

Row debate heated topic

By GWEN MURPHREE
Sidelines Staff Writer

The proposed fraternity row was the subject of a heated debate Thursday as opposing forces met on "Rap-around," a WMOT-radio talk show.

Kent Syler, ASB president; Don Taylor, inter-fraternity council president and Kappa Sigma member Mark Floyd supported the issue while H-Hall resident Roger Fenner took the other side.

"There are two types of people against a student organization row," Syler said, "those who don't have the facts and those with a natural greek bias."

He emphasized that the proposal should be called a student organization row because any campus organization can build there.

Fenner asserted the ASB has never backed residence hall programming and asked Syler why he vetoed a bill to subject the frat row issue to a survey of on-campus residents.

He brought up the question of liquor on campus and Floyd said, "We will comply to the same state guidelines that residence halls do, but we won't stop having parties."

Syler said a system similar to the ones at the University of Tennessee and Memphis State would be used, where they have the same liquor laws, but do not openly "look for alcohol."

Fenner asked his opponents to elaborate on their reasons for wanting a fraternity row.

"Students can feel the lack of school spirit," Taylor said. "Greeks make up only 10 percent of the student body but have more spirit and stay on the weekends to support the university."

"Fraternities hold the university together at activities such as homecoming," Syler said. "They promote alumni involvement and thereby bring money to the university."

The wheel tax was also debated.

"They are caught in the middle," Syler said. "Murfreesboro is the only city in the state to levy a tax on its university students."

"Students are more concerned with the threat of a wheel tax than with the abridgement of their right to vote," he added.



These two avid joggers trudge on around Murphy Center through the snow and cold weather to keep in shape. The weather has been a big topic of interest lately as snowball fights and fallings are a common site on campus.

photo by David Mudd

Fee requests denied

The Activity Fee Committee denied three requests for activity fee funds and delayed decision on another request for funds yesterday.

The committee, composed of three students and three faculty members, decided the applications of Gore Hall, Phi Beta Sigma and Phi Mu Alpha did not meet the guidelines previously established for fee distribution.

Phi Beta Sigma, a fraternity, had requested \$750 to supplement a program for Black History Week. The speaker who was to lecture here, however, cancelled Wednesday.

Gore Hall had applied for \$1,000 for lobby renovation. The committee ruled that this

request went against fee guidelines and state legislation concerning the improvement of capital.

Music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha had asked for \$1000 for its 1980 stage band show. This show, "Fantasy," was produced last month. The committee decided it questionable to apply for funds for an activity after the activity had occurred and therefore refused the application.

Decision was delayed on the MTSU Energy Council's request for \$800 to begin a shuttle bus service from Nashville to Murfreesboro for commuting students.

In-state tuition paid by some foreign students

By CYNDI CLINE
Sidelines Staff Writer

Approximately 25-30 foreign students are paying in-state tuition at MTSU, Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, foreign student advisor, said.

The 1979-80 MTSU catalog shows that current in-state tuition is \$237.00 and out-of-state tuition is \$737.00.

"Any student that is not planning to return to his native country after completing his degree at MTSU and wants to become a resident of Tennessee can be classified as an in-state resident," Perez-Reilly said. "Also any students that are refugees, graduate teaching assistants or are married to an American citizen can qualify as a resident of Tennessee."

Length of time living in state is not considered when an alien applies for permanent status, she explained. Some students may receive permanent status by being a full or part-time worker and by having relatives that are residents here.

"I think some people might become resentful about these students getting lower tuition, but the problem comes in defining alien students," Perez-Reilly said. "Some of my

students have been living here for some time and have been paying taxes on property and income without being citizens of the United States. Can you call these people aliens?"

"I really don't think it's fair that foreign students can get away with paying in-state tuition," Denise Brown, a student from Florida, said. "These people are not citizens of this country and are coming here and are claiming our benefits as citizens. Personally, I think foreign students should be made to pay more than even out-of-state people pay for tuition for the privilege of getting an education here."

Richard Keese, from Kentucky, believes that foreign students have too many privileges. "We let them use our military in their country, we give them foreign aid, we let them in our public schools for a free education, we even find jobs for them," he said.

Another student had a different view. "I don't think there is anything wrong with some foreign students paying in-state tuition, especially the ones who have been here for a long time and just haven't been able to declare citizenship," she said. "I think it's alright."

Sam may be late, but he'll be there

By LISA HUMAN
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Sam was a little late for class today, but the teacher didn't seem to mind.

Nor did students in the Kension theory Psychology class, who smiled as he walked in and chose a seat in the middle of the room.

MTSU President Sam Ingram has been attending classes since the middle of January. He has been to approximately 15 classes already and plans to attend at

least one class in each department before the semester is over.

"I think this is one of the most interesting things I've done," Ingram said. "I've been very favorably impressed with the caliber of instructors and students."

Although he said he enjoyed all the classes, Ingram admitted he had a little trouble understanding calculus.

"I've learned some things in the classes, too," he said. For instance, he attended a class on

listening and said he thought he learned how to listen to things a little better.

"I probably knew least about an art class I attended," Ingram said, but added he understood more about what the art students were doing after he attended the class.

His secretary schedules the classes for him through the departments. Sometimes the students are surprised to find the president in their class and sometimes they are told beforehand.

"I usually just go in and sit in the back," Ingram said. Sometimes he asked questions and participates in discussion, but other days he just listens.

With pressing presidential duties, Ingram's schedule sometimes makes him a little late for class.

"Every now and then I'm late," he said, "but a few students always walk in behind me."

Yesterday Ingram visited a night class. Tomorrow, who knows?

If you find a new student-sitting in front of you, look twice, it may be the president.



photo by Philip Prater

A new student? No, it's MTSU President Sam Ingram who has been visiting classes to get a better understanding of student life.

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MTSU grad student killed in one-car mishap Monday

Bill Walker, a December graduate of MTSU from Savannah, Tenn., died when his car ran off of the Franklin Highway Monday at 5:40 p.m. There were no eyewitnesses.

Dan Stevens, Walker's roommate, said Walker had stopped by to see him at his place of employment when he was on his way to Murfreesboro from Savannah. He had come to Nashville for a job interview with TVA, Stevens said.

He graduated with a degree in

Geography and Earth Science and had gone back to Savannah to work part-time for his older brother.

Walker is survived by his mother, Josephine Walker of Savannah and two older brothers and sisters.

Another friend of Walkers, Bruce Reed, suggested that any friends who wanted to could go in together and purchase a book about Geography and Earth Science and donate it to the library in his name.

Sidelights

Mexico trip highlights credit courses

A trip to Mexico during spring break heads the agenda of field courses offered for credit by the department of geography and earth science.

Excursions to the Soviet Union, Scandinavian countries and a hiking and camping trip out West are planned during Intersession and through June and July.

The trips are open to students, alumni and the community, although students will be given preference should an overflow occur, according to Ralph Fullerton, department chairman.

Expenses such as transportation, food, lodging and admission to special activities are included in the cost, which varies with the nature of the trip and fluctuating transportation prices.

Fullerton describes the trips as opportunities for "maximum learning with minimum effort."

Anyone interested in any of the trips are urged to come by the department, at 301C in Kirksey Old Main, as soon as possible for details.

Learning disabilities meeting Feb. 12

The monthly meeting of Rutherford County Association for Children, Youth and Adults with Learning Disabilities will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Murfreesboro Police Building.

Dick Cummings, attorney with Legal Services in Nashville, and Maxine Mingle, paralegal representative, will address the group.

All parents, professionals and students are invited to attend. For more information call Joy Smith at 893-5798.

Two students receive scholarships

Two scholarships have been awarded by the Interfraternity Council to MTSU students.

Robert Bledsoe of Phi Beta Sigma and Charles Treadway of Kappa Alpha Order are the recipients of the IFC academic scholarships this spring.

Bledsoe, from Nashville, was awarded the active scholarship.

The recipient of the pledge scholarship is Treadway, a freshman from Jackson.

Both scholarships were developed to encourage the pursuit of academic excellence by fraternities.

Calendar

Friday

PEP Exam: UC 314, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Middle Tennessee Clinic Bands & Orchestra: Music department, DA Auditorium, Saunders Fine Arts & Tennessee Room, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Continuing Education: Bass Fishing Institute, MC Arena, Track, Dance Studio A & B & Swimming Pool, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championships, AM Gym, 10-Noon & 6-9:30 p.m.

Campus Interviews: Roses-Management Trainees

Saturday

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B & Swimming Pool, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Lady Raider Basketball: MTSU/Memphis State, Memphis State, 7:30 p.m.

Blue Raider Basketball: MTSU/University of Akron, University of Akron, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Continuing Education: Bass Fishing Institute, MC Arena & Track, Dance Studios A & B & Swimming Pool, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday

Ideas & Issues: Lecture - "Donald Woods," LRC multi-media room, 8 p.m.

Movie: "Sympathy for the Devil," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

Wheelchair Basketball: Murfreesboro Police/MTSU Campus Police, MC, 7 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Alpha: Display, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sigma Delta Sigma: Basketball Ticket Sale, UC Basement, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sigma Delta Sigma: Basketball Game, MC, 6:30 p.m.

Students give school spirit to Gore Hall

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Copy Editor

As one first enters the door, Old English lettering on the brick partition catches the eye with the words, "Gore Hall."

A sweeping glance to the right reveals the MTSU logo painted on the wall, followed by the Blue Raider mascot chasing a puny-looking character holding pennants representing the seven other OVC schools.

Transforming a typical barren dorm lobby into a place residents would like to bring guests is a job Bubba Travis and Steve Love have accomplished.

Gore lobby "looked bad and bare," according to Love and Travis, from Antioch, used their own paint and did the drawings in their spare time. Love, a sophomore majoring in graphic arts, said they could have done it in two or three days but it has taken about two weeks.

The idea was suggested by their dorm director Steve Mills in an effort to create an interest in the dorm and to improve school spirit.

"We did the lettering by drawing it from a piece of paper. Steve took a picture of the logo and put a negative of it on a projector and we drew the image on the wall with charcoal," Love explained.

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"There is a possibility we will put something in the space between the Raider and the other character," Travis, a freshman studio art major, said. "A person's eye has a tendency to look from the logo to the Raider to the puny little man and then back to the Raider."

He used oil paint on the two characters and Love drew the logo and the lettering with acrylic paint.

The puny character is Travis' own creation. He claimed the Raider was just a copy.

They both plan to do original pictures on masonite and frame them on the walls of the far side of the lobby partition known as the quiet room.

"We have also filled out an application for ASB funds to buy curtains and maybe a rug or carpet," Love said.

Despite a note explaining why this vehicle does not have a parking sticker, university police slapped a ticket under the windshield wiper.

Blacks celebrate history week

February is Black History Month and next week has been declared Black History Week on campus, according to Tommy Brown, director of minority affairs.

"The Executive Council, composed of presidents and leaders from all black organizations on campus, will be sponsoring many activities next week," he said.

Black art students will be showing their work in an exhibit in UC 322 Monday, Feb. 11.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the council is requesting all black students to eat lunch in the JUB cafeteria as a "show of unity."

Bobby Jones and New Life will be performing in the multi-media room of the LRC Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. After the show, the council has asked students to attend the lecture of Maya Angelou, who will be in the DA Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14, the Valentine's disco, sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma will be held at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Admission for the semi-formal dance is \$1 and a Miss Valentine contest will also be held.

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Rolling Raiders battle with police

Members of the Murfreesboro and Campus Police Departments will square off against each other in a benefit basketball game Monday at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Athletic Center, with the winner taking on the MTSU Rolling Raiders.

Money raised by the project will be used to help meet expenses to underwrite tryouts and preparation for the United States Wheelchair Basketball team. Tryouts will be held here during the week of May 11, and the Olympiad for the Disabled will begin June 21 in Holland.

"We're out to have a good time, raise some money for a

worthy cause and playing a good game of basketball," University Police Capt. Larry Nixon said.

Officer Glenn Chrisman of the Murfreesboro Police Department feels that the game "will be highly competitive."

"I think that department pride will play an important role," he added.

Led by the outstanding play of Wally Cantrell, the Rolling Raiders are undefeated this season. "I think that they (the police departments) will play all-out during the first game. It won't matter which team wins, we will be ready to play," Cantrell stated.

Ivan Shewmake, advisor to Sigma Delta Sigma, the society for disabled students, feels the game will serve two purposes.

"It will raise funds to host the athletes trying out for the U.S. Wheelchair basketball team, and it will enable more people in the Murfreesboro area to see just how exciting wheelchair basketball can be," he explained.

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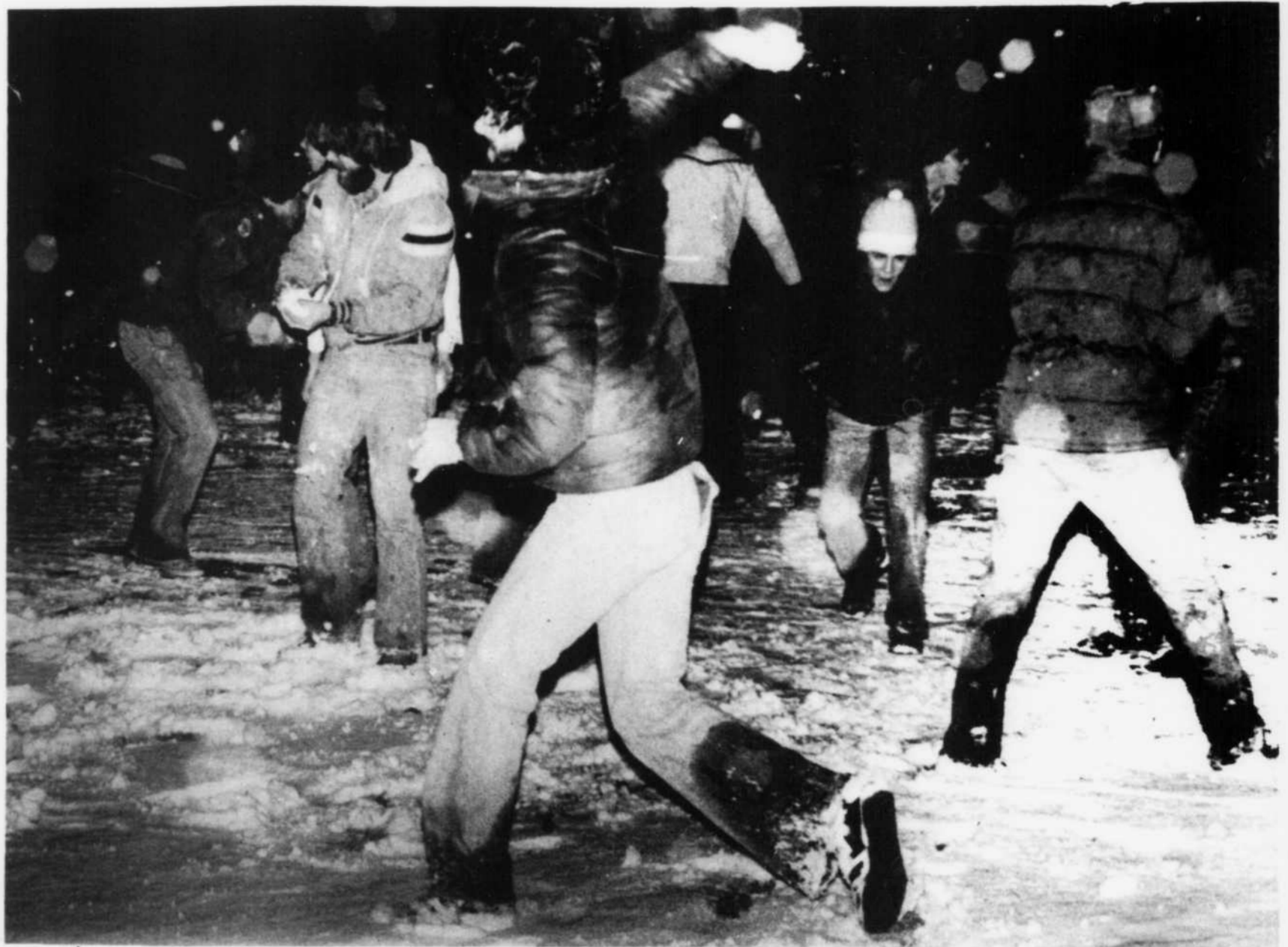
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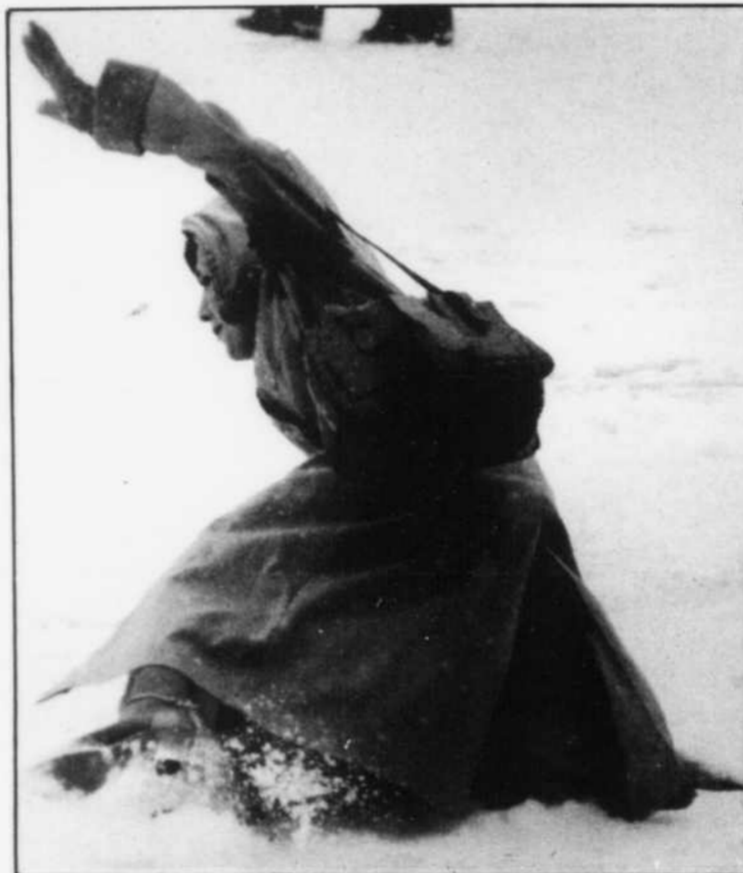
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A late arriving winter blankets MTSU with fluffy white stuff

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Heavy snow created a good atmosphere for snowball fights, (top right). On the top left Allison Clark tries to catch snow on her tongue. The bad side of winter is slipping on the ice and have to come in out of the fun. (Bottom left.)



White flakes of frozen silence
Flying, falling
Tickling my eyelashes
And teasing the earth with a frosty
Blanket.

Camouflaged in cold crystals
Winter has crept in and claimed her
Season

by Gwen Murphree



This girl was just one of many who found the iced-over ground too slippery. The camera caught her in the ultimate embarrassment — a slip on the ice.

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There will be an organizational meeting of the Central Basin Grotto Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:00 in Room 311 of the U.C. All interested people are urged to attend.

from the editor

Snow: *Should not be used as excuse to skip*

Students who live on campus should get up and go to class in the winter, even if they anticipate classes will be called off due to snow.

Many students simply do not go to class because they seem to think snow gives everyone a ready made excuse for not attending classes. (Perhaps a reminiscence of high school days when snowy weather often constituted a holiday.)

It doesn't. It is understandable that students traveling long distances cannot make it to class because of hazardous road conditions. Late afternoon classes are often logically cancelled because of bad weather. But students on campus should try just as hard to get to classes in the snow as they do when it is not snowing.

In many cases, classes have to be cut short because there aren't enough people there. If students living in dorms and areas close to campus would go to class, less classes would be called off.

High school days are over. Snow is no longer a viable excuse for dorm students to miss classes. It would be nice if it were, but it is not.

Draft: *Wildest imaginings may become reality*

Today President Carter is expected to make the startling announcement that men and women age 19 and 20 will have to begin registering for the draft, but we still find it hard to believe.

The questions many people have been wondering — "Will women have to go?" and "What age has to go?" — have almost been answered. But the real question that should be asked is "Why should anyone have to go?"

The idea of actually registering and possibly fighting in combat is unreal. The Vietnam War and its horrors hit the American public hard via the media, and it is only through old news clips and photos that most of us can recall it.

A war between the United States and any other country at this time seems almost an impossibility.

We have been living in a type of dream world. It's time to wake up, folks. Any time now you may be wearing green and getting shot at.

Although draft registration is not a declaration of war, it is now close for any of us to feel comfortable with. No one can tell us that war is not close at hand when the youth of America have been asked to prepare themselves for the defense of the country.

It seems far away, but Carter's proposal is a shock to our systems that cannot be ignored. It's closer than we think.

on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

Things are looking up, but they really get one down

Who ever said life isn't looking up? I think we are obviously optimistic, considering all the phrases we use with the word "up." I mean, I think people are really hung up on it!

If you don't agree with me, just look it up yourself, but be sure not to look it down, or else you might not find it. And if you find that I'm wrong, well, I'll just shut up, okay?

I know you think I'm making all of this up, but just let up on me a little and I'll write it up for you and show you that I'm really up on the thing.

Maybe I can illustrate it to you by telling you a story: You see, when my boy friend and I broke up, I was really shook up about it and he was pretty torn up himself. I sat up all night and cried about it. Isn't that what most people do after a split-up?

I hate to think what would have happened if we had broken down, or even just broke. I would have had to sit down all night and cry.

Well, anyway, I slipped up and called him up. I said, "Listen baby, we've really fouled things up. I think if we spice up our relationship a little, we wouldn't be passing up any good opportunities for a happy life. We need to shape up and try living it up for a while."

My boyfriend replied, "Wait a minute, honey, speak up. I've got the TV turned up too loud."

Needless to say, I was fed up, so I hung up on him.

Let me just put it up front to you like this: If you screw up something, and you just can't do it up right, maybe you should just give up on it. When you show up somewhere all dressed up and offer to set something up, but nobody takes you up on it, then face it, you're just messed up.

You've got to round up all your resources. You know, read up on things. Sometimes you have to lock yourself up in your room to do that though.

If someone offers you a piece of cake, go ahead and eat it up, but not too much or you might throw up. I'd much rather throw down, myself. Things can get messy. That's why I always sober up before it's too late.

If I haven't convinced you by now that things are looking up, if you're still trying to get high, then just take this paper and tear it up. If that doesn't work then rip it up, but don't be so down about things.

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Viewpoints



from cell block F

by Mary Ann Richards

For those who aren't and never will be

Circle one of the following:

- a. I think, therefore I am.
- b. I am, therefore I think.
- c. I am but they think I'm not.

This column is written of behalf of those who, like myself, felt compelled to circle "c." The genetically blessed or naive reader who presumptuously circled "a" or "b" needn't read any further. Your ride's up. Get off at the next comma splice or typo.

TO THE LARGE MASSES OF SMALL PEOPLE:

I am a small person. You are a small person. It is small of me to write this column. But in my own tiny way, it's awfully big of me to be so small. I am speaking out for wee walking intermissions who, after a 30-second in-depth thorough self-analysis realize we can't (like THEM) blame our inadequacies and lack of social claim on hypoglycemia and the want of nicotinic acid.

It is time we took our smallness seriously and, like molecules, unite and cash in on it. In a large way, we should be paid for our smallness. After all, it's not easy going around feeling like loose change in the pocket of

society. I propose a large volume book titled "Who's Not Nor Ever Will Be in America and Surrounding Solar Systems." It is a book about the ISN'TS in life. It's all about you.

I'm looking for candidates who are willing to test and exploit their smallness. If you're small enough to take the following brief quiz, and find that your smallness greatly excels, please send me your Social Security number, address and three references who can seriously vouch for your smallness, lack of personality and social acclaim. It would be wonderfully and expectantly small of you. Insignificantly, Ms. Richards, or What's Her Name. P.S. You're hopefully too insignificant to thank.

1. When walking with another, you notice the other addresses you while looking
 - a. in your eyes.
 - b. your forehead.
 - c. your shadow.
2. When talking to a significant other, the other says
 - a. "That's lovely; what are you wearing?"
 - b. "That's lovely; what aren't you wearing?"

c. "That's lovely; gray on gray becomes you."

3. At home while sitting alone you

- a. place the phone at arm's reach.
- b. look your name up in the directory and find it misspelled even though you changed it to Smith.
- c. take the phone off the hook so you'll never have to know WHO didn't call.

4. When receiving mail you

- a. save or frame mimeographed letters from vacationing friends.
- b. are thrilled with a Christmas card from your mother, even though she addresses you as "Resident."
- c. don't have a mailbox so you'll never have to know WHO didn't write.

5. Which term can you best identify with?

- a. mode.
 - b. medium.
 - c. means.
 - d. all of the above.
6. Your friend would best describe you as
- a. a placebo.
 - b. a sodium-free meal.

c. a John Nagey print in an unlimited edition.

d. what friend?

7. While dining out, the maitre'd
 - a. greets you at the back door.
 - b. gives you a tip and quietly asks you to leave.
 - c. says, "What the hell are you doing? This is our worst night! Get back in the kitchen and cook!"

8. While attending a family reunion, you

- a. are introduced as the recessive gene.
- b. wear a name tag.
- c. hear your grandmother say, "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"
- d. are presently not on your family's alumni mailing list.

9. In high school you were voted a. Most Likely to Fit In.

- b. Best All Around What's His or Her Name?
- c. Most Unlikely.

10. Your senior picture looks like you because

- a. it is grainy.
- b. it is overexposed.
- c. it is presently being exposed as a neutral between two ads in the back of the yearbook.

11. You were denied entrance in the

- a. Girl or Boy Scouts.
- b. sorority or fraternity.
- c. phone book.

How to Score: (don't worry someone like you never would)

- A — 1 point
- B — 2 points
- C — 3 points
- D — 4 points

If you scored between 11 and 22, you're moderately mundane; 23-33 points, you're a professional senior prom decorator; 34 points and up, you're on your way down. You are a likely candidate for "Who's Not Nor Ever Will Be." Please send information to *Sidelines* and we'll try not to file you under "Pending."

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Perspective

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from our readers

Facts and benefits of fraternity row told

To the editor:

Once again a partially informed student body is up in the air over issues involving the Greek system at MTSU. First it was the party rules set up by the IFC which *Sidelines* harped on but never attempted to explain to the student body at large. Now the cycle repeats itself with the proposed organizational row.

Here are a few facts:

- 1) Fraternities, sororities and other organizations who desire a house on the row will have to finance, build and maintain their own respective houses.
- 2) Housing these organizations in their own houses will open up considerable on-campus and apartment space for housing of other students.
- 3) The fact that members could

then walk to school rather than commute as many do now would open up many commuter parking spaces for the rest of the student body.

- 4) The building of the row would move the fraternities, presently the only organizations with houses, onto the campus and out of the community through which they are scattered. The city has been encouraging this for several years.
- 5) Having the organizations centralized on campus would greatly enhance school spirit. Perhaps by having these students on the campus during the weekends, other students would also choose to stay more often.
- 6) The row would reduce "drunk driving," which is a problem during open rush when rushees are driving from house

to house and students must return home to campus. With the row, members would be housed where the party is and rushees could, for the most part, walk.

7) It should be noted that the city of Murfreesboro desires the row and an agreement for them to build the street and sewers is not unreasonable.

Hopefully these facts will remove much of the controversy surrounding the concept of fraternity row and will make the benefits in terms of dorm space, parking and, most of all, school spirit, evident to the entire campus population. I hope that in the future *Sidelines* will attempt to inform the public as a newspaper should, rather than simply build controversy by printing only half the story.

There is one other item I would like to address. That is the news content of our "student" newspaper. Most of the stories are about occurrences which are indeed newsworthy, but little if anything is ever written concerning the activities of students and students groups. For example, there is no coverage of intramural sports. In a recent issue the ADPI charity fund-raiser received only a couple paragraphs in the middle pages. Most of the positive things done by organizations on campus go virtually without mention.

The fact is that *Sidelines* is content to sit back and hammer on a story for weeks, while at the same time failing to present information which would enable students to properly

evaluate the situation. Since *Sidelines* is the students' newspaper, perhaps it should make more of an effort to report upon student activities rather than solely on controversies

concerning tenure, etc., and should better perform their information service to the students by presenting facts

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next to last word

by Henry Fennell

'Strangest dream' foresees changing name of college

I find that dreaming can be a lot of fun. I also find that hearing about other people's dreams can be a lot less fun.

Melinda Davenport is always easy in my dreams. Melinda Davenport is a girl I went to high school with. Melinda Davenport was never easy in high school. Melinda Davenport is one reason I like dreaming so much. There are other reasons, but none are as good as Melinda Davenport.

Nobody I've talked to has ever admitted to dreaming about Melinda Davenport, so I find it hard to enjoy other people's dreams as much as I enjoy my own. Still, other people tell me about their dreams. I guess they believe I'm able to enjoy their dreams as much as they do. I don't think I ever do.

I don't enjoy all my dreams — especially the bad ones. I can't even recall ever enjoying someone else tell me about a bad dream.

That is why I apologize in advance for writing about a dream. No, it wasn't about Melinda Davenport. I would start a dream about her with "I had the wildest dream last night." This dream is more in line with "I had the strangest dream last night." In fact, I didn't enjoy this dream very much.

I had the strangest dream last night.

I dreamed there was a move on campus to rename MTSU. The people who wanted to rename MTSU lived in houses with odd-looking letters stuck on the front.

The letters were Greek to me.

The houses were all located on a certain section of campus. To be allowed to hang around that section of campus, a person had to be able to read those odd-looking letters stuck on the side of the houses.

The people able to read the letters entered the various houses according to the color of their shirts and/or skin.

When a person with the wrong colored shirt and/or skin entered the wrong house, the people in that house would become very angry. Sometimes they would call the police.

The people in the houses wanted to change the name of MTSU to Mu Tau Sigma Upsilon. The cheerleaders and the makers of parking stickers complained bitterly. They claimed it would put an unfair burden on them to jam those letters into a cheer or onto a parking sticker.

The best part of the dream came when I transferred to another school. That's about when the dream ended.

There is one other thing I wanted to say about dreams in general. It's impossible to find out if a person is lying about what they dreamed.

Oil vs. human lives — where are our priorities?

To the editor:

Ninety-seven days ago a foreign country defied international law and took 50 Americans hostage for blackmail means. These people as Americans were, and still are, entitled to protection from the United States government.

Two weeks ago, President Carter asked Congress for legislation to begin registering 18 to 26-year-olds for possible drafting. This action has

nothing to do with the crisis in Iran, however. What is it that could be so much more important than 50 American lives that revitalizing the draft system would be called for, when military action was hardly considered over the Iran situation?

The answer is oil.

The Russians have posed a possible threat to the US oil supply and the US will not stand for it even if it means nuclear

war between the two strongest nations in the world, which could easily result in the destruction of human life as we know it.

This should tell every American something about where our government's priorities lie. What kind of state has our country reached when oil is considered more valuable than human life?

There are means of energy other than oil available to us but

they are not as efficient and big business would lose money, especially the oil companies. And that is why these other methods haven't been utilized.

America has survived without oil before and we could do it again, but it would call for sacrifices — sacrifices which our government will not make even to preserve mankind.

I, too, am proud of our nation and its achievements but we can't let our pride and loyalty blind us from mistakes being made by the government.

My personal priorities put my family, friends, fellow Americans and mankind way above oil and being able to drive my car. And while I would have gone to war to fight for the freedom of Americans, I will not join the United States in a war that would probably destroy the world over something as insignificant as oil. It's coming down to the final fight for that last bit of oil and that's too sad for words to express.

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