

Petitions due

Qualifying petitions for ASB and class officer elections, scheduled for March 17-18, are due March 10.

State Senate approves campus status for UT-N

The State Senate passed 25-0 yesterday a bill granting campus status to the present Nashville branch of the University of Tennessee, making it the University of Tennessee at Nashville.

According to John Hood, special assistant to the university president, an amendment was added to the senate bill to limit the freedom of the Nashville branch to acquire new property or odd buildings without clearance by the legislature.

Even with this amendment, however, the bill still is worded in such a manner that the branch might feasibly become a daytime four year institution. It was with this possibility in mind that MTSU President M. G. Scarlett urged sponsors of the bill to amend it to limit the UTN center to a strictly night status.

According to Scarlett, statements from the Higher Education Commission, the UT "Torchbearer," and the president of the UT alumni association all state that the significance of the bill is to give the Nashville branch the ability to grant degrees and augment its current programs but not to change its night school nature.

By Tony Pendergrass

The suggested amendment would be to allow the improvement of the evening school as suggested but to restrict the Nashville branch to its present mission of providing only evening programs, except in nursing, social work and non-credit continuing education, Scarlett said.

The ASB House and Senate passed a joint resolution last night calling upon the sponsors of the state legislative bill to add the suggested amendment. Copies of the resolution, along with copies of resolutions on capital punishment and the 18 year old vote, will be sent to members of the state legislature.

The ASB resolution stated "that we strongly urge the sponsors of the bill . . . to amend their bill to insure the continued operation of the UT at Nashville center as a primarily night institution which would not make it a competitor for funds or students with the other already existing state universities in the area."

To change class offices, election criteria

ASB Congress votes

In a flurry of action last night, the ASB House and Senate passed one bill, three resolutions, four constitutional amendments and defeated one amendment.

A class officer bill introduced by John Jackson and sponsored by senators Sammy Sells and Rita Henderson modifies the number of elected officials in each of the academic classes.

A joint resolution sponsored by representative Ralph Cray calls on the General Education Council and the administration to "require only one year (six semester hours) of science for graduation from this institution of higher learning."

A library recommendation passed by both houses calls for an end to the practice of letting faculty members and graduate assistants check books out of the library for an indeterminate period.

Another joint resolution, sponsored by house member Tony Pendergrass, urges members of the state legislature and especially proponents of the UT at Nashville to amend the measure to limit the center's services to those night and special professional functions which it now has.

A series of four constitutional amendments was passed by both houses.

The house defeated an additional amendment which would have changed the qualifications for members of the Student Congress and appointed officers.

The first amendment changes the requirements for ASB executive officers. The innovations would extend qualification to students who might choose to carry a part-time load during their term of office, and to juniors and graduates as well as members of the senior class.

It would further require candidates for top offices to have been

students at MTSU for a total of two semesters, one of which must immediately precede his election to office.

The second amendment changes the time for ASB executive officers to be sworn in and assume the duties of office from the first week in May to the second Tuesday in April.

An amendment was passed which would add one member to the student senate as a representative of the graduate school.

The final amendment would change the method of nomination for the senate from requiring nominations in class meetings to petition application only.

Bill alters class offices

By Jim Leonhirth

In action last night, the ASB House and Senate passed a bill which will eliminate several class officer posts, provide for the election of class ASB representative, and create a new executive board.

The bill was passed by a vote in the House and 18-10 in the Senate with none against in the senate with two abstentions.

According to John Jackson, president of the sophomore class, the executive board will have

one representative chosen from each class and will aid the class presidents in co-ordinating such social events as Homecoming, the Mid-Winter formal, and the President's Ball.

All other class officers are eliminated by the bill except that of the class representative which will now be elected rather than

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VISTA workers

Volunteers act as community catalysts

By Becky Freeman

"VISTA is a tremendous encounter experience," cited David Onheiber, a Volunteer in Service to America who visited campus this week.

Onheiber sees the VISTA volunteer's role in a community as a catalyst, not a leader. The graduate of the University of Wisconsin explained that "It's very easy to become the answer man and have people depend on you; however, you have to learn to help people depend on themselves."

The volunteer, who worked with both the rural and urban poor cited the causes of poverty as "the lack of knowledge and skills by the poor through no fault of their own."

Onheiber spent two years in VISTA, working in a small town in Georgia, and in the slums of Atlanta. Spending most of his service in Atlanta, he helped the urban community in establishing a recreation program for both children and adults.

He also aided the community in developing a group of cooperative buying clubs and store fronts, organizations to solidify the urban community through wholesale purchase and distribution of food to the people and in revising the lunch program in an elementary school.

While the volunteer explained his services as "two of the most meaningful, rewarding years" of his life, he pointed out that there were times in his service when he was irritated and cynical.

Comparing his experiences with both urban and rural poverty Onheiber commented that it

Editor's Note: This story is the first of a two part series concerning the Volunteers in Service to America. VISTA recruiters David Onheiber and Jim Weather- spoon describe their experiences working with the southern rural poor and the northern urban ghettos.

was harder to crack the structure in the small town where the volunteer faced more hostility and negativity.

The former native of Wisconsin noted that he had confronted a federal government image held by the community. "You are the federal government, northern and college educated, carrying the image of civil rights worker." Another problem, Onheiber admitted, was the volunteer's own stereotypes.

The recruiter noted that 60% of the VISTA volunteers come from a liberal arts background. The former English student continued that he discovered that "your flexibility was more important than your knowledge of skills."

Onheiber further indicated that the volunteer is an information gatherer. The volunteer, he continued, should know where in the power structure to get tasks accomplished and tell the community after they decide what their priorities are.

A communication gap often exists between the urban poor and the professional people aiding them, the recruiter further indicated. Onheiber explained that the poor are very reluctant to express themselves for

fear of being laughed at.

The volunteer indicated that professionals often reinforce their reluctance with a condescending attitude.

The poor have their own ideas of what should exist in a community. The professionals have their own ideas which prevent them from listening to what other people are saying, he added.

The recruiter urged that college students listen to what people are saying, and educate themselves out of their provincialism.

After working with both white and black poor, the volunteer commented that it was easier to work with a black community.

"They know what they're up against," he continued. "Poor whites have been tricked." Onheiber stated that the poor whites had been told that they were better than blacks but were treated as badly.

VISTA volunteers are from all races and economic backgrounds. They serve in 49 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

VISTA is part of the office of economic opportunity and in many projects VISTA volunteers work directly with other agency projects.

VISTA lawyers often work with the Neighborhood Legal Service Programs.

Health specialists work with the Office of Health Affairs on problems of hunger and malnutrition.

Volunteers receive a monthly allowance that is enough to live on in the area to which they are assigned. In addition, \$50 is set aside monthly to be received at the end of service.



Saroyan characters

Lane Davies as Joe eyes Mary portrayed by Gwen Morgan over his drink and open book. These two characters will appear in the Buchanan Player's production of William Saroyan's "Time of Your Life." The play will run in the Arena Theatre beginning tonight through March 18.

Lea announces deadline for candidate petitions

Qualifying petitions for ASB and class officer elections scheduled for March 17-18 are due March 10, according to Charles Lea, newly appointed election commissioner.

Lea indicated that there will be a meeting for prospective candidates March 8 at 8 p.m. at the ASB office in the University Center.

At this meeting, he said, petitions will be given out and an attempt will be made to answer

any questions of the potential candidates.

No changes in election procedures were announced by the election commissioner except that he hoped to implement a plan whereby only one representative for each candidate will be allowed to campaign outside the polling place.

At stake in these elections are the ASB presidency, speakership of the house, speakership of the senate and the class offices.

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Cayce attempts to reconcile beliefs

By Teena Andrews

Edgar Cayce was a religious man. As such, he first had many problems trying to reconcile reincarnation with his Christianity, William Douglas stated at the first Free University meeting. When the first mentions of reincarnation came in his readings his first reaction was to draw back. He thought that his powers were being used as an agent for the devil, according to the instructor.

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It took him many years to realize that what he was saying in his readings in no way contradicted the basic tenets of Christianity, love of God and love of fellowman, the doctoral student stated. There are even some references to reincarnation in the Bible, Matthew 17:12-13 being one of the few remaining ones, Douglas explained.

"One of the questions that always bothered me," Douglas admitted, "was why I was born a white-Anglo-Saxon-Protestant in a materialistic nation where I have many benefits, whereas someone else, for instance on Aborigine in Australia, was born with not nearly the same material benefits or opportunities to know about Christ. What is there to balance it all out except the idea of reincarnation? Perhaps I was put here to learn certain lessons in this life."

One of the things that always impresses people who thought Cayce was a fraud, said the Auburn graduate, was that he had only a seventh grade education. But when he went into a trance he could use medical terms or foreign languages that he had no way of knowing.

Cayce's readings are the best documented material available on subjects of a parapsychological nature, asserted Douglas who has had

Editor's note: This is the conclusion of a two part series about the life and prophecies of Edgar Cayce. Cayce is currently the subject of a Free University class taught by William Douglas, a doctor of arts student.

several psychic experiences himself. Cayce's secretary Gladys Davis sat by him at every reading and took down word for word in shorthand everything he said. Furthermore, over a period of 45 years and 14,000 readings Cayce never made any conflicting statements, Douglas commented.

Cayce once tried to make a profit from his work but never succeeded. "As long as he was benefiting people everything went smoothly, but when he tried to make a personal gain he always ran into problems," Douglas added.

Douglas himself acknowledges that he was raised in a traditional Methodist church and had a hard time believing anything he had heard or read about Edgar Cayce. He decided to adopt a "wait and see" attitude which is already bearing fruit.

One of the Cayce readings in 1920 predicted the rising of land in the Atlantic, he explained. Around 1969 Dr. Manson Valentine of Yale University discovered around Bermuda a masonry structure several feet under water. A few days later it had begun to rise out of the water.

According to Valentine, the structure is definitely man-made, around 50,000 years old and could be linked with theories of Atlantis discussed in the writings of Plato.

Cayce many times dealt with earth changes in his readings. The psychic predicted that a land would begin to rise as other lands began to sink. However, some areas that Cayce predicted would be safe from earth changes are the Virginia Beach area, Ohio and Saskatchewan, the Williamsburn, Va. native stated. One of the most unstable places was the Memphis area extending 600 miles north, potentially as dangerous as the San Andreas fault area.

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appointed by the class president.

Jackson cited the need for these changes by stating that the classes have grown less cohesive as the university has grown larger. He also indicated that most major universities no longer have class officers.

Other problems with the former were that classes do not even have school accounts and class debts are retained from one year to the next, he said.

The sophomore class president stated that anyone who wanted to serve the school in class offices should have their energies directed to other channels because the class offices are "obsolete."

He explained that the president of each class will retain their responsibility over the three major school social functions.

In the past, the sophomore president has co-ordinated the Mid-Winter formal, the junior president has directed the President's Ball and the senior president has managed Homecoming.

Jackson stated that the executive board would now aid the presidents in these duties with the different presidents assuming the chairmanship of the committee at the time of their respective events.

He admitted that the freshman president would never hold the chairmanship but added that this work would provide a learning experience for the freshman.

The sophomore class president also stated the executive board would handle any funds given by the Co-Curricular committee to help finance the social events.

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Work brings debate victory

Hard work sometimes outweighs experience. That's what the MTSU debate team has discovered in winning the state debate championship for the past three years.

Jim Brooks, forensics coach, noted that only two of the debaters, Fred McLean and Lee Greer, last year's state champions, had debated in high school. The remainder of the team, including this year's state champions, M. A. Norman and Jim Forbes, began their debating careers at MTSU.

Brooks pointed out that the debaters begin work researching the debate topic established in July for the entire debate season by the American Forensic Association debate coaches in August. By October, he further indicated, the speakers are ready to begin inter-collegiate competition with the MTSU Earlybird Invitational Debate Tournament, the first tournament of the season.

Brooks noted that this tournament has begun to attract national competition from as distant as the University of Northern Iowa.

During the debate season, members of the team travel to tournaments on the weekends, continue their research, and debate practice rounds at least three days a week.

Brooks indicated that before the conclusion of the debate season in March each team, consisting of two members each, has between 2,000 and 3,000 references.

The Varsity Tournaments include two-man teams who debate both the affirmative and negative sides of the selected issue. The debate coach indicated that in the rounds the teams are power-paired mating teams of equal ability in elimination rounds.

Brooks stated that most of the major national competition in the eastern United States which the teams attend utilize this format. He further indicated that at the University of Houston, the

By Becky Freeman

Dartmouth College, and Emory University tournaments are varsity tournaments.

In the southeastern regional competitions a two division varsity and junior varsity format is adopted. Junior Varsity competition, Brooks explained, includes competition for debaters in their first two years of experience. Sanford university, the University of Western Kentucky, and the University of North Carolina hold competitions of this type.

MTSU, Bellarmine College, and the University of Florida also hold a third type of contest, a novice and junior varsity competition. This contest, Brooks noted, included competition for the novice in his first year of debate.

Numerous competitions require the team to travel on weekends. Nevertheless, the speech instructor noted that every member of the team had maintained a B average or better during the fall semester.

The graduate of the speech program at the University of Florida indicated that while he is able to do a limited amount of recruiting from area high schools, most of his debaters are speech or pre-law majors.

Brooks expressed his belief that there are plenty of competent students at MTSU who could be successful in debate.

A good debator doesn't have to be a brilliant orator or a fantastic intellectual, Brooks commented. "Almost any intelligent student who is willing to work hard can be a good debator," he continued.

Brooks concluded that the twenty-fifth Annual Magnolia Tournament at Mississippi State College for Women and Union College District Tournaments would conclude the team's season.

File 13

McFarland gives license information

Persons desiring information about license plates or wheel tax may obtain it by calling 893-4279, according to Ben Hall McFarland. License plates can be purchased at 111 North Maple, between Haynes' Hardware and Harrison Drugs on the northwest corner of Murfreesboro's public square.

Red Cross to inform on POW treatment

In coordination with the American Red Cross, information will be available to students concerning humane treatment of prisoners in Vietnam. A table will be positioned in the University Center basement Monday and Tuesday to inform students how they can send letters expressing their concerned wishes and supporting this cause.

TO continues tutoring service

Tau Omicron is continuing to sponsor its tutoring service this semester, according to TO tutoring chairman Barbara Drake.

The service is free and available to any student. Students needing tutoring help may write to Barbara Drake, Box 7055, giving his name, box number, phone number and the course in which he needs help.

Riflery may become OVC sport

The Tennessee State Rifle Tournament will be held on the MTSU campus March 13, according to Capt. Steven Behr of the Military Science Department. He noted that six schools will be represented and that Tennessee Tech is the favorite, adding that Tech is the national leader in riflery.

McGovern, Hess to speak at Impact Symposium

Sen. George McGovern, Democratic presidential hopeful, and Karl Hess, New Left philosopher, will speak April 16 at Vanderbilt's Impact symposium.

McGovern is noted for his efforts to end U.S. participation in the war in Southeast Asia. He is also a prime mover of legislation to aid in solving the hunger problem in America.

McGovern first gained public attention after the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968, when he became a presidential candidate in order to present Kennedy's supporters with an alternate choice for the Democratic nomination.

The South Dakota Senator sponsored with Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., an amendment that called for an end to the war in Vietnam by the end of this year. This legislation failed to pass through Congress.

Last summer he urged President Nixon to back a \$2 billion food stamp appropriation instead of a \$1.25 billion bill that was supported by Nixon's administration. This recommendation was also unsuccessful.

McGovern has accused the present administration of sitting still while thousands of this country's youths have been unalterably damaged mentally and physically by malnutrition.

Karl Hess, a contributing editor of "Ramparts" magazine, is one of the leading philosophers of the New Left in America. William F. Buckley, outspoken conservative, said in "National Review" that Hess is

By Mike West

"well on his way to household-wordhood in the liberal media."

Hess was a former member of the conservative "think tank." He also worked for the Republican National Committee in 1960 and 1964.

Hess, during his days as a conservative, was best known as a speech writer for Barry Goldwater.

Since his switch to the New Left movement, Hess has been involved in such ventures as seminars at Marcus Rashin's far-left institute. Rashin is better known as the teacher of Angela Davis.

McGovern and Hess are the first two of the four speakers engaged to appear at this year's Impact symposium. Vanderbilt's symposium will be a two day event with two speakers on the afternoon of April 16 and two speakers on the evening of April 17.

McGovern is also scheduled to appear April 16 on the MTSU campus.

ASB to offer tax aid

Advisory help is now available for students with questions concerning income tax forms, according to Bob Thomson, ASB treasurer.

This effort, Thomson informed, is another service students may seek through their Associated Student Body government.

TEA, FTA plan meeting here

Thirty colleges and 135 Tennessee high schools are eligible to send delegates to the March 19-20 convention of the Student Tennessee Education Association and the Future Teachers of America at Middle Tennessee State University, according to Dean Freedle, sponsor of the MTSU Student NEA.

Charlene W. Collier, student program consultant for the Tennessee Education Association said that the theme of the convention would be "We Learn by Doing." The guest speaker for luncheons Friday and Saturday will be Ross Wilson, TEA president and superintendent of Morgan County schools.

Carol Beatty of Maryville College will report March 19 on the national convention of Student NEA held in Burlingame, Calif., last June.

Registration will start each day

at eight o'clock and the program will be concluded at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Student TEA session will include interest groups dealing with kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and subject areas of mathematics, language arts, vocational areas, music and art. The after-

noon session will be devoted to a workshop for local officers.

The Saturday, March 20 program for the high school students will feature an officer's workshop and a panel of college students discussing the subject, "What To Expect in College."

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Editorials

18 year olds may be given state vote

The Tennessee State Legislature, in accordance with the national Congress, is showing its concern for the newly enfranchised 18-year-old voters.

The decision of the Calendar Committee yesterday afternoon recommending passage of a state constitutional amendment to allow 18-year-olds to vote in all Tennessee elections was precipitated earlier in the week by the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee's approval by 33-2 margin to amend the U.S. Constitution to give 18-year-olds the vote in state and local as well as national elections.

The Congressional proposal passed the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday in a unanimous decision which will probably mean that a Constitutional amendment will be proposed this year.

Three-fourths ratification of the states would be required to pass the Congressional amendment which is necessitated because of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that the original decision to give the vote to 18-year-olds must be limited to national elections.

The amendment of the state constitution proposed by Gabe Talerico (D-Memphis) was scheduled by the Calendar Committee for legislative presentation Tuesday.

Passage of this amendment could give Tennessee youth state recognition of their acceptability to the State Legislature as responsible and capable voting citizens before the national legislature enacts the inevitable change.

ASB needs competitors

With the passage by both ASB legislative houses last night of a bill to restrict class officers to three representatives each, the number of positions available for student representation is also diminished.

Petitions for persons interested in running for ASB President, Speaker of the House, Speaker of the Senate and class senatorial positions are due Wednesday May 10, according to Election Commissioner Charles Lea.

Those who feel that the necessary changes in student government and effective student representation can be effected through participation in the Associated Student Body government are urged to run for office and to work for the attainment of these goals.

Open Column

Bombing may bring repression

Our nation's Capitol was bombed Monday, and the shock waves that rocked the Capitol also rocked the consciousness of the people in this country. This act of violence is deplored by free people in a free nation.

It is important that the bombing be seen as those who planted the bomb see it. The group responsible for the blast realizes that their bombs will have little physical effect on the nation. Massive repression by the government is the desired result of their action.

It is possible this repression may come. Fear is one of the terrorist's most effective tools. If he can instill fear in the leaders of our nation, they will react by increasing repression of our basic freedoms.

We must not allow ourselves

By Dennis Frobish

to be intimidated by a handful of revolutionaries. Likewise, we must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by a handful of reactionaries.

If the government becomes more repressive, those of us who are firm believers in non-violent politics may find ourselves unable to express our dissatisfaction over policies and programs. The ability to openly criticize the government is one of the great assets of this nation. We must not let fear cause us to lose this ability.

There are many people, students and non-students, who are dissatisfied with the condition of the nation, its leaders, and its

policies. Many people desire change, but most realize that the change must come through evolution not revolution.

We cannot condone violent change. Yet, we cannot condemn those who desire change. If this nation is to continue to progress, change must be an integral part of our way of life.

Calm, rational, intelligent thought is now of utmost importance. Positions, beliefs, and ideologies must be reviewed and re-evaluated by all Americans.

All men must be allowed to be free. Neither those who preach violence nor those who practice repression will allow us the freedom that is our right.

As the Capitol withstood the blast on Monday, let us hope that our freedoms can withstand the shock waves which follow.

Our Man Hoppe

'Now I root against my own country'

By Arthur Hoppe

The radio this morning said the allied invasion of Laos had bogged down. Without thinking, I nodded and said, "Good."

And having said it, I realized the bitter truth: Now I root against my own country.

This is how far we have come in this hated and endless war. This is the nadir I have reached in this winter of my discontent. This is how close I border on treason.

Now I root against my own country.

How frighteningly sad this is. My generation was raised to love our country and we loved it unthinkingly. We licked Hitler and Tojo and Mussolini. Those were our shining hours. Those were our days of faith.

They were evil; we were good. They told lies; we spoke the truth. Our case was just, our purposes noble, and in victory we were magnanimous. What a wonderful country we were! I loved it so.

But now, having descended down the tortured, lying, brutalizing years of this bloody war, I have come to the dank and lightless bottom of the well. I have come to root against the country that once I blindly loved.

I can rationalize it. I can say that if the invasion of Laos succeeds, the chimera of victory will dance once again before our eyes -- leading us once again into more years of mindless slaughter. Thus, I can say, I hope the invasion fails.

But it is more than that. It is that I have come to hate my country's role in Vietnam.

I hate the massacres, the body counts, the free fire zones, the napalming of civilians, the poisoning of rice crops. I hate being part of My Lai. I hate the fact that we have now dropped more explosives on these scrawny Asian peasants than we did on all our enemies in World War II.

And I hate my leaders who, over the years, have conscripted our young men and sent them there to kill or be killed in a senseless cause simply because they can find no honorable way out -- no honorable way out for them.

I don't root for the enemy. I doubt they are any better than we. I don't give a damn any more who wins the war. But because I hate what my country is doing in Vietnam, I emotionally and often irrationally hope that it fails.

It is a terrible thing to root against your own country. If I were alone, it wouldn't matter. But I don't think I am alone. I think many Americans must feel these same sickening emotions I feel. I think they share my guilt. I think they share my rage.

If this is true, we must end this war now -- in defeat, if necessary. We must end it because all of Southeast Asia is not worth the hatred, shame, guilt and rage that is tearing Americans apart. We must end it not for those among our young who have come to hate America, but for those who somehow manage to love it still.

I doubt that I can ever again love my country in that unthinking way I did when I was young. Perhaps this is a good thing.

But I would hope the day will come when I can once again believe what my country says and once again approve of what it does. I want to have faith once again in the justness of my country's causes and the nobleness of its ideals.

What I want so very much is to be able once again to root for my own, my native land.

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Ervin tries to insure Constitutional rights

Hearings in Washington conducted by Sam Ervin's Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights have brought forth new testimony concerning the surveillance of civilians by Army intelligence.

The subcommittee testimony has revealed that the Army has maintained files on 25,000,000 citizens including almost 8,000,000 detailed personal dossiers.

Ervin has long charged the Army with such practices and has stated that the practices themselves are unconstitutional violating the right of free speech, free association and freedom to petition against grievances.

Robert Foehke, Defense Department spokesman, stated that the widespread surveillance by the Army had ended and will only be resumed if the defense secretary or his designate declares that a threat exists of civil disturbance beyond the capability of state and local government to control them.

By Jim Leonhirth

Past hearings of this subcommittee have indicated that there are no clandestine plots by the Army to establish military control over the government.

Testimony has revealed an overanxiousness on the part of the Army to investigate all potential aspects of civil disturbance but no master plan to coordinate them.

Such practices as the Army has utilized may have prevented many incidents of civil violence although there is no accurate measure of this.

In addition, such practices although their intent may be to insure domestic tranquility may conceivably weaken the credibility of the government in general terms and in the relationship of the citizen to the bureaucracy.

Inherently, however, the modern danger is not the collection of the intelligence data although it might be inconvenient

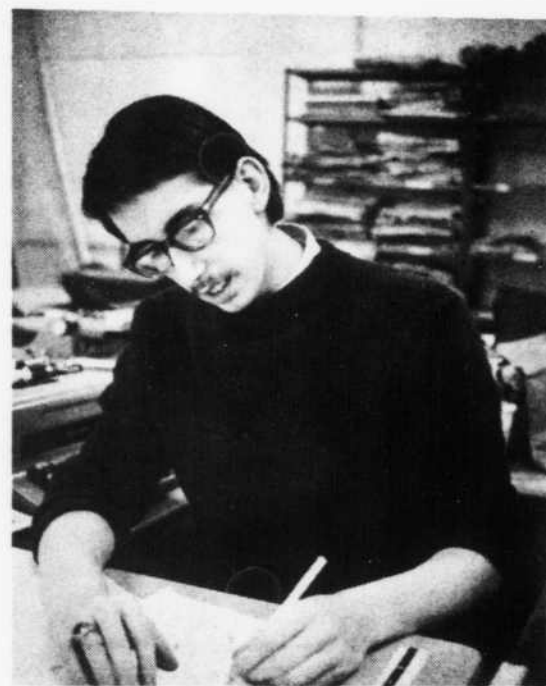
to be harassed and spied upon; it is the availability and utilization of devices to assimilate and store the data gathered.

High speed computers and microfilm allow the researcher to garner very quickly any facts which he wishes to obtain.

This danger of misuse of personal data is not confined to military surveillance but also to everyday applications for goods, credit and employment.

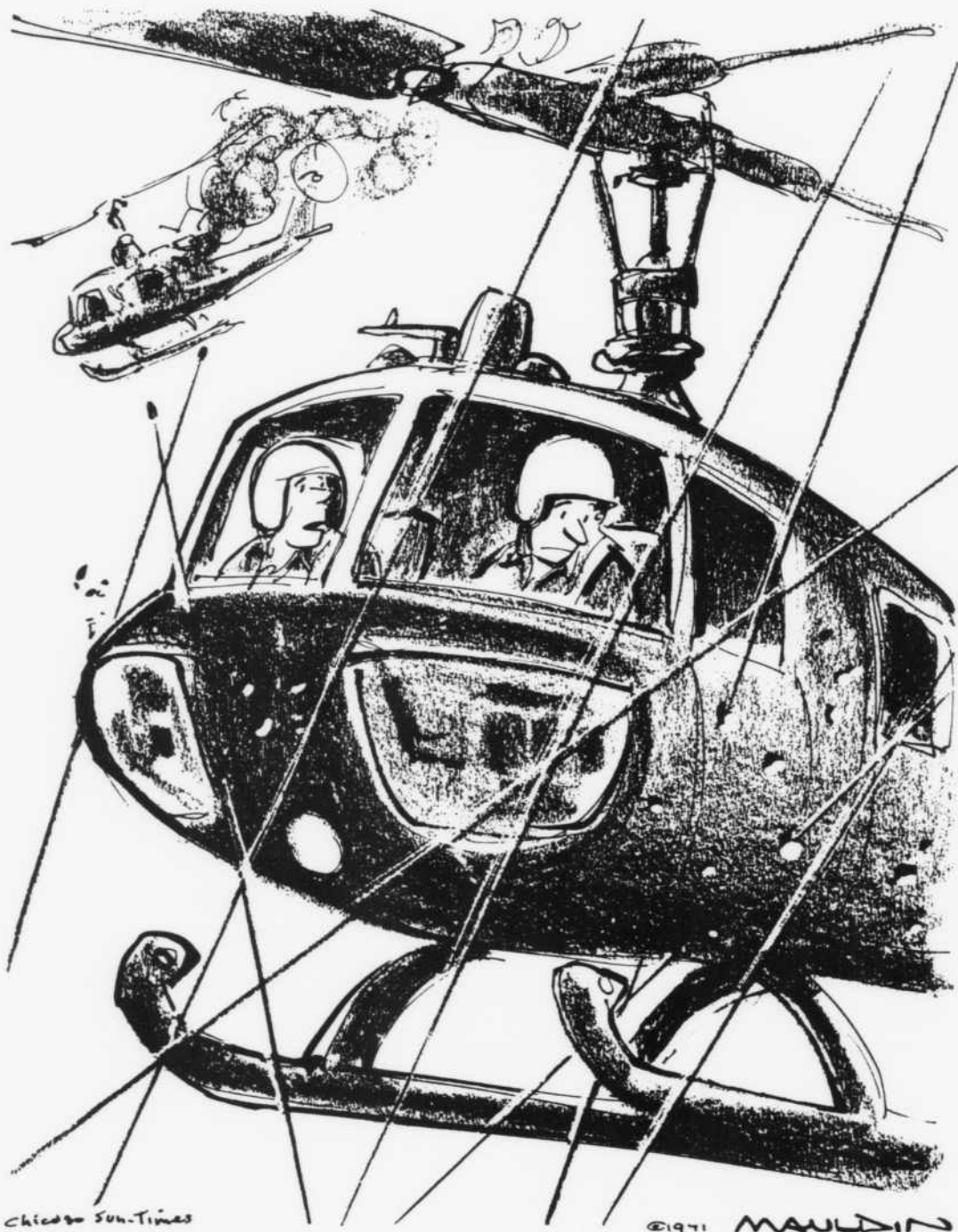
Watchdogs like Sam Ervin are attempting not only to castigate those who abuse personal freedom and misuse personal data but also to inform the public of the informational abuses which exist in many sectors of public life.

With his conservative leaning, it is doubtful that Senator Ervin approves of all the movements and personalities that the Army investigated, but regardless of professed ideology, he is attempting to insure their constitutional rights.



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"I WISH I WAS DOWN THERE WISHING I WAS UP HERE."

Letter to the Editor

Write to help end federal cutbacks

To the Editor:

When you see a child that is suffering from an incurable disease you might feel that no price is too high to save his life. The federal government, however, over the past several years has been cutting off hope and help for many children and adults by cutting back on medical research funds.

One of the leading centers for the study and treatment of leukemia is St. Jude Children's Research hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where cutbacks in federal funds may force the hospital to stop treating patients.

Already, the effects of federal cutbacks have threatened the survival of the institution. About eighteen months ago, the National Institutes of Health stopped subsidizing production of a costly drug used in treating acute myelocytic leukemia. Before the hospital could renew its supply the survival rate of children having the disease dropped from one year to four months.

Two months ago, the hospital was notified by the federal government there would be a 60 percent cutback in the supply of costly drugs used to treat acute lymphatic leukemia.

In November, St. Jude reported a total loss of \$11,564 due to cutbacks between April 1, 1969,

and November 4, 1970. In January the hospital was notified that the federal funds for research training would be reduced by one-third. With 40 percent of the hospital's operating budget coming from federal funds, this cut "represents a financial blow of immense proportions," according to Dr. Donald Pinkel, the hospital's medical director.

Lane Adams, executive vice president of the American Cancer Society in New York City, said that although substantial amounts of research money are being appropriated by Congress, funds are being diverted and withheld by the Bureau of Management and Budget.

Hopefully, the drastic results of these cutbacks will motivate you and me to take action right away. A money contribution would accomplish little at the moment. However, a 6 cent contribution in the form of a stamp posted on a letter WILL help. Better yet, let's write several. Our congressmen, President, or the Bureau of Management and Budget may not enjoy hearing from us but our letters may make a difference in their attitudes. Please help. Donate a letter.

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Letters to the Editor

The SIDELINES welcomes all comment and opinion on current events or on items published in this newspaper in the form of letters to the editor.

All letters should be typed, double-spaced and of reasonable length. Letters must be signed with the sender's name and campus box number or other address before they will be considered for publication.



Who brought the ball?

In the finals of the men's intramural volleyball competition, it appears that no one remembered to bring the ball. The tournament was won by the Faculty, two games to one over Earl's Pearls.

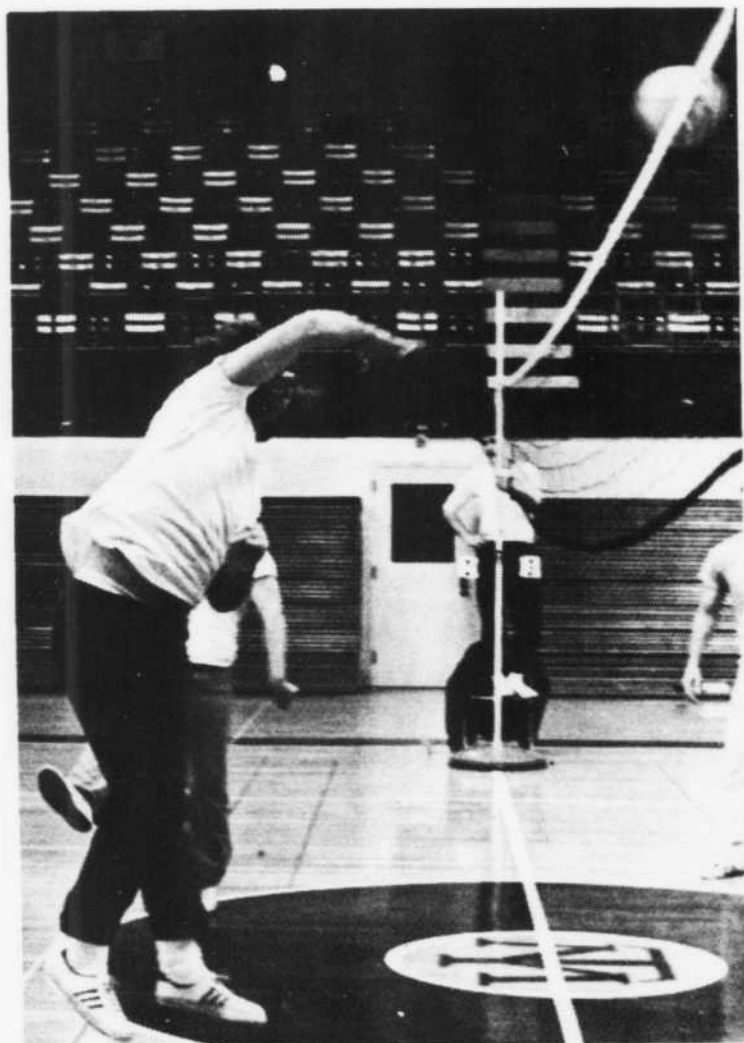
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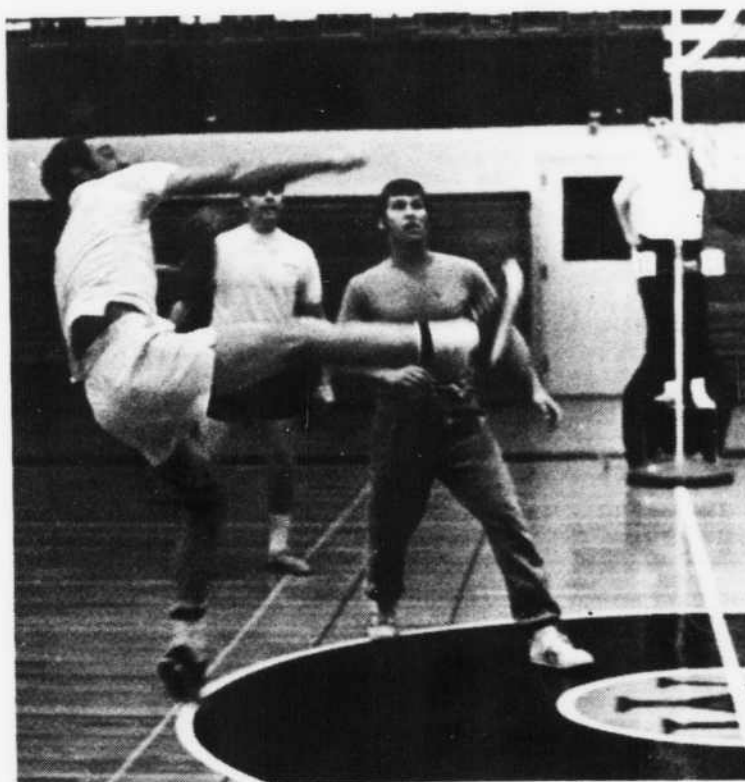
Look out ball!

"Cram it down each other's throat," seems to be the predominant thought in these two opponents as they go high over the net to get the first and best swat in at the ball.



Up and over

A member of Earl's Pearls puts the spike on the ole volleyball in a vain attempt to catch up to the Faculty team in the final game of the three game set.



Alabama Wildman

Intramural director, Joe Ruffner, the "Alabama Wildman," puts his own personal touch to a shot in the action Wednesday night. Ruffner's efforts were rewarded as his team came out on top in the contest.

Cerebral Palsy

SAE's to hold fourth annual run

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity will be running to Nashville Sunday in their fourth annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon Relay Run, according to Dan Seaver, coordinator of the run.

The annual event is the culmination of a week devoted to collecting funds for the Cerebral Palsy Telethon held at the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

The relay run consists of an actual foot-run relay to Nashville from the S.A.E. house.

Each member carries a baton from one fourth of a mile to several miles at a time. The route of the relay run will follow Highway 41.

Murfreesboro police, Smyrna police, and Metro Nashville police will escort the run to the Municipal Auditorium where members of the chapter will turn over the collections to officials of Cerebral Palsy.

Last year's collection amounted to \$1,505, the second largest contribution in the state. The

Firemen of Tennessee were the largest contributors with a donation of approximately \$6,000.

SAE has set a goal of \$2,000 to be collected for this year's drive, Seaver said.

Collection booths have been set up in the university center and will remain open today and Saturday. Members of SAE and their Little Sister Organization will begin collecting by means of roadblocks throughout Murfreesboro and Smyrna at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Dr. Eugene Fowinkle

Commissioner to begin symposium

A speech by Dr. Eugene Fowinkle, state commissioner of health, will kick off a symposium on venereal disease Tuesday, March 9, in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, according to HPER instructor Mary B. Ginanni.

The symposium, sponsored by the Physical Education Club, will consist of about 40 minutes of formal presentation, discussions by other program participants, and an audience question-and-answer period.

Dr. Fowinkle is a native of Memphis and was educated at Southwestern University, University of Tennessee College of Medicine and served internship in Memphis hospitals and a residency in neurosurgery at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis. He received his master of public health degree from the University of Michigan and was certified by the American

Board of Preventive Medicine in Public Health July 1, 1965.

He has served as public health physician for Memphis and Shelby County, director of communicable disease control, Mem-

phis and Shelby County health department, associate clinical professor at Vanderbilt University and commissioner of public health for Tennessee since Oct. 17, 1969.

ASB plans newspaper

In an effort to keep the students abreast of the activities and workings of the Associated Student Body, a special one-issue newspaper is being prepared, according to ASB President Bart Gordon.

The newspaper, which will be available on Wednesday, March 10, will help preview the ASB elections to be held March 17 and 18, Gordon stated. He said that one of the main purposes of the paper is to inform the students of election procedures and, in general, to better pre-

pare each student for the elections.

Gordon added that the newspaper will also help to announce the initiation of the Student Discount Service on campus. Under this plan, students purchasing a discount card for a nominal price would receive a discount from Murfreesboro merchants participating in the service.

Gordon termed the project "a kind of check" on the ASB government and one more example of its continuing communication effort with the students.

Girls basketball team to play in tourney

While the Blue Raiders are the best known of MTSU's varsity basketball squads, they are not the only representatives of the Raider's brand of ball. This weekend the lady Raiders meet six teams in the state girl's tournament in Memphis.

The girls will face teams from Memphis State University, Tennessee Technological University, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Lameth College, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The team expects to face its toughest competition from UTM, Lameth and Tennessee Tech, according to coach Judy Linville.

The physical education graduate assistant further indicated that although this is the first year for the team to receive financial support from the university, the team has been representing the school in extramural competition. Miss Linville stated that the university paid part of the team's traveling expenses and for the uniforms.

The coach commented that while the team has a 5-6 record to date, she felt that they had a promising team. Miss Linville noted that this year is the first season for all but two of the girls.

Rhesa Sumrell led the team this season with an 18.4 shooting average with forwards Linda Walker following with 9.8, Donna Adeal with a 9.3 average and Margaret Eakins with a 6.1 average.

The coach noted that the guards Cathy Walker and Betty England has "kept the backboards pretty clean in competition."

The women's team, Miss Linville commented, usually practices four days a week in the campus school and St. Rose of Lima gymnasiums. The team, thus far, she noted, has played competition matches in the varsity gym.

The team, which also includes members of the volleyball and tennis extra-mural teams began practice shortly before Christmas.

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Faculty team captures title in volleyball

Men's intramural volleyball action reached the climax last Wednesday as the Faculty team, led by the Alabama Wildman, Joe Ruffner, took Earl's Pearls in the finals, two games to one.

The Faculty took the first game of the series 15-11, but fell to the Pearls in the second game by the score of 15-12. That loss was the first loss that the Faculty suffered all season.

The teachers then came back to take the finale 15-9, for the championship. In a personal interview, Ruffner, intramural director at MTSU, remarked modestly about his own play in the series, and pointed out that other members of his squad were the dominant figures in the championship series.

The Faculty team was the defending champion of the tournament, having taken the title last year, also. Third place went to the team from Mu Iota Kappa, and fourth spot was grabbed by the Baptist Student Union.

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Southeastern IFC selects Blevins for area vice-presidency

Brett Blevins, Jasper, Ga., senior and president of the campus Interfraternity Council, was elected vice-president of the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference at that organization's convention Feb. 24-27 in Atlanta.

Blevins explained that he was elected vice-president for "area three" of the SEIFC which includes fraternities in all the southeastern states, Virginia and Washington D.C.

"Area three," the IFC president indicated, contains Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. In these states, he added, the vice-president visits local IFC's, discusses problems and reports periodically to the SEIFC president.

The ASB senior senator stated that in winning the vice-presidential post he vied with candidates from Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, and LSU.

By Jim Leonhirth

This victory, Blevins said, reflects favorably on the fraternity system at MTSU and the cooperation of the individual fraternities.

He added that MTSU might host an "area three" convention which would bring representatives of 40 schools here.

The former SAE president noted that the role of the fraternity is changing in an attempt to become more "relevant."

Blevins said, "The image of the fraternity as a beer-drinking, partying group is no longer true -- if it ever was. Fraternities are adjusting to meet the needs of students."

In viewing the local Greek system, the IFC president stated that the campus fraternity row can become a reality this summer if the fraternities can obtain the financing.

He added that in the spring rush 384 students accepted bids from fraternities, a record number and an "optimistic note for the future of the Greek system on this campus."

Blevins indicated that there are presently eight fraternities in the IFC with one still in provisional status. Provisionary status, he explained, means that the fraternity attends IFC meetings but has no vote until after one semester on campus.

The pre-law major indicated that MTSU is one of the few campuses in the Southeast where students decide the recognition of a new fraternity on campus. On this campus, he noted, the decision is made by the judicial board of the IFC while on other campuses the decision is made by the administration.

Blevins stated that the numbers of fraternities on campus is

limited only by the number of men who go through rush. The rush must be able to support the existing system before new fraternities are considered, he said.

The SEIFC vice-president stated that the organization's plans in the near future include participation in the National Interfraternity conference convention.

He noted that the southeastern region presently supports the strongest fraternity system in the nation and last year elected one of its representatives to the NIFC presidency.

Blevins added that the next few weeks would be spent in drafting resolutions and proposals for the convention along with organizing the support of the southeastern region.

Although Blevins stated that he was pleased with his new office and duties, he did not rule out

the possibility that he might seek national office.

Blevins, who is currently a senior, said that he intends to attend graduate school here next year.

Committee plans international fare for March dinner

An International Dinner will be held in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building March 6, according to Constance Fouts, chairman of the International Interests Committee.

The dinner, which will begin at 6:30 p. m., will feature German, French, Spanish and Thai dishes. Entertainment will include dances, music and songs representative of various cultures, Miss Fouts said.

"The purpose of the dinner," the Murfreesboro senior explained, "is to allow students to become acquainted with several of the many types of food different countries have, and to promote interaction between people of different cultures."

The event is sponsored by the International Interests Committee in conjunction with the International Club, the Spanish Club, the French Club and Die Deutschen Kameraden.

"The goal of the International Interests Committee," Miss Fouts stated, "is to involve foreign students in campus affairs, to enlighten American students about foreign students and to achieve interaction between these two groups."

Of the 23 countries represented at MTSU, the committee chairman said she expected a minimum of 15 to be represented at the dinner.

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