

NCAA violation threatens 1981 season

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

MTSU may have to forfeit its 1981 Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Championship because the university violated a National Collegiate Athletic Association rule and played an ineligible player, *Sidelines* has learned.

The NCAA violation was discovered during a State Board of Regents audit of the academic eligibility of MTSU athletes from the 1979-80 year to the present term.

THAT SAME study revealed numerous other irregularities which officials do not believe

to be violations of NCAA rules.

After receiving the results of an internal audit, MTSU President Sam Ingram notified NCAA officials in a March 9 letter that the university played athlete Joe D. Petrea during the 1981 baseball season, although he was only registered for 11 hours.

NCAA rules require an athlete to be registered for at least 12 hours.

As a penalty for playing the ineligible player, Ingram said yesterday he expects the NCAA "at the very least" to order MTSU to forfeit all of the games in which Petrea played.

Petrea, the team's starting first baseman, played in all of the team's 49 games, Sports Information Director Ed Given said yesterday. In 1981, the MTSU baseball team went 35-14, winning the OVC Championship and two games at the NCAA tournament.

Tom Yeager, assistant director of legislative services for the NCAA's enforcement division, said yesterday he could not confirm if Ingram's letter had been received.

YEAGER said, however, such an admission would be reviewed by the Committee on Infractions, which meets next

in late April.

"Depending on the circumstances, the committee would act accordingly," Yeager said.

In the letter to the NCAA Enforcement Division, Ingram explained that Petrea, then a senior, registered for 14 hours during the 1981 spring semester; however, three of those hours were for a course, Organization and Administration of Recreation, from which he had received an incomplete during the 1980 fall semester.

WHEN students sign up for courses in which they have

previously received an incomplete, "the records office automatically drops these students and send[s] them a notice," Ingram explained to the NCAA.

"Apparently the coach did not notice it, and apparently the student did not call it to anybody's attention," Ingram said yesterday. "The records office also failed to note this change before certifying his eligibility."

Baseball coach John Stanford said last night that Athletic Director Jimmy Earle had "only briefly" mentioned the audit results to him.

"I THOUGHT he had a full schedule, and he [Petrea] did too," Stanford said. "He was certified through admissions, and I used their information."

Stanford said he would not comment on any possible NCAA action until a ruling is made.

"It is just a very unfortunate technical mistake," Stanford said. "If Joe was trying to pull something over it would be a different thing. But Joe Petrea is one of the most honest and God-fearing people I've known since I've been here."

Earle was out of town and
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SBR official: state situation bad financially

By NANCY SLOAN

Staff Writer

Higher education in Tennessee is "badly situated financially," but the budget proposed by Gov. Alexander would greatly improve the situation, according to Bert Bach of the State Board of Regents.

Bach, who is vice chancellor of academic affairs for the SBR, told the MTSU Faculty Senate last night that the proposed budget would provide an increase in funds of 42 percent for higher education over the next four years.

"IF ONE presumes that proposal may be realized, it obviously projects a very different—and more favorable—scenario for higher education," Bach said.

Bach added that this presumes favorable response to tax legislation as well as resolution of controversial K-12 legislation.

Tennessee has a low per capita level of education by any comparison, Bach said. Half our citizens have not graduated from secondary school and mean ACT scores lag behind national averages.

TO IMPROVE the situation, the State Board of Regents adopted a report from its Task Force on the improvement of quality in teacher education last Dec. 3, Bach said.

Among recommendations accepted by SBR were the conclusions of the Education Equality Project of the College Board relative to the basic academic curriculum needed to prepare students for success in college.

"The board recommended that SBR institutions adopt admission standards or core course prerequisites that reflect a clear line of demarcation between high school and college-level work," Bach said.

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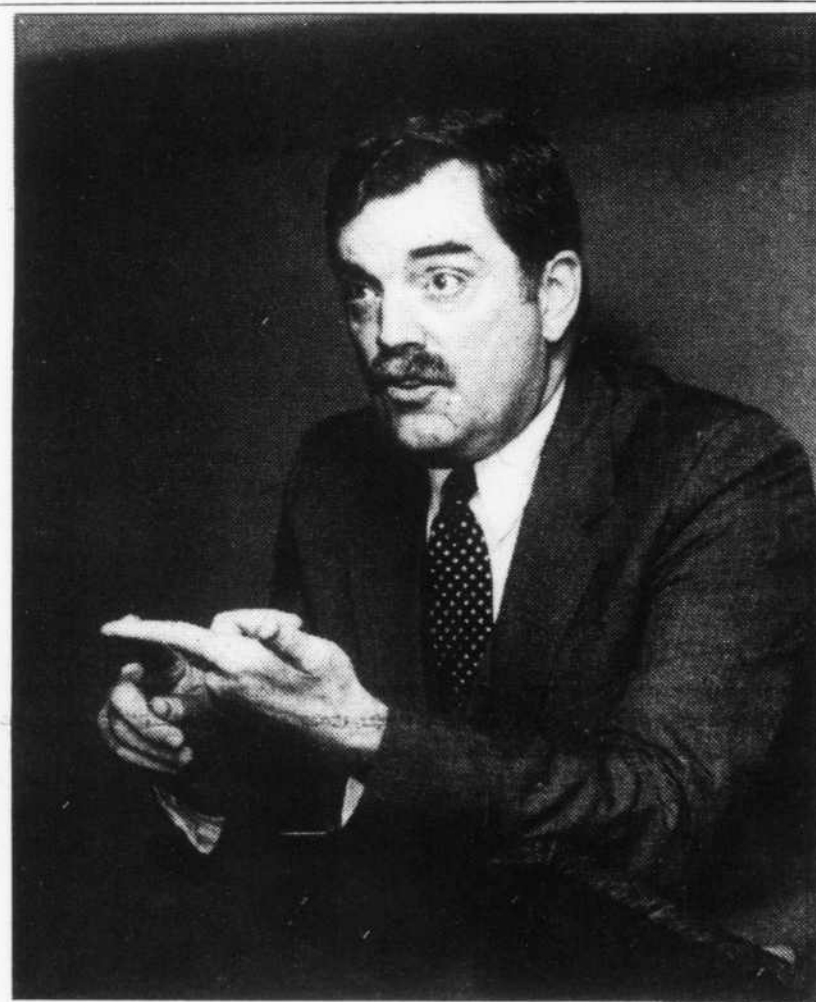


Photo by Mike Polley

Bert Bach, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs with the State Board of Regents, addresses members of the MTSU faculty senate last night.

petency defined included reading, writing, speaking and listening, mathematics, reasoning, and studying.

While visiting the 16 institutions of the SBR, Bach said he heard the same comments over and over from academic personnel—that "the students we receive are poorly prepared

and getting worse; that problems of remediation are increasing beyond our resources to address them; that the writing and mathematical abilities of our students will—if clear competencies are required prior to enrollment in our core curriculum—force
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Students to present policy change ideas to SBR committee

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

Possible revisions in dorm visitation and alcohol on campus policies will be discussed when student representatives address the State Board of Regents Committee on Student Life Thursday.

The State Board of Regents will meet in regular session Friday at Chattanooga State Technical Community College, at which time the committee will make its reports and recommendations.

ASB President David Kessler will present a recommendation to revise the present MTSU dorm-visitation policy to the committee. The ASB, along with the Student Government Association at Memphis State, will request at least one dorm be established with a 24-hour visitation policy.

"We're really pushing for 24-hour visitation," Kessler said. "Eventually we may work on the establishment of coed dorms."

MTSU President Sam Ingram has not submitted this as a recommendation, but has directed the MTSU Housing

Office to study its feasibility. MSU President Tom Carpenter did not concur in the recommendation of the committee of students, faculty and administrators appointed to review MSU housing rules.

IN A statement submitted by the President's Council, the recommendation for a 24-hour residence hall facility on each campus is "reflective of the needs of the student."

"Students have erratic schedules," the report says. "Many students attend classes all day, work all night and have only late night or early morning to work with study groups or entertain visitors. Many students wish to enjoy the interaction dorm life provides while retaining freedom in visitation currently available to only those that reside in apartments."

The subject of alcoholic beverages on campus and possible revision of the present policy will be addressed by Catherine Hayes-Crawford, secretary of academic affairs at Memphis State. Her recommendation requests that "the total ban regulation be changed in favor of a ruling allowing for possession and consumption on a restricted area basis."

"WE ASK that possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be allowed in residence halls, limited to the
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Services held after student dies in wreck

By MARSHA ROBERSON

Staff Writer

Funeral services were held Sunday for former Lady Raider Kim Upchurch, killed in an auto accident Thursday night on her way to Cookeville to watch the Lady Raiders' championship game against Morehead State.

Bethany Kline, a graduate assistant in the HPERS department, was Upchurch's companion when the accident occurred near Smithville. Kline is in the intensive care unit at Vanderbilt Hospital and is listed in "guarded condition."

UPCHURCH, a senior from Allardt, Tenn., transferred to MTSU from Tennessee Tech last year. A member of the Lady Raiders Basketball team, she showed limited action last season, quitting the squad earlier this season in order to concentrate on her studies.

"It was like losing a
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College life a stress situation: psychologist

By MARSHA ROBERSON

Staff Writer

College life is a "ready-made stress situation," and it sometimes becomes even more stressful during exam time, according to campus psychologist James Covington.

Stress during mid-term exam time often comes after the exams are over and the results are back, Covington said.

"THE students tell themselves they are doing fine in their studies, and then they take their mid-terms and find out they aren't doing so well after all," he said. "Depending on the situation, this may cause a student considerable stress."

One reason college is so stressful is because students' work is constantly being evaluated. Final exam week is usually a lot more stressful to students than mid-term exam week, Covington said.

"Often after finals a student will discover that he hasn't passed a class, and he is faced with examining his student life. He has to think about whether he is in the right field, whether he should stay in school, whether to change

majors and worry about what his parents are going to think," Covington said.

NOT everyone reacts the same in situations such as this, but many students react with anxiety, nervous behavior or depression, according to the psychologist.

"Not all stress is bad; a little bit of stress sometimes gets us going in the right direction," Covington said.

Barbara Martin, head nurse at the infirmary, says there are sometimes physical symptoms to stress.

"STUDENTS come in with headaches, nausea and other abdominal discomforts as a result of stress. We can give them medications to take care of these stress-related symptoms, but they have to deal with the stress themselves," she said.

Martin agreed with Covington that stress is more prevalent among students during finals than mid-terms. She said that sometimes at mid-term week the infirmary will have more stress-related cases, but this semester it hasn't been a particular problem.

Covington said that if a student gets to the point where he cannot handle normal things without worry and anxiety and cannot perform at an optimum level then the student should seek help.

"MOST people that seek counseling at the guidance center are perfectly normal. They are just people seeking rational solutions to certain concerns. There is nothing wrong with seeking out

At Peck Hall

Speaker of the House runoff set

By NANCY SLOAN

Staff Writer

The ASB Speaker of the House runoff between Calvin Howell and Geoffrey Herring will be decided by paper ballot Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Peck Hall.

Neither candidate received the required 50 percent plus one vote to win the March 2-3 ASB elections. Herring received 748 votes while Howell pulled 489.

THE only campaigning allowed in the runoff is "on a one-to-one verbal basis" Cindy Pease, election commissioner,

someone to talk to. We're just a little more skilled at handling problems than friends and neighbors are," he said.

In order to cut stress, Covington suggested that students evaluate their potential and then set some reasonable goals for themselves. Then, he said, they should map out a plan to successfully reach these goals one at a time in a responsible manner.

Abolishing the house of representatives was a major issue during the campaign, but neither Herring nor Howell are in favor of that.

"If a bicameral system can work, I'd like to keep it," Howell said. "It's unique, and I like it."

MTSU is the only school under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Regents that has a bicameral system of student government.

The problems with the House are poor attendance and lack of knowledge on writing

bills and parliamentary procedure, according to Howell.

"I would improve this by holding a workshop so they [House members] could learn," Howell said.

HERRING, also in favor of keeping the bicameral system, proposed to improve the attendance problem by "having a more definite set of rules for members," including contacting the president of the organization that the member who missed meetings represented.

Campus Capsule

TUESDAY

THE SEQUOIA STRING QUARTET will perform at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. For reservations and ticket information call 898-2469.

MOVIE: "SECRET OF THE NIMH" continues in the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated G.

WEDNESDAY

MOVIE: "HORSEFEATHERS" BEGINS in the University Center Theatre. Rated G.

THE BLUE RAIDERS BASEBALL TEAM takes on Western Kentucky at 3 p.m. at Smith Field.

ACT COMP SENIOR TESTS, a requirement for graduation, will be given at 8:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT presents "The Evolution of Learning Mechanisms," by Professor John Garcia, recipient of the Significant Scientific Contribution Award, at 7 p.m. in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building.

THE CHEMISTRY CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. in Room 106 of the Davis Science Building. Dr. Roy Clark will be the

guest speaker.

THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB will meet at 4 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 319.

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY program will be presented in the Grill Annex at noon. Anchorman Chris Clark will highlight the guest speakers.

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SATURDAY

WILLIE NELSON APPEARS in concert in Murphy Center at 8 p.m.

NOTICE

THE COMPUTER CENTER staff will perform system file maintenance on Saturday, March 26. Users will not have access to the computer that day.

Training benefits can be restored for unemployed Vietnam vets

Expired GI Bill vocational training benefits for Vietnam Era veterans can be restored for many unemployed veterans under a law passed by Congress in October.

Robert S. Bielak, director at the Nashville VA Regional Office, said the vocational training benefits will be available until December 31, 1984 to unemployed or "underemployed" (working at a job that is below his or her skills or capabilities) Vietnam Era veterans.

BEFORE the law was passed, veterans had 10 years from their discharge date to use their GI Bill educational benefits. Those benefits cease

at the end of the 10-year period.

The new extension, Bielak said, is open to the Vietnam Era veteran in service between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 who has been unemployed or underemployed for six months or more, and whom VA counselors determine requires some type of vocational training to obtain a "reasonably stable" employment situation matching his or her aptitudes and abilities.

Benefits can be paid for high school, vocational, on the job or apprenticeship training, Bielak said. The benefits extension does not apply to degree programs.

THE veteran's total training under VA educational benefits may still not exceed the maximum 45 months specified in the GI Bill, but veterans who have not used their full eligibility now have more time to pick up vocational training necessary to improve their employment situation.

Bielak said the new law could have real impact on the unemployed Vietnam veterans in Tennessee.

More information about the new law and eligibility requirements may be obtained from the Nashville VA Regional Office at 1-800-254-5411.

NCAA violation

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could not be reached for comment. Petrea lives out of state and could not be located.

INGRAM said yesterday he was "disappointed" by the findings of the audit.

"In an audit over a four-year period, you expect some irregularities, but I did not expect to find a player who was clearly ineligible," Ingram said.

In other areas, the audit found the following irregularities which university officials acknowledge:

- **Lack of compliance with university policy on repeated courses.**

"[Six] student athletes were noted as having repeated courses which were previously passed with a grade of 'A', the audit says.

However, MTSU policy on repeated courses only allows students to repeat courses "for the purpose of raising their grade-point averages."

- **Incorrect transfer data reported.**

"A student athlete," later identified as Shawn P. Fisher, "was noted on a football eligibility list as being a

transfer from a junior college. However, this student has never attended a junior college, and was an entering freshman with a high school GPA of 1.766," the audit report states.

"Thus he was not a 2.000 qualifier and should not have been certified as being eligible," the study adds.

Sidelines could not determine yesterday what year Fisher was on the team or if he played in any games for MTSU.

The report attributes the mistake to a typist's error.

"Upon examination of the handwritten copy of the eligibility list it was noted that the transfer data actually applied to another name on the list," the report says. "The typist had apparently gotten off a line when typing the official list."

- **Failure to adhere to bad check policy.**

Ricky D. Williams, a non-scholarship football player in 1982, "paid his Fall 1982 fees with a \$1,200 check from which he received \$684 cash back in the registration line. His check was subsequently

returned by the bank for insufficient funds," the report says.

MTSU policy requires a student to be dropped from school if a registration bad check is not redeemed within 10 days of notification, the report explains.

"Contrary to this policy this student was not dropped until November 29, 1982 after an original notification date of October 4, 1982. The check had been written during the last week of August 1982."

In addition, the audit report states that Williams already owed for five bad checks written between January and July, 1982.

"The current balance due from this student is \$1,206," the study says.

- **Failure to verify high school GPA.**

"[Two] students were noted as being certified as eligible for which the high school grade-point average had not been obtained," the report notes.

NCAA Bylaw 5-1-(j) requires that an entering freshman have a high school grade-point average of 2.000 as certified on the high school transcript or by

official correspondence.

- **Errors in the reporting of academic hours to the OVC.**

"[I]t was noted in [nine] instances that the hours reported [on the OVC official eligibility list] differed from the hours on the official transcript," the audit report states.

"None of the differences would have affected the athletes' eligibility," it adds.

- **Failure to adhere to MTSU General Studies Requirements.**

The audit report reveals that, during the 1981-82 academic year, 19 student athletes were noted as not being enrolled in the required English course. Likewise, during the 1982-83 academic year, three student athletes were not in the required

English course.

- **Incorrect high school GPA reported.**

"In [four] instances it was noted that the high school GPA reported on the eligibility roster was different from the GPA reported by the high school," the report says.

- **Incorrect posting of transfer credits to transcripts.**

"A one hour semester course taken by a student athlete at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga was entered on the MTSU transcript as .67 semester hours; however, UTC is a semester institution," the study says.

"The eligibility roster had been prepared with the correct

one hour reported, but it did not agree [with] the MTSU transcript."

In a written response to the audit, Ingram said steps have been or would be taken to remedy each of the irregularities.

MTSU is the first State Board of Regents school to be audited for eligibility and academic progress in athletics.

"The board has taken an active interest the last two or three years in athletics," Ingram said.

Ingram said an ad hoc committee on athletics has been concerned about athletic expenditures, whether athletes are being exploited and whether they are making normal progress toward graduation.

Bach

larger numbers into remedial sections."

Bach stressed the importance of the manner in which the faculty and staff responded to the difficult times projected.

EXAMPLE, all SBR institutions have been asked to revise their core mathematics requirements, he said, requiring either a prerequisite of two years of high school algebra or a year of algebra

Runoff

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rooms of those residents of legal drinking age," she said in her report.

Also being requested is a policy change to provide for a

and one of geometry.

Additionally, Bach added, major efforts are being made in the improvement of computer education, composition, and vocational-technical programming.

A statewide faculty committee made 24 recommendations which will result in a more clear definition of the competencies high school students must bring to college,

require strengthening field experiences for teacher education, increase competence in subject areas, and generally increase the rigor of the program, Bach said.

The two MTSU staff members on this committee are Harold Spraker, professor of mathematics and computer science, and Charlie Akers, field service representative.

campus pub.

A campus pub would allow students to "socialize in a stable and controlled environment without the necessity of students leaving the campus. Allowing the use of alcohol on

a restricted area basis and a campus pub will provide the university population with a more integrated scope of social interaction and offer a continuity to campus life," according to the report.

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Academic changes, loans to be discussed by Board of Regents

By RONDA KRUMALIS
News Editor

Changes in academic programs and educational loans are among the topics to be discussed at the meeting of the State Board of Regents

MTSU debaters win awards in tournament

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Staff Writer

MTSU debaters won three of the five individual speaker awards given at the Volunteer Classic debate tournament in Knoxville last weekend.

Ed Anderson, Greg Simerly and Tom Bickers placed second, fourth and fifth, respectively.

TWENTY teams representing Austin Peay State University, David Lipscomb College, Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, Villanova University, Wofford College, Western Kentucky University and MTSU competed.

Of the eight teams debating in the elimination rounds, three were from MTSU, Simerly said.

While the MTSU team of Cecilia West and Mike Evans was defeated in the quarterfinal round, the teams of Ed Anderson and Scott Greer and Greg Simerly and Tom Bickers each won and advanced to the semifinals.

Thursday and Friday in Chattanooga.

New academic programs at MTSU will be proposed by the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs. A Master of Science degree in Computer Science, an 18-credit hour certificate program in Gerontology and an undergraduate minor in Remote Sensing will be recommended for approval by the Board.

THE Agribusiness Certificate program and the Master of Arts degree in Finance will be recommended for termination, Agribusiness effective in the fall, 1983, and Finance immediately.

Educational loans as provided for by the Clifford N. and Pauline W. Stark Educational fund will be proposed by the Student Life Committee, along with suggestions for regulations and guidelines.

Regulations concerning the loans have been drafted by the Board and MTSU staff in consideration of the purpose of the Fund and particular financial aid needs of MTSU students. The regulations propose that the loans be directed toward academically well-qualified students unable to obtain adequate financial aid from other public sources; that MTSU administer the loan program in a manner consistent with established campus procedures; and that the loans be at a low rate of interest (3 percent), payable in six years following a nine-month grace period.



Photo by Cliff Batson

Flyin' high

MTSU student Colby Tucker takes time out to "go fly a kite," a possible remedy for the spring fever which is being experienced by lots of students lately.

Chris Clark highlights local FOI Day program

Television newsman Chris Clark and the governor's press secretary will observe Freedom of Information Day on Wednesday at noon in the grill annex of the University Center.

Clark, WTVF anchorman, and Press Secretary John Parish will join three other speakers in a discussion of the importance of freedom of information.

THE PANEL discussion, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the MTSU Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi and co-sponsored by the MTSU Pre-Law Society and Sidelines.

Clark, who is also the chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of SPJ, SDX, will address "The Public of Privilege to the Public."

Upchurch

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member of the family," Coach Larry Joe Inman said. "It has been hard on everyone; she was a super girl, very intelligent and hard working."

Upchurch was named all-Midstate performer twice during her high school basketball career at York Institute.

Her roommate was Lady Raider Holly Hoover, who was also a former teammate of Upchurch's at Tennessee Tech.

Measles on campuses result of poor protection

By CHARLES S. TAYLOR
United Press International

ATLANTA — The recent measles epidemics on college and high school campuses highlights a dilemma facing health officials—there are thousands of students who are inadequately protected against the disease.

Some estimates indicate up to 20 percent of a given student population is susceptible to measles.

Dr. Walter Orenstein of the immunization division of the national Center for Disease Control said pre-school youngsters are another major population group susceptible to measles.

"YOUNG adults account for the majority of measles cases now," said Orenstein. "What we're not seeing much of is school-based measles. It's been the extremes of age—young adults and preschoolers, but particularly the college students."

Major outbreaks of measles occurred on two college campuses in Indiana recently—Indiana and Purdue universities. Last year there were epidemics at Baylor University in Texas and on high school campuses in the Miami area.

Orenstein credits the low number of measles cases in grade schools goes to the vaccination requirement that is enforced in most of the 50 states. The CDC is supporting a move to impose the same requirement at the college level.

THE MEASLES vaccine is reaching those who enter the armed services, where vaccination is required, said Orenstein.

But Orenstein said students who attend college can complete their education without ever being protected against a disease that is particularly dangerous for adults. The CDC said people 20 years of age and older have had the highest death-to-case ratio in recent years.

Orenstein said college students are highly mobile, a factor that could spread a measles epidemic from one part of the nation to another or bring in a case from a foreign country.

THE CDC said the high susceptibility of some college and university populations is due to several factors: Many children growing up in the mid-1960s may have missed measles vaccination in the first years following licensing of the vaccine in 1963. Also, many students may not have been immunized under comprehensive public school laws now in effect in most states.

Colleges and universities have not required immunization against measles, the CDC said, and thousands of students may have escaped natural measles infection because of decreasing transmission.

news at a glance

By United Press International
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger says "there's no question" the Salvadoran government could turn back rebels if it is given more U.S. aid. Weinberger, in a television interview Sunday, said the situation in the Central American country had not reached a crisis stage.

Regents

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There was, however, some difference of opinion on the alcohol on campus issue.

Howell is in favor of alcohol of campus, with some restrictions.

ALCOHOL should be allowed in the dorms, he said, but he was opposed to "a pub in the grill."

Herring said he was in favor of the current legislation on the state level which would raise the drinking age to 21, therefore making alcohol illegal to a great percentage of MTSU students.

For students of legal drinking age, Herring said personal possession of alcohol on campus "would be OK."

WASHINGTON — Israel is not prepared to withdraw its troops from Lebanon in the near future, despite U.S. impatience with the slow-moving process. Four hours of talks between Secretary of State George Shultz and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir resulted in no firm agreement for withdrawal. More talks are planned today.

AMMAN, Jordan — Former President Carter, winding up talks yesterday with Jordan's King Hussein, urged Palestinian leaders to accept President Reagan's Middle East peace plan or risk losing the West Bank to Israel forever. Carter was to continue his 17-day trip to Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Morocco.

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Journalists celebrate freedom of information

On March 16, the birthday of James Madison will be celebrated by broadcast and print-media organizations throughout the nation. These organizations have chosen to commemorate Madison's birthday in order to call attention to the guarantees of the First Amendment and the Freedom of Information Act.

Madison, the primary author of the Bill of Rights, set forth the guarantees that American citizens would enjoy certain freedoms which could not be legally denied them.

ONE OF the most important parts of the Bill of Rights is the First Amendment, which simply says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for redress of grievances."

In conjunction with the MTSU Pre-Law Society and *Sidelines*, the MTSU Chapter of Professional Journalists is sponsoring a Freedom of Information Day Program on Wednesday, March 16, at noon in the MTSU Grill Annex. The program will feature many well-known print and broadcast journalists who will discuss the importance of free information and the attempts presently being made to stop the right of citizens to information.

FREEDOM of Information Day is an effort by concerned citizens and journalists to inform the public of the need for free information and of the consequences of legislation which seeks to curtail the right of citizens to obtain certain information.

The United States has had a long history of insisting upon freedom of the press. Starting with Madison and other Revolutionary-Era figures, freedom of the press has been viewed as a necessity for the preservation of our democracy. As long as the press is allowed freedom in its attempts to obtain information and in its selection of topics, the American people can feel more at ease knowing that their government is being constantly checked for corruption and injustice.

THE FREE press has played an important role in many movements in this country by pointing out the injustices of certain segments of society to the public at large. The civil rights movement, the end of the Vietnam War and the conviction of those responsible for Watergate are just a few examples of events which may never have taken place if the press had not been allowed the freedom it is constitutionally guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Freedom of Information Day is not just a ploy by journalists to maintain freedom of the press for their own benefit; it is also a day of great importance to all citizens. The First Amendment protects all Americans from government abuse, while it also gives everyone an opportunity to voice their

approval or disapproval of anything. A short glimpse at the tyranny and corruption in nations governed by governments which do not grant the freedoms set forth in the First Amendment will vividly demonstrate the importance of these rights.

HOWEVER, there are those in America who wish to see the freedoms guaranteed in the First Amendment and the Freedom of Information Act diminished. The Reagan administration has campaigned vigorously in favor of legislation which would unduly limit the rights of citizens to acquire information.

Since the Reagan administration has been in power, a number of bills which would limit freedom to information have been proposed and several have become law. Congress has passed a law which makes it a crime for journalists and others to disclose the names of present or former CIA operatives. Reagan has recently signed an executive order governing the classification of government documents, and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has proposed a bill which would have inhibited the release of information about business, law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

REAGAN has made a point of avoiding the press as much as possible and has often criticized the Freedom of Information Act. For some reason, Reagan seems to feel that the citizens of this country are either too irresponsible or too ignorant to digest certain information, which he is now seeking to make inaccessible to public scrutiny.

The President's attitude is alarming to say the least. Such a disregard for the public's right to know the true workings of government could lead to further abuses, which in turn could lead to tyranny and overt censorship.

Fortunately, there are government officials who see the danger involved with legislation directed at undermining the Freedom of Information Act and are taking steps to stop such proposals. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, has been an instrumental figure in the effort to block legislation bent on diminishing freedom to information.

LEAHY, along with several other Congressmen, sees the need for the continuance of the Freedom of Information Act and continued respect for the First Amendment. Leahy is making an effort to strengthen the right of Americans to obtain information of vital interest.

As efforts continue to be made by Reagan, Hatch and others to diminish the public's right to information, these words of James Madison are becoming prophetic: "I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

Much of Madison's wisdom and writings have governed this nation effectively over the last two centuries. We need to heed his words now if this nation is to continue its democratic tradition.



Boards oppose Sunshine law

By EDWARD KIMBRELL
Professor of Mass Communications

It should come as no real surprise that the Tennessee School Board Association is trying to amend the state Sunshine law to bar the press from certain discussions. Ever since this state passed a strong law favoring public meetings and public discussions of the public's business, group after group has gone to the legislature, saying the law was too difficult to administer.

THIS time the school board case seems to make sense. At least, at first blush it does. It wants the press not to be present when the board "needs to meet with its negotiators to talk about the platform" or when "student personnel problems" are being discussed. That makes sense, if you are trying to talk about teachers' salaries and contracts and sensitive employee and student personnel matters, and if you are on a school board.

But it doesn't make sense if you want to continue to enjoy public trust and public support. I am not saying that open meetings are easy for those on the board, or for the student hauled before them on allegations, perhaps, of sexual misconduct or drunkenness. But their discomfort and

displeasure are the price they and all of us must be willing to pay if government is going to build any credibility at all.

OPEN meetings, open records, and openly arrived at conclusions not only build the confidence of the people in government, they also seem, to me, to be saying that we Americans are different from any other people on earth, that we honestly believe openness brings about better law and better policy formation. That, at least, is the hope.

I must admit to becoming rather rankled when people say the press covers these meetings because of the sensational nature of them.

School board meetings, records and other materials do make news. But they are often dull, boring and even silly. Yet the press has taken on that role because, as one defender of the press has written, the "people demanded the press, or somebody, be there to look in."

NASHVILLE has gone through the agony of trying, in public, to resolve its question of school integration. It has been agony all right. But all of us who have followed that story know how well intentioned the boards have been in trying to resolve the

questions before them. No one can say that it all went on behind closed doors because, that way, "no one was hurt."

The point is simply this: when the doors are locked, someone is hurt. That someone is the public, the people who pay their taxes, worry about their kids and education and worry that lobbyists, more than constituents, are helping to make the laws that govern us all.

FREEDOM of information laws, in my view, are making government better. New politicians now much prefer openness, most of the time, to closed doors that generate raised eyebrows and stinging questions about why the meeting or books were closed.

Freedom of information, it seems to me, is an extension of the First Amendment that serves us well. There is discomfort. There is some pain, especially in personnel matters and negotiations. But school boards need public support more than ever before, as we all challenge them to do a better job for our children. To have it, they must do the job publicly. To do less, casts the long shadow of doubt across the best-intentioned among all those who choose public life.

Courts aid journalism students

Excerpted from FOI '82
A report from the Society of Professional Journalists

Student journalists have been learning with increasing frequency in recent months that the laws protecting professionals apply equally on college campuses.

School administrators, often reluctant to believe that the guarantees of a free press extend to academics, have been getting the same message; it has been coming from the courts.

STUDENTS face many of the obstacles encountered by professionals but find them magnified by rules imposed by academic institutions, and often by their own ignorance of their legal rights.

Prior review and censorship are common. College and high school administrators frequently believe if they're paying to publish a newspaper, they can say what goes in it.

But when students or faculty advisers challenge the administrators, the courts are coming down on the side of the students.

Following are some examples:

- The University of Arizona newspaper last year sued the university to force disclosure of an internal report of an athletic slush fund. The \$35,000 fund became public when the football coach resigned after a investigation into sports financing.

In December, the state Supreme Court ruled the results of the investigation

must be made available to the press.

"It seems clear that the public has a right to be assured of the integrity of its institutions," and it has a right to know how public funds are spent, ruled Justice Michael J. Brown. Because tax dollars were used to conduct the probe at the state college, the information could not be withheld from the press, the judge said.

Editors at Morehead State University's student newspaper, *The Trail Blazer*, were told by the Board of Student Publications last spring to maintain "editorial neutrality" in a local wet-dry election. The order came after the editors had agreed to run editorials, pro and con, by students involved in the issue, but not to let the newspaper take a side.

The editors prevailed. Fearing the board's order could set a precedent extending to other local issues and elections, they challenged it by asking the state attorney general for an opinion on the board's authority.

The attorney general ruled that the board is a governing body at a state-run institution, thus part of the state government, and its action amounted to prior restraint.

Student disciplinary hearings at Oklahoma's state colleges and universities are covered by the state's open meetings law, says a ruling by Atty. Gen. Jon Eric Cartwright.

"The clear, unambiguous statement of legislative policy . . . is that no executive sessions of any kind, for any reason, shall be held except as expressly permitted by statute," Cartwright said in a ruling requested by E.T. Dunlap, Oklahoma's chancellor of higher education.

The only exemption, Cartwright said, are student disciplinary hearings conducted by local boards of education.

Investigative reporter Susie Forrest was fired from the University of Nevada-Reno campus newspaper, *The Sagebrush* last March for writing a story critical of the school's football coach, Chris Ault. She interviewed five former assistant coaches who were highly critical of Ault. Some said he was abusive to his players. The next day, Forrest was fired.

Sagebrush editor Charles Morse said he fired Forrest because she allowed a professor to edit her article before the newspaper editors saw it. Forrest, however, said she was fired not only for the coaching article but for conducting a news poll which reflected badly on the university. In the poll she learned, for example, that when 200 students were asked "Where is El Salvador?" 39 said it is in Africa and 14 put it somewhere in the Middle East.

Forrest sued the university for defamation of character and won.

Elsewhere

President issues order for polygraph tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan's new directive ordering federal employees with access to classified documents to take lie detector tests during investigations into leaks of classified information could affect thousands of federal workers.

Reagan issued a tough order Friday allowing agencies throughout the government to use polygraph tests to plug the leaks of classified information, or face disciplinary action and possible dismissal.

ALTHOUGH the directive does not spell out what punishment would follow a refusal to take a test, an administration official told reporters it

could, at the minimum, include denying offenders further access to classified material.

Steven Garfinkel, director of the General Services Administration's Information Security Oversight Office, said about 60 federal agencies have access to classified material.

He said hundreds of thousands of federal workers, including the military, have clearances that allow them access to classified material.

REAGAN ordered all federal agencies to change their policies to allow polygraph tests in event of a leak of classified information.

White House officials said the president signed

the directive Friday morning "to ensure that laws protecting classified information against unlawful disclosure are more effectively carried out."

They said the directive simply prohibits a ban on use of lie detectors, "as their use in most agencies and departments is expected to be discretionary."

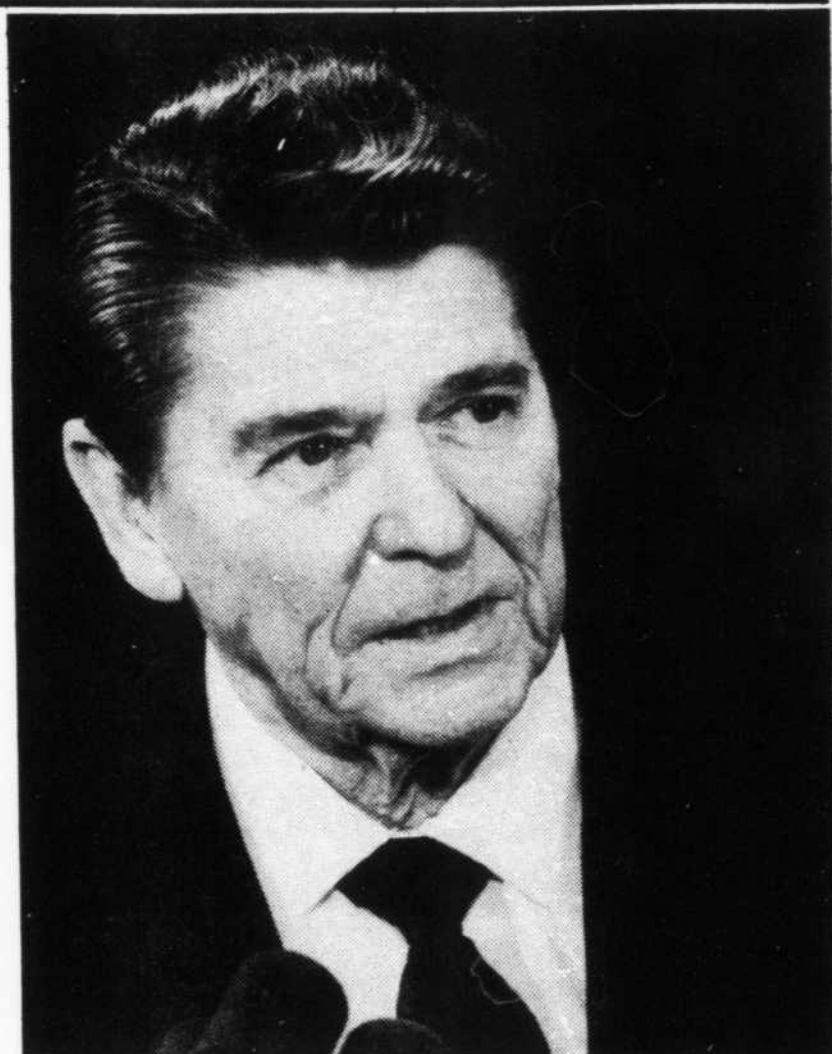
THE NEW rules also say more employees who have access to super-classified material will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements, requiring they submit any written material for prepublication review by the various agencies.

ACLU official John

Shattuck condemned the administration's latest action, calling it a "sweeping and extremely dangerous order."

The government's new policy comes in the wake of Reagan's continuing concern over unauthorized leaks of information.

ADMINISTRATION officials said the new order has been in the works for a year. They said the most recent leak involving national security concerned the sending of AWACS to Egypt and the aircraft carrier Nimitz off the coast of Libya in the face of a Libyan military buildup on the Sudanese border.



President Ronald Reagan polygraphs for federal workers

Ray stabbing trial

Blacks should be included on jury: attorney

By STEVE HOLLAND

United Press International

KNOXVILLE — The trial of three black Brushy Mountain State Prison inmates charged with stabbing James Earl Ray has enough "racial overtones" that an all-white jury should not be picked, defense attorneys say.

But going into today's second day of the trial, nine white jurors had been seated tentatively to hear the case, and two blacks were among 21 prospective jurors disqualified.

JURY selection is to resume at 8 a.m.

"I'd like to know where all

the blacks are. There are obvious racial overtones here," Defense Attorney Patrick O'Rourke told reporters when court adjourned last night.

"You've got James Earl Ray. Certainly, the murder of Martin Luther King was a racial act. If you were black, would you want to be tried by an all-white jury?" asked O'Rourke, who is helping former Chicago attorney Isaiah Gant defend the inmates.

RAY, serving a 99-year prison term for the 1968 sniper slaying of the civil rights leader, was stabbed 22 times with a 12-inch "prison-sticker"

June 4, 1981, while in the law library at the Petros, Tenn., prison studying a pardon request.

The most frequent question posed to prospective jurors has been whether they would have any prejudice toward hearing the case because of the notoriety of Ray and the slaying of King.

"When you hear the name James Earl Ray, does it conjure up anything?" Gant asked one prospect, Wanda Rouse.

"HE'S the murderer of Martin Luther King," Rouse replied.

Ray, 55, maintains he did

not kill King, but that he was brainwashed into pleading guilty to the crime. He says he was stabbed to silence him for what he knows about King's assassination. He has failed to win a full-blown hearing.

Charged in the stabbing are:

• Dock Walker, 36, of Memphis, serving a 100-year sentence for armed robbery.

• Jerome N. Ransom, 20, of Chattanooga, 15 years for second-degree murder and larceny of an automobile.

• John Willie Partee, 32, of Davidson County, serving a 99-year sentence for first-degree murder.

The inmates pleaded innocent to charges of felonious assault with intent to commit murder and aggravated assault. They face a maximum sentence of seven years to life in prison if convicted on both counts.

THEY were officers of a 42-member, state-chartered group called the Alke-bulan Association at the time of Ray's stabbing. The group was named from the Nigerian word for "black" and was formed to teach inmates African history, culture and religion, officials said.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Director Arzo Carson, who has been subpoenaed to testify in the trial, contended at the time of the incident that the inmates allegedly stabbed Ray to draw attention to their group.

The TBI also said the Alkebulan Association had turned increasingly militant.

Representative's son arrested; sponsor of drunken driving law

NASHVILLE (UPI) — The sponsor of what is called the "nation's toughest drunken driving law" said yesterday his son drank "some wine and champagne" at a wedding reception before he ran his car into a parked vehicle and was

charged with DUI.

Sen. Curtis Person, the Memphis Republican who sponsored Tennessee's tough new drunken driving law, said the law applies to everyone.

Curtis S. Person III, 22, was arrested shortly before mid-

night Saturday after his car struck an abandoned car on an East Memphis street. Police charged Person with public drunkenness, driving while under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving. Person showed up in General Sessions Court on Monday, but the case was postponed until April 29.

"THE LAW applies to everyone," said Person's father, in Nashville for the Senate session, "and he must take his responsibility like everyone else."

"He doesn't drink hard liquor. He had had some wine and champagne at a wedding reception his mother and I were at."

Defense says husband trained wife like 'dog'

FORT PAYNE, Ala. (UPI) — Attorneys for a Murfreesboro woman, who confessed to killing two people and shooting another, began their defense yesterday, saying her husband "trained her as one trains a pup to become a vicious dog."

Defense attorney Bob French began the defense for Judith Neelley, an 18-year-old mother of three, claiming that he was a cruel, sexually obsessed, insanely jealous monster who turned his wife into a "robot" carrying out his orders.

"THERE are two Judy Neelley's," French told the jury. "The one you see today is much different from the Judy Neelley under the influence and control of Alvin Neelley."

"Judy Neelley became Alvin Neelley's slave in every aspect of the word you can imagine," French said.

French called Jo Ann Browning, Neelley's first wife and mother of three of his children, as his first witness. The 37-year-old Dalton, Ga., resident testified that Neelley repeatedly beat her in the head and around the breasts.

"I'D PUT on his shoes for him and put his pants on for him," she said. "Sometimes

he'd haul off and kick me if I didn't do it right."

"Seems like he beat me every night," she said.

The prosecution, led by District Attorney Richard Igou called the last of it's 29 witnesses this morning, resting it's case around 11 a.m.

Danny Smith, an investigator with the district attorney's office, testified for an hour and a half about confessions by Judith Neelley he took Oct. 15 concerning her part in the deaths of Lisa Ann Millican and Janice Chapman.

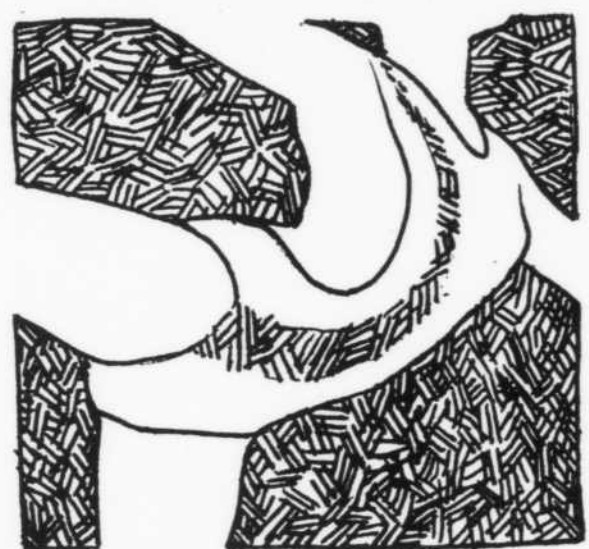
SMITH testified Neelley told him the reason she killed Millican, a 13-year-old who was living in a youth detention center in Cedartown, Ga., was that she thought the girl would be better dead than returned to the center.

The investigator said Neelley told him, "I couldn't turn her loose. She'd get in trouble. I'd rather see her dead than in the YDC."

Neelley had spent time in the girl's home prior to meeting her husband. Smith said she told him she had been sexually abused in the center, and held a grudge against employees of the center.

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Features

Phillips devotes 36 years to bookstore

By CHERYL PURYEAR
Staff Writer
Charles R. Phillips is very proud of MTSU, now, and as it was when he graduated 36 years ago—immediately becoming manager of the school's bookstore.

"I have something, and I believe in it," he said. "I've enjoyed every moment I've been here."

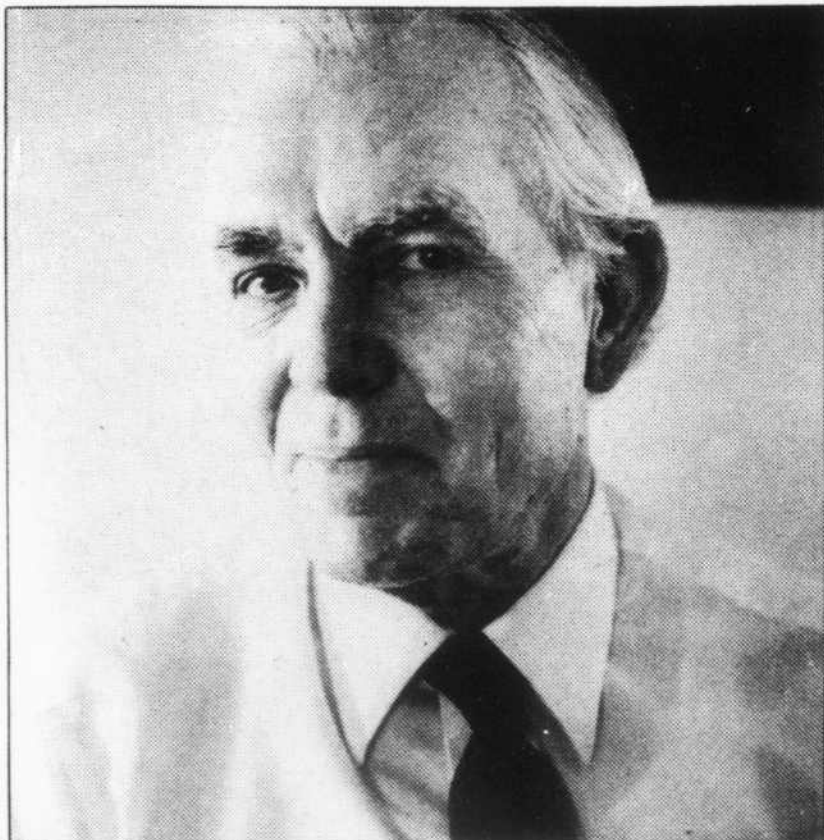
IN 1940, Phillips came to MTSU from Watertown, Tenn. to play football and major in physical education.

During this time (except for the two years he served in the Army Air Force in World War II), he managed the Red Rose Soda Fountain located in what is now the Industrial Arts Building.

Having been recognized for his ability and enthusiasm for hard work, he was approached by the business manager to manage the bookstore, then located downstairs in Kirksey Old Main—for \$250 a month; he agreed.

AFTER making the MTSU bookstore one of the top 25 college bookstores in the country, according to the National Association of College Stores, Phillips' energies and devotion still belong to this campus.

"My key employees are alumni, and I want to keep it



Charles Phillips is in his 36th year as the manager of the MTSU bookstore.

that way," he said. "It brings something back to a student body. Several of us on campus have this strong feeling for the university, mainly because we are alumni."

"We are for all the positive things."

PHILLIPS attributes the size of the university in years past as the reason for the closeness among the alumni and their devotion to the campus.

From an enrollment in 1947 of 700 to 800 students, the figure has increased about 100 to 500 a year, he said.

Phillips said he can remember when there were only nine buildings on campus.

THE bookstore went through many changes as the campus grew, Phillips said.

"MTSU grew faster than we could keep up with," he said.

By 1953, when the bookstore

moved to the second floor of the new Student Union Building for more space, enrollment had increased so there was not enough room for the snackbar, cafeteria, post office and bookstore, he said.

SO THE bookstore moved into the teacher's lounge, he said.

Eventually, after almost 10 years of studying floor designs, Phillips moved the bookstore to its present location on the ground floor of the University Center.

It now has 41 full-time employees compared to two in 1947, he said.

PHILLIPS attributed the opening of the new store as his proudest moment.

The transitions most difficult for Phillips to adjust to came in the 1960s when the student population reached about 5,000.

"Students began to go with numbers," he said. "We used to know everybody."

THE VERY hardest transition to make was the one from floor employee to administrator, he said.

Changes in societal ideas, the economy and education have caused changes in students, Phillips said.

"Students have more these days," he said. "We didn't have cars on campus then."

After the war, when the economy got better, people started buying and buying.

"STUDENTS don't have the same concept of what value is—they don't care," he said. "They are raised in an economy that dictates them."

Although students are less conservative than they used to be, Phillips said they seem to be more stable.

Students are making their own choices today rather than allowing their parents to—as was oftentimes the case in the past, he said.

TODAY, because of a better variety of teaching aids, better schools and better teachers, the level of education has improved, Phillips added.

In running the bookstore,

Phillips advocates a student and faculty-oriented operation.

"We are here for only one reason—the students on campus," he said.

"WE SIT in here making decisions, and one question that is always answered before we leave is—what does this do for the students?"

Phillips said the challenge of his job and the "tremendous environment" of working with an above-average population is the reason for his length of stay here. And he said that MTSU is moving in a positive direction.

"We are sitting right here in the middle of a growing section of the Southeast," he said. "I think MTSU will grow and grow."

Band auxiliary units chosen over weekend

By LINDA WARREN
Staff Writer

The MTSU Band of Blue has 26 new auxiliary unit members after the Saturday tryouts in the Instrumental Rehearsal Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Selected as drum major is Cammy Bouvin. Jennifer Atwood will assist in the roll.

THE rifle corps will consist of Molly Sherrill, Pam Phillips, Sabrina Parker, Jeanmarie Neal, Bo Brown and Herb Blair.

New flag corps members include Nancy Love, Lisa Warren, Karen Smith, Kathy Schenk, Laura Salmon, Mary

Oliver, Sue Kizer, Debbie Johnson, Deborah Horn, Annette Hinkle, Cindy Hedrick, Kellie Greer, Karen Frazier, Suzanne Fanning, Barbie Enloe, Betsy Drewry, Deborah Armstrong and Lisa Anible.

Judges for the tryouts were Joseph Smith, Linda Mitchell, Valerie Brown, Linda McNamers and Dwade O'Connor.

"IT'S going to be a good year," Mitchell said.

These new members will be attired in new uniforms when they march onto the field next year.

Band camp for the entire band will begin Aug. 21.

European trip slated for spring, summer

By ANTHONY PILLOW
Staff Writer

Two MTSU instructors and as many as 10 students will tour Europe in May or July as part of the European Cultural History Program.

In previous years the tour has been geared for history students interested in receiving credit in upper-division history classes.

"THIS year they're offering credit in music and art history as well," Charles Jansen, an MTSU art instructor who will accompany the students, said.

Jewelry show under way at library

The seventh Mini-Show of Jewelry is now on view in the Todd Library.

The work of Micki Lippe is done in silver and gold using direct fusing instead of soldering as a means of joining various components.

Lippe is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She is now self-employed as a goldsmith, showing her work in well established shops and galleries throughout the country. She also participates in competitions and exhibitions.

The show will be open and free to the public at regular library hours throughout the rest of the month. The series of mini shows is hosted by Professor Klaus Kallenberger of the art department.

Ron Messier, director of the MTSU Honors Program will also travel with the students.

The complete tour lasts about seven weeks. Groups from other colleges and universities, as well as MTSU, will travel to seven countries including France, Italy, Germany and Greece.

The cost of the tour depends on how long a student stays with the group. As the ECHP is sponsored by a consortium of American Universities and is non-profit, it costs less than comparable programs.

JANSEN said there are three options. Option A is for 42 days at a cost of \$1,395. A student can receive six semester hours

credit under option A. Option B is for 54 days at \$1,595 with seven semester hours credit to be earned. And option C is for 70 days at \$1,995 with 10 semester hours credit to be earned. Depending on the option, a student can leave for the tour as early as May 8 or as late as July 6.

The most interesting part of the trip, Jansen said, is the backpacking and mountain climbing involved.

"The group will also visit major museums and attend musical events, as well as classes," Jansen said.

There will be a slide show previewing the European trip

tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Saunders Fine Arts building.

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MTSU students were inspired to draw and paint this mural on the third floor of Kirksey Old Main by a donation of equipment from NASA.

Students bring space to KOM

By CAROLINE SPIELMAN
Staff Writer

A satellite, the Milky Way and the Earth now orbit on the third floor of Kirksey Old Main. These space objects are part of a wall mural painted by MTSU students.

The art work was inspired, in part, by a donation of "approximately \$100,000 worth" of equipment from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, according to Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the geography and geology department.

"THIS donation included imagery processing computers, and has allowed us a new program that deals with satellite imagery," Fullerton said.

However, there are other reasons for the mural's creation.

"Not only is it one less wall to be painted, but the mural makes the working environment more pleasant and reflects offered programs," Fullerton said.

TIME and work on the mural was contributed by

MTSU students and Fullerton.

"Gary Lamb did the drawing of the mural, and then a team of three students [Karen Ridolfo, Angie Moody and Mary Jean Cellic] painted it," he said.

This may not be the last mural at MTSU.

"We want to continue with murals that reflect the department's interests and programs," Fullerton said. "A map of Tennessee with major geographical features may be the next project."

Willie Nelson to be on campus Saturday in evening concert

Outlaw and renegade Willie Nelson will appear at Murphy Center Saturday at 8 p.m.

Nelson, who first tried to break into country music more than 20 years ago in Nashville, has had many of his recent albums surpass the platinum (more than one million copies sold) status.

AFTER Nashville tried, and failed, to make Nelson into a marketable country music star image with short hair and a nice suit, he moved to Texas. While there, Nelson played at nightclubs that were so rough chicken wire had to be strung around the stage to protect the band members from flying bottles and debris.

The outlaw, as he came to be known, returned to Nashville in the 1970s when he signed with Columbia Records. In 1980, Nelson appeared in his first film, "The Electric Horseman." His next film appearance was the starring role in "Honeysuckle Rose," a film in which the main character was patterned somewhat after Nelson.



Willie Nelson will grace the stage of Murphy Center at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Reserved tickets for Saturday's show are available in the Office of Student Programming for \$12.50. General admission is \$10. For more information call 898-2551.

Ballet Folclorico coming to TPAC

Silvia Lozano's "Ballet Folclorico Nacional de Mexico" will appear at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center on Thursday, April 7 at 8 p.m.

Considered the most authentic exponent of Mexico's folk dance and musical heritage, this company is the Mexican government's official

representative folkloristic troupe at home and abroad.

BEFORE the ballet's performance, TPAC will present its final Food Fest from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will take on a Mexican theme with the chefs of the Hermitage, Radisson Plaza and Hyatt Regency joining hands to offer South of

the border delicacies.

The menu will include items which range in price from 25 cents to \$1.50.

Reserved tickets for the "Ballet Folclorico" are on sale now for \$8, \$10 and \$12 at the TicketMaster Box Office at the TPAC and at all TicketMaster outlets.

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Jackson State awaits Ladies

MTSU's Lady Raiders open in the 1983 NCAA women's tournament tonight against Jackson State in Jackson, Miss.

The Lady Raiders advanced to the tournament after capturing the Ohio Valley Conference crown Thursday night by beating Morehead State in the finals of the

conference tournament.

Coach Larry Inman's unit have a record of 25-4 going into the tourney and will be NCAA to win their first-ever NCAA tournament game. The 25-4 mark is the best record since Inman took the helm of the women's program.

Good defense a key



I've always said the trick to success in college basketball is good defense. You can't beat it. Defense, like water, finds its own level. It's there, day in and day out.

The offense, on the other hand, is like the stock market. You never know where it's going. That's because some days the hoop is the size of a rain barrel, while other days it shrinks down to the size of a teacup.

A DEFENSIVE team can practice three days before a game and know they're going to do what they practiced. An offensive team can do the same thing, but not know for sure if they can do it in the game because the defense will govern what they can do.

Defense starts at the opening tip and is maintained by the better teams until the final horn. If handled skillfully, it will allow that club to duel in the sun in Albuquerque.

That's why one of the most valuable times in the game is the first three minutes of the second half. That's where the defense can dominate. The offense has been sitting on its duff for 20 minutes, and few teams warm up properly at the start of the second half. Also, it's a pride thing. The coach who's getting blown out doesn't want to call a timeout. It's degrading, because he's just had 20 minutes of oranges and soft drinks.

IT SEEMS that all the great rolls in college basketball were defensively oriented. Even when you talk of UCLA, the Wizard of Westwood years of John Wooden, you have to realize it was truly his pressure defense that created the offense. Today, I believe that John Thompson's Georgetown Hoyas play a coast-to-coast defense that will become commonplace in the collegiate game in the next five years.

The biggest statistic in basketball is TO—the turnover. It's a four-point swing—two they might've gotten and two you'll probably get. The ultimate goal of a good defense is two points the other way, which is why most great defensive teams score in the 60's.

Defense, over the last 10 years, has changed from an individual art to a team concept. The more defensive faces you can show an opponent, the more you can govern the rhythm and tempo of a game—which is the key to ending up with a tournament bid.

THE FIRST thing to do, defensively, is to break the other team's offensive rhythm. Second, try to get 'em out of their patterns. Whatever's natural, make them go the other way. Keep the ball from the guy who normally has it. Make them go to the side of the court they don't usually go to, that sort of thing.

Rugby team to hold scrimmage

MTSU's Rugby Club will hold a scrimmage Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenland Drive field.

Everyone is invited to attend

Defensive coaches are like generals. They probe to find the belly of the opponent and until they discover the defense that will blow their opponent out. They probe until they find an opening and then send in the troops.

A lot of things determine the type of defense you want to play. Sometimes you're trying to stop a certain guy on the perimeter, another time maybe to stop the game down in the paint. Sometimes you're trying to change from a catsup game to a sprint game, but always you're trying to get the game changed to something you can do well.

AT INDIANA, Bobby Knight changed the style of the Big Ten when he came there. It was run-and-gun conference, but he turned it into a world of trench warfare where the motto is "They shall not score." At North Carolina, they alternate defenses up to six or seven times a game.

They say the four corners defense is an offense, but it's not. It's playing defense while you have the ball. You're not playing an opponent with the four corners, you're playing against the clock. You're trying to ice the game out so you can get the horn and go have a pizza. The key is that you must have a Phil Ford NBA-type guard, and he must be a tremendous foul shooter.

THE hardest part is getting the kid to make the psychological commitment to defense, because you can't play "D" in the driveway of your garage shooting hoops. There has to be a certain pride in it, and you have to be able to sell the fans on what you're doing. We did it at Marquette. We were sold out 12 years because we made the crowd aware of the intricacies of defense, the patterns and the beauty of it.

Most fans and media don't understand defense. Most fans are ping-pong conscious—they want the ball to do down, twirl and curl. But if you succumb to that style, you'll win some you shouldn't, and lose quite a few games you shouldn't, too. Defense creates consistency. Offense never can.

WELCOME to Miller Time

MTSU netters host Western Kentucky Wed.

By MAT "WOODY"

WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The MTSU men's tennis team, led by Coach Dick LaLance, will host the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers in a dual match tomorrow at 2 p.m.

In compiling a 2-2 record in match play, the Raiders have beaten North Alabama and David Lipscomb. The Raiders lost matches to Southern Illinois and West Virginia.

THIS weekend, the squad competed in the Big Gold Tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss., and were in 11th place when they returned home, with the tourney still in progress.

and participate.

Anyone interested in further information on the club should call Mark Williams at 890-8771 or Rob Cameron at 890-6649.



Photo by Cliff Batson

They mean business

Members of the Omega Psi Phi basketball team. The Omegas are the 1983 MTSU intramural champions. They defeated Bad News to claim the title last Thursday night at Alumni Memorial

Gym. Representing the squad are: (left to right) Stephon Henderson, Edward Shepherd, Michael Matson, Lili Reid, Jeff King and "Wreckless" Wormy.

Overtime victory

Omegas intramural champions

By CODY MARLEY

Sports Guy

Omega Psi Phi won the MTSU intramural basketball championship Thursday night by defeating Bad News 65-54 in overtime at the Alumni Memorial Gym.

The game had no bearing on NCAA or NIT tournaments like many of last week's games, but to the players it was very important. The intensity level was high.

LEADING the Omega's in scoring was Dwight "The Iceman" Singleton with 19 points. Mike Maston had 13 points. Kendall Bradford and Alex Watkins led Bad News with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

For most of the first 12 minutes, Bad News led. But then, being down 23-18, the Omegas made their move. They brought the ball down court, got a bucket, then converted two stolen in-bounds plays.

Bad News came charging back the last six minutes of the half and took a 34-29 lead. Watkins led the surge with two demoralizing "1906 San Francisco earthquake" slam dunks.

IN THE second half the action was fast and furious, but the scoring wasn't. Both teams trucked up and down the hardwoods, but the ball seldom went through the hoop.

Slowly, the Omegas began to close in on Bad News' lead. With the help of a goal-tending call, some profitable steals and a foul shot, they narrowed the score to 43-42.

At the 10:11 mark, the Omega's Singleton drove inside with the tall timber and gave his team a 44-43 lead. Bad News tried bringing the ball back down, but the Omegas stole it. They took the ball coast-to-coast and took a three-point lead.

BOTH teams exchanged buckets, then Bad News'

hustling Darryl Washington hit two free throws and scored a hoop putting his team on top 49-48. The Omegas then hit the front end of a one-and-one to tie the game back up.

With 2:30 left, the Omega's Singleton was fouled. He missed the free throw, but an alert Edward Shepherd grabbed the just-out-of-the-cylinder pumpkin and jammed it home.

Both teams hit one out of three free-throw tries the last two minutes.

WITH the score 52-50 in favor of the Omegas and :28 remaining in regulation, Bad News took the ball down court. After being unable to get the ball inside, Bad News floor general Derrick Littleton took the initiative.

The brother of Tennessee's Ed Littleton took a 10-foot, off-balance shot with 16 seconds left. John Ward would have called it "Gooooooooood." The Omega's set up their offense and took a good shot, but it rimmed out. It finished tied at

52-52. It was overtime—a new game.

Bad News got the jump ball and Jeff King scored his only points of the night. After an couple of misses, the Omega's Mike Reid caused a shot that got solar burns while entering back into the atmosphere.

WITH the game tied at 54-54, the Omegas never looked back. Clutch free-throw shooting from Singleton and William Allen wrapped the game up for the Omegas.

"Bad News was a good team," a member of the Omega squad said. "We played our best game of the year, and now we are going to go get a case and get drunk."

Does Joe B. Hall do that?

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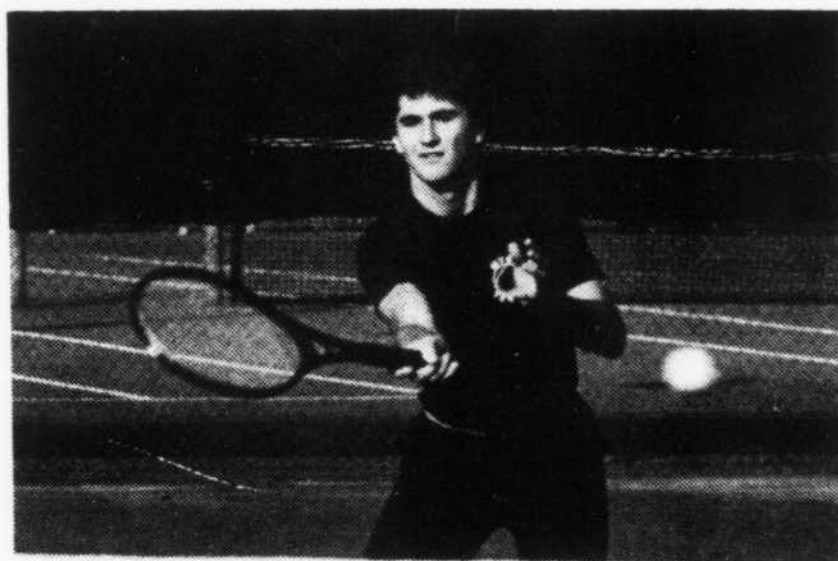
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