

## Senate Approves 5 of Martin's 8 Cabinet Choices

ASB President Van Martin apologized to the ASB Senate Tuesday for announcing his new cabinet members without their advise and consent.

Martin was quoted in Monday's SIDELINES, announcing his new advisors. All presidential appointments require Senate approval.

"These things happen when you try to crowd two month's work into two days," Martin told the senators. He has been president since May 6.

Subsequently, the Senate approved five of the appointees and deferred action on one—Doris Graham, secretary of academic affairs—until they could learn more about the new job.

Sen. Charles Ryan, a sophomore questioned Martin's right to create new cabinet posts, while eliminating traditional ones. Martin has eliminated several cabinet posts, and his new unit now consists of eight members, pending Senate approval.

Speaker Sarah Smith said that the Raider Handbook gave authority to the President to appoint whom-ever he wishes, and the appointee is only subject to Senate approval.

Martin added, however, that the old positions "will not be done away with," adding that only work distribution has been restructured.

Among those approved Tuesday were Gary Hall, Martin's

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... Sanctioned by students

## BSU Awaits Faculty Screening Approval

By Wanda Ensor

"We want to get together, to become a force that can help members of our race," explains Gerald Edwards, Chattanooga freshman and vice-president of the newly-organized MTSU Black Student Union.

In addition to Edwards, the union is headed by Donald Cleveland, Shelbyville sophomore, president; Deborah Taylor Chattanooga freshman, secretary; Virginia Word, Lebanon junior, assistant secretary; and Roy Roberson, Chattanooga sophomore, treasurer.

The executive committee, which will serve as the governing board for the BSU, consists of Cleveland; Miss Taylor;

Angela Winfrey, Memphis freshman; Donald Coleman, Harriman senior; Sylvester Brooks, Memphis sophomore; Erskin Smith, Murfreesboro sophomore; and Darryl Phillips, Chicago, Ill., sophomore.

The union, totaling about 43 members of MTSU's 133 black students, will carry its request for campus recognition before the faculty screening committee when that body meets later this week. If this screening committee gives its approval, the only step needed to complete the BSU's campus affiliation is the president's signature.

But, Edwards said, if campus recognition is denied the group, plans for organization will probably continue just the same without administrative sanction.

Specific functions of the group have not as yet been stated. "We don't have any strict framework," Edwards explained. "Until we can permanently organize we'll be flexible because we may have to change some things--such as

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## Infirmary Building Begins

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new infirmary building will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. The ground breaking will be in the area of the Agriculture Building and Hi-Rise dorm, according to John Hodd, office of development.

Construction is expected to be completed in time for use next year in the spring semester. Estimated cost for the infirmary is \$365 thousand.

The one story structure will occupy 12,500 square feet and will house three four bed wards and three private rooms in each of the two proposed wings. Other facilities will include a laboratory, therapy room, two offices for doctors, and nurses quarters.

The new structure will replace the present one, which is in the basement of Reynolds Hall.

The ground breaking will be the opening ceremony for the annual meeting of the MTSU Foundation Board of Trustees.

The meeting will be devoted primarily to hearing from the university president, Dr. M. G. Scarlett. He will outline to the trustees the direction in which he would like to have the Foundation channel its work for the future growth and development of the institution.

President and Mrs. Scarlett will be hosts for a dinner in the Tennessee Room, SUB, at 6:30 p.m., following which the

trustees will be guests for a concert by the Nashville Little Symphony in the University Dramatic Arts auditorium. The concert is being presented in honor of Miss E. Mae Saunders, for many years head of the music department at MTSU.

"We're going to have a 'Smell In,'" said Kathy Anderson, Nashville senior, speaking for herself and the other students of sculpture and ceramics at MTSU.

Miss Anderson was talking about a sculpture and ceramics show that is opening Sunday, May 18, in the second floor gallery of the Saunders Fine Arts Building.

Titled "A Dimensional Design Experience," the show is project of the art students exclusively, although it was assigned to the advanced students as a class project by Lewis D. Snyder, assistant professor of art.

Snyder said that this kind of show is totally new in the area around MTSU and not old anywhere else.

He described a similar show, an environmental sculpture exhibit, which he saw in New York over the Easter holidays. It was a completely plastic room. Clear plastic streamers were

hanging from the ceiling so thick that observers had to feel their way around. People would walk up to a piece of sculpture and it would "beep" at them.

An environmental show is designed to affect all the senses of the observers---to totally involve them. It should receive an emotional response, he explained.

Snyder admits he has had little to do with the project since he assigned it, except as an advisor. The students have taken full charge of it. They have appointed four committees to handle the various aspects of the show.

Lynn Willis, Nashville junior is in charge of lighting, sound, smell, and setting up the sculptural pieces; Lynne Ezell, Murfreesboro senior, is responsible for maze engineering; Kathy Anderson is in charge of wall engineering; and Ann Brown, Boston, Massachusetts senior, is head of publicity. There are 23 art students working on the show, all of whom

## Students Favor Voluntary ROTC

Students on the MTSU campus would support ROTC on a voluntary basis if more credit were offered according to the results of the student opinion poll conducted last Monday.

The results of the poll, which was conducted by the president's ad hoc committee to study the "feasibility of compulsory ROTC" on the MTSU campus, were released in a statement yesterday by President M. G. Scarlett.

Scarlett indicated that the results of the poll were "decisive but not overwhelming."

"Over half of the men students participating who have taken ROTC or are now enrolled indicated that they would enroll in a voluntary program if more

credit were given," the statement said.

Substantially less would enroll in a voluntary program without additional credit, according to the statement.

Concerning student attitudes toward compulsory ROTC, the statement said, "One reason for student dissatisfaction with the mandatory program is too little credit for the amount of effort and time put forth to meet ROTC requirements."

The committee also conducted a faculty opinion poll. Results from this questionnaire indicate a preference for a voluntary ROTC program by a narrow margin, the statement said.

The information gained from these polls will be considered by the committee before a recommendation on the status of ROTC is sent to the president.

Cliff Gillespie, speaker of the house, said the committee should be ready to present its recommendation to Scarlett by the end of this week.

Faculty members of the committee are David Singer, assistant professor of education; Col. Vern Reaugh, professor of military science and Fran Riel, health and physical education instructor.

Student members are Cliff Gillespie and Pat O'Neal, speaker of the house and ROTC brigade commander.

The committee is the result of recent ASB legislation.

The ASB passed a bill last month which requested "that compulsory ROTC at Middle Tennessee State University be banned and that a committee be formed to study the best way of carrying out this process."

Scarlett formed the ad hoc committee to study the "feasibility of compulsory ROTC," but refused to sign the bill because of the resolution deal-

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## Kimbrell Speaks On Role of Lone Independents

Rep. J. P. Kimbrell of Lawrenceburg will speak at 11 a.m. today in room 452 of the Old Main Building. He is appearing at the invitation of the Pre-Law Society.

Kimbrell represents the 24th legislative district composed of Giles, Lawrence and Wayne counties. Kimbrell, a bearded farmer, has attracted much attention in recent years.

Kimbrell, in the bitter fight early in the legislative session to elect a speaker was courted by both parties in the House which is evenly divided with 49 Democrats and 49 Republicans.

He voted for the Republican candidate William Jenkins, who was elected.

Kimbrell will speak today on his role as the lone independent in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

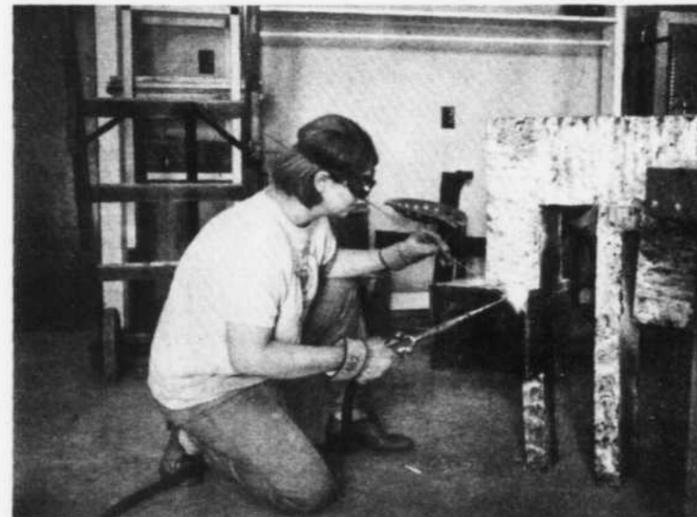
## Art Department Plans 3-D 'Smell-In'

Snyder's classes.

The show will include ceramic sculpture, ceramic pots, both cast and welded metal

sculpture, and wood sculpture.

It will be open to the public through May 31, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays.



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## Student-Censors Will Never Operate Here

Rep. Thomas Hayes introduced Tuesday in the ASB House a bill that would establish a three-man student board to sit in judgment over the editors of the student publications.

The board allegedly would insure "that articles published meet such standards of ethics and propriety." And he added that the board would also judge every piece of information that is to be published.

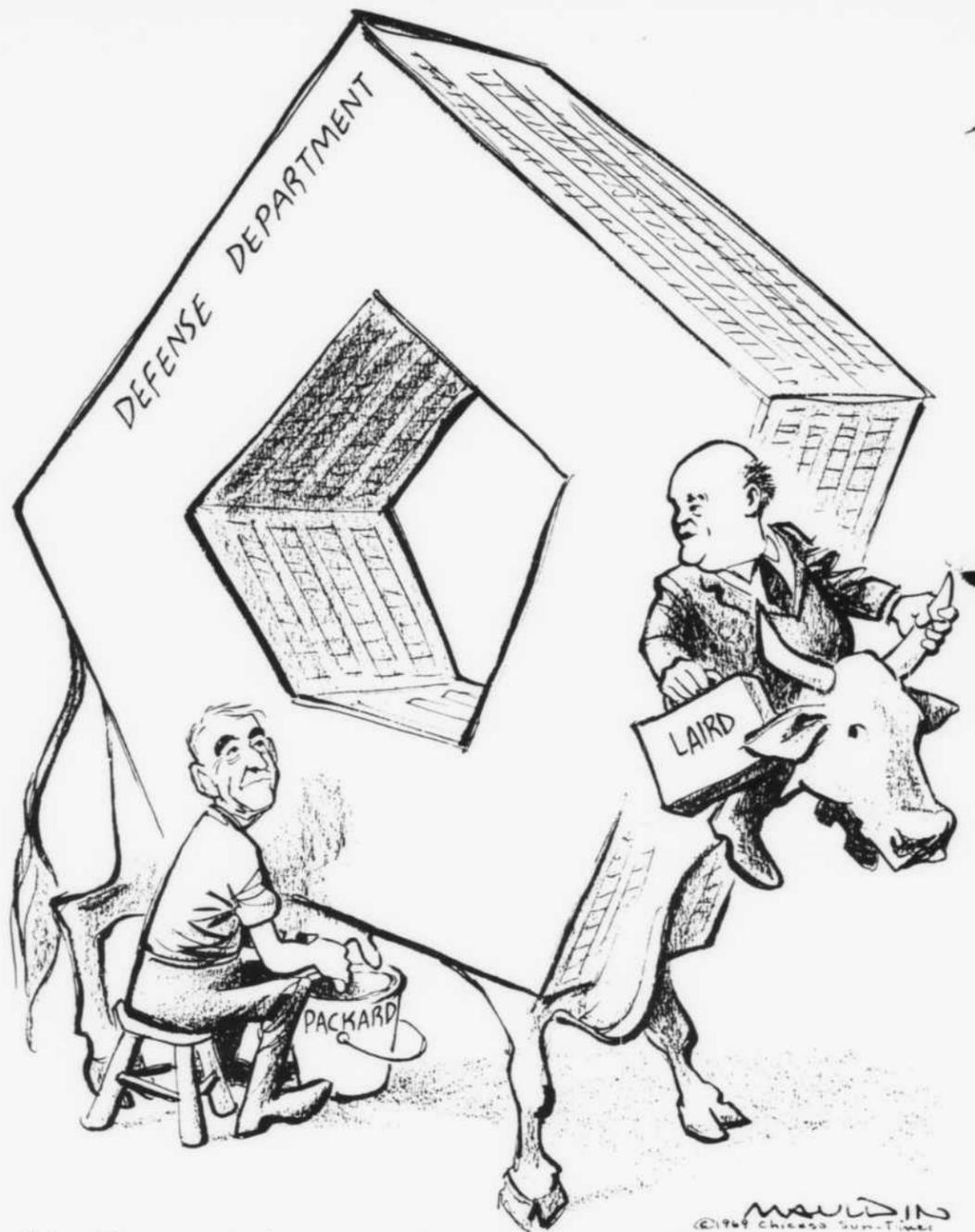
Although Mr. Hayes' intentions are surely honorable, it is apparent that he has forgotten several things—among them, the autonomy of the student press and the status of the newspaper in regard to student government.

The autonomy of the student publications is beyond student or faculty reproof. President Scarlett has said that student editors will not be subject to censure from any campus interest.

In regard to the newspaper's relation to student government, this newspaper and the Associated Student Body are independent groups, except for three ASB representatives on the university publications committee and one representative of the newspaper in the ASB House. In effect, the two units have equal status in regard to one's dominance over the other.

It would be helpful, perhaps, if Mr. Hayes could outline the operation of such a critical board. Shall its three members be schooled in English literature, newspaper journalism or the new morality? Will they be awakened in the early morning when the paper is put to bed, or will they be given space in Sidelines, Collage and Midlander offices so that they may lean over the several typewriters? Answers to these would be helpful before the Tuesday House meeting.

But more importantly, Mr. Hayes and any of his followers should read their proposal once more and then realize that they are doing nothing more than cheating themselves.



"I THINK YOU'LL FIND THIS END INTERESTING, TOO."

### Carla Neal

## Students Must Not Take Misinformed Viewpoint of Black Student Union

To oppose the Black Student Union for racist reasons (both white and black) at this point is to oppose it from a misinformed viewpoint. Leaders of the BSU that I have talked with don't conceive of their group as being separatist, bigoted, militant, or even communist. Members have repeatedly stressed that it is an interest group—just like any other group on this campus—and that its main interest is to instill pride in the black race, to equip members of their race to compete in a white society, to act as a recruiting force for more black students on this campus, and to give members a sense of belonging on an otherwise alien campus.

There are those who question the necessity of black unity and withdrawal. They say that it is possible for blacks to work within the system. However, black students say that the "system" has excluded them.

"What about those who haven't been able to make it under the 'white' system? The only black students that this campus recognizes are the black athletes--the rest of us are ignored," said one member of the BSU.

The majority of white students here still do not accord blacks the rudiments of respect, Negro students say. One student said, "Nigger, a word entirely offensive to blacks, is a word

we hear daily."

"Blacks have no social life on this campus or in this community," said another member of the BSU. "Whites cannot socialize with us without being criticized by their friends--the social barrier is always between us," he added.

Black students cited other grievances, which include the failure of the "Dixie" issue--an effort for change within the system; the inability of blacks to enter the political system via the ASB Senate; and the increasing incidents between blacks and whites in the male dormitories.

The BSU then, is merely a self-help effort, necessary because blacks have stopped deluding themselves with the hope that this campus is going to give them the fundamental aspect of the American ideal--respect due to fellow equals. They feel that the only course left to overcome inequality is to become strong enough to demand respect.

Once organized, however, what direction the Black Student Union will take remains to be seen. Gerald Edwards, the BSU vice-president, has stated that their constitution is very flexible and may be changed at a moment's notice. Thus far, copies of the present constitution have been withheld from the student press.

Edwards also said that

leadership within the group is spread among several people, and that the group is also "flexible." This flexibility is such that although the BSU is neither hostile nor a black racist group now, these things are amongst its possibilities. The leaders who emerge in the future will determine the direction of the group.

One even more determinant factor, however, is the pressure of white opposition. If the BSU becomes racist in the future, then it will be the fault mainly of white attitudes.

Black students state that whites are concerned about the BSU because they are afraid of the word "black."

"If we had called ourselves the 'Afro-American Student Union,' the campus would have been much less upset," said BSU president Don Cleveland.

The fear that the group organized merely for political power also is unfounded. Heretofore, blacks have not been numerous enough to organize, and they have also experienced the same apathy that white students are now experiencing. But "Dixie" and campus elections have unified blacks and forced them to act.

That the BSU could become a pressure group and racist in nature is entirely possible. However, the campus must realize that the ASB, along with Greeks and the alumni, pose the same threat.

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our constitution--at a moment's notice."

He did say that a broad objective is to spur the interest of the black student both in his college and in his personal advancement. "Each of us (the BSU members) is going to take someone of our race to the meetings. We want to try to motivate these black students toward advancement. If we can just pull up those who now aren't motivated enough to work for their advancement, then we will have accomplished something."

One of the basic problems of society as a whole today, Edwards said, is a lack of interaction between humans. The BSU, he continued, will attempt to establish more personal relationship to draw black students up with pride and determination to better their race.

"Nigger," Edwards said, is a word which is thrown in the face of black students continually. In such an atmosphere, he continued, it is easy to become discouraged, to lose the all-important motivation for personal achievement and respect for the entire black race.

"I wasn't motivated at one time," Edwards remembered. "But my parents motivated me to come to college. Now we are trying to counteract 300 years of slavery, and in doing so we are learning patience along with our discouragement."

The big idea here is to get blacks interested in working for blacks, Edwards explained. "Whites don't notice you until you try to advance. But once you hit the news, they become concerned."

In its constitution, the BSU

will make provisions for a tutorial program where students can study together with a mixture of socializing and studying, according to Edwards.

Other projects will probably include the establishment of a scholarship fund for black students and some method for providing black high school students with information about where they might seek the financial aid needed to attend college.

The group will also probably bring speakers to the campus, but those plans are not yet finalized.

"We are not concerned with Middle Tennessee exclusively," Edwards said, "but with all those we can reach and persuade to attend school to advance themselves, and this concern extends to our entire race in general."

He added that complete segregation is not necessarily an aim of the BSU. The BSU is not seeking to create any enmity with white students, he said, "because hate would tend to muddy up the water" and make the already poor black-white communications even more inadequate.

"If a white student wants to help us help the members of our race he is welcome to join our student union," Edwards said. "But he must show that he has a real interest."

The general mood of the MTSU black student, Edwards said, is summed up in James Brown's statement: "I don't want nobody to give me nothing....Just open the door and I'll get it myself."

Cliff Gillespie, speaker of the house, said that he thought the ASB's May 6 screening of the Black Student Union was not authorized as it should have been by the office of the dean of men. He said the ASB never received a letter from Robert LaLance.

Dean Robert LaLance, however, said that Gillespie's complaint was not valid. The letter from his office, he said, gives a club provisional status for the period when they are forming by-laws and writing a constitution.

"The BSU did not request this provisional recognition because they had already met the requirements usually fulfilled during the provisional status and there was no need for that status," LaLance clarified. No letter was sent from his office.

He added that the ASB certainly did approve the BSU's petition for campus recognition. He did say that, "Due to a lack of experience, the ASB screening committee didn't critically enough analyze the material presented by the BSU."

# Midlander Distribution Will Begin Monday

The 1969 Midlanders will be distributed Monday and Tuesday in room 212 of the Cope Administration Building alphabetically according to students' last names.

Distribution will be conducted according to the following schedule: Monday, A - C 9 - 10:30, D - F 10:30 - 12, G - I 12 - 1:30, J - M 1:30 - 3, makeup A - M 3 - 4:30, Tuesday, N - Q 9 - 11, R - T 11 - 1:30, U - Z 1:30 - 3, and makeup A - Z 3 - 4:30.

Students may pick up the yearbooks during the scheduled time or afterwards but not before. Student IDs and activity cards must be shown to obtain a book.

Midlanders will be given to those students only who have

been enrolled full time both the Fall and Spring semesters. Those students who have purchased a yearbook may receive them upon presentation on their receipt.

Faculty members may pick up their yearbooks in the alumni office beginning Monday.

# ROTC...

(continued from page 1) ing with an affirmative statement concerning the abolishment of compulsory ROTC, according to Harry Wagner, assistant to the president.

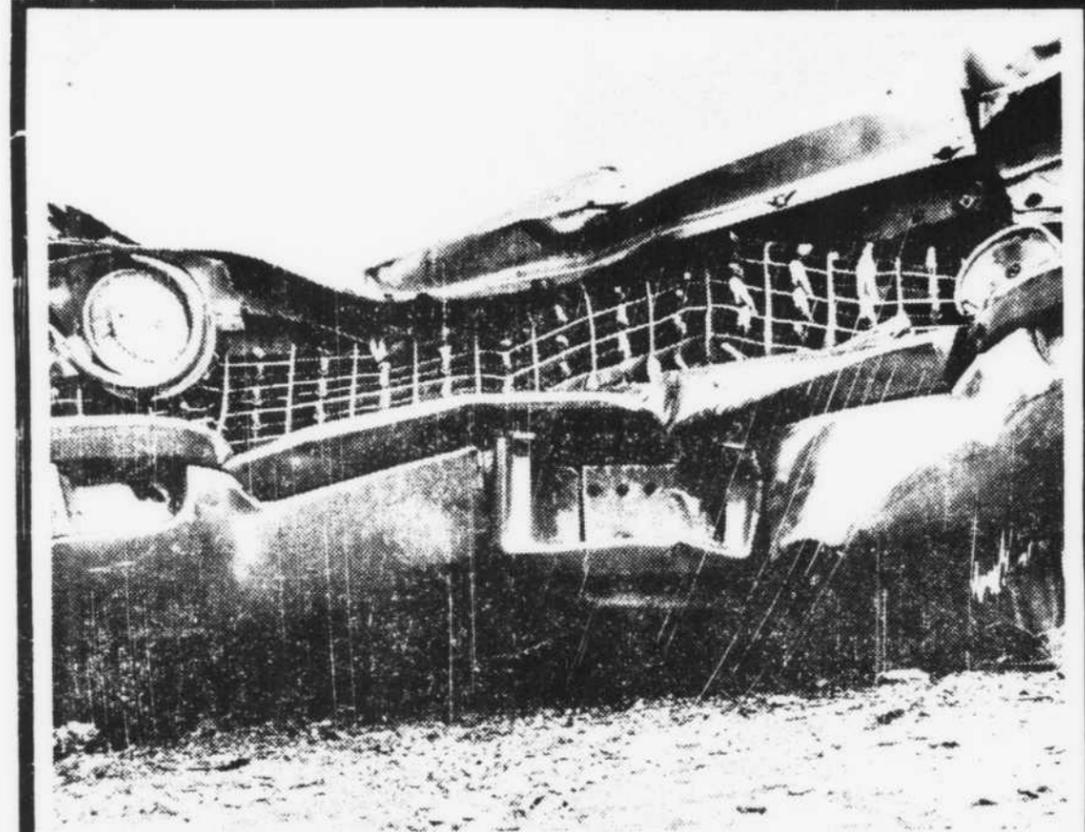
Scarlett said he did not wish to predetermine the results of a committee.

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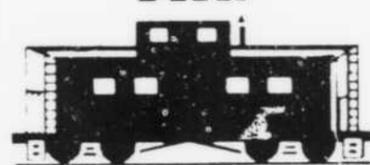
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# FREEMAN IS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

## MTSU Graduate, Sportswriter Takes Over Behind Bob Brooks

Jim Freeman, August '68 graduate of MTSU, was named as Sports Information Director Monday, to succeed Bob Brooks. He will assume the position June 1.

He has been a sportswriter for THE NASHVILLE BANNER for the last nine months covering the Dixie Flyers (hockey team), and in the football season, the OVC.

Before this time he was employed by the DAILY NEWS JOURNAL for two years. He was sport editor and sport coordinator for the SIDELINES, when he was at MTSU.

The 26 yr. old Freeman, a native of Murfreesboro, graduated from Central High School.

After two years at MTSU, he joined the U.S. Navy for 3 1/2 yrs. He then returned to MTSU and graduated.

His wife, the former Shirley Brackett, is from Tullahoma. She is also a MTSU graduate and teaches the sixth grade at Bellwood Elementary School. They have a fifteen month old daughter, Arey Lee.

Mr. Freeman is a member of the Murfreesboro Human Relations Commission, the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and they attend the First Baptist Church.

He was chosen from a field of applicants, although he was considered the top prospect from the beginning.



## Duke, Butler, Linville Finish in Women's Track

May 5 marked the day the women's intramural track meet was held, with eight events on the agenda.

The 50 yard dash was won by Eleanor Duke, the time being 6.8, a very creditable mark.

Donna Butler came back to redeem herself in the 100 with a 14.0, while Zita Black was second at 14.2, and Jan Cathcart was third with a 14.4.

Eleanor Duke proved herself a very versatile athlete with a first place finish in the quarter. She ran the oval in a fine time of 73.2.

Judy Linville tossed the softball 200 feet to take that event, while Rhesa Sumrell was second with a heave of 178-2, and Linda Nance was third with a 160-1 toss.

Lynn Ferrell proved the greatest leaper of the girls in the standing broad jump, winning at 7 feet 6 inches.

Linda Nance, Debbie Bowers, Judy Linville, and Rhesa Sumrell were the victors in the 440-relay with a 54.2 clocking.

The 200-relay was won by Jessie Carter, Donna Butler, Mary Smith, and Eleanor Duke at 28.5.

## Senate

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new secretary for external affairs. After Martin had stated that Hall would serve to coordinate activities of the student ambassador program, the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature and the Southern University Student Government Association, Sen. Joey Livesay, a junior, asked:

"I don't know of any one person who could handle so many big jobs."

Hall said his would be "more of a public relations job." And Martin added that Hall would act as "a go-between, between the president and these other groups."

Steve Graves also received unanimous Senate approval for the post of secretary of public affairs. Bart Gordon was approved as secretary for freshman affairs, giving him charge of next fall's freshman week.

Larry Gillem, a Nashville junior, and his election commission were also approved by the upper house. Gillem has served as election commissioner since Cliff Gillespie resigned to enter the ASB elections.

The Senate will hear the remaining three appointees Tuesday.

## Applications

The deadline for turning in applications for participation in the inter disciplinary humanities seminar is Monday, May 19.

Applications may be obtained from and returned to June Martin, 300 Dramatic Arts Bldg.

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