

Students march, voice opinions on war policy

By Jim Leonhirth

Although marred by incidents of harrassment, over 100 students marched Wednesday night in protest of the Viet Nam War and in memory of the students killed at Kent State and Jackson State.

Culminating three days of moratorium activity, the candlelight march originated at the University Center with students alined for the walk two abreast.

Initially, there were several students at the head of the march heckling the participants but there was no major disruption of the march schedule.

Accompanying the march along its route were student personnel deans and members of the campus police. Along with student parade marchers, they kept the march out of the lines of traffic.

At the front of the march, students carried the American flag at half mast, crosses representing the Kent State and Jackson State victims and a casket symbolic of all the dead.

The march proceeded to Forrest Hall, past Old and around the loop to the Cope Administration Building. The participants of the march gathered on the steps of the building to hear several student speakers.

By this time other students had gathered at the building to observe march proceedings.

Erskine Smith, Murfreesboro senior, gave the invocation for the march praying that man be "taught to love and not to hate."

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Greg Lancaster stands at the Administration Building with the flag at half mast and a streamer above it. Photos by David Dowell



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Robert Clough, offended by the black streamer on the march's flag staff, attempts to remove it.

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SUB voter

Election worker Mary Marlin checks the voting credentials of Mary Ann Sweat, Nashville freshman, at the polls of the Student Union Building. Polls were located at four sites for this election.

Merville wins in new election

By Mike West

Martha Driver, Nashville junior, collected 611 votes in her victory over Garland Honeycutt, Murfreesboro junior, who had a total of 425.

Ron Merville, Nashville junior, with a reversal of the previous election, collected 503 votes, which surpassed his opponent Kathy Keel, Ridgetop junior, with 416 votes.

Steve Fuller from Nashville was named as senior class president. The other senior officers include Janis Lumpkins from Winchester as representative, and Sue Whitehead from Nashville as executive secretary.

The only other change in the results of the March 31 elections involved the victory of Kenny McNeese, Franklin junior, in the senior senator race.

Bob Knight, South Pittsburg, Tanya Maynard, Warren, Mich., Pam Sands, Princeton, N. J., and Rochelle Williams, Lebanon,

were also elected to the post of senior senators.

Steve McElhiney, Nashville sophomore, was elected to the post of junior class president.

Nancy Nunley from Murfreesboro was selected as representative, and Nancy Snider, Nashville, as secretary.

Snook Forde from Jackson, Rita Henderson from Murfreesboro, Charlie Holt from Lawrenceburg, Buzz Rader from Nashville, and Sherry Yarbrough from Smyrna were picked as junior senators.

The freshman class elected John Berry from Murfreesboro as sophomore president.

Ronnie Vannatta from Shelbyville was elected as representative and Mary Roady from Nashville was chosen executive secretary of the sophomore class.

Kevin Brown, Judy Butler, Peter Hall, all from Nashville, and Pat Shivers from Rossville, Ga., will serve as senators of the sophomore class.

ROTC plans award ceremonies

By Jim Corbett

Annual ROTC honors and awards ceremonies will take place Tuesday on the drill field with over 100 cadets receiving awards, according to Colonel Vern Reaugh, professor of military science.

In addition to members of the military science department and university faculty, several retired army officers, members of the American Veterans of World War II, the American Legion and the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and several civic organizations are to present the awards, stated Sgt. Wallace Parton of the military science department.

Cpt. Nancy Tummons, an arm nurse, will present the Lt. Col. Donald D. Tummons Award in memory of her father who died while serving as professor of military science at MTSU, Parton said.

Mitchel S. Chambers of Chattanooga will receive the award as the outstanding senior awaiting

his commission in the infantry, he said.

The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Decoration Awards, to be presented by President M.G. Scarlett, will go to Richard D. Wann of Murfreesboro in the senior division, junior Thomas E. Hill of McMinnville, sophomore Arvie A. Crosby of Clarksville and freshman Ronald W. Peck of Chattanooga.

Also, Scarlett will announce the winner of the University President's Scholastic Award, Tony Chatman, who is the senior cadet with the highest overall academic standing, said Parton.

The Lieutenant William Burkheart Scholarship Award will be presented in honor of Lt. Burkheart who was the first member of the 101st Airborne Division to lose his life in Vietnam, he continued.

Other awards will include the

Leadership Award, the Greatest Improvement Award, the Professor of Military Science Award, the Best Company Award, American Legion Military Excellence Award, Association of the United States Army Award and the awards from the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Presentation of the awards is decided upon by the Professor of Military Science, Col. Reaugh, and his staff.

However, Parton pointed out that many of the awards must be chosen by either a board of both university and military personnel or by the university administration.

Beyond the awards to the cadets, Parton said Headquarters Company, Second Battalion will receive recognition for having the highest participation in the campus blood drive and the female sponsors will receive certificates.

Manuevers lessen chance of aid to private institutions

By Larry Harrington

Parliamentary maneuvering in the state House of Representatives Tuesday dimmed the future of a bill designed to aid the private education institutions of Tennessee.

The measure, approved by a vote of 51-36 after two hours of debate, would provide for \$1000 grants to needy students attending one of Tennessee's private or public institutions.

Representative Richard Kreig, R-Knoxville, voted with the prevailing side and then asked for physical possession of the bill.

Kreig said he plans to ask for reconsideration Monday after working to take away the one or two votes necessary for the measure to receive the constitutional majority required.

Student lobbyists for the bill cheered from the galleries when the bill prevailed. Yet, their victory was short lived as Kreig exercised the prerogative of a legislator voting with the majority and asked for reconsideration of the bill.

When the bill is voted on Monday, it will need to receive a majority of the 99 votes in the House.

Observers pointed out that two of the 51 votes the bill received Tuesday were from legislators who opposed the bill.

The state Senate approved the controversial measure last week without a provision for funding the program.

Students march . . .

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His speech was followed by a speech by Gary Barnett, Gary, Ind., sophomore.
In his address, Barnett stressed that America was becoming afflicted by a "cancer that was becoming more and more malignant."

He noted that the demonstrators in Washington, D.C. were attempting to bring the war home. Barnett told the marchers to have sympathy for America's leaders in view of their war policies.

Following Barnett's address, some of the spectators began to question his statements and the purpose and conduct of the march.

Barnett invited them to speak to the entire group and several climbed the steps to speak.

Robert Clough, Columbia freshman and veteran of the Viet Nam War, acted as spokesman for the group.

He first questioned the wearing of a black beret by moratorium coordinator Greg Lancaster. Lancaster informed him that he had earned the beret as a Forrest Raider.

Although interrupted and heckled by the marchers, Clough was eventually able to make a statement to the assembly. He gave a warning saying that when all American troops had been withdrawn from foreign countries

and the "cancer" had begun to do its work within the boundaries of America, the marchers and other citizens would be forced to pay his price for their security.

Following his statement, Clough approached the flag which lead the march. He lunged toward the flag in attempt to remove the black streamer which flew above it.

As he lunged, he tore the flag, and after a minor flurry of action, he was restrained by security chief Matthew Royal.

Royal and Assistant Dean of Students Paul Cantrell escorted him away from the Administration Building.

The assembly then heard a statement by Scott Sloan, a Vietnam veteran who voiced his opposition to the war. He noted that he had served as a field medic and the victims of the war had come into his care.

The march then reassembled and followed the same route back to the University Center. As the march neared its end, the anti-war chants, which had punctuated the parade throughout, grew louder and louder reaching a crescendo as the marchers disbanded on the steps of the University Center.

Following the march, the participants dispersed with no further incidents.

Hollands experience odd phenomena

By David Taylor

of the lady he had described that frantic afternoon.

Mrs. Holland discovered that the lady had once lived in a house located on the site of the clubhouse. The house, which had been torn down shortly after the Civil War, had been, like many old houses, constructed fairly high off the ground -- the first floor being about 10 inches higher than that of the clubhouse.

Uncertainty exists

Holland says there is no way to rationalize the existence of ghosts, "except those you have seen yourself."

"I'm uncertain to the existence of any I haven't seen," he adds.

"If a person is receptive to this kind of thing, and doesn't worry too much about locking himself in on his straightforward logic," the instructor states, "he is likely to see a ghost during his lifetime."

Due to his past experiences with ghosts, Holland says he would react to one today in a much calmer manner.

"The important thing, however, is what its reaction to me would be," he adds.

Holland's second experience with what he calls "psychic manifestation" occurred in 1965 while he, his wife Anne and their daughter Mary were residing in Edinburg, Scotland.

Mrs. Holland awoke one night to see two figures standing at the foot of Mary's bed, directly inside the door of their basement apartment.

"Who are you -- what do you want?" she repeatedly asked, but the pair said nothing.

Scottish spirits

She then opened the curtains of the picture window beside her bed, and the light from the street lamp revealed the pair to be a man and a woman.

Holland, awakened by the noise, got out of bed and walked between the two figures and the door to reach the light switch. After turning on the light, the couple watched in amazement as the ap-

partitions faded into the wall.

This experience in Scotland helped to prepare Mrs. Holland for the encounter three years later at their Murfreesboro residence on University Avenue.

"I awoke one night," she explains, "and one of the children, I thought, was standing at the foot of the bed." When asked what she wanted, the child replied, "I used to live here -- I died here."

The ghosts told Mrs. Holland that her life had been very happy. When she began to leave, Mrs. Holland, unsure as to what to say to a ghost, invited her back again.

Some two months later, the physical education instructor told the story of the little ghost to several members of her dance group visiting at her house.

Suddenly, Mrs. Holland says, Tink Allen, a MTSU student who lives across the street from the Hollands, "began trembling all over."

Miss Allen told the group that a little girl had at one time lived in the house, and had died some 45 years ago at the age of nine with appendicitis.

Evidently the ghost accepted Mrs. Holland's invitation. Caroline, the Holland's youngest daughter, frequently tells her parents about the little girl who visits often to play with her.

Local veterans sponsor meeting

The National Association of Collegiate Veterans Inc., is holding its 4th annual convention here May 5-8.

According to Gary Wilson, vice-president of MTSU's Veterans Club, the theme of this year's convention is "Help Yourself Veteran."

The four-day convention opened Wednesday with a welcome by local officials followed by registration, committee meetings and a smoker at Murfreesboro's American Legion hall.

The delegates will be electing new national officers. Andy Anderson, a student at MTSU and a veteran, is running for president of N. A. C. V.

Approximately 200 delegates have already arrived from chapters throughout the country to be on campus during the convention.

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'Fantasticks'

Vickie Green and David Howard, MTSU theatre majors, are featured in the Murfreesboro Little Theatre production of "The Fantasticks" which runs through May 17.

Welfare benefits students

By Carol Norville

John Doe is only one of the 14 million people on the nation's welfare rolls, but he is also a junior at Middle Tennessee State University.

The food-stamp program, a subsidy of the Rutherford County Public Welfare Department, helps make ends meet for John. He spends \$74 per month for \$126 worth of food stamps, to buy food for himself, wife and three children.

Although the department does not immediately know how many MTSU students receive food stamps, welfare department workers recently related that of the MTSU students on welfare, only three or four are not married. It is difficult to qualify for food stamps without dependents or an exceptionally low income.

Another food-stamp recipient, single student at MTSU, pays \$18 for her \$28 worth of stamps. She said that "\$7 a week is not very much, but at least it helps." Although she receives a loan of \$1,000 per year, she only gets \$30 per month from her mother.

Several factors enables these students to qualify for food stamps. Take John's case for instance. He is a student, but also holds a part-time job. He only

receives \$260 per month from this job. This \$260 per month has to feed and clothe his wife who neither works nor goes to school, and three children. It also pays for the upkeep of a family car, rent and utilities.

Students applying for welfare are required to fill out the usual forms. Each applicant is required to give factual information concerning regular income, outstanding bills, marital status and dependants. Food stamps are available for every eligible applicant as soon as he applies.

The department does check all data received. If false information is given, the applicant is liable for fraud and is required to pay back any money he might have received, said Miss Ellen Bowman, a food-stamp worker.

For the first two or three months that the student receives stamps, he must take all receipts and bills to the department.

There they are checked so the department can be sure of the recipient's financial status. If there is no direct financial relationship

between the applicant and his parents, it is not necessary to check the parents' financial status.

One recipient stated, "Most people who have been receiving food stamps for a long time are valid for several months; but first-time applicants must continually have financial checks to insure the validity of their statements."

Miss Bowman commented that most of the students getting food stamps merely need the help to get through school. She added that she didn't feel that most would continue on the program after graduation.

One female recipient said, "I've only been getting food stamps for a short time, but if I'd known about them sooner, I would have been on the program much longer."

"I think that's why there aren't many students on the food-stamp program."

Although the amount of money some students receive in stamps seems minimal, going to school and possibly supporting dependents on a small income gets rough.

One recipient said, "That \$28 is better than nothing at all."

'Collage' announces staff openings

Teena Andrews, "Collage" editor for 1971-72, has announced that she is seeking qualified people to fill staff head positions for next year's magazine.

"'Collage' needs enthusiastic and dedicated people on its staff to raise its reputation and continue to improve its quality with each issue," she stated.

Positions to be filled are feature editor, prose editor, poetry editor, art editor and staff photographer. Each of these staff heads is then free to choose a staff under him as he sees fit, she said.

Office space in Jones Hall and a grant-in-aid come with the job, Miss Andrews added.

The new editor stated that the feature editor will be in charge of general interest and campus features. According to Miss Andrews, since this is one of the most difficult jobs, the staff as a whole will aid the feature editor. Some travel and research may be involved for general interest and campus features and "Collage" can supply a photographer and a tape recorder.

The feature editor will himself be in charge of writing or soliciting feature material.

The job of the prose editor will be to solicit short stories,

essays, reviews and articles of a non-feature type.

All contributions will have to be rated by the prose staff which will be selected by the prose editor, averaged and returned to the writer or filed for future publication.

Articles which cannot be classified as definitely feature or prose will be his responsibility and the feature editor's.

The poetry editor will also be responsible for soliciting, rating and returning or filing poetry of all types and coordinating a poetry staff to assist him in this, she continued.

Both prose and poetry editors may want to keep closely in touch with the English department to obtain leads on promising material.

The art editor will work with the editor and assistant editor to coordinate the layout of pages and prepare copy for press.

He should seek contributions of illustrations and art work from campus artists to file for future use and will be in charge of specifically designated graphic sections or issues.

He will also work with the

editor and assistant editor in designing a magazine format for next year.

The staff photographer will take and develop any photos specifically required as illustrations and will solicit and file photographs from other campus photographers for future use.

The art editor and editor-in-chief will be in charge of the magazine's cover. SIDELINES and "Collage" are setting up a darkroom in Jones Hall, and he may be called on to give aid in this, she noted.

"Each staff head will receive one hour's journalism credit for his work on "Collage" by signing up for a journalism practicum to be offered in the fall," Miss Andrews said.

"This will involve a one-hour weekly seminar which will double as a staff meeting where we can make future plans and coordinate all aspects of the magazine."

Anyone who is interested and thinks he might be qualified for one of these positions can send an application including name, classification, box and phone numbers, position desired and qualifications to Miss Andrews at Box 61.

Club plans rodeo

The Rodeo Club is sponsoring their seventh collegiate rodeo May 14-15 at 7:30 p.m., in the Rutherford County Agricultural Center.

The rodeo will be broken down into four events - bull riding, bronc riding, calf roping and barrel racing.

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Meet to view youth learning

Education of young children will be the theme of a workshop to be conducted at Middle Tennessee State University May 7-8. A wide range of topics from food preparation involving young children, to first aid has been prepared by the planning committee, according to Janet Camp, workshop chairman.

The small group study sessions will be limited to 25 persons and will cover such areas as music for young children, speech and hearing therapy, presentation of pre-school teaching in aiding the three, four and five year old get a good start in more formal education.

One of the major general programs will be the pre-view of a summer television demonstration by pupils of Anne Holland of the health and physical education department. Lane Bout-

well, professor of speech will discuss the topic, "Doorways to Speech" at a special session.

Programs may be obtained by writing to Janet Camp, Box 84.

Other members of the staff and titles of the presentations they will make include: "My Turn to Cook," Fran Fuoss; "Story and Poem," Marguerite Boutwell; "Who's Working With Parents," Ruth Bowdoin, Eloise Taylor; "Who Said Curriculum," Mary Tom Berry; "Teacher, She Has Such a Sad Face," Keith Carlson, Andrea Loughry; "The High Cost of Not Talking," Shirley Pine.

"Help Me Get a Good Start," Elizabeth O'Gwynn, Elizabeth Whorley, Nannie Rucker; "Don't Put Butter on Buns," Mary Ginnanni; and "Musical Experiences for Young Children," Michael Salzman.

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Editorial

Moratorium hopes remain unfulfilled

The Moratorium at MTSU has not fulfilled its purpose. While it may have been a successful demonstration of opposition to the Vietnam War and the tragedies at Kent State, Jackson State and Augusta last spring, it has largely failed to open communications between the Moratorium participants and those who disagreed with them.

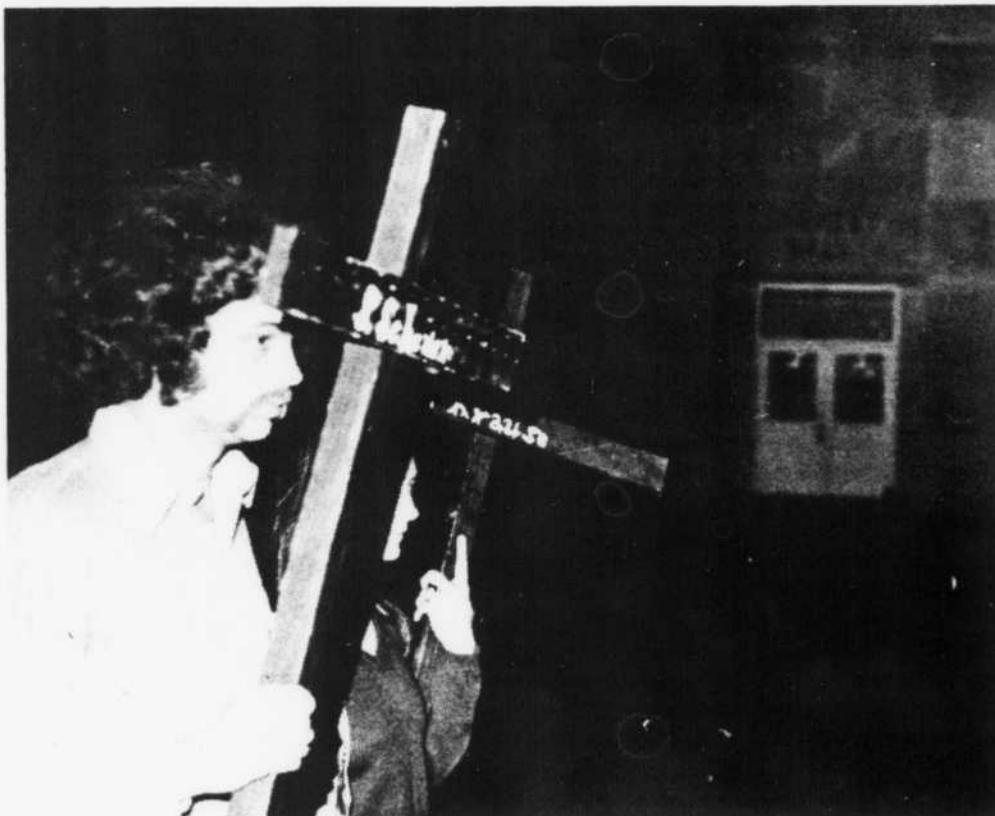
The incident at the Moratorium March Wednesday night demonstrates this difficulty in communications. Although the peace marchers allowed both sides to be heard, a spokesman for those who disagreed with the march was plagued by hecklers. Earlier in the march the peace advocates were heckled by some other students.

It is even more tragic that this refusal to listen is not only a local failure but is characteristic of the reaction to the nationwide peace movement as well.

In the largest moratorium rallies several hundred thousand demonstrators converged on Washington and San Francisco to show opposition to the War by their presence. Also, a recent Harris poll indicated that 73 percent of the American people oppose the War. Yet, President Nixon openly stated that their actions would not have any effect on his policies.

This attitude reduces the actions of the demonstrators to a statement of faith in the hope for peace in Southeast Asia. Nevertheless, it blatantly demonstrates the frustration that the American people have with an administration that refuses to respond to its constituency.

At MTSU the failures of the Moratorium can only be salvaged if this week is a beginning for discussion between the two groups rather than a childish game of ignoring the other man's opinions or name calling. Only then can the Moratorium be termed a success and the marchers' hope for peace be answered.



Before Forrest Hall



Marchers express desire for peace

Both solemn and boisterous, the peace advocates displayed their disapproval of the Vietnam war as well as their grief for the students slain on college campuses last year. Are their cries of "Peace Now" going unheard? Photos by David Dowell

President goes insane, recovers

It was on March 4, 1973 -- just two months into his first term of office -- that the President of the United States went crackers.

The loyalty of his staff, like all White House staffs, was first of all to the President. Naturally, they agreed immediately that the fact he was nuttier than a fruitcake must be kept from the public at all costs.

For several months all went well. The President occupied himself cutting out and trying on paper crowns and miters. The staff issued the requisite number of innocuous statements on current affairs. And it was six months before people began saying, "Funny, don't think I've seen the President lately."

Something had to be done. The staff waited for a day the President believed himself to be Marie Antoinette. They then had him confront a staff member on nationwide television.

"Mr. President," said the staff member carefully, "poor families on the surplus food program are currently receiving only chick peas and lard."

"Let them," said the President grandly, "eat cake."

The reaction to including a Sara Lee Fudge Cake in every food package was predictable.

Those who had voted for the President because of his broad smile or his political party, called it "a humanitarian gesture that spells the end of hunger in America."

Those who had voted against him because of his close-set eyes or his political party, called it "an act of welfare coddling that will further sap this Nation's moral fiber."

A Gallup Poll showed 53.2 percent approved of the way the President was handling his job.

Six months later, the staff was forced to act a-

By Arthur Hoppe

gain. They picked a day when the President thought he was Mahatma Ghandi and asked him on nationwide television his views on war and peace.

Unfortunately, 10 seconds before air time, the President had transmogrified into Napoleon Bonaparte. He thus twirled the globe by his desk, stuck a pin in it and cried, "Allons, mes enfants!" (Meaning, "Let's go, kids!")

As luck would have it, the pin hit Ugulap Island, an atoll in the Southwest Mbongan Sea inhabited by 27 aborigines and a duck-billed platypus.

Again, public reaction split over the subsequent American invasion. The New Left sewed up Ugulap flags, decried "Wall Street oil barons" and smashed 32 drug store windows to halt "Capitalist exploitation of indigenous native social struggles."

Pro-Administration columnists and Congressmen defended the move on the grounds that "as Ugulap goes, so goes the Mbongan Sea." Most intellectuals also approved of the President's statement because he said it in French.

In Peoria, Ohio, however, a small boy watched the President on television and innocently asked, "How come the President's a cuckoo-eyed loony?"

But no one listens to small boys, except their mothers. This one's mother washed his mouth out with soap. And 54.6 percent of the public said they approved of the way the President was handling his job.

Fortunately, at the end of four years, he regained his sanity and was easily re-elected. Public approval of the way he was handling his job remained about the same during his second term as it had been during his first.

Letters to the Editor

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Council reverses reforms

National Perspective

To the Editor:

On April 28, 1971, at 2 p.m. there was an open forum in the UC Theatre dealing with the Council on General Education. This council was supposedly to produce true academic reform as to the General Education Requirements on the MTSU campus.

However, it appears that the General Education Council has not achieved its goal of reform; indeed it has set it back considerably. As the General Education Requirements now stand an incoming freshman must take 40 hrs. of required courses; 12 hrs. of English, 12 hrs. of Science, 12 hrs. of Social Science, and 4 hrs. of Phys. Ed. or ROTC. However, the Council's Report proposes that the General Education Requirements be LENGTHENED to 44 HRS. This

will require the incoming freshman and/or student to take such nifty courses as: A seminar related to college and your possible major, Basic Business for Everyday Living, Health, Introduction to Philosophy or Comparative Religion, and six hours of required General Education Electives as well as other courses I have not mentioned but are proposed. Also, these courses would NOT count toward a major or minor.

As an MTSU student, I would like to ask. Why is this happening? I truly do not see the relevance of such required courses to the student of this university. It was mentioned by Dr. Kirksey, the Dean of Faculty, at the forum that by taking these courses the student would

fill any "voids" in his education.

Well, if any such "voids" exist in the student's education, it is up to the high schools, junior colleges, or by the student himself to fill these "voids" by taking courses on an ELECTIVE basis.

Not liking to give un-constructive criticism, I would like to offer some alternatives to the proposed requirements:

1. Have no General Education Requirements except what the Tennessee State Board of Education requires.
2. Leave the General Education Requirements as they are now.
3. Have NO General Education Requirements but let the separate schools of the University set up their own required courses for majors, with no required courses for minors.

Finally, I would like to appeal to the individual student to make his opinion heard on this matter. I am not advocating wide-spread dissent, a shut-down of the University, etc.

But, if the views of the students of this University do not meet the views of the General Education Council, the students must make their opinion known if their views are to prevail. The program you improve may be your own.

Douglas Vick
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Nixon's fiscal programs create Mills' candidacy

By Jim Leonhirth

Monday as a rebuttal to Vice-President Spiro Agnew's speech Wednesday.

Mills' powerful role in the House of Representatives is becoming more and more into public focus as he crosses the nation in an attempt to oppose the revenue plan.

For all his power in the House, however, it is doubtful that Mills will make any progress if he seriously attempts to seek the Democratic nomination.

This belief is based on the fact that Mills has not established himself as a candidate of the same appeal as a Edmund Muskie, a Hubert Humphrey, a George McGovern, or even, a Henry Jackson.

He also has not had sufficient time to develop a campaign organization if he is seriously considering the presidential race.

Support for Mills' candidacy could, however, serve one useful purpose. It could give an indication into the popular support or opposition for the fiscal policies of the administration.

Reports from Washington indicate that the name of Wilbur Mills may become thrown into the primary races for the Democratic nominee for president. Representative Mills, D-Ark., has become known across the country as the tight-fisted chairman of the House Ways and Means committee.

Although Mills is a Democrat, he was not deterred from placing obstacles in the path of Lyndon Johnson's fiscal policies and has continued this practice with Republican Nixon.

The most recent fiscal controversy in which Mills has involved himself is the proposed revenue sharing program. The Arkansas Democrat has become the focal point of opposition for Nixon's plan which would distribute funds on a proportional basis to the individual states.

Mills has stated that it would be poor policy to give federal funds to the states with the federal government, itself, operating on a deficit budget.

The committee chairman is, in fact, reported to be coming to speak to the state legislature

Protesters display ignorance

To the Editor:

Monday's performance by the war protest group in Washington must rank as a classical example of ignorance and stupidity. We have finally reached the point where the majority of the people of this country are opposed to the Vietnam war.

This could not have been dramatized more than by the peaceful demonstrations of the veterans. Many of our Congressmen are also pushing for a quick end to the war. Today's action cannot help but make them wonder whether they are fighting a worthwhile battle.

Why do so many people feel that to protest something they must destroy other people's property? Destructive demonstration can only turn the majority against what may be a good cause. Too many of us knock the system without trying

to do anything constructive, and those who do fight for change often do it in the wrong way.

Everyone on this campus is now qualified to vote. How many have taken the fifteen minutes necessary to register? Very few! If you really care about this country and want change at the same time, the polls are the only place for you to go. With the new voting age law you suddenly hold a rather large block of power.

Wisely used, this can be a very effective means of achieving change. Violence only begets violence. Peace, love and equality are wonderful objectives and conditions must change before these objectives can be met, but these changes must come peacefully or they will be meaningless.

Gerry Scudder
Box 3901

Coke covers the subject

To the Editor:

While taking a break between classes a few days ago a question came to my mind as I washed the Coke off my hands in the restroom.

The question regarded the programming of the Coke dispensing machines which are scattered around the MTSU campus.

I wonder if you could possibly give me any information about who programs these machines, for I would like very much to congratulate him for a job well done.

We students here at Mufreesboro are blessed in the fact that not only do our Coke machines

pour an allotted amount of syrup and/or carbonated water into a cup at the press of a button, but these amazing machines also manage to pur the same thing on the buyers hand when he reaches for the cup.

Yes, we at State are proud of our Coke machines and of Yankee ingenuity involved in programming them which has triumphed again.

I am sure that you will be happy to cooperate in my venture for we all feel that there should be credit where credit is due.

Sabin R. Thompson
Box 4273

Scene From the Hill

Law-makers view GER

Some state legislators have shown concern about proposed changes in the required curriculum at Middle Tennessee State University.

According to Information Retrieval and Analysis, a news service on state government, certain lawmakers feel the elimination of required courses in American History and English and their replacement with health and business courses may damage the school's academic rating.

The changes, proposed by a committee of six faculty members, three administrators, and three students, would increase the number of required hours to 44, reduce the number of minors to one and introduce five new mandatory courses.

During two faculty-student forums concerning the proposals the committee met opposition from students who questioned the need

By Larry Harrington

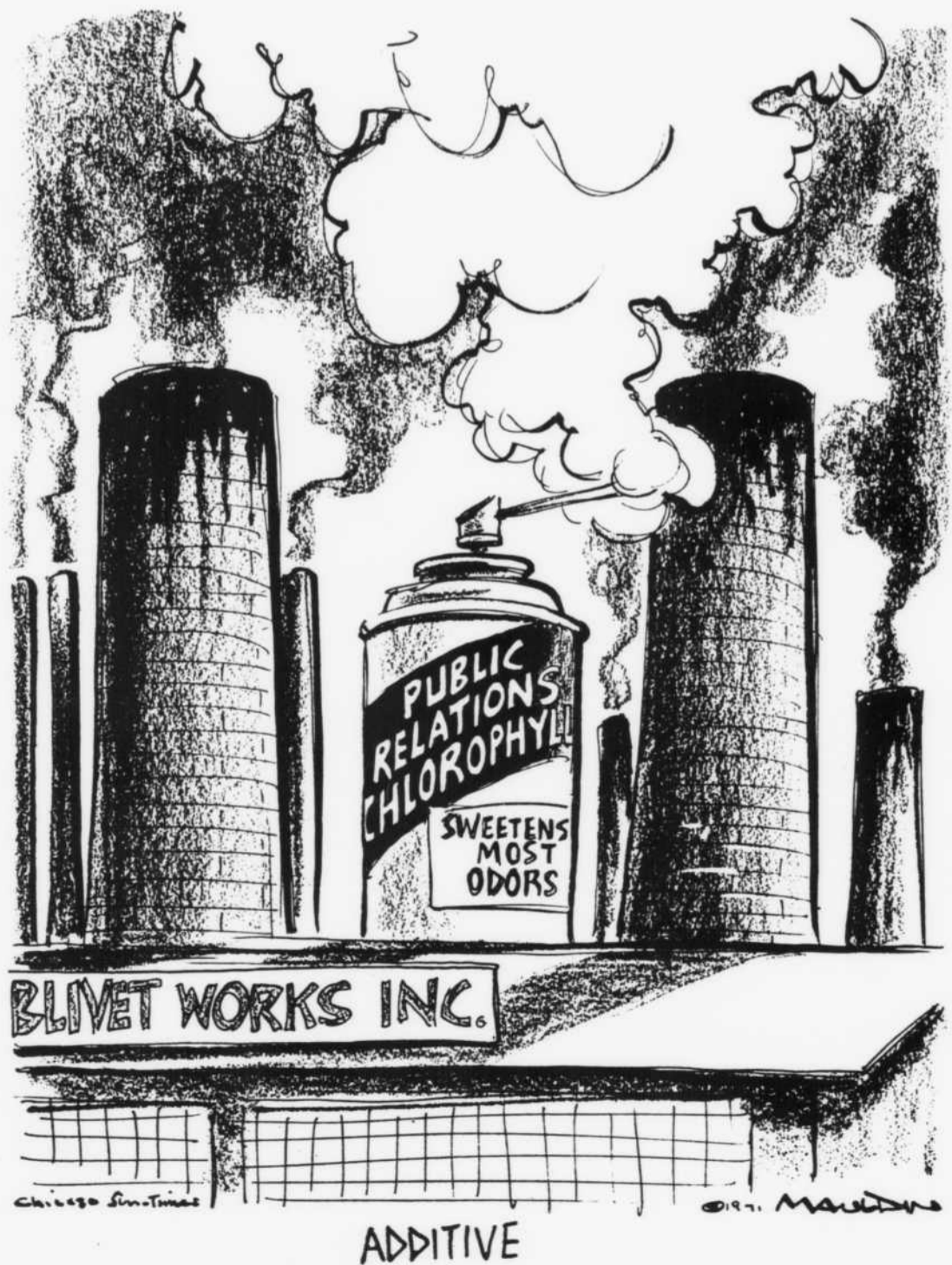
for basic business and health courses.

Several students have voiced concern about the elimination of the American History requirement. Dennis Frobish, Nashville junior, said he felt American history courses are important in developing historical perspective.

Voicing general opposition to the committee's proposals, Bill Rucinski, a student from Wisconsin, said, "The present requirements are not good, but I think they are preferable to this plan."

Emphasizing the importance of a background in American history to black students, Anthony Jones said he had been involved in efforts to institute an American history requirement at the University of Tennessee in his hometown of Chattanooga.

Bill Mauldin



ADDITIVE

Raiders split games at Western, APSU

Middle Tennessee State's baseball squad, under the first year tutorage of Dr. Lefty Solomon, took a visit to Austin Peay and Western Kentucky Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon for double-headers against these two divisional powers and came home with a split against both foes, losing the first games in both contests before coming back for 4-2, and 11 to 2 wins.

Both these encounters were preceded by a doubleheader against the strong Murray Raiders, where the Raiders lost the initial game 12 to 4 before winning the second 1-0.

Mike Townsend, the towering first baseman for the young Solomon corps, started off the game against the Hilltoppers with a booming shot over the left-center field fence. "There was no doubt it was over, it just rifled off his bat," secondbaseman Tony Kessinger replied.

But the third inning saw the Hilltoppers score five runs, after starter Jack Laverty had walked three batters, on bloop hits to take the lead they never lost.

Alex Miller threw a runner out at second to stop the third inning rally, and the Raiders came right back in the next inning to score on an Eddie Manson double and a Kessinger single.

Harry Maurice accounted for the other MTSU scores on a double in the latter stages of the game.

The second contest saw the Raiders jump off to a quick lead with two hits and two runs in

the initial inning. They followed it with three hits and four runs in the second, and two runs in the fifth and eighth innings. They also collected one in the sixth.

Eddie Robichaud and Tony Kessinger had three hits while Randy Bratton just missed his third straight shut-out.

Western got its runs in one inning, coming on a walk and two singles.

"They finally got it all together in one game," Solomon commented yesterday (Thursday) at practice. "Randy pitched a heck of a ballgame and the balls were jumping off everyone's bats."

This weekend has been designated as a Parent's Weekend with the parents of the baseball players as special guests of the university.

Three games, one with Belmont on Friday and a doubleheader with Tennessee Tech on Saturday, will comprise what coach Solomon hopes will become an annual affair.

The games are the final home games of the season.



Let's get to work

Middle Tennessee State President M. G. Scarlett calls the action from the seat of the sod remover as workers officially began work on the Astro-Turf being laid on Horace Jones Field. Shown from left are Jimmy Simmons, Astro-Turf representative, athletic director Charles Murphy, Horace Jones for whom the field is named, MTSU football coach Bill Peck, and Central coach Gene Windham. At back are Judge Threet, Dr. Scarlett, and other city officials.

Work begins on Astro-Turf installation

Middle Tennessee State University began the installation of AstroTurf, a product of the Monsanto Co., Tuesday with groundbreaking ceremonies on the Horace Jones Field.

President M.G. Scarlett announced that the stadium surface will be completed in time for the 1971 football season, with the contract calling for completion within 90 days, or about Aug. 1.

MTSU becomes the second university within the Ohio Valley Conference to install AstroTurf. Austin Peay installed the surface last year in Clarksville's Municipal Stadium.

Although the installation will be on MTSU's field, the Blue Raiders will not be the first to use it in a game. Murfreesboro Central High School, the 1970 TSSAA Class AAA State champions, will break in the turf Sept. 3 against Clarksville.

In keeping with an agreement with Rutherford County, Murfreesboro will use the field for all of their home games.

Monsanto Co., manufacturer of the world's first synthetic grass-like recreational surface, has installed AstroTurf in more than 65 sports facilities throughout the country. Included in this

are the Astrodome, the Cotton Bowl and installation at 28 other colleges.

"We were very fortunate in having installation of the three types of synthetic surfaces now on the market in our immediate area, and we got to look at and test each of them."

"We felt that AstroTurf was the best, and we are delighted that is what we are getting," stated Bill Peck, head football coach for the Blue Raiders. In addition to MTSU officials, several officials from Rutherford County and the state of Tennessee were on hand for the ceremony.

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"THE NATURE OF MAN"
(Is man a product of evolution or creation?)

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(Are God's prophecies concerning nations accurate?)

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The Peeled Eye



Fitness program anyone?

Dr. Guy Penny, an instructor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, is currently one of many faculty members taking part in the new aerobics program on the campus of Middle Tennessee State. The following article was written by Dr. Penny on the program and offers his services for the next two weeks to any student or faculty member interested in setting up a fitness program. (His office is room 8 in the drawing building and can be reached on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m.)

In a time when physical fitness has become a watchword of the medical, industrial, and educational fraternities, we are faced with choosing a physical fitness program that meets our daily physical needs. To my knowledge, the best physical fitness program available to the public is Dr. Kenneth Cooper's aerobics.

Aerobics have been developed through years of research. It establishes a fitness program for four separate age brackets: under 30, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, and 50 and over.

There are certain precautions one should adhere to when entering one of the designated fitness programs whether it be walking, running, cycling, swimming, or stationary running. These precautions are: 1) any individual with infectious diseases, hepatic disease, recent surgery, renal disease, cardiovascular disorders, or musculo-skeletal problems should not enter any type of fitness program unless approved and supervised by a qualified physician.

Two: if Cooper's 12-minute walk-run test is taken to determine the level an individual will begin his program, it should be taken in the presence of another person. It's not essential to take the test since a person can begin at the starter's level of category one and progress at his own rate.

Three: Certain guidelines should be

By Gary Davenport

followed in regard to medical checkups; if you're under 30 and have had a medical checkup within the past year, you can begin a fitness program; if you're between 30 and 39, you should have a checkup within three months of the start of your fitness program; if you're between 40 and 49 the above rule holds except that your doctor should take an ECG while you are exercising; and if you're over 50 you must have the ECG and a checkup immediately before your program begins.

It is of the utmost importance that each individual progress at his own rate. Exercise with someone in your age group and even then, allow for individual differences.

When exercising there are certain abnormal responses to exercise of which every individual should be aware. After two weeks of regular exercise, these abnormal responses will decrease as you improve your physical condition.

Baseball championship

Austin Peay and East Tennessee State clash today for the Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship series in what will be the deciding standard on a new idea as set by the league this year.

This year the two teams emerged the victors in their respective league divisions as all the squads were separated and played what amounted to a semifinal series to decide the teams who would fight for the OVC crown. Austin Peay won the fight in Division I by dropping Murray in a doubleheader in a do-or-die situation, and the Buccaneers won their Division II.

This contest will be the first time these two squads have played each other and also is the initial time both teams has ever been in the fight for the championship.

Baseball, track teams have busy weekend

Team statistics show the Blue Raider baseball team well on its way to breaking some all-time records, with four batters hitting over the .300 mark and placing themselves on the top batting average category in MTSU sports.

Eddie Robichaud leads the hitting parade with a .360 average and has been instrumental in several of the wins for Lefty Solomon's squad the past week. Les Price has a .336 average, Harry Maurice is hitting at a .330 clip, and Tony Kessinger has a .322 percentage.

Oddly enough, three of the four are infielders and have been instrumental with their fielding as well.

First baseman Mike Townsend is next on the hitting parade with a .276 average.

The team stands 18-16 with seven games left on the schedule. They entertain Belmont for a single game this afternoon at 2:30, will host Tennessee Tech Saturday for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m., play Vanderbilt, one of the better teams in the Southeastern Conference this year, on Monday for two in Nashville, and have a makeup doubleheader with Tennessee A & I here on Thursday.

For the year, the team has 44 doubles, 17 triples, and 17 homeruns to its credit.

The squad has teamed for 137 runs batted in, 28 stolen bases, 136 base on balls, and 258 hits in 1,062 times at bat.

In the 34 games, they have

committed only 57 errors, have gotten 106 strikeouts from the pitchers, and have scored 155 runs compared to 157 for the opposition.

In track and field this weekend, Dean Hayes will take his squad to Austin Peay for a dual meet before preparing for the Ohio Valley Conference championships next weekend.

Blue signs Martin to basketball grant

The No. 2 scorer in Indiana prep circles has signed a basketball grant-in-aid with Middle Tennessee State University.

Jimmy Martin, a 6-4, 175 pound guard from Sharpesville, inked with the Blue Raiders after narrowing his final choices to Dayton, Indiana and MTSU.

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Men's intramurals near end

Coach Joe Ruffner is a busy man as the school year comes to a close and intramurals begin a final swing before ending what has been a very successful year.

At the present time action is taking place in softball, tennis and badminton, with some of the largest number of entries ever. It's a credit to coach Ruffner and the graduate assistants he has working under him.

The softball action, which takes place each day on the MTSU

fields, nears the semifinal match in the single elimination tournament that will determine the eventual champion. Action takes place each afternoon at 4 p.m.

Doubles, mixed doubles, and singles competition highlight the tennis and badminton, with both sports nearing the semi-final rounds.

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Opium derivatives ease pain, create addiction

By Bill Pamplin

Of the drugs derived from the opium poppy, PAPAVER somniferum, several have found extensive use in the medical profession. Codeine and morphine are the most extensively prescribed opiates, usually for their pain relieving qualities.

Heroin, one of the most widely abused and addictive opiates, was first synthesized in 1898 by the Bayer Company of Germany. At first used as an analgesic and cough suppressant, it was soon discovered that heroin relieved morphine withdrawal symptoms. It was not known then that heroin was addictive and was used for 12 years as a cure for morphine

Editor's Note:

Bill Pamplin, the author, is a senior psychology major. Pamplin, a former Special Forces Medic, has worked for the past two years at the Rutherford County Hospital.

Resources for this article include the "Physicians Desk Reference" by Medical Economics and "Drugs from A to Z" by Richard R. Lingeman.

addiction before this was discovered.

Heroin is considered to be the drug of choice in the underworld of addicts. It is usually sold in the form of a white crystalline

powder that is bitter to the taste.

The classic progression of the method of taking heroin among slum youths is from sniffing to subcutaneous injections (skin popping) to intravenous injections (mainlining), according to Richard R. Lingeman.

Brings addiction

Use of the drug for any extended period of time usually results in physiological habituation. Those users who inject the drug also run the risk of subcutaneous infections and liver damage through lack of proper sterile technique, the author of "Drugs from A to Z" further indicated.

With addiction comes continual

craving of the drug which usually results in the life style of the addict being centered around the drug itself. To cite an example, a typical New York addict needs an average of \$10,000 per year to support his habit. Only ten to fifteen percent of those who are addicted are ever able to successfully give up the drug.

The usual feeling experienced by first time users is most often described as a prolonged sexual orgasm centered in the abdominal region. This feeling mellow in to a dreamy state that may last for several hours.

'Advantages of death'

As one addict put it, heroin "has all the advantages of death without its permanence." The pleasant feeling usually associated with early usage normally requires increased dosage to achieve and the addict may soon find himself "shooting up" merely to avoid the withdrawal syndrome.

The barbiturates commonly go by such names as Yellowjackets, Reds, Red birds, Blues, Rainbows, and others. They are all hypnotic and sedative derivatives of barbituric acid.

They are legally used as sleeping pills and in small doses, to relieve tension and anxiety. Tolerance to the barbiturates will develop after prolonged heavy use. Overdosage results in the same respiratory depression and death.

When abused, the opiates and barbiturates have several characteristics in common. They are physiologically habituating and increased dosage is required to produce similar effects when used over an extended period of time.

With addiction, a characteristic withdrawal syndrome exists when the user is without the drug. Some of the symptoms usually seen include anxiety, restlessness, gooseflesh, involuntary muscular twitching, weight loss, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and in some severe cases convulsions and death.

Although several of the drugs mentioned in previous articles have the potential for psychological addiction, none are considered to be physiologically addicting. Drugs classified as opiates or barbiturates are strongly habit forming and their use is thought to be increasing.

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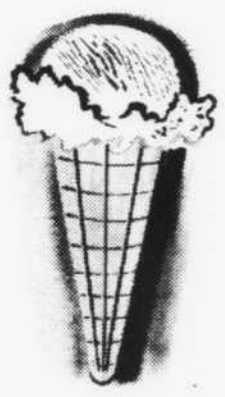
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