

MARTIN QUESTIONS STATE RULING



Van Martin, ASB president, issued a statement concerning the State Board of Education's ruling for mandatory ROTC at a press conference in the University Center theater Friday. Representatives from Nashville television stations and several newspapers were on hand to cover the statement in which Martin asked for reasoning behind the recent decision. (Photo by Mike Fedak)

Van Martin, president of the ASB, in a press conference here Friday questioned the State Board of Education's actions concerning mandatory ROTC and requested an explanation as to why the school's proposal was denied.

"We, the student leaders would be guilty of the worst form of hypocrisy to accept without question this inequity from the State Board," Martin said in requesting an opportunity to meet with the Board of Commissioner Howard Warf.

Covering the press conference were WLAC-TV, WSIX-TV, several area radio stations and several area newspapers, including the Nashville Tennessean. WSM-TV interviewed Martin earlier Friday morning.

The University had recommended that ROTC be transferred from the present status of four mandatory semesters to a completely voluntary program. They further recommended that this change be accomplished at the earliest possible date.

On Nov. 26, the Tennessee State Board of Education refused to grant permission for MTSU to make this change and instead voted to continue compulsory ROTC for at least another year.

Martin said that there was a nation-wide trend toward voluntary ROTC programs. As of this fall, only 30 colleges and universities had a mandatory program in the United States.

The student government, Martin said, "undertook a self examination to determine how

By Paulette Fox

our total university felt about this situation." After this study it was determined that the university could physically and financially adopt a voluntary program and actually improve the quality of the program, he said.

Martin said that the professor of military science with the recommendation from the Third U.S. Army also confirmed the ASB conclusion. The University then proceeded to present the proposal to the State Board.

After the preparation put in the proposal, Martin said that it was disappointing to see that such action or lack of action

was taken without a word of explanation.

Since there was no explanation, the students must grasp for other explanations of their own, Martin said. He added that he had seen one of the school board members comment via the news media, "I don't know why I made that decision."

Martin pointed out that the actions taken here at MTSU was in direct contrast to numerous universities where the students took to the streets.

He added that "too often the youth of America are taught to follow constructive established (continued on page 2)

Students Seek Support For Higher Education

Four MTSU students attended a meeting of student leaders from the Tennessee colleges and universities at Tennessee Technological University last Wednesday to coordinate plans for a state wide campaign to carry student request to the 1970 General Assembly.

Joey Livesay, state chairman of the Southern University Student Government Association (SUSGA); Van Martin, ASB president; Cliff Gillespie, ASB speaker of the house; and Michael Goforth, editor of the SIDELINES met with similar campus leaders to formulate plans to request the General Assembly to take action to bring financial support to higher education in Tennessee equal to

the average of the Southeastern States.

The representatives agreed that the campaign would consist of letters to the members of the General Assembly, personal visitation with state legislators, presentation of the problem to the State and informing the people of Tennessee of the financial problems of higher education.

John Folger and Jerry Boone of the Higher Education Commission were on the MTSU campus three weeks ago at which time they told student leaders and members of the administration of the needs of higher education.

They explained that Tennessee (continued on page 2)

Apathy Hampers Planning Of ASB Christmas Party

Organization of the ASB Christmas party for the underprivileged children of Murfreesboro is being hampered by lack of response from the 82 clubs and organizations contacted by the ASB, according to Terry Denniston, planning chairman for the party.

"We are more organized this

Competitive Blood Drive Is Tuesday

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be on the MTSU campus Tuesday. The units will be set up on the third floor of the University Center from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Track and Sabre Club and the ASB are jointly sponsoring the blood drive. The drive includes competition among campus organizations of 25 or more members. Those organizations with the highest percentage of their membership donating blood will receive awards given by local merchants.

There will be no ROTC leadership laboratory Dec. 9 in order that cadets may participate in the blood drive.

All students who are interested in donating blood and who are under 21 must have a consent form signed by their parents or guardian.

Last year MTSU broke records for participation in Rutherford County by donating 799 pints of blood.

year than ever before and I think we can have a very successful party if the clubs respond," Miss Denniston stated.

Each club and organization on campus can sponsor up to two children in the party, which will be held 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17 in Woodmore Cafeteria. The clubs which decide to sponsor a child in the party will be responsible for gifts to the child.

The Rutherford County Welfare office is providing the ASB with a list of children's names.

Robert Rucker has consented to play the role of Santa Claus for the party, according to Miss Denniston. This marks the first time a black student has ever been used as Santa.

"I am very excited about being Santa," Rucker stated. "I love to work with children -- this should be quite an experience."

The Buchanan Players will put on a skit during the party and the pledges from Alpha Delta Pi, honorary drama fraternity, will organize songs and games and hand out presents, according to Miss Denniston.

Slater Brothers will donate refreshments.

"If any club or organization has not received a letter from the ASB concerning the party and would like to participate, information can be obtained by coming by the ASB office or contacting me," Miss Denniston stated.

"I hope every organization on campus will sponsor at least one child in the party," she added. "It would mean so much to a child who would otherwise not have any Christmas."

Sensitivity Group Helps Attune Members to Human Emotions

By Jim Leonhirth

For the past six weeks 10 MTSU upperclassmen along with Beryll West of the psychology department have participated in a sensitivity group. Such groups have been initiated throughout the country and employ sensitivity training which is a type of experience-based learning. One participant of the local group described its aim as "an attempt to learn to be sensitive to other people, to learn that you don't have to be defensive and fear what others think about you."

Participants work together over an extended period of time, learning through analysis of their own feelings, reactions and behavior. The duration of training varies according to the specific design, but most groups meet for a total of 10 to 40 hours. The local group meets once a week for two hour sessions.

From an individual point of view, the participants can gain a picture of the impact that he makes on other group members. He can assess the degree in which that impact differs from his conscious intentions.

It is also possible to study the characteristics of the group. Such concepts as cohesion, power, group maturity, climate, and structure can be examined. One participant stated, "We study what happens inside the group and try to apply it to situations outside of the group."

The concept of sensitivity training is based on several assumptions. Each participant is responsible for his own learning, and this learning depends on his own abilities and his relation-

ships with other people. For this reason, one of the founders of the local group stated, "I attempted to select upperclassmen for the group. I chose students with a B average or better because I felt this showed a sign of maturity and dedication."

The role of the staff member is to facilitate the examination and understanding of the experiences in the group. One of the major aims of a sensitivity group is to provide a setting in which individuals are encouraged to examine their experiences together in enough detail so that valid generalizations can be made, and a person is free to learn, authorities feel, when he establishes authentic relationships with other people.

Research evidence of the effectiveness of sensitivity training is rather scarce and often subject to problems of methods; but according to Charles Seashore of Wayne State University, people who attend sensitivity training are more likely to improve their managerial skills than those who do not.

He also states that of those who participate roughly two-thirds are seen as increasing their skills, and many participants report extremely significant changes in their lives.

One local participant feels the effectiveness of the training is, "You learn what riches human relationships can offer and the value of experiences with other people, and you learn what is possible."

Coed Mixes Country Music, Pharmacy

By Linda Blanks

"Country music is here to stay," according to Jean Callaway, MTSU junior who is professionally involved in the country music world. "More and more the country is becoming exposed to this genuine kind of music which is written and sung sincerely from the heart."

Jean, who manages her own band of four, performs every Friday night in a plush restaurant at Eller's Golf Course in Old Hickory.

Although singing and picking is her favorite pasttime, her weekly earnings help pay expenses toward her pre-pharmacy major. "It's great working at something you really love and getting a little cash out of it, too," she says.

A native Texan, Jean explains that she had never been interested in country-western music before moving to Tennessee at the age of 11. At that time, she turned to the "Nashville Sound" simply because "I couldn't find a pop station."

By the age of 16, she was taking guitar lessons.

In her freshman year in high school, Jean began visiting backstage at the Grand Ole Opry. There she became acquainted with some of country music's top performers, several with whom she would later work with professionally.

Four years passed, bringing Jean the opportunity of playing electric bass with Charlie Louvin's band. For six months she appeared with this group on the Grand Ole Opry.

"I remember the first time

I played on the Opry, my father was madly rushing to get my guitar to me before I went on. He was in such a hurry that he got stopped for speeding. While he was getting a ticket, it came time for me to go on. I didn't have a guitar with me, so I had to borrow one."

"It just so happened that the one I borrowed wasn't exactly all together. When I started playing, screws began falling out of the guitar and onto the floor. I was so nervous, I couldn't decide whether to pick them up then or just to keep on playing. I decided to play as long as the guitar would hold out, and luckily I made it through the song," Jean said.

In the summer of Jean's freshman year in college she received an offer to tour the South Pacific and Vietnam, entertaining servicemen. Among this group was pianist Del Wood.

Jean refused the offer "because it would have overlapped into the fall semester of my sophomore year, and I knew if I ever gave myself the chance to get totally involved in touring and performing, I'd never finish school."

This past summer Jean formed her own band in which she plays the electric bass. By now the pert coed feels very much at ease with the group, but she recalls that the night of their first appearance she felt quite dif-



JEAN CALLAWAY

ferently. "I was so nervous, I turned to my drummer and told him what key we were in."

Early in the fall Jean auditioned for a record contract, playing and singing two of her own songs and two populars, "Games People Play," and "Once a Day." For this audition she was provided six of the top musicians in Nashville which "really excited me," she says. Jean has writ-

ten over 50 of her own songs.

A career in retail pharmacy is number one among her goals. "Although I love music, I have no plans to make a career of it. Right now I have my heart set on the field of pharmacy."

In preparation for this, she will enter UT School of Pharmacy at Memphis in September, where she will study for three years.

What's Up

MONDAY, DEC. 8
8 a.m. -- Brock and Bridle Club, Tenn. Room, SUB
5 p.m. -- Fellowship Club, 324-ABC, UC
5 p.m. -- Freshman Class, 322-B, UC
6 p.m. -- Fellowship Club, 322-C, UC

TUESDAY, DEC. 9
11 a.m. -- Vets Club, 322 UC
5 p.m. -- Young Republicans, 308 UC
5:30 p.m. -- Supreme Court, 310 UC
5:30 p.m. -- Gamma Beta Phi Banquet, Tenn. Room, SUB
7:30 p.m. -- SNE A, 322 UC
8 p.m. -- Young Democrats, 324 UC
8 p.m. -- Bahai Faith, 322 UC

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10
5 p.m. -- Christian Science, 324-A, UC
5:30 p.m. -- Dorm Council, 308 UC
6 p.m. -- Church of Christ, 201 SUB
6 p.m. -- Triton Club, Pool
6 p.m. -- Wesley Student Fellowship, 312 UC
7:30 p.m. -- Moratorium Committee, 324-ABC, UC
7:30 p.m. -- Circle K, 312 UC
7:30 p.m. -- International Club, 322-AB, UC
8 p.m. -- Saunders Trio, UC Theater

Martin Questions . . .

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channels only to find their legitimate requests denied for what must be construed as non-related reasons."

When asked if he thought the State Board was deliberately behind the times, Martin replied that he thought it was more a misconception on the part of the State Board. "This is a curriculum matter of which the university itself is most knowledgeable."

Martin emphasized that the ASB actions would take the form of legitimate protest. "I want to make it clear that we will not resort to any action that would be against the laws of the state."

Some forms of "legitimate protest" might be taking the matter up with SUSGA, and the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature which are register-

ed lobbyists at the state capital.

Also Martin said that MTSU might get together with some other schools such as Memphis State which have mandatory ROTC.

In response to a question, Martin admitted that he had talked to a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, but he wanted this to be primarily a student undertaking.

In further advocating taking only legal procedures, Martin said, "I have a great deal of confidence in doing things the hard way; I will never resort to any measures other than the ones I have mentioned today."

In closing Martin cautioned those who were thinking about means of protest that "if we protest violently on one issue we might cut our throats on other issues."

Block And Bridle to Sponsor Country Ham Show, Luncheon

Tennessee's only Old Country Ham Show will be held here Tuesday along with a country ham and biscuit lunch for all university students at the new Agriculture Building.

The luncheon, which will include country ham and biscuits with side dishes such as potato salad, peaches and cider, will be at 11:30 a.m. All students are invited to attend. A fee of 75 cents will be charged.

Judging and activities of the ham show itself will begin at 10:30 Tuesday morning and continue until about 3 p.m. About 150 country ham producers and a number of observers are anticipated, according to Bill Cannon, chairman in charge of the show.

S.N. Studer and Robert Lee, both of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and York Varney of the University of Kentucky will judge light and heavy hams in both country and short ham styles.

Hams will be judged for attractiveness, meatiness and palatability and premiums of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded for first, second and third places, Cannon said. Overall winner of the day's show, the grand champion country ham, will be presented \$50 and a banner, he added.

All entered hams will remain the property of the owners except for the grand champion ham, which will become the property of the sponsoring Block and Bridle Club.

This ham will be auctioned

off to the highest bidder and proceeds will be used to finance the judging teams and other student activities. The Tennessee Valley Duroc Association is helping the local Block and Bridle Club sponsor this event.

MTSU's Debate Team Wins

The MTSU Debate Team placed first at the Birmingham Invitational Tournament at Sanford University this past weekend with Fred McLean and Lee Greer the only undefeated team at the meet.

In the junior division, Don O'Guinn and Windon Ringer, in their second debate, won five and lost three, giving them a seasonal record of eight and seven.

The team of M.A. Norman and Ken Darrell were the second place negative team with

a meeting of seven wins and one loss. Darrell and Norman now hold a seasonal record of 30-16.

The winning team of Fred McLean and Lee Greer won all six preliminary rounds and went on to win the tournament.

In individual competition Lee Greer placed first in impromptu speaking and Ken Darrell was eliminated in the finals.

These high scores gave MTSU first place over all and enabled the team to bring home the sweepstakes trophy as well as the traveling trophy.

Seek Support . . .

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see was far below the average of other Southeastern states in state appropriations per student for higher education. With the increasing needs of higher education the present appropria-

tions per student for higher education. With the increasing needs of higher education the present appropriations will no longer meet the needs of higher education.

Folger and Boone stated that there are three alternatives to the problem. They are aid from the federal government, increased tuition and raising the tax base, with federal aid being practically impossible according to the two officials.

The meeting in Cookeville was attended by representatives from the regional universities, the community colleges and the UT system.

SUSGA will hold its state convention at MTSU in January at which time the financial problems of higher education will be more thoroughly discussed.

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Sam and Dave

The singing duo - Sam and Dave - will present their show here Dec. 9 in Memorial Gym.

Billed as "Double Dynamite," they have thrilled fans throughout the world with their fast and furious in-person act, and they have secured their hold on their followers with hit after hit recording on the Memphis-based Stax label.

Their hits include "I Take What I Want," "Ain't No Big Thing Baby," "You Don't Know Like I Know," "Said I Wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody," "Soul Man," and "Hold On I'm Coming."

The ASB, sponsoring organization for the program, is now selling tickets for the show in the basement of the University Center.

Meuller, Economics Professor, Releases Summer, Fall Articles

Hans Mueller, associate professor of economics here, had several publications released during the summer and fall of 1969. An article dealing with the policy of the Common Market authorities towards mergers and agreements by steel companies appeared in the Journal of American and Foreign Antitrust and Trade Regulation (Antitrust Bulletin).

Its focal point is the concentration movement in a European industry which in recent years has been locked in a fierce competitive struggle with steel firms of Japan, the United States and other nations.

In view of the recession which prevailed in the steel market of the European community during the first half of this decade, antitrust authorities there demonstrated a very lenient attitude towards combinations in the steel sector.

As a result, concentration in this sector increased; by this time it has about pulled even with the degree of concentration existing in the steel industries of the U.S. and Japan, where the market share of the eight largest firms accounts for approximately 80 percent of the total.

Mueller has also been a contributor to a two-volume study on the feasibility of an operational earth resource survey system.

The study was undertaken at NASA's Langley research center at Hampton, Va., by a group of 20 faculty members representing 12 scientific disciplines.

In the presentation of this study, Mueller served as chairman of the group charged with the de-

sign of the system's administrative framework. In this capacity he traveled to Washington and New York to interview officials from NASA headquarters, the State Department and the United Nations.

His own views on the "Justification of an Operational Earth Resources Survey System" are

stated in an appendix to this volume.

They focus on a number of unsettled questions arising from the application of space science

to the observation and monitoring of phenomena on the earth surface.

In particular conflicts might result from claims that apatial observation methods infringe upon the privacy and endanger the military security of nations.

In the more remote future, these conflicts are likely to be aggravated by the proliferation of space efforts, especially by the entry into the fields of many smaller and perhaps politically less responsibly, nations.

Graffiti Reflects History, Attitudes And Problems

By Jim Lynch

our own personal campus graffiti.

In my travels through the stalls (which drew curious glances from the onlookers, I might add) and through careful editing of various rumors concerning the morals of some of our lovely coeds, (I made personal notes on these for any possible future reference) I found the universal comment to be "Spiro Agnew is a national disease." Now, what does this mean?

Perhaps someone doesn't know who Spiro Agnew is and can only relate these two words to some form of virus, but then maybe someone knows our vice president far better than I realize.

Naturally, the Vietnam war holds a place high on the walls with comments such as "War is hell -- but school is worse" and "Help stamp out wars -- stay in bed all day," to which someone wrote below "Groovy." I personally dig the latter, being a lazy person by nature anyway.

Closer to home, one comment found concerning the new coed hours was immortalized by a sports nut who scored it "Scarlett - 1 Martha - 0." Below it was noted "Scarlett Grooves." Apparently, our new leader has been warmly received.

Often frustrated poets, lacking for publication sources, pour their hearts out in magic-marker scribbles such as:

Roses are red
violets are blue
flunked physics
and english too.

History is a drag
comp has me down
But then Uncle Sam
will put you in the ground.

Perhaps the most unusual item I found was "Sherry loves." Nothing more, just "Sherry loves." This is fascinating because it leaves so much to the imagination. Sherry loves what, or who, or how,

or when, or why? Who is Sherry? Why was this written? Who knows?

Statements and replies are found everywhere, including our sacred stalls of ivy. (I apologize for that last pun.) Perhaps the most well-known (found twice here) is "God is dead -- Nietzsche" to which the reply is "Nietzsche is dead -- God." A third variation to this could be "Nietzsche is God -- Dead."

One student apparently facing that most feared of college dilemmas -- lack of Quality Pointus --- wailed to the world, "Is there any justice in the world of student versus teacher?" to which a simple "No" was the only reply given. But then such is life, my friend. Another was "I need love" to which an amateur psychologist replied "You are basically insecure, and have an Oedipus Rex complex" to which a third party ask "Who?" and yet a fourth stated "So what." Perhaps names and addresses should be included with these writings so these people could meet and hash out their differences.

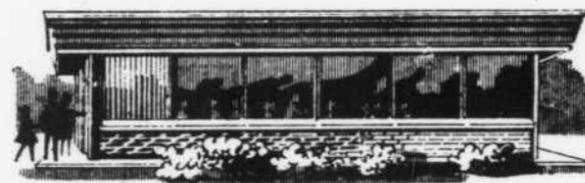
And lastly, there are the philosophers who philosophize on previously stated philosophies. With an arrow pointed at the tissue, one deep thinker told us that these small shreds of paper were "diplomas for those who write on bathroom walls" without fully realizing, I suppose, that he himself was a victim of his own criticism. But the greatest protest to latrine literature comes from the pen of the genius who created the poem, "He who writes on bathroom walls"

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Editorial

Martin Raises Valid Question On ROTC Action

ASB President Van Martin's statement Friday on the ROTC question pointed out a serious short-coming of the Tennessee State Board of Education. That being the failure of the board to communicate with the individual universities.

First, the board failed to consider and explore the actual MTSU proposal on ROTC arrived at by a committee composed of professional educators and military personnel. The board did not send representatives to this campus to consult with these individuals.

And secondly, the board did not give a statement of reasons why the proposal was not accepted. The committee members who worked on the MTSU proposal deserve to know why their work was rejected.

It was this statement Martin called for Friday. The SIDELINES also feels that the students, faculty and administration of MTSU deserve reasons.

By Michael Goforth



"MY CLIENT IS NOT A WAR CRIMINAL! HE WAS ONE OF THE SILENT MAJORITY, MERELY FOLLOWING ORDERS."

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Our Man Hoppe: The Best Way To Kill People

Landlord, Gabriel Discuss Blue-green Jewel Planet Called Earth

BY ARTHUR HOPPE

Scene: The Heavenly Real Estate Office. The Landlord is seated behind his desk, working on a plan for developing a new galaxy, as his collection agent, Gabriel, enters.

The Landlord: Hmm, a billion bushels of starshine, an aura of moonglow, ten parsecs of . . . What is it, Gabriel?

Gabriel: It's that little blue-green jewel of a planet you love so, sir. The inhabitants are arguing over how best to kill each other.

The Landlord: They're what?

Gabriel: The leaders are finally meeting to talk about throwing their nuclear weapons in the sea. They are afraid they will kill each other too fast with nuclear weapons. And one leader, praise you, has even ordered his stockpiles of poison gas destroyed because killing people with poison gas is inhumane.

The Landlord: By me, that's wonderful? They're making progress.

Gabriel: Best of all, some soldiers who lined up and killed several women and children and old men will be tried to show the world that rifle bullets are the worst way to kill women and children.

The Landlord: The worst way?

Gabriel: Yes, sir. The best way, it's generally agreed, is to kill them with bombs, rockets, artillery shells and napalm. Those who kill women and children in these ways are called heroes and given every honor.

The Landlord (frowning): I'm not sure I . . .

Gabriel: I think it's a distance factor, sir. To kill women and children at less than 500 paces is an atrocity; at more than 500 paces, it's an act of heroism.

The Landlord: Hmm. But why did these soldiers shoot these women and children?

Gabriel: Almost everybody blames it on the war, sir. Most of the soldiers were forced to go fight in this terrible war when they

didn't want to. And the frustrations of fighting in a terrible war, everybody agrees, drove them half crazy.

The Landlord (shaking his head): Poor soldiers. But at least most of the people in the soldiers' country are against this terrible war that drives soldiers half crazy.

Gabriel: No, sir. Most of them are for it. They wish to continue sending their soldiers to be driven half crazy in this terrible war. Even those who are against it contribute money for bullets and bombs and rockets and shells and napalm.

The Landlord: Why, then, they're accomplices. When will they be tried?

Gabriel: No, sir, they're called patriots. Those few who refuse to contribute to killing women and children are called traitors.

The Landlord: Hmmmm. And what will happen to these soldiers if they are convicted of the horrible atrocity of lining up human beings and shooting them?

Gabriel: Oh, they'll be lined up and shot. Either that or they'll be placed in a chamber and killed with poison gas. Everyone agrees that's the most humane way to kill people.

The Landlord (confused): But you said . . . Well, then, if poison gas is the most humane it's obviously the best way to kill women and children. There's your answer Gabriel.

Gabriel: They don't think so, sir. You see, some frightful people called Nazis once killed millions of women and children that way. And now it's considered an atrocious atrocity to kill more than two people at a time with poison gas. (after a long silence) Do you want to give them any advice sir?

The Landlord: By me in heaven, yes! There's clearly but one simple, rational solution. Tell them, Gabriel, flatly and succinctly: "Thou shalt not kill!"

Gabriel: Excuse me, sir, but you already told them that a millennium or so ago.

The Landlord (with a sigh): So I did. You know, Gabriel, it's a shame it never caught on down there.

Military Is Running U.S. Government: Cox

Editor:
I question the validity of the logic used by Mr. Harper and Mr. Barnes in their letters-to-the-editor which appeared in the November 24th issue of the SIDELINES. Let's take Mr. Harper's letter first and see where his failings are.

Mr. Harper has become a victim of the propaganda being put out by the United States government at this time. If Mr. Harper will do a little research, he will find that through 45 meetings of the Paris peace talks, the only thing which has been accomplished is an agreement over a question that is pure lunacy -- the shape of the conference table. The other minor accomplishments, such as occasional cease fires have been unsuccessful.

It is from this situation, therefore that I must conclude that the United States government and the negotiators at the peace talks in Paris are using the two moratoriums as scapegoats for their own failures.

The moratoriums have not caused the failure of the peace talks to yield a solution but rather it has been the unwillingness of the United States negotiators to compromise with the North Vietnamese that is the reason for the continuance of the war.

The United States negotiators do not know the meaning of the word "compromise." They think that it means for the North Vietnamese to sign the treaty on United States terms which is far from being accurate.

Of course the North Vietnamese have been encouraged by the moratoriums. Why shouldn't they be. Now they have hopes that this will make the United States negotiators offer them more of a true compromise instead of the false and empty ones they have offered previously.

Why has this false compromise been offered the North Vietnamese so many times over?

The chief reason is that the

United States government is being run today from the Pentagon. If you do not think this is so, then why is it that the President never makes a major policy decision on Vietnam without first calling on his generals? Does he consult his state department first on this issue? No, he does not. The decision is made after a conference with the military.

With the military running much of the affairs of the war, it is obvious what type of compromise we would offer the North Vietnamese since the military leaders are typically "all I or none" believers.

So, Mr. Harper, I would suggest that you look elsewhere to place the blame on the only true Americans who are willing to really do something and say something about it. Place the blame on the government, the negotiators, the military, and all the stagnant Americans who are not willing to get off of their pompous asses, quit procrastinating, and do something

about stopping this useless massacre in Vietnam.

Mr. Barnes is doubting the opinions of the 10 people who attended the anti-war rally in Washington in November and is taking the word of U.S. News and World Report whose liberal estimates have always been conservative in other eyes.

Furthermore, Mr. Barnes, the U.S. News and World Report got their figure of 250,000 from the people who say they counted the marchers. How did they count the marchers? From a helicopter, which I do not consider to be a very accurate means of counting.

The President may be withdrawing troops as quickly as he thinks is prudent and possible but that is not as quickly as possible. I will say the same thing to you that I said to Mr. Harper. The military is running this war and the decisions on the war. For this reason, what appears to be an acceptable pullout of troops is only a feint to appease those Ameri-

cans who relish in being apathetic.

The people in the moratorium can see through this feint that Mr. Nixon and his military advisors are using and this is the reason for their using the very truthful nickname of "Tricky Dicky" when referring to the President.

In addition, Mr. Barnes, the name "Tricky Dicky" was not made up by the moratorium people but has been in existence since he ran for President the first time.

In closing my letter, I would like to ask Mr. Barnes if he considers Mr. Nixon's statement that he was going to watch a football game during the time of the Death March shows any real concern or shows that he is listening? This shows out and out denial that the moratorium ever took place and is far from a feeling of concern.

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Haynsworth Affair

Nixon Administration's Three Judgement Errors

BY FRANK MANKIEWICZ AND TOM BRADEN

WASHINGTON--Three serious errors of judgment marked the Nixon Administration's handling of the Haynsworth affair.

The first was Atty. Gen. John Mitchell's. The second was shared by the President and Mitchell. For the third, the President must take sole responsibility.

Mitchell was, as the British say, "too clever by half" in making the first error. He took pains to arrange an elaborate feint by Sen. Strom Thurmond who originally suggested the Haynsworth appointment.

For a while it even appeared that Mitchell had been forced to do a hard sell in order to win Thurmond's grudging support. But while he was arranging this ploy--and with the entire apparatus of the Justice Department and the FBI at his command--he failed to turn up the adverse information about Haynsworth's business and stock dealings.

Each new discovery, as it came to light, caused pained surprise in the White House, embarrassment at Justice and complaints from Senate supporters. Sen. Marlow Cook (R-Ky.) was heard more than once to remark that if the Justice Department had only done its homework he and his colleagues would not have had to play--in the language of the sports pages--"catch-up ball" for 14 weeks, most of that time on the defensive.

At last, fearful of new disclosures and doubtful of his own staff, Mitchell--with Mr. Nixon's

approval--turned to an investigative reporter named Clark Mollenhoff who was given the job as "special counsel" and told to take on the problem. It was the second error.

Mollenhoff did a thorough job of investigating Haynsworth. But he also became an intemperate and angry advocate--so much so that, after watching him in public, two senators, both committed to Haynsworth, bluntly asked the White House not to let him out again.

The third error was the President's. Consummate politician that he is, Richard Nixon made a mistake which only a consummate politician could make. He assumed that all the senators were also consummate politicians, and would respond only to political argument and pressure.

Seventeen of the 43 Republicans deserted the President on the Haynsworth vote. Only 10 can be assumed to have voted--even partially--in response to local political realities. In Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania, the votes of 10 GOP defectors can be assigned by the White House to large black voting groups and strong union activity.

But that leaves seven senators from rural, white constituencies, and it is these men whom Mr. Nixon misjudged. It is true--and the Haynsworth vote reaffirms it--that there are still men in the Senate for whom other things than politics may sway a vote, particularly when a

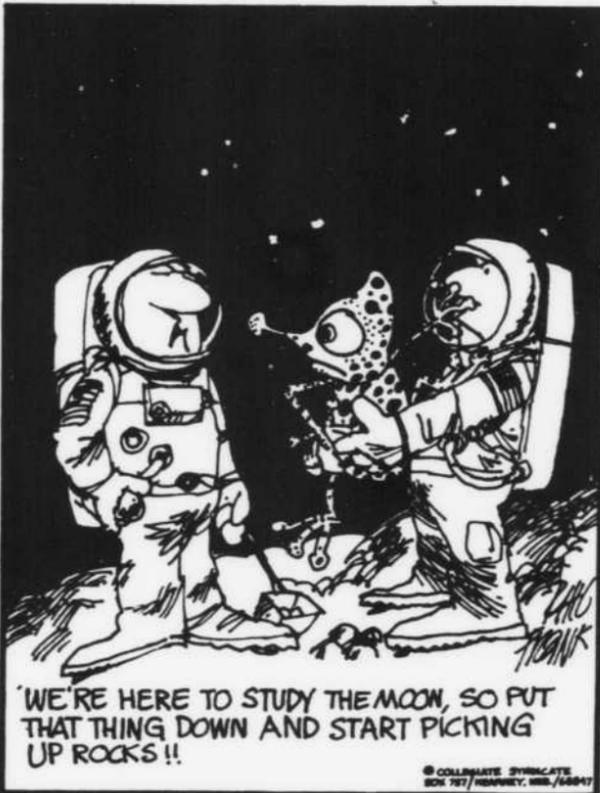
judgment of ethics is required. And Sens. John Cooper of Kentucky, Mark Hatfield and Robert Packwood of Oregon, Len Jordan of Idaho, Jack Miller of Iowa, John Williams of Delaware and Margaret Chase Smith from Maine proved the point when the roll was called.

These senators had no reason to desert the GOP or the President--at least no political reason. Labor has no significant clout in their states, and the NAACP could hold a statewide membership meeting in any motel room. But they resisted the phone calls from campaign contributors and the prophecies of retribution from the White House because they saw their duty as senators in moral terms, and the Haynsworth issue seemed to them a moral issue.

The defeat is no great blow to the President. His decision to stick it to the end will help him in the South where he will appear the gallant loser. It will not hurt him in the North where the whole thing will be forgotten by 1972. Nor does it suggest a Senate revolt or trouble ahead on the future appointments.

What it does suggest--in addition to the fact that the American people really do believe that Supreme Court justices should meet a standard far above legality--is that there are politicians--and in the Senate of the United States--who have a personal standard far above politics.

FRANKLY SPEAKING by Phil Frank



SPUTTERING BLUE SPLITS GAMES

Drop Squeaker To Bethel; Rally To Defeat Wesleyan

Jimmy Earle's sputtering Blue Raiders lost a squeaker to Bethel College Thursday night by a 66-64 count, but found the guns shooting momentarily Saturday night to take a 56-52 victory over visiting Tennessee Wesleyan as they opened the home season for the 1969-70 year.

With the assistance of Butch Clifton and Don Newman, Earle unleashed his initial team as head mentor and lost to a strong, tall, rebounding Bethel team on

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Sports Editor

a last split-second shot from the right corner by James Penn. Two nights later, on a cold, rainy evening suited for the indoor game invented many years ago, the Brad Wilson-

led Raiders took a spine-tingling victory over a fighting Wesleyan team.

From the beginning, when the now injure-free Ken Riley sank a lay-up after a Booker Brown tip, until the insuing play when Riley showed another of his catlike traits by blocking an enemies shot, the Blue Raiders

of '69 showed the new brand of play Coach Earle has been promising since taking over the head post.

Playing a deliberate offense and a hard-working defense, MTSU played against the much-taller Bethel squad with a style rarely seen by a Blue Raider rarely in the past. They hustled until their tongues fell out. They scrapped, and bullied, and in their own way, won the game rather than lost.

Some 4,000 had assembled for the opening game, with no real idea as to how the teams would play. The pace was set early, however, as Bethel unleashed a center and two forwards over 6-7 in height. Neither team got a substantial lead, with the visitors getting a seven point lead early in the contest, while MTSU could only get a margin of three points, which they achieved numerous times throughout the course of the ballgame.



Scott



Riley

The first half ended with the visitors holding a two-point spread, 32-30. During that half the high-leaping Terry Scott and Brown had collected eight points, followed by a six point production by Riley. They had

exhibited the new style of play Raider fans have been wanting to witness for some time.

Late in the game, with 3:28 left on the clock and the score tied 60-60, MTSU had the ball and began a slow, deliberate attack at taking the lead. Thirty-seconds later Riley attempted a shot, but the ball bounced off the rim, and three seconds later Ken Booher, the Bethel guard, sank a lay-up to send the visitors ahead.

MTSU took an immediate time-out, and formulated a plan, which resulted in a fast-break down the court. It was two-on-two as Riley and Sumrell raced down the court. Riley had the ball on the right side, and attempted a bounce pass across

to Sumrell on the left, but it was intercepted by the Bethel player who seconds later scored to take the lead.

With 1:25 left to play, Brown

scored the tying point, setting up the winning basket as the buzzer was sounding.

Booker Brown finished with 17 points on six field goals and five free throws, while Riley had 14, the hard fighting Steve McElhane collected 12, Scott got 10, Sumrell made seven,



JIMMY EARLE

and Wilson had four.

MTSU surprisingly out-rebounded the taller opponents 43-39, but the margin of victory was at the charity line, with Bethel making 14-17, while MTSU hit only 12-20. The Raiders hit 37.1 per cent of their shots, and Bethel made 38.8 per cent.

The Tennessee Wesleyan encounter started off with a boom, as the fighting Raiders jumped to an early 22-9 lead, but with 5:33 left in the half it was all Wesleyan as they cut the margin to only nine points.

Midway into the initial half, Sumrell had collected his third foul, and moments later the other starting guard, Brad Wilson, who got the nod due to the injury of Steve McElhaney--who didn't play all

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Duvall, Thompson
To Appear On
TV Special

The final special dealing with the Ohio Valley Conference is scheduled to be shown on WLAC-TV Tuesday night beginning at 9:30, Jim Freeman informs the SIDELINES.

Dealing with a wrap-up of the league for the 1969 football season, this special, which is the third and final such show of its kind, will present the All-OVC players and show some of the filmed highlights of the top games of the season.

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The Bethel Squad Was Good

Quite frankly, I was as surprised as anyone to see the size of the Bethel College players. Jim (Freeman) had told me how big they were, and the type of team they had, and, of course, I read the story which ran in this paper last Thursday. But I never expected them to be as big as they were. (You can't believe everything you read in the paper, can you?)

James Penn, who made the game winning shot, was fast and agile. He moved with the speed of a six-foot guard instead of a 6-8 forward. He played against the Blue last year and made 28 points, and managed to get 19 this year. And could he jump.

One thing contributing to our "handling" of Penn was the quickness of Terry Scott and Ken Riley, who guarded him most of the night. Both have a wide range of coverage, and are very adept at picking up loose players.

Last year's number two scorer in the state, Joe Reeves, of Bolivar Industrial, got seven points, but his rebounding hurt us most, as did that of the huge center, Don Stanfeed, who looked to weigh close to 270 instead of his recorded 255.

A change truly is evident in the style of play the Blue will exhibit this year. They were much more deliberate in their offensive patterns, and one thing in particular stood out. On numerous occasions Riley and Scott would get open for 30-foot shots, which they would have taken under the Trickey style of play, but they didn't even consider shooting it seemed.

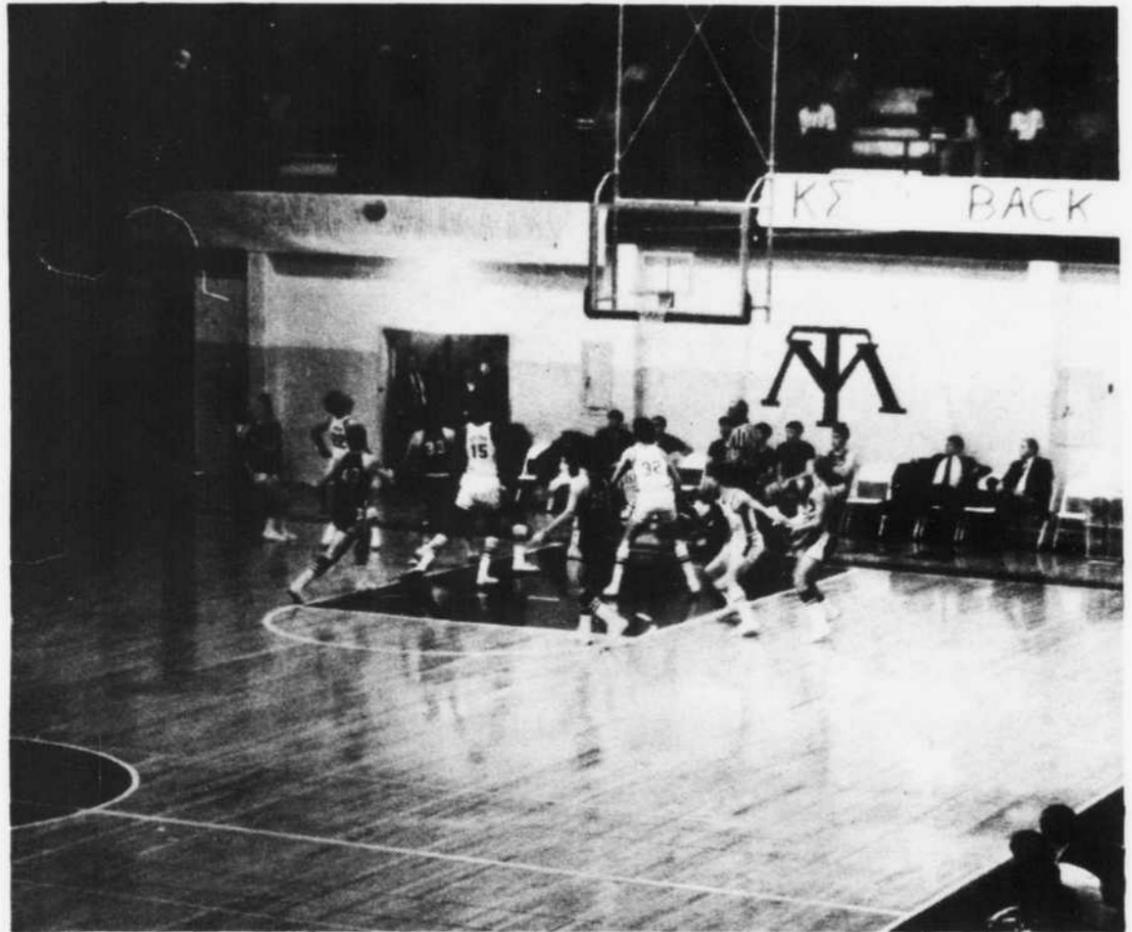
While they may not have won the contest, they sure looked good. They opened the Wesleyan game with a boom, but calmed down in a hurry. They've got to hit the basket if they're going to finish the season with their heads above water.

System Should Be Changed

From talking with some fans after the game, they agree with me that the old way of announcing the teams and the singing of the national anthem is more moving and exciting. With the lights out, the players stand out better, and seemed to make the adrenaline flow faster.

Now, with all the lights on and the national anthem sung by a record, there isn't any excitement at all. A change should be made, in this writer's opinion. If your ideas are the same, make them known and let's enjoy Blue Raider basketball like it should be enjoyed.

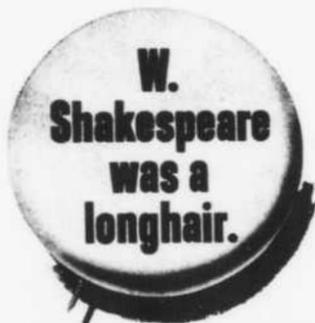
A reminder from the athletic department is this. If any campus organization or club wants to put signs up in the gym on the nights of home games, feel free to do so. But they cannot be put on the railings on the upper decks because the spectators can't see. Please keep this in mind, and you will not be bothered during the game to move them.



Shown above is some of the action during the Tennessee Wesleyan-Middle Tennessee State basketball game Saturday night in which the Blue Raiders won their first game of the season, 56-52. Shown in white uniforms are (22) Jim Drew, (15) Booker Brown, (32) Roger Fisher, and (number hidden) Don Lockridge. (Photo by Pelirrojo).

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Blue Raiders Split Loop Encounters...

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MTSU maintained a five to seven point lead most of the second half of play, and increased it to 10-points with 7:18 left. Minutes later Sumrell fouled out of the game, and with less than three minutes left Wilson got his fourth foul. The Raiders were definitely in trouble.

Here's how the last two-minutes of play went. With 2:12 left in the game, MTSU had a 52-48 lead, but Wilson got his fourth foul and Wesleyan's Larry Chadwell went to the

charity line and converted one to cut the gap to three points. The Raiders took the ball down and began a stalling tactic, which resulted in a Wesleyan foul on Roger Fisher.

With 1:40 left, Fisher missed his attempt, and 20-seconds later Wesleyan's Allan Amburn cut the gap to one with a long push shot. Eighteen-seconds later Riley got his first foul of the game, and Dick Slack tied up the score for Wesleyan at 52-52.

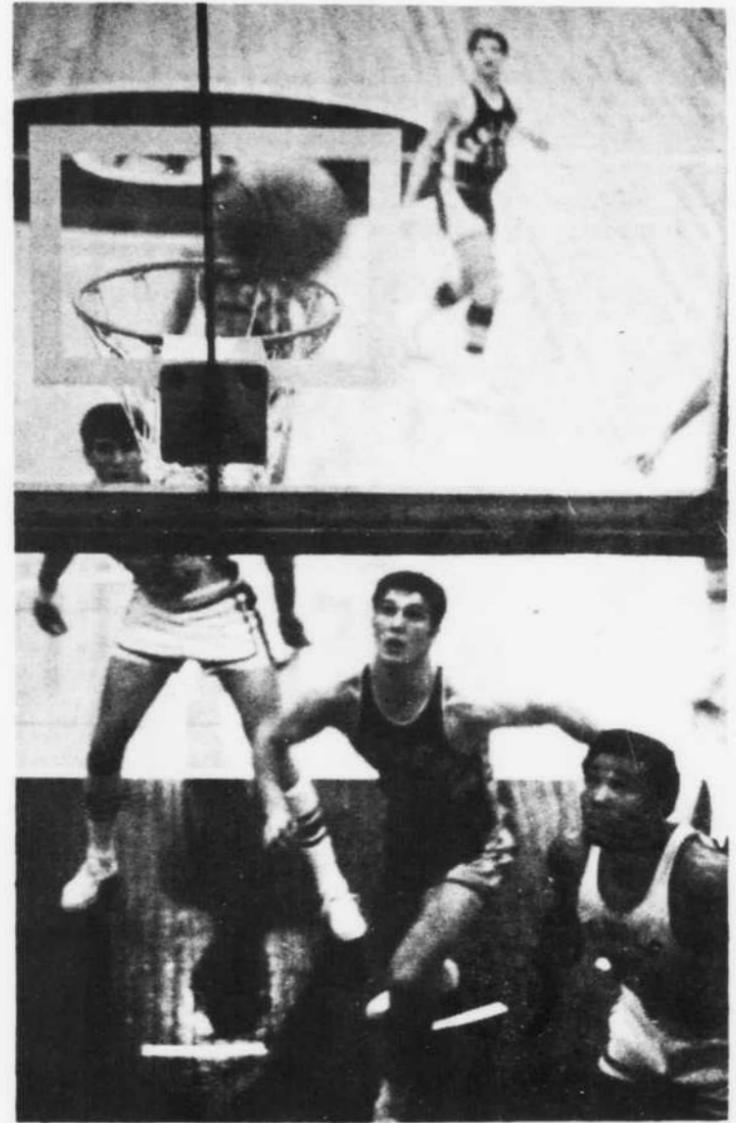
MTSU took a timeout with a minute to play, and came out in a stalling play again. Wilson was fouled and made the two attempts to send the Raiders ahead by two, and Drew went to the line with :17 left in the game and made two charity

tosses for the final margin of victory.

Scott was high for MTSU with 12 points on five field goals and two foul shots, with Wilson contributing 15 points, Drew getting 10, Booker Brown making eight points, Riley tossing in four, and Sumrell and Fisher getting two to close out the scoring.

Middle Tennessee hit only 33.8 per cent of its shots, while Wesleyan made 33.9 per cent, and the Raiders were out-rebounded 43-42.

The Blue Raiders go on the road tonight for a game against Belmont College in Nashville, and return Saturday night for an encounter against Bellarmine.



COME ON BALL, DROP IN! These seem to be on the faces of Roger Fisher, shown looking from the foul line, and Ken Riley, looking up from the base line. The basket was good and Tennessee Wesleyan got a notch closer in their quest at beating the Blue Raiders. Their efforts failed as MTSU won 56-52. (Photo by David Dowell)

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