Possible increase in dorm rates next fall

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

An eight to 10 percent increase in housing rates may be implemented in the fall due to renovations and fire code modifications that have to be made, David Bragg, director of housing, said.

"No money came from anybody to fix the dorms," Bragg said, adding the housing office was told by the state they would not receive any more

money until the dormitories were repaired.

The money they will use was raised last year when housing rates were increased 18 percent for the specific purpose of repairs and renovations.

Present dorm rates are \$260 for non-air conditioned rooms, \$290 for air conditioned and \$136-163 per month for Married Student Housing, Bragg said.

"Hopefully, the modifications for the handicapped and fire codes can be made this summer,

but unfortunately, there is not enough money to do all of it now. We will get the bids, then we'll see what has to be cut," he explained.

He considered the fire code modifications to be of higher priority than the handicapped renovations.

Bragg estimated the total cost for the fire codes and handicap renovations to be around \$112,000. "There is \$90,000 in the budget to go for the modifications," he said.

The handicap renovations will be made in Wood and Felder dorms, H Hall, J and K apartments and Married Student Housing. A total of eight rooms will be changed in those dorms, he added - four traditional rooms, two single student apartments and two married student apartments.

All of the modified rooms will be on the first floor. Changes to be made to make the rooms easily accesible will include widening the doors, putting

handles on the bureau drawers, modifying bathrooms and other features in the room, such as

Presently, 11 mobily handicapped students live on campus. Seven more are expected to attend the university in the fall, creating a growing demand for the changes.

The other part of the modifications will be making safer fire exits for the dormitories. "Monohan hall has to have two new exits. In Schardt and Reynolds, walls have to be moved, two exits have to be built and steel stairwells on the outside have to be made," Bragg

"Wood and Felder have to be modified somewhat because their corridors are supposed to open to the outside," he added.

Another other major housing project will be installing air conditioning to units to dorms which are not presently air conditioned. This will hopefully be installed this summer, Bragg



Twenty-five new parking spaces for mobily handicapped students have been established on campus so MTSU will comply with the rehabilitation act of

Section 504 of that act states that a state university receiving \$2,500 in federal assistant has to make the campus accessible to handicapped students by June 1, 1980, Nancy McBride, coordinator for disabled students here, said.

McBride said she believes MTSU now complies with the

In the past, handicapped persons have been able to park anywhere except spaces reserved for dorm head residents and in black areas, McBride said, but the problem was that the spaces were not wide enough for them

to get out of their wheelchairs.

In coordination with a move to make more curb cuts and ramps for handicapped, wider parking spaces were installed along the curbs.

Regular parking spaces are 9 inches wide, handicapped spaces are 4 inches wider.

"We have at least one handicaped parking space at each parking area on campus, nearly triple the number of handicapped parking spaces we had earlier," McBride said.

Before there were five parking spaces for the handicapped near the University Center, one at K apartments and one behind the business building, she indicated.

"Now there are enough spaces so that if they have a class at Peck Hall they don't have to park at the UC," McBride said.

There are approximately 27 mobily handicapped students here now and shesaid she knows of five that plan to come to MTSU this fall.

The main problem we have now is that other students are parking in the handicapped person's parking spaces," Mc-Bride said. She indicated that the spaces are still marked in green on the curb.

University Police Capt. Larry Nixon said the police will be issuing tickets to nonhandicapped students who park in those spaces.

Only students with a "P" decal and a handicapped sticker in the window are allowed to park in the handicapped spaces, which have a blue and white sign in front of them to designate them from regular spaces.



photo by David Mudd

Mobily disabled students now have 25 new parking spaces on campus to aid in getting around.

Four requests approved

Fee committee distributes funds

PHYLLIS HAMM

Sidelines Staff Writers With at least \$6,005 left in the Activity Fee Fund, four requests totaling \$2,500 were approved by the committee yesterday, two failed and two more were put away for further consideration.

The largest request passed by the committee was \$1,000 for MTSU Horseman's Association to send eight people to the nationals in Long Island, N.Y.

Martha Whaley, HPERS professor, requested \$500 to develop a booklet for the visually impaired.

Humanities, SUSH, requested \$500 to help send the winner of the Miss Black MTSU pageant to the Miss Black Tennessee World Pageant.

The one other bill that passed approval was also for \$500. The request was for the American Advertising Federation to send the campus Ad Club to district competition. This money approved will help to supplement money they have already raised.

One of the two requests that were denied was for \$500 per semester to the Accounting Society to fund speakers.

The committee denied this request because they felt it would set a precedent for other organizations to do the same

Also denied was a request by Association of Recording Management Students for \$2,000 to fund the pressing of a student-produced album.

Two items were put away for

further consideration. One was a request for \$950 by the Soccer Club to build permanent goals and nets. After some controversy over whether they were an official campus organization, the request was tabled until they

receive appropriate clearance from the Building and Grounds committee.

Also postponed away for consideration was a request by the Ideas and Issues committee to transfer the \$550 that was previously approved by the Activity Fee Fund Committee to next fall.

Ideas and Issues sent a letter informing the committee the money they earmarked to be used this semester could not be used. Peter Jenkins, a speaker they wanted to bring to campus, could not come here this semester, but would in the fall.



photo by Don Harris

Nise Levy, an 18-year-old freshman from Nashville, was crowned the 1980 Miss MTSU. She took her walk beginning her reign last night in Murphy Center. Levy will represent MTSU in the 1980 Miss Tennessee Pageant in Jackson.

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Levy crowned new Miss MTSU

freshman from Nashville, was crowned Miss MTSU 1980 last night at the annual pageant in Murphy Center.

First runner up was Jacqueline Burns from Nashville while Debbie Rogers, Oak Ridge, followed her with second place. From Jackson, the third runner-up was Kem Carter and Kim Newby, McMinnville, placed fourth.

Levy was sponsored by Sigma Delta Sigma, a society for handicapped students. Her entry in the talent competition was a professionally rendered combination of modern dance and gymnastics.

She adds the MTSU title to a string of her previous pageant winnings, including 1978 Tennessee State "Fairest of the Fair," fourth runner-up in the 1979 Miss Tennessee Universe Pageant and her present role as Miss Continental Tennessee 1980.

Levy will be representing

Nise Levy, 18-year-old MTSU in the 1980 Miss Tennessee Pageant to be held in Jackson, Tenn.

Also, an award was presented to Kem Carter, an MTSU cheerleader, who was voted Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. A Special Talent award was given to Carter whose talent competition entry

was a medley of songs from "The

Sponsored by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the judges were Jane Ausip and John Haywood from Opryland, Gwynn Lanius of Lebanon, Connie Clark, a former Miss Kentucky Universe and Judy Heffington of Tullahoma.

Tests may provide MTSU

By LISA HUMAN Sidelines Editor in Chief

MTSU may be able to obtain additional state funds two years from now if students perform well on a test designed to evaluate major programs and departments on campus.

Prospective May 1980 graduating seniors are eligible to take the tests, which will be given Wednesday and Thursday.

Each test will deal with the student's major area of study and the scores will be compared to those of students at universities across the state.

Students will not be charged for the tests, and although the

scores will not go on permanent records, students will receive their test scores.

The tests are being administered as part of a five section instructional evaluation schedule from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Each section of the evaluation schedule can earn the university 20 points. The more points the university gets, the more money it receives.

"What we are asking the students to do now is to give us information to use next year to possibly get money for the next year," MTSU President Sam Ingram said.

Assistant Vice President of

Academic Affairs Robert Jones said there used to be a possibility of earning \$300,000 if all the points were earned, but he added he did not know if that figure was accurate now.

"Money is a motivation," Ingram said, "but we ought to want to do it for the information it will provide.

The tests will provide departments with information on how their students compare with students at other Tennessee universities.

"If we get a poor turnout, we may have to use this as a requirement for graduation," Ingram explained.

However, not all departments

will be able to participate in the program, partially because of the lack of standardized tests in some areas, according to Jones.

Departments that can participate are chemistry, mathematics, accounting, business administration, management, marketing, economics, finance, psychology, sociology, history and political science.

Because the tests will be administered between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton has distributed a memorandum to the faculty asking them to allow students taking the tests to make up missed assignments.

James takes Cabinet applications

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor Applications for 28 ASB presidential Cabinet positions are now available in the ASB office, Randy James, presidentelect, announced.

"I want to try to run an open administration," he explained. "I'm looking for highly qualified people, regardless of whether they participated in my campaign or not. These applicants will be judged on personal merit."

Students seeking Cabinet positions will have their applications reviewed by a five-

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under the guidance of Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, advisor to the ASB. The committee will narrow the field of applications down, then James will make the final selections.

student advisory committee

"This is by no means an open and shut process," James cautioned. "We may expand the Cabinet or terminate a few positions that we find unnecessary."

He said that, in the past, students who have been members of almost 50 university standing committees were not supervised. In the coming year, James plans to "keep up with" the students who are on committees and "won't hesitate to find other people who are willing to work" in case the ones originally appointed do not.

Applications are due Thursday, April 10, and some positions are open for students who will be on campus during the summer.

James is also beginning to study what he terms a "viscious circle" - the problem of students leaving the campus on the weekends.

"With the price of fuel going the way it is, it is imperative for the ASB to try to create some weekend activities," he said. "We are experimenting with a 'Stay at Middle' weekend. We'll probably build it around a home ballgame and will have activities

going on all the time, beginning Friday afternoon. We're going to try to get some activity fee money and show a free movie,

"The way I feel about the activity fee is this - we can't take the dollar and put it back into everyone's pocket, but we can use the money for the students," he said.

Iames said another idea for utilizing the student activity fee money is chartering a bus to go to a major concert in one of the four metropolitan areas in the state. "We'll buy a block of tickets and charge a flat fee for transportation and admission," he explained. "Anyone who wants to go can just sign up.

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The Society of Professional

was named best all-around college newspaper at the recent Region 12 Mark of Excellence Contest held in Little Rock, Ark., last weekend.

Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi,

sponsors the contests in each of the 12 regions of the country. Regional winners will now compete in the national contests. MTSU took 10 awards at the convention dinner honoring college media in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

"This is the third consecutive vear I am aware of that MTSU has led the region in amount of awards received," Glenn Himebaugh, advisor to the MTSU chapter, said. Two years ago MTSU received nine awards and received 11 last year.

Karen Zimmermann, spring 1979 editor, received the award for best college newspaper. Scott Adams, sports editor during

spring 1979, placed first in best editorial writing; Jeff Ellis, former Collage and Sidelines editor, won first in best depth reporting and best magazine non-fiction article and Jackie Gearhart, current Collage editor, was awarded third in best magazine non-fiction.

Eddie Gossage, current sports editor of Sidelines, tied for third in best spot news reporting while Larry McCormack, Sidelines photography editor, placed first in feature photograph and second in best news photograph.

Steve Shular, news anchor for campus radio WMOT, won first for best television spot news and best television in-depth.

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Janet Hooker, a junior from Nashville. Music professors to perform

David Kessler, a sophomore from Nashville, takes advantage of the warm weather to relax in front of Gracy Hall and converse with

contemporary 20th century music

A faculty recital featuring MTSU associate professors of music Laurence Harvin and Jerry Perkins will be Tuesday, April 8, at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room.

Pianist Perkins and violinist Harvin will present an all-American program consisting of contemporary 20th centurymusic.

Included in the program are a sonata by Aaron Copeland, "Sonata" by Ellen Zwilich, a piece by William Grant Stills and "Sonata Concertante" by Kirchner.

"One very seldom has an opportunity to hear the particular pieces in the recital performed. The majority of these pieces have never been performed in Tennessee or in the Southeast region," Perkins

"The works we are doing are very difficult to perform, and they took a lot of time to prepare," he added.

The Harvin-Perkins duo has performed parts of the contemporary music program at the University of Mississippi and in Montgomery, Ala.

"The recital should prove to be a very interesting program. It is something that people will be able to relate to," Harvin

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Students to compete in New York

Six students from MTSU will compete May 4 at the National Intercollegiate Horse Show at ▲ Long Island, New York.

Cheers went up Tuesday night as coach Kathy Polak announced that the team would be competing.

Cedric Bullard, fresh-

man from Chicago, looks

through his compass in

compass

photos by David Mudd

ROTC

practice exercise.

of 15 in Hunt Seat Equitation competition Saturday at Midway College. Sunday the team placed fourth out of 15 at the University of Kentucky.

"Hunt Seat Equitation is a

judging of the rider only," Polak The riders placed second out said. "The judge looks at things like the rider's hand position and leg position."

> The team was the high point team in the region for the season, which is the first time an

MTSU team has won the regional, she said.

Sixteen riders will show in the regional championships at Murray State University April 19 and 20. The two winners in each division at the regional level will compete in the nationals



NAFSA selects Perez-Reilly

Chosen chair for southeast in admissions

Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, foreign student adviser, was appointed yesterday as chairman of the admission section of the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs for the southeast region.

Perez-Reilly was this year's Tennessee state chair for the organization. She has been working with the national organization since 1976.

Her job will entail advising, assisting and helping train in

By PHYLLIS HAMM

Sidelines Staff Writer

high school jazz groups en-

tertained Tuesday night in the

Tennessee Room of the James Union Building with the annual

Blues Crusade readied themselves for their portion of the

show. Their first song, "Brief

Encounter," started off on a

mysterious note, building into a

audience with "All Is Fair in

Love" and "Willow Weep for

The Blues Crusade proved

Senior Jeanni Stalcup's powerful voice entertained the

free flowing melody.

Me."

"Swing Into Spring" concert. The hall began to fill as the

The Blues Crusade and two

professional development for advisers and students. She will be in the admissions and advising section.

She will also advise people from different sections. Some will be from the community volunteer section, others from study abroad section and the rest from teachers of English as a second language.

"I will coordinate activities and possibly training sessions on admissions and foreign student

talented when they played a

number without ever having

seen the music. To the untrained

ear they sounded excellent and

their effort was well received.

The song was appropriately

titled, "Nobody Knows the

Last Tango of Lord Boogie," a

song which had the audience

tapping their toes; "My Funny

Valentine," a tribute to jazz

great Stan Kenton; and the

rollicking finale, "Loose As a

direction of John Duke, was the

only college group to perform at last week's Music Educators

Convention in Nashville.

The Blues Crusade, under the

Other songs included, "The

Trouble I've Seen.'

evaluations. Also, I'll be responsible for planning a conference in St. Petersburg, Fla., on foreign admissions," Perez-Reilly said.

But she says her interest is here at MTSU. "My major goal is for MTSU and inspite of any other region, my biggest interest is right here," she claimed.

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The southeast section of the country consist of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina and Tennessee, Perez-Reilly said.

The appointment, made by the regional headquarters, will last for one, possibly two years, she added.

Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said, "I feel this further underscores the excellent job she (Perez-Reilly) has done with foreign students. I feel this unversity is very lucky.'

Sidelights

'Quality in Education' topic of speech

The American Association of University Professors will meet Monday night at 7 in the James Union building faculty lounge.

Vice President Jack Carlton; Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, and Edwin S. Voorhies, dean of the school of basic and applied sciences will discuss "Quality in Education: What Makes It?"

AAUP members are asked to come at 6:30 p.m. for a brief business meeting at which new officers will be elected.

SUN sponsors International banquet

The annual International Banquet and Talent Show, sponsored by the Student United Nations and the department of foreign languages, will be held Saturday in the Tennessee Room of the JUB at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$3.75.

Students will be preparing food from different countries to be served at the banquet. A talent show by foreign students featuring 11 different acts from their nations will also take place. A fashion show will also be put on by the students representing costumes of various lands.



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We have to travel to work, school and other necessary places. Since the price of gasoline started rising last spring, Americans did try to cut down on the use of gasoline. They had

Experiments with car-pooling began, Sunday driving was virtually cut out, people began looking closely at gasohol and other possible fuels and began looking at smaller gasolinesaving cars.

Those genuinely concerned about the gas shortage will save whether or not the price goes up 10 cents. People that cannot afford to drive because of the high cost of fuel have already cut down on their driving as much as possible.

We can't trim our gasoline budgets much more at all. Our only alternative is to pay the extra dime per gallon.

The president had announced plans for the fee in his March 14 address on anti-inflation moves. The 10-cent hike in gasoline prices is expected to show up at the pump beginning May 15.

The plan came under attack last week in Congress where a House Commerce subcommittee voted 17-3 to block the fee by denying the Energy Department the money needed to administer it.

Carter proposed the new tax as an anti-inflation tool, contending that imported oil is the major contributor to the country's inflation rate.

Nevertheless, in these times of high inflation and extremely high gasoline prices, an extra dime per gallon is the last thing

Cabinet: Choosing members by application good

Screening and choosing Associate Student Body Cabinet members in a formal matter will hopefully provide for a more dedicated, hard working Cabinet.

In the past, Cabinet members have simply been choosen by the ASB president, but this year, ASB president-elect Randy James will supply applications for Cabinet positions and select a committee of five to look over them with Dean of Students Paul Cantrell. James will make the final decision, but he will have the committee's recommendations to look at critically.

This is a much more professional, careful and accurate way to choose the right people for the job than simply choosing persons at the president's discretion.

It will also provide for more students to get involved with the ASB. Twenty-eight positions are now open. James says he feels "we are on a talent hunt right now." There are people that would make hard-working Cabinet members who have not yet been associated with the ASB.

The very nature of this type of search will encourage more people to become involved.

James says the Cabinet can be the workhorse behind the ASB. If this is true, it will have to be composed of highly

Hopefully it will be. This search is a step in the right direction and can help find the right people.

Easter:

Time to reflect on Jesus' teachings

A man once said, judge not least you be judged.

He told angry men who were about to stone a women to death for adultery not to throw the first stone unless they were without sin themselves.

He advised a young man to offer the other cheek to men who had harmed his people.

The man was Jesus, and Sunday we celebrate his resurrection from the grave.

His teachings were good and although some do not acknowledge the man's reality, the philosophies attributed to him are simple, profound and beautiful.

This Easter, take time to reflect on Jesus, his life and his teachings.

Friday, April 4, 1980

Viewpoints



guest editorial

by Peggy Howard

All have destiny but it's usually abused

Gentle comes the morning to MTSU. Stopping to listen to the quiet - no-stirring on campus. The students haven't started to classes as of yet.

The sun is rising in the east. It illuminates the barn. The mist is moving upwards. A very picturesque scene.

I start my daily walk smelling, feeling and, most of all, tasting the early morning dew. By this time my regular friends are following me - the squirrel, a mockingbird or two. A robin, also, but not too closely; still afraid of me, but nevertheless intrigued. My red bird will not be far behind.

Our conversation goes something like this, "Where are my seeds and berries?" The squirrel will have to wait until we reach the barn and the big oak tree. We marvel at the many different kinds of trees with berries on campus, giving thanks for the landscaping - the foresight of the planners.

Soon we will reach the barn and the newly plowed ground.

These friends of mine know me by now and their chatter will carry the notes of amusement. They know I will taste the good earth. It tastes good. "Just enough lime," I say.

The ground will produce when planting time comes. We then move toward the oak tree, where by this time the squirrel is becoming impatient. I find there are very few acorns edible this time of year. My friend, though, is satisfied.

My regular sitting place is well-worn. These friends of mine are quiet now after being fed. They know the voice I am waiting to hear. I'm listening so intensely!

"Silence!"

"You startled me!" Silence says to me, "You were

deep in thought."

"Yes, I am." Looking into the face of silence, I say, "They failed, did they not?"

Silence answers, "Who failed? Sometimes I come into the middle of your thought waves. They do not always move in sequence."

Do you not remember the statement Stalin made? "Give me the youth, and I can destroy the United States." Stalin failed. The Communistic world failed in their endeavor.

You have seen the bright students on campus. Clear eyes, happy faces. Their clothes new - the latest styles. The boys' hair combed and cut, dressed in proper attire with books under their arms.

I see them in the cafeteria, giving God a moment of silent reverence.

Silent whispers; what brings about this thinking?

My answer. Spring is here, soon the seniors will be graduating.

This brings to my mind the word "destiny."

"Destiny!" Silence says, with a puzzled expression.

There are personalities that God shapes and molds. They have a destiny, a special task that only they can do. Destiny with its purpose moving toward the unknown to fulfill a moment, a place in time. It knows not when or how or those who will benefit, grow and expand.

Destiny never asks, "Why me?"

I am so little and insignificant, a leaf that will die to fertilize the earth.

It walks in darkness, in light. Slowly, methodically, with calmness and peace with a will that does not deviate.

Realistically, idealistically, It moves undaunted.

Destiny has no covering or

It is misunderstood, different, abused, persecuted.

Never without an unpenetrable aloneness.

There is such sadness on my face as I say these things to the voice of Silence.

Silence then reaches into the very depth of my being and asks me, "Are you wanting to know if there is an Abe Lincoln, Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, a teacher who will have instilled and implanted ideals, principles into these students' minds as this class moves toward graduation?

So destiny can once again pick up a pen and write history.

"Yes!" Silence answers me gently and softly.

God and destiny will always move in harmony to fulfill.

My heart is light as I brush the leaves from my clothes, by this time my friends have scattered. I take one last look at the barn and the oak tree as the door

What does destiny hold for ' the custodian at MTSU? We are among the lowest paid out of all the universities.

Nevertheless our dreams and hopes and desires are just as real. We cry tears.

They fall silently down our

cheeks, unnoticed. Peggy J. Howard

Custodian in the Graphics building



by Billy Edwards

Easter is time for reflection

Remember the compassion of Christ

Our modern day society has dressed Easter up to the extent that many have come to ignore the essence of its religious significance in the Judeo-Christian religion.

The derivation of the term Easter comes from the Greek word, Eastre, which in Greek mythology was the name of the goddess of fertility. The pagan festival was adopted into the Christian religion at the time of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the memory of the resurrection of Christ as a testimony of their faith in the One Who was triumphant over death and the grave.

All during his lifetime, Christ knew for which purpose He had come into the world. God had preordained His only Son, to be the true Son of God

Christ, to come into the world to die a sacrificial death for the sins of all people.

Even before He created the worlds, He knew man, which had been created in the image of God. He therefore must provide a way in which fallen humanity could be recompensed to his original state of perfection.

Jesus was God in human flesh, but yet He was a man. Everywhere Christ went, He was followed by multitudes because of the miracles He performed. He was the Great Physician who could heal the sick, cause the lame to walk, give the blind sight and even restore life to the dead.

But in time, He would be accused of falsehoods by the religious leaders of the time. His teachings and His proclaiming contradicted accepted religious practices.

He was convicted and sentenced to die on the cross of calvary for mine and your justification. For the things He claimed to be, they crucified Him by nailing Him to a cross on Golgotha, just outside the city of Jerusalem.

He gave His life on that cross and His body was taken and placed in the tomb. On the third day. He rose from the dead just as He said, to proclaim victory on behalf of those who believe.

This, in short, is the true meaning of Easter in Christian religion. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. I hope this weekend our thoughts will be directed towards the passion of Christ that made possible our salvation.





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Perspective

from our readers

'Matter is neither created nor destroyed'

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Thomas O'Connell's personal thoughts on anti-abortion on the grounds of his belief it is the taking of a human life.

This will probably sound like a crock suggestion to most of the readers, but may I suggest a review of the cirriculum covered in general physics which states: "Matter can neither be created not destroyed, but merely changes form."

You may ask yourself how this relates to abortion.

Answer: Life can neither be

created nor destroyed, but merely changes form!

When we (as the human race) are conceived, the creation force, which some people (myself included) call "God," gives us life - to be more specific, a soul.

The soul knows God. After we obtain our soul from God (presumably at the moment of conception), we are basically on our own.

This is one of the main reasons for religion. It is man's attempt to reunite the soul with God. And when we die - whether by natural causes, murder, suicide,

accident or abortion - the soul is free from the body to go to another plain. Some people call it "heaven," some believe in "hell" and still others believe the soul is rejuvenated to try again in this plain of existence (reincarnation).

But in any case, whatever the case may be, can you see for yourself that man cannot destroy a person's spiritual being? Corrupt it, maybe, but not destroy it!

I believe in my heart that abortion is sometimes necessary for the preservation of life; the mother may develop complications which prevent her (or endanger her) from completion of a normal pregnancy.

Would you like to be the legislator who tells some woman she's going to have to die (or risk death) in a vain attempt to bear an allegedly malformed child which may or may not have been conceived as an act of rape??

I personally would prefer to pray for the soul of the unfortunate fetus.

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representative of MTSU.

John Kirkland

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Please think about it. Richard Silk Box 696

Physical Science instructor feels needed and appreciates MTSU students for respect

To the editor:

Just this day I was made keenly aware of my role as a physical science teacher at MTSU.

One of my present physical science students asked me for some information concerning the world's energy resources to be included in a speech he was preparing for his speech class. This information was important enough to him for him to make a special trip to my office in order to obtain it.

Also today out on campus, one of my former physical science students stopped me and asked if I knew of a picture of a balance she could get to include in a report on weight control she was preparing for one of her classes. I told her to stop by my office and I would go through some of my books to try to find such a picture for her.

Although we in general

education science sometimes don't see the real reason for our being, with these two instances I am able to grasp more firmly the reason for my existence here, which is simply to serve the student, both inside and outside my class. I am a resource person in my discipline, and students make me feel important by asking of me such favors as those cited above.

The role of a teacher seems to extend far beyond the classroom in both space and time. I must add that my morale is kept high by just such instances as these, also, and it humbles me no end to know that students respect me enough to ask of me such favors.

So, this letter ends with a salute to my students both present and former, for without them, where would I be?

Dr. F. Curtis Mason Associate Professor of Chemistry and Physics

James likes student contact, will do good job

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate Randy James on his victory in the student government elections this week. I'm sure that Mr. James will make a fine president and will have the support of faculty, students and the administration.

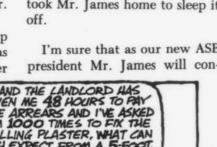
I remember Mr. James from last semester. His name ap-

peared in Sidelines two or three times, once on a letter to the editor. It was a letter of apology to the residents of Monohan Hall. Mr. James explained why he was on the third floor (Type A housing). This is while Mr. James was our vice president.

Mr. James' name came up again last weekend when he was thrown out of the Wood-Felder

lobby. After this, Mr. James appeared at the campus police department, threatening to "clean up" the department. The officers present took Mr. James' condition into consideration and took Mr. James home to sleep it

I'm sure that as our new ASB president Mr. James will con-







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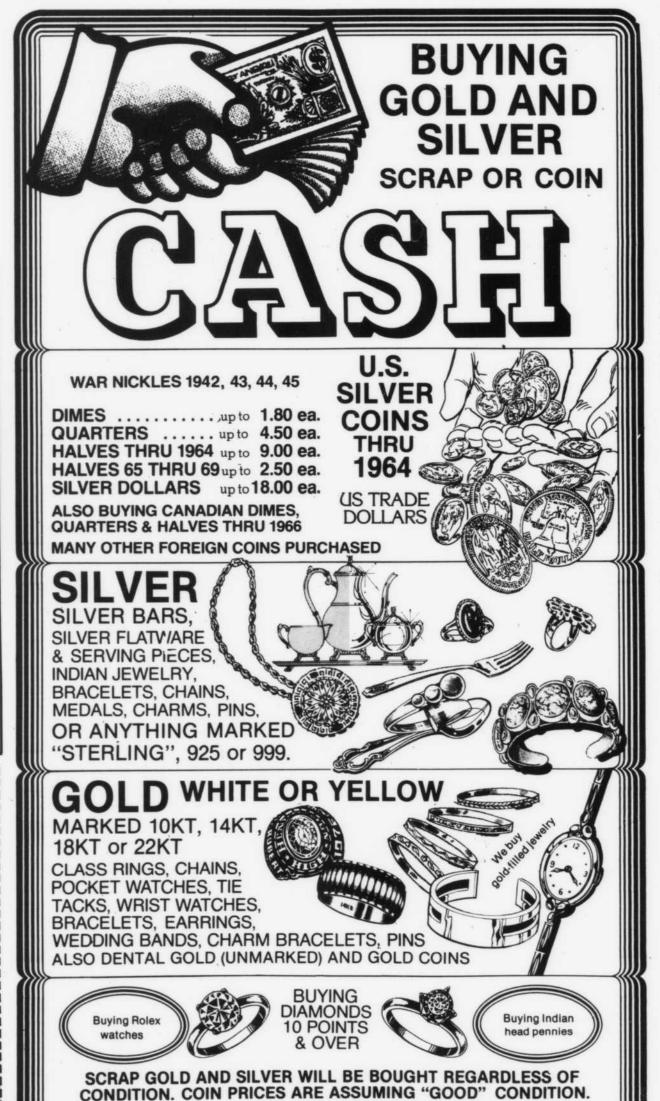
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Raider baseball field to see 'new light'.



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Nashville contractor Reece Smith, center, presents MTSU President Sam Ingram with a \$10,000 check for lights in the baseball field. Looking on are, from left to right, MTSU baseball manager John Stanford, Ingram, Smith, athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy and assistant baseball coach Carmen Fusco. A fund raising drive has been started.

Football drills please Donnelly

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

As the second week of spring football practice draws to a close, head coach Boots Donnelly is still optimistic about his

"Yeah, we've got a long way to go," the second year coach said yesterday, "but if the kids continue to improve and continue to do what we ask them to do, they will have had a good spring under their belts. The maturity this team has gained has just been unbelievable.'

The football team has about two more weeks to go before the end of the spring drills.

While being optimistic and having positive things to say about the team for the first time since taking over the sagging program, Donnelly still sees some rough spets.

"I'm very displeased with our runningbacks, who feel they don't have to work hard, it he said. "Any freshman runningback we have signed will have an excellent chance to play because of the

poor attitude the runningback's on the team have.

"We also have two or three receivers with all the physical abilities in the world, but they are very poor attitude-wise," Donnelly went on. "If this continues, we are gonna see some changes in the whole receiving corps."

But most of Donnelly's remarks were positive - a change from the past.

"Right now, one player that has shown the most improvement is Charles Gregory, a defensive tackle," he said of the sophomore from Nashville's Goodpasture High School. "Joe Boyd, a center, has also shown a good amount of improvement. They both have come a long

Defense, a problem that cost MTSU several games last season, also looks encouraging.

"The higgest thing we are pleased with is the amount of effort on the part of the defense," he said. "We've got some people on that side of the

ball that are really getting after it. They are very confused with what we are doing, but they are

"I guess all in all, we are more pleased with the overall defense and with the offensive line, than with anything else," he added.

Much of MTSU's hopes rest on the shoulders of whoever will get the starting nod at quarterback. That position is one of the most hotly contested jobs on the team. And, Donnelly says, that's a

nice problem to have.

"At quarterback, we are in real good shape," he said. "We've got quite a bit of competition over there. Right now Sammy Bryant is number two, but he is pushing Brown Sanford real hard.

"As a result, it will make Brown a better quarterback," he

Spring drills will continue throughout most of the month at Jones field. Donnelly said the practice sessions are open to anyone wishing to get a sneak preview on the 1980 squad.

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

Nashville construction contractor Reece Smith presented MTSU president Sam Ingram with a \$10,000 check yesterday afternoon to kick off a drive to place lights at the MTSU baseball field.

The presentation came prior to the doubleheader with Tennessee Tech.

Smith, who had a son that played baseball at MTSU a few years ago and who also has a son on the present team, is part owner of Haury and Smith construction firm and part owner of the Nashville Sounds.

MTSU baseball manager John Stanford was elated about the contribution.

"It's come to a time where we need to make a big move," the Raider skipper said. "We are going to start a drive to raise the money. We feel we can raise \$50,000 in 30 days."

Stanford added that the lights would help the baseball team become a revenue producing sport because admission could be charged to the night games. It is expected that attendance will increase because of the evening games.

"People are at work, students are in class, faculty members are teaching . . . they just don't have a chance to come out to the day games," he said. "They can become more involved in MTSU baseball.'

Ingram accepted the check from Smith during the ceremony and pledged his support to the drive.

"For some three or four years, we have been talking about getting lights," Ingram said. "Up till this point, it has just been talking. Today, we have put together a concerted drive.

"We are looking forward to a time when we have a lighted field and people have a chance to come out and support the baseball team," the president added.

Smith, in presenting the check, stressed that the drive was not a one man affair.

"This isn't a one-man show," he said. "We've got room for \$50 people, \$100 people and \$1000 people. It is going to mean a lot to Murfreesboro and a lot to MTSU.

"I like baseball ad I can see the potential of what a lighted field will mean for the university," Smith said.

MTSU athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy was also on hand for the presentation and was equally delighted.

"It will definitely help the baseball program in recruiting," Murphy said. "It will make us the only college field in the state, other than East Tennessee that has a lighted field."

Murphy said the lights would also make it possible for MTSU to host high school and Babe Ruth tournaments on the field.

"We certainly appreciate Mr. Smith's help," Murphy added. "After seeing this today, I feel certain this will go though."

The fund raising drive will continue until the necessary \$50,000 is raised. In addition to contributions, billboards on the outfield wall are also being sold.

The lights are to be installed in time for next

Blue Raiders come alive at plate; sweep games

By EDDIE GOSSAGE Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU battered Tennessee Tech's pitching for 19 hits in a doubleheader sweep yesterday, but manager John Stanford is not quite ready to say the team's slump at the plate is over.

The answer to that question will come this weekend in a crucial OVC road trip to Eastern Kentucky Morehead.

But yesterday's performance at the plate did bring a smile to the MTSU coach's face.

"How many hits did we get? Nineteen? Shoot, I'll take that any day," Stanford drawled after the sweep over the Golden

"But are we out of a slump? I'm sure we'll know Monday,' he went on. "This was a big game for us because Western game against Tech was rained out. We do have a long way to go, though."

The offensive power supplied by the Raider bats was a welcome sight, though. Standing above the rest in yesterday's doubleheader were the bats of second baseman Randy Starkey and reserve first baseman Joe

Starkey went three for seven in the two games, including a triple and a long fly of the leftfield fence. In the two contests, Starkey produced four RBIs. Petrea, playing only in the second game, was three for four and picked up two RBIs.

"Starkey hit real well today," Stanford said. "In the second game, he helped wake us up by hitting the ball so well. Petrea did real well too. He was a real good pickup to the team. We needed these two games bad."

In the opening game, MTSU shut out Tech, 4-0, behind the three-hit pitching of transfer Mike Freels.

All-OVC centerfielder Tommy Blankenship knocked in MTSU's first run in the third inning with an RBI to left field. Middle Tennessee scored again in the fourth on Mike Norment's sizzling line drive to centerfield.

Two more runs were scored by the Raiders in the fifth inning, as Starkey popped a line drive to center to score the first run, and Bob Fuson, the team's leading batter, sent a sacrifice fly to right field to score a

On the game, MTSU picked up seven hits and committed no errors. Tennessee Tech had three hits and three errors.

In the second game, MTSU won 10-3, shutting out Tech until the final inning behind the pitching of Tom Wilson.

The Raiders relied on two big innings, the fifth and the sixth, to win the game.

The sixth was the big inning, as MTSU picked up half its runs Starkey started things off when he hit a long fly off the leftfield wall scoring two runs. Fuson followed with a single to right that also scored two more runs. Another MTSU run scored when Keeton grounded out to third. The third baseman bobbled the ball, allowing a run to score.

Tuesday afternoon, MTSU swept a doubleheader from visiting Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 4-0 and 7-1.

In the first game, Marc Novak fanned six opposing batters while holding the visitors to only two hits en route to the victory.

In the second, Jerry Moore and Tim Tant combined to hold Wisconsin Eau-Claire to two

The next Raider home game is Thursday afternoon at Raider field. The game, against OVC rival Austin Peay, will begin at 1 p.m.



The Blue Raiders slid past two opponents this week, taking doubleheader wins over Wisconsin Eau-Claire and Tennessee Tech. Above, MTSU's Randy Goff is out at second after trying to steal in yesterday's action against Tennessee Tech. At right, Blue Raider Kenny Gearhart is a bit more successful, and is called safe at second against Wisconsin Eau-Claire. The Raiders will be on the road this weekend.

photo by Mark Holland

Middle Tennessee to host outdoor track meet Saturday

Dean Hayes' highly successful MTSU track team will make it's only local appearance this year with Saturday's quadrangular outdoor meet Saturday at Jones Field.

Middle Tennessee will be competing with such national powerhouses as Notre Dame, Purdue and OVC for Austin Peay. "Come one come all," Hayes said in reference to free admission at

meet since it is our only home meet of the year."

the running events following at 2:30 p.m.

the meet. "We would really like to see a big crowd on hand for this Field events are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday with

