



Connie O'Connell, center, Miss MTSU

Frosh Selected To Compete In State Contest

Wednesday night was an important one in the DA Auditorium when -- amid roars of applause, cries of congratulations from her fellow contestants, tears and happy smiles -- the first Miss MTSU was crowned.

Connie O'Connell's walk down the ramp and the standing ovation offered by the audience climaxed a hectic evening of quick wardrobe changes, talent, evening gown and swim suit competition. But it was only a small part of what is to come for the new queen. As Miss MTSU, Miss O'Connell, Chattanooga freshman, will represent the university in the Miss Tennessee pageant this summer in Jackson.

Because of a tie in the judges' ranking, there were six finalists instead of the regular five. These girls were obliged to answer with poise and wit such unexpected questions as, "On your first date with a new boy in town, you go to an exclusive restaurant. When the check comes, your date hands it to you. What do you do?"

The judges' reactions to this question-and-answer session in which each contestant responded to two questions, determined the final standing of each. The runners-up and their positions were: Sarah Smith, Carthege junior, first; Claudia Beth Waller, Nashville sophomore, second; Mary Brockman, Sparta freshman, third; Kathy Bess, Rock Island freshman, fourth; and Juanita Allen, Murfreesboro sophomore, fifth. The Wednesday night competition included a complete rendition of talent, swim suit and evening wear competition by the finalists.

These girls, who were selected on the basis of the
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Frat Rush Evokes Variety of Opinions

By Wanda Ensor

The rush is on.

But the question remains in the minds of many men on campus -- just where are we rushing?

Is becoming associated with a fraternity a positive step toward manhood, common brotherhood, personal identity and the other high ideals claimed by most fraternities?

Or is it merely another device of the Establishment? Another tight little group of seemingly do-good conformists?

After arbitrary questioning, it seems that opinions at MTSU are varied but not mixed. For the most part, those who have an opinion have a strong one -- either extreme mistrust or something approaching devotion.

"Most fraternity members seem to feel they're a little bit better than the average student," one non-member observed.

"They do things as a group that an individual wouldn't usually do -- getting drunk too much for instance," another non-Greek believes. But fraternity members are quick to refute this charge.

"Most people tend to look down on us," one Greek explained, "but they don't really understand what we are. Fraternities aren't just social organizations. They also do many civic projects that they never get paid for but really enjoy doing."

"We are NOT a bunch of drunks as some outsiders think," stressed one young man. "In fact, I drank more before I joined a fraternity because my fraternity has given me

something interesting to do in my spare time."

Faced with such diametrically opposed points of view, the logical young man wants to make his own judgement; this is the purpose of open rush. One Greek explained the merits of the practice by commenting, "Rush is an open window through which you can see all the Greek world. Not only that, but for one week, you can actually participate in that world."

"I think I'd like to go through rush," one freshman mused. "I'm interested in joining because a fraternity would give me a set of people with interests like mine to identify with."

The Greeks themselves agree with this point of view. "For each individual, there is one fraternity in which he would be happiest," explained Larry Ledford, Kappa Sigma pledge-master.

"I would encourage each boy who goes through rush to visit ALL the fraternity houses and to consider them all carefully. I wouldn't want to influence a friend to join my fraternity if he'd be happier somewhere else."

One of the frequently mentioned reasons for not participating in rush or joining a fraternity is "I just don't have enough money." In reply, a fraternity member stressed, "You don't have to be rich--there's nothing that says your parents have to have \$50,000 in the bank!"

"Besides," he added, "you actually save money when you consider dates." He explained that the fraternity houses offer

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ROTC Club Sponsors Blood Drive Tuesday

The ROTC Track & Sabre Club in co-operation with the Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive Tuesday, March 4 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Center - 3rd floor.

The drive itself is in answer to an acute shortage of blood due to the war in Viet Nam. Trophies will be awarded. Cadet Tom Helton, chairman of the drive, said that his club will award two first place trophies.

The first trophy will go to the fraternity who has the highest percentage of donating members and the second first place award will go to the club or

organization that donates the most amount of blood.

There will also be one second place trophy awarded.

In addition to the awards, there will be door prizes consisting of five golf umbrellas from the Goodyear Tire Co. and two \$25.00 gift certificates from the Men's Store and the Cotton Patch.

Helton and the graduating cadet seniors and the cadet officers have challenged the entire faculty and administration to a blood giving contest. Helton said that if his team loses, they will make a public concession of defeat anywhere, anytime.

Voting Machines Make ASB Elections Efficient

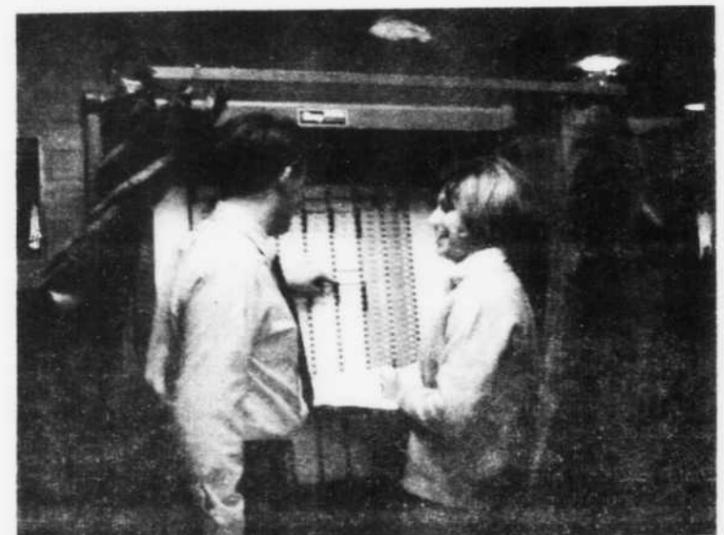
ASB elections will be more efficient and results will be tabulated more speedily this spring due to the loan of five mechanical voting machines from the Rutherford County Election Commission to the ASB election headed by Cliff Gillespie, Nashville junior.

The machines were used for the first time during the senior superlatives elections held Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, Feb. 27.

Cliff Gillespie, ASB election commissioner, contacted John Nelson, Rutherford County election commissioner, about the use of the machines this spring and all the elections forthcoming.

Gillespie said that the machines would be available for use here through April, and that it would be the prerogative of the next election com-

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Vote Counting, Made Easy

Scarlett Returns From Ill. Trip, ACCTE Meeting

President M. G. Scarlett is expected to return to Murfreesboro Wednesday from a seven-day trip through Illinois and Indiana and a visit to the 21st annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Scarlett left campus Wednesday with Dr. Howard Kirksey, dean of faculty, to attend the early sessions of the ACCTE meeting. The conference lasted through Saturday.

Theme of the ACCTE meeting was "Reality and Relevance: Today's Agenda for Teacher Education."

Kirksey was scheduled to leave the president in Chicago, site of the conference, and travel to another educational conference in Oklahoma where he was to represent Tennessee colleges and universities.

Scarlett traveled to South Bend, Ind., after the ACCTE meeting Saturday, where he met with Bubber Murphy, MTSU athletic director, and Fran J. Riel of the physical education department. They were to inspect several athletic facilities in that city.

Scarlett was scheduled to attend another education conference in the Windy City Monday, the 24th annual National Conference on Higher Education.

That seminar, titled "The Agony and the Promise of America," is set to continue through Wednesday morning.

Frosh Meeting

A Freshman Class meeting will be held in U. C. Theater Thursday at 6 p.m.

Topics for discussion at the meeting will be the Cerebral Palsy Fund Drive for Telethon, discussion on Coed-Codes and happenings in the Senate.



"The Death of Bessie Smith." Shown here are Robert Rucker and Don Coleman who play the parts of Jack and Bernie. The play was written by Edward Albee and is directed by Lynn Edward Brown.

Frosh Selected... 14 Compete In All Sing

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first judging Tuesday night, also included: Nancy Chapman, Nashville sophomore; Brenda Hayes, Lewisburg junior; Carol Moore, Nashville sophomore; and Sharon Tucker, Nashville sophomore.

Ginger Brooks, Chattanooga junior, was chosen Miss Congeniality by the votes of the 17 original contestants.

Another beauty taking part, but not competing, in the contest was Rosemary Escue, 1968 Miss Midlander. Miss Escue in addition to the regular duties of crowning the new queen and making her farewell speech, sang several numbers to help keep up the contest's fast-moving tempo.

She also was greeted by a sincere standing ovation from the nearly full auditorium as she made her final walk as reigning Miss Midlander.

George Clinton and his band provided between competition entertainment for the evening. Besides playing several favorite popular songs and a number of Clinton's well-received original compositions, they also accompanied several of the contestants during the talent competition.

Emcee for the evening was WSM's Dave Overton from Nashville.

Fourteen groups will compete in the Tau Omicron-sponsored All Sing which will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. There will be no admission.

Judging will be in three categories: all male, all female, and mixed groups.

Entered in the all male category are: Chi Alpha Pi Fraternity, Lambda Psi Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Nu Fraternity, and Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Groups in the all female competition are: Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Chi Omega Sorority, Kappa Delta Sorority, the Home Economics Club, and Delta Zeta Sorority.

Classed in the mixed groups are: Die Duetschen Kameraden (German Club), El Circulo Espana (Spanish Club), and the Wesley Foundation.

According to Marilyn Enstey, Tau Omicron president, the program this year promises to be outstanding. Folksongs, spirituals, and patriotic selections will compose the majority of the program.

A panel of five judges will rate each group on tone, intonation, diction, technique, balance, interpretation, musical effects, and other factors including discipline, stage presence, and appearance.

Bob Harrington

Chaplain of Bourbon St. Lectures Here Tonight

By Jenny Tenpenny

"Sometimes the devil is black haired, sometimes a blonde. Sometimes only her hair-dresser knows for sure."

This statement comes from Bob Harrington, better known as the Chaplain of Bourbon Street, as he was talking with go-go girls in a New Orleans nightclub.

Harrington's schedule includes speaking in the DA auditorium Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and in the UC Theatre Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon. The program will also be highlighted by singing by several MTSU students. Those singing will include Brenda North, George Clinton, Rodger Traugh and Miss MTSU, Connie O'Connell.

President M. G. Scarlett will introduce Harrington Monday night.

Harrington has given help to strippers, drug addicts, bartenders, and anyone who needs help on Bourbon Street. However, this has not always been true. When he first opened his chapel in the French Quarter, he was met with contempt. Hecklers ripped the pages from his Bible and anointed him with beer. The big preacher carried on, turned the other cheek, and soon began to get calls for help. Harrington bases his Bourbon

ISC, IFC Schedule Joint Meet

The Inter-Sorority Council has scheduled a joint meeting with the Inter-Fraternity Council to be held sometime in the next two weeks, according to Dianne Bruce, president of the IFC Council.

One of the main purposes of the meeting will be to elect a vice-president, a secretary, and a House Member to the Council, said Miss Bruce.

The sororities on campus are in the process of attaining membership to the National Panhellenic Association, so the meeting will also involve a discussion of Panhellenic rules and certain changes that are to be made in the constitutions, according to Miss Bruce.

The sororities were originally set up under Panhellenic guide lines, so the only major changes involved will be changes of the names and the alteration of the membership quotas, she added.

Miss Bruce will meet this weekend with Dean Cunningham of Vanderbilt University to discuss the problems involved in obtaining a charter.

Street ministry on the story of the prodigal son.

"The prodigal son is one who awakened to find himself in a

hogpen. In the 20th century when you have a prodigal situation, a man will not leave but will write the government to come in and improve the hogpen--clean up the slop."

"The Great Society will never be made by improving the environment. You have to improve the man," said Harrington.

Harrington staunchly denies being another Elmer Gantry or a hypocrite, saying, "Well that's why I'm here, because I'm not a hypocrite."

"Why does a man think he's got to go to church to be saved? He doesn't go to a funeral home to die."

He has also taken a crusade to Las Vegas. In comparing Las Vegas to Bourbon Street, he says, "Here (Bourbon Street) they do a little stripping. In Las Vegas they come out stripped and go from there. If the devil has a heaven, that's it. Talk about high class sin!"

In explaining his Bourbon Street ministry, he says, "The Lord was a fisher of men, and this is the biggest fishhole I could find."

Harrington is being brought to MTSU by the Student Christian Union.

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CANDID CAMPUS

Candid Campus polled MTSU students Friday on the following question: Do you think fraternities whose constitutions exclude members according to racial or religious criteria should be allowed onto the Middle Tennessee State University campus? The majority of those interviewed gave a negative response. A sampling of the several opinions follows:

"A fraternity is a private organization and I believe that men in this organization should have the right to choose whom they want as brothers. I think that members of any private organization composed of and originated by Negroes should also have that right."

Terry Huff



Terry Huff

"Discrimination and prejudice are things that I have never been able to completely understand, and knowing that there are organizations which are representative of this public institution that show prejudice and discrimination toward other races and/or religions seems wrong to me. On a private campus the question might be different, but on a state campus it doesn't follow."

Nancy Jean Hall



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"No, I think it's a hideous idea. As a Baha'i, I believe that human rights are God-given rights and that all such forms of discrimination are contrary to the will of God."

Gary Matthews



Gary Matthews

"Everybody deserves an equal opportunity if they conduct themselves in such a way that they deserve it."

Charles Casey



Charles Casey

"If the government is going to enforce the measures against discrimination in public housing and in private business, perhaps it would be a good idea for fraternities to go along with this. Since fraternities already have other criteria for admitting members, I doubt that race need be one, even if it may be informally."

Ivan Walters



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"Someone is going to have to decide if this university is going to support segregation. The administration has the power to make things awfully uncomfortable for any organization that has bigotry as an integral part of their charter. How can anyone in this day and time be so small as to discriminate against someone merely because of pigmentation? That sounds like Hitler's S.S. in 1939."

Rhea Cole



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Walker, Free Head Superlative Runoffs

Runoffs were needed to decide seven of the eight positions for MTSU's Senior Superlatives.

Those elected were: Marjory Walker, Lady of Blue; Jim Free, Bachelor of Ugliness; Anita Johnson, Most Outstanding Female; Mac McDonald, Most Outstanding Male; Diane Bruce, Most Popular Female; Bryant Millsaps, Most Popular Male; Jenny Jones, Most Versatile Female; Tom Peterson, Most Versatile Male.

Lady of Blue was the only position which did not require a runoff to decide the winner.

The results of Thursday's runoff were: Bachelor of Ugliness, Jim Free 242, Mike Pritchard 225; Most Outstanding Female, Anita Johnson 278, Nancy Helberg 178; Most Outstanding Male, Mac McDonald 238, Jim Garner 233; Most Popular Female, Diane Bruce 235, Margaret Duncan 225; Most Popular Male, Bryant Millsaps 254, Doug Bennett 210; Most Versatile Male, Tom Peterson 262, Harold Hounihan, 199.

This was the first campus election in which voting machines were used.



Marjory Walker



Jim Free

Kennedy Thanks Marchers

Senator Edward Kennedy has sent a letter thanking those who took part in the Kennedy Memorial March on Nov. 22, 1968 at MTSU.

In the letter Senator Kennedy referred to the SIDELINES' story about the march and said, "It is a source of great strength to me and to my family to know that his hopes and ideals live on -- there can be no greater tribute to his life. Your thoughts and your prayers continue to mean a great deal to us."

Senator Kennedy's letter was in response to clippings of the SIDELINES' story and a letter sent him by the father of Dr. Norman Ferris, MTSU history professor. The elder Ferris, retired managing editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, is an acquaintance of Kennedy from his newspaper days.

The local march was held on the fifth anniversary of the ex-President's death. The purpose was a rededication to the goals and ideals of John Kennedy.

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missioner to arrange for the use of the machines in the future.

Gillespie said that the machines were being used at no cost to the ASB, nor any cost to Rutherford County.

Gillespie quoted Nelson as saying that, "the loan of these machines was one way Rutherford County could say thank you to MTSU for its many contributions to Murfreesboro and Rutherford County."

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Unicameral Idea May Have Another Side

Doug Bennett's plan for a one-house student congress is looking better every day.

If successful, his attempt at streamlining the student government will eliminate much of the waste of time that now restricts the ASB Congress. The senators who are not interested and the House members who are not representatives bar the ASB from functioning adequately.

Perhaps Bennett's suggestion will make things a little better by cutting the number of representatives to the bone and, thereby, making those offices more keenly sought after.

Speaking of waste, has anyone seen his class officers lately? Probably not.

The sophomore class' mid-winter formal has ended, of course, so even their job is over until election time. All the homecoming parade floats have been made, you see.

So speaking of waste, why not clean house while we're sweeping the cellar. This school could do without its class officers.

Perhaps the elimination of the class offices would increase the competition for the new unicameral congress seats, when that system is finally accepted. If the perennial class candidates, including senators and class officers, enjoy winning the "prestige" elections as much as they seem, then they surely would be happy to run for the more hotly-contested seats. The greater the competition, of course, the greater the honor in winning.

Maybe they would enjoy a tougher race. But maybe they wouldn't.

Yes, Doug Bennett's plan is sounding a whole lot better.

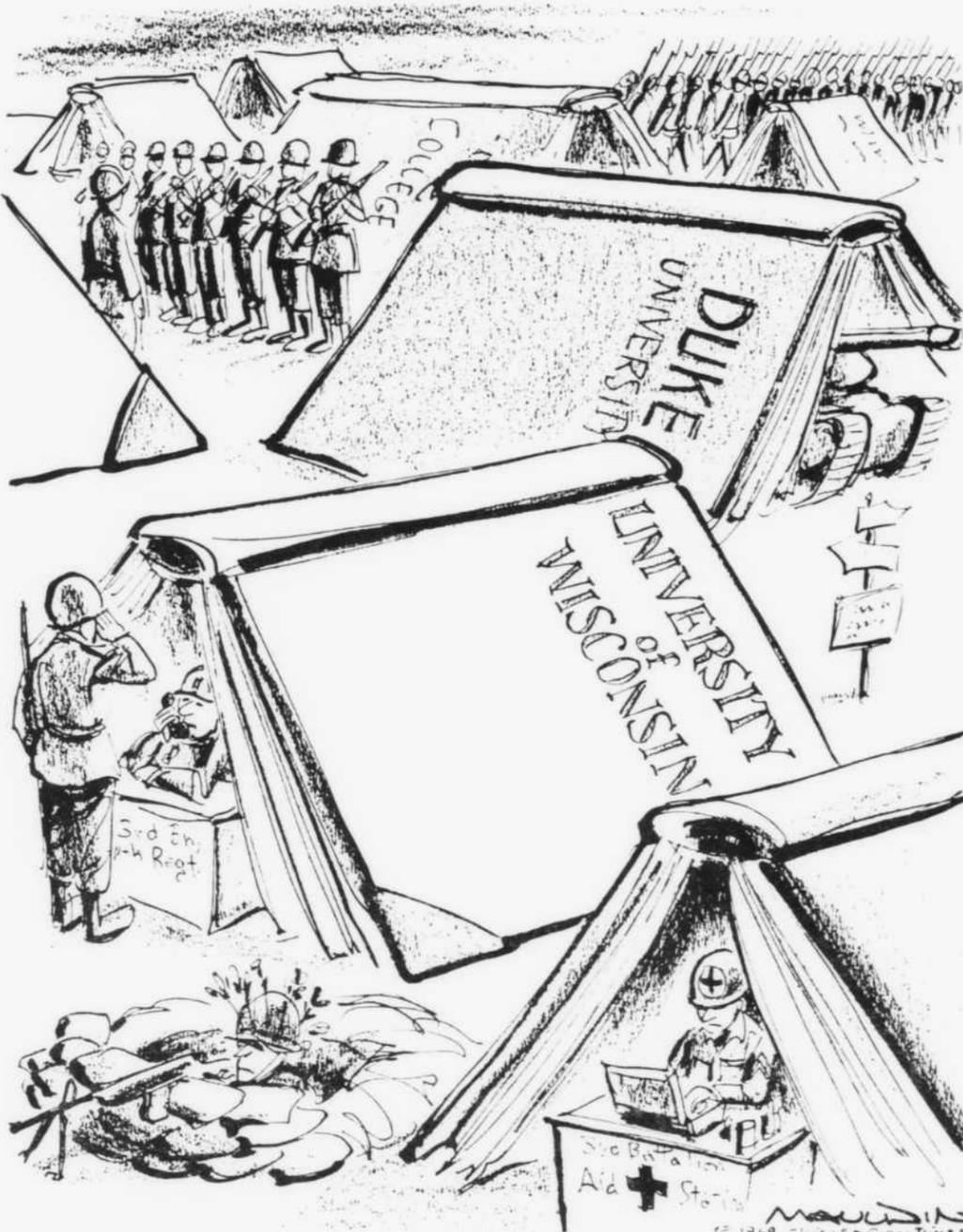
Racist Society?

A student reporter, who will cover the one-act play, "The Death of Bessie Smith," March 11-15 here, is having some trouble.

Don Smith, a Savannah junior, was told by an editor of the Murfreesboro Daily News Journal that she thought it was not the paper's policy to write, in its society section, about plays with bi-racial themes. Smith contacted Jack McFarland, publisher of the Journal, who was quoted as saying:

"What are you trying to do? Make the society page racist?"

Really, Mr. McFarland.



TENTING ON THE OLD CAMPGROUND

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If Sirhan Pleads Guilty, Gets Life Imprisonment

LOS ANGELES--The State Department specifically approved an agreement reached here last week by which Sirhan Sirhan would change his plea to "guilty" in exchange for a sentence of life imprisonment.

Los Angeles Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger advised Secretary of State William Rogers in Washington of these possibilities in the bargaining between his office and the Sirhan defense staff and received approval from Rogers for the plan.

Here the story. Sirhan, of course, faces a conviction of first-degree murder and the gas chamber for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. He did not plea insanity, but instead entered a plea of not guilty, although he and his attorneys have never denied that he did the shooting in the Ambassador Hotel here last June.

Under California law, it is possible to demonstrate a "diminished capacity" of mind, a sort of midstation between sanity and insanity, and thus escape a conviction for murder in the first degree. First-degree murder convictions--of course--require proof of premeditation.

Even if convicted of first-degree murder, Sirhan would then, under California law, undergo a second trial by jury to determine whether the punish-

ment would be death or life imprisonment.

Once a jury was selected and testimony began, Sirhan's plea of not guilty assumed a double importance. It would permit a showing of diminished capacity, suggested by his attorneys in their opening statement, either through drunkenness or an irrational hatred of Israel. In addition, it would permit him to "tell his story"; that is, to have his moment of worldwide publicity in which he could recount the events of his childhood which formed--allegedly--his views.

On the other hand, a plea of guilty would eliminate the necessity of a trial. And if he could receive a guarantee of life imprisonment in return

there would be no risk of death in the gas chamber.

Thus, there began the kind of "plea bargaining" familiar to most criminal lawyers and most district attorneys in which a lesser plea is accepted in exchange for a lighter sentence. Sirhan--in short--was prepared to cop a plea.

His attorneys offered a guilty plea to first-degree murder if they could be sure the death penalty would not be imposed. At that point Dist. Atty. Younger went to Washington for some foreign-policy advice and got it.

In conversations with Secretary Rogers, he was advised that the State Department--as a matter of U.S. foreign policy--would find the proposed deal acceptable. If Sirhan were to plead guilty and receive life imprisonment, the reasoning went, it could only have a beneficial effect as far as the fierce and violent Middle East passions were concerned.

Armed with Roger's approval, Younger returned to the scene of the trial here and approved the bargain. All that was needed was the consent of Judge Herbert Walker. To the astonishment of both sides, the

judge refused. He insisted that even if the plea were changed to guilty he would submit the penalty question to the jury, which

might sentence Sirhan to death even if the prosecution did not ask for it. Sirhan rejected the gamble. And so the trial proceeds, and the opportunity to defuse at least one dangerous element in the Middle East was lost.

Younger, of course, scrupulously refrained from using the foreign-policy arguments in court, and Judge Walker was entirely unaware of the State Department position. Never has the separation of powers seemed more separate.

Bennett Outlines Unicameral Plan

By Doug Bennett

In a previous column, a unicameral legislature was contrasted to a bi-cameral legislature and my conclusions were that a unicameral system could be much more effective and efficient. Now the task remains to design a specific structure for our campus.

Plans have been proposed by people as far back as Paul Womack's ASB administration. This year several people have done much research in the area. Through exchange of ideas with many people--particularly instrumental were Pat O'Neal, Sarah Smith and Mike Mead--we have designed a plan that we think would be very workable on our campus.

From a democratic standpoint, it is desirable that fair representation of all students be obtained. Our present House of Representatives represents only those students who are members of campus organizations. A large portion, primarily commuters, are not members of these organizations. So they receive no representation whatever in the House of Representatives.

Another fallacy in the make-up of the House is that students who are members of one organization are likely to be members in numerous other organizations. Hence, they receive multiple representation. This hardly approaches a one-man, one-vote principle.

Honorary groups, which may meet only twice a year and have little identity, receive an equal vote with highly identifiable groups such as social fraternities.

The plan that we feel will equalize the inadequacies of our present system is based on constituencies that are representative of all students and also are identifiable to members of a constituency.

We propose a student assembly apportioned on a class basis and a school basis. At the present time, there is a significant class feeling between students -- particularly freshmen and sophomores. Also there is a growing identity of the schools (School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Industry, and School of Education) as our campus takes on more attributes of a growing university. Each student is a member of a class and also a member of a school. We propose that the student assembly be based on this factor. By virtue of there being four classes and three schools, we would end up with twelve constituencies. We propose that delegates or representatives to the student legislature be elected from these constituencies. We would receive fair representation here because each student is a member of only one constituency (except in the case of a double major, each is in a different school).

One important consideration is the size of the assembly. We feel that the present Senate (17) is too small to function efficiently and that the House (approximately 70) is too large and cumbersome. The ideal size we think, would be around 30 delegates. This would be enough to allow efficient operation of committees, but not too many. This sounds like a small number, but when the present representation is considered, we find that each student receives a fairer, more equal representation.

We propose that the number of delegates be apportioned among the three schools on a one-man, one-vote principle. At the present time, the School of Business and Industry has more majors than the other schools. Accordingly, the School of Business and Industry would receive proportionately more seats, so as to give more equal representation to each individual student.

When we apportion the seats among the schools we have them divided among the classes within its school. As nearly as possible, each class would receive the same number of seats as any other class. Any extra seats would go to the higher class, with no classes having more than one more seat than any other. This aspect is not on a one-man, one-vote principle, but is disproportioned for what we feel are good reasons. The normal identification a student feels for his class and his school would mean that each student would feel more a part of his constituency than of any other, even though his has close contact with either other classes or other schools.

A constitutional amendment is needed to make this change. This involves passage by both houses of our present legislature and approval at a campus wide student assembly.

Nixon Must Reaffirm His European Policy

Don't envy President Nixon his European trip. At Brussels and at Bonn and Rome, the best he can do will be to reaffirm a policy of American protection for Europe that won't really protect without nuclear weapons. At London, he can only show again American helplessness in trying to break the French blockade against Britain in the Common Market. And when he finally gets to Paris, he and Charles de Gaulle may have a grand old time swapping accounts of how each made a comeback from the wilderness, but the French-American deadlock on European policy is too locked up to be pried open while De Gaulle is still in power.

Can you think of anyone who has written recently on European unity who hasn't ended feeling pretty dismal? Once

there was a dream that unity was possible and would come. But almost a quarter-century has drained away since Monnet, Schumann, De Gasperi and Adenauer dreamt it, and now the dream is dying and is all but dead.

Who Kills Dream

Who have been the killers of the dream? Count nationalist rivalries for Europe's hegemony as one killer. Count the almost insoluble problem of the two Germanys as another. Count Britain's economic doldrums, and therefore its virtual suspension as a European force, as still another. Add to these the bungling American policies toward Europe under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, the first in his missed chance to work with De Gaulle, the second for his utopian Grand Design of an Atlantic Union.

Count, furthermore, in this calendar of the killers of the European dream, the enmity of the Soviet empire to anything and everything that could unite Europe, except under Communist leadership. And first, last and always, count the inveterate role of De Gaulle in fighting any measure that might undercut the force of nationalism in Europe and diminish his role by shaping a Europe that could

live comfortable with American power.

DeGaulle Is European

Whatever one may think of De Gaulle, it should be clear that he is a European. Exactly because he is saturated in Europe's culture and traditions, he faces backward to its dynastic rivalries and its ruthless quest for one nation's dominance, in power and influence. It is one of history's jests that so good a European, who embodies so much of Europe's creativeness, should have thrown so destructive a monkey wrench into the machinery of European unity.

When the story of this era is written, the role assigned in it to De Gaulle may be that of Charles the Naysayer, who said no to every affirmative effort to unite Europe's resources and technology, its capacity to defend itself, its political decision-making. His recent act in leaving the French chair vacant at the meeting of the meeting of the Western European Union (WEU), lest it give the British a foothold on the steep path to membership in the Common Market, is only the latest instance of De Gaulle's ingrown neurosis of negativism.

Nixon Needs Leader

It is a pity that President Nixon can find no European leader to guide him, rightly or wrongly, through the pitfalls of European diplomacy and power politics, as Harry Truman had Winston Churchill, and as Dwight Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles had Harold Macmillan and Konrad Adenauer, and as John Kennedy and Dean Rusk and George Ball had Jean Monnet. Sadly, one must say that there are no European leaders left, since Paul-Henry Spak has talked himself out of the American power circle by his opposition to the antiproliferation treaty, and Kurt-Georg Kiesinger and Harold Wilson are so clearly nonleaders, and De Gaulle is so clearly a misleader. Never in recent times have an American President and secretary of state had to fashion a European policy so completely on their own, without a European leader to consult to as a natural partner.

The only voice raised to give Mr. Nixon some advice, if only by indirection, has been that of the British minister of defense, Denis Healey. In presenting a somewhat shrunken British defense budget, Healey pointed out that while the British had to withdraw their forces from the Far East and the Middle East, "we cannot tow the British Isles away from Europe," and that they are not trying to awaken their European partners to the reality-principle of European defense--the need of the NATO nations to honor their commitments to conventional forces, the need for America to face the fact that Europe's defense in the event of trouble from the Russians may well have to be some kind of American nuclear commitment.

This is the dreary end product of the whole European dream.

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RAIDERS END ON WINNING NOTE

Statistics Show Raiders Ahead

By Sue Porter

In games not including Saturday night's, statistics show that MTSU's freshman team far outshines its opposition in all totals. Field goals attempted was the best, with MTSU attempting 1679 and hitting for a .453 per cent while its opposition attempted 1750 for a .378 per cent.

Another definite advantage was in rebounds. MTSU grabbed 1284 to its opponent's 1076. Also total points made were impressive. We made 1890 to our opponent's 1643 for an average per game of 82.2 compared to a 71.4 for the opposition.

In talking with Coach Earle, he said that the defense and shooting percentage has been good during our last nine games.

Our freshmen have come a long way. Usually teams sort of dwindle after Christmas to performances that aren't up to their capabilities. The Baby Raiders haven't let the slump hit them.

He also went to state that the schedule for next year will be the same. He thought that if he could add two boys a year to the varsity team, then he would have done his job.

In asking Coach Earle about the most improved player, he stated that Jim Drew was the one. He went on to say that his last eight games have been the deciding games. The team has totally improved on their defense, he went on to reply.

Some individual statistics are: Joe Barclay FG, 191, FGA 361, for a percentage of .529; Drew made 162 of 391 attempted for a .414 percent.

Sam McCamey attempted 273 and made 141 for a percentage of .516.

In total rebounds, Barclay grabbed 248, Legg got 229, Drew got 160, McCamey 250, and Ray Dennis with 101.

In total average, Barclay averaged 20.3, Legg 18.4, Drew 18.0, McCamey 14.9, and Dennis with a 4.6 average.

Drop Mocs by 24 Points; APSU Beaten on Boards

Middle Tennessee evened its record at 13-13 over the long weekend as they dropped Chattanooga 96-72 Thursday night and went to defeat Austin Peay 89-82 to close out the season.

The Raiders hit on a fantastic 44-of-81 shots for a 54.3 percentage against the Mocs for their best game of the season.

Willie Brown, the Ohio Valley Conference's number four Conference's fourth leading scorer, made 15-of-29 shots from the field for a total of 33 and was followed by Terry Scott with 15, Steve McElhane getting 14, and Booker Brown netting 13 to close out the double figure scoring.

Art Polk got eight, Tommy Brown shot in six, Pat Fischer produced three, and Rick Lasseter made two to close out the scoring.

Against Austin Peay, the Big Blue used its superior rebound-

ing ability to take the win. They were never behind in the game.

Grabbing 17 of the teams 71 rebounds, Polk played consistent ball the way he has all season. He also poured in 13-points.

Booker was next in rebounds with his 16, but he popped the nets for 27 points to take the scoring honors.



Equaling Booker with 16 rebounds, Scott rammed in 12 points. Willie made 18 points, McElhane produced 17, and Tommy made two.

In freshmen action, Joe Barclay bombed the nets for 44-points, his highest output of the season, in leading the team to a 95-82 win over the APSU yearlings.

Winning its ninth straight game and running its record to 17-7 for the season, the freshmen had double figure support from Tommy Legg with 19, Jim Drew had 16, and Sam McCamey made 13. Ray Dennis closed out the scoring with three points.

The MTSU basketball season is over and it's been a rewarding one for the Raiders.

Tawat Gets 3 as Soccer Team Wins

The MTSU Soccer Team beat the International Soccer Club of Nashville Sunday by the score of 3-2. Tawat Messomonta, the Center-Forward, scored all three goals for the MTSU club in the first half.

The club now boasts a record of 6-1.

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New Coaches, Catavolos and Peck Evaluate MTSU Football Future, Spring Training

By David Word

Spring training will begin this year March 17 and will be capped by the annual Spring game April 19.

"We will operate on a pro-type offense next year, but our main objective this spring will be to get a good look at everybody and to put players in a position where they can play," stated George Catavolos, newly appointed assistant coach at MTSU.

"I can only speak of the defensive unit," Catavolos said, "and we will be working with fundamentals -- the basic defenses. We want to develop speed, aggressiveness, and toughness of defense."

Eighty men are expected to report for practice and all will "get a good look, to see what they can do," according to Catavolos.

"We are working with old films, but we won't know what the returning personnel can do until we get on the practice field. We won't be able to determine whether we will be a passing team or a running team until we get a look at everything," he added.

Bill Peck, appointed as assistant coach at MTSU early last week, said, "Our main objective will be to improve over last year's record. There is only one way we can go in this conference, and we will go up."

The Raiders finished a disappointing last in OVC football action last year. It was the first time Bubber Murphy, recently retired football coach, had suffered a losing season at MTSU.

"This is the students' football team. It is extremely important that the students are behind us. Coach Catavolos and Coach Finley came from a school (Purdue) where the stands were filled for every game and I just came from a place (Northern Illinois University) where the students filled the stands every game, too. It gives the players a lot of confidence to see the student body turn out in support of the team," Peck also stated.

Praise For Fouss

Catavolos, who played under new head football coach Don Fouss for three years at Purdue, had high praise for the new MTSU head football coach.

"Coach Fouss is a winner. He has been a winner wherever he has gone because he is a hard worker. Coach Fouss is

a real dynamic individual and one of the most intelligent men you can find in football today. He is probably the best recruiter in the country. At Purdue, he would recruit boys from all over the country," Catavolos stated.

Interest in University

"We (the new coaching staff) are really interested in the University academically as well as athletically. It has a lot of potential. We want to recruit the great boys from across the state and all over the country for that matter. The people we recruit will be coming to play football for MTSU -- not for Coach Fouss or anyone else for that matter," he continued.

"If any group or organization would like one of the coaching staff to come give a talk, we would be more than glad to do it. No group is too small. Any student who knows of a great player in his area should let us know about him," Catavolos added.

"We want to build up as much school spirit here as possible. Of course there is a winning

tradition already here and we want to continue in the tradition Bubber Murphy left behind. We want to make the teams scared to death to come in here to play," Peck added.

If the spirit and interest which the new coaches--head coach Don Fouss and assistants Jim Finley, Bill Peck, and George Catavolos--have for the team and for MTSU could be transferred to the players and fans here in Murfreesboro, there would be little doubt that a winning football team will be forthcoming.

These men are aggressively building another winning tradition here and should have little trouble succeeding if they receive the support and help they need from the students, faculty, administration, and townspeople.

Since MTSU possesses the best athletic director (Bubber Murphy), best head coach and best assistant coaches to be found anywhere in the country, it seems that the best fans to be found anywhere in the country will find it very easy to support them.

Peck Joins MTSU Staff

Latest member to join the Blue Raider coaching staff is William Peck, a successful college and high school grid mentor. Peck comes to MTSU from Northern Illinois University where he has served as end coach and offensive coordinator for the past four years.

The newly appointed coach served as varsity football mentor at Ridgefield Park, N.J. high until accepting the post at Northern Illinois.

His teams at Paramus posted a 21-6 record over three seasons, and in 1963 won their conference title and ranked as State Prep champions, Group III.

Coach Peck saw service with the U.S. Army Paratroops-Infantry during World War II serving in the Philippines. He also played football for the great 82nd Airborne team during his service tour.

Three Peck coached griders have won names in the professional football ranks. Harrison Rosdahl, former Penn State great and Kansas City Chiefs player, and George Francovich, Syracuse University and St. Louis star, played high school ball under the new Raider assistant at Ridgefield Park. The latest is John Spillis, a Northern Illinois flanker who was a third round draft choice of Green Bay.

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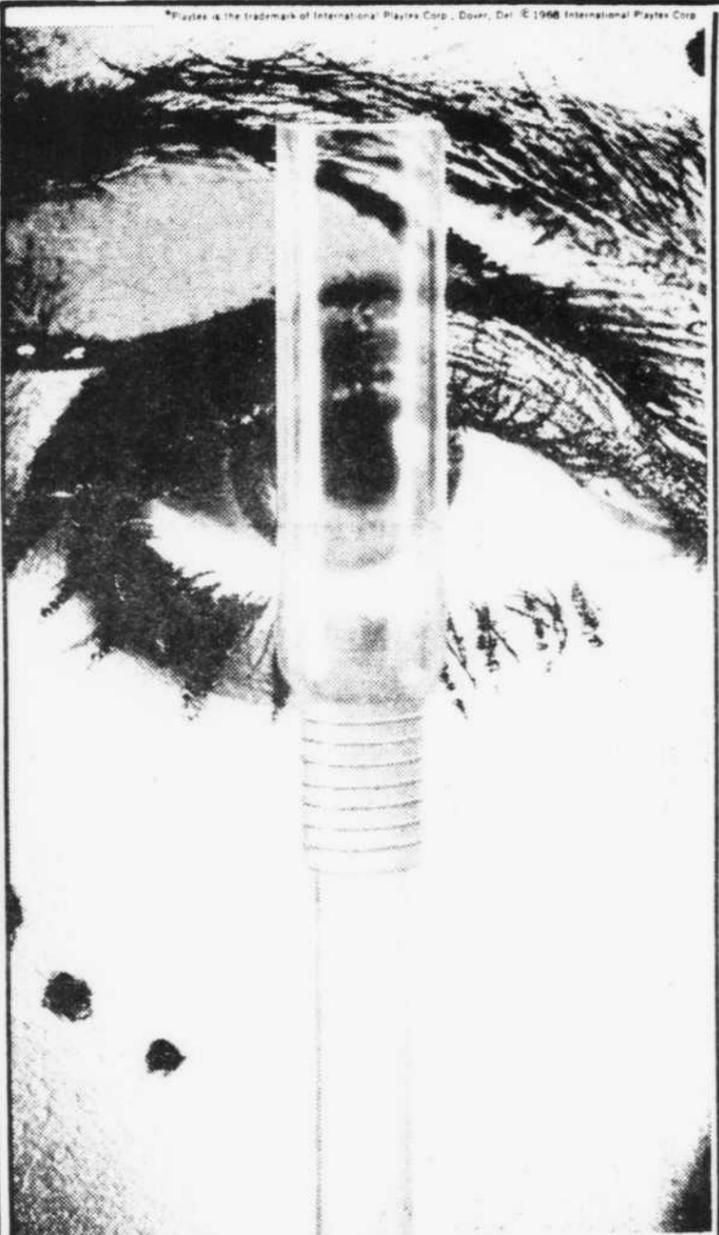
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Around the OVC

By Sue Porter

It's official now, Murray ripped past Western Kentucky 89-79 for a solid berth in the run-offs of the OVC championship.

Murray, winning 11 games and losing only three in OVC play, has only Morehead to contend with now. Morehead plays East Tennessee tonight in its last regular season game.

Western, 9-4 in the OVC, is now out of the race completely. Twice in the first half of play, Murray enjoyed leads of 15 points and twice during the second half, blew Western out of the race with two 16-point leads.

Should Morehead win over East Tennessee tonight, it would

force a playoff between the two Wednesday night. The winner will travel to a first round meeting with Marquette in the NCAA tournament series at Southern Illinois.

Morehead beat Tennessee Tech Saturday night, and, thus, kept alive their hopes in the OVC alive. Their drive was sparked by the shooting of Lamar Green who had 28 points and 19 rebounds.

Morehead outshot Tech 43-to-34 % and held a 62-35 advantage in rebounds. Morehead is 10-3 and 17-8 for the season.

The Raiders, who took both wins over Austin Peay Saturday night, are now 13-13 for the season and 4-10 in OVC play.

Frat Rush...

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parties, areas for television-watching, dancing, and socializing as free activities for members, dates and guests.

A fraternity offers much more than an accelerated social life, Greeks contend. There are special study programs set up to give members a little more academic motivation.

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Poly Sci. Unit

Pi Sigma, professional political science fraternity, is now accepting new members.

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Rifle Team Drops SEC School

MTSU's rifle team went on the road this week and came home the victor over Mississippi 1215-1194, but lost a close one to Miss. State by 1260-1215 count.

Mike McCord shot a 255 score in leading the Raider riflemen and was followed by Mike Jean's 253. Both boys have consistently shot in the 250's all season.

Bill Small was the number three man this week as he fired a 248, and Mike Russell was next in line with his 231 score. Ed Foster, captain, was next with a 228 count.

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