

Committee recommends Business School creation

A preliminary report issued to President M. G. Scarlett by the Committee on University Reorganization has recommended that a School of Business be established at MTSU, according to Dan Scott, chairman of the committee.

This report was the first step in the committee's compliance with Scarlett's request that the committee study the organization of MTSU as a necessary step for the accreditation of the present School of Business and Industry by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, Scott said.

The committee report, issued on Jan. 15, specified that the proposed School of Business would include the following existing departments: accounting and data processing, business administration, economics and finance, and business education. It also stated, in regard to business education, that those courses which are acceptable as professional education courses be included in the department of education.

The report also recommended, the chemistry professor explained, as an interim arrangement, that the departments be taken out of the School of Business and Industry by the creation of the School of Business be put under an acting administrative director.

By Jim Leonhirth, Managing Editor

Scott noted that these recommendations must be approved by Scarlett and the state Higher Education Commission before any action can be taken toward gaining national accreditation for the proposed new school.

The preliminary report comes after several months of committee work which included committee meetings, organizational surveys and open hearings with faculty and students.

Scott said that the committee would resume meetings shortly in order to finalize its recommendations concerning the disposition of the departments affected by the creation of the School of Business and the possible further reorganization of the university.

He said that the final recommendations would not be influenced by any financial considerations because he expected that if they were accepted, they would be implemented when the administration deemed it plausible.

In reviewing the steps needed for accreditation, Firman Cunningham, dean of the School of Business and Industry, indicated that if the

proposed School of Business is to gain accreditation by 1972, it has to be included in the next university catalogue.

This is necessary because the accrediting committee of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business used the catalogue of the previous year in evaluating the school, he explained.

Cunningham outlined the deadlines of the accreditation procedures by stating that the changes in the School of Business and Industry must be established during the 1970-71 year in order to try for accreditation in 1971-72. He added that application for accreditation could then be made in the summer of 1971 with the visit of the accrediting committee in the fall semester of the school year 1971-72.

This, he noted, could result in action on the accreditation application by May 1972. Cunningham stated that any delay in these steps could postpone accreditation for another year.

Members of the Reorganization Committee include Dean Howard Kirksey, Dean Robert Aden, Dean John Weems, Bobby Corcoran, Ralph Fullerton, Frank Lee, William Vaught, Ralph White, Dawn Edwards and Scott.

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SGA amendment to face student discussion, vote this week

Junior class forum to view measures

The Junior Class will sponsor a meeting for all students Monday afternoon at 3 in the University Center Theatre for the purpose of reviewing the proposed new constitution, according to Garland Honeycutt, junior class president.

Honeycutt indicated that the meeting will feature a panel including Bart Gordon, Suzanne Smartt, Cliff Gillespie, David Pound, Nolan Sharbel, and Erskine Smith.

Each of the speakers, the class president explained, will discuss a particular area covered in the new constitution. Gordon will discuss the executive branch of the new government, and Miss Smartt and Hardaway will outline the new legislative branch.

David Pound will explain the judicial branch, and Smith will discuss the formulation of the new constitution.

Cliff Gillespie, who was Speaker of the House last year, will compare this new government with previous restructuring attempts.

Sharbel, the junior representative who has opposed the new constitution, will also be on the panel.

Honeycutt noted that other opponents of the new constitution may be in attendance at the meeting, but none have been invited to be on the panel. He explained that the purpose was not "to bring out opposition to the constitution but to bring out the inside dynamics of the new constitution before the entire student body prior to the date of the vote on Feb. 4.

He added that following the speeches there would be a question-and-answer period for those in attendance.

Student vote to decide issue

Possible restructure of the Associated Student Body government from a bi-cameral to a unicameral legislative system will be determined next Thursday morning, Feb. 4 at 10:45 in a student election.

The election, to be held in the University Center Theatre, will be a ye or nay vote by secret ballot, accepting or rejecting the proposed Student Government Association Constitution. Identification and registration cards will be checked prior to the election, according to ASB President Bart Gordon.

The constitutional restructure bill was first introduced at a meeting of the ASB Senate on Dec. 17, 1970, where it passed the first reading.

The SGA proposal, the fourth restructure bill developed during the last three years, was prepared by a joint ASB house committee to study MTSU government restructure. The committee, headed by Erskine Smith, senior senator, included mem-

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bers of the ASB House and Senate as well as several students that were not members of either congressional body.

The SGA constitutional bill provides for a 50 member congress, with representatives elected according to school and place of residence, rather than by class (as in the current ASB system).

Representation in the SGA is to be determined so that nine upperclassmen and three freshmen will be chosen from each of the three schools: Arts and Sciences, Education, and Business and Industry.

Additionally, two members of the SGA Congress are to be cho-

sen from the Graduate School.

Three upperclassmen and one freshman from each of three residential classifications (students living on campus, commuters from Rutherford County, and commuters from beyond Rutherford County) will provide the twelve remaining SGA congressional members.

The new constitution proposes that administrative positions be modified in the student government so that the presidential office is maintained with vice presidential positions being divided into administrative and legislative jurisdictions.

The legislative vice-president is to serve as speaker of the congress, while the administra-

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Conflict room aids registrants

Of the 7608 registrants for the spring semester at MTSU, Records office workers cited hordes of confused students-to-be who encountered conflicts in their programs and had to turn to the conflict room to unsnarl their schedules. A girl with seven closed sections on her registration card, or a boy who has registered twice and thus ruined his first schedule, has a chance for an acceptable schedule through the conflict room, organized two years ago.

Prior to the center's establishment, students with closed sections had to remedy them by pulling computer cards or signing for other courses. "I would have appreciated any kind of help like this when I was a freshman," said Robert Downing, Nashville junior. "It's definitely more fun helping these people than posting grades in the rec-

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ords office," he added.

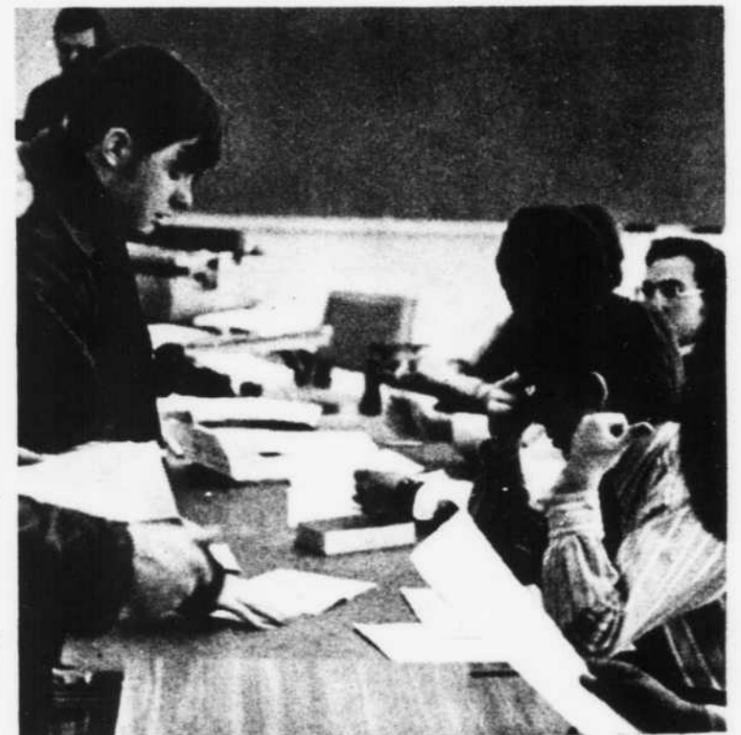
"Last year, we had two people who registered on the last day and eventually dropped out of school because they couldn't arrange their schedule," Jim Davis, Nashville junior related. The shortage of classes this semester has forced the conflict room into near-capacity operation.

Joey Livesay, room supervisor, noted that 65 percent of the students registering on Tuesday, the last full day of registration, had conflicting hours or closed sections on their schedules. During the first hour of Wednesday enrollment, 71 out of 81 students who entered the computer encountered conflicts.

Bill Bertolia, Muskegon, Michigan, junior, cited the biology department's situation as an ex-

ample of this semester's crowded section conditions. Five of the 56 sections of freshman biology had closed before any freshmen were scheduled to register. John Patten, department head, was forced to place incoming freshmen in Biology 102 and physical science courses. Similar congestion was experienced in accounting, art, and physical education courses as well, forcing increased volumes of traffic to the conflict room.

"Our biggest trouble is that nobody understands registration," Davis remarked. "People just don't know what the computer can and can't do." M.S. understanding the computer has given rise to a number of misconceptions concerning entrance to classes. The most popular of these is that classes are closed with the intent to reopen them for last day registration.



It's closed

Joey Livesay (right), director of the registration conflict room, exhibits a degree of the frustration and weariness felt by many students who were on the other side of the desk with schedule conflicts.

Nationwide gathering

Veteran's Club to host convention

The National Association of Collegiate Veterans Inc. will hold its third annual convention on the MTSU campus on May 6, 7, and 8, according to Bill Bennett, member of the MTSU Veteran's Club.

This year's theme for the gathering will be "Help Yourself Veteran," Bennett said. Guest speakers have not yet been fin-

ally scheduled, but among those invited are President Nixon and Johnny Carson and a Nashville celebrity may later be invited.

The three day convention will get under way on Thursday, May 6 with a smoker at the local American Legion hall. Other events planned include trips to the Grand Ole Opry and other Nashville sites with an 8 p.m. ban-

quet Saturday in the Tennessee Room to climax the convention.

MTSU's local Veteran's Club is expecting from 250 to 300 delegates from chapters throughout the country to be on campus during the convention. The delegates, Bennett stated, will be electing new national officers and will also consider revisions in the association's by-laws.

Two very important matters which are scheduled to be discussed are increasing state benefits for veterans and the extension of the current GI Bill limit to 48 months, according to Bennett. Presently, the GI Bill aids veterans in college for a period of only 36 months.

The approximately 60 members of the MTSU Veteran's Club headed by President Jerry Rye will serve as hosts for the convention. In addition, ten young ladies have been installed as "VIP's" and will serve as hostesses.



'Birnham Wood'

To an unsuspecting student, the tree above appears to be ready for an attack upon the campus premises. Actually it is being transported by maintenance men on a fork-lift to a new planting site.

Heart Fund plans beauty contest

Four girls sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Council are competing in a Queen of Hearts contest, in order to raise money for the Rutherford County Heart Fund, according to Martha Raedels, Heart Fund publicity chairman.

The four participating sororities will sponsor their own promotion drives for their can-

didates. The girl who raises the most money will be named the Queen of Hearts and the queen will reign over a Heart Fund Ball to be held on the night of Feb. 6.

Kathy Hampton, Kappa Delta; Mona White, Chi Omega; Pat Hunt, Delta Zeta; and Susan Pearsall, Alpha Delta Pi are the candidates for Queen of Hearts throne.

Calendar committee delays revision plans until '72

The calendar revision expected for next fall semester has been postponed for at least another year. President M. G. Scarlett announced recently.

The announcement followed a survey regarding the proposed new calendar conducted among the faculty by Howard Kirksey, dean of faculty, and discussions held by Scarlett with all the deans of the university.

The president explained, "There seems to be an overwhelming feeling of uncertainty about the proposed calendar and a desire to postpone any change

for another year during which additional study can be made."

The calendar revision was recommended by two successive committees chaired by Joe Nunley and entailed starting the fall semester earlier in order to conclude the term before Christmas recess.

The two ad hoc committees, Scarlett explained, were appointed to study questions raised by a bill defeated in the last session of the state legislature, calling for all state schools to adopt a uniform system.

Veterans to host shows

The 16th annual Veteran's Club Talent Show and Beauty Contest will be held Monday evening at 8 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, according to club President, Jerry Rye.

Rye indicated that the beauty contest will be in three phases; swimsuit, formal, and sportswear, with the winner representing the Veteran's Club as their beauty for the next year.

He also noted that the talent show will carry prizes of \$15, \$10, and \$5 for the first three places. Rye added that for the first time in the history of the event, the audience will vote for the winners in both the beauty contest and the talent show.

Last year's talent winner was Sharlena Phillips and the reigning Veteran's Club Beauty is Vivian Fitzgerald.

Rye concluded that this year's show will include many door prizes donated by several Murfreesboro merchants.

Student vote...

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The vice president will coordinate all SGA committees, according to the proposed constitution.

The SGA constitution states that the president of MTSU "shall retain a final veto power over all student legislation or any part thereof." Vetoes are limited, however, to five days following presentation of legislation to the president for his signature.

The SGA president has veto power in the new constitution, which the SGA Congress can override with a two-thirds majority vote.

Another change offered by the SGA proposal is the provision for an impeachment council, to be composed of eight appointed members sanctioned by a two thirds majority of the SGA congress and the Speaker of the SGA Congress.

The impeachment council is given the authority to determine whether charges brought against elected or appointed SGA officials for either "conduct unbecoming an official of the SGA" or "malfunction or nonfunction of constitutional duties" should be sent to the SGA Congress by a two-thirds vote.

The congress is given the power of trial and possible removal of any impeached official by a two-thirds vote.

A two thirds majority affirmative vote is required in the student assembly next week to ratify the SGA constitution.

Campus to host rifle tournament

The Second Annual Volunteer Rifle Tournament will be hosted March 14, at MTSU, according to Col. Vern W. Reaugh, professor of Military Science.

Capt. Steven Behr, rifle team advisor, added that a special award has been initiated this year with the opening of the tournament.

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Films Committee to show 'Alfie'

"Alfie," starring Michael Caine, will be shown tonight at 8 in the University Center Theatre. The movie is sponsored by the MTSU Films Committee.

Bennett cites High Rise change

Beginning today, the High Rise Cafeteria will close after lunch on Friday and reopen for breakfast Sunday morning. Athletic meal tickets and weekend meal tickets will be honored in the Grill for Friday dinner and all day Saturday, according to W. D. Bennett, director of dining services.

A buffet luncheon will be served each Sunday at the High Rise cafeteria. There will be no extra charge for boarding students, Bennett said.

Photo Gallery features Du Bois

A showing of photographs by Alan Du Bois is currently on exhibit at the MTSU Photographic Gallery through Feb. 23, according to Harold Baldwin, curator of the gallery.

DuBois, assistant director of the Museum of Fine Arts at St. Petersburg, exhibits in this show a 12-year collection of photographs which are dominated by landscapes with a splash of human interest and a touch of abstraction, Baldwin stated.

Chi Omegas plan male pageant

Chi Omega sorority will sponsor the annual Mr. MTSU contest next Wednesday evening in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. Curtain time is 7:30.

To aid youth travel

Jackson heads committee

In an attempt to increase travel opportunities for youth in Murfreesboro, a Youth Travel Committee has been formed, according to Warren Jackson, chairman of the committee and host of WMOT's "Soul Talk" program.

Before leaving on the committee's first trip, a tour of Nashville airport facilities last Saturday, Jackson indicated that the committee hoped to give the youth something enjoyable and educational, and to provide them with something to occupy their time in the summer.

He said that the committee had been formed for a month and presently includes his wife, Delphia Jackson, and the Rev. Richard Gordon, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

The committee chairman outlined future travel plans which include flights over Murfreesboro from the local airport, trips to nearby parks, and perhaps a visit to an Atlanta baseball game.

Jackson expressed the hope that other interested local citizens and students would become part of the committee, which is seeking new members.

At the present time, he noted,

a small fee is being charged for the trips, in order to pay for insurance and to help finance future excursions. The program of travel can be expanded he hopes to include trips for mentally retarded and disadvantaged children.

Jackson also expressed the hope that the committee's program could expand sufficiently in the future to receive federal funding.

Besides his travel and radio work, Jackson is a full-time employee of American Airlines and a student at MTSU majoring in special education.



Youth trip

Warren Jackson, chairman of the newly-formed Youth Travel Committee, accompanies a group of youths on the committee's first trip, a tour of Nashville airport facilities.

Hanes announces stage try-out

The University Theatre announces the final night of tryouts for its first major production of the spring semester, "The Time of Your Life," tonight. The spirited comedy won playwright William Saroyan a Pulitzer Prize for drama.

Clay Hawes, assistant professor of speech and theatre, listed 28 parts to be auditioned, 19 male and nine female. Tryouts were held for the past two nights and will conclude tonight at 8 in the arena theatre of the Dramatic Arts Building.

Hawes emphasized that all students are eligible.

Robb predicts new campus era

MTSU will have grown into a truly international university by the 21st century, commencement speaker Felix Robb told the January graduating class and its assembled guests last Sunday.

Robb, director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, based his prediction on "external factors," such as the rapid expansion of Nashville and surrounding areas, and the establishment of a major airport

at what used to be Sewart Air Force Base.

Today's youth, he commented, must learn to "live in the future" and to profit from the mistakes of the past, in order to copy with a rapidly changing world.

Robb predicted that American institutions will survive the present time of crisis by becoming more sensitive and accessible to the public.

Group forms to help consumer

American corporations, not criminals, are the biggest law-breakers in America today, stated Ralph Nader during his October visit. In efforts to protect the consumers from these law-abusers, Murfreesboro citizens last month initiated the Murfreesboro chapter of the Tennessee Consumer Alliance.

In mid-December Grayfred Gray, chairman of the TCA and Howard Frazier, President of the National Consumers' Federation and the former head of the White House office on Consumer Affairs under Lyndon Johnson, met with interested Murfreesboroans to form a TCA core group.

The statewide movement, according to James Huhta, chairman of the Murfreesboro Consumer Alliance, was begun in June under the auspices of several Vanderbilt law professors. These members have spearheaded the statewide organization and emphasis on legal problems faced by the consumer-advocates.

"It (the TCA) is a means whereby the consumer can counter the organized and well-funded methods of American industry," explained the chairman.

The first goal of the organization is to finance by low-cost memberships the resources and attorneys to appear before the state commissions and legislative investigatory committees to present consumer views and complaints.

Exemplary of the organization's work was the TCA testimony in August before the Tennessee General Assembly's Joint Committee on Insurance and Banking in Nashville presenting complaints ranging from the cancellation of policies without notice to the unfair discrimination in policy rates.

Consequently, the committee agreed to hold additional hearings in other areas of the state before making a decision on rate changes.

The associate history professor indicated that during the Nader speech at MTSU question-

naires were distributed to the audience concerning their interest and willingness to work in behalf of consumer legislation. From the favorably responding group the core of the Murfreesboro organization was formulated.

Presently, the membership numbers about 20. Huhta estimated, however, that the local organization will have an eventual membership of about 100.

Murfreesboro is the first of the smaller cities to establish a chapter, he further indicated. The membership of the four other chapters in Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Knoxville totalled about 500 members in November.

The National Consumer Federation, a composite group of 35 state organizations, was organized a year ago to lobby on a national level for the consumers.

Consumer movements in other states have proved effective in gaining consumer rights. Huhta cited as an example the ability of the Louisiana Consumer Alliance, a two year-old organization to challenge a request by Louisiana utilities to raise their rates 20 percent because of cost increase. The LCA found that the utilities made profits and forced a drop in rates saving the Louisiana citizens over \$30 million annually.

The local organization is also attempting to involve a cross-section of the Murfreesboro community to discover what resources are available to the TCA, indicated Huhta. An ad hoc committee consisting largely of MTSU personnel including Barbara Haskew, economics instructor; George Beers, mathematics instructor; Roy Clark, chemistry instructor; Jerry Witt, accounting instructor; Mrs. Wayne Gholson, a history secretary and Mrs. Peter LaPaglia, home economics instructor at Central High School.

Huhta indicated that interested individuals could contact the TCA at Box 12352 in Nashville for further information.

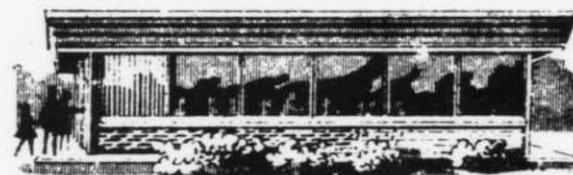
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SGA--representative student government?

In less than a week we'll have a chance to vote on the proposed constitution which could change the bicameral Associated Student Body government into the unicameral Student Government Association.

In accordance with article VII of the standing ASB Constitution, the affirmative decision of a two-thirds majority of the students present at the student assembly scheduled for Feb. 4, in the University Center Theatre, at 10:45 a.m. will mean the adoption of the new student government system.

Representation is the major area of change that the proposed SGA offers, beyond the unified legislative system and name change. The actual legislative power of the SGA is apparently no different from that of the ASB, i.e. the university president still retains final veto power over all student legislation. The only difference between this provision (item E section II, Article IV) in the ASB Constitution and the similar provision (item C, section 9, Article IV) of the SGA Constitution is the reduction from 10 to five days after legislation is presented for the president's signature for presidential consideration and/or veto.

Under these circumstances, the student government is inherently less than a self determining governing body of and for students of Middle Tennessee State University.

As long as we recognize this, we might as well admit that although the new constitution is a step in the right direction, it really doesn't have all the answers that its proponents would like it to have... particularly in the area of representation.

Certainly it is high time that representatives of such 'major interest groups' as the American Guild of Organists, Table Tennis Club, Gore Hall, ATC Little Sisters, Presbyterian Fellowship, and the SIDELINES, along with 73 other campus clubs, societies, and organizations cease to function in the primary legislative role that they have enjoyed as members of the ASB House of Representatives.

Is the answer to more effective representation to be achieved by the SGA legislature, which provides for a curious system of representation on the basis of school of education and place of residence, rather than by class (as members of the ASB Senate are now elected)?

The table below shows the peculiar distribution of upperclassmen and freshmen commuters, Mur-

freesboro, and campus residents; and members of the four schools of education that compose the 50 member legislative body proposed in the SGA Constitution.

The representation by school is supposed to give students pursuing similar education goals representation. The representation by residence is supposed to involve commuter students since, traditionally, town and campus students have always been represented in student government, by virtue of the fact that they have more time for involvement in such activities. Let's face it, if you have to face a 28-mile drive back to Shelbyville after a day of classes you really are less inclined to care whether cheerleaders receive a letter or a sweater for their second year of Raider participation.

Representation by class would be adequate--if commuters are interested and have time, certainly they can seek office like other students, but the basis for representation by residence is hard to substantiate.

The student government (ASB or SGA) has the potential to deal with aspects of student life beyond the trivial. The real student involvement in policy and decision making areas, however, is in participation in such organizations as the All-Campus Rules Committee, General Education Council, and the Co-Curricular Committees. Until the student government system has the power or takes the initiative to really become involved in the decisions of the university community, perhaps the organization, representation, and name doesn't matter so much.

	Arts & Science	Business & Ind.	Education	Town	Campus	Commuter
U*	9	9	9	3	3	3
F*	3	3	3	1	1	1
Representatives from Graduate School-----2						
U*--Upperclassmen						
F*--Freshman						

Position statement

Committee contests misconceptions

The student government Restructuring Committee of MTSU would like to make a statement of certain facts for the consideration of all MTSU students. Essentially, what we hope to do is to correct some impressions of what has been presented as being "facts" about our work.

First, Mr. Bart Gordon and Mr. Roger Hardaway are not and they were not responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the writing of the new constitution or the content thereof. These two gentlemen did not present or offer any views to the committee until they were asked to do so at the last two committee meetings.

Second, it is completely false that Mr. Tom Foley of the Wesley Foundation was on the restructuring committee. Not only was Mr. Foley never on the committee, as was reported by the SIDELINES of Jan. 8, 1971, furthermore, this friend of the committee never stepped forward until he attempted to table the entire constitution at the joint House-Senate meeting of Jan. 7, 1971. The restructuring committee has never heard from this gentleman before or since.

Third, we wish to point out to the entire MTSU student body that any House or Senate member could have been on the committee, but most House and Senate members showed a total lack of interest in this area.

Fourth, Mr. Nolan Sharbel and Mr. J. Jackson Sidebottom, who expressed their views in the Jan. 12, 1971, edition of the SIDELINES, never showed any interest in assisting the committee during the course of its work on the new and proposed constitution.

Yet, any House or Senate member could have served all MTSU students by working on and with the restructuring committee. It should also be noted that Mr. Sharbel did, in our opinion, show a total lack of responsibility by voting "no" on the new constitution at both readings. Furthermore, Mr. Sharbel did not deliver a copy of the new constitution to the people he was supposed to represent, the junior class officers, and we wonder how the junior class will react to such irresponsible behavior.

We, the members of the restructuring committee did not try to favor any one individual

here at MTSU in our efforts, neither did we attempt to favor any small group of students; our efforts were primarily directed at what was best for all students, now and in the foreseeable future. We would also like to point out, for your consideration, the fact that each of us has spent long and sometimes difficult hours each week during the fall semester 1970 working on this effort. We felt that our duty to all the students was more important than any other single factor in this regard. Therefore, on these grounds, we respectfully ask for your approval by voting "yes" on the new constitution at the called student assembly at 10:45 a.m., in the University Center Theatre on Feb. 4, 1971. We have done our duty; now it is your turn to do yours.

Sincerely,
 Erskine B. Smith, chairman
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 Bill Yarbrough, Representative
 Gary C. Barnett, Member at Large
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 Mary Marlin, Senator
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National Perspective

Anderson enters Berrigan drama

By Jim Leonhirth

CBS commentator Eric Sevareid recently observed that high drama in the United States was being furnished not by the entertainment media but by the trials of several controversial individuals.

Certainly, many interesting figures have participated in the trials of Charles Manson, William Calley, Ernest Medina and Angela Davis and before that the Chicago 7 and Clay Shaw. The courtroom has, in these cases, been filled with dramatic and sometimes violent action.

At the present time, another such trial in the offing with the incrimination two weeks ago of the Berrigan brothers, two Catholic priests, on charges of conspiring to blow up heating systems in the nation's capital on George Washington's birthday and kidnapping presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, seemingly a plot worthy of Titus Oates.

One of the most interesting aspects of this case is the role of the former naval officer-turned-U.S. Representative, William Anderson. Anderson, a graduate of Annapolis and commander of the submarine Nautilus during its first undersea passage of the North Pole, first received national notice when he exposed the "tiger cages" used by the South Vietnamese government for political prisoners.

Anderson became involved in the Berrigan case when FBI director J. Edgar Hoover told

a Senate subcommittee several weeks ago that the Berrigans were masterminding the kidnapping and sabotage conspiracy. Anderson demanded that Hoover either bring an indictment against the brothers or stop the "trial by headlines."

A Newsweek article revealed that Anderson had read the writings of the brothers and had visited Daniel Berrigan in prison. The brothers are in Federal prison in Danbury, Conn., where they are serving sentences for destruction of draftboard records with duck blood and homemade napalm.

A Federal Grand jury in Harrisburg, Pa., indicted Father Phillip and five others in the alleged plot and named seven other co-conspirators including Father Daniel. The indictment stated that the plotters planned to set off explosives in tunnels beneath Washington structures in order to disrupt the heating and kidnap Kissinger in order to ransom him. For what ransom the indictment did not specify.

Following the indictment, Anderson addressed the representatives of the National Council of Churches stating that "issues of political repression are inherent" in the prosecution on conspiracy charges of Phillip and Daniel Berrigan.

He said that the case against the

brothers may be "the trial of the century, the climatic point of all the dissent in America."

Anderson said, "Nationwide demonstrations for the cause of the Berrigan brothers, who have become the symbol of all the accused in this case, are inevitable, indeed they are being promoted."

Without identifying him by name, Vice President Agnew accused Anderson of engaging in "emotional, self-serving claptrap" in this speech. Agnew made the statement, "There has been a recent gratuitous statement by a high government official that criticizes the head of the FBI, calls for nationwide demonstrations against the indictment, and characterizes the defendants as heroes."

Anderson responded that Agnew had commented without all the facts and added that Agnew's remarks "benefit (neither) his office nor the crying public need for truth in government."

When Albert Gore left Washington this month, it was felt that Tennessee's voice of constructive opposition had been stilled, if not silenced.

Congressman Anderson has since taken on two heavyweights of the administration, Hoover and Agnew, and has become a defender of legal and human rights and antiwar philosophies.

It is a strange and new role for Mr. Anderson, but it is a welcome one.



"EVEN IN THE NEW ARMY WE'LL STICK WITH THE OLD SALUTE, LIEUTENANT."

Meanwhile With Lynch

Support the SGA committee?!

Somewhere on these editorial pages is a statement from the student government Restructuring Committee pleading that we, as responsible students, accept and vote for the proposed unicameral constitution at the student assembly on Feb. 4.

Their intention, as is stated, is to clear the air about some impressions that we, as students, may have been led to believe. O.K., let's see what we've got.

First of all, we're informed that Bart Gordon and Roger Hardaway had nothing to do with the writing of the new constitution. Such ingratitude!

This statement implies that the services of Mr. Hardaway and Mr. Gordon were never used or needed during the structuring of the new document. True, perhaps not during the structuring of the new plan, but the committee sure as hell didn't say so when Gordon and Hardaway offered their rhetoric to insure passage through both houses of Congress.

And I might add, I don't think the new constitution would have made it without the aid of these two student government officials. But that's their bag.

Second, we're informed that Mr. Tom Foley, one of the primary opponents of the new documents, was never, as reported in the SIDELINES, a member of the Restructure Committee. The implication here is that since Mr. Foley was not a member of the committee, and since he opposed the bill, he should, as a responsible student, keep his mouth shut. Well I was an appointed member of the committee who took no action whatsoever in the structuring of the new document, but I'll fight any man who implies that I have no right to express an opinion about any legislation from the student government. That's my bag.

Next we're told that any member of the House or Senate could have served on the committee, but disinterest prevailed. Once again, we're led to believe that if you didn't help write it, shut up (or at least don't oppose it).

Next, Mr. Nolan Sharbel and Jack Sidebottom come under attack for the same basic reasons. They weren't on the committee, but had the audacity to speak out against the new baby.

Now we get to another point. Mr. Sharbel gets zapped because he didn't present his organization with a copy of the Constitution to find out their feelings. He stands charged with "irresponsible behavior."

Nuts! The most common political role is that of a "trustee," in other words, a representative who votes his own convictions. If his organization doesn't feel that he is representing them fairly and accurately, they have the right to replace him.

By Jim Lynch
Managing Editor

I mean, really! Can you imagine Howard Baker taking a poll of all Tennesseans before he votes on a particular bill. I would much rather Howard Baker vote the way he feels and if I don't agree with the way he votes, then I won't vote for him next time around. Simple politics.

If Mr. Sidebottom is guilty of "irresponsible behavior", then so is most of the U.S. Congress.

Next the committee assumes the role of "rah, rah cheerleaders". C'mon team, support your committee because they've worked hard for the big game. And because they've worked hard we should vote for the whole shootin' match.

Well coach, I just can't do it.

The point is, nowhere are the merits of the new constitution stated. Are there any? Nowhere are any of the possible flaws in the new document explained (believe me, there are several).

All that is stated is that the committee worked hard (had a little spare time to get in an attack or two) and that we should reward their efforts.

If their efforts justified reward, fine. But I don't think this is the best possible constitution. I wish to state here that I agree with the unicameral idea, but not this constitution; not as it stands now.

The last line of the committee's statement tells us that they have done their duty, and that it is now up to us to do ours. You bet your booties, granny!



Jim Lynch

Meet the columnists

The two regular SIDELINES columnists for the spring semester are Jim Lynch, a Gary, Indiana senior, and Jim Leonhirth, a Murfreesboro junior. Both managing editors held these positions on the fall staff and both are international relations majors.

Lynch is sports director for WMOY radio and serves as speaker pro tempore of the ASB House of Representatives. Leonhirth is vice-president of CUBE, co-chairman of the publicity committee of the Co-Curricular Committees, and served as editor-in-chief of the SIDELINES during the past summer.

Clark gives SGA a fearless yawn

To the editor:

On February 4 the ASB is presenting a new constitution to be passed by a student assembly. There have been many misconceptions concerning this document. I was on the committee drafting this document. I was one of the very few to attend every meeting. I feel I should give my opinion of it.

This constitution is just as big a piece of bull as the one we have now.

Looking at it, all I can feel is the weariness of the almost one-hundred hours our committee spent trying to bring into existence a true student government.

At the beginning of last semester we were painfully aware of the shortcomings of the ASB. The judicial is a good example.

The administration has tried to propagate the myth that the campus court system is completely in student hands. Anyone reading the "Student Handbook" sees there is an Administration Controlled University Discipline Committee above the student "supreme" court.

Its function is to see that the courts are administration, not student controlled. The old constitution says ASB Supreme Court decisions are final.

I have in my possession a letter from the Dean of Students "reversing" a so-called "final" de-

cision when the decision did not please the administration.

Last year the ASB passed a resolution regarding the use of search warrants in dormitories. It recommended to the rules committee the passage of a rule requiring search warrants. A true student government would have passed legislation regarding this. A true student government would have power to protect students' rights.

All of this weighed upon us as we debated each section of the constitution last semester. Our purpose in the committee's beginning was to replace the puppet government we have now with a true student government.

In all negotiations and discussions with the powers-that-be in this university our requests were refused. The new constitution merely changes the rules for gaining admission to the same old organization.

My first thought was to oppose this constitution. I then realized there was nothing to oppose. It says nothing for or against students' rights. Some members of this committee honestly believe this new restructuring will help the student government on campus. I honestly wish I could say so, but I see no difference.

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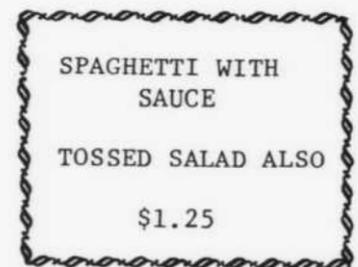
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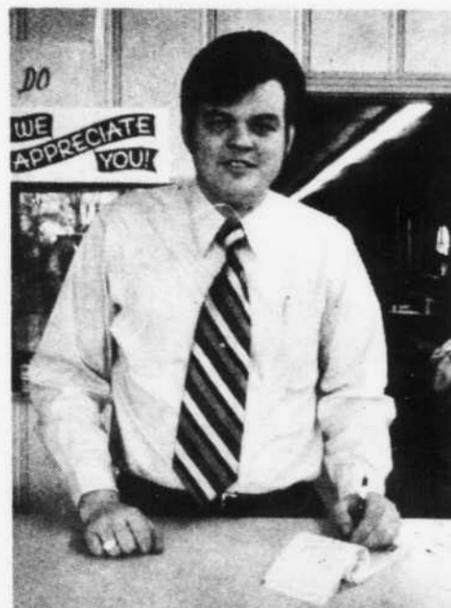
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Governor Dunn issues plea for democratic support

In Feb. 11 address

In his first public address since taking office, Governor Winfield Dunn issued a plea for support of the Democrats as he gave the annual "State of the State" message at a meeting of the Tennessee Press Association in Nashville.

The first Republican Governor in 50 years asked that a mood of partnership, not partisanship, be presented in the activities of the state government.

The address was given by Dunn with members of his cabinet seated around him. In the address, Dunn predicted a bright future for the next four years in the state.

Dunn added that "the Department of Industrial Development does not expect 1971 to be a tremendous growth year." However, he added that Tennessee has a very bright industrial future and that 1972 is expected to be excellent.

He pointed out the importance of a major zinc discovery in Middle Tennessee.

Dunn also mentioned the recent oil discovery in Scott County in

East Tennessee and added that this discovery suggests that a sizeable area of the Cumberland Plateau has potential for additional oil discoveries.

On the educational scene, Dunn pointed out the "abundant progress" that has been made in the fields of educational television, guidance, library services, lowered student-teacher ratios, and increased teacher salaries. He pointed out that the state appropriation for all educational purposes for the school year 1970-71 is \$378,364,400.

Dunn takes the governor's office at a time when Tennessee ranks very low on the national listings of educational spending per student.

However, Dunn stated that the Department of Revenue has made much progress during the last year and is in excellent condition to move ahead with new programs and increased collections of revenue.

"Revenue collections increased in the last fiscal year by \$39,499,617 or 6.38 percent, when compared to the previous fiscal year," the governor reported.

Reid Buckley, noted conservative, will attempt to show, in his address Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., how a politically conservative individual can be progressive, according to Harold Smith, assistant director of the University Center.

Buckley expressed his opinion that, "I am a conservative, not because of this or that political program, but because as a writer I find this philosophy the humane and the real insight into human nature."

Buckley, the writer, has written one novel, "The Eye of the Hurricane," a story of a seafaring family of lesser New England. He has also contributed to "Vogue," "Diplomat," and "Atlantic Monthly."

James Buckley, the newly elected senator from New York and William F. Buckley, Jr., the editor of the "National Review," are the older brothers of Reid Buckley.

James Buckley, member of the Conservativ party, was supported by Vice President Agnew in his controversial race against Republican Charles Goodell for

Buckley to defend ideology

By Mike West

the senate seat. Agnew's condemnation of Goodell caused an outbreak of indignation among members of the Republican party.

Approximately two weeks ago William F. Buckley, Jr. petitioned a U. S. District Court in a stand against the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. The conservative commentator stated that AFTRA was attempting to deprive him of con-

stitutional rights by threatening him with television underexposure if he did not remain a member of the union.

Buckley will probably receive support in this action against AFTRA from other professional journalists such as Sander Vanocour of the National Broadcasting Company.

Reid Buckley is now living in Spain, but he does make frequent trips back to America. He has established several businesses in Madrid, including an ice cream stand.



Supervisor of Records Cliff Gillespie aids Elaine Lannom, Murfreesboro sophomore, in making her course selections during Monday's registration session.

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Works by Courmoyer, Tate highlight senior art show

Catherine Courmoyer's encaustic paintings and Katherine Tate's photographic tree ceramic pieces are the highlights in terms of individualism and originality of the current exhibit of four MTSU senior art students in the Art Barn Gallery.

The show, which opened Jan. 22, features 119 pieces of student work including paintings, sculptures and ceramics.

Employing molten parafin in her work, Miss Courmoyer has investigated a variety of techniques and styles in this media. The wax sometimes adds a sculptural quality to the traditionally two dimensional painting form. "Flipping Over E Flat" is a good example of work that is interesting on a multi-level perspective. From a distance, energetic globs of wax seem to emerge from a dark, murky background to splash and dribble and splatter over scraps of faintly luminous aluminum foil. When you look closely, you find randomly scratched into the surface--AND WE ALL KILLED HIM--WE SURE AS HELL DON'T...--but you have to look closely to find them. When you stand 'eye-to-eye' with these paintings, the three dimensional aspect increases so that little bubbles in the wax look like craters and the whole surface seems to move.

Surface texture is less obvious in Miss Courmoyer's "A Place" where five primary color shapes divide the canvas into related entities.

Similar versatility in use of encaustic is seen in the brightly colored "Little Creatures" where more linear and geometri-

By Jill Woodworth

cized organization of the canvas predominates.

"For Seymour Who Was a Real Paperboy" achieves the effect of related abstract paintings with Miss Courmoyer's abrupt and irregular vertical boundary. Intensely vibrant red-orange reverberates like an echo on either side of the division in swift movements out of the warm, dark browns.

Katherine Tate's unique ceramic pieces are undoubtedly the bowls, plates, platters and bottles upon which she has by some means developed photographic images of trees on the fairly neutrally glazed ceramic surfaces. The merging of these two art forms, ceramics and photography, offers a beautiful and harmonious union.

Pop pottery and ceramic sculpture demonstrate Miss Tate's versatility.

"Birth from a Tree Study" is representative of Linda Walters' powerfully organic paint-

ings which center around the subject of trees. At times Mrs. Walters' work contains almost a water color effect, and is somewhat representational. Occasionally her style is more animated and abstract--yet, she preserves some identifiable quality of trees.

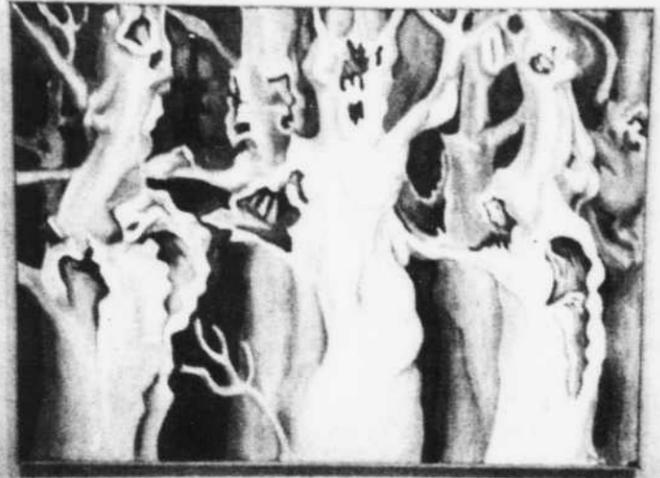
Subtle patterns of wood grains describe the "Female Figure" in soft browns, in another of Mrs. Walters' tree paintings.

Contrasting with these works is a representational four-section black and white print--"Debbie and the Mushrooms." Mrs. Walters' simple illustrative style is enhanced by bas relief mushrooms growing in and around the print.

Linda Lane has paintings, sculptures, wall hangings, pots, and pillows in the show.

Her canvasses are warm, friendly and more than vaguely realistic. Her predominant color is a strong blue green.

A blue and white wall hanging "Fluffy Stuff," and her 'Indian' pottery (which is really nice in its crude and primitive formation) demonstrate inventive craftsmanship.



By Walters

"Maybe Fanghorn Forest," a painting by Linda Walters of Murfreesboro is one of many original works on display in the Art Barn during the senior show, which runs from Jan. 22 to Feb. 3.

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UTC squeaks past faltering Raiders

Junior guard Larry Rainey missed a free throw on a one-and-one situation with two seconds left in the game Thursday night to give the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Moccasins a 70-68 victory before a screaming crowd.

Jimmy Earle's Raiders led by as much as nine points with just minutes left in the game but got some miscues by center Chester Brown and a pair by forward Ken Riley with only seconds left in the game to lose the ball and give Leon Ford's bunch some valuable points.

With 3:48 left in the game the Blue had a 62-53 lead and seemed on their way to the win but Brown, a minute later, gave the ball away on an in-bounds play and the Mocs hit a basket and Ralph Simpson got a steal and the score was 64-63 MTSU.

Herman Sykes, who kept the Blue in the game with his clutch playing, hit a pair of free throws with 2:14 left on a one-and-one situation to increase the lead, but UTC's Tom Losh hit a free throw to narrow the gap.

Terry Johnson made one foul shot seconds later, but big Clarence Howard of Chattanooga's running squad got a basket before Riley gave the ball away twice for key turnovers and suddenly the squad that led by as much as nine was only ahead by one.

Rainey was fouled and made one of two free throws with 28 seconds left, but Chattanooga hit a jumper and the score was tied

at 68-68 with only 16 seconds left.

Sykes tried a 12-foot jumper with four seconds left but missed a tip-in, but a foul resulted and UTC's Dale Overmann went to the line and calmly made two free throws, setting up Rainey's shot that was no good and the Blue dropped their fifth game of the year against five wins. They are 1-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference and play Western Kentucky Saturday night in Bowling Green.

Sykes finished the night with 24 points on nine field goals and six of nine from the free throw line, and Stan Sumrell had 12.

Riley and Johnson finished with 11 and Brown added seven points. Derry Cochran had two and Rainey made only one.

The first half saw flashy UTC guard Greg Andrews shoot in for a quick layup to open the scoring, but Herman Sykes hit a long jumper to knot up the score.

Early turnovers set in and with 15:07 left in the game the score was still tied, this time at 6-6. But Chester hit a booming tip in and the Raiders jumped out to a two point lead.

They led by as many as five three different times, but always got the jumper from Sykes or Stan Sumrell or the tip in by the big men in the middle.

Hyde Time

by Bob Hyde

Murray upsets Western

In the beginning, there was Western Kentucky Coach John Oldham, and playing for him was "Big Mac", king of the OVC basketball world. And it was so; no one should think of challenging the defending title-holders, for they were not beaten in 14 league encounters last season and were thinking in like terms for the current year.

But lo and behold! The word had not spread to Murray, Kentucky and Murray State University defeated WK 92-86. "Big Mac" (more commonly known as Jim McDaniels) is a potential All-American and the OVC's most valuable player last season.

WK could not keep up with the fast-running Thoroughbreds and now it appears that a runaway for the conference title is less likely to occur.

Murray, losing only to East Tennessee State, shares the OVC lead with WK. East Tennessee ranks third and with the exception of Morehead, which lost its first six conference tests, all teams are still given a shot at the title.

Our own Blue Raiders travel to Bowling Green this Saturday to take on WK. This will possibly be their sternest road trip of the year. MTSU will have to rely on a balanced scoring attack to offset the presence of McDaniels.

Herman Sykes leads the offensive assault for Coach Earle's charges with 17 points per game, and is followed by All-OVC performer

and team captain Ken Riley with a 16.5 average. Stan Sumrell adds 13.4 points per outing.

Following Saturday's game, MTSU travels to Boone, North Carolina for a non-conference engagement with Appalachian State University. Last year in the two schools' first meeting, MTSU squeaked out a 53-50 decision.

Stan Sumrell leads OVC statistics in free throw percentage by connecting at an amazing 84.4 clip. Sumrell has bucketed 27 of 32 attempts. Teammate Herman Sykes ranks fourth, boasting a 79.5 season's average.

Terry Johnson, 6 ft. 3 in. junior from Shelbyville, Tennessee finds himself in a starting forward position for Coach Earle's basketball squad after seeing only limited action last season.

Thrust into the spot following the suspension of Percy Hairston, Johnson possesses a great deal of natural jumping ability and needs perhaps only a little game experience to become a polished performer.

Dan Crews, sophomore trackman from Atlanta, Georgia, is affectionately known by his teammates as "The Chief," due to his Indian heritage. Crews runs the two-mile relay and also is on the cross-country team.

Terry Sneed, a 175-pound nose guard from Murfreesboro Central, has signed an OVC grant-in-aid with MTSU. Sneed, an All-Mid-state and All-State performer, anchored the line for Coach Gene Windham's state championship crew.

Roundballers go 2-1 during break

Coach Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders did not enjoy the exam break with rest and relaxation but instead tackled three rugged hardwood opponents.

MTSU traveled to Georgia State in Atlanta Monday night and came out on the winning end by a score of 72-61. The Raiders held a slim halftime lead, 36-35, but before the final buzzer sounded they had stretched the margin to 12 points.

Herman Sykes tossed in 21 points to pace the winners. The Georgians outrebounded the Raiders 40 to 32.

Other leading scorers for the Raiders were Stan Sumrell with 20 and Nick Prater with 12. For Georgia State, Ricketts took game honors with 23.

The Raider roundballers suffered their first loss to the Governors of Austin Peay in four years in a game played last

Saturday in Clarksville. The victory came about in the closing seconds in which the Governors' Dan Smith made the last two points to give Austin Peay the 71-70 decision.

After leading throughout the first half, the Raiders went to the dressing room at the intermission with a 33-30 lead. The game was tied to 56-56 when Larry Noble of the Gobs hit a 22 foot jumper with 7:19 left in the game.

Austin Peay held a slim lead until the last 54 seconds when Ken Riley put the Raiders on top 68-67 on a three point play. Jack Pack hit a jumper for the Gobs but once again Riley sank a lay-up to give MTSU the lead with 12 seconds left.

Top scorers for Austin Peay were Nobel, 20, and Stephenson, 16.

For the Raiders, Riley shared game honors with 20 points, followed by Sykes with 17, and Cochran with 10.

Thursday night, Jan. 14, Coach Earle's hardwood warriors traveled to Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens, where they defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 69-63. The game became close, however, as the Raiders lost an 11 point bulge in the final minutes.

With 60 seconds left in the game and the score deadlocked at 63-63, the Big Blue came back hard and fast. Riley and Johnson each fired a basket and Sumrell added two freethrows to assure the victory.

MTSU hit only 38 of 63 from the floor for a 44 percent average but enjoyed their best night of the season from the foul line, connecting on 81 percent.

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Ground breaking

President M. G. Scarlett and Charles Murphy, MTSU athletic director, remove the first few shovelfuls of earth from the site of the new athletic complex during last Tuesday's groundbreaking ceremonies.

To cost \$5.7 million

Gym construction begins

Ground breaking ceremonies attended by state and local officials opened construction of the \$5.7 million convocation-gymnasium complex. "The Physical Education and Convocation Center scheduled to be completed in December, 1972, will be the largest facility of its kind in the southeast," according to President M. G. Scarlett.

The facility, indicated Scarlett, may eventually seat 11,300 for basketball and over 16,000 for convocations. He further stated that the building might be used for the presentation of Broadway plays and public programs.

The 320 square foot facility will contain the nation's second largest indoor track, a basket-

ball court, two other gymnasiums, two dance studios, facilities for athletic teams, and four handball courts.

Also participating in the ceremonies were Frank C. Bell, Jr., representing State Education Commissioner E. C. Stimbirt, and Dale Young, representing Governor Winfield Dunn.

Bell cited the center as being the largest single outlay of expense for the state board of education.

The architects, Taylor and Crabtree of Nashville, visited the athletic facilities of other universities with MTSU officials to help determine the type of facilities desired at MTSU, according to Scarlett.

Raider thinclads

Hayes builds 'top-notch' program

Track is no stranger to the students of Middle Tennessee State who have followed the efforts of some hard working runners and the top-notch recruiting by coach Dean Hayes.

Hayes came to MTSU nine years ago and began a program that has put the Raider runners in the national news, with some of the top high school stars picking this University as their 'four year home.'

It all began with the Jerry Singleton's and the David Wyatt's, men who set marks in the Ohio Valley Conference when Western Kentucky was taking home all the prizes.

Singleton held the quarter mile and the half mile marks for some time at this school and Wyatt established himself as one of the

nation's best last year by clocking the sixth fastest time in the 440-intermediate hurdles.

Lonnell Poole, the OVC champion in the 120 high hurdles, also established himself well, but they have gone and new stars have replaced them. People like sophomores Charles Wilson, Barry McClure, and Homer Huffman, and freshman Terry Haynes and Nate Porter.

Wilson, a Nashville North product, ran a 6.1 60-yard dash last season which qualified him for the NCAA meet but had to sit out with a knee injury. He won the league title in 9.6 but ran a tenth of a second faster in the preliminaries. He was also second in the 220 behind Murray State's Tommy Turner, who was ranked in the quarter mile.

McClure, a product of Carrollton, Ga., finished fifth in the national indoor championships last year in the triple jump and was named All-American in the outdoor competition by virtue of his fourth place finish. He went over the 50 foot mark several times during the year, with the first

one coming in the Blue Raider Relays.

McClure will be aided in the jumping pits this year by senior Terry Scott, who is a strong favorite for the OVC Trackman of the Year Award. He broad jumps, triple jumps, and runs the 220, the quarter mile, and has even run the half mile.

Haynes, a cousin to Wilson and also a North graduate, has already set a school record in the long jump and could be the best jumper in the school's history before he leaves.

Nashville's Homer Huffman is also a man to be reckoned with, the half mile being his specialty. Huffman finished third in the league meet last year but will be back for some 'revenge' and should have one of his best track years ever.

Porter, another fresh recruit of Hayes', had one of the best times in the 120-high hurdles last year as a senior, and comes to MTSU to replace both Poole and Wyatt. He could do it, impossible as it seems.

Baby Raiders crush TMI

The Baby Blue Raiders gave coaches Jim Drew and Don Lockridge something to go home smiling about as they got together their best game of the season in a 123-77 drubbing of Tennessee Mason Institute.

Mason Bonner, the freshman flash that has shone brilliance all season, erupted for 31 points, but the talk of the night was the 29 by teammate Keith Cromartie.

Guard Alex Miller chipped in with 13, as did David Brown, and Sam Northcutt and Joe James both had nine.

Larry Martin and Clint Merrill both had eight to close out the Raider scoring.

TMI got a 34 point performance from Larry Wilkens for game honors.

The frosh will play a tough Western Kentucky bunch Jan. 30 in Bowling Green and will also travel for games against Lindsey Wilson Junior College and Motlow State Community College before coming home Feb. 6 against the same Hilltopper team.

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Scarlett has 'no regrets' about fiscal policy

President M. G. Scarlett stated yesterday that if he had a chance to re-make budget policies of the past year, on the basis of information available at the time, he would make "exactly the same decisions as I did then."

Last semester the president had announced an unexpected 15 percent budget cut in all departments. The cutback was made necessary by unforeseeable expenses, at a time when the school's reserve funds had been used to raise teacher salaries.

Subsequent misunderstandings plunged MTSU into a statewide controversy, in which the school fiscal procedures were called in-

By Gary Matthews

to question. The confusion was dispelled, however, by the audit and by a letter which Scarlett addressed to Gov. Buford Ellington.

Scarlett wrote Gov. Ellington as follows:

Dear Governor Ellington: I regret very much the recent publicity concerning the fiscal affairs of MTSU, and I would like to do what I can to undo the harm done by this publicity. I believe I can achieve this goal best by dealing briefly with two central issues.

The first has to do with the

placing of responsibility for the necessity of cutting back MTSU's operating budget. The state administration has not made any cutback in university funds, and it has not treated MTSU unfairly. I have not, and do not now blame the state administration for MTSU's recent financial problems. Any publicity indicating my position to be otherwise was entirely without foundation.

MTSU recently faced a mild financial crisis as a result of several causative factors, foremost of which was the use of reserve funds. I take full responsibility for the decision to utilize reserve funds in 1969-70 and in 1970-71 to increase

faculty salaries. Reserve monies were used to improve faculty salaries with full approval of the State Board of Education and in accordance with state regulations concerning reserve balances.

This reduction of reserve monies would not have placed the University in financial difficulty had not the following other unexpected conditions developed; a 25 percent increase in utility rates (a cost increase of \$142,000); a cost increase in faculty hospitalization insurance (an added cost of \$33,000); and the anticipated withholding of the impoundment (\$359,000) because state income will not likely achieve the projected level.

The second has to do with MTSU's fiscal status. The University is currently in good financial condition, and its new budget should enable it to end the fiscal year with a balance and re-establish full and adequate reserve funds. There were no fiscal irregularities at MTSU last year, and there have been none this year. I believe the University is being operated efficiently, and is making good progress toward becoming one of the outstanding regional universities in the Southeast.

It had been previously indicated and it has been determined that on June 30 there was a deficit balance of \$35,909.67 in the general fund. If there had not been a transfer of funds beyond those required to debt service funds the deficit balance in the general fund would have been avoided.

It was further indicated that MTSU had fund shortages and bank overdrafts. The University did have an overdraft in its bank account at the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Company Dec. 19, 1969, of \$109,303.81 and on

Dec. 22, 1969 of \$201,213.77. On those two dates the University had \$1,077,218 in certificates of deposit at the bank. The situation occurred the weekend before Christmas. The University's State warrant for the month was not on hand when the Christmas holiday period began, and University business officials and bank officials agreed that checks should be issued to the MTSU staff at the beginning of the holiday as was customary. The bank honored the MTSU staff checks and the State warrant was received by the University on Dec. 23 and deposited in the bank on that day. At most, the overdraft indicates a judgmental error, not a shortage of funds.

Reference has also been made to current fiscal problems at MTSU. Early in November it became evident that the University was in a difficult financial condition because of factors resulting from and inflation and recession, and the use of reserve funds for salaries. University officials immediately planned and shortly instituted budget revisions which excluded the impoundment reserve, and resulted in a reduction in revenue of \$159,636 and a reduction in expenditures of \$367,647. The excess revenue will allow the University to meet the Fund Balance Requirements (\$900,000) as of June 30, 1971. Thus, while the University is on a more austere budget than originally planned, MTSU is now in sound fiscal condition.

I hope the facts presented in this letter can be made known to the people of Tennessee so that unfair criticism of the State Administration can be refuted, and in order that the excellent reputation of Middle Tennessee State University can be restored.

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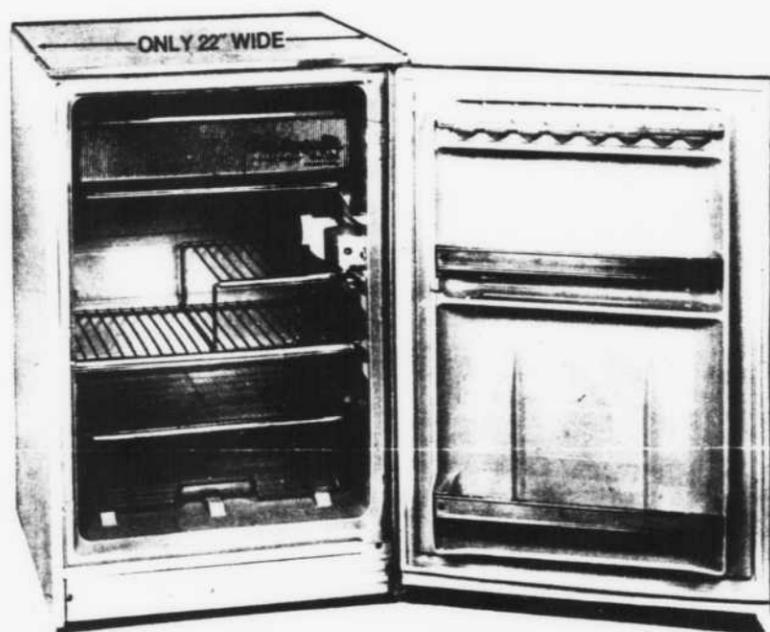
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