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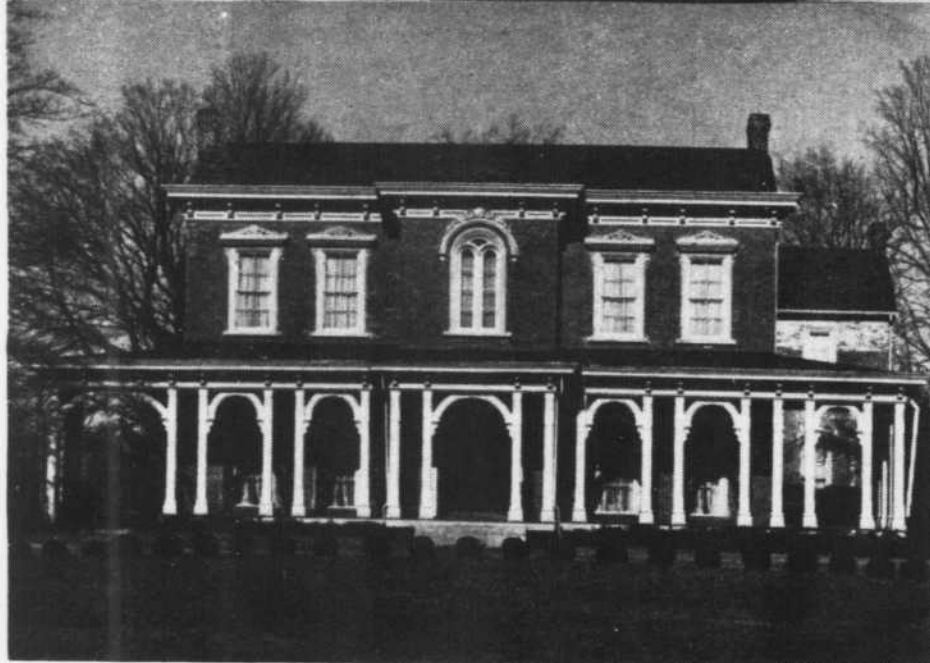


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Christmas Open House will be held at Oaklands Mansion tomorrow and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Constructed in stages during the first half of the 19th Century, the historic Murfreesboro home is located at the end of N. Maney Ave.

New campus publication studied by Interim Board

by Gina Jeter

A proposal for a new periodical combining the budgets and contents of the yearbook and campus literary magazine is being studied by the Interim Board of Student Publications.

The proposal was submitted to the board Tuesday by Jerry Hilliard, adviser of publications. Its acceptance or rejection may be

decided when the board meets Thursday.

"I think the students can best be served by dropping Midlander and Collage in their present forms, combining their budgets and contents and coming out with a high-quality magazine," Hilliard said.

"This publication could include

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Wiseman supports open visitation proposal

State Treasurer Tom Wiseman said this week that he favors open visitation in male and female dormitories on the state's university and college campuses.

"Adults should be treated as adults," Wiseman said at MTSU Tuesday. "Brick walls between male and female dormitories will not stop social contact."

A possible candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination next year, Wiseman also strongly favored a voting student representative on the State Board of Regents.

"I think the students of the state universities and community colleges should be represented on the regents' board," Wiseman said. "This representative could be appointed by the governor, the Tennessee Student Association or by some other method," he said.

Wiseman said he opposed the

suggestion that state universities fill their rolls through a "quota" system, with a certain number of students assigned to each school, regardless of the student's choice.

"I believe the problem of unequal university enrollments--where one school is bursting at the seams and another experiencing empty classrooms--can be solved by placing a 'cap' on each institution's growth," he said.

"When a university attracts all the students it can reasonably serve, it should stop further admission and allow other schools to develop themselves," he said.

"We will have to be a little less parochial in our attitude toward state university growth," Wiseman said. "We can't be interested in only the school from which we are alumni."

The former state representative said tax reform would be a major

Visitation requested

by Wayne Hudgens

Visitation between members of the opposite sex in the "public areas" of J and K apartments was recommended last night to the All Campus Rules Committee.

Subcommittee B of the All Campus Rules Committee, chaired by David Dodd, reported to the entire Rules Committee that visitation should be allowed between 10 a.m. and 1 a.m. Sunday through Friday. It recommended that no time limit on visitations be imposed on Friday and Saturday nights.

The subcommittee recommendations on J and K were the results of several weeks of study by subcommittee members, which included a public hearing at J and K apartments.

"Public areas" were defined in the subcommittee report as "the living room--dinettes area."

Judy Myers, president of J apartments and Dick Baldwin, president of K apartments spoke to the Rules Committee prior to their consideration of the subcommittee recommendations.

This reporter left the All Campus Rules Committee meeting after a vote by that group prohibited him from directly quoting committee members during their deliberations on the recommendations.

Fred Kittrell, chairman of the Rules Committee, had earlier told the reporter that he was free to stay at the meeting if he wished and "summarize" the actions taken by the group as long as names were not published.

Robert Lalance, dean of students

and a member of the Rules Committee, said he felt allowing direct quotes in the meeting might set a precedent for other standing committees which they would not wish to follow.

This is the first year that Sidelines has attempted to give full coverage to the All Campus Rules Committee, which is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations for changes in university policy and regulation affecting students.

Any recommendations it makes as the result of subcommittee work will be forwarded for final review by President M. G. Scarlett, and ultimately by the State Board of Regents.

The Dodd subcommittee also reported on changes it proposed in governing of the residence halls and greek social organizations.

In a statement on housing policies and information, the subcommittee recommended that unmarried freshmen be required to move into campus housing from off-campus locations if space exists for them in the halls.

The report also recommended that all residence women have self-determined hours, regardless of class status. Provision for residence hall government, residence hall programming, and a variety of other regulations governing dormitory operation were included in the report.

No major differences in regulations concerning greek social organizations was proposed by the subcommittee.



Tom Wiseman

Morality vs. freedom debated at pot session

by Scott Perry

"Antisocial behavior comes with use of the drug marijuana," Bob Spann, Smithville Church of Christ minister, said while addressing the marijuana symposium in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, Tuesday night.

Spann presented the negative side in the symposium while Nashville attorney Lionel Barrett spoke for the decriminalization of marijuana.

A crowd which almost filled the DA Auditorium listened to both sides present their cases, and then a number of persons asked the speakers questions.

After the questions "Reefer Madness," an anti-marijuana film, was shown.

Many countries have laws on marijuana which are more strict than U.S. laws, Spann said.

"Marijuana is a unpredictable drug, taken by unpredictable people, bringing about unpredictable results," Spann said. "Any thinking people would see and hear its dangers."

Spann said many persons try to compare marijuana use with that of tobacco and alcohol. Tobacco harms only the user while marijuana can harm others around the user, he said.

Barrett did not agree with Spann that marijuana brings about antisocial behavior. "It is very seldom that anyone who has been smoking marijuana commits a violent crime."

Spann talked of the spiritual issue involved with marijuana. "Persons need to build spiritual and moral fiber to overcome drug problems."

"Marijuana laws are necessary and should be retained," Spann concluded.

Barrett said personal freedom was a main issue when talking about marijuana laws. "If a person wants to smoke marijuana it is his own business."

"I am not here to advocate the use of marijuana," Barrett said, but I cannot see any justification for state and federal controls on

a person doing something to his own body."

"In my opinion the decriminalization of marijuana would bring a decline in the number of persons who use hard narcotics," Barrett added.

He pointed out several states including Oregon, California and Texas have reformed marijuana laws.

"Even in Texas, where the legislature is noted for its conservative views, the penalty for possession was reduced from two years to life to a six month term," he said.

Barrett noted the traditionally conservative American Bar Association has recommended the elimination of criminal penalties for possession or use of marijuana.

NORML schedules benefit concert

Barefoot Jerry, Mac Gayden, and Hobson's choice will appear in concert at the War Memorial Auditorium Thursday at 8 p.m. All proceeds will go to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

In addition to the music, there will be a special showing of the film "Reefer Madness."

"If people want to change the laws, this is one thing they had better support," John Shenk, state director of NORML, said.

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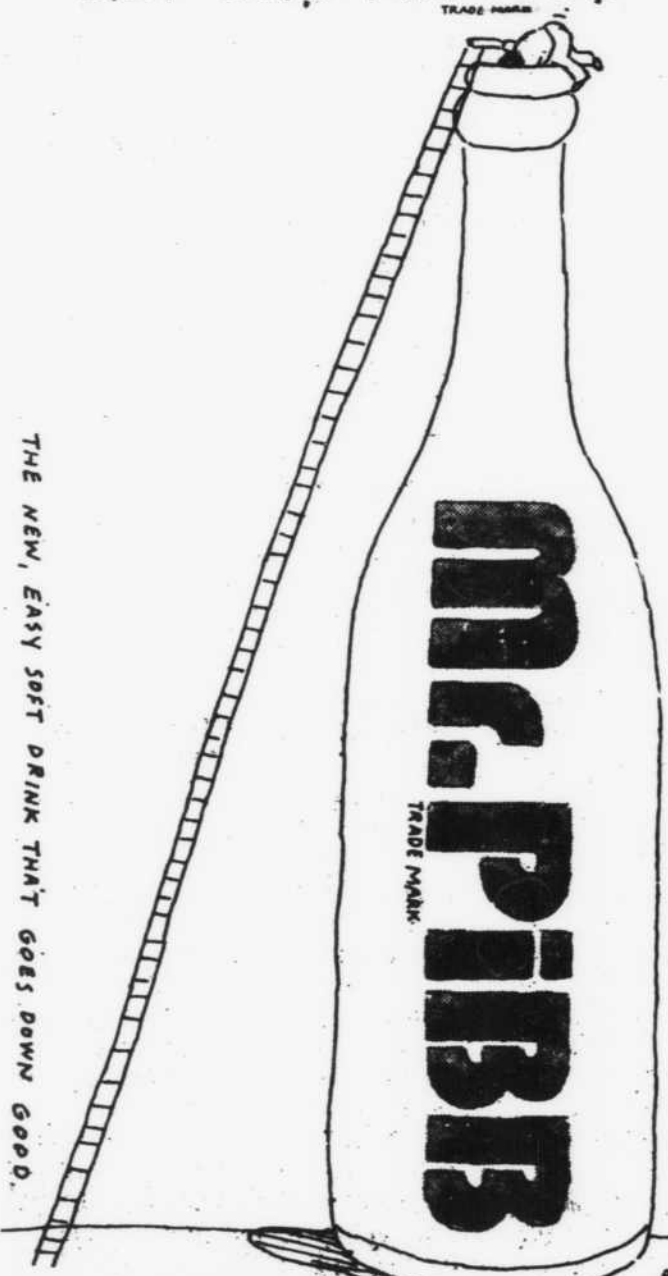
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Gas cap thieves ravage campus

Complaints about a rash of gas cap thefts from Ford Pintos and Plymouth Dusters have been filtering into administration and Sidelines offices all week.

Stake out sees lizards at fault

by Larry Harrington

Chain smoking Marlboros, Sidelines Managing Editor Wayne Hudgens sat low behind the wheel of a yellow Ford Pinto. He worried that the foggy windows would give him away, but smoking like a fiend was the only thing that relieved the tension. This was his first stake out and even the heavy feeling of the .38 calibre Walther PPK in his coat pocket didn't give him a sense of security.

By midnight, however, his nervousness had given way to drowsiness brought on by the melodic drumming of the rain. At 3 a.m. Hudgens awoke with a coughing spasm--too many smokes and a terrifying dream about lizards taking over the grill--lizards in checkered sport coats smoking cigars and wearing wrap-around Italian sunglasses.

Disoriented, Hudgens drew the PPK from his pocket and flung open the door prepared to blow the head off a six foot lizard stealing a gas cap. But it was still there. Even a gang of gas cap-stealing lizards wouldn't get out on a night like that.

Confused by the failure of his mission, Hudgens slithered across the flooded lot to his own car and drove home dangerously fast on the rain slick streets.

"About two weeks ago my gas cap was stolen from my Pinto," said J apartment resident Joan Hullender. "I bought another one only to find it gone the other day, and this time the rain filled my gas tank. Now my car won't start."

John Davis of Binford Motors said the parts department has sold about 18 gas caps for Pintos in the last two weeks.

"We had six gas caps stolen from cars on our lot and one was taken off the Pinto right here in our showroom," he said.

"This boy came in here and said they were making belt buckles out of them. I've been looking around to see what they look like," Davis said.

A new gas cap costs \$2.80, according to Davis, "then you have to pay a body shop to paint it."

"I've spend \$20 on gas caps," said Sidelines reporter Mauna Midgett who claimed to have had four stolen from her Plymouth Duster.



'Dreams of lizards'

Several persons whose gas caps were stolen reported rumors that the thefts were part of a sorority or fraternity pledge prank.

"We have nothing to indicate that this involves fraternities or sororities--nothing other than rumors," Assistant Associate Dean of Men Ivan Shewmake said.

A Greek organization sponsoring the thefts would be risking social probation, he said.

Dean of Women Judy Smith said theft of auto gas caps "is alien to sorority initiation as I know it."

"We're following up every lead, but so far we've come up with zero evidence," she said.

She said efforts had been made to determine if a high school sorority might be responsible for the thefts.

Play opens tonight

"The Servant of Two Masters," a comedy will be performed tonight at 8 in the Arena Theatre.

The season's second production by the MTSU Theatre will be enacted each night through Monday and again next Wednesday through Dec. 8, Anne Petty, play director, said.

Admission is free to MTSU students, Petty said.

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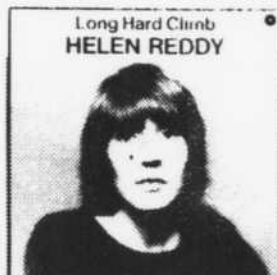
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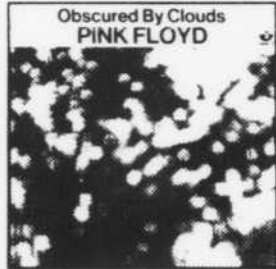
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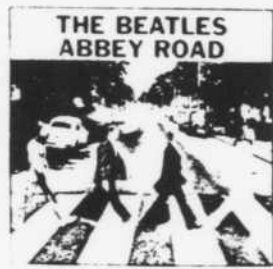
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Board studies publication

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the traditional yearbook and creative magazine material," he said. "It also could become much more deeply involved with timely feature and news coverage of each school year."

The proposal calls for a periodical published about four times each year. Each magazine could have holes punched to fit a loose-leaf binder that could be issued with the first magazine, Hilliard said.

Midlander is fulfilling its role of providing students with a history of the year at MTSU Hilliard said. But he said it is lacking in its role as a training ground for students in mass communications.

"Considering that our journalism courses are training people primarily for newspaper and magazine careers, I feel staff members would be gaining experience on the new magazine that would be much more directly related to their future jobs," he said.

"Collage has such a tiny budget that it is virtually unable to make any improvements in its size and appearance," Hilliard said.

Combining the two budgets could give the creative work of MTSU's writers, poets, photo-

graphers and artists better exposure, Hilliard said.

Representatives from Midlander, Collage, and ASB and the faculty heard the proposal at Tuesday's meeting.

"I like the proposal. Collage could do so much more, and it would be good for us because yearbooks are dying. We would have a new direction," said Cindy Roberson, editor of Midlander.

Collage Editor Lucy Sikes said she likes the proposal but has some reservations.

"I'm having serious second thoughts about doing away with Collage," Sikes said. "We've worked so hard to make it successful, and we are doing our role."

"I feel Collage could be developed much more fully if they would give us more money," she said.

Joe Evans, president of the Faculty Senate, said the proposal is interesting.

"I asked the board not to decide until we could get more faculty opinion," he said. "I have asked people to tell me what they think of it, but, there hasn't been time to get responses yet."

BULLETIN--The proposal outlined above was passed unanimously last night by the ASB Senate.

File 13

The Concert Choir of MTSU will present its annual Fall Concert at 3:30 this Sunday afternoon in the Dramatic Arts Theatre. The program will contain sacred and secular music by the a cappella unit of the music department. The public is invited to attend.

There will be a Greek Show at 7 tonight in the Alumni Memorial Gym, sponsored by Mu Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Admission will be 50 cents. Presentation of pledge classes of each sorority and fraternity is scheduled.

LOST-- Denise Seliga has lost a Gruen watch, white-gold with blue face. Contact Seliga for reward through Box 482 or 898-4602 if watch is found.

Anyone who has ideas they would like to express concerning the availability of Murphy Center may bring them to the ASB office in the UC.

Monday will be the final day applications will be accepted from persons interested in serving as editor-in-chief of Sidelines during the spring semester. Forms are available in the mass communications department, located in the basement of Alumni Memorial Gym.

Collage is accepting opinions on any topics you want to "spout off" about. Topics include abortion, the energy crisis, legalization of marijuana, ect. Opinions must be typed or written legibly including box number and name. Entries should be sent to Nancy Nipper, Box 61.

Best teachers up for nomination

Three faculty members selected as "Outstanding Teachers" will receive \$1,000 each from the MTSU Foundation according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Howard Kirksey.

"Students, faculty and alumni will nominate faculty members for the award," Kirksey said.

Students are asked to make nominations on the ballot printed in the Sidelines and send it to P.O. Box 42. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 13, Kirksey said.

"The selection procedure involves three steps--nomination, elimination, and final selection," he said.

A committee representing the faculty, the ASB, MTSU Foundation and the Alumni Association will select a list of finalists from those nominated, Kirksey said.

"For the past seven years the finalists have been those who have been nominated by all three groups--the students, faculty and alumni--and who have been teaching here for three years or more," he said.

Faculty and students using special rating sheets will make the final evaluations, and the results of the evaluations will be tabulated by a computer, Kirksey said.

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Columns

Is faculty dismissal policy morally correct?

by Bill Mason Special reporter

In last Tuesday's Sidelines, this reporter's analysis of the rights of non-tenured faculty members not rehired ended with the sentence, "Technically and legally, the procedure of the university is absolutely correct."

This is true enough, but that analysis failed to comment on the moral correctness of the procedure.

Presently, a non-tenured teacher can find himself without a job for the next year because of the decision of only one person, the department head. His reason for not rehiring may be good or bad, or there may be no reason at all. In any case, his decision will almost certainly be upheld by the

MTSU administration.

Consider the hypothetical case of a faculty member who has taught at MTSU for three years. Even though he has not been granted tenure, a permanent teaching position, he has moved his family to Murfreesboro, become involved in the community life and made a new circle of friends. Then, with only a minimum of notice, he is informed that he will not be rehired for the next year. He must begin to look for a new job and prepare to tear up his roots and plant them elsewhere.

He may appeal this decision to Howard Kirksey, but the merits of the department head's decision will not be considered. Kirksey will only overrule the department head if the procedure followed when

the teacher was informed of the decision was not proper.

This procedure, though legal, certainly does not indicate that the university administration is interested in the principles of fair play or common decency.

Of course, it cannot be suggested that the hands of the department heads should be tied in such a manner that it would be almost impossible to get rid of a non-tenured teacher. The judgement of the department heads will have to be trusted to a relatively large extent.

However, the notion that no reason at all can be given for a decision not to rehire cannot be retained in a university that vocalizes the ideas of fairness and due process. The present system could

very well allow a teacher to be without a job simply because he is black, female, short or thin.

The policy of this university should be changed requiring a department head to give an acceptable reason for not rehiring a teacher, even if the reason is only that the teacher has a bad attitude or that a better teacher can be found.

Also, an appeal of a department head's decision should go not only to Kirksey, but to a panel of tenured faculty members who would not be expected to blindly rubber stamp the decision.

Until these two changes in policy are made, MTSU's non-tenured teachers will remain insecure, and the integrity and honesty of the university administration will remain in doubt.

Preacher confuses facts on marijuana issue

Both Sides Now

by Bill Lewis

Bob Spann, who preached against the legalization of marijuana from the stage of our DA building last Tuesday night, was wrong on so many different points that it is going to be impossible to fit them into the column.

Spann said, "Marijuana is outlawed in nearly every civilized nation in the world." Sure it is;

--Both Spann and the people who printed the booklets he had distributed in the lobby defined civilized as being against dope.

--"Outlawed" is much too strong a word. While the countries they are selecting all have something or other on the books against dope, most of them amount to not being able to deal without a license, or some such insanity.

--If you were in a position of some authority in the government of some other nation and learned that the Americans were intending to use everything at their disposal --- primarily non-military but no guarantees --- against any country that didn't help them suppress a little smoke, wouldn't you figure the simplest thing to do would be to write up some little law you could point to? Sure you would. After all, it wouldn't have to be either effective or enforced, would it?

Since that is actually how marijuana came to be the second most legislated against drug in the world, the argument above can be reduced to "We can't go against the lead of

all these folks following our lead." Right?

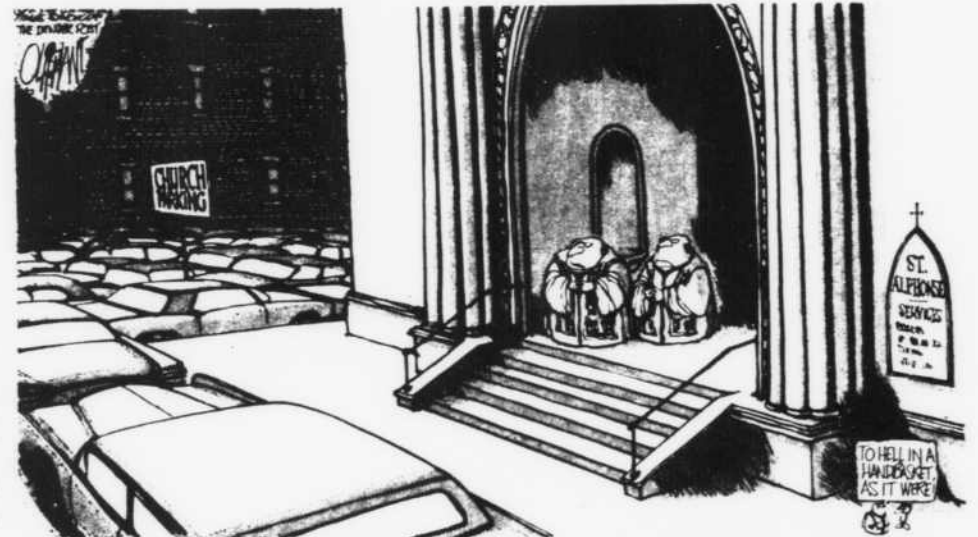
Spann also said that marijuana was virtually unknown in America before the 1920's. In the question and answer session, he admitted that it was grown some for manufacturing rope (hemp), but claimed that it wasn't smoked. To give just one example;

--George Washington had 35,000 acres of Cannabis under cultivation, both at home on Mt. Vernon and on property leased from his neighbors. While most of that sizable crop probably did go into rope, that doesn't explain why;

--he was sorry, as he told his brother in a letter, that he couldn't get home that year "when the plants are coming into flower." Catching a few plants coming into seed is vital to any farmer, but marijuana flowers are valuable only for getting high! Or why;

--he spent some time in his herb garden one day, as he recorded in his diary, "culling out the male plants (of the Cannabis) and pinching the tops of the others so they would divide." --- Only female Cannabis contain the active agent, THC, and it is concentrated almost entirely in the flowers.

Finally, it must be said that Mr. Spann is, in all probability, more to be pitied than scorned. We have learned that some organization has been circulating "reprints" of an article from the Jan. 22, 1973 issue of Time which covered the problem of babies being born with habits. The difference is that while the original article correctly identifies the villains as heroin and methadone, both dangerous and addic-



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tive, the "reprints" are rewritten to implicate non-addictive marijuana.

On the subject of pot, Time reported (Feb. 22, 1972, p. 51) that the National Commission on marijuana and Drug Abuse was prepared to recommend to Congress "that criminal penalties for possession and private use should be entirely abolished."

Two of the key reasons given were that "even partial legalization might cut the use of heroin," and that "marijuana is not addictive, and the idea that pot smoking leads to heroin use is 'totally invalid.'"

Hopefully, Mr. Spann is a bit more careful in researching those topics which he said he could present to his congregation from evidence rather than experience.

Columnist Lewis gives his award



My Platinum Plated Coke Fork Award for this week goes to Mr. Bob Spann for clear logic, an open mind and strict adherence to fact.

When asked what he meant by saying that marijuana leads to heroin addiction, Spann announced that it makes you turn other people on!

The paper he is displaying in this picture was supposed to be a Time article on babies addicted to pot. (See column.)

Now we understand. Dope's illegal because it's bad, and it's bad because it's illegal!

We thank you.

J, K residents ask only to live as adults

When I received my letter last summer telling me that the school had made a mistake and we couldn't have male guest in our apartments, I was terribly upset along with all the other residents of J apartment. Many of the women by the time they are juniors or seniors in college have steady boy-friends. They want some place to go besides the lobby of a dorm.

Open column

by Judy Meyers
President J Apartment

Students want to spend time among themselves, not necessarily in a sexually intimate atmosphere, but just because it would be nice to get away from other people for a while. It would be nice to cook dinner and study together in a relaxed and informal manner. We don't want our apartments to earn a reputation as houses of ill-repute, but we would like to live as adults. After all, we have found the median age of our dorm to be over 20.

When I decided to run for president of J, I wanted to do something about our situation. But after

working at it for a while, I was very frustrated. I, myself, will be pleased if J's proposal is passed and put into effect by next fall. I guess I've just learned to be realistic. I'm not saying that I've given up. I'm still going to do everything in my power to improve the situation for the Spring semester. I know that the residents of J and K, (our head resident), Mrs. Hannah, the entire student body and the administration (believe it or not) are all behind us.

To clear the administration a little bit, let me say that they have apologized and are helping us understand our situation and also are helping us face the State Board of Regents, with whom we have to deal. We have been told that the Regents have already planned the agenda for their December meeting and can't put our problem into it. Our proposal will not be presented until February, and they will not put it into effect until next fall. I still do not understand why they can't get to us sooner, but I am told that's just the way things are done.

Many of the men in K feel that our proposal is not strong enough. The women of J would like very much to ask for open hours also,

but feel safer in trying for something that is obtainable from the Board of Regents, instead of proposing something that we do not feel will be passed by the older generation.

Meanwhile, many things are being done to make our situation more livable. In a meeting with Dean of Women, Judy Smith and Dean of Housing, Sam McLean, we found that we are achieving a few things that dormitories have. Fairly soon there will be no more workmen coming into our apartments (except for the custodian to leave toilet paper inside our front door and two maintenance inspections per year). We should be getting milk machines in addition to other vending machines, newspaper racks, bicycle racks, a

mail receptacle on the road to serve J, K, and married student housing, and also a TV, carpeting, study desks, chairs, pictures, and lamps for our lobby. Also Dean Smith is going to discuss with student personnel the possibility of allowing males to use the exterior corridors to call and return for our women at the doors of their apartment, hoping that the women and men will not abuse this privilege.

However, these are conveniences that anyone in a dormitory has and are not the privileges that the residents of J and K apartments are entitled to. I hope that the Rules Committee, Vice President for Student Affairs Harry Wagner, President M. G. Scarlett and the State Board of Regents will not dismiss our requests out of hand.

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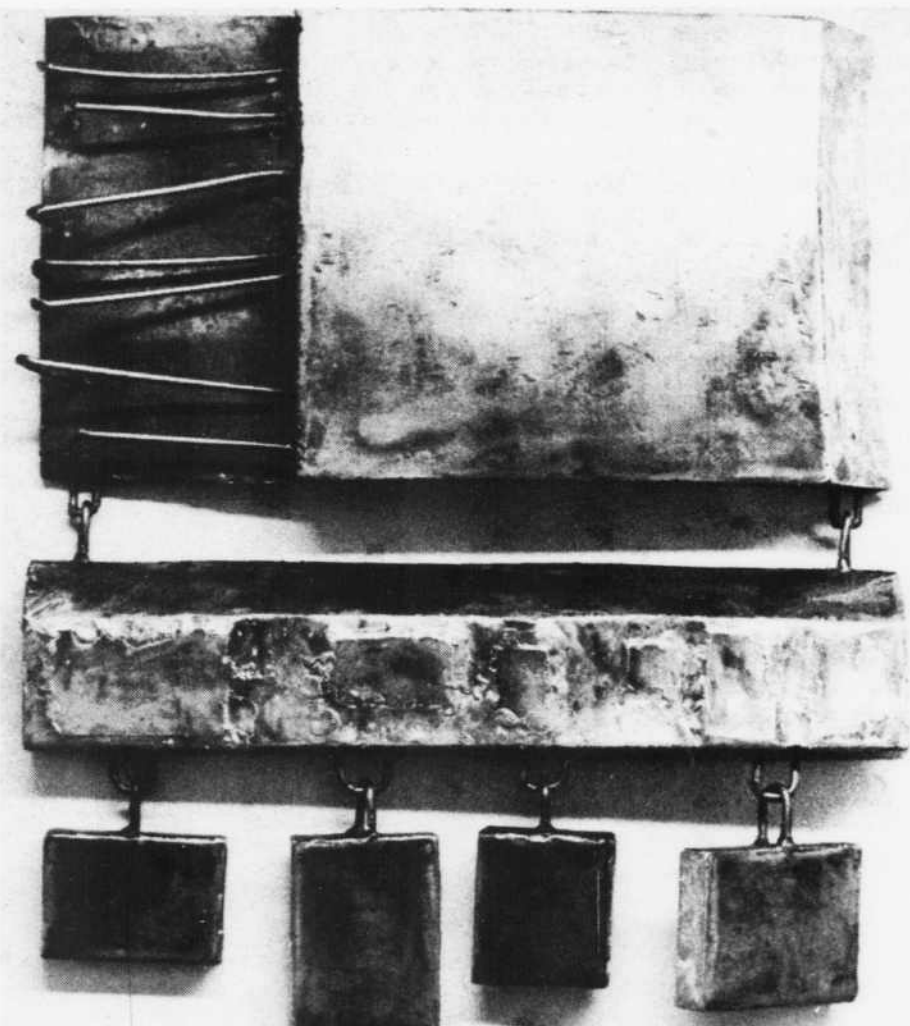
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Art exhibit to open

Barbara Meadows and Wendell Dorris will open an exhibit of their work Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Art Barn Gallery.

Meadows will show jewelry and several sculptures of welded steel, cast bronze and wood. (See wall hanging at right.)

Dorris will also exhibit sculpture. But he will show prints utilizing several techniques of printmaking--silk screen, intaglio and lithograph. (See print above.) The exhibit will close Dec. 16.

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Forums study colleges in technological age

MTSU's first Honors Forums are being held this semester through Dec. 10, according to Honor Program officials.

"The role of The University In a Technological Society," is the topic of the series of three Honors Forums being held in the University Center moderated by June Martin, director of the Honors Program.

The first of the series was held Monday afternoon with a panel consisting of four faculty members, Robert Armburst (industrial arts and technology), William Kerr (psychology), Roy Shelton (foreign languages) and Aaron

Todd (chemistry and physics); one honors student, Michael Hall and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Howard Kirksey.

In the form Todd set the state for a lively debate by asserting the two major functions of the university in our society are vocational preparation and general education.

"The jobs they (the students) are training for may no longer exist in the future, and thus, their training needs to be such that they are adaptable," Todd said.

"There is a threat to the university today as it is traditionally understood," Shelton said. "The

threat is, specifically, we are being asked to let other institutions, often economic interest groups, define the goals of the university."

Hall, a junior majoring in political science, indicated the one point of agreement seemed to be "whatever the university is, it's got to be based somehow on the

future."

Kirksey said there are two essential philosophies concerning education in a technological age.

The second honors forum will be held on Monday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., with the third forum scheduled for Dec. 10 at the same time. Forums will be held in the UC.

Education association to discuss regional universities in Tennessee

Regional universities in Tennessee will be discussed by the MTSU Education Association Monday night at 7:30, according to George Beers, president of the MTSU Chapter of the Tennessee Education Association.

The program will be in dance studio B of the Murphy Center. A panel of Tennessee educators will lead the discussion.

Panel members are State Rep. John Bragg; John Folger, executive secretary of the Higher Education Commission; C.C. Humphreys, chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents; Cavit

Chesier, associate executive secretary of the TEA and MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.

"The theme the panel will discuss is 'The Function of Regional Universities in Tennessee: Trends, Needs and Prospects,'" Beers said.

"We would also be particularly interested in legislative proposals being acted upon or considered for recommendation in the future that will affect our university," he said.

Audience participation in the form of written questions is anticipated for the meeting.

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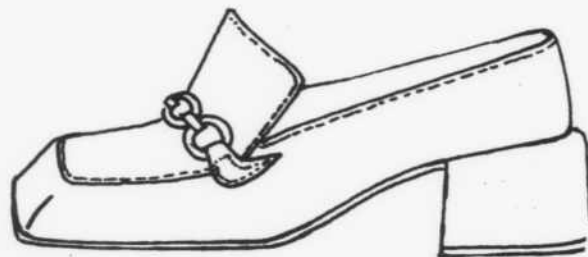
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LAYAWAY NOW

JV team to open season at UTK

by Scott Elliott

Junior Varsity Basketball Coach Stan Simpson evidently has his work cut out for him this season.

At the initial Basketball Faculty-Press Luncheon Thursday, he said any team his squad beats this year "should drop basketball from their athletic program." Come now Coach Simpson--it can't be that bad.

Simpson's squad consists of three scholarship players and seven walk-ons. The University of Tennessee will be the junior Raiders' first opponent tonight in Knoxville.

One of MTSU's first energy-crisis

victims is Intramural Flag Football.

According to Intramural Director Joe Ruffner, night games at Horace Jones Field will no longer be possible because of the need to conserve electricity.

It was rumored that Gov. Winfield Dunn was one of those who objected to MTSU night games. Look out Howard, Dandy and Frank!

I've always thought Southeastern Conference football was tougher than the Big Ten. Now, I think the athletic directors down here are a notch above the Northerners.

What a stupid policy--letting the athletic directors of the Big Ten

vote on the league representative to the Rose Bowl. The coaches should have voted on it. Michigan clearly outplayed the Ohio State Buckeyes.

The All-Ohio Valley Conference Football Team will be announced some time in the next couple of weeks, and the Raiders should have at least two players on the squad, linebacker Gary Bell and punter Mike Shaven.

Bell probably won't get the OVC Defensive Player of the Year Award, but no one deserves it more.

After picking the Raiders to win the OVC basketball crown this season, several people voiced their disagreement.

Maybe I went too far out on the limb by picking a conference favorite before the first ball is bounced, but it would be difficult to select another squad over the Big Blue.

The key for Jimmy Earle's boys this year is their tremendous depth. I'd hate to be in Earle's place when he has to name a starting five. The competition for a first-team berth on the Raider squad is so keen that there is little difference between one player and the next.

Jock Shorts

Intramural Director Joe Ruffner has announced the Intramural Swim Meet has been postponed.

The meet will be rescheduled for the spring semester, according to Ruffner. It was initially scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday.

The MTSU wrestling team will open its dual-match schedule against UT-Martin Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on the Pacers' home mat.

Correction

In the last issue of Sidelines, a misprint concerning Raider quarterback Fred Rohrdanz being dropped from the football team for disciplinary reasons was made.

Two paragraphs were accidentally combined, causing a misconception.

The paragraph mentioning Rohrdanz should have read: To make matters worse, starting quarterback Fred Rohrdanz and All-OVC tackle Bob Orsillo were lost with injuries in the first two home games.

Rohrdanz was never involved in any disciplinary action, and the Sidelines would like to apologize for any misconceptions that might have occurred.

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'Running game' predicted for cage opener

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

A "running game" between the Blue Raiders and St. Bernard College Saturday night at Murphy Center has been predicted by the Middle Tennessee basketball coaching staff.

St. Bernard defeated the Raiders 99-95 in the 1964-65 season, the two squads only previous meeting.

The Raider roundballers are opening their 1973-74 schedule against the Saints, and Raider Head Coach Jimmy Earle has warned "St. Bernard should not be taken lightly."

"We've looked pretty good this fall in practice," Earle said. "We're quicker this year, and we're hopefully smarter."

Earle further stated the Raiders have more depth this year than ever before.

"We're going to be a running team, and you've got to have nine to 10 quality players to be successful at that type of game," he added.

Leading MTSU's offensive attack this year is forward Jimmy Powell.

Powell led the Raiders in both scoring and rebounding last year and was named to the All-OVC squad.

Earle noted the post position will be one of the Raiders' strongest areas with Tim Sisneros and Dave Bormann.

"Bormann is an offensive machine," Earle said. "He's got more moves than a checker player."

The forwards will be Powell, Captain Forrest Toms and Steve Peeler. Backing them up will be David Webster and newcomer George Sorrell.

According to Earle, the Raiders have "the best shooter ever at MTSU" at one of the guard spots, transfer Fred Allen.

"Anywhere from 35 feet in-- Allen has the green light to shoot," Earle said. "He's not afraid of any competition; he just wants to fire that ball."

Along with Allen, veterans Mason Bonner and Jimmy Martin will see a lot of action at guard. Donnie Hamilton and Kim Malcolm will be key reserves.

"There will be no consistent starting lineup with this squad," Earle said. "We're going to be playing a lot of people this year because we've got quality players all down the bench."

Earle said the Ohio Valley Conference plays "better basketball than the Southeastern Conference."

"I believe the team that wins it all this year will have to win all their home games, and, in that respect, Austin Peay has got an

advantage in their crackerbox," he added.

Earle picked APSU, Murray State, and Morehead as the "teams to beat" in the OVC.

"Besides Tennessee Tech, the whole conference will be greatly improved," he said.

"I can promise our team will be one that's exciting to watch," he continued. "We want to fill the seats this year, and I know we'll have to build a winner to do it."



Raider forward George Sorrell, firing a shot in the Blue-White game, is certain to see a lot of action in MTSU's opener with St. Bernard.

Raiders' OVC schedule

Jan. 12	Tennessee Tech	Home
14	East Tennessee	Home
19	Morehead State	Away
21	Eastern Kentucky	Away
26	Austin Peay	Home
28	Murray State	Away
Feb. 2	Western Kentucky	Home
9	East Tennessee	Away
11	Tennessee Tech	Away
16	Eastern Kentucky	Home
18	Morehead State	Home
23	Murray State	Home
25	Austin Peay	Away
March 2	Western Kentucky	Away

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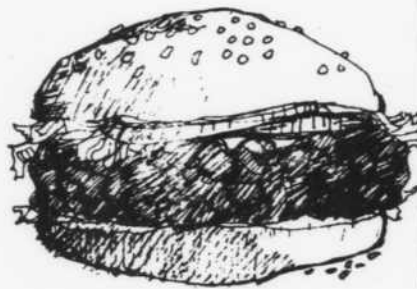
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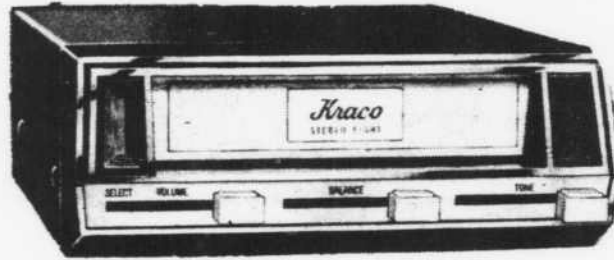


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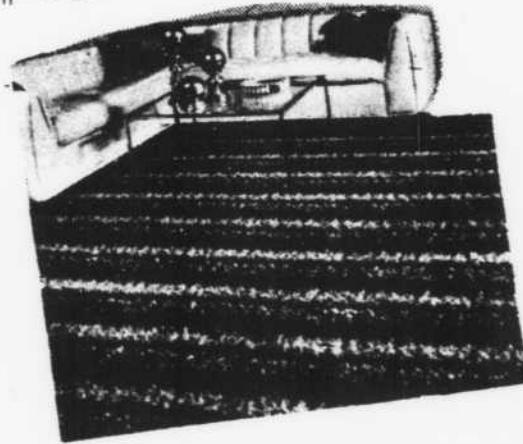
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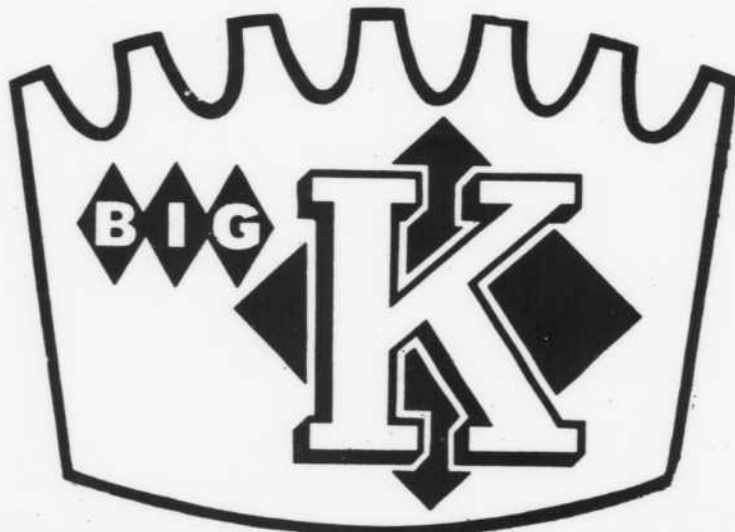
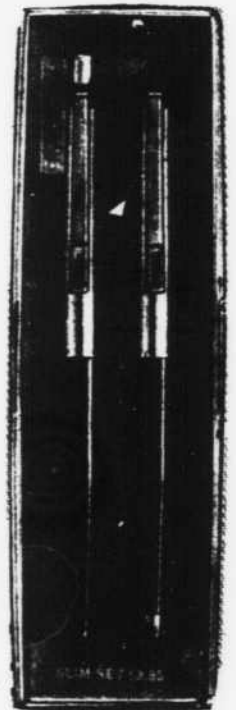
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