

State hits bottom in education budgeting

by Tony Daughtrey

Figures released by the Tennessee Education Association show this state has dropped to 50th in the nation in financial support of education, according to an article in Tuesday's *Tennessean*.

The drop from 45th to last is attributed to the small increase in the education budget as compared to other states on the lower end of the list. Tennessee also ranks last in percentage of personal income in the state devoted to education.

According to the *Tennessean*,

National Education Association statistics show Tennessee spent an average of \$969 per student as compared to the national average of \$1390 and \$1110 in the Southeast.

A spokesman for the State Board of Education said that funding was "instrumental to the quality of education" and expressed optimism that the General Assembly would take the necessary measures to improve the financial situation.

The proposed sales tax increase now being considered by the legislature would generate an estimated \$160 million, but no one

is sure how much of this would go into education, he said. He predicts that the state will see some improvement over the next few years in financing education.

Although the amount of money spent for education did go up this past year, the increase was not enough to compensate for inflation, according to Murfreesboro City Schools Superintendent Dana Zwick. He cited figures that showed salary increases in Tennessee went up 2.6 per cent as compared to the national average of 7.3 per cent. Although he does not foresee any immediate effects of

this loss of buying power, he believes that morale will go down if the present trend continues.

The biggest problem with education is that many students are not prepared for college when they enter, according to MTSU sociology professor Donald Schneller. Stating that many school districts in Tennessee were equivalent to "ghetto level" schools, Schneller said college teachers today have to cope with students who can't read very well or understand common English. He attributed the problems to the priority education receives in the budget.

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Dead umbrellas dot the campus in a scene that will become all too familiar as the Murfreesboro monsoon season approaches. These two victims fell in battle during the rain and high winds that hit the area Tuesday.

Tom Coombes Photo

Entrance policy changed

by Trina Jones

A new MTSU admissions policy for students graduating from unapproved or unaccredited high schools was endorsed by the Curriculum Committee in its meeting Tuesday by a 8-2 vote.

Students graduating from unaccredited schools will apply under the same admissions policy as students from accredited schools if the new ruling is approved by President M.G. Scarlett and the Board of Regents.

The Board suggested that MTSU's admissions policy be revised in order to standardize minimum admissions requirements with other state universities, Cliff Gillespie, acting dean of admissions and records, said at the meeting.

Graduates of Tennessee's unaccredited high schools have been required to obtain a 45 or above composite score on the General Education Development (GED) test in addition to meeting general admission standards.

Regular admissions standards for graduates of accredited high schools stipulate that they make a 16 or above on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or have a 2.0 GPA for high school work.

MTSU is one of the few universities that still require the GED for incoming students from unaccredited schools, Gillespie said. Upon administrative and Regents approval, the policy should go into effect by fall 1976, or even as early as this summer, Gillespie said.

Committee members Joe Evans and Stan Golden voiced concern that lowering academic standards for admission to the university may have adverse effects in overall academic quality.

The subcommittee on admissions, standards, articulation and advisement, when it is chosen and convenes, may have to deal with the highering of standards in regard to the ACT scores required for admission, Gillespie suggested.

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Rainy weather forces vote for sidewalk

by Trina Jones

A resolution calling for the installation of two sidewalks on the MTSU campus was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives at its meeting yesterday.

The House asked that the maintenance department place sidewalks from the entrance of Gore Hall to the intersection in front of the Graphic Arts Building and along the portion of C Street between Felder Hall and the Learning Resources Center.

A number of dormitory students have expressed a desire for the sidewalks and feel they are needed, especially during rainy weather, Randall Davis, the bill's sponsor, said.

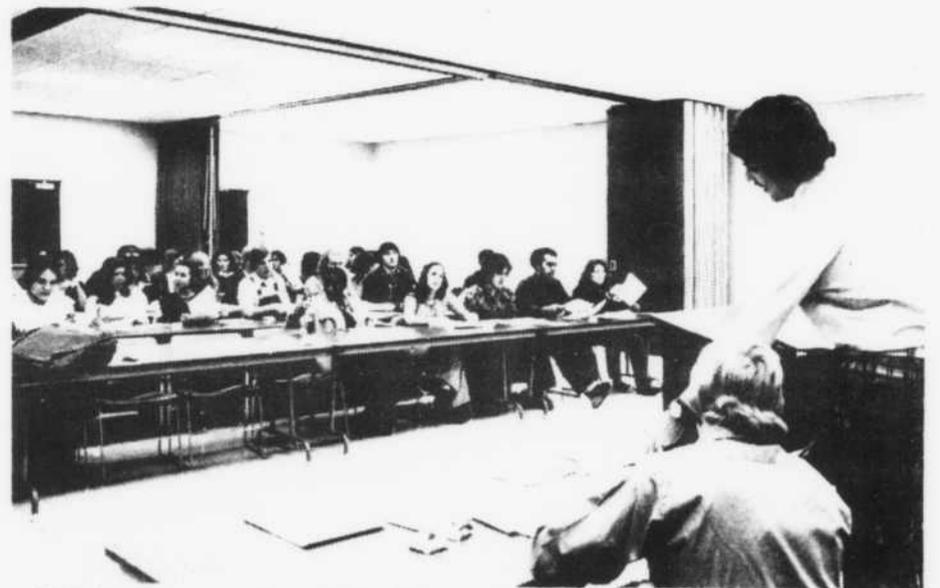
Margaret Alexander, sophomore representative, was elected to fill the speaker pro-tem post.

House Speaker Jeff Combos announced that the drive to enlist full-time students in the legal aid program was continuing, with about 100 students signed up thus far.

Combos stressed the importance of the legal aid program and reminded representatives that the program would not go into effect unless 400 students were signed. He asked that volunteers wishing to help in the door-to-door canvass contact him at the ASB office.

Michelle Sagesse, sophomore representative, outlined some changes which the Ombudsmen Council is considering to make its program more effective for the students.

The House's next meeting will be 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28, Combos said.



Jeff Combos, speaker of the House, and Tom Wells, parliamentarian, preside over the House of Representatives meeting held last night. The House passed a resolution for a new sidewalk and elected Margaret Alexander speaker pro-tem.

Chuck Thompson Photo

Drop-add, graduation forms due soon

Students wishing to make a change of program or intending to graduate in May must secure the appropriate forms and meet deadlines to insure proper processing.

Change of program--Students

must secure a change of program from their major adviser or department head. The form must be signed by the adviser. The department head must approve the change when adding a course and approval of the instructor must be

secured when dropping a course.

After being properly approved and signed, the form must be turned into the Business Office and any fees paid. The adding or dropping of a course becomes official when the instructor is notified by the admissions and records office.

The deadline for adding a course is Jan. 19 while courses may be dropped without a grade until Feb. 7.

Courses may be dropped with a grade of W/P or W/F until March 1 (mid-semester). Courses dropped after mid-semester will result in an automatic grade of "F."

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Vets inspected in new policy

Attendance and progress records of veterans will be monitored more closely to conform to new Veteran's Administration regulations, according to Cliff Gillespie, acting dean of admissions and records.

"Recent changes in the VA regulations emphasize the responsibility of the institution to report the non-attendance in class and unsatisfactory progress of GI Bill recipients," Gillespie explained.

In the past, only the veteran was held accountable for misuse of the GI Bill. Now, both the student and the school will be held responsible for the student's negligence.

"Faculty members have been instructed to report absences of veterans," Gillespie said. "Instructors need not report occasional absences," he emphasized, "but repeated or delinquent absences are what we have to know about."

"Veterans will not be reported to the VA or punished by the school just because an instructor turns their name in," he said. "We will talk to the veteran first and check into the situation."

"We are hoping to reduce and eventually eliminate those few veterans who are trying to take advantage of the VA assistance," Gillespie explained. "Neither the VA nor the school is out to get the veteran, but we have to single out those who misuse their benefits."

"Some few students have registered for classes in order to obtain additional entitlements and have not attended these classes in the past. Hopefully our new system will identify these students," he said.

Veterans with questions concerning this policy are asked to check with the admissions and records office.

Formerly, only the student would be held accountable for fraudulently obtaining funds for educational assistance from the VA. If the student was found to be drawing funds without attending school the VA would make the student pay restitution. Now, if the VA determines that the school, through negligence, allowed the student to defraud the VA, the school also will be held responsible.

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Three MTSU faculty members will receive \$1000 each and the recognition of "Outstanding Teacher" in an award contest made possible by the MTSU Foundation.

Nominations are now being accepted through ballots submitted by students, faculty and alumni. Student ballots can be found in today's Sidelines.

The procedure for selecting the outstanding teachers will involve three steps: nomination, elimination and final selection, according to Jack K. Carlton, vice president for academic affairs.

A committee representing the faculty, ASB, MTSU Foundation and Alumni Association will select from those nominated a list of finalists, Carlton said.

The final evaluation in the

process of selection will be made by the students of the nominated teachers and faculty using rating sheets which have been devised for this purpose, he said.

Results of the evaluations will be tabulated by computer and an-

nounced at the 'Alumni Banquet May 1.

This will be the tenth year such awards have been offered, with money made available through the MTSU Foundation.

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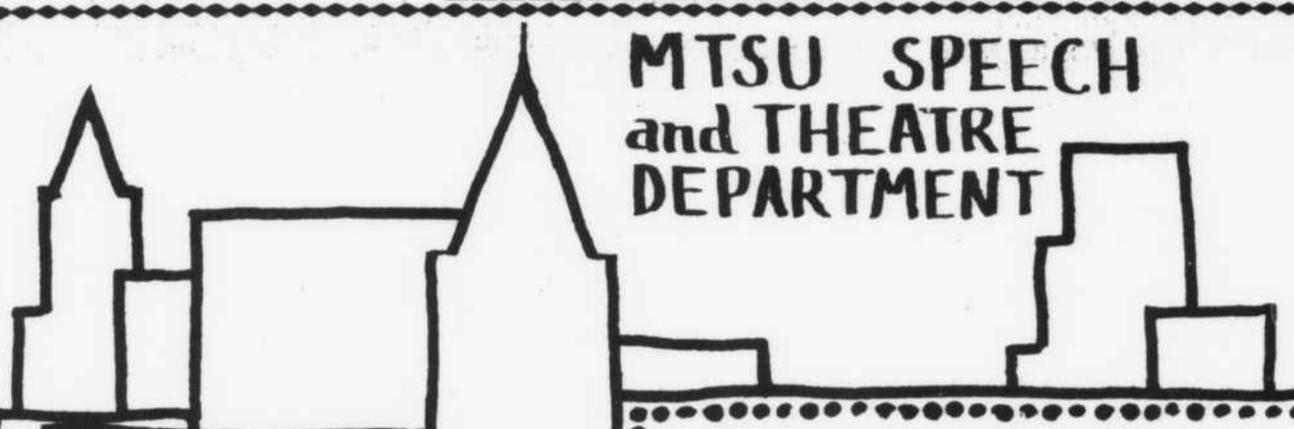
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Opinion

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editorial

Administrative honesty urged

Too often, student journalists and university administrators do not enjoy an honest relationship in their respective jobs.

Administrators close their doors and attempt to avoid the journalists instead of answering their legitimate questions.

Or the administrators employ evasive tactics to cover-up a story.

Dr. Jack Carlton, the vice president for academic affairs, has earned the initial star this semester.

A faculty memo and the Daily News Journal announced that Mary Tom Berry and James Huhta were nominated as assistant academic vice presidents.

But when the Sidelines managing editor tried to interview Carlton about the story, he asked that she hold the story.

Since the news had been published in a local newspaper and in a faculty memo, it was Sidelines' duty to inform other members of the campus community.

Another classic example is when a Sidelines staffer, Michael Gigandet, called a former vice president for a telephone interview, his secretary said the vice president was out of the office.

After a short dialogue, Gigandet asked to set up an appointment. The secretary asked Gigandet to hold while she consulted her boss to find an available time.

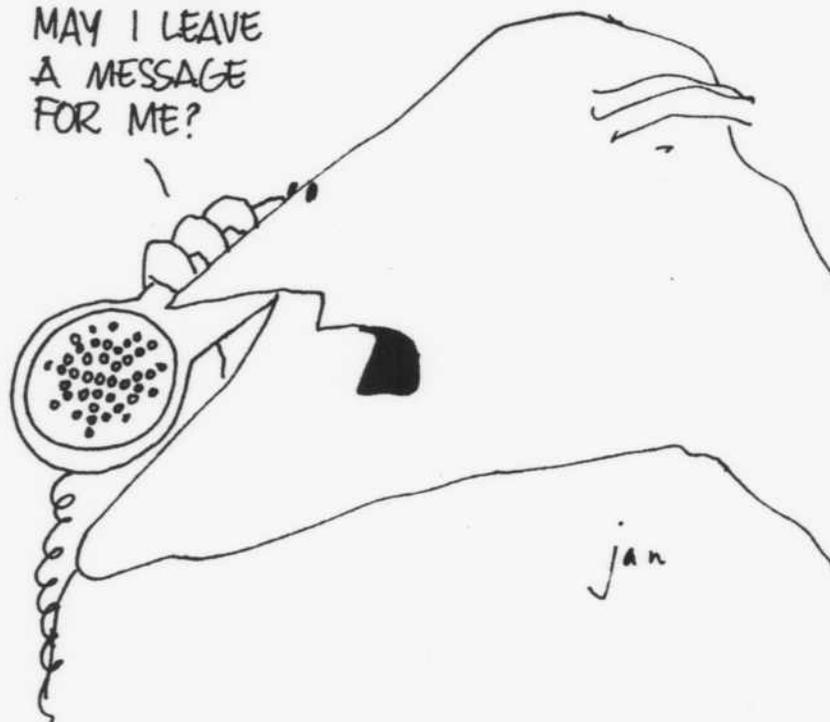
Communication problems like the above must be solved. Sidelines staffers are not "out to get anybody." Our job is to report the news objectively.

But evasive tactics will not be tolerated. We will not compromise ourselves against our journalistic principles.

Granted, some administrators consistently adhere to an "open door" policy.

We sincerely applaud you and urge your peers to follow the example.

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VP answers graduate

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 1975, concerning the parking ticket.

The ticket in question resulted from over-time parking at the meter at the University Center on July 30, 1975. Your account was cleared for graduation in early August prior to the time the \$2 parking ticket was entered in the University records.

Your letter referred to a policy we used to have of not permitting students to graduate if they owed the University for anything. We now permit graduation if the amount due is less than \$10. That change in policy was made about a year ago because we thought it

unjustified to pull someone out of the graduation line for a library or traffic fine that they might not be aware of. We think it is a reasonable policy.

It would be appreciated if you would send the \$2 for the traffic ticket to our Business Office. We also hope for your continued support for the University and the Foundation.

Come by to visit us sometime, and be sure to let us know of any questions or problems you have that we may not be aware of. We will be glad to look into them and respond.

Morris F. Bass
Vice President

(editors note: This letter is in reply to an earlier letter by MTSU alumnus Wayne Hudgens.)

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letters

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17. Any type of gun control restricting rights of individuals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. State owned package liquor stores to raise State revenue?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(This survey was prepared by Sen. Robert T. Byrd III, Cleveland, Tn.)

Dean pledges to meet thieves 'personally'

Dear Thieves,

I would like to think that I could get to know each of you personally during the coming semester. Since that will not be possible, I at least wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that we are thinking of you and doing everything in our power to get to meet you.

From the University Police reports and the number of reported stolen books last semester, it appears that we had quite a few of you with us. Rest assured that this semester we are going to do everything in our power to make your stay with us as short as possible.

Unfortunately, I get to hear about you, too often indirectly, through the people whom you have visited. After listening to their descriptions of what you have done to them, I realize more and more how important it is that we get together, me and thee.

In an attempt to accomplish this, I have several more people working

with me this semester. Their job will be to try to locate you. You seem very elusive at times; therefore, we are going to look for you everywhere. We will look for you in the Residence Halls, in the bookstores, in the parking lots and

to know that so many people are doing so much for you. If you feel that we are giving you too much consideration, think nothing of it; we do not mind at all. Like I said, after talking to a lot of people whom you have visited, we really feel that

general, the Chief of Police and the Sheriff and all his deputies. We want you to "learn through doing" the criminal justice procedures of this country. We feel that it is only right that we should provide these opportunities for you since you have done so much to relieve your fellow students of their material worries by removing their material possessions.

We are asking for volunteers over the entire campus to help watch for you. We know that many of you are sly and retiring and that the only way to get you the recognition that you so richly deserve, is to pursue you vigorously. Vigorously you will be persued.

There is little more that I can tell you. We have some new way of ferretting you out, but we can't give you any details because we want you to be surprised.

Here's hoping to see you soon. In anticipation,
Ivan Shewmake

'Of Cabbages



and Kings'

by Ivan Shewmake
Associate Dean of Students

around the bike racks. Wherever you go, I hope we can have someone there to welcome you. And if we miss you a few times, rest assured that we will keep on trying. Eventually, if you stick around, we will get together with you.

It must give you a warm feeling

we should do something special for you. We hope to give you an opportunity to practice your trade at a new location, hopefully, far away from MTSU; thereby broadening your horizons through travel. We want some of you to meet new people, such as the county attorney

Student notes 'requirements' for new dean

by Bill Mason

So.

Assistant Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake has been named to replace Dean of Men Paul Cantrell, who replaced Dean of Students Robert LaLance, who replaced Vice President for Student Affairs Harry Wagner, who replaced Motlow President Sam Ingram, who is now commissioner of education.

A nice little package. Congratulations to Shewmake and best wishes for the future, etc.

Before assuming fully this important positions, Shewmake will be required to go through a course sequence, much like the one you and I are suffering through to get our degrees.

The new dean could never be as good at any of these subjects as his immediate predecessor, Cantrell, but he will make a valiant effort to at least become adequate at them, I'm sure.

Following is a catalogue of subjects for the deans, all required and necessary for a typical job.

101—Evading the Issue. A study of methods of double-talk, wishy-washiness and little white lies designed to keep from making a commitment or saying what is really meant.

102—Ignoring Student Interests. Ways to insure against progressivism in the university are examined.

(101 and 102 are prerequisites for all other dean preparation courses.)

217—Hypocrisy and Backstabbing. Special emphasis is given to toothy smiles and firm handshakes performed at the same time as sinister plots against the student

are in the making.

254—Shifting the Blame. Different methods for avoiding responsibility are discussed, including ways to blame Sidelines,

superiors, underlings, the business office, janitors and the Board of Regents.

325—ASB Manipulation. With special emphasis on the David Dodd administration, procedures for making ASB toe the administrative line are studied.

398—Harassing the Opposition. Methods of misusing the dean's office to silence student opposition are discussed.

420—Constitution Flaunting. Ways to circumvent the constitution of the United States, especially the First Amendment, are studied.

455—Advanced Ambition. A study of methods to insure promotion to a higher level, including posterior kissing for use on the university president and the Board of Regents.

(Once these undergraduate courses are completed, the dean may then move into more specific graduate studies.)

504—The Watson Presidency. A study of how the ASB slipped from administrative control, its return under Dodd and ways of preventing a recurrence.

Once Shewmake has completed all of these courses, he will be a true dean in the tradition of Cantrell and LaLance.

And the world spins on and on.



Student foils gunman with verbal assault

by John Pitts

Glenda Ogles has found a novel way to foil an armed bandit—refuse to give him any money.

Ogles, a freshman from Murfreesboro, was working Tuesday night at the Bonanza restaurant when a young man entered and wanted to buy a soft drink.

After taking his money and putting it in the cash register, Ogles turned to thank him. That's when she got a surprise.

"I turned around to say thank you and he was standing there with a gun in his hand, and he said 'Put the money in the sack,'" Ogles

recalled. "I thought to myself that this must be a joke or something," she added.

"I don't know why, but after he said that, I just shut the cash register door and looked at him," Ogles said.

"He looked at me like 'This isn't the way it is supposed to happen,' and he said 'I'm gonna kill you if you don't open it,'" Ogles said.

After twice refusing to open the cash register, the bandit again threatened, "I told you I'd kill you," and she replied "I can't open it."

"Well, who can?" the robber

inquired. "He can, no, he can," she said first pointing to another MTSU student, Jeff Spicer, then toward the manager. Neither of the men could see the robber as he stood by the cash register.

"We stood there arguing for several minutes," Ogles said, and then he finally put the gun back in the sack and walked out. "I ran and started to tell the manager what happened. I was talking at the top of my voice and I said 'He had a gun!' but they wouldn't believe me."

Finally she convinced the manager that a holdup attempt had

actually taken place and the police started looking for the foiled bandit.

"I don't know why I did it," Ogles said, "I guess I just didn't want him to have the money."

"I'm taking karate this semester, so I guess I should have kung fu'd him," Ogles said, laughing.

Although she admitted her work is not very exciting, she said "I can do without" any other incidents.

"After it was over, my mother told me she thought I would argue with a brick wall," Ogles conceded.

NORML chapter to view legislative report

An upcoming report by a state legislative committee on the results of marijuana laws will be assessed in a statement by the MTSU chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) at 7:30 tonight in UC 318.

A joint subcommittee of the state legislature consisting of four senators and four representatives will submit the report to the 89th

General Assembly which convened Tuesday, according to NORML coordinator Lee Cohen.

The report "acknowledges the costly and other effects" of marijuana arrests, legislation and subsequent court proceedings, Cohen said. "However, we (NORML) do not feel that the report goes far enough."

The report recognizes the costliness, that too many persons

are convicted (for marijuana charges) and that the laws just aren't working," Cohen pointed out. "But they fall short of making a recommendation to change marijuana laws."

The committee, which includes senators Avon Williams, Reager Motlow, Bill Peeler and Curtis Person and representatives Keith Bissell, Bob Davis, Harold H. Sterling, Jr. and one ex-repre-

sentative, was formed during the first session of the 89th assembly last year.

The organization wants to encourage students supporting the measure to take part in a mailing campaign by writing their representative and/or senator before debate on the report begins in the assembly, Cohen added.

This report is the first of any kind on marijuana to enter the state legislature.

Tonight's meeting is open to the public and interested persons are asked to attend.

Free concert back tonight

The first rip-off concert of this semester will be held tonight from 7:30 to 11 in the UC Grill.

"Anyone can play in the rip-off concert," Joe Ridolfo, concert co-ordinator, pointed out.

"We had several concerts last semester that were quite successful," Ridolfo said. "It all depends upon people coming and participating."

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Concert booking 'a difficult job'--Smith

by Frank White

"We can't just pick up the phone and call anyone for a concert—that's the most important thing to understand," Harold Smith, director of student programming, said.

Smith was trying to explain the complexity of the job of programming concerts.

"Booking a concert is a difficult job and it is hard to understand unless you work with it every day," Smith said.

"We try to get the best possible concerts for the students, but it isn't as easy as calling a group and asking them to come here," he explained. "Even if we know a group is on tour we can't contact them and work directly with them.

"The groups work through an agent and we still can't deal directly with the agent. For financial reasons, we are forced to deal with a promoter.

"It gets to be an involved, entangling process and at times it is even political. For instance, when a group goes on tour they may sell individual performances or blocks of performances. If they sell an entire block of performances to one promoter, we have to deal with that promoter to get the group.

"If a group wants to do a tour in the Southeast, they might go to someone like Sound Seventy to

assurance that we can get them. The group may elect to do a big cities only tour. If they go big cities, they will take nothing less than an 18,000 capacity auditorium. That knocks out this whole area.

"If the group elects to do a local tour, we stand a good chance. With Murphy Center, we have great

'If there is a game on the open night, we're out of luck.'

pulling power. The promoters are looking for the largest possible audience and Murphy Center is the largest indoor auditorium in this area.

"Even if we get that close to booking a concert, we may still miss it," Smith cautioned. "If Murphy Center is booked for a ballgame or something on the only open night the group has, we miss the group."

Smith did take note that there has been some dissatisfaction among students about the balance of programs presented by the

Special Events Committee. "The committee does try to meet the needs of the students," he insisted.

"The concert program here has been top-notch comparatively. Our concert program is the envy of schools all over," Smith explained. "The University of Tennessee is especially envious of us right now. They are wondering why we got the Who and they didn't."

The Elvis Presley concerts of last spring seem to have generated a lot of dissention, Smith observed. But he noted that the student seats for those concerts sold as well as any. "By that, I feel the students supported the series of concerts."

It was the Presley concerts that made a free Volunteer Jam possible

'Presley shows made free Volunteer Jam possible.'

for students. "Without the revenue from the Presley concerts students wouldn't have been able to get free seats to the Volunteer Jam. It is

deals like that that the Special Events Committee is looking for," Smith explained.

The Special Events Committee is a representative body made up entirely of students. There are presently 78 student members on the committee, according to Smith.

"The committee, through their own elected selection board, makes all the decisions about groups engaged by the school," Smith said.

Any student interested in being on the committee just has to apply and wait for an opening, Smith explained.

'If a group wants big cities only, we're out.'

program all their dates. For that reason, we are forced to work with the promoter in order to get big names into Murphy Center.

"Even if a group decides to do a tour in the Southeast, we have no

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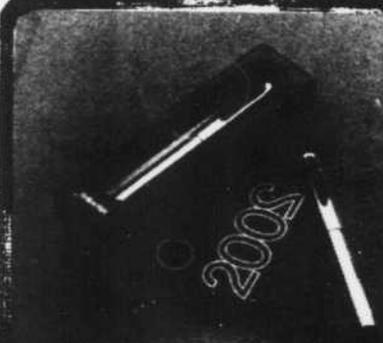
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ROTC exhibits skills in DA production



Two ROTC Forrester Raiders battle it out in a pugil demonstration during the ROTC Organization Tuesday. The program was planned to familiarize students with the various activities of the ROTC program.

Tom Coombes Photo

ROTC Organization Day is an "opportunity for the organizations sponsored by this department to do their thing," Major James Wool of the military science department said recently.

The semi-annual event was held Tuesday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Wool explained that the day is similar to "Club Night" in that military science organizations can explain their programs and invite prospective members.

Performance began with the varsity women's drill team, the White Berets, demonstrating drill precision, Wool said.

Presentation by the orienteering team followed, with an explanation of navigating with a map and compass against a clock. Wool explained further that the Orienteers are a varsity team competing

nationally.

The Forrester Raiders involved in military training and small unit combat training, were followed by the varsity rifle team who demonstrated marksmanship, showed their weapons and discussed their activities.

Also participating was the men's drill team, the Sam Davis Pershing Rifles, who demonstrated drill maneuver techniques.

"Performances and presentations were excellent," Wool commented, "but attendance was not what we hoped for."

Wool said the "event was not attended by a majority of the student body," estimating an audience of less than two hundred at each of the morning and afternoon activities.

The next Organization Day is scheduled early this fall, he said.

Christian week proclaimed

Murfreesboro Mayor Hollis Westbrook and Rutherford County Judge Ben Hall McFarlin yesterday proclaimed the week of Jan. 18 through 24 as Christian Unity Week.

A special service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at St. Rose Church in observance of Christian Unity Week, C. H. Hunt, president of the Murfreesboro Ministerial Association, said yesterday.

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Student found guilty of theft

ASB general sessions court found a Nashville sophomore guilty of book theft after rehearing the case this week, Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake said yesterday.

The original case was remanded back to the general sessions court because of the initial permanent expulsion sentence, Shewmake

said.

The court sentence requires the defendant, Phyllis Holt, to pay full restitution and to be dismissed from the university for two years, Shewmake said.

Any readmission after two years would be contingent upon obtaining testing from the university's guidance department, Shewmake

said. The dean of students must also approve readmission.

Price Hardin Carson, who was found guilty of book theft by the general sessions court, has appealed to the ASB Supreme Court.

His trial will be appealed before the court next week, Chief Justice Phil Campbell said. If approved, the Court will hear the case.

Health council reviews rules

The Health Services Council designated its duties in regard to new guidelines in campus policies in a meeting Tuesday.

Council chairman and Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance outlined the purposes of the council, which are "to hear complaints, consider suggestions, propose remedies and develop recommendations for improved services in the area of health services, food services, sanitary conditions and counseling services on the campus."

Further business brought notice of a complaint of improper shower drainage at Rutledge Hall. The problem is to be investigated by Archie Sullivan, assistant director of buildings and grounds.

There are three representatives from each of the health, guidance and counseling, buildings and grounds and safety branches.

Non-credit course offered for parent

A non-credit program on practical approaches to parent education will be held at MTSU Friday and Saturday for parents of disadvantaged children.

The program will take place in the University Center Theatre and Learning Resources Center Auditorium from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration will begin 8 a.m. Friday. A fee of \$14 for two days or \$8 for one day will be charged.

Interested persons should contact the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462 or the Department of Education at 898-2665 for further information.

Campus Calendar

Today

Faculty-Press luncheon: noon; Tenn. Room, SUB

Art Department Speaker: Bernie Fuchs; 1-5 p.m.; LRC Multi-Media Room

Movie: "Taming of the Shrew," 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; UC theatre; fifty cents

Sisneros Ballot Marking: 6:30 p.m.; LRC Multi-Media Room

Omega Psi Phi Basketball Tournament: 7 p.m.; AM Gym

Tomorrow

Omega Psi Phi Basketball Tournament: 7 p.m.; AM Gym

Saturday, Jan. 17

Rifle Competition: MTSU v. Vanderbilt; 9 a.m.; Tummons Range

Women's Gymnastics: MTSU v. UT Knoxville; 1 p.m.; AM Gym

Varsity Basketball: MTSU v. Tenn. Tech; 7:30 p.m.; Murphy Center

Dance: 9 p.m.; Tenn. Room, SUB Monday, Jan. 19

Movie: "Phantom of the Opera," 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; UC theatre; fifty cents

Circle K: 6 p.m.; UC 312

Varsity Basketball: MTSU v. East Tenn.; 7:30 p.m.; Murphy Center

Outdoors Club: 7:30 p.m.; UC 311

18th century humor returns

Theatre slates comedy

Presented as the first successful American theatre comedy, "The Contrast" is the upcoming production of the MTSU arena theatre.

An eighteenth century comedy which deals with the contrasts between British traditions and American ideals, "The Contrast" is directed by Anne Petty with assistant directory Deborah Shaw and Bill Goodwin.

Cast for the comedy includes Ruth Hawes as Charlotte, Myra Searcy as Lititia, Vicki Steagall as Maria, Jennie Lamm as Jenny,

Karla Pate as the stage manager, George Bennett as Manly, Jim Howard as Jonathan, Bruce Cook as Dimple, Pete Richards as Jessamy and Jerry Hatmaker as Van Rough.

The university production will open on Feb. 13 and will continue through Feb. 21, with a day off on Feb. 15. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Reservations for the show can be made by calling 2716 between 11-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. starting Feb. 9. Students will be admitted free with a valid ID card.

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'I can't take that class, I'd miss my soap!'

by Riley Clark

Whenever you feel life could not be any worse, just tune into one of the 14 soap operas currently on TV and discover what true misery means.

In a world where the worst thing that can happen usually does, where pregnancy follows sex like spring follows winter, and everything must be relevant, soaps provide realism and fantasy for over 20 million people daily.

On our own fair campus all one need do is walk in the LRC to see students catching up on the thwarted loves of Julie and Doug (NBC), Snapper and Chris (CBS), or Phil and Tara (ABC) on all those "educational televisions."

A Memphis sophomore admits to scheduling her classes so she can see "The Young and the Restless."

Even though viewing a serial once a week would keep anyone aware of plot developments, most avid viewers watch their show as regularly as they get up in the morning.

Social relevance on soaps has increased every year. Many soaps now consider it part of their job to carefully explain mental illness, abortions, problems with children and most importantly--marriage.

A new trend is to expand serials from 30 minutes to a full hour. Networks claim this gives the viewer more insight into character,

Soap operas are filmed one week before they are aired. If another show suddenly receives a large rating, a major plot change can be

the Martins and the Tylers, have their intermingled lives flashed on the screen 30 minutes every weekday.

One plot goes something like this: Paul Martin is madly in love with his ex-wife, Ann Tyler, and she with him. He is, however, married to Margo Flax Martin, mother of dope peddler Claudette Montgomery.

Margo knows Paul wants to leave her so she decides the smart thing to do is claim she's pregnant. She starts her charade and shells out \$12,000 for a baby on the black market.

This might seem feasible except that Ann is really pregnant with Paul's child and he remains tied to Margo. Such are the complications of middle age love.

Themes such as unrequited love in high school romances, honesty being the best policy, and what lies in the future is never to be counted on because fate has many tricks are hashed and rehashed for every serial.

Despite their ridiculousness, soaps are making money where many of their nighttime counterparts fail. According to Time the average hour of soaps brings in about \$120,000 daily.

This ability to save money is due partly to cheap, reuseable sets and rarely shooting a scene over.

Many of the mistakes you can often see (boom mikes hanging overhead, camera shadows on actors, and flubbed lines) are results of producer frugality.

The Nielsen ratings show "As the World Turns," "Another World," and "Days of Our Lives" to be the top three shows as far as the number of people tuning in each day.

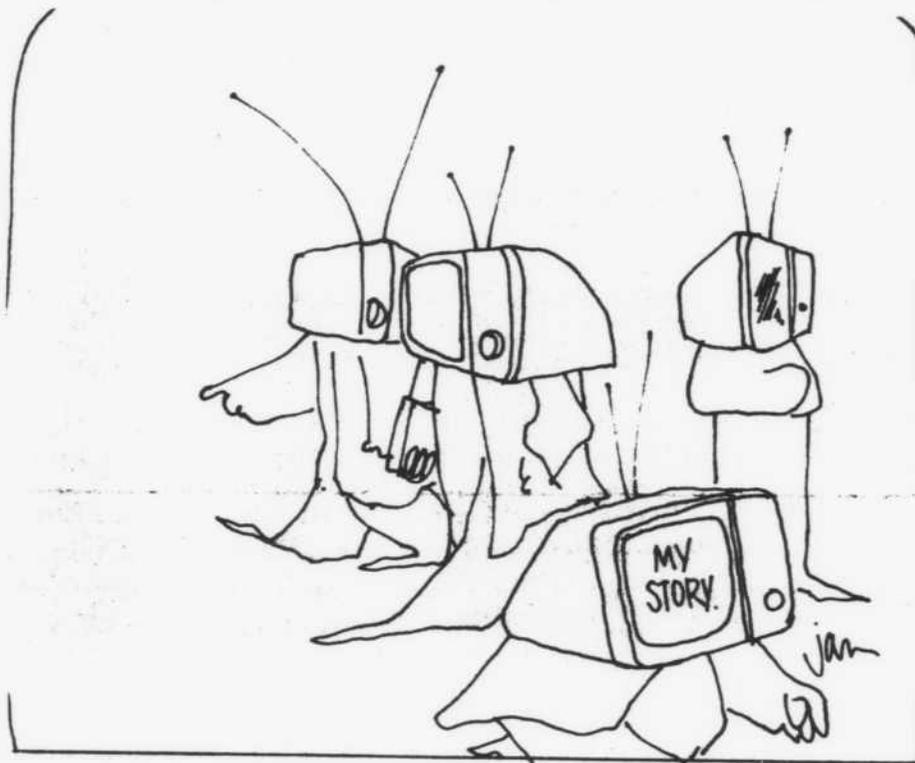
Time, however, stated that qualitywise, "Days of our Lives," "The Young and the Restless" and "All My Children" head the list.

Daytime serials, as those professionally involved prefer to call them, may be coming into their own. UCLA, Princeton and Ohio State are some of the universities now offering courses on soaps.

Some of the good ingredients studied by these classes include characterizations, plot and parallels to some of the classic literature such as Shakespeare.

Back to where students get so involved. Susan Ricci, who plays Erica Kane in Brent on "All My Children" stated to a seminar class at Princeton, "I think it's because they allow you to go home without all the pettiness, the hassles and pressures of having your parents around."

That reason might be the most logical idea to ever evolve from a soap to date.



more plots and a clearer idea of what is happening from day to day.

The change in length causes a more fierce battle for ratings between networks.

made and a possible boost in ratings.

Agnes Nixon, creator of "All My Children," asked a group of students at Duke University why they watched soaps. One young man replied, "It's the only constant in our lives."

Time magazine in a recent cover story referred to "All My Children" as a "campus favorite" and "the thinking man's soap" with a 30 per cent male audience.

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Raiders to bounce back?

Chuckwagon

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

With the Murphy Center invasion of long-time rival Tennessee Tech scheduled for Saturday night at 7:30, there hasn't been much time to sulk over the conference opening loss to Western Kentucky.

The Golden Eagles return five of six players who saw regular action last season and play extremely well as a unit, according to MTSU coach Jimmy Earle.

"Tech isn't the big, strong club that Western Kentucky is, but they are very experienced and have excellent shooters," Earle said.

Tom Schmidt is averaging 23 points per outing and Frank Jones nearly 20 to give Coach Connie Inman one of the best one-two attacks in the league. With a 9-2 record, Tech is off to the best start in 13 years.

"I think we will bounce back," Earle said in the aftermath of the loss to the Hilltoppers.

"Before that game we had won 18 OVC games in a row on our home floor. The student body really deserves much of the credit for that string," he added.

A question that seemed to ring out with recurring loudness after the MTSU loss Monday night was how frequently will the Raiders lose this season?

That will be decided by the ability of the club to jell and play as a unit. The starting unit prior to the Athens game seemed to be coming from a revolving door. One minute it would seem set and the next a new face would appear—or leave.

Of course it is easy to sit at this typewriter and criticize, but three areas of play have been lacking in potency thus far—team defense, rebounding and offensive movement.

But flashes of brilliancy have been apparent. If and when things do fall into place, this will be a very exciting team.

The status of Ronnie Greenwade now seems definite. He is not expected back with the club this season. "He just did not want to pay the price to play athletics," Earle said of the 6-3 guard who has been plagued with personal problems.

PARTING SHOT: Wrestling Coach Gordon Connell on the fan support of his rebuilding program which has accumulated an impressive 7-4 record without scholarship aid, "We had 15 people see us wrestle Georgia and Auburn, but when Georgia wrestled at UT-Chattanooga 1500 people showed up. The sad thing about it is that with a little bit of support, I think we could be one of the wrestling powers in the South."

You know, the coach may just have a valid point there.

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Saturday

12:30 p.m.—Ch. 4...The Ray Mears Show

1 p.m.—Ch. 2...Wide World of Sports

1 p.m.—Ch. 4...Basketball...Georgia Tech vs. Tulane

3 p.m.—Ch. 4...Basketball...Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky

4 p.m.—Ch. 2...Wide World of Sports (Super Fight III: Ali vs. Frazier)

10:30 p.m.—Ch. 2...Championship Wrestling

11 p.m.—Ch. 5...Basketball...UT vs. Florida (Replay)

Sunday

1 p.m.—Ch. 5...Super Bowl X...Dallas vs. Pittsburgh

Pizza Hut Classic berth goal for voting tonight

Gamma Beta Phi is trying to duplicate the success last year of helping send an MTSU player to the Pizza Hut Basketball Classic scheduled in Las Vegas on April 5.

A ballot marking session for center Tim Sisneros is scheduled for tonight in the Multi-Media classroom of the Learning Resources Center from 6:30 to 10.

Other sessions are scheduled for Jan. 20, 24 and 26. On the latter two dates, the live radio broadcast of away ball games will accompany the voting.

Sisneros currently ranks fourth in the latest report on the balloting with four other players from the state of Tennessee in the top 10.

Vanderbilt's Butch Feher and Jeff Fosnes are second and fifth, Tennessee Tech's Frank Jones is seventh and Memphis State star Bill Cook is eighth.

Last year Gamma Beta Phi was instrumental in sending George Sorrell, the OVC's Player of the Year, to the all-star contest.

Sisneros become one of the few players this season to pass the 1000 point career mark.

With 19 points against Athens



Tim Sisneros

College, a 65-63 Blue Raider win on Jan. 5, Sisneros passed Bob Williamson and grabbed the ninth slot on the all-time point production chart.

In his fourth year as a starter at MTSU, he is hitting 55 per cent of his shots from the field and averages 69 per cent at the charity line.

He is the team leader in rebounds, with 11 a contest, and in average where he sports a 21.1 mark.



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Union drops Raiderette comeback 83-76

by Ed Arning

Despite the efforts of a miraculous rally early in the second half, the Raiderettes basketball team was unable to stop Union University Tuesday night, falling 83-76.

With MTSU behind 54-40, the Raiderettes came to life.

Outscoring Union 16-0, MTSU pushed into the lead 56-54 for the first time in the second half.

After Union lead 41-33 at the half, foul trouble slowed their first half pace.

Shooting 36 per cent from the field for the game, MTSU was led by Jan Zitney with 16 points; Sharon "Shorty" Armstrong, 14; Shelly Hoffman, 11 and Bonnie Angus, 10.

Armstrong and Hoffman dumped in most of their points during the second half rally.

Carol "Tree" Lance led the Raiderettes in rebounding with 11 while teammate Stephanie Johnson picked off 10 carroms.

Union, 6-0, was led by Sherry Henry with 24 points and 18 rebounds.

Arch-rival Tennessee Tech invades Murphy Center Saturday, Jan. 17, to take on the Raiderettes, 3-3, in their next scheduled game. Tip-off is set for 5:15 p.m.



Anticipation — All eyes are on the ball as it heads for the basket during the MTSU-Union University game Tuesday night. Chuck Thompson Photo

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY Culmulative Basketball Statistics

Record: 8-4 OVC: 0-1

Name	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	As	Pts	Avg
SISNEROS Tim	102-187	.545	49-71	.690	128	10.7	10	253	21.1
ALLEN Fred	67-165	.406	36-44	.818	32	2.7	35	170	14.2
MACK Lewis	58-103	.563	31-40	.775	44	3.7	56	147	12.3
BONNER John	47-92	.511	13-23	.565	59	5.0	13	107	9.1
TAYLOR Sleepy	23-49	.469	5-8	.625	14	3.5	10	51	12.8
BROWN Julius	10-23	.435	2-3	.667	15	3.8	0	22	6.5

Maryville added to wrestling wins

Jumping to a 28-0 lead in the match, the MTSU grapplers survived a late charge by host Maryville Tuesday night and gained a 28-21 decision in the match.

The victory avenged a pair of losses to Maryville last year and pushed the Raider worksheet to 7-4.

"It was our best win of the year," said Coach Gordon Connell. "It wasn't the finest from the standpoint of execution but from the satisfaction it gave us. They made us look pretty bad last year."

The Blue Raider wrestlers swept the first six matches, but Maryville fought back to take the final four, with three of those pins.

Mike Kuziola and David Scott paced the Raiders. Each got a pin with Kuziola's being a team leading fifth of the season.

The team hits the road Friday for a match at Franklin College.

Tommy Richards, who gained a pin in his initial appearance in the heavyweight class last week against Georgia Tech, has suffered a hairline fracture of the tibia. He will be lost for two weeks.

The team hits the road Friday for a match at Franklin College, journeys to South Bend, Ind., Saturday for a quadangular meet with DePaul, Millikin and the host Irish.

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