

Bragg attacks state funding method

Five of Tennessee's six regional universities have been overfunded by \$7.2 million because of misleading enrollment projections, State Representative John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, charged Wednesday.

"On the other hand," Bragg said, "I have found Middle Tennessee State University has been penalized in recent years due to its inefficiency in forecasting enrollment and by demonstrating good management."

Bragg, a member of the General Assembly's fiscal review committee, stated that whereas funds are allocated to each institution on the basis of projected enrollment, most state schools received high sums for students who "never showed up."

He blamed the discrepancy on the Higher Education Commission's failure to follow up enrollment projections in order to insure accuracy.

MTSU, the representative asserted, is the only institution that has met or surpassed its enrollment estimates, while not requesting funds beyond those necessary to take care of students.

A four-year review disclosed that MTSU enrollments have

missed projections by only 12 students out of 26,126, Bragg said.

However, he added, MTSU has been allotted several hundred thousand dollars less than it should have been over the past several years, while other universities have been overpaid.

Bragg cited one extreme case in which a Tennessee school received \$2.9 million more than it was entitled to.

The Murfreesboro resident stated that MTSU has had the lowest appropriation in terms of dollars per student, the lowest general expenditure per student and the lowest increase in dollars per student.

"One of the things that causes

the cost of student education to increase is the number of junior and senior and graduate students," Bragg continued. "Yet in addition to increasing junior and senior classes, MTSU has the third largest graduate school in Tennessee -- and still gets the lowest per capita appropriation."

John Weems, dean of administration, stated that he based his enrollment projections on trends during the preceding five-year period.

Later registration totals have almost invariably borne out these projections, he added.

The university exceeded its spring enrollment predictions by a total of 98 students, according to preliminary figures.

Bragg said Wednesday that legislative machinery is needed to enable legislators to survey enrollment pictures up to two and three years after the projections, in order to determine their accuracy.



Buckley

Bob Corlew of WGNS radio of Murfreesboro conducts an interview with Reid Buckley prior to Buckley's speech last night at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Buckley cites failures of liberal programs

By David Taylor

Liberals have had their way long enough, Reid Buckley, noted conservative, stressed last night as he examined the failure of five liberal backed federal programs.

Buckley, who was scheduled to discuss the question "Does Liberalism Doom Society?", told an audience of 250 gathered in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium that he preferred the question "Can Liberals Be Sensible?"

Concerning the nation's foreign aid program, Buckley said, "The liberal approach is wrong in essence."

This approach, he pointed out, has taken two forms, a massive transfusion of money and goods and centralization of power.

"The constructive view," the Spain resident said, "is that these avalanches of money are not necessarily effective."

Instead of the government to government approach of our current foreign aid program, Buckley advocated a private approach. "The best and most productive

foreign aid," he said, "is that provided by the private individual, not by government."

In reference to the United State's minimum wage program, Buckley said, "The minimum wage helps to create poverty through inflation and unemployment." The increase in wage, the conservative pointed out, "jumps all the way up the line, with no increase in production." This escalation of wage not related to production hurts the consumer, he said.

In 1969, when the minimum wage was increased from \$1.40 to \$1.60, the Yale graduate stated, unemployment soared. Some 400,000 people were thrown out of work and onto the welfare roles, he added. "Liberals refuse to look at the failure of their programs," Buckley stressed.

Buckley, brother of conserva-

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Failures to come under study

A three part proposal to study and remedy the problem of academic failures at MTSU has been initiated as a result of university presidential meetings with deans, Associated Study Body leaders, and the Faculty Steering Committee, President M.G. Scarlett related Tuesday.

After the final grades were recorded for the last semester approximately 700 students were found to be in scholastic jeopardy.

Unless a comprehensive academic advisory program can be developed, Scarlett explained, such students will be "consigned to academic obscurity."

Presently Dean of Faculty Howard Kirksey and Dean of Administration John Weems are

serving as catalysts to develop specific recommendations for the program.

The first part of the plan to help potential student failures is to designate one person to have the academic advisory program as his full responsibility.

President Scarlett suggested that a director for student advising be set up in each department to coordinate information and student counselling. It is important, Scarlett added, that student advisors be interested in helping students in this area.

The second part of the comprehensive effort will be a study to analyze grades given by department and by instructor to "see what we can learn from these grade patterns," Scarlett

explained. Admission and retention standards will be reevaluated in terms of these standards and a periodic scholastic success percentage will be determined.

A standing committee will be developed to be composed of students, faculty, and administrative heads to review and recommend retention and admission standards.

The possibility also exists, according to the university president, that remedial and tutorial programs may be necessary to help students overcome academic deficiencies.

The academic advisory program will be a "massive, comprehensive attempt to get at the problem of student failures at this university," Scarlett said.

Aerospace director predicts expansion

By Gary Matthews

MTSU's newly-organized aerospace department will transfer to a \$1 million building within the next four to five years, according to Randall Wood, acting director of the program.

Otherwise, he said, transformation of the present division of aerospace into a department will involve nothing more dramatic than gradual expansion, the addition of a new teacher and acquisition of a secretary.

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on the various departmental changes at MTSU. Next issue the SIDELINES plans a story on the new department of philosophy.

He indicated, however, that the nation's only master's degree in aerospace education will continue to be offered through the MTSU education department.

The aerospace department, like the new department of philosophy, springs from recent university re-organization providing for accreditation of a School of Business and Economics.

This department of aerospace will be under the School of Arts and Sciences, the acting chairman explained.

The aerospace program was initiated in the 1970 fall semester with 20 three-hour courses and offered a minor, a special two-year program, bachelor of science degrees in aerospace adminis-

tration and technology, and a master of education degree.

Wood defined "aerospace" as a combination of astronautics or space flight, and aeronautics or atmospheric flight.

Students majoring in the program are required to obtain a private pilot's license, he said.

The aerospace major is built around four basic courses -- "Flight," "Regulations," "Meteorology," and "Navigation." Other courses are optional, Wood indicated.

Actual flying practice for students is provided by Mid-State Flight School.

"Our 'lab' is the airplane itself--it is to us what the science lab is to the physics department, or the car to driver education classes," the flight instructor added.

The classroom curriculum focuses on everything from airport administration to exotic propulsion systems. Concerning the latter, Wood cited the ion engine and Dick Tracey's "magnetic space coupe," both of which are theoretically possible.

He stated that the aerospace administration major prepares students for management careers such as that of airport director or "fixed base operator."

The aerospace technology major, on the other hand, provides training in research and development, manufacturing, and engineering aspects of the aviation industry, Wood explained.

Regarding the job opportunities, the flight teacher said aerospace has been hit as hard as any other field by the current employment shortage. But he added that "the future is what we have to look to--there will be an ever-increasing need for trained personnel in this area."

The three teachers in the MTSU aerospace program have accumulated a combined flying time of over 14,000 hours. Robert Phillips is an ex-Army helicopter pilot while Jean Jacks and Wood himself are both retired Air Force pilots.

Graduate assistant Larry Bilbrough is also teaching in the program, Wood remarked.

The graduate aerospace program, which is still handled through the education department, is directed by Bealer Smotherman.

Wood mentioned that the future aerospace building, to be erected west of the Art Barn, will house among other things a "flight simulator." The flight simulator reproduces the conditions and experiences of air travel, without ever leaving the ground.

"It's really just an airplane that doesn't fly," he commented.

The acting program director pointed out that a general aeronautics course is offered as an elective for students interested in finding out what the subject is all about.

Later, he said, the department is expected to offer a similar overview course in space travel theory.

Departmental changes

State Board approves restructure

Three important changes in MTSU departmental structure were authorized by the Tennessee State Board of Education at the February 5 meeting. Recommendations for the changes were made by President M. G. Scarlett.

- The approved changes include:
1. Permission to re-organize the School of Business and Industry into a separate School of Business and Economics and a temporary Division of Applied Science;
 2. Permission to establish a department of Aerospace and name an acting chairman for this department.
 3. Permission to establish the Department of Philosophy and appoint a chairman for the department.

According to Howard Kirksey, dean of faculty, the School of Business was separated from the School of Business and Industry in order to secure accreditation by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. The AACSB demand only departments related to business, such as accounting, and data processing; business administration, business education and

economics be included in the School of Business.

The departments of agriculture, industrial arts and technology, nursing and military science will be placed in a temporary division under an acting director, pending re-assignment to other schools.

The new aerospace program was initiated in the 1970 fall semester, in the School of Business and Industry. Since more than 100 of the 347 students currently enrolled in the

Aerospace Division have declared an intention to major in this discipline, the Board authorized departmental status and the naming of an acting director.

Consonant with the authorization of the Higher Education Commission authorization of September, 1970, providing for a major in philosophy, the Board accepted Dr. Scarlett's recommendation for a department of philosophy.

Johnson to direct Brahm's 'Requiem'

Thor Johnson, director of the Nashville Symphony, will be the guest conductor for the presentation of Johannes Brahm's "Requiem" scheduled for Feb. 21 at 3 p.m., according to T. Earl Hinton, director of the University - Community Orchestra.

Hinton indicated that the "Re-

quiem" will be performed in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium and will have participants from the community chorus, the University choir and the University-Community Orchestra.

Johnson, Hinton stated, has conducted major symphonies throughout the world having led the Cincinnati Symphony for ten years. Johnson has also studied with some of the greatest conductors in the world, the music professor said. He has been with the Nashville symphony for the past four seasons.


Hinton indicated that Johnson is appearing as a guest of the university and the Bohannon Music Club which is co-sponsoring the performance.

"We are fortunate to have such a renowned figure give to us the benefit of his services and knowledge," Hinton said.

According to Hinton, "Requiem" is one of the great pieces of music of the Western world. He indicated that it was first performed during the Lenten season in 1868. The music professor explained that the work by Brahm has many of the elements of the Catholic requiem mass, a mass for the dead, but that it is more optimistic in tone.

Hinton indicated that the text for "Requiem" was composed of passages from scripture. The performance Feb. 21 will be in its English version.

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'Soul Motivators' highlight Fun Night

The "Soul Motivators" will be the featured band at the Fun Night tonight at 7:30 in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building. The Fun Night is sponsored by the Dance Committee.

Cinema to feature Locke movie

"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" starring Alan Arkin and former MTSU student Sondra Locke will be presented Feb. 14 and 15 in the University Center Theatre. The film is sponsored by the MTSU Films Committee.

Gallery features Schulz photos

A photo exhibition by John Schulz, professor in charge of photography at the University of Iowa, will be on display at the MTSU Photographic Gallery from Feb. 14 to March 5. The photographic gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Jackson to host Scott, Smith, Brown

"Soul Talk" with Warren Jackson will feature as its guests this week Erskine Smith, president of CUBE and ASB senator, and former MTSU basketball stars Terry Scott and Booker Brown. "Soul Talk" is aired Sunday nights at 9.

Buckley . . .

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tive editor and author William F. Buckley and New York senator James Buckley, next examined the nation's urban renewal program.

The liberals, he charged, have approved massive applications of money for the program. However, "of one million units torn down by the geniuses on the federal planning boards," he said, "only 750,000 have been built back."

The conservative solution to this problem, Buckley said, is that urban renewal should take place on a private level. Under this plan, he pointed out, units would be built cheaper, faster and in a profit making manner.

Concerning the war on poverty, the conservative accused the liberals' program of being redundant and ineffective.

Under the current program, Buckley said, "You give \$18,000 to a high school dropout to bribe him off the streets."
"Around National Review," he commented, "we say poverty is where the money is."

The conservative solution, Buckley said, is to widen employment opportunity and provide for temporary exemptions for teenagers under the minimum wage law.

Buckley turned next to the Medicare and Social Security programs. In reference to the latter, the conservative said, "The federal government's deficit spending and reckless policies have made people unable to

provide for their future."
In closing, Buckley had a few kind words for liberals. "The liberal's strength," he said, "is that they are artists of the soul."
"For this reason," he added, "I always say we ought to have a good proportion of liberals in the United States -- say 49 percent."

Letters

The SIDELINES welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be typed, double spaced, and include writer's name and address.

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Sondra Locke to return via cinema



Sondra Locke

Sondra Locke, as she appeared in the 1962 MTSU production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," is seen with theatre and music major, Don Massey.

A former MTSU student who has made a successful and impressive start on a theatrical career will return to the campus this Sunday, not in person, but through the medium by which her fame has been acquired.

Sondra Locke, whom critics praised and mentioned for an Academy Award for her sensitive portrayal of the young girl in the movie version of Carson McCullers' "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," can be seen in the film in the UC Theatre at 6 and 8 p.m. Feb. 14-15.

Miss Locke was a student here during the 1962-63 academic year. The Shelbyville native studied basic freshman course, according to the Records office, including fundamentals of acting, play directing, and oral interpretation of drama and poetry. Mrs. Dorethe Tucker, chair-

By Tony Pendergrass

man of the theatre division of the Speech and Theatre department, taught Miss Locke and directed her in two productions. The young actress played the role of Mary Warren in "The Crucible" and appeared as the young cousin in "Life With Father" during her year at MTSU.

Mrs. Tucker described Sondra as being "very talented and easy to direct." She also recalled that Miss Locke "gave everything she had to her part in every rehearsal. She always played as if there were a full house. She had a thoroughly professional approach--especially for a freshman."

Mrs. Tucker recounted a "spine tingling, horrifying screaming scene" from "The

Crucible" which had the audience on the edge of the seats as an example of a very demanding scene which Miss Locke performed at full force in every rehearsal. To have been cast in two major shows during her first year is considered highly exceptional.

Miss Anne Petty, a member of the speech and theatre department, also played a major role in the same production of "The Crucible" but does not remember Miss Locke very well. Her only definite statement in response to continued questioning was the brief but meaningful, "She was good."

After leaving MTSU, Miss Locke worked at WSM-TV in Nashville for a while. While living in the neighboring city, she appeared as Helen of Troy in "Tiger at the Gates" for Theatre Nashville and portrayed the young girl in "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mother's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad" at The Circle Theatre.

Mrs. Tucker concluded, "I am not at all surprised at Sondra's success in acting and I hope that things continue to work out well for her."

Circle K announces entrance deadlines for annual Miss MTSU beauty contest

Deadline for applications to the annual Miss MTSU Pageant is Feb. 23, according to Bobby Sands, Circle K public relations director.

The pageant, to be sponsored by the Circle K Club, will be held in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium March 24-25 starting at 7 each evening, said Sands. WSM-radio's Dave Overton will again emcee the show, he added.

The public relations director explained that the beauty contest is an official Miss America

preliminary pageant. The winner will represent MTSU in July's annual Miss Tennessee Pageant in Jackson.

Judging, said Sands, will be based on talent, swim suit and evening gown competition in addition to personal interviews with each contestant.

Each organization sponsoring a contestant must submit \$25 with the application form, he stated.

The reigning Miss MTSU is Pat Hunt, who will crown the new Miss MTSU on the final night of the pageant.

Alpha Delta Pi triumphs in annual Stunt Night

Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority bewitched the judges and captured the 36th annual Biology Club Stunt Night first place with a humorous take-off on the fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel."

Sigma Nu fraternity took second place with a sketch entitled "A Journey Through Our Time." The skit contrasted modern problems with Biblical teachings.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi fraternities tied for third place among the participating organizations. SAE presented a comical look at different periods in America's past. Sigma Chi offered the audience its own version of the Zigfield Follies.

Audience response was enthusiastic throughout the entire presentation of the sketches. The response even included a few ad-libbed lines from the large crowd that was assembled in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

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student loan fund and to aid the Biology Club.

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Advisory program demonstrates concern

President M. G. Scarlett's three part proposal for a comprehensive academic advisory program may provide an answer to the increasing problem of student failures.

At the end of last semester, 684 MTSU students were suspended. According to Director of Records L. Dean Hess, this amounted to a loss of 8.45 percent of the total fall enrollment.

This compares unfavorably to the fall semester of 1969 when 7.2 percent of the student body was suspended.

Hess suggests that the computation of "I's" (incompletes) is a contributive factor to academic suspensions. Currently an incomplete in a course is computed in the same manner as an "F," that is, no quality points are credited for the hours attempted.

Since the possibility exists that work to make up in a course may bring the student's grade to passing or better, the computation of an "I" as an "F" is misleading in terms of the student's success in a course.

Efforts are currently underway to change the evaluation of incompletes so that hours attempted are not counted until the course is completed and the grade finalized.

The proposed academic advisory program will include a position to coordinate tutorial and advisory facilities available to students. Additionally the possibility of a remedial program to aid students deficient in some areas and an evaluative standing committee to study admission and retention requirements has been proposed.

Interest and understanding will be criteria used in selecting faculty advisors under the proposed new program to insure a unified cooperative effort to conscientiously aid students on the brink of academic disaster.

The change in computing incompletes as well as the proposed change to establish an academic advisory program might prevent a large percentage of student grade deficiencies.

This type of creative solution to academic failure demonstrates a comprehensive concern for the total welfare of the student.

Our Man Hoppe

Brotherhood discovered in ethnic humor

It is doubtful that mankind would ever have achieved universal human brotherhood had it not been for the discovery of the Lost Kingdom of Ethna.

Its discoverer was the noted sociologist and humanitarian, Dr. Benvenuto Beane. His study of the Ethnas -- "Ethna: A Sociological Analysis" -- quickly became a runaway best-seller.

In it, Dr. Beane reported that the typical Ethnan was either very short or very tall, very fat or very thin and had slanted eyes, a large nose and dark orange skin.

They were also, he found, universally over-sexed, lazy, avaricious, devious and blessed with a natural sense of rhythm. But what characterized them most was their incredible stupidity.

Their language, he said, was limited to a few phrases they had somehow picked up from the outside world -- phrases such as "begorrah," "mama mia," "oy vey" and "fled lice."

But it was his accounts of the Ethnans' efforts to deal with life and its problems that made his study a best seller. For though the good scientist surely didn't intend it so, the accounts were invariably hilarious.

The Ethnans never could seem to do anything right. And soon, people everywhere of all races and faiths were talking and laughing about little else.

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Let two men meet in the street and the first would begin: "Say, do you know why it takes three Ethnans to screw in a light globe? One to hold the bulb and two to turn the ladder."

Then the other, wiping tears from his eyes, would answer: "Did you hear the one about this Ethnan named Pat. . . ." (Or Mike or Abbie or Sambo or McTavish or Giuseppe, for the names of the Ethnans, as Dr. Beane reported,

By Arthur Hoppe

were severely limited in number.) And both story-tellers, after slapping their knees, would go their ways happy and rejuvenated.

At cocktail parties, guests regaled each other with tales of the cowardice of Ethnan soldiers. (Dr. Beane had included an account of how, on being photographed with a flash-bulb camera, the entire Ethnan Army surrendered.)

On television, comedians expanded on Dr. Beane's description of the unkempt quality of Ethnan women: "You can always tell an Ethnan airliner by the hair under its wings."

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But, oddly enough, the discovery of Ethna could not have come at a more fortuitous time. Ever since the Cro-Magnons had made disparaging remarks about the Neanderthals, man had sought out a group to be the butt of his deprecating humor.

In the past century, the Irish, the Jews, the Orientals and the Blacks had all suffered in turn. In recent years, Italian and Polish jokes had come into vogue. And while this was probably a tribute to the success of the Italians and Poles at being assimilated, it caused pain nevertheless.

But the Ethnans afforded the easiest target of all. At last, all dwelt in mutual tolerance and brotherhood.

Dr. Beane grew rich in years. On his death bed an aide said to him admiringly, "Isn't it odd, sir, that nothing creates love and respect between men like a mutual hatred and intolerance of a group they think inferior?"

Dr. Beane nodded and smiled. "That," he said, "is the only authentic Ethnic joke."

Letter

Graves defies ignorance

To the Editor:

Congratulations are certainly in order to Miss Rita Henderson who did a tremendous job in Friday's open column (Feb. 5) of once again stumbling through the dark alley of ignorance and attempting to hide her obvious lack of knowledge on a topic with her use of flowery language.

I do have sympathy for Miss Henderson. I realize she has labored much of her short life under the social suppression of being forced to live in a rich section of Murfreesboro in her father's fancy home, and has been shamed by being seen in her mother's long, sleek Mercury. She must be terribly self-conscious about having to scrape pennies and wonder about her next meal because of her father's meager upper-middle class income.

Because she has "obviously" bettered her own economic condition by hard work and persistent drive, and by restraining from membership in such capitalist status symbols as greek-letter societies, Miss Henderson is in a perfect position to strike out at married students who wish to further their education on schedule by taking advantage of government-subsidized housing.

After all, it would have been a needless waste of time for her research such trivial things as the fact that many fraternities, (unlike "Mu Theta Sigma Upsilon") charge only 50 percent dues to married members (I suppose she feels they should do as she has and deprive themselves of any social outlets), not to mention that some of us work during the summer and between and after classes to buy a VW that is without a radio, much less an "eight-track tape player paired with 50 of the latest and greatest hit tapes."

But then again, I suppose that "moochers" whose families support four children on incomes of less than \$5,000 per year should not be allowed to take advantage

of the opportunities afforded them through "government-subsidized" institutes of higher learning because Miss Henderson has very obviously turned down the financial aid that the government has offered her school and has gone to a private school. Hasn't she?

Other trivial research that Miss Henderson obviously did not have the time to bother with, would have very rudely shown that many of her suppositions about a housing complex she probably has never visited are anything but true. In her feeble attempt to stereotype tenants of Dusan Apartments (stereotype in itself shows narrow-mindedness) she did not mention that many of us have old black and white TV's that get only two channels rather than the luxurious model mentioned in her article, and sit on auction-sale furniture to watch it while committing the unforgivable sin of being non-smokers.

Bothersome research would also have born the fact to Miss Henderson that \$25 per month government housing is not available, as the minimum a tenant is allowed to pay at Dusan is a considerably higher amount.

I also dare her to personally confront the majority of the college students at Dusan with the charge that they are receiving food stamps; or better still, why didn't she take advantage of the statistics available through the local welfare office?

Well, Miss Henderson, you didn't "fool the mob" after all. Your glaring ignorance has shown through again. Since government statistics show an American should spend about 15 percent of his income on housing, I believe that you and I are getting about the same treatment on housing.

Please forgive me, I didn't mean to criticize the biggot who is now the self-proclaimed Messiah that has come to save the government from "mooching white trash!"
Steve Graves
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With Other Editors

Tax increase needed

It is no great secret that Tennessee has a lot of problems. The state needs a lot of new ideas and new programs that will lead to progress on all levels of Tennessee life. Our new governor, Winfield Dunn, says he will solve some of the problems, and he may.

But solving at least one of these problems, that of more money to cover the rising costs of education, will be no easy task.

Tennessee, it seems, is very low on the national listings of educational spending per student. And the state is also low in the Southeastern region. Recent figures show that Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia all spend more per student than does Tennessee. Only Alabama, in the Southeast, spends less.

To up state spending would seem the obvious solution to the problem. But it is not quite so easy.

The state is, in fact, now spending a greater percent of the state income on education than most other states. The difference is that these states have higher taxes.

A tax hike in Tennessee will not be a popular move. But the states must have it, if education here is to be improved. We are not looking forward to a rise in taxes. But if the governor proposes such taxes, we will endorse them.

Only through increased financial aid can Tennessee schools continue to grow and prosper. And it is important not only for the state, but for the nation itself, that they do.

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Letters

Criminals should not shirk death

To the Editor:

As evidenced by the several columns urging repeal of the long consideration being given is for the criminal. It was interesting to note the absence of concern for their victims.

It is true that execution will not restore the life of the victims, but neither will any other form of punishment. As long as the killer lives, there is always a chance for parole or escape. I wonder how many of these abolitionists would welcome Charles Manson and his crew into their neighborhood.

Even the most ardent advocates of life imprisonment admit that it is necessary to provide the death

penalty for murders committed by men under life sentence. This in itself is a complete admission that life imprisonment does not produce sufficient horror in the mind of the killer to deter him.

What do 12 condemned men have to do with me? Plenty! I would rather see twelve cutthroats, all guilty of crimes against humanity, executed than run the risk of that happening again.

Finally, I would like to quote from Teddy Roosevelt's autobiography. "I am willing to listen to arguments in favor of abolishing the death penalty so far as they are based purely of grounds of public expediency, although these arguments have

never convinced me. But inasmuch as, without hesitation, in the performance of duty, I have again and again sent good and gallant men to die, it seems to me the height of a folly both mischievous and mawkish to content that criminals who have deserved death should nevertheless be allowed to shirk it. No brave and good man can properly shirk death; and no criminal who has earned death should be allowed to shirk it."

It's time you pseudo intellectuals came out of your textbook world and put things in perspective.

Keith Shaver
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O'Guin studies political cartoon

To the Editor:

Being a person who attempts to remain open-minded to everything, especially those ideas contrary to the beliefs under which I was raised as a youth, I found myself studying the political cartoon in last Friday's SIDELINES (ie. the "wanted poster" of President Nixon.)

I first looked to see what facts were used to compose the theme for the cartoon. Had there been even a meager attempt to give it some factual content, it might have approached credibility. All that was given was a handy reference to Knoxville College (who is Knoxville College, anyway? Obviously they aren't, noted for their journalism.)

In comparison to some of the finer articles in that particular issue of the SIDELINES, notably

Jim Lynch's editorial on U.T. and censorship, the Nixon caricature had a sickening burlesque quality.

I realize that Murfreesboro doesn't generate a lot of excitement and at times there is a shortage of newsworthy events to make the SIDELINES interesting and informative, but the cartoon on the editorial page fell painfully short of qualification as a responsible and informative commentary to be published by serious (?) students of a school of journalism.

For what it's worth, my opinion of the SIDELINES as a genuine and sincere agent of news coverage and editorial comment has been lowered slightly.

Could not the area in the paper used for the caricature have been better used for something else

deserving of editorial commentary?

Realizing and accepting the fact that the students that compose the SIDELINES editorial board have liberal attitudes I have learned to expect editorials with a liberal slant. What I don't expect, however, is character assassination without any accompanying documentation with regard to accuracy. A totally nonsensical piece of "journalism" (I use the term loosely) such as that in question, is representative of underground publications that are in most instances seriously lacking in veracity and especially efficacy.

Hopefully, the SIDELINES can surpass these lower-echelon undertakings in future issues. Better things have come from the SIDELINES.
Don O'Guin
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National Perspective

Religious division difficult to overcome

Renewed violence in Northern Ireland and an American tour by Irish militant Bernadette Devlin has again brought to the fore the extreme strife present in this region of Great Britain.

On the surface, a conflict between the Protestant majority and the Catholic minority, there is present deeply rooted political, social and economic differences.

From the creation of the plantation of Ulster in 1607, through the subsequent civil wars and strife, and the final passage of the Home Rule Bill in 1920 which formally established the semi-autonomous nation of Northern Ireland, the Protestants and Catholics have grown further apart.

The Catholic minority feels oppressed by the Protestants in education, representation in government, jobs, and housing conditions. Historically, the Protestants have feared the reunification of Ireland because it meant that they would become a minority when joined with the predominantly Catholic south.

Some authorities feel that conditions have been worsened in Northern Ireland because the Protestants fear the Catholic birthrate, if there is not sufficient Catholic emigration to the south, would mean the eventual gaining of majority by the Catholics. This fear, they feel, has been manifested in maintenance of substandard Catholic conditions in order to insure Catholic emigration.

Both sides are also prone to steep themselves in the tradi-

By Jim Leonhirth

tions of the past and indoctrinate the young with the feelings and hatred fostered over hundreds of years.

In the present time, the entire scope of the conflict is compounded by the poor economic conditions within Northern Ireland. The unstable economy and high rate of employment constantly puts the religious groups at odds against one another.

Paramilitary groups on both sides provide the means for persistent pressure and occasional violence. The Irish Republican Army, long outlawed in the north, continues to fight for the unification of Ireland.

In opposition, there stands the Royal Ulster Constabulary which was created as a seemingly unifying force but has been to the Catholics an oppressive one. More hated than the RUC, however, are the "B Specials." The "B Specials" are a civilian auxiliary police force composed largely of Orangemen, a conservative Protestant group. The "B Specials" are the only police force in Great Britain allowed to keep their weapons in their homes.

Many parallels can be drawn between the present situation in Northern Ireland and the history of the racial difficulties within the United States. Although there was not in the

past any black equivalent of the IRA, one might be developing at the present.

The creation of the plantation of Ulster in 1607 brought Protestant "masters" to the north of Ireland with the opposite true in the slavery trade in the United States.

The present situation in Ulster corresponds with the Reconstruction period of the United States. The economic conditions are such that as previously stated, they pit the Catholic minority against the Protestant lower class for jobs, housing, and education. This competition lessens the possibility of resolving their differences and makes the Catholic, much as the black in America, a scapegoat for the poor economic and social conditions.

Political scientist John Kane feels that the Irish militants have been greatly influenced by the civil rights movement in the United States and the resulting violence.

In viewing both of these circumstances of minority struggles, it had been presupposed that color which was the basis of conflict in the United States was a valid explanation for separation and prejudice. Upon studying the Irish situation, it is evident that color has no bearing whatsoever in the conflict and struggle.

Perhaps, this deep-rooted moral and esthetic division by religion may prove harder to overcome than just a physical difference of skin shade.

Meanwhile With Lynch

First Amendment supports criticism

By Jim Lynch

Whenever I sit down to write a column for this newspaper, I am fully aware that what I'm about to write is going to be met with disagreement and a certain amount of opposition from many of the readers.

That's only natural. I expect it. I state my opinion and my opinion only, and the decision to agree, disagree, or disregard my opinion is the option of the reader.

As a matter of fact, I welcome disagreement (not necessarily disregard, however) because disagreement between two interested parties can, and often does, permeate outstanding discussions and debates about the particular issue at hand.

And, as with this and every column that I pen, there is a "by-line" which states "By Jim Lynch." Anyone who reads this column is aware that I wrote it and that I am answerable for its content.

Which leads me to the topic at hand. Last Tuesday, upon arriving at school, I was made aware that I, along with the SIDELINES staff, had become the topic of several handbills which had been boardedly placed on bulletin boards all over campus. (See reprint)

Well, isn't that cute! I've been branded a Communist, or at least the inference is that I am a Communist. More directly, I am referred to as trash. The "by-line" on the handbill is "A Student Aiding in the Removal of Trash." But no name.

Once again, fired at by an unknown assailant. At least I have the guts to stand behind and sign what I write.

Whomever you are, if disagreement to my ideas is so prevalent, several much better alternate channels were available to your discretion.

If it was necessary to post handbills reflecting your opposition to my viewpoints, you should have signed them. Or were you simply scared to offer signatures?

Or, as is stated in the SIDELINES from time to time, letters to the editor are a welcome addition to the content of the publication. We welcome all opinions. But no, you had to get cute about it.

Now, back to the content of the handbill. Excusing the spelling of "expertise" as a possible slip of the hand, we are informed (inferred?) that the SIDELINES staff

and I should entertain the thought of moving to North Vietnam.

However, we aren't given any reasons for this move. All that we're told is that a drive to collect the necessary funds to ship us all out of the country is underway.

Isn't that wonderful! And we're not even told why.

But with tremendous thought and insight, I think I can calculate the reason. It's simple. We should all be deported because we don't agree with S. A. R. T.

Herein lies the first fallacy. As is stated in the masthead of every edition of the SIDELINES, "The editorial comments reflect the editorial policy of the SIDELINES as determined by members of the editorial board."

Apparently, S.A.R.T. doesn't realize that the editorial board is not comprised of the entire newspaper staff. When the first handbill appeared, the editorial board consisted of three members.

So all those staff members who have no real authority as to the policies and editorial stands of the editorial board are, if we are to interpret the handbill as stated, doomed to the North Vietnam jungles also.

Let's back up. I, Jim Lynch, newspaper columnist, am to be sent to Southeast Asia because, I assume (there are no reasons given), I have anti-war sentiments, a growing trait of liberal Democrats.

Well, at least I won't be alone, that is, if S.A.R.T. remains consistent in attempting to deport all doves (I assume doves) - and the number continually increases.

So, in tying it all together, what we have here is a difference of opinion on how to interpret the first amendment. I say that I have the right to criticize the government and its policies. S.A.R.T., I assume, feels that I don't. One assumption is a democratic principal, the other is something else entirely. And I'll leave it to the reader to formulate his own opinions as to which is which.

Oh yes, one final note. Considering the choice of words and inferences contained in the handbills themselves, I would suggest that S.A.R.T. remain anonymous. Slander is an expensive and touchy subject.

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Off and running

Charles Wilson "puts it all together" as he prepares to come out of the blocks. The MTSU sprinter is a recent qualifier for the NCAA games by virtue of his blistering timing of 6.1 seconds in the 60 yard dash.

Louisville, Chicago

Thinclads 'hit the road'

Middle Tennessee's track team will do battle on two fronts this weekend, with meets in Chicago on Friday night and Louisville on Saturday. Friday night's meet is an open meet conducted by the Chicago Track Club, while Saturday's meet is the prestigious Mason-Dixon Games.

"We are taking only six boys to Chicago, just those that have a chance to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships that haven't already done so," explained Raider track coach Dean Hayes.

Making the trek to the Windy City are co-captain Terry Scott, who will enter the triple jump and long jump, Nashville's Homer Huffman (880), Dan Crews (600), Nate Porter (70 yard high hurdles), and Heuy Johnson and co-captain Erskine Smith, both of whom will compete in the 440.

"We feel that all of these boys have a good chance to qualify for the NCAA, and we want to give

them every opportunity," stated Hayes, who also revealed that he was taking boys to Chicago because the track in Louisville was illegal according to the NCAA because it is banked.

Already having qualified for the NCAA championships are Tommy Haynes (25 feet in the long jump), Charles Wilson (6.1 in the 60 yard dash), and Barry McClure (49-7 1/2 in the triple jump).

Following the meet in Chicago, Hayes and his crew will join other members of the team in Louisville. On hand there, in

addition to Haynes, Wilson and McClure, will be Homer Huffman, Myles Maillie and Gary Robinson.

Huffman will team with Johnson, Smith and Scott as MTSU's entry in the Kentuckiana Mile Relay, while Maillie and Robinson will run the Kentuckiana Mile.

Maillie is the MTSU record-holder in the indoor mile with 4:18.5.

Following these two meets, MTSU's next action will be the Ohio State Invitational on Feb. 26-27.

Raiders drop heartbreaker

Middle Tennessee and a fast charging offense led by Herman Sykes invaded Edinburg, Texas, Wednesday night and lost a heartbreaker to Pan American, 76-75.

The visiting Blue Raiders called time out and had the ball out of bounds at mid-court, with just eight seconds left in the game and trailing 76-75.

Sykes, after getting the ball in bounds, shot a 15 foot jump shot that missed. However,

Ken Riley grabbed the rebound and put the ball into the rim of the basket just as the final buzzer sounded.

One official ruled the shot was good, but the other official questioned the call. The official scorer settled the matter by ruling it "no basket."

Sykes scored 26 points and Sumrell had 13 points to lead the Big Blue scoring in the 17th outing of their season.

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Raiders, ETSU slate weekend rematch

It is back to the OVC wars this weekend for MTSU after a one-game road trip to Edinburg, Tex., where they were defeated 76-75 by Pan American on Wednesday night.

MTSU will play host to East Tennessee on Saturday night, and arch-rival Tennessee Tech will visit Alumni Memorial gym on Monday evening.

The Blue Raiders of coach Jimmy Earle will be seeking to better their 1-7 OVC and 7-10 overall mark thus far. Their latest OVC game was a 51-47 loss to Murray State, the nation's 19th ranked team.

Both East Tennessee and Tech hold wins over the Raiders, Tech having knocked them off 74-58 in Cookeville in the first conference clash of the season for both teams, and East Tennessee hav-

ing turned the trick two nights later in Johnson City, 80-72.

MTSU was in both ball games until the final minutes, and had second-half leads in both contests before running out of steam.

Since that early January road trip, the Raiders have improved their play, and hope to be ready to knock off the Bucs and the Eagles.

"We need these two real bad," stated Earle. "Our next conference games are on the road at Eastern Kentucky and Morehead, and wins are pretty scarce up there."

Herman Sykes, a junior guard from Kansas City, continues to pace the Raider scoring with 18 points per game, while senior forward Ken Riley, from Nashville, leads all rebounders with an average of 11.5 per game.

Hyde Time

Intramurals begin volleyball

By Bob Hyde

With everyone's mind on the Raider basketball and track teams during this part of the year, not a great deal of student attention is given to the intramural events. Present competition finds the Greek and various other campus organizations engaged in volleyball matches.

Perhaps the most interesting contest occurred Tuesday evening of this week when two teams, who found themselves suddenly aware of the fact that they would be playing their own fraternal brothers, opposed each other. The Greek organization mentioned above is Sigma Chi.

It seemed that the Sigs had more than enough players for one team, so a second team, the "scrubs" was organized and entered in the same competition with their number one team. The first team had won all of its games with the exception of losing to Mu Iota Kappa.

The scrubs, however, were not as successful, losing several matches. Tuesday afternoon in a contest with Pi Kappa Alpha the "B" team observed that IF they were victorious and IF their "daddy" team defeated Sigma Iota Nu, they would be given the privilege (?) of meeting the better team of their fraternity.

The pressure became intense as members of the first team found themselves in the unenvi-

able position of swallowing their pride and having their playing ability questioned. The game was very close from the beginning, with neither team able to gain a comfortable lead. However, the "scrubs" once again prevailed and found themselves in the winner's circle as they swept through the match in two successive games.

The example that one learns from this contest is one that coaches of all team sporting events advocate, that for a team to win, you must play as a team. Realizing all the time that the "Five-Footers" didn't possess the individual talent of their competitors, each man played a very unselfish game and together offset the height and psychological advantage of their opponents.

Not taking any credit from the "previous" number one team, it was obvious to observers that the sheer determination and the desire to win would result in a victory for the underdogs.

Let this be an example to each of us, that no matter how insurmountable the odds, just dream and work towards that impossible dream and it may come true. A present hit tune is very appropriate for closing this column, recorded by Sly and the Family Stone, entitled "You Can Make It If You Try."

Student loans now available for coffee house employment

Five student loans are still available for students interested in working with the on-campus coffee house, according to ASB President Bart Gordon.

Gordon indicated that students interested in these loans must comply with regulations specified by the student aid program and therefore should submit applications to Belt Keathley, director of student aid.

The opening of the coffee house originally scheduled for Nov. 20 has faced several delays caused by a need for student workers and further renovation of the area in the old Maintenance Complex which is to house it.

The ASB president expressed the hope that the university centered entertainment spot will provide the student with enjoyable shows of talent and music.

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Art preview

Campus hosts Mid-South art show

Craftsmen from all over the south have works in the Mid-South Ceramics and Crafts Show that opens Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Art Barn Gallery from 2-5 p.m. Work comes from four main areas, textiles, ceramics, jewelry and glass.

Many of the jewelry pieces are not what would be normally included in the definition of jewelry. There are miniature sculptures of tree frogs in silver, enameled fishes and a necklace of wrought iron. The pieces cover many techniques and approaches to jewelry.

Perhaps the most stunning piece in the jewelry division is the Merit Award-winning necklace by Marci Felmanoff of Chicago. Entitled "Celebration of Eve," it is a large body or-

Hunt wins Heart title

Pat Hunt, Nashville junior, was crowned Queen of Hearts at last Saturday's Heart Ball, held at the Stones River Country Club.

By Rhea Cole

nement with intricate forged and twisted silver wire masses front and back.

These twistings are set against convolutive figurative pieces of chused sheet metal.

The textiles give the gallery walls a fascinating juxtaposition of color, textures, and shape. Some of the pieces hang from the ceiling and basically there are four techniques in evidence. These include weaving, macrame (knots tied to form solid patterns), stichery and botique (a process of masking and dying materials to make patterns).

A very curious piece is a massive hanging piece of metallic thread done by Thomas Nawrocki of Columbus, Ga. It hangs from the ceiling like a dead octopus but instead of tentacles, it has knotted and braided lengths of beaded threads.

There is a massiveness and

solidity to the form of the pieces that seem to defy the fact that is suspended in space by a wire.

The ceramics in the show cover the entire spectrum of approach and technique. Ceramics, covered jars, raku, slab construction and mixed media provide a balance between the various techniques.

A fascinating piece in the show is a hand mirror by A. E. King-bury of Chicago. It is made of clay, leather, fur and glass. The mirror is shaped so that you see yourself as two eyes and a mouth when you look in the mirror. It is ceramic on the front and leather and fur on the back. This gives the piece a very unusual tactile sense.

This show was judged by Earl McCuthen of the University of Georgia in Athens. \$1,000 in prizes were awarded in the form of purchase prizes and merit awards. The show will be on display until March 15.



Two jars . . .

Art instructor Jim Gibson with his son, Eric, aids in setting up the displays for the Mid-South Ceramics and Crafts Show. The show will run from Feb. 14 until Feb. 15.

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Black student group plans 'Our History Week' events

The MTSU Black Student Association has designated Feb. 15-20 as "Our History Week," according to BSA president Gerald Edwards.

The observance was postponed from national Black History Week, Feb. 9-13, because of a planned film which had not arrived at the time.

The film, a documentary overview of black history, is now available and will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m. in the UC Theatre, Edwards said.

The Black Student Association president explained that the film is the only history week activity open to the general public. The

remainder of the week's programs will be directed primarily toward the black students.

"We're trying to strengthen black pride and black consciousness," Edwards stated.

A "rap session" will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17, for BSA members, the president indicated.

Thursday, Feb. 18, the BSA members will wear black clothes or dashikis, he predicted.

The students will commemorate the assassination of Malcolm X, Sunday, Feb. 21.

Edwards explained that these activities will be in addition to the regular Monday meeting.

Fraternity council announces dates for spring rush

The Inter-Fraternity Council has announced its plans for this year's spring rush. The dates of this spring's rush period will be February 15-22.

Any male undergraduate student who is currently enrolled with 12 semester hours or more is eligible to participate in this spring's rush. He is also allowed to accept a bid from any fraternity.

The fraternity "Smoker" parties will run from Tuesday night-Feb. 16 through Thursday night-Feb. 18, from 7 to 10 each night. The final preference party for each fraternity will be held Saturday night Feb. 20.

Further information concerning rush will be sent to every male's campus post office box within the next few days.

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RBK: Happy Anniversary, Birthday, and Valentine's Day; Love Always. MHK

RMR: "Love is never having to say you're sorry." MBC

SDW: Happiness is being with you. JEL

LSH: Where would I be without you? One life together, working together. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. WPJ

WLD: To know Tiger is to love her; and I do love her. WMZ

SDM: Je t'aime non pas pour ce que tu es, mais pour ce que tu as fait de moi. JRL

JDM: All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love you. KMT

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DTA: I care. GJB