

620 Graduate In Ceremonies At Jones Field

President M. G. Scarlett presented some 620 degrees to candidates Saturday, May 31, at the fifty-eight annual Spring Commencement Exercises on Jones Field.

Bachelor of Science and Arts Degrees were awarded to 561 graduating seniors and 59 Masters Degrees were awarded.

Andrew Holt, president of the University of Tennessee, gave the commencement address to graduates and an estimated 5,000 people attending the ceremonies.

Scarlett introduced Holt as "the most outstanding figure of higher education in Tennessee."

Following the commencement ceremonies, the traditional barbecue was held on the lawn of the Student Union Building which was attended by several thousand friends and relatives of the graduates.

First Part

Dr. Parks Creates Respect ; Possesses Openmindedness for Other's Opinions

BY JACKIE CROWNOVER

EDITOR'S NOTE - This is the first of a three part series on the three teachers selected as the 1969 "outstanding teachers." Each part will be written by former students of each teacher.

"There is no need for a teacher to be old," according to Dr. Norman Parks. He feels that teachers become old only when they quit reading and trying to improve their minds or when they close their minds to new ideas. This openmindedness and respect for other opinions is the quality which makes a class under Dr. Parks a learning experience rather than a mere three

hours towards a degree. When Dr. Parks conducts a class, he creates an atmosphere of respect. The students respect him and his vast knowledge in the subjects, but they also know that he will respect their ideas.

He does not cast aside anyone's ideas. He listens to and evaluates each statement the students make. If he feels the student is wrong, he tells him why and backs it with facts rather than passing his own opinion off as right because the professor has said it.

This atmosphere of mutual respect between teacher and student provides opportunities for learning and enrichment which are not available under teachers who continue to teach

by the same materials year after year.

Since he first came to MTSU, Dr. Parks has built a Political Science Department which is the third largest in the state. Only UT and Vanderbilt have larger departments. Next year, the department will include 12 people, seven of whom will have their doctorates.

This September, Dr. Parks will reach the compulsory retirement age for department heads. At 65, heads of departments must retire; but he will continue to teach on annual re-appointments until he is 70. Dr. Parks is unique in that he is the first department head to reach the retirement age.

Dr. Parks began school when he was 4 year old. His sister, who reared him, was a teacher, and she took him with her to school. In the one room school, he could learn subjects of the other grades as well as his own. He found Tennessee history to be very interesting, and he listened in on the class when he was only 6 years old. When he was 6, his family moved to the county seat. The teachers were bewildered over what to do with a 6 year old in the third grade. They placed him in the second grade where he became bored and turned into a terror for his teachers.

At 19, he graduated from Abilene Christian College. At 20 he began teaching college and has been teaching ever since. He met his wife while he was a teacher and she a student at Oklahoma Christian College. Most of his teaching career has been at MTSU, but he has also taught at Vanderbilt and Peabody. He was also

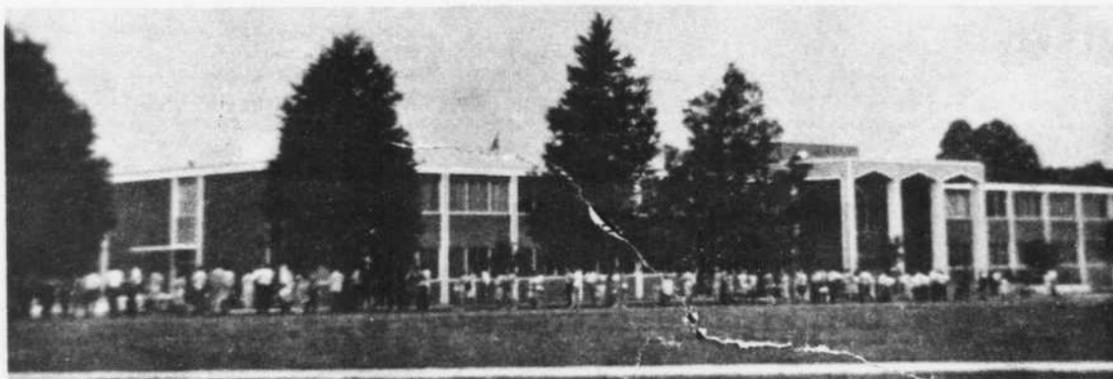
method was used for the first time. According to Dr. Weems, dean of admissions, the new method was employed primarily "to make registration simpler for the students and to make the departments more sensitive to the direction and strength of their classes."

The main feature of this

BY PAULETTE FOX

Over 4,000 students registered for the summer session here last week in spite of the rain and frustrations caused by long lines and closed sections.

This semester a different



The lines grew longer as the computer suffered a breakdown due to air conditioning troubles and destruction of scientific hardware.

registration which makes it unique from those used in the past is that it by-passes the card bank. The student merely charted the courses he wished to take on an IBM card and then took it to the computer center to be processed.

Dr. Weems explained that the computer was programmed to

offer a first and a second alternate if the section charted was closed. It then automatically reserved the student a place in both sections until he decided if he wanted to take one of the alternatives.

The problem which developed Monday was with the air conditioning. The air conditioner in the computer room froze over the weekend causing the temperature to drop. The computer had to be turned off until the maintenance department could get the air conditioning fixed. It was then discovered that the scientific hardware had been destroyed, and a program had to be computed to bypass this section.

This caused a two hour delay, and many students had to stand in line over two hours to have their schedule processed. Dr. Weems said that since the success of the new system depended on how fast the student could get from the closed board to the computer, the students who stood in line were holding an outdated schedule. This caused an abnormal amount of students to have closed sections on their IBM cards.

The long lines on Tuesday were a direct result of the problem on Monday. The computer had to be repaired all Monday night and Tuesday morning so the center was one hour late in opening. "It was a case of falling behind and not being able to catch up," according to Weems.

Dr. Weems also stated that "our system is designed so that the student can go through without standing in lines. We were not counting on mechanical failure."

Weems explained MTSU's registration procedure in this way, "Computer registration here grows out of a philosophy which makes it unique. We allow the student to have complete control of his schedule from start to finish."

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Scarlett Outlines Program For Improving University

Speaking to more than 500 Middle Tennessee State University alumni at the annual banquet on May 24, Dr. M. G. Scarlett outlined his program for making Middle Tennessee State the "best University in the State". Dr. Scarlett said these plans called for the University to serve its students more effectively, to encourage more research adapted to student and area needs, and to work more closely with community and area groups to develop the region.

Touching on two incidents during the first eight months of his administration, Dr. Scarlett said that he had found student and faculty cooperation the very finest indication of good morale. "The report of

the investigating committee of students and faculty confirmed my determination not to censor the playing of Dixie any more than I would dictate the books to be read in any discipline. While we respect the views of any minority and will defend their right of freedom of expression we believe the president of the University cannot succumb to pressures", he stated.

He complimented the attitude of the students, who hearing of possible disturbances during the May 1 inauguration ceremony, lined up solidly behind fraternity groups that had ringed the campus to "turn back outside agitators".

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Parks carries out one of his many duties as head of the political science department.

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Legitimate Complaint Demands Patience

The 4,000 students who stood in line for two and a half hours during registration week had a legitimate complaint. Much has been said the past week against the new system of registration which was implemented this semester, but it becomes necessary to study the new system for the future at MTSU.

The long lines formed because the computer could not operate efficiently due to a breakdown in the air conditioning unit in the Administration Building. If the mechanical failure had not occurred, this might have been one of the fastest registrations in MTSU history.

John Weems, dean of admissions, has said the new system was employed to make registration simpler for the students and to make the departments more sensitive to the direction and strength of their classes."

This can be accomplished when the new system is perfected with the students registering in a matter of minutes and the high speed computer supplying information on class closings to department heads in the registration center.

The SIDELINES is encouraged that this system will work and recommends the university try the system again and that the students use patience and understanding while the new system is being developed.

Paper's Editorial Policy Continues Past Pattern

With the selection of a new editor, the editorial policy of the SIDELINES will continue to follow the pattern established by past editors David Mathis and Keel Hunt. That being to bring to light issues of vital campus interest, and to examine these issues as to what will be best for the campus community at MTSU.

This is the function of a newspaper, and the SIDELINES is a newspaper not a campus bulletin board.

Max Lerner

DeGaulle's Exit from Power Ends Kingship in France

EDITOR'S NOTE -- George Pompidou, a former teacher, banker and premier, defeated Alain Poher in an election Sunday to become the second president of the Gaullist Fifth Republic ending the seven-year era of Charles De Gaulle.

With Charles de Gaulle's exit from power, a mighty bulwark for social order has gone, but also a formidable obstruction of the will of too many people. De Gaulle was neither a democrat nor a totalitarian: he was the last monarch in Europe's history, not in the sense of the formal trappings of monarchy, but in that of true kingship, with a great king's power and magic and legendry.

He came from no royal line and leaves none. Rather was he a captain become a king. Yet for 11 years he ruled with a massive, arbitrary will, and for almost 30 years--since 1940--his name and legend dominated the mind of France and reached beyond.

His political death, by plebiscite, was a willful, needless death: he could have sent his regional measure to the Assembly and had it adopted. But he saw it as sovereignty measure, and, besides, he revelled in dramatic tests of his popular strength and needed constant reassurance. The people to him were like a woman to a willful lover who bends her to his will by continued threats of leaving her. He used one threat too many. His glamor had frayed at the edges, like a worn coat, and they let him go.

Even an opponent can't help feeling a tinge of sadness about his defeat because whoever succeeds him will be anticlimax. He was sent packing not because of a single issue but an accumulation of frictions and grievances. Since he was consistently better on domestic policies than foreign, it is ironic that the repudiation should have come on the domestic.

Inevitably, grievances accumulate in any regime, especially with an authoritarian in charge. Left alone, they would have dissipated and been replaced by others. De Gaulle's mistake was to set up the decentralizing-cum-Senate plebiscite as a target to shoot at and thus made a target of himself.

The conservatives and radicals and centrists all shot at him: the men of the right who were terrified by his fiscal and financial policies and feared a share-the-wealth move; the men of the left, especially the Communist trade unions

and the young anarchist students, who had almost toppled him last spring and were eager for the kill: the centrists who have been frustrated since 1963 by his anti-European policies; the broad-spectrum liberals who have been dismayed by his vendettas against Britain, America, Israel, Canada; the small shopkeepers who are in revolt because they feel he has cut their economic base from under them.

I said earlier that he saw the people as a woman to be alternately tyrannized and wooed. To change the figure, he also saw them as unruly children to be held in check by threats of disaster. If you reject me, he had told them in his last election appeal, there will be "the inevitable return to the play of ambitions, illusions, machinations and treason." It was great political phrasing, but for once the threats of the anarchic deluge didn't work, and the sons whom the father had wrestled with, threatened and cajoled put an end to him. It was the ultimate act of patricide with which so often kingships have ended, whether in family, tribe or nation.

Obviously, the leftists in France will rejoice over De Gaulle's fall. Yet it was not they who were decisive in this overthrow but the disaffected centrists and independents who formed the swing vote. The specter of the left has been overworked. Curiously, the De Gaulle who used the Communist "ambitions, illusions, machinations and treason" in the domestic arena to frighten the voters was also the De Gaulle who scoffed at the same Communist ambitions and machinations in the global arena. He should have played them down a little in the domestic and recognized their reality a little more in the global. Many French voters must have sensed this.

Of the aspirants to succeed him, Georges Pompidou, Couve de Murville, Giscard d'Estaing, Alain Poher and some Communist-Socialist coalition candidate will all be in the running. Those who fear that the confusions and weaknesses of the Third and Fourth Republics will return don't reckon with the new Constitution, which was De Gaulle's most lasting achievement.

The paradox of it is that he made the new presidency so powerful, and the Cabinet and Parliament so weak, that only a commanding figure will be able to fill out the stature of the presidential office--and where can one find such a

figure? Pompidou alone might grow into the office, and he has the advantage, while a Gaullist, of not being a slavish one. The trouble with a lonely and towering figure like De Gaulle is that he leaves no institutional habits behind, and so no one can follow him.

Letter Writing Policy Outlined For Students

Letters to the editor should be sent to Michael Goforth, P.O. Box 42, Campus Mail. They must be signed, as the name will be printed except in unusual instances.

Names will be withheld only by decision of the editorial board or the editor-in-chief. All letters, however, will be kept on file as submitted and will not be released.



WMOT Schedules New Summer Programs, Young Adult Image

WMOT, the campus radio station, is back on the air for the summer with new programs and a new image.

The new image is that of "yoU-radio." According to Doug Vernier, the director of broadcasting, "The 'U' stands for the college student and young adult of Murfreesboro. We try to broadcast programs that would be of general interest to these people, and we try to be entertaining at the same time."

Kay Wilson, the promotional manager, explained that the "whole format is designed to aid the individual. We, the management, try to give not only entertaining programs but informative ones too." She cited an example of this as being the program "Mary Jane in Perspective," which gave the pros and cons of marijuana.

Educational Station

Vernier said that while WMOT is classified as being an educational station, they have tried to break away from the stereotype. He went on to say that WMOT "plays a regular format of music which we call 'quality rock.'" Kay Wilson pointed out that WMOT is not like a commercial station as they have no commercials and do have many educational programs.

Other students who are working in the campus station this summer are Dave Walden, program director; George Traver, news director; and Jerry Williams, operations manager.

Same Hours

WMOT, 89.5 on the FM dial, will broadcast the same hours as it did this spring--from 5:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. The disk jockies will be Doug Holiday--5:00 till 6:00; Kay Wilson with the Feminine Experience--6:00 till 8:00; (the fan-tastic) Tony Marshall--8:00 till 10:00; Dave Walden--10:00 till 1:00.

The Dave Walden show on Saturdays runs from 11:00 p.m.

till 1:00 a.m. and is called the "Underground Show." This show features the acid rock and psychedelic music of today such as Hendrix. According to Vernier, Walden has gotten many compliments on the quality of his show from people who have picked it up in Nashville.

Some of the programs slated for this summer are the "VD Epidemic" to be broadcasted on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. and "Focus" at 6:20 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The latter program focuses on various campus topics with a tendency to explore controversies. They have had shows dealing with such topics as pay television, religion, censorship, philosophy and the Black Student Union.

Sunday Broadcast

WMOT starts broadcasting on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. with special educational programs.

Dave Walden, program director released the Sunday schedule for the summer as follows:

Bob Harrington--2:00; Behind the Classroom door--2:30; Concert Music--3:00; Man and the Value of Life--5:00;

Georgetown Forum--6:00; BBC Science Magazine--6:30; At Issue--7:00; Great Author's Works --7:15; Faculty Platform--7:30; Great Men of Tennessee--7:45; SundayFolk--8:00; BBC World Report--11:00; European Review--11:45.

WMOT needs more students to help in the station. Vernier stressed that one need not have experience to apply. "There is much more that can be done besides being a disk jockey. Students would be surprised at all the work that must be done just to get the radio on the air." Vernier concluded by saying, "We think that our programs are dynamic examples of good, informative radio."



George Traver, news director, prepares the tapes for WMOT's Contact News.

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Scarlett Outlines...

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He told faculty members that due to sound fiscal policies and careful work by Dean John

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He also stated that he could foresee no great difficulties in using the same procedure this fall. One change that will be made is to set up room 302 in the Administration building for those students who have conflicts and need help. Another change is that the computer will run constantly instead of stopping every time there is a closed section.

Students who register on the second and third days need not worry about all the classes being closed, according to Weems. If the section is closed the computer will offer another course. The computer will also be able to tell the department heads in a matter of seconds which sections are closing up the fastest. This will allow them to open more classes if there is a need.

Weems stated that this will eliminate the need of a student going to the department heads to beg for another card.

Weems said that it was regrettable that the long lines developed but he added that "our students are to be commended. They are the most remarkable and patient group I have ever seen."

Weems and the previous administration a surplus had been established that would enable him to reduce teacher loads and provide a sizeable increase in salaries while adding more than 50 faculty members for 1969-70.

Dr. Scarlett also reviewed the plans for a new gymnasium-physical education-convocation plant capable of seating 16,000, the building of a sophisticated electronics learning center and other campus physical improvements.

Three "outstanding teachers" were recognized with \$1,000 honorariums. They were Mrs. Ortrun Engerhausen Gilbert, assistant professor of German; Dr. James Huhta, assistant professor of history and Dr. Norman Parks, chairman of the social science department.

The 1969 outstanding alumni were introduced. They are Dr. Carolyn Beck, classical scholar from Montclair, N. J.; Dr. Homer Pittard, alumni secretary, author and educator and Charles M. Murphy, nationally recognized athletic director and football coach.

Miss Buleah Davis of the health, physical education and recreation department received a gold medallion for 25 years service as a member of the faculty. Fifteen year silver medallions were awarded E. W. Watts, Newell S. Moore, Hilary D. Parker, Mrs. Ortrun Gilbert, Finis W. Poole, Jesse L. Smith, Mrs. Macon Manson and Mrs. Alma Bass.

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MTSU Holds First Football Clinic Fri. & Sat.

Middle Tennessee State University will hold its first annual Blue Raiders Football Clinic tomorrow and Saturday. Some of the finest college and high school coaches in the nation will be on hand to speak and participate in panel discussions.

Heading the clinic will be Purdue head football coach Jack Mollenkopf, Louisville head coach Lee Corso, and Russ Faulkinberry, Coach of the Year in the Gulf States Conference while at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Other noted speakers will be Wimp Hewgley, offensive line coach at Purdue; Don Fuoss,

Purdue also had a 6-1 conference standing in 1966. The Boilermakers represented the Big Ten in the 1967 Rose Bowl game and defeated Southern California 14-13 to end the season with a 9-2 record.

Mollenkopf's philosophy of football and his honest, sincere methods of discussing the game



Jack Mollenkopf

have made him popular with opposing coaches and with sports writers and broadcasters throughout the nation.

While noted for his defensive thinking, Mollenkopf has made full use of offensive talent.

All-America halfback Leroy Keyes led the nation in scoring in 1967 with 114 points. Purdue finished No. 2 in total offense in the NCAA in 1967 with an average 423.6 yards per contest.

Eleven All-Americans have been selected from Purdue lines in Mollenkopf's 20 years on the staff.

In 1965 Mollenkopf was initiated into the Ohio Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

Mollenkopf's topics will be: Adapting the Purdue Toss Series to High School Use; and defending the Triple Option Offense.

Corso Has 12 Yrs.

Coaching Experience

Lee Corso has 12 years of major college coaching experience under his belt, having served on the staff at Florida State, Maryland, and the U. S.

Naval Academy before accepting the head coaching job at Louisville.

He is a noted clinic speaker and will join Mollenkopf in giving the Blue Raider Football Clinic two of the best speakers in the business.

Corse has handled various assignments in his 12 years as an assistant, including varsity backfield coach, and head offensive coach and quarterback coach.

His specialty is the defensive secondary. In 1966, his Navy defenders ranked 11th in the nation in pass defense.

Corso was an outstanding athlete at Florida State, winning third-team All-America honors at quarterback in 1956. He won four letters in football and four



Lee Corso

more in baseball. He was also FSU's Athlete-Scholar of the Year in 1956.

Corso will speak on Defensive Secondary Fundamentals, Techniques and Drills and Action Passes Off the "I" Formation.

Faulkinberry Serves

At Southwestern La.

Since 1961 Russ Faulkinberry has served at University of Southwestern Louisiana as head football coach and assistant athletic director. And during this period he has established himself as one of the most successful coaches in South-

western's football history, which dates back to 1908.



Russ Faulkinberry

A native of Murfreesboro, Faulkinberry captained Vanderbilt's 1950 team and was named a first team tackle on

the All-Southeastern Conference eleven that year.

First joining the college ranks as an assistant coach at Southeastern Louisiana College, Faulkinberry later served as line coach at three major schools--Iowa State University, Texas A & M, and University of Nebraska--before coming to usl in 1961.

Honored as GSC Coach-of-the-Year three times since 1962, Faulkinberry is the only

USL coach ever to field five consecutive winning seasons. Southwestern's 1968 team won the GSC championship, ranked among the nation's Top Ten teams with an 8-2 record, and boasted the most successful record of any USL football team since 1938.

Faulkinberry will speak on Defensive Line Fundamentals and Techniques, and What It Takes to be a Winner.

ATTENTION COACHES ENROLLED IN SUMMER SCHOOL

Any MTSU student who signs up will be excused from classes Friday and Saturday in order that they may attend the clinic.

head coach at Middle Tennessee State University and Bobby Patterson, linebacker coach at Vanderbilt.

On the high school level, Tommy Owen of Nashville's Montgomery Bell Academy and Jim Kennedy of Louisville's Trinity High will be the featured speakers. Owen and Kennedy both coached State Champions in 1968.

Rounding out the select group is Warren Atrial, trainer for the professional New Orleans Saints, who will give tips on both the high school and college levels.

Registration for the clinic is \$10, which includes 12 hours of clinic lectures, three hours of panel discussions, football bull sessions, filmed highlights of some of the top collegiate games last season, free cokes, donuts, and coffee, and a Barbeque dinner Friday night.

Also available for the benefit of registrants will be athletic exhibits from the top sporting goods companies, employment for coaching positions, and open date boards of scheduling.

Mollenkopf Directed 11 Winning Teams

Eleven times Coach Jack Mollenkopf has directed winning seasons at Purdue. His teams have finished in the Big Ten first division in 10 of the last 11 seasons.

Purdue shared the 1967 Big Ten co-championship with Indiana and Minnesota. Each had 6-1 conference records. It was the first Big Ten title for Coach Mollenkopf. Purdue also finished first in conference total offense and total defense. The Purdue season was 8-2.

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