



Bearded Judge Justin Ravitz discusses the "criminal injustice system" and his feelings about socialism at Wednesday night's segment of the Emphasis Symposium.

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'Injustice' system ignores interest of people--Ravitz

by John Pitts

America's criminal justice system "doesn't serve your interests, doesn't serve the interests of the vast majority of people," Judge Justin C. Ravitz of Detroit told an Emphasis Symposium audience Wednesday night.

"The law does serve the dominant interests of the ruling class," Ravitz told the gathering.

At 34, Ravitz is not only one of the country's youngest criminal court judges, but is also the first socialist judge ever elected in America.

In the beginning of his speech, Ravitz asked the audience how many of them had been in a courtroom at any time, for any reason. Ravitz then asked how many had felt comfortable while

in the courtroom. All but one member of the audience agreed they had been uncomfortable.

"See, it (the court system) doesn't work. What did I tell you?" Ravitz responded.

Ravitz said the judge and prosecution are responsible for the uncomfortable attitude. "They want you to feel uncomfortable in your courtroom," he said.

Even defense attorneys "represent the same interests as the judges and prosecutors," Ravitz added. Their goal is "disposing of as many cases as possible as quickly as possible with a minimum of hassles...and with as many guilty verdicts as possible," he continued.

Ravitz said the courts were forcing many defendants into "giving up their right to presumption of innocence."

Ravitz emphasized the role of police and prosecutors in the formation of today's "criminal injustice system."

"One sees too few people who comply with the standards of a good police department," the judge said. Ravitz illustrated the problems police departments are causing by citing a Detroit court case that occurred while he was still a lawyer.

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Scholar cites 'chilling effect' of government

by Phil West

Grand juries are being used by the government to achieve a "chilling effect" to stifle scholars and journalists, a former Harvard professor charged here Wednesday.

The professor, Samuel Popkin, was jailed in 1972 after refusing to reveal confidential sources to a federal grand jury investigating the Pentagon Papers case.

Judge dismisses professor's suit

Ruling that there was no case for sex discrimination, Federal Judge L. Clure Morton dismissed a suit Wednesday filed against the university by a former assistant professor of sociology.

The former MTSU teacher, Rita Decker-Gregg, filed the suit after she was not rehired for the 1974-75 school year.

She contended the university did not rehire her because of her speeches attacking alleged sex discrimination at the university.

Morton ruled that she was dismissed because of "her poor performance as director of the Tennessee Institute on the Aging and . . . her personality conflicts with numerous colleagues."

He spoke to a UC theater audience of about 70 as part of the Ideas and Issues Committee's Emphasis Symposium.

Popkin, 32, a recognized expert on Vietnam village life and a friend of Daniel Ellsberg, said grand juries are the "mechanism" used by government to extract information from people, rather than to protect citizens from unfair prosecution by the government.

"Investigating grand juries are used to get information from people for use by the government," Popkin said.

Popkin was called before a Boston federal grand jury in November 1972 to explain his possible involvement in the release of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war.

"Fact: I knew Dan Ellsberg very well and we discussed Vietnam daily for more than a year," Popkin said he told the jury.

"Fact: I didn't know he had them (the Pentagon Papers) and when he had released them," Popkin said.

"Fact: I was out of the country visiting my fiancée in Asia when he released them," he explained.

However, Popkin was subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury investigating "es-

pionage, conspiracy and interstate transportation of stolen goods."

Popkin said he asked the presiding judge to clarify the espionage and conspiracy, but "the judge ruled that I had no right to know what the case was about."

The scholar, now a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, said he felt "intimidation and paranoia" as he went before the grand jury.

Popkin explained that claiming the Fifth Amendment is the only protection witnesses have against answering prosecutors' questions in grand jury investigations.

However, he added, the prosecutor granted him immunity from prosecution, forcing him to answer the queries.

"My argument was that every question must be specific and re-

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Elvis tickets still available for third Murphy concert

As of 10 a.m. yesterday, tickets were still available for the third Elvis Presley concert at the Murphy Center to be held May 7, Harold Smith, director of student programming, said.

"People interested in getting tickets for the third show should keep those cards and letters coming in," Smith said. Mail orders should still be sent to Sound Seventy Productions in Nashville, he added.

The decision on the third show was made Tuesday around noon, Smith said. "This decision was based on the amount of enthusiastic mail for the second show," Smith said.

"There was just a big demand for tickets and in this demand I am including the student body," Smith added.

Besides the three Presley concerts at the Murphy Center this semester there will be still another show, Smith said.

"We are still definitely going to have a black show at the Murphy Center this semester," Smith added. "I feel this will round out a variety of concerts for the year," he added.

Ravitz says plea bargaining a 'sellout'

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The case involved a safe-streets police squad responsible for nearly two dozen "justifiable homicides" over a short period of time, all under unusual circumstances.

Ravitz cited another case when he was discussing the close relationship between prosecutor and industry. Despite objections from the prosecutor, Ravitz bucked tradition and sentenced a grocery store worker to jail because he shortchanged customers on meat.

The fact that two of every three felonies go unreported is indicative of the "level of confidence"

citizens have in their law enforcement agencies Ravitz said. The judge termed the practice of plea bargaining "selling out" and called the present prison system "clearly criminal." U.S. prisons offer the sentenced individual an "advanced degree in criminality," Ravitz added.

"On the one hand they create a situation that breeds crime," Ravitz said, "while on the other hand they say 'elect us for law and order'."

Ravitz said he ran for the judgeship in 1972 to "gain a better handle" on how the system works. He said he wanted to be a judge who "wouldn't be someone

who everyone stood and bowed for, who wouldn't use the funny talk and would slow down the assembly line" of justice.

Socialism would be good for America because it would devote citizens' time "not to lining cor-

porate pockets, but to meeting the needs of the vast majority," Ravitz pointed out.

Ravitz said he believes the country would have become socialistic "a year or more ago...if it wasn't for racism."

OVC to study quality of athletics for women

Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) presidents met this weekend and directed Conference President Dero Downing to establish a committee to study the quality of women's athletics in the region.

The committee will investigate the possibility of incorporating women's athletics into conference competition, M. G. Scarlett, university president, said Tuesday.

Conference presidents recommended the committee "explore" the possibility of a women's conference, rules and regulations and financial support, he explained.

"It's obvious that we are going to have to do a lot more for women's athletics than ever before," Scarlett said. "We are finally grappling with this problem."

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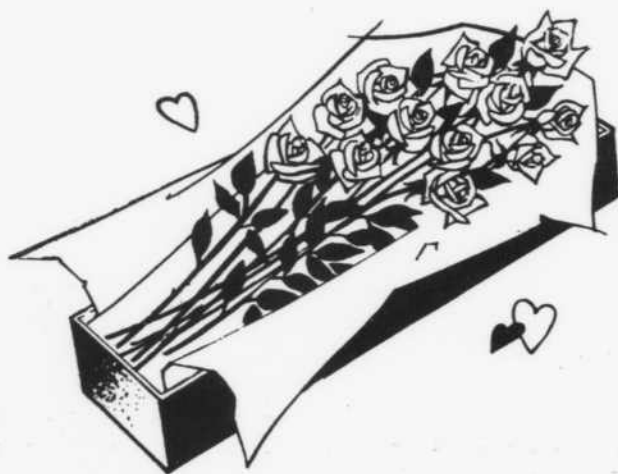
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Students prefer open pipe to flooded home -- dean

by Michael Gigandet

Married housing residents would rather have the caps off sewage excess pipes than have the sewage backing up in their homes, Sam McLean, housing director, said yesterday.

The pipes, located in the breezeways of married housing, were uncapped so that backed-up sewage would overflow there rather than in lower level bathtubs and toilets.

A pipe in married complex G overflowed last week leaving decaying sewage around the hole.

"I think it's the students who have been leaving them (brass caps on the pipes) off," McLean said.

McLean was unsure whether maintenance workers had removed the caps, but said they have been replaced "as far as I know."

As soon as a back-up occurs in

the breezeway, students immediately notify maintenance, he explained. "They'd rather have them off."

"Normally they (maintenance) clean those things (backed up pipes) pretty good and as soon as it happens," McLean said, "I disagree with open sewage anywhere."

"They (residents) think the garbage disposal will cut up anything and it will; but at the same time it is packing it up like a shredder," he explained. The packed material obstructs the pipes and then causes a back-up, McLean said.

The back-up problem is caused by "plain, everyday living" and it will take time for new residents to learn how to use the disposals properly, he said.

Another problem is children flushing things down the toilets, he pointed out.



Samuel Popkin, the first scholar to be jailed in the United States for refusing to reveal confidential sources, speaks to a mass media class before his Wednesday afternoon speech as part of the Emphasis Symposium. (Tim Hamilton Photo)

Prof suggests jury changes

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levant to the investigation," Popkin pointed out. "So every day I asked the jury foreman and the prosecutor if the questions were relevant."

Popkin admitted to the grand jury that he knew a "study" on the Vietnam war had been done. "I told them that I knew of it in 1966 (when he was conducting a study of Vietnam) when I talked to Colonel 'X' and he said he had just finished a big study for Secretary (of Defense Robert) McNamara," Popkin said.

Popkin's refusal to identify the Army officer who gave him the information, along with his refusal to answer another question, won him a jail sentence for the duration of the grand jury's term — which ended eight days later.


"I was put in jail for not telling the government names of every source I interviewed in the

course of my investigation," Popkin asserted.

The scholar charged that "classified information is not classified to keep it away from the Russians, Chinese or North Vietnamese; it's to protect the government from embarrassment from all the dumb things it does."

Popkin suggested four changes in the system of grand jury investigations: "People should know the charges; they should have their lawyer present in the courtroom, they should have the right to refuse immunity, and questions should be approved by the judge."

Since the Pentagon Papers investigation and his subsequent incarceration, Popkin said, "I've become a lot more conscious of the Bill of Rights — conscious of how much worse it would have been if the government didn't have to bend its laws."



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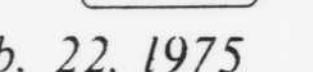
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Education programs confront challenge of budgetary crunch

by Charlotte Crowder
TCPA correspondent

NASHVILLE — Today's budget crunch will have a prolonged effect on higher education in this state, says John Folger, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

The challenge for the next decade, he says, is to be innovative and creative without expansion. "Education programs are, if anything, too conservative. They ought to change more than they do."

In the past, change has come through new faculty members, new programs and continued growth. Now, Folger says, "there are going to have to be practically no new programs being planned or developed even though they are needed."

Higher education has asked the legislature for an increase of \$40 million. Although Folger says he cannot accurately estimate how much of the request will be granted, he expects to get about 18 per cent, or \$8 million.

Tuition increases will likely be substantial this year, but still cannot make up a large share of the budget deficit. Folger says each 5 per cent tuition hike generates about \$2 million, but each additional \$2 million means only a one per cent increase in the budget.

Money problems also mean new programs may be deferred.

Programs may be cut back

Three new programs the state recognizes are the family medical care plan, the school of veterinary medicine and the East Tennessee medical school.

Politically, Folger says, each new program can command a majority in the legislature — each did when originally passed — so funding will likely be "all or nothing."

In the budget request, \$8½ million was to cover extra funding to schools with additional students. Part of that was for additional students not covered by this year's budget, but enrolled.

If the money is not forthcoming, Folger sees several "unpleasant options." Enrollments could be limited in certain programs, THEC can tell institutions it will not fund additional students or higher education can stop hiring new full-time faculty members and use more part-time help.

The THEC director says he'd like to have enough money in the

budget for a three or four per cent faculty salary increase. Considering inflation, teachers would still receive lower net salaries, but Folger points out that the legislators' answer is, "They're lucky they got a job."

Folger also criticized a recent federal court ruling making

More student aid needed

Tennessee's tuition-grant program unconstitutional. With more students coming back to school as the economy worsens, Folger says higher education needs more money for student aid.

"I felt the court probably should have said that it is quite clear there is excessive religious entanglement as far as these institutions (Lee, David Lipscomb, Freed-Hardeman and Bryan College) go, but they could have continued aid to public schools and non-sectarian private schools."

Folger says this is the most important item the legislature will deal with from the students' point of view, and that it would be very easy for lawmakers to make the program constitutional.

A student will likely be added to the Board of Regents this year, Folger predicts. However, he says he's not sure how effective

Student regent questioned

the student position can be, especially since 16 schools would be involved.

"Even in Knoxville on the UT Board of Trustees I think you can criticize the effectiveness of student representation. The student might be there but have less influence than, say, a young person that stayed on for a full term."

Folger also says, "There isn't any doubt that a board composed of white males over 50 years old who all have a similar experience in that they have been successful in life has a certain viewpoint that doesn't cover the total spectrum."

THEC's director proposes a seven or nine member board at each institution having major responsibility for day-to-day management, and a state-wide board for statewide policy.

"Seven or nine members, with a student, would give more student input at a point where it could have more impact," Folger adds, "but de-centralization is not really the direction we're tending."

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Letters to the Editor

Elvis show welcomed

In answer to Mr. Phil West's column in your Feb. 11 issue, I would like to remind him it is a PRIVILEGE to have such a show as Elvis Presley's at Murphy Center.

We are very fortunate MTSU was chosen instead of Nashville. I would also like to remind him that the majority of tickets are purchased by MTSU students, and not by "little ole" ladies."

Elvis Presley is one of the most accomplished performers today, and his shows probably are the best anywhere. MTSU receives more good from shows of this nature than from Alice Cooper or other so-called groups, loved by only a small percentage of the students.

So, "ole" swivel-hips" is returning, and everyone I have talked with is glad of it. Mr. West should check more carefully before he talks about a subject he obviously knows little about.

Randy Franklin

Dear Sidelines: shape up

I realize only too well the academic standards of this "university" have been lowered, but surely not to the junior high school level.

Whose kid brother wrote the Feb. 11 editorial, "President slashes welfare to aid corrupt

dictators"? And who had guts enough to list it under "Editorial"?

Sidelines can do better than this, or at least it has.

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Abortion myths impede feminism, author says

by Robin Freeman

"Abortion" is the most myth-laden, misunderstood and emotional issue in the women's movement today, Eve Norman, California state coordinator for the National Organization for Women (NOW), said Tuesday night.

A woman not only has the right

ASB petitions due Monday

Monday is the final filing day for ASB election petitions, Election Commissioner Bill Bennett said Wednesday.

Petitions for president, speakers of the house and senate and the 17 available senate seats must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. to the ASB office, room 312 in the University Center.

Potential nominees are reminded that to qualify for the race 300 signatures are required for the presidency, 150 for the speakerships and 75 for the senate seats.

All candidates will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday in the ASB conference room to discuss rules and regulations of the election scheduled March 4 and 5.

to an abortion if she wants it, Norman said, but she "should have the right to refuse a forced abortion or forced sterilization."

The Supreme Court's decision on a woman's right to control her own body reaffirms these points, Norman added.

"A woman who really wants an abortion will find it somewhere whether she's rich or poor," Norman said, "and most people don't understand the trauma of a pregnant woman."

Most pregnancies occur because of ineffective contraception or rape, Norman explained. "Women have the right to a personal choice of whether or not to have a child, and more women want children after they get their careers started," Norman added.

"Women can have the best of both worlds if they want it," she pointed out.

Organizations that oppose abortion offer help to unwed mothers, but "they don't provide for the children afterwards. Most church-run homes are really in the business of obtaining additional converts for their churches," Norman said.

"According to the Constitution, the fetus has the right to be a citi-

zen. This is ironic because women do not have full citizens' rights yet," Norman said.

Norman also spoke on war, ("an extension of the masculine mystique"), politics, city and state government ("more powerful than federal government") and rape.

Norman, a rape victim and recognized authority on the subject, outlined some steps a woman can take if she thinks she is being followed. "If you are followed, yell 'Fire!' or break somebody's window. People won't aid you if you scream for help, but they will call the police if they think their property is being destroyed."

Most rape victims are females according to the definition of rape ("penal penetration of the vagina"), so it is legally impossible for a woman to rape a man, Norman added.

Norman, a NOW member for six years, usually speaks on rape because it is the most requested topic, and there is a "continuing need to help where I can."

Norman searched for something to work with for several years before discovering feminism. "When I found feminism, it was like an ugly duckling finding the swans," she remarked.

SDX supports Midlander

Voting full support of the Midlander editor, staff and adviser, the MTSU chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, society of professional journalists, pledged Tuesday night to fight any intrusion upon the rights of a free press.

The Midlander, which may be reviewed by the state Board of Regents, has been enveloped in controversy because of the use of several photographs of desk doodling and streakers.

"Furthermore," the resolution stated, "we feel that university Public Relations Director Paul Keckley is out of line in his criticism concerning the annual."

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Open House: mass communications department, 1-6 p.m., third floor, SUB. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Gamma journalism fraternity.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Meeting: Latter Day Saints (pre-planning for conference), 11 a.m., UC 310

Track meet: Middle Tennessee Invitational Track Meet, 12 noon, Murphy Center track

Basketball: MTSU-Morehead, 7:30 p.m., Morehead, Ky.

Dance: sponsored by Black Student Association, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Monday, Feb. 17

Ticket sale: Mr. MTSU Pageant, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC basement

Meeting: Karate Club, 4 p.m., Dance Studio B, Murphy Center

Rehearsal: Mr. MTSU Pageant, 6 p.m., DA Auditorium

Meeting: Gymnastic Club, 6:30 p.m., AM Gym stage

Meeting: MTSU Fencing Club, 7 p.m., AM 300

Basketball: MTSU-Eastern, Ky., 7:30 p.m., Richmond, Ky.

Concert: Dr. Tom Naylor, 8:30 p.m., UC Theatre

Appeals bill reaction asked

Outgoing Vice President Harry Wagner has asked President M. G. Scarlett to gather reactions from administrators and faculty members before taking action on an ASB bill that would create academic appeals committees.

ASB President David Dodd said yesterday that Wagner, who will become president of Motlow State Community College March 1, deferred taking action and forwarded the bill to Scarlett.

The academic misconduct and grievance committee bill, if ap-

proved by Scarlett, would create an appeal committee in each academic school on campus. The committee would be authorized to hear academic appeals from students with complaints about grades and other problems, Dodd said.

"The procedure (for appeals) is in conflict with the regulations in the faculty handbook, and the ASB cannot change the procedure alone," Dodd added.

Dodd said he expects to hear from Scarlett within the next two weeks.

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Loggins achieves success but shuns spotlight

by Scott Perry

Dave Loggins, the singer-songwriter from Bristol, Tenn., came off as a very good performer Monday night on the DA Auditorium stage and as a very down-to-earth, friendly person backstage.

Since the success of his hit single "Please Come to Boston," Loggins' life has become a little more hectic. "It has made me a nervous wreck," Loggins said. "I don't like to be recognized, and it makes me very uneasy."

He is, however, very pleased to be with Epic Records and thinks it is a good label. "I wasn't completely satisfied with the results of my first album, but that is mainly because we had to rush to get it out after 'Boston' became a hit," Loggins said.

Loggins said his music has been influenced by many different

performers, but mainly by Jim Croce. "If the people hear anyone in my style of music, I hope it is Croce that they hear," Loggins said.

As far as the rock or music press goes, Loggins said he feels he has been treated very well so far. "Rolling Stone gave me a very reasonable review on my first album," Loggins said, considering that they haven't been giving many favorable ones, lately.

When asked about the mistake many persons make in getting him and Kenny Loggins of Loggins and Messina mixed up, he told of their meeting in Los Angeles for the first time last summer. "We discussed the possibility of us being cousins, and some of the press picked it up that we definitely are related," Loggins said. "But we really don't think we are."



Dave Loggins

Ace, Loggins smashing despite late hour

by Scott Perry

Despite the late hour and a few technical problems on stage, the students in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Monday night for the Dave Loggins, Ace Trucking Co., concert enjoyed a very good show.

At a few minutes after 10, Dave Loggins emerged to do what I felt would be an average set of songs by an average performer. But I was very pleasantly surprised.

Loggins came on with two other musicians, a bass player and an accoustical lead guitarist to open the show with an Eagles' song, "Take It Easy."

Although the bass wasn't loud enough and the audio monitors on stage would not allow the musicians to hear themselves, this number, like all the others, came off very well.

Loggins established very good rapport with the audience between songs and seemed to be most sincere about what he was doing. He exhibited his great writing talent with songs like "It Pleases Me To Please You" and "Pieces of April," a smash hit several years ago for Three Dog Night.

Other songs in Loggins' repertoire included Jim Croce's

"Operator", Kenny Loggins' (Loggins and Messina) "Danny's Song" and another one by Dave, "Please Come To Boston."

Loggins did another one of his own songs, "When I am Somebody," for an encore. The audience seemed to really appreciate this performer from Bristol, Tenn.

Ace Trucking Co. then contributed a completely different form of entertainment. Although the rock-comedy team of four seemed a bit distressed at being on stage at such a late hour, it did not affect their performance at all.

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'Victory Valley' ahead for streaking Raiders

By Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

The extent of the basketball metamorphosis the Blue Raiders have undergone in the past 46 games has been a puzzle to this reporter for some time.

How far have Jimmy Earle and company come on their long, hard climb to Ohio Valley Conference cage respectability?

A good question and one that might have been subtly answered by Earle yesterday at the weekly Blue Raider press luncheon when the MTSU mentor said, "We're going to Victory Valley this weekend."

Earle's statement, in reference to the Raiders' games at Morehead and Eastern Kentucky Saturday and Monday nights, respectively, directly repudiates the long-standing concept that a trip into the Kentucky mountains, so called "Death Valley," is a trip to the basketball graveyard.

Five years ago one would have either shuddered or simply laughed at Earle's statement, but the mere fact that the luncheon crowd smiled and nodded in agreement is conclusive evidence of just how far the Raiders have come.

Last season the Raiders were riding a 10-game winning streak when they squared off with



Jimmy Earle

Morehead and Eastern, but they came home two games farther down in the loss column.

However, Earle's bunch has more than proved it can win on the road this season, having downed Western Kentucky, Tennessee Tech, Murray State and non-conference foe Tennessee State on enemy hardwood.

Against Morehead, the Raiders' primary task will be stopping senior center George Williams, who is hitting for nearly 14 points per outing. He gave MTSU fits with his inside scoring earlier this season at Murphy Center.

If the Raiders are able to shut down Williams, they will still have to contend with outside

sharpshooter Arch Johnson, who is averaging 15.6 per game and is considered one of the premier performers in the OVC.

Eastern Kentucky won't be a pushover either as MTSU must deal with senior guard Carl Brown, the third leading scorer in the conference with a 20-point average.

"There's no doubt about it," Earle said, "this is the most crucial weekend in the history of basketball at MTSU."

That may or may not be so, because the Big Blue have already clinched a spot in the OVC post-season tournament.

"I don't know how it's going to come out," Earle said, "but I can tell you this — our boys have the motivation and poise, and we're going up there to win."

Notes of interest — George Sorrell, Raider All-American candidate, has jumped from 35th to fifth place in the Pizza Hut All-American Classic voting. Some 100,000 ballots will be av-

ailable Monday night in the Tennessee Room in the SUB.

Sleepy Taylor has hit on his last 24 attempts from the foul line, setting a new school record. Taylor, the leading freshman scorer in MTSU history, has the OVC free-throw mark of 32 consecutive baskets well within sight.

Tickets for the March 7 and 8 OVC post-season tournament to be held here will be sold Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the inside ticket booth on the southwest corner (Tennessee Boulevard and Alumni Memorial Gym side) of Murphy Athletic Center.

All seats for the tournament will be reserved. The 2,000 student tickets allotted to MTSU will be sold only to full-time students with valid IDs, according to Wayne Kindness of the sports information department.

Two tickets per ID will be allowed. Prices are \$10 for theatre seats and \$6 for bleacher seats.

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WOOD PECKIN'

Intramural officiating not prejudiced; everyone gets a share of the bad calls

by Tom Wood
Assistant Sports Editor

One has to wonder if it's worth it all.

Is it worth risking a knee or ankle injury and putting up with the bad calls officials make just to participate in the intramural basketball program?

This year, as in the past, the officiating has come under extreme criticism from players. The only thing that can be said for

the officials is they are not prejudiced. No, they make bad calls for every team — regardless of race, creed or color.

As witnessed by this reporter in recent weeks, numerous injuries have occurred and a number of fouls have been missed.

Officials have missed too many fouls in games; it has gotten so bad, in fact, that one player had to hit an opponent in the eye with

an elbow in order for a one-and-one situation to go into an effect.

Another player literally threw his opponent into the bleachers in order for an intentional foul to be called. This would have sent to fouled man to the free throw line, with the other team hoping the grab a missed shot and score what could have possibly been a winning basket.

However the official did not see it this way and the ball was given to the fouled man's team on the side.

It is, of course, the official's prerogative to call the game the way he sees it; but one of his main tasks should be to protect the players.

When a player must resort to punching an opponent just so a foul will be called, the officials are encouraging injuries.

Grapplers down Sewanee 24-17

by Tom Wood

Coming off a 24-17 victory Wednesday over the University of the South at Sewanee, the Blue Raider grapplers will travel to Maryville, Tenn., this afternoon for the Mid-Southern tournament.

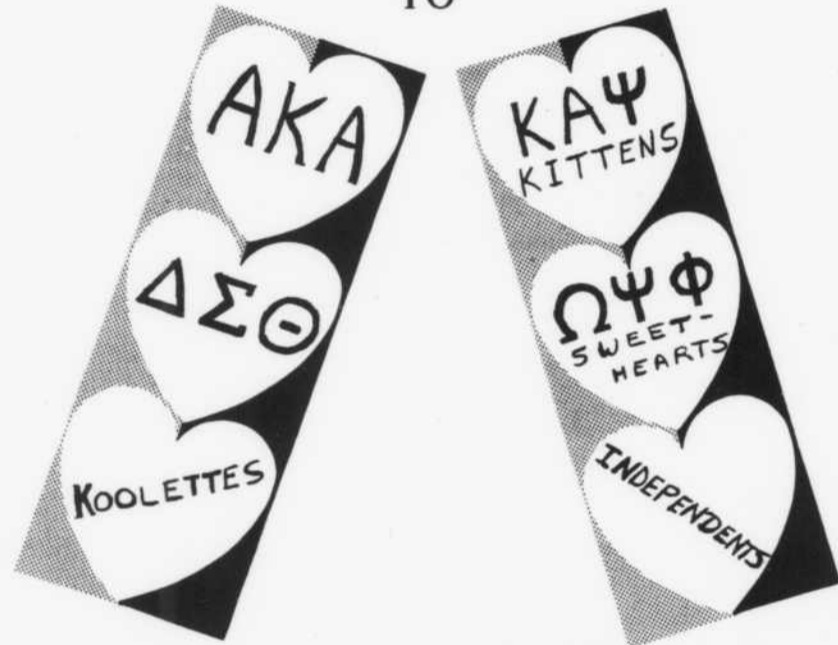
The Raiders will enter the tournament without the services of heavyweight Tom Wright, who is scheduled for knee surgery later today.

"I feel we were fortunate to win against Sewanee," coach Gordon Connell said.

Randy Johns and Scott Webster picked up forfeits in the 126-and 134-pound classes, respectively. Roger Vandergriff, David Scott and Richard Jackson scored decisions in their weight divisions for MTSU, while 190-pounder Mike Hooker pulled a draw with Sewanee's Kevin Marchetti.

The win, which upped the grapplers' record to 7-12, was their final dual meet of the season.

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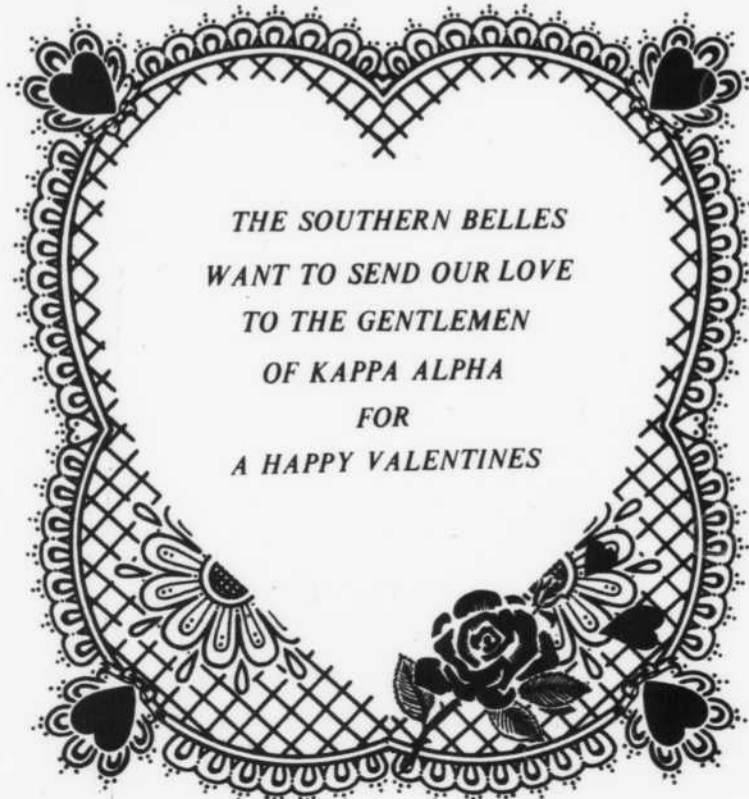
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