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### Dodd terms ASB criticisms 'hogwash'

by Michael Gigandet

Criticism leveled at his administration by ASB presidential candidates Bill Mason and Ken Marshall is "so much political hogwash," David Dodd, ASB president, said Wednesday.

"I'll put the record of this administration on the line anytime, anyplace," Dodd declared. "There is absolutely no factual substance to saying that this administration is 'do nothing.'"

He called the criticism "politically motivated." The candidates feel they have to generate votes by playing on any dissatis-

faction with the status quo, Dodd explained.

This critical approach is the "main thrust" of Mason's and Marshall's campaign, he said.

"It's hard to defend yourself against statements that are so general," Dodd complained. "You really don't know what the accuser is talking about."

Mason has accused ASB presidents of being more interested in "being big dogs around campus." He has also accused the Dodd administration of being "ineffective, do nothing and one

disappointment after another."

Marshall claims the Dodd administration has shown a "lack of concern for the students."

Both candidates criticized the ombudsman program and the campus judiciary system.

These are "charges that simply won't pan out," Dodd said.

He cited the freshman student orientation program, ombudsman program and the tutoring referral service in defense of his administration.

Over 500 students have been helped this year under the ombudsman program, he estimated.

Between 100 and 150 students is a "very conservative estimate" of the number of students aided by the tutoring referral service, he added.

Dodd also mentioned ASB involvement in the new general education program, the rules committee and vice president selection committees as proof that his administration has been active.



Don Reynolds



Bill Mason



Ken Marshall



Ted Helberg

### ASB candidates agree, disagree at Speakout

by Phil West, John Pitts and Tony Daughtrey

ASB presidential candidates agreed on the need for more student rights, disagreed on the campus judiciary system's effectiveness and disclosed their platforms during a "Speak-out"

Tuesday night in the grill.

Write-in candidates Ken Marshall and Don Reynolds blasted the current ASB administration for a lack of concern for students and expressed dissatisfaction with announced candidates Ted Helberg and Bill Mason.

Marshall said he did not file a petition because he expected more candidates to qualify for the presidential post who would "endorse and forward" his programs.

Helberg defended the annual Camp Hy-Lake excursion with administrators, stressing the need for "planning sessions" before each fall semester. "It (the sessions) could be here, it could be in Atlanta or it could be in Los Angeles," Helberg said, "as long as they (ASB officials and administrators) pay their own way."

Helberg pointed out that he "paid \$8" last year.

Mason reiterated his six-point program for changing the campus judicial system, including purging "the jokes" off the supreme court, changing the Disciplinary Committee to an appellate body and appointing a prosecutor

so the attorney general can "see that justice is done."

Helberg answered that "the system is by no means perfect, but only by negotiation and compromise can we best use the tools given us and expand and improve them."

Helberg called for a program to inform "students of their rights in the university environment and their legal options," while the other candidates outlined methods of increasing student rights, especially visitation.

Mason said visitation rights can be increased by petitioning the General Assembly if ASB legislation fails to get results.

Marshall, who finished second in last year's presidential election, said he should have pursued the petition idea as an individual student.

"I think Mr. Mason's idea of

### Art Festival starts Sunday with MTSU band concert

A concert by the MTSU Band at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium will open the five-day Fine Arts Festival.

The band, called "a serious distinctive medium of musical expression," has about 90 members and is directed by Joseph Smith. Appearing in several numbers will be Larry Skinner, a trumpet soloist from the U.S. Navy Band.

A child prodigy, Skinner began playing trumpet at age two. Before turning eight, he had directed symphonies, played with "name" bands and performed song and dance routines in six Shirley Temple movies. By age 12, he was considered a full-fledged professional musician.

On Monday, "The Boston Tea Party," a bicentennial musical comedy, will be performed at 8

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# Visitation rights, marijuana law reform asked

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petitioning is a good idea, and I thought it was a good idea when I proposed it last year," Marshall pointed out.

Helberg said efforts to gain more visitation privileges "must not cease until students living on campus have the same rights as those living off campus."

Reynolds, who called for "a comprehensive lobbying effort by the ASB for the decriminalization of marijuana," said the ASB should protect MTSU students and "prevent all marijuana busts in Murfreesboro and MTSU."

Mason said he agreed with de-

criminalization of marijuana. "I would legalize marijuana if I could," he said.

However, Marshall said that by lobbying for marijuana law reform a student government body would be misdirected. He explained that NORML (National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws) is the "proper channel" for the decriminalization effort.

Mason, who claimed in a campaign brochure that he supported the Midlander during the recent controversy over pictures of streakers and desk doodling, was asked why he "broke the story"

in a front-page article in the Nashville Tennessean. The presidential hopeful maintained he was "just reporting the news, not creating it."

Mason called the logo issue a "concoction of the public relations director" and said students should have the right to decide a logo change through a referendum.

Reynolds asserted that ASB should "narrow its concerns to the human needs of the students." He said the ASB is "too broad and spread out over a wide area" and blamed the ASB for student apathy.

Proposed changes in ASB voiced by the candidates include increasing communication between students and the ASB through Sidelines, filling vacancies in the ASB with minority students and re-designating parking spaces to aid commuter parking.

At one point, the "Speak-out" was reduced to a shouting match between Mason and some members of the audience after he called Helberg "Dodd's boy."

"If you want to elect Dodd's boy you can," Mason shouted back. "If you do, I pity you."

# Blanton chairs Regents, Trustees meetings

by Charlotte Crowder  
TCPE Correspondent

NASHVILLE — Gov. Ray Blanton notified the Board of Regents and the UT Board of Trustees he intends to take his chairmanship of both groups seriously in their meetings here last week.

Blanton chaired both meet-

ings, made suggestions, asked many questions and deferred some action he did not think "was fully equitable to the taxpayers."

It has been more than 10 years since a governor took such an active role in the university governance process, and Blanton's actions seemed to take many mem-

bers of both boards by surprise.

Most of the discussion centered on the UT-Nashville-Tennessee State University desegregation plans.

The UT Board named Charles Smith, executive assistant to the president, to act as chancellor of UTN. He will replace Roy Nicks who will become chancellor of the Board of Regents March 15.

Smith told the board members he fully supports "the role and scope of the university's Nashville campus," saying he will work for its adequate representation in the desegregation controversy.

John Prados, vice chancellor for the academic affairs for UT, told the board a committee which has been meeting on the situation will continue to support the cooperative plan between UTN and TSU now in effect, despite a motion filed by the plaintiffs' attorney, George Barrett.

Barrett's motion seeks to reorganize the schools, combining them under TSU, but placing the new institution under the UT Board of Trustees.

The Board of Regents took its first public stand on the case, asserting it will work to keep TSU under its governance and limit the growth of UTN.

## Election forum set for grill

Sidelines and the ASB will co-sponsor a forum for candidates seeking the offices of president, speaker of the senate and speaker of the house at 1 p.m. Monday in the new section of the grill.

Candidates for the ASB posts will each give a short address, will debate the issues of the campaign and then will answer questions posed by the audience.




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# Speaker hopefuls pledge fight for visitation

By Michael Gigandet and Rick Edmondson

Admitting they should have been more active in the fight for extended visitation, the two candidates for speaker of the house pledged Tuesday night to take up the fight if elected.

Jeff Combos said it was the duty of the rules committee to lobby for the passing of the visitation bill with Vice President Harry Wagner.

Wagner had to approve the bill before submitting it to the Board of Regents. He cut back the proposal extending J and K apartment visitation to the system now in operation.

Although he authored an ASB visitation resolution, Combos confessed that he did not go to Wagner to encourage the administrator to pass the rules committee's proposal.

Tom Wells said he made no input to the rules subcommittee studying visitation due to a case of mononucleosis.

Pledging to continue the fight, Wells said it is "sad that a 20-year-old mature adult can't



Tom Wells

choose when he wants to visit his own friends."

Combos also promised to join the fight for more lenient visitation policies.

The candidates disagreed about ASB's recourse to administrative vetoes.

Mentioning letters to deans and the university president as well as a peaceful demonstration,



Jeff Combos

Wells said the power of ASB is through publicity.

He said he believes the students would demonstrate. "I represent an ASB that will no longer be an extension of the administration," Wells added.

Combos said he had enough faith in the administration to believe they wouldn't ignore ASB legislation.

Both candidates agreed that the ASB should study housing conditions and student rights.

Calling for a housing committee, Combos said the panel would locate inexpensive housing, investigate health conditions and keep register of unethical standards.

Wells pledged to work for "normal renters' rights" in the dorms.

They also agreed about maintaining the group representation in the house.

Combos mentioned the parking situation, the school mascot and the day care center in married housing as areas he felt the ASB should study.



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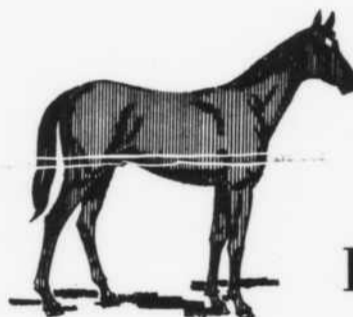
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# Arts Festival will feature music and comedy

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p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

With segments written by Art Buchwald, Jules Feiffer and Phillip Roth, "The Boston Tea Party" is performed by four actors accompanied by a pianist.

On Tuesday, a repeat performance of the religious musical "Godspell" will be presented at 8 p.m. in the DA Auditorium.

Called "entertaining and original" as well as "one of the best religious plays around" in reviews last semester, the two-act "Godspell" is a look at the Gospel According to St. Matthew.

A pair of University Community Orchestration concerts honoring "Music in Our Schools" will be presented at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday in the DA Auditorium. Under the direction of T. Earl Hinton, the orchestra will perform "All-American Music."

Featured soloists will be Oakland High School students Holly Parton on flute and John McHenry on horn and MTSU's Michelle Malone on flute and Richard Cleveland on piano.

"Synesthesia," a multi-media show merging sound and light, will be performed at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Theatre.

Created and controlled by Chick and Anne Herbert, "Synesthesia" uses an extension of the "color keyboard" to allow ever-changing interpretations of music by changes in color, light intensity and still photography projection.

The order in which images appear and how they overlay is dependent strictly on the "players" of the projection instruments. The equipment used in the show was designed especially for the art form.

The Fine Arts Festival will close with two shows at 6 and 8 Thursday night of "W. C. Fields 80 Proof," performed by Richard Paul, with help from Peter Michell as Marmaduke Gump, Fields' favorite bartender.

In the style of "Mark Twain Tonight" and "Will Rogers, U.S.A.," the show is a theatrical re-creation with material drawn from Fields' vaudeville act, his motion pictures, radio shows, unpublished and unproduced scripts, personal notes and letters.

The show is set in a small bar and poolroom in 1945, the year prior to Fields' death.

The festival is sponsored by the Fine Arts Student Programming Committee.



Three members of the "Boston Tea Party," a bicentennial musical comedy, perform "Betsy!" one of the many scenes in the show to be presented Monday at 8 p.m. in the U.C. Theatre as part of the Fine Arts Festival.

## Speaker candidate vows improved ASB relations

by Robin Freeman

Improving relations among senators, students and administrators will be the first project for the speaker of the senate, Jane Carroll, unopposed candidate for that office, said Tuesday at the ASB "Speak-out."

"Senators must feel their suggestions will be taken into consideration. At the present time, most senators feel 'lost' because they don't know what they can do," Carroll said.

Carroll outlined her prospective duties as vice president (as titled in the constitution) and said

she considers the senate speaker in the executive branch rather than the legislative branch. "The duties need to be expanded to give the speaker more authority and a wider range," she said.

Carroll admitted she did not start any investigative programs as a sophomore senator because she, "like other senators," had no idea "who to talk to or what channels to go through to get something started."

If she had known the procedures, Carroll said she would have investigated the same student grievances that exist today like the parking situation, visitation rights and others.

"I did help rewrite the constitution and did some research on the library hours," she added.

She promised specific action to improve the ombudsman program. "The program is really nothing more than an information center now. It needs to be better established in the dorms," she said.

The candidate stressed senate involvement in student concerns. "The apathy in the senate has to be taken care of before anything can be done," she said.

"After all, the ASB is there for students to talk to, but there has to be two-way communication. I am willing to go to anybody to talk, and I will be receptive to ideas."

## Dorms opening

Approval has been granted for open house in residence halls Feb. 28 — March 2, Robert Lance, dean of students, said recently.

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## Jobs For Summer Look Promising

Informed sources report that summer job opportunities for college students "look good" this year. National Parks, Dude Ranches, Guest Resorts, Private Camps, and other tourist areas throughout the nation are now seeking student applications.

Summer job placement coordinators at Opportunity Research (SAP) report that despite national economic tourist areas are looking for a record season. Polls indicate that people may not go for the big purchases such as new cars, new homes, furniture or appliances, but most appear to be planning for a big vacation.

A free booklet on student job assistance may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Opportunity Research, Dept. SJO, 55 Flathead Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901. Student job seekers are urged to apply early!

# ASB sidetracks computer, plans voting machine use

By Lisa Marchesoni

Voting machines will be used for the first time on campus during ASB elections for president, speaker of the senate and speaker of the house Tuesday and Wednesday.

Paper ballots will be used for senators and write-in candidates, Election Commissioner Bill Bennett said yesterday.

A computer terminal will be operating on an experimental basis, but no actual votes will be counted for the election, he said.

"It will be the responsibility of the student to ask for a write-in ballot," Bennett said.

Voting will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the UC Lounge across from the grill. Students must have a validated ID.

Poll worker volunteers will meet at 4 p.m. Monday in the ASB office.

No candidates have qualified for the graduate or senior senatorial seats, Bennett said. Students receiving the highest number of write-in votes for the two graduate seats and the five senior posts will be named as winners.

Candidates for the five junior seats are Betty Barnes, Butch Burns, Michael Swafford and Larry Robinson.

Six candidates have qualified for sophomore senator. They are Joy Heath, Steve Johns, Tony Petty, Earl Riffe, Jim Sipes and Rod Wilkins.

## Polish debaters to battle MTSU

Two Polish students will discuss "How Poland and the United States can better cooperate to reduce international tension" with MTSU debaters at 7 p.m. March 14 on campus.

The students will visit MTSU March 14-16 in conjunction with the Speech Communications Association's international exchange program, debate coach Jim Brooks said recently.

The first Polish students to represent their country in a speaking tour of the United States, Andrzej Czyz and Piotr Malecki will debate Michael Hall, Murfreesboro senior, and Gary Buchanan, Nashville junior.

Poland is only the second East European country to allow student participation in the SCA exchange program.

Although the debate will take place during spring break, Brooks said it "can attract an adequate group of participants to be the audience."



A member of the Young Socialist party (hand outstretched) discusses the philosophies of his organization while a large crowd looks on in the lobby of the University Center in front of the bookstore Wednesday.

Charles Steed photo

## Socialists call unemployment 'illogical'

by Rick Edmondson

Calling unemployment "illogical," Mary Nell Bockman and Ben Harris, regional coordinators for the Young Socialist Alliance, told MTSU students Wednesday the "capitalist rulers" have profited from the recession by "lowering our standard of living."

Speaking in the UC lobby to a large group of students, some angry and others interested, Bockman said unemployment is "illogical" because under a socialist system "we could run the factories and keep them open without profits."

She said the capitalist system is dependent upon exploiting new markets.

"The capitalists are in a bind. They've got to find some new markets to explore or else they're going to die," the YSA leader said, citing detente as an example.

Although the YSA is backing Peter Camejo for president, Bockman said the capitalists in this country would never let a socialist take office, even if elected. She predicted a socialist revolution would occur in this country before the election of a socialist president.

"If a revolution occurs in the United States, you will have revolutions springing up all over the world," Bockman said. "We're not talking about initiating violence, just defending the rights of working people," she added.

The two socialist workers were sponsored on campus by the Young Democrats.

Bob Pickard, vice president of the Young Democrats, said "it's the first time in three years I've

seen this school act like a university, where people are discussing ideology instead of talking about the ASB, frats and football."

Bockman said the student protests predominant in the Sixties has not died.

"The thing university administrations all across the country are afraid of is another anti-Vietnam type movement because they know that this time it won't just be the students," the YSA leader said. All this propaganda about the student movement being dead is just a capitalist attempt to stifle rebellion, she said.

The Prelaw Society attempted to reserve a table in the lobby for the Socialist workers yesterday, but this plan was vetoed by the administration.

Dean of Students Robert Lance released the following

statement yesterday, requesting it be run in its entirety:

"University facilities exist primarily to serve the needs of the academic community. One of the privileges afforded recognized student organizations is the use of campus facilities for fund raising, social activities, organizational meetings and other type activities.

"The Young Democrats of MTSU requested and obtained approval on Wednesday to sponsor a display table. Pursuant to approval for this request, the Young Democrats made the table completely available to representatives of the Young Socialist Alliance who distributed some literature and displayed other publications which were for sale.

"To use its recognition as an official campus organization to provide utilization of institutional facilities by non-university organizations individuals has been deemed inappropriate and is a misuse of the privilege afforded said organizations.

"A request by the Prelaw Society to again 'sponsor' a table for the Young Socialist Alliance was declined by this office for the above stated reasons."

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# Presidential hopefuls continue tossing bull

If anything came out of the ASB candidate "Speak-out" Tuesday night, it was the fact that no candidate has done anything in the past to support the election promises we are now hearing.

It is becoming increasingly evident that candidates are tossing us more bull than anything else.

The question is, "Which candidate will actually put his money where his mouth is?"

In the area of visitation, candidates said they would fight for extended hours.

However, each hopeful admitted he did not contribute any input into the rules subcommittee studying visitation last fall.

Each candidate confessed he did not lobby with Vice President Harry Wagner in an attempt to keep the administrator from "adjusting" the rules committee's recommendations.

Candidates condemned an administrative policy allowing security officers to search a dormitory room without a warrant.

Yet, no candidate has lifted a finger to fight this violation of a student's rights.

What the audience did hear was mournful apologies and flimsy excuses from a bunch of yahoos.

Students must demand more than campaign bull from these candidates. Ask these politicians why they haven't done anything to correct the problems they seem so concerned about.

It is easy to promise to fight something, but it is a heck of a lot tougher to explain how you are going to fulfill a promise and why you haven't done anything about it in the past.

ASB candidates will meet again at 1 p.m. Monday in the new section of the grill. Students should be prepared to fry these pseudo-politicians and expose them for what they are — sincerely concerned, or just full of hot air.

# Saga continues chaining doors despite national fire regulation

With total disregard for the safety and well-being of cafeteria diners, Saga officials are still using chains and padlocks to lock doors in the grill and SUB.

This is a blatant violation of National Fire Codes, which state that, "No lock, padlock, hasp, bar, chain or other device or combination thereof shall be installed or maintained at anytime on, or in connection with any door on which panic hardware is required."

Sidelines has printed two articles informing the university that this locking policy is illegal.

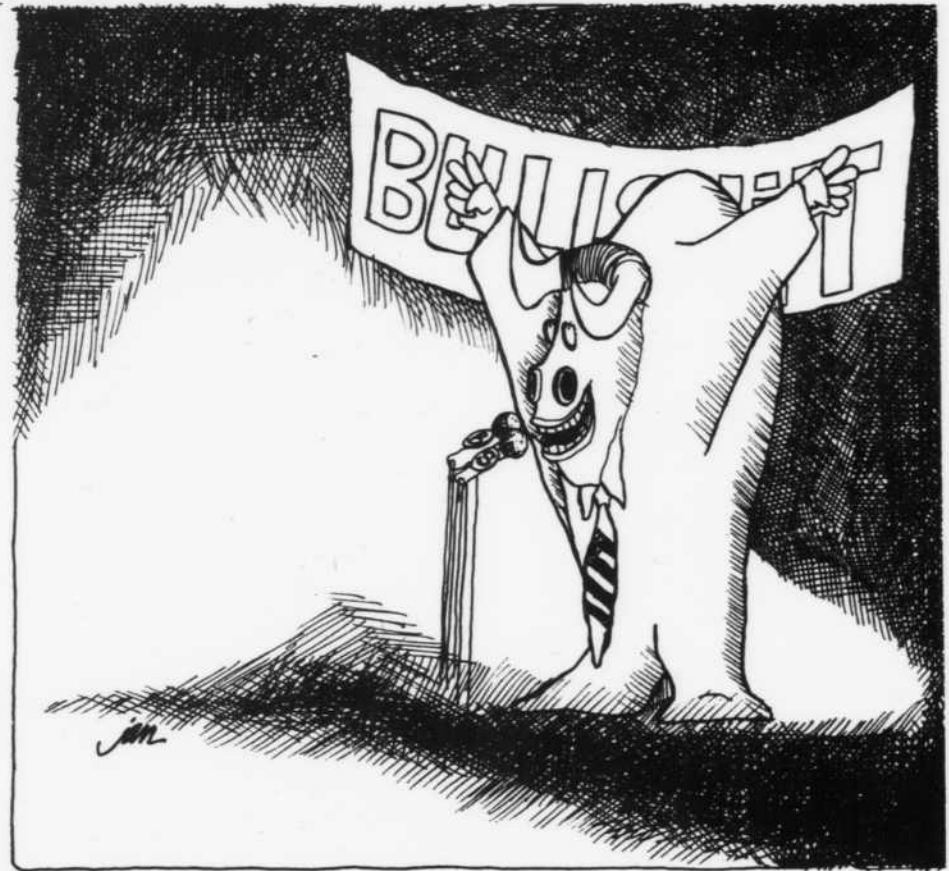
However, Saga officials insist that the doors will be locked in such manner.

We have talked with Saga officials, and we have publicized the problem and fire codes.

We are now calling university Safety Director Tommy McGee to meet with the officials and instruct them to remove the locks.

It is a crying shame that an organization which is supposed to serve the students should be so negligent in protecting them.

It seems the least they could do is to remove the locks and chains while cafeterias are open and diners are in the building.



## Comment

# Rights concern candidates while victims remain silent

by Rick Edmondson

For the last 10 or 20 years, the issue of student rights has been kicked around by ASB candidates who have made every kind of promise under the sun to liberate our poor oppressed dorm residents; but to this day, those down-trodden folks who live on this mighty, sprawling compound are still at the bitter mercy of the ruthless regents' regime.

But why? Is it because these intrepid ASB ticks are not "fighting the good fight?"

It is interesting to note that while Don Reynolds and other lower forms of life appear to be jumping on the bandwagon for the great and glorious cause of student rights, this campus has yet to hear one peep from our poor oppressed brothers and sisters suffering in the dank, despot atmosphere of those gray-walled, rat-infested dormitories.

Yes friends, espousing student rights always has been and probably always will be the popular thing to do on this campus.

But who are we espousing it for? Surely not for that insipid body of humanity living in the dorms. Not one "group" of residents from J or K apartments has ever staged a protest against being denied its constitutional rights to privacy.

No one from Monohan, Sims, Smith, Felder, H, I, J, K, X, Y or Z or any of those other weird castles of white-robed, sexless Puritanism has ever demanded their right to entertain friends whenever they choose. How do we know they even give a damn?

It is a serious problem when policemen and university officials can simply bust into the

home of a private citizen without a search warrant, but what is even more serious is that the residents, like docile, whipped dogs, just sit back and accept this practice as part of the natural order of things.

One ASB hopeful has proposed taking a petition to the state legislature to get these rules changed. This is a fruitless task.

If we sit around waiting for those worn-out, fat cat politicians to act, we will be waiting forever. Don't forget. Our interest must compete with every lobbyist totting a sack full of money around Capitol Hill.

To get the rights you don't have, you must first utilize the rights you do have.

The ASB isn't going to do it for you. The state legislature isn't going to do it for you. Those indolent idiots on the Board of Regents are not going to do it for you. You must get out and do it for yourself.

All citizens in this country (even MTSU students) have the right to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. If dorm residents would go into the streets and hold a peaceful demonstration, they would receive public support from many other people on campus.

But if they are not even willing to take the first step, why should the poor, overworked ASB ticks and the rest of us beat our heads against the wall in vain for this asinine bunch of do-nothings who lack the gumption and initiative to even stand up and demand their basic constitutional rights?

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## Feds proposing ammo control

The Consumer Products Safety Commission has been ordered by a Federal Court to consider banning handgun ammunition by defining it as hazardous under the Hazardous Substances Act. It is within the authority of the commission to outlaw or control it.

The commission will proceed to draft a proposal to ban handgun cartridges, publish the plan in the Federal Register and assess public response over a 30-day period.

Theoretically, if response is favorable, commissioners could put the ban in effect, which would amount to a virtual ban on handguns as well.

I suggest that you register your opinion on this proposal with the commission, in writing, as soon as possible. Also, a letter to your senators and congressman would be in order.

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## Use letters more constructively

The recent wave of bitching and anti-bitching in the Sidelines is the true campus circus. We could use the newspaper for more constructive purposes than to bicker and complain among ourselves.

For the most part, what I see in Sidelines' letters-to-the-editor makes me feel I am reading something out of a high school publication. But these letters are not entirely representative of the MTSU student body. There are those of us (a definite minority)

who are here solely to receive an education.

I honestly believe that some of the faculty, staff and administration are dedicated to the goal of providing the best education they can administer with the means at their disposal.

Because they are also trying to open up new and better means, this has become a growing school. With growth will come more and better post-graduate programs, better instructors, more money and more students

interested in a quality education. What a blessing to the instructors will be the latter.

We have an ASB election coming up. VOTE! If none of us back the ASB, it wields no power and does not work. We are the power. Let's pull together MTSU and take care of these issues we all want to see squared away.

We are in a position to help the whole of mankind by becoming a worthy representative of the force called life. We are life, and we have a common goal.

Our immediate concern is preserving the delicate balance of nature. Without it we die. Let's pull together MTSU. This is our only life, our only planet.

The longest journey begins with the first stop. Steve Peeler, Sleepy Taylor, George Sorrell, Tim Sisneros, Fred Allen, Jimmy Martin and company will attest to the truth of that statement. Congratulations, MTSU. We're number one.

Terry Agar  
Box 8623

## Indian problems of past continue today

An old Indian joke says that when the Pilgrims landed on this continent, they first fell to their knees and gave thanks; then they fell on the Indians.

This joke reflects the Indians' view of the aggression the white man has waged against them. Practically everyone knows the Indians have been treated unfairly in the past. The problem, however, is that they are still being shafted.

The life expectancy of Indians is somewhere between 43 and 46 years as compared to 70.4 years for all other races in the United States. High infant mortality rate, high suicide rate, alcoholism and malnutrition are the main factors contributing to this problem.

Another serious problem facing the Indians is deficient education. The average educational level for all Indians under federal supervision is five school years. Their school systems are the worst in the nation.

The American government, while spending millions of dollars on foreign aid, turns its back on American Indians. Something needs to be done now.

Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.) introduced the American Indian Review Commission Bill in 1973, and Congress passed

it last year. The bill established a commission to produce a document on Indian policy that can be referred to by the Senate and House in hopes of straightening out the relationship between the federal government and the Indians.

The bill looks good on paper, but the Senate has had commissions studying the Indians throughout history. The Indians

are probably studied more than any other people in the world. Indians do not need to be studied. They need action.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) consists of Indians fighting against the government for their right to exist. They need wide support to obtain these goals.

Charles Steed  
Box 3305

## You'll be missed, Dr. Wagner

A man who has dedicated himself to MTSU since 1962 will be greatly missed by many people when he leaves campus this week.

Students who have known and

worked with Vice President Harry Wagner always were welcomed at his open door (even without the "sunshine law").

Controversial because of some decisions, the motives behind his actions have been in response to what he sincerely considers the betterment of the students. The students might not agree with his actions, but they do respect his concern.

Backing student input on university standing committees and being receptive to student ideas, Harry Wagner has done much for the student at MTSU.

Thank you and best-of-luck for your future as president of Motlow State Community College. Public Relations Student Society of America  
MTSU Chapter

## Parking building might solve problem

I would like to suggest the construction of "parking" buildings. The buildings could be centrally located on campus, which would solve the problem of walking a mile to class.

This type of parking facility would save ground space and additional floors could be added to meet future parking problems.

Nathan Jones  
Box 2800

## MTSU, wake up; ASB is absurd

There are two things one can count on at MTSU: backed up sewers and ASB elections, personally I prefer the sewers.

Just why the student body continues to tolerate a rubber stamp organization is beyond me, unless they have become so apathetic as to allow outdated absurd policy to continue in the name of representative student government.

It is time for MTSU to wake up and completely dissolve the ASB and let the concerned students, if there are any, form a truly representative body. It must be sensitive to student needs and opinion but not subject to the current policy of administrative and selected interest group control.

Steven Roberts  
Box 6880

## Letters

Sidelines invites letters to the editor. Letters should be short to fit space allowances. We reserve the right to edit letters for libel and length. Send letters to Sidelines, Box 42.

Letters to the editor and columns are solely the opinion of the author and do not represent the newspaper, faculty or administration.

# Women find 'self-concept' in group 'Needle' classes offered at night

by Robin Freeman

For years people have been told to "find out where it's at." Now a group of campus women are trying to find out "where they are" through a consciousness-raising group.

"It's not an anti-male group or women's radical group," Dona Miller, group organizer, pointed out.

"I have been personally interested in women's liberation and found it good for me. I thought it might be good for other women," she said.

The group will meet for eight weeks for women to rap about their feelings, thoughts and impressions of the world around them. Everything said in the group is strictly confidential, Miller stressed.

"We want to concentrate on woman-to-woman relationships," Miller said, "because while women usually have no trouble relating to men, they do have trouble relating to other women."

Men are not allowed in the group, "not because were anti-male, but a man's presence will inhibit the women's responsiveness and create competition among the women," Miller explained.

The group needs to be "cohesive, and since the emphasis is not on heterosexual relationships, there is no point in having men in the group," she said.

Miller wants the group to provide support for women to explore their self-concept and a new way of thinking about themselves. "These women need to know they are not alone in their thinking. We share the same experiences and doubts," she added.

A graduate student in psychology, Miller originally planned to do her thesis on the group, but she decided against it. She said she has had no training in group leadership, so "I plan on staying out of the leader's role as much as possible."

The group now numbers around 30 women. Miller had hoped for "just five or six for a

start, but I'm real excited about the response," she said.

Several women took some personality and attitude-skill tests at the first session. They did not have to take the test, and Miller said she was surprised by the results.

"Many women scored high on the test in the first place. If the group does them some good, they should improve if tested at the end of eight weeks, but it's hard to improve on a good score," she explained.

"This group will not make women masculine, but it won't be our fault if it does," Miller added.

Anyone (except men) is welcome to join the group, but interested women should call Miller at 898-3288 this week since she plans to close the group after the second meeting next week.

## Women's finance class set

Women may receive help in handling financial problems by attending a seminar March 4 and 5 in dining room B of the Student Union Building.

MTSU professor Herbert M. Jones will explain tax returns at 8:30 a.m. March 4. At 8:30 a.m. March 5, attorney Nancy S. Sellers will discuss "What to Ask

Your Husband While He's Still Here."

To begin with a get-acquainted coffee at 8 each morning, the sessions will end at 11:30.

Registration is \$6. For further information, contact Sue Yeager Whitt at 898-2629 or call the office of continuing education, 898-2462.

## 'Needle' classes offered at night

Would you like to discover how to convey your feelings through artistic expression? Or maybe just learn how to replace that missing button? If so, you may wish to enroll in needlepoint or beginning sewing.

The non-credit sewing class will cover the selection of a pattern and the construction of a simple garment.

Classes will meet 7-9 Monday and Thursday nights, beginning March 17, in room 112 of the home economics building. Registration is \$20.

Kathryn Price, president of the Murfreesboro Home Economics Association, will provide the instruction.

The non-credit needlepoint class will introduce techniques for choosing and making a canvas design.

Starting March 18, classes will meet 6-8:15 p.m. Tuesdays in room 305 of the University Center. Registration is \$15.

Linda Lynch and Sharon Summar, teachers at Central Middle School, will instruct the students.

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LOST — '73 Smith County High School ring. Yellow gold with mother-of-pearl setting, with initials SDT. Lost Tuesday in NCB area. Contact Box 6885 or 898-4122.

FOUND — Women's Timex watch in Forrest Hall area Wednesday. Call 3840 to identify.

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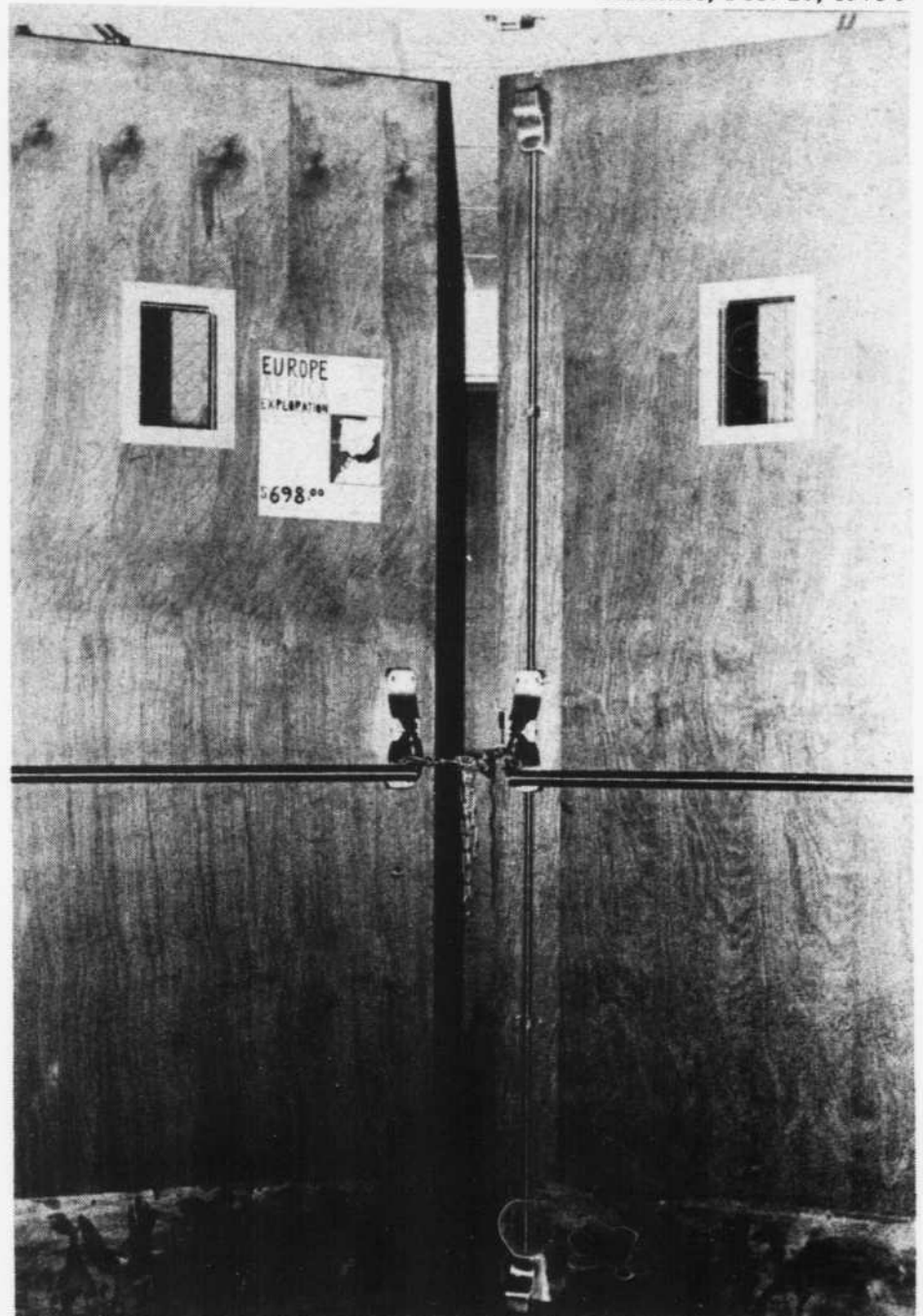
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### Safety hazard

These chained doors were discovered by several students attempting to enter the Student Union Building cafeteria at 8 Monday morning and remained until nearly 9 a.m. in a direct violation of national fire codes.

Charles Steed photo

## Don't pack that suitcase!

### Today, Feb. 28

Movie: "Harrad Experiment," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre, 50 cents  
 Dance: Mid-Winter Formal, 8:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB. Featuring Dennis Yost and the Classics Four  
 Placement Orientation: seniors and graduate students, 11 a.m.-12 noon, UC 324  
 Rehearsal: Symphonic band, 1-5:30 p.m., DA Auditorium  
 Play: "Androcles and the Lion," 8 p.m., Arena theatre, DA building

### Saturday, March 1

State meeting: Student Council for Exceptional Children, 8-10 a.m., UC 316, 1318, 322-A, B, C, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., UC Theatre  
 Gymnastic meet: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., AM gym  
 Meeting: Weight Off Club, 10-11:30 a.m., AM dance studio  
 Track meet: Ohio Valley Invitational, MTSU-Murray-Tennessee Tech., 12 noon-3 p.m., Murphy Center track  
 Jr. Varsity Basketball: MTSU-Western, 5:15 p.m., Murphy Center  
 Basketball: MTSU-Western, 7:30 p.m., Murphy Center

### Sunday, March 2

Fine Arts Festival: symphonic band concert, 3:30 p.m., DA Auditorium

### Monday, March 3

Meeting: MTSU Criminal Justice Association, 7 p.m., UC 305. Guest speaker — James Haveron

Debate: ASB candidates, sponsored by Sidelines, 1-3 p.m., UC grill  
 Meeting: Karate Club, 4 p.m., dance studio B, Murphy Center  
 Meeting: Gymnastic Club, 6:30 p.m., AM gym stage  
 Fine Arts Festival: "Boston Tea Party," 8 p.m., UC Theatre  
 Meeting: MTSU Fencing Club, 7 p.m., AM 300.

### Math and physical ed. scholarships available

Applications are now being taken for two scholarships from the estate of Miss Tommie Reynolds, who taught physical education and mathematics for 46 years at MTSU.

According to her will, two \$300 scholarships will be given to a female physical education major and a male mathematics major.

Those interested in the physical education scholarship may secure applications from Buleah Davis, chairman of the awards committee, before Feb. 28.

Sophomore men interested in the mathematics scholarship should apply to Harold Spraker, chairman of the mathematics department.

# Shaw sees some humor in Christian persecution

by John Pitts

George Bernard Shaw finds humor in some of the strangest things.

His play "Androcles and the Lion" is finishing a week's run in the MTSU Arena Theatre tonight at 8 under the direction of Dorethe Tucker.

The show is set in ancient Roman times, when feeding Christians to the lions was roughly equivalent in entertainment to the World Series today.

Into this setting comes Androcles, a Greek tailor who is supposedly a sorcerer, but is actually only very kind to animals. In the prologue of the show, he removes a thorn from the paw of a lion, played by Mary Jane Chrismon.

The lion is quite grateful for Androcles' good deed, and allows him to go on his way, pursued by soldiers because he is a Christian.

From the prologue, the first act goes to Rome itself, outside the great coliseum where the games are played. Androcles and another Christian, Ferrovius, played ably by Ralph Smith, are being held captive along with other Christians, to be fed to the lions or sent into battle with the gladiators for Caesar's entertainment.

After intermission, the Christians are inside the coliseum itself, awaiting their inevitable doom. One poor fellow named Spintho, played by Mel Toombs, panics and throws himself to the lion even before the games begin. Ferrovius, whose many conversions to the faith are due more to his brawn than his eloquence, can't decide whether or not to fight



Androcles, played by Bill Gilpin, removes a painful thorn from the paw of the lion, played by Mary Jane Chrismon, in a scene from

"Androcles and the Lion," being presented the last time tonight at 8 p.m. Students will be admitted at no charge. Charles Steed photo

And so it goes, until time to live up the games with some Christians fighting gladiators. Ferrovius decides to fight, and kills all the soldiers in the arena.

Caesar, played by Carl Turner, is most impressed by this display of fighting ability, and turns the Christians loose. Except, who can they feed to the lions? Everyone in the crowd expected it, and they couldn't be disappointed.

Androcles the tailor volunteers and goes into the arena to face his doom. The cage opens and the newly-captured lion springs out and, well, you get the idea.

Everyone seemed to do a good job with their parts, especially Chrismon and Jones and the

three Christians, Diana Blackwell, Randy Brown and notably Jamie Gourley as Lavinia, who falls in love with a centurion, played by Morgan Abernathy.

One "minor miracle" that deserves comment are the three trees that are only on stage for a few minutes, but represent many hours of work. Constructed from

styrofoam to allow easy removal, watching them being quickly hauled down and quietly taken off stage was so amazing the crowd burst into applause.

The persecution of Christians in Rome was not very funny at the time, but there's no law that says people can't laugh at history.

## Free 'Godspell' tickets available

Tickets to the 8 p.m. production of "Godspell" Tuesday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium are now available at the university center office and Citizens Central Bank.

Harold Smith, director of student programming, said Wednesday the tickets are free and no

student identification is required.

"There are only 1,044 seats in the DA, and we will try to fill them all," he said. If tickets run out, anyone who was not able to get one may still get into the auditorium five to 10 minutes after the show starts if there are any vacant seats left, Smith added.

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## Committee asks for VP input

Students, faculty members and administrators are invited to make suggestions to the Student Affairs Vice President Advisory Search Committee, Robert MacLean, dean of student services, announced yesterday.

The public is invited to attend the committee's meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in UC room 210.

"The committee wished to solicit suggestions and ideas from students, faculty members and administrators," MacLean said. "If you have any thoughts which could contribute to the search for a suitable replacement for Dr. Wagner, please share them with the committee."

The committee will soon reach the evaluation phase of its search for a replacement and will formulate a slate of candidates for President M.G. Scarlett's consideration, MacLean noted.

If interested in attending the meeting, contact Mrs. Grant at Ext. 2442 for an appointment.

# Movie offers action but no plot

by David Weiser

Hercule Poirot, Agatha Christie's shrewd, but eccentric sleuth in "Murder on the Orient Express," is a cross between Columbo and Sherlock Holmes.

Somewhere near the beginning of the picture, Jacqueline Bisset, upon seeing Poirot (Albert Finney) for the first time and not knowing who he is, says to Sean Connery, "What a funny little man!"

Actually, Poirot is closer to Sherlock, but there are those little eccentricities that make him such a charming character to watch — the way his eyes reveal his emotions, his no-neck posture, his off-duty mannerisms. But like Sherlock, he exhibits his savoir-faire and keen intelligence and never lets anyone get the best of him on those and many other counts.

"Murder on the Orient Ex-

press" is a fun picture to watch, not because of the plot, which is like a vacant lot (it's there, but there's nothing in it,) but because of the characters.

The suspects read like a who's who of theatrical luminaries — Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, Anthony Perkins, John Gielgud, Michael York, Vanessa Redgrave, and others.

Briefly, the plot involves the murder of a rich, but not very lovable American businessman (Richard Widmark) on a snow-bound train in Yugoslavia. With Widmark goes the secret of his sordid past which Poirot uncovers.

Poirot ties the murder to this secret and interviews the suspects one-by-one until he established the motive and solves the murder.

That's it! No sub-plots.

But it's well worth money to watch the characters in action — even Lauren Bacall, who portrays an obnoxious, garrulous woman who manages to offend even the audience.

## Ice cream contest promises sweet time for internationals

Ice cream eaters can receive a real treat tomorrow afternoon by entering the Baptist Student Union's ice cream eating contest.

The contest is "aimed at" international students but anybody is welcome, Jean Longwith, BSU director of international student ministries, said Wednesday.

Contest admission is \$1.50 with proceeds going to pay for the ice cream. A prize will be awarded for the person eating the most, Longwith said.

Ice cream for those not participating in the contest will cost 15 cents for one scoop, 25 cents for two and 30 cents for three, she added.

"Come join us or just watch the fun," she said.

For further information, contact the Baptist Student Union, 893-5035.



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## Raiders, WKU vie for lead in annual OVC showdown

by Tom Wood  
Sports Editor

"It's nice to be known as the conference champions, but we don't want to be known as the team that backed into the title" — Jimmy Earle.

"The last two games we've played with Middle Tennessee have been classics. This one doesn't figure to be a lot different" — Western Kentucky Head Coach Jim Richards.

The above statements by opposing coaches Earle and Richards just about sums up what is considered to be the biggest game of the season when MTSU meets the Hilltoppers at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Murphy Center.

Both teams lead the OVC with identical 11-2 records and will be out to prove who is actually the best team in the league although Western is ineligible.

The Hilltoppers are led by junior forward Johnny Britt and senior center Mike Odemns, averaging 18.2 and 17.4 points per game. James Wilson is scoring at a 16.9 pace, followed by Chuck Rawlings at 15.4 per game.

Odemns is the leading rebounder, pulling down 11.3 a contest.

Western will have to contend with a team that is 20-4 on the

year and has six players in double figures.

George Sorrell is the Raiders' leading rebounder and scorer, pulling down a league-leading 13.3 rebounds per game and averaging 17.3 points a game.

Freshman Sleepy Taylor is averaging 16 points a game, followed by Steve Peeler (12.8), Tim Sisneros (12.1), Fred Allen (11.6) and Jimmy Martin (10.8).

The game will be aired on a delayed-broadcast basis on Nashville's WNGE, channel 2, beginning at 10:30 p.m..

## Thinclads host OVC meet

MTSU will host the annual Ohio Valley Conference indoor track and field meet Saturday, beginning at noon in Murphy Center.

Only four of the other conference teams, East Tennessee, Morehead State, Murray State and Tennessee Tech will be competing with the Raiders. Absent will be Austin Peay, Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky.

"The meet should be an exciting one," Raider thinclad coach Dean Hayes said yesterday, adding that the competition would be very even.

MTSU will field a number of

favorites in the meet, including Miami Dolphin draft choice Dwaine "Roadrunner" Copeland and senior John Johnson.

Copeland has a 31.5 clocking to his credit in the 300 yard dash, and he sports a 6.0 in the 60 yard dash. Johnson is the favorite in the 600 yard run with a 1:10.5 time.

### —Jock shorts—

**Wrestling:** Freshmen Pat Simpson, David Scott and Mike Hooker will represent MTSU today and tomorrow at the NCAA Division One Eastern Regionals at Penn State University in University Park, Pa.

The 126-pound Simpson holds a 10-5 individual record. His teammate Scott weighs 142 pounds and boasts a 15-5-1 record. Hooker, with a 10-4-1 record, will grapple in the 190-weight division.

**Soccer:** The Raider Soccer Club will be out to win its first match tomorrow when they travel to Peabody College to battle the Nashville Stars. Game time is 3 p.m.

**Intramurals:** Registration for men's volleyball and the men's handball tournament will close at 4 this afternoon. For further details, contact IM director Joe Ruffner at 898-2104.

## Lagging tourney tickets on sale

Tickets for the March 7 and 8 Ohio Valley Conference post-season tournament are on sale 8 a.m. -4p.m. daily at the ticket office in Murphy Center.

"Student ticket sales have been lagging," Public Relations Director Paul Keckley said yesterday. "This could be due to the upcoming spring break and the fact that some students may think a valid ID will get them in."

Students will not be admitted free, Keckley added. "The only way to get in is to buy tickets."

Sports Information Director Jim Freeman said about 1,000 student tickets are available. Theatre chairs are \$10 for both nights, and bleacher seats for the tourney are \$6.

Tickets for only the Friday night action will go on sale that day. Tickets just for Saturday night cannot be purchased.

While live television coverage of the tournament has not been confirmed, Keckley said the possibility still exists.

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