

Cheerleaders defend Western game absence

Mandatory attendance at a fraternity function, resignations and illness were the reasons for less than a full complement of cheerleaders at the Western Kentucky game, according to Emily Pentecost, cheerleader co-captain.

Ms. Pentecost, who testified before the House Ways and Means Committee Tuesday, indicated that Kappa Sigma fraternity, of which she is the sweetheart, planned an initiation banquet three weeks prior to the Western game for the same night as the game.

She noted the importance of the banquet indicating that the fraternity had had its largest pledge class in history and that several national and regional officers had been invited to attend.

Indicating that she was torn between her responsibilities," Ms.

Pentecost said that she consulted cheerleader advisor Billie Smith who excused her from attending the Western game.

She quoted the advisor as saying, "There are alternate cheerleaders, but the fraternity has only one sweetheart."

As co-captain, she stated that she notified the alternates for the game, but at the time of the game two of the cheerleaders, Elaine Lannom and Sherry Yarbrough, were ill and unable to attend.

Ms. Pentecost also noted that there had been two resignations from the cheerleading squad since the beginning of the spring semester.

She also explained to the house panel some of the difficulties of the cheerleading squad, noting

there are questions being raised about what is valid in cheerleading.

Prior to the Tennessee Tech football game, cheerleaders were asked not to do stunts by some of the coaches, she said.

She added that students then complained asking, "Can't you do any stunts?" Ms. Pentecost noted, however, that members of the football and basketball teams had contacted her expressing their support for the cheerleaders.

A lack of funding was also noted by Ms. Pentecost, who stated that the squad received less than \$1,000 for the year.

She noted that the cheerleaders have no control over their apparel but that a member of the faculty has chastised one cheerleader for

the squad's "hideous uniforms."

Sophomore cheerleader Joel White indicated that he and Kirk Werner, senior cheerleader and co-captain, are officers in Kappa Sigma and were required to attend the banquet.

When asked by panel member Bill Aldred if "it crossed his mind that their absence would affect the crowd," White responded that the only consideration was the floor cheers, noting that one person could lead the sidelines cheers.

White noted that the two male alternate cheerleaders were pledges of Kappa Sigma and were required to attend the banquet.

Ms. Smith indicated that the cheerleaders are governed by the ASB bill and that the cheerleaders determine their own policies

as outlined in their guidelines which she presented.

The cheerleader advisor noted that in article five, section four of the cheerleader guidelines it states that a student will forfeit his position if he has an unexcused absence from a game.

The guidelines define excused absences as "sickness or death in the immediate family, sickness of the subject cheerleaders or other unavoidable emergencies which the sponsor must approve prior to the absence."

Ms. Smith indicated that she excused the absence of the cheerleaders who attended the Kappa Sigma banquet.

She noted that the cheerleaders are "versatile leaders and therefore are probably better cheerleaders."

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Responds

Senator Charlene Cantrell, Murfreesboro freshman, testifies about the part she played in the SUSGA poll taking.

Ends probe

House unanimously drops charges

Meeting last night, the ASB House of Representatives unanimously approved the report of the Ways and Means Committee recommending that no further action be taken against the cheerleaders and senators under investigation.

The cheerleaders cleared by the House were Emily Pentecost, Kurt Werner and Joel White. The senators cleared were sophomore Peter Hall, freshman Charlene Cantrell and sophomore Judy Butler.

The committee report on the Senate stated that "no misintent existed and the irregularities were due to a lack of communications between the executive and legislative branches."

The report indicated that "the cheerleaders were acting within their code of conduct." However, the committee concluded that it is considering recom-

mending a review of the cheerleaders' code of conduct.

In other action, the House passed unanimously a bill to expand the health services at MTSU. The bill recommends: the establishment of a 24-hour crisis center to treat drug problems and possible suicide cases, tests and medical treatment of venereal diseases, pregnancy tests, counseling on family planning and distribution of contraceptive devices "including prescription and supply of birth control pills" and counseling on abortions.

An amendment was offered by Rep. Larry Harrington and included in the bill. It provided that the services, cases or files

resulting from these expanded services be kept in "complete confidence and shall not be opened for examination or divulged except by written permission of the student or students involved."

Harrington pointed out that persons presently coming to the infirmary with drug cases are generally reported to the appropriate dean with the possibility of arrest.

Rep. Ralph Cray pointed out that the student handbook states that each student's record shall be confidential. House Speaker Ron Merville and Harrington retorted by saying that this is merely a policy with no legal backing, and both expressed the need to have provisions to make the students' health cases confidential.

In further action, Bill Bennett was elected House parliamentarian.

Political scientist assistant professor Gene Bolin, testifying before the house Ways and Means Committee Tuesday, stated that the results of the Southeastern Universities Student Government Association were a "pile of trash."

Ms. Bolin indicated that eight or nine errors had been made in the conduct of the poll before it was even counted, making it worthless as a measure of student opinion.

The political scientist, who teaches quantitative methods and is an election consultant for the three major networks, placed the blame for the mishandling of the poll with SUSGA.

If SUSGA is going to survey, she said, it should be done in a systematic way with selected campuses and a standardization of procedures.

By Jim Leonhirth
Special Reporter

Ms. Bolin's comments came in an investigative hearing concerning the poll conducted last January by the ASB and the absences of several cheerleaders at the MTSU-Western Kentucky game.

The committee was chaired by Speaker of the House Ron Merville, who prior to the meeting, outlined its purposes. He stated that the committee wanted to determine what was to occur in each instance, what did occur and what were the circumstances which led to the result.

Speaker of the Senate Martha Driver was the first witness in the hearing. She noted that ASB President Bobby Sands had asked the senate if they would conduct the poll and they had agreed.

She indicated that freshman senator Charlene Cantrell and

sophomore senator Judy Butler had volunteered to coordinate the poll.

Ms. Driver explained that the poll was distributed just prior to the exam period with the results being collected during the exam period.

Through a "slight failure of communication," she said, the procedure set up for counting the ballots was not used.

This procedure, the house speaker explained, was for groups for four tabulators to tally the results by one tabulator reading the results and the other three marking the responses.

To facilitate this procedure, the ballots had been divided into groups of 100, Ms. Driver noted.

She added that it was not revealed until the senate meeting following the release of the results that a different procedure had been used.

Ms. Driver assumed respon-

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Black talent ends week

Modern dancing, singing and poetry reading will be part of the talent exhibited tonight as Black History Week approaches its end.

Black students from MTSU and Tennessee State University will perform for 90 minutes beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Theater, according to Cecelia Ray, Shelbyville freshman.

Ms. Ray indicated that she expects to see a great deal of "very good talent" and added that all students are invited to see the show.

Black History Week will conclude tomorrow night as black students from MTSU perform modern dances during the half-time of the basketball game with Morehead.

A number of white students have taken the opportunity to learn about the black past by

reading the information about famous black men and women posted in the lobby of the UC in front of the ticket booth, noted Gerald Edwards, past president of the Black Student Association.

He added, however, that the "overwhelming majority" of people at the activities Tuesday and Wednesday night were black.

Alonzo Stephens, head of the history department at TSU, used himself as an example Tuesday night to show that blacks can be whatever they want to be. He also said that there need to be more black professionals.

Black History Week is supposed to be informative to both whites and blacks, Edwards said. It is, he added, "something blacks can point to and say 'that's ours.'"

Eisele joins Peace Corps

While the Peace Corps seeks volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, none have had the career experience of ex-astronaut Donn Eisele.

Eisele, former command module pilot for Apollo 7 will leave his job with NASA in two weeks to begin a new training program to become director of the Peace Corps in Thailand. The 41-year-old Colonel has also served as a test pilot and aeronautical engineer for 20 years.

According to Eisele the change of careers was not a sudden decision; since heading the Apollo 7 flight the ex-astronaut has held several positions with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) including 6 months as the backup command pilot for Apollo 10, a year developing the Spacelab project, and a year and a half as a technical consultant for the manned flight division of NASA.

By Becky Freeman
Editor-in-chief

He indicated that his interest in joining the Peace Corps was treated a bit skeptically at first by the Washington administrators. "I had to convince them of my sincerity," he stated.

Eisele expressed his pleasure at being able to live in a foreign country. While stationed in Tripoli during the mid-fifties with his family, he admits that "We didn't do it right."

Explained Eisele, "We lived in the America area." The former Air Force colonel stated that his family seldom ventured far from the American compound.

He speculated that perhaps he and his wife had assimilated too fully the American concept that everything has to be antiseptically clean. Eisele related that he was introduced to the concept of being a Peace Corps admin-

istrator through a friend, a former Air Force surgeon who entered the Peace Corps.

The ex-astronaut stated that changing priorities was sometimes difficult for retired astronauts. He commented that Neil Armstrong, after leaving the astronaut program took an administrative position in Washington for several months. Armstrong, he noted was not happy at his post and accepted a teaching position at Ohio University which satisfied him.

Eisele stated that after an astronaut has made his flight he is faced with the question of "What am I going to do for an encore?"

While approximately 45 men prepare for an opportunity to make a space mission in the astronaut program, Eisele will continue to prepare for a mission he will definitely take.



Eisele

Donn Eisele suggests that unemployed aerospace workers be utilized to seek solutions to internal problems.

Coming:

Jesus Christ—
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or
Son of God?

ASB Supreme Court delays elections until April 12-13

Editor's note: Due to the delay of the ASB elections Bobby Sands, ASB president, will not announce his plans for the election until Monday.

In a unanimous decision by the ASB Supreme Court on February

15, the ASB elections have been postponed from March to April 12-13, according to Gerald Cunningham, ASB chief justice.

The request for the delay was issued to the court by ASB president Bobby Sands and ASB advisor, Harry Wagner, Cunningham indicated. He continued that the ASB Constitution states that the election be held in March, but due to a full calendar this will be impossible.

Sands and Wagner cited the fact that spring holidays are set for the last week in March and would be unsuitable for the elections. The third week of March has been designated for mid-terms and would, therefore, hamper elections, they continued.

Additional time to propose revision of the Comprehensive Electoral Act was cited as the third reason for the delay.

Based on these reasons and the difficulty of arranging elections early in the month, the elections were postponed, Cunningham said.

SUSGA poll . . .

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sibility for the discrepancy saying, "I think blame should be placed on me rather than on the committee."

Freshman senator Cantrell indicated that she had asked for the help of other senators in counting the votes but had been unable to get assistance.

She stated that it was impossible to count the votes during the exam period and took full responsibility for the methods of counting.

Ms. Cantrell said that she was not aware of the procedure established for counting and stated that the method which was employed was the most expedient, noting that the results were needed by Sands the following day.

She stated that she and sophomore senator Butler were ignorant of the quantitative aspects of research but had insufficient time to count all of the ballots. The freshman senator explain-

ed that 100 of the votes were counted and the results were multiplied by the factor of the ratio of votes received to votes counted.

She added that 100 of the ballots had been given to Peter Hall, sophomore senator, to tally but that this number had not been included in the projection.

Senator Hall indicated that he had taken 100 of the ballots to his apartment for tabulation and had returned them the next day.

Ms. Butler stated that she had been unable to get other senators to aid them in the tabulation of the questionnaires.

ASB President Sands issued a statement to the committee in which he blamed the mistakes in the tabulation on a "lack of supervision" and a "lack of detailed guidelines" and assumed, along with the senate speaker, the responsibility for those conditions.

Two groups retire trophies

Two trophies were retired Tuesday night as Chi Omega and the Buchanan Players won Tau Omicron's All-Sing for the third year in a row.

Sixteen campus organizations vied for top honors in the fifth annual event which was backed by a packed house.

In the female chorus, Chi Omega took first place with their medley of "Early in the Morning," and "Turn Around."

Alpha Delta Pi won second place for their rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

With a medley of Walt Disney hit numbers, Sigma Alpha Epsilon won first place in the male division.

Second place went to Kappa Sigma for their medley of "No Fair at All," and "Goin' Out of My Head."

The Buchanan Players won the mixed chorus division singing selections from "Jesus Christ, Superstar," with second place going to Middle Tennessee Christian Center Singers who sang "God of our Fathers."

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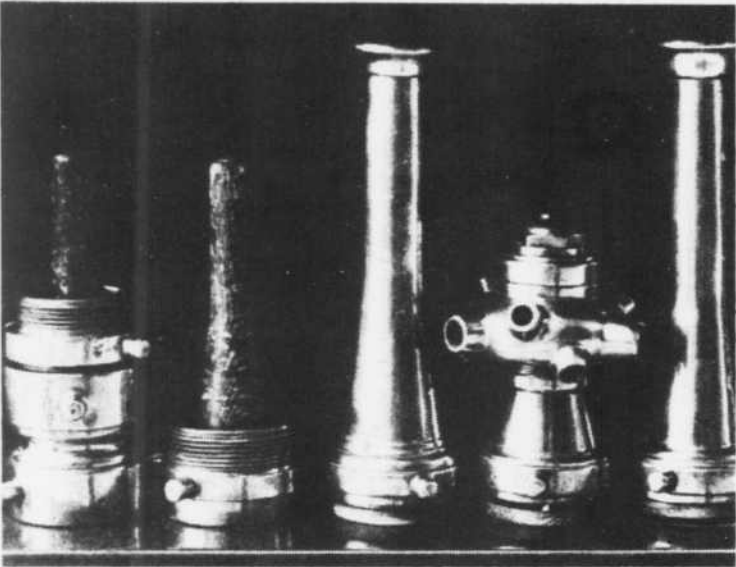
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Norville comments on Kelley's photo show



Widgets

David Kelley's works are currently on display at the photographic gallery through February 25. The show consists of 21 black and white prints.

Durer exhibit opens at Language House

An exhibit of Albrecht Durer prints opened Monday at the Foreign Language House. The free exhibit is on loan to the foreign language department from the German Consulate in Atlanta until March 5, according to Ms. Ortum Gilbert, German instructor responsible for planning the event.

During the exhibition the German consul, Roland H. A. Gottlieb, is expected to visit this month or in early March, according to Ms. Gilbert.

The exhibit of Durer's works was compiled on the 500th anniversary of his birth in 1471. These pictures are reproductions of those on exhibit in the German National Museum in Nuernberg, Germany.

Included in the exhibit are woodcuts, paintings and copper etchings. Fifty works are included.

The Foreign Language House, 1417 East Main Street, is open

from 2 to 10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Durer's works focus on religious themes such as "Christ as Ruler of the World," and "Picture of Heaven," studies in proportion and human anatomy, landscapes and character studies.

Durer was important in the development of the landscape in European art. These subjects, under his hands, were treated for the first time as important subjects in themselves rather than the backgrounds for other subjects.

Durer's ability to preserve detail is shown in his pen sketches of his contemporaries for a costume book he was creating, and his nature studies of animals.

The exhibit is being hosted by the German students who have translated a brochure about the exhibit from German.

What can one say about an exhibit of prints done by a professional photographer that look like bad prints done by first-year photography students, except just that?

David Kelley's prints, now on exhibit in the photographic gallery, are supposed to be nature shots which put into use a play of light to emphasize certain forms and shapes.

No doubt, they are nature shots, but I don't feel that Kelley used the lighting as effectively as he could have. One shot in particular is of a tree (barren) next to a wall. In the distance one can see a doorway with someone standing in it.

To be completely honest, I must admit that the print holds one's attention--for about three

seconds. That is how long it took me to speculate as to whether the tree (in a bucket) was inside four walls or on the outside. After all, what difference does it make?

Another print was supposed to be a form/texture shot. It appeared to be a gun-shot, rusting piece of metal. It really wasn't a bad idea, but again, the lighting was not used effectively. Also, the print was only about a three inch by five inch, and whatever impact on the viewer Kelley had hoped for was missing.

Kelley had done a very poor job of mounting his prints. They

were mounted on extra-light weight board (almost paper) and had a slight tendency to curl. Also, none of his prints were very large and none of them would have been less effective had they been larger.

There were three prints in the show I liked. They were three form shots, with narrowed subject matter. If one let his imagination wander just a little bit, the trio could almost be called a "study in nudes".

I do feel that even these three could be enhanced by making the print larger. If for no other reason, people get tired of straining their eyes looking at a tiny print in the middle of a glare of white mounting board.

My apologies to all past, present, and future first year photography students.

Rutherford Countians

Democrats to select new committee

Rutherford County Democrats will meet at noon tomorrow in their precinct polling places to elect a new Rutherford County Democratic Executive Committee.

Under a re-organization plan proposed by present committee chairman Q.M. Smith, two committee members will be elected from each civil district. In the districts that have two precincts, one committee member must be elected from each precinct. In Murfreesboro, most of the precincts make up civil districts and will be entitled to two seats.

The county executive committee is the governing body of the local Democratic organization. Its officers, who will be elected at the first meeting of the new committee on Feb 26, are responsible for implementing the first steps in the delegate selection process.

Under new rules of the Tennessee Democratic party, selection of delegates to the national convention must begin with open precinct conventions. Delegates from each precinct will go to a county convention which will in turn send delegates to a congressional district and a state convention. These two conventions elect delegates to the national convention.

"Under these new rules some effort must be made to encourage grass roots participation," said Ben Austin, a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee. "Without it they simply will not work," he added.

"That's the reason this county committee is so important," Austin continued. "If it doesn't encourage participation, all of the reforms in the delegate selection process will go for naught."

"Minority groups, young people and women must be included in the delegate selection process at every level," pointed out Young Democrats Secretary, Dorothy Smith. "If we don't get a good county committee, I'm afraid we'll find a lot of tokenism and controlled participation," she continued.

Criticism has been levelled at the executive committee for failing to provide leadership for county Democrats in 1968 and again in 1970.

Chairman Smith has admitted that the old committee suffered from a lack of interest by its members. He said meetings often have been held when only 15 out of more than 40 members have shown up.

The old executive committee has no by-laws. However, at the first meeting of the new com-

mittee, a committee will be elected to draw up a set of rules.

In addition to 42 members elected from civil districts, the new committee will also have representatives from the Democratic Woman's Federation, the county Young Democrats, the MTSU Young Democrats, the Concerned Democrats and the Tennessee Voters Council.

Elected county officials who identify themselves as Democrats, and the state senator and representatives if residents of the county, will be included on the committee.

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The graphic arts department was recently given an ATF B-8 phototypesetter by the Clarksville "Leaf-Chronicle," according to Harold Baldwin, program director.

Given to MTSU for use in the program which provides management and executive personnel for the production and management of southern printing plants, the phototypesetter goes with another unit of the same kind and increases production, he added.

"There was a definite need for this particular piece of equipment which will enable us to teach the processes used in this phase of the printing industry," Baldwin stated.

Valued at \$30,000, the machine provides a broader selection of type faces, he added.

"The growth of automation in the industry, together with the need for college-trained management, as well as technicians, makes such equipment especially valuable," Baldwin continued.

Boyd Evans, director of development at MTSU, said that such

contributions to the MTSU Foundation from private sources make possible the further development of many departments of the university without spending state funds.

"We appreciate the generosity of the 'Leaf-Chronicle' management," he added.

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Ashbrook provides new GOP test

The candidacy of Republican Representative John Ashbrook of Ohio in the New Hampshire Republican primary is an interesting and challenging development in the quest by conservatives within the Grand Old Party (G.O.P.) to set the party on a course more in accordance with strict conservative ideas.

Mr. Ashbrook's candidacy is not universally hailed among Republican conservatives; some see his action as a threat to split the party, which would then reap the damage in the November general election.

Many conservatives are dissatisfied with much of what President Nixon has said and done.

His plan for a new economic program, more or less a guaranteed national income, rapid and strong overtures toward Red China (People's Republic of, if you will), a lack of cognizance or public alarm of the Russian build-up, the still unresolved

By Ray Notgrass

question of busing and the gigantic budget deficits, all have aroused conservative ire, causing several prominent conservatives to withdraw their support of President Nixon.

And so, the upshot is the Ashbrook campaign, designed not so much to discredit Nixon as to unify and identify conservative opposition to parts of the President's program.

But Mr. Ashbrook is not seeking the Presidency, or the Republican nomination. The thrust of the action is limited and mostly philosophical in scope. His purpose is something like that of William Buckley in the 1965 New York mayoral race: both parties had a liberal candidate, so Buckley announced as an alternative.

Never expecting to win, he wanted everyone to vote posi-

tively for a candidate, not just against the worse liberal. He also wanted a conservative to voice the ideas of the right amid the words of the opposing liberals. So, Mr. Ashbrook gives the voters a chance to show their dissent of the President.

As far as predictions on Ashbrook's performance, I personally haven't the slightest idea. I heard that one poll indicated President Nixon may get about seventy per cent of the vote in the G.O.P. primary in New Hampshire.

Even if Ashbrook does fairly well, Nixon will probably be the candidate in November, though perhaps with a more conservative platform. Given the alternatives of a Democrat or George Wallace, most Republicans no doubt will choose Nixon.

So, two-and-a-half cheers for the President. But while cheering, a little gleam in the eye for Mr. Ashbrook.

Guest Cartoonist

Teddy and Eddy, "We can't understand why everybody's so uptight about busing. We bus our children to private schools and never have any problem."



Our readers respond

Showley criticizes Frobish's 'cynical' evaluations

Something escapes me in reading Dennis Frobish's comments of 28 January regarding President Nixon's peace initiatives revealed last month after months of nonmovement in secret talks at Paris.

Either Mr. Frobish is a physics major who has never studied history in his life, or else he has such a cynical attitude toward the Administration as to cloud his judgement on even the most selfless attempt by an American president to end a tragic conflict.

The most startling comment by Mr. Frobish is that because the American people "have been lied to so much and so often"—most notably under the previous administration—that "it will be hard for many people to believe that the statement . . . is complete and honest."

Even the most skeptical of

the President's critics in the press lauded the newly revealed plan; check the NY Times, saying that the plan "merits support from all shades of American opinion and a positive response from the other side."

It is fairly much the consensus of all newsmen that secret talks have gone on ever since President Nixon assumed office three years ago. There is absolutely no evidence anywhere to support Mr. Frobish's suggestion that such talks are not or have not been underway.

I think President Nixon deserves equal time to set the record straight. Read what he said in the State of the World message this year:

"We were determined not to pass up any opportunity -- public or private -- to negotiate a settlement. Early in this Administration, after ten months of no

progress in the plenary sessions at Paris, I decided to establish a private and secret channel so that both sides could talk frankly, free from the pressures of public debate."

The key phrase here is "free from the pressures of public debate," shorthand for saying that more serious negotiations can take place away from the rhetoric of the conference table.

Some commentators and politicians lost no time in launching an attack on the President's plan. The Administration -- in the guise of the Secretary of State, especially -- has retorted that domestic dissension will dissuade the other side from serious negotiations.

This situation is not the same as existed during the LBJ build-up, when the American people were asked to refrain from criticizing the war -- most Democrats now running for President

(including Senator Muskie) backed LBJ one hundred percent. That was when the war escalator was going up.

President Nixon points this out in quoting former Defense Secretary Clark Clifford's Sept. 1968 remarks: "We have not yet reached the level of 549,500 in South Vietnam. We intend to continue to build toward that level. We have no intention of lowering that level, either by next June or at any time in the foreseeable future."

That was two months before the Democrats were thrown out of office. That was before President Nixon stopped the building before our troop level reached its authorized strength. And come June 1969, when Clifford had said our troops were not going to be at a lower level, the new President had already announced a troop withdrawal that finally began the road to an

end to American involvement in the war.

The escalator was now on the way down.

It is therefore strange to see the very supporters of the Johnson buildup trying to obstruct the efforts of the Nixon de-escalation. I wonder who is exactly guilty of political expediency. Should the Johnson-era supporters now running for President be given amnesty from their past?

Paraphrasing Mr. Frobish, we should ask, "Are these Democrats the 'honest men' the ones who should be returned to office?" The answer is no secret to the American people.

Roger Showley
Director, Washington Campus News Service; College Republican National Committee

Please see 'Dennis Who?' for Frobish's reply.

Smiths thank student heroes

To the Editor:

We would like to convey our sincere appreciation to the students who literally risked their lives recently in order to move the furniture from our burning home.

Thanks to them a large por-

tion of our household effects suffered very little damage and are now in storage. We have personally thanked those we know but there were many who were unknown to both of us and to whom we are very grateful.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith
Box 63

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Frobish clears Showley's queries

By Dennis Frobish

ing of the "previous administration," but happened to be thinking of a certain U-2 affair. There are many other examples, though, to be sure.

Showley made the comment, "It is therefore strange to see the very supporters of the Johnson buildup trying to obstruct the efforts of the Nixon de-escalation."

I hope he does not mean to imply that I was a supporter of President Johnson. I supported President Johnson's immoral war practices no more than I support President Nixon's.

In his comments, he tried to imply that President Nixon is responsible for the ending of hostilities in South East Asia. This is not so.

If hostilities are ending it is

Freedom of speech is, perhaps, one of the most important freedoms we have in this nation. I am of the opinion that all Americans have this right and therefore do not object to the response given by Roger Showley to one of the columns I wrote earlier this year.

It only seems right, however, that I attempt to clarify a few points made by him.

First of all, history happens to be one of my majors and it doesn't seem to me that the President's action was "the most selfless attempt by an American president to end a tragic conflict."

I do admit to having a cynical attitude toward the administration though I don't feel that it clouds my judgement.

When I wrote that the American people had been lied to so much and so often, I wasn't think-

because the American people demand that they end. The people, then, not the President are getting us out of Vietnam.

I'm glad that Showley took the time and initiative to communicate. If more people did, the world would probably be a better place to live.

Though our comments are different, I feel that they were written in honesty. Rightness or wrongness of positions is, many times, a moral judgement and something which cannot be determined.

But if people were more honest and less afraid to speak their convictions, some of the problems we experience today might no longer plague us.

Dennis Who?

Grading ills signify reevaluation need

The recent disclosure by President M. G. Scarlett of the alteration by faculty members of students' final grades has brought to light a grave weakness in this university's grading system.

After final grades have been submitted to the office of the Director of Records, according to the Faculty Handbook, they can only be changed if the instructor discovers an error in the grade. This change must be approved by the appropriate dean.

This system leaves the primary responsibility for the grade change to the individual instructor which could conceivably lead to unsubstantiated changes in the student's grade.

At Memphis State University a faculty committee rules on all grade changes. This faculty review policy, which might seem

on the surface to be unnecessary, prevents undeserved grade changes, thus preserving the university's academic credibility.

Other universities in the state of Tennessee have taken steps to improve their grading systems. Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and the University of Tennessee have initiated pass-fail systems which modernize their present grade systems.

Liberal Arts students at the University of Tennessee with 96 or more hours and a 2.5 average can take elective courses for which they receive either the pass or fail grade.

"The purpose of this option is to encourage the able student to venture beyond the limits of those courses in which he usually does well and, motivated by his own intellectual curiosity explore

subject matter in which his performance may be somewhat less outstanding than his work in his preferred subject fields," indicates the University of Tennessee's bulletin.

At Tennessee Tech, seniors can utilize the pass-fail system to a maximum of one course per quarter for not more than three quarters.

Both juniors and seniors can be admitted to the pass-fail system. MTSU students do not have this alternative.

These findings announced by President Scarlett do point out that this University's grading system needs reform. Steps must be taken before the institution's academic name is irreparably damaged and the value of its degrees are completely undermined.

Off the record

Trammel, King help each other understand

CAROLE KING: Well, to put it frankly, Jim, I'm hurt that you took so long to get around to me. I mean, is Jerry Reed more relevant than I am?

JT: I've been meaning to get around to you for over half a year now. It's just that I couldn't think of anything to say. You're difficult, Carole.

CK: How so?

JT: Well, like on your new album *Carole King Music* (Ode). You're extremely psychological. No light stuff on this album at all. At least you did "Smackwater Jack" on your *Tapestry* album to give us a little relief.

CK: Now wait. That had its meaning, too.

JT: Yes, yes, yes, but at least you could ignore the meaning if you wanted to, and just listen to the story.

CK: And I don't do that now?

JT: No.

CK: Well, what do I do?

JT: Well, sometimes you act winsomely, like in "Surely." I suspect that you broke down and cried in the middle of "Brother,

Brother," and now and then you get philosophical like in "Brighter."

CK: And what would you say my philosophy is?

JT: You have a different philosophy for each song you do. You're like an actress in that you assume a character. The girl who sings "Sweet Seasons" differs from the girl who sings "Music," and neither of them are really you. That's amazing; I wish I could figure how it's done.

CK: That might have been why my songs were picked up by so many different people.

JT: Probably. Let me ask you something. Why didn't you start recording when you started writing?

CK: Well, I wanted to, but you have to be so much more than a performer to make a good record. There was a lot about recording I didn't understand then.

JT: And, if you'll pardon my saying so, some of the effects you used in your latest album didn't quite seem to take. As a matter of fact, most of them

By Jim Trammel

missed, it seemed to me.

CK: How so?

JT: You have a problem, Carole. Lyrically, your songs are very heavy, and it's rare that you find the right instrumental vehicle for them. A song like "Growing Away From Me," for example, with an elementary theme and not-too-heavy words, is good for banging pianos and such. But you insist on whamming that piano even on songs that don't need it.

CK: You yourself wrote last year that the piano was coming back as a pop instrument--and credited me in part with bringing it back.

JT: You read too much. Don't get me wrong. You can play the piano beautifully, it's just that--do you need it for your creative tension to function for you or something? Cause you sure do use it a lot.

CK: I don't know. Thinking about something like that ruins it.

JT: Let me say, though, that you've come a long way from

Tapestry in relation to versatility. Your cuts are very imaginative, as a whole. I liked the electric flute in "Surely," and the way your music blended with James Taylor's in "Too Much Rain." Your piano actually makes his guitar sound good, and that is quite an accomplishment.

CK: Go on.

JT: Ok. Background vocals, by and large, I could live without--that includes the one that Taylor does. Like I said before, when you get into heavy lyrics your special effects seem to lose pace, and "Song of Long Ago" had difficult lyrics.

CK: But that isn't what my songs are important for.

JT: Have I touched a nerve? Tell me what's important in your songs.

CK: I want to make people think differently.

JT: Think like you?

CK: Not exactly. I know what they're thinking like, and how they're wrong and I want to change what's wrong and then let them keep on thinking however

they were thinking.

JT: You really know all that? CK: Of course. Take you for example. Without even asking, I know that you fell asleep on the night before your deadline listening to my album and wondering what to say by way of review.

JT: Uh huh.

CK: You worried about it so long that it got into your dreams, so here I am talking with you about it. When you wake up, you'll think this interview said it all so well that you'll reproduce it word for word.

JT: Oh. Well, in that case, thanks for writing my column for me.

CK: Any time.

Within the last week or so some of the most enjoyable music that has ever been played or sung came down on the campus in the form of two student productions.

Congratulations to the performers and planners of both the Phi Mu Alpha Stage Band Show and All-Sing. If you were bored this past week, it's a cinch you didn't see either of these.

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Hearing displays unnecessary theatrics

By Jim Leonhirth

If it was imperative to hold an investigative hearing, the House Ways and Means Committee managed to conduct it in a creditable manner.

Probably the same results could have been obtained by an investigative team who would have questioned those under study and presented their information to the house.

It would have decreased somewhat the embarrassment of those

who felt themselves "called upon the carpet."

The committee, nevertheless, did not take advantage of the witnesses and, in fact, gave the witnesses the opportunity to present information with no direct bearing on the specific issues at hand.

The hearing evolved, in one instance, into a study of the

problems of cheerleading on campus rather than an investigation of absences.

That the committee allowed this showed good faith on their part, but the conditions for the enlightenment were less than desirable for those who testified.

The house has shown it can conduct an investigative hearing without an inquisition. Perhaps it can show in the future that it can conduct an investigation without theatrics.



Soul

Wilson Carter, a Murfreesboro senior, reads selections from black poets during Black History Week.

Spring rush to begin

Spring fraternity rush will be held Feb. 22-26, according to Barry Wright, Interfraternity Council rush chairman.

This spring any male undergraduate may participate in rush, but may not pledge until he has completed 12 hours of college work, he said. After the completion of the 12 hours, a student may pledge but may not be initiated until he has achieved a 2.0 cumulative average, Wright added.

Fraternity smokers will begin Tuesday, Feb. 22, and continue until Thursday, Feb. 24, he said. Wright announced smoker times as follows:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6 p.m. Pi Kappa Alpha	Kappa Sigma	Alpha Gamma Rho
7 p.m. Alpha Tau Omega	Delta Tau Delta	Mu Iota Kappa
8 p.m. Sigma Chi	Sigma Nu	Pi Kappa Phi
9 p.m. Kappa Alpha	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	

According to Wright, all fraternity activities will be held at the respective fraternity houses with the exceptions of Alpha Gamma Rho, which will be held at the Log Cabin Inn, and Pi Kappa Phi's smoker, which will be held at E-5 DeVille Apartments.

An information booth will be set up by the Inter-Fraternity Council in the basement of the UC Friday, Feb. 18, and Monday, Feb. 21. Further information concerning times and places of fraternity rush activities may be gained at this booth, he said.

Circle K sponsor

Harlem Stars to appear

MTSU's Circle K Club is sponsoring a basketball game between the Harlem Stars and the Murfreesboro Independents tomorrow night at eight in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, according to Mike West, Circle K president.

All proceeds from the game will go towards Circle K's service projects, he said.

The Harlem Stars, according to owner Boid Buie, never try to run up a huge score against their opponents. It is the team's policy to keep the game close by "devoting much time to comedy stuff."

The Harlem Stars, according to West perform fancy ball-handling, trick shooting, complex pass patterns and marathon dribbling.

The Murfreesboro Independents, he added, will feature Jimmy Powell, a former high school All-American from North Carolina, who is red-shirting here this season; Wendell Lyons, a transfer student from the University of Kentucky; Dick LaLance, physical education instructor; Ray Bonner, MTSU defensive back; Capt. Roy Clark, Military Science instructor; and Larry Castle, tennis coach.

Raider athletic director slates intercollegiate track schedule

The 1972 Track and Field schedule for Middle Tennessee State University has been released by Athletic Director Charles (Bubber) Murphy.

The indoor schedule includes, the Central Collegiate Championships, the Ohio State Invitational and the NCAA Indoor Championships.

The highlights for the 1972 out-

door season include a dual meet with Notre Dame on March 28th, and the Tennessee Intercollegiate Championships on May 6.

"This is the most demanding schedule we have had so far," noted Haynes. "With all of the tough competition, we expect our boys to turn in some outstanding performances before the season is over."

Yearbook stresses informality policy

Informality and an updated format will be accented in the key features of the 1972 Midlander, according to Melanie Spain, editor-in-chief.

"For maybe the first time ever, the students are our primary audience," Ms. Spain remarked. "We are less of a recruitment tool for the university," she commented.

Delivery date for the 5,750 books, printed by Hunter Publishing Company, is loosely scheduled for May 15. However, notes Ms. Spain, delivery may be accomplished as early as May 1 due to a rigid schedule of deadlines observed by the staff this year.

Over 90 percent of the book, Ms. Spain indicated, has already gone to press.

Students will have a chance to voice their opinions of the yearbook by means of a questionnaire to be inserted with the books at delivery, the editor remarked.

Primarily on the basis of this questionnaire, the 1972-3 staff will evaluate and modify the style of next year's annual, Ms. Spain explained.

The Midlander is free to all full-time students in attendance at MTSU in both the fall 1971 and spring 1972 semesters.

Indoor, outdoor schedules set for thin-clads

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Blue ladies travel

MTSU's Women's Extramural Basketball team will travel to Chattanooga for a game with the Lady Mocs Fri., Feb. 18, according to Ms. Billy O. Smith, women's extramural director.

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Sykes leads Raiders to Chattanooga win

CHATTANOOGA-MTSU rallied from a 38-37 deficit in the second half to defeat UT-Chattanooga by a 75-67 count. Herman Sykes led all scorers with 27 points as the Raiders registered their 15th victory with six losses which ties an MTSU record for most wins in a year since 1952.

The Mocs got the game off to a bad start with Herman Sykes scoring a free throw from a technical foul after a UT-C player had dunked a ball in warmups.

That was the first of four technicals in the game with two technicals on each team. The Blue Raiders shot 48.1 per cent from the floor and 71.4 per cent

from the free throw line.

The Mocs connected on 40.2 per cent of their field attempts and 78.9 per cent from their charity tosses. The Raiders held a slim 30-29 half-time margin.

Seven consecutive Herman Sykes free throws coupled with two Sykes baskets put the game completely out of reach.

The Raiders' next games are against league co-leader Morehead Saturday night to be followed by a home encounter with co-leader Eastern Kentucky Monday night.

In the freshman game, the Baby Raiders defeated the Mocs 76-66.

Raiderscope

Five win praise at defense

By Wally Sudduth
Sports Editor

A month or so from now sportswriters, coaches and the like will get around to picking the all-OVC basketball team.

The names of Leonard Coulter, Les Taylor, Rich Stone, Howard Jackson, Jerry Dunn, Greg Kinman (I prefer the Raiders' Ches Brown, because when he's on, he's out of this world), Herm Sykes (the best, period), George Bryant, Henry White, Wayne Pack and Al Lewis are all sure to be high on the list of stars.

Most of the players selected will have made their reputation as offensive threats. This writer would like to see an all-con-

ference defensive unit selected, so the fans can get a chance to see the other side of the basketball coin and give credit to some of the people who do the blood-and-guts work and don't get any acclaim.

As of this writing, my vote for the best five defensive players, in the conference one for each position, would have to go to the Raider starting line-up. No pair of guards anywhere in the country, not just in the league, puts as much pressure on the ball as the Big Blue's Herm Sykes and Mason Bonner, all game long.

Defensively, Brown is the most intimidating center in the conference and Terry Johnson is far and away the toughest defensive forward.

After a slow start because of injuries and learning a new position, captain Jim Drew has improved his defense tremendously and is a main cohesive factor in the near impenetrable Raider armor.

After a new "low" of 40 points against East Tennessee on the road Monday night, the Blue appear to have convinced even the most die-hard skeptics of the pertinence of their style of play.

Let people not take the Bucs seriously, remember they beat Eastern Kentucky at Richmond along with Murray and Western Kentucky just two nights prior to their thumping by the Blue.

The Raiders now have three OVC home games in a row, two against conference co-

leaders who both administered beatings to the Blue on a certain road trip to a certain infamous valley.

Now is the time for the Blue to "get up," because Tech has to hit the road for around four or five "biggies," and the Raiders must have at least eight conference wins before their last two-game trip to Murray and Western.

Tennis Coach Larry Castle has several imposing engagements on a couple of Florida trips early in the season and has the most attractive home opponents ever scheduled. Now comes the problem of winning.

The baseballers return most of a club which won 20 games last spring, and, whether he admits it or not, Coach A.H. "Lefty" Solomon is looking for a big season. One damper is the fact that there will be no conference championship, as such, in the OVC this year in baseball.

Track is already booming indoors under the tutelage of Dean Hayes and moves outdoors around the beginning of the other spring sports seasons.

There is more talent in more places on this Raider track unit than ever before assembled at MTSU, as the number of NCAA qualifiers this early in the season should attest.

E.K. Patty will field a veteran golf contingent with several heralded individual linksmen.

MTSU will definitely not finish last in all-sports competition in the conference this year. The possibility is good that the reverse might be the case.

Footballers conclude winter workout, spring practice commences for team

Today, Middle Tennessee's Blue Raider footballers wind up their winter workout program, and tomorrow afternoon at 1 they begin spring football practice.

Since the beginning of the semester, the team has been at work in one health, physical education and recreation course circuit training. The course's purpose is to improve a player's agility, coordination, strength, speed and endurance.

For agility and coordination, skipping rope and jumping obstacles are combined with general exercises. Weight lifting is used to increase strength, and wind sprints and distance running give added speed and endurance.

One of this year's new innovations in the circuit training is the two mile run, as used by the Green Bay Packers professional team. This will give the players the endurance to last through the long spring practice sessions and hopefully cut down on the number of springtime injuries.

By Wayne Kindness
Assistant Sports Editor

Spring practice is scheduled to run five weeks, beginning tomorrow and lasting until the annual Blue-White spring football game tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 23.

The team will practice every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Ohio Valley Conference allows 20 days of practice to be held within 36 days of starting.

According to Head Football Coach Bill Peck, the main objective of spring practice is to "find the best players." Many players will be vying for spots vacated by graduating seniors.

Last year's starters must work just as hard as the benchwarmers, he added, for if they do not exert full effort, they will have the best seats at Horace Jones Field come next fall.

The prime concern for the

coaches this spring will be to fill up a much-depleted backfield. Wilson Carter, durable back-up running back, will be graduating. His brother, Jesse, a starter last season, has left school.

Reuben Justice is still limping from last fall's injury and will not participate this spring. Ronnie Martin, swift halfback, was recently released from the hospital after a long illness and is on the "doubtful" list.

Anxious to try for the vacated halfback spot is Tom "Bubba" Latimer, a 5-6, 180 lb. speedster from Hendersonville. Latimer is one of several transfer students who have now become eligible to play.

Others include offensive linemen Jim Hicks, 6-1, 220 lbs., from Knoxville; Bob Orcillo, 5-11, 215 lbs. from Florida, and Jeff Walsh, 6-2, 230 lbs. from Ohio.

Linebacker Rick Birchfield, 6-0, 208 lbs. from Maryville, and quarterback Fayne Limbo, 6-2, 180 lbs. from Atlanta, Ga., will also be getting their initial crack at the Raider squad.

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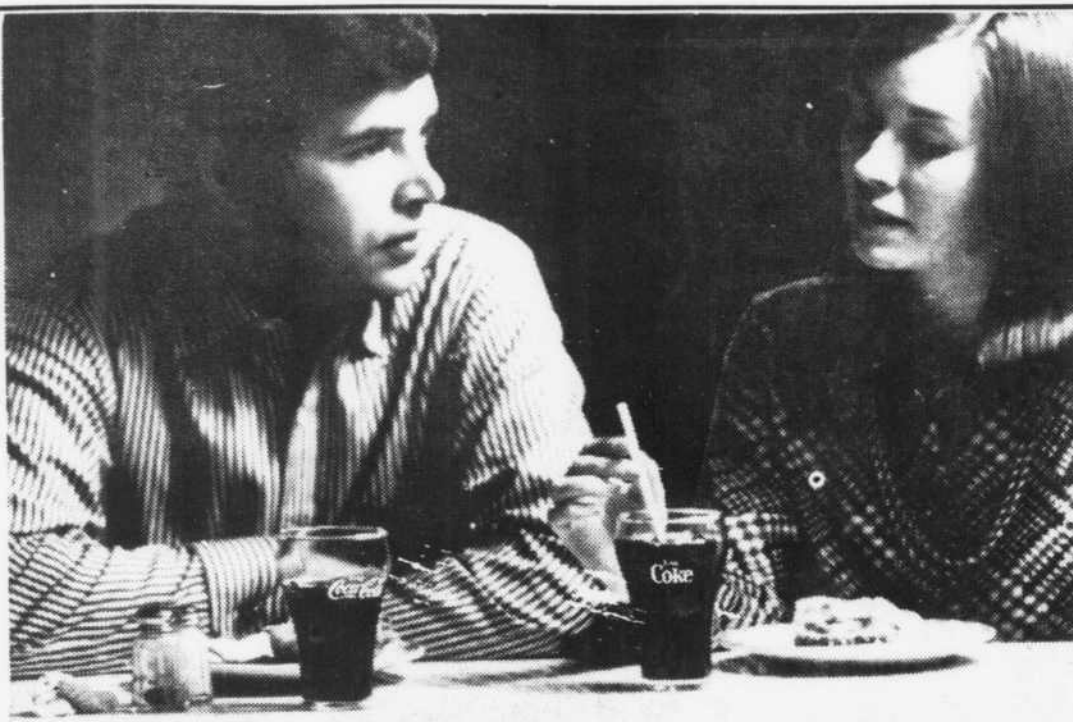
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Judge Threet orders fox, stray dog destruction

Judge James Threet approved a proposal Monday designed by Dr. Robert Sanders, director of the Rutherford County Health Department, to reduce the number of foxes and stray dogs, thereby reducing the threat of rabies in Rutherford County.

The proposal is also being considered by Judge Robert Vinson of Cannon County, although both judges have stated they prefer broad public support, especially from their elected magistrates before they approve the program, according to Sanders.

The program is designed to allow Tennessee Game and Fish Commission biologists to systematically place strychnine-impregnated meat balls along public highways and roads for several days.

According to Sanders, these strychnine-impregnated meat balls would not be placed on private property without special permission. To provide for further safety there would be a highly publicized quarantine of domestic dogs and pets during the time needed to carry out the program, Sanders added.

Sanders further stated that the State Health Department has assured both county governments that the program would require no new county monies.

The plan provides for using existing funds in the budget of the local county health departments. If these monies are not available,

pure state monies are assured, Sanders added.

The fox and stray dog reduction program has been performed by Game and Fish biologists in Williamson County in 1965 and Smith County in 1968. According to Sanders, the program was proven effective.

The program provides for game biologists, usually in two-man teams, who carefully map bait sites and replace bait as needed. All the bait is removed as the program ends.

The poison used is one-fourth grain of strychnine enclosed by a small hamburger and suet ball, and according to Sanders only foxes and stray dogs will consume the pellets.

"Smaller animals, such as the raccoon, opossum, squirrel, cat and skunk are usually not affected, inasmuch as these animals carefully chew their food and thus reject or spit out the bitter tasting strychnine," he explained. Sanders added that the fox and dog "bolt down" their food.

Sanders explained that the program must be conducted in cold weather or before early March to achieve maximum bait uptake. During the winter period, small game and other food supplies for foxes and stray dogs are scarce, and the bait will be more readily taken.

The Murfreesboro physician added that after mid-March, the

fox prefers small game which is then more abundant.

The optional system considered for fox reduction was the fox-tail bounty program, in which hunters shot the unwanted foxes.

"This program was inadequate," Sanders explained, "First because it only affects certain small areas and can't be used on a large scale."

"Second, there is danger to other small animals and cattle, as well as to other hunters who might accidentally get shot."

Third, the doctor added, this program does not account for stray dogs.

George Murphy, an MTSU biology professor, added that the rabid animal probably would not react to a squealer, the instrument used by hunters to call animals.

"I don't condone the killing of animals unnecessarily," Murphy said, "but if there is an overpopulation of foxes, this program that Sanders has outlined is as good as anything else."

He added that it is cheaper, more efficient and, if done right, safer.

"Since rabies is a virus, it has the potential for becoming a real problem," Murphy said.

"We are never going to completely get rid of rabies," Murphy added, "but we can just try to keep it at a minimum level."

Scarlett, Young, Sands

Presidents begin forum

Wednesday noon, Feb. 23, President M. G. Scarlett will open "The Presidents' Forum" to be held weekly at High Rise West Cafeteria, according to Vice-President of Student Affairs Harry Wagner.

The weekly luncheon will be alternately hosted by President Scarlett, Faculty Senate President Earl Young and ASB President Bobby Sands, he said.

All three presidents will be present at each luncheon. If one cannot attend, a representative will attend for him, Wagner added.

About 12:30 p.m., the host will usually comment on questions pertaining to current issues, then

take questions from individuals, Wagner said.

It is hard for a university this large to have good communication with the students, according to President Scarlett. He indicated that the luncheons were an attempt to broaden communications between students, faculty and administrators.

The luncheons will be open to the entire University community and they will be able to question the administrative officials, Wagner concluded.

The vice president stated that he expected the forums to have wide appeal. Wednesdays were chosen as the forum dates because more students eat in the campus cafeterias that day than any other.

Chief warns of thefts

Valuable objects should not be left in the dormitory rooms during the spring holidays, warned assistant security chief, Bob Smith. Smith noted that during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays many dormitory rooms were burglarized.

Stereos, radios, clocks, guitars and clothes were among the items stolen during these breaks, he noted.

The campus policeman indicated that dormitories with outside entrances were the sites

of the thefts. H and I dorms had the most break-ins. The thieves gained entrance to the rooms by breaking the window and reaching in to turn the door knob, he stated.

Smith said that the police maintain patrols in the area but find it "impossible to watch the dormitories all the time."

The thieves are probably watching the rooms now and anticipating which rooms to burglarize, the security officer commented.

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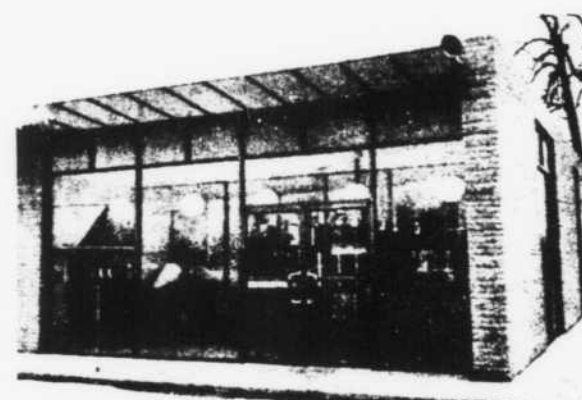
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