

# SIDELINES investigates bookstore's workings

In recent years, students have registered a number of varied complaints with SIDELINES about the MTSU bookstore which has resulted in this investigation of bookstore policies and procedures.

This article is the result of an investigation by two staff writers. A column expressing their views is on page 4.

Some of the more common complaints include the high prices of the bookstore, book drops and profit allocation.

"Does the bookstore make a profit?" is a frequently asked question. Morris Bass, vice president of administration and finance, said, "The bookstore has more income than expenditures, but this money cannot be

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called profit because it is not used as other businesses use profit."

The bookstore revenue over expenses was about \$124,590 last year, according to Jim Jackson, business manager of MTSU

"Profits are forced upon us by local merchants," Jackson said, and lowering prices would cause an unfair advantage. Since the bookstore is state-owned, it does not have to pay for rent and other normal store overhead, according to Bass.

"The bookstore doesn't try to compete with Murfreesboro businesses," said Bass. "It performs a convenient service for students and faculty, and

is not concerned with business from the townspeople, although local residents are welcome."

The bookstore's volume, which was approximately \$1 million gross last year, is made up of about 50 per cent books and 50 per cent supplies.

"Bookstore profits do not necessarily go for student activities," according to Jackson, "We try to channel funds back into student related projects, but need determines what bookstore profits are used for," he said.

Bookstore profits from the fiscal year 1971-72 will be set aside in a reserve fund to pay for the equipping of the expansion of the University Center.

For four years prior to the expansion of the football stadium, bookstore profits were reserved for the construction of the enlarged seating facilities.

Only one year out of the last four saw bookstore profits delegated directly to a student fund, which was the Co-curricular Committee. The Co-curricular Committee budgets money to student activities such as the Associated Student Body, publications and cheerleaders.

Concerning pricing policy, Bass said, "Pricing in the MTSU bookstore is fairly consistent with all bookstores in the country."

Bass contends that if bookstore profits were eliminated by a break-even policy, the university would have to look elsewhere for the funding of special projects.

Approval of student fee increases by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission or a cut back in services,

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## Home brew?

Skip Marlin, graduate art student, measures urethane compounds for molds used by art workshop students  
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## Closing classes

### Overscheduling causes cancellations

"Overscheduling of classes" was partly to blame for a number of class cancellations at MTSU this summer, according to Howard Kirksey, vice president for academic affairs.

The exact number of cancellations has not been determined by officials.

The classes offered this summer were based on an estimation of the number of students expected to enroll. Last summer a total of 4,919 students attended MTSU and an estimate of 5,000 students was made for this summer. But actual attendance is at least 500 short of that estimate, according to the vice president.

The minimum number of students required before a class can be held is twelve in lower division, eight in upper division and six in graduate courses.

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However, the deans can each request about 18 exceptions in cases where a class is needed by several students for graduation in August or in other unusual circumstances, Kirksey said.

In cases where two sections of the same class do not have the required number of students, the classes can be combined. Only one section of each class will be held unless there are more than 25 students enrolled.

Some students have been greatly inconvenienced by the cancellations. For example, Monica Cox, Murfreesboro senior, had planned to graduate in August, but three of the classes she needed were cancelled. She was unable to substitute other

classes, and her graduation has been delayed until December.

Another senior, Bob Henry, registered for a lower division sociology class. But only ten other students enrolled in the class, one short of the minimum required, and it was cancelled.

Professors have also been disturbed by class cancellations. Glenn Himebaugh had planned to teach two journalism courses this summer. One of the classes was cancelled and the other, newswriting, has an enrollment of only five students. An exception was made for the news-writing course.

"Class cancellations create an unfortunate situation," Himebaugh said. "I think some faculty would make other plans for the summer if they realized these situations were likely to arise," he concluded.

## Committee urges general education revisions

The Academic Study Committee released as a part of their report a series of recommendations that could serve as a basis for revision of the present general education requirements.

This is the second story in a series concerning the Academic Study Committee's report that was issued at the end of last semester.

The committee established by Bobby Sands, former ASB president, was chaired by Jim Leonhirth, Murfreesboro senior.

The general education program devised by the committee was formulated following the completion of investigation by the committee members. This investigation involved discussions with students, faculty and admin-

Other institutions of higher education were also approached to find out their opinions concerning general education requirements.

At the present, MTSU students must take a total of 40 hours of general education courses. The Academic Study Committee's program would cut this total to 37.

Currently students must take 12 hours of English (101, 102, 201, 202); 12 hours of science with a minimum of six semester hours in each of two sciences; 12 hours of social science which includes six hours in American History; and four hours of physical education or military science.

If the Academic Study Committee's recommendations were adopted, several changes would result.

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- The English requirement would be changed to nine hours. These nine hours would include one, 100-level composition course and two, 200-level courses. The student would have a total of 16 proposed 200-level courses from which to choose.

- Students exempted from the composition courses could complete the requirements by taking one upper division course and two 200 level elective courses.

All students would be required to take American History Survey 201 and 202, unless exempted by college entrance exams or by a departmental exam. Four new 200-level courses have been proposed to provide for exempted students.

- Six hours of social science would still be required. These six hours would have to be taken in the following areas: economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology or sociology.

- Students would be required to take six hours of physical science. This would include chemistry 101 and physics 102.

Five courses with different emphases would be offered in this physical science area. They

include courses oriented toward music, consumer problems and environmental problems.

A physical science course for students who have had high school chemistry would also be offered. Six hours of biological science would be required. Students would be allowed to choose a particular section of the course according to its emphasis.

- Team games and conditioning and three activity courses would comprise the four hour physical education requirement.

### Inside the news . .

State Board to act on new degree

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# SIDELINES . . .

## Area candidates to attend 'Ole Time' political rally

All candidates running in the August election have been invited to attend an "Ole Time" Candidates Rally on the Murfreesboro courthouse square Saturday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

For the purpose of registration and explaining absentee voting to voters, the Murfreesboro Election Commission has agreed

to open its office from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, according to Mrs. Jerry Prock, League of Women Voters Service Chairman.

Besides state candidates such as George Dehoff, candidate for state representative and Reagor Motlow, candidate for state senator, those running for sheriff and the school board will speak briefly beginning at 7 p.m.

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if these funds could not be obtained, would be the result, he said.

Both Jackson and Bass predict no immediate changes in bookstore pricing policies.

Book drops are another source of complaint. Several students found last semester that some of the books that they could not sell back were on the shelves of the bookstore, apparently still being used in class.

Earl Harris, textbook manager of the bookstore, explained the situation as a book stocking problem.

A department must request that a book be dropped two semesters in advance. When the request is filed, the bookstore checks its stock of the par-

ticular book, and buys back only the number necessary to meet predicted usage for the next two semesters.

If none are needed, a student finds the book is on sale even though the bookstore won't buy his copy.

Some students accuse the bookstore of buying discontinued books at only one dollar and selling them back to the publisher for a higher price. In tracing several transactions of this kind, it was found that the bookstore gives the student the price that is paid by the publisher for the book.

"Many MTSU bookstore policies come from the National Association of Bookstores," Jackson said. "This results in similar policies in all university bookstores."

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### New degree

## State Board to act on program

Recommendations will be made today by the State Board of Education concerning an MTSU proposal to create a Bachelor of Science program in Criminal Justice and Administration, according to Frank Lee, director of MTSU's Diagnostic Center.

Although the program has been on the drawing board for the last two years, Lee feels that it probably won't be approved because of a conflict with a similar program at Tennessee State University.

"You just don't conflict with Tennessee State", Lee said, "at least that's the way the State Board feels about it."

Although Tennessee State has a program similar to MTSU's proposed major, Lee says that

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it is 'only on the books' and not significant since not many people enroll in the courses.

"There are at least 50 students waiting to enroll in the MTSU program if it is approved," said Lee.

"For some it's a matter of whether or not to continue their education," he continued.

To start a program of this kind, it would take about \$50,000, which is normal for any program, according to Lee.

The proposed program would have three options of either concentration in police, corrections, or a combination of the two for those who desired a broad background.

The major program would require approximately 30 hours in criminal justice.

One minor in psychology would also be required as well as another minor of the student's choice.

The program would allow the student 20 hours of electives after all requirements for the major minor, and general education were completed.

"The program, used as either a double major or a minor has tremendous possibilities for

nearly every major field," Lee said.

He also stressed the applicability of the program to a student preparing for law school.

A program of this type, according to Lee, would enable graduates to enter their profession at the higher levels.

The present two-year program leads to the associate of Arts degree.

The Diagnostic Center, manned by four persons in addition to Lee, secretaries and graduate students, serves as a practical as well as instructional facility. The center tests juveniles and makes recommendations concerning their placement.

It is presently housed in a recently renovated home on East Main Street.

The move was made, according to Lee, because of a lack of space in their old office on the third floor of the Student Union Building and also to make it easier for law enforcement officials to find it.

The renovation, which included major reworking of the structure and foundation of the house, cost approximately \$100,000.

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# Le Doux cites art appreciation as workshop goal



Phillip Vanderweg demonstrates the use of a mold in making fiberglass layups.

## Sigma XI elects campus officers

New officers of the Sigma Xi research society of MTSU were elected recently. The members of the society named James Hutchinson, of the chemistry department, to serve as president for the coming academic year.

Other officers included Marion Wells, biology, vice president; Mary C. Dunn, biology, secretary, and A. E. Woods, chemistry, treasurer.

Sigma Xi, an honorary society that encourages both pure and applied research, has 164 chapters and over 160 clubs in the United States and Canada.

Appreciation of modern art has been the goal of a two-week art workshop on campus which ends Friday, according to David LeDoux, associate professor of art.

Twelve students, including teachers, hobby painters and persons merely interested in art, have been working with new ideas and new materials from June 9 to 23.

Attitudes of openness toward new art are what the program is trying to create, stressed LeDoux. Too many people consider modern art worthless. The workshop is attempting to eliminate this bias.

Workshop directors are encouraging teachers to pass the new ideas to students because a child exposed to new art is more likely to accept it than an adult, the professor said.

LeDoux calls the sessions a "workshop in perception."

Throughout the workshop the students have viewed films of modern artists working with similar materials to help them conceptualize some of the uses of

their materials. For example, before the student artists began their epoxy resin project they saw a film of West Coast artist, Peter Alexander, mold the resin into prism-like shapes.

Each day a "skull session" is held, which graduate student Skip Marlin describes as "fun, not all work." Lectures with slides are presented, followed by a discussion of the problems the participants are having with their projects.

LeDoux indicated that he hoped that a workshop could be funded next summer with possible federal aid. He noted that the workshop was funded with a minimum amount for supplies and materials. Much more versatility would have been allowed the students with the availability of such as vacuform machines which would allow the students to shape their own molds.

We would like to think of this workshop as a pilot project," LeDoux said.

The sessions employ nontraditional materials including polyurethane foam that is formed

by an exothermic chemical reaction when two plastic components are mixed. When mixed, the foam may be molded either into hard or spongy shapes. Colors can be added to give the plastic additional characteristics.

Individuality in design was conceived in part by the methods in which the students colored the plastic, altered the molds or used the shapes in other designs.

Each student also completed a project using fiberglass layups in which layers of fiberglass were alternated in molds to the students specifications.

The students also completed

a project using plexiglass.

A fifth and final project will be completed by the conclusion of the sessions which must utilize two or more projects previously completed from urethane foam, plexiglass or the epoxy resins.

Marlin thinks the workshop is good for bringing people who have been out of school several years into contact with the university and new developments.

LeDoux plans to have the results of the workshop published in nationally-known educational magazines.

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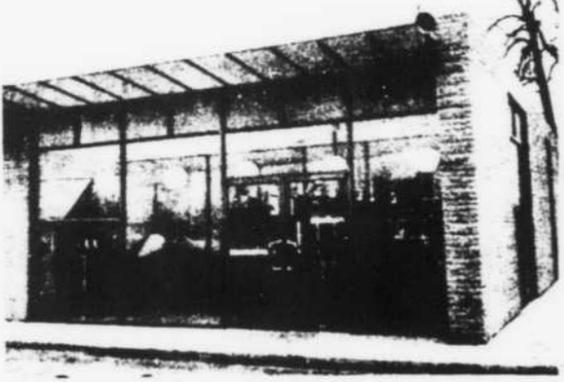
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In 1926 the State Board of Education passed a ruling that the college and university graduates under their jurisdiction had to have two years of English, one year of American History, one year of science and two years of physical education. Since that time this university has added an additional year of social science and physical science which did not require state board action.

The Academic Study Committee's report, which was recently released called for many reforms. Changes were suggested in the grading system, the honors program and registration. But perhaps the most significant recommendation came in the area of general requirements for MTSU students.

Other studies have been made, one in 1964 and another which

reached the president's desk last year. These studies and their recommendations have not been acted upon.

Other universities and colleges have gone to the state board with recommendations to reduce their general requirements and have gotten them altered. It is time for this university to do the same.

The recommendations that the Academic Study Committee made were just the first step in freeing the students of this university from the tyranny of general requirements. It is a positive step, but it does not go far enough.

If students are to grow into thinking, decision-making individuals, they need an opportunity to decide on their own general requirements with the help of their advisors.

Open Column

Writers question bookstore policies

If you've read the feature article in this issue concerning the bookstore, it probably sounds to you like another public relations release, since we did not tackle the issues presented.

The feature article, by definition, presents only facts, not opinion.

The reason we took the time to investigate the complaints that had been voiced to us from various students about the bookstore was to either confirm or correct the ideas that have been built up about the subject for the last few years.

Problem is complicated matter

In getting to the heart of the problem we found that it is quite a complicated matter.

The issues that we set out to clarify included textbook resale, book drops, the pricing policy of the bookstore and where the profits from the bookstore go.

As far as resale, book drops and other related questions, these were settled and we found no irregularities as explained in the feature article.

Our grievances lie in the pricing policy of the bookstore and how the funds are used.

The bookstore over the last few years has claimed that their profits went directly to a student

fund, as an answer probably to the questioning of their high prices.

This is not quite the truth.

Profits delegated by administrators

Bookstore profits have been used by decision of top financial administrators at their discretion, applying them to the areas they felt needed them most.

Only one year out of the last four saw profits delegated directly to a student fund, according to administrators.

This year's bookstore profits have been reserved for helping to pay for the expansion of the University Center, they said.

By Chuck Snyder and Brenda Lane Ass't Feature Editors

Quite clearly, the bookstore can no longer claim that their profits are returned directly to the student.

A second grievance lies in the pricing policy of the bookstore. But the blame apparently can be divided between the bookstore, the university and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

By the administrators' own admission, the bookstore could be operated on a break-even basis, thus lowering prices, but they

object to this on two counts.

The first is that the bookstore is in competition with local businesses. Lowering prices at the bookstore, the administration feels, would cause local merchants to complain of an unfair advantage because the bookstore does not have all the normal expenses of a store such as rent, etc., and therefore can afford a cut in prices.

Writers question theory's validity

We seriously question the validity of this theory. Although about half of the bookstore revenue is derived from the sale of supplies, this does not provide enough competition to upset local merchants.

After all, how many local businesses sell MTSU decals, sweat-shirts or mugs, or biology equipment or materials specifically designed for classroom use at MTSU?

The administrators' second objection to lowering prices has to do with university funding.

Bookstore profits are not considered when the Tennessee Higher Education Commission allocates funds to the university. The profits are considered as incidental money generated by the operation of MTSU.

Thus, the profits provide a

reserve fund that can be used at the discretion of the administration.

Top financial administrators feel that eliminating these funds by putting the bookstore on a break-even basis would put them in a precarious position, fearing that the state would not make up the difference in allocations.

It is a truly sad situation that causes the university to push even more financial burdens onto the students.

Many people feel that the state of Tennessee does not provide enough funds for education and the bookstore situation seems to be a result of that inequitable funding.

As far as the administrators interviewed are concerned, they are satisfied with the present policy since they feel it is in line with that of other university bookstores in the state.

Student participation only recourse

It would seem as if the only recourse is through student participation, possibly in the form of further investigation by the ASB.

Isn't it strange that to change the pricing policy in our bookstore it seems we must climb the bureaucratic ladder, probing each of the rungs as we go.

'Conspiracy' rates fair review

"Groundstar Conspiracy" is probably a pretty good movie, if you come into it off the street.

If you read the media ads, "We challenge you to guess the ending of . . ." then you have probably lost about one-third of the entertainment value of the film.

Entertainment value is the chief asset of the film; it is not overwhelming in depth or message. Performances by the stars do not particularly stir plaudits.

George Peppard is Tuckson, one of the long line of last-named characters. Michael Ser-razin is "John Welles" (whether he is or not, is the focal point of the movie) and Chris Belford is the "innocent" bystander who becomes involved with the mach-

By Jim Leonhirth

inations of the screenplay. Tuckson is never identified as to his position but one assumes that since he can keep Air Force and civilian brass from their own projects he must be the chief of security.

Movie Review

Matthew Howard has drawn a fairly good plot around a popular theme of the amnesiac searching for his identity. The evils of the military-industrial complex and federal snooping are exposed and ridiculed but

generally they do not interfere in the fun.

The characters speak a "Dragnetesque" dialogue with some pretty good one-liners which add humor to offset the suspense, such as it is, of the film.

Tuckson does make a few "red, white and blue" statements about the propriety of snooping and eavesdropping.

"I would place my family naked in the spotlight, if I thought my country's security was being threatened," he said.

In fact, this reviewer, who will not reveal the ending for those who might want to see the movie, guessed that the surprise ending was that Tuckson is President Nixon's appointee for the directorship of the FBI.

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## Viewpoint

## Rural area problems grow

Contrary to popular belief, the population of rural America is not shrinking drastically. It has stabilized at about 54 million.

True, the farm population dropped from about 30 million in 1940 to 10 million in 1970 (less than 5% of the total population). But the rural non-farm population has greatly increased during this period.

That's the problem--all of those people who used to farm,

but don't anymore. Most are still living in small towns.

Rural areas suffer from widespread unemployment and poverty. Half of the nation's poor, but only one-fourth of the population live there. The poor make up one-fifth of the rural population, while constituting only one-tenth in the cities. Only one fourteenth of the population is considered poor in metropolitan areas including the suburbs.

As more and more farm jobs are eliminated, displaced agricultural workers find themselves unemployed or under-employed.

Non-farm employment is growing faster in the countryside than in the cities. Many former farmworkers, however, have not benefitted from the upsurge in non-farm jobs in rural areas.

These displaced workers often have poor educations and have a lack of industrial skills. Forty-five per cent of the rural population, 25 or older, has less than an eighth grade education compared with 25 per cent for the same group in urban areas.

This situation is important to Tennesseans. Forty-one per cent of the population was counted as rural (living in places of 2,500 or less) in the 1970 census.

By Michael Hall

Average personal income in Tennessee is about 78 per cent of the national average. This is much higher than 25 years ago when it was about 50 per cent. Tennessee gains on the nation as a whole about 1 per cent per year in this category.

Much of this increase can be attributed to the growth of non-farm employment in the state.

Future income levels may be dependent upon Tennessee's ability to absorb the farmworkers into the industrial and commercial sectors.

There are several reasons displaced agricultural workers do not find suitable jobs besides lack of education and training. Often the available jobs are in another area and the poor cannot

afford to move. Those who can move often follow relatives rather than jobs--causing concentrations of low-skill job seekers in areas that have a limited number of such jobs.

Many times the industry that moves to small towns will bring personnel with it, rather than hiring local labor. Other times incoming employers will "cream" the local labor market by setting unrealistic hiring standards, thus hiring the better educated younger workers first and leaving the older worker who can least afford to move without work.

Government programs to help the poor have a definite urban bias (everybody knows that the poor live in the cities, right?). A disproportionate amount of money to help the poor is spent on metropolitan areas.

The only area of human resource funding that leans toward rural areas is elementary and secondary education. Inadequate local funding for rural schools offsets this aid to a great extent, however.

Worse still, vocational education in rural areas tends to concentrate heavily on traditional agricultural subjects, leaving students with inadequate preparation for non-farm jobs.

Pilot voluntary relocation projects have achieved some success and offer some hope, but the problem is still unsolved. It's a problem that seems remote to many of us, but it must be dealt with effectively if Tennessee is to continue to gain economically on the rest of the nation.

Tennessee must provide vocational training leading to non-farm occupations in its rural schools. The trend to consolidated schools will help in this respect. Retraining programs for adults must be promoted.

When industry is given a tax break or a subsidy to move to a rural site it should be explicitly restrained from engaging in harmful hiring practices.

Perhaps the most important step that should be taken is to provide effective vocational guidance in rural schools.

## Cash attacks responses to earlier endorsement letter

To the Editor:

I recently read two articles in the SIDELINES, in response to my endorsement of President Nixon's order to mine the harbors of North Vietnam. Upon reading Miss Beech's article I found that she could not interpret my article much less President Nixon's Vietnam war policy.

She said, "I question Mr. Cash's ability to speak for the entire body of College Republicans." Well, in the first place, I did not speak for the entire body of the College Republicans. I began my article announcing a decision voted on by the College Republicans shortly after we had examined the President's actions.

I then stated clearly my own personal opinion of the matter. As for my ability to speak on any issue, I think that I possess as

much if not more ability to speak out for what I believe than Miss Beech.

Then Miss Beech continued her unqualified remarks by calling my endorsement of the President blind. In my article I pointed out that I was not endorsing the President because we were of the same party.

To prove that it was a non-partisan endorsement on my part let me go on the record now as saying that I also supported President Johnson's bombing of North Vietnam and he was a Democrat.

The only critical remarks I had of Mr. Johnson was that his war policy was not strong enough to end the war in Vietnam. Also let me say to Miss Beech that anything that I do publicly is well thought out, which apparently her article was not.

Miss Beech called my appeal for prayer to almighty God to

bring peace emotionalism. To this I must say that I am a Christian American, and that in our country's pledge to the flag we say One Nation Under God.

Also as a Christian I shall call upon God to help this country's sincere quests for peace whenever I feel like it. I do not feel that this country has enough prayer in its society today. If Miss Beech interprets this as emotionalism, then I proudly plead guilty.

### Letters

Miss Beech said that she thought that the President's action brought us closer to World War III. Let me ask her if she can name me one American President other than Nixon who has been in Moscow and signed

a mutual arms freeze with Soviet and United States flags flying side by side.

The answer to this is that she and also if the President were playing politics with the Vietnam war, would not Miss Beech agree that the popular thing for him to do would be to call for an immediate withdrawal. But the President has chosen to put his office on the line in hopes of bringing us a generation of peace.

Let me also remind Miss Beech that the President polled an outstanding 61 percent in the latest Gallup poll and a commanding 21 percent lead over the Democratic front runner, Mr. McGovern. With this let me dismiss Miss Beech's remarks as ridiculous and totally without substance.

Now let me turn my remarks to Mr. Adams' charges about my

patriotism. First I must laugh at the thought of anyone disputing my patriotism. If Mr. Adams is a Vietnam veteran, then I praise him and have great admiration for his service to a great cause.

Also I must state that to my knowledge I have never met Mr. Adams, and that I have never in any fashion stated my lack of support for our armed forces. If I have ever written anything or said anything to imply my lack of support to the armed forces to Mr. Adams then let this be a public apology to him.

Let me again in ending this column call upon every student to join together in support of the re-election of the President, and join him in his quest to bring peace and understanding not only at home but all over the world. Phillip B. Cash Box 3816

## Critic examines Elton John's honky album

Elton John's fifth album is called *Honky Château* (Uni). All the songs, as usual, were written by John and his partner, Bernie Taupin. Elton John has messed his fifth album up, almost completely.

While it is undeniable that John is a good, almost brilliant, songwriter, and a passable vocalist, he has absolutely no grasp of proper delivery, or effective use of musical instruments.

Only in one place on the album--"Rocket Man," the cut that was released as a single--do special effects and vocal tracks complement each other. For the balance of the record, vocals and poly-rhythmic tricks struggle with each other for most prominent place on the disc.

Let me illustrate. The record's second cut, "Mellow," is a simple little emotional statement about a guy and his pain-relieving chick who "makes me feel so mellow." On the surface, it would seem like the song could deliver what it promises.

### Off the Record

Beautifully poetic lines such as "with the curtains closed and the window froze/By the rhythm of the rain" made me itch to hear the song.

Surprise. E.J. screwed it all up. His bluesy, gutsy, belting delivery, totally out of pace with the rest of the song, combined with the jarring piano and organ, ruined it completely. So much for "Mellow."

On side two, there is a number, "Slave." Elton John portrays a slave. You can tell he's

By Jim Trammel

a slave because of the sophisticated banjo back-up, and he makes his voice sound funny. Exit "Slave."

Sometimes his bumbling polyrhythmics are fairly acceptable, as in "Honky Cat" where he tries to convey a city's confusion. On the other hand, there are cuts like "Amy," where John's force in selecting powerful instruments far outshines his performance as a singer, making the whole performance lop-sided.

But, despite what E.J. could do about it, there are some good points to this album. Mostly they take the form of brilliant individual performances by some of the back-up artists Elton retained. Davey Johnstone, an accomplished guitarist, did an impressive job in trying to save the impossibly mediocre "Susie."

The most pleasing offbeat performers on the disc are Jean-Luc Ponty, French jazz violinist who doesn't see as much action as he should; and David Henschel, whose synthesizer work contributes much to "Rocket Man," which I've already said was the album's best.

To his credit, John does a good job singing his own stuff. His casual vocal rhythms make for a kind of offhandedness that, in itself, is very appealing.

If he just knew how powerful that force is, and how to control it, he'd be great. As it is, one will leave *Honky Château* wondering why, since Elton John is so good, he can't be better.



## MTSU professor to appear in British biographical work

Otis Lewis Freeman, professor of industrial arts at Middle Tennessee State University, is to be included in the fourth edition of "Two Thousand Men of Achievement for 1972" published by a British firm.

"This publication has established itself as one of the most prestigious biographical works...

and may be found in the Library of Congress, the British Museum and the leading libraries of the world," according to Ernest Key, president and honorary editor of the book.

He was included in the 1970 edition of Personalities in the South and is listed in the Who's Who in the South.

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## Raiderscope

### Haynes is busy, man!!

By Wally Sudduth  
Sports Editor

Tommy Haynes is a very busy man, according to a letter received by Raider track coach Dean Hayes.

Haynes, MTSU long and triple jumper, is touring Africa with an All-Star group.

The group is living with families in each different country and Haynes says he really enjoys the tour and the graciousness of the people he is able to meet.

Tommy says he is already picking up bits of the language though with his schedule I don't see how.

Besides long and triple jumping, his specialties, he is running the 100,200 and 400 meter dashes. We know you are versatile Tommy but that is ridiculous!

Haynes has already recorded a win in the triple jump over the African national champ. His only loss so far was in the face of an almost 53-foot leap.

Tommy has also gone over 25 feet in the long jump, so if his strength holds up he could come back a double national champion threat.

Another Raider trackster still prominently in the national picture is Barry McClure who is one of only three to meet Olympic qualifying standards in the triple jump. Unless something unforeseen happens, McClure is almost assured of a trip to Munich this summer.

Word is already filtering out of Alumni Gym and off the concrete court about freshman basketballer Dave Bormann who is enrolled in the summer session.

Pick-up games featuring some members of the Raider varsity show young Dave as an accomplished inside threat and very deadly shooter from 18 feet on in.

More basketball gossip indicates that ex-Raider forward Ken Riley is looking lean and mean in the Nashville summer league in which several Raider roundballers are competing. Supposedly the reason for all this diligence has something to do with a person named Finley buying the Memphis Pros.

Riley could have played last year with the right mental approach. A lot of his lackadaisical attitude the last couple of years was due to a lack of faith in his oft-injured knees. A healthy Riley will provide someone with another Bill Bridges.

## Jackson names court appointees

Temporary summer supreme court and traffic court appointments have been announced by John Jackson, ASB president.

The courts, which will handle the judicial decisions for the students until the fall appointments have been made, will not hold regular sessions but will meet only for trials.

"The public defender and the

public defense council, composed of four students, have not been appointed," Jackson said.

"Jeff Barnett, attorney general for the fall, has been appointed for the summer," the president commented.

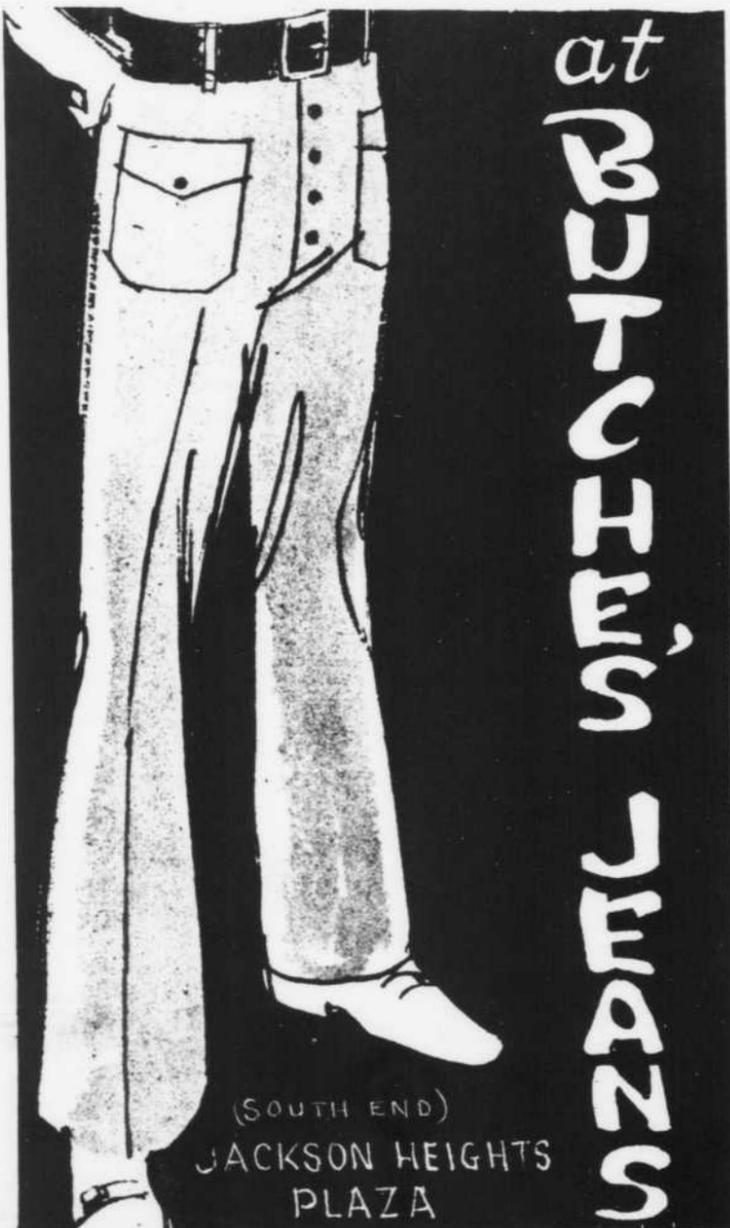
The supreme court justices are Jerry Cunningham, acting

supreme court chief justice; Catherine Turner, senior justice; Cameron Kerr and Beata Wilhite, junior justices, and John Boutwell, sophomore justice.

Chief justice of the traffic court is Chris Weir with Russell Barnett and Dwight Haggard serving as associate justices.

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# Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Dec. 2	Northeast Louisiana University	Monroe, La.
4	Pan American University	Edinburg, Tex.
6	Centenary University	Shreveport, La.
11	Vanderbilt University	here
13	UNC-Asheville	here
Jan. 4	Athletes In Action	here
8	Bellarmino College	here
10	MacMurray College	here
13	*Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville
15	*East Tennessee State University	Johnson City
17	Georgia State University	Atlanta, Ga.
20	*Morehead State University	here
22	*Eastern Kentucky University	here
27	*Austin Peay State University	Clarksville
29	*Murray State University	here
31	UT Chattanooga	Chattanooga
Feb. 3	*Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Ky.
8	Parsons College	here
10	*East Tennessee State University	here
12	*Tennessee Tech University	here
15	UT Chattanooga	here
17	*Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Ky.
19	*Morehead State University	Morehead, Ky.
22	Northeast Louisiana University	here
24	*Murray State University	Murray, Ky.
26	*Austin Peay State University	here
Mar. 3	*Western Kentucky University	here
	*Ohio Valley Conference Game	

## Vanderbilt clash highlights rugged basketball schedule

A rugged three-game road trip opens the 1972-73 basketball schedule for MTSU, but the highlight of the slate is the home opener with Vanderbilt on December 11.

It will be the Blue Raiders' first game in their new 11,600 seat fieldhouse. It is now in the final stages of construction and scheduled for completion by December 1.

MTSU will open the season December 2 in Monroe, La., against Northeast Louisiana University. Then come games against Pan American in Edinburg, Tex., and against Centenary University in Shreveport, La.

In addition to Vanderbilt, Northeast Louisiana and Centenary, new opponents include Bellarmine, Parsons and Athletes In Action. Pan American, Georgia State, UT Chattanooga and MacMurray are holdovers from last season.

MTSU will play the other seven Ohio Valley Conference schools home-and-home, beginning with a game on January 13 at Tennessee Tech.

## Speedy outfielder

# Raider recruiters sign Cox

Outfielder Roger Cox has become the second baseball signee of the current recruiting year for MTSU.

Cox, whose signing was announced by head coach Lefty Solomon, played the past two seasons at Cumberland College in Lebanon. The fleet-footed Cox wound up the 1972 season with a .403 batting average, good enough to be the 20th ranked junior college hitter in the nation, but his greatest attributes are speed and defense. He has been timed in 3.8 seconds from home plate to first base.

"This puts him in a very select group," stated Solomon. "Fewer than one out of a hundred can cover ground like that," he added.

Proof of Cox's speed is the fact that he stole 22 bases this

past season without getting caught.

As a defensive player, Cox leaves nothing to be desired. He was named the team's standout defensive player as a freshman, and handled every chance without any errors again this season.

Cox was named the Most Valuable Player on the Cumberland team, and was also a member of the All-Conference team. He has been nominated for junior college All-American honors.

Tom Kirby, Cox's coach for

the past two seasons, had the following to say about the talented youngster:

"He is an exciting ball player, and will definitely make things happen on the field. He can help a team in so many ways," the coach commented.

Solomon pointed out that Cox's signing is a big step toward his recruiting aims of more speed, strength up the middle, and better pitching. He joins Shelbyville's standout shortstop Steve Zitney as the Blue Raider signees thus far.



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## Meeting set for summer activities

A meeting for those interested in planning summer activities will be held tonight at 7:30 at the University Center in the ASB office. Glen Thornton, president of Circle K, and Dennis Huffer, head of the summer activities committee, will be in charge.

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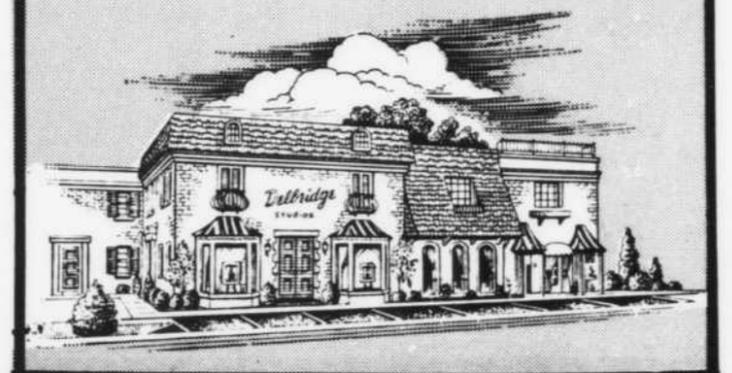


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