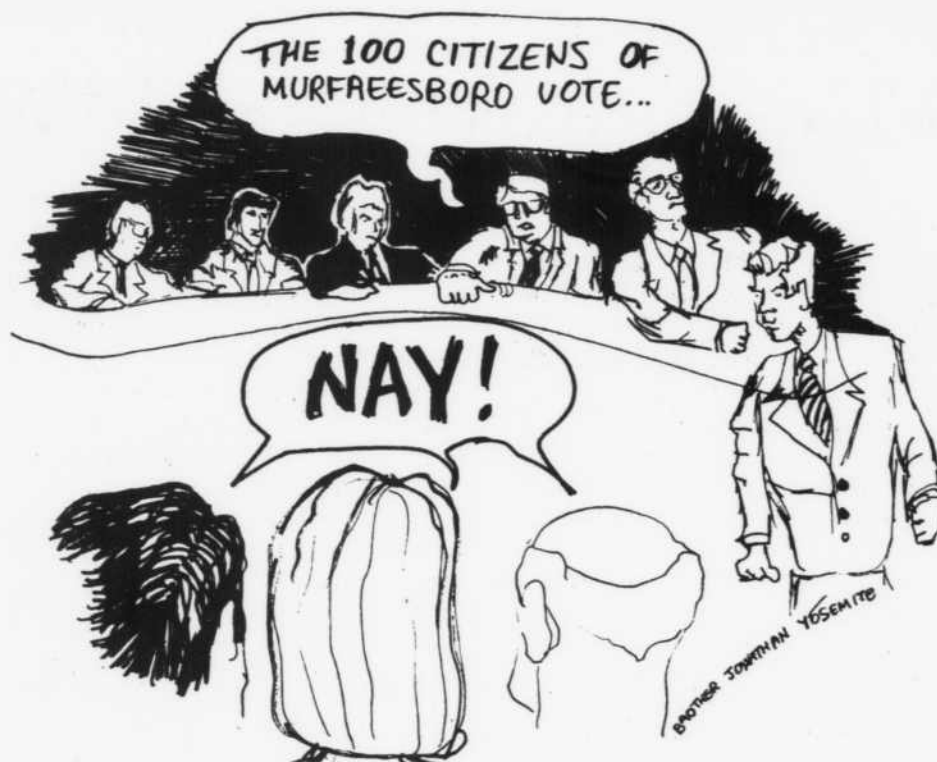
Murfreesboro citizens should be able to decide for themselves if they want to buy beer on Sundays.

A city ordinance prohibiting Sunday beer sales was upheld last week in a city council meeting. Councilmen were discussing whether to equally enforce the law (some private clubs have been selling beer on Sunday) or to repeal it. One councilman recommended holding a referendum, or public vote, although he said his only reason was to avoid a lawsuit against the city.

All the other councilmen rejected his idea and went on record opposing the Sunday sale of beer. Although the meeting was not announced as including a public hearing, Mayor W. H. Westbrook then opened the floor to the audience. About 100 persons were there and most of those who spoke were in favor of enforcing the present ordinance. After the discussion, council members voted to enforce the law, effectively insuring that the question would not be put before all the people of Murfreesboro.

All Murfreesboro citizens should be involved in the decision. But those 100 people who crowded into the meeting room may not be representative of Murfreesboro citizens. Are city council members going to base their decisions only on what a few people think? At last week's meeting, councilmen only got one point of view. Put them in front of an entirely different crowd and they would probably get an entirely different reaction.

—Cathy Wood



ASB conflict: whose fault?

It was the ASB Senate that violated the by-laws of the election commission and it was Byron West that resigned from the post of election commissioner.

West, who resigned yesterday, did it "for the good of the ASB."

According to West, he was right and the law that caused his resignation was merely a by-law and shouldn't have been binding. The Senate disagreed yet confirmed his cabinet post.

Where does the fault lie?

ASB President Mike McDonald appointed West to the position. McDonald knew that West fell short of the 45 hour requirement. The president's job is to uphold the laws of the constitution including the by-laws. His duty is to pick a cabinet that is "legally" qualified.

West knew he did not have enough hours, yet he accepted the cabinet appointment. He felt he was "qualified" for the job and went before the senate. He knowingly violated the constitution.

During the confirmation hearing last Thursday a vote for confirmation was called and the senators voted. Then two senators, who voted, claimed they didn't know what the vote was about.

Fault could fall on everyone's head but what about the embarrassment the situation has caused West and the ASB. The whole thing could have been avoided.

McDonald felt West was qualified for the job. Feelings should not count when your job is to uphold all the laws of the constitution. McDonald should have appointed West to a position he was qualified for.

The senate should have had a recall vote instead of letting the confirmation vote stand. They are sworn into office and are given the job of upholding the constitution and all its laws. Knowing what the issue being voted on is not a bad idea either.

Being asked to serve as a cabinet member is an honor, but serving as a legal member is equally important.

Hopefully there are no hard feelings lingering in the ASB because of this situation. What should come from all this is a lesson well learned with mistakes such as this being avoided in the future.

—Faye Hale

LETTERS

"Pollution is an attitude"

To the Editor:

As school returns to its normal intensity amongst refreshed interest in learning, the janitor notices no advance. Within three days the trash cycle has returned to its abnormal intensity. Pollution is an attitude, a state of mind. Respect for our selves must expand beyond our cars and clothes (by far neatest things on campus aside from the hairdos). The improper disposal of our waste (i.e. cans and paper on the lawns, butts and gum in the urinals, posters and adver-

tisements everywhere, food anywhere) is the product of contracted consciousness, atrophied awareness or class unconsciousness. The elite forget about things as soon as they have finished serving their own immediate purpose and the servant picks it up and disposes of it, or flushes it or wipes it off so they can do it again in a clean place. Who's working for whom to do what? How big is a self?

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Checking accounts, 24-hour tellers

Banks offer many student services

by Angie Galloway

Murfreesboro banks offer a wide variety of services for students at MTSU, including checking and savings accounts and 24-hour electronic tellers:

- Citizens Central Bank's main office is on North Maple Street and it has two branches in Smyrna and at the Mall in Murfreesboro.

They offer checking accounts with no service charge for a balance

above \$300, a \$1 service charge on a balance above \$200, a \$2 service charge on a balance above \$100 and a \$3 charge for a balance that falls below \$100.

The savings account pays 5 percent interest with a minimum of \$25 deposit, compounded daily and paid quarterly. Their 24-hour teller is for both checking and savings accounts and is located only at the main office and Smyrna branch.

Everyone is limited to \$100 withdrawal within a 24-hour period.

- Commerce Union's main office is on the square and has two branches, on Memorial Boulevard and on South Tennessee Boulevard.

With a balance of \$200 or more, there is no service charge, with a \$100-\$200 balance there is a \$1 charge and less than \$100, \$2 charge. The regular passbook savings account draws 5 percent interest daily and is paid quarterly. All of their offices have a 24-hour teller which is for both checking and savings accounts.

- First National Bank of Rutherford County, on Northwest Broad Street, is a branch of the Smyrna office. The First National Bank offers no service charge for MTSU full-time students on their checking accounts. Their savings accounts earn a 5 percent interest rate which is compounded daily and paid quarterly. They have a 24-hour service in which one can make cash withdrawals, deposits, transfer of funds and payments.

- First Tennessee Bank's main office is located on East Main Street, with branches on Broad Street, Mercury Plaza and in La-vergne.

There is no service charge on a checking account with a balance above \$200 or a \$1000 savings account, a \$1 service charge if the balance is above \$100 and a \$2 charge if the balance falls below \$100. Regular savings accounts have a 5 percent interest rate compounded daily and paid quarterly.

- Murfreesboro Bank and Trust has their main office located on the square with branches at Shelbyville Highway, West Main Street, Smyrna and Greenland Drive.

There is no service charge on a balance of over \$200, a \$1 charge if the balance is over \$100 and a \$2 charge if the balance is below \$100. Savings accounts earn 5 percent interest compounded daily and paid quarterly. All of their branches have 24-hour tellers except the West Main Branch.

Playing behind headliner not easy job—Kingfish

by Gary Balser

Before MTSU's Electric Light Orchestra concert last Saturday few had heard of Jet Record recording artists Kingfish, yet many who saw them were wondering who they were and how they got together. So Kingfish agreed to talk about their musical careers.

"I played with the New Riders of the Purple Sage for five years and recorded seven albums with them. After those five years with the New Riders, I found that I had a different musical taste than they had and I left to do my own music," David Torbert, bassist and vocalist for Kingfish said. "People have always identified my style of music with the Grateful Dead and the Band, since I used to play with them."

Torbert talked about Bob Weir, guitarist for the Band, who recently left Kingfish after he had toured with them for a few months. "It was fun having Bob play with us, but we were always musically compared to The Band. Now that Bob has left people can tell that we have our own original sound."

Touring with ELO isn't easy, according to Texan Mike O'Neal, lead guitarist and lead vocalist. "People don't come to see us, they come to see ELO. They aren't really ready to see our performance. We need a lot of publicity especially when Mark, Dave, Matthew and I really haven't been in any big name bands."

Keyboardist Dave Merrill talked

about the band's internal relationships, as he sipped a bottle of Heineken. "We have finally found it. Everyone in the band gets along together real well, and most important of all we feel like a unit. Most of us have never had a feeling of unity the way that we do now. I myself was a studio musician playing for everybody, and I was on call 24-hours a day."

Torbert spoke on their relationship with ELO. "ELO is a very secluded group, we don't see them very much at all. Personally I like communication between bands where I can sit down and talk and party with whoever we are on tour with."

Matthew Kelly, rhythm guitarist and harmonica player commented on the audience at Murphy Center. "They were average. Our best audience receptions so far have been in Biloxi, Miss. and Shreveport, La."

Parent seminar benefits all

A seminar designed to make being a parent more effective and enjoyable will be sponsored by home economics department and the office of continuing education Sept. 25 through Dec. 8.

"The class is a threefold program beneficiary for the parents, children, and students involved," Dian-nah Carrington, director of the home living center, said.

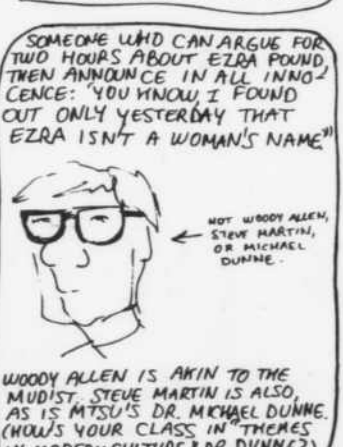
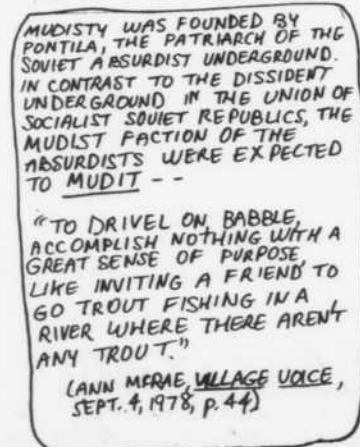
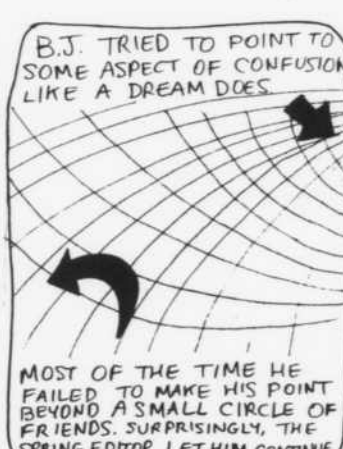
Parents will be studying new

approaches and practical techniques to child rearing, and will be working with the children in developing an individualized program of stimulation for each child. In addition, they will exchange coupons, out-grown clothes, toys, and equipment with other families, Carrington said.

For further information contact Carrington at 898-2895.

SHAKERS

by B.J. Yosemite



Writers needed

Collage, MTSU's magazine, is currently seeking literary and artistic contributions for its fall issue.

"Short stories and poetry are especially needed," Jeff Ellis, Collage editor, said. "In addition, we have a number of feature story assignments available."

Artwork and photographs are also being sought for the magazine. Those interested in submitting works for consideration should send them to: Collage, MTSU Box 61.

Course of ASB legislation similar to federal system

One of the purposes of the Associated Student Body is to act as the "means whereby student opinion may be introduced in the governance of the institution..." according to the ASB constitution.

The basic method used to introduce student opinion is the passing of a bill in the legislature. The ASB congress is composed of two houses like the federal government.

A bill may originate in either the house or the senate and if approved, it will go to the other house for approval.

If both houses approve the bill it is presented to the ASB President. He must sign or veto the bill within five school days after it has been given to him. If he fails to act before the deadline, the bill is automatically forwarded to the vice-president for student affairs.

The vice-president retains final veto power over all legislation passed by the students. This veto has to be exercised within 10 calendar days or the bill becomes law.

There are provisions in the constitution which allow students to propose legislation, by presenting a petition of 50 or more students. The person presenting the legislation is also responsible for bringing 90

copies of the bill. The legislature is required to consider all such bills introduced in this manner. Anyone abusing this privilege may be brought before the Supreme Court for disciplinary action.

The snags in the system lie in the administrative end Mike McDonald, ASB president said. He said the problems were not antagonistic, but were bureaucratic.

McDonald said he thought the process was a good one for getting the students' needs before the administrative bodies because "everyone gets the option to participate, though sometimes they don't."

MTSU hosts state energy conference

by Eddith Dashiell

The methods of conserving energy used in Davis, Cal., will be featured in three conferences entitled "Achieving an Energy Conserving Community," to be hosted by the MTSU Energy Council, David Grubbs, conference director and chairman of the MTSU political science department, said.

"The reason we decided to have three conferences is because we wanted the representatives from

Davis to be there, and since Tennessee is such a long state, we would not be able to inform as many people on the subject in just one meeting," Grubbs said.

The first conference will be held in Knoxville's Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sept. 18. the second conference will be held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Sept. 20, and the third conference will be held in the Jackson Civic Center, Sept. 22.

Each conference will have the same format and principle speakers but the panelists will include participants from each conference location. Grubbs added.

The conference will feature Gloria McGregor, director of community development; and Robert Black, city councilman; both of Davis, along with other top energy experts such as Tom Roberts, president of the American Society of Planning Officials, and Bill Man-

ning, educational director of the Southern Building Codes Conference. These experts will offer their ideas regarding city planning, architecture, municipal codes, and the community development.

Bill Manning will speak on the new law adopted by Tennessee last spring which required energy-efficiency code laws. Grubbs said.

"Gloria McGregor will be on the 'Noon Show', Sept. 21, to discuss the conferences and the efforts in Davis," Grubbs added.

The conferences are made possible through a \$9,000 grant from the Tennessee Higher Educational Commission, and MTSU which has given the council \$4,500 for the program.

This project is also made possible through the cooperation of the University of Tennessee Center for Government Training and the Tennessee Energy Authority, Grubbs said.

"There will not be any decisions made during the conferences. The speakers will provide practical, step-by-step suggestions for achieving energy conservation. Several citizen groups such as the Energy Conservation Society will be well represented at the conferences," Grubbs said.

Dean Earl Keese of the office of continuing education will serve as conference coordinator, Curry Peacock of the political science department will serve as program chairman, and Tom Moody of the physics department will serve as the technical consultant.

The MTSU library will present a literature exhibit concerning energy conservation at the Opryland conference.

Two vacancies exist in concert choirs

Two openings exist for a tenor and bass singer in the MTSU Concert Choir. Anyone interested should contact Dale Voelker through the music department.



The horseshoe competition between the men dorms ended yesterday with K-Apartments winning first place. Pictured are [left to right] David Coker and Larry Garr, Smith Hall, who finished in third place; Tim McDougal and Stanley from K-Apartments, first place, and Del Pedlow and Steve Johnson, H-Hall who finished in second. [Robin Rudd photo]

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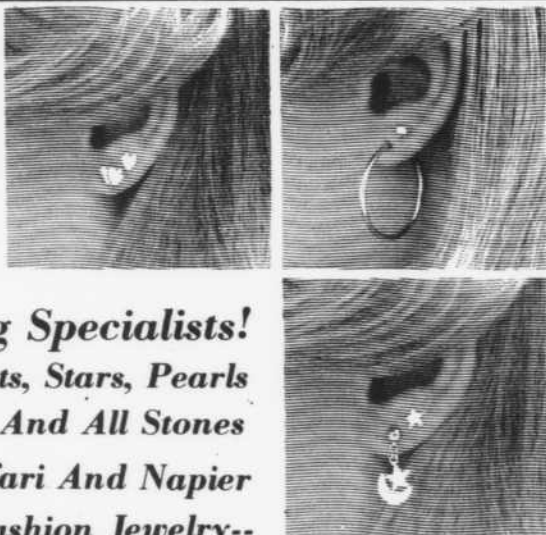
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dependent he will receive \$370 or \$422 if he has two dependents.

Thomas H. DeRamus, a MTSU student receiving GI Bill benefits, recently claimed in a "Sidelines" letter to the editor that it was hard for GI Bill recipients to pay the registration fee all at once when they receive their checks monthly.

"The Tennessee Board of Regents could help relieve this burden by changing their policy of insisting that students pay all school expenses on the day of registration for each semester," DeRamus said. "What would be wrong with an installment plan?"

Roy Lassiter, executive vice-chancellor, said nothing has been brought before the State Board of Regents concerning an installment plan for registration expenses.

"Our registration fees are not so high that students not on financial aid couldn't pay it," Lassiter said.

Lassiter added that Tennessee

institutions have been authorized to have installment plans on room and board costs.

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mind," West added.

"If we had taken it to the Supreme Court I think we could have won a decision in our favor," West said. "However I feel that by making a fight of this question it could do more harm than good. The ASB is more important than anyone person or proving a point."

West said he felt that there was no personal bias in the senate toward him. "They were just trying to uphold what they felt was right," West said.

"The one thing I regret is that I can't finish the job I started six months ago," West said. "However, I don't feel that it was wasted time nor am I bitter."

Dorm lobby bids accepted

by Faye Hale

Bids are now being accepted for the redecoration of the lobby of High Rise West, Jim Craig, director of housing, said.

The lobby, which will cost approximately \$30,000, is the only major redecorating job done to a dorm in the past four or five years.

"The money will come from the housing department," Craig said. "Money is set aside for things such as this each year. High Rise is the biggest lobby on campus and is used four times as much as most of the smaller lobbies," he added.

"We looked at all the dorms and felt that High Rise West was in the worst condition," he said. High Rise has not been redecorated since it was built in 1967.

Craig said he could not be specific about the cost of redecorating High Rise compared to the other dorms because he was not at MTSU when they were redecorated.

"However, the redecoration of Smith was no where near as extensive as this will be," Craig said. "Smith was only given some new paneling, carpet and furniture. I don't think they had an interior decorator like we're having for High Rise," Craig said.

Nancy Woodson, home economics instructor, designed the new lobby at no cost to the university.

Craig said the use of the large amount of money and an interior decorator was needed because High Rise is used for summer workshops and has been used for summer school housing.

"When this project is completed we may use High Rise for summer school more often," Craig said.

In the Aug. 31 issue of Sidelines a story on the redecoration of High Rise West's lobby was incorrectly referred to as Cummings in the headline. Sidelines regrets the error.

U.C. Cinema

1978 Fall Movie Schedule

Sept. 18-19	A Piece of the Action (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 20-21	All the President's Men (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 25-26	2001 - A Space Odyssey (G)	3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 27-28	Return of the Dragon (R)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 2-3	The Groove Tube (R)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 4-5	A Boy and His Dog (R)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 9-10	Smokey and the Bandit (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 11-12	Dog Day Afternoon (R)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 16-17	A Night at the Opera (G)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 18-19	Oh God! (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 23-24	A Star is Born (R)	3:30, 6 and 8:45 p.m.
Oct. 25-26	The World's Greatest Lover (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Oct. 30-31	The Devils (X)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Nov. 1-2	Woodstock (R)	3:00, 6:15 and 9:30 p.m.
Nov. 6-7	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (PG)	3:30 6 and 9 p.m.,
Nov. 8-9	The Other Side of Midnight (R)	3:30, 6 and 9 p.m.
Nov. 13-14	Fellini's Casanova (R)	3:30, 6 and 9 p.m.
Nov. 15-16	The Turning Point (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8:15 p.m.
Nov. 20-21	A Clockwork Orange (R)	3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 27-28	Young Frankenstein (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.
Nov. 29-30	Heroes (PG)	3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

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Special courses offered

The office of continuing education at MTSU is sponsoring many special interest courses during the fall semester including workshops, courses, seminars and conferences.

"Students just don't realize that they can participate in these programs and try something different or learn something new without having to pass any tests or anything," Betty Harper, director of the continuing education office, said.

The Alcohol Safety Program, begun August 22, meets on Tuesdays in the JUB, Dining Room A at 6 p.m. This rehabilitation program is designed to help people with alcohol-related problems. For more information, contact Daniel McMurray, associate professor of sociology.

Three "women only" classes will be offered this fall. An Aqua Exercise class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 9 until Nov. 2. The Self-Defense for Women class, which combines self protection with exercise and fitness will be offered from Oct. 9 through Nov. 15 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Modeling I is designed for women who wish to learn proper facial and hair care and visual poise. Classes will begin on Sept. 21 and continue until Oct. 26.

MTSU will also offer different travel classes. German for the Traveler is designed for people planning their first visit to Germany. Instructions in basic communications and overcoming language barriers will be held on Tuesday nights, Sept. 19 to Oct. 24.

Two different classes in snow skiing will climax with special trips to North Carolina and to Aspen, Colo. Classes will be held during the month of December. The trip to North Carolina will take place around the middle of the month, and the ski trip to Colorado is from Dec. 30 through Jan. 6.

Several hobby courses are planned for this fall also. Needlepoint will be offered Sept. 26 through Oct. 31 and Quiltmaking will be held Oct. 3 to Nov. 14. Beginning Bridge will start on Sept. 12 and continue through Oct. 31.

MTSU is offering courses for educational improvement. A two-day conference dealing with approaches of teaching and evaluating writing will be held Sept. 22 and 23 and will be taught by Marvin Klein.

An Individual Education Program will be offered, instructing in the writing of educational programs and learning packets. This conference will be held Oct. 27 and 28.

Teaching Poetry to Children is



Several residents of Smith Hall got their spirit posters out early for tomorrow night's game against UT Martin. The game which begins at 7:30 p.m. is the first home game for the Blue Raiders this season. [Robin Rudd photo]

another two-day conference to explain the basic themes and techniques concerning teaching poetry to elementary-grade children.

Something new is always a challenge and MTSU offers several courses for the beginner. Basic Computers for Beginners is a course that could possibly open the door to a future in computer science. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 3 through Oct. 26. Beginning Sign

Language is the course to teach the necessary skill of communicating with people with hearing impairments. Classes will begin on Sept. 20 and end on Nov. 22.

Real estate, financial planning and investments have become an interesting part of today's world, and MTSU offers various classes in these areas. Real Estate Law will meet on Tuesdays from Sept. 19 to Nov. 21.

Writing conference held

A writing conference designed to aid students in helping to teach elementary aged children how to develop their ability to express themselves in writing will be held at MTSU Sept. 22-23.

All sessions of the conference will take place in the Tennessee

Room of the JUB 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Expressive writing is one of the slower skills," Elizabeth Brashears, conference director said. "We're just trying to get back to it. This should help the children express themselves in writing, whether it be poetry, prose, letters, social, or just anything they may write."

Conducted by Marvin Klein, professor of Elementary Education at Western Washington State University, the two-day course will be open to all interested persons. Elementary education students, graduates or undergraduates, may attend all sessions of the conference for an \$8 fee while receiving one hour's credit in Elementary education.

To attend as a non-credit activity, the fee is \$8 for one day or \$14 for both days. Pre-registration is currently underway at the business office, or those interested may register from 8-9 a.m. on the first day of the conference.

Brashears said this conference would not aid the writing of students older than high school age.

U.S. representative to hold public meeting

U.S. Rep. Albert Gore will hold a public meeting Saturday, at 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the circuit court room of the Rutherford County Courthouse.

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More than 100 teams participating

Debate tournament will draw national crowd

by Lisa Human

College students from all over the nation will convene at MTSU to compete in the 12th annual MTSU Earlybird Varsity Invitational Debate Tournament Sept. 29, Oct. 1-2.

More than 100 teams, (2 members on each team,) from around 75 schools will debate at the tournament, including at least one team from MTSU.

Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y., was the winner of last year's Earlybird Tournament and will return this year to defend its title.

Roger Fenner, a freshman from Huntsville, Ala. and Cindy Porter, a freshman from Greenbrier will debate as a team for MTSU.

The two, along with Mary Johnson, a junior transfer student from Roane State, attended a summer debate institute sponsored by the University of Arizona in order to prepare for the season.

Each year a debate topic for the entire nation is chosen by the

National Convention and voted on by students and debate coaches.

This year's topic is: "Resolve that the Federal government should implement a program which guarantees employment opportunities for all U.S. citizens in the labor force," Fenner said.

The topic requires continuous research, Fenner added. "Cindy Porter and I have three brief cases full of notes on the subject."

As in most debate tournaments, the Earlybird Tournament will consist of eight preliminary rounds of debate, (four affirmative rounds and four negative rounds.) The top 16 teams will go to the octa-finals, eight teams go to the quarter finals, the four top teams continue on the semi-finals, and the top two teams debate in the finals.

"Debating requires a lot of dedication, but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages," Laura Livingston of the Speech and Drama department said. "You get

to travel to different campuses and meet new people all the time."

"It doesn't get boring," Finner said, there is always more to research."

A recruiting program for students interested in debate will begin soon, Livingston said.

"Anyone who sincerely wants to debate and is not experienced is welcome to become involved," she

added. Debate experience is helpful in many fields, she explained.

"It gives you logic, organization, and the ability to speak in front of people." It is especially helpful for pre-law students.

Time-keepers are needed for the Earlybird tournament. "We would appreciate any help we can get in that are," Livingston said. The debate tournament is open for anyone who would like to watch.

Internships are available for state legislative work

Students wishing to play an active role in the General Assembly may be able to do so through the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program.

Juniors, seniors and graduate students who are citizens of Tennessee are eligible to apply for the intern. Applications are available in the office of Frank Essex, faculty representative for the program, room 257 of Peck Classroom Building (NCB), and must be turned in by Oct. 13, 1978.

Interns will be chosen based on grade point average and expected potential.

They will be assigned to legisla-

tive leadership and committees, and will be expected to attend seminars on state government.

It would be convenient for the interns to live in or around the Nashville area, Essex said. A stipend of \$500.00 a month will be paid to offset expenses, plus 15 cents a mile for one round trip per month from the intern's home to Nashville.

Up to 12 hours of academic credit will be given for participation in the program.

Jimmy Wright represented MTSU in the General Assembly last year and is now in Law School at UT Knoxville.

Can't get rid of bugs—Fox

"There's no way to get rid of the bugs, we can just try our best to control them," Kenneth Fox, director of building services, said in reply to numerous complaints about bugs in the dormitories and the ineffectual fogging of rooms.

Fox would not comment on statements made in last *Sidelines* Letters to the Editor column, but he did explain the procedures of spraying the rooms.

Dormitory rooms are fogged after the students leave and the cleaners go through the buildings. Although most dorms are done during the

break between the summer and fall sessions, some students have complained of bug problems and that only one room or area of their apartments was sprayed.

"Fogging is a one shot deal," Fox said. "The fog cloud invades the whole room, gets into the cracks, everything."

The trash rooms are not fogged, but are covered with a residual spray that lasts for weeks, he said.

J-Apartments and Smith Hall were sprayed a few days ago, and will probably be sprayed again before long, Fox added. K-Apartments are scheduled for next week.

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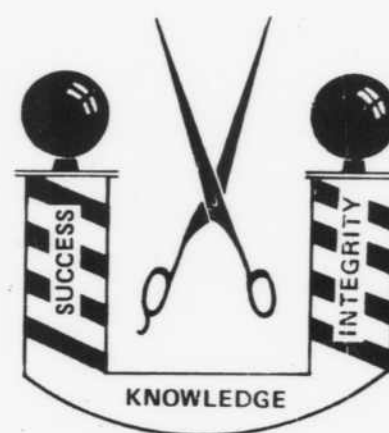
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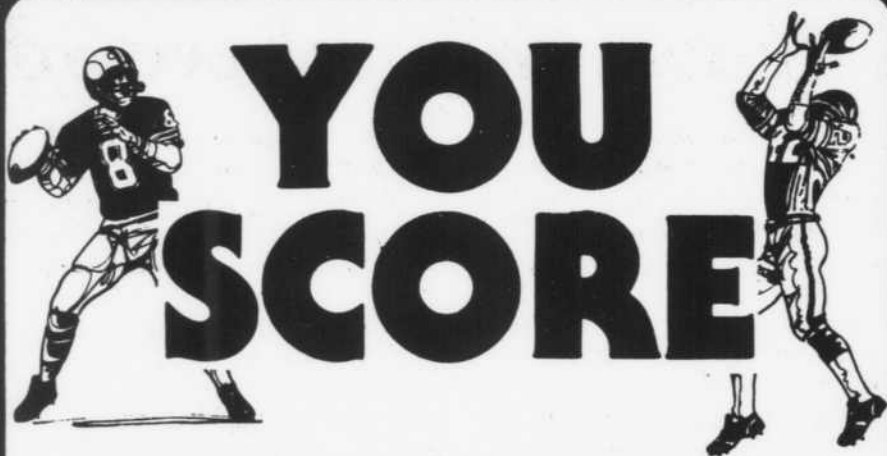
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Romanian talent adds height to Lady Raiders



Pat Jones and Ileana Portik

by Bob Gary

A chance phone call placed by MTSU Women's Athletic Director Pat Jones, a few months ago may turn out to be one of the best things ever to happen to women's basketball at MTSU.

The call was placed to Fran Koenig, national chairman of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), concerned a question of a player's eligibility. In the process of the conversation, Jones explained, "I commented to Fran about how frustrated I was that we didn't have a big girl coming back this year. 'Pat,' she said, 'I'm going to do you a favor.'"

The favor turned out to be a six foot one inch girl named Ileana Portik from Romania. She had played basketball for her national team in the 1976 Olympics and wanted to play collegiate basketball in this country. She came with good credentials for college basketball.

Portik defected to Italy before coming to the United States. She took refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Rome. Her first residence in the U.S. was in Toledo, Ohio, to live with an uncle who had defected 30 years ago.

It was not until this summer that Ileana decided she wanted to play basketball again. Ileana made a statement to an Ohio priest that she wanted to play college basketball in America. The priest ran an article in a Toledo paper, and basketball programs across the country opened the doors for Ileana.

The eligibility was a problem for the 23-year-old Romanian for several weeks, until last Tuesday, when Jones and MTSU Women's head basketball coach Larry Inman received a call from Koenig.

"Dr. Koenig explained to me that the type ball Ileana played in Romania would not be considered collegiate caliber in the United States. Therefore, she has been granted the standard four year college eligibility," Jones said. The

wheels started rolling then for Jones and Inman.

"We got Ileana at MTSU because she wanted a good education, and she knew, after talking to Koenig, that we wanted to help her. Above all, she is dedicated to her education. We provided a genuine interest in her education as well as a top-notch plan to play basketball."

Jones added that since the AIAW prohibits direct recruiting her department had a rather sizable phone bill for the time in which they recruited Ileana. "It's been worth it because I feel that she will be a big boost to the Blue Raiderette team," Jones said.

"She is the most appreciative kid I've ever coached, and she appreciates anything anybody does to help her," Inman said. "She has the physical tools to be an All-American."

Ileana will probably attract many people this year at the ballgames, but Coach Inman said, "She has a lot to learn, and a long way to go."

The problems that will be facing Coach Inman are that Ileana has never played center, and that's the position Ileana is needed at. She played forward in Romania and did some outside shooting. Inman will probably be spending the next few weeks in practice working Ileana in the middle, working for open shot.

From frustration to elation could well describe the MTSU women's department because just over two weeks ago there was not a tall girl on the team, but with Jones' telephone call, height has stepped into the program.

Statisticians needed

Anyone interested in being a statistician for the football team and the basketball team should contact Jim Freeman in the Murphy Center Athletic Office. Two people could be used for the job, and experience is necessary. For more information call 898-2450.

MTSU and UT Martin

Teams seek bouncing back victories

by Doyle Parham
Sports Editor

"We are sick about losing—the hardest thing a coach or a player has to face is bouncing back from a loss, and win against a tough team. But this team is going to do it."

That was Coach Ben Hurt's prediction after losing to Tennessee State in a heartbreaking 13-6 score.

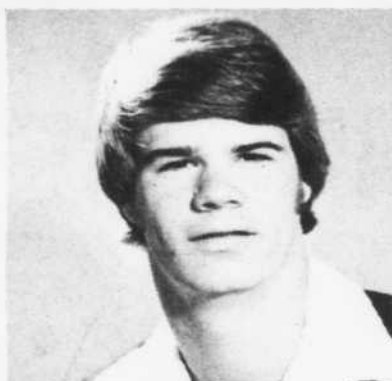
MTSU and the UT Martin Pacers will square-off here on Saturday night as both teams try to get into the win column after dropping season openers to tough opponents.

UT Martin's all-out effort against Ohio Valley Conference champion Austin Peay fell short by a 21-14 margin.

"UT Martin has a heck of a football team," Hurt said. "We will have to take advantage of the home field to start a winning streak."

Hurt, offensive coordinator Marshall Taylor and defensive coordinator Jim Sypult all scouted the Pacers in their loss to Austin Peay last week.

"Martin probably should have won that game," Hurt pointed out,



Randy Saunders

"They had a first down on Austin Peay's one-yard line, but would-up fumbling the ball, then Peay got the winning touchdown on a up-yard punt return with less than two minutes to play."

It was the first win for an OVC team over Martin in three years, and will make them that much tougher against the Raiders on Saturday night, Hurt said.

Hurt said he was impressed with UT Martin's veer offense, and the performance in new Pacer quarterback Sammy Bryant, who replaced



James McClellan

Alvin Smalls, the quick, field general who led Martin to 8-3 records each of the past two seasons.

"Bryant is a Jack Mildren-type of quarterback. He is an average passer, a super runner, and gets the job done." Sypult said, whose young defense, dubbed the Rubberband Raiders by Sypult, must stop Bryant and Co.

Sypult said he was pleased with the effort of his defensive unit that has nine new faces this fall.

Sophomore James McClellan and junior Jimmy Sanders, both of

Chattanooga, led the defensive effort from their end and cornerback positions, respectively, and McClellan was selected by his coaches as the defensive player of the week.

Another Chattanooga, punter Randy Saunders, was also a big factor in the TSU game, punting nine times for a 44.6 average, and he was also chosen by the coaches as the offensive player of the week.

Taylor is confident the MTSU offense is much better than they showed against TSU, and he has been working hard two weeks to get his unit ready for the rugged Martin defense.

"Martin simply isn't as big up front as TSU was, although they are just as quick and well-coached." Taylor said, "TSU's size was just too much for us."

Senior captain Robbie Rogers will be back in the line-up after missing the TSU game with a sprained ankle. "Robbie will really add to the team this week, because he's a fine runner, tough inside, and he's ready to play," Hurt said.



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