

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Nichols named new chief of campus security force

By ERIC STEINBERG  
Staff Writer

The chief of police at the University of Montevallo, Ala., was named director of security of the MTSU Police Department Friday by President Sam Ingram.

Named director was David Nichols, 32, who will assume the position Feb. 16.

"I'm really excited about coming to MTSU," Nichols said, "and I am looking forward to a good time."

Ingram expressed pleasure with Nichols' appointment.

"WE HAVE been going through the selection process very carefully to make sure the person we chose for the job would be the best person available to us," Ingram said. "Chief Nichols is the best."

"I am completely satisfied with our decision. In fact, it makes me very happy that we were able to do as well as we did."

Nichols said he had a number of changes in mind for the department.

"I have a few ideas and expectations of good things to come," Nichols said. "One of the big areas I am going to work on is improved public relations with the total academic community."

A FORMER school teacher, Nichols has been a police officer for six years and chief for two and a half. He is working on his Ph.D. and plans further graduate work in criminal justice.

"I will have to postpone my schooling for a while," Nichols said, "but I will go back to it as soon as I can."

In October 1979, Nichols published an article in *The American School x University* entitled "Campus Police: The New Professionals," an examination of educational trends.

In his article, Nichols concludes: "The younger, better-educated and better-trained officer who is capable of communicating with the various publics in the academic environment seems to be the best thing that has been initiated this decade."

ACCORDING to Nichols, students on college campuses are not the same as they were 10 or 15 years ago.

"Students are more academically serious and less radical individuals," Nichols said. "We will be oriented towards students."

Nichols says he is a firm believer in law enforcement, but is quick to note that there are many other ways to handle problems on campus.

"The secret to improvement is not always enforcement," Nichols said. "Student awareness, making students more appreciative of the campus, [is also a possibility]."

To accomplish this, Nichols says he may make greater use of programs involving students, rather than police officers exclusively.

"ONE OF the more recent

programs I've implemented at the university I'm from is the Student Cadet Program," Nichols said. "This is a volunteer organization of students in uniforms, no weapons."

"This gives students the opportunity to gain experience [in law enforcement]. I am in favor of those programs."

Nichols says good public relations, especially with the student press, is vital for a campus police department.

"I had a very good working relationship with the student newspaper back home," Nichols said. "We attribute that to a lot of our success."

"We will be available to answer questions from the press day and night. It may have to be for a while, but someone will be available at all times."

NICHOLS SAYS he hopes to have a good working relationship with local law enforcement agencies, both county and city.

According to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, there are four vacancies on the campus police force.

"Applications are being accepted until the end of this month for two new officers," Cantrell said. "Dave [Nichols] will have to work with these men, so I think it only appropriate that he have the responsibility of hiring them."

Cantrell said he is pleased with the appointment of Nichols and feels that, although he will confront them in a positive manner.



David Nichols of University of Montevallo in Alabama was named director of campus security by University President Sam Ingram.

### News Briefs

TAIF, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Leaders of the Moslem world on Monday took a resolution aimed at forcing Israel to end its occupation of Arab territory and to beef up the military strength of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A draft copy of the resolution by Islamic foreign ministers presented on the second day of the summit was obtained by The Associated Press.

The resolution's strategy was to pressure Israel's friends into forcing the Jewish state to give up Arab land occupied during the 1967 Mideast War. It spoke of "freezing" Israeli membership in the United Nations, but did not elaborate on what measures might be tried short of attempting to expel Israel from the world body — an action that would face a U.S. veto.

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Thousands of students were reported Monday to have occupied a building at the University of Lodz to demand abolition of compulsory classes in Marxism, raising new tensions in Communist Poland.

WASHINGTON (AP) — States are free to allow television and still-photography coverage of criminal trials — even when defendants object, the Supreme Court ruled today.

Such coverage does not automatically violate a criminal defendant's constitutional right to a fair trial, the high court said.

### Weather

Cloudy today with a high in the upper 50s. Tonight's low near 30 with fair skies. Cooler Wednesday with a high in the upper 40s.

## Porter seeks amendment; James won't resign

By DENNIS MYERS  
Managing Editor

ASB Attorney General Cindy Porter will introduce a constitutional amendment Thursday in the ASB House which would enable the student government to police its own top-ranking officeholders.

The attorney general's action coincides with new allegations that ASB President Randy James may have accepted a full scholarship for his elected position without meeting the mandatory 2.0 GPA requirement of his office.

According to Porter, her decision to draft the amendment was prompted by her inability to elicit James' resignation under the present ASB constitution.

"In consideration of the fact that the constitution of the ASB provides no vehicle to check a

student's GPA," Porter said in a prepared statement, "and since no student is allowed to review the grades of another, there is nothing the office of the attorney general can do with further regard to this matter."

PORTER suggested that the ASB House of Representatives form an ad-hoc committee to "investigate and clarify" the facts concerning James' office-holding privileges.

Porter's constitutional amendment states that "all members of the ASB, whether elected or appointed, shall be required as a condition of office to sign a waiver allowing the release of that portion of their academic records germane to the fulfillment of the provisions of the ASB constitution."

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FURTHER frustrating the attorney general's ability to resolve the matter without resorting to congressional action, James stated yesterday he "absolutely would not" resign.

"The students want me to stay in office, that's the feedback I get," James said. "I intend to do the best job, regardless of what all of you [at Sidelines] want to do."

## University pays more for natural-gas heat

By ERIC STEINBERG  
Staff Writer

The coal-fired boiler used to heat the campus is "on the blink," forcing officials to use a natural-gas boiler which costs the university an extra \$2,000 a day, President Sam Ingram said yesterday.

According to Ingram, it costs approximately \$2,000 on a cold day to heat the campus with coal, while heating the university with natural gas under the same circumstances costs about \$4,000 a day.

HOWEVER, Director of Campus Planning Charles Pigg says gas isn't always available.

"We're on an interruptible basis with the utility company," Pigg said, "and when their consumption period is such that they can't serve us, they cut us off."

When this happens the university has to burn oil.

"If you're using oil," Pigg said, "you would be talking about almost 8,000 gallons of oil [on a cold day] at about \$1 a gallon."

OFFICIALS hoped to get the coal-fired boiler fixed as soon as possible. If they do, they can save up to \$6,000 each day on the university heating bill.

Campus officials are also concerned with their high electric bill.

The electric bill is "about a \$1 million a year," Ingram said. "I think when we get our heat working properly we are going to have to eliminate portable electric heaters in the offices."

"Beginning in the presidents' office," Ingram continued. "Then in the vice presidents' and then the deans'."

Officials are also concerned about the amount of electricity wasted when lights are left on in rooms after everyone leaves, and are planning to look into the situation.

## Students with tickets can appeal

By DAVID MERRITT  
Staff Writer

Students who wish to appeal a campus parking ticket may either contact the Public Defender's office or initiate proceedings by filling out the appropriate forms at the Campus Police Headquarters.

"When students feel that they have been treated unfairly, they should stand up for their rights," Public Defender Taylor Mason said. "My main objective is to see that their rights are not violated—more so this than defending them—but it depends upon the case."

According to Mason, only tickets that students suspect are unnecessary should be appealed.

AFTER THE student initiates the appeal, the form is sent by the police to Dean of Men Ivan Shewmake. The student is contacted and asked if he would like to be defended. If so, he is referred to Mason, and then the defense to be used in court.

When a court date is set, Shewmake then informs Mason (who informs the student). The final step requires that the student and Mason appear before the Traffic Court. The decision reached by the court is final.

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photo by Lisa Gwin

ASB Attorney General Cindy Porter seeks change in ASB constitution.

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# sidelights

## Lib. arts futures discussed

Kenneth Brewer, college relations director from Service Merchandise, will present a talk entitled "The Liberal Arts Graduate in Business" on Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. in the University Center, Room 322.

## Business club to meet

Sigma Iota Epsilon, the national honorary and professional management fraternity, will hold a membership meeting Monday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of Kirksey Old Main.

Membership in the fraternity is limited to those who have demonstrated high scholastic and professional interest in a management curriculum of commerce or business administration.

## Comedies at UC Cinema

A couple of comedies are on tap at the UC theatre this week. Today, the scintillating screen satire "Shampoo," starring Warren Beatty, Julie Christie, Goldie Hawn and Jack Warden, will be shown. This 1975 classic was directed by Hal Ashby, who has since made "Bound for Glory" and "Being There."

The feature on Wednesday and Thursday will be the appropriately titled "The Jerk," a 1980 vehicle for Steve Martin and Bernadette Peters. This tale of a poor black sharecropper's son who strikes it rich overnight was directed by Carl Reiner.

Both flicks will be shown at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

## Teachers' forms available

Student teaching applications for the fall semester 1981 must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching Office, Jones Hall Room 106, no later than Feb. 16.

In addition, the California Achievement Test for admission to teacher education will be administered at 4 p.m. on Feb. 12, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

## Sims, Schardt lead contest

The present top five leaders in the Residence Hall Programming activities contest for men's dormitories are: Sims Hall, 225.5 points; Smith, 183; H Hall, 180; K Apt., 69; and Judd, 62. For women's dormitories the top five are: Schardt, 502; Felder, 304; Reynolds, 188; Wood, 140; and J Apt., 110.

## Brown bag luncheon Wed.

The office of vice president for academic affairs will host a "bag lunch" meeting tomorrow in Dining Room "C" of the James Union Building from noon to 1 p.m.

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# Warren sentenced in Grubbs' hit-and-run

Clarence Warren, 28, was sentenced to 17 years in prison last week for the hit-and-run death of MTSU Professor Grover Grubbs.

Warren admitted he broke the speed limit and was drinking. He says he fell asleep at the wheel before the crash which claimed Grubbs' life on Interstate 24, Feb. 26, 1980.

According to a *Tennessean* story published on Jan. 21, witnesses to the crash said Warren was traveling up to 90 mph, weaving through traffic and flashing his headlights before ramming Grubbs' compact car.

WARREN and his passenger, Patricia Cooper, 21, owner of the car he was driving, did not

return to Grubbs' burning car, but remained hidden in a thicket off the interstate.

The *Tennessean* reported that the two remained in the car that night, walked to Murfreesboro the next morning and then took a bus to Tullahoma, where they stayed with relatives. When they returned to Murfreesboro the next day to get Cooper's belongings from her vehicle, it had already been towed away.

The couple went to the Sheriff's Department in an attempt to retrieve Cooper's car and were arrested.

Cooper, who pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. A hearing for a suspended sentence for her is scheduled for March 2.



photo by Mark Holland  
Sir Roderick Level-Lance of Rampart finishes off Michael of White Castle during Fighter Practice Class for the Society of Creative Anachronism.

## Tickets

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According to Mason, only two-thirds of persons appealing tickets appear in court. A "rough figure" of people that win their case is one-half, Mason added.

"I believe that it is worth a student's while to fight in court," Mason said, "because he has a good chance of winning.

"The most controversial issue in traffic court is the blue and green situation—"The Blue and Green Battle."

ACCORDING TO Mason, the time involved in the appeal procedure is minuscule. He estimated that it would take 10 minutes to fill out the appeal form; time to plan the defense

(based on the difficulty of the case); and on the average, 15 minutes in court.

"The time in court just

depends on how many questions the Traffic Court asks and how controversial and fired up they get," Mason said.

## Editorship of Belmont College Student Newspaper

Applications and nominations are now being accepted for the editorship of the Belmont College student newspaper for 1981-82. Belmont College is a privately owned, four-year liberal arts college in Nashville, Tennessee. The *Belmont Vision* serves as an open forum for news and opinions of the 1700 students enrolled.

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# James

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James reiterated his contention that charges claiming he held office in violation of the constitution during fall semester were a "personal attack" against him and perhaps Dean of Students Paul Cantrell as well.

"Y'all have done what y'all over there, a handful of people, think is right, whether it was a personal attack on me or not," James said, "or a personal attack on Dean Cantrell, as far as I'm trying to say maybe he was negligent in his duty."

WHEN ASKED if he intended to prevent future ASB officeholders from continuing in office without meeting the requirements, James said, "Absolutely!"

"We are going to remedy this and make sure it doesn't happen again," James stated.

James acknowledged he receives a full scholarship for his job as ASB president, but refused to reveal the dollar value of his gratuity.

"I wouldn't ask you what's in your bank account," James said. "I'm sure not getting rich at this job."

Cantrell stated he was unsure of the exact amount of James' scholarship but said that it included full tuition, room, board, free meals and free book loans.

ALTHOUGH the dean of students administrators of the ASB scholarship fund, Cantrell said he was not aware of James' alleged failure to meet the constitutional requirements of his office at the beginning of fall semester. Cantrell added he has "no plans at this time to revoke" James' scholarship.

When contacted yesterday, Clay Harkleroad, associate vice chancellor for business for the State Board of Regents, said that there is no state authorization for "providing scholarship funds for student government offices.

"No state funds shall be extended except as provided," Harkleroad said. "The state does not provide specific funds for this use."

"However, some institutions may have private funds, like alumni scholarships, which provide for this type of assistance."

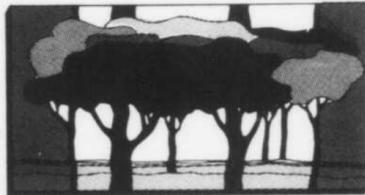
When reached for comment late last night, President Sam Ingram responded: "Although I'm not sure about it, I think the scholarship money comes from university funds."



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In celebration of the hostages' return from Iran, Eve Hinson, a sophomore commercial art major from Moss, Tenn., ties a yellow ribbon round the old column of Lyons Hall.

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# Reagan honors hostages

By TERENCE HUNT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, saying the freed hostages "don't need any outsiders" at their reunion, was staying on the sidelines Monday while firming up plans to give them a red-carpet welcome at the White House.

With all the hoopla usually reserved for visiting heads of state, Reagan will salute the hostages with a ceremony today on the South Lawn of the White House and a reception in the East Room.

The former hostages and their families, shielded from the public and the press, were reunited Sunday and went into seclusion at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Monday was to be a private day for them.

As the freed hostages' plane flew over the Atlantic toward

home Sunday, Reagan opened the second week of his administration by assembling their relatives at the White House for a pep talk and send-off to New York.

"We won't be going with you to New York because we feel very deeply that you need any outsiders," he told 139 relatives in the ornate, gold-chandeliered State Dining Room. "This is a moment for you and for them."

The president praised the courage of the 52 Americans held captive so long, and then told the families:

"I think it might be appropriate here to say a word about the courage of all of you, the dignity with which you have borne this, the courage when all you could do was wait through the many disappointments. Not only those who are coming

home, but all of you too — America has to be very proud of you."

The president's eyes swelled with tears and his voice choked with emotion as he said:

"Since we all didn't go to church this morning because of this (ceremony), can we just say, Dear God, Thank You. Thank You for what You've done. And God give you the understanding and the patience that you'll need now with regard to this homecoming and get-together. Amen."

At his side, his wife Nancy wept openly.

Larry Persinger, father of hostage Gregory Persinger of Seaford, Del., thanked Reagan for his role in bringing the Americans home. "You helped put the icing on the cake," he said.

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# Students boogie to oil-drum band

By LIZ THOMPSON

Copy Editor

"If you feel like jammin'—then come on and do it!"

That was all the invitation needed yesterday in the UC theatre as approximately 150 students clapped, swayed and boogied in their seats to the music of the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band.

Originally from Trinidad, this seven-member band intrigued their audience with calypso, disco, reggae and a touch of classical music played entirely on old discarded oil drums.

**THE SOUNDS** emitted from this unique group approximat those of an orchestra including harp, violins, bass and saxophone. Hugh Borde lead the ensemble into a variety of selections ranging from Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" to original reggae tunes from members of the band.

One such original number was sung by the congas player, Benny Williams, entitled "Tropical Rock"—complete with verbal renditions of the wildlife indigenous to tropical regions.

Williams had all the movements of a young Elvis Presley, rocking and rolling the audience into all kinds of hoots and hollers. After minimal enticement, Williams was even able to induce Sonja Brown, a sophomore political science major, to jive with him at the front of the stage.

**AUDIENCE RESPONSE**, however, did not begin so

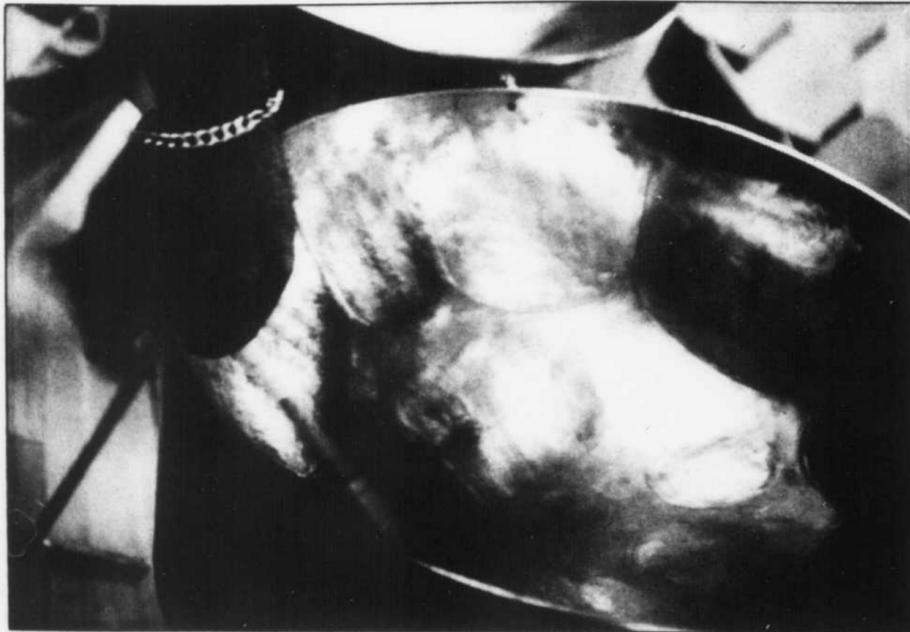


photo by Lisa Gwin

Cut at different levels to create different tones, these hand-made drums of the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band replicated the sound of an orchestra complete with harps, violins and saxophone.

spontaneously: The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band began their concert an hour and a half late due to traffic tie-ups in Nashville.

At the first beats of a rousing circus calliope tune, a couple of toes did start tapping.

The crowd mellowed during the haunting lines of Johann Strauss' "Voices of Spring," only to pick their spirits and their hands up during "Roll Out the Barrel."

The crowd finally let loose

their inhibitions when the flexible ensemble was joined in their frivolity by "Buzzing Bee," introduced by Borde as the "youngest female calypso singer to win national awards in Jamaica."

**THIS YOUNG** wonder belted out "I Will Survive" as if Gloria Gaynor were singing it herself.

Calypso music is native to Trinidad, and according to Borde, it made his country famous. This lively sort of ballad

was duly illustrated by B. Bee in a tune called "Yellow Bird."

Admired the wild clapping and foot-stomping of the audience, the band finished their set with more original reggae, George Benson's "A Weekend in L.A.," and the "William Tell Overture."

Through it all, the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band had all the appearances of a group of folks really enjoying themselves. Their audience responded in kind.

# Gene Cotton to warm up for comedian Gallagher

By ELIZABETH BORDEN

Staff Writer

Comedy genius Gallagher may tickle a few funny bones here Sunday night, but not before his warm-up singer elicits some smiles on his own.

Gene Cotton has gone through many a musical and educational transition to arrive where he is today.

And where he is can be seen in his latest album, *No Strings Attached*, which combines the talents of his folk-song background and the best of good ole rock 'n' roll.

**COTTON IS** best known for his two hit singles from his *Save the Dancer* album: "Before My Heart Finds Out" and "You're a Part of Me," with sometimes-Kenny-Rogers partner, Kim Carnes.

Having recently moved to a small farm outside of Nashville, Cotton has returned to the college-circuit tour without the aid of his band, American Ace, to get back in touch with the fans that have stuck by him through these many years.

But music wasn't Cotton's first choice as a bread-making scheme.

Although introduced to the ukelele at the young age of 12, graduating to the guitar and writing his own songs by the time he hit high school, Cotton studied political science at Ohio State University.

**BUT HE CHUCKED** that as his career in life to turn to a career in music instead.



Gene Cotton

Cotton wandered through Greenwich Village, night clubs and colleges trying to find his niche in the music industry. Covering folk music, songs with a message, love songs and a little basic rock, he first made waves with his single "Sunshine Roses," off of his second album, *Liberty*, which found a place on the national charts.

Widespread exposure came with his next two albums, *For All The Young Writers* and *Rain On*, the latter bringing a top-ten biggie, "You Got Me Runnin'."

Cotton was on his way to becoming a star, and this quality will be evident Sunday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, along with all the charm that a good ole country boy from Columbus, Ohio, can muster.

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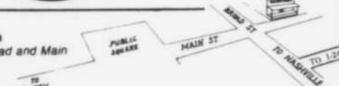
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On this day in 1850, author and labor leader Samuel Gompers was born. An historian once said of him: "He knew enough to advocate radical principles when these would advance his own position in the labor movement, and he was fully prepared to abandon them the moment he felt that they were proving to be an obstacle to his career."

Historians will no doubt remember MTSU students and faculty members as almost never advocating radical principles and almost always meekly pursuing a career.

## New security director a welcome addition

David Nichols, MTSU's new director of security, is a welcome addition to the campus police force.

The statements he made when he was hired Saturday reveal an empathy and concern for university students long overdue within the law enforcement hierarchy at MTSU.

Whether or not college students are any different from the public at large, it is refreshing to hear a police official whose personal values include a respect for students' rights and sensitivities.

*Sidelines* also applauds Nichols' commitment to establishing productive public relations within the university community. We can only expect that this attitude will lead to a better working relationship between the security staff, the students, the administration and the city of Murfreesboro.

It is our pleasure to welcome Mr. Nichols, whose education, youth, background and fresh ideas bring to this campus an expectation of positive changes within the university security force.

## James disregards his real constituents

Despite evidence strongly indicating that Randy James did not maintain minimal academic requirements during his term as ASB president, he refuses to not only relinquish his office but to even make documents public which would resolve this issue once and for all.

This violation of public trust, in itself, reveals a blatant disregard for the concerns of his constituents. Even worse, James is quick to cite campus-wide support from those same constituents as his reason for staying in office. We submit that university support for James is mainly limited to individuals whose selfish interests are best served by his remaining in office.

Last spring during his campaign, James pledged to promote campus unity through open communication. Now is the time for James to demonstrate that his goal of campus unity was for the university as a whole and not merely for the cohesiveness of certain special interest groups.

## Movies draw hostile crowds

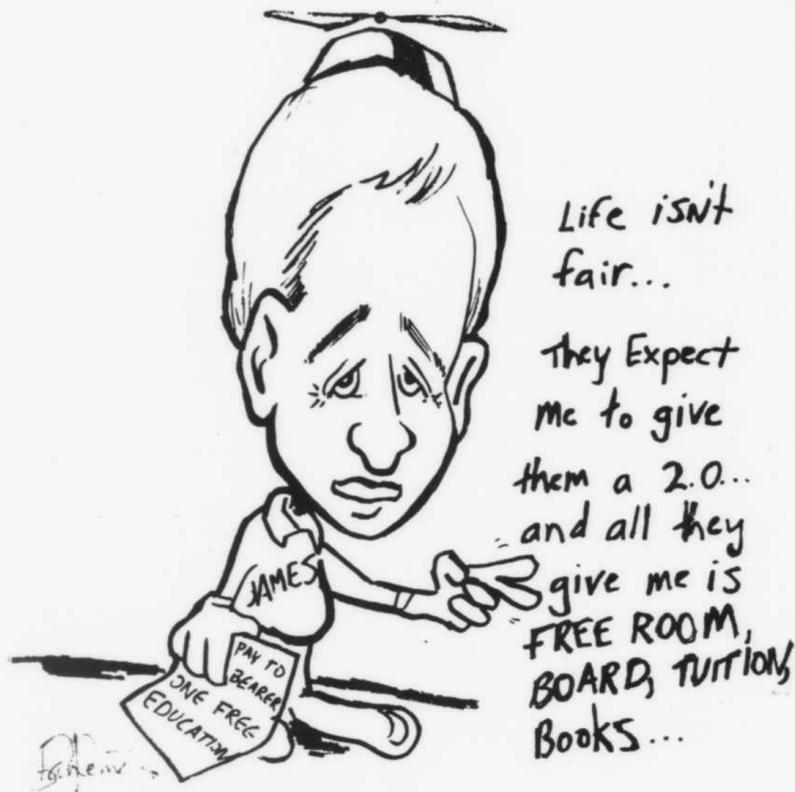
This semester the MTSU Films Committee has provided students with an impressive list of popular and critically acclaimed motion pictures. It is definitely to the benefit of students' pocketbooks that these films can be viewed for bargain prices.

However, the ability of audiences to enjoy movies at the U.C. Cinema is often severely hampered by unruly and noisy crowds. These theatregoers seem to act as if they attend not to enjoy the movies but rather to fraternize, socialize and gain the attention of others.

While a release from the intense rigor of an MTSU curriculum may be enjoyable and even necessary from time to time, it shouldn't come at the expense of those who go to the cinema with serious intent.

So, for those of you who wish to fraternize, socialize and gain the attention of others, we suggest you find a party, pub or public park—and allow others to take advantage of the fine opportunities the Films Committee has given us this semester.

# Viewpoints



## Retrospect

by Dennis Myers

# Violent revenge uncalled for now

Now that the hostages are home, the political fallout, capped with irascible statements aimed at getting even with the Iranians, is claiming America has lost face and will continue to do so until the government does something to illustrate its awesome retributive powers.

The truth is, the United States lost nothing in its agreement negotiated for the release of the hostages. In fact, the country may have gained substantially in its insistence on getting the hostages home safely without starting a major conflict with Iran.

"Bombing them back to the Stone Age," as Gen. Curtiss LeMay recommended the country do to the North Vietnamese in the Sixties, would have accomplished nothing except the possibility of inviting the U.S.S.R. into Iran to pick up the pieces and establish another satellite country—and a warm-water port.

INSTEAD, the United States, under the able leadership of former President Carter, stayed on a course which held Iran, not

this country, hostage to its own foolish mistake.

The economic sanctions coupled with Iran's own preoccupation with the hostages provided the impetus for Iraq to invade Iran. This resulted in the loss of Iran's biggest oil field and the port city of Kharimshar.

Gasoline prices in Iran during the time they held the U.S. hostages increased from 53¢ a gallon to \$1.60 a gallon. Many other staple products were totally unavailable at any price.

Iran's government almost came apart during bitter debates over the hostage issue; President Bani Sadr's and other high ranking officials' loyalty were called into question for urging that the hostages be returned and the outrageous demands for apologies and money be dropped.

HISTORY will show that Bani Sadr and other officials who recommended the early return of the hostages were right in their assessment that the continued holding of the Americans was damaging their country much more than it was harming the U.S.

The United States, on the other hand, will be remembered as a country which refrained from unleashing its military might and destroying millions of lives in the name of honor.

In retrospect, the United States gave Iran nothing in return for the hostages which wasn't the Iranians to begin with—not even their sought-after apology. Instead, America pursued a course of forceful persuasion without resorting to military action which resulted in the safe return of the hostages.

No doubt many warmongering patriots will condemn Carter's action over the hostages, claiming that we should have "taught Iran a lesson" by bombing them into oblivion. Most of these people somehow managed to miss the experience of ever having to fight in a war.

OTHERS will cling to the belief that Iran should face retributive justice for having taken our embassy and holding our people hostage. This is a normal and justifiable reaction. While the United States should take some actions against Iran,

they must not be military.

Reagan appears to be embarking on a program which will ostracize Iran from favorable American foreign policy in the future. This seems to be a reasonable course to follow which will no doubt have a profound effect on Iran. But, many people who have close dealings with the President are advocating even stronger measures.

Reagan must refrain from taking unnecessary military actions against Iran because such entanglements will only lead to larger altercations. The Soviet Union would love to have a reason to become friendly with Iran, and any military action against that country would leave the door wide open for the Soviets to move in.

Something should be done by the administration in order to avoid more occurrences like the one in Iran, however, it must be done a few months from now after the tempers have subsided and the irrational calls for "bombing Iran into the Stone Age" are forgotten.

# Cooperation marks convening of Congress

by Albert Gore, Jr.

Facing a busy first session which promises some tough policy decisions, the 97th Congress has convened amid pledges of cooperation between both Houses and the new Republican administration.

FOR THE FIRST time in over half a century, a Republican president and Senate will be working with a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives. Not since the presidency of William Taft in the early 1900's has this arrangement occurred.

Despite political differences, it is expected that the Congress and the Reagan Administration will work together in order to tackle pressing problems concerning the economy and the budget which must be dealt with promptly.

The top priority of the Congress will be the problem of

inflation, which reached 12.7 per cent last year. A new upsurge in interest rates, high unemployment and sagging productivity have intensified the nation's woes, with little expectation of relief.

IN THE coming weeks, the new administration will present its package of economic proposals to Congress. Recommendations for a tax cut, which will be offered in varying versions by the president, House, and Senate, will be one of the first items on the agenda for discussion. In addition, it is expected that changes will be pursued in the area of tax depreciation for businesses as one means of spurring investment and improving productivity.

Also high on the congressional calendar will be the formulation

of a budget for the 1982 fiscal year. Renewed efforts to cut the federal deficit have virtually assured that many important programs will be subject to significant reductions. The effort to ensure that the necessary cuts are made without across-the-board slashes in vital services, though, will require careful evaluation and selective budget-evaluation.

A key responsibility of this Congress will be to achieve a crucial balance between the need for less government spending and the need for hefty defense increases. Several major military projects will be up for consideration this year, in addition to proposals for increased military pay and benefits, designed to boost the strength of our forces. It is important that we maintain a

strong defense capability and in my opinion, increases are needed. Nevertheless, Congress will have to closely review these programs, improving efficiency while eliminating unnecessary expenditures.

THE TASKS which lie ahead for the new Congress will require many tough decisions as we attempt to redefine crucial policy areas and restore our nation to economic health. There will undoubtedly be sharp differences among the House, Senate and the incoming administration. But if the present spirit of cooperation and commitment can be maintained, many constructive goals can be accomplished.

I look forward to working with the new president and my colleagues in the Congress as we undertake this effort.

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# Perspective



## Guest view

### How not to lose friends and influenza people

by Terry Morrow

Last night, I spent a long and steamy evening in bed with a name you all know yet probably dislike. I was up all night because of this encounter and now my body aches because of it.

I had the flu.

LIKE THE thousands, nay millions, around the United States that have also gone to bed with the flu, I feel it is probably the worst time I have ever spent in bed (and believe me, I've had several bad times in bed).

I should have realized that I was coming down with

something when I sat down and honestly enjoyed an episode of *The Toni Tennille Show* and could understand everything she was saying.

My girlfriend Aletha was the first one to recognize my ill state of health. It happened on our date the other night:

"Kiss you?" she cried, "you must be sick!"

IN ORDER to avoid catching the flu, here are a few things you might try:

- Don't throw a swimming party any time soon.
- Don't kiss anyone who has a

disease that has more than four syllables or a name that you couldn't pronounce in front of your parents.

- Wear a bra (it doesn't matter where—just do it).
- Don't do anything on a dare with someone named Freda.

IF YOU'VE already caught the flu, I'm sure a doctor told you to stay in bed, drink plenty of fluids and take aspirin every four hours. In addition, you may wish to:

- Avoid watching the room spin around.

- Try to guess when video comics *really* come on the Nickelodeon stations.

- Count the number of friends that have called you and compare it to the amount of friends that have called your healthy roommates.

- Try and count the number of wrinkles in the president-elect's face.

If all else fails, drift off to sleep. Think pretty thoughts and rest assured that you are not alone.

## Letters From Our Readers

### James' leadership shown by chicken and pig rampage?

To the editor:

On Friday's publication of *Sidelines* there was an article concerning Randy James. On top of the fact that the editor holds the name of the source of information, I believe the press could find better things to publish than to publicly harass a person who has brought only spirit to the student body of MTSU.

Take the Tech Wars for example: Randy James organized the raid on the Tech cafeteria where the pigs and chickens were put on the rampage; the Stay at Middle Weekend; the kidnap of the Tech mascot; the return of Harvey . . . do you want me to keep listing examples of his superior leadership?

To sum this up in a peaceful manner; I only wish to say, if ASB Presidents are not what Randy James is then to hell with 'em.

If you are using Randy as a vendetta against someone else, then *Sidelines* is stooping to a new low.

Steve Scott  
Box 1089

### Congratulations for concern with students' interests

To the editor:

Campus organizations are always complaining that they never receive any coverage by *Sidelines*. Well, Friday's paper devoted quite a bit of space to

the ASB, particularly their president's qualifications to hold office.

Now the ASB is upset because of the article, which appeared to be very newsworthy to me. I mean, what do these characters want? A legitimate question was raised in the newspaper which could have far-reaching ramifications concerning future ASB leaders, and the ASB acts like *Sidelines* is "out to get them."

I personally know very few people on this campus who even give a damn about the ASB. And most of those people who do care are members of the ASB. Students on this campus realize that the ASB only serves their interest and not the whole campus' interest. In my opinion, they are nothing more than a bunch of little girls and boys practicing at being future politicians.

My congratulations go to *Sidelines* for the very legitimate and informative story concerning the ASB in Friday's paper. I am glad there is a campus organization that is concerned with the interests of the students.

Carey Moore  
Box 5363

### Public servants' ability should be questioned

To the editor:

In view of recent criticism of *Sidelines*' writers' presentation of a timely and important issue concerning the ability of ASB President Randy James to administer his office, I feel

obligated to speak in defense of these knights and ladies of the First Amendment.

As any introductory journalism course will teach you, a duty of the press is to educate and inform the public of matters concerning the public welfare. If the ability and competency of a public servant is called into question, it is of political import and should be explored by the press in an effort to make the situation known to the public.

If it is true that James held office in express violation of an ASB constitutional provision, the public he serves should be made aware of it and act accordingly.

Allegations that the articles are results of a personal vendetta against James cannot be proven.

While the defect of James' grades may reflect his unfitness for office, the student body's reluctance to address the problem is a reflection on all students.

D.K. Diggins  
Box 7565

### Power-mad failures benefit no one with James story

To the editor:

First, let me state that I am a second semester junior at MTSU and I have never wrote a letter to *Sidelines*. Forgive my ignorance, but I fail to recognize any benefit your article on Randy James did to the student body or MTSU community.

I feel that Mr. James has been one of the best presidents since the formation of the ASB, as is

amply recognized by his numerous accomplishments. Does two one-hundredths of a quality point necessitate Mr. James resignation? Does this indicate Mr. James is incapable of holding office? I think not.

I think *Sidelines* is on a power ego trip and they (the *Sidelines* staff) want to cause a tremendous squabble to detract from their dismal failure as a campus publication.

David Kessler  
Box 8318

### Traffic court public defender voices opinion

To the editor:

In Friday's *Sidelines*, I couldn't help but wonder where you got your information on Randy James. Evidence suggests you obtained your information illegally.

Randy James is our president. He's never used the office for his own benefit. He has done things in the viewpoint of student needs. The people of ASB will not be intimidated by "nit-picking" garbage.

Randy has the support of the student body. That's what counts. So, here's to you Randy. We, the students are on your side.

Taylor Mason  
Public defender, ASB Traffic Court

Box 4181

Editor's note: *Sidelines* did not obtain any evidence illegally.

## Punchline

by Danny Tyree

### Wage and price controls fail in the real world

I have some good news and some bad news.

First, the good news: President Reagan's nominee for treasury secretary has advocated an anti-inflation measure that the majority of Americans have consistently supported.

Now, the bad news: The average American doesn't know beans about fighting inflation.

Treasury Secretary-designate Donald Regan's past support of mandatory wage and price controls is more than a trifle disturbing. Let us hope his bag of economic remedies now contains some elixirs that depend less on quackery than before.

MANY PEOPLE would be satisfied to attack wage and price controls on the purely ideological base of condemning anything that smells like socialism. But let's look at the practical side of the issue. Wage and price controls look terribly enticing on paper, but they simply don't work in practice.

It would be comforting to think that some government agency could adequately coordinate and improve the complex world of free enterprise and supply and demand—a world involving hundreds of nations, millions of businesses, tens of millions of workers and billions of products. But it just isn't feasible for some central office to manipulate all that.

In fact, deficit spending by the government and the subsequent printing of more money are the major causes of inflation. The creation of an expensive new bureaucracy is not what we need.

The Soviet Union's price controls have succeeded in stopping inflation cold, but at what cost? The elimination of competition has destroyed the incentive for Russian manufacturers to turn out a better product. Long lines of Soviet citizens fight over a narrow selection of shoddy goods. The recent shortage of toilet paper was symptomatic of the U.S.S.R.'s ills.

WHEN THE Nixon administration attempted mandatory wage and price controls, economic realities forced the White House to exempt product after product. Not only were these exceptions unfair, but they also undermined any effectiveness the controls might have had.

Gasoline would probably have to be excluded from the price ceilings. Think of the ordinary worker whose wages have been frozen but would have to pay through the nose for OPEC's petroleum!

The realities of international politics would dictate that imports be exempted from price controls. Since we are so dependent on foreign raw materials, the effect of a price ceiling on finished products would be staggering. Businesses will be able to narrow their profit margin only so much before being forced into bankruptcy.

Big Business is more flexible in raising prices than labor is at winning higher wages. If a wage-and-price lid seems imminent, businesses will push through last-minute price increases—but workers will be stuck with their old pay levels.

PRICE + CONTROL mania may also be costing consumers. For the past two years, tire manufacturers have periodically been making double-digit, across-the-board price increases and then offering their dealers sale prices that are often lower than the old price.

Apparently Goodyear and its competitors want to retain the option of keeping tire prices down, while having the new higher prices on the books just in case the government imposes price controls.

The lack of controls on imports leaves the door wide open to abuse. During Nixon's experiment with wage and price controls, American cattlemen transported their stock across the Mexican border and then drove back into the U.S. with their "imported" cattle. Guess who wound up paying higher prices for beef?

As long as tire dealers pass their "sale price" savings on to the consumer, all is well. But if the retailer decides to charge the official price, the fires of inflation would be fanned even more.

WAGE AND price controls are not to be experimented with lightly. If a trial period proved them unsatisfactory, there would be no painless way to remove them. As soon as the controls were lifted, prices would skyrocket upward in an effort to make up for lost time.

If we really have an irresistible urge to put a lid on something, let's put a lid on all these irresponsible murmurings for wage and price controls.

# 'Preppy' look comes with book

By MINDY TATE  
Staff Writer

It is the inalienable right of every man, woman and child to wear khaki. Looking, acting and ultimately being Prep is not restricted to an elite minority lucky enough to attend prestigious private schools, just because an ancestor or two happened to arrive on the Mayflower.

So pontificates *The Official Preppy Handbook* (Workman, \$3.95), which is now number one on the *New York Times* trade paperback list. The *Handbook* takes the Preppy "from crib to coffin," and all the interesting steps in between.

The *Handbook* is a half-serious look at Preppy life and the brainchild of Jonathon Roberts, the book's co-author along with editor Lisa "Bunny" Birnbach.

"The book's whole point is to democratize Preppy," Birnbach notes, "make everyone elite so there's no one to snub."

SOME FOLKS may not know just what a Preppy is.

According to the *Handbook*, the word came into common usage after Erich Segal's best-selling 1970 novel *Love Story* and subsequent smash movie, in which Ali MacGraw calls Ryan O'Neal a "Preppy" because he attends Harvard.

According to Segal, the term is derivative of the word "preposterous." But Birnbach claims: "Preppies aren't all that different from other people. Mostly it's their attitude of excess carelessness and self-confidence."

The *Official Preppy Handbook* is a guide for "Mummy and Daddy," Prep tots, Prep adolescents, and college Preps.



Illustrations such as this and photographs adorn *The Official Preppy Handbook*, a slightly tongue-in-cheek guide to an ever-popular lifestyle.

It is broken down into seven chapters full of "key" information and facts that even the most laid back Preppy should know.

THERE IS ALSO information on what preparatory schools to attend (day or boarding), how to pick and attend a college in the true Preppy fashion, what clothes to wear, and even how to talk Preppy.

The chapter on how to dress tells the aspiring Preppy the acceptable stores to shop in, what to buy, the virtues of pink and green, and the three basic Preppy body types.

Also included in the *Handbook* are essential Preppy phrases and expressions. The list includes nicknames, how to express drunkenness, 12 foreign

phrases to juice up any conversation, eight great exit lines, and a lexicon of other Preppy terms.

PERHAPS THE most important chapter to us here at MTSU is Chapter III, "The Best Years of Your Life—The College Years." The information in this chapter takes you from the day you apply through graduation day and then on to the "Grand Tour," the post-baccalaureate vacation abroad.

This chapter offers information on how to decorate a dorm room, what courses to take, what sports to play and watch, what a Preppy thinks and does about sex, what parties to attend, and how to have fun at these parties.

To those who believe there are

no true Preppies at a school like MTSU, the *Handbook* rejoinders:

"Stop thinking you're a lost cause simply because you've never been to either the Harvard-Yale game or Martha's Vineyard. Remember: Preppies don't have to be rich, Caucasian, frequenters of Bermuda, or ace tennis players. But they do have to read this book (*Monarch Notes* not available). It's the preferred self-help. It's key."

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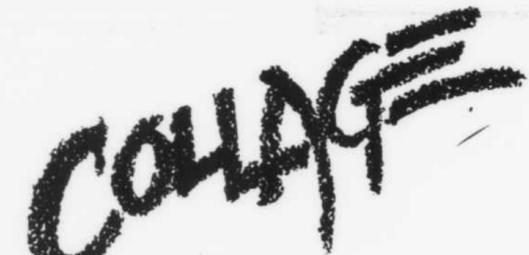
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## Mayfield sidelined for season; Hailey chosen Raider captain

By SCOTT ADAMS  
Sports Writer

When Danny Mayfield came to MTSU in 1979, he thought his college basketball career was finally going to get on the right track.

Being a highly-recruited player out of Toccoa, Ga., in high school, Mayfield chose Clemson University but wasn't happy there and decided to go somewhere else. MTSU happened to be at Clemson playing in the IPTAY tournament and

got permission to talk to the 6-1 guard.

He decided to transfer, which meant he would have to do something he hadn't done since he was a little kid. He would have to miss a year of organized basketball.

After the long wait, Mayfield burst into the limelight with a couple of good performances as the back-up point guard to Pancakes Perry and, according to coach Stan Simpson, was on

the "verge of playing good, solid basketball."

But Mayfield is back in the holding pattern once again after suffering a dislocated ankle in practice Sunday night in what was described as a freak accident.

"All we were running was a simple 2-on-1 drill, and I came down wrong on somebody's foot," Mayfield said. "I guess you'd say I've just had a run of bad luck lately."

Trainer George Camp called it one of the most unusual ankle injuries he's ever seen.

"There's only been 30 cases of this type of dislocation ever reported in medical literature," Camp said. "Technically it's called a dislocation of the talus bone, and it's almost impossible for that to happen without totally shattering the rest of the ankle."

Mayfield will be in a cast for at least five weeks and is virtually lost for the season.

"I would love to come back for the OVC tournament but I'll probably be too out of shape to help any," he said. "I'll probably just end up losing a year of eligibility."

**RAIDER NOTE**—Simpson announced the choosing of Buck Hailey as the team captain for the rest of the season saying he was the "perfect mold of what you want your captain to be."

"Buck represents the team and the school very well," Simpson continued. "I challenge my captain with a lot of responsibility, and I thought about this thing a long time before I chose him."

Hailey, a 6-5 junior from Wadesboro, N.C., was the Georgia Junior College Player of the Year last year while playing at Brewton-Parker Junior College in Mt. Vernon, Ga.



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Blue Raider Lucious "Buck" Hailey (34) has recently been chosen by head coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson to be MTSU's team captain for 1980-81.



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