

Election expenditures set

by Ted Rayburn

Candidates for ASB offices will each be able to spend \$25 more this year than before, according to Danny Dunkleberger, ASB election commissioner.

In a meeting Wednesday night, the commission determined that candidates for ASB president may spend a maximum of \$175, house and senate speakers \$100 and senate hopefuls \$50, an over-all increase of \$25 from last year.

In addition, any professional services hired by a candidate for the production of posters, etc., that are donated will count as a donation at the producer's regular rates.

"For instance, if a candidate got someone to paint posters for him, and they were donated, the amount he would have normally charged will be listed in our records as a campaign expenditure," Dunkleberger said.

In other action, the commission ruled that candidates may display one banner of unlimited size and eight standard-sized posters. Posters no larger than 8 1/2" x 11" may be used, with a limit of one per bulletin board and one per classroom. Such posters may be placed in residence halls and other regular display areas; however, residence hall directors must be consulted before posting bills in the dorm, Dunkleberger warned.

No signs may be placed on the outside of buildings or on glass, and signs placed on plants cannot be nailed or tacked on so as to harm the plant, Dunkleberger added.

Prospective candidates are urged to attend a meeting of the commission next Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the ASB conference room to discuss election regulations Dunkleberger concluded.

Deadline for all petitions for candidacy is Thursday, March 9.

Marijuana reform bill sent to legislature

A bill to reduce the stiff penalties imposed on first-time marijuana users was among Gov. Ray Blanton's legislative package sent to his floor leaders yesterday.

The bill would reduce the penalty from a possible 11 months, 29 days imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 to \$50 for first-time offenders and \$100 for subsequent offenses of possession of a half-ounce or less of marijuana.

Persons possessing more than a half-ounce of the illegal weed would still be considered as having "intent to sell" and be treated as pushers.

Gov. Blanton's legislative aide, J. Nelson Biddle, emphasized that the law would not make anything legal, but said, "We're dealing with the general feeling that the present penalties are too severe."

"We are naturally happy with the move," said Lee Cohen, president of the MTSU NORML chapter, "Blanton was farsighted enough to see that the laws did not fit the crime."

It was rumored that the Governor would ask for stiffer penalties for those convicted of selling drugs but Biddle said that is not so.

Tennessee was the first state in the Southeast to attempt the decriminalization of marijuana. Only eight other states have

reduced penalties in a similar fashion.

"We've gotten really good response generally," Biddle said. "A similar bill almost got out of committee last year. I think it might go this time."

Another bill introduced yesterday was a resolution calling for the establishment of a Senate-House committee to investigate Blanton's patronage system. A similar committee existed during the 89th General Assembly but was unable to complete its investigation.

In the House Wednesday, Speaker Ned McWherter, D-Dresden, appointed members of his Committee on Government Operations. The speaker has given the group a heavy workload, handling all sunset legislation, Blanton's entire government reorganization package, and the controversial administrative procedures legislation.

In the Senate Wednesday, a bill which would end the controversial cost-of-living pay escalator for state employees cleared the State and Local Government Committee. It must now pass through two more committees but is expected to be one of the first to be considered by the full Senate.

Action was postponed on a series of bills including one reinstatement

of the state's death penalty by other Senate committees Wednesday.

Tuesday, Blanton was predicting possible passage of his income tax proposal, but legislative leaders were denying that his two-cent tax suggestion has a chance of passing.

Blanton contends that an income tax with an accompanying reduction in the state's sales tax would mean a net reduction for most taxpayers because the tax burden would be redistributed.

The two-cent gasoline sales tax is recommended by Blanton to offset an estimated \$55 million in winter-damage to state highways.

Federal money is also being sought for the repairs.

However, Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, the legislature's foremost budget expert, thinks that money can be found to fix the roads without raising taxes.

Bills introduced in Tuesday's session included several to relieve the problems school systems are having meeting the required number of days this year due to the harsh winter and natural gas shortages.

The 90th General Assembly formally opened Tuesday

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Unwary [and somewhat dense] students leave their textbooks in a 'high-risk' area, leaving their books as prey for thieves...[see editorial on page 6]. Staff photo by Thom Coombes

The Kiosk

The annual Mid-Winter Formal will be held in the Tennessee Room of the SUB Friday from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The formal is free to all MTSU students.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is urged to attend.

Alpha Eta Rho will be sponsoring a trip to Marshall Space and Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. on Sunday, March 6. The bus will leave Rutledge Hall parking lot at 8 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. A \$5 fee covers transportation and admission to the center. Tickets can be purchased March 3 and 4 at the drawing building lobby. For further information, contact the Aerospace Department or AHP members.

Correction

An article in the Feb. 22 Sidelines erroneously reported that the question of having alcohol in campus dorms was being studied by a committee of the Associated Student Body.

The committee, of which Dean Robert LaLance is chairman, is a university committee appointed by President Scarlett, who will receive the committee's recommendations and transmit them to the Board of Regents.

Sidelines regrets the error.



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No-smoking bill meets third defeat

by Laura Lewis

A resolution designed to prohibit smoking in three MTSU cafeterias received its third defeat Tuesday at a meeting of the ASB House of Representatives.

Following the first failure of the bill in January, petitions "for" and "against" cafeteria smoking were posted at entrances to the High Rise West, Woodmore and SUB cafeterias.

Cheryl Saggese, sponsor, re-introduced the resolution to the Senate on Feb. 18, along with evidence taken from the petitions which showed that of 636 students signing, 56 percent favored a no-smoking policy. The resolution failed a second time by a vote of 8-4.

Presented to the House Tuesday by a House sponsor, the bill failed again by a vote of 19-16.

"I favor smoking and non-smoking areas in the cafeterias," commented House member Randy Mills. "But 56 per cent against

smoking isn't really a significant number."

In other action, the House passed a resolution which will require both the Blue Raider Bookstore and the University Bookstore to require "positive written reason" before students can sell their textbooks. The intent of the resolution,

according to Kent Syler, originator, was to decrease the number of book thefts on campus.

"Both bookstore managers have agreed to use the drop-slip receipt procedure," he continued. "The theory is that people who have stolen books will think twice before they sign the receipt."



Demolition of Murfreesboro's historic James K. Polk Hotel began Thursday and will continue for the next 30-60 days to make way for a new, modern bank building. Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Campus Calendar

Friday, February 25

High School Visitation—Registration, UC Lobby, 2:30-6:30 p.m.
District 9 Basketball Tournament, Murphy Center, 5:00-11:00 p.m.
Special Events—Concert—"Earl Scruggs Revue," D.A. Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Winter Formal, Tennessee Room, SUB, 8:00 p.m.
Reception—High School Visitation Program, UC 322-A, B, C, 9:30-

11:00 p.m.

Play—"Barefoot in the Park" 8 p.m. Murfreesboro Little Theatre, 700 Ewing Blvd

Saturday, February 26

ASB High School Visitation Day
Play—"Barefoot in the Park" 8 p.m. Murfreesboro Little Theatre, 700 Ewing Blvd
TOEFL Examination, UC 314, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Kappa Alpha Order—Fraternity Council, Agric. Aud. & Classrooms, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tennessee Honor's Directors, UC 305, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Kool Club—Half Timer Show, AM Gym, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Kappa Alpha—Presentation, Tennessee Room, SUB, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Women's Basketball—MTSU/Western, Murphy Center, 5:15 p.m.
University Relations—Dinner Honoring Girl's Basketball Teams for 1927, 1928, and 1929, Raider Room, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
MTSU International Students—Covered Dish Dinner with Riverdale High School Students Dining Room B, SUB, 6:30-12:00 p.m.
Basketball—MTSU/Western, Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.
Dance—Alpha Phi Alpha, Tennessee Room, SUB, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
Dance—Koolettes, Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 27

Fine Arts Festival—Band Concert, D. A. Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 28

Board of League of Women Voters, 9:30 a.m. Education Bldg, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 907 E. Main.

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Hale named Mr. MTSU

Which MTSU man rates highest in poise, appearance, personality, physique and clothes coordination? Who is most worthy of the title "Mr. MTSU"?

Wednesday night, three judges had to decide just that after 19 of MTSU's men competed in Chi Omega sorority's annual Mr. MTSU pageant.

The men appeared separately on stage before a packed student audience in the UC theater, where each modeled the latest in casual and formal attire for men. Judges were then forced to narrow the competition to five finalists.

After each of the finalists answered an impromptu question, judges were asked to name Mr. MTSU of 1977.

Dane Hale, an MTSU pre-med major sponsored by Kappa Sigma fraternity pledge class, emerged winner of the contest with a trophy and dinner for two at the Briarpatch. First runner-up was Steve Quarles, sponsored by Sigma Chi, and Tim Pedigo, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon Little Sisters, was named second runner-up.

Judith Leslie, instructor from the home economics department, emceed the program. Judges were Susan Lloyd, owner and manager of Corner Cottage and Cotton Patch, Teresa Pitts, hairstylist at the Stylist Too and Bart Gordon, Murfreesboro attorney and MTSU graduate.

Proceeds from the pageant will be donated by Chi Omega to the MTSU Speech and Hearing Clinic.

MTSU welcomes prospective students

by Phyllis Skipper

Student weekend begins today at 3 p.m. with registration in the University Center continuing until 6 p.m.

Student weekend is an effort to "give high school seniors from across the state an opportunity to see our campus, visit with the people here and hopefully make a positive decision about coming to school here," said Bryant Millsaps, assistant director of university relations. Millsaps has been working with Butch Burns, speaker of the house, in co-ordinating the event.

The schedule is as follows:

—Friday, 7 p.m., Earl Scruggs Review and Dick Feller concert, DA Auditorium.

(High school students are also invited to the Mid-Winter Formal held in the Tennessee Room of the SUB beginning at 8:30 p.m. Friday.)

—Reception, 9:30 p.m., room 322, UC. The ASB will host the reception, and will be talking to high school students about the school, giving them a university student's view.

—Saturday, informal lunch, 11 a.m. in the UC Grill. MTSU administrators and faculty will be on hand to talk to high school students. The ASB will also be conducting tours at this time.

—Open house, 3-5 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, Wesley Foundation, Presbyterian Student Center, and all sorority chapter rooms.

—Women's basketball, 5:15 p.m.; men's game 7:30 p.m.

Student weekend will wrap up with a rip-off concert in the Grill at 10 p.m.



These are the days, my friend.

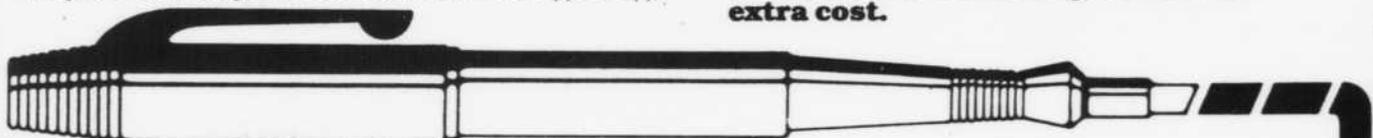
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Sullivan's and the Davis Shop. On the left Joe McHenry sings with a local band while Vikki Elliot performs popular tunes (right) during the talent show which featured MTSU students.

Best of the Half-Timers to be selected

The third annual Battle of the Half-Timers will rage as mid-state high school dance groups will perform Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

"We were more or less experimenting the first year we had it," said Edd Hill, one of the founders and honorary member of the MTSU Kool Club, when he talked of the Half-timer's Show.

The Half-Timers are dance groups who perform at high school basketball games, according to Ben Scruggs, coordinator. The practice is much the same as that of marching bands performing during

halftime at football games.

Sponsored by the Kool Club at MTSU, the students will initially perform in groups, Scruggs said. Each club will select a couple to compete in the dance contest for cash prizes.

Admission is \$1 per person.

"If you like to dance, the half-timers show is the best show in which to see all the new dances," Scruggs added.

"There will be two Chattanooga schools and about 12 Nashville schools participating in this year's show," said Hill. They will be doing the newest creations in

dance, he added. "These are the best dancers in the state at the high school level," he said.

Scruggs noted that area high schools are still eligible to participate by registering Saturday.

There will be five judges for the show, usually faculty and administrators at MTSU, with first, second and third place trophies awarded to winning groups.

The Koolettes will sponsor a dance immediately following the MTSU-Western Kentucky basketball game. Admission is \$1 for students and 50 cents for half-timers.

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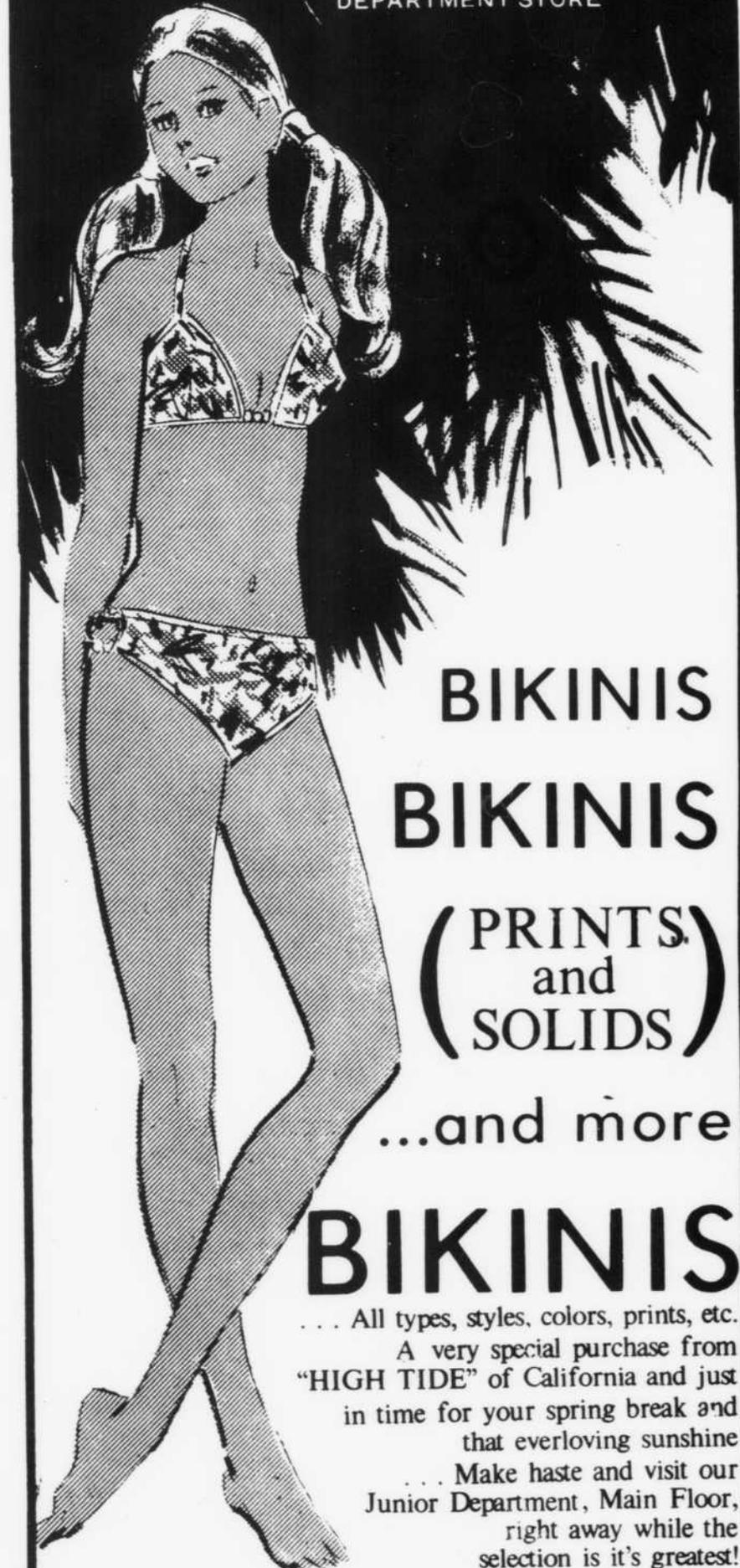
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Unfortunately some of you persist in ignoring all the clamor and you will not learn until it happens to you.

A spot check yesterday revealed that books are being left unattended in the most hazardous spots and a great many of the books did not have owner identification in them.

What can we do to impress upon you that thieves will not stop at anything? Thieves can steal in daylight in the most public places and they will take your notebooks, address books and other personal items along with your books. It makes no difference to them—they will take whatever they can.

We have warned thieves of their future if they get caught. We have given you, the honest students of the campus, hints on how to protect yourselves. So don't expect us to sound our horn when theft rates continue to rise because "It can't happen to me!"

Grass bill needs support

In a somewhat surprising move yesterday, Governor Blanton included in his legislative package a bill that would decriminalize marijuana in Tennessee.

The bill would reduce the penalties for possession of half an ounce or less from a possible year's conviction and a \$100 fine for subsequent offenses.

The bill does not legalize marijuana. But it is a step which will greatly reduce the recriminations of smoking marijuana.

Studies have shown that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol but our legislatures have persisted in keeping their eyes closed to these facts. It is time to remove ourselves from the dark ages and the pot users from prison cells. They have committed no crime against anyone but themselves and they should not be incarcerated along with rapists, murderers and thieves.

We applaud Governor Blanton's move (probably one of the wisest he's made in a while). But the bill will not get anywhere without your support. We urge you to write to your senators and representatives to express your opinions. Letting them know how you feel. Without this action your legislators will fail to act wisely on this bill and it will again fade into the annals of legislation that should have been.

Agricultural budgeting practices cause departmental inequity

To the editor:

Many people of the past have told of stories of outstanding challenges that have been passed down through the years—the challenge of John F. Kennedy to overcome insurmountable odds in the Cuban crisis, the challenge of George Washington Carver and the planting of peanuts as a substitute for cotton and the odds he had to overcome.

It's a shame to waste a mind, and that's exactly what's being done: The Agriculture Department at MTSU is the only "privileged" department that must have a self-sufficient income.

Why? Could it be we are being cheated in the long run?

We are most definitely being cheated. Why should we pay for the

uplifting of the total university system and yet not benefit as much as any other department?

The facts concerning the agricultural budget have been explained to me, but will never stand justified in my mind.

Why should the department be preoccupied with the idea of balancing its farm budget (how many cows must be sold in the fall, or how many horses are not to be shod)? This type of preoccupation has proved to be a severe handicap to every student in the Ag Department.

Take time out after reading this letter to try and answer these questions. If you cannot, then it's time you started asking some questions yourself.

ADR
Box 6828



Support asked for Lady Raiders

To the editor:

This Saturday (Feb. 26) at 5:15 p.m. the MTSU Lady Raiders will play their final home game of the season. They have amassed a very impressive record this season and are due much praise. This is why it surprises me so when I attend the Lady Raiders' games and there are no fans there to cheer them on.

I have attended many games when there were only about 100 people in the entire gym. Yet, the girls were playing just as well as if there were 10,000 people in the gym. There have been some really exciting games this season yet nobody saw them or knew about them unless they read the

Sidelines. I know it must be disheartening to the team to work so hard and then find that there is no one there to watch the results of their endeavors.

I feel that we as students of this university should support all of our athletic teams. I have never been to a Blue Raider basketball game when all the seats were empty so I know that there are plenty of basketball fans at MTSU.

The Lady Raiders and coaching staff deserve many thanks for a job well done. Let's say thank you by turning out in full force for their final home game.

Pat McAfee
Box 7953

Writer wants desks for the lefthanded

To the editor:

I am writing this letter concerning the problem of left-handed desks on this campus. I'm sure that I am not the only left-handed person that is wondering why we are deprived of the right to write comfortably. I don't think that we are such a minority that it can be overlooked. I've talked to other left-handed people that also feel that these desks would be a great help in notetaking and would be much more convenient. We pay the same tuition as those that are right-handed; why shouldn't we have the same privileges as they? I'm not speaking just for myself, but for every student that would benefit from these desks. So why not put some left-handed desks in our classrooms?

Michele Fink
Box 2854

Ombudsman replies to desk dilemma

Attention Southpaws:

There are left-handed desks, believe it or not, on this campus. However, there aren't enough left-handed desks for every classroom.

I talked with Dr. Barry, assistant vice-president of academic affairs who said that there were no statistics on how many left-handed students were on this campus. She suggested that all left-handed students contact her in the vice president for academic affairs office in the administration building or through the ASB, Box 1.

Please write or go by and let them know who you are and what classrooms you are in. Given this information left-handed desks will be placed in your classroom.

Bobby Francescon
ASB Ombudsman

Campus racial 'self-segregation' disturbing

To the editor:

I heard something the other day that disturbed me very much. I was sitting in the "black section" of the grill and I overheard one black male say to another "Man, I know she wouldn't go out with me just because I was black." The other man agreed and they began to discuss the usual pros and cons of being black and white, being segregated and discriminated against.

Their conversation got me thinking. I'm a white female, and I've been asked out by a black male more than once. I turned them all down. But not because they

were black. At least, I don't think that's why I turned them down. I really didn't want to go out on a date with them because they weren't my type. And maybe somewhere in the back of my mind I was thinking, "I don't know how to be myself around you, because you're black and I'm white, and we are different culturally."

There's a lot of barriers we, as a general society, have to break before we different races can get together. And I feel those barriers will be broken some day. Society's come a long way. Many mixed marriages do work.

However, the black race and the

white race will have to work together, and so far, we aren't doing all we can. I mentioned the "black section" of the grill. Why does there have to be a black section? Why do most blacks sit in one section of high rise cafeteria? Why do blacks sit in one section at ball games? Why do blacks sit in one certain section in the UC lounge?

What I'm getting at is that most of the discrimination we see on campus is originated by blacks.

And I'm really getting tired of hearing, "You don't like me, want to associate with me, want to be my friend, because I'm black. For the most part that's no longer true. I'd really like to see the BSA do an acquaintance thing, something for blacks and whites. It would be interesting to see how relationships would work out.

Think about it won't you?

Ruth Rose
Box 42



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TO IT!!

Bored student suggests passes to tournament for entertainment

To the editor:

One of the major problems in attending MTSU is attempting to find something to do during the evening hours after assignments are finished. With only a few exceptions, little effort seems to have been made for the student by on-campus organizations (what ever happened to the good ole days with Elton John, The Who, John Denver, Elvis Presley, Charlie Daniels, and Linda Ronstadt?) Going off campus offers some excitement, but is rather expensive for those of us who have a limited college expense account. After a great deal of deliberation, I have come to a partial solution which seems feasible.

For the next few weeks, the TSSAA will be sponsoring the State Basketball Tournaments at Murphy Center. I think the Administration should state in their contract with the TSSAA that MTSU students be admitted free with a valid ID. These fans could be placed in the high school section so it would not conflict with the selling of reserved seats. This increased attendance

would make larger crowds as well as making the concession stands more profitable.

Over the past years, the state tournament has rarely come close to filling Murphy Center, so I cannot see how this could hurt the profits made by the TSSAA. With MTSU's declining enrollment, it would be quite beneficial to have college students mingle with old high school chums and promote university life, especially at MTSU. This is an opportunity for the university to do something for itself and help the students as well. If anyone agrees with this idea, please contact someone in the administration and maybe a number of us can have something to do next Thursday night!

Don Ash
Box 978

Editor's Note

We are still receiving letters that are signed "A Concerned Student," etc. with no names or box numbers. May we again reiterate that these letters will not be printed.

Coke vendor holds 'surprise'

To the editor:

After I arrived at MTSU, I unpacked and decided I would go and investigate the dorm lobby. I entered the lobby, only to see a crowd of television watchers staring at me. Trying to be an inconspicuous freshman, I nonchalantly walked over to the good ole coke machine, and stuck in my twenty cents. I received what I thought was a cola, but instead I got a watered coke syrup mixture.

What a let-down for my tastebuds, and I guess I did look like a fool cursing a coke machine.

Shortly following my undesired experience with the now dreaded coke machine, a friend told me of her unavoidable encounter. After finishing what she thought was a thirst-quenching cola, she spied a revolting surprise at the bottom of her cup—a roach.

T. W. Glaser
Box 1076

'Worthless' senate view ridiculous

To the editor:

Well the Senate comes under attack again. I am a member of the Senate and I would like to respond to Mr. Dunkleberger's view of a "worthless" Senate.

This year's Senate has been far from worthless." Individual members have worked hard to bring about legislation to improve the safety of students by increasing the lighting facilities on campus, providing for added sidewalk extensions, providing for improved road conditions, somewhat improved parking conditions, and legislation to improve student safety against book theft. These examples of Senate legislation should totally contradict Mr. Dunkleberger's ridiculous view of "worthlessness."

But, let's get to the heart of the matter which is the no-smoking bill. First let me say that we, as Senators, are elected by the student body and we represent them. However, we cannot pass a bill which we truly believe is wrong.

The sponsors of this bill keep referring to the "majority" of students who would like to have a no-smoking policy in eating areas. This "majority" is only 56 per cent of the students who signed petitions and 56 per cent is not an overwhelming majority.

By not passing this bill the majority of Senators said "no" to a bill that would greatly limit areas where smoking would be permitted. The majority of Senators also said "no" to legislation which, we thought, would antagonize both smokers and some non-smokers.

In closing, I would like to suggest two ways of combating the problem for people who find cigarette smoke irritating: (1) ask the person smoking to extinguish his or her cigarette, or (2) get up and sit somewhere else.

Lastly, contrary to Mr. Dunkleberger, the Senate does not tell people to "go to hell." Why, we didn't even tell him to do that.

Denise Veazey
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Ricky Reed [left] and Chris King [right] entertain at last night's Rip Off concert in the grill.

Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Student loses ID-entity

by Phyllis Skipper

D'Nice Lawson, female, sophomore, social security number 415-13-5369, was for one week no longer D'Nice Lawson.

Her student ID, along with her drivers license, social security card, voter's registration, assessment receipt card, credit cards—in other words, all types of identification—were stolen, and D'Nice became an "unperson."

"To begin with, I went to the gym to play raquetball, but the courts were closed, so I decided to run track, and I left my billfold on the bleachers." Later when D'Nice got back to her room in Cummings

Hall she discovered that she had left her billfold in the gym. When she went back she found that it had been stolen.

"I couldn't cash a check, play raquetball, go swimming or go to the movies." And if she had a freshman meal ticket she couldn't have eaten.

Oh, the trials and tribulations of getting that much-needed ID.

Sometime later D'Nice went to the Administration Building to get a photostatic copy of her assessment receipt card, which she needed in order to obtain a new ID. "But they wouldn't give me a receipt because I didn't have an ID," D'Nice recalled.

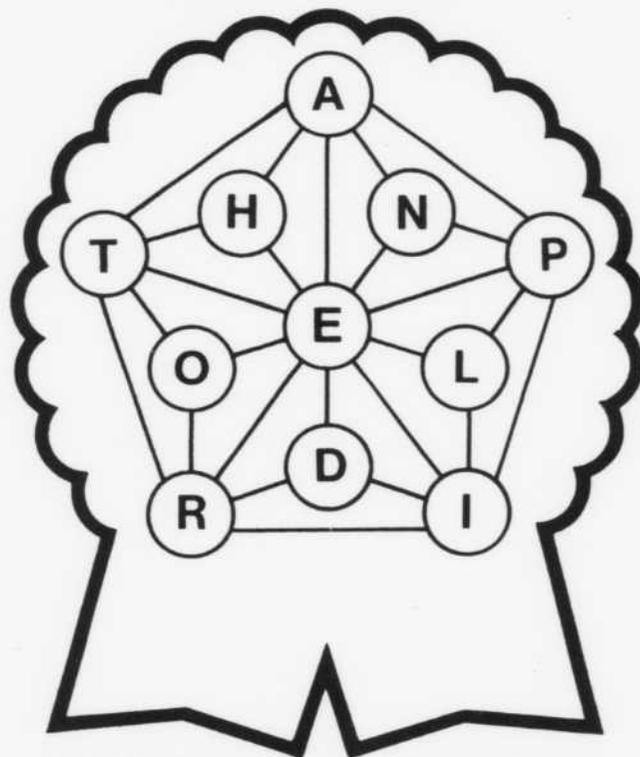
"The lady at the business office and I discussed what to do, and finally she suggested I call a teacher that could identify my voice over the phone. This was around 12:30 and all my teachers were out for lunch. Later that afternoon, I got in touch with Dick Lentz, one of my mass communications teachers. He identified me, I paid my \$5 to get a receipt to get my ID, and then I went to security to get another ID made."

"I'm a person now," D'Nice exclaimed. "I've got an ID."

Not having an ID was really a bad feeling D'Nice said, "I felt like I just didn't exist." And in the University's eyes she didn't.

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Comedy shows

in second week

"Barefoot in the Park", a comedy by Neil Simon currently in its second week at the Murfreesboro Little Theatre, provides an entertaining and amusing glimpse into the lives of several New Yorkers and their situational antics.

The Little Theatre production of the show, directed by Alex Harvey Sr., shows evidence of creative set design in the limited spatial allowances of the theatre.

Performances of the main characters, the newly married Corie and Paul Bratter, are competently carried out by both Daryla Angel and Mark Drum, with the final act revealing their developing onstage talents.

Especially successful in the roles of Victor Velasco and Mrs. Banks, both Joe Keenan and Lorraine Evans are a treat to see. They add hilarity to the show in beautifully executed comic portrayals of the unique elderly characters in the play.

As a whole, the production, which will continue February 24-26, provides an evening of escape and enjoyment into a comic world worth viewing.



Even the wind and rain can't stop some people from their daily run...



...but it brought destruction to one of the large trees in front of the Fine Arts Building. Staff photos by Thom Coombes

Textbook industry finds profits in trends

by Helaine Lasky
College Press Service

When students begin studying for their first economics exam, chances are they will overlook one very rich lesson is basic supply and demand theory. That textbook, for which the student has probably supplied between \$13 to \$15, is happily and steadily filling the publisher's demand.

The textbook industry is a financial oasis in the publishing business as new markets open up in adult education, women's studies and text which one leading publisher says are down-shifted for the increasing number of junior colleges, community colleges and night school courses.

This trend marks a change from the past five years. "In 1971, we were still in Vietnam. Today, students are more interested in what this course will do for them in terms of coping with the world.

There is a focus on the consumer side of economics," Bradford said.

Textbooks are being geared more towards practical education. Today a student can open a textbook and learn how to borrow money for a new car, finance a house, or even balance a checkbook, instead of confronting one hundred years of historical data. In fact, the all-time best-seller on the college textbook charts is a volume called "Accounting Principles" by C. Rollin Niswonger and Phillip C. Fess which has been on the list for 2444 weeks and is in its eleventh edition.

But the words "new edition" are enough to bring tears to the eyes of a student taking introductory courses like economics or political science. These courses often require texts which are revised regularly and that means that a student cannot buy the book used and possibly save as much as fifty percent.

For the publisher, though, the used book business is a pain in the profits. In fact, one of the main reasons for revisions, according to a leading college textbook publisher, is to cut out the used book market. Apparently there is no money for publishers in used books.

Barnes and Noble, which operates used book franchises, buys books back at 40 percent of the original cost and resells them at 60 percent.

The publisher of the college textbook must also deal with an interesting form of rip-off, that of the free sample. Periodically, publishers will distribute thousands of complimentary books to professors for possible sales or reviews. However, these books are often sold to the used book dealer.

It cost a publisher between \$3 and \$5 to give away a \$12 text, for example, and often that text ends

up on the eye-catching table marked 60-70 cents. Scott, Foresman and Co. recently gave away nearly 10,000 copies of a new biology text but it turned out to be a fruitless endeavor. A source at the publishing company reported that these complimentary editions would probably be sold by the professors for their own profit and cited one instance in which sample books were sold to finance parties.

Nevertheless, publishing companies are still priming the textbook market by giving an average advance on a college textbook of \$5000 and royalty payments are being doled out at a rate of 15 percent.

While it is not certain who is getting the largest slice of the textbook dollar, there seems to be no substantial decline in the amount of college textbook publishing...perish the thought.



Wand Coty [left] and Beth Stubblefield [right] perform in 'The Women's Ensemble' presented Tuesday and Wednesday by the Staff photo by Thom Coombes



Knoxville Play Group and students move through the library yesterday in 'Quiet Please', a media event, as the Fine Arts Festival continues throughout the week. MTSU photo by Pat Daley

Hold the bus!

Raiders must face improved Western before OVC tournament play

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Wait a minute, don't load up that bus to Clarksville just yet—MTSU has one more home game, Saturday night against Western Kentucky.

If pre-game predictions are any indication, it may well be one of the Raiders' toughest home games this year. Western, a deceiving 5-8 in conference play is "fifteen points better" than the squad that MTSU defeated 67-60 in Bowling Green on Jan. 29, according to Raider coach Jimmy Earle

Sports

The Raiders are presently tied with Murray State for second place in the conference with 9-4 records. The Raiders will meet Murray in the first round of the OVC tournament March 4 in Clarksville.

The emergence of transfer forward Aaron Bryant, a 6-9 former University of Florida player, into the leading scorer for the Hilltoppers is part of their transformation from OVC doormat to a respectable power in only a few weeks.

Before Bryant joined the Western lineup, the defending OVC champions had obviously been suffering from the loss of three-time All-OVC guard Johnny Britt.

Britt was just one of four starters lost by Western Kentucky. Three of them, Britt (19.6 points per game), forward Wilson James (17.3) and guard Chuck Rawlings (15.8) were among the conference's top scorers. Britt and James were named to the All-OVC team in 1976 and Britt shared OVC Most Valuable Player honors.

With his team's record a poor 3-9, Bryant quickly established a 20.8 points-per-game scoring average, while pulling down almost 10 rebounds contest. Since Bryant joined the team, its record has improved to 9-16.

Joining Bryant in a huge front line is center James Johnson, also 6-9, who has recovered from an



Raider Greg Joyner [55 in blue] fights for a loose ball in action from MTSU's 67-60 win over Western in Bowling Green.

early-season injury to average 14.8 ppg, while leading the team in rebounding (10.2 per game).

Although Western has won four of its last six games, it suffered a 73-59 loss to conference champion Austin Peay in Bowling Green. Last Saturday night, WKU upset Murray in the Racers' gym by a slim 82-81 margin.

"We'll have to zone them a lot," Earle said about his defensive strategy. Recalling the Raiders' 74-70 Monday night win over Murray—when Middle's man-to-man defense could not control the Racer's inside game—the Raider coach said he had "two defensive options in the game...to zone press and put heat on the ball, or drop back, play basket defense and let them shoot it up."

The smaller Raiders will also have to contend with guard Mike Prince, a 52 per cent shooter, perhaps "the finest freshman shooter" Earle has seen in the conference. Prince averages 15.2 points a game, and will no doubt draw the defensive attention of Julius Brown, who "covers the other team's best shooter," Earle explained.

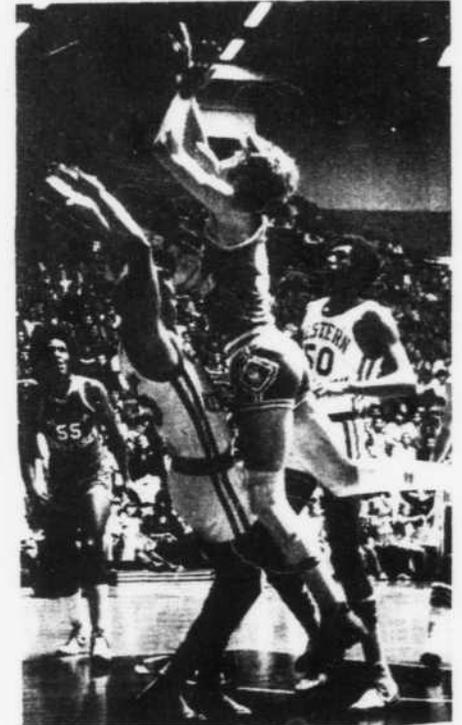
"We've got all our people

healthy now," Western coach Jim Richards said earlier this week, acknowledging that "we're playing better basketball now than when Middle beat us here."

But Richards added "I think Middle is playing better too...they are even more adept at changing defenses now than they were."

The Raiders present the Hilltoppers with the best defense in the conference, and perhaps the most balanced offense in the league.

Four Raider starters are listed in the OVC top twenty scorers. They are 6-7 center Bob Martin



Bob Martin... airborne against Western

(17.4 ppg), sophomore forward Greg Joyner (15.0), forward Brown (13.1) and a healthy-acting Sleepy Taylor (12.2).

Martin is fresh from a 29-point outburst in the Murray game Monday night, while Taylor "came in and took over" a four corner offense late in the game, Earle said.

Guard Lewis Mack will direct the team for his last time in his career at Murphy Center, hoping to add not only to his MTSU career assist record, but to a 12.1 scoring average.

Tickets now available for OVC tournament

Reserved seats and general admission tickets for the March 4-5 Ohio Valley Conference post-season tournament are now available in the MTSU ticket office at Murphy Center.

The tournament will be held in the 9,000-seat Winfield Dunn Center on the campus of Austin Peay in Clarksville. Middle will face Murray State in the first round of the tournament.

The reserved seats, \$5 each, are selling quickly and the allotment of 500 given to this school is almost gone, Sports Information Director Jim Freeman said yesterday. "Of the reserved seats we were given, there are now less than 100 left."

In addition, the school was allotted 500 general admission tickets, to be sold for \$3 each. "Each school in the playoffs has a real good supply of the general admission tickets...the tickets were allotted equally to all the schools," according to Austin Peay SID Doug Vance.

The 1977 advance ticket sales are "the best of the three years the conference has had the tournament," including last year's tournament at Bowling Green, Ky. when all eight teams were involved in the playoffs, Vance said.

This year, only the top four teams in the league (Austin Peay, Murray State, Middle Tennessee and Morehead) will compete for the automatic bid to the NCAA Mid-East Regionals, to be held in mid-March in Baton Rouge, La.

The Dunn Center has not been sold out in the two years the Governors have played in it. "I don't know about a complete sellout, but I do anticipate that all the reserved seats will be gone before the games begin," Vance added.

	**Austin Peay	12-1
	*Middle Tennessee	9-4
	*Murray State	9-4
	*Morehead State	8-5
	East Tennessee	6-7
	Western Kentucky	5-8
	Eastern Kentucky	3-10
	Tennessee Tech	1-12
	**Clinched OVC title	
	*Clinched OVC tournament berth	

Broadcaster discusses "demise" of pro sports

Holy smokes: is Paul Eells an MTSU fan?

by John Pitts
Assistant Sports Editor

Paul Eells hasn't hollered "Holy Smokes" very much this season.

The veteran sports director of Nashville's WSM radio and television and the "Voice of the Commodores" sounded almost like a closet Blue Raider fan during remarks to the weekly Faculty-Press luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the SUB yesterday.

Covering the Vanderbilt basketball team hasn't been very exciting this year, as the young Commodores have failed to win a single road game all year. In fact, perhaps Eells biggest thrill was watching a near-upset by the Raiders in Nashville's Memorial Gym in December.

"It was one of the great comebacks in basketball...it was a game you should have won," Eells said in reference to the Blue's 62-59 loss to Vandy, after trailing 15-0 at one point.

"You look a lot better than Wayne Dobbs (Vandy's coach) at

this point," Eells said to the Raider coach. "There are bags under his eyes, his clothes don't fit, and he only comes out to tape his television show."

Eells continued in this surprising vein by noting "I'm glad to see so many supporters here today...I went to a Vandy press luncheon last week and there was Wayne Dobbs and Ronnie Bargatze (Dobbs' assistant)...and me and a guy from a newspaper. We ate in a private room, didn't discuss basketball and avoided every fan we saw."

The idea of a post-season basketball tournament like the OVC's is producing the envy of the Southeastern Conference, the sports director said. "From the fan's standpoint, the playoff is a great thing."

"Touching all the bases" in some general remarks, Eells said that "professional sports may be in jeopardy" if salaries of athletes continue to rise at their present rate.

"We are not too far from seeing the

demise of pro sports if we continue giving the most money to the best people without regard to how much can really be spent."

He cited Nashville's Wayne Garland as an example of one athlete in a pro sport who is taking advantage of the money boom. Garland, a 20-game winner for the Baltimore Orioles last season, signed a contract last week for 10 years, averaging \$200,000 a year.

"He joined the parade for money, and the team that signed him (Cleveland Indians) doesn't know if he might wake up tomorrow, discover that his arm went to sleep and never be able to pitch again."

At the same time, Eells noted that the Cleveland hockey team, the Barons, was unable to meet its payroll this month, further evidence that this emphasis on money

might end up destroying the game."

Steve Sloan, former Vandy coach and now head of the nationally ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders, "has signed a contract for 10 years there, though I think he'll be in Tuscaloosa in two years."

Tuscaloosa, home of the Univ. of Alabama, is still the hunting grounds of another coach, however.

In the future of collegiate athletics, Eells said he expected the new scholarship limits to "equalize all the football powers."

In a few years, Eells thinks that "Vanderbilt (in the SEC) and Northwestern (in the Big Ten) and Oregon State (in the Pac-10) will be able to compete head-to-head with the other teams in their conference.

MTSU versus Ohio State? Holy smokes, Paul, that might be quite a game.

-- Wrestlers finish tonight --

MTSU's wrestlers will wrap up another above-average season tonight when they travel to Auburn, Ala., to meet the War Eagles at 8 p.m.

The Raiders brought their dual meet record to 12-8 in Chattanooga Tuesday night when the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga crushed MTSU 32-9.

"I wasn't too discouraged with the loss," MTSU coach Gordon Connell explained yesterday. "We

wrestled with six of our regulars out."

"But that's not being offered as an excuse for the loss," Connell added hastily. "We just don't have any depth. It's that simple."

Pat Simpson, Mike Osborne and Tommy Smith were the only winners against the Mocs. MTSU was losing only by a 14-9 score prior to the final three matches.

MTSU's last three matmen were pinned for the final margin.



A fierce struggle marks the scoring of a point in "slaughterball," a mixture of soccer, rugby, football, stupidity and plain old violence. The game, finally ended by rain, was held on Wednesday afternoon. The final score is beside the point.

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New faces to defend conference tennis crown

by John Bliven

Riding high with the OVC Championship last spring, how does MTSU tennis coach Dick Lalance view the 1977 Blue Raider netters?

"We're not as strong as last year, we lost our top four players but I've got confidence in them and they're doing well.

"This will be mainly a rebuilding season, and I feel we can make a bid for the conference champion-

ship, but we have a lot of ground to cover before we seriously think about another title."

This year's squad includes Lasse Durchman, who won the key match for last year's championship, playing no.1; Tony Fernandez filling the no. 2 spot and Dale Short at the third position. Chris Baker and Peter Heffernan, two strong players from Australia will play fifth and sixth, respectively and Mike Patrick and Tom Ward will vie

for the seventh position.

Only Durchman and Patrick return from the championship team. Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky, and Morehead should

provide the toughest conference for the Blue Raiders.

The first two matches will be away, March 4 at Ole Miss. and March 5 at Memphis State.

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
March 4	Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.
5	Memphis State	Memphis
8	Belmont	home
15	Carson Newman	home
16	Vanderbilt	Nashville
17	Virginia	home
25-26	Crimson Tide Classic	home
28	Cincinnati Univ.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
29	Chattanooga	home
31	David Lipscomb	home
April 1	East Tennessee State U	home
2	Tennessee Tech Univ.	Cookeville
5	Chattanooga	Cookeville
7	Austin Peay State U	Chattanooga
8	Murray State U	Clarksville
9	Western Kentucky U	home
11	Tennessee Tech Univ.	home
12	Vanderbilt Univ.	home
13	Murray State Univ.	home
15	Univ. of Louisville	Murray, KY
16	Austin Peay State U	home
19	Tennessee Tech Univ.	Cookeville
22	Univ. of Louisville	Louisville, KY
24	Arkansas - Little Rock	Bowling Green, KY
May 6-7	OVC Championships	home

Raider Calendar

Today

Indoor Track: Illinois Classic, Champaign, Ill.
Wrestling: MTSU vs Auburn University, in Auburn, Ala., 8 p.m.

Tomorrow

Indoor Track: Illinois Classic, Champaign, Ill.
Womens Basketball: MTSU vs Western Kentucky, Murphy Center, 5:15 p.m.
Basketball: MTSU vs Western Kentucky, Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Womens Basketball: MTSU vs Union University, Jackson, Tenn., 7:00 p.m.

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