

Unity was topic of talk

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Copy Editor

"With President Carter's handling of foreign policy, there has been a renewal of national unity and purpose — a surge of patriotism, if you will, from the perilous moment in history we are facing," U.S. Representative Albert Gore Jr. said.

Gore was speaking about the Soviet Union troops moving into the formerly non-aligned nation of Afghanistan and taking over and Carter's decision to cut off shipping excess grain to the Soviet Union.

He talked to the Young Democrats on campus Saturday about the president's decision and how the grain embargo will hurt the grain farmers. "There are grain farmers in my district."

"And with the Iowa caucuses in the immediate future, President Carter did not hesitate in his actions. I support his decision," he stated.

He claimed it now seems that as a nation we are awakening from a period of misdirection from going down the wrong road. After the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Vietnam, Watergate, the OPEC cartel and stagflation, there was a renewal of national unity that we needed.

This feeling, Gore believes, has fashioned us to achieve solutions to problems. The heart of one problem is energy.

For seven years this problem has lingered. Installed into our way of life is an abundant supply of cheap energy. If change is made to the supply, it affects people.

There are different answers to what the energy crisis is, he said. Some say it is government regulation, price problems, balance of payments and at the bottom some say it is a political crisis. For seven years, we have attempted to balance our concerns and now we have to move quickly forward to find substitutes and alternative solutions.

The second session of the 96th General Assembly of Congress meets this week and the energy problems will be on the agenda, he said.

He mentioned gasahol, solar energy and using coal reserves as possible solutions. "America is turning the corner on the energy crisis with renewed assertion

about what they stand for," Gore stated.

Nuclear power has got to play a limited role in the energy future. How limited will be determined by the extent of the need, he said.

The space program was also discussed. Being a long-time advocate of the program, he claimed it was the best cost benefit ratio in the country. Many things that we are not aware of will come from the space program.

One question posed him included possible military involvement in the Middle East right after Vietnam. Gore said we did not have a large enough national security interest to justify a 700,000 man army in Vietnam. It tore apart our country. The purpose was never clearly defined.

"The lesson is not to get involved in military action in the Middle East again. Some 60 percent of the world's oil comes from the Persian Gulf. To let it

come under the influence of the Soviet Union would be a tragic mistake."

Gore said he regretted the introduction of politics into the Olympics. "It is hard to imagine the Olympics going on while they (Soviet Union) murder people. What they are doing is brazen," he said. He also hoped that a compromise to move the games can be arranged.

Gore claimed there are three groups making decisions in Iran — the Ayatollah, the Revolutionary Council and the terrorists. He is convinced the Revolutionary council wants to see the hostages released.

No one knows about the terrorists. "It seems they are not simply hot-headed students," Gore said. "Everytime the terrorists say 'jump,' the Ayatollah says 'Well, I was just thinking about jumping and about how high to do it.'"

He feels the primary purpose of the students is to drive a wedge between the U.S. and Iran.

Election turnout stressed

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

A student voter turnout of 1,000 is hoped for in this spring's city elections, announced ASB president Kent Syler at a press conference yesterday.

"We feel that involvement and participation in the political system is the big issue here," he said. "It is part of our education."

Syler has designed a three-step plan for accomplishing the goal of increased student voter turnout. It involves a widespread voter registration program on campus, which will be led by "organized teams composed of people who are familiar with and know how to fill out these registration cards." This program, Syler says, will concentrate on all campus organizations and dormitories. "We plan to attend organization meetings and sign up the people then take the registration forms to the county election commission," he explained.

Deadline for postcard registration is March 17 and the elections will be April 15.

The ASB also plans to sponsor a campus forum to allow council candidates a chance to address issues, especially ones pertinent to the future of MTSU. "The ASB will not be sponsoring or

endorsing any one specific candidate," Syler said. "We don't want to tell anyone how to vote; we just want to let the students know the facts."

"Frat row will be a major issue," he predicted. "There is also some talk about the city and the university working together to get the baseball field equipped with lighting."

On election day, the ASB will be working to insure that many of the registered students vote, Syler continued. "We'll be publicizing election day all over campus and we may have transportation to and from the polls. These are just a few of our ideas for getting a large number of students to vote."

One thousand student votes would be a substantial start and Syler called the goal "very realistic." "There are about 3300 students living on campus and last year it simply took 2500 votes to win a council race. Students can have a large impact on the way the election turns out."

"I want to emphasize, though, that the major issue here is getting involved. It's time for the university and the community to start working together," Syler said. "It's time that we start being assets instead of liabilities."



photo by Larry McCormack

Albert Gore Jr., U.S. Representative from the fourth district, spoke to the Young Democrats Saturday on current topics of the day.

Weapons drawn on Pikes

By DAVE COOPER

Sidelines Staff Writer

Several Pi Kappa Alpha members were threatened and one member injured at the Pike fraternity house Friday night by three male assailants, police reports state.

The injured student, Ben Huffine, was later released from Rutherford Hospital after being treated for a possible broken nose and several bruises.

"The three males had been drinking heavily," according to Murfreesboro City Detective John Williams. "We have arrested two of them, Donnie Baxter and his brother, who is a juvenile."

Pike brother Russell Mullen explained, "Phil Smith

(fraternity member) and I were standing at the front door about 9:30 p.m., when we saw two guys approaching the front porch. We didn't notice they were carrying another person. I asked them what they were doing and they got real mad."

"The guy they were carrying pulled out a gun (nickel-plated, 25 caliber automatic) and started cursing us and fraternities in general. They rushed through the door and started to go upstairs," he continued.

"The two other guys pulled out knives and said they were both going to cut our guts out."

Although no one was injured by the gun or knives, Huffine was hit several times while the

intruders were upstairs, police reports state.

"They left then came back to the house while we took Ben to the hospital," Mullen stated. "One of the (fraternity) brothers had a shotgun (16-gauge) stolen during their second visit." He added that the three then went next door to the Sigma Chi house and shot out the front door windows, possibly with the stolen shotgun.

The Sigma Chi fraternity could not be reached for comment on the broken windows or any details of the incident.

"It was lucky that no one was seriously injured during all of this," Mullen said.

Baldwin case is one among many filed against the state

By CYNDI CLINE

Sidelines Staff Writer

"Alma Baldwin vs. Lamar Alexander, Ect. Et Al," is not the only case of discrimination and constitutional violations filed against MTSU.

In 1972, former psychology professor Cheryl Travis filed charges in sex discrimination in employment against MTSU. She charged MTSU with failure to "provide her due process procedure when she was not recommended for tenure in 1972," according to a *Sidelines* article. The case did not receive an injunction in chancery court.

Rita Jean Decker-Gregg, fired after four years as assistant professor of

sociology, filed a grievance against MTSU in 1974. Decker-Gregg contended the university had "denied her her constitutional rights to due process of law and freedom of speech when she was denied tenure, according to a 1974 *Tennessean* article.

Her complaint stated that she was fired "in retribution" for speaking against the university's sex discrimination policies, and for speaking against professors selling grades for sex, a *Tennessean* article said.

Decker-Gregg had compiled statistics showing the differences in pay between male and female faculty and the ratio between male and female teachers that have tenure,

according to W.A. Moody, Decker-Gregg's attorney.

"After she wrote a letter to the Board of Regents stating the findings of her statistics and complaining of being sexually harassed by an administrator, Decker-Gregg received a notice in the mail stating that she would not receive tenure and be re-employed for the next school year," Moody said.

"Decker-Gregg was denied a hearing by the university and the Board of Regents to repudiate the charges placed against her by the university in denying her tenure which violated her constitutional rights," according to Moody.

Decker-Gregg also claimed to have received

harassment after refusing another proposition from a university administrator through the campus mail in the form of pornographic mail, and of receiving accusations stating that she was an unnamed editor of a lesbian magazine known as the "Closet Door," according to a 1974 *Daily News Journal* article.

The mail harassment stopped after an investigation by the FBI and by the U.S. Postal Service, according to the *Journal* article.

Former President Scarlett testified in August of 1974 that Decker-Gregg had personality traits surfacing during her work in the early part of 1974 which caused her not to be

rehired for the 1974-75 school year, a *Sidelines* article stated.

Decker-Gregg's case was denied an injunction in 1974 by chancery court in Nashville and by appellate court in Cincinnati on the grounds that the university followed proper procedure in denying her tenure, according to a *Tennessean* article.

Decker-Gregg's case caused several studies to be made by the Tennessee Commission of Human Development which "found a pattern of sexual discrimination at MTSU," according to a *Sidelines* article.

A new case filed by Decker-Gregg is now pending in a U.S. District court.

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Tenure is a complex issue not easily understood: Carlton

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Much furor has ensued on campus recently over the recommendation by a departmental advisory committee to refuse a teacher tenure.

"Tenure is a complicated issue on any campus," Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs, stated. "It is not easy to understand and it is under constant challenge."

Tenure, as defined by MTSU's Policies and Procedures for Promotion and Tenure as set forth by the State Board of Regents in fall 1977, is "a status pursuant to which the academic year appointments of full-time faculty who have been awarded tenure are continued at an institution until expiration or relinquishment of that status, subject to termination for adequate cause or for financial exigency or curricular reasons."

"Simply stated," Carlton said, "tenure allows a faculty member to be retained at an institution

until he retires, either due to age or physical or mental disability, or in case of financial difficulties in which current programs and activities cannot be maintained."

"Tenure is a complicated issue on campus."

Minimum criteria for tenure recommendation include teaching effectiveness; scholarship, research and public service activities; professional degrees, awards and achievements; demonstrated potential for continuous professional growth; staffing needs of the department, school and university; ability to achieve the objectives of the faculty member, department, school and university; service to the university, community and state; professional activities and membership and leadership in professional organizations; and

participation in organizations and activities of the university.

Faculty holding temporary appointments are not eligible for tenure, Carlton explained. Other faculty may be under annual tenure-track appointments. These are for faculty who are employed in a probationary period of employment preliminary to consideration for tenure. Tenure-track appointments do not include any right to permanent employment and are subject to annual renewal by the university.

Faculty may be employed on tenure-track appointments for a maximum period of probation which cannot exceed seven years. Those faculty who have obtained tenure from other institutions before being employed by their present one are eligible for recommendation and review after five years. It is customary, Carlton said, for a faculty member to be reviewed

during the latter part of his sixth year.

Tenure appointments are appointments of full-time faculty who have been awarded tenure by the board. These include the assurance of continued employment for an indefinite period.

A teacher comes under the scrutiny and review of a departmental advisory committee on promotion and tenure. This committee is composed of tenured faculty, elected by the Policies and Procedures booklet. The department chairman decides upon the recommendations to be forwarded, based on advice from the committee, and sends it to the dean of the school.

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The dean is advised by a School Advisory Committee, which is composed of one tenured professor from each department, half elected by the departmental faculties and half appointed by the dean. The dean forwards all recommendations, both favorable and unfavorable, to Carlton.

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Carlton is responsible for reviewing all recommendations and for making recommendations to Sam Ingram, president of the university. He is advised by the University Tenure and Promotion Review Committee. This committee is composed of the president of the Faculty Senate and one tenured professor from each school, nominated by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

A person not recommended by Carlton may appeal the decision in writing directly to the Chairman of the Faculty

Grievance and Appeals Committee.

"Appealing is rather routine," Carlton said. "Usually when a person appeals he is not questioning the decision but is challenging things such as a violation of rights (discrimination on basis of sex, race, etc.)."

Ingram will decide upon the recommendations to be submitted to the Board of Regents and will forward these to the Chancellor.

"As I said, the tenure process is rather complicated but the process we have is a good one," Carlton said. "The policy is from the Board of Regents and is approved by the American Association of University Professors. It has been reviewed and revised many times."

"I can understand the disappointment from faculty and students when a good teacher does not receive tenure," he continued. "I imagine that the major question that will be coming up regarding the tenure system will derive from the fact that some departments are experiencing an enrollment decrease. Sometimes, although a teacher is well-qualified, his position cannot be retained."

Tenure plan delayed

Sixteen faculty members are eligible for tenure review this year. Recommendations from the deans must be in the academic office by early February, according to Robert Jones, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Teachers up for tenure review in the School of Basic and Applied Sciences are William Mathis (industrial studies) and Karen Gingrow (nursing). According to Dean Edwin Voorhies, both have been recommended for tenure by their departments.

Five professors in the School of Business are being reviewed, according to Dean P. William Vaught. He said that he had not yet received the departmental reviews on Nathan Adams and Wayne Gober (accounting and information systems) and F. J.

Brewerton, Dan Reynolds and Richard Stanley (management and marketing).

Dean of the School of Education Delmar Pockat stated that all people in his school are still being reviewed and that no one has been approved or disapproved yet. The teachers are Oliver Fancher (art), Jane Poole (elementary education), John Harris and Nolan Spencer Barham (youth education) and Kay Hamilton (psychology).

Professors eligible for tenure in the School of Liberal Arts are Burton Bordine and John B. Ray (geography and earth science), Ralph Hillman (speech and theatre) and John Sanborn (sociology). Dean Robert Corlew said all were eligible under board rules, but that he did not know who had been recommended and who had not.

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WISE receives grant

By MELANIE THOMISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Basic Fundamental Skills Workshop, an idea of the Women's Information Service for Education (WISE), has become eligible for a \$250,000 three-year grant, according to June Anderson, director of the placement center.

While in Washington for a conference on such skills improvement programs, they visited the U.S. Office of Education and found their work fits into the Basic Skills Improvement Program.

The workshop may also be eligible for another grant to teach people from other institutions how to operate the WISE service. These interns will be trained to teach the students various skills including math, writing skills, reading, self-concept improvement, study habit improvements, relaxation and basic library skills.

Fourteen men and 27 women attended and benefited from the workshop last spring, Anderson said. Most of these students are now passing college work.

Some of the adults who attended the workshop were those who did not finish high school and needed to take the General Educational Development Test for High School Equivalency Diploma (GED).

Anderson explained others needed to brush up after being out of college for several years or to become more proficient to take competitive tests for better jobs. Some had never done anything with their college education.

WISE needs the help of the community, as well as that of the MTSU campus, in order to make the tentative forthcoming workshop a reality and the success it has been in the past, she added.

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Jones, Hall featured in show

By TERRY MEACHAM

Sidelines Staff Writer

The work of students Jeff Jones and Kaye Hall is now being featured in the art department's "Senior Show" until Jan. 19.

"Everything we put into this show gives us experience for future work," he added.

Jones, a commercial arts major, has prints and drawings that deal with figure drawings and conceptual art in the show.

"In both, there is a crossing of forces, like a dominating force showing how society is run and how forces work against each other," he explained.

Figure drawings are illusions of space, as around a 3-dimensional object. "In figure drawings, surface itself is manipulated so it has more depth," Jones said. Conceptual art reveals the use of flat planes with a 2-dimensional surface being used.

The art produced reflects the attitudes of the person at the time the work is done. Conceptual art is usually done when emotions are controlled. "When you are confused or frustrated, it serves as a way to work things through," he said. He plans to work in Arizona before attending graduate school.

Art education major Kaye Hall has paintings and sculptures in the show. She works with planer interaction abstracts dealing with transforming still life objects, such as empty cans, into shifting planes.

"My later paintings involve closet paintings and landscape paintings. Closet paintings show a search for energy qualities of clothes hanging on a rack swinging back and forth. Also, qualities of hangers are brought out."

"My fascination with the energy of shifting planes is

carried over to watching shifting lines caused by clothes swinging on a hanger. The energy from the hanging clothes is also seen in my sculptures," she explained.

Hall has also done some landscape paintings for the show which are concerned with daily rituals seen on campus.

"I watched the walking patterns on campus while people were reaching their destinations. I also took note of the ritual of washing dishes. My landscape paintings are concerned with the absurdities of these rituals from being shown as common, everyday things in contrast to the major world issues we worry about," she said.

The response to the senior show has been very good so far, according to Hall, who plans to teach art after graduating in May.

Proposed frat row map drawn up

ASB president Kent Syler has said he has set a goal to have definite plans from the city by the end of the semester concerning frat row. "We don't want the situation hanging in the air," he said. "Students need to know what will be occurring in the future."

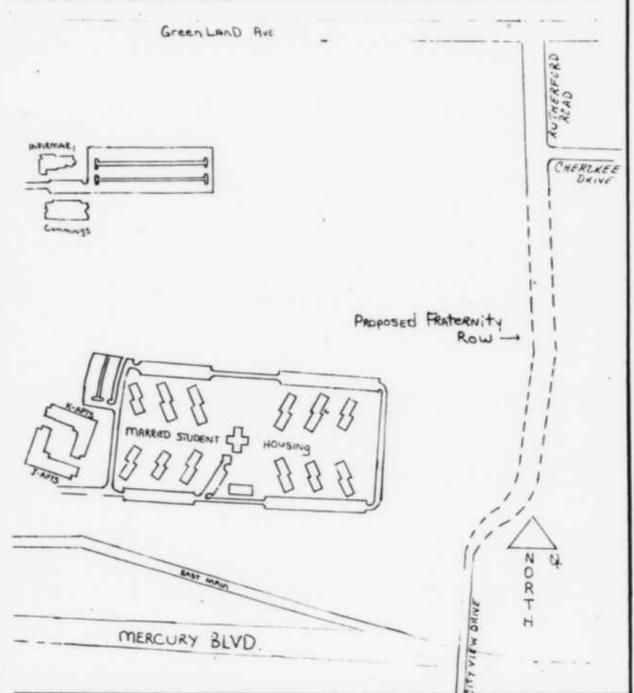
Syler, executive aide Doug Cole and other ASB officials will meet with the City Planning Commission tomorrow.

The university has appropriated \$10,000 to survey the area and the connecting roads. This money was the result of an Oct. 31 budget revision and comes from the internal maintenance department.

The appropriation, however, does not guarantee that any surveying or construction will be done, according to executive aide Jeff Ellis. Construction costs have been estimated at about \$200,000. The survey must be completed by June 30.

"The connecting road is the big thing," Ellis said. "The city wants to build a connecting road between East Main and Hall's Hill Pike. The proposed frat row will be bordered by Rutherford Boulevard on the north and east and by City View Drive on the south and west."

City Attorney Tom Reed has said money is the most important factor in the fraternity row proposal. The city has already earmarked \$1 million this year for road development in other parts of the city.



A likely route for the proposed fraternity row will connect City View Drive and Rutherford Road. The above route is a rough estimate of where the road will go, ASB President Kent Syler said. This map is not drawn to an accurate scale.

Businessmen will discuss finance

Several business professionals will discuss the state of the nation's financial status for 1980 at an Economic and Business Outlook conference Jan. 23 in the James Union Building, according to finance director Bobby Corcoran.

Money and interest rates, capital availability and prospects for industrial development and export growth within the state will also be discussed by businessmen Richard W. Everett, vice president in charge of domestic economic analysis and forecasting at New York's Chase

Manhattan Bank; James C. Cotham III, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; John R. Moore, associate dean and economist for the College of Business Administration at UT Knoxville; and Clifton B. Luttrell, vice president and economist for the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

A \$35 fee to attend the

conference may be sent to the Business Office.

The conference begins at 8 a.m. and lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.

The conference is sponsored by the Public Service Committee, the Center for Economic Education, MTSU's Office of Continuing Education and the Department of Economics and Finance.

Jewish lectures to be presented

Three rabbis and one professor will lecture to a religious studies class on Judaism and how it relates to Christianity Jan. 15-Feb. 14, according to John McRay, professor of religious studies.

They will lecture in the Judaism, Christianity and Islam class, which meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:40 a.m., DA 309.

Rabbis Zalman Posner, Randall Falk and Edward Ruttenberg are from synagogues in Nashville and Lou Silbermann is a Vanderbilt faculty member.

"Each rabbi will give two lectures," McRay said. Rabbi Posner, representing Orthodox Judaism, will speak Jan. 15 and Feb. 14.

Silbermann will speak Jan. 22 and 24. Rabbi Falk of the Jewish Temple will speak Jan. 29 and Feb. 5.

Rabbi Ruttenberg, representing a conservative type of Judaism, will speak Feb. 7 and 12.

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from the editor

THEC's proposed increase is being fought by students

Another tuition increase is being shoved down our throats, and unless students join together and fight the proposed eight percent increase recommended by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, students here may have to pay, roughly, an additional 50 dollars next fall.

Last year, the State Board of Regents initiated a seven percent tuition increase, the first raise in fees since 1976.

The board has already approved a 27 percent increase to be covered in three years. This means a nine percent increase each year under the Regents plan for all schools under the Regents system.

If the THEC recommendation is passed, a total 17 percent increase will go into effect here next year, causing tuition to go from \$236 for an in-state student to approximately \$280, according to Jeff Ellis, executive aide to ASB President Kent Syler.

Many students simply cannot afford to pay the additional money for an education. With the price of school supplies and other necessities going up, a 17 percent tuition increase will put quite a strain on the proverbial pocketbook.

Finance Commissioner Lewis Donaldson told reporters earlier this year that an increase of funds would be given to financial aid. But would this benefit the average middle income student? Probably not to a great degree.

Who knows when the tuition increases will stop? In our opinion they should stop now. Others feel the same way.

A Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) bill in favor of fighting a tuition increase was passed recently, showing that students from across the state are willing to fight

The ASB here is doing their part in fighting the increase. Ellis said he plans to meet with Donaldson within the next two weeks to start laying plans for halting the increase.

Individuals can do their part by writing hometown legislators and asking them to fight any attempts by the Alexander administration to raise tuition here.

from our readers

Dean commends students patience

To the editor:

This letter is addressed to the five hundred night students who stood in the long lines in the cold to register for night classes on Wednesday, Jan. 2. I commend your mature conduct. You jokingly threatened to riot but instead you showed patience and understanding in a trying situation.

It is an understatement to say that we, the officials responsible for the registration, were ill-prepared for the unexpectedly large number who showed up. We were not staffed to handle you. You have outgrown the staff of one or two from the Office of Continuing Education who used to zip you through in

ten minutes or less. On Jan. 2, a staff of six expected to register about 200. Four other staff members were called and graciously consented to come help.

You have special needs and problems different from those of the full-time day student. I know a few of these and hope to learn more. I know you will not be as understanding if we don't improve by the fall semester. I would not blame you. Accept my apology for this year's night registration problems and hold us to the commitment to do better next time.

Earl E. Keese
Dean of Continuing Education

Embassy party shows patriotism

To the editor:

In Friday's *Sidelines* there were two editorials whose purpose was to denounce Sigma Chi's "Embassy Party" theme. These editorials declared that Sigma Chi was in "poor taste" and wasn't being "patriotic" to the situation in Iran.

This wasn't the case though, as you would have witnessed if you had been there. Channel 4 from Nashville came to Murfreesboro the night of the party and filmed it. They aired it on the news at 10 p.m. Friday and said Sigma Chi was in good taste and were doing their part to protest the situation in Iran. They also said that they saw the party as a way for a lot of people to vent their frustrations about the situation.

Sigma Chi never intended to offend anyone with our party. We are one of the first organizations at MTSU to denounce Iran and show our support of America in this time of crisis.

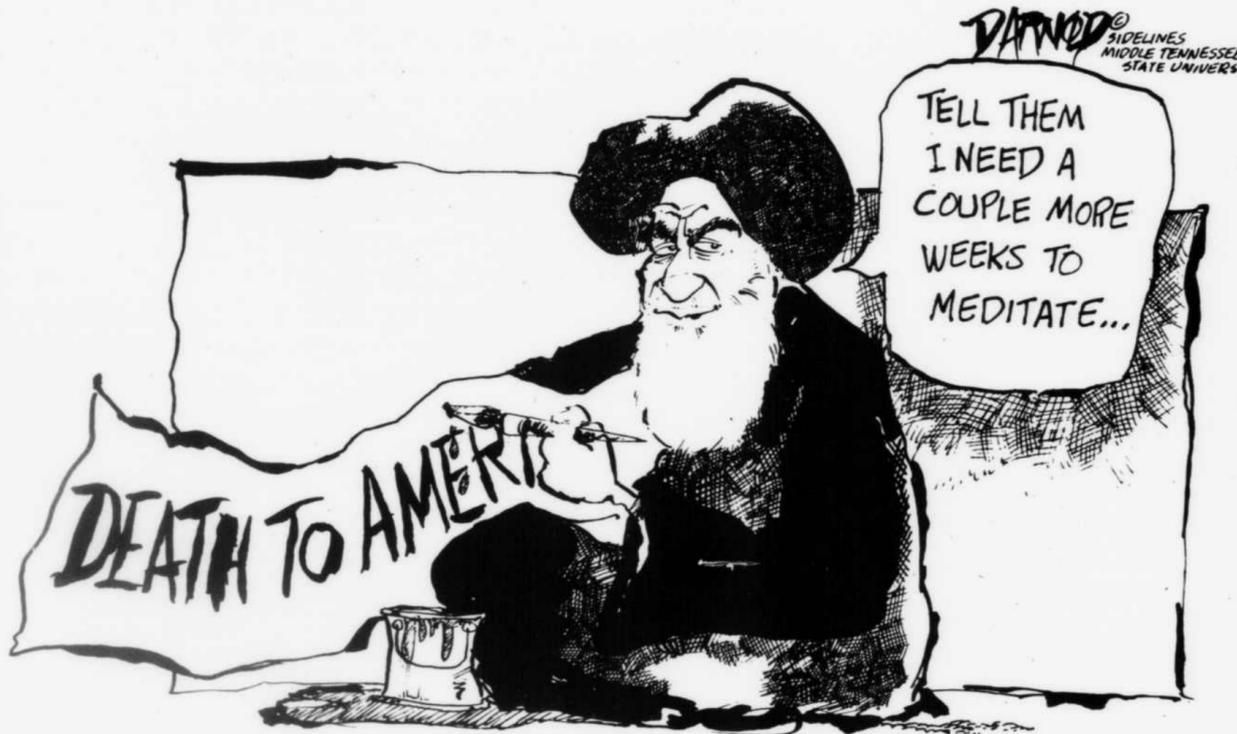
Another party of this nature is highly possible. All we ask is that before you pick up your pen to write about it, you'll come to the party and see first hand exactly what it's about.

Randy Reid
Editor of Sigma Chi

ed. note: The editorials mentioned in the above letter were not editorials, but letters to the editor and do not necessarily reflect the views of *Sidelines*.

Tuesday, January 15, 1980

Viewpoints



between the lines

by Jeff Ellis

Blase weekend proves bad for creativity

Writing a weekly column is not a piece of cake, my friends. It's hard work coming up with pertinent subjects and snappy repartee on a regular basis — especially when one has limited mental capacities.

Not that I'm dumb or anything like that (heaven forbid!), but writing on Monday mornings isn't the easiest thing to do when it is preceded by the weekend. And I've yet to run across a Monday morning that is not preceded by Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. It is all a part of the grand design of life — or so we've all been led to believe.

But instead of getting off the subject at hand, which is no subject at all actually, we will examine the thought processes by which a "Between the Lines" column is born. Of course, you might consider waiting for the movie version.

After a stimulating Friday evening, I arose at 10 a.m. Saturday. As I went about my morning ritual of dragging myself out of bed and into the kitchen, I asked myself if anything funny had happened the night before which could serve as fodder for a column. Nothing.

From there it was downhill. Although a quick run to Kroger, Murfreesboro's social mecca for horny college students, did include some material which would be great for *As the World Turns*. However, I hate to drag the personal lives of my friends out into the open for all of MTSU to read about. Thus, between the deli and the frozen food case, I was unsuccessful in my quest for humor.

Instead, I developed another neurosis. My analyst, if I had one, would love it.

Still another neurosis

developed when I discovered my blow dryer had gone to that great blow drying place in the sky. So my plans for the day were shot to hell, as it were.

Further, I found that eating oneself into a coma (through the ingestion of mass quantities of Twinkies and three bottles of wine in a span of three hours) can only lead to acne and a drunken stupor instead of journalistic greatness.

Things looked quite dim for the all-American column writer who has been relegated to exile at the home for ex-*Sidelines* editors. John Pitts, Cathy Wood and Karen Zimmermann send their best.

I slept 14 hours Sunday and just couldn't find the time to come up with a good subject for a column. I called Mary Ann Richards (hoping that she was not being creatively productive) and much to my pleasure, found

that she too was suffering from every columnist's weekly ailment — writer's cramp. Apparently it was "that time of week" for us both.

Afterwards, I called another friend and made a date for dinner. Then, someone called me and made a date for lunch. It is quite obvious where my priorities lie.

Monday morning proved to be just as non-productive as the previous two days as I stumbled into the grill to get some nourishment and hopefully an idea for a column. I failed on both counts.

There you have it! Now you know what a person of limited mental capacities will stoop to in the name of journalistic whoredom (excuse me, I mean boredom).

The only problem now is that I don't have a date for lunch.

observations

by Billy Edwards

Believing in Christ can give one new life

By this time, you should be back in full swing of things. I know how it can be after being out for a few weeks. Coming back to the drudgery of school after having time out can sometimes be a pain.

For just a few minutes, I want you to consider the most im-

portant things in your life. Each of us have different answers to this question. Your answer may not be the same as mine and vice versa.

If we could go back to the time of the apostle Paul, he would probably tell us that life for him centered around the

Lord Jesus Christ. As he told the Phillippians — "For me to live is Christ."

The life of the believer is in and through Christ. This analogy was illustrated when Christ, in reference to believers, said "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in

me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

From reading the scriptures, we see that it is that will of the Father that our life be fruitful. Are the things you hold most important in life fruitful to you as a Christian? As the vine brings life and nourishment to the plants it bears, so Christ brings life and strength to those who are within the body of Christ.

When plants are plucked from the vine, they are only good for a short while. After a time they rot and become useless.

By the same token, so are the ones who profess they need not a Saviour. For a while, life seems to be pretty good to them. But with time, life grows cold and empty.

The new life that can be found through Christ has more to offer than just a process we must go through in order to survive.

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Student begs for experiment

By TERRY MORROW
Sidelines Staff Writer

Pam Beatty is 19-years-old, a telecommunications major and comes from a normal, well-adjusted American home, but last week she had to beg for tuition money.

Every day from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Beatty stood in front of Kirksey Old Main wearing a sign that claimed she lacked \$123 for registration.

Several of her friends were in the same predicament — all lacking tuition money and begging for it.

Actually, Beatty and her friends were part of a deceptive behavior experiment to deceive passers-by into reacting to her condition.

Reactions were varied. "Many people laughed and were on their way," observed Bobby Ward, a fellow beggar. Ward pointed out that many faculty members offered more advice than money, and some students just laughed and some got "very nasty." Many administrative people never even bothered to listen, the students said.

The experiment lasted for three days and the crew of beggars were barely able to get half of the \$123 that Pam supposedly lacked for her goal.

The objective of the entire scheme was to observe the emotions of the beggars and the reactions of other people, said Beatty.

The idea to beg came from her teacher, Donald Schneller, associate professor sociology, anthropology and social work, who teaches "Deviant Behavior."

In begging, the students would have to be humbled by the condition they found themselves in, he explained.

He added the experiment was also conducted last year and reactions were about the same. The average person refused to give.

The experiment was termed a success, according to those involved. Asking for something as valued as money is still socially unacceptable, and people still take pride in the status quo system, concluded the beggars.

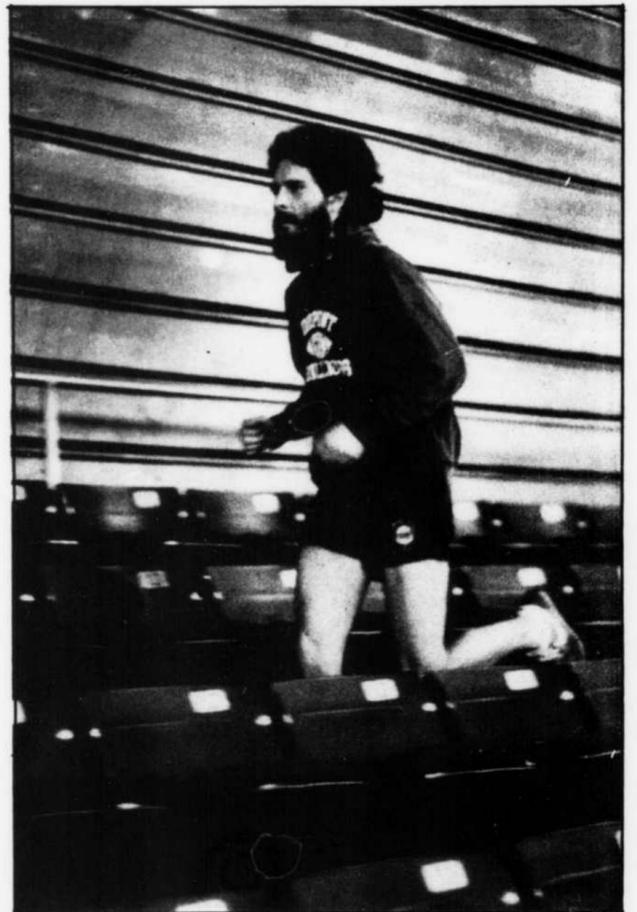


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Steve Fisher stays in shape during the winter months by running in Murphy Center.

Charlie Daniels really knows how to jam

By BILL TROUP
Sidelines News Editor

"Ain't it good to be alive and be in Tennessee?"

This was the theme of the sixth annual Volunteer Jam which took place Saturday night at the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

This year's Jam was hailed by many as the biggest yet. During the eight hour concert nearly 100 artists performed on stage. The performers ranged from Gospel to Hard Rock, and the performers were as varied as their music.

The music kicked off with Nashville favorites — The Winters Brothers, Louisiana's Laroux, and John Prine.

By the time Daniels and his band took the stage, the crowd, numbering over 10,000, was already warmed up to a point of near hysteria, and some of the fans had already "partied themselves out" and had to be carried out of the auditorium by either security guards or friends. Daniels opened his set by

playing the traditional Jam opening song, "The Tennessee Waltz," and from that minute on, the 10,000 fans plus the other 1000 special guests knew exactly what they had come there for — "to have a good ole' fashioned Tennessee hoe-down."

During their set, the C.D.B. played many of the hits which helped them to become the superstars that they are today. "Caballo Diablo," "Uneasy Rider," and in a dedication to the "Russians, the Iranians and all those other damn fool people," Daniels performed his big hit "Long haired country boy."

Daniels also did some of the music from his latest album "Million Mile Reflections." "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" and an emotional performance of "Reflections" were among the most well received of the C.D.B.'s numbers.

The C.D.B. has an album coming out this summer and the band played two of the cuts that will be on the L.P. Judging by

these two songs, the album should be a hit.

During the Daniels set, the audience was treated to some true Gospel music. The spirited black gospel group Bobby Jones and the New Life Singers accompanied the C.D.B. in singing "Amazing Grace" and "Will the Circle be Unbroken." Both numbers were extremely well taken by the audience.

Other performers who made appearances were Willie, Rufus Thomas, Crystal Gayle, Dobie Grey and a concert-long performance by Willie Nelson.

Nelson opened his set with "Whiskey River" and did ten more songs. Nelson was joined by Grande Ole Opry star Ray Price for one song entitled "Crazy Arms."

After midnight Daniels announced that "we're just getting started," and not long after the announcement the crowd went wild when in a surprise appearance, rock superstar Ted Nugent joined Daniels in a version of "Oh Carol."

Immediately following Nugent's appearance, the audience had no time to cool down when The Allman Brothers band made a surprise appearance. They performed some of their old hits like "Ramblin' Man" and "Midnight Rider."

Other artists who played at the Jam included Elvin Bishop, Mickey Gillie, Grinderswitch, Mac Gaydon, Delbert McClinton, Papa John Creech, Stillwater, Sea Level, and a Volunteer Jam favorite every year, The Marshall Tucker Band.

At 2:30 Sunday morning Daniels and his band played "The Tennessee Waltz" as the last song of the evening. But the Jam was far from over. Over 1000 of Daniels' special guests and media people proceeded to the Hyatt Regency hotel in Nashville for the post-Jam party.

After the Jam was over, everyone who was there was in agreement that "it sure is great to be alive and be in Tennessee!"

Davis brings 'hell-raising' music

"It's a fun hell-raising type of music; clap your hands; stomp your feet," Joel (Oscar) Payne, member of the Special Events Committee, said, describing Hubert Davis and The Season Travelers, who will be performing tonight in the DA.

The group, whose performance begins at 8 p.m., is an "old bluegrass" group that started at the Bluegrass Inn, a

beer joint in Nashville.

They left the Bluegrass Inn two years ago and went to the Wind and the Willow Club, located on State Street in Nashville, where they still play from Wednesday to Saturday nights.

"The whole group mixes humor with their show and they are real close friends," Payne added.

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Beck, Harris lead Raiders



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Edward "Pancakes" Perry breaks loose and zips in for two in Saturday night's 66-55 win over the Akron Zips.

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Writer

The wrecking crew of Beck & Harris, Inc. took its job seriously Saturday night.

Sophomores Jerry Beck, 6-7, and Chris Harris, 6-6, the "big men" of the Blue Raiders, were called upon to demolish the University of Akron Zips in Murphy Center Saturday. Combining for 39 points and 17 rebounds, the duo paced MTSU to a 66-55 win in the first-ever meeting of the two schools.

Beck, who was out last season with a broken ankle, came into the game with a team-high scoring average of 15.8. Hitting on 8 of 13 from the field and a perfect 4 of 4 from the free throw line, he led all offensive efforts with 20 points.

Beck's sidekick, Harris, wouldn't let Beck run away with the show. With an identical 8 of 13 field goals, Harris bagged 19 points, including 3 of 7 free throws.

"I wish I had a couple of more outside players like they are inside," head coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson said. "Jerry Beck and Chris Harris are definitely our offensive strengths. That's where we're going to have to go to."

Lay-ups, short jumpers, and tip-ins were only part of their showcase. Adding a flourish to the rather uneventful ball game, Beck slammed the ball through the rim midway in the first half.

It was Harris' turn in the second period. Beck's tip went to senior Leroy Coleman, who sent the ball to the awaiting Harris to stuff. The native of

Knoxville added another slam dunk about four minutes later.

Beck's and Harris' dunking party was crashed, though. Akron's 6-4 David Mason, who blocked three shots, took the ball to the hoop with one hand for a spectacular demonstration late in the second half.

Mason, who later fouled out, led the Zips' scoring with 12 points, along with forward Lance Bates and guard Pete Carrillo. Bates' older brother, Wendell, was also in double figures with ten.

Edward "Pancakes" Perry, Leroy Coleman, and Curtis Pitts also contributed offensively for the Blue Raiders, with ten, nine, and eight points respectively.

MTSU held the lead by around ten points through most of the ballgame, with Akron's last lead being 6-5 after three minutes of play. The Blue Raiders led 32-22 at halftime.

The slow-paced game was decided on the foul line where MTSU shot 23 times and hit 14 of them. Akron had only 3 of 6 free throws.

Thursday night, coach Ron Bargatz's Governors of Austin Peay challenge the now 9-5 Blue Raiders in Murphy Center. Austin Peay comes into the game after a Saturday night victory over Morehead.

"It'll be a typical Middle Tennessee-Austin Peay game. They'll be fired up and ready to play. I think they'll press us a lot on defense," Simpson said.

"We're going to have to play much better than we played tonight to beat Austin Peay."



Center Jerry Beck slams in yet another sensational dunk for the Blue Raiders as teammate Chris Harris looks on. Beck and Harris accounted for 39 points and 17 rebounds in Saturday's win over Akron.

"Pipeline" serves up two more players

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

Well, MTSU men's tennis coach Dick LaLance has tapped his infamous "Australian pipeline" once again, and he might have outdone himself this time.

The same so-called "pipeline" which has brought Australians Peter Heffernan, Stuart Thompson, Peter Roberts and more recently Darren Christie to MTSU in the past five years has presented the Blue Raiders with two more blue chippers.

Mark Tulloch and Graeme Harris are the two newest additions, and when speaking of them LaLance can't help but smile.

"All you can say about Mark and Graeme is that they're top-notch players. I hate to go overboard about them before they have even played one match, but you can tell by the way they hit and handle themselves on the court that they're going to be able to step right in and play," LaLance said.

The Blue Raiders have a wealth of talent returning from last year's Ohio Valley Conference championship team even though they lost Roberts, Thompson and Mike Patrick to graduation.

Returning for LaLance will be seniors Heffernan, Dale Short and Tony Fernandez, junior Danny Wallace and walk-on

Bates Wilson, who LaLance said is looking like he wants a spot in the top six. Add Christie, Harris and Tulloch to that list and you have the nucleus for a monster of a tennis team.

Tulloch and Harris are both from Melbourne and LaLance says there is really no secret as to how he keeps getting quality players from Australia to come and play for him.

"I started corresponding with all three of these new guys a good while ago. I wrote to some pros in Melbourne that I knew and told them I needed some good players. They told me about Darren first and then they got in touch with me and told me about the other two a little while later," LaLance added. "Things have turned out pretty well to say the least."

LaLance will have until spring break to decide who will play there, but it's a good bet that Heffernan and Short will be somewhere up around the top after playing one and two for the past couple of seasons.

"Right now I honestly say that I don't know where anybody will play. We play our first big tournament during the break, so I guess between now and then we will have to figure out some kind of competitive situation to get our lineup straight."

The Raiders will open their spring season Feb. 29 at Ole Miss in Jackson, Miss.

Lady Raiders mature, devastate Tennessee State

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

NASHVILLE — Larry Inman's Lady Raiders showed last night just exactly how much they have matured this season with a devastating 84-52 win over hapless Tennessee State.

The victory came in antiquated Kean's Little Garden on the TSU campus.

"I'm very happy with the way we played tonight," Inman said following the contest. "We had just a tremendous attitude. We could have loafed and taken it easy, but the girls didn't, and that is a sign of how much we have matured this year."

Actually, the game was 15 minutes late in starting. After arriving at the gymnasium around 3:30 p.m., MTSU took the floor and began their warm-ups, aiming to peak at the scheduled tipoff time at 5:15. However, when 5:15 came, TSU officials sent their team to the dressing room and informed Inman that the game would begin at 5:30.

Although the delay was short, it could be interpreted as an intimidating move. Inman, however, discounted that it was intentional.

"Oh, there was a little confusion at first, but we really can't complain," he laughed. "I think we got a fair shake. You

always hear about officiating being bad here at Tennessee State, but we took it inside and got good calls.

"I really can't gripe," he summed up.

After the delay, MTSU jumped out to an early 8-2 lead. The Tiger Gems stayed close throughout the first half, relying on some timely calls by the officials. Although Inman said following the game that he was happy with the officiating, he showed his displeasure several times during the initial half.

MTSU retired to the lockerroom at the intermission with an 11 point lead, 36-25. The Lady Raiders hit a respectable 48.3 percent of their shots while TSU made only 31.4 percent.

The second half opened with both teams wanting to run with the ball. Each, however, had trouble holding on and both committed their fair share of turnovers. On the night, Middle Tennessee lost the ball 12 times and Tennessee State turned the ball over 15 times.

While play in the second half was sloppy, MTSU gained control and stretched its lead from 11 at half to 33 at one point late in the game.

The attack was lead by the aggressive play of senior guard

Josephine Wright, whose numerous steals led to several MTSU baskets. On the night, Wright surprisingly led both teams in assists. She was credited with seven assists.

Ileana Portik led the Ladies in Blue in scoring, tossing in 17 points. Most of Portik's buckets came on fast break passes into the inside where the former Rumanian player used her 6-1 frame to her advantage over the much smaller TSU players.

Raiders add new signee; transfers from Clemson

Clemson sophomore guard Daniel Mayfield has transferred to Middle Tennessee and will be eligible in mid-December of the 1980-81 basketball season.

"Mayfield was one of the south's most sought-after high school players before signing with Clemson last year," MTSU head coach Stan Simpson said. Mayfield was highly recruited by Clemson, LSU, Georgia and Memphis State.

"His decision to come here came about through assistant coach Larry Slaughter's friendship with the Clemson coaching staff," Simpson added.

Mayfield, a 6-1, 175, point guard, sported a 16.1 scoring

average during his senior year at Stephens County High School in Toccoa, Ga., his hometown. During his four-year high school career, Mayfield averaged seven assists per game and amassed a school-record 1,279 points.

Tennessee State's Sharon Jarrett was the only player in double figures as she picked up 18 points.

"He's got the talent to step right in and battle for the starting point guard position on his first eligible day next year," Simpson said. "Daniel will be one of the premier guards in the Ohio Valley Conference next season; he can do it all."

Williams saw only limited action at Clemson, playing behind veterans Bobby Conrad and Billy Williams.

Connell to coach in Jr. Olympics

MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell's hard work has paid off for him.

After six years of coaching the Blue Raiders and building the MTSU wrestling program, Connell has been selected as one of two coaches who will work with the National Junior Olympic wrestling team this summer.

Connell's work at MTSU has included the scheduling of high competition. A trip this past weekend saw the Blue Raiders go up against Marquette, Illinois State, Notre Dame and Army. They split the four matches with wins over the Irish and Marquette.

Last year's wrestling program under Connell saw Blue Raider, Pat Simpson, make it into the national tournament for the first time.

And because of Connell's involvement with the AAU in the past, MTSU has been the site of former training camps.

Connell was chosen by the national AAU office to join Tom Pollard, head wrestling coach at Concordia College, in handling the coaching duties for the United States team.

"I'm quite excited to be a part of this program," Connell said. "We will be working with the best junior class wrestlers in the nation and that alone will be quite rewarding."

The national wrestling tournament, comprised of youngsters from 15 to 18 years of age, will be held in Joliet, Ill. on April 10-12. Connell and Pollard will contact the winners of each weight class and form the

National Junior Olympic team.

They will then head the training camp for the team during July 27-30. Following the training session, the National Junior Olympic team will travel to southern Europe, August 1-4, to compete against the National Junior Olympic teams from some of the southern European nations. Connell said he is particularly looking forward to this travel.

"This is not only a personal honor for me to work with this team, but I look at it as an honor for our wrestling program at Middle Tennessee," the coach said.

Connell's hard work with the Blue Raiders has paid off but it still continues. Western Illinois State invades Murphy Center tonight at 7 p.m.



MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell has been selected by the AAU to work with the Junior Olympic wrestlers this summer. Coach Connell's

wrestling Raiders take to the mats Murphy Center tonight at 7 p.m. against Western Illinois State.