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Photo by Alan Lovless

Ivan Shewmake, assistant associate dean of students, makes a wild gesture while driving home a portion of his argument that MTSU does not function in the role of a parent to students enrolled here.

Lab refunds will be mailed

by Bill Mason

Refunds of physical science lab fees paid this semester should be mailed out to students within the next two weeks, according to R.N. Martin of the business office.

Students currently enrolled in

either physical science 101 or 102 were required to pay a \$5 laboratory fee, even though no labs are part of either course this year.

The refunds were to have been mailed by Feb. 1, but were delayed because of processing difficulties, Martin said.

Forum participants reject parental role of university

MTSU's role as a substitute parent is no longer needed, according to at least 40 students who participated Wednesday night in the Campus Forum.

Debate on the question, "Resolved — that MTSU should drop the role of substitute parents," was heated despite a low turnout, Jay Conner, moderator of the event, said.

Ivan Shewmake, MTSU assistant associate dean of students, debated against the resolution, while Mike Carter, an Ootewah senior and Associated Student Body public defender, was main speaker in favor of the topic.

Ten members of the predominantly student audience favored the parental role while 40 opposed it, according to a head count taken after the hour-long session.

Carter opened debate by challenging several university policies and rules regulating campus life.

"Freshman girls are exploited by the university perhaps more than any one group," Carter said. "For the fall semester all freshmen women have a 2 a.m. sign-in, but suddenly next semester, that restriction is lifted," he said.

"Does the university believe that they grew up enough over the Christmas break so that they no longer need protection from the devious male population?" he asked.

The public defender also attacked a wide range of campus rules against pornography, profanity, harassment and intimidation.

"What about the disorderly conduct clause in the student hand-

book?" he said, "It's an open-ended clause open to individual interpretation, much as a parent would decide if his child has done right or wrong."

Carter said a student relinquishes certain Constitutional rights when they enroll in the university.

"These trivial rules enforced by the university in their role as a substitute parent do not add to the learning process," he said.

"We don't have an issue here tonight," Shewmake told the group. "This administration does not act in the role of a substitute parent."

"Yes, freshmen girls do have rules the first semester, but they are unaccustomed to college life and need a while to acquaint themselves with the rules of the game," he said.

Shewmake said the university has a "responsibility to the parents of our students, the community and the taxpayers of the state."

"I don't think any university rules are capricious—we have the duty to protect students, faculty and visitors and preserve order," he said.

"I believe strongly that this university should protect the student from harassment, intimidation or disorderly conduct, much as any town does its citizens," he said.

The dean said court officials have told him that university due process procedures, when dealing with students charged with a campus violation, go far beyond that of any other school in the state.

Campus commuter lot to open Feb. 1

A parking lot reserved exclusively for MTSU students commuting by car pool will be opened Feb. 1, Robert MacLean, dean of student services, said yesterday.

Applications for use of the lot will be taken beginning 8 a.m. Monday in the security office in Reynolds Hall, he said. In order to apply, at least three persons must be willing to car pool, according to MacLean.

"When applying for privileges to the lot, one person should go to the security office with the names, addresses and phone numbers of other students in his area who wish to join a pool," he said.

A car pool card will be issued to one member of the pool, which the car driver must display in order to be allowed entry to the commuter area.

The car pool lot, located between the baseball diamond and the Dramatic Arts building, will be supervised by a member of the MTSU security force between 7 and 10 a.m. each school day, Campus Security Chief, Matthew Royal said.

About 800 students have been mailed car pool information, MacLean said. Name and addresses of students in surrounding

communities who are in car pools or who have expressed an interest in forming one will be included in each information packet.

"It will be up to the individual to contact other students near his home in order to form the pools," he said. "The names and a campus map which we will supply should make that job a little easier."

MacLean, chairman of a committee formed to assist students with transportation problems, listed the following benefits commuters will enjoy:

Convenient guaranteed parking near the center of the campus, a

lessening of traffic congestion on campus, savings on fuel costs, decrease in pollution and a method of transportation to campus for some students who might not otherwise be able to continue their education because of higher fuel costs or shortages.

Ivan Shewmake, assistant associate dean of men, said efforts are still being made to make arrangements for a mass transit system linking MTSU and Nashville.

"We hope to have a mass transit system sometime in the future, but for the present we are concentrating on the car pool operation."

To improve both sides

Hix eyes journalism workshop

by Wayne Kindness

"We are interested in establishing a working relationship with the mass communications department at MTSU," Harry Hix, editor of the Daily News Journal, said Tuesday night.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of Alpha Phi Gamma, journalism fraternity, Hix said a working relationship would benefit both the newspaper and the students.

"For the students it provides the opportunity of working with stories for publication," he said. "For us, it's cheap labor — it's free."

With a limited budget and staff, the Daily News Journal has difficulties covering everything that needs covering, Hix said.

"The first step was to work with Glenn Himebaugh, mass communications instructor, and use material from the newswriting classes," he said.

"This semester, we have a student, Peggy Galloway, doing internship for class credit," Hix said. "She is working with the 'People In Focus' page, formerly the society page."

"We are looking for ideas from people in the classes," he added.

Three objectives of the Daily News Journal were explained by Hix.

"First we want to be respected and have credibility," he said, "and get rid of the old joke of the 'Newsless Journal.'"

"Secondly we want to be read and used by our readers, and we want more readers." The paper's circulation, according to Hix, is up from 10,800 to over 12,000.

"We also want to be a vital part of the community," he said.

One of the first methods of reaching these objectives was a renewed emphasis on local news, Hix said. "It is the life-blood of a newspaper."

"We have a heavy plate of local news on page one," he said, "and we are taking a definite role in relations with the government."

The paper is attempting to localize national news, Hix said. "We take particular issues and make people more aware of them."

Mexico trip offered for intersession

by Michael Gigandet

A trip to Mexico during intersession is being offered by the department of Geography and Earth Sciences and the department of Foreign Language, according to Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the MTSU geography department.

The trip will be conducted by

Fullerton and Del Shumway of the foreign languages department. The group will leave Nashville on May 14, and the trip will last 16 days.

"Mexico is a world more foreign than Europe," said Fullerton. "At last a tourist in Europe can see his own cultural background. In Mex-

ico the U.S. visitor will sense no relationship to the culture he is visiting."

The Universidad Internacional will host the tour. The students will be the guests of local Mexican families during their stay.

Students taking the tour can be granted three hours credit in Geography 340-540 or Spanish 305, Fullerton said. The trip may be taken without registering for the courses.

A brochure detailing the tour's itinerary may be attained by contacting Fullerton or Shumway.

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Haiti painting exhibit displayed in Art Barn

An exhibit in the Art Barn Gallery of primitive paintings from Haiti tells much about a culture we know little about, according to Lon Nuell, acting gallery director.

The paintings can be viewed until Feb. 9 and should be of special appeal to anyone interested in sociology, cultural anthropology, history and art, Nuell said. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

Since painting as a legitimate art form did not happen in Haiti until 1943, the works on exhibit are done in the "native tradition," Nuell said.

"The paintings are primitive because the painters have had no formal education in art," he said. "Everything they do is from a need to express their ideas."

Most of the painters are peasants, Nuell said, and voodoo is a dominant theme in their work because it is still an intricate part of their culture.

The Haitians paint with oil on cardboard, wood or anything else they can find, Nuell said.

"Their use of color is very fresh, and they make no attempt to imitate nature as it really is," he said. "Their paintings are subjective, expressing very poignant feelings."

Geology department plans Utah trip

A two-week field trip to Utah is being planned for intersession by the geology and earth science department at MTSU, William Koland, department instructor said yesterday.

A meeting for those interested in signing up for the geology field course will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in room 320 of Old Main classroom building, he said.

The course will consist of a week of classwork at MTSU, followed by two weeks in Utah on field excursions, he said.

A portion of the Utah trip will be led by professional geologists, Koland said.

The course will carry three hours of credit. Non-credit registration may be allowed if the class is not filled by credit students, he said.

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An organizational meeting of the Chess Club will be Thurs. at 6 p.m. in Room 310 of UC.

Kappa Alpha Psi will sponsor a dance after the Austin Peay basketball game Saturday at Woodmore Cafeteria.

The International Soccer Club will practice for the first time this year at 2 p.m. Sun. at the soccer field behind the maintenance building.

Media council named

President M. G. Scarlett has appointed seven members to the newly-formed Council on Student Publications.

T. Earl Hinton, Reza Ordoubadian and Denny Hall, faculty members, Gene Sloan, administrator and Larry Harrington, Lucy Sikes and Gina Jeter, all students, have been named to the board.

Harrington and Sikes were recommended by the Associated Student Body while Jeter was rec-

ommended by the mass communications department.

The council, which replaces the Interim Board on Publications, is responsible for appointing editors, business managers and advertising directors for Sidelines, Midlander and Collage.

Scarlett said the council will also advise the mass communications department on funding for the campus media as well as reviewing media performance.

A majority of the council may publicly commend or reprimand any of the media and their members for performance. Disciplinary action, when deemed necessary, may also be taken by the group.

Planning seminar to be held tomorrow

A seminar entitled "Planning for Future Growth in Rutherford County" will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 29 in room 322 of the University Center.

"The seminar will illustrate the pressing need of long-range urban planning including environmental factors," political science professor Curry Peacock, who will serve as an adviser at the seminar, said.

The Murfreesboro League of Women Voters is sponsoring the event with co-operation from groups involved in planning from the state, county, city and campus.

Students who are studying urban planning as well as students from Rutherford County may be interested in attending the seminar, Peacock said.

Computerized carpool utilized

A Nashville junior, suddenly faced with no transportation to classes this semester, became the first to utilize MTSU's computerized carpool program this week.

Lynn Lawrence said she had recently found herself with no available transportation. For the past two years, she has been using her grandmother's car.

"My grandmother would have let me use her car for the rest of the year, but it was in bad shape," Lawrence said.

Lawrence contacted Dean Robert J. MacLean, chairman of the campus car pool committee after reading a newspaper story concerning the committee.

Committee member Ivan Shewmake took computer listings from results of a commuter registration survey and gave Lawrence a list of addresses and phone numbers of students in her area interested in car pool participation.

Four of the students on the list had "impossible scheduling conflicts" Lawrence said. "We just couldn't work anything out."

Finally, she contacted John

Drake and found that his schedule was more adaptable.

Ricky Jacobs, who has been commuting with Drake, will be the third participant in the car pool.

Although all three commuters have 9 a.m. classes, Lawrence must wait one hour on Mondays and three hours on Wednesdays and Fridays for her ride home.


Since Drake attends classes only three days a week, Lawrence will have to provide her own transportation for a nursing school lab on Tuesdays.

Drake will be the only driver in the car pool. Lawrence said that she expects to share his gas expenses.

"Now I don't have to drive by myself, and I have someone to talk to," Lawrence said about her first day. "I enjoyed it."

The car pool committee which helped Lawrence with her transportation problems was formed by Harry Wagner, vice-president of student affairs. The committee was formed to ease commuter problems brought on by gas shortages and high fuel costs.

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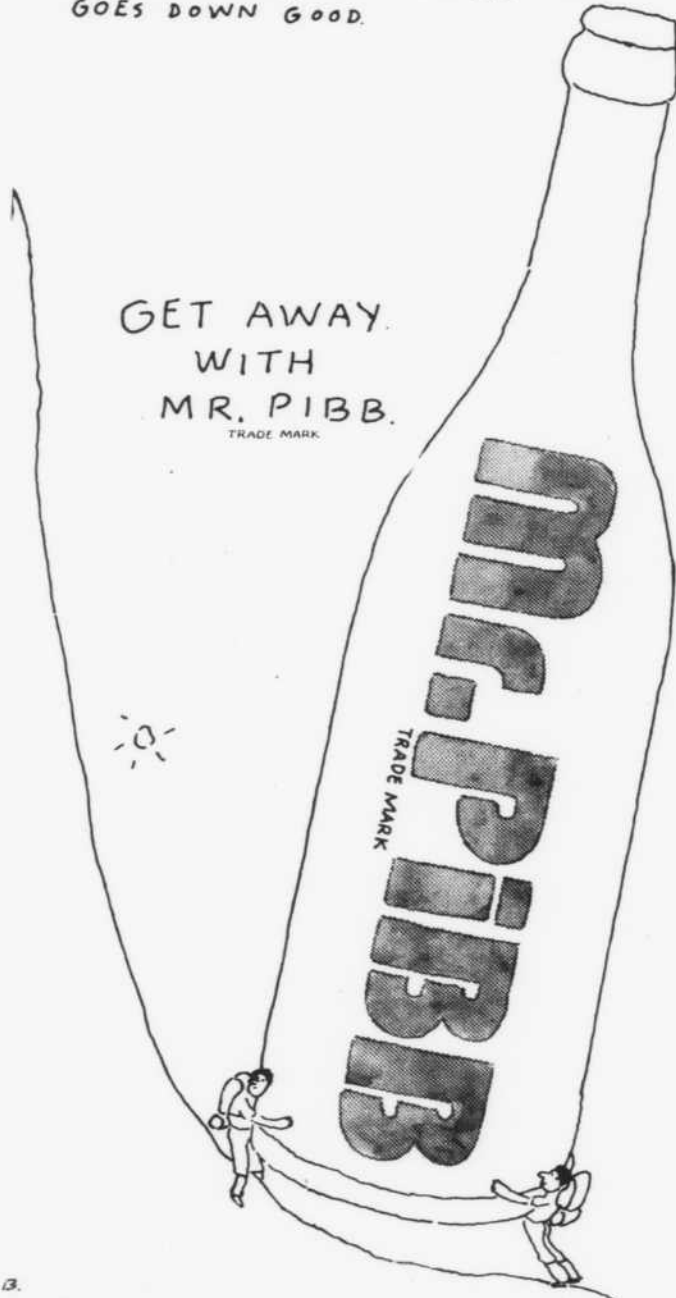
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Editorials

ASB inaction destroys necessary student outlet

Spring fever, which shouldn't be infecting people until sometime in March, has apparently already struck our leaders of the Associated Student Body.

This week, a major symptom of the disease was observed when it was revealed that the Midlander-Collage student opinion survey, taken three weeks ago under the sponsorship of the ASB, has yet to be touched.

Those white reams of student input are just lying unattended on the third floor of the university center, the first 1974 victims of ASB lethargy.

Student government leaders claim nothing can be done about the survey--one sorely needed by those who will decide the future of those two publications, because conflicting class schedules don't permit the right "party atmosphere" which seems important to ASB folks if the job is to be done.

The boggled survey is only one of many fever symptoms currently being displayed by the student government group. Library hours extensions are forgotten, the mini-market plan is sunk, and student rights go begging, mainly because the ASB is just too bloated with self-importance to care for the people they purport to represent.

But there is some hope.

New elections will be coming up in April, and we feel that it's a safe guess to assume that as the student pols go searching for votes, so will come the last-minute programs designed to ensnare vital support.

The air will be fresh with the warbling of larks and cries of "for the students," and "in your service--the ASB."

Unfortunately those cries will affect the listener much as rain on a tin roof at night--only one of two things can happen, you can only be lulled into sleep or leaked on, depending upon the circumstance.



Are remedial courses 'right' for a university?

by Ken Shelton

It has become an often stated joke here that "If you can't go to college, go to Tech." This is a fact of life that most students have come willingly to accept in a tongue-in-cheek fashion. But the

Perspective

Tech counterchange of "Middle Tennessee High" may be more than just a competitive slur, as we learned this week.

It has been announced that the history department has established a "remedial" course for athletes in order to prevent, using Dr. Corlew's words, "some failures which might otherwise occur."

I cannot accept the idea that higher education at a university is the proper place for the institution of "remedial" courses. To do so is to indict the entire system of education beneath the university level and to label it a failure. Indeed, there are individuals who do have "peer background" in par-

ticular subjects, but they should not be grouped together as a means of compensating for a lack of ability in a given area. It is more important that they remain within the mainstream of university study and become a part of it.

I would not doubt the fact that Dr. Corlew found that athletes meeting together as a "homogenous group" would "speak up" in class discussions. This is an understandable part of human nature. Any man or woman feels more at ease in a group of friends or peers. But I would contend that a major role of the university is to place the individual into a stimulating environment with a wide variety of people having varied interests and goals. If we fail to do this, we handicap the student far beyond his mere lack of knowledge in American history; we fail in developing the whole person.

It is also necessary to question the reasons for selecting MTSU athletes for the history department's "experiment."

Their choice makes it appear that the university's athletes are

all arbitrarily in need of special instruction. This is not true. It is far better to use the formula proven over the years of giving an athlete with problems individual help on an individual basis.

Of course, more times than once has a star athlete passed a course by the stroke of a sympathetic professor's pen. When Dr. Corlew says the class "will be boring" to the average student, it is hard to believe that this course will be little more than just a means of passing someone who otherwise would not.

It was stated that some of the athletes' problems in learning arise from the fact that they spend a great deal of time off campus, leaving little time for regular class studies. Why, then, was this class not open to the man or woman who works 40 hours a week and has little time to study. These people are pressed by time to succeed, yet they do. If we are going to have the drastic establishment of a class of this type then it should be made available to all, regardless of race, color or points scored.

This course should have been clearly marked at registration as a "remedial course." By not doing so, two students have been needlessly "trapped" in Dr. Corlew's "boring class" for a hand-picked few.

All of our athletes here should not be stigmatized by the creation of this class. Many excell in their studies as well as in their sport. But those who do not may not be in the need of a remedial course but in need of more time for course study and perhaps additional instruction outside of class. There is no justification for this type of academic isolation of any member of our student body.

Most important to the heart of the issue is that at a time when the school's standards should be rising, we risk the creation of an entire "remedial" education program for students who attend the university affording everyone, regardless of ability, a college degree. We must decide now whether MTSU is to become a mere diploma factory or an institution of higher education of which we can be proud.

Readers' views

Student waves banner

To the editor:

"Banner waving" has never been my specialty, but in response to the Jan. 18, 1974 Sidelines article "History Opens Remedial Course for Athletes", I must openly respond.

I find a total lack of responsibility exhibited by a reporter who writes an article attacking a man's professional capability on the basis of a report of a student who has yet to be exposed to Mr. Mitchell's class.

If the student's reported conversation with Dr. Corlew is accurate, then Dr. Corlew's actions were equally irresponsible. It is illogical that a department would "initiate a program to aid athletes in scholastic difficulty" and then the head of that department place a professor he felt "boring" in charge of providing the necessary stimulation for a "remedial class." If true, this seems to completely defeat the objectives which were the basis for forming this experimental class.

Having been a member of Mr. Mitchell's class, I believe I am better qualified to evaluate his ability than the student referred to in the article. Although I have not taken the course referred to in the article, I found Mr. Mitchell's class interesting and one of its purposes to be teaching the student to think, not to store up dusty dates. Not only did Mr. Mitchell display professional ability, but a genuine concern for the welfare of each student under his instruction.

Juanita C. Reed

Allegations unjustified?

To the editor:

One of the most unbelievable pieces to appear in this column was the latest Karla Pate addition of Tuesday, Jan. 22.

What I find hard to swallow are her justifications for complaint and her allegations concerning those "hungry vultures... foaming at the mouth."

This university has taken the time, trouble and money to install air-conditioning (which isn't a necessity anyway) in the freshman dorms.

It seems to me there are more

important things to worry about on this campus than whether or not freshman girls are comfortable during hot weather. They are getting it anyway. They should be grateful for all the consideration and expect to put up with some falling concrete, dust and vibrations.

If they aren't properly clad at 8 a.m., perhaps they had better move a little faster.

In response to the workmen's "contorted faces" and slobbering gawks, I have only one question. Isn't this the same Karla Pate who was so thrilled at last October's panty raid? Didn't she also ridicule Dean Cantrell's policies as overprotective? As I recall, she had something inconsistent to say in the Oct. 9, 1973 issue.

If she's such a big girl now, I suggest she take her lumps with her luxury.

Meg Garrett
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Reed blasts history story

To the editor:

In response to the article "History opens remedial course for athletes" by Wayne Hudgens, Jan. 18, 1974 edition, I would like to say that 1) neither Jerry Manley or anyone else has the right to pass judgment on a teacher's class unless he himself has met with the class for a period of time, 2) the Department Chairman (if quoted correctly), should certainly never tell any student that one of his teachers' classes is "boring" whether true or not, 3) the editor should not report that a teacher's class is boring with only one opinion, and that an unqualified opinion, and 4) as a student in Mitchell's class this past fall and again this spring, I would like to have my opinion known as I think it reflects the feelings of many other students

who have had Mitchell as an instructor.

It does not seem reasonable that so many former "Mitchell" students would be so anxious to re-enroll in his class if it were "boring." At least half of my fall class are back in Mitchell's class again this spring, and it is not because they all made A's.

There were only four or five A's at the most given in my fall class when I checked my grade posted on the bulletin board last December. So it is obviously not because Mitchell's class is an "easy A" or that he is boring that so many re-enrolled for Mitchell again this Spring.

I've talked with others who have not even had Mitchell but have wished to enroll in his class because he is a good instructor, not an easy one, but a good one.

I personally think an apology is due Mitchell from Dr. Corlew, Jerry Manley, and Sidelines editor Wayne Hudgens for making and reporting such unqualified statements about anyone's professional ability. I cannot believe that when Sidelines reports on one of the good instructors at MTSU, they report some unjustified bad comment instead of making some well-deserved good comment.

I understand that Sidelines is supposed to represent the views of the student. Next time, if your're going to cut down a teacher, I wish you would at least report a qualified view instead of a student's opinion who has no qualification for an opinion.

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Hard-hat defends peers

To the editor:

Being a "simple-minded hard-hat," my journalistic abilities are somewhat limited; however, the

letters that appeared in the Jan. 22 issue of Sidelines have influenced me to the point of taking pen in hand and attempting to defend and clarify the position of the workmen in the women's dormitories on the west side of campus.

I am a sheetmetal worker, presently working on the University Center addition. However, my crew is also installing new heating and air-conditioning in the dormitories in question.

I have no doubt that a small part of the abuse that seems so abundant lately is deserved by a handful of the workmen. However, having been over to the dorms several times, I have found that the great majority of the workers are bending over backwards to cooperate with the women to make the best of a sorry situation.

I am told by the men that they have had trouble with only two or three of the women in the dorm.

Judging from this, I feel that general abuse such as that found in Ms. Pate's letter is uncalled for. I personally have done very little "foaming at the mouth" lately. I have yet to witness any of the men even drool on the floor.

Although I could not contact the girl involved in the flower pot incident to hear her side of the story, apparently the provocation that precipitated the incident was that the workmen were making too much noise with their tools.

I may also point out that the girl could stand to gain a possible arrest and conviction on an attempted assault charge.

Ms. Owens apparently needs to check on her facts. None of the crews start work before 7 a.m. and seldom are ready to get into rooms before 7:30 or 8 a.m.

I have found, in addition, that the men I have observed at work in the dorms are extremely careful of posters and other such personal possessions that it is necessary for them to move.

In general, though, I feel that the blame and abuse should not go to the workmen or the women. The workmen are just trying to do their job, and the women are trying to live in what is at best a difficult environment.

The blame should perhaps go to the University officials who scheduled the renovations and assigned the women to the dorms at the same time.

At any rate, I feel that name-calling and animosity should be avoided in order to make the best of a difficult situation.

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Sandy Turner, left and Sherry Tribble, both Nashville sophomores, discuss yesterday's rains from under the refuge of umbrellas.

Campus police to attend academy

Two MTSU security officers are currently enrolled in the basic police training course at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy Matthew Royal, Campus Security Chief, said yesterday.

A grant of \$1,160 was provided by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Commission to MTSU for use in sending Sgt. Clair

Hendrickson and Patrolman Gary Miller to the academy, Royal said.

Hendrickson and Miller have finished three weeks of the six week course.

Royal said the two officers involved were chosen so that they could meet the minimum standards set by Tennessee law for police officers.

'Didn't do enough'--Snodgrass

By Larry Harrington

Probable candidate for governor Stan Snodgrass told Rutherford County Democrats Tuesday night that he did not do enough to help the party nominees in 1970.

"But," Snodgrass said, "none of us did. If we had, John Jay Hooker and Albert Gore would be in office today."

This is how Stanley T. Snodgrass, a former state senator from Nashville who finished second to Hooker in the 1970 Democratic gubernatorial primary, answers critics who accuse him of deserting the party in the general election.

His answer will not satisfy some particularly strident critics who say he sold out to the Nashville Banner, but the Democrats who heard his speech in the courthouse didn't belabor the loyalty issue during the question and answer period.

Coming from a group of what Snodgrass called "party professionals," the questions were surprisingly issue-oriented. Usually such groups concentrate almost exclusively on political questions about where the votes and money are coming from.

The fact that the questions centered on issues — tax reform, education, industrial development, capital punishment, strip mining and campaign financing — indicates that the governor's race may be moving into the issue-development stage.

This is a process that will continue as the legislative session defines issues, and the "sure candidates" feel that their nucleus support is committed enough not to be shaken by positions on the issues.

Still it is early enough and the group was friendly enough for the candidate to walk with caution — waffling it's sometimes called — on touchy questions.

Snodgrass said he was resigned to making public a list of con-

tributors and their contributions to his campaign whether or not the state legislature makes it mandatory.

"This will cost some contributions, but the larger good requires it," he said.

Snodgrass came on strong for vocational education. "We should start determining mechanical skills in junior high school ... building the trade school concept into our educational system," he said.

Snodgrass said he understood that vocational education might be used as a barrier to black and lower income students, and he said that is the reason he opposes a system that instructs youngsters on which way they must go.

Snodgrass said he was aware of the problem of distributing higher education facilities across the state versus the problem of duplication.

"I would be inclined toward dividing education among institutions across the state," he said.

Capital punishment is an issue Snodgrass said he would have to meet, but he said, "I have ambiguous feelings on it." He voted for repeal of capital punishment once while a state senator and against it once.

"I don't know if the energy crisis is real," Snodgrass said. "I'm confused like a lot of people, but if it is not we should punish those who have perpetrated it."

He said strip mining restraints perhaps should be relaxed if there is a crisis, "but we must have a balance."

Getting back to political questions, Snodgrass said the Democrats should not concede East Tennessee to the Republicans. "The fourth, fifth and sixth congressional districts would be Democratic strongholds," he said.

He conceded that a Democratic nominee would have to win almost all of the black vote in Shelby County.

His surveys show that the Democratic party is picking up identification with the voters, Snodgrass said. For that reason he said he now favors a closed primary law that would make it difficult for Republicans to vote in the Democratic primary.

Snodgrass said it was important to elect a Democratic governor in order to defeat Sen. Bill Brock in 1976. "There is no candidate for the nomination that I cannot support and defend," he said.

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by Scott Elliott
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Breaking a four-game losing streak and defeating Austin Peay will be the objectives of the Raiderette basketball team at 2 p.m. Saturday in Murphy Center.

One of MTSU's losses was administered by APSU 57-73 at Clarksville.

"We've worked hard in practice this week," Raiderette Coach Karen Ledford said, "and I hope we're in a little bit better shape."

Ledford indicated there might be some changes in the Raiderette lineup for the upcoming game.

"We've got some girls who are capable of making a big contribution to our team," she said. "Lou Ann Wells is beginning to work the ball around a lot better, and she might see some action soon."

Austin Peay has been known to employ a zone defense varied with a full court press against their opponents, Ledford said.

"We've worked on cracking their zone this week," she said, "and we've looked better on our zone defense."

Ledford said she liked to "play a running game," but added, "we just haven't been in good enough condition to run with the ball."

The Raiderettes will have a

"healthier" Jackie Carter at center, according to Ledford.

"Jackie is beginning to get her mobility back," Ledford said. "She's hitting her outside shots much better this week."

Carter has been playing with a partially torn cartilage in one knee and pulled thigh muscles.

Ledford said two of her starters, Lynn Burklow and Debby "Boogle" Boykin have been shooting better in practice, and playmaker Beanie Secrest, ailing earlier this week, will be available at game time.

Ledford indicated her squad would have to cut down on turnovers to win against APSU. The Raiderettes turned the ball over 24 times in their last game against Tennessee Tech.

"If we can win this one, it could be a turning point," Ledford said, "and a win would do a lot for the girls' confidence."

Ledford said she is not "too concerned" about her team's losing streak.

"If you've got to have some bad times--now is the time to have them," she said. "I'd rather see us down a little now than in the tournaments later on this season."

"It's hard for a girl to give 100 per cent in practice, and see little results from her work," Ledford said.

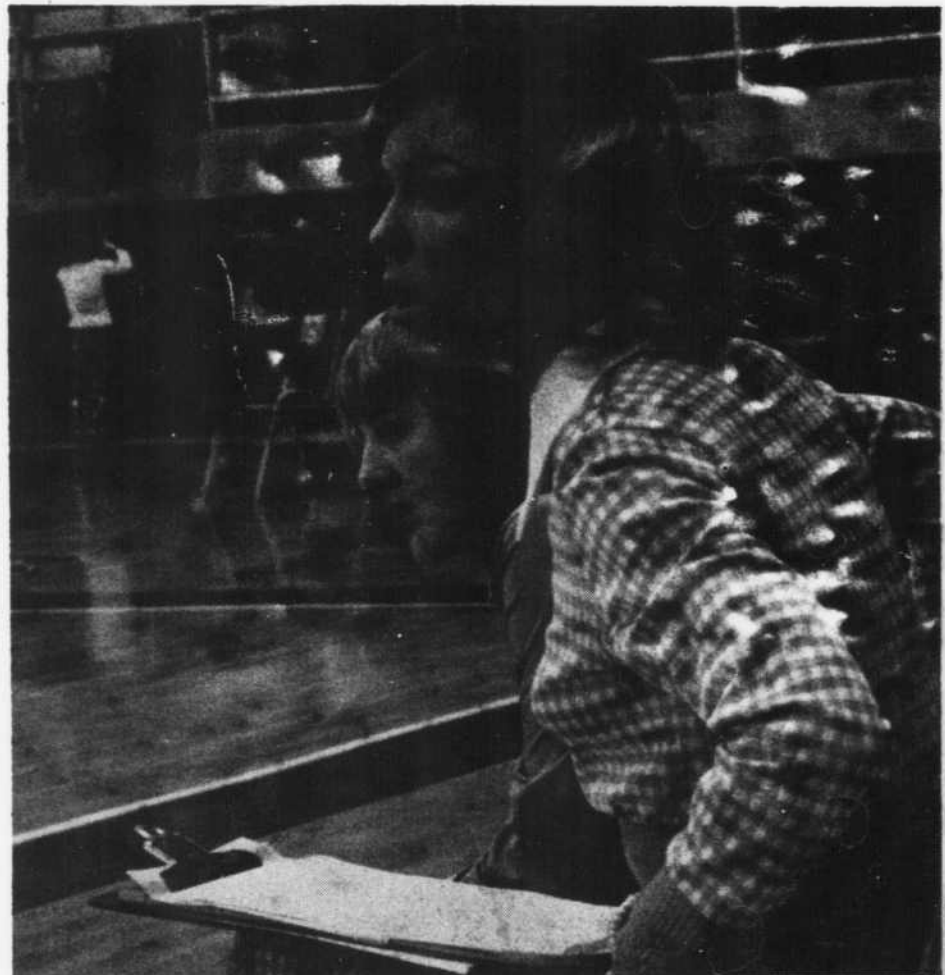


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Raiderette basketball coach Karen Ledford stares in apparent disbelief at an official's call during a game this year at Murphy Center. Ledford is in her second season as the Raiderette's coach.

Intramural scores

Twelve games kicked off the men's Intramural basketball program for 1974 Thursday night at Alumni Memorial Gym.

Two games were contested each hour beginning at 4 p.m. with MTCC falling to H-Hall 48-39 and MTCC's second team taking the Judd Judges 45-30.

The Newman Club swept past IMA 35-26 and Judd's Red Raiders defeated BSU 48-33 in the 5 p.m. confrontations.

The Bro's second team bombed Rudy's Roaches 110-28 and IMR belted the Beer Belly Bombers 55-16 at 6 p.m.

In the next games, Gore Hall downed the Beasley Flames 56-44 and the Good, Bad and Ugly edged GDI 37-28.

H-Hall's second team won over the Vets Club 44-32 and the Hotel Gang was banged by Gracy Hall 26-22 at 8 p.m.

In the 9 p.m. finales, the Bro's fourth squad was downed by Keeblers 39-18 and Haynes House was beaten 33-11 by the Bad Bombers.

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A basket's worth 1,000 words

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Well, I've heard the talk already---in the grill, in the classroom and while collecting my mail.

There is a contention among some MTSU basketball followers, the usual undying pessimists, that Jimmy Earle's squad has lost its touch.

They're saying the Raiders are a super team in the cozy confines of Murphy Center but fold under pressure before a hostile crowd.

One could have expected the talk. After all, the Raiders have just completed an 0-2 road trip into the unfriendly quarter of Morehead and Eastern Kentucky, losing both con-

tests by a whopping total of eight points.

The talk isn't surprising to me. The same ones who now would degrade the Raiders also played armchair quarterback during the football teams 4-7 season this fall.

Earle's team will be back home tomorrow night to take on Austin Peay, and the faithless few have given the Raiders little chance of winning.

Granted, MTSU will have to do some fly swatting to win the game. Everyone is aware of the fly I'm talking about---James "Fly" Williams, one of the nation's leading scorers, rebounders and cry babies.

Williams, a 6-5 forward from New York, is the leading scorer and rebounder in the Ohio Valley Conference with 29.8 and 12.8 totals, respectively.

The Fly is also notorious for his junior high antics on the court when things don't quite go his way.

When Williams isn't gunning his 30-footers, he'll be aided by teammates Percy Howard, Mickey Fisher and Danny Odums.

The Governors will be looking to avenge the 87-86 loss handed them by MTSU last year at Murphy Center, a game in which Raider Steve Peeler netted 34 points.

The team that shaded the Governors last year by a single point was only a glimpse of what they are now.

I don't go along with those who would contend eight points indicates the Raiders have gone sour.

One must remember, this Raider team is a relatively young one. A freshman, three sophomores and three juniors have been alternating in the starting lineup along with seniors Mason Bonner and Jimmy Powell since the first tip-off this year.

Certainly, the Raiders face no easy job stopping Fly and company, but I am confident the Big Blue can prevail.

It's true--we don't have a "Fly" Williams. But I have a feeling Coach Earle wouldn't trade "Sweet" Fred Allen, Jimmy "The Great" Powell, Forrest "Frosty" Toms and Tim "The Kokomo Kruncher" Sisneros for 1,000 old flies.

Tennis team starts drills

Eight MTSU tennis players have begun preparations for their opening meet of the spring season with Tennessee Tech, Chicago State and Marshall Universities here on March 1.

Winter practice began Jan. 7 and is being held on the indoor courts in Murphy Center.

"This is without a doubt the finest tennis team in the school's history," said Raider Coach Larry Castle. "Most of the players from last year's 15-5 team are back."

Geoff Gilchrist, the Raiders' most valuable player a year ago, is back and "looking better than ever," according to Castle.

Gilchrist, a sophomore from Melbourne, Australia, was a first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection last season, posting a 25-2 record.

The veteran of the squad is Eustace Kigongo, a senior from Kampala, Uganda.

Five players who will battle for top positions on the Raider team are senior Wally Norwich, sophomores Clyde Smithwick and Doug Miedaner, and freshman Lasse Durchman.

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