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# Millions of Americans Watch, Listen As Apollo 11 Travels to Moon

BY PAULETTE FOX

Millions of Americans along MTSU students watched and listened yesterday as the

# **Grubbs Becomes Political Science** Dept. Head

David Grubbs will become the new chairman of the Department of Political Science, it was announced Monday. Grubbs, who will officially begin his duties on September 1, will succeed Norman Parks who is returning to full time teaching duties.

Grubbs has been with the MTSIJ political science department for four years, and his major field is state and local government and public administration

While he has been at MTSU, Grubbs has directed the internship program for the political science students. Hedescribes this program as being one of the most successful programs they

have ever attempted.
""We support the idea of getting students placed in the kinds of jobs which can give them the best education and experience possible," stated Grubbs. He went on to say that the internship program is being expanded some each semester with more students coming into the

A possibility might be an expansion to Lebanon and other small communities for local government exposure.

Along with a review of the curriculum this fall, the political science department will increase its strength in comparative government and international relations with the addition of several new faculty members.

According to Grubbs, these people along with the present faculty will give them a good strong field in international relations.

The Tennessee Higher Commission of Education also is expected to approve this month a masters in public administration, according to Grubbs.

He said that this would also

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DAVID GRUBBS

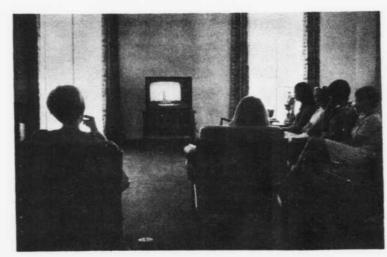
voice of a man counted softly at first then loud and exuberantly: "12; 11; 10; 9; 8; ignition sequence start; 6; 5; 4; 3; 2; 1; 0; all engines running; lift-off; we have a lift-off -32 minutes past the hour; lift-eff on Apollo III \*\*

With these words began, what has been called by some, "The Great Adventure", or more correctly—the great American adventure. It is a venture that began some eight years ago when John F. Kennedy, then President, committed the nation's resources and talents toward the moon.

The wisdom or foolhardiness of this pledge was not debated today, only the glory and mag-nitude of it. True, there was the Reverend Ralph Abernathy and the poor people, much like specters from the past, sing-ing "We shall overcome," with two typically dressed tourists. Abernathy's pleas were to no avail, because yesterday overcome had only one connotation in the American public mind that of man over space.

Just as thousands flocked to the Florida beaches to watch the Apollo II lift-off, students on this campus flocked to the television sets in the dorms, the University Center and even the classrooms. Some classes were let out early; others began

Most of the students sat quietly and waited as the minutes ticked off, but as the final seconds were counted off a tense quietness settled over the room. This quietness remained as the students looked in awe as the big Saturn V rocketed



Coeds assembled in the High Rise lounge to watch the launch of Apollo II. The television shows three minutes and fifty-four seconds to lift-off.



Meanwhile the faculty gathered in various offices to watch the historic event.

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## **Pockat Feels Good Education** Is Imperative

Delmar B. Pockat, the new dean of the school of education, feels that it is "imperative that society make a strong investment in education and in human resources."

He went on to say that such an investment "would pay greater returns than the investments made by our people in goods and services.\*\*

Pockat feels that education is the key to "breaking the poverty cycle. It is not going to do a lot of good to invest funds for food, clothing, and housing unless you also give them the skills and education that is necessary.\*\*

The university, in its role as a regional university should be of service to the state and region it is located in. Pockat feels that this role should be extended to the department of education. "We can't just provide professional courses. We have to get out and work with the teachers, school administrators and all others involved in school education.\*\*

He pointed out that one way to help the local educators is to sponsor workshops and hold institutes on campus. An ex-

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### Lemonade Charade To Play Tuesday

The ASB will sponsor another summer fun night Tuesday night in the gymnasium from 7:30 until 10:30.

The Lemonade Charades from Nashville will provide the music for the three hourdance.

The admission will be the usual fifty cents per person.

# Purdue Campus Pastor Believes Religion Concerned With How Human Beings Relate

EDITOR'S NOTE--WandaEnsor, who will be a managing editor of the SIDELINES in the fall, interviewed five clergymen attending the recent "Science for Clergymen" conference in Oak Ridge with special emphasis on those from campuses because of current campus unrest.

BY WANDA ENSOR

OAK RIDGE, TENN .-- "Religion is as much concerned with how human beings relate to one another as it is with a supreme being,\*\* believes the Rev. Myron being, believes the Kev. Myron M. Teske, campus pastor at Purdue University.

Mr. Teske is one of the 35 visiting ministers attending the third annual "Science for Clergymen\*\* conference in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The conference, which will continue through next week, is designed to bring leading clergymen up-to-date on advancements in the scientific field and to promote better scientistclergyman communications.

But these ministers didnet just come to listen. They bring valuable information from walks of life outside Oak Ridge.

Five of these delegates, all agreed to discuss the major campus problems and trends.

hailing from large universities, Besides Mr. Teske, those who took part in the informal dis-

cussion were Mrs. Iris V. Cully,

associate professor of Christian Education at Yale University's Divinity School; the Rev. Ernest M. Hawk from Pennsy-Ivania State University; the Rev. M noru Mochizuki, minister of the United Campus Christian Fellowship at Western Michigan University; and the Rev. J. T. Raper, chaplain at the University of Texas.

As in almost any discussion about campuses, the idea that young people are breaking away from church and home - rebelling against any form of "The Establishment" — was in the foreground of the talk. These clergy members, however, voiced not distress. Indeed, they said, young people seem more concerned than ever

with religious matters. The only thing that has changed apparently is the old, strict definition of religion.

'There's often a misunderstanding as to what we re talking about when we talk about religion, Mr. Teske continued. I think that if when we say 'religion' we include commitment and concern and loyalty and good interpersonal relationships, then I don't think the assessment that student interest in religion is waning is true.

"If you think of religion as somehow concerned with another world, with angels and clouds and guitars upstairs somewhere, then I guess there

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#### **Editorial**

#### Something Better Already Here

The recent Students for a Democratic Society National Convention at Chicago revealed the true nature of the organization.

The split of SDS into the China-oriented Progressive Labor faction and the New Left minority faction exposed SDS as the destructive revolutionary organization it is.

Max Lerner said in his column, "The American Student deserves something better

than either Chicago concoction."

We at MTSU already have something better in an effective student government and university administration willing to listen to student complaints and make changes in policy where changes are needed.

If the ASB continues to meet the demands of a growing and changing university and cooperation between the student government and administration continues, SDS will not find a home at MTSU.

#### Is Apollo Worth the Effort?

Yesterday millions of Americans gathered around their television sets to witness the beginning of what possibily well may be man's most outstanding accomplishment, the Apollo II moon shot.

Some viewers were tense, some were excited, but all had to be proud as the giant rocket lifted off the pad at Cape Kenned; an event which must have been much like watching Columbus leaving the dock on his voyage toward an unknown destination.

If all goes well Neil Armstrong, the Apollo commander, will be the first man to step on the surface of the moon.

Critics of the project ask if it is really worth the 25 billion dollars spent to reach the moon. We feel that it is well worth the large sums of money and time spent in research and production. Many laughed at Columbus, many laughed at the exploration of the American West, but we can all see what a great civilization developed. Who can say now what great contributions to mankind the Apollo Mission will yield?

### Long Hot Summer

It had been a long hot summer for many MTSU students and faculty members until about two weeks ago when four of the major beer producing companies settled a month long strike by brewers and transporters.

Once again it is possible to consume one's favorite brand of the sweet succulent nectar of the hops, but there is still a major problem according to Dr. Cook, president of East Main Market. That being it is almost impossible to keep enough of one favorite brand of brew, Budweiser, on stock because of the demand for it after the strike.

But when the people in St. Louis can produce enough to replenish their stock pile this problem will be solved.

We join in with many other students in appreciation for collective bargaining, arbitration and the American way.

# After Chicago, SDS Movement Enters World of Internal Fights

BY MAX LERNER

When the Port Huron manifesto started the career of the SDS, many felt that something fresh and innovative had entered the scene of American radicalism. After the Chicago national meeting we know it isn't so. What came on the scene was a harsh, rigid, schismatic movement, crabbed and somewhat kooky, wrapped away from the outside world in its own cocoon of internal

After seven stormy years, the SDS, like an amoeba, has split in two. The first (Progressive-Labor) is wholly China-oriented in its dogma, critical of the Soviet Union and Ho Chi Minh and Castro as having defected from the Maoist faith, stern toward cultural diversions like pot and eroticism, contemptuous of "student power movements, hostile to black separatism on the ground that it is a form of nationalism and therefore anti-Marxist. It is an austere classstruggle faction that brings us all back to the Marxist Middle Ages.

#### New Left

The minority faction, which is likely to call itself the New Left, is not much better. Its icons are Mao, Ho Chi Minh and Che Guevara, its cult of violence is more swashbuckling than that of Progressive-Labor, its class-struggle theory is revisionist and its basic alliance is with the Black Panthers. What both factions have in common is a professed loyalty to the "antiimperialist doctrine of Maoism (at the height of the stormy debates the opposing delegates waved copies of "Quotations From Chairman Mao" at each other) and the pretention of being the only effective force which concedes revolutionary power in America.

They also have in common a vocabulary of diatribe reminiscent, in its subtlety, of Mao's Red Guards whose image they are vying for.
They call each other "anti-Communist."
"racist," and "counterrevolutionary craters." Their verbal assaults and obscenities are as close to mayhem as their fraternal bonds and the stern laws of capitalist society will allow.

#### Dogmatic Feuding

This dogmatic feuding recalls, in its fury and rigidity, the conventions of Socialist and Communist internationalism. Even more it recalls the schismatic centuries of the churches or the history of the succession struggles of the caliphate after Mohammed. The "capitalist caliphate after Mohammed. The

press. was excluded, but some delegates made a good thing of it by selling black-market information. The cops were busy taking pictures and writing down car-plate numbers. There were a few bomb threats and some tire-slashing. But no hostility from the outside could compare with the hatreds that each faction inside had for the other.

These zealous young men and women, who see themselves as dedicated Marxists, have borrowed from the history of the rival Marxist parties all the elements of bile and paranoia and little of the intellectual brilliance and sheer vision they once had, from Marx and Engels through Lenin. I have heard it charged that American politics is not ideological enough. If the Chicago SDS convention was an example of the beauties and graces of disciplined ideology, then count me out and count America out, too.

Americans have not gone through centuries of struggle in developing a method of peaceful political rivalry, and modes for the succession of power, to end in this sterile mummery. The usual count against the young radicals has been that they have no clear idea of the kind of future they are preparing. Well, the future blueprint seems all too clear to me. It will be bloodier and drearier than Sardinopolis ever was.

#### Class Struggle

The Progressive-Labor faction boastsa "pure" class-struggle line and insists on squeezing students, blacks and women into the class-struggle categories of the working class. I should have thought this had gone out with the absurd little Trotzkyite sheets that used to circulate in Union Square. The New Left faction is aware of the revolutionary potential of Negroes and seems intent on being the tail that wags the black revolution dog, just as the Black Panthers want to use the SDS for a better toehold on campuses.

The zaniest bit of all is the Progressive-Labor ukase to the radical young to shave their beards, trim their hair, put on ties and march out into the corporations to infiltrate and subvert them. This has set all the alarm bells clanging in industry. From now on it will be hard to get a job whether you look as hirsute as Allen Ginsberg or as clean-cut as Billy Graham. What P-L is putting on may or may not end as pure class struggle, but thus far it is only pure and hilarious farce. The American student deserves something better than either Chicago concoction.

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# Purdue Campus Pastor . . .

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is a waning. But if you use these other kinds of words committment, VISTA, Peace Corps, a whole host of things, - 1 say students theologic and humanistic concerns are cer-tainly not lessening.\*\*

The phase of religion currently under fire by young people, Mr. Hawk explained, is the institutional church. And this, he said, has also been under scrutiny of the older congregation members.

"The fact that a different feeling toward the formalized

### Pockat Feels...

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ample of this type of approach is the Tennessee Aerospace workshop which was just completed on campus last week. Pockat also stated that the departments try to schedule courses for people in the edu-cational field who cannot come during the day. These courses might be at night or on Saturdays.

Pockat, who assumed his duties on July 1, succeeds Sam Ingram, who resigned to accept the presidency of Motlow Junior College in Lynchburg, Tennes-

Both Pockat and his wife are natives of Wisconsin. He received his BS with a major in natural science, his MS in guidance and his PhD in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin.

Before coming to MTSU, Pockat was the assistant dean of the school of education at the University of South Caro-Prior to becoming an assistant dean he was a professor of education there. He has also taught at the University of Texas and the University of Wisconsin, and was a high school principal at one

Appropriately, Pockat's specialty is educational administration. He has also taught school law, secondary-school curriculum, supervision of instruction, and has supervised students in directed teaching.

Pockat is married to the former Mary Armaganian and they have two children Richard, 16, and Alison, 11.

church exists, "he said, "is re-flected in the University Christian Association and ministry here (at Penn. State). There is now a willingness to try to be creative about worship forms, to involve youth and their interests instead of following the old pattern of having the clergy up front in their robes around the altar. And most university chaplains are deeply involved in trying to get more minority group students involved in campuses and with the problems of dead weight administrations."

Personal relationships they all agreed, are of primary concern for the average college student. Normally, he believes he has had enough of the theory and myth of religion and is ready to step out and practice the person-to-person concern he has been taught.

#### Finding Themselves

Students want to find themselves. And once they do, they want to see themselves in a meaningful relation to the rest of society. This is probably the force behind the Yale stu-dents who "are deeply interested in power structures and social concerns - not just in theory but in getting right into the city itself and work-ing there.\*\*

According to Mrs. Cully, They aren't really interested in student organizations nor in

church-sponsored organizations. They feel that power resides within city govern-

Mr. Mochizuki reports that students at Western Michigan University have expressed a real interest not in an acceptit-or-be-damned form but in the form of classes concerned with the forms, history, communication media, myths, and special areas of religion. Of the university's 19,000 students, about 1000 apply for some of these classes annually, he said.
'If you measure religious

interest in terms of church at-tendance," explains Mr. Raper, 'I can see no change at all. If you want to measure it in terms of the number of dollars which are given, I can see some big difference, but I think there are some other reasons for this. It may be a reflection of deep resentment to the institutional church."

#### Postponing Questions

Perhaps these students are merely pushing the question of religion out of mind for the time being, some feel. After all it could be just a phase. Top priority problems always come first. And Mr. Teske says that facing, trying to understand, and trying to condition oneself to the incongruities of life are the seemingly insurmountable hurdles facing the college student.

"There are a large number of 'put-offs' in a university," he said. "Many students find irrelavancy in what they hear in the classroom while what they find swirling around in the world around them is a big issue."
"Why aren't the professors

of military science concerned about the morality of the Vietnam war? Why aren't professors of history giving us more insight into black culture and the history of minority groups? Why aren't the people in biological sciences worrying about moral and technical prob-

lems? faculty members themselves are now put off by the idea of science being neutral. It's a problem of awareness and concern - seeing injustices that need to be rectified and doing something about it.

#### Summing Up

Students , the ministers summed up, are turning to the university for the answers of their more immediate problems, those concerning society and foreign relations, etc. That they find that only ideology and myths

are unsettling.
"Did you know that one of the places in which there is the least willingness to take a position in the whole Vietnam struggle is with university presidents?\*\* Teske continued.

"This is a reflection of the lack of real concern. As soon as students go inside the door of the classroom and inside the classroom even — the problem of the draft becomes unimportant. That the professor should completely unconcerned about this is just unintelligible to the students," he said.

But, the clergyman noted, "The students are NOT blind and mute about this." The lack of communication is very much

on the minds of students.
"And the silence (between professors and students) is awesome.\*\*

### Grubbs Becomes Head. . . .

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include a joint MPA with UT at Nashville which will be geared for those who are now in public administration.

With the addition of a B.S. in city and regional planning, the political science department now offers degrees in international relations, political science and social sciences.

Grubbs feels that the "university has three main functions: teaching, research and service."

He went on to say that all universities teach and allow the faculty to carry on research, but the service part is sometimes neglected.

However, Grubbs said, "We have had a strong emphasis on service the past few years." The department will continue this program with the addition this fall of an advocacy planning program. The purpose of the program will be to assist disadvantaged groups in articulating and developing goals and plans for presentation to their local planning commissions.

The political science department has 360 majors, and Grubbs said that they project an enrollment of 1,220 this fall. This is an increase of 1,000 students in the past eight years.

One reason for this large increase, according to Grubbs, is that "currently there is quite

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a demand on the part of students for relevancy, or courses that are relevant to society's prob-

lems."

"I believe they find in politi-cal science," he said, "a great deal of this relevancy. We have projects designed to get the students actively engaged in re-search or service to the community or in a government ag-

Grubbs has had a great deal of experience himself in service to communities and research in government agencies.

He directed a study for the Tennessee State Legislation Council on the subject of Tennessee's water resources. As a result of this study, he was asked to come to the State Planning Commission.

Grubbs attributed the strength and growth of the department to the efforts of the past chairmen, Carlton Sims and Norman Parks. He went on to say, "This department has had pretty strong leadership; it is going to be a great challenge to follow tradition.

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three men toward the moon. Then as the rocket passed out of sight, everyone talked at once using adjectives heard so many times before, "beau-riful." "magnificent," and "wonderful." For most stu-dents the Apollo-watching then ended until at least Sunday afternoon, and classes went on as usual.

There were the space bugs who remained watching every television simulation of the events and listening to every report. They argued over the pounds of fuelage in the tank, and held their breath for a long minute when ground control could not contact the capsule after translunar injection.

For the older students and faculty who could remember when interplanetary travel was not an accepted fact, the amazement and wonder lingered. One man remembered when "only fools and idiots talked about

walking on the moon. The big event will be at 1:17 a.m. Monday morning when Neil Armstrong will touch his left foot to the lunar surface. Undoubtably there will be many exhausted students in classes on Monday, having watched television from Sunday afternoon when the lunar module, the Eagle, leaves the mother ship, the Columbia, until she returned Monday afternoon.

Art Buchwald was recently quoted as saying that the American people depend on Walter Cronkite to get the spaceman back to earth. He might have added that Chet Huntley, David Brinkley and Frank McGee all do their part too.

In order to get an inside look at the space program, this reporter talked to a Murfreesboro resident, Marvin Martin, who is involved in the NASA program. Martin is employed at the Arnold Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama and has worked exclusively with the Apollo pro-

The Arnold organization tests the actual rocket engines that will propel men to the moon. Martin stated that they mount the rocket in a test cell and fire the engines under simulated space vacuum conditions. They also test the propulsion systems of the Apollo spacecraft.

Martin feels that this under-taking is unique "because it is the first time a nation has marshalled its resources to do something of a major or massive achievement. It shows what determined leadership can do in solving a problem; perhaps if we had this same type of leadership again, we could attack the problem of poverty.

The people involved in the NASA program are concerned because of the apathy shown by the American people toward many of the flights. Martin said that space flights have become "old hat" to many of the people.

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The people who have worked closely with the Apollo project will be watching on television like millions of other Americans. Martin describes their feelings like this: \*This is culmination of eight years of hard work for thousands of people. When you work closely with a project, it is difficult not to become concerned or excited. Everyone worries whether or not his part will

work correctly, and each person will look upon the success of the mission as a personal triumph."

For the Arnold Center the most exciting events are in the future, but Martin describes this flight as the "apex of emotion." The Apollo II is just to prove the hardware; the later Apollo flights will do the important research.

Martin said that yesterday's launch "looked pretty good." He and his fellow workers are waiting for the Sunday's walk like everyone else.

# Conference Features Jesse Hill Ford

The Tennessee Arts Commission will sponsor the first Tennessee Writers Conference in Nashville Friday through Sunday, August 22-24.

The conference will be held at Vanderbilt University, cosponsor for this event, and will include general sessions, workshops, seminars, and individual conferences.

The conference staff will include Jesse Hill Ford, author of THE LIBERATION OF LORD BYRON JONES, FEAST OF SAINT BARNABAS, and other best-selling novels; Millie McWhirter, successful contemporary short story writer and author of the recently-published novel, HUSHED WERE THE HILLS; Paul Ramsey, Tennessee Poetry Circuit, whose poems have been published in numerous anthologies

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and journals; and Henry Mitchell, editor of THE DELTA REVIEW magazine, who will conduct the sessions on nonfiction and magazine writing.

Each participant in the conference is allowed the following submission to be sent in for consideration at individual conferences -- only one submission from the choice of four areas: one short story; one article; three poems, or outline and one chapter of novel.

Fees for the Writers' Conference are \$30.00 for adults and \$20.00 for students. Accommodations are available at Vanderbilt in Carmichael Towers at prices beginning at \$4.50 per night.

For more details and registration form, contact Tennessee Writers' Conference, P. O. Box 75, Station B. Vanderbilt University, Nashville 37203.

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# Gentry To Sign Book In Bookstore Tuesday

Linnell Gentry, assistant professor of education, will be in the MTSU Bookstore Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 until
4:30 to discuss and autograph
hi new book "History and
Encyclopedia of Country and
Western and Gospel Music".
Gentry's book which was
released July third is a completely revised second edition,

a history of the music of Nash-

The 548 page book is div-

ided into two parts. The first part is composed of 76 reprints of articles from magazines, newspapers, and other periodicals dealing with the history of the music.

The second part consists of 603 biographies of singers, musicians and comedians in the country and western and gospel fields.

Gentry will become Director of Research at MTSU in Septem-

### Lost and Found Desk Overstocked in UC

The lost-and-found department is located in Dallas Biggers office in the University Center. This department is open from 8 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. Mrs. Craddock who is in

charge of the department said for the student to come to the receptionist's desk and report anything they have lost or found. She said many articles have already been found, including glasses, high school class rings, keys and some books.

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