



Night time

The bleachers at Horace Jones Field take on a sombre effect as they stand empty awaiting the spring intersquad game scheduled for the last of March. This particular section is a recent addition to the football and track facility, built to accommodate the growing number of Blue Raider fans.

Financial administrator

Bass becomes vice-president

Morris Freeland Bass was named vice-president of finance and administration announced President Scarlett today.

Bass, assistant vice-chancellor for finance at the University of North Carolina, will assume his post March 20, the president further stated.

Bass will supervise university relations work, university business operation, admissions and records, building and grounds and the computer center. The new administrator will also be responsible for internal audits, the athletic program and farm operations.

At the University of North Carolina, Bass supervised a fiscal program of over \$130,000,000. Prior to his employment at North

Carolina, Bass served as Director of Finance for Memphis State University from 1965 to 1970, and 11 years as chief accountant for UT at Knoxville.

Bass, while at North Carolina specialized in the conversion of the accounting system to a computer system and the reorganization of financial controls and offices.

The Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.) also prepared the manual, "Financial Reporting for Tennessee Public Colleges and Universities," the guideline for all financial operations for state institutions of higher learning.

Bass has worked as an industrial accountant reviewing financial procedures and accounting manuals for the Atomic Energy Commission.

In addition to serving as a special costs accountant, for the Oak Ridge School system, Bass has also taught adult education classes at Oak Ridge and extension classes for UT.

Bass received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from UT and is presently working on an Ed.D. degree in educational administration and supervision from Memphis State University.

The 47-year-old submarine service veteran was born in Watertown, Tenn. He is a member of the American Institute of C.P.A.'s, the Phi Delta Kappa Educational fraternity, the Kiwanis Club, the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, and the Chapel Hill Community Chest and the Chapel Hill Church of Christ.

Holland proposes honors program

A new honors program proposal will be sent to President M. G. Scarlett immediately, W. H. Holland, assistant English professor, told the grades sub-committee of the Academic Study Committee last night.

Honors programs are a challenge to students who are capable of independent work, said Holland. The program consists of unstructured classes with the students preparing their own curriculum.

In the proposed honors program, there are two levels: departmental and interdisciplinary. The departmental honors program would first offer courses to students with majors in the field but would expand the classes to include non-majors.

By Diane Johnson
Managing Editor

Currently there are 13 honors classes on campus, ten are departmental and three are interdisciplinary.

Holland related that a five year trial period has been requested for the program. He predicted that in five years the program would become an intrinsic part of the university program.

Criteria suggested for entrance into the program are a 2.75 average and junior standing. Students would have to apply, no one else would offer their name to the program, he further stated.

Under the proposal an honors council would be established which would be the policy making

board for the program. The council would have a director and eight members, including five faculty and three students.

A separate department of honors, which many other schools have already developed is the aim of the program, stated Holland. One of the most extensive programs he mentioned was the University of Colorado which has an honors school with its own dean and staff.

Proposed suggestions have already been cleared by the departments and the faculty senate. Holland said that many students had heard of the program and were very enthusiastic.

Money for implementing the program is the big drawback at

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Scarlett slates calendar change for fall semester

President M.G. Scarlett announced today that a calendar change will go into effect beginning in the fall of 1972.

The new schedule will provide for the first semester to be completed before the Christmas holidays, he said. The spring convocation in mid-May will conclude the spring semester.

The new calendar will provide a three-week "intersession" before the opening of the summer session the first week in June.

In 1972 the fall semester will begin with a new faculty member conference on Aug. 21 and end with convocation on Dec. 22. The spring semester will run from Jan. 6, 1973 until the May 12 convocation. In the future the summer session will end with convocation near the close of the second week in Aug. In 1973 this will be on Aug. 11.

Scarlett stated that the decision to change the university calendar was reached "after considerable study in response to recommendations from the faculty, administration and student body." An ad hoc committee, headed by Joe Nunley, had the proposal under study since the 1969-70 academic year, he added.

This committee, composed of students, faculty and administrators visited Western Kentucky and Memphis State University to

explore in depth the effect such a calendar system had at these universities.

The proposal was debated by faculty members in open forum, examined by the Associated Student Body and explored by administrative staff members before Scarlett endorsed the change.

This revision is the most extensive since Sept. 1959 when the semester system replaced the four quarter calendar. The new calendar will bring MTSU in line with members of the Ohio Valley Conference in Kentucky who operate under a similar plan, Scarlett pointed out.

In a message to MTSU faculty and staff delivered yesterday, Scarlett stated: "Every effort has been made to give thorough consideration to all suggestions and criticisms concerning the University calendar, in order that the proposed calendar might be as convenient and as advantageous as possible for all concerned."

His message continued, "I realize that certain changes in routine procedures will have to be made to cause the schedule to be fully effective. . . I am convinced that the advantages of this calendar outweigh the disadvantages, and your cooperation will be gratefully appreciated."

Sands to host forum

ASB President Bobby Sands will host the first of the weekly "Presidents Forums" Wednesday in the Eastern end of the High Rise West Cafeteria, according to Harry Wagner, vice president of student affairs.

All students and faculty members are invited to attend the luncheon which will have among its guests numerous resource personnel including M.G. Scarlett, president; Howard Kirksey, vice president of academic affairs and John Hood, asst. to the president, Wagner said.

According to Sands, topics to be discussed at Wednesday's forum include the calendar change, the student academic study committee and campus rules.

The floor will also be open for any other questions which may arise, he added.

"Dr. Wagner is to be commended for initiating this proposal," Sands commented. "I am pleased to host this first Presidents' Forum and I am confident that this type of activity will help promote co-operation and understanding between all segments of the campus community," he added.

Sands said he felt these forums could be used for the dissemination of information.

According to Wagner, Wednesdays were chosen as the date of the luncheons because the cafeteria has the greatest flow of traffic on that day.

Sands said he was "delighted at the prospects of a regular forum which will provide a medium of exchange of ideas and discussion of timely topics between faculty, students and administrative representatives."

The weekly forums are expected to have wide appeal according to the vice president.

'new blood'

Democrats elect novices to committee

When Rutherford County's new Democratic Executive Committee has its first meeting Saturday, there will be a transfusion of "new blood" into the local Democratic organization.

More than half of almost 42 committee members elected at open precinct meetings Feb. 19 are new to the position. Reports from nine rural civil districts are incomplete.

In ten Murfreesboro precincts, 19 of 20 men and women

By Larry Harrington
State Reporter

elected have never before served on the executive committee.

Participation was greatest in the 17th precinct, which includes the campus, where over 40 Democrats elected MTSU admissions employee, Jim Free, and former ASB president, Bart Gordon.

MTSU students and faculty participated and were elected to at least one of the two available

positions in seven other precincts.

Praising the students and faculty who attended their precinct meetings, Ben Austin, member of the Democratic State Executive Committee, said, "They bring new talent, insights and energies into the party and the community." "Working toward a common goal with other members of the community, I think the new and the old members of this committee can help the campus and the community."

The following is a list of committee members elected by civil district:

District 1 not reporting
District 2 not reporting
District 3 Lascassas James Robert Ward, Shiloh Carol Poole
Districts 4 through 8 not reporting
District 9 Baseum Williamson, one precinct not reporting
District 10 not reporting
District 11 Dave Bolin, one post vacant

District 12 Ben Austin, Whitney Stegall
District 13 Ms. Estella Aughtry, Simon H. Glanton
District 14 Mario Perez-Reilly, Bryan Haynes
District 15 George Beers, Ms. Mary Beers
District 16 Jim Leonhirth, Sam Moore

District 17 Jim Free, Bart Gordon
District 18 Ms. Zadio Key, Norman Parks
District 19 Alan Hoagland, DeLores Hale
District 20 Roy W. Clark, J. J. Jewel
District 21 Robert B. Jones, John Hood

Committee attempts academic evaluation

Newly created, the Academic Study Committee will evaluate many areas of academic life and make recommendations to Dean Howard Kirksey, according to Jim Leonhirth, chairman of the new committee.

Three sub-committees have been set up to study specific areas including grades, general education requirements, the calendar, final exams, the advisor system and registration.

Heading the sub-committees will be Lynn Stallings, Bill Bennett and Marcia Johnston.

Students who are not on the committees are invited to participate in the discussions, stated the chairman. He indicated that all the meetings will be announced to the public. Faculty opinions and suggestions are also encouraged, he added.

ASB President Bobby Sands, who has made the full resources of the campus available to the committee, commented, "I am delighted that an individual of the abilities and experience of Jim Leonhirth would accept the responsibility for the direction of the Academic Study Committee."

"It is most encouraging to see the interest and innovative ideas that the committee members have

displayed thus far," he continued. "I am confident that under Leonhirth's direction this effort toward academic reform will make some very solid proposals to Dr. Kirksey and President Scarlett that will represent a great step forward for the students and the institution."


Committee members are studying the work done on academics in the university in the past and are planning measures to gauge campus views of the current situation and improvement, according to Leonhirth.

Committee composition is from honor societies and other campus organizations which expressed an interest in the study, continued Leonhirth.

Exploring the academic methods and philosophies of other universities, the committee will attempt to see if they can be inculcated into MTSU, said the chairman.


One area initially under study, the calendar, has now been changed for the university.

"The success of the committee's work will depend on the energies of its members and on the input and cooperation of the university community," concluded Leonhirth.

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German consul to talk on campus

Roland Gottlieb, the German Consul in Atlanta, will address classes in political science, foreign languages, economics, and history, Friday.

The diplomat will talk on Germany's West Policy and Ostpolitik as Integral Parts of German Foreign Policy at 11 a.m. in room 452 Old Main. "Protectionism or Free Trade," his second topic, will review trade relations between the United States, the Common Market and Japan.

Gottlieb will also make "Remarks on the Necessity of Learning Languages" and Tasks of Diplomatic and Consular Missions in Modern Times."

Ms. Gilbert, German instructor, indicated that all students

were invited to these presentations and final scheduling of the speeches would be available from the Foreign Language Department later this week.

The "chef-de-post" will also be the guest at a reception sponsored by the International Interests Committee and the foreign language students Thursday evening at the Foreign Language House.

Honors program...

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the present, added Holland. He stressed that a program of this kind can be very expensive.

Friday night Gottlieb will address the executive committee meeting of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) at Vanderbilt.

Saturday, Feb. 26, he will also attend a meeting of the Tennessee chapter of the AATG, according to Ms. Gilbert.

Gottlieb has been at his present post for three years.

The program would take instructors out of their regular classrooms and someone would have to be paid to replace them, he indicated. A director to coordinate the whole program would entail a large expense, the English professor noted.

Another problem with implementing the program is the "built-in inertia." Holland said that many instructors were not willing to change their teaching methods even when they could. University honors could start in the fall with five classes if the money was available, continued Holland. The teachers have already been contacted who would help with the classes.

Honors program has a "tremendous over-flow potential" for the whole university, according to Holland. It would make students more interested in all their work, he concluded.

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U.S. Senatorial candidate Ronald Stinnett, Memphis Democrat, will visit campus next Monday as the first speaker in the Young Democrats' "Senate '72" series.



Funeral director

Frank Essex, assistant professor political science, gained human compassion in his former profession, undertaking.

Stinnett to initiate 'Senate '72' series

Candidate for the U.S. Senate. Ronald F. Stinnett, will visit MTSU, Monday, Feb. 28 as the first speaker in the Young Democrats' "Senate '72" campaign forum.

Stinnett, a native of Cleveland, Tenn., has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, pledging to be the "People's Senator." "I believe Tennessee's United States Senator should represent all the people and not just the privileged, big business and the banking industry as your current senator does."

Stinnett, 41, served as assistant to former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and as director of President Johnson's legislative program in the House of Representatives from 1965 through 1968.

While working on his doctoral degree at the University of Minnesota, Stinnett conducted the Minnesota campaign of presidential candidate John F. Kennedy. He has managed campaigns for mayors, governors and legislative candidates.

Among the recounts in which Stinnett has participated are those for Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon and Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana.

Stinnett, who now lives in Memphis, attended elementary school in Cleveland and Chattanooga Central. He received his bachelor of science degree from the State University of New York at Courtland in 1952. Stinnett was awarded his master of arts de-

gree and the doctor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota.

The senate candidate has taught at the secondary school level for six years and at the college and university level for three years.

Education is the most important challenge facing Tennessee and the nation, Stinnett claims. He has recommended establishment of a cabinet level Department of Education. "The Nixon Administration, strongly supported by Senator Baker, has been the most anti-education administration since the Civil

War," says Stinnett, quoting the National Education Association.

"The whole focus on the busing issue has permitted a smoke-screen to hide the President's failure to release funds for education," warns Stinnett, who has also voiced opposition to busing.

"I oppose busing because it attacks a symptom and not the real cause of unequal education. The quality of education a child receives is irrelevant to the President because he is more interested in how many votes he can get in the South by opposing busing," the candidate said.

Fraternity receives high average

Alpha Gamma Rho Colony, established last spring, had the highest grade point average among fraternities for the fall semester, according to John Campbell, fraternity reporter.

Referring to the over-all average of 2.488, Larry Craig, fraternity president, stated, "We're starting out high and we're going to stay there."

With a membership of about 45, the fraternity has over 15 men with at least a 3.0 average.

"We've got other fraternities coming to us and asking questions--wanting to know what we do," Craig said in reference to Alpha Gamma Rho's early success.

The second and third highest grade point averages were

achieved by Sigma Alpha Epsilon with 2.391 and Sigma Chi with 2.369.

The first semester freshmen pledges of Alpha Gamma Rho had the highest grade point averages of all fraternity first semester freshmen.

Political scientist gains insight from undertaking

Born and raised in a funeral home in Stuttgart, Ark., Frank W. Essex, assistant political science professor, said recently that he gained "experience" and "insight" from his former profession before coming to teach at MTSU in 1967.

Essex, like his father, was a funeral home director from 1949 to 1965.

The professional role which he played in the small community enabled him to use the actual application of theories he now teaches to his political science classes, Essex said.

He added that he had been on the Hospital Board of Commissions, State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and active in civic affairs.

As a funeral director, Essex said, he had the opportunity of

insight to human compassion and a "basic love of people that got me into teaching."

Essex added that he had wanted to teach long before he actually started teaching, but, due to obligations, his opportunity was delayed.

He finally sold his funeral home to his brother, Jack, and moved to Nashville in 1965 as a full-time student at Vanderbilt University until he was employed by MTSU in 1967.

Teaching, he said, is more satisfying because he feels he is "utilizing to greater extent the fulfillment of my own interests and making a more lasting contribution to society."

However, he did note that he was not dissatisfied with his former profession.

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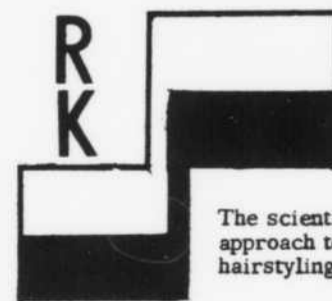
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Actors to perform 'Ladies in Retirement'

"Ladies in Retirement" will offer student actors an opportunity to tackle highly individual character parts. The production will be presented by the Buchanan Players March 3-11.

The setting of the play is an intricately designed pre-Tudor farmhouse on the Thames marshes in 1885. Costumes for this era, often called the "bustle period," are quite detailed and extravagant.

However, the dominant factor of this play is the deep quality of characterization that emerges.

The plot centers around Ellen Creed, to be portrayed by Gwen Mason. Ellen is a handsome, disciplined woman, who is dedicated to her two rather peculiar sisters, Emily and Louisa, to be

By Thalia McMillion

played by Linda Coffey and Vickie Greene respectively.

Ellen agonizes over how to provide for them, and as the plot unfolds, the tension builds.

Louisa and Emily are direct contrasts to each other. Louisa is meek, quiet and harbors a child-like quality, while Emily is often sullen and tries to assert her independence.

Connie Cox will play the part of Leonora Fiske, a "retired lady of easy virtue." Ellen is her housekeeper companion.

The romantic interest of the play is provided by Albert Feather, a clever but impudent young man. Gregory Caffey, a

newcomer to the University Theatre, is cast in this role.

He becomes interested in Lucy Gilham, the pretty young servant girl. Lucy will be played by Pam Smotherman.

Frequent visits from a nun, who lives a short distance away, illustrate the religious attitudes of the major characters.

There are a wide range of personalities in this production, and excellent opportunities for characterization. "Ladies in Retirement" is unusual, challenging, and suspenseful.

The performances will be in the Arena Theatre of the Dramatic Arts Building. Admission for MTSU students is free with ID's.

Committee names Outstanding Seniors

Six "Outstanding Seniors," the redefined senior superlatives, were announced yesterday by the selection committee. Rochelle Williams, Bobby Sands, Martha Driver, Gary Camp, Jackie Dayton, and Edwin Zaunbrecker received the honors.

Ms. Williams, president of the Panhellenic Council, is active in many organizations such as Tau Omicron, Kappa Delta Phi, Phi Sigma Beta, Kappa Delta Sorority and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Sands, ASB president, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Phi Gamma, Pi Sigma Alpha and is listed in Who's Who.

Ms. Driver, speaker of the Senate, is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, Head Raiderette,

and is listed in Who's Who among her other activities.

Camp is a member of the Sigma Club, Phi Sigma Beta Scholarship Society, Gamma Beta Phi Scholarship Society, and is listed in both Who's Who and the National Student Register.

Dayton is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Delta Mu Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, Circle K, and Pi Gamma Mu. He is listed in Who's Who and was the December '71 Student of the Month.

Zaunbrecker, who is also listed in Who's Who, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Circle K, and has played football for four years.

Nominations were made by 525 students, according to Bobby Sands. Any student who had completed 90 semester hours was eligible.

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Honor society to hold initiation

Phi Alpha Theta, international honor society in history, is planning its spring initiation. Qualifications for membership are: 60 hours with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.8, with 12 hours in history with a grade point average of 3.1. Lifetime membership fee is \$17. Students interested should contact the history department, NCB room 223.

Circle K to meet tonight

Circle K will meet Tuesday night, Feb. 22, at 7 in room 310 of the University Center.

Plans for the Miss MTSU Beauty Pageant will be discussed.

ASB Joint Congress meets Thursday

There will be a meeting of the ASB Joint Congress Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the University Center, room 322.

Chess club to be organized

All faculty and students interested in organizing a chess club are asked to meet Thursday at 11 a.m. in room 308 of the University Center.

Anyone interested who is unable to attend is asked to contact Charles Ryan, box 3263.

Exam committee meets Wednesday

The Final Exam, Registration Subcommittee of the Academic Study Committee will meet in room 322A of the University Center at 5 p.m. Wednesday. All students and interested persons are invited to attend.

Archeology club meets tonight

The archeology club will meet tonight in room 308 of the University Center at 7:30. Jim Powers will cover the paleo period and Glyn Duvall will cover the archaic period of south eastern American archeology, according to Glyn Duvall, president.

Collage announces staff position

Collage now has one position open for the spring semester, Teena Andrews, Collage editor, has announced. The position is Photography editor, which is a grant-in-aid position.

Photography editor should have basic lab skills and be interested in both art and documentary photography. He will have access to the SIDELINES - Collage darkroom.

Interested persons should contact Teena Andrews or any member of the staff at 898-2587.

Tau Omicron accepts applications

Tau Omicron, women's honor society, is now accepting applications from any junior or first semester senior woman who has a cumulative average of at least 3.0.

Other qualifications for membership include active participation in campus activities, demonstration of leadership ability and having been a student at MTSU for a minimum of one semester with plans to graduate from MTSU.

If you meet these qualifications and have not received an application form, contact Glenna Mason, Box 7267, no later than Feb. 23.

Education subcommittee meets tomorrow

The General Education Subcommittee of the Academic Study Committee will meet Wednesday night at 5 in room 322A of the University Center. All students and other interested persons are invited to attend.

Young Democrats to elect representative

There will be a meeting of the Young Democrats Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the University Center, room 322C to elect a member to the Rutherford County Executive Committee.

License due immediately

New residents of Tennessee are supposed to register automobiles and obtain Tennessee driver's license immediately, according to Ben Hall McFarlin, county court clerk of Rutherford County.

Visitors are granted reciprocity for the same period of time allowed Tennessee visitors in his state, he added.

Non-residents employed in Tennessee are supposed to get Tennessee licenses after 30 days, McFarlin said.

Servicemen on active duty in Tennessee may maintain their home state vehicle registration, he added.

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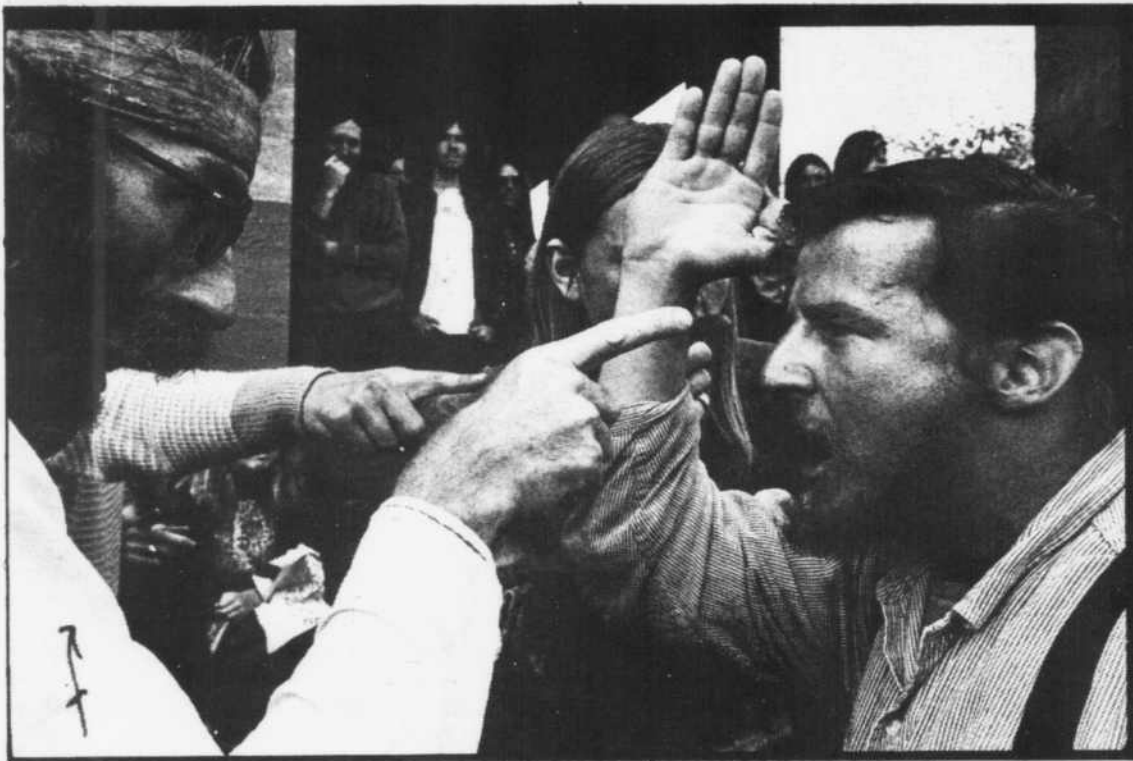
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Confrontation

Street people in Berkeley, Calif., display their emotions while becoming subjects for San Francisco State University graduate photography students. An exhibit of their work opens February 27 at the Photography Gallery in the Drawing Building.

Student health files kept secret

Files of the students who come to the health services are held in strictest confidence, according to Susie Rooker, registered nurse at the university clinic.

Sometimes students who suspect they have venereal disease fail to use the services of the clinic because they do not know their file is closed to everyone, commented Ms. Rooker.

She added, "Even if President Scarlett called he could not find out what was in someone's file."

Tests for venereal disease are made at the clinic and treatment will be given to those who have it, said the RN. The student does

have to pay the lab expenses in this case though.

Lab tests will also be done to see if a girl is pregnant but treatment will not be given at the clinic.

The nurse reported that the girls are sent to private physicians for treatment and encouraged to talk to their parents if they have not told them already.

Birth control information is discussed with anyone who wants it but the clinic will not dispense birth control pills. Ms. Rooker stressed that if the pill is the contraceptive method chosen, a girl should see a private doctor for regular care.

After immediate treatment, mental problems are referred to the school psychologists or to the parents. This is especially true if a student takes an overdose of drugs, commented the nurse.

Drug problems cannot be handled at the clinic and any immediate treatment for drug users is reported to the school authorities.

Health Services sees an average of 120-140 students in a 24 hour period, said Ms. Rooker. The service is under the direction of Dr. Robert Hackman, and employs three nurses.

Debate squad wins second place

Second place was claimed by MTSU debate squad at the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensic Association state tournament.

The meet, held in Cookeville, pitted MTSU against squads including Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, Freed-Hardeman College, David Lipscomb College and Carson Newman College.

The varsity team of Terry Thomas, Murfreesboro sophomore, and Don O'Guin Jr., Nashville junior, finished the varsity

division competition with a 4-2 record. Finishing the junior varsity division matches with a 5-1 standing were Paul Braden, Fayetteville junior, and Susan Meyers, Memphis freshman.

The award for Top Novice Team at the tournament went to novice MTSU debaters Carla Perkins, Murfreesboro senior, and Janet Childs, Chattanooga junior.

Traveling with the debate squad were MTSU theatre department members Lane Davies, Tom O'

Brien and Linda Moore. They entered competition in oral interpretation, placing first, second and fourth respectively.

The total efforts of the MTSU delegation were worth 13 points toward the sweepstakes trophy.

Taking first place in sweepstakes competition was Vanderbilt University, who also swept first place among varsity and junior debaters. MTSU came home with six trophies from the tournament.

MTSU becomes test center

MTSU has been designated as a test center for the National Teacher Examination to be administered on April 8, 1972, according to James Martin, director of guidance and counseling.

The designation of MTSU as a test center will give prospective teachers in this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the exam with candidates throughout the country who take the tests, he added.

According to Martin, college seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems which encourage or require the NTE are eligible to take the tests.

Last year approximately 116,000 candidates took the ex-

aminations nationwide, he said.

These tests are designed to assess cognitive knowledge and understanding in professional education, general education and subject-field specialization, according to Martin.

Prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey, the examinations are limited to assessment of those aspects of teacher education that are validly and reliably measured by well constructed paper-and-pencil tests, he added.

Information describing registration procedures and sample test questions may be obtained from room 209, Cope Administration Building, Martin added.

Neely to attend smoker

Jess Neely and Tandy Wilson will be distinguished guests at Delta Tau Delta's smoker Feb. 23 according to Charles Lea, president of the fraternity.

Neely, a member of the National Football Hall of Fame, is a graduate of Vanderbilt University where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Colony there, Lea added.

While at Rice University, Neely was one of the most winning coaches in the school's history and was director of athletics at his alma mater for three years, Lea said.

A member of the Delta Tau Delta Hall of Fame, Neely has

been active in Nashville youth organizations in past years, the fraternity president added.

Wilson, according to Lea, is a member of the Metro Council in Nashville.

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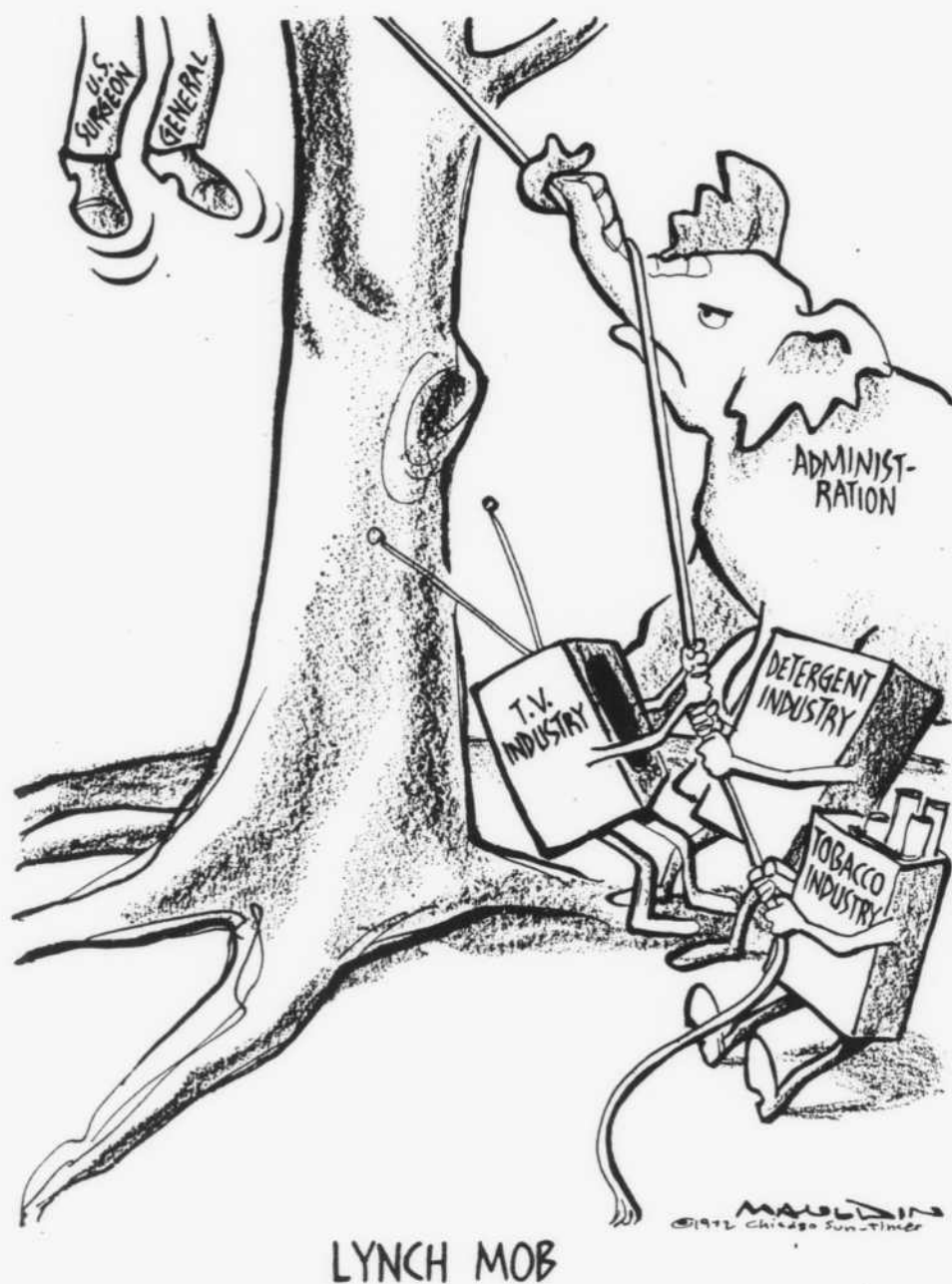
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Reader questions coverage, Editor explains review

To the Editor:

I was shocked upon reading the Friday, Feb. 11 edition and especially the Feb. 15 edition of the **SIDELINES** to find that there was no write-up at all on the Phi Mu Alpha Stage Band Show.

After seeing the picture in the Friday edition without an article, I came to the conclusion that there had been no time to write an article for that particular edition. I certainly expected to see one in the Tuesday edition, however.

Why is it that the other performances such as plays and art exhibitions by MTSU students make their way into the **SIDELINES**, but the Stage Band show is almost completely neglected?

It was quite evident that the musicians and singers involved put hours of work into the show, not including the students working behind the scene. I certainly think they deserve more coverage than was given.

The talent displayed by these MTSU students was extraordinary, and the show was enjoyed by a near-capacity crowd in the DA theatre, so why not cover the event.

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Performances are covered in **SIDELINES** if the readership can benefit by the additional coverage. Reviews are usually not presented when no further opportunity to view the performance is given.

Prior coverage was given the performance, in addition to the photographs run in the Feb. 11 edition.

Furthermore, qualified critics are few and most of our staff must work on the newspaper on Monday and Thursday nights. The Phi Mu Alpha Show was presented on a Thursday night.

Column renews service

A new editorial column, the "Last Retort" will be published in the next issue. The column, which was also published during the summer session, will attempt to answer all reasonable questions about the campus and the community.

Questions should be submitted to "the Last Retort" and include the reader's name, ad-

dress and telephone number. Only the writer's initials will be printed. Unsigned questions will not be answered.

The ombudsman column will be a reader service designed to utilize the contacts of the **SIDELINES** to solve reader's problems relating to community life, according to Editor-in-chief Rebecca Freeman.

Youthful cast initiates Little Theatre musical

The Murfreesboro Little Theatre has taken a new direction in its latest production, "Once Upon a Mattress." The directors and most of the cast are college students, high school students, or recent graduates.

Director Tommy Gray, with Musical Director Duane Sawyer and Choreographer Henry Murray, are almost certainly the youngest team the Little Theatre has entrusted with putting together a show. Thus, besides providing pleasant entertainment, the theatre directors have offered a valuable addition to the educational experiences available with the University Theatre.

After the fumbling overture, the Minstrel, (Jim Howard) outlines the situation in a sung and spoken prologue with danced and mimed illustration by Henry Murray, the Court Jester.

Needs wife

When Princess number 12 fails to win the hand of Prince Dauntless the Drab (Ralph Forsythe), the ladies and knights of the court give a lively if unmelodic announcement of the local "Opening for a Princess," and bemoan their un-wed state: "Throughout the land no one may wed till Dauntless shares his marriage bed."

As the crowd leaves, Lady Larkin and Sir Harry (Andrea Stewart and Ronnie Meek) bemoan their personal fates more intensely with "In a Little While." It seems that in a little while Lady Larkin is going to present Sir Harry with a child.

The situation is ripe for the

By Mary Emory

arrival of Princess Winnifred the Woebegone (Susan Karsch) from the Swamp Country. Winnie, or rather Fred, contrary to her sung confession is not at all "Shy," but desperate.

She is also not at all delicate, and Queen Aggravain (Susan Potts) is ready to ship her back to the swamps COD, but Dauntless and the company talk her into testing Fred for "true royalty."

In a witty and well performed song the Queen decides to test Fred's "Sensitivity" (of which there obviously is none) with the legendary pea and twenty mattresses.

Swamp tales

Meanwhile the Princess is regaling the local ladies-in-waiting with tales of her beloved swamplands. Successfully covering a coughing fit (no doubt brought on by the change of climate) Susan Karsch, aided by a beauty-shop quartet sings "Swamps of Home," a sentimental ballad that is the comic and musical highlight of the whole show.

To prepare the girl for a sound sleep, Queen Aggravain plans a mammoth ball where everyone does some uninspiring calisthenics called the "Spanish Panic."

The marathon is enlivened by a duet dance by the Jester and Susan LaFavor, a kitchen wench who also delights the audience by leading King Sextimus merrily astray.

After the ball, while Aggravain directs placement of the pea and prepares her "extract of opium and warm milk" Prince Dauntless sings the praises of his lovely Fred, and she, acting out each verse of his "Song of Love" proves herself a girl of true grit if not true royalty.

Shares hopes

In act two as Dauntless coaches Fred for her upcoming and still highly secret test, we find that among other rare qualities, Fred can spell as well as Geoffery Chaucer himself, and that her great ambition is to join all the great princesses of history and live "Happily Ever After."

Feeling that a wedding night is near, King Sextimus the Silent (Harvey Sloan) gives Dauntless a traditional "Man-to-Man Talk" that, due to the curse of silence placed on King Sextimus must be seen to be believed. This scene moves a bit slowly, but with out boy Dauntless, perhaps it's just as well.

When Fred is finally tucked in for the night, she finds that her twenty soft downy mattresses fight back, and she begins to account for the 3000-plus sheep that populate her bedchamber.

In the morning the court, with Larkin and Harry in the lead, begins joyous plans for a baby boom mostly named Fred.

The acting was for the most part adequate-to-excellent. The most frequent flaw was lack of defined personalities. This weakness was prevalent among

the knights and ladies of court, who blended into a faceless chorus almost totally lacking in individuals.

In the "Swamps of Home" scene the ladies temporarily escaped this universal blandness, responding to Susan Karsch's clever comic leadership.

Ms. Karsch's influence did not, unfortunately extend to her suitor. Prince Dauntless took "the drab" part of his title far too seriously, and except for his costume, was.

His difficulty may have been hereditary, for King Sextimus, though funny, was pedestrian considering the comic possibilities of his totally mime role.

These weakness were absent from most of the lead players treatments of their characters. In addition to Ms. Karsch's fine performance, Susan Potts, Andrea Stewart, and Ronnie Meek gave comically and musically satisfying performances.

More successful

Henry Murray, choreographer and Court Jester, was more successful in his dance creations for himself and Susan LaFavor than for the whole company. His nostalgic song and dance "Very Soft Shoes" was particularly charming.

The chorus itself was rather unsuccessful, both in dancing and singing. The unified anonymity of character was contradicted by the choral effect of so many sore thumbs.

Editorial

Grade pressures diminish learning potentials

MTSU, like too many institutions of higher learning, puts tremendous pressure on its students to make "good" grades, at the expense of scholarship and personal intellectual growth.

In an attempt to make a good grade, students memorize facts but never learn the theory behind the facts, or they copy material from books for term papers without really understanding what the material says.

Assignments that have little purpose beyond keeping one occupied cause students to miss many important concepts they could otherwise get from their courses.

Grades do not adequately reflect students' learning; they usually measure students' test-

taking ability. Regardless of what some instructors think, objective test taking is an art and not a true test of learning.

So students in a system which stresses grades so highly are given a choice: quality education or good grades. Granted, students can still learn if they forego the advantages good grades offer in the job market.

An alternative to the grade system is not easy to offer when employers have universities convinced that students must have good grades to get the good jobs. A solution is to give students honest evaluations of their learning and let employers worry about their own employment criteria.

Written evaluations, though not a complete answer to the grade

problem, come closer to showing what a student has learned than test grades.

Instructors, after two or three private discussions with their students, should be able to evaluate each student's knowledge of the course material, theories as well as facts.

In a private conversation, a student would have the opportunity to show the instructor the areas in which additional work had been done. Scholarship and intellectual growth would be noted by the instructor and would be important in the student's evaluation.

Instead of final exams with long cramming sessions, instructors would meet with their students

privately and discuss comprehensive course information. The student could not "cram" for the sessions, but a short review of class material would be helpful.

The evaluation meetings would not take much more of an instructor's time than do making out and grading several tests a semester. Since an evaluation is more valuable in determining a student's ability, the additional time would not matter to most instructors.

Grades, because they do not adequately represent a student's knowledge, should be discarded by MTSU for a more progressive means of student evaluation. Written evaluations by instructors are one solution.

Students neglect broad educational choices



Eisele



Buchwald



Clarke

Dennis Who?

Students go to college to receive a well-rounded education, right? Then why do so many Ideas and Issues speakers appear before a half-filled auditorium?

Student apathy seems to be the biggest problem, though admittedly, not the only one. Another might be the lack of advance publicity. Whatever the reason, students need to be aware of the opportunities they miss by not attending the talks.

Average pay

Five speakers this year received an average of \$1,750 to appear before the students in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. They get paid whether the students show up or not. Next year the average will probably be up to \$2,000.

Attendance figures for the year have varied a great deal, but on the whole they have been rather pathetic. Art Buchwald, for example, spoke to a near-capacity crowd. On the other extreme, Donn Eisele, astronaut turned peace corps advisor, spoke to 53 people Wednesday night.

Eisele, was, perhaps, one of the most interesting speakers I've heard this year. He was personable, he was informative and he said a number of things I didn't expect to hear from an astronaut.

After the speech, most of the audience went on the stage and rapped with Eisele.

Small crowds

Crowd estimates on the other speakers (Arthur Clarke, Harrison Salisbury and Ralph Abernathy)

By Dennis Frobish

ranged from 250 to 750 people. At a university with an enrollment of near 8,000, the problem should be not enough seats.

The speakers the Ideas and Issues committee engages are individuals who are knowledgeable in a given field, but are also usually able to speak intelligently about most contemporary problems.

Worthwhile

From these type of people, students may become acquainted with subjects outside their major field of study but which are important to a well-developed individual.

Broadening of intellectual and social horizons occur for those who take the time and initiative to attend.

This, my friends, is what education should be all about. Books are important; papers are important; classes are important. But college should be a place where young people come to expand their knowledge of the world they live in.

The Ideas and Issues speakers offer one of the best opportunities for this to take place.

Anderson next

Jack Anderson, a nationally-known syndicated columnist is the next speaker in the series. Hopefully, the DA Auditorium will be packed with eager young minds, anxious to make the most out of their college education.



Abernathy



Salisbury



Anderson

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Corps needs volunteers' pay

Yesterday all Peace Corps volunteers were taken off the payroll by the United States Government. This postponement of the volunteers' salary is due to the failure of the House-Senate conference committee to pass the foreign aid bill for 1972.

The Peace Corps was given a period of grace by a resolution that authorized continued spending

at last year's level until it expired yesterday.

The volunteer's salary is indeed meager but vital for volunteers subsistence.

If their salaries are not secured by immediate Congressional action, the legarthy of Congress may make the Peace Corps a regressive rather than progressive step in our foreign policy.

Journalism gains AP wire service

Students and instructors in journalism at MTSU will have an Associated Press wire service facility at their disposal within the next three weeks, according to Edward Kimbrell, head of the journalism department.

The type "A" wire service machine will be installed in the Student Union Building, room 100. It will furnish news copy concerning international, national and state affairs and sports information for use in classes, Kimbrell said.

Funds for the wire service were allocated by President M.G. Scarlett to enrich the department for instructional purposes on a continuing basis. Passage of budget requirements

next year will determine if the service is continued.

AP copy will be furnished continuously during the year except for the two periods MTSU is not in session.

Primary use of the AP service will be in copy editing classes. Wire services are the foundation of almost any news media, Kimbrell noted. Copy editing classes would be able to benefit in three ways from the service, he added.

Students would be able to learn the function of the wire service in addition to becoming acquainted with the codings and operations within the newspaper office or other news outlets.

Second, students would have a large amount of copy available for editing and would learn

how to correct minor language errors in stories and could re-write stories for easier reading.

Finally the wire service will serve as a means of developing the department of journalism at MTSU. Students acquainting themselves with the AP wire service history, functions and governing bodies would be better adapted to situations found in the communication process in future vocations.

The wire service has no connection with the publication of the SIDELINES. Contracted on educational rates, AP is charging the university considerably lower rates than those commercial rates charged to other outlets. Kimbrell stressed that the machine would be for instructional use in journalism classes only.

ASB committee to study Blue Raider cheerleaders

A study committee on cheerleading at MTSU has been formed, according to H. D. Wagner, vice president of student affairs.

The committee will study the placement of the cheerleading squad in the organizational structure of the university and make recommendations concerning its appropriate position, he said.

Wagner stated that the Administration had "recognized that it had not given enough attention to the cheerleaders and their unique problems."

Supervision and direction of the cheering squad, duties and activities of the squad and the latest ASB cheerleading bill regarding the selection of cheer-

leaders will also be studied, stated the vice president.

The committee was organized "because of the widespread interest and many inquiries to various offices on the campus during the past several weeks" commented Wagner.

Members of the committee include Earl Young, president of faculty senate; Charles Murphy, athletic director; Bobby Sands, ASB president; Tommy Brown, director of student relations; Judy Smith, associate dean of students; and Billie Smith, cheerleading sponsor.

Other committee members include two coaches, two ASB representatives; the cheerleading captain; and the basketball and football captains.

More students seek off-campus housing now

College students are seeking more off campus housing, claim higher education administrators. Some MTSU students desire conveniences such as kitchens and open visitation that they find only in an apartment.

Finding the right place can be a problem. Each apartment complex has its own rules and regulations. Another problem is that many students are unfamiliar with leases which tenants of most establishments are required to sign.

House rules

Some apartment complexes where tenants are required to sign leases are DeVille, University Park, Riviera and Le Beau Chateau. One exception was

University Gardens which has only house rules.

Gene Lane, resident manager of Riviera Apartments, said that all residents there sign leases, and he considers it to be an understanding stating the responsibilities of both the tenant and lessor.

Lane said he tries to give people as much freedom as possible and has had almost no problems. Everyone must expect more noise than in a house, but he will never call down a loud party unless he receives complaints, he added.

Ms. Caroline Waite, wife of the resident manager of Le Beau Chateau, stated that if tenants abide by the rules, the apartment is theirs. What they do there is their own business as

By Teena Andrews

long as they don't disturb anyone else, she added.

In the lease the tenant agrees to certain things such as to keep the apartment in good condition and not to use the apartment for a place of business, or play stereos or musical instruments too loudly, she explained.

Inspections

At University Park, originally designed to serve the college student, the rules are similar to a dormitory. The lease states that "inspections of all apartments will be made on a regularly scheduled basis."

All errors in housekeeping are pointed out in the regular monthly check and if not corrected within a certain period of time, it is done at the tenant's expense.

The shortest term for a lease at DeVille, Riviera and Le Beau Chateau is one year. This causes a problem for some students who go home for the summer months.

Ms. Waite said that this is the major reason more students do not live at Le Beau Chateau. A student has to be going to school 12 months a year to make it worthwhile, she added. Lane said that at Riviera students usually stay for the duration of their college careers.

One year leases

One year leases at DeVille, state that permission to sublet during the summer months "will not be unreasonably withheld."

According to Carol Kay, DeVille resident, many people, such as teachers are coming back for graduate work, may want an

apartment for the summer which works out well for the college student who wants to sublet.

Roommates

In no place except University Park are any accommodation arrangements made. This is because University Park rents to students by the person, whereas other complexes are rented for a certain fee whether occupied by one person or several. Lane stated that he will try to find a roommate for anyone who wants to share an apartment at Riviera.

University Park, on the other hand, states in its lease that the management has the right to "reassign tenant to any other apartment upon the premises." A person, therefore, consents to be moved into an apartment with strangers.

Kenneth Bean, resident manager of University Park, states that the complex is designed to show a profit by running at full capacity all the time, hence the need to move students together.

Different terms

University Park was built especially for college students, while other apartments were planned for the general renter. This accounts for the different terms of the lease from other places, Bean said.

For instance, the lease states that if the tenant ceases to be a student at MTSU or if the Dean of Students should so request it, the tenant will not be allowed to remain at University Park.

No other apartment contacted gives any special rules for MTSU students in the lease. In the cases of DeVille, Riviera and Le Beau

Chateau, everyone signs a general lease.

Many students feel that signing a lease at Le Beau Chateau is a special discrimination against them, Ms. Waite stated. Most are unfamiliar with leases and some take them to their lawyers, only to be told that this is a standard lease, with nothing hidden, to be signed by all renters, she added.

Some families

All University Park tenants now sign the lease intended for college students, even though a few are not students, Bean stated. However, he said that renting to some families is being considered, and separate lease would be drawn up for them.

In the event of breaking a lease, most apartments will require a reimbursement for expenses incurred by the cancellation. At Le Beau Chateau the tenant would forfeit a \$50 deposit and one month's rent if he leaves before the one year lease expires, Ms. Waite explained, unless the tenant is transferred in his job or called into military service.

DeVil's lease is similar, with a month's rent required if the lease is broken to move out of Rutherford County.

Three reasons

Bean stated that cancellation of a lease at University Park during the semester is possible for only three reasons: marriage, moving home or medical excuse. University Park also requires a month's rent in the event of cancellation.

University Gardens uses no leases, said Jim Bryant, resident manager. Because of its location, its tenancy consists mainly of a student population which fluctuates. An oral agreement is much more convenient, he said. The only requirement for moving is to give a 30-day notice.



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Views on Nixon's trip differ

Wagner: students acquire more responsibility today



Ms. King

Six students were asked their opinion concerning Nixon's journey to China.

Sophomore Pat King of Murfreesboro said, "A lot of people are against Nixon's visit, but it's a good first step. If we ignore each other, we'll never get anything done."

Disc jockey Scott Stevens had the following comment: "If the trip is handled in a careful manner, it can be a first step to better world relations. By careful manner, I mean proper security." Mr. Stevens is a sophomore at MTSU, and is an announcer at W G N S in Murfreesboro.

Nery Mejicano, a graduate student in psychology from Guatemala, Central America, said, "For the first time, we are not ignoring the fact that they (the Red Chinese) amount to a great nation. The Taiwan government represents only a small portion of the Chinese people. It was about time that we recognized that fact. The trip does have political implications, but it is a point for Nixon."

Lonnie Molteni had this to say, "Although I don't think Nixon will accomplish a whole lot, I am in favor of the trip. It is a good starting point, just as their (the Chinese) admission to the UN was good. It'll stay good as long as he doesn't jeopardize our relations with allied countries." Molteni is a junior from Nashville.

Sophomore Phyllis Ballou from Franklin said, "He (Nixon) may be nuts in a way, but he's trying to do the best he can. If secrets weren't let out as they are, if his officials didn't let out these secrets before they were supposed to, the general public would have a better opinion of him."

Karen Northcutt, Altamont senior, commented that "Nixon has made an important step forward even if political relations aren't improved. At least U.S. citizens will have a greater awareness of the Chinese as a people, culturally and politically."



Stevens



Molteni



Ms. Northcutt

Today's students play greater roles in responsibility than ever before, said Harry Wagner, vice-president of student affairs.

Asserting that MTSU is a "community within a community," Wagner pointed out that MTSU has its own unique set of laws which are not always consistent with local laws.

When a university rule is broken, the student is liable for disciplinary action through university channels, such as the university disciplinary committee, said Wagner. However, the student may appeal the decision through any local, state, or national court, he said.

This course of action was followed through last summer by a student from Chattanooga when the Davidson County Chancery Court overturned the university disciplinary committee's previous decision. The student was

re-admitted to school, Wagner indicated.

Any breakage of rules that occurs on campus is primarily mediated through the university, according to Wagner, rather than involving outside forces.

However, in the instance of theft, the prosecuting student has the right to turn the case over to a higher authority if he so desires, Wagner continued.

For the most part, Wagner said, the student abides under rules he would encounter anywhere. The obvious exceptions, he added, are the rules the campus applies which have educational merit, such as dormitory hours for freshmen.

The majority of rules that the university follows, Wagner indicated, are devised from the different opinions expressed by alumni, taxpayers, parents, faculty and students.

MTSU to host seminar; discussion of grades 5-8

MTSU will conduct a Middle Schools Workshop Tuesday, Feb. 29 discussing problems and programs in grades 5-8, according to Jerry McGee, program coordinator.

Superintendents, supervisors, teachers and principals interested in the development of "Middle Schools" of this area have been invited to participate in the workshop, according to the assistant professor of education.

The meeting will feature Robert Bumpus, director of the Middle Schools of Decatur, Ala., he said.

In a paper presented by Donald Eichorn, Upper St. Clair, Pa., at the 1971 meeting of the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Chicago, the Decatur Middle Schools were selected as a model middle school program of the future, he added.

The MTSU workshop will be directed by Ralph White, chairman of the MTSU department of education, McGee added.

McGee said the workshop will be held in room 201 of the Student Union Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.



Mejicano



Ms. Ballou

ASB representatives may be dismissed

Twenty clubs and organizations on campus are in danger of losing their ASB representative, according to Bill Aldred, speaker pro-tem of the house.

Aldred stated that Article IV, Section 4 of the ASB Constitution says, "Any organization whose representative shall miss three meetings of the House in one semester shall lose its vote in the House for the remainder of the semester in which the absences occur."

Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Pi, American Guild of Organist, Little Sisters of

Maltes Cross, Beta Beta Beta, Biology Club, Black Student Association, Collage, Delta Mu Delta.

Gracy Hall, H. Hall, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Omega Pi, Pi Sigma Alpha, Pi Sigma Epsilon, Wesley Foundation, Midlander and MENC are the organizations involved.

These organizations have been notified of their status through the mail, said Aldred.

Each of the girls' dorms are going to have representatives in the near future, related Aldred. The men's dorms already have representatives.

Next meeting of the house will be Thursday.

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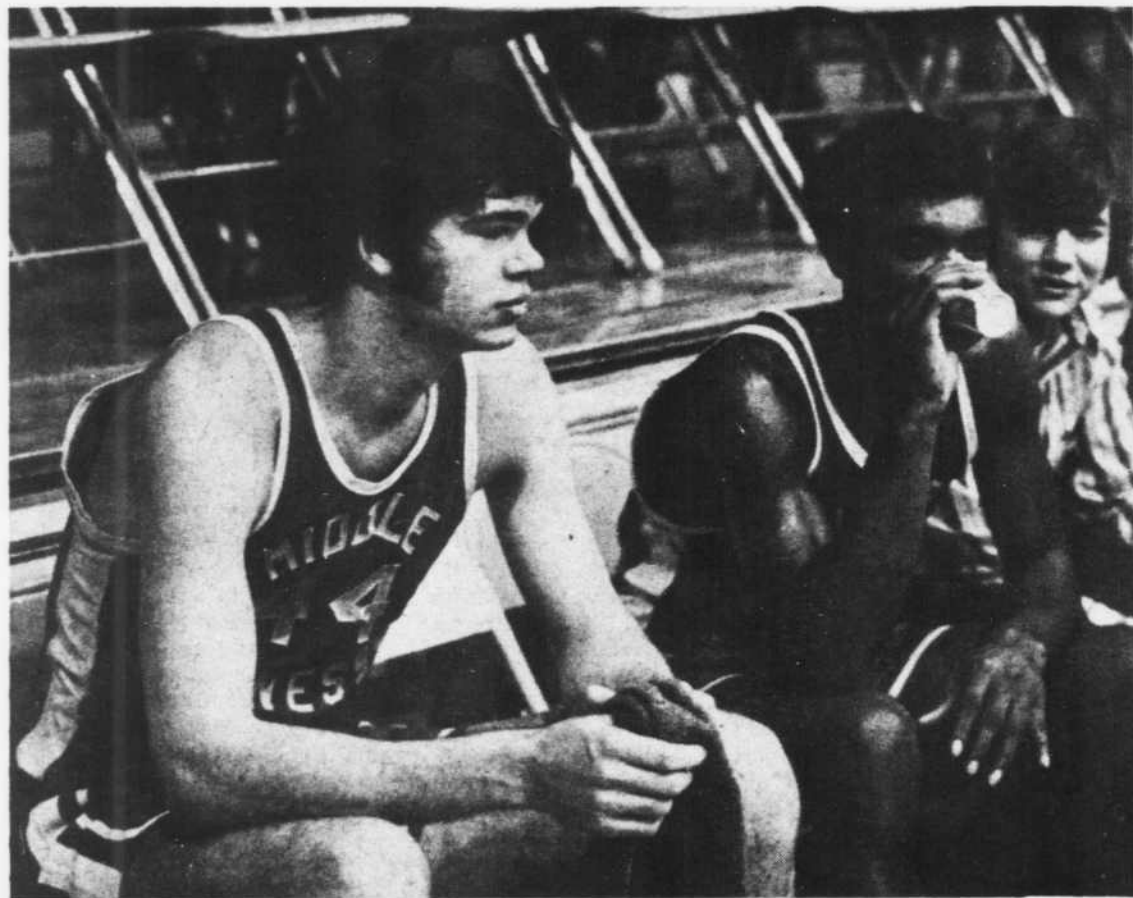
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Breather

Steve Dixon and Steve Peeler rest during the frosh contest after they combined for a total of 53 points and 42 rebounds against Memphis State.

Overtime game

Raiders lose to Eastern

MTSU saw Eastern Kentucky return from a nine-point deficit with 4:01 remaining in regulation time to take a 92-91 win in double overtime here last night.

For the second time in three nights the Raiders saw a comfortable late game margin go by the boards in what Coach Jimmy Earle called a "coach's nightmare." Earle was referring to a time-out called with just four seconds remaining and the score tied, just as Herm Sykes hit a go-ahead fielder which was disallowed.

The Raiders had another opportunity to win in the first 40

minutes, but missed a one-and-one with two seconds on the clock.

Eastern's win coupled with losses by Morehead and Tennessee Tech thrust the Colonels back into a three-way tie for first in the scrambled OVC race with a 7-4 conference record.

Senior guard George Bryant came alive late in the second stanza of regulation time to spark the Colonel comeback effort. Bryant accounted for 12 points in the last four minutes of original playing time and the two overtime periods and finished the night with 24 points, high for Eastern.

Charlie Mitchell finished the night with 20 markers, while Daryl Dunagan and Dan Argabright collected 11 each.

Big Chester Brown turned in a superlative effort by tallying 32 points and 17 rebounds for the Raiders. Sykes and Nick Prater, who started in place of Jim Drew at forward, both notched 18 points, while Drew bucketed 14. Prater claimed 10 caroms for the Blue.

Statistically, the big difference was at the free throw line where MTSU could connect on only 58.3 per cent while Eastern, mainly on the strength of Bryant's 10-10 performance shot 77.4 per cent.

The loss dropped MTSU's conference slate to 5-6 and virtually eliminated any chance at the title for the Blue whose overall mark is now 15-8.

McClure, Haynes lead squad at Kalamazoo

Barry McClure and Tommy Haynes led MTSU's track team to a ninth place finish out of 17 teams at the Central Collegiate Conference Indoor Championships held this weekend at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

McClure had the winning leap in the triple jump with an effort of 50-8 1/2. Haynes, who finished fourth in the same event with 48- 1/4, captured first place in the long jump, posting a jump of 24-2 1/4.

High jumper Jesse Agnew set a new school record of 6-7 with his fourth place finish. Rounding out the field events was Greg

Linter's 52-5 1/2 for a fifth in the shot put.

Myles Maillie and Charles Wilson each garnered sixth places in the 800 yd. run and the 60 yd. dash, respectively. Maillie posted a time of 1:55.4 in the finals, but set a new school record in the preliminaries held Friday with a run of 1:53.9. This was also Wilson's first meet since recovering from an injury to his Achilles tendon.

Next weekend the Blue Raider thinlies will travel to Columbus, Ohio for the Ohio State Invitational. This will be their last "warm-up" prior to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Indoor Championships in Detroit, Mich., March 10-11.

Blue's canine mascot has interesting past, present

Lord Byron, the 180-lb. MTSU mascot, has an interesting background. The St. Bernard has been the Raiders' mascot since July, 1970.

Receiving the idea from a New England University, Bart Gordon, president of the ASB during the 1970 school year, suggested a St. Bernard as the new school mascot according to Ronnie Calahan, Kappa Alpha fraternity member who helps care for Lord Byron.

Gordon was a former member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

"Measures were taken by Bart and other ASB members to have the university adopt a St. Bernard as the school mascot," Calahan continued, "but the university would not accept the idea because they did not want to be liable for him."

Gordon, not accepting defeat, discussed the matter with his

fraternity brothers, and then again with the school administrators, Calahan, former KA vice president, said.

"The Kappa Alpha fraternity agreed to buy a dog for the university and be responsible for him," Calahan continued. "Shortly thereafter we purchased the St. Bernard from a Smyrna woman for \$250," he said.

A poll was taken at the university in choosing the dog's name. Following the election, the St. Bernard officially became Lord Byron and is registered under that name, Calahan said.

Prior to Lord Byron, a horse had served as the Raiders' mascot.

"Besides leading an active life at the KA house, Lord Byron has spent a vacation in Florida with his brothers," Calahan concluded.

Frosh beat Memphis State

MTSU's high-flying frosh turned back Memphis St. here last night 97-75 behind the 38 point and 25 rebound outburst of

6-7 jumping jack Steve Peeler. Holding a slim 42-41 edge at the half, the Blue exploded for 55 second stanza points after seeing Peeler carry all the offensive load in the first 20 minutes as he canned 23 markers.

Sharpshooting Memphis St. guard Shannon Kennedy led his club with 26 points followed by James Liss with 18 and Larry Trospier with 12.

Jimmy Martin with 20, Steve Dixon with 15 points and 17 rebounds and John Rucker with 14 were the other Raider frosh in double digits.

Memphis St. was outrebounded by the Baby Blue by a 55-36 margin to account for the large difference in the score.

With a 16-4-2 record, the Raider frosh take on Austin Peay in a 5:15 preliminary contest next Saturday night.

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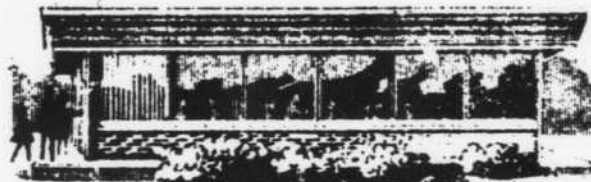
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AP shows lack of sports knowledge

The Associated Press and Joe M. Edwards, their Tennessee sports editor, have revealed their abject lack of ability to assess the caliber of basketball conferences and teams in a letter to the AP high school basketball board dated Feb. 7, 1972.

Quote, "Players chosen to the 10-member team should be those who have displayed the potential of becoming starters for Southeastern Conference-caliber teams. Players chosen for honorable mention should have indicated the potential to become starters on Ohio Valley Conference-caliber teams or reserves on SEC-caliber teams."

Sports expert

The "sports expert" who wrote this is obviously unaware that an OVC team finished third in the nation last year and that the OVC team killed the SEC's representative in NCAA play-offs last year.

SEC teams have been and still are extremely wary of playing OVC schools. Vanderbilt is one of the few to have done so in the past and who will do so again, at least for the next two years, until they get burned again like they did the last time.

Easy pickings

Vandy's "easy pickings" didn't roll over and play dead for them a few years ago, and they were lucky to escape with a home-and-home split with their poor relatives.

This time when Vandy picked an OVC team, they were careful to choose the one with the worst career overall record in the con-

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ference, besides extorting a king's ransom to play the two games.

AP ratings have always been a source of amusement to sports enthusiasts and revelation of the arbitrary method used to determine the superiority of one conference as opposed to another will give some insight into the farcical circumstances surrounding All-Star selection boards.

Players outside a metropolitan area, or any players on a losing team, don't stand a snowball's chance in hell of receiving their just dues.

Number one guard

Take the situation at MTSU for instance. Raider Herm Sykes is the consensus number one guard in the conference and the OVC is rated as the best guard league in the nation. Does this insure Sykes of getting the publicity and acclaim due him? Absolutely not!

Since "The Worm" is playing team basketball on a controlled-offense squad which just happens to have the nation's seventh best defense, his around 20 points per game average is discounted.

Playing on either an East or West coast team or a perennial big winner, he would be a cinch for All-American honors. As it is, only a couple of pro scouts think Herm is worth the trouble to travel any distance to observe.

Raider inability to adjust to a changed defense was the big reason for the Blue loss to Morehead Saturday night. The offensive execution was nothing to brag about either, as the Blue went from 5:54 to 2:01 without scoring a point while losing an eight point lead.

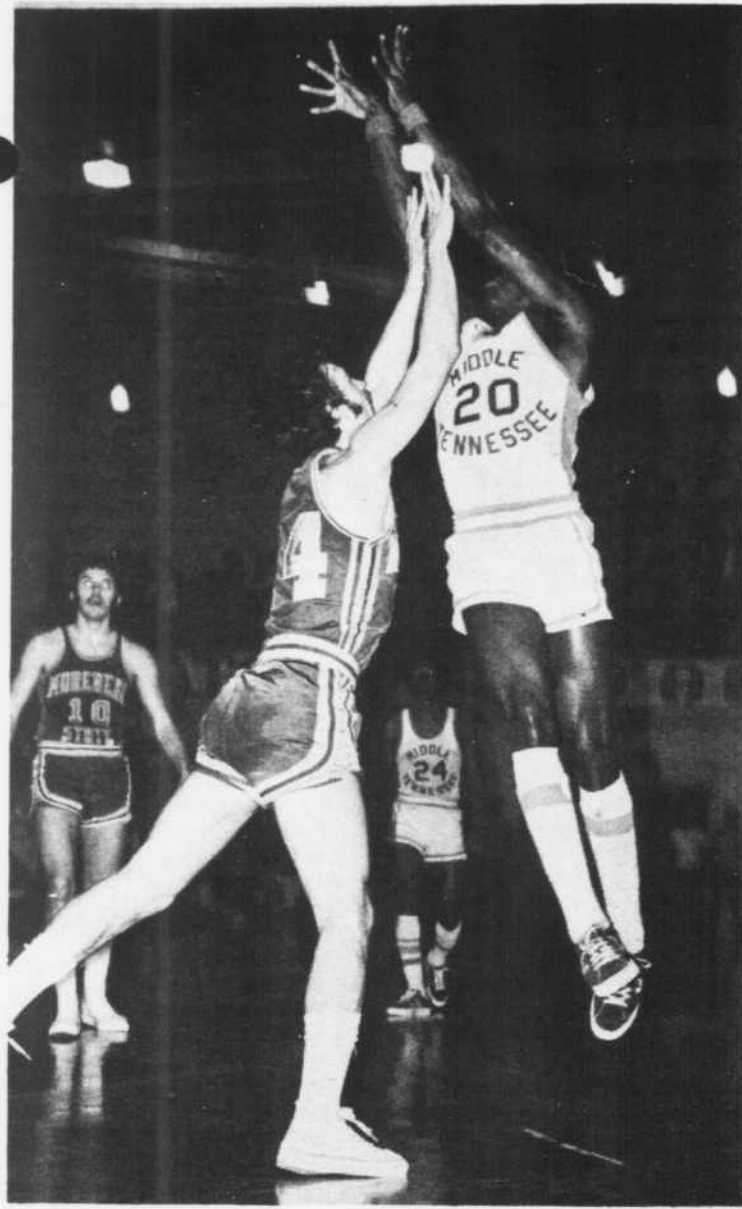
People shouldn't discount Morehead, however, since they are now in the driver's seat as far as the conference race is concerned.

Chester Brown turned in a top-notch offensive and defensive performance against the Eagles before feeling the wrath of the officials and having to exit the playing area.

Terry Johnson was matched against probably the second-best all-around forward in the conference in Leonard Coulter, and gave the usual good account of himself until he, also, got into foul trouble.

Frosh John Rucker found out the inadvisability of physical violence against an old pro like Bob "Snake" Grace the other night while playing Vol Structures, a conglomeration of ex-Vandy stars with a couple of other big names like Bill Justice thrown in for good measure.

Rucker is finding out that there is such a thing as defense and that it can be played against you, even if you were a high school star.



Raider Herman Sykes shoots for two of the twenty points he rolled up Saturday night despite the defensive pressure of Morehead State's Bill Dotson as the Eagles' Howard Wallen looks on.

"The Worm"

OVC leader

Morehead defeats Blue Raiders

Morehead's Eagles maintained their hold on a share of first place in the OVC with a come-from-behind 71-68 victory over MTSU Saturday night.

Down by eight points with the Raiders beginning to stall, the Eagles changed defensive alignments and put Leonard Coulter on the point of a pressure zone. The change allowed the sophomore-laden Kentuckians to disrupt the Raider offense and score 10 unanswered points, thus taking a two-point lead with 2:11 remaining.

Reserve Bubba Abell, who led the late Morehead charge with seven points, broke a tie with 1:30 remaining to put the Eagles ahead for good.

Howard Wallen tallied 22 points, mostly long range jumpers, to pace the visitors while Coulter provided 20 more scores.

Raider top-scorer Chester Brown fouled out with 1:12 remaining after accounting for 22 points on 10-13 field attempts and 2-3 at the free throw line. Herm Sykes wound up with 20 for the Blue followed by Terry

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Johnson with 10. Johnson led all rebounders with 12.

After gaining a 10-10 tie with 13:21 remaining in the first stanza, the Raiders never trailed again until only 2:11 to go in the contest.

The loss evened the Blue's conference worksheet at 5-5 while leaving their overall slate at 15-7.

Morehead is now 7-3 in the conference and shares the lead with Tennessee Tech, one-point winner over Austin Peay Saturday night. Previous leader Eastern Kentucky dropped a five point decision to Western Kentucky the same night.

Next opponent for the Raiders is Austin Peay, visitors to Alumni Gym on Thursday night.

Captains meet for reunion

Former MTSU basketball coaches and captains met here Saturday for a dinner prior to the MTSU-Morehead game, according to Jim Freeman, sports information director.

This game was selected as a date to honor former Raider basketball teams by Homer Pittard, alumni secretary, Freeman added.

At the game, the former stars were given seats of honor behind the Raider bench and were introduced at half time by John Hood, assistant to the president, he added.

Former coaches who attended included O.L. Freeman, E.K. Patty, Charles Murphy and Charles Greer, he said. Approximately 15 former captains attended the game.

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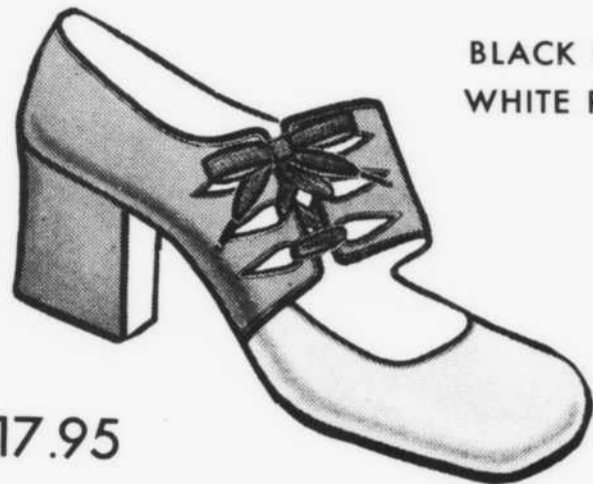


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