

Resignations termed 'surprising'

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

Several faculty members have professed being "caught by surprise" at the recent resignations of Delmar Pockat, Dean of the School of Education and P. William Vaught, Dean of the School of Business.

"I was totally caught by surprise," Jack Forrest, assistant professor of management and marketing, said.

Forrest expressed a concern over the changes that will ensue in the School of Business. "Our undergraduate sequence was accredited in 1977 by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). According to AACSB rules, we must have our masters program accredited in five years. This means that next year inspections into our program will begin.

"If we get a new dean, I don't know what will happen," he said. "I'm just wondering if it could affect our accreditation. I've really got mixed feelings on this situation."

The professor said that he had heard that some faculty members were complaining about the job Vaught "was or wasn't" doing. "It's (the deanship) not easy," he explained, adding that there are a lot of pressures in the job.

"I think that all the chairmen were surprised at the resignation," Barbara Haskew, chairman of the economics and finance department, said.

Haskew, who has been rumored as being considered as a replacement for Vaught, said that there was "no truth" to the rumor.

"I have had absolutely no conversations with anyone in administration who would have

the authority (to fill the deanship)," she stated. "I think that there is always some looking about and speculation about lesser administrators whenever a dean resigns."

Chairman of the elementary education department Mary Tom Berry agreed with Haskew's statements about filling the vacancy internally with another administrator, but added that she did not envision herself to "get into any type of candidate position."

"Dean Pockat has been a conscientious and good leader and I appreciate all he's done for the school," Berry said. "I think the university is very fortunate that he will stay here and continue his leadership (as director of student teachers.)"

"I had not anticipated either of them (Vaught and Pockat) to resign," Frank Essix, assistant

professor of political science, said.

Nothing had ever been mentioned in any of the faculty senate meetings about the resignations, added Essix, who was last year's faculty senate president.

"The School of Business is dynamic and growing and the School of Education is shrinking a bit," he said. "I'm speculating that these situations could cause some problems that would make someone want to resign."

The search committees will accept applications both from within and outside the university, Essix, who has been a member of such a committee in the past, explained. "Promotion from within is a good idea if you've got people who are qualified and are aspiring for promotion. And then there's the equally valid argument that you need new blood and new ideas coming in. It's a two-way street."

IFC will limit open fraternity parties to sorority, independent women, special guests

The interfraternity council has drawn up a new plan for open fraternity parties, according to Tim Strobl, rush chairman.

Open parties will be open only for sorority and independent women and specially invited independent men.

The IFC feels this will encourage independents to pledge in order to enjoy the benefits of the fraternity and have an informal rush during the semester.

Guidelines of the plan include: no advertising except in girl's

dorms; the advertising is to contain the phrase "for Greeks, girls and special guests"; Greeks, girls and special guests; Greeks must show proper identification; all sorority and independent girls will be allowed to attend; no advertising of alcoholic drinks on signs except B.Y.O.B.; summer and greek rush parties will be exempt from these rules; and any social function sponsored by a fraternity off of their property is subject to these guidelines.

Each individual fraternity will devise their own system for

checking their guests at the door.

"It will really be up to the discretion of the fraternity who is admitted and who isn't," Strobl said.

Most of the parties are so big because people come in from the community who are not students and who had no interest in the fraternity except to drink, he explained.

He claimed that at the last Sigma Alpha Epsilon party, one of the party-goers ripped out the sink from the wall and tore off the

spigot handles. The water had to be turned off to the entire house and the bathrooms had to be closed.

"We want the open parties to help foster social activities and more interaction between all fraternities."

The "New Party Committee" is composed of John Powers, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Forest Beasley, Sigma Chi; Terry Crozier, Pi Kappa Alpha; Bruce Williams, Alpha Tau Omega; and Don Taylor, IFC president.



photo by Charlie Hunt

Yesterday's snow flurries and low temperatures produced a nip in the air for most students, but this one had to fight a nip at his jeans as well.

Tom Duncan honored for services by ASB

By JEFF ELLIS
Sidelines Editor in Chief

ASB President Kent Syler proclaimed today "Tom Duncan Day" on the MTSU campus in recognition of Duncan's service in student government.

The proclamation was presented to Duncan, parliamentarian of the house, during yesterday's meeting of the ASB House of Representatives, in its last session of the semester.

Speaker Randy James told the representatives that three bills originated by the body had been signed by Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance. The bills approved by LaLance include one introduced by Duncan which calls for written syllabi for all courses offered at the University.

That resolution will be presented to members of the faculty senate during its January meeting. Duncan took the floor to urge House representatives to solicit support for the bill among faculty members.

Other bills approved by LaLance include one which would require the posting of flood warning signs in the Bell Street parking lot and another which calls for the placement of a pay

telephone in the Kirksey Old Main building.

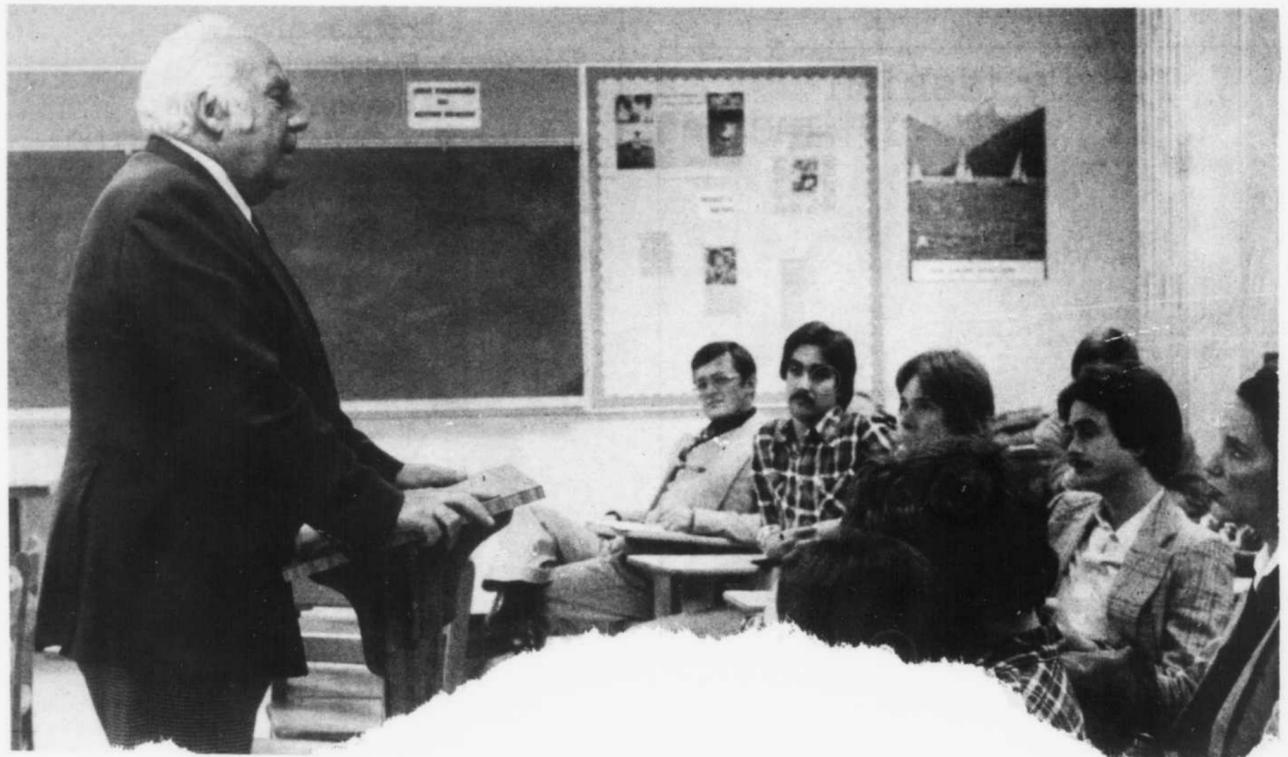
The resolution commending Duncan, introduced by Bob Gary, recognizes Duncan's "able and exceptional" service to student government. Duncan will be graduated in December.

House members recognized Duncan for his service as speaker pro tempore and parliamentarian during his years as a representative to the body.

ASB President Kent Syler, injecting a moment of levity in the proceedings, appeared dressed as Santa Claus to present Duncan with the proclamation. "I'm really sort of overwhelmed," Duncan said in response.

Syler called upon the representatives to attempt to "help other people on this campus through this season." He added that much had been accomplished this semester in an effort to "unify the campus."

In other action, ASB cabinet member Becky Scott announced plans for lighting of a Christmas tree in front of President Sam Ingram's home next Wednesday, Dec. 4. The lighting, scheduled for 7 p.m., will revive a campus tradition, which, according to Scott, was lost through the years.



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Clarksville freshman dies at scene of car crash

Scott Uffleman, an 18-year-old freshman from Clarksville, was killed in a car wreck Friday night when his car ran into a telephone pole on Highway 41 in Clarksville.

The Recording Industry Management major and pledge of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was on his way back from dropping off some friends about 11 p.m. when the car he was driving hit the pole, according to Jim Limbaugh, a close friend.

Uffleman, who was doing the speed limit when he hit the telephone pole, died on the scene from a crushed chest.

He was the president of the student body at Clarksville Academy; played football, basketball and baseball; was in the chorus; and was voted Mr. Clarksville Academy at the end of his senior year.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Uffleman, and one sister.

Sidelights

Monthly Meeting of the Rutherford County Chapter of the Association for Children (youth and adults) with Learning Disabilities will be December 4, 7:30-9 p.m. at 302 South Church St. in the court room of the Police building. All interested parents should contact Jeannie Johns at 459-6689 or Joy Smith at 893-5798.

The MTSU chapter of the World Future Society will hold an organizational meeting Monday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the James Union Building.

Topics on the agenda will include organizational matters, a technology-oriented filmstrip presentation and discussion of the third Annual WFS Mid-South Convention to be held March 27-29. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals interested in social and technological issues of the future are urged to attend.

Who's Who selects 42 students

Some 42 MTSU seniors have been selected to appear in the 46th annual edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, it was announced yesterday.

Students chosen for the honor include: Carol Ann Ainsworth, Murfreesboro; Lauren Beth Allen, Memphis; Patricia Faye Bates, Mt. Juliet; Michael Chris Bean, Murfreesboro; Nancy Susan Bolen, Murfreesboro; Stephen Glenn Brazier, Tullahoma; Betty Brock, Winchester; Donna Lea Bryant, Lascassas;

Susan Raye Denny, Madison; Thomas Gordon Duncan, Murfreesboro; Jeffrey Lynn Ellis, Bethel Springs; Dawn Rene Faight, Jackson; Mark Hazen Floyd, Jackson; Linda Goodloe Gooden, LaVergne; Peter John Heffernan, Sydney, Australia; Judy Holdredge, Knoxville; Debra Leigh Hollingsworth, Murfreesboro; Calvin Lebron Howell, Watertown;

Lisa Carolyn Jackson, Murfreesboro; Robert Douglas Jones, Columbia; Martha Louise Kelley, Oak Ridge; Sheron Joan Langston,

Chattanooga; Katherine Marie Lee, Smyrna; Ruth Anne Martindale, Murfreesboro; Malinda Gaye McDonald, Lafayette; Pamela Jones McLean, Murfreesboro; John Barry Minatra, Pulaski; Melinda Faith Nelson, Murfreesboro;

Alison Ann Pockat, Murfreesboro; John Chastain Raulston, South Pittsburg; William Bruce Ray, Knoxville; Diana Elizabeth Reed, Nashville; Pamela Jean Sabiston, Morehead City, N.C.; Cheryl A. Saggese, Nashville; Bobbie Jean Sanders, Murfreesboro; Phillip Mark Summers, Somerville; James Kent Syler, Winchester;

Martha Elizabeth Tomlinson, Jackson; Elizabeth Myer Turner, Carthage; Mark Stephen Vick,

Nashville; Jacquelyn Diane Waddell, Hendersonville; and Patsy Darlene Writesman, Nashville.

Who's Who, an annual honors program honoring the nation's leading college students, recognizes a select group of students and commends them for their contributions and service to their community and school.

Each year at participating institutions, faculty, administration and representatives from the student body form a committee to decide who will be honored. Any senior or graduate student is eligible to apply for Who's Who. Because curricular and extra curricular programs at schools vary, each college is assigned a quota of nominees.

Greek show set for tomorrow

Individuals and groups representing several campus sororities and fraternities will compete in the Greek Show '79, sponsored by Mu Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. The sixth annual event is slated for Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Each group will be judged individually with winners' trophies being presented, according to Rick

Brown, chairman of the event.

"The marching competition usually is the highlight of the evening," he said, adding that the local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity won the competition last year and hopes to repeat this year.

Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the door on the night of the show. Proceeds will benefit the fraternity's scholarship fund.

News Digest

Mexico refuses to take Shah

MEXICO CITY (AP) The government said Thursday night "it would make no sense" for the deposed shah of Iran to return to Mexico, so his visa will not be renewed.

Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda issued a terse statement to reporters and refused to answer questions.

Doctors at the New York hospital where Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi has been undergoing cancer treatment told him Wednesday he was free to travel, and there had been reports he would return soon to his rented mansion at Cuernavaca, 50 miles south of here.

He arrived June 10 on a visa good for six months, but Foreign Ministry spokesmen had said earlier the visa was good only for one entry and exit. The visa was dated June 6 and expires Dec. 9.

"The government of Mexico will not be in a position to renew the visa of the shah on Dec. 9 because it would make no sense for him to return to Mexico," Castaneda said.

Historic court case reopened

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) A federal judge today granted the request of a group of black parents to reopen the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* case, which led to the Supreme Court's 1954 ruling outlawing racial segregation in American schools.

U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers ruled the group of eight parents had shown good cause why they should be allowed to intervene in the historic decision.

The parents claim the Topeka school board to achieve better racial balance in the city's schools.

Rogers emphasized his decision was purely procedural and that he was not stating an opinion as to the merits of the claims made by the parents.

Nuclear waste dumps reopened

WASHINGTON (AP) A closed nuclear waste disposal site in Washington state has been reopened and one in Nevada has been ordered to open soon. The sites both had been closed because of safety concerns, leaving only one such dump open in the nation.

The dump at Hanford, Wash., was reopened Wednesday after being closed for six weeks, state Energy Director Jack Wood said.

Gov. Dixy Lee Ray had ordered the Hanford dump closed after inspectors found improperly packaged radioactive materials and that some radioactive material was being hauled in unsafe trucks.

Wood said the dump was reopened after the operator, Nuclear Engineering Co., agreed to accept only materials approved for disposal in the dump and arrangements were made for the State Patrol to check trucks headed for the dump. He said an agreement was reached that says the state will not be liable for any damages if there are accidents.

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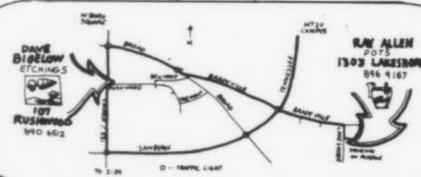
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Concert needed more work

Dancers show promise

By JEFF ELLIS
Sidelines Editor in Chief

A dancer's life is not an easy one — you have to work, you have to rehearse, you have to sweat almost to the point that you don't think you can go any further. And very seldom is the reward equal to the effort expended.

So it's hard to give harsh criticism of a dance performance once you realize the effort put forth during a concert. But in the case of last night's "Razz-ma-Tazz and All That Jazz," performed in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium by the MTSU Performing Arts Company,

criticism is just what the doctor ordered.

Although the second act was quite good, the first act was dismal.

This is not to say, however, that there was all bad and no good in the concert. On the contrary, there were some excellent performances turned in by some extremely talented people and some of the numbers shone with imagination and vigor.

Most notably, the second act opener, "Out of the endless . . ." was a superb modern dance set to the music of Pierre Henry and John Harris. The dance, which

chronicled the life span of humanity, was electric with imaginative movement. The live music by John Movens added greatly to the overall feel of the piece, but it was the dancers who brought it to life.

The sheer beauty of modern ballet made "A Pair of Friends," danced by Celisa Polk and Sharon Hanrahan the saving grace of act one. Michelle Johnson Glass' "Greensleeves," also performed during the first stanza, was well-done but did not approach the lyrical grace of the other ballet.

The concert was hampered,

however, by a slow start — a soft shoe number set to "One" from *A Chorus Line*. The number showed a doubt, it needs more work.

Another first act number which failed to achieve its pre-show promise was Mark Hallums' "Get Off."

Campus Exchange

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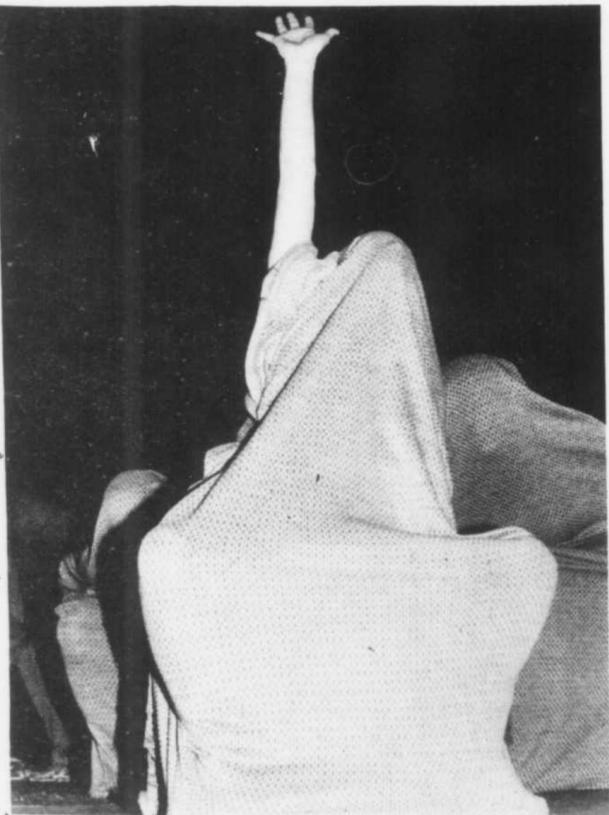


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Dancers in last night's dance concert, "Razz-ma-Tazz and All That Jazz" performed in "Out of the endless . . ." a modern dance chronicle of the lifespan of humanity.

Book board will help cut expenses

By STAN SCHKLAR
Sidelines Staff Reporter

One of the larger burdens a student will have to face next semester is purchasing text books and supplies. In doing this, it is not surprising for a student to run up a bill over \$100.

The ASB is trying to help students to alleviate some of the money pressures they face.

Kent Syler, ASB president, in fulfilling a campaign promise, has introduced a new way for students to buy books at cheaper rates through the use of a book board.

The book board will allow students to advertise their used books to other students, who in turn could buy them for less than bookstore costs.

Presently, the only way students can get money back from their used books is by selling them to the bookstore at a 50 percent savings.

The bookstore is then allowed to mark the book up to a higher price to sell to the next student.

The board will be labeled by departments — English, chemistry, etc. When a student wishes to sell a book, he goes to the

book board and fills out a card with his name, phone number and his price. He then inserts the card into the appropriate compartment. Another student looking for that book can make the transaction with the first student.

"The bookstore has been very cooperative and has helped us develop it. We're hoping we can have this ready by the end of the semester," Syler said.

"It will allow students to sell their books at higher prices and buy them at a lower price," he explained.

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY

Music Department: Madrigal Dinner, Tennessee Room, JUB, 6:30 p.m.

Basketball: IPTAY Tournament, Clemson, South Carolina
Kool Club Dance: dance studio A, Murphy Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Examination: Quality Engineer Certification, Dining Room A, JUB, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Omega Psi Phi: Greek Show & Dance, AM Gym, 3 p.m.-1 a.m.
Sigma Chi Formal: Ramada Inn, Murfreesboro, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

SUNDAY

Chamber of Commerce: Annual Christmas Parade, Beginning at

Greenland Drive Parking Lot, 2 p.m.

Music Department: Senior Recital, Bobby McKnight, UC Theatre, 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY

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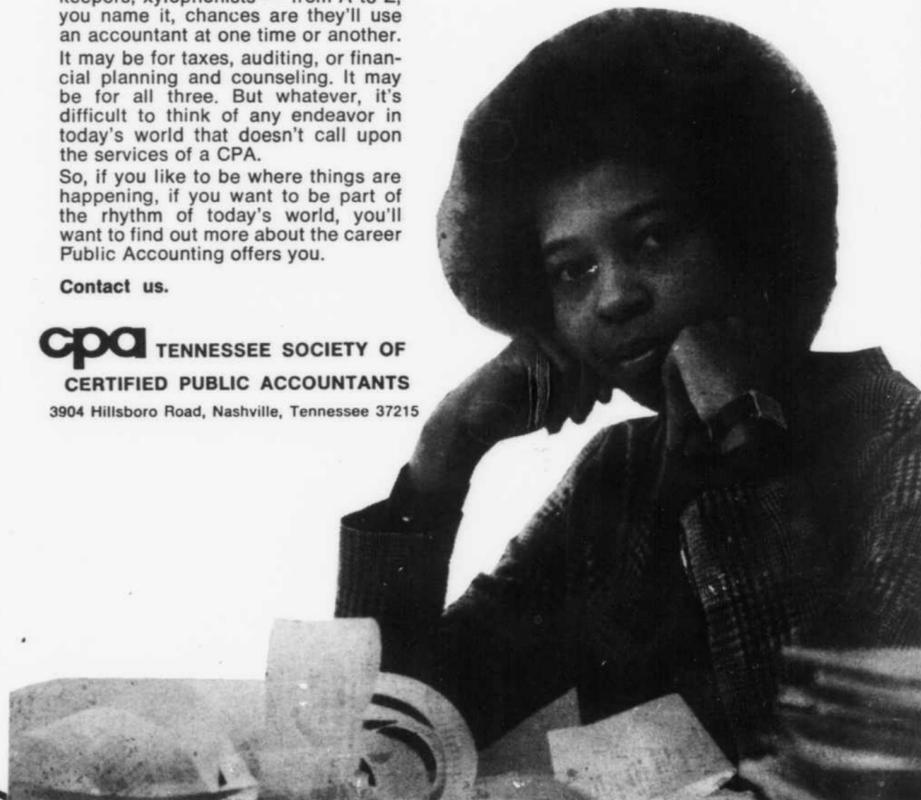
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from the editor

Tenure, promotion shouldn't be based on evaluations by students

It's teacher evaluation time again, and while students should have an input in evaluating their teachers, student evaluations should not carry a great amount of weight in determining tenure, staff changes or raises.

Although it is difficult to determine how much weight student evaluations administered here carry, many teachers feel they are being used to a greater extent than necessary.

The following statement, taken from a memorandum released at an Ad Hoc committee meeting of the Faculty Senate last night, seems to represent the feeling of many instructors. "The relationships between a student and a faculty member that produce the desired outcome—an educated person—are too complex to be adequately described by a number."

Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Jones agreed that it is difficult to put an exact percentage on how much weight the evaluations hold in promotion and tenure, but added that the evaluations are just one indicator of a faculty member's performance.

"They are not used in isolation," Jones said, "but are used along with a faculty member's outline of data, peer evaluations and other things."

Students definitely should have an input in teacher evaluations and if their opinions are helpful to the instructor the evaluation is good, but they should not be weighty material in determining promotion and tenure.

The evaluations should not be conclusive for a variety of reasons. Teachers who require a lot of work from their students may be evaluated lower than easier teachers. The ratings could become a popularity contest if students rate teachers because of personalities instead of teaching ability. It is possible that teachers can manipulate the evaluations and express their importance to the students beforehand.

Also, the nine question evaluation is extremely general. If a teacher gets a low rating on one number, it would be difficult to tell which part of the question the teacher was being rated on.

MTSU instructor Janice Hayes recently attended a seminar on evaluation procedures at Jackson State and on her return said she felt MTSU's evaluation was more concise and effective than tools used by other universities.

Nevertheless, any type of general evaluation tool is going to have problems attached.

It's fine as long as MTSU's is helpful to the instructor, but when the evaluations become so weighty that they largely determine a teacher's future, it's time to reevaluate the evaluation.

Frisbee, iced tea, shorts are out; welcome coats and winter!

Within a short two day span, the campus scene has made a drastic change . . . from joggers in gym shorts to students bundled in winter coats, caps and gloves.

It is hard to believe that Tuesday the temperature was in the 60's and yesterday dropped below 30 degrees. Without much warning, faces became lost in hooded jackets and hot chocolate became a more appropriate drink than Tuesday's iced tea.

Windows once open to let in the fresh air were shut tight yesterday, and thermostats were turned up inside.

No frisbee playing took place yesterday, and students playing tennis several days earlier probably decided to play monopoly or cards inside today.

The landscape itself changed from brown to crisp white. Barren tree limbs turned into beautiful frosty branches, signifying the beginning of winter. There was no accumulation, but nevertheless the campus became a beautiful sight as whirling white flakes blew through the wind. Students scurried to windows to see the first snow of the season.

Snow definitely brought about the spirit of winter. With today's forecast as fair and cold, it looks like the new winter scenery will be with us for a while.

from our readers

Service could do writer good

To the editor:

I can see now why the *Sidelines* has put an ad in its own paper seeking new columnists, reporters and the like. Your article in the Wednesday, November 28 issue, "If nothing else works, commit a felony," is about the most worthless article I've ever read. It seems to me a little "military service" is just what you need. I don't quite agree with your statement, "I'm as American as the next guy."

That evidently is a sore understatement if I have ever heard one. I'm sure most people will agree that America can do without your kind of Americanism. The

very idea that you suggest that our young men forget to wear their glasses, refuse to take a bath or transfer to an institution of higher learning in a neutral country is outrageous, especially in this time of crisis with Iran. The very idea, I suggest to you Mr. Ellis, is that you follow one of your own "crafty little tricks," and "refuse to go to the bathroom for a few weeks." Since it couldn't hurt, it will probably improve your disposition.

Just where in the hell would our country be today without our armed forces?

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from cell block F

by Mary Ann Richards

Phoneaholics are a real pain in the ear

Within the confines of our society numerous compulsive individuals can find help. For the alcoholic, there is AA. For drug addicts there are community mental health centers and Johnny Cash records. Walking the line for the orally fixated is made easier through groups like Weight Watchers and TOPS where the guilty merely don a "nobody likes a pig" sash accompanied by an "I love liver" button.

Compulsive gamblers can sublimate their whims by establishing a relationship with or by practicing the rhythm method of birth control. The compulsively shallow seem to find aid and some sort of reinforcement by listening to Barry Manilow albums or by reading Rod McKuen. It appears however that one type of compulsive individual has been overlooked and overheard in our society. This particular individual is the phoneaholic.

Yes, many of you have been victimized by the phone. Remember, you are not alone in your guilt and shoddy behavior, for thousands of others just like you have also been chronically hooked by the conglomerate mother, Ma Bell.

Remember, that no matter how often you feel compelled to unleash your illness whether it be via princess or touchtone, others just like you took the time to, just once, pause before dialing, think of the innocent victim they were about to harass and come to grips with their problem and sought help for their illness through dial-a-prayer or suicide. If they can do it, so can you!

Phoneaholics not only have digital fingers but they are known as coital interrupters in that they invariably call those others who were unfortunate enough to have been sucked into putting a push-button extension next to their bedside. Frequently they phone these unfortunate others at unreasonable times. Unreasonable being any time after the phone has been returned from an over seas tour, a pot party, a french film or a Master's and Johnson workshop.

"Did I catch you at a bad time?" is often followed by "What's up?" If your callee replies "I was" then you not only have lost a friend but your friend has lost something too. No, phoneaholic, don't call back to apologize.

Often times phoneaholics can be recognized through little quirks of conversation. If after being introduced to a new person you respond "Glad to meet you Dorothy . . . is that 'D' as in dog?" or ask the new person if he or she is a place of business or residence, you are probably a phoneaholic.

Calling someone with your mouth full and then saying "can you hang on?" is not productive to you or to the person you have just victimized, especially when you try to subdue the screams of your pet, children or neglected mate by unsuccessfully cupping the receiver with your hand or the mouth of one of your children. Remember phoneaholic, who called whom? Calling someone and then placing them on hold just because you fear dead air is indeed out of sequence. If you are terrified of dead air, you can simply do what other phoneaholics do. Call your own number on your extension in your

garage and then place yourself on hold.

When objects of affection and significant others such as your mother or children place you on hold when you call long distance, you are probably a phoneaholic. If while placing you on hold, these same loved ones run to the neighbor's phone and turn you in as an obscene caller, there is no doubt that you are a phoneaholic.

Cod-a-phones delight the phoneaholic. The true addict can't risk the possibility of dead air so he or she resorts to leaving dead messages accompanied to the tune of Barry Manilow. Remember phoneaholics, if your caller wanted to hear Barry Manilow, they would have called him. Perhaps that is why you often hear such threatening messages after the sound of that obnoxious beep.

Phoneaholics also answer the phone with worn out cliches. "You rang?," "Joe's bar and grill, some go to heaven and some go to hello" and "Guess what?" are entirely inappropriate responses and are not in the least bit entertaining. Perhaps it would be wise for the phoneaholic to remember that many callers do not share their same fetish and trying to guess who you are while calling long distance from a phone booth in Paduka is a waste of caller's dimes and time.

Such coy games can wait until that Saturday night charade party at that local disco floor. Also informing a caller that his or her mate is tied up at the moment might get you quickly tied up in the future.

Remember, phoneaholics, all phone calls after 10 p.m. and before 9 a.m. are obscene regardless of the nature.

If you live in an area with a proximity comparable to 4 by 6 and you have a yellow trimline in the kitchen, a push button in your bathroom and a princess in your closet, you might be on the brink of addiction. If in this same studio apartment, you have a memo board complete with dangling pencil and the memo board matches your drapes and your drapes match your phone and your phone matches your gingham table cloth, you are really getting hot. If you can play "Mary had a little lamb" or "Three blind mice" on your touch tone while you gaze at your picture of Martha Mitchell, call the help line.

By now, you will have discovered whether you are a phoneaholic. Getting an appointment with God will not help you, phoneaholic. God would only refer you to a specialist. Getting unhooked will be as painful and as easy as simply snipping that un-bilical wire that connects your illness with the rest of the world. You don't deserve one last cigarette or one more final phone call to Time.

If you suspect yourself or one of your loved ones might be a phoneaholic, you might be able to validate your not-so-sneaky suspicion by reading the following. If after reading the following, you discover you are a phoneaholic, don't worry about your loved ones. You don't have any.

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Decade's fads and follies were not boring

By DEBI HOLLINGSWORTH
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There are those who claim that the 70s were very undistinctive, lacking in originality and existing on nostalgia.

On the contrary, who could possibly forget the many fads and follies that have appeared during the past ten years?

A major characteristic of what has become known as the "me" decade was a preoccupation with one's body.

This first appeared in the form of "streaking," a phenomenon which reached from campuses across the nation, MTSU included, to the Johnny Carson show and even the Academy Awards. The sight of a person dressed only in his/her "birthday suit," or perhaps with a pair of tennis shoes and a ski mask, racing across the green with a dog or two in pursuit became quite familiar.

This evolved into a somewhat less provocative form, jogging. Health and body conscious persons of all ages got out their shorts and tennis shoes and hit the road. When it became fashionable, however, it became practically necessary to invest in certain "equipment."

Cut-offs were packed away to make room for velour warm-up suits. Keds were canned in favor of Adidas or Nikes. Stop watches and pedometers became mandatory. Jogging had become the *in* thing to do.

Not quite as fashionable, but nonetheless very popular, were bicycling, skateboarding and roller skating.

Skateboarding proved a bit too dangerous for all but the most daring souls. Bicycling generally required a rather expensive initial investment as it was considered gauche to employ anything but a European racer or some comparable bike.

The masses, therefore, turned to the relatively inexpensive roller

skating which naturally merged with another fad of the 70s.

Disco. Disco simply cannot be passed over lightly, no matter how much one may wish to. It can really no longer be referred to as a fad, rather as a trend.

Discotheques began to appear at a lightening fast rate across the country with Scott and Jo Linda blazing a trail for disco dancers. Studio 54 became a hangout for the "beautiful people." Those eager to capitalize on disco's success created disco movies, disco clothes, disco bags, disco *everything!*

Roller disco added a new twist and a new challenge to those who had already mastered basic disco and were searching for bigger and better things.

Another fad of the 70s owed its popularity to the phenomenally successful television mini-series, "Roots."

Families across the country began to trace their family histories. Dusty archives were once again being used as old records were pored over by the curious. Some discovered noble ancestry, others learned of a notorious great-great-grandfather or grandmother. Most all felt enriched by their newly discovered knowledge.

Among the mercifully short-lived fads of the 70s were mood rings, pet rocks and klackers. The fact that their popularity was short-lived is a credit to American society.

A relatively recent pastime began gaining popularity as people discovered the game on the back of their checkerboards, backgammon. As with all things that become fashionable, however, backgammon has become relatively expensive. *Everybody* who is *anybody* naturally uses only

the classiest backgammon set. Floating backgammons and travel backgammons have joined designer backgammons as fanatics take their set literally everywhere they go.

The growth of the computer age created a fascination with gadgets and toys created by technical wizards. Digital clocks and watches replace the old fashioned type and video recorders and games gave television a whole new appeal.

Calculators evolved from rather simple four-function styles to quite sophisticated ultra-thin models with seemingly endless capabilities. Unlike many things, however, calculators decreased in price, becoming affordable to almost

anyone. Mathematics became as easy as pushing a button, a fact that is questionable in its virtues.

Again indicative of the expensive nature of hobbies of the 70s was the boom in stereo equipment sales. The well equipped home, dorm room or apartment usually had finely tuned Marantz or Pioneer stereo components stragely placed in the most impressive

locations, inaccessible to dust or jarring.

And, hey good buddy! We can't forget to mention citizen band radios, for sure. 10-4? A constant headache for smokies, CB radios were good for picking up beavers as well as avoiding tickets.

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Raider cagers open campaign at Clemson tourney

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

After a light workout in Clemson's Little John Coliseum, the 79-80 Blue Raiders loaded their guns for the first shootout of the season here tonight.

Facing the Billikins of St. Louis, it will be a case of experience versus inexperience. The Billikins return their top four scorers from last year which includes first team all-metro conference center Kelvin Henderson. A 6-7 senior, Henderson averaged 13.6 points and 8.3 rebounds last season.

Other headaches for MTSU head coach Stan Simpson's Raiders will be 6-2 senior guard Tim Glass, the team's leading scorer last year with a 14.1 average. Joining these two returnees will be junior college transfer David Burns, a 6-2 junior guard from Dallas, TX. St. Louis head coach Ron Ekker has tabbed Burns as one of the best guards he has ever coached.

The Raiders will counter with returning starters Leroy Coleman and Chris Harris. Coleman, a 6-4 senior, will open at guard. Harris,

a 6-6 sophomore, is set to open at quick forward after spending the majority of his freshman playing time at center.

Sophomore John Denen (6-3) will open at point guard. Sophomore Mike Frost, who is now listed at 6-11 instead of the 6-10 height he was assigned a year ago, gets the nod at center. 6-7 sophomore Jerry Beck will play strong forward.

Raider assistant coach Jan Stauffer said the teams biggest worry will be in the overall

quickness of the Bill's front line. "Henderson will be as good as any center we will see all season," Stauffer said.

The tipoff for the ballgame will be at 8 p.m. est. The game, broadcast on WMOT with Monte Hale, will be aired beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Clemson, the tournament's host, will play Siena of Loudenville, NY in the other opening round game. The winners will play the final tomorrow night.



photos by Don Harris

After over a month of pre-season work, head basketball coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson takes his Blue Raiders to the court for his first regular season game tonight against St. Louis University.

Sports

Friday, November 30, 1979

Wrestlers lose opener on disputed call

By CAROL STUART

Sidelines Sports Writer

Snow fell on the ground at MTSU yesterday, but the big snowfall occurred on the mat at Murphy Center last night.

The wrestling Blue Raiders dropped the home opening match to Georgia Tech, 23-22, when heavyweight Greg Snowden was disqualified for stalling.

Snowden, one of the six starting freshmen, was behind in the match 9-1 before the disqualification call. In the third and final period, he was held as the bottom man and remained motionless for several seconds by opponent Doug

Romberg. The official ruled that Snowden was not making a move in an attempt to run out the clock and avoid a pin.

With the Blue Raiders leading 22-17, the six-point disqualification literally cost them the match. And it showed that head coach Gordon Connell was not too happy about the official's decision.

"I felt like we had the match at hand but it was unbelievable," he said about the call. "The guy knew he could win by the way the official was interpreting the match."

Connell's strategy over the Yellow Jackets was to get ahead in the middleweights and then for

180-pounder Steve Patterson, 193-pounder Joe Anderson and Snowden to keep from getting pinned.

Until the final blow, the strategy seemed to be working with the middleweights grabbing most of MTSU's scoring. Mike Harvey (145 pounds), Tim Terry (153 pounds) and Woody Sardin (170 pounds) had decisions over the visitors while lightweight 129-pounder Ricky Lindsey added points with a pin on Tech's Tim Fern.

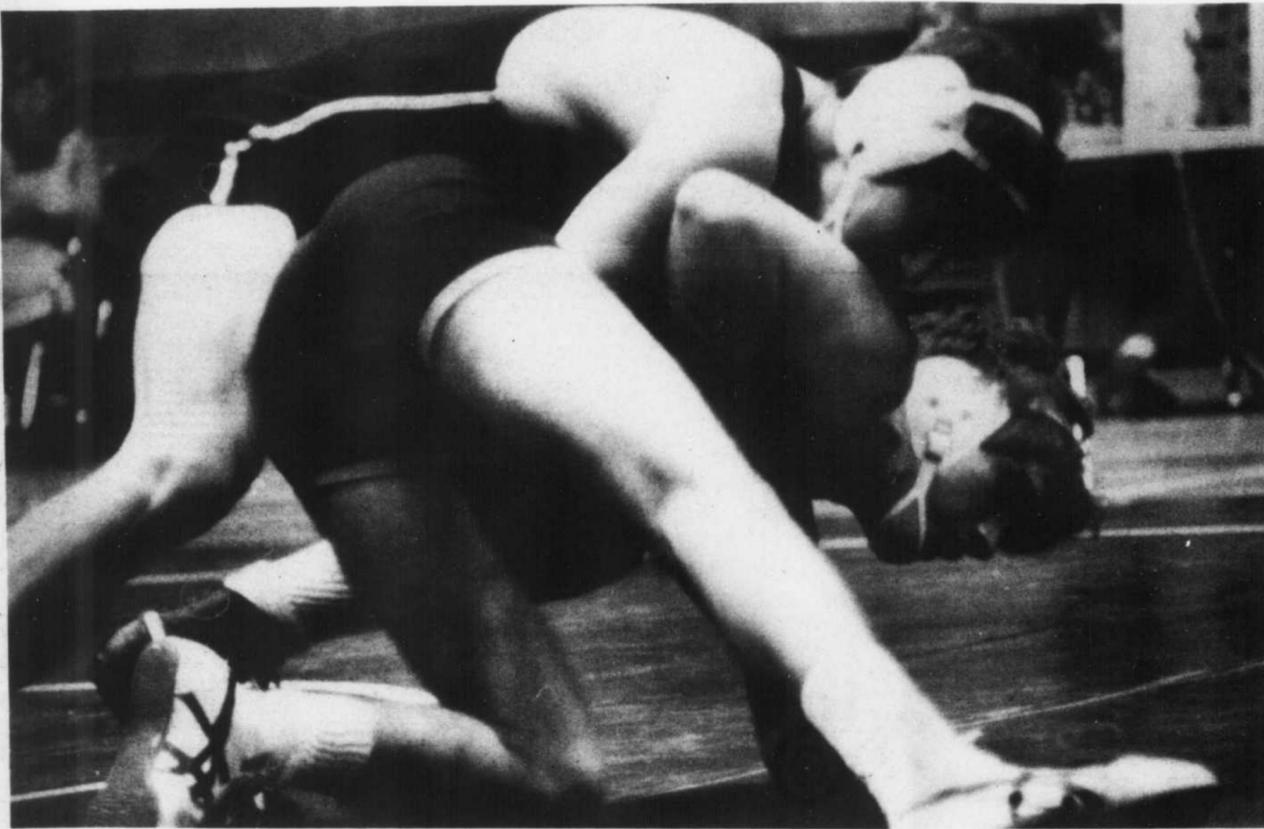
In the key match-up, Mike Kuziola, a fifth-year senior at 161 pounds, recorded a pin over

Georgia Tech's stronghold, Clay Haydon.

"Obviously it's a big disappointment to lose, but we felt Kuziola's pin was the pivotal match. We had the momentum going," Connell said.

But Patterson and Anderson lost their decisions, and Snowden's disqualification wrapped the victory up for the Yellow Jackets.

"Patterson looked good," the coach commented. "The last two guys (Anderson and Snowden) will be hitting the roads to get in shape."



Blue Raider wrestler Gary Cook attempts a take-down on Jim Dorsey in last night's match with Georgia Tech. Dorsey later pinned Cook while the visiting Yellow Jackets edged MTSU 23-22 for the team win.

Women's tip-off tourney to begin here Monday

MTSU will host the first annual Ohio Valley Conference Tipoff Tournament beginning Monday and running through Wednesday of next week. All seven OVC women's teams will be fighting for the title.

Morehead State, led by All-American candidate Donna Murphy, is the defending champ and will once again be a top contender. The Lady Eagles won the tournament last year and were crowned OVC champs as a result. This year the tournament is merely a tipoff tournament and will not count toward the conference championship.

Eastern Kentucky will meet a young Austin Peay team in the opener at 5 p.m. Monday. At 7 p.m., second year head coach Larry Inman will send the host Lady Raiders against Western Kentucky. MTSU will be the youngest team in the tournament with four starting freshmen and one sophomore.

The 9 p.m. contest will see Morehead and Murray square off. Murray is looking for a replacement to graduated All-OVC center Jackie Mounts. Morehead was also the winner of the Kentucky State Championship under head coach Micky Wells.

The team expected to be the class of the OVC for the coming season is Tennessee Tech. The Golden Eaglettes drew a bye in the tournament and will meet the winner of the Eastern/Austin Peay game Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Tech, led by All-American candidate Pam Chambers, is currently ranked number 14 in the nation and could climb even higher in the polls before tournament time following the team's easy win of its own invitational tournament this past weekend. The transfer of former Lady Vol Jerilyn Harper, along with a good recruiting year, could make Tech a national contender for the 79-80 season.

The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The price of admission each night will be \$2. Students will not receive free admission to any of the tournament games. All seats will be general admission.

Alma mater holds interest for Super Bowl ring-bearing Raider

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Writer

Considering the plight of MTSU football in recent years, it's a long way from Horace Jones Field to the Super Bowl . . . a real long way.

But one former Blue Raider grinner is the proud owner of a Super Bowl ring, symbolic of being a member of the best football team in the world.

Ray Oldham, a 1973 MTSU graduate and now playing defensive back for the New York Giants in the National Football League, was a member of the Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers last season. And he will be the first to admit that it is a long way from Horace Jones Field.

"It was a big transition going into pro football from MTSU," Oldham said via long distance hookup from the Giants' headquarters in East Rutherford, N.J. "It's a big adjustment to go from college football into the pros anytime. I've just been fortunate and have had the opportunity to grow older and mature with experience."

Oldham has had experience with three NFL clubs. Following his senior year, a season in which he was runner-up in OVC Defensive Player of the Year honors to Jim Youngblood, presently with the Los Angeles Rams, Oldham was drafted by the Baltimore Colts in the eighth round. After five years with Baltimore, Oldham went to the Steelers last year and then on to the Giants at the beginning of this season. Despite the moving around, the former Raider said he has no regrets.

"I wouldn't trade my experience in the NFL for anything in the world," he admitted. "It has been wonderful. I enjoy football, the contact and all. And it has made me financially secure. It has given me just about everything I ever dreamed about."

Oldham admitted he keeps up with MTSU and tries to keep in touch during the off season.

"I've been keeping up with things down there this year," he confessed. "I talked with Coach (Boots) Donnelly earlier this year and I think you have got the man now who will do the job."

"It really tickled me to see MTSU beat Tech," Oldham laughed. "We never beat Tech while I was playing."

Oldham then began recounting what things were like when he was attending MTSU.

"When I was there, I guess you could say the athletic program was really just starting," he explained. "The facilities are so much better now than they were when I was there."

The Giant defensive back also added that he keeps up with his high school alma mater, Gallatin, a team competing tonight in the semi-final round of the TSSAA AAA state football championship. "I think they will go all the way," he said.

Oldham, an All-OVC selection for three years, majored in business while in college and currently is president of his own company, Ray Oldham Industries. MTSU is also responsible for one other major part of Oldham's life, his wife, the former Rhonda Woods, a cheerleader for the Raiders during his collegiate career.

The veteran safety also commented on Phil Simms, another Giant player who has ties to the OVC. Simms, selected in the first round of the NFL draft last year out of Morehead State, has stepped in at the starting quarterback spot for New York and has been responsible for a mid-season turn around for the Giants.

"Simms reminds me a lot of Bert Jones, who I played with at Baltimore," said Oldham. "He has more of a natural knack for the game than Bert did, though. If we had him in the lineup earlier in the season, we would be in contention for the playoffs now."

For now, though, Oldham is content to concentrate on this Sunday's game and playing maybe three more years. During the off-season, Oldham said he was interested in becoming more active in helping MTSU's rebuilding football program.

"After the season is over, I'm going to try and get with Coach Donnelly and see if I can help in some way," Oldham revealed. "Maybe I can help him some in recruiting."

"You know, MTSU still remains number one in my heart."