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Controversial law grants right of file inspection to students

by Gina Jeter

Although some controversy surrounds the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 that becomes effective today, the legislation gives university students the right to inspect all their school records and files.

Students may now request access to information that was previously confidential in the placement and student employment office, student teaching office and graduate school.

Disciplinary records on file with the dean of students and information kept by the admissions and records and the guidance and counseling offices must also be shown a student within 45 days after his request, but "students can see these records anyway," according to these offices.

However, the legislation, which also prohibits release of material in a student's file without his written consent, opens letters of recommendation and student-teacher evaluation forms that have previously been closed to his inspection.

Whether the bill affects letters and evaluation forms written in the past with the understanding that the student could not see them is still in question.

In fact, the American Council on Education and six other higher education associations asked Congress to delay today's implementation of the legislation because they feel the act is too ambiguous.

Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment, said students may begin asking to see letters of recommendation to prospective employers they have requested from faculty members, but added that her office will not release these materials until the Department of Health, Education and Welfare delivers guidelines for the bill's implementation.

Turner said her office has always furnished a "rating sheet" that a student can take to a teacher he wishes to recommend him.

George Keem, director of student teaching, said yesterday student-teacher evaluation forms, filed by the placement office, will now be shown a student and will not be available to prospective employers unless the student gives written consent.

Although some teachers evaluating a practice teacher have shown the student his remarks, "it has not been mandatory," Keem said.

If a student does not wish his evaluation form released to pro-

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This marijuana (*cannabis sativa*) plant discreetly growing in front of J Dorm stands as a solitary symbol of the weed's strength. For a closer look at pot turn to page 6 in the Sidelines special section on marijuana.

Rules Committee approves housing recommendation plan

by John Pitts

A plan that would allow campus residents to choose one of four basic housing plans in the 1975-76 academic year was tentatively approved for recommendation by the All-Campus Rules Committee Thursday night.

Voting unanimously to approve the Subcommittee C report, the committee will meet tomorrow to approve the set of recommendations that will be forwarded to the State Board of Regents.

The open door policy for "type C," or limited visitation, housing was defeated by a 7-3 vote with Deans Judy Smith and Robert LaLance and Patricia Sharber voting against the policy. In the li-

mitted visitation form of housing, elected representatives will meet and determine common visitation hours and days, as outlined in the proposal.

A stipulation allowing dorm officials to inspect rooms "before, during and after" visitation hours was challenged by committee member Mike Carter, who cited the phrase as being "too open ended."

Carter proposed the wording be changed to allow one hour before and after visitation for inspection to take place.

"Let's not go creating more areas of argumentation," Cantrell cautioned. The amendment was defeated 6-3, with one absentee.

A motion to approve J and K housing regulation in total, as approved Wednesday, was withdrawn although the identical individual rule changes were still made, including extension of visitation to seven days a week, ten hours a day and the elimination of the "open door, unobstructed window" policy in the apartments.

A passage requiring visitors to remain in the "public areas" (living room and dinette) of a room, omitted in the original report, was reinserted by an amendment written by LaLance. The amendment passed 8-2, with Lisa Marchesoni and Donnie Chambers voting against.

General regulations recommended by the committee include

a specific "quiet hours" proposal, which will be voted on by the committee Wednesday.

"We need a basis to go to these guys and make sure they quiet down," Cantrell said during the proceedings. Smith pointed out that a similar plan was adopted several years ago and recommended that a new quiet hours plan have "some teeth in it."

Other general regulations, which passed unanimously, include a rule allowing cooking utensils left unattended in bathrooms to be discarded; a rule prohibiting candles from dorm rooms, and a rule asking for unauthorized solicitation to be reported to the head resident.

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Sha Na Na--more than greasing and gold suits

by Tom Wood

For true rock 'n' rollers, Friday night was an evening to remember.

Sha Na Na, appearing at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, delighted their fans for two hours with one of the greasiest rock 'n' roll shows to ever hit the mid-South area.

In every way imaginable the show was perfect. Choreography was perfect and reached a high mark with the group's version of "At the Hop," originally done by Danny and the Juniors in 1958.

Everyone was greasy. Sha Na Na, as usual, appeared in their gold lame suits, leather jackets, pegged pants, DA's and chains. And a good part of the audience was dressed the same way.

The Star Spangled Banner Washboard Band, the warmup group also delighted the crowd with their show.

Sha Na Na is made up of ten members, four of whom were original members of the group.

"The original group wasn't pre-



pared for the success they experienced," lead singer Johnny Contardo said. "All but a few pursued what they studied in college."

Besides Contardo, members are lead singers Scott Powell and Denny Greene; Donny York and Lennie Baker on sax; drummer

Jocko Marcellino; pianist 'Screaming' Scott Simon from Kansas City; bass guitarist Chico Ryan; lead guitarist Enrico, and the one and only Bowzer.

Sha Na Na went through a number of the biggest hits of the '50's and early '60's including "Break-

ing Up Is Hard To Do" by Neil Sedaka, "Runaway" by Del Shannon, "Sixteen Candles" by the Crests, and "Get A Job" by the Silhouettes, from which they get their name.

In Scott Powell and Scott Simon, Sha Na Na has two of the finest impersonators around. Powell has Elvis Presley down to perfection, and Simon is likewise with Jerry Lee Lewis.

The highlight of the show, however, was "the fabulous Sha Na Na Dance Contest." Three girls were chosen "from out of the studio audience" with the grand prize being a chance to dance in the spotlight with "that sensuous king of Rock 'n' Roll, Leonard J. Baker."

For the spotlight song Contardo sang "Chances Are", an old Johnny Mathis hit. Even for the most experienced listener, it was difficult to tell the difference between the two versions.

As Danny and the Juniors prophetically coined the phrase in 1959, "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay!"

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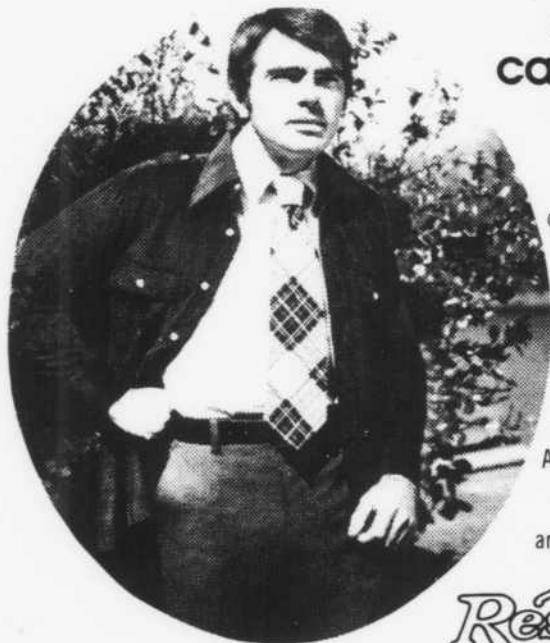


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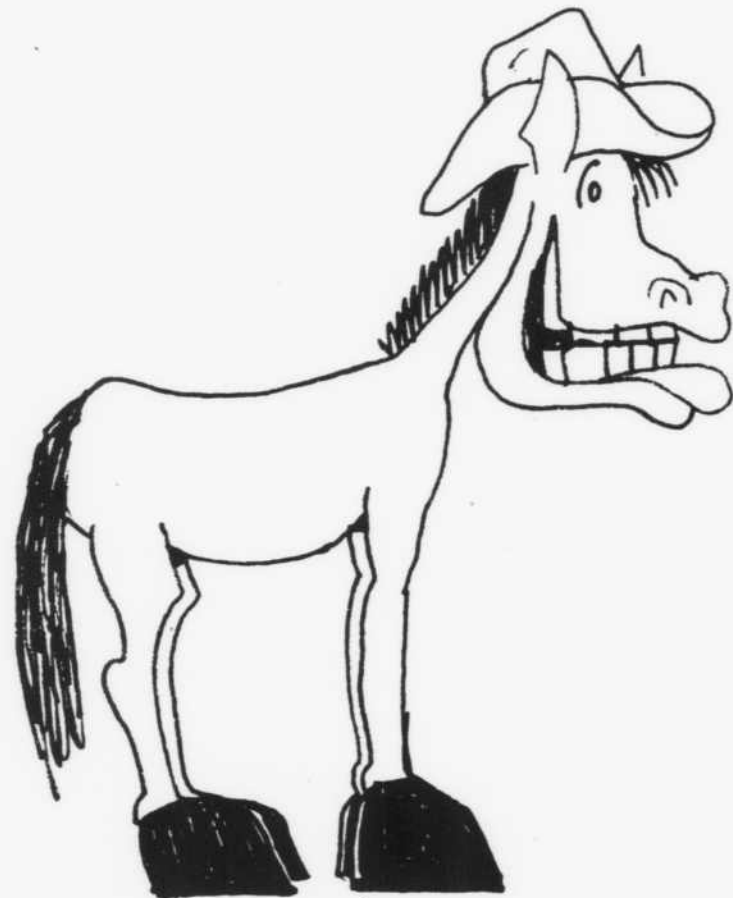
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Journalist predicts hard times ahead for world economy

by Michael Gigandet

Predicting a "bad patch" ahead for the world's economy, Barbara Ward, noted economist, lecturer and journalist, told fellow journalists that they could play a part in easing the economic crisis.

Speaking before the 65th annual convention of Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists, she said America, Europe and Japan have been "relatively successful" over the past 25 years but there will be "major

reversals ahead in everything we took for granted."

The world is moving into a period which bears an "ominous resemblance to 1929," Ward said.

Political instability and disintegration led the world into the Hitlerian experience, and if the effects of an economic crisis are to be shortened, she said, the press must help by reporting in a manner "predisposed to hope."

Ward, recently returned from the World Food Conference in Rome, said the press could help the extremism, panic and 'man on a white horse' attitude that leads to the rise of demagogues.

Although the world's economy is more resilient now than in 1929, she said the repercussions of the loss of the Italian market would enhance the possibility of a "rip-roaring recession" and political instability.

Ward, who received a first class honors degree in philosophy, politics and economics from Somerville College in Oxford, said she was convinced the "ordinary citizen" would go along

with the risks needed to combat the crisis if he knew the full scale of the situation.

An editor of "The Economist," Ward reminded the journalists of their responsibility to dissipate the paralysis of will among the citizenry.

Today's economic situation had its starting point in 1971 when all countries experienced an economic boom at the same time, Ward explained. Before, booms happened at different times, she said.

Another reason for troubled economies is the weather and Russian Wheat Deal, Ward said.

Weather which has been good for 25 years has begun to turn sour," she explained.

Food, Ward said, must "go from those who eat too much to those who eat too little."

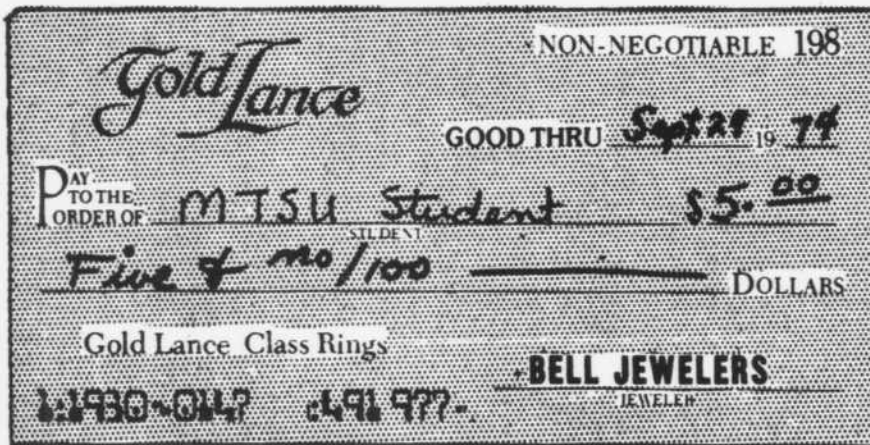
Kissinger's long-term food plan is "absolutely first class," and the only trouble with it is there is no money behind it.

The press, Ward said could be part of the hope, strength and energy behind the plan.

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Stampeders set for Mountain-Gang Concert

The Stampeders, a rock group that made the hit charts a few months ago with "Sweet City Woman," will open the Mountain-James Gang concert tomorrow night in Murphy Center.

Tickets for the general admission concert are still available at the University Center in room

308, Citizens Central Bank, the Music Shop and Sound Seventy in Nashville. Advance tickets for the 7:30 show are \$5.

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Students granted access to files

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spective employers, Keem said, they will not go to the placement office but remain in his office.

Robert Aden, dean of the graduate school, said the bill would also open to inspection the three letters of recommendation a student must have in order to gain graduate status.

Robert LaLance, dean of students, said his office only maintains files on students who have been principals in a disciplinary matter.

"To my knowledge, students all along have been privy to what is in their files," he said.

James Martin, of the guidance and counseling office, said that students have also been allowed access to any answer sheets or test profiles put in their personal folders after psychological testing.

File 13

MTSU Criminal Justice Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the UC 311.

Psi Chi (Psychology Club) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UC 312. Anyone wishing to join, please attend.

The Ideas and Issues Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Programming Conference Room.

The Outdoor Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in OM 303.

The Veterans Organization will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UC 314.

The Council on Student Publications will meet at 3:15 in the UC 315. All interested persons may attend.

A meeting will be held for all persons interested in Christian Science at 5 p.m. today in the UC lounge.

The Young Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the UC 306.

John Seigenthaler, publisher of The Tennessean, will speak at a meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UC 318.

Gamma Beta Phi will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the UC theater.

The admissions director of the Memphis Law School will speak about enrollment qualifications at the Pre-Law Society meeting at 11 a.m. today at OM 324. Students interested in a trip to UT-Knoxville's law school should contact Mike Carter at 3654.

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Frank Glass, dean of admissions and records, said his office files only a student's academic transcript and American College Testing (ACT) scores, and that a student may receive this material himself.

The act also requires institutions to provide hearings for students to challenge any record they consider inaccurate or misleading, and gives parents of secondary or elementary students the same rights of access.

ASB to launch student poll

The ASB Grievance Committee, similar to the Ombudsman program, plans a program wherein students will be surveyed as to their needs and complaints.

However, the committee's work is designed to inform the ASB Senate of student wants in order to increase Senate effectiveness, according to ASB Senator Rick Figari, Grievance Committee chairman.

"We hope to get both the ASB and the students more involved in their welfare and make them aware of student government," Figari pointed out.

The program consists of an opinion poll, distributed to all students through the post office,

asking, "What is your major grievance as a student and what do you think the ASB can do about it?" Senators will also schedule public meetings in dormitories and other gathering places where students may talk to senators about their needs. The results will be gathered percentage-wise and presented to the legislature, Figari said.

The opinion surveys will reach mailboxes next week. When completed, these may be placed in designated ballot boxes in the UC, library and other locations on campus. Students who cannot find a box should mail their ballot to P.O. Box 1, ASB, Figari added.

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Pot laws due for review; victims unduly punished

Legal consequences of being caught with marijuana in his possession not only blemish a person's record but also scar him mentally and socially.

Friends tend to turn their backs on the "criminal" charged with marijuana possession, and he thus becomes the "victim" of a victimless crime.

Granted, trafficking in marijuana or any other illegal drug should not be condoned. However, we feel a reassessment of both state and federal narcotics is in order.

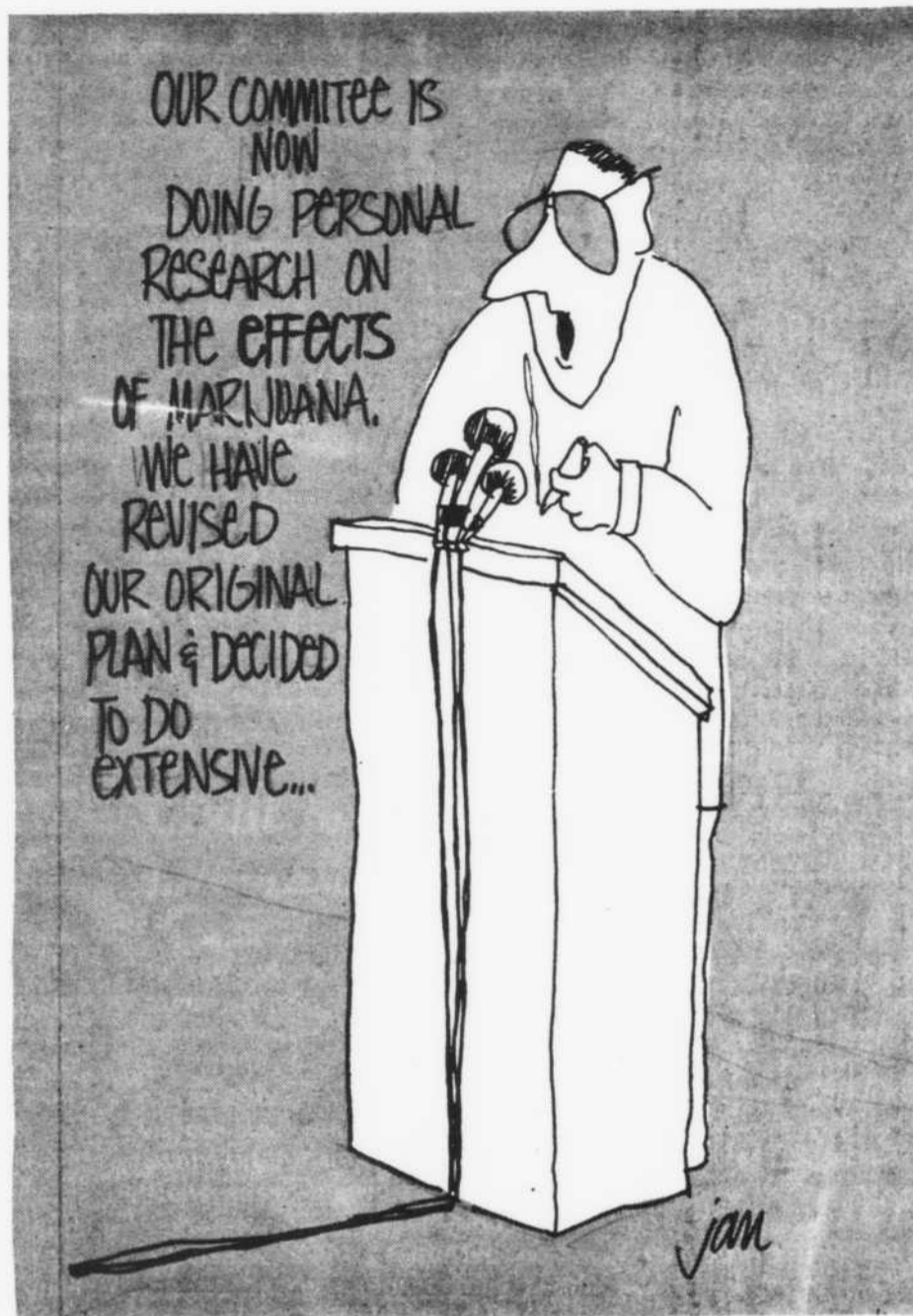
A joint subcommittee of the Tennessee General Assembly's Judiciary Committee will resume its review of state laws regarding marijuana during its next session. To the General Assembly's credit, the subcommittee has heard testimony from law-enforcement officials, doctors, psychiatrists and other experts dealing with marijuana. It appears the group is studying the subject with open minds.

The National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, commissioned by President Nixon in 1972 recommended repeal of all jail terms and fines for private smoking of marijuana but not for its cultivation and sale. A panel commissioned by the Canadian government also recommended decriminalization of the weed.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the top White House official on drug policy announced Friday the Ford administration's opposition to criminal penalties for marijuana use. Robert L. DuPont, director of the White House Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention and head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, told the annual conference of the National Organization for the Repeal of Marijuana Laws that use of marijuana should be discouraged, but he added that criminal penalties should be dropped.

However, the first report of the National Commission points out that legalization of marijuana is "politically unfeasible." Marijuana advocates and opponents are so sharply divided that the battle shapes up along age and cultural lines.

But, as politicians have said this year, the time for divisiveness is behind us. What if all 35 million Americans who smoke pot were arrested and slapped with the maximum penalty for marijuana possession? Time and money spent doing that could be used more wisely to force drunk drivers, whose crime involves innocent victims, off the highways.



Veterans finally stand up for their benefits

by Michael Gigandet

Considered "inflationary" by an ungrateful government, today's veterans are beginning to organize, stand up and demand the benefits they so rightfully deserve.

Whether they are speaking out at Senate hearings, at Vietnam Veterans Day rallies, demonstrating in Washington or marching at a small-town university campus, vets are trying to open the eyes of a country that is content in calling them "silent heroes."

Well, the label "silent heroes" and bumper stickers saying "Honor Vietnam Veterans" won't keep bread on the table and clothes on a family or meet the inflated costs of today's education.

A married veteran can tell you this, and with the passing of two increased GI education bills it seems the Congress has finally realized it.

But the bill has run into trouble because an unsympathetic White House has indicated that the benefit increases are "too inflationary."

Ignorant of the veteran's plight, the White House has proved to be

anything but the desperately needed friend so long awaited.

So the veterans, like the students before them, are taking to the streets to show the need for an increased education bill.

Comparing the GI Bill of 1974 with the one of World War II produces some rather alarming findings.

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For example, unmarried World War II veterans received \$75 a month subsistence pay. Their bill paid up to \$500 a year for books, fees and tuition.

That was a lot of money at that time, but inflation has eaten up the money.

Today's veteran gets \$220 a month, and he must pay for everything including tuition, books, fees, rent, food, clothing, supplies and transportation.

Because of the costs veterans must attend less-expensive schools.

In 1947 almost 59 per cent of Harvard's student body were veterans. In 1972 the figure was 1.5 per cent.

Rusty Lindley of the Vietnam Veterans Center in Washington said that if taken dollar for dollar maximum benefits for World War II would be about \$3,800 a year in today's dollars.

Lindley says Veterans Administration figures indicate that a single Vietnam vet is getting \$1,820 less than a World War II serviceman.

Today's married veterans, he says, are getting \$1,968 less each

year than married World War II GIs.

This is a gross inequity and another kick in the face of our servicemen.

The Nixon administration seemed intent on crippling the veteran.

Nixon threatened to veto any bill increasing GI education benefits more than 8 per cent. This increase wouldn't even keep up with inflation.

Nixon ignored a VA-commissioned study that proved the GI Bill to be in a sad state of affairs.

If this wasn't enough, he refused to support a provision extending the time a vet could use the bill.

If not, we can expect more infringements on GI benefits like the Tax Reform Act of 1974, now being considered by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The act would require an income tax on service-connected disability compensation and military retirement disability pay.

Inadequate education benefits are bad enough but taxing the compensation pay of wounded vets is even more disgraceful.

Student survey suggests pot penalty should be less

by Paul Rebmann

Eighty-three of 100 MTSU students questioned in a recent campus survey said that possession and use of small quantities of marijuana should be decriminalized.

Decriminalization means reduction of the current stiff penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana to a misdemeanor with a penalty of a fine.

Under Tennessee law, possession of less than one half ounce of marijuana is a misdemeanor and conviction can result in "confinement in the county jail and/or workhouse for not more than 11 months 29 days and/or a fine of not more than \$1,000."

Possession of more than one half ounce is a felony with imprisonment from one to five years and a fine of \$3,000 or less.

Of the 83 students who said that pot should be decriminalized, 34 do not smoke pot; 32 smoke, either regular or occasionally, and 14 have smoked marijuana in the past. Three students chose not to comment.

Forty-six of the 100 interviewees do not smoke at all and 34 smoke pot.

Several students who smoked pot previously said that they did so in the service.

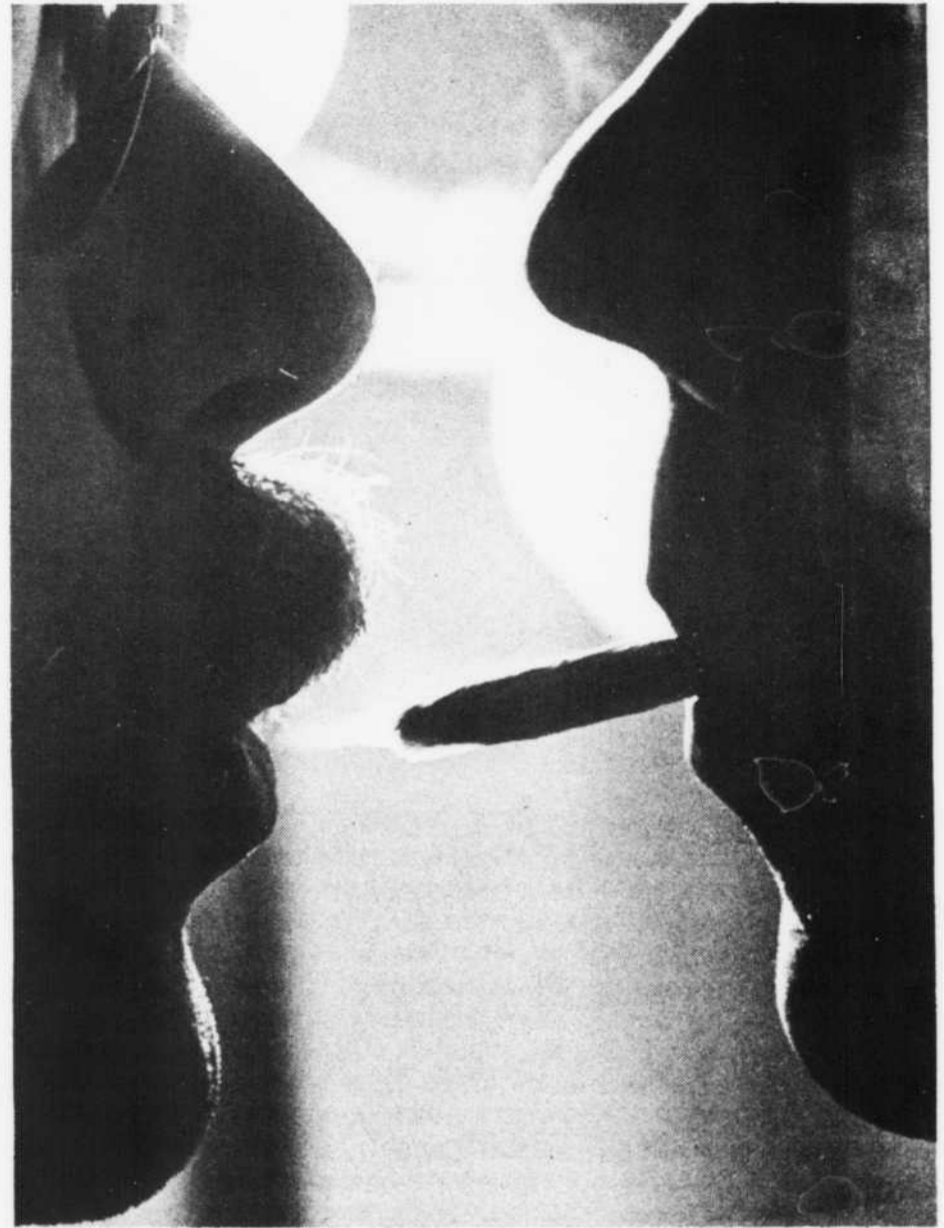
One Vietnam veteran said, "When you don't have liquor or beer you have to find something to do, and marijuana was the only thing available out in the jungle. Everybody smoked it, even the officers."

Another person cited fear of legal consequences as the reason she no longer smokes marijuana.

One student who smokes advocated decriminalization, but added that if it were legalized "the government would put so much tax on it no one could afford it."

Of the 46 non-smokers, 24 said they believe the use of marijuana does not lead to the use of hard drugs, while 10 said pot leads to hard drugs.

Out of the other 54 students interviewed, only three said that pot leads to hard drugs, and each of them have quit smoking pot.



Shotgun

The pot smoker on the left gets a huge "hit" of smoke "shotgunned" by his partner.

Conflicting evidence grows

Society yet to deliver marijuana verdict

by Phil West

Marijuana has been an enigma in this country since federal legislation prohibited its use in 1937, and no equitable solutions will be reached until the drug is understood.

The truth about pot is--we don't know the truth.

However, hundreds of reports and surveys, usually slanted to support the author's thesis, have attempted to enlighten the public. The First Report of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, published in 1972, and "A Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs" published for the Canadian government in 1972 thoroughly researched the marijuana question and agreed, and recommended to each respective government, that possession of marijuana by a user for his own use should not be treated as a criminal offense.

To the 24 million Americans over age 11 who have smoked pot, according to the First Report, the legal problem, as well as problems of social acceptance and misunderstanding, exists.

The First Report surveyed 2,405 adults (age 18 and older) and found that 51 per cent feel the "problem should be handled mostly

through medical clinics: the process of diagnosis, treatment and care." Another 37 per cent feel the "problem should be handled mostly through the police and courts: the process of arrest, conviction and punishment."

While the Commission noted "an acute awareness of the legal consequences, it found "some misconceptions about the dangers of marijuana."

"Marijuana - The Second Trip" states, "Although evidence indicates that heavy, long term cannabis users may develop psychological dependence, even then the level of psychological dependence is no different from the syndrome of anxiety and restlessness seen when an American stops smoking tobacco cigarettes. Cannabis does not lead to physical dependence."

Some doctors report that chronic (three to 10 times weekly) use of cannabis may cause changes in the central nervous system and brain shrinkage. Doctors Harold Kolansky and William T. Moore, in an October 1972 report to the Journal of the American Medical Association, wrote, "A consideration of the biochemical and structural changes in the central nervous system (possibly cerebral

cortex) as a result of extensive cannabis use seemed to be in order." All but two of the patients studied had experience with alcohol, depressants or LSD.

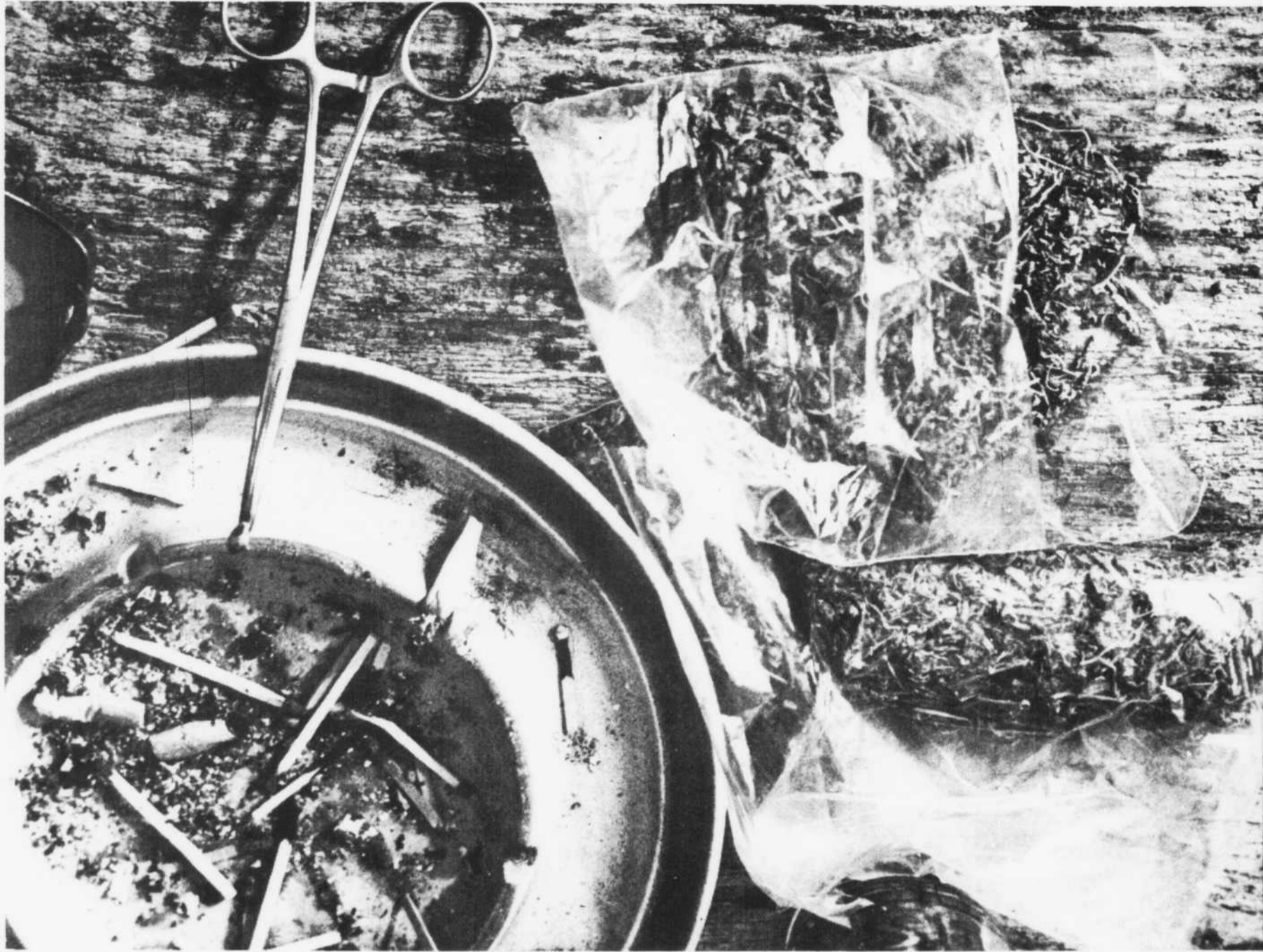
As evidence supporting marijuana use builds, so does opposition to it. And the gap widens with each new revelation for either cause.

However, pressure for decriminalization of the drug is strong enough for the Tennessee General Assembly to appoint a joint judiciary subcommittee to look into the subject. Subcommittee member Sen. Reagor Motlow, D.-Lynchburg, said the subcommittee, after hearing days of expert testimony, will "draft a report during the next (legislative) session."

The future of decriminalization of pot, Motlow predicted, looks bleak. "The more we study it (marijuana), the worse it looks."

Motlow said "I'm against it. It's dangerous. The further anybody fools with it, the more dangerous it is."

Despite federal and state laws prohibiting its use, between 30 million and 40 million Americans smoke pot, according to a recent NBC documentary. With the jury still out in the marijuana case, no verdict--neither legal nor social--has been delivered.



These two bags of pot and the surgical roach clip are evidence that someone has been defying the law again.

Local arrests 'so absurd,' NORML chief says

by Larry Harrington

Last week six people busted on marijuana charges in Murfreesboro contacted the Nashville office of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) for help, according to John Shenk, state executive director.

"Arrests I'm called about in Murfreesboro are always so absurd, so drastic; they make me feel helpless sometimes," Shenk said.

"A young girl came in here recently who had been busted down there for an ounce. Frankly, I think she was planted, but they didn't arrest her. They wanted her to become an informer," Shenk recalled.

"Well, she came in here. We talked about her rights, and now she has a lawyer. She said she's interested in getting something together down there," he added.

"Getting something together" means organizing a Murfreesboro chapter of NORML.

"There is an officially recognized organization at MTSU but this year it's just on paper. Nothing's been done," Shenk pointed out.

"Fear, paranoia is the main problem in Murfreesboro," he warned, "but there are probably 2,000 or 3,000 people in the county who have smoked, based on national averages."

"These people need to get organized," Shenk suggested. "The police are organized so these 3,000 need to get organized."

The director said campus organizations should be the focal point for "disseminating true information about drugs."

However, a strictly student NORML organization, such as the one started at MTSU last year, is not the best way to begin, he said.

"You need to get people in the professional and business community, as well as students, to sit down and talk about the problem that too many people are getting arrested," Shenk suggested.

He stressed the importance of getting members of the com-

munity together to talk, not necessarily to affiliate with NORML.

People should be concerned that the police are wasting time and money making relatively easy arrests for possession of marijuana rather than concentrating on more serious crimes, Shenk said. "This inflates their arrest figures and enables them to get more money from Washington."

Campus NORML organizations are operating at the University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State University and Vanderbilt.

"Our latest group, at Vanderbilt, has already raised money with the Kris Kristofferson-Rita Coolidge concert," Shenk said.

He suggested a benefit concert could be arranged at MTSU with a long list of possible entertainers including Charlie Daniels and Goose Creek Symphony.

Funds from the Vanderbilt concert will be used to fund two student and faculty research projects, one to study campus use of marijuana and another to compile statistics on statewide use.

"We're very interested in compiling figures on the time and energy and cost of enforcing the present marijuana laws to use in lobbying with the state legislature," Shenk said.

Student organizations are important in the lobbying effort, Shenk said. "The UT-Knoxville group which has about 100 members will be lobbying with the legislature."

"A study of marijuana use at the University of Texas had a great deal to do with getting the Texas legislature to change that state's laws," he pointed out.

Shenk said he sees a strong chance that the next session of the General Assembly will change the penalties for possession of marijuana.

The state Law Revision Commission has proposed a reduction of the maximum penalty for possession of one-half ounce or less, Shenk said.

"It's becoming clear that the present prohibition is not working," he said. "After all, marijuana use has grown from an estimated 70,000 persons in 1936 to 35 million in 1974."

Former pot smoker blames 'friend' for bust

Editor's note: The following story actually happened. The author's name is being withheld at his request.

About 7:15 one morning, I returned home from a 10-hour shift at a local factory. Some people relax after work with a beer, a martini or other drink, but I prefer a good joint.

This particular morning, a "friend" from work had come home with me to share my pot. We had been smoking his pot after work for almost two weeks; my stash had been dry for about a month, but not anymore. After smoking a couple of joints, I loaded my corn cob pipe.

By 9 a.m., we were feeling good and said farewell until work that night. However, I don't believe my "friend" went straight home.

I was awakened about two hours later by an annoying knock at my front door. I tried to ignore the persistent knocking, but it finally got me up. The gentleman said he had something important to discuss and invited himself in. His name was Jim Cook.

Still stoned and half asleep, I asked what I could do for him; he showed me a search warrant.

The warrant was for a David, not a Daniel, but the last name and the address were right. Typical of Murfreesboro, it was actually a warrant for alcoholic beverages with those words scratched out and the word "marijuana" written in ink above.

Cook then flashed an ID so quickly I don't even think a speed-reading expert would have comprehended. As he was putting his badge away, three or four other men dashed into the room and also "flashed" their ID's before my face. I was ordered to wait in the kitchen where I was frisked and badgered by one of the officers until they could conduct their search. I found it hard to believe, but the only other officer that I talked to seemed to be a pretty decent guy.

I pointed out that the search warrant had the wrong name on it, but no one seemed to care. They were more interested in forcing me to explain several personal things that had nothing to do with marijuana.

It took them quite a while to discover my stash, although it wasn't hidden, only stuffed in a drawer. I was informed of my rights and the quest-

ioning began.

The officers asked where I had gotten the pot, and I asked where my free lawyer was. One officer wanted to know if I had a job and car. When I answered yes, he asserted I could afford a lawyer. This kind of talk went on for about 30 minutes.

Finally, they decided to take me in and book me. On the way out of my apartment, one officer held up the bag and made repeated offers to forget the whole thing.

"You know I can give you this back and everything will be forgotten if you cooperate," he said. I refused.

After being fingerprinted, booked and released on bond, the officer offered me a ride home. I walked.

Getting busted made that lid really expensive--over \$300 I didn't have to spare. But even worse is the paranoia of a six-month suspended sentence hanging over my head. I enjoyed marijuana for a long time and probably will again. But for now, I just get drunk.

Dean denies use of informants; duty laid to university employes

by John Pitts

Campus rules concerning drugs "don't differ" from guidelines concerning other prohibited items, Robert LaLance, dean of students, said recently.

"We have various ways of detecting drugs," LaLance pointed out. "A drug such as marijuana can be seen or smelled or contacts can inform us of the drugs."

When pressed on his definition of contacts, LaLance explained "there are no narcs--no informants." He said "anyone on our payroll" is responsible for reporting violations of campus rules.

Murfreesboro City Police and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation can come on campus "anytime they want," LaLance said. Law Enforcement agencies, including the sheriff, coordinate efforts through security and LaLance's office.

University officials can enter a dorm room two ways, LaLance said. The official can ask the student's consent to enter the room or a campus warrant can be sworn out to allow entry.

In an ad hoc or "hot pursuit" situation--"If you see it, smell it or are in hot pursuit"--the room can be entered without warning, LaLance pointed out.

LaLance said the degree of drug use is "less emphasized" today, as opposed to a few years ago, either because fewer students are using drugs or "less is being said about it."

LaLance encouraged students "troubled with drug-related problems" to visit the Guidance and Counseling Center for "non-disciplinary help... without fear of criminal involvement."

The dean cautioned students to remember that "drugs, just like theft or other serious matters, can result in disciplinary action in school and off campus." School disciplinary actions include expulsion, suspension, probation, fines and restrictions, which can be applied singularly or in combination.

LaLance's feelings about marijuana were summed up in one phrase--"There's no place for it on this campus," he said.

"I feel that until it is conclusively shown that there is no evidence of long range bad effects, the present laws should remain," LaLance added.

He regards the liberalization of marijuana laws with "mixed emotions."

"I have never used it," LaLance said, "but I have seen it, smelled it and watched it being burned for a paper I researched pretty extensively."



Grass laws unfair--ACLU

by Michael Gigandet

Present laws regarding the private use of marijuana are arbitrarily imposed and, in many cases, cause cruel and unusual punishment, Jim Bryan, president of the Middle Tennessee American Civil Liberties Union, said recently.

"Generally the (ACLU) policy is we are opposed to criminal sanctions on the use of marijuana," he said.

Bryan said the ACLU feels marijuana laws are enforced selectively.

For instance, he said, a person living in a \$150,000 home would not be busted while a college student or a lower class citizen would be.

The ACLU bases its policy on reports from organizations like the National Commission on Drug Abuses and scientists, he said.

Whether the ACLU will take a case involving marijuana "depends on a lot of things," Bryan said.

The group must be selective and take a practical approach, he said, because there are just not enough lawyers that can be called on.

Only 10 to 12 lawyers work with ACLU in Middle Tennessee, Bryan said, although the organization has about 600 members in this area.

When deciding whether to take a case, Bryan pointed out, the ACLU considers how serious a case is, how good a legal issue is, how good the facts are and if it will make a good test case.

The ACLU must refer a lot of cases to other attorneys.

"It's a very harsh practical reality. If we had 300 lawyers we would take them (cases) all," he concluded.

Avent outlines procedure in marijuana cases



by John Pitts

Lt. Luther Avent may be the best known policeman in Murfreesboro, and for good reason--his name appears on most of the city's drug-related arrest records.

Avent, a member of the city police force for 11 years, outlined Friday the local procedures for making an arrest for possession of marijuana.

The initial act in making an arrest is receiving information that an individual is possessing or selling marijuana, Avent said. Informants supply this information, he added.

After an investigation, Avent said, he uses the informant to help catch a pusher in the act.

"I'll give them money, and they'll make a purchase," Avent explained. "They give the drugs to me, and I give them to the chief (William Chambliss)."



After this "connection," a search warrant is sworn out, and the arrest is made, Avent said.

Upon arrest, an alleged seller is advised of his rights and taken to the City Police Building, where paperwork and fingerprinting is done. From there, the person is taken to the county jail, where bail can be posted.

For "simple possession" (one half ounce or less), the bail is normally \$500, but bail for larger amounts (possession for resale) would be \$2,500, Avent explained.

After bail is set, the person is free until his court date. General Sessions Judge James Buckner will hear the preliminary case, and the accused may plead guilty or not guilty.

If a person pleads not guilty, the case goes to the Rutherford County Grand Jury, where the prosecution presents its case. The case goes on to Circuit Court for trial if the



case is deemed solid.

Simple possession of marijuana is considered a misdemeanor in Tennessee, punishable by a \$50 fine, payment of court costs and a six-month suspended sentence in the workhouse, Avent said. The "possession for resale" charge, a felony, carries stiffer punishment.

Although marijuana use has decreased "to a certain extent," Avent feels "there is still quite a bit of marijuana." Arrests are concentrated among "mostly college students and dropouts," he added.

Avent had "no comment" answers to questions concerning how pot arrives in Murfreesboro and where it comes from.

Avent said he "didn't see anything wrong with the laws," and added that laws calling for strong punishment against the pusher were good "without a doubt."

Potpourri

(a light look at pot's versatility)

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Chop and saute one small onion, 1/2 garlic clove, and grass. Add 1 can tomato paste, 1 can tomato puree, and 2 cups of water. Cook over low heat. Add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer 2 to 3 hours.

Doper's Delight

For brownies, gingerbread or snackin' cake with an extra zing, simply add hash or grass to your favorite prepackaged mix. Your 'high' will vary with the amount of cannabis. Some people like Betty Crocker's best.

Local youth turns 'narc' after friends 'lost' to drugs

Bruce could be taken for any teenager in a college town. A good student in a Murfreesboro high school, he elected not to attend college and to work instead.

Bruce owns a car, lives at home and likes to sleep a lot. In addition, Bruce claims to have once been a Murfreesboro City Police informant, commonly called a "narc."

To begin with, Bruce is not his real name, but is one he chose to conceal his identity in a recent telephone interview.

"It's not what everybody thinks it is," Bruce said, "and it's strange that I know anything about it."

Bruce, who claims to have supplied information to the police for "not over a year," began his duties as a "narc" after some of his friends were "lost" to drugs. "Some of my friends were overdosing and dying off," he said.

"It's a matter of buy, sell and trade," Bruce explained. "Most of the information the police need is flat out bought." He cited incidents of officers giving "an informant" \$25 and saying "I want to know where so-and-so is and what he's selling."

A majority of information the Murfreesboro police obtain is provided by "four closely-knit" informants, Bruce revealed. "They (the informants) have talked to each other by phone," he explained, "but they've never seen each other."

Bruce estimated that information the police receive is "about 65 per cent reliable." He also said successful arrests depend on "a lot of gut feeling...you work by your instinct."

Bruce said he got out of the information business "because I value my life." He declined to describe details of any arrests he had contributed to because it might reveal his identity.

Was prof fired for rights stand?

If you read Sidelines last Thursday you probably noticed the front-page headline, "Colleague describes former professor as 'paranoid.'" The article alluded to the controversy over whether former assistant sociology professor Rita Decker-Gregg's due process rights were violated by MTSU's not granting her a hearing on the reasons for her dismissal.

How long will we tolerate, as students and teachers alike, a threat to our academic freedom through sexual discrimination? How much longer will we stand by and watch injustice without awakening to the reality that we are being deprived of a teacher who was rated superior in performance by the very same people

who testified against her "emotional stability"?

Rita Decker-Gregg was fired because she was brave enough to draw our attention to the sexual discrimination which lingers unchallenged at MTSU and not because she was paranoid.

Rita Decker-Gregg was fired because she threatened the anti-woman hiring policies practiced by this fine university and not because she was 'paranoid'.

And finally, Rita Decker-Gregg was fired because she is a dynamic personality who dared to stand up against some of the best academic minds in this school of higher learning in an effort to

make them aware that women have as much to offer as men in the field of education.

After all Lurix Johnson, assistant to the executive secretary of the Tennessee Commission of Human Development, testified that upon investigation he had "found a pattern of sexual discrimination of MTSU." Is this not enough to alert you that we could lose more teachers like Decker-Gregg for the mere reason of being a woman?

The headline should have read, Colleague describes former professor as superior.

Kanan Peters
Box 1661

Priorities cause rip-off

Talk about misplaced priorities...

Every Monday through Friday, thousands of MTSU students receive something short of an ideal education because the university is not funded well enough to provide adequate classroom space; because equipment that some professors must use is falling apart; because not enough teachers can be hired to meet students' needs; because some teachers don't even have an office to call their own in which to counsel students.

Compare this scene with the equally grim picture at Horace Jones Field last Saturday, when several hundred hard-core crazies hovered, vulture-like, to witness the spectacle of a losing football team and its coach crumbling in ineptness right before their eyes.

In view of the fact that our school seems to be so short of funds for educational purposes, what logical defense can be made for spending vast sums of money to field an intercollegiate football team that can't even hold on to the ball?

CBS, in reporting Sunday on the demise of football at the University of Vermont, said that during the past 11 years some 48 colleges and universities have dropped the costly sport and rechanneled their money into educational programs. Instead of taking an isn't-that-too-bad attitude about the trend away from intercollegiate football competition, we should look at it as an attempt to do better the very thing for which universities exist, to educate students.

Let's stop debating whether or not Coach Peck should be fired. Instead, let's get down to the deeper question of whether or not we are ripping off our students by misspending funds on a program that yields a minimum of positive returns.

Name withheld upon request

Pep band needs students' support

I am writing this letter not in complaint but to inform students on this campus of an organization that is alive and hopefully growing, the ROTC pep band.

There are some misunderstandings about the band that I would like to clarify. First, you do not have to be in ROTC to be in the band, and secondly, we do not require the wearing of uniforms.

We hope this year to do a better job than last year and also to go to some of the away games. We can do these things only if students will participate.

That word, participate, is very important. Last year our biggest complaint was that our noise was neither loud enough nor good enough. I put the question to you: What can we do if we don't have enough people to play all of the parts? Last year we tried even if we left something to be desired at times.

We can only stop this if the students who have the time and ability will come out and play with us. Support us with your cheers and your ability. We practice Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in Forrest Hall.

Tim Timberlake
President, ROTC PEP Band

Light proposal has no support

I wish to address this letter to the author of the recent editorial, "ASB sees students as adults, rules committee should too."

On Nov. 8, in a joint session of the ASB House and Senate, the proposal for new housing regulations was opened to questions from legislators. I asked one of the sponsors of the resolution to explain the reasoning behind point two, which stated, "regulations... requiring doors to be open and lights to be on should be terminated."

The response was that it is not practical to have doors open during winter--agreed, this is a viable point. However, the answer concerning "lights being on" was general laughter. It was evident why these people favored the new proposal concerning lights, but is this also a viable point?

It may be true that "one group of adults" should not try to legislate the morality of "another group of adults," but let us not try to legislate the immorality of adults either! The privacy of ones own home is to be enjoyed, by definition, solely in ones own home and not at a university under state regulation.

I feel the proposal submitted by the ASB is necessary and basically very good. But the inclusion of the article about the lights is not supported by any viable reasoning and might prove detrimental to the entire proposal, leading to its rejection.

In our attempts to better ourselves and our university, let us be as reasonable and responsible as the adults we claim to be.

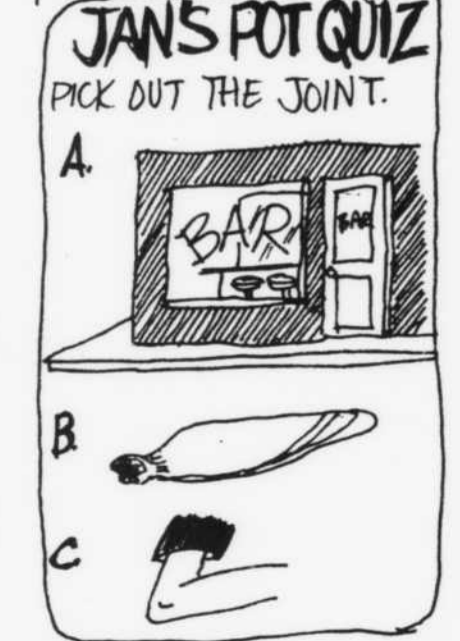
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WHO'S THERE?

There have been many tests performed with what is called yore basic killer weed.

Researchers, at a leading U.S. University, (what are they leading in?) have been conducting tests on the effects of pot on frogs. Their report concluded that after 6 (six) months of daily smoking the frogs refused to turn into princes and run off into the sunset with warts. Researchers at that university still do not know what to do with 20 white horses they stabled for the princes/frogs.



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Play amuses and entertains



A pair of "Story Theatre" cast members work out the final details of their scene for the show,

Using no props, wearing simple costumes and using good lighting and sound effects, the cast of "Story Theatre" weaves a diverse collection of fairy tales and fables into minutes of amusing entertainment.

"Story Theatre" begins a seven-night run, excluding Sunday, tonight at 8 in the Dramatic Arts Building's arena theater. Students will be admitted free with an MTSU ID.

which begins tonight in the arena theatre. Photo by Larry Robinson

The show is based on the Grimm Brothers and Aesop's works including "Henny Penny," "The Golden Goose" and "Two Crows." Each of the 13-member cast has several roles in the 10 individual scenes of the show.

A musical backup for the show is provided capably by Jim Howard and Freddie Snell on guitars and Ralph Jones on drums. Sound effects are co-ordinated by Paul Shetter and Karla Pate.

Style highlights Nero performance

by Jerry Manley

Beginning with beautiful, personalized renditions of recent pop hits, pianist Peter Nero played with a style and flair which seemed to please the audience at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Saturday night.

Nero showed a special ability to do more than just play, however, by performing his own compositions of the music from Jesus Christ Superstar and his versions of George Gershwin and Cole Porter favorites.

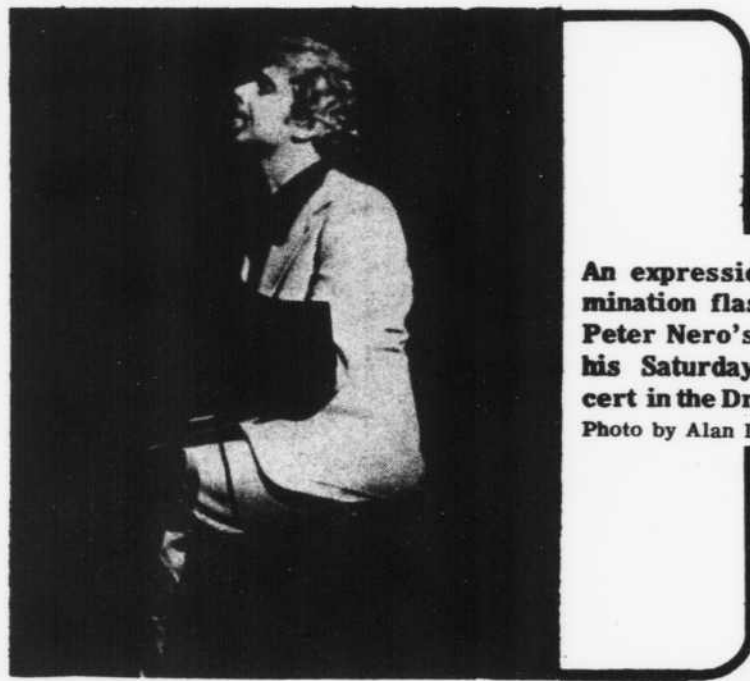
Despite the popular appeal of his variations of the movie themes "Brian's Song" and "Love Story", it's in the complicated jazz and modern blues of Porter, Gershwin and Duke Ellington that one hears Nero at his best.

In a Duke Ellington tribute, Nero drew attention to his excellent sidemen's particular skills as soloists. But even the fine solo abilities of drummer Gary Mure and bassist Richard Nanista were surpassed by their timing with Nero on every number.

Nero was disappointed with the auditorium's sound system and complained that the piano was out of tune.

However, the audience didn't seem to notice those defects and called Nero back for two encores, including the hit "Summer of '42".

Nero also played variations of "I Got Rhythm" and the fourth movement of an "original waltz" for piano and orchestra in what he called "the encore portion of our show."



An expression of determination flashes across Peter Nero's face during his Saturday night concert in the Dramatic Arts Photo by Alan Loveless

Barefoot Jerry tops Vandy bill

Barefoot Jerry and Dan Fogelburg will perform in concert at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Vanderbilt University.

Classical guitarist John Johns will give a concert in the music room of the Branscomb Quadrangle at 7:30 p.m. in the second of five free chamber music concerts.

Jimmy Buffet, the performer of "Come Monday" and "Pencil-Thin Mustache," will appear in two concerts at 7 and 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Sorority sponsors anemia education

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is sponsoring a sickle cell anemia campaign at MTSU to "educate the students about the disease," according to Pat Moore of the sorority.

A van donating educational information and films of the disease was on campus yesterday and will return Thursday. A room in the University Center has been reserved to display the information, Moore said.

ASB suggests signal at busy intersection

More than 1,000 people may pass the busy intersection of Tennessee Boulevard and 3rd Avenue in a given hour of the day, according to figures compiled Wednesday by the ASB Senate.

Senators stationed at the intersection between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday made a headcount of all motorists and pedestrians using the crossing to substantiate the legislature's claim that the intersection "jeopardizes the physical well-being of the MTSU pedestrian population."

The flow of traffic is currently regulated by a caution signal. The

ASB will recommend to the Murfreesboro City Council that a stop light be placed there.

Other suggestions made to the council may include a widening of Tennessee Boulevard into a four-lane street.

The study of the intersection hazard was begun when an MTSU student who had been hit by a car there complained to ASB senator Steve Cox. The result was the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Bill of 1974.

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OVC coaches pick MTSU 1st in poll

Jimmy Earle's Blue Raider basketball team was picked by league coaches as the pre-season favorite to win the Ohio Valley Conference at a press luncheon last Wednesday at the Sheraton in Nashville.

In addition, Fred Allen, Steve Peeler, George Sorrell, and Tim Sisneros were voted to the pre-season All-OVC squad. Sorrell reaped double honors when he was chosen as the favorite for the most valuable player award at the end of the season.

Among other things discussed at the conference, the new OVC tournament caused the most controversy.

The tournament will be held at Murphy Center March 7-8, and will feature the top four finishers to decide who will represent the OVC at the NCAA district tourney.

There was some disagreement from every coach on the format for the tournament. One particular point was that it should be held on a neutral court.

Fumbling Raiders walk Buccaneers' plank 17-7

by Duncan Reardon

Two second half touchdown runs by George Fugate powered East Tennessee State University to a 17-7 victory over the Blue Raiders Saturday at Horace Jones field.

The Buccaneers got on the score board first with a 19-yard field goal in the first quarter.

MTSU countered on the opening play of the second quarter, getting seven points on the efforts of Raider quarterback Freddie Rohrdanz's 11-yard run and Michael Robinson's conversion.

With 9:17 left in the third quarter, ETSU's tailback Fugate put the Bucs ahead to stay 10-7 on a one-yard run.

Fugate added another six pointer in the fourth quarter when he exploded off left tackle for a 63 yard scamper to paydirt.

Mike Moore, a freshman fullback from Chattanooga, Tenn.

was the leading ball carrier for Coach Bill Peck's Blue Raider football squad.

Moore rushed for 124 yards in 24 carries against the Bucs and really opened up the inside running game for the Raiders.

All-OVC candidate Gary Bell was the Blue Raiders' leading headhunter with seven individual tackles and four assists. Rick Burchfield was a close second with seven individual tackles and two assists.

The game marked the last home game for 15 seniors on the squad.

The loss dropped MTSU to 3-7 on the year, while the Bucs are 4-6 after winning their last three games.

Middle Tennessee travels to Cookeville this Saturday to do battle with the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech. Kick-off will be at 1:30 p.m. and is the last game of the 1974 football season.

Raiderettes qualify for region tourney

by Mark Barebo

The Raiderette women's volleyball team qualified for the women's region II volleyball championships, by placing third in the Tennessee Women's Intercollegiate Volleyball Championship last weekend at Knoxville.

The Regional Championship, which will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Nov. 21-23, will bring together the top 16 women's volleyball team from region II's five southern states.

The championship will decide which teams will enter the national tournament in Portland, Ore., scheduled for Dec. 12-14. Winthrop College, Rock Hill, Southern Carolina, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Eastern Kentucky, are all expected to be strong contenders.

The Raiderettes, coached by Sue Huffman, finished the season with a record of 21-10, including state tournament matches.

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Blue dominates White in 118-78 home victory

by Tom Wood
Assistant Sports Editor

George Sorrell scored 25 points and pulled down 20 rebounds to lead the Blue team to a 118-78 victory at Murphy Center last night before the largest crowd ever for a Blue-White pre-season basketball clash.

Tim Sisneros, a 6'8" junior from Kokomo, Ind., collected 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Blue team, followed by Steve Peeler with 22 points and 11 rebounds.



Laravie

For the losers, Greg Laravie netted 20 points and grabbed five rebounds. Donnie Darcus had 15 points and eight rebounds for the White team, and second-year man Kip Puryear pumped in 14 points.

Jimmy Martin and Sam Burrell led in assists with seven each. Martin also scored 17 points, as did Fred Allen.

Freshmen Sleepy Taylor and Ricky Collins opened their MTSU careers with 14 and eight points, respectively. Taylor also had six assists.

Statistically, the Blue team hit on 52 of 96 field goals for 54.2 per cent, while the White team managed only 41.9 per cent from the field.

On free throws, the Whites gunned in 26 of 30, paced by the eight-for-eight marksmanship of Puryear. Sorrell hit five of five from the line to lead the Blues.

The Blues controlled the boards the entire contest, pulling down 53 rebounds compared to 30 for the White squad.

The next Blue-White scrimmage is scheduled for a 7 p.m. tipoff Thursday at Franklin County High School in Winchester.

Proceeds from the game will help pay medical bills of Jim Lane, an ex-MTSU athlete. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.



Going up for two of his 25 points in the Blue-White game is Blue forward George Sorrell (40). Looking in on the action are John Bonner (52) and Tim Sisneros. Photo by Tim Hamilton

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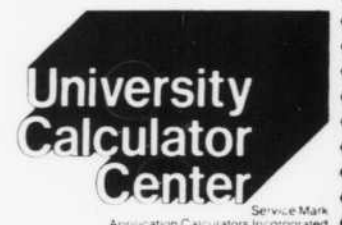
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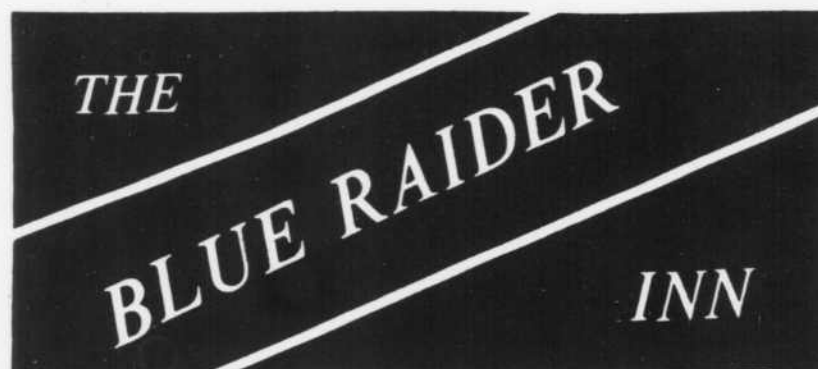
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