

Syler: Frat row does not concern all

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Copy Editor

Controversy over the proposed organizational row was raised at Beasley Dorm Wednesday night as Kent Syler, ASB president, talked to dorm residents about issues affecting the university.

Syler began the meeting by telling the residents of Beasley and surrounding dorms he was willing to listen to questions and proposals. He said the ASB

needed input from the students to act and get results. The two main issues in the ASB now, Syler said, is an organizational row and voter registration.

When he opened the floor for questions, someone asked, "What's so good about frat row? If it is the only place on campus to go on the weekends, what about the only invited guests policy?"

Responding, Syler told the group that any organization can

build on the row, not just fraternities. "It will be good for the greeks as well as the university."

He told of other student organizations such as the Presbyterian Student Fellowship and the Newman Center that are located off campus and are interested in building on the row.

"I won't try to hide the fact that the people who will benefit most will be the greek

organizations. But," he emphasized, "it will not take anything from the campus. The row will be built with funds from outside the university."

Syler said if building fraternity row kept a dorm from being painted or new mattresses from being bought, he would not be for it, but building the row will not cost the university anything.

One question raised dealt with the feelings of the people in

Married Student Housing since the row will be on the far side of the university near there.

Syler claimed he had not heard any complaints from people in Married Student Housing or from the administration. He explained the row would not go through that area.

One student at the meeting said people at Married Student Housing mainly "did not like the idea of greeks running around drunk and having a bad influence on children."

Syler responded, "Greeks don't eat babies. Fraternity members probably drink as much as the guys in Beasley Dorm do."

"The fraternities have been in the community for the past 10 years and have had no problems living next door to families. I don't think you should downgrade them."

When questioned as to why fraternity row will not be put to a student vote, Syler said it did not affect students who are not in the fraternities.

He asked, "Do greeks have the right to vote on the new dorm on campus?" He said the issue could be brought to a vote if enough people signed a petition to get it scheduled for the March elections.

He questioned the group as to why they were against the row.

One person said the majority of the greeks are paying for houses on Maple Street just one mile from campus and asked why they would want to move and incur another debt.

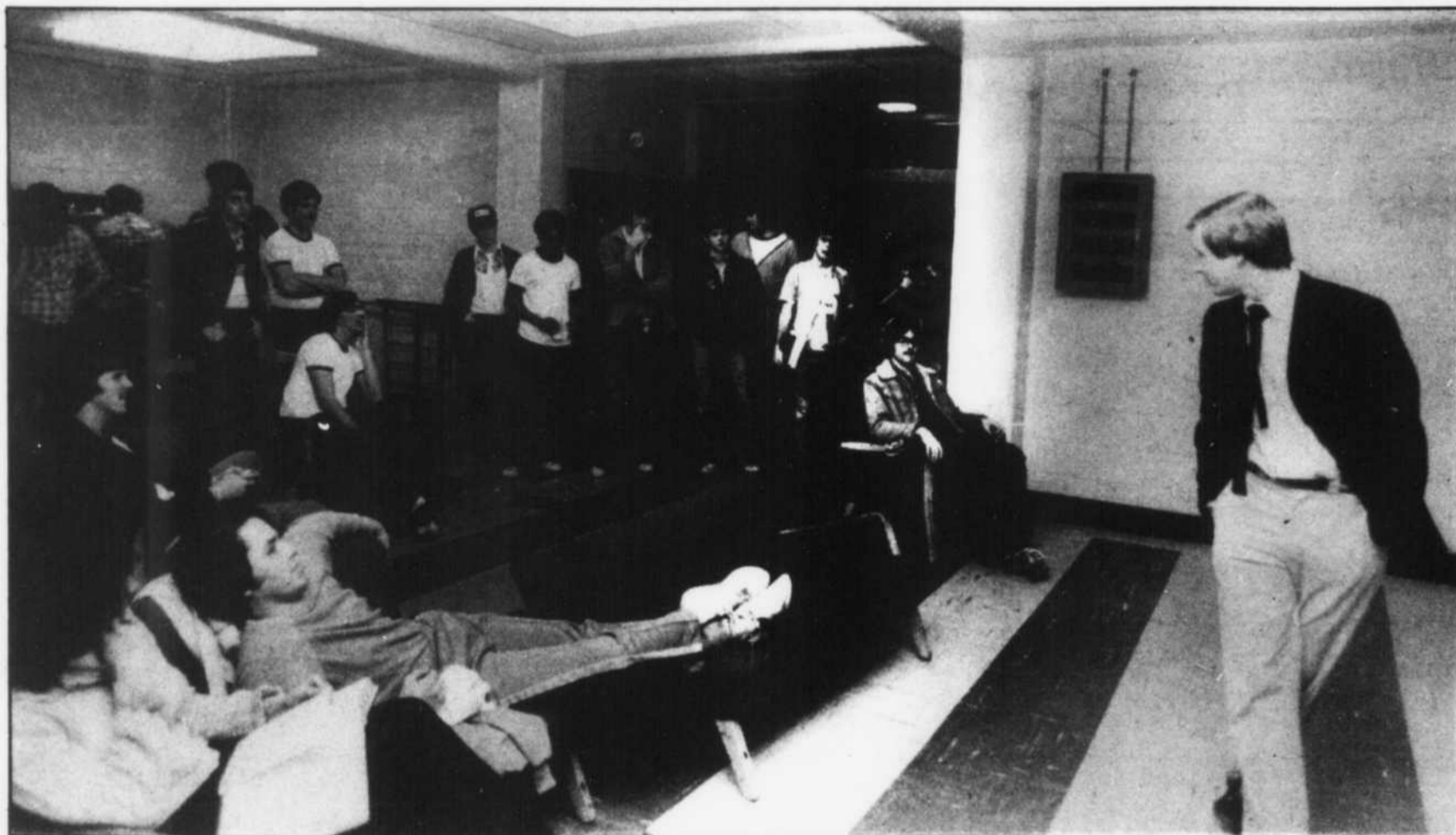
"If you stop the completion of fraternity row and stop a group of your classmates from an opportunity to move over there, what have you gained?" Syler asked.

"Each ASB project hits people. Very few hit all of the students at one time. Frat row touches a small group of people. The university will not be reaping any benefits if it is not built," Syler explained.

Another person asked about destroyed property from parties. Syler replied the fraternities will be under the same rules and regulations as students here on campus.

That brought up the question of alcoholic beverages in the houses. Syler tried to explain that in 1975 the State Board of Regents looked into the possibility of allowing students to have alcohol on campus. He said, when the Regents finally voted on it, they decided they would rather live with the

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Beasley Hall residents meet with ASB President Kent Syler to discuss current issues affecting students. One of the topics of

concern was the proposed fraternity row. Syler plans to hold more meetings of this nature in other dorms.

photo by Philip Prater

Shuttle bus will begin Monday

By ZEBEE MC CULLOUGH
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Nashville Commuter Bus service will begin a two-week trial period Monday, David Grubbs, Energy Council chairman, said yesterday.

Thirty people have signed up for the shuttle — 10 short of the number required for the Energy Council to sign a full month's contract with Gray Lines bus company.

"What we are going to do is to run this bus for two weeks," Grubbs explained, adding that with the help of ASB underwriting they hope to generate interest so there will be enough students to make it an ongoing operation for the rest of the semester.

Pick-up points are the Green Hills Kroger Store at 6:55 a.m. and the Drive-In Bank at

Harding Mall at 7:10 a.m. Commuters being picked up at the Kroger Store should park their cars near the Salvation Army trailer and commuters at the Harding Mall site should park near the bank.

"We are going to have them (the commuters) board at 3:30 p.m. at Old Main at the front or side for departure," Grubbs said. "I'm not sure where the bus will be."

Prices for the commuting service are:

•Monday-Friday commuters — \$60 a month;

•Monday, Wednesday, Friday commuters — \$36

•Tuesday, Thursday commuters — \$24

•Monday, Wednesday commuters — \$24

The average round trip cost is \$3.

"Those people that can be accommodated by this schedule are really delighted. Because of their enthusiasm and interest we are going to run it for two weeks even though we can't sign a month's contract," Grubbs added.

Students interested in riding the shuttle bus should pay their money to Dallas Biggers in Room 208 of the University Center.

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Two standing ovations

Hillman — 1980 teacher

Speech and theatre instructor Ralph Hillman was chosen "Teacher of the Year" by the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society at a monthly meeting Tuesday night.

An overwhelming percentage of over 500 members awarded Hillman this honor on the nomination and recommendation of Eric Hall, a Nashville senior.

"Dr. Ralph Hillman is not only the most valuable teacher but he has served this university in other functions. He has also been advisor to Gamma Beta Phi," Hall said. "Dr. Hillman has maintained a remarkable positive attitude throughout everything that's been going on in his life recently."

"My tenure is not the issue that most concerns me," Hillman, who received two standing ovations from the

society, explained during his response to the honor. "I think we should begin to think about quality and performance rather than numbers in making decisions that will affect the educational opportunities here."

Hillman was refused recommendation for tenure in January by departmental chairman Larry Lowe and by the Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew. He is now awaiting tenure approval from Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton.

The award is part of a "Teacher Appreciation Day" sponsored by the Gamma Beta Phi yesterday to recognize teachers on campus by presenting them with apples and words of gratitude.

Hillman was elected "Teacher of the Year" by the faculty last year.

Six instruments stolen from music department

Six musical instruments, totalling approximately \$2,000, were stolen from a storage room in the Fine Arts Building over the weekend.

"We've tracked down one instrument and made a recovery. It had passed through several hands and we have statements from these people," John Driver, university police detective, said, adding that the origin has not yet been found.

The three flutes, one trom-

bone, one trumpet and one flugel horn were reported missing Monday morning. They

were stored in student lockers, according to Tom Naylor, music department chairman.

"The thief apparently had some sort of master key for the locks the students had on the lockers," he said. "Three of the instruments were owned by the university and three were student-owned."

Syler goes to D.C.

Associated Student Body President Kent Syler left yesterday for Washington D.C. to attend a special White House conference on Foreign and Domestic Policy issues.

The meeting, conducted by senior members of the White House staff and members of the National Security Council and Domestic Policy Staff, focuses on specific areas of involvement for student leaders.

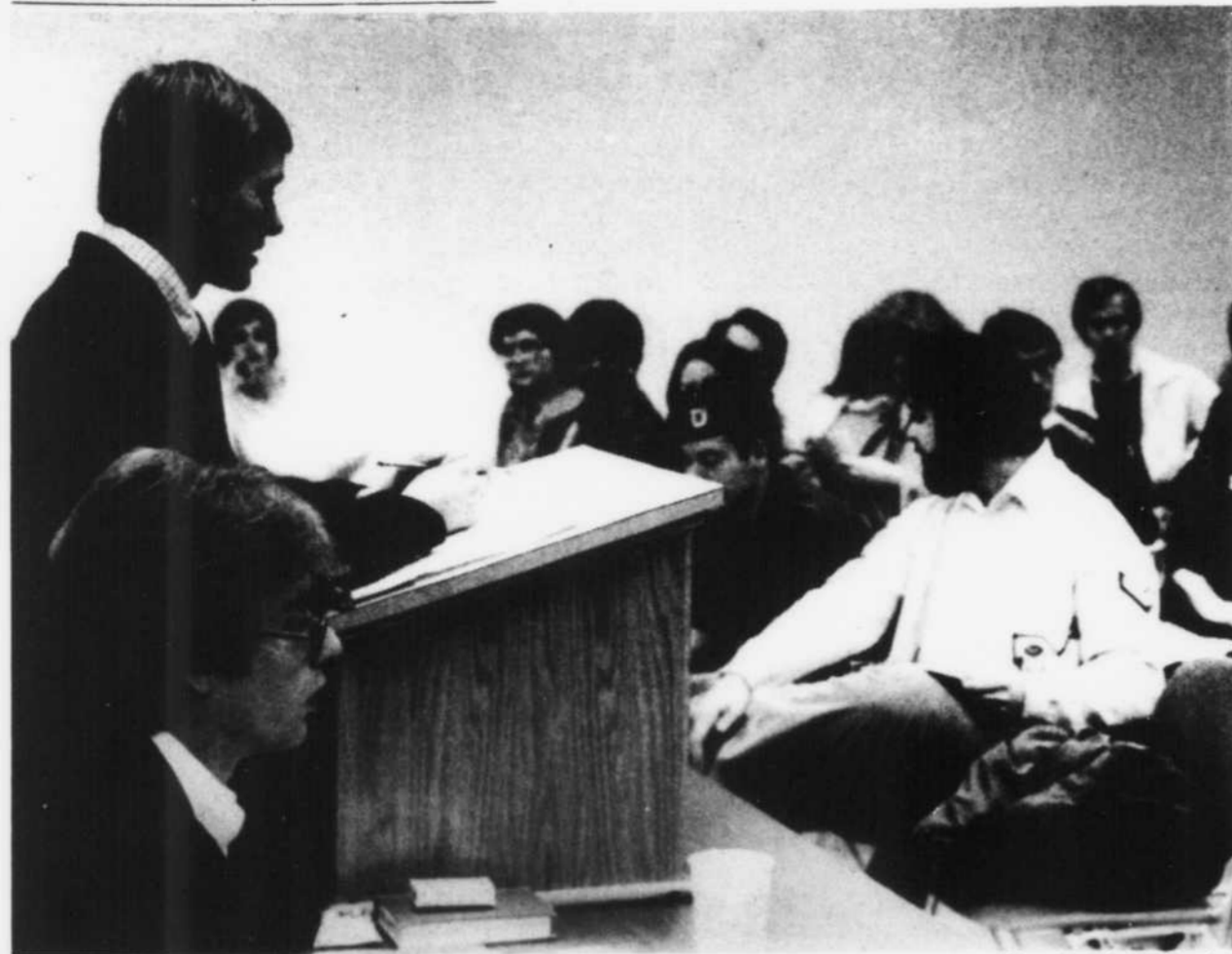
Following the conclusion of the conference, President Jimmy Carter will meet with the student leaders in the East Room of the White House.

Anne Wexler, assistant to the President, stressed the importance of student activism, saying, "Your active involvement and thoughtful response are important to the critical issues facing our nation."



Maya Angelou, one of the foremost poet/author/dramatists of the day, highlighted Black History Week as she spoke in the LRC Multi-Media room Wednesday night.

photo by Mark Holland



ASB house speaker Randy James called to order a brief meeting yesterday in which three bills were passed.

Bill brings much debate

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

A bill passed by the Associated Student Body house unanimously and by the senate, then vetoed by President Kent Syler, last week was the source of much debate in the senate Tuesday.

Senate sponsor Martha Hammond reintroduced the bill, which would expand the powers of and rename the Joint ASB Housing Committee, in hopes of obtaining a two-thirds majority of the senate and overriding Syler's veto.

In an address to the senate, Syler said he felt "stronger than ever" about his decision to veto.

"I vetoed this bill because I feel the committee needs to look at exactly what it said it would — housing," he said.

"The main concern of the committee is on campus housing conditions," Hammond ex-

plained. "David Bragg (housing director) suggested we also ask dorm students how they feel about the visitation policies. At a Jan. 23 meeting of dorm presidents and resident assistants, the committee found weekend activities, recreational facilities and the issues of fraternity row and the shuttle bus to be questions on-campus students were concerned with."

The sophomore senator went on to say that a questionnaire for dormitory students, an annual event of the committee to determine what problems, if any, are being faced by on-campus residents, was a fair one.

"It would not, and never has been, a pro or con survey," she explained. "Many students do not understand some ASB issues. The Joint Housing Committee is simply interested in helping them. The survey is a 'Do you

have any questions about anything occurring on campus?' type-format. I see nothing wrong with doing this because almost everything affects on-campus students."

"The committee now is not able to handle things like that," Syler retorted. "It's good to examine housing problems, but nothing else."

The senate failed to pass the bill by the necessary majority.

In other actions, the group approved an act to place a gravel access to the new parking lot in front of H Hall. The lot was created when the basketball courts were moved to the field between Cummings Hall and H Hall. Don Wilson, sponsor of the bill, explained the access way to the lot has become a mud pit and said the gravel would just act as a temporary access.

Frat row

"hypocrisy" of overlooking it than change the law.

"UT has the same situation with the frat houses under the same guidelines as the rest of the

campus. Everyone here has beer in their rooms. If you walk out and wave it around there are penalties you have to face. If a fraternity member walks out with a beer, he will face the same penalties," he said.

One member of the audience said this was not the University of Tennessee and "it appears the IFC president wants it to be. If we had wanted to go to UT we would have."

Syler replied UT is under similar circumstances and we are not trying to model ourselves after UT.

Improvements for janitor service passed, frat row support split in House vote

A resolution requesting better janitorial services for the laundromat behind Smith hall was passed, along with two other resolutions, by the ASB house yesterday.

The resolution states the laundromat "has not had janitorial attention and proper services would enhance the

appearance and cleanliness of that facility."

"I have made calls to the maintenance department, but a formal resolution sent to them would probably help get things done," Randy James, house speaker and resolution sponsor said.

House representative Horton Brumlow said he lived around that area and agreed that "something needs to be done, bad."

An act to place a gravel access to the new parking lot was also passed.

A resolution commending Keenan Pendergrass, ASB representative for his work in the ASB passed the house also. Pendergrass, previously a member of the house, has just accepted a position in the senate.

"His attendance and activity have been above average in representing Phi Beta Sigma,"

the resolution said.

Representative Paul Law asked for a vote on organizational row just before the meeting was adjourned. Fourteen members voted in favor of the row, 16 were against it and 2 abstained.

Four nominees to serve on the election commission were confirmed by the house. They are Isabelle Brown, Jo Ann Feaster, Terry Richardson and Jimbo Gray.



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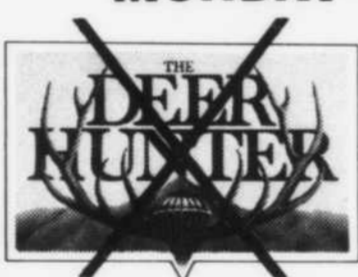
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MTSU enrolls fewest out-of-state

MTSU has the least number of out-of-state students than any other school in the Board of Regents system.

An analysis of enrollment was conducted by the office of admissions and records comparing other colleges and institutions in Tennessee with MTSU.

The university was compared

to Austin Peay, East Tennessee State University, Memphis State University, Tennessee State University and Tennessee Technical University.

Findings indicated that MTSU had the least amount of out-of-state students with 434 enrolled and the next closest was 500 at Tennessee Tech.

These figures were compiled

from 1979 enrollment numbers.

Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said the reason for so few students from other states was that the school did not recruit that much in other states, although recruiters did go to Alabama and Georgia.

The report shows the most number comes from Georgia with 65 students and 44 from Alabama attend here. Another 45 come from Florida and 29 from Kentucky.

Rutherford County tops the list of counties with the most students at MTSU with 2,644. Davidson come a close second with 2,293. Other counties have less than 500 students enrolled.

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Sidelights

Pitts' College cuts hair for foundation

Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority will sponsor a Cut-A-Thon Monday, Feb. 18, at Charlie Pitts Hairstyling College, 1509 East Main St.
Haircuts and permanents will be half price. It will be held from 9 a.m. until closing.
Proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Rape victim counselor talks at Wesley

Carol Etherington, a Registered Nurse associated with the Metro Police Department, and rape victim counselor will speak Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.
This program is sponsored by the Rutherford County Rape and Sexual Abuse Crisis Center. No admission is required, but donations can be given.

Cycling club to organize Feb. 21

An organizational meeting of the cycling club will be held Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in UC 311.
"It is for anyone who is interested in cycling," Bill Moore, faculty advisor, said.
Moore said the club may try to start a competitive cycling group here to attend intercollegiate cycling competition. Cycling tours and seminars may also be scheduled, depending on the interest of the students.
Interested persons can contact Moore at 898-2758.

'Crime in the suites' fought on campus

Students across the nation are organizing for an event this spring in the nature of Earth Day, Sun Day and Food Day. It is Big Business Day, Apr. 17, 1980, a day for education and action focused on the abuses of corporate power and alternatives to continuing "Crime in the Suites."
Love Canal toxic chemical dump cover-ups, exploding gas tanks in Pintos, and routine corporate lawlessness are the source of this anger.
Big Business Day's headquarters at 1346 Connecticut Ave., NW, Room 411, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 861-0456, can help interested people get started on this project to "bite the hand that robs us."

Campus Calendar

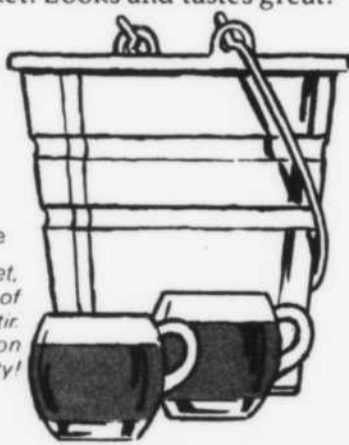
Friday	Sunday
Alpha Kappa Alpha: Basketball Game, AM Gym, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	MTSU Horseman's Association: Jumping Clinic, Horse Barn, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday	Wrestling: MTSU/UT Chattanooga, MC, 2 p.m.
MTSU Horseman's Association: Jumping Clinic, Horse Barn, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	University/Community Orchestra: DA Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.
Gasohol Conference: Murphy Center, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Movie: "Forbidden Planet," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

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Motels show no interest in housing students

Area motels have shown negative response to housing students at the beginning of the fall semester, David Bragg, housing director, said yesterday.

"Of the hotels that have been contacted so far, all have said it was their peak period of activity and at that time they usually raised, if not doubled, their rates," he said.

Two hotels have not been contacted yet, but only one of the original 12 contacted said they could room students only for one week.

"With the horse show in Shelbyville, they (the hotel managers) anticipated it would not be prudent business to block out rooms to use if students did not stay there for a month or more," Bragg explained.

Bragg had a meeting with MTSU President Sam Ingram near the last of January and decided to send letters to area motels, requesting them to send in proposals by Feb. 8. None of the motels sent in proposals by the deadline, but not all of the motels in town have been contacted by Bragg.

Dorms will be open Aug. 18, which is a week earlier than last year, and will cut into the whole time of the horse show.

He said the motels had to consider the horse show business first.

Last year it took three weeks to move the 260 students entirely out from the motels, Bragg said, adding that staying in the motels would cost the same as staying in a dorm room.

Bragg was disappointed because the university did not

get the anticipated response like last year. He said he wanted to house people who want to go here, but added, "it will be good for the people in three-to-a-room situations because they will be cleared out a lot quicker."

A final decision regarding the motels will be made Monday. Housing has already passed the cut-off date for applications for the fall semester, but the people on the waiting list will be notified of any decision as soon as possible, Bragg said.

Workshop on gasohol Sat.

In deference to the increasing need for a reliable domestic energy source, Congressman Albert Gore, Jr. will conduct a seminar dealing with one of the new lights on the energy horizon—gasohol.

"Gasohol, a Fourth District Workshop" is the title of the conference to be held at MTSU's Murphy Center Saturday, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Officials from government, private institutions and educational organizations active in the gasohol program will be present at the workshop which lasts until 5:30 p.m.

Gore's day-long event will include discussions on how to make and produce gasohol, its economics, transportation, distributions and storage of the liquid, what permits are needed and what financial assistance is available for getting started.

Myron Reamon, Executive Director of the National Gasohol Commission; Roger Eartheim, Director of the Iowa Corn Promotion Board and Don Smith of the Colby College of Kansas gasohol school will be among the workshop's principle speakers.



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Carter: Proposal allows invasion of privacy

President Carter's planned proposal that US intelligence agents be allowed to burglarize the homes and offices and open the mail of Americans suspected of spying is an invasion of privacy.

Debate has been raging over whether such intrusions should be regulated strictly or loosely.

"Suspected" is the catch. Carter seems to be proposing that all intelligence agents have the right to rummage through someone's belongings. And when questioned about their actions, claim a mere belief of suspicion of crime.

Whether break-ins and mail-openings should be permitted against any American should be acting for a foreign power or whether those tactics should be employed only when there is specific evidence of an American's criminal conduct should be subjected to deep scrutiny.

If the standard requires a simple belief, one must stop and ask who would be invested with the powers to decide and what qualifications such a person would have in order to invade the personal lives of people simply under suspicion.

If the standard requires evidence of a crime, the next question concerns how much evidence.

Are only Americans suspected of spying for foreign countries liable for mail-openings, break-ins or phone taps? Or is it all Americans who have criminal records? Or Americans who are suspected of committing or planning to commit a crime?

The questions go on. Civil libertarians are reportedly prepared to argue for the most restrictive standard, allowing break-ins and mail-openings only when the secret court finds hard evidence a crime has been or will be committed.

But conservatives in Congress seem likely to resist subjecting these tactics to court scrutiny, even in secret.

If Carter's policy is passed, then Americans must protest it if their life, liberty and happiness mean anything to them at all.

Thanks: We appreciate you, MTSU teachers

Yesterday was Teacher Appreciation Day at MTSU, and since most teachers don't get the recognition they deserve from students, we would like to say thanks to all those hard-working instructors and administrators for their time and efforts.

We may struggle in to class late, miss a few homework assignments or yawn during lectures, but that does not mean we don't appreciate our teachers.

Thank you not only for the knowledge, discussion and information provided in class, but also for the attention you give outside regular class time.

Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society voiced their appreciation effectively yesterday when they delivered to faculty members an apple and a poem which read:

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Of answering that question,
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Dropping that low test score,
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Done so late at night,
Just a bit of recognition
So you won't give up the fight.*

Our sentiments exactly.
Thanks, prof.

Hope: It is possible the hostages may be freed

After President Carter's address to the American people Wednesday night, there is finally a glimpse of hope that the American hostages in Iran may be freed.

Carter said Wednesday there are "positive signs" in negotiations to free the hostages, and that an international commission to investigate the deposed shah would help.

The President said the United States will support steps by the United Nations to form a commission to examine charges of crimes against the ousted shah.

Good news concerning the hostage situation first came when six Americans escaped from the country several weeks ago with the help of Canadian officials.

Now we understand that there is a possibility the remaining 50 hostages may be able to return home after 104 days of confinement.

Although Carter warned us not to be prematurely optimistic about their safe return, we cannot help but feel better about the recent turn of events.

Friday, February 15, 1980

Viewpoints



Here's lookin' at ya'

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Mary Ann Fields and Mary Ann Richards

Leap Year baby younger than she looks

Dear Fields & Richards, Inc.

I, like many people, am convinced I have a unique problem. I feel like Rosaline Wood put her foot on my tape and I'm rewound and erased every three years.

Six Leap Years ago my father, after continually mistaking Krogers for the commissary, was discharged from the Swamp Gas Corps of the USF for presumptuous conduct in the key of green. Believing he was a UFO and unable to cope with the real world of ticker tape and badges, he continued to spitshine his silver boots and hovered over the Kroger frozen food section, the Cheerios and my mother.

Hence, one night he mistook my mother's nightlight for a landing strip. He aborted my mother's take-offs and I was conceived in the key of sleep. After my father's famous leap upon my mother (alias Goodship Situation Comedy) I was born nine months later Feb. 29 during the Noon Show.

Although born in the month of February, life has been no bed of Hallmark cards for me. After being written off as a tax deductible figment of society's

imagination, every three years I mistook birthday cards for Mark Eaton and sorority rush propaganda.

Most women worry about the birthdays they have had. I feel like I have been had because I worry about the ones I haven't had. After many years of sending Holly Hobby and eventually John Travolta birthday invitations to significant others, I realized how insignificant I was.

Father said THEY went AWOL when my little friends showed Feb. 29, but I knew the truth. I am a victim of Leap Year.

I used a birthday Sony calculator three years ago, multiplied my birthday cards and subtracted them from my chronological age. Chronologically I am six years old.

Is it any wonder as a junior in college I'm still worried about coloring in the lines and occasionally while standing in my advisor's preregistration line, I stomp my oxford, threaten to hold my breath and scream, "But I saw you first?"

Is it any wonder I distrust fat, jolly, pathological liars with beards and Readers Digest is still above my head?

It is most disheartening celebrating my birthday every three years and I am beginning to feel like a walking anachronism in penny loafers.

It is unfair to be placed on the back burner of life only brought to boil every three years. I feel like a 24-hour flu — I come and go. I feel I've been written in number two lead — so heavy and so erasable. Every three years I wish Leap Year should be abolished.

Any suggestions?
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Dear Understudy:

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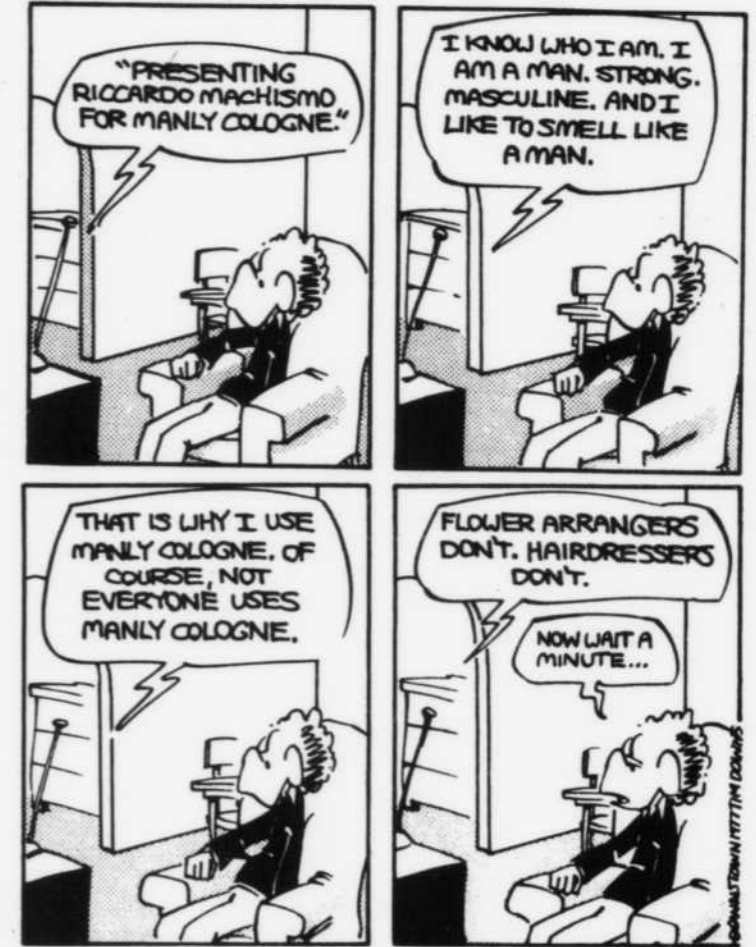
As women, we share in your Leap Year dilemma. February was the only month we could count on for a consistent 28 days. This month we're all worried and find rearranging birth control pills and calendars a hassle.

In view of your problem, Fields & Richards have decided to boycott Feb. 29 and we are appealing to fellow comrades who, like us, counted upon a well deserved "whew" found only in the 28 days of February.

In lieu of this fact, we are asking all professors and students alike to declare Feb. 29 as an overtime dress rehearsal. In behalf of your cyclic dilemma, Ms. Understudy, we are appealing to all MTSU students and faculty alike to declare this Leap Year a Sleep Year. All interested non-participants write Fields & Richards.

Upon receiving your self-addressed, stamped envelope you will receive a gray or gray T-shirt displaying the words, "The Joint Stops Here, Feb. 29." Disinterested patrons will meet for a sleep-in on Feb. 29, 1980, on Bell Street. All participants who wish to hold their calendars hostage in their closets, please write.

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Perspective

Friday, February 15, 1980

from our readers

Residents pay taxes — it's that simple

To the editor:

There is an old adage that MTSU students are fond of throwing about: "If it wasn't for the college students, this town wouldn't be anything."

The contention, of course, is that those who attend MTSU pump volumes of money into the local economy, provide manpower for industry in the area and generally keep the pulse of life throbbing in the veins of an otherwise slothful social environment.

Perhaps there is some merit to such an argument, though there is certainly not the massive dependence upon the university community as many people suppose. At any rate, there are those at MTSU that will contend that the students compose a vitally important part of the city of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

All of this leads up to the current flurry of effort to get

students to register to vote in Murfreesboro. This effort has led to a two-fold controversy.

First, the fraternities are trying to get enough of their members registered so that they can get their own man on the Murfreesboro City Council (elections are in April). The reason the fraternities want a seat on the Council is their desire for a fraternity row — and fraternity row will require city money and assistance.

Now there is not a thing in the world wrong with this. Such maneuvers are part and parcel of America's political system. But the Greeks had best realize that the townspeople are wise to their scheme, and they don't intend to sit idly by and watch it happen. The best thing the fraternities can do is try and keep the name of "their man" secret, at least until after the elections, because once the community finds out who the

"traitor" is, he is doomed in political life from now on.

Second, there is considerable resentment among the townspeople about students voting here at all. No one is trying to stop them from registering — that battle was fought and won by MTSU students in 1972 — but there are those who feel that students who vote should take on added responsibilities, specifically by paying the dreaded wheel tax.

Kent Syler, the ASB president, said this week that he was "appalled" by county Commissioners Homer Gannon and

Ellis Benson, who, according to Syler, are trying to impose a "poll tax" on students who only wish to "get involved and vote."

Such an assessment is so much tripe and it really isn't worthy of Kent, who knows better. Self-serving hoopla apparently isn't confined to the race for the White House.

Syler's arguments run thusly:

Yes, students at MTSU legally reside in Rutherford County, so Yes, students have the right to vote in Rutherford County, and Yes, student voters have the right to help select the elected officials of the city and county, meaning that

Yes, students will have a say-so about matters which will affect Rutherford Countians for years to come, including public services, the budget and even the tax rate, but

No, students should not be forced to take on the responsibilities of other citizens of Rutherford County. Students deserve the privileges of citizenships, but need not carry an equal load for them.

Now, really. No one can seriously make such an argument. It is ludicrous.

The fact is that anyone who registers to vote in Rutherford County legally declares himself to be a resident of Rutherford County. Residents who own cars are required to pay the wheel tax. It's that simple.

Students are not privileged characters. If they want to be a part of Rutherford County, fine; that's great. They should all register to vote and play a role in the community's future. If the fraternities can elect a council, that's fine, too. But the voting students should not go half way. If they're going to be a part of the community, let them be a complete part and pay the taxes the rest of us have to pay.

That old adage about the dependence of the city on the students may be true, but it's also a sure bet that the university can't do without the town.

And that's something to think about.

Bill Mason
MTSU alumnus

Laundromat looks like pig pen

To the editor:

If the residents of J and K apartments and some of the other dorms think they have problems with rats and bugs, they should live in Married Student Housing where we also have these problems plus trying to get our clothes "clean" at the pig pen they call a laundromat.

I just returned this afternoon from the six and there were no less than six or seven machines out of order. The water in them was stagnant and with only about a dozen to begin with there aren't many left to pick from when two or three other people are trying to wash.

The dryer situation is just as bad, 50 percent on the blink.

The trash weighs more than my 4-year-old and if you can climb over that you better have a

snorkle and swim fins — there's enough water on the floor to give swimming lessons. Don't drop anything in the mud (floor) cause you'll have to start this vicious cycle all over. Why not a full-time person to do the cleaning? The lady there now has other places on campus to clean and can only hit the high spots here.

While there I noticed the office of MSH is being enlarged. Maybe it needs it so Mr. Snider can play ping pong sitting in his chair behind his big desk and be a bit closer to the coffee pot.

After all, the offices at a zoo always look nice. I know some people are like pigs themselves, throwing trash and acting like morons in general, but maybe if the facilities were a little nicer college students might act like educated people and treat it a little better.

There are times when I think married students housed on this campus and their problems are a forgotten item with school officials. Yes, things are cheap here, but it sure looks like it, too. I hope these few problems can be resolved. This is too good a campus for minor things like this to mar it.

Name withheld by request

Let walking horse people fight among selves

To the editor:

The walking horse industry is currently suffering an epidemic of pettiness and stupidity. Rather than placing leadership and responsibility in the hands of one strong breed organization, walking horse breeders, trainers and owners look for guidance to at least four organizations all of which are largely ineffectual. Rather than trying to resolve their differences and present a unified front to the world, these people perpetuate their quarrels by refusing to associate with each other and resorting to name-calling and backstabbing.

Perhaps seeing MTSU as a means of salvaging the breed, walking horse people have been donating horses and money to the university in an attempt to promote interest in walking horses. However, rather than looking to the university as a means of unifying the breed, these people are trying to pull MTSU into the squabble and force the university to take sides. This situation is not only creating difficulties for the university, but also for the students.

For example, the Block and Bridle Club is currently being badgered by the Walking Horse Owners Association (WHOA) because the club decided to affiliate its annual Spring Classic Horse Show with an opposing organization, the National Regulatory Committee (NRC). This action by WHOA is demoralizing to the club and is

impairing its ability to effectively plan the show.

It has been said that money is the root of all evil, and perhaps this is the reason for the current strained relations between MTSU and the walking horse industry. It seems that the walking horse people consider it immaterial that MTSU and its students are promoting the walking horse breed and that the students are learning. They seem to be primarily concerned with getting everyone possible (including MTSU) on "their side" and therefore ensuring that support and money continues to flow to the "right" organization.

However, all the blame does not rest on the walking horse industry. MTSU itself has done some things recently that seem unwise. Seeing the walking horse industry as a rich source of political and financial support, the university has been going out of its way to promote friendly relations with the walking horse people. Administration and faculty are in full support of all efforts to add walking horses to the horse science program and seem willing to go to any lengths necessary to promote the walking horse. Of course, this in itself is not such a bad idea, but the manner in which it is being accomplished has caused much displeasure among the students of horse science. The students, afraid that the school was going totally walking horse, voiced their concern, only to be assured by faculty and administration that walking horses were only to

be a part of the total program and that the already established program would in no way be slighted.

However, clear facts show that the program is already being slighted. Of approximately 75 students in the Horsemen's Association (which compromise the majority of students in the horse science program), at most only 10-12 are primarily interested in walking horses. These relative proportions have remained fairly stable over the last four years. Apparently ignoring this lack of interest, the university has accepted in the past year at least 10 new walking horses and only two horses of other breeds. Currently, walking horses constitute close to half of the university herd. There are at least 14 walking horses for those 10-12 students, while the other 65 must share the 12 school horses which do triple duty as class horses and mounts for the hunt seat and stock seat equestrian teams.

However large these problems may seem, they are not the major problem the university is facing. MTSU has become involved in what Thomas Jefferson might have called "entangling alliances." Having taken in some donated horses more for public relations purposes than for the animals' merits, the university is now finding itself hampered in its freedom to utilize and dispose of horses as it deems appropriate. In short, the university is

allowing the walking horse industry to manipulate it in the area of horse science for fear of severing these supporting ties.

Why should MTSU go to such pains to befriend the walking horse industry? Why support a group of people who, in the words of one of their more prominent and vocal members, are the "craziest people on the face of the earth?" A group who rely heavily on artificial training methods, chemical irritants and, more than anything else, pain to achieve false show gaits, showing little if any regard to the inherent abilities of the walking horse breed? A group which is slowly but surely killing itself because it can not settle its petty differences and work together to promote a common concern, the Tennessee Walking Horse.

It is time for the university to take a firm stand and raise itself above the level of the walking horse people. MTSU must be declared neutral ground and must remain aloof from the struggles and politics of the several splinter groups. And finally, the walking horse people themselves must recognize the neutrality of the university and look to it for support and guidance in solving the problems of the breed and promoting unity in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry.

Pat McAfee
Steve Brazier
Kelly Rice
Box 525

on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

What do you wear to war? Not heels and feathered hats

I've been trying to decide what to wear to war. Would I look better in army green or navy blue? Do you think spike heels will be appropriate for fox holes? And what about a hat? Should it have a simple band, or be adorned with feathers for windy days on the front?

They're not going to put us on the front? Oh, well, that changes everything. As long as I'm only behind a desk I suppose I can still wear my panty hose.

Boy, that's a relief. I can just imagine myself hunched down in a trench, worrying if my hair looks okay. "I can't believe they wouldn't let me bring my curling iron."

There I stoop, mud up to my knees, leaves wrapped around my helmet, machine-gun in hand. I glance down to make sure my finger is placed correctly on the trigger (do machine guns have triggers?) and . . . Oh no! I broke a fingernail! "They wouldn't even let me bring my gelatin tablets."

Then when the big battle is over and we're resting by the fire looking back on the day's conquests, someone hollers, "Mail call! Here's one for you, Gearhart." My heart pounds as I tear open the letter from home. Then the crushing words: "Dear Jane, I'm leaving you for someone else. Love, John."

"Fate works in mysterious ways," I think. "If I had only known he had flat feet, I never would have fallen in love with him."

"Yea," says one of my buddies. "I knew something was funny when my boyfriend bought that brochure of Canada."

The captain interrupts. "Hey gals, did ya hear who just got discharged on a Section Eight? Gloria Steinem!" We all look around at each other in disgust. "I knew I never should have burned that first bra," someone says.

"But I didn't even burn any bras," I think to myself. "I still let men open car doors for me. (From now on I'm going to make sure they don't have flat feet, though.) So what am I doing here, anyway?"

As I fall asleep that night in my tent, visions of going home fill my head. I'll step off the plane with my duffel bag thrown over my shoulder. All the flat-footed men I left behind will be running (stumbling) to me with open arms. On the car radio will be playing, "When Jane Comes Marching Home Again, Hoorah! Hoorah!"

The screen door will bang as I run in the house to greet my family. "Ma, Ma, I'm home!" Silence. Ma's company hasn't come home yet. She's somewhere in Afghanistan wondering who's going to fix dinner.

Dancers need room to move

To the editor:

We, the members of the MTSU Performing Arts Company, are having a problem finding a place to do what we do best — dance!

As you may or may not be aware, in order to prepare dance concerts, out of class assignments and conduct rehearsals in general, a dancer needs proper facilities. The dance studios could and should serve this purpose!

Music students have the music building which has practice rooms; football players have their own training rooms; the track team has exclusive rights to both indoor and outdoor tracks. Sharing these privileges are the gymnasts, basketball teams, wrestlers, baseball teams and band, each with the respective facilities available when requested.

At the other extreme are the

dance studios. Currently the studios are being used for several functions other than dance, with it appearing that dance is last in line. This, to the dancer, seems quite unfair.

Our purpose is not to appear accusatorial, selfish or rude, but our concern is with the continued harassment by all involved, including the MTSU security guards.

The problem lies in the lack of guidelines and the scheduling of time concerning the usage of dance studios. If regulations could be drawn up with representatives from each organization concerned offering suggestions we sincerely feel the problem could be effectively alleviated.

Kim Avington
MTSU Performing Arts Co.
President
Tanya Davis
Vice-President

\$1 tax controversial

To the editor:

There seems to be a lot of controversy lately about the \$1 tax we must pay in order to be students.

Some say it should be spent for basic campus functions while others prefer special interest groups. Fraternity row seems jumbled up in this mess now and people are bitter about how money should be spent and how an "on-campus" organization will be allowed to have alcoholic beverages on campus.

Well fear not students! The solution is at hand!

Let frat row be constructed in all its splendor and glory — that's bound to take at least two years. Meanwhile, students living on campus need only step over to administration and pay a \$1 "room lease" for the year and throw all the keg parties they want!

Since the University cannot legally grant permits to some and not all, it will perhaps work out for the best. Just think of all the nights you can stagger into your dorm drunk as hell with beer or liquor openly displayed.

Who knows, maybe we can even get a tapper in the grill — it would sure beat the hell out of the "java junkie" fix! What better way to choke down "gut bomb" or "grease bird?"

Hey, this might be a good political platform for certain people. Bill, Louis, Randy, etc., take note; you could probably swing the election with the "Keg on Campus" platform!

Students will always drink on campus, so why allow some to pay \$1 for the legal right while denying the right to others.
Bruce Baranowski
Box 1899

ROTC, Berets to Mardi Gras

A group of 16 White Berets, a female precision drill team, and a four-man color guard will represent the ROTC department and MTSU this weekend in three Mardi Gras parades.

"This is the highlight of the year for them. This is what they scrimp and save for all year long," Captain Frank Ellis, who will help chaperone the group, said.

They will be leaving today and march in one parade six miles long, one 10 miler, and one 13 miles long. Ellis said they will compete in various parade categories. Last year the Pershing Rifles won Best Military Marching Unit and came home with a 4-foot high trophy.

The trip is financed by bake sales, the department of Military Science and money from marching in the parades.

Jeannie Faust, a member of the White Berets, said one day will be set aside for sightseeing that will include a trip to Bourbon Street.

"This might be the last time they go because when gasoline prices go up it makes it hard to finance the trip," Ellis added.



Bill Jones portrays Ol' Man Fergusson in "Back County Crimes" to be performed Feb. 14-16 and 20-23 in the DA arena theatre at 8 p.m.

'Crimes' starts this week

Lanie Robertson's "Back County Crimes," a series of "spoken ballads" of human passion woven together by the sounds of bluegrass-gospel, is the current University Theatre production at MTSU.

Featuring a cast of 26 supported by a four-man combo, the drama will be presented Feb. 14-16 and 20-23 in the

Love Run to be held here in March

By ELIOT MITCHELL
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Muscular Dystrophy Love Run has finally come to Middle Tennessee.

The Love Run is a month-long activity during which time runners keep a log of their miles, Regina Rupp, local director of the run, said. At the start of the month the runners are to get sponsors for the miles they run during the month. All the money collected at the end of the month will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

"MD sends 95 percent of the money to the research center at Vanderbilt University. The rest is used for administration purposes," she said.

The run is open to anyone interested in participating. March has been designated as the month of the run.

Anyone interested should contact campus recreation for a registration form that needs to be filled out and sent to the MDA in Nashville. They will receive, in return, a log book, sponsor sheet and a T-shirt.

"There are medals for certain amounts of money raised," Rupp said. "Anyone who raises \$100 will receive a bronze medal, \$200 gets them a silver medal and if they raise over \$300 they will receive a gold medal."

Dramatic Arts Arena Theatre at 8 p.m. each day.

Duty, a small town in Love County, USA, is the setting and the time when, as some say, life was simpler. The characters are Duty's citizens who, with the help of Doc Autrey, town physician for 40 years, recount and relive their "crimes." As scene follows scene, it becomes apparent that while life then and there may have been simpler, human basics have remained unchanged.

Acts on Childhood and Youth, Adulthood and Age have increased emotional intensity as life's inevitable progression is musically paralleled by a bluegrass-gospel spiritual sequence which includes "I Saw the Light," "I'll Fly Away," "Precious Memories" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken."

The play will be directed by assistant speech and theatre professor, Dorethe Tucker, assisted by Shirin Sohrabi.

The cast includes Bob Aden, Pat Anderson, Allan Barlow, Connie Campbell, Patricia Clark, Jerry Davis, Patty Ebert, Valerie Galloway, Darlene Gooch, Leland Gregory, Kevin Quinn, Cheri Hancock, Bill Jones, Sharon Jones, Laura Leopard, Teresa Looney, William Lukemire, Virginia McCauley, Martin McGeachy, Cindy O'Brien, Tim Pryor, Barclay Randall, Denise Schmidt, Dominique Souris, Kina Steed, Tricia Warren, Nick Watson and Bob Young.

Reservations may be made by calling 898-2716 from 2-5 p.m. Admission is free for MTSU students with ID's and \$3 for others.

\$3,000 will be awarded to top teachers

The MTSU Foundation is making available \$3,000 in cash awards to outstanding teachers.

Recipients in 1978-79 were Fred Colvin, associate professor of history; Ralph Fullerton, geography and earth science department chairman and Jane Poole, elementary education instructor.

The procedure for selecting the teachers will involve two steps — nomination and selection, according to Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs.

Students, faculty and alumni will be asked to nominate instructors for the award. A committee, composed of faculty, ASB, MTSU Foundation and Alumni Association members, will review the finalists from those nominated.

The final evaluation in the process of selection will be made by students, department chairmen and tenured faculty using rating sheets which have been devised for this purpose.

Results of the evaluations will be announced at the Alumni Banquet on April 26.

Students are asked to file nominations on the student ballot provided in *Sidelines*.

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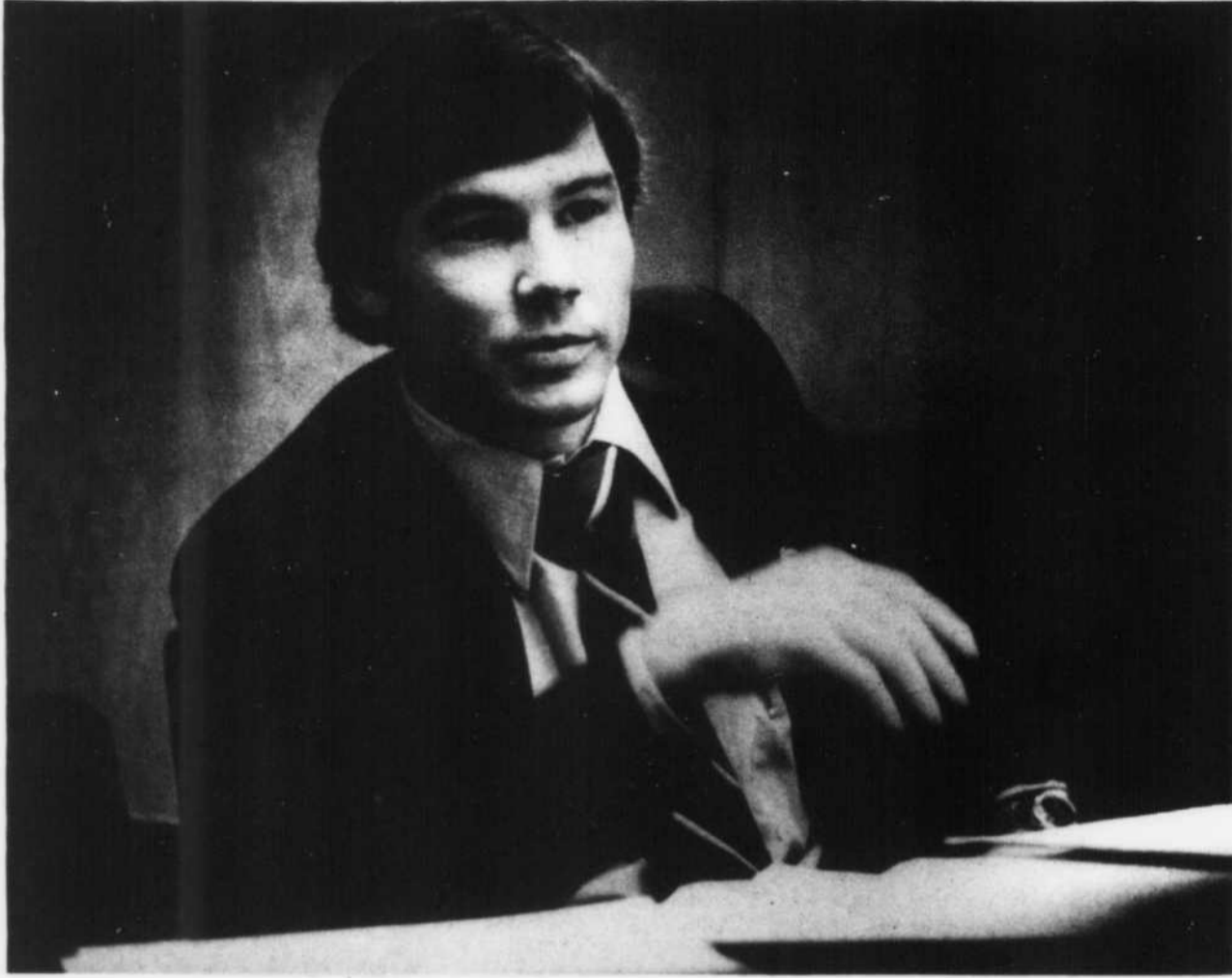
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Committee drops grappling team

Inflation pins wrestling program



MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell presents his argument for retaining the wrestling program to the university's athletic committee. The committee turned down Connell's request and stuck by an earlier decision to drop the program next year.

photo by David Mudd

Ladies in Blue make Murray latest victim

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

Evidently spring fever hit the Lady Raiders last night.

After dropping a sloppy 61-57 decision to UT-Chattanooga in overtime Tuesday night, the MTSU squad laid a 76-60 trouncing upon Murray State here yesterday.

Playing without freshman sensation Ester Coleman, who was out with a virus, the Lady Raiders pulled out into a 15-8 lead in the first seven minutes. From that point on, MTSU controlled every step of the ballgame.

By halftime Murray had fallen behind 37-27, barely challenging the authority of the new OVC champions. The MTSU offense continued to mix up the plays with alley-oop passes inside to Ileana Portik and outside jumpers by Lisa Justice.

Just when it looked like the Lady Racers had run out of steam, MTSU let off the pressure, allowing Murray to come within six points, 47-41, with 13:47 remaining. Senior Josephine Wright and sophomore Portik, the team veterans, quickly added a bucket apiece to keep a 10-point margin.

Murray, defying the law of the champions, made one last stab at the Lady Raiders. With

the clock on the 8:19 mark, the Lady Racers had cut the MTSU lead to five points, 56-51, on the outside shooting, or rather, bombing, of Janice McCracken and Diane Oakley.

Portik, Justice, and point guard Sherry Smith came to the rescue to wrap the ballgame up for the Ladies in Blue. The three accounted for the MTSU offense, including assists, in those last crucial eight minutes.

"I felt like probably the last twelve minutes of the ballgame we played like we had been playing in some previous games. We played with some intensity, we got after people, and we hit the boards," head coach Larry Inman said.

Portik, the 6-1 center from Rumania, pocketed 28 points while pulling down 10 rebounds in an outstanding performance.

"She moved well, shot inside, outside, hit the boards well for us, but we've still got to work with Ily on defense. She's doing a tremendous job offensively right now," the second-year coach said.

Justice, who started in place of the ailing Coleman, ended up with 18 points and 7 rebounds. Smith and Robin Baker scored eight points, Wright dropped in six and Debra Winfree and Lindi Dye added four apiece.

McCracken and Laura Lynn paced Murray's efforts with 14

points, while Oakley was in double figures with 10. Bridgette Wyche pulled down a whopping 12 rebounds to lead that category.

Tomorrow night, the Lady Raiders, now 19-8 overall, meet the Austin Peay Lady Gobs in Clarksville at 5:15.

Murray State Racers drop Blue Raider roundballers

BY EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

Although it was relatively warm and the humidity was fairly low outside Murphy Center, a hard sleet set in on the MTSU basketball court last night.

The sleet was in the form of Murray State's Mont Sleet, who led the OVC-leading Racers to a 68-62 victory over MTSU last night.

Sleet pumped in 20 points to lead Murray in scoring.

MTSU's Jerry Beck led the Raiders in scoring, canning a game-high 25 points and pulling down a phenomenal 15 rebounds.

"Coming into this game, I thought we had our backs against the wall," head coach

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

The MTSU athletic committee stuck by its earlier decision to drop the Blue Raider wrestling program Wednesday, despite a plea from coach Gordon Connell that included a proposal to cut the team's budget by almost a third.

The committee met in a called meeting after voting two weeks ago to drop the program. The committee felt before final action was taken, that Connell should have a chance to present his case.

However, the members of the committee were less than sympathetic towards Connell's proposals. After a lengthy discussion, committee chairman Barbara Haskew asked if any member of the board would like to make a recommendation changing the decision made two weeks ago.

No one spoke up.

Haskew said the committee would stand by its original decision to recommend the termination of the program.

"It was evident from the beginning that things weren't going over well for us," said a disappointed Connell after the meeting. "I don't know what we will do now. I didn't allow myself to think that it wouldn't go over."

Connell presented a series of reasons why he felt the program should be retained.

They included:

- The team's future potential. Ten freshmen on this year's team competed in the state high school finals last year in three different states.

- MTSU graduates are now filling wrestling coaching positions in area high schools, the main reason the program was originated in 1974.

Stan Simpson said of the Blue Raiders hopes of making the OVC tournament. "Now we've got our coats nailed against the wall."

Then he stopped, pointed his finger, and emphasized, "But don't count us out."

Middle Tennessee opened the first half looking sluggish, appearing to be playing in slow-motion. Murray kept MTSU away from the inside, and crashed the boards at key times. The Murray defense proved strong and took away the Blue Raider's fast break.

Simpson pleaded with his team during the halftime, at which point Murray held its biggest lead, 35-26. The team responded and played with renewed enthusiasm throughout much of the second half.

But Murray proved too strong.

Middle Tennessee began operating its fast break effectively, utilizing an excellent second half performance that saw Beck pick up 17 of his 25 points. The Raiders began asserting themselves inside and showed good defensive movement and began forcing the Racers into several key turnovers.

The efforts for MTSU paid off, as the Raiders whittled away at the Murray lead to actually lead the contest by two points after Chris Harris hit a layup with 9:56 showing on the clock.

Murray began to take control at that point and pulled out, capitalizing on sloppy ball handling by MTSU. A key timeout by Racer coach Ron Greene helped stall the Blue Raider momentum, and Murray took control.

Perry hit three straight jumpers in the last four minutes

- MTSU's wrestling program is growing in national recognition. The university has hosted the National Junior Olympics, a World Coaches Clinic, sent a wrestler to the NCAA Regionals last year, and was the site of the Pan Am and Junior Olympic wrestling tryouts.

- Assistant wrestling coach Muhammed Ghorbani is a former world champion from Iran.

- The university would lose money from the state because 15-20 wrestlers would leave MTSU if the program was cut. The state appropriates \$2,000-\$2,500 for each student attending a state university.

- The wrestling team was willing to cut all financial aid from the athletic department to the athletes. The cut amounted to \$5,447.

- The budget from the athletic department for wrestling, excluding the scholarships the team was willing to give up, could be cut from approximately \$16,000 to a base figure of \$15,000 annually. The wrestlers would work on outside projects to raise the remainder of the needed funds.

Connell also added that wrestling requires only a small portion of the athletic budget.

"Wrestling represents only 1.6 per cent of the athletic budget," Connell told the committee. "I can't see how cutting us would help out to any degree."

MTSU Vice President of Administration Lynn Haston told Connell, "I guess the only way I could explain it is to say that every little bit helps. It's not much, but it will help some."

Haston added that in salaries alone, MTSU faces a \$30-35,000 increase in the athletic budget next year over the current fiscal year. Haston said dropping wrestling would be a step

towards covering the additional funds needed in the future.

"President Ingram told me we are not going to get our name in the paper for going over our budget," Athletic Director Charles "Bubber" Murphy said in reference to a list he had of Tennessee universities that exceeded their athletic budgets last year. "I just can't figure out how we can do it (stay within the budget) and not drop wrestling."

"We can be an example," Connell countered. "I'm proposing that we all stay within our budget. I think we (the wrestling team) can. How can 1.6 per cent of the total budget really help out?"

Murphy later said that wrestling is not the only sport involved in possible financial cutbacks.

"It's not only wrestling that we are going to have to cut back in," Murphy said. "It might be tennis, it might be baseball, it might be track or something else. We just don't know."

The other programs are not faced with the possibility of being phased out, however. MTSU competes in the NCAA's Division I-AA and must have teams in eight sports. After dropping wrestling, Middle Tennessee fields the minimum of eight teams.

The athletic committee's recommendation to discontinue wrestling was forwarded to Haston, who in turn recommended to President Ingram that wrestling not be retained next year as a varsity sport. Ingram has the option of accepting the decision, or turning it down, in which case wrestling will be retained.

Ingram was out of town yesterday and unavailable for comment. It is assumed he will stick with the committee's decision.

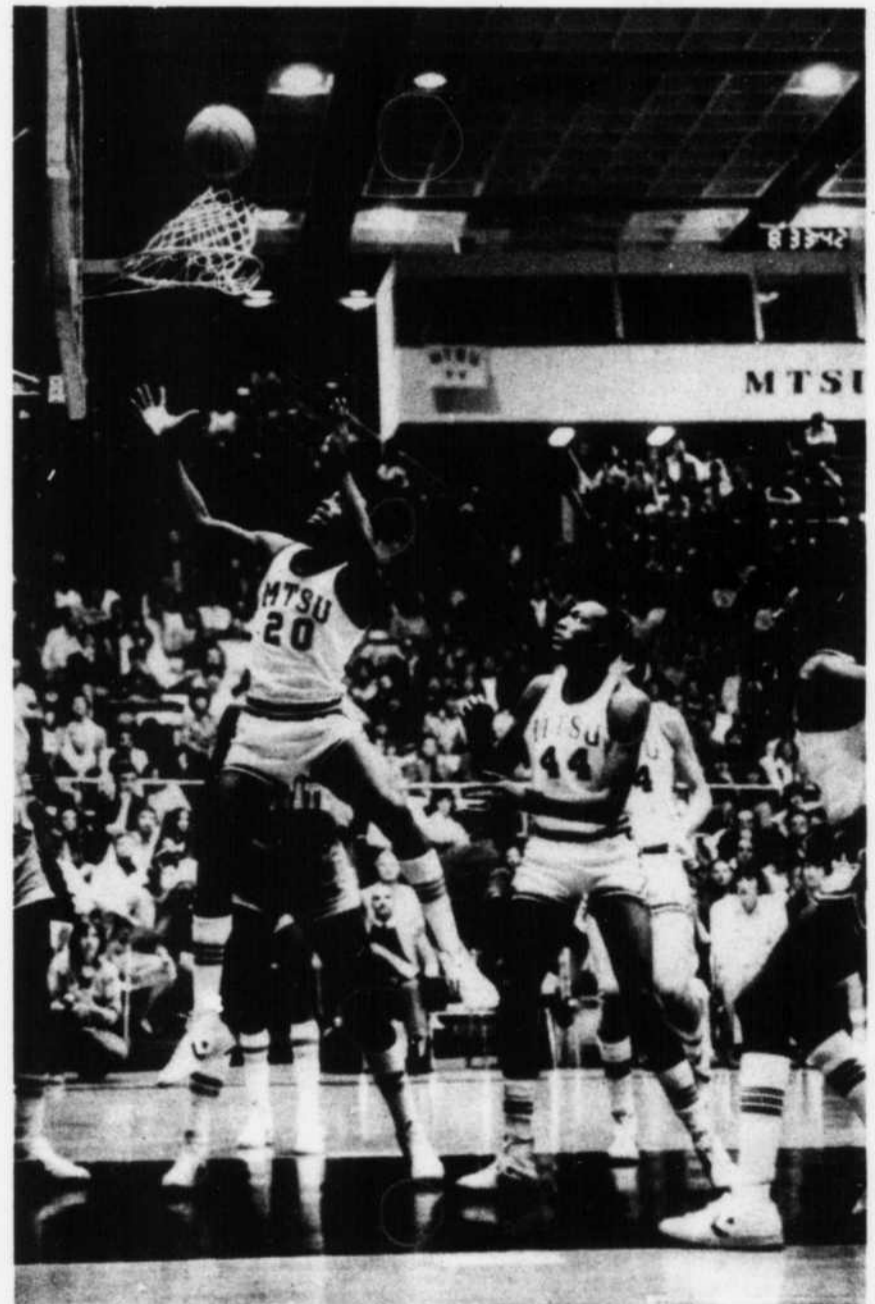


photo by Don Harris

The ball takes a funny bounce after a Chris Harris shot last night against Murray State. A few too many balls bounced the wrong way as MTSU fell to the OVC leader, 68-62 in Murphy Center.

to give MTSU a glimmer of hope, but Murray slipped into a freeze in the last minute and a half of the game to ease on in with the win.

The win gives Murray a 9-1 OVC record, tops in the league, while MTSU fell to 5-4. MTSU

must now scramble to make the four-member field in the OVC tournament.

MTSU travels to Clarksville Saturday to face the Governors of Austin Peay. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Middle Tennessee prepares to defend OVC indoor title

Dean Hayes' track squad will defend its OVC indoor track championship crown this weekend at Morehead State University.

MTSU claimed the title last year, the squad's first ever, when the meet was held in Murphy Center. If the Blue Raiders are successful, they will become the first team in OVC history to claim the championship two years in a row.

"This will be one of the most balanced meets we've ever had in the OVC," Hayes said. "Usually it's a battle between MTSU and Western, but Murray has some good middle distance runners that should help them a lot."

"I think it's going to be between Western, Middle and

Murray," he added.

Last year, the Blue Raiders relied on the services of Greg Artis, John DoDoo, J.T. Musgrove and Ed Stegall, along with others, to claim the crown. DoDoo and Musgrove are gone now, but Artis and Stegall are carrying the MTSU team, along with Dana McCutcheon and Andre Kirnes.

According to the OVC press release, MTSU leads the conference in seven of 17 indoor events, more than any other team.

Artis holds the best distance in the OVC in the long jump, having leaped 25-7. Artis' triple jump of 51-8 is also the second best in the conference this year.

Kirnes holds down second in the event, with a 24-9 ef-

fort. Kirnes also holds first place in the 60-yard high hurdles, with a time of 7.4 seconds.

Ed Stegall is the man to beat in the 440-yard dash, holding the current conference indoor best with a time of 48.6 seconds. MTSU's Barry Gambrell goes into the championships holding down the second best slot with a time of 48.7 seconds.

Middle Tennessee's Dana McCutcheon also should place well as his time of 2:11.3.2 is second best in the 1000 run and his time of 1:58.1 in the 88-yard run is third best this year in the OVC.

In relay competition, Middle Tennessee enters the competition with the second best indoor time of 3:16.7 in the mile relay.

Recreation roundup

IM's provide action

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

There's two seconds to play in the ballgame and the home team is behind by one point. But your best free throw shooter is at the foul line shooting one-and-one.

Sounds like the typical close ballgame, huh? Well instead of Leroy Coleman or Josephine Wright stepping to line it's Jana Hooper of the Viqueens or Cedric Caldwell of Kappa Alpha Psi. There's not much crowd noise because there's only about 15 people watching.

If you haven't figured it out by now, it's not a key Ohio Valley Conference match-up between MTSU and Western but an intramural basketball game being played somewhere between 4 and 10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday night in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

But don't misunderstand, those games mean as much to those players as the ones played Thursdays and Saturday nights in Murphay Center do to MTSU's athletes.

The regular season got underway at the beginning of the spring semester and with only two weeks remaining until playoff time, play is getting hotter and heavier than ever.


In the women's divisions, Kappa Delta's number one team is still unbeaten at 3-0 in the sorority league followed by AD Pi at 2-1. High Rise West leads their division at 4-0 as do the Little Sigmas who are also 4-0. The Kappa Sweethearts are 3-0 in Division D followed by the Viqueens at 2-2.

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number 2, 4-0; (M) Sigma Chi number 1, 4-0; (N) KA Psi, 4-0; (O) Sigma Chi number 3, 3-0; (P) AGR number 1, and KA number 1, 2-0; (Q) Kappa Sig number 3, 4-0; (R) Sigma Chi number 5 and Omega Psi Phi, 3-0.




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