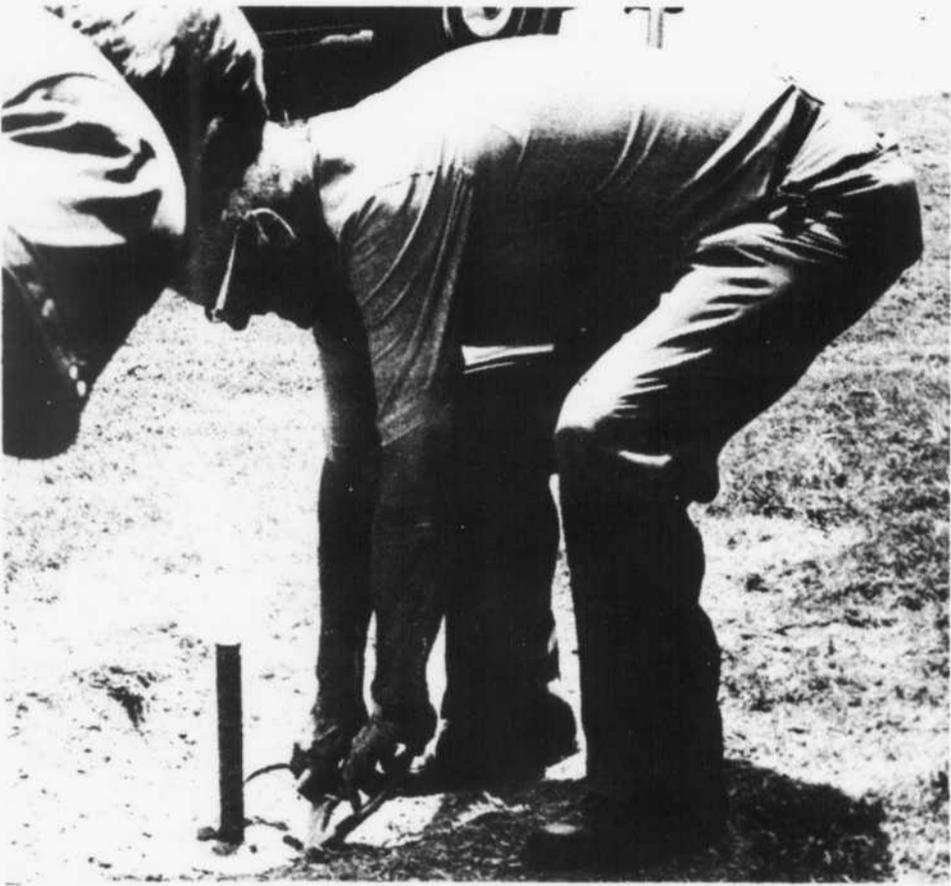


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Saturday on the square

Murfreesboro Mayor Hollis Westbrooks (left) bends over to pick up his horseshoes Saturday during a hot afternoon of throwing on the courthouse lawn. A group of local citizens (below) take time out from their whittlin' to discuss the mayor's game, which is known as one of the best in the area. Although the square is officially the center of business, it can be a place for enjoyment--especially if you enjoy people-watching.

Photos by Linda Sissom



News Briefs
(from the Associated Press)

MEMPHIS - An evidentiary hearing on James Earl Ray's argument for a new trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may be held later than the Sept. 30 date suggested by U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. McRae Jr.

McRae said Tuesday he had received a letter from Bernard Fensterwald of Washington, D.C., one of Ray's three attorneys, indicating that the attorneys would not be ready by Sept. 30.

NASHVILLE - The state administration has released \$33,334 for planning East Tennessee's new medical school despite an attorney general's opinion Tuesday that the school has not met all requirements spelled out in state law.

"We viewed releasing the state appropriation as necessary for East Tennessee State University to meet the five requirements set out by the VA," Finance Commissioner Ted Welch explained.

File 13

Found: a pair of woman's glasses in the NCB Mall yesterday. Call 2610 and identify.

Anyone wishing to vote as an absentee in the August 1 primaries may do so through July 25.

Debaters to question power of presidency

by Michael Hall

Another massive investigation of the power of the presidency was announced in Washington on Monday.

Joining the Supreme Court, the Congress and the press in their work on the subject will be the MTSU debate team and 900 other college and university squads across the nation.

Officials of the American Forensic Association made the announcement of the topic for the upcoming debate season.

"This will be a different kind of investigation," MTSU coach Jim Brooks said. "Our debaters will be focusing on the long-range effect of executive power, rather than trying to determine guilt or innocence, or arguing about legal precedents."

Formally stated, the 1974-1975 intercollegiate debate resolution requires teams designated 'affirmative' to defend the statement: "The power of the presidency should be significantly curtailed." 'Negative' debate teams will furnish the opposition.

The last time the question of executive power was brought into the debate arena was when Richard Nixon was still a member of the Whittier College (Calif.) Forensic Society. The topic announced on July 15th of that year was "Resolved: that the power of the president should be increased."

The 1974 subject of restricting presidential power won out in an early July balloting among the nation's debate coaches. Other strong contenders for the topic

were foreign policy problems, the regulation of multi-national business interests, and protection of First Amendment freedoms.

The first clash on the new topic will be at the season-opening MTSU "Earlybird" Tournament on campus in October.

MTSU's 12 - member squad, scattered across five states for the summer, spent Monday hovering near telephones for word of the annual announcement to reach them.

"This will be a very broad subject area," said Knoxville senior Ron Howell. "Before it's over we may have examined every executive department in Washington."

"First, you spend some time thinking about the topic," said Nashville junior Gary Buchanan. "Then its time to start digging in the library for information. Analyzing the issues is the most

important step to get ready for the first tournament, but that comes last--after you have read what others have to say."

What will come of this latest investigation of the executive branch?

"Academic debate is an educational activity first," said Brooks. "By the time the national debate tournament rolls around, debaters will probably have a better total picture of the larger issues than the principals in Washington."

"Our debaters also enjoy the competition," he said.

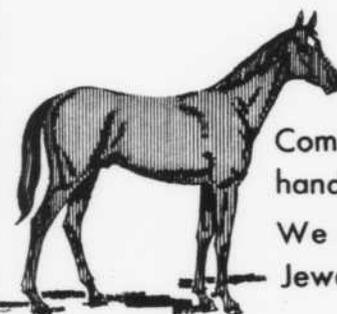
Will the debaters recommend impeachment of the president? "That's not the point of our researching and debating," Brooks said.

One former member of the Whittier College Forensic Society will undoubtedly be relieved to hear that.

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Improved education should be major goal—Oldham

Improvements in education should be one of the most important goals in Tennessee. Dortch Oldham, candidate in the Republican gubernatorial primary, said.

Oldham, the retired president of the Southwestern Co., a Nashville publishing firm, appeared on campus Friday.

"We need to keep a combination of vocational and academic education," Oldham said. "I don't think anyone in Tennessee wants to see the son of a blue collar worker kept out of college just because he wants to be a mechanic."

Comprehensive high schools offering both vocational and academic education are needed throughout the state, he said.

Oldham said the present welfare system is "leading this country down the road to destruction" and incentives are needed to put welfare recipients to work.

"In some way, we've got to teach our young people that there is dignity in hard work and being able to stand on your own two feet," he said. "We must teach them that there is something degrading

about accepting welfare when you're able to make it on your own."

Oldham, one of seven children, said he was very poor when he was young, but was able to "get ahead" by working hard. His publishing company made Oldham a millionaire.

"Society must stop coddling criminals," Oldham said. "It is now time to start getting mean with

criminals."

He said teachers have the opportunity and responsibility to mold children into "good citizens" who will not need to rely on society for aid or to victimize society through criminal acts.

Oldham said he is "the best qualified man to be governor of Tennessee" and claimed he is gaining on the other GOP candidates. Nat Winston and Lamar

Alexander, and will win the nomination.

"I can beat any of the Democrats," Oldham said. "I am running a common sense campaign and I am speaking out on the real issues."

Many voters believe Alexander is too young to be governor, and Winston may not be acceptable to many people because of his background in psychiatry, he said.

Gubernatorial mock election scheduled

by Lisa Marchesoni

A mock election of Democratic and Republican gubernatorial nominees will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 24 in the first floor of the UC.

Any student enrolled in summer school, faculty member, administrator or staff personnel is eligible to vote in the ASB-Sidelines sponsored election.

"Hopefully, the election will build enthusiasm between students, faculty members, administrative members and per-

sonnel," David Dodd, ASB president said.

With the election a week before the state primary, people will think seriously about the election and decide early on the candidates, Dodd said.

"The two purposes of the mock election are to create interest for the primary and to gather information about who our students prefer and to make this information public," Dodd said.

The election will be an opportunity for MTSU personnel to express themselves in a block vote. Bill Mason, Sidelines managing editor said.

The ASB will supply the voting materials and Sidelines will handle publicity, he said.

"By sponsoring the mock election, Sidelines and ASB will begin a period of cooperation that will hopefully promote a good relationship between the two as well as give the students an opportunity to be heard," Mason said.

"An I.D. is needed to insure that only eligible persons vote," Dodd said.

Student representatives should provide the ASB with any posters or pictures available to be displayed at the polling place, Dodd said.

"If the student representatives need any assistance, they should contact the ASB office," Dodd said.

Students interested in working at the polls are asked to call Dodd at 2464.

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Editorials

Sidelines clarifies role, policies

Confusion often surrounds the role and content of a campus newspaper, and Sidelines' policies need clarification.

The editorial, usually found in this space, may be written by any staff member. Although the editorial represents the majority opinion of the editorial staff, it does not necessarily reflect the feelings of anyone else--the advertising staff, faculty, administration or student government.

Not to be confused with editorials, signed columns are solely the opinion of the author.

Space in Sidelines is open to all via letters to the editor or the "open column." Brief letters have the best chance for publication, and they should be signed although names may be withheld upon request. The editor may grant an "open column" to those who wish to expound upon any issue of concern to readers.

Although not everything can be printed, letters and columns are welcome and each will receive editorial consideration. Any material submitted to Sidelines is subject to condensation and other necessary editing.

Sidelines' role is that of any other newspaper--to inform, influence and entertain its readers, and at the same time provide for an exchange of ideas through its editorial and opinion pages.

News important to the campus community is printed whenever possible. However, due to space and staff limitations, some stories are overlooked. News tips are appreciated.

When columnists take a dim view of some situation and reporters investigate complaints, some persons interpret this as a Sidelines' position that "all is bad" at MTSU. They feel Sidelines employs a negative attitude.

Not so. Sidelines attempts constructive criticism.

It must be realized that no institution--whether newspaper or university--is perfect. Of course, Sidelines shares in making mistakes, but in pointing to the mistakes of others, the staff hopes that good will result.

Being a student newspaper, Sidelines' prime responsibility is to the students and not to projecting a false image that "all is good" at MTSU.



Readers' views

To the editor:

As everyone knows a typical college student such as myself has plenty of money to throw around and if you lose some here or there why worry about it.

My case is another classic example of the MTSU "Con Game." After registering for two four-hour courses, one to be taken the first session and the other to be taken the second session, I decided to drop the second four-hour course and replace it with a three-hour course--a difference of one hour.

Upon changing courses I have found that it is "school policy" not to refund any money even though some was due. I would not object to paying the charge for a change of program but a complete refusal to refund the money is entirely unfair. I asked about having the money applied to next semester's tuition but that's "impossible" too.

I feel this "policy" is unfair and should be changed. However, like everything else at this university, nothing will be done because everyone is afraid of "rocking the boat" to change a few policies that should be changed.

There is a lesson to be learned from this and that is don't pay any money in advance because it is very unlikely that you will ever see it again. You don't always get what you pay for around here.

Gary R. Keel
Box 8750

To the editor:

As a resident of K apartments on campus, I was required to deposit a \$20 breakage fee. I could see nothing unusual about this since it is a common practice of all apartment complexes to require a deposit from new tenants to cover any damage done to their apartment, either intentionally or through their negligence, and it was my assumption that my deposit was required for this same purpose. My assumption was wrong. When my deposit was returned money had been deducted due to certain items (still unnamed) allegedly having been damaged or stolen from a lobby which I never use.

When I rented my apartment I was not informed that I would be held responsible for the security

of the lobby. Who authorized the Housing Office to assign student residents responsibility for items they place in an area which is open to the public? Are we supposed to maintain a periodic security check on the lobby and outside area? Maybe we were expected to establish a vigilante-type security force to patrol and protect items outside our personal living area.

Why were we not given a hearing by the Housing Office before our money was taken and spent to replace these items, and why were we not given an itemized receipt for this unauthorized purchase with our money?

Perhaps this is just another right you must relinquish when you become a resident in a university dormitory. After all, you must learn to forget any sentiments you may have held for a right to privacy in your own living quarters since they are subject to free entry by numerous persons for practically any reason. It is not uncommon to come out of the shower to find intruders in your room performing some inspection

or maintenance chore that just couldn't be hampered by waiting for the resident to answer the door and grant them admittance, nor is it uncommon to return home to find your door left open or unlocked by these intruders.

Many student problems stem from a lack of respect for the rights of students and this policy of charging students a penalty for things which are beyond their control seems to be just another way of spanking their grubby little hands.

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Higher safety standards increase bicycle costs

by Michael Gigandet

American bicycles will cost more after Jan. 1 resulting from recent bicycle safety standards issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. David Miller, bicycle mechanic and salesman, said last week.

The commission handed down mandatory regulations to the American bicycle industry earlier this month, which cover steering systems, braking performance, frame strength and reflectors.

Last year alone, the commission reported, there were one million bicycle-related injuries. An estimated 419,000 of these persons required hospital emergency treatment.

"The standards are bound to improve things if they are not ignored," Miller, an employe of Sloan's Cycle Sales, said.

Bikes which cost between \$300 and \$500 are the only ones which meet safety standards, he said. "They are built right."

Miller, who owns a \$600 bike, said cheap bikes are "death traps" because the brakes sometimes fail

and the pedals fall off.

"I am appalled at department stores which sell cheap bikes," Miller said.

Ron Wiley, manager of Campus Bicycle Shop, said the standards would "elevate the quality" of American bicycles as well as the price.

"The safety rules are good and should lower the accident rates," Wiley said.

He said the standards should put a "little bind" on the American bicycle industry.

Wiley said that most bicycles repaired in his shop are American made or imported bikes sold in department stores.

"Cheap bikes have brakes made of steel which do not work as well as those of alloy," Wiley said.

Miller was not as optimistic about the regulations. "Americans must learn to respect the rights of small vehicle operators," he said.

The regulations also require operating and maintenance instructions and coverings for protruding nuts and bolts and sharp fender edges.



Photo by Linda Sisson

Bicycles of all kinds, shapes and models crowd bike racks about campus. But due to higher safety standards, prices are expected to rise next year.

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Mock election

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Wednesday, July 24



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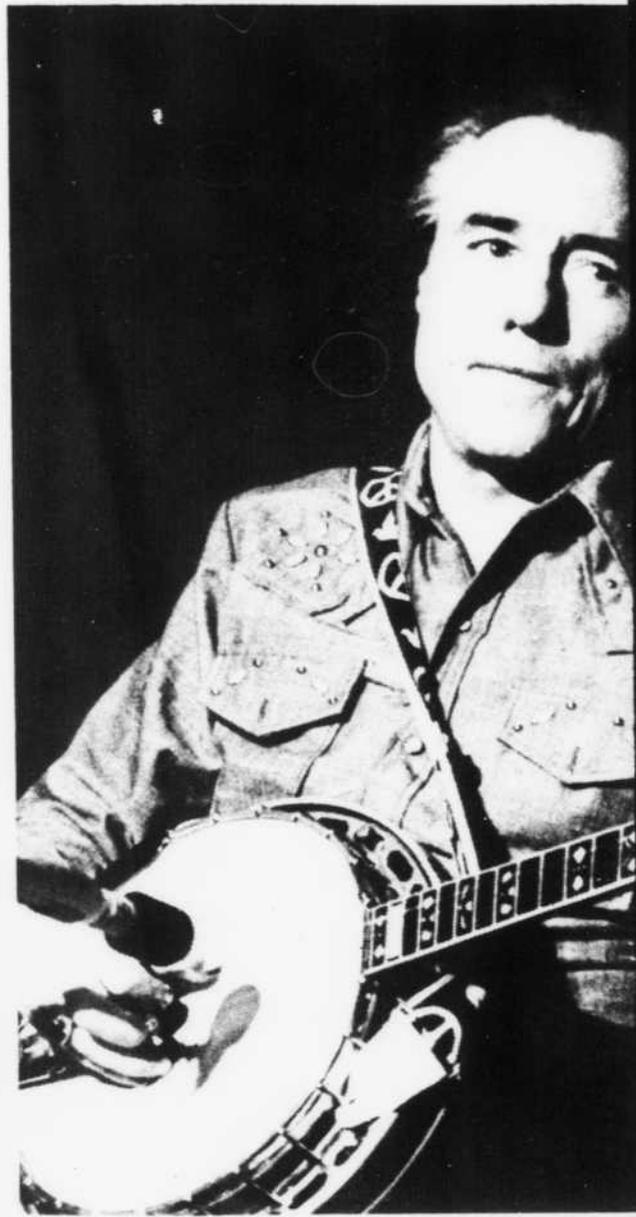
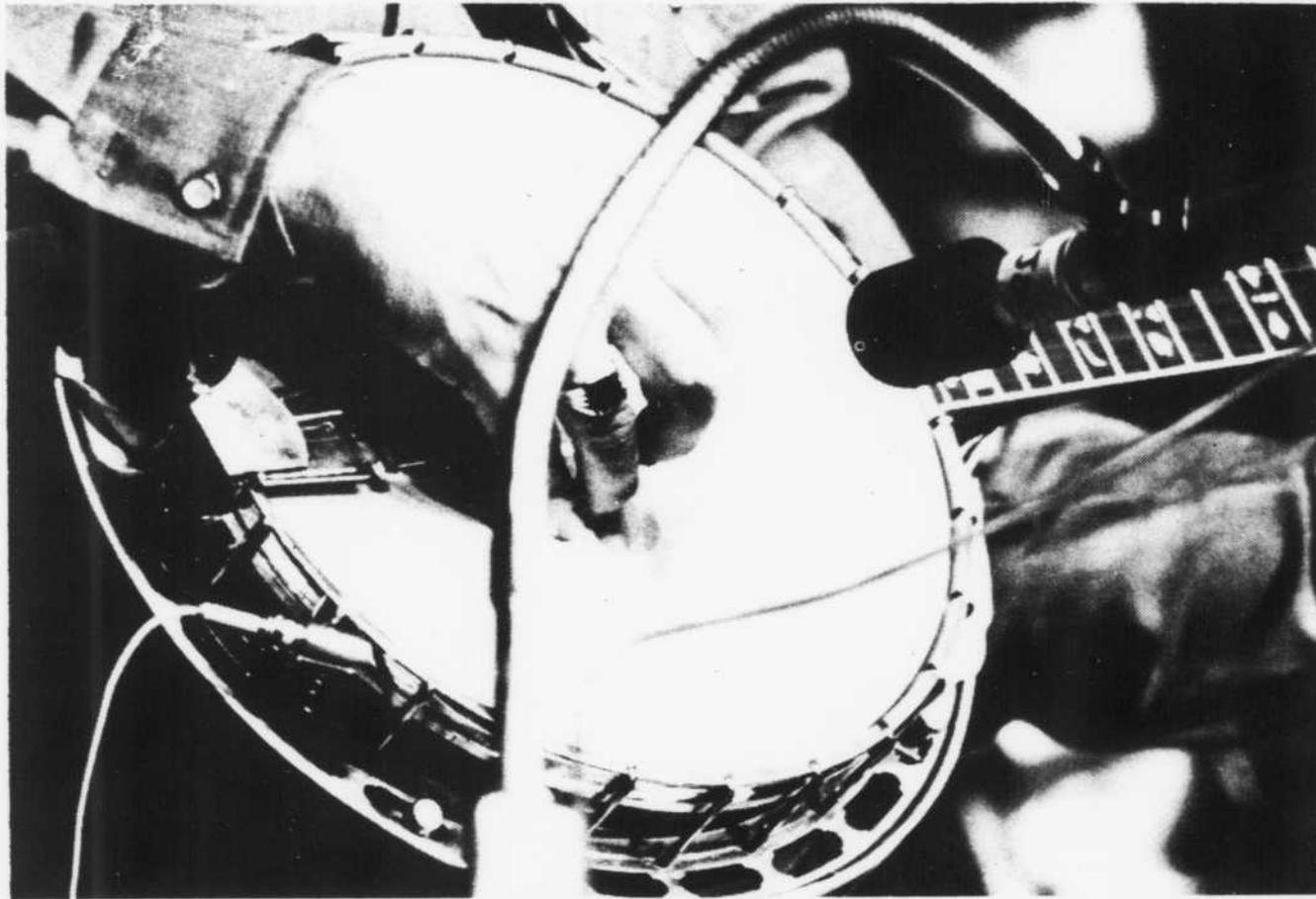
Nat Winston

MTSU students, faculty members and staff will have the opportunity to express their preferences for party nominees for governor of Tennessee. This will be the only chance for these people to make themselves heard before the August 1 primaries. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Earl, crowd 'happier' thanks to *Scruggs Revue*



Earl Scruggs, in Murfreesboro for a concert Monday night, said he is "a million times" happier today than he was 10 years ago because his current band is "so much more versatile."

His band, "The Earl Scruggs Revue," played a 90-minute set to a near-capacity crowd in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

Scruggs and his sons, Gary, Randy and Steve, play in the band along with pianist Jack Lee and drummer Jody Maphis.

Although the crystal-clear banjo picking of Earl Scruggs was the feature of the concert, the five other musicians impressed the audience with their performance.

Lee's piano work and Randy Scruggs' guitar playing highlighted the set, along with the vocals by bassist Gary Scruggs.

A variety of styles were used in the concert. Country gospel, square dance, blues, bluegrass and current popular songs were performed with equal skill by the band.

Most familiar of the songs were several of Earl Scruggs' own compositions: "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," "Earl's Breakdown," "The Flinthill Special" and "Old Folks."

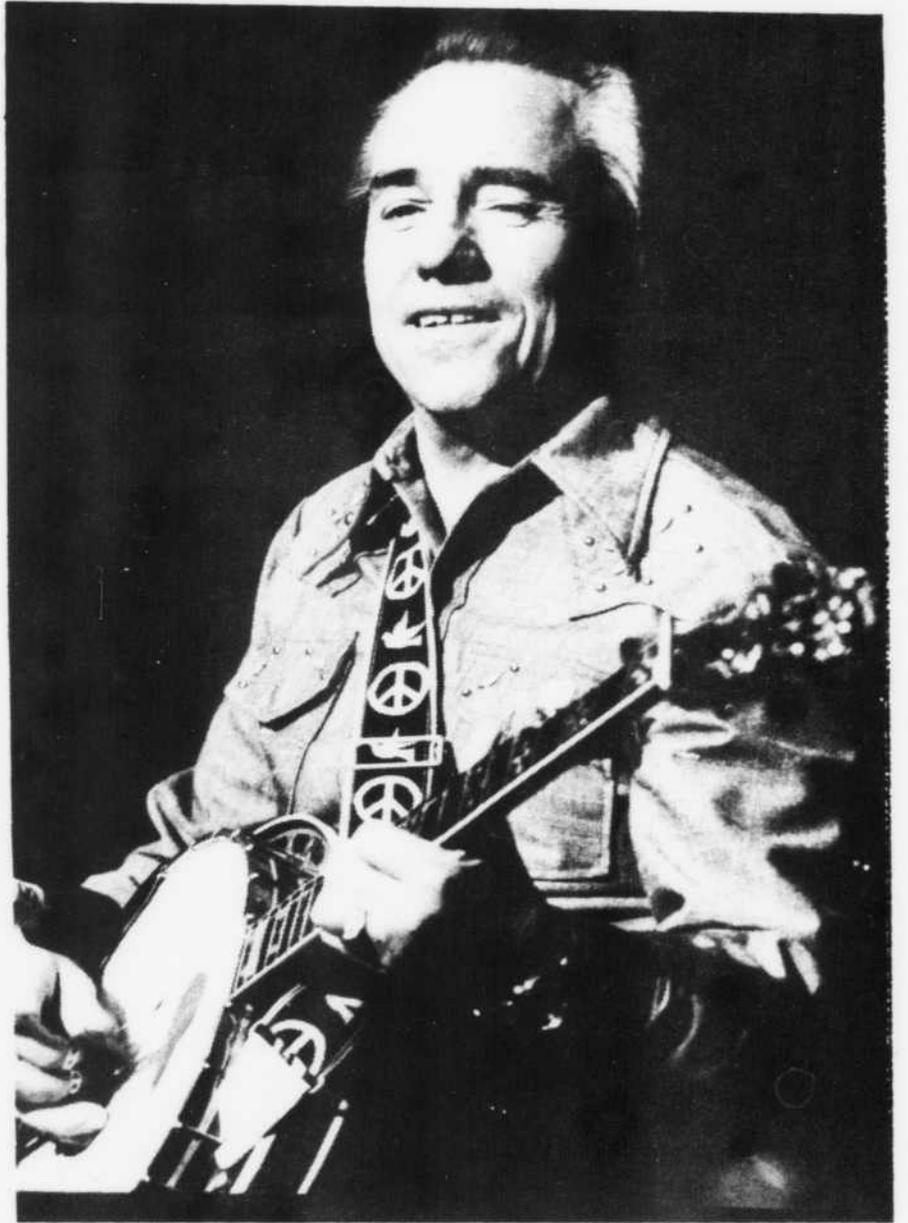
Songs by Billy Joel, Joni Mitchell and Woody Guthrie also were presented by the group.

The band performed two encores in response to ovations by the audience.

The band performed without the glitter of many modern music groups. The breaks between songs

Photos by Linda Sissom





Review by John Pitts

rest," Scruggs added while discussing the band's current tour. "We're doing a lot of traveling," Scruggs said. "There are days you wish weren't scheduled."

"I'll have to give my mother credit," Scruggs said when asked about his distinctive style of clear phrasing on the banjo.

He explained that at an early age he was told by his mother to play "so the tune can be recognized." That statement had always influenced his performances, he said.

About the band's selection, Scruggs said that the "Revue" plays "just what I enjoy picking and what I feel we can do justice to."

"The Earl Scruggs Revue" not only did justice to its songs Monday night, but it also demonstrated why the Special Events Committee keeps bringing them back--it is a serious, no-gimmick band composed of excellent musicians.



were short, giving the band time to change instruments. Earl and Gary Scruggs introduced the songs, and Gary amused the audience with his rambling introductions of songs.

"To me the only way a musician can project himself," Scruggs said, "is to have a good mental feeling on stage." Scruggs and his sons appeared to have that good feeling on stage, acknowledging applause with broad smiles.

"I did some 10 years' study before making a change," Scruggs said in reference to his change from the more structured style of the Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs band of the '50s and '60s to the broad spectrum that the "Revue" presents.

Scruggs said that he did not directly ask his sons to join the band but that he had observed their talent in "little jam sessions." He added that in the band "the boys really pleased me...I've learned a lot."

When asked if his older fans had accepted the change he had made, Scruggs said that many oldtimers had complimented him on the new sound, and that the band had been well accepted by the Grand Old Opry audience.

Scruggs said that he enjoyed the touring of campuses and big cities more than a "big package show" like the Opry. While every artist at the Opry has his own small following, at concerts "everybody's digging what you do," Scruggs said.

"You learn to take advantage of

LaLance says students may appeal traffic violations

by John Pitts

Students who receive tickets for campus traffic violations have the right to appeal their cases to the security department and the ASB traffic court. Dean Robert LaLance said recently.

When a student receives a ticket on campus, he can pay the fine in the administration building or go to the security office in Reynolds Hall and ask for an appeals form, LaLance said.

The most important thing is not to argue with the officer who gives the ticket he said. "Once he makes a mark on the pad, it is out of his control," LaLance said.

The officer has been assigned a certain number of tickets to use, and he must account for every one of them. For this reason he cannot "tear up the ticket," LaLance said.

If a student elects to go to the

Regulations released for pool, equipment

Summer regulations for the swimming pool and the equipment room were recently announced by Joe Ruffner, director of intramurals and recreation.

Only two guests from out-of-town will be admitted with a faculty-staff or employee, Ruffner said. Guests will not be admitted with a child bearing a recreation card.

Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times when they use the pool, Ruffner said.

"No play equipment will be issued or brought into the pool," he said. Persons may bring their own masks and fins.

No articles from the equipment room will be checked out to persons other than faculty-staff members, employees or full-time students, Ruffner said. I.D. cards are necessary to check out equipment.

security office to appeal, he must go and request an appeals form within seven days of the violation.

To fill in the form, a student must give identification information and the reasons why he wishes to appeal the ticket.

After the form is filled out, an officer will read the form and determine whether the appeal claim seems valid, LaLance said. If it does, the officer can adjudicate the student's claims in the ticket matter.

If the officer feels the student is justified in his complaint, he can free the student from liability, he said.

If the security officer feels that the student does not have sufficient reason to appeal the case, or if the case is "debatable," he will turn the form over to the ASB traffic court for the second appeal, ac-

ording to LaLance.

The traffic court is made up of three students, appointed by the ASB president. The court has regulations story tion cases and original jurisdiction in moving violations, LaLance said.

"After the appeals form is received by the court staff, the student will be notified by mail of the date and time his appeal will come before the court," the dean said.

Court is conducted on the third floor of the University Center in a semi-formal manner. The student (plaintiff) is called before the bench and is allowed to explain the case to the judge, he said.

The judges will ask the plaintiff a few questions, and then he will be asked to leave the room, LaLance said.

The case is discussed and a decision, either for or against the

plaintiff, is reached. The plaintiff is called into the courtroom and is told the verdict.

"All decisions of the court in parking cases are final; in moving violation cases, the ASB Supreme court handles final appeals," LaLance said.

The dean made it clear that he does not interfere in the business of the court. The entire appeals court process is handled by the students.

LaLance said that only seven or eight cases have been passed from the security office to the traffic court this summer.

"The ASB Traffic Court provides students with a good means of appeal in the case of a mistake or misunderstanding," LaLance said, "but a majority of the 'obvious' mistakes are corrected by security."



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America obligated to entire Mideast - professor

by Michael Gigandet

America is morally obligated to aid all Middle Eastern countries regardless of their political ideologies or systems, Ronald Messier, assistant professor of history, said recently.

"Problems in the Mideast may not have developed as far as they have if America had followed a similar course of action earlier in the game," he said.

Messier was interviewed last week about the effect on the Mideast of President Nixon's promise of nuclear aid to Egypt and Israel.

"This aid will have a tremendous effect on American-Egyptian relations. Americans, Egyptians and Israelis view it as a substantial departure from American policy since 1948," Messier said.

"I believe the shift is somewhat overdue. This will increase the possibility of aid to other Arab countries in the future," Messier said.

In a recent trip through the Mideast, President Nixon signed a nuclear aid agreement with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, providing for one reactor and a supply of nuclear fuel to Egypt.

A similar agreement was made with Israel.

Controversy surrounding the agreement stems from India's

Should Israel and Egypt develop a nuclear bomb, it would be a deterrent to future conflict because both countries are "fairly sophisticated" politically and are "fully aware of the danger."

--Ronald Messier, assistant professor of history

recent development of a nuclear bomb. Canada had been giving the Indians nuclear aid for peaceful purposes only.

Messier said Israel already has the capability of producing a nuclear bomb on the "spur of the moment."

Does Messier think the Egyptians will get the bomb? "It is safe to say they will look into the possibilities of producing one."

Although Egypt has signed the nuclear non-proliferation act, it has not been ratified. Israel has not signed the act.

Should Israel and Egypt develop a nuclear bomb, it would be a deterrent to future conflict because both countries are "fairly sophisticated" politically and are "fully aware of the dangers," he said.

Rabbi Sholomo Goren, chief rabbi of Israel, recently said that President Nixon assured him that Israel would have the bomb or nuclear capability before Egypt.

Messier said in case of a final confrontation this would be true.

Although he questions American

commitments to Israel, Messier said. "It would be wrong to allow Israel to be defeated."

He said the most "revealing" thing about this nuclear aid promise is that Sadat thinks it is "impeachment politics" and is taking advantage of it.

Choosing his words carefully, Messier said, impeachment politics "took precedent" over other factors in this agreement.

He said a recent Senate vote to give themselves veto power over the agreement was necessary.

"In view of Nixon's foreign policy trump cards, it is good to

have a restrictive power. They (the Senate) feel this is an extremely volatile situation," Messier said.

Messier said it is unlikely that the Egyptians would kick the Americans out of Egypt as they did the Russians because there is too much more to be gained.

Although nuclear aid to Egypt might make Israel "uneasy" about U.S. commitments, it might increase Israeli respect of Egypt, he said.

There will be no change in Egypt's status in the Arab world, Messier predicted. Arab countries have always been "leary of Egyptian political supremacy."

Russian influence in Egypt will not decrease immediately, he said. He said Russia will exert considerable influence for some time to come, because of weapons and spare parts supply to Egypt.

Interdisciplinary studies approved for fall

Seven new interdisciplinary minors have been approved by the curriculum committee and will be offered this fall.

The studies will be administered by the honors department, but will be available to all students. June McCash, honors director, said.

"The new minors permit students to specialize in new configurations of courses with greater emphasis on areas of study and less emphasis on strict disciplines," she said.

McCash said the courses offer a "much-needed enrichment to the MTSU curriculum."

Several other minors involving technical and scientific areas are

under consideration, she added.

Two new honors interdisciplinary courses will be offered this fall. Marilyn Wells, assistant professor of sociology, will teach a course entitled "The City." "Language and Culture" will be team-taught by Reza Ordoubadian, associate professor of English, and Kendall Blanchard, assistant professor of sociology.

McCash said coordinating the efforts of all departments poses administrative problems for interdisciplinary studies.

Fifteen departments will participate in one or more of the interdisciplinary minors.

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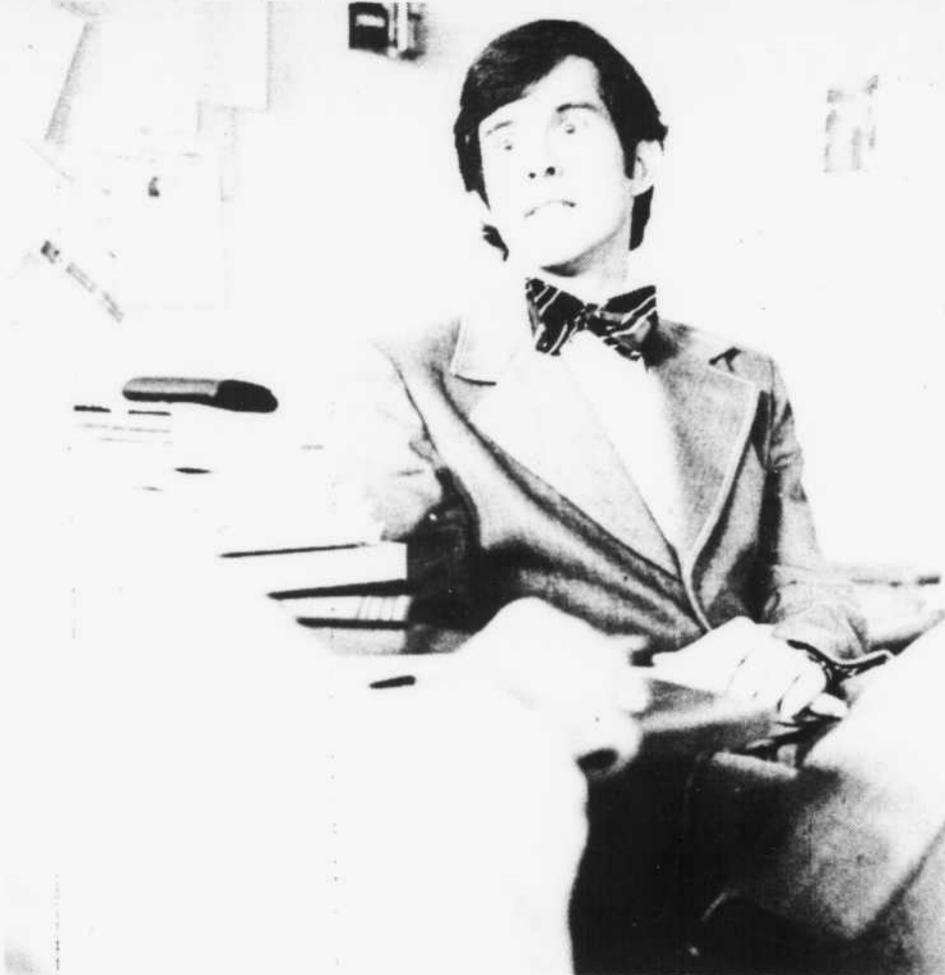


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Bart Gordon, a candidate for the State Democratic Committee, contemplates a moment before answering a perplexing question.

Gordon seeks state Demo position

Former ASB president Bart Gordon has announced his candidacy for a seat on the State Democratic Executive Committee.

"I see this office as an opportunity for me to participate in public service," Gordon said. "I have the capability to continue my training in this office so I can take on more significant jobs in the future."

In effect, Gordon said he views the office as a "stepping stone" to higher political offices in the future.

In addition to the duties of certifying elections, judging contested elections and choosing Supreme Court nominees, the Executive Committee should serve as a lobbying group for local people, he said.

"There is more to being a committeeman than just attending the committee meetings," Gordon said. "He has to find out what the people in his area want, bring that information to the committee and begin to work on what the people want. This is where the committee has fallen down in the past."

Gordon said he is in favor of election reforms and new campaign financing laws.

"I believe we need to have full disclosure of campaign financing, a raise in the salaries of elected officials, consideration of public financing and a realistic limit on campaign expenditures," he said.

"With the Watergate situation, a lot of people are down on politics and politicians, and not just in one

party," Gordon said. "This is the fault of the people as much as the politicians. If people want good government they are going to have to get out and work for it; if they don't, they are not going to get it."

"It's easy to criticize government, but it's harder to get out and work to change it," he said.

Gordon said the Executive Committee's role will probably be reduced if a Democratic governor is elected, but that the committee can take enough affirmative action so that it cannot be "pushed all the way back." There are many jobs the governor may not want to get involved in that he will leave to the committee, he said.

Campus chapter ok'd

Journalism society to form

Approval to establish a campus chapter of The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, has been given to MTSU by that organization's national board of directors.

Edward Kimbrell, chairman of the department of mass communications, said the national board approved the campus chapter after reviewing a petition which outlined the growth and development of the mass communications department and its students and faculty.

The MTSU chapter hopes to work closely with the Middle Tennessee professional chapter, headquartered in Nashville, according to Dennie Hall, assistant professor of mass communications and temporary sponsor of the new group.

"I feel this organization will be

a valuable addition to the mass communications program here," president M. G. Scarlett, who is a Sigma Delta Chi member, said.

"We are quite encouraged about the reception that has been accorded this new program on our campus and are very pleased with the rapid growth and development of it," Scarlett added. "It is obviously going to be one of our leading programs at the university shortly."

"All members of this department's faculty share my belief that Sigma Delta Chi chapters encourage and reward professional attitudes and activities by students," Kimbrell said.

Hall, who prepared the petition for a Sigma Delta Chi charter, said the charter presentation ceremony tentatively is set for October.

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Two thinclads also ink MTSU scholarships

Columbia slugger signs baseball grant

Carl (Chuck) Smith, slugging third baseman from Columbia State, is the latest junior college baseball standout to sign to play at MTSU for the next two seasons.

Smith, from Morristown, hit .365 this past season, batting clean-up for the Chargers. He made the All-Conference and All-District teams at third base.

As a freshman at CSCC, Smith batted a whopping .400. In his senior season at Morristown East High School, he ripped the ball at a .475 clip while pitching and playing shortstop.

He was named to the All-District

and All-Regional teams, and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player. He was coached in high school by Boyd Fox.

Smith also played football and basketball, and earned three letters in each sport at Morristown East.

MTSU coach John Stanford noted that Smith had good speed for a big man (6-1, 190), and that he would probably bat clean-up for the Raiders.

"Smith is one of the real Blue Chippers that we are after, and we are pleased and proud that he chose to come to MTSU," stated

Stanford. "He is a good RBI man, a great clutch hitter, and seems to do better against good pitching."

A hurdler and a half-miler are the latest to sign track grants-in-aid for Coach Dean Hayes' 1974-75 squad.

Bill Klippert of Des Plaines, Ill., was the runner-up in the Illinois State Championships in the 120 yard high hurdles with a time of 14.0, his personal best.

Steve Cole of East Point, Ga., was the Class A Georgia state champion in the 880 yard run. Cole also runs the mile and competes in cross-county.

Bumper stickers ready

"Ride With The Raiders" bumper stickers are available at the athletic office in Murphy Athletic Center, according to Jim Freeman, sports information director.

Two golf courses available in area

An MTSU student wishing to play golf this summer can do so at two locations. Smyrna Golf Course and Murfreesboro Golf and Country Club.

The Smyrna links, located on the old Sewart Air Force base, is an 18-hole course with a \$3 charge per round. Pull carts can be rented for 50 cents per round, while electric carts cost \$8 per round.

Murfreesboro Golf Club is located on the Shelbyville highway. The charge per round on its nine-hole layout is \$4.

In addition, Gene Dixon's Golf-dom, a driving range and practice area, is located across from the Murfreesboro Golf Club for those who wish to practice.

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World Football League crow makes tasty dish

by Scott Elliott

Last spring this reporter wrote a column in negative reaction to the formation of the World Football League.

The column, entitled "Will the WFL be too much of a good thing?" theorized the new league would be a damaging force on the sport because of the added national exposure it would create.

However, there comes a time when we all must eat crow and mine is here.

In view of the National Football League's players' strike, it is not too far fetched to assert that the only football available on television

this season may be the WFL's. Certainly, it appears the NFL owners and players are a long way from a settlement. Neither side seems to be budging.

But that's not the entire reason I'm eating the dastardly black bird: rather, it's because I enjoyed every minute of the first WFL televised game (Jacksonville vs. New York).

It doesn't take a great football mind to conclude the WFL teams have a long way to go in terms of NFL standards. The offenses sputtered at times and the pass defenses frequently resembled a sieve.

But the excitement was there.

George Sauer's pro comeback with a touchdown reception and Jacksonville's goal-line stand were enough to make any armchair quarterback spill his Bud.

Above all, the team spirit and enthusiasm of the WFL teams was a heart-warming sight.

On one hand is the mighty NFL, who says, "Give me more money, better retirement plans, higher base pay and, lastly, freedom."

The lower side of the scale is the WFL, who shouts, "Give me the outcasts, the old-timer who is supposed to be washed up, the rookie that never made it, and the coach who couldn't win in the other

league."

Yes, that sounds like a soap opera, but, essentially, that's the gap between the two leagues.

Next year the WFL will have some big names -- Morton, Lamonica, Stabler, Csonka, Kiick and Warfield to mention a few. But these gifted athletes represent a minority in the WFL.

The bonus baby is not the backbone of a WFL team. It's the player who says, "yes, we can," that will build the WFL.

My hat is off and the crow is digesting. Tune in tomorrow night for the Memphis-Portland contest and see what you think.

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