



ASB election workers were faced with a light voter turnout of 258 students during Wednesday's constitutional referendum. The proposed constitution failed 160-98 in an election which required approval by two thirds of the voting students. (Photo by Nancy Nipper.)

## Caucus?

## Students vote to support student government idea

Students attending the fourth campus forum voted 47 to 22 to uphold student government Tuesday night.

The students participated in a campus forum debate at the University Center on the question should student government be abolished.

Don O'Guin, principal opposition speaker, attacked the ASB as "an exclusive after-class club for Greeks." O'Guin argued that student government was filled with structural defects.

O'Guin also said that the ASB has an attitudinal problem, and it was unrepresentative of the students.

Paul Fischer arguing against the question denied that the ASB was "a country club administration." Fischer said that the Jackson administration was 76 percent non-Greek.

Fischer said O'Guin's attack assumed that the ASB was ineffective. Fischer cited programs initiated by the Jackson

administration as signs of its success.

Fischer defended the Focus '73 program, a planned series of television shows about MTSU, and the data collection agency, a committee currently studying the possibility of open dorm hours.

He also said that an advisory board to WMOT had been appointed to present student views on the station's programming.

O'Guin cited university committees including the curriculum committee and the loan and scholarship committee which had no student membership. He also named committees that had few student members.

O'Guin said that the importance of these committees was minimal because they have limited power to act, and they could be overruled by a presidential veto. O'Guin mentioned a unanimous committee decision which had been vetoed by President M. G. Scarlett.

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## Pre-law president receives appointment as public defender

Tom Foley, president of the MTSU pre-law honor society, has been appointed ASB public defender, John Jackson, ASB president, said today.

Foley, Manchester senior, will also assist the other members of the pre-law group in the formation of a public defense counsel, Jackson said.

"Traditionally, there has been a problem within the student court system in that students acting as public defenders have so few cases that they often lose touch," Jackson said.

"Subsequently, they are

not able to adequately serve the students. This has been a weakness in the structure rather than a lack of enthusiasm on the part of students.

"I believe the public defense counsel, along with Foley, will add greatly to the effectiveness and efficiency of the ASB's judicial wing," he said.

Jackson said the public defender's office is expected to try its first case soon, when two students are brought before the ASB courts on charges of marijuana possession.

## SIDELINES to conduct open forum

An open forum will be conducted in the University Center grill Tuesday at noon to discuss the SIDELINES, Mike West, editor-in-chief, said yesterday.

"The recent 'Editor for a Day' questionnaire has proven to us that many students do not understand the work that goes into each issue of SIDELINES,"

West said. "We realize that many students do not care for or about SIDELINES, but this does not stop us from trying to serve them journalistically."

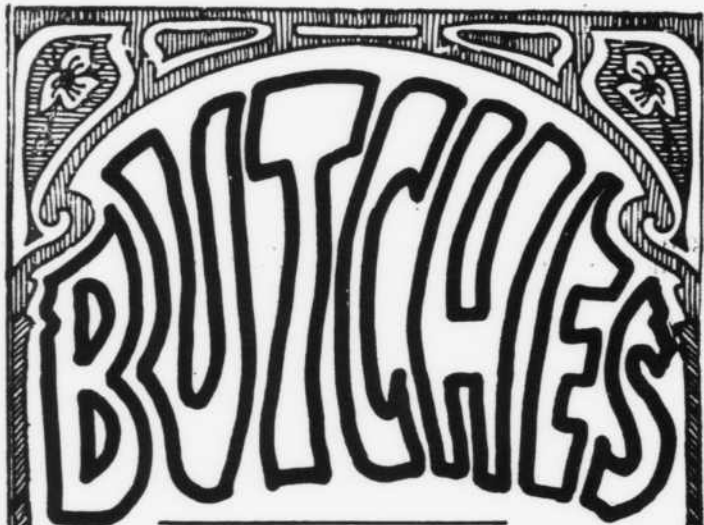
He said that news coverage and the difference between editorial and news copy will be discussed.

The editorial staff will be present to answer questions, West said.

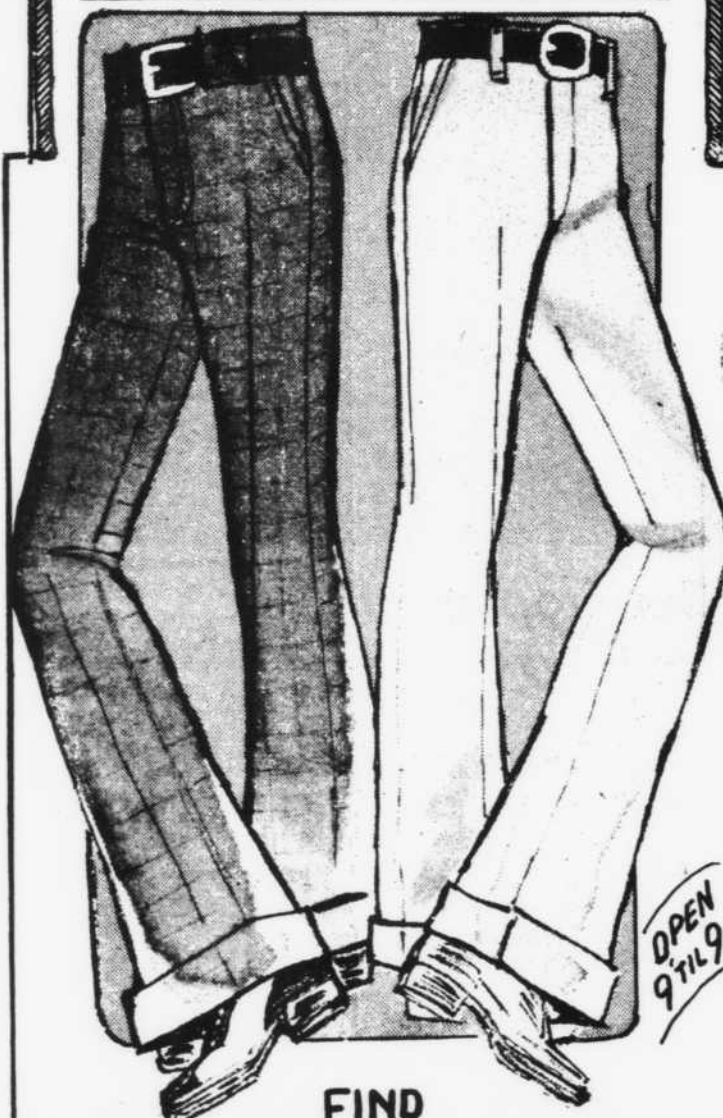


*Neigh!*

Three seemingly hungry horses munch grass at the MTSU farm on a nice spring-like day. Photo by Linda Sissom.



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## Sigma Chi hosts third Derby Day

Sigma Chi's third annual Derby Day, a week of competition between female organizations, will be held April 2-7, Derby Day director Bill Shacklett said.

The five groups participating in this year's events will be Kappa Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Zeta, Chi Omega and a group of independent girls.

"Our main objective is to give girls on campus an opportunity to compete against one another and hopefully spur enthusiasm," Shacklett said.

"A secondary objective would be, of course, to promote Sigma Chi," he said.

The theme of this year's festivities is "Derby Day Keeps on Trucking."

The activities will begin Monday with a poster painting contest in which competitors are to paint windows of several Purfreesboro merchants to publicize Derby Day. These windows will be judged.

A derby decoration contest will be held Monday night. Each organization will be given a derby to decorate and will be judged on the basis of originality, Shacklett said.

Each organization will

enter one member in the "Derby Darling" contest the same night to determine who will reign over Derby Day festivities, he said.

Activities planned for Wednesday include a cook-out and a rock 'n roll contest. Music will be provided by Mississippi Sea, a group from Cookeville.

Thursday and Friday afternoons, Sigma Chi will sponsor a derby chase between the New Class-

room Building and the Administration Building. Members of the organizations participating will chase Sigma Chi members who step off the sidewalk to obtain derbies which are worth a certain number of points, Shacklett said.

### "Derby Day Keeps on Trucking"

A party with a bonfire and band will be held Friday night. Festivities will end Saturday with 16 competitive events preceded by a parade. These events will be held in the picnic area beside Horace Jones Field.

Representatives from two television stations will be on hand to film some of the events scheduled for Saturday, Shacklett said.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the week in the form of miniature paddles, etc. A spirit trophy will be given Saturday based on the group which showed the greatest participation and enthusiasm, he said.

A \$375 Derby Day trophy will be presented to the group which totals the most points by winning events throughout the week, he said.

Alpha Delta Pi has won this trophy for the past two years.

Derby Day originated in 1932 with the Sigma Chi chapter of the University of California. Since then, it has spread to all chapters of Sigma Chi fraternity, he said.

Shacklett will be serving as "Derby Daddy" throughout the week's activities. "Derby Mama" will be Terri Bartlett, a Sigma Chi little sister.

### Spring Festival time

## MTSU to host German event

MTSU will host the second annual German Spring Festival sponsored by the Tennessee chapter of the American Association of the Teachers of German on April 7, according to Ortrun Gilbert.

Gilbert is president of the Tennessee chapter and an assistant professor of German at MTSU.

The Consul General of the Republic of Germany from Atlanta and the Counselor of Cultural Affairs from the German Embassy, Washington, D.C., will be special guests for the event.

Activities will start Fri-

day night with a Guenter Grass play, "Ten More Minutes to Buffalo," performed by the German students of UT-Knoxville.

Various contests will be held including skits, songs and readings in German.

There will also be a baking contest and an arts and crafts exhibit. The noon meal will be an authentic German meal prepared and served by a professional German chef.

The American Association of Teachers of German and the Tennessee Federation of Students of German will hold special sessions and short workshops.

All the Tennessee county school superintendents have been invited and approximately 500 students of German and teachers and members of the German-American organization in Tennessee are expected.

Registration and the main events will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in the main lobby of the Student Union Building.

Results of the 1972 festival at University of Tennessee at Knoxville last year were a 20 per cent increase in enrollment and several newly incorporated German programs for all levels of instruction.

## Eleven faculty members gain honor

Eleven MTSU faculty members have been named as "Outstanding Educators of America."

Nominations are made by officials of the colleges and universities. Selection

guidelines include talent in the classroom, administrative abilities, contribution to research, civic service and professional recognition in their disciplines.

Those listed will be: Mary Tom Berry, professor of education; Elvin D. Bullard, assistant professor of business education; Ortrun Gilbert, assistant professor of German; William Hamilton Jr., assistant professor of data processing;

John P. Harper, assistant professor of accounting; George Keem, professor of education; Robert Martin, professor of economics; Florence McFerrin, assistant professor of mathematics; Newell S. Moore, professor of history; Robert Prytula, assistant professor of psychology; Margaret Wright, associate professor of music.

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## History offers indepth courses

All but one of the offerings in history for the intersession will be special courses focusing in depth on special topics, Robert E. Corlew, department chairman, said.

Corlew said the faculty has considered the needs of the student and feels that the span of time and the depth of subject matter in the regular courses are too great to permit them into the intersession.

"Assistance will be given to students who failed History 201 after an honest

By Sherry Hale

effort," Corlew said. "A special course will be offered for students who have registered for 201, attended class regularly and earned at least half of what was required to pass the course, but failed it."

If enough students register to justify the course, it will be offered by alternating class sessions and supervised study and investigation sessions, with the instructor available for assistance, Corlew said.

The other offerings, all three hour, upper division courses, are: Controversies in American History, Problems in Colonial America, the Colonial Society of Williamsburg, Virginia, Popular Culture and Witchcraft, Problems in Modern Middle East History: The Arab-Israeli Conflict and Historical Archaeology, Preservation and Restoration.

Any student who is interested in these courses should contact Corlew or Ernest Hooper before May 10.

## HEW appointee holds student discussions

Wiley Simmons, a representative for the Health, Education and Welfare Department (HEW), visited MTSU yesterday to provide information to students about financial aid, student programs and other related areas.

Simmons, who represents the Youth and Student Affairs division of HEW of Dallas, Texas, was at the University Center yesterday to hold discussions with individual students and students representing various organizations.

"We are not here only to give helpful information to students, but to obtain student perspective on various issues," Simmons said, "and to measure the tenor of student population as a result of the proposed budget by the administration."

"Visits such as this one are only made once or twice a year," Simmons said, "and on this trip we are visiting smaller schools about the size of MTSU."

"Problems that arise most frequently are those such as drug problems,

which are more significant on larger campuses, racial problems and those pertaining to student aid and services," he said.

"Many of the things I have mentioned have come from student discussions such as these," Simmons said. "We have worked on some of these student problems and had much success."

"I have been made aware that there is some student concern on this campus. Black students feel that there is inadequate representation on the faculty, some students are concerned about various educational issues and all students are concerned about student financial aid," he said.

"Women's organizations and black organizations are usually well represented at meetings such as this one," Simmons said, "which is good because we want to enter the total picture."

"Hopefully, continuing visits such as these will further our efforts to provide help and assistance to all students across the country," he said.

## Controversial editor

### Dan Hicks, Jr. speaks to students

One of Tennessee's most highly publicized editors and publishers, Dan Hicks, Jr., spoke yesterday to some 50 journalism students on the topic of "Weekly Papers."

Hicks is editor and publisher of the Madison County Observer (Madisonville, Tennessee), formerly known as The Democrat. The Observer, which was burned for the second time August 23, 1972, is presently housed in an old Pet Milk building which is completely fire proof except for the roof.

"Weekly papers can do a job that daily newspapers can't," he said. "Weekly papers offer a more personal form of journalism."

Emphasis is placed on the news that the people want to read, Hicks said.

"Thus my 6,200 subscribers are informed and the advertisers, whether they care for the Observer or not, are smart to advertise."

"In Monroe County there are many individuals who are critical of our paper, not because we neglect to print the facts, but because we print the truth about various illegalities which some of our residents are involved in."

Hicks is a defendant in several libel suits totaling over \$700,000 due to his coverage of controversial issues, he said.

"Being a newspaper man is expensive, but it's something that one must go through when the facts are told," Hicks said.

Hicks said that he supports the Tennessee Press Association's proposed shield law, which was drawn up to protect newsmen from revealing their sources of information.

The TPA's news source bill, which passed the house Wednesday, says that confidential news sources would be shielded from identification except in in-

By Bill Smith

stances where it can be shown there is probable cause to believe a crime has been committed, there is no other reasonable method of obtaining the information and an overwhelming public interest requires disclosure.

Any person would have access to the name of the source, but would have to force the disclosure by taking the issue before the

State Court of Appeals.

"Qualified people are needed to perform the press medias' job," Hicks said.

"Anyone can buy a newspaper but if they don't have the knowledgeable skill of the mechanics involved, then the venturer will fall on his face."

John Seigenthaler, publisher of the Tennessean, will speak Thursday, April 5, at 10:50 a.m. in room B-102 on issues involving the press.

## Education board authorizes earth science degree in fall

MTSU has been authorized by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to be the first school in Tennessee to offer a B.S. degree in earth science.

The degree, to be offered in the fall of 1973, will require 24 hours of earth science, including a minimum of three hours

geography, meteorology and astronomy. The remaining courses may be selected from geology, geography and soil science. A background in chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics is desirable.

A minor in earth science has been offered at MTSU for three years.

## Students . . .

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When questioned by ASB Speaker of the Senate Peter Hall, in rebuttal, O'Guin declined to name the decision.

O'Guin said that the ASB had a meaningless program that was non-controversial and depended upon administrative approval.

Fischer argued that student government experience prepared students for future government activity. For examples he cited Bill Boner, a former ASB president who served in the state house of representatives, and Mike Murphy, a current state representative.

## Panel to discuss all campus rules

Marilyn Wells, chairman of the all campus rules committee, said the committee will be in session during April.

Any student who wishes to voice a complaint or make a suggestion concerning the items listed in Rescue 1972-73 on pages 16-42 should contact Wells at Box 253 or phone 2517.



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# Opinion

## Students should oppose high meat prices

### Editorial

Students have to do without many things because of lack of money, but they can't do without food.

Last night, President Nixon put a price freeze on beef, pork and lamb. This means meat prices can't go up, but they also can't be lowered. The threatened meat boycott, scheduled to begin April 1, probably encouraged Nixon to freeze prices, but meat prices are now so high that the average family can't afford to buy it.

Beef prices jumped 6.7% in February, while the total jump for food was 2.5%. Beef is now at an all time high of \$1.30 a pound. Hamburger is almost a dollar a pound, while some kinds of steak are approaching two dollars a pound.

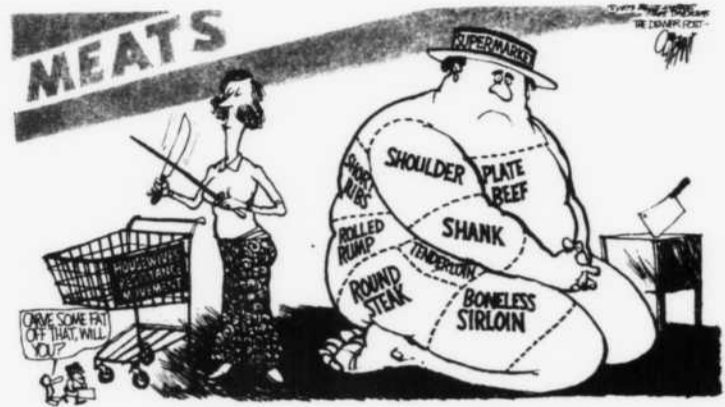
Groups have been forming all over the nation to advocate the meat boycott. Some of these groups feel that they have had an effect on meat prices in some areas already, and they believe that a nation-wide meat boycott would force stores to lower prices.

Some families are already eating meatless meals one or two days a week, while others are planning for the future. An elementary school in Massachusetts will have meatless menus for the week beginning April 1.

A Chicago group has urged the federal government to stop selling meat in its cafeterias.

Even though stores can't lower the price of meat now, a boycott would hurt them tremendously and Nixon would soon have to lift the price freeze so the stores could lower their meat prices. After all, stores would much prefer to get less money for meat than not to be able to sell it at all.

We urge you to support the meat boycott April 1-8. If the demand for meat decreases, prices must, too.



### Column amuses beauty contestant

#### To the Editor:

As one who was a contestant in the Miss MTSU Pageant, I must say that I was thoroughly amused by Diane Johnson's article.

Granted the pageant is not all it should be, but until we keep politics and popularity out of a pageant of this type it will never be what it should be.

The swimsuit competition was probably the least enjoyed by the girls who participated, but I would have to say that I did not feel exploited.

### Letters

There are two types of beauty: physical beauty and inner beauty. Inner beauty is by far the most important. I often ask myself where the graceful feminine beauty has gone when I look around campus. Maybe I should ask myself where people's (both male and female) pride and respect in and for themselves has gone.

I would like to ask Johnson if she has ever appeared at a public pool in a bathing suit. If so, she has been a recipient of gawking stares. I will not deny that there were those who were there simply to stare. But I do not have to be exploited because of the desires and the attitudes of others.

I did not particularly enjoy the swimsuit competition, but I sure did not feel that I was up for sale. According to the rules and regulations for the swimsuit competition we were to be judged on posture, gracefulness as one walked and poise. If we were judged on something beside this, the fault is on the part of the judges.

There are regulations as far as attire goes for both the swimsuit and evening gown competition, which were evidently overlooked by many of the contestants as well as the judges. If there are going to be regulations, they should be abided by or done away with.

More emphasis should be placed on the girl's character or inner beauty if you please---along with her ability to get along with others.

Talent should also play an important part of the judging. Another question arises in that how can the contestants be judged on character and inner beauty when the girls are allowed only three

minutes with those who are to choose the new Miss MTSU.

As a Christian, I realize that there are numerous things in our society that need to be changed and improved--but surely you do not start by condemning all, but by weeding out the bad and strengthening the good.

I earnestly pray that as Connie reigns as Miss MTSU she will hold fast to her Christian beliefs and that worldly things will not become the focal points of the year ahead.

All of us, as the student body, should support Connie in her endeavors this year and should begin now to emphasize the good and work to change those things which we feel have room for improvement.

Nancy Youree  
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### Resident protests safety ruling

#### To the Editor:

Concerning the circular from the Office of the Director of Housing on March 21, 1973; all occupants of Sims and Beasley Hall are hereby prohibited from placing Coke and beverage bottles on the outside window ledges.

Samuel P. McLean has decreed the act a hazard to occupants walking adjacent to buildings. He suggested the renting of Mini-Kool refrigerators as a nifty alternative to this grave safety hazard.

According to the law of averages, such an accident is improbable, but after such a suggestion, I believe the residents of Sims and Beasley Hall could make an exception to this law by Sam McLean's mere presence within range of our windows.

Ron Tuttle  
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# Comment

## Jackson offers security suggestions

In many ways the efficiency of our security department has added to our campus and in others it has unfortunately created a few bad feelings on the part of some.

On the positive side, security has made a number of improvements over previous performance. For example, you may remember back when you were moving in your dorm (or out of your dorm), the security department was there to control traffic so that things were not so confusing.

You may also recall that during special events (football, basketball, concerts, etc.) they were out attempting to keep the traf-

By John Jackson

fic flow free. There is also now a 24-hour security office.

These services are welcome changes. On the negative side of the fence, the efficiency of the department has caused a few hard feelings in that many view the department as, "too gung-ho." It seems to these students that security gets their jollies by seeing how many tickets they can give out and how many new rules and regulations can be found so that more tickets can be given.

I'm not sure that all this criticism is well-founded. I'm sure, however, that there was at least indeed a problem--mostly of public relations and communication.

For example, more tact could be used while issuing citations; if you smile while giving tickets it won't be so bad. (We don't need an image like the State Troopers have--yech). Secondly, it seems to me that if ample prior notice was given concerning the renewed enforcement or amplified enforcement of certain regulations (i.e. the Hi-Rise double-parking problem) at least the surprise of finding an "unwarranted" ticket on your car would not be so great. I'm not saying that I agree with the Security people on anything (or everything); I'm saying that in some cases being very efficient hurts more than it helps unless you are very careful.

To be sure there are a number of improvements which could be made dealing with the traffic and parking, security situation. The following is a list of suggestions for either immediate or eventual implementation by MTSU:

- The Security force should be required to take a course in first aid and attain the rating of a first aid instructor. He should further be required to carry in his car a complete first aid kit to be used in emergencies only. He should also be completely familiar with the Tennessee Good Samaritan Law and act according to his judgment. (This law defines responsibility for those giving emergency first aid.)

- The back side of the traffic citation should be revised to include the following information: that all traffic citations may be appealed to the ASB Traffic Court; that forms may be obtained from the Security office by asking for an appeals form without having to

answer a single question from anyone at the Security office; that the court meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in room 322 of the U.C. at 4:30 p.m.

- A through-drive should be built at the end of the drive at the Freshman girls' dorms to connect with the loop. It should relieve some of the clogged congestion in that area.

- Every parking lot on campus should be properly lined to facilitate maximum use of our few lots.

- Improper drainage of streets not only is a nuisance but is quite dangerous. This should be relieved as soon as economically and physically possible.

- A drive-in area in front of the two Hi-Rise dorms where guys can drive in to pick up dates might be tried on an experimental basis. The ten or so spaces immediately in front of the dorm could be specified as the drive-in-lane area to be used for that purpose only. It may be that certain times would need to be used or it may be that certain restrictions should be placed on the cars (for example, have your lights on). Of course, it may be that the girls in the dorm would object to a drive-in lane.

These proposals are being forwarded to the proper university officials. We, in ASB, hope they will be viewed constructively by all and not simply as unfounded criticisms; we are further eager to aid in any way pursuant to their implementation.

It must be noted that some of these proposals (3,4,5) should be referred not to the Security Department but to the Maintenance people--Harold Jewell; or the Master Plan Committee--Charles Pigg.

## Open Column

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For example, more tact could be used

## Do Americans seem callous to death?

Have we in this country become indifferent to mass murder? I am speaking of one of the costliest institutions we have in terms of human life, yet one of the least controversial; that is, traffic fatalities.

Over 50,000 people are killed every year in highway accidents, hundreds of thousands injured and literally millions of dollars damage done. We lost about 46,000 men in Vietnam in over eleven years: a good eleven months on U.S. streets and roads.

It would seem to me that the real humanitarians, those who are really concerned about preserving human life, would try to do something about that which causes the greatest loss of life.

## On the Other Hand

Traffic safety is not as politically charged as Vietnam, granted. It is like the weather--to be talked about, period. But I submit that any elected official who does not do his utmost to save lives, to make driving safer, is derelict in his duty. And I mean more than merely talking about it.

There is the argument that there is little one can do about traffic safety, that people will be slaughtered regardless of what is legislated. I say that is no reason to do nothing. Some constructive laws on the books amidst all the other garbage there certainly cannot hurt.

My advocacy of this is basically selfish: I do not relish the idea of being butchered by steel and asphalt. The deaths of the

By Ray Notgrass

three Vanderbilt students recently points up the grim realities. And I am sure just about everybody has had a friend or acquaintance killed in a car wreck.

I base any proposals on this premise: it is the nut behind the wheel, rather than any mechanism of the auto, which causes the lion's share of traffic misery. Seat belts, safety bumpers and covered dash-

**"It is the nut behind the wheel . . . which causes the lion's share of misery."**

boards could do very little about some dude going up the wrong side of the interstate.

State laws (why should federal government bother? Let the states show some responsibility) which would stipulate that, upon the first conviction of driving while drunk, the driver's license would be revoked--permanently. Over half the traffic fatalities occur in wrecks involving drunk drivers. I cannot think of any instance, even an emergency, when driving while drunk would be permissible.

Regular re-examination for driving capability, say every five or seven years.

No driver's license issued to a person over 70. True, this is an arbitrary age, but by playing the percentages, it would be possible to get the incompetent elderly drivers off the road.

Requirement that a driver have insurance before he turns on the key. This is slowly coming about in many areas now.

Campaigns against unsafe automobiles are good, and necessary. But they do not contri-

bute greatly to safer driving. Ralph Nader has done a terrific job making the public aware of the inadequacies of automobiles.

But don't get excited. At worst, Nader is a publicity seeker. At best, he is a liberal taking on Big Business to show its evilness. I happen to believe the latter case is true.

Making driving safer involves intangibles like making people more aware of good driving techniques, as well as tangibles like installing more radar units.

But it is something that must be done if the trend of mobility continues to increase in this country. It should be a fairly high priority. May God help the careless, and their victims.

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# Counterpoint / 1

## Bennett disputes editorial policies of SIDELINES

To the Editor,

I must express my personal disappointment and dismay over the recent policies of news reporting and editorial judgment of the editor of the **SIDELINES**. I am not one who advocates a totally non-opinionated newspaper; however, I am one who does advocate a fair and equitable treatment of both sides of an issue.

It appears that no substantial effort was made by the staff of the **SIDELINES** to investigate and present both sides of the issues concerning the recently-proposed and defeated ASB Constitution. The positive aspects of the document had to be presented by ASB officials themselves.

Perhaps if the staff, the ombudsman and editor in particular, would have read the proposed document, then the information as printed in the **SIDELINES** might have been factual.

The point about the power of the Senate to confirm cabinet appointees was found in the proposed document in Article 4, Section 7, line 5.

Provisions for speaker pro-tempores are provided for in the by-laws of each respective house, as it is not necessary

to include them in a constitution.

Another point concerns electoral procedures. Electoral procedures need only to be established by legislative act and not as a part of a constitution. Electoral procedures must be flexible and able to meet the needs of the students at any particular time. If included in a constitution, the only method of changing even one word must be by the long and drawn out

*"The damage has been done"*

process of amendment. A little research on someone's part could have found all of this out.

The damage has been done. One question however does arise. Since Mike West, **SIDELINES** editor, was originally appointed to work on the Committee for Constitutional Reform, then why didn't he follow his appointment through and provide input into the new document rather than blindly attacking something which he obviously didn't read?

Bill Bennett  
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# Counterpoint / 2

## West disagrees with Bennett's allegations

Speaking of checking facts, perhaps Bill Bennett should check a few of his own.

The copy of the proposed constitution that was given to **SIDELINES'** Ombudsman Rebecca Freeman by Jeff Barnett, chairman of the Committee for Constitutional Reform, does not contain a provision allowing senate approval of nominees for cabinet posts.

After final legislative approval was made of the proposed constitution, both Becky Freeman and I visited Peter Hall, speaker of the senate.

During this meeting he enumerated the final changes in the document. He did not mention any provision for approval of the cabinet appointees.

After publication of the last issue of the **SIDELINES**, David Dodd, another of the Reform Committee, told me that the provision was accidentally omitted during the typing of the constitution.

In Bennett's letter, he said provisions for speaker pro-tempores are provided for in the by-laws of each house, and it isn't necessary to include them in a constitution. It is my contention that passage of a new constitution would void the existing legislative by-laws, which leaves no guarantees for pro-temp posts.

By Mike West  
Editor-in-Chief

Mention was also made of electoral procedures. During my sophomore year, I served on the ASB Election Commission. Under the present constitution, we were given the right to formulate our own elec-

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tion procedures. These procedures were later called "inefficient" by the members of the ASB Supreme Court, who ordered a re-vote on the election. If clear-cut constitutional guidelines had been available, this incident would not have occurred.

The last four ASB presidential elections have been contested, not because of candidates' "crookedness," but because of the lack of positive electoral guidelines in the ASB Constitution. The constitution, which was rejected Monday, had even fewer guidelines than the present constitution.

In answer to Bennett's final question, I was appointed to serve on the Committee for Con-

stitutional Reform. I served for a brief period and then resigned, not because of apathy, but because I was selected as editor-in-chief of **SIDELINES**.

I did not resign without notifying anyone. In a letter to Jeff Barnett I expressed my reasons for resignation. I explained that traditionally all **SIDELINES'** editors have resigned from any post that might conflict with their newspaper work.

How would I have been able to accurately report on or comment on the work of the committee if I was serving as a member of it?

The most important function of a newspaper is to serve as a watchdog of government.

Keeping an eye on student government, the university administration etc., is not a popular job, but it is a necessary one.

In closing, I must concur with Bill. Yes, the damage has been done, but not by **SIDELINES**. It was done by the students that voted to close the Committee for Constitutional Reform meetings to the press and that tried to mold the proposed constitution to fit their political needs. These are the same students that tried to railroad it past the remainder of the student body, without adequately explaining all facets of the document.

# Sports

## Blue faces White in football Saturday

"This year's Blue-White game is for the kids," Head Coach Bill Peck said about tomorrow night's annual spring football game.

"It's a fun game for the students," he added.

The teams have been divided into two squads and honorary coaches have been picked for each team.

Coaching the Whites will be MTSU President M.G. "Amos Alonzo" Scarlett and Morris "Bear" Bass, vice-president for finance and administration. For the Blues, the coaches are Howard "Knute" Kirksey, vice-president for academic affairs, and Harry "Woody" Wagner, vice-president for student affairs.

The honorary coaches will be allowed to call one special or "trick" play. All of the other plays will be called by the players themselves.

The game will be played according to rules and regulations with one exception. There will be no kick-offs; after each score, the team scored upon will put the ball in play from their own 35-yard line.

Several players have changed positions to bolster those positions depleted by either injury or graduation. Coach Peck indicated his pleasure with the success of these changes.

William Jenkins has shifted from defensive end to defensive tackle. Taking over Jenkins' spot has been Chris Bryan, a fullback last year.

It is another spring and another position for the versatile Melvin Daniels. The year Daniels is at the

### Two groups to vie for basketball championship title

Kappa Alpha Psi and the Kinks will meet tonight to decide the intramural basketball championship in the Alumni Memorial Gym at 7 p.m.

Kappa Alpha Psi (number one) beat the Orange Crushers in last night's semi-final action 53-42.

The Orange Crushers managed to cut the lead to four before Kappa Alpha Psi took over and won.

Sigma Nu (number one) fell to the Kinks 40-33.

High scorers in the Kink-Sigma Nu contest were John Chapman of the Kinks with 17 points and David Brown of Sigma Nu with 10.

A consolation game between Sigma Nu and the Orange Crushers will be held at the same time.

flanker position, replacing John Blankenship.

Gary Bell has returned to the team after sitting out a year and has also shifted positions, from linebacker to noseguard.

"Bell has had a great spring," Peck said.

Another switch which has worked "real well" according to Coach Peck is the

### Peck names Scarlett, Bass, Kirksey, Wagner as "coaches"

moving of Rick Burchfield from linebacker to the Raiderback position.

"At running back we are extremely strong," Peck said, "with Ronnie Martin, Tommy Latimer and Rick Steadman looking good this spring."

"With David Fritts back, we'll be as good as anybody next year in that department."

"Our offensive line is showing some improvement, but we have a long way to go," Peck added. For tomorrow night's game, Coach Peck says that there are "game-breakers on both sides."

"The two teams are very evenly matched," he said, "and the 'big play' will de-

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cide who wins."

Several new faces will be in starting roles tomorrow night. Junior college transfer Dwaine Copeland, a sprinter on the track team, will be a split end for the Blues. Another transfer, Tom Beaver, will be the Blues' starting quarterback.

Last year's starting fullback, Joe Pelt, will perform at the same post for the Blues. Daniels and Steadman will be the Blues' flanker and runningback respectively. John Chapman will start at tight end.

Mike Horatis will be a new face on the Blues' defensive line at tackle. Jenkins will be at the other tackle slot.

The Blues seem to have the edge in the kicking game with punter Mike Shawen and placekicker Ken Nolan.

On offense, the Whites will have last year's star quarterback, Fred Rohrdanz. In the backfield with Rohrdanz will be Latimer at runningback and Tom Weingartner at fullback.

A successful end to some of Rohrdanz' passes last year was Randall Miller who will be at flanker for the Whites. Other receivers are Joey Graves at split end and Ed Skinner at tight end.

Transplants Bell, Bryan and Burchfield will headline the Whites' defensive

unit. Track star Nate Porter will be at one cornerback position with Tommy Winfree at the other. Winfree will also handle the punting chores.

Archie Arrington will be the Whites' placekicker.

All of the seniors will be captains tomorrow night, and next year's co-captains will be chosen after the game.

Student assistant coaches have been assigned to assist the honorary coaches. The Whites will have Wilson Carter, Blankenship, and Ron Palmer; while Ron Bailey, Greg Gregory and Ed Miller will assist with the Blues.

Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., and all students will be admitted free with their I. D. cards.

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Candidates for ASB offices may pick up petitions in ASB office and petitions are due by 5 pm on April 4 in the ASB office

Campaigning may begin at 12 pm midnight on April 5

Polls will be from 8 am to 4 pm and will be located at High Rise, Gracy Hall, Student Union Building, U.C. LOBBY, and NCB

Runoffs will be Thursday April 12

Positions open:

ASB President, Speaker of Senate, Speaker of House,

1 graduate Senator, 4 Soph. Senators, 5 Jr. Senators, 5 Sr. Senators



## Borysko

Jerry Borysko is one half of the undefeated number three doubles team. Borysko's partner is Yogi Burgener.

# Netters to take on MSU, Kentucky

For the second weekend in a row, area tennis fans will have the opportunity to see more top-notch action as the Blue Raider netters host Memphis State and Kentucky in the Middle Tennessee State University Tennis Classic.

This afternoon at 2 p.m. the Raiders will face Memphis State. "They are one of the better teams in the area," said Coach Larry Castle, "and are probably in the top twenty in the South."

"They have a good program," Castle added, "and their best is a player named Leopold from Holland."

Following the MTSU-MSU clash, Kentucky will take on the Raider Tennis Club team. Originally, Tennessee Tech had been scheduled to compete, but cancelled out recently.

The Raider Tennis Club team should provide Kentucky with some good competition. Playing for the club will be Neil Wright a former Blue Raider player who won the Ohio Valley Conference singles championship at the number three position several years ago. Wright will play number one singles.

Assistant Tennis Coach Jeff Gray will be at number two with red-shirt Les Barreau at number three.

Ted Jones, the number seven player on the Blue Raiders, will play number four singles. Number five singles for the club team will be played by Pal Christensen, from Oslo, Norway, who is a former Raider player and now coach of the girls' tennis team.

Doug Miedaner will play number six singles to see

how much strength he has regained following a bout with mononucleosis. Miedaner, a Raider player, may have to be red-shirted this year if he is not back to full strength.

"Kentucky might make some waves in the Southeastern Conference this year," Castle said. "They defeated Tennessee Tech 9-0 recently, and they have a young team starting three freshmen."

Saturday morning at 9, the Raiders will oppose Kentucky's Wildcats. That match will be followed by one between Memphis State and the tennis club.

Saturday afternoon's action will find the Wildcats and the Tigers of Memphis State in battle.

The Raiders will oppose the tennis club in the final match of the classic. Monday the Blue will travel to Nashville to play Vanderbilt.

## Raiders win TSU doubleheader

Blue Raider baseballers won a doubleheader Wednesday over the Tennessee State Tigers in Nashville, 3-1 and 10-4.

Home runs by Ed Robichaud and Les Price and a grand slammer by Tom Owens highlighted the twin bill.

In the first game, all three Raider runs were tallied in the third inning. With only one out, Owens reached first on a fielder's choice. The next batter, Robichaud, hit a home run. Price followed that effort with another homer for the third run.

The Tigers scored their lone run in the seventh inning.

Jack Laverty went the distance for the Raiders yielding four hits, striking out 11 and walking four. The win boosted Laverty's record to 4-2.

The Blue Raiders' three runs came on five hits. Eight runners were left on base.

In the second game, the Raiders tallied lone runs in the first and second innings, five in the fourth and three in the sixth.

Johnny Murray led off the game with a walk, and moved to second on a bunt single by Roger Cox. Owens then singled to right, scoring Murray.

In the second, Ken Collins singled to left to start the inning. Marc Calsor sacrificed Collins to second, and a wild pitch allowed him to move to third. Steve Zitney doubled to left field to score Collins.

Calsor began the fourth inning with a single. Zitney walked and a bunt single by Gary Melson loaded the bases. The next batter, Murray, struck out, but Cox then reached first on a fielder's choice. Calsor scored on the play after an error by the

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catcher.

With the bases still loaded, Owens connected on his grand slam home run.

After a scoreless fifth inning, Cox singled to left in the sixth with one out. He then stole second, and moved to third on an error by the pitcher on an Owens bunt.

A wild pitch moved Owens to second. Price hit a shot to short which the shortstop bobbled into left field. Cox and Owens scored on the play. A single to left by Collins scored Price.

The Raiders scored

their ten runs on 11 hits and left six on base.

Billy Joe Mahaffey relieved Melson after 3 1/3 innings and picked up his second win of the season.

Melson was tapped for three runs on three hits. He struck out three and walked four.

Mahaffey gave up one unearned run on two hits in his 3 2/3 inning stint. Mahaffey struck out two and walked two.

Saturday afternoon at 1, the Raiders will host the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky for a doubleheader. Sunday, TSU's Tigers come to Murfreesboro to attempt to avenge their double defeat. They will play two games beginning at 1 p.m.

## Blue golfers travel to LSU; track team goes to Florida

Both Blue Raider golf and track teams have gone south this weekend, the golf team to the prestigious Louisiana State Invitational and the track team to the Florida Relays.

In the recent Palmetto Invitational in Orangeburg, S.C., the Raiders finished sixth in a 16-team field.

Senior Harry Nesbitt carded the lowest average score for the Raiders for the 54 holes in that tourney with a 76.7.

Coach Patty has a veteran squad with three seniors and three juniors. Besides Nesbitt, other seniors are Mark Wheaton and Jim Atkins. Jim Hurt, Steve McFarland and Bill Buck are the juniors.

The LSU tourney will be held today, tomorrow and Sunday.

Coach Dean Hayes returns to Gainesville, Fla. this weekend to compete

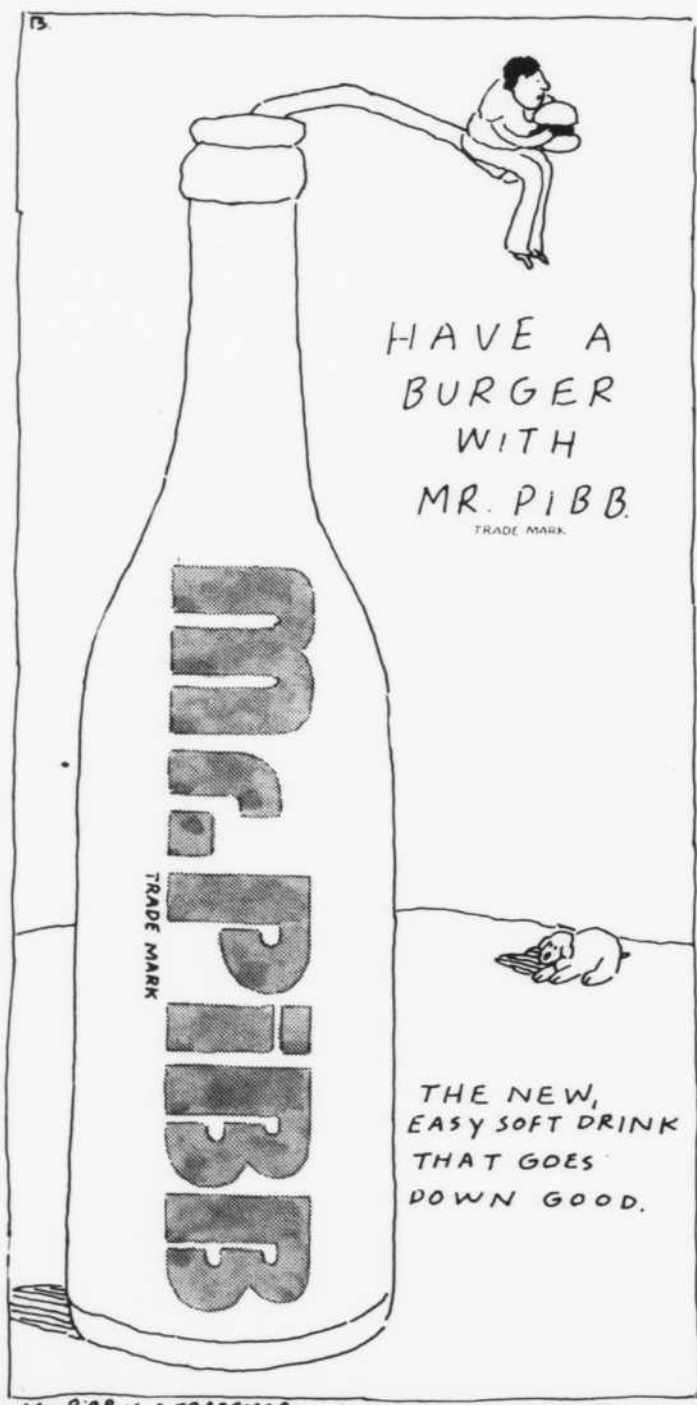
in the Florida Relays.

Last weekend in a triangular meet with Florida University and Southern Illinois, the Blue could only garner three first place finishes and a total of 26 points to finish far behind Florida's 79 and SIU's 75.

The Raiders will be entered in three different relay events, the mile, 880 yard and sprint medley relays. Henry Kennedy, Myles Maillie, Homer Huffman and John Johnson will comprise the team entered in all three relays.

Also competing for the Blue will be jumpers Barry McClure (triple jump), Tommy Haynes (triple and long jump), Jimmy Washington (long jump) and Jesse Agnew (high jump).

In hurdles action will be Keith Cromartie (highs and intermediates), Maillie (intermediates) and Huey Johnson (intermediates).



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