

Middle Tennessee State University Sidelines

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ASB CONGRESS DEADLOCKS; FORREST DECISION TUESDAY

Ends Coaching, Becomes Athletic Director: Murphy

Coach Charles (Bubber) Murphy, coach of the Blue Raiders for 22 years, announced Friday that he is retiring from MTSU as head football coach. He went on to say that he was asked

by President Scarlett to remain on as Athletic Director.

To help decide who will fill Murphy's position, is a committee whose task it will be to screen applicants and advise in the selection.

The most probable successors are current MTSU assistant coaches Joe Black Hayes and Don Lear. Russ Faulkberry of Murfreesboro, currently head coach at Southwest Louisiana; Ben Hurt, MTSU graduate, who is line coach with the St. Louis Cardinals and Bucky Pitts, head coach at Cookeville, a MTSU graduate also.

In his 22 years as head coach, Murphy has had a 155-63-8 record. Also his teams have captured or shared in seven OVC championships in the past thirteen seasons. The Raiders have been in the conference since 1952 and have a record of 73-26-2.



Charles Murphy

Alumnus Rose On Education

Allan Rose, London, England, will be on campus tomorrow night as part of the 1968-69 Public Program series, according to Dr. William Holland public program's committee chairman.

Rose, a former MTSU student (1964-65) will speak on differences between British and American institutions of higher education, opportunities to study abroad, and current British attitudes toward America and Americans.

Rose will speak at 8 p.m. in the UC theatre. The program will be open to students, faculty, and the public.

The ASB Senate and House of Representatives passed two similar bills Thurs that would do away with Nathan Bedford Forrest as the school symbol and the Confederate soldier at athletic functions.

The two bills--one passed in each house--are not identical, but there are only small differences between them.

The House and Senate will meet in their respective chambers tomorrow night in an attempt to reach a decision on the Forrest issue. A single bill, decided upon in a joint committee meeting, will be presented in each house for debate. Passage of the bill will require a majority vote in each house and the signature of the ASB president.

The House and Senate met in joint session Thurs. at 6:30 p.m., in UC 322 to act on a joint resolution concerning the school symbols.

In the absence of Lee Webb, chairman of the committee on the use of school symbols, Dave Weber, committee member and Newman Club representative, presented the joint resolution.

Sylvester Brooks, committee member and Young Democrat's representative, then addressed the joint session and said, "As far as the Black students are concerned nothing has been resolved."

Brooks added, "House Pro-Tempore (Clay Holloway) spoke last week (at the House meeting) before ever having read the committee report. He had preconceived ideas and you (House members) were influenced by speakers with preconceived ideas. You acted on the committee report (amended it) without once asking for the committee's reasoning."

Weber then moved that it be added to the resolution that Forrest be dropped as the school symbol and the soldier in the gray uniform not appear at athletic functions in the future. The floor was then open for discussion on Weber's recommendations.

In the discussion Clay Holloway, T Club representative, defended the use of Forrest by saying, "Forrest can be attacked as a man, but he always acted within his legal rights."

Holloway then asked Brooks if he began the Forrest issue because "your dignity was being abused," or because you wanted to "put this university on the map?"

Brooks denied the second charge and replied that he wanted the school symbols "to foster understanding."

After the discussion the House passed the resolution by a vote of 29-15.

The Senate then adjourned to its own chambers to discuss the

resolution. During the discussion Senate Pro-Tempore Jimmy Garner said that it had been brought to his attention that there was already a bill (Bill 48) making Forrest the school symbol and allowing for the soldier in the gray uniform.

Following Garner's comment, Doug Bennett, speaker of the Senate said, "If we pass a resolution and the President acts on this to strike the bill, we would set a poor precedent." Bennett then suggested that the House change the resolution to a bill and that this bill, if passed by the House, be acted on by the Senate.

When the House learned of Bill 48, it voted to change the resolution to a bill by a vote of 37-11.

The Senate then slightly amended the bill passed by the House, voted to pass the amended bill and sent the amendments to the House for action.

The House voted down the Senate's amendments by a vote of 26-21. There was only a technical difference in the Senate's bill and the bill passed earlier in the House.

The bill as passed by the House is as follows:

WHEREAS: Certain issues have arisen on the Middle Tennessee State University campus concerning the use of the Confederate flag, the singing of "Dixie" at school functions, and the image of Nathan Bedford Forrest as our school symbol, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

1. Either the old MTSU fight song be played more often by the Band of Blue at athletic competition, or preferably that

a new fight song be written; 2. "Dixie" not be banned at athletic competition, but used in an inferior position to the MTSU fight song;

3. The name "Blue Raiders" remain as the school symbol, and the soldier in the gray uniform will not appear at school functions and Nathan Bedford Forrest will be discontinued as the school symbol. A mascot similar to mascots at other universities will be chosen. This mascot will be chosen from suggestions turned in by the student body; and,

4. The Confederate flag not be banned at athletic competitions however, that the MTSU flag be designed and put on sale in the bookstore.

The amended Senate bill changes Article I. to read: "The old fight song be played more often by the Band of Blue at athletic competition." It further changes Article III. to state that suggestions for a new mascot be turned in to the ASB, with the final mascot selection being made by the ASB Congress.

The Senate added Article V. which said that the bill go into effect immediately.

In reference to the sessions scheduled for tomorrow night, ASB President Jim Free said, "I would like to urge all congressmen to come Tuesday night, knowing what they want to do, after consulting with their constituents, and then being prepared to vote their own conscience."

The House will meet in UC 322, the Senate in UC 324. Both houses will convene tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

"Go National" Signal Given MTSU Greeks

MTSU's fraternities and sororities which were placed on probationary status for national affiliation, now have their probationary status removed and may immediately "go national."

Five fraternities and five sororities will be affected by the announcement of President M.G. Scarlett that he has accepted a report of a committee which recommended the probationary period begun August 5, 1966 be terminated immediately.

Dr. Scarlett said "we are very pleased with the conduct these groups have demonstrated and the program that they have developed which have been beneficial to the University and helpful to the community. We feel that if the fraternities and sororities continue their pres-

ent roles, that they will be significant factors in developing real leaders on the campus."

As the committee suggested in its recommendation that the probationary period be terminated, all of the chapters have complied in a highly commendable manner to the regulations suggested and have already contributed to campus and community life, Scarlett stated.

Members of the committee were Dr. Edward Howard, chairman, MTSU Language Dept., Dean Robert MacLean, dean of students; Dean Martha Hampton, dean of women; Dean Harry Waggoner, dean of men; Dr. June Anderson, MTSU physical science dept.; Wade Gilbert, (MTSU physical science.

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What's Up

MONDAY

- All Day Alpha Gamma--1st floor UC
- Alpha Delta Pi--1st floor UC
- 4:00 Alpha Delta Pi--UC 325
- 5:00 Inter Sorority council - UC 322-A
- 6:00 ALP
- 6:00 Alpha Delta Pi--UC 325
- 6:30 Chemistry Club--NS 120
- Bilogy Club Party--NS Arena
- 7:30 ASB Children's party--Woodmore
- 8:00 Christmas Carol reading Dr. Shiffler--DA theater
- 8:30 Delta Omicron--FA
- Pi Mu Alpha--FA

TUESDAY

- 5:00 Young Republicans -UC 308
- Triton Club--Pool
- 6:00 Tau Omicron
- 6:00
- 6:30 Circle K--UC 308
- Drama Club--DA arena
- 7:00 Spelunkers--OS 32
- 7:30 IFC--UC
- 8:00 Public Relations Program--Rose -DA arena
- Treble Chorale--Tenn Room SUB
- Lambda Psi--UC 324
- International Club--UC

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 Woman's dorm council UC 308
- 6:00 Church of Christ group SUB 304
- Kappa Epsilon--UC 322-A
- Nazarene--UC 312
- Christian Science--UC 325-C
- Lutheran--UC 324-CU
- Cumberland PRE
- Cumberland Presbyterianiam
- Presbyterian--UC 308
- Presbyterian--UC 310
- 7:30 Phi Theta Psi--UC 324
- Delta Phi Gamma--UC308
- Delta Pi Delta--UC 322
- Alpha Gamma Phi--UC310
- Basketball, RAIDERS

Internship: Work In An Academic Setting

By Jonelle Parsley

Among challenging and unusual opportunities available to students on this campus is the government internship program.

The program is a special course in which a student is assigned to a government agency in an employment status, under the joint administration of the agency and the political science department.

The basic purpose of the internship is to provide the student planning a career in government service with an opportunity to relate course work to the office situation, to experience directly elements of the political and administrative process.

Seminar sessions and informal discussions are held during the internship period, thus allowing matters of interest to be discussed in an academic setting--a situation which is rarely possible once full time work has begun.

Each intern works nine hours per week in his assigned agency. As most interns commute to Nashville, time spent in the program is over fifteen hours per week. Because of the time involved, interns are required to keep their total enrollment hours to fifteen, unless they have an exceptionally good average.

Interns receive a compensation of \$225.00 per semester.

Anyone interested in participating in the program must contact Dr. David Grubb (OM 325) before Dec. 21.

'Little Me' Held Over; 'Stand By' Explained

The Buchanan Players' production of "Little Me" by Neil Simon has been held over two days, Dec. 18 and 19.

The production is being presented each night in the arena



Challenging Experience

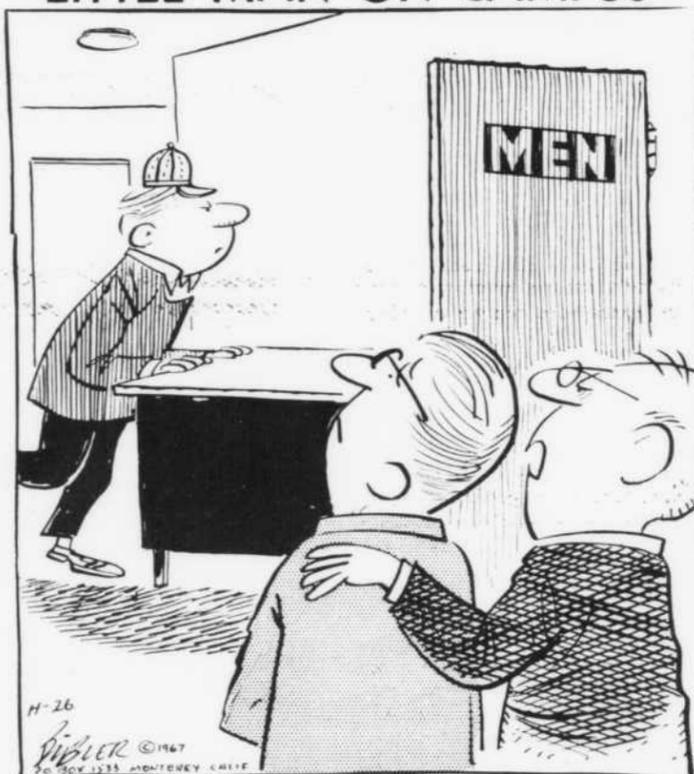
Participants in the internship program are (seated left to right) Diana Kemp, Nashville senior; SUZANNE Hadley, Murfreesboro senior (standing left to right) Don Coleman, Harriman senior; Manly Martins, Newark, New Jersey senior; Diana Gregory, Lafayette junior; Larry Williams, Nolensville senior; Lucy Honey, Fayetteville senior; and Ruth Vaughn, Nashville graduate student.

Servicemen to Receive Guide to Mail Service

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Every U.S. serviceman being reassigned outside the continental United States will now receive the latest information on mail service available to him while in an overseas command.

Each military member going overseas will receive a copy of a Post Office Department publication.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WITH SO MANY NEW FACULTY THIS YEAR -- WE'RE LUCKY TO EVEN GET YOU AN OFFICE."

Scarlett, Kirksey Address Educators

Sixteen Tennessee Legislators attended the Higher Education Commission's Legislators Dinner here Friday night.

Guest included Commissioner Howard Warf, U.T. President Dr. Andrew Holt, and Dr. Harold S. Pryor, president of Columbia Community College.

Dr. Howard Kirksey, MTSU Dean of Faculty was one of the speakers. Dr. Scarlett made a brief presentation of MTSU's program.

President of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Co., Al Mifflin, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Greeks...

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dept.; Dr. Marcia Zwier, Psychology dept.; Douglas Bennett, Speaker of the ASB Senate; Patrick O'Neal, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Jim Free, president of the ASB, and Earl Hinton with the MTSU Music Dept.

The present name and the national affiliation which the fraternities and sororities represent are as follows: Phi Epsilon going Kappa Alpha Colony; Sigma Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma Lambda Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Sigma Delta Zeta going Sigma Nu colony.

Sororities include: Kappa Tau Delta, now Alpha Delta Pi Colony; Delta Pi Delta, Chi Omega Colony; Phi Theta Psi, now Kappa Delta Colony; Delta Phi Gamma and Alpha Gamma Phi have not as yet been nationally affiliated.

The present leaders of these several groups are as follows: Jenny Jones, Madison with Alpha Delta Pi; Barbara Gentry, Nashville, Chi Omega; Beebe Bryant, Nashville, Alpha Gamma Phi; Ruth Salisbury, Murfreesboro, Kappa Delta; and Beth Calahan, Belfast, Delta Phi Gamma.

David Kious, Murfreesboro, Kappa Alpha Thomas Sparks, Nashville, Kappa Sigma Joe Nunley, Jr., Murfreesboro Sigma Nu; Andrew J. King, Calhoun, Georgia, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

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Christmas Concert



Members of the Treble Chorale, pictured above, and the Brass Chior will be presented in a Christmas concert tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m., in the Tennessee Room of the SUB.

MEDIA MERGER Trend Scored

Editor John Seigenthaler of the NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN said here Thursday the move towards area consolidation of America's newspapers is a dangerous trend for the country's intellectual pursuits.

He said the media of print "has come a long way since the newspapers of Tom Paine and the editorial wars between the supporters of Hamilton and Jefferson."

"As I look at what's happening in America," Seigenthaler said, "I see a trend that has been developing which is really dangerous for the intellectual pursuits of the people."

"Because of economics, more newspapers are becoming consolidating power organs with only one voice and one opinion that's heard," he added.

Seigenthaler said he recognizes inadequacies in all newspapers--as well as the Nashville dailies--but he claimed "if you look at cities which have two editorial voices, you have a more lively public."

The editor addressed his remarks to "The Newspaper and Its Relation to Government and Politics." He was brought to the MTSU campus under the sponsorship of the university's political science department.

The newspaper is important, he said, because of the way it has been established as a fourth branch of government.

"It provides an additional check and balance to make sure some instrumentality is left free to provide criticism of the body politic without fear of impunity," he said.

Seigenthaler mentioned the recent deaths of major American newspapers, including the New York DAILY MIRROR "which had more than a million circulation, but it died."

"The economies of presenting competing editorial voices is becoming more difficult," he said emphasizing that the responsibility of the newspaper as a check on government exists nevertheless.

The editor said that it is interesting to note that when the American newspaper tradition was begun no "guidelines for excellence" were established.

"They wanted an agency produced by humans, whom they knew would make mistakes," he said, "but they still wanted the freedom to criticize government because they knew that government also will make mistakes."

In response to a student's question about "slanting" the news story, Seigenthaler said the reporter "has a right to put something of himself into it," adding:

"It's hard for a reporter to cover a story about a school that's been blown up or about swastikas that have been painted on the side of a synagogue and to completely divorce himself from it."

TENNESSEAN reporters were

Speaker Jim Cummings Says He Will Not Muddy The Water' By Being A Candidate For Reelection

By Keel Hunt

Rep. James Cummings, D-Woodbury, announced Saturday that he will not seek renomination next month as speaker of the State House of Representatives because he doesn't consider himself able to best the Republicans.

At 77, the venerable "Mr. Jim" said in a telephone interview Saturday he feels he could secure his party's nomination for the post, but said he had no assurance of getting "that extra vote in January."

The state's Democrats and Republicans claim 49 votes each in the lower house after the recent general election. Although there is one professed independent--Rep. J. P. Kimbrell of Westpoint--he has remained noncommittal throughout the early, pre-session activities.

Since the bewhiskered Kimbrell has refused to tip the balance, the House remains evenly split.

Claiming he could not be assured of "that 50th vote," Cummings said he was withdrawing to "clear the track" for another Democratic hopeful.

The Republican nominee for the Speakership is Rep. William Jenkins of Rogerville, and it has been speculated that if any Democrat could defeat him, it would be "Mr. Jim."

Asked about Jenkins' chances for victory, the speaker said only:

"We have 49 votes each now. It takes 50 to be elected. Any Democrat that can get the party's caucus nomination plus the extra vote can get the election."

"Some of the other Democrats in the House have said they can get the 50th vote," Cummings added.

"I didn't propose to muddy the water and keep other party members from getting the elec-

tion," he said. "I'm not that much of a party man."

In announcing his withdrawal Saturday morning, Cummings said he would accept a draft if it was offered to him.

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The independent Kimbrell, a freshman legislator, has been a colorful figure in the state for several years, and his independence has caused concern among Capital Hill politicians for several years, and his in- for several months.

When Cummings was asked to comment on Kimbrell's potential as a key man in the sneakership race, he replied:

read in the newspapers, I believe he's a lifelong Republican, but any one of the Republicans could elect a Democrat."

The recent death of Rep. Robert Vines, R-Johnson City, gave the Democrats a temporary edge in the House, but it is expected that another Republican will be named to fill the vacancy by the Washington County Quarterly Court.

At least five other Democrats have been mentioned or have expressed a marked interest in the speakership.

Cummings said the name he has heard the most often is that of Rep. Robert E. (Bob) Hawks, D-Memphis, but the man making perhaps the strongest pitch is Rep. Pat Lynch, D-Winchester, a veteran administration floor leader.

Cummings, who has been on the Hill for more than two decades, is perhaps the most colorful figure in contemporary Tennessee political history. He is the dean of Tennessee's state legislative delegation.

He served four years as secretary of State under Gov. Jordan Browning, whose election campaign he successfully managed.

Except for those periods, Cummings' terms have been consecutive. He ran for either the House or Senate regularly since 1928, and he never lost an election.

George Barker painted this picture in words of "Mr. Jim" in The Nashville Tennessean Magazine four years ago:

"Jim Cummings speaks as if against the wind, too loud, but with eloquence, seldom using two words where five or ten would do the job. His blue eyes grow round with wonder or concern at what he is saying; he shakes his head back and forth to emphasize his words while his eyebrows ride merrily up and down on the current of phrases.

"He always wears a bow tie and smokes filterless cigarettes so short he needs to take the last couple of drags out of the side of his mouth to keep from burning his nose."



... 'Mr. Jim' looks on

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As I See It

By David Mathis Editor-in-chief

Even though I did not attend the joint session last Thursday night of the ASB Senate and House of Representatives, I feel as though I did through detailed and informative discussions of the events of the session. I heard every descriptive analogy from the opinion that the latter part of the meeting was thoroughly disorganized to the praising concept that the ASB had now approached the pinnacle of the real purpose of a student legislature.

These statements, each initially taken by this writer as two extremes of opinion (based upon their sources) are actually anything but conflicting and contradictory insertions. Instead, these viewpoints tend to compliment each other in a rather general but realistic situation.

The issue was, and will be once again Tuesday night in still another session of the Congress, a rather hot--yet profitable--discussion of the banning of the Blue Raider as our university mascot. According to reliable sources, i.e. Speaker of the House Pat O'Neal, the House sector of the ASB did not experience its usual loss of quorum at the three-hour meeting. This change of attitude was due to the significance of the issue at hand thus causing interested persons to stay around for what proved to be an interesting session.

Since the ASB has at last touched upon the issues upon our campus instead of the ever lingering cheerleader bills, the ASB administration may be somewhat amazed at the enthusiasm aroused by the usual apathetic representatives and senators. Thus we see that last Thursday's session was at least approaching the pinnacle of the purpose of a student legislature.

To be fair and thus giving equal time to both comments, we must at least acknowledge the idea that the entire session was disorderly and confusing. From all indications, the congressmen and guests were faced with a rather difficult situation caused by a lack of one element--parliamentary procedure of ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER. This problem has a simple solution and can be corrected, but the fact still remains that the ASB is finally acting in a manner more conducive to meeting the issues of true importance.

Surely, at the present time there are few problems on our campus of more concern to all students, faculty, and alumni.

Whatever the terminal decision arrived at Tuesday night, the ASB only submits the bill, resolution, or whatever it is called to President Scarlett for his ratification, total veto, or item vote. But this should not discourage anyone from attending this open session of the Congress as this body is the students' only official legislative voice.

The minority recognizes the fact that since the song "Dixie" and the Rebel Flag are not official organs of MTSU, they cannot expect much legislation concerning these complaints--only meaningless suggestions. Therefore we see our "mascot" in the image of Nathan Bedford Forrest under attack.

But, is this the real problem or only a superficial front for which us to foot ourselves into "solving" what we think is the all important matter? Probably the true issue is only using Forrest as the lid to the jar of transition from tradition.

Problems And Answers

Action Not Talk: ASB Moves On From Holiday To Man In Gray

To the editor:

This semester we have heard of compulsory R.O.T.C., academic freedom, coed codes, big name entertainment and grading system reform, but we have heard most of Dixie and the man in the gray uniform. For the

first time in my term as ASB House representative, I feel I have seen some action and not just talk. The ASB House was presented with a bill on the school symbol question in their lengthy Tuesday night meeting. These members were able to see the feelings of all involved groups. Then each member had a chance to stand and cast his vote on the man in the gray uniform. The House and the Senate will meet again Tuesday night to cast more votes and to attempt to clarify this matter. I am not a prophet to predict what the ASB Congress' final action will be, but I can only express my relief to see some kind of action taken by this ASB government on this pertinent matter.

I feel that it should be pointed out that Dixie is not the only matter that has come before the ASB this year. The ASB executive leaders successfully worked on gaining the M.T.S.U.

students their extra Christmas holidays. The ASB House in the session referred to in the first paragraph of this letter passed a grading system reform measure and a needed superlative election reform bill which was then sent to the Senate. The ASB Senate is working on future proposals to up-date M.T.S.U. from just a school, from just a community college, to an institution which deserves the name of university.

In the past the student government has been criticized for not being efficient and for just discussing and not acting. I feel this Thursday night session has shown that this student government is attempting to act. It is this representative's hope that it will continue to act on settling the school symbol issue and other urgent matters.

Linda Judd
ASB Pre-Law Society repres.

Jonelle Parsley

asb takes positive action

Last Thursday night the ASB chose to break the precedent of making furtive, futile gestures toward everyone by immersing itself in a process of positive action on an issue (Forrest, Flag and "Dixie") which has become of much concern to many.

Because it is never easy for contented people to question

An Opinion

things established, there was, from the beginning, a great surge to place this issue in its "proper perspective" (i.e. bury it). Yet the issue, as debated by the ASB, greatly transcends the boundaries placed around it by this element.

Through its discussion, the ASB allowed the issue to bring

to light inconsistencies and contradictions which cannot be fostered by an institution of higher learning.

Whether the ASB decision will be made in favor of those who wish to change or those who wish to maintain will be of supreme importance to this campus here and now.

While its decision ultimately will be based on how aware its members are of far-reaching consequences, by squarely facing the issue of the "man-in-gray," the ASB has shown itself open to contemporary realities.

It is through this effort in awareness that the ASB has begun establishing itself as a legitimate means of student expression and finally bringing to MTSU a time of searching involvement which has been so very long in coming.

Our Man Hoppe

By Arthur Hoppe

Once upon a time there was a young man named Guevara Grommet who believed, above all else, in individual freedom.

"Nobody," he said, squaring his chin, "has any excuse for ever shoving anybody else around."

Then, when he was 18, his draft board classified him 1-A.

"Wait a minute," he said. "What gives you the right to take away my freedom, put me in an institution for two years and teach me how to kill people in a war I think unjust?"

"It's because we know," said the draft board patriotically, "what's right for our country."

So young Guevara went back to his campus and organized an anti-draft rally. But the College Administration denied him permission to speak.

"Wait a minute," he said. "What gives you the right to take away my freedom to have my say?"

"It's because we know," said the College Administration stuffily, "what's right for our college."

So young Guevara decided to stage a peaceful protest. And the cops hit him on the head and tossed him in the paddy wagon.

"Wait a minute," he said. "What gives you the right to take away my freedom and shove me around?"

"It's because we know," said the cops angrily, "what's right for our community."

"What a sick society," said young Guevara. "Whites oppress Blacks. Rich oppress poor. And we slaughter innocents around the world because we know it's good for them. It's people who think they know what's right who shove other people around."

"We must tear down this sorry scheme of things entirely and build a new society. I won't even think about what kind, because I don't want to fall into the trap of thinking I know what's right."

So young Guevara became a revolutionary.

The first thing he did, of course, was to run the Army recruiters off the campus--because he knew joining the Army was wrong.

Then he organized a student strike, kidnaped the Dean of Medieval Agronomy and hit the Administration with demands for 27 new ways of doing things--because he knew the old ways were wrong.

Unfortunately, some students objected to the strike. But when they rose to make their points, he shouted them down--because he knew they were wrong.

And when the cops came to restore order, he heaved bricks at them--because he knew they were fascist pigs representing a sick, dead-wrong society.

One day he caught a short, bespectacled student trying to sneak into class. Naturally, he shoved him up against a wall and told the little racist, toady cop-out not to try it again.

"Wait a minute," said the little student. "What gives you the right to take away my freedom and shove me around? I suppose it's because you think you know what's right?"

"Oh, no!" said Guevara, shocked at being identified with the old society he despised. "It's because I know what's wrong."

Moral: Old people know what's right. Young people know what's wrong. And when it comes to getting shoved around, there isn't much to choose.

Problems and Answers

All material for "Problems and Answers" (letters to the editor) should be sent to David Mathis, box 42, campus mail.

All letters must be signed and the name will be printed except in unusual incidents. The names will be withheld only by the discretion of the editorial board or the editor-in-chief. In this case, the name will be kept on file, but will not be released to interested parties.

Letters of not more than 250 words will have the best chance for publication. Because of space limitations, letters may be edited.

Editorial**"Motherhood,
apple pie
and ROTC"**

The following appeared in the Dec 10 edition of the DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (University of Mississippi) at which time male students were voting for voluntary or compulsory ROTC in a campus-wide election. Students voted in favor of a voluntary program by a two-to-one majority, (1,097-468). The final decision as to whether or not the present compulsory program will continue is now in the hands of the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

If in the past few weeks you have not been convinced that ROTC is either good or bad, then you haven't been around campus lately.

Personally, I think ROTC is good, just like motherhood, apple pie, and the Fourth of July; but I don't think ROTC should be compulsory anymore than should motherhood. The Reserve Officers Training Corps is a good thing and has stood our country in good stead over the years. However, the men who have accomplished things through the program were the ones who wanted to be in it in the first place. A quality ROTC program can not be accomplished by mandatory means any more than a quality football team. The Rebels wouldn't be worth a dime if they were hampered in their efforts by a couple of thousand men who were "required" to report for practice.

It has been charged that the student body is seeking to dictate what courses should and should not be taught at the University of Mississippi. Perhaps this is inspired by the nationwide "student power" explosion. Some charge that if students can vote out ROTC then they can vote out English and accounting. This is rather poor analogy in that this vote is nothing more than a way of letting the proper officials know the dissatisfaction that exists concerning the program. It is a recommendation, not a demand, and the administration of the university is credited with having a little judgement of its own. If a move could be undertaken, which it won't be, to abolish English, accounting or any other academic subject it is hoped that the administration will have the judgement not to consider it.

In the case of ROTC there is a valid point involved. The program is not necessary to an academic education. The compulsory nature of it at the present time is lowering the standards of the whole program, and the academic value of the courses is nil.

The polls are still open. If you haven't voted then do so. If you don't make it to the polls you will have to gripe with the outcome. Vote. One way or the other.

—DOOLITTLE

Matter Of Fact

JOSEPH ALSOP

By Joseph Alsop

NHA TRANG, South Vietnam-- If you wish to know what happened to the Hanoi war-planners' "great attack" in the highlands of this II Corps area in early spring, you can do nothing better than study the story of Tran Hieu Tien.

Tran Hieu Tien was a signalman in the 320th North Vietnamese Regiment, operating under the local command of the B-3 Front, until he was captured by an ARVN unit on Sept 8 of this year. Last year, he had been drafted in Hanoi where he comes from, and in February of this year he had been trucked down, together with the rest of his regiment, to join the special offensive that was supposed to "liberate" the city of Kon Tum in the Central Highlands.

Tran Hieu Tien is an unusually intelligent youngster, with an excellent memory. Thus, after his capture, he was able to pinpoint and give results of each of his regiment's worst moments in the field--which often consisted of B-52 strikes.

The regiment was first used in March, April and May in Don Tum province and then moved southward to join the disastrously unsuccessful attack on the Duc Lap Special Forces camp in September. This is the period covered by Tran Hieu Tien.

The 320th's experience with B-52s began mildly in mid-March, when they were camping near a river. Suddenly, from the empty air, the terrible bombs crashed down, but this first B-52 strike was a mite off target and only killed 6 soldiers on the outermost fringe of camp. But it was a good deal worse a little later in March when the regiment was moving through the jungle.

Suddenly, at 8 a.m., the bombs began to fall. The men took shelter as best they could, behind rocks and in hollows in the ground, but 80 were killed and many were wounded. It was pretty bad, too, on April 1, when bombs came again while the regiment was attacking a U.S. 4th Division firebase on Chu Pen Mountain.

In the point battalion, 36 were killed and over 60 were wounded, of which 20 were permanently disabled, so the attack had to be broken off. Then in mid-May, still in Kon Tum province, the regiment was again moving in preparation for an attack. The bombs rained down for the fourth time. That one was a near thing for Tran Hieu Tien, and

he could only remember that at least 100 men were killed or wounded.

By August the regiment had moved south into Quang Duc province, but the bombers caught up with them once more while they were withdrawing from a probe against Dak Sak outpost. Tran Hieu Tien could only recall that at least 200 were killed or wounded. His memory more vividly retained the fact that the regiment had hurriedly moved on after the first strike. This he remembered so well because the target was therefore missed by the second strike that came just a bit later.

Finally, there was the Duc Lap attack, where almost un-

aided ARVN and CIDG troops fought off a massive assault with success that over 800 enemy dead were counted on the battlefield. After the attack had to be abandoned, the 320th Regiment retreated and encamped in the jungle. And for the last time before Tran Hieu Tien's capture the bombs came, and 40 were killed and 50 were wounded.

There are some other prisoner-of-war interrogations telling of advance warnings of B-52 strikes from higher headquarters. The enemy unquestionably employs an enormous network of spies, listening devices and the like, and this net every so often has luck and can give accurate warnings. But in the main, although usually

less detailed and precise, the POW interrogations telling of B-52 strikes resemble Tran Hieu Tien's story.

It is important to know this for two quite different reasons. On the one hand, the great B-52s have now, rather ironically, become a tactical weapon of vast importance. If Hanoi is thinking about a fourth-round offensive, on the pattern of the August-September blood bath, Hanoi has got to think about the B-52s.

On the other hand, the unfortunate enemy soldiers who fall victims to the B-52s are almost never entered in the grisly body counts, about which there has been so much silly controversy. When Gen. Creighton Abrams' statisticians say that between the New Year and Oct 31 the enemy lost above 230,000 men (or the equivalent, for Hanoi, of close to 3 million Americans), virtually no B-52 victims are included.

Yet careful analysis of the POW interrogations has now shown that in the siege of Khe Sanh alone--that famous "agony" which was almost exclusively agonizing for the enemy--the besieging units lost above 10,000 troops to B-52s and other air action. Thus, the unseen dead must be written down as a dreadful additional factor, whenever one computes the manpower drain which is Hanoi's direct problem.

Problems And Answers**The Gym: Why Lock It?**

This university's gymnasium locked its doors at 7:15 p.m. Thursday. Almost every night this semester the same thing has happened. Students who wish to use the gym's facilities at night are turned away. Why?

I have heard that the reason is that some time ago, a group of people who do not attend this school came in and broke some lights and windows. So to punish them, the administration has closed the doors.

The gym's purpose, I thought, was to provide a place for rec-

reation away from the forces of nature (weather, etc.) It wouldn't be too hard for the administration to place someone in the gym to check identification cards like they do in the swimming pool.

As it is, all students get to do is secretly watch the varsity and freshmen practice from the balcony.

Kenny Crunk

Deans Hide ?

To the Editor:

Did you ever try to see one of the student deans? I did today and since I didn't have an appointment, was put off with, "He's dictating, you'll have to come back later" or tomorrow or something. This isn't the first time I have had to make a dozen trips back and forth to see someone in the administration, and I just want to know if their purpose in being there isn't to serve the students? I'm a married student, live off campus, and feel fully that my time is just as valuable as theirs and would like to be treated like it was too. After all, if there weren't students with occasional problems or questions, then there wouldn't be any need for student deans would there? Perhaps someone will take note of this and do something about this situation.

Linda Myers

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Rice Bowl's Most Valuable Player: La. Tech's Bradshaw



Louisiana Tech's Andy Callais is tackled by Tony Palliza in Saturday's cold Akron loss. In the back the sparse crowd can be viewed.

Terry Bradshaw, ace Louisiana Tech quarterback, was selected as Most Valuable Player Saturday in the Grantland Rice Bowl. Despite the freezing cold, Bradshaw hit most of his receivers right on the nose.

Tommy Spinks, who caught 12 passes, said that the way Bradshaw passes you can't miss. The 33-13 victory by Louisiana Tech was led mostly by Bradshaw, although he admits it was an entire team effort.

Bradshaw passed for two scores and ran for

33 passes for 261 yards. Spinks, who has been Bradshaw's favorite receiver since they were in the ninth grade together, set a NCAA College Division record with his

12 catches. The previous record was 11, which was held by Eastern Kentucky's John Tazel.

In the first quarter Tech built up a 21-0 lead. Akron fought back though and only trailed 21-13 in the third quarter. Akron's scores were run by Vargo with the point kicked by Harrison and Beidelman with the kick blocked.

Junior Chamber of Commerce officials will meet in a week and probably give the game back to the NCAA. It is very evident that they are upset with the townspeople for not accepting the game.

Statistics

	La. Tech	Akron
First downs	21	14
Rushing yards	86	118
Passing yards	261	78
Passes	19-33-2	6-21-3
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Punts	4-23.5	5-24.2
Yards penalized	48	37

Soccer Club

Reports Wins

Last week the MTSU soccer club played two games. One was with the Sewart Air Force Base Argentine team and the other game was with Peabody in Nashville.

The club boasts a record of 3 wins and only one loss. The loss occurred against the Argentine team when the clubs met once before. The score in this game was 5-3; against Peabody, the score was 5-0.

After the weather gets warmer, the club will resume action.

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RAIDERS OVER BELMONT

By Gary Davenport

The Big Blue were nothing but "hot" Saturday night as they rolled over the hapless Belmont Rebels, 87-52.

It all depended on the MTSU rebounding and jumping. Fans filling the gym to near capacity were given an exhibition of jumping, rebounding, and blocking shots they will long remember.

Art Polk was constantly jumping above the rim to pull down a loose ball and Booker Brown was blocking shots from every angle as the "Blue" jumped out to an early lead and led by as much as 30 points most of the game.

The first half was a slow controlled type game for Belmont holding the ball for minutes at a time before shooting. They only got one shot, however, due to the tremendous advantage MTSU had over its opposition.

Willie Brown, defending Ohio Valley Conference scoring champion, led the Blue Raiders with 20 points, fifteen of them coming in the second half. He was held scoreless until 7:50 was left in the first half. Booker Brown gathered in 17 points and was followed closely by the former Chattanooga City star Steve McElhaney, who tossed in 16 from his guard position.

Art Polk dunked in 13 netters to close out the double-digit scorers. The Blue Raiders hit 38.7 per cent of their shots in the first half.

The freshman game was equally one-sided as Joe Barclay tossed in 25 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in leading the Baby Blue to a convincing 84-61 victory.

Maintaining an unbeaten season with five wins, the Baby Blue got double-digit scoring from three other players. Jim Drew scored 17 points while

Tommy Leg and Sam McCamey netted 16 apiece.

The varsity will entertain Carson - Newman Wednesday while the freshmen will travel to Martin Junior College tonight, and return Wednesday for a game with the Vanderbilt freshmen, led by 7'2" Steve Turner.

MTSU	G	F	T	BELMONT	G	F	T
Bentson	0	2-2	2	Oliver	3	1-1	7
Polk	6	1-3	13	House	5	1-1	11
B. Brown	5	7-8	17	Gaines	1	2-2	4
W. Brown	8	4-4	20	Kavanagh	5	4-4	14
McElhaney	6	4-4	16	Williams	2	1-1	5
Fisher	0	5-5	5	Greene	2	0-0	4
T. Brown	2	0-0	4	Cantrill	2	0-0	4
Cochran	2	4-5	8	D. Warren	0	3-3	4
Lassiter	1	0-2	2				
Totals	30	27-22	87	Totals	20	12-12	52
Halftime—MTSU	32-16.						

IM Report

- Chi Alpha Phi 3
- Reaugh's Raiders 3
- Tenn Roadrunners 3
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MTSU continues to be among the national leaders in rebounding. The Bluemen are pulling in a record 74.4 grabs a game to their opponents 45.4.

In the game with Belmont Saturday night, the Raiders pulled in 56 rebounds to Belmonts 22. Booker Brown was tops for the Raiders with 21. Roger Fisher, a sophomore, continues to be consecutive at the free throw line. He now has 6 out of 6, as of Saturday nights game with Belmont. The Raiders are now 5-1. Wednesday night they will host Carson Newman from Jefferson City, Tenn. The Baby Raiders will be playing Vanderbilt freshman here, too. Gametime for that game is 5:45 on December 18.

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TRITON CLUB IS TOPS IN ANNUAL SWIM MEET

Under the direction of Donnell Graves, the annual swim meet sponsored by Robert Lalance's Directing Intramural class, was held at the MTSU pool, Dec. 10.

It was attended well and a lot of the University's clubs and Greeks participated. Individual events and winners were:

BOYS 50 yard freestyle time 25.5
1st Frank Brannon Unattached
2nd Dave Pound Chi Alpha Phi
3rd Ron Nelson Triton Club

50 yard backstroke time 29.2
1st Bo Pearson Triton Club
2nd Frank Brannon Unattached
3rd Bob Cook Triton Club.

50 yard breaststroke time 33.2
1st Dave Pound Chi Alpha Phi
2nd Bo Pearson Triton Club
3rd Bob Cook Triton Club.

GIRLS 25 yd. backstroke time 18.5

1st Donna Moller Triton Club
2nd Margaret Hardin Triton Club
3rd Libby Miller Delta Phi Gamma

25 yard freestyle time 15.3

1st Lynda Clary Unattached
2nd Donna Moller Triton Club
3rd Betty Blalock Triton Club
50 yard freestyle time 33.0

1st Lynda Clary Unattached
Denie Smith Delta Phi Gamma
3rd Anne Tincer Delta Phi Gamma

Diving Event BOYS

1st George Taylor
2nd Mike Gannon

Diving GIRLS

1st Darlene Schwartz

2nd Denie Smith

Relay 200 yard Medly BOYS

1st Triton Club

2nd Chi Alpha Phi

GIRLS

1st Delta Phi Gamma

2nd Chi Omega

Relay 200 yard freestyle BOYS

1st Triton Club

2nd Chi Alpha Phi

GIRLS

1st Triton Club

2nd Delta Phi Gamma

Overall competition in the boys division was won by the Triton Club with 42.5 points; Chi Alpha Phi came in second with 33 points; and third was Kappa Alpha with 18 points.

Delta Phi Gamma won the girl's division with 46 points. Triton Club came in second with 32 points and Chi Omega placed third with 16 points.

Donnell had these comments about the meet. "Everyone has had to participate, timers, judges and publicity posters had to be made. The whole swimming meet was an entire class effort. We were well pleased in that so many people came to watch and attend."

Ron Johnson and Mike Locke both agreed that there is a need at MTSU for a swimming program. Other school our caliber have and support them. The crowd that came to the meet proves that there is interest.

Summing it up was Gary Chrisman who said, "Participation was good along with spirit. For the time we had preparing the meet, it was very well received."



Clowns at "Winter Magic," a benefit performance sponsored by Lambda Psi Fraternity for children enrolled in the Middle Tennessee area. The show was held last Sat., 10:00 a.m., at the Princess Theater.

New Awards Plan Begins

WASHINGTON (ANF) — A new awards program in the information field, called the Annual Army Newspaper, Radio and Television Station Awards, has been announced by the Office of the Chief of Information of the Department of the Army.

The program, which will begin with awards for 1968,

replaces the Army Newspaper Awards competition that had been held in previous years. In addition, the annual American Heritage Contest of the Department of Defense has been discontinued.

The DOD contest will be sponsored alternately by Newsweek, Reader's Digest and Time magazines.

CONFERENCE SET

The U.S. Civil Service Commission announced today the second annual Washington, D.C. Federal Career Opportunities Conference for college students who will be in that area during the holidays.

It will be held December 27 and 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue N.W. between 12th and 14th Streets.

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