

Sigma Nu officers arrested

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Copy Editor

The president and five officers of Sigma Nu fraternity were arrested Wednesday on charges of "keeping a disorderly house" and were released on \$250 bond each, secured by two fraternity alumni.

A court hearing has been set for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

The arrests were the result of "John Doe" (unnamed) warrants signed by a neighbor of the fraternity house, Tom Cannon, 549 E. Main St., who said that on the nights of Aug. 25 and 26 the fraternity "made

noise so great I wasn't able to sleep."

"We were asked twice by police to cut the music down, so we cut it down," Sigma Nu President Terry Isbell said. "Now, four days later, this happens."

This is not the first time

Cannon has had "trouble" with the fraternity.

"I've lived in this house 60 years, and for the past 13 years [since the fraternity house was established at 602 E. Main St.], the Sigma Nu fraternity has been making noise and profanities," Cannon said.

He said he mostly objected to outdoor disturbances early in the morning and at night.

"I've called the police six times a night before, and usually they don't do anything about it," Cannon said.

"Except once they did. In 1975 they had the president put on probation at my request."

"I'm going to do everything possible to see that they are put in jail or fined this time," he added.

In addition to Isbell, those arrested were Gary Odum, Sigma Nu rush chairman; Mark McNabb, house manager; Joe Maxwell, lieutenant commander; Jeff Bower, pledge marshal; and Mike Melton, social chairman.

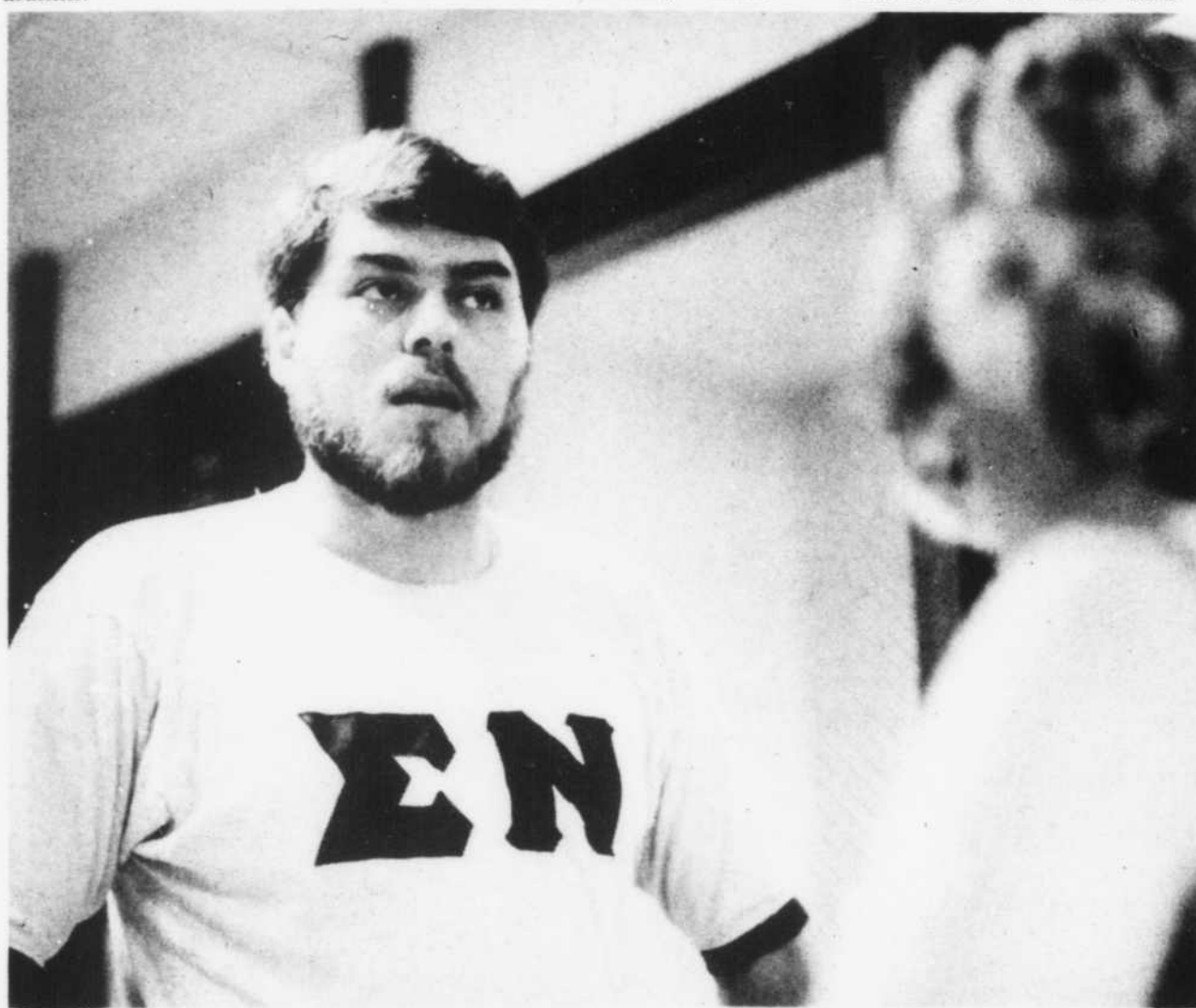
"We are pleading not guilty," Isbell said.

"Monday night [Aug. 25] we had a party, but Tuesday night there was nothing going on at the house," he stated.

The six Sigma Nu officers remained at the city police station for about an hour while they were being booked by Police Sgt. G. Lewis.



photos by Charlie Hunt



Above, Gary Odum, a member of Sigma Nu, enters the booking room of the city police department. Right, Terry Isbell talks to a reporter about the arrest. The six top officers of Sigma Nu fraternity turned themselves in Wednesday after warrants were issued for their keeping a disorderly house. The definition of a "disorderly house" could be defined as anything from loud music to fighting, according to Murfreesboro Police Sgt. G. Lewis.

'A Down Home Good Time,' more activities planned for Homecoming Celebration 1980

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

Festivities for "A Down-Home Good Time," this year's MTSU Homecoming Week, Oct. 20-25, will include "something for everyone," according to homecoming director Jeff Ellis.

"Every homecoming director always says that his homecoming year will be the best one yet, but I feel very confident that this will definitely be the best homecoming MTSU has ever seen," Ellis said.

This year's schedule, according to Ellis, will include more activities than any previous homecoming.

"We want something for everyone," Ellis explained. "Something for all students to participate in, no matter what category they fall in, as well as something attractive to alumni and the community."

Homecoming festivities will

begin Monday, Oct. 20, with a concert in the grill at noon. The committee hopes to work with Student Programming and have a noon concert every day in the grill, each one featuring a different type of music.

A Fight-Song Competition will be held Oct. 20 at 3 p.m., and a Homecoming Beer Blast will take place at 8 p.m. A Homecoming Dance will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Activities Day will be observed at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Dorm Display and the Poster Contest judgments will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively. The Blue Raider Blast, sponsored by the Inter Fraternity Council, will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday.

A Pep Rally is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday on the grill porch. A reception for the Grand Marshal of the homecoming

parade will be that night in the Tennessee Room at 6:30, followed by a bonfire at 8 p.m.

The Homecoming Committee will host a breakfast at 7 a.m. Saturday and the Homecoming parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Blue Raiders will confront Austin Peay that afternoon, with kickoff at 1:30 p.m.

Spirit competition will be judged all week during Activities Day, the bonfire, dorm display and poster contests, pep rally, Homecoming parade and spirit shown during the game. Scoring

will be different, however, this year.

"There will be five places," Ellis explained. "In order to be eligible to win the spirit competition, a group must compete in all events. First place earns 25 points, second gets 20 and on down to 5 points for fifth place."

"A group automatically gets three points for competing. We hope to have a board with the scores tallied up in the UC, and we'll change scores every day. The winner of the spirit competition will be announced between the third and fourth quarters of the game."

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Editor in Chief

"One of my goals is to make the house more than just a meeting place," Byron West, Associated Student Body vice president and speaker of the house, said Wednesday.

"People feel like they have to come in to the meeting at 4 p.m., sit down, vote on the bills and we never see them any more. I want representatives to come up to the office for meetings with me and make use of the office facilities," West said, about representatives from campus organizations.

The house has had problems with attendance in the past. But West said he and Dean of Students Paul Cantrell have sent out letters to the advisers of the more than 125 campus organizations this year encouraging groups to submit names of representatives and alternates. Groups on campus include dorms, fraternities, sororities, clubs, organizations, societies, classes and commuters.

Even though the response has not been overwhelming, West said, he is optimistic about (continued on page 2)

ASB more than meetings

Students must obtain parents' signatures for STAN cards

South Central Bell has recently adopted a new policy for issuing student account numbers (STAN cards) as a result of an "unusually high" record of uncollectable accounts, according to David Bragg, housing director.

In the past, students have been issued STAN cards at registration, Bragg said. But due to South Central Bell's inability to collect on many accounts, students are now required to submit either a \$100 deposit or an application for a STAN card signed by a parent or guardian.

Many students may feel

inconvenienced by the new policy.

"Some dorm residents have mentioned to me that because of the new procedure they are not applying for a STAN card," Smith Hall Dorm Director Wayne Rollins pointed out.

Approximately 1,000 applications for STAN cards have been submitted so far, and 500 have already been processed, according to a local South Central Bell supervisor. Cards for these applicants were mailed Wednesday and Thursday of this week, she said.



Gene Bogle, university maintenance, sprayed the waste cans on campus in an attempt to get rid of the bee problem.

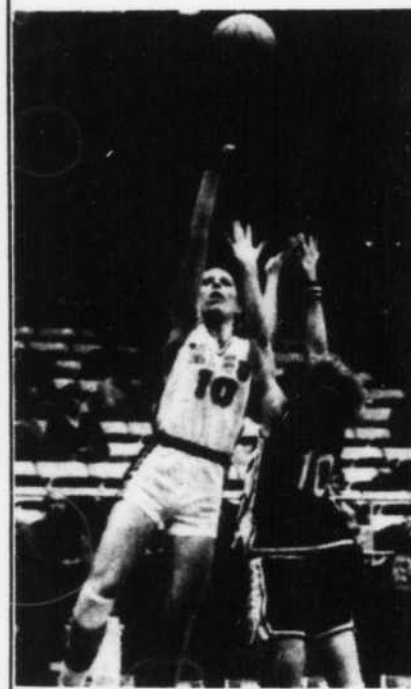
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ASB more than meetings

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attendance at the first house meeting on Sept. 11.

"The first meeting will be real important," he said. "There are four or five bills to go over. Two are left from the spring semester."

"Among the members, we have to vote for a pro tempore, whom I want to let preside some, elect a secretary, a sergeant-at-arms and a parliamentarian. We have to go over the budget," he added.

Another of West's plans is to see about using the LRC multimedia room for meetings instead of the ASB office upstairs in the UC.

"I also want to strengthen the

committee system and have them [the committees] report at meetings," West continued.

"For Thursday's meetings, I want the bills to be in by Monday so I can send out a packet to all of the representatives. That way, they will not come in cold without having time to think about each bill."

West encouraged all groups to send a representative to the first meeting.

"Once they send a representative in and their name is on the list, I can make a list and distribute it to all of the members to let them know who the other representatives are. I am also striving for interaction among the members," he added.

Veteran funds available through work-study

Veterans who entered college this fall and are having a hard time accumulating the extra funds needed to supplement their GI Bill education benefits are encouraged by the Veterans Administration to investigate its work-study program.

GI Bill students can work up to 250 hours per semester for the VA and receive \$775 in addition to regular education assistance allowances.

Priority for participation in the work-study program is given to veterans who have a 30 percent or greater service-connected disability, and consideration is given to financial need, motivation and the nature of the work.

Veterans may work any portion of the 250 hours that meets their financial needs and fits their individual study programs.

An advance of up to \$250 is

available as soon as the employment agreement is processed. The advance covers the first 100 hours of work. After the first 100 hours, the VA pays work-study students after each 50 hours of work.

Veterans desiring to participate in the work-study program or those who want additional information or assistance should contact their nearest VA regional office or veterans counselor on campus.

Sexual Abuse Center to hold meeting

The Rutherford County Rape and Sexual Abuse Center (RCRSAC) will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Flame Room of the United Cities Gas Company, 830 Memorial Blvd. All persons interested in becoming involved as a volunteer counselor should attend.

Veteran joggers keeping fit

By CHUCK CAGLE
MTSU News Bureau

The director and medical consultant for Middle Tennessee State University's new adult physical fitness program, which started Aug. 18, are not "johnny-come-latelies" to the world of jogging.

"We both started for physical fitness—primarily due to research we read," explained professor Guy Penny. "We've been running for approximately 15 years."

That decade and a half has seen Penny, 52, and running partner John Carlton, 58, run an amazing number of miles. "We started off on a mile and a half a day and increased it gradually," said Penny. "We're averaging around 35 to 40 miles a week now."

"But," Penny pointed out quickly, "an individual does not have to do this in order to be physically fit."

Research indicates, according to Penny, that three or four days

a week of 30-40 minutes of continuous exercise—walking, cycling, jogging, swimming, etc.—is the average amount most Americans need to keep fit. It takes a person about six months of gradually increased exercise to meet his optimum level, Penny said.

Health was the reason the two initiated their marathons.

"We were both overweight when we started," continued Penny, "and we were aware that even though it may not prevent cardiovascular disease, it does reverse many of the risk factors."

"My wife got me into running years ago," Carlton, a physician at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, related. "My teenagers kept me in, because I'd gained weight and I was a little unhealthy."

Since starting his personal program, Carlton has lost 50 pounds.

"I guess I'm like most people; I was aware of the benefits, but I

procrastinated just like everyone else."

Penny and Carlton said they hope participants in MTSU's program won't procrastinate and put off a chance to lessen the risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease.

Each individual enrolled in the program will receive a fitness evaluation at the beginning and after completing the exercise program. The evaluation will consist of a complete health history, resting EKG, submaximum stress test, percent body measure and blood cholesterol analysis.

The evaluations will determine the starting point for each enrollee. Each exercise session will be supervised, with periodic evaluations taken during the sessions, Penny continued.

"Carlton will serve as research and exercise program consultant. We've been doing research with some of the MTSU faculty members for about seven years. All their risk factors have been lowered."

"They feel better about themselves—physically and mentally. They have better self control, and they can stand stress better," Penny said.

"We have seen some definite benefits in terms of improved fitness," explained Carlton. "We've noticed marked differences in blood pressure and blood chemistries, particularly blood sugar and low density proteins."

An organizational meeting was held Aug. 18 at the Human Performance Laboratory of the Alumni Gym. Participants will meet twice a week for one hour beginning Aug. 25 and continue through Dec. 4. Each enrollee will be required to have a physician's approval to enter the program. Registration cost is \$125.

"This hot weather has been pretty bad on some people," Carlton observed. Penny related the deaths of two people in the Carolinas after they had

overexerted themselves.

"This is the mistake I see people making, as they start off with too much exercise. That's the advantage of an organized fitness session. If they've had any sort of health problems, they'll be easier to watch," Penny continued.

"I've had a lot of my friends give me good advice," laughed Carlton. "They say, 'Stop, before you drop dead!' But I'm convinced it's good for me. Most of my family runs. They're all in their late 20s to early 30s. I've got one son who keeps putting it off, but he's pretty active nonetheless."

"People who are chronic exercisers have lowered those risk factors," Penny reiterated. "There are really no conclusive studies showing whether or not jogging will extend life or not. But research seems to indicate it."



John Carlton, left, and Guy Penny, directors of the MTSU Adult Fitness Program, put their beliefs into practice as they jog in front of Murphy Center. The pair say they average a total of 35-40 miles a week.

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Sidelights

Parking violations will be ticketed

The University Police Department will begin issuing parking tickets Tuesday to cars without permits or those parked in unassigned areas.

Students should read the parking brochure and regulations distributed when they obtained their decals, Police Capt. Larry Nixon said.

"That will clarify any questions about on-campus parking," Nixon added.

CFAW luncheon planned Wednesday

The Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women will hold a luncheon Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Dining Room B in the James Union Building. President Sam Ingram will be the guest speaker.

Deadline set for Activity Funds

Student organizations that wish to apply for Activity Fee Funds this semester must have their applications in by Sept. 30. Applications are now available in Room 126 in the University Center.

Campus housing available for females

Twenty-one spaces are still available for female students looking for on-campus housing, according to Housing Director David Bragg.

No more spaces are available in male residence halls.

Intramural softball sign-up slated

Persons wishing to sign up for Intramural Softball should do so by Tuesday in the Campus Recreation Office, Alumni Gym 203. The competition is open to any dorm, organizational, faculty or staff team. Any individual who wishes to play but lacks a team may get in touch with Roger Wakefield at 898-2401. He will put players in touch with other interested managers. Teams need a minimum of nine players, but there is no maximum. The starting date for the tournament is Sept. 8.

University Theatre to hold tryouts

The University Theatre will hold tryouts for the season's first production, Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "The Rivals," at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 3 and 4 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

"The Rivals" is a comedy about young (and not so young) lovers who contend with problems caused by parental opposition and social conventions. This entertaining classic will be costumed in the style of 18th century England.

Enrollment in theatre classes is not necessary for participation in University Theatre productions and all MTSU students are invited to tryout for and participate in theatre activities. For more information, call Anne Petty at 898-2640.

Public Relations Society to meet

The Public Relations Student Society of America will hold its first fall meeting Thursday at 4 p.m. in UC 318. Interested students are welcome to attend.

Activities planned

for 'Stay at Middle'

The ASB Weekend Activities Committee has tentatively scheduled a dance in the grill, a beer blast, a cookout and a movie for the first "Stay at Middle Weekend," to be held Sept. 26-28.

At the next committee meeting, scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, plans for the weekend will be confirmed, according to ASB President Randy James.

"We are hoping everyone will help make it a big success so that we can continue to have weekend activities," James said.

The purpose of the Weekend Activities Committee is to encourage more students to remain on campus instead of going home on weekends.

Nurse seminar aids health skills

A seminar entitled "Physical Assessment for the Registered Nurse" will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 6 through Oct. 21 by the MTSU Department of Nursing and the Office of Continuing Education.

The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. in Room 202 of Stark Agriculture Center. Two RNs, both A.N.A.-certified Family Nurse Practitioners from the Vanderbilt School of Nursing, will instruct the course. The cost of the course, which is limited to 20 students on a first-come basis, will be \$125, according to Betty McComas, head of the nursing department.

"The purpose of this course is to build on beginning health-assessment skills," McComas said.

The course was described as an in-depth study for the RN employed in either ambulatory or in-patient settings where accurate nursing assessment of patients is imperative, according to McComas. She added that such settings might include home-visiting nurse services, nursing homes, critical-care areas and hospitals lacking adequate residential medical coverage.

Course content will cover physical examinations, as well as common pathological conditions.

Applications and further information are available from McComas at 898-2437 or the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.

Honors program fall lectures open to public

The honors program will host a lecture course at 3 p.m. each Wednesday during fall semester in the LRC studio B. The lectures are open to the public.

For the first month of the program, beginning Sept. 3, the honors' lecture course "The Contemporary Climate of Issues and Ideas" will present

"Brainwashing: Can It Happen to You?" by Harold Whiteside, associate professor of psychology.

"Futuristics" by Jack Arters, education professor, will be presented Sept. 10 and 17.

Keith Carlson and Jeannette Heritage will discuss "Sexual Harrassment."

The final meeting will be Sept. 24 and Kendall Blanchard, associate professor of anthropology, will speak on "Modern Sport and the Twentieth Century: An Anthropological Critique."

The schedule for other months will be announced as the program progresses.

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Zane E. Smith

Editor

from the editor

Records: Accessibility ordered, cooperation needed

A judge ruled Thursday that the public is entitled to copy legislative records on bills that lawmakers have sponsored, but lack of a suitable copying machine may cause problems.

Chancellor Ben Cantrell gave Jim Hudson, a Knoxville Republican, permission to copy the legislative record of his Democratic opponent, Rep. Bill Nolan. The chancellor said, however, Hudson could not remove the record from the Office of Legislative Services.

What was the reasoning behind such a refusal? Doesn't the chancellor realize that refusing to compromise only delays the legislative process and denies the public the right of access to information?

Deputy Attorney General Robert Littleton agreed there is no suitable photocopying machine that will reproduce the computer printouts in the office, but claimed they were trying to work something out.

He said the attorney general's office agrees that the records of bills sponsored by legislators are public records.

Cantrell said the Office of Legislative Services could charge a fee for furnishing copies.

He must realize that the entire population of the state of Tennessee is not willing to take the time to go to the capitol or to their local legislator's office and flood them with requests for copies of legislative records.

Hudson had filed suit against Lt. Gov. John S. Wilder, House Speaker Ned McWherter and Barbara Langley, director of the Office of Legislative Services.

He said he asked for permission to photocopy Nolan's record of bill sponsorships in the legislature. Hudson said Langley told him he could inspect the record, but not photocopy it.

"It is the policy of the Joint Legislative Services Committee that we do not furnish copies to anyone other than individual legislators," Langley said. The computerized lists are prepared periodically, with one copy going to lawmakers and another kept by the state.

Langley said the policy has been in effect since questions about photocopies of records first came up 10 years ago.

Ten years may seem fresh on Langley's mind, but the recent decision changes all of that. It now requires photocopies be made available to the public.

In his lawsuit, Hudson said refusal to permit him to copy the records "is an intentional, willful and wanton violation of (his) legal rights under Tennessee law."

It is the public's right of access to information that some of the law makers are denying to their constituents.

Knowing who sponsored what bill is important to the people so they may know how their elected officials stand on the issues. Without this information, how can we, as voting citizens, follow the opinions of our legislators?

The court's decision is worthless unless the proper groups cooperate and it doesn't look like they are trying very hard.

Sidelines: We won't be here on Tuesday

Labor Day weekend is going to be great.

No school Monday. A full three-day weekend. Nothing to do but relax, get laid back and definitely not strain the ole brain for anything, but to decide on another drink or game of cards.

Well, we at *Sidelines* will not be working on Monday either; therefore, we will not publish on Tuesday.

The regularly scheduled dates for the paper are Tuesday and Friday. The paper *will* come out next Friday, and the regular schedule will be adhered to the rest of the semester. The exception, of course, being Thanksgiving.

We realize this is confusing, especially to the new members of the university, but taking a break is good for our health and well-being.

So kick off your shoes, prop up your feet and have a good one.

Freshmen: Young players' dream come true

High school and college football are similar and yet contrast as much as day and night. In college football, the players are bigger, faster and stronger, yet in order to survive in the college football jungle a player has to adjust.

At the beginning of practice there are many freshmen (i.e., high school graduates) hoping to be among the elite and make the squad. However, before the summer practice sessions are over, many freshmen have quit or been injured and have to wait another year for a possible dream to come true.

For those players who make the grade, some will have promising futures in college and possibly in the pros. For many freshman football players here at MTSU the future begins on Sept. 6 against North Alabama. With a mixture of luck, skill and fate, many freshmen will have a chance to really establish themselves and face what could become a very long and prosperous (or disappointing, depending on the player) journey.

by Ronald Roberts

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Perspective



minimum wage

by Phyllis Hamm

Confessions of an Air Force brat

"I guess you had a terrible childhood," everyone says.

Military dependents, otherwise known as military "brats," are the victims of all kinds of snide comments from civilians. We're spoiled, we think we're worldly and we're maladjusted. Some ignorant soul once told me I couldn't possibly have been born in Germany because Hitler was in power then. (Hint: The Berlin Wall was erected the year I was born.)

This is the true and biased story of being an Air Force Brat.

I grew up in small quarters

that all looked the same and, until very recently, they always came in shades like olive drab and chartreuse. These houses were equipped with name brand appliances like Cold Point, December Tag and Aboya. There was always someone new to welcome to the neighborhood, someone whose household goods were somewhere between Yakota, Japan, and Nob Noster, Missouri.

In school everyone always had exotic things to share during show and tell time—a Filipino dart gun, a collection of German

beer coasters or a seashell from some uninhabited island in the Pacific where Daddy helped clean up the mess from nuclear testing so the people who lived there a long time ago could come back.

A lot of people ask, sometimes resentfully, "Don't you get free medical care?" Yes, it's free and far superior to any care offered in the real world. There are no \$100,000 a year, Wednesday-golf doctors waiting to gouge out your gall bladder when you come in with a broken toe. The bill for a stay in a military hospital does not itemize such

as i see it

by Chuck Keller

Will the real Chuck or Charles stand up?

"I don't blame him cause he run and hid, but the meanest thing that he ever did, was before he left, he went and named me Sue."

This opening line of the Johnny Cash hit "A Boy Named

Sue" deals with the factual problem of having a name that you really could do without.

Granted, there aren't very many boys named Sue or girls named Jimmi Lou, but every now and then you will run across someone who has a rather "unique" name.

For the most part, we can conceal these names from the general public, but sooner or later, your name will find you out.

Such a situation is roll call. Roll call can be, and usually is, very embarrassing with full and complete names. For instance, my friend from high school days-Wayne Sidney Remington-known affectionately to one and all as "Grub."

heard again. The ritual of calling roll brings back memories of my first experience with the educational system.

My full given name is Charles Bruce Keller. I was named after both of my grandfathers (Charles) and one uncle on my mother's side of the family. Ever since I can remember, members of my family have never called me Charles. When spoken to, I was addressed simply as Bruce.

On that dreadful first day of first grade, the teacher was calling names from her official roll when she got to the name Charles Keller. Well, naturally, I didn't know who this person was and started to look about the room for somebody who could possibly be a relative. After the third or fourth try with just Charles, she added the middle name.

"Oh that's me!" Promptly I was yanked out of the classroom and into the hallway where I

was introduced to the ways of corporal punishment. Believe it or not, I was spanked (with a paddle) for not answering to a name that I had only heard two or three times in my entire life.

Ever since that day, I have avoided the name Charles at all possible costs. As others have done in similar cases (though without the spanking), I took the shorter nickname, "Chuck." Charles is only used in business situations where a full name is required: i.e. registration for the draft, loan applications and legal documents.

Still, I am bothered by *that* name for at least four days of each academic year. Maybe Johnny Cash did sing about the true facts of life for those of us with not unwanted but, rather, unpopular names.

"And if I ever have a son, I'm gonna name him Bill, George or anything but Sue . . ." But after all, what's in a name?

Viewpoints

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President could choose new justice in '81

by Steve Spann

For most of the summer, political attention in this country has been focused on the presidential race. We have heard all about platforms and promises and new programs, the most prominent of which concentrate on solving the economic woes our country currently faces.

There is a very strong argument for the idea that the crisis in the American economy is without a doubt the most important issue in this election year. Of course, there are several issues on which the voter can base his choice for president, and there is one issue in particular that perhaps deserves more attention than it has attracted so far.

A very strong likelihood exists that whoever is sitting in the Oval Office next year will have a chance to make an appointment to the highest level of judicial power in the country, the U.S. Supreme Court.

Of the nine justices currently on the court, five are older than 70, including Chief Justice Warren Burger. Each of them were appointed by a president with senate approval, and the constitution provides that each will serve for "life or good behavior."

The only way to remove a

justice is by impeachment or by securing voluntary retirement. Given the ages of the current justices and the good chance that at least one will retire, it is very possible that whoever is elected president may have the opportunity to leave his imprint on the country for years by appointing new justices and possibly creating a philosophical majority on the court.

In order to understand the implications involved, one must examine the current make-up and behavior of the Supreme Court.

In the 1979-80 term that was completed on July 2, the justices were faced with some of America's most complex social issues, and their resulting decisions reveal only one certain thing: an inconsistency in philosophical direction that provides little guidance for the judicial system as a whole.

For example, last term the justices decided 130 cases, 34 of which were settled by a very divided 5-4 opinion or with opinions in which the majorities agreed on the decision but disagreed with the reasoning used.

And even in instances in which the court was able to reach a consensus, there were mixed signals revealed. An

example is in the area of criminal law, where the court limited the power of police to search individuals in public places such as bars and also placed concrete limits on the use of trickery by policemen to get confessions from suspects in custody.

In contrast, the court also allowed some illegally seized evidence by police to be used in trials, and stood behind the state's power to give life terms for habitual criminals, no matter how relatively unimportant or trivial their crimes.

So there is definitely a lack of consistent direction in the highest court of the land, which is supposed to issue broad, clear rulings that the whole judicial framework can refer to when deciding cases. How can other federal, state and local courts possibly deliver justice in a consistent fashion when the nation's highest court is unable to?

Perhaps the possibility exists that our next president could restore to the court the kind of consistent working majority that was last seen on the Warren Court years ago. Legal experts disagree on whether or not this can be done, although many feel it would take more than one or two appointments to make any

real change in the current inconsistencies.

This is because, of the nine members on the court, only four vote in a way resembling a consistent pattern—two vote consistently liberal and two vote consistently conservative. The other five seem to follow no logical path whatsoever, as their opinions on the same issue seem to vary on a case-to-case basis.

These five are as likely to join the two liberals as they are to join the two conservatives on any given issue, and for any change to occur these five would have to be affected in some way.

Were Ronald Reagan to be elected, he would present the possibility of creating a conservative majority, while a Jimmy Carter or John Anderson administration would be more likely to contribute to either the liberal side or the unpredictable five in the middle.

So, for good or ill, American voters are offered yet another issue on which to decide how to vote in November. But it appears the only safe conclusion to draw, from an analysis of the Supreme Court and the possibility for its change in any way, is that the pattern of inconsistency on the court is almost certain to continue.

from our readers

Sex, drugs belong on the tube

To the editor:

What the h*** are you printing that d*** column by Danny Tyree for? Who appointed him the 13th apostle and campus arbiter of television morals? I daresay it wasn't the Pope.

As a rather infrequent watcher, I feel offended nonetheless by Tyree's discourse on TV morality. Call me immoral, call me sick, or call me horny (as a matter of fact, you can call me anytime—except when I'm watching those horny, foul-mouthed bedhoppers on TV), but I think Mr. Tyree has answered the wrong calling in life. His inability to write logical paragraphs—much less, logical sentences—without a doubt stems from his all-too-frequent trysts with the tube. Perhaps,

then, Mr. Tyree would enjoy a career as a TV repairman or with a cable TV network. Heaven forbid he should ever become a network programmer.

I can just imagine the type of shows we'd be treated to if Mr. Tyree ruled the airwaves. Consider these TV Guide listings of the future:

"Three's Company": Two nuns and a monk share an apartment while teaching in a convent school. Marie Osmond guests as a visiting missionary, spreading good cheer throughout the land.

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"The Dating Game": Three bachelors (all of them students at Brigham Young University) are posed questions like "What is your favorite biblical character?" and "Sing me your favorite hymn" and "What size underwear do you wear?"

Egads! These few examples frighten one to the point of watching "Nickelodeon" instead of HBO! And you know the kind of rating "Nickelodeon" gets

(not to mention that hard-core "PTL Club")!

It appears that Mr. Tyree has great delusions of grandeur. Now, he's not complaining about newspaper photographs or torn-up newspapers! Huh-uh!

Instead, he's chastising us perverse, hedonistic sinners for our TV-viewing habits. Obviously, he's got too much time to watch TV, and in turn his position as a columnist for *Sidelines* has taken on larger, greater proportions. (To him, anyway.)

D***, Mr. Tyree, why don't you go cold turkey for a while and get off the f***** soapbox? If you do, I'll give up the word f*** for Lent.

Jeff Ellis
Box 6410

Frats need to clean up

To the editor:

As a resident of Murfreesboro for about four years and an inhabitant of Maple Street for 1½ of those years, I have seen these cute little rush parties come and go . . . all up and down my street. I have nothing against parties, as long as my neighbors don't complain. But I've got a complaint against the parties this year.

Upon leaving my humble abode this morning, I noticed—noticed, hell, I slapped me in the face—mailboxes knocked off their stands, probably by one of MTSU's noble rushees; trash cans knocked over, more fun and games for the boys and girls; and of course, the inevitable

plastic beer cups strewn in the street and lawns over a four-block radius.

Yes, I've been to a few of the rush parties, but I sure as hell know what a trash can is for and that mailboxes are meant to hold mail—not to be the object of someone's childish frustrated punches. Thank God this only happens once or twice a year and one of those times is in the winter, when it is too cold to go out and ruin property and landscape.

I would appreciate some action on this, fraternity boys, particularly you who reside on Maple Street.

D. L. Wilson
Box 2706

Bad timing for KOM work

To the editor:

I would just like to welcome students, new and old, to MTSU.

We here at MTSU are proud of our school and its brand new sauna baths!

Yes, during the summer, the Old Hot was converted to a giant hot-house.

The school was supposed to be installing new air conditioning, which will be ready by late October, just in time for winter. It is a common case of government delays and the lack of constructive planning.

Students from last year will recall the renovations made to

the swimming pool. . . And that was a much smaller job. The job lagged on and on and when the pool finally opened, it closed again for more repairs.

MTSU has grown a lot since I've been here and I hope things continue to grow, but it's hard to study in a room with 30 or 40 people and 90 degree temperatures.

I just hope, during the next renovation of any building on campus, the administration will think of the students and their discomforts rather than a nice blue-print of change to come.

Bruce Baranowski
Senior Senator
Box 1899

flicks

by John McBryde

Claude Akins needs to learn about character development

Tuning in to a talk show at one in the morning on KMOX out of St. Louis is usually for but one reason: to lull me to sleep.

However, the other night (or morning, rather) I heard a familiar voice that belonged to Claude Akins, and, being somewhat insomnolent, I decided to actually listen to him for a while.

By no means am I a fan of the show he stars in, "The Misadventures of Sheriff Lobo." I've never even seen it, and, to my knowledge, none of my friends or relatives has seen it (some have probably never even heard of it). As a matter of fact, if I ever gave it any thought or even cared about its existence, I would probably prefer that anyone connected with this joke be lobotomized. Also, I am not a fan of any of Mr. Akins' past shows or performances, and, to put it bluntly, I do not even regard the man as an actor.

Then the question may be pondered: Why listen in to a man I really do not have the slightest interest in?

Well, I had a feeling that what ol' Claude was going to say about "Sheriff Lobo" would probably reinforce my theory (fact?) that today's prime-time TV shows could not only not hold a candle to "TV back then," but could not even get one light. We all like to have our ideas backed up, so I listened attentively as the people called in to ask Akins for his enlightenment.

The first thing I learned about the show was that it was changing locations from a small Georgia town to a large Georgia town, Atlanta.

"This will give us more room for different situations in the show," explained Mr. Lobo.

The statement by Claude certainly has validity, no denying that. In a small town such as Yoho, Ga., there are probably limited ways in which to wreck a car, a few being: chicken off a country road and/or bridge, running into a chicken coop, crashing into a town-hall meeting or taking a flying dive into a swamp (or a pigpen, maybe). Imagine, however, the limitless ways to destroy automobiles in a city the size of Atlanta!

Of course, I did say I had never seen the show, but I know about all those car wrecks from previews. Also, Akins said they film the show next to "The Dukes of Hazard" and "we're so close together, we can't tell the difference between our car wrecks and their car wrecks."

Perhaps the answer Akins gave that best epitomizes my theory had to do with character development. I have forgotten exactly what the question was, but it had to do with which characters would be returning this fall. As Akins replied "all of them," or something to that effect, he said something that may just wrap it in a nutshell about today's prime-timers in general.

It's not exact, but I think, nevertheless, his quoted answer here would be the easiest way to get across what he said. Brace yourselves!

"What we want to do, as is the case with any new show, really, is get a certain audience set up the first two or three years, and then start to work on character development."

Unless I'm just not with the times, there is something absurdly peculiar about this statement. From the day I was a minute old, I have learned that character development ranks pretty high in even the simplest of stories. In fables my grandmother told me, it took only a matter of minutes for her to conjure up characters. And according to Mr. Claude Akins, it takes his story writers two or three years before they can even begin to develop characters. It is really sad in a way.

The fact that the show is even going into another year proves that it does have an audience that buys its ads. (That audience is another peculiarity that would be just too difficult to go into in this writing). The fact is, according to Mr. Akins, "The Misadventures of Sheriff Lobo" has many car wrecks (soon to be in Atlanta), and it wants to wait a couple more years before any characters are really introduced. I guess when that happens, bubble-gum card companies will want part of it, and everyone will be wearing buttons that say "Who shot Sheriff Lobo?"

food for thought

by Billy Edwards

Christians must work together to witness and serve God

It is good to be back in school and once again see many of my good friends that were not here during the summer semester.

After going to school and studying all summer, I am not so sure that I'm ready to hit the books again. But be that as it may, that time has come for all of us and we should make the best of it.

For those of you that I do not know, my name is Billy Edwards. I write mostly spiritual columns for *Sidelines*. It is my sincere desire that each time you read this column it will have something to offer which you can apply to your life in a very special way.

In order for that to happen, I invite your contributions. I would like to hear from you and get to know you. Just drop me a note in care of *Sidelines* I will give careful consideration to anything you may have to offer, reflecting the love of Christ throughout this column.

We all must join together in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. It is important for Christians to bind together in a witness for the Lord. No one person can do it alone, but it takes a joint effort on the part of every concerned believer.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this thought from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church: "For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (3:9)

The greatest thrill of our lives should be in serving the God of all creation. It should not be burdensome or something we feel we must do to gain favor with God. Nor should it be our attitude that we must do it as our duty to be accepted into the Kingdom of God.

God accepts us on the basis of our faith in Him. As we see ourselves in the light of a holy and righteous God, then we can appreciate the true meaning of the cross. For in the cross we see the grace and mercy of God manifested to all people, of all nations and of all races.

Debate team prepares for season

By STEVE SPANN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Members of the MTSU debate team traveled to a workshop in Arizona this summer in preparation for an upcoming season that includes 23 tournaments.

"We received the benefit of lectures and individual instruction from some of the nation's leading debate theorists," David Steinberg, assistant director of forensics, said.

Steinberg and debaters Tom Bickers, Roger Fenner and Lee Gregory went to the University of Arizona at Tucson to attend the Arizona Debate Institute.

The institute, held the first two weeks of August, is the only major debate institution in the United States, Steinberg said. It involves some 250 students from 100 different colleges, including Harvard, Georgetown and the University of Southern California, he said.

The team also participated in

a debate tournament and finished with a 6-2 record in the preliminary rounds and advanced to the octagon rounds before they were defeated. As speakers, Bickers and Gregory both finished in the top 10.

Because of university-wide budget cuts, this year the debate team lost a significant amount of its traveling money. The trip to Arizona was funded partly by the budget, and students supplied the remaining half of expenses.

"We will deal with budget cuts by cutting back on food, staying in people's houses and anything else to save money," he said.

The team participates in two main types of debate. One type, a mostly content-oriented debate, centers around a policy topic, and those involved are usually quite experienced.

The second type is a persuasion-oriented debate over a value topic. Many experienced debaters participate here,

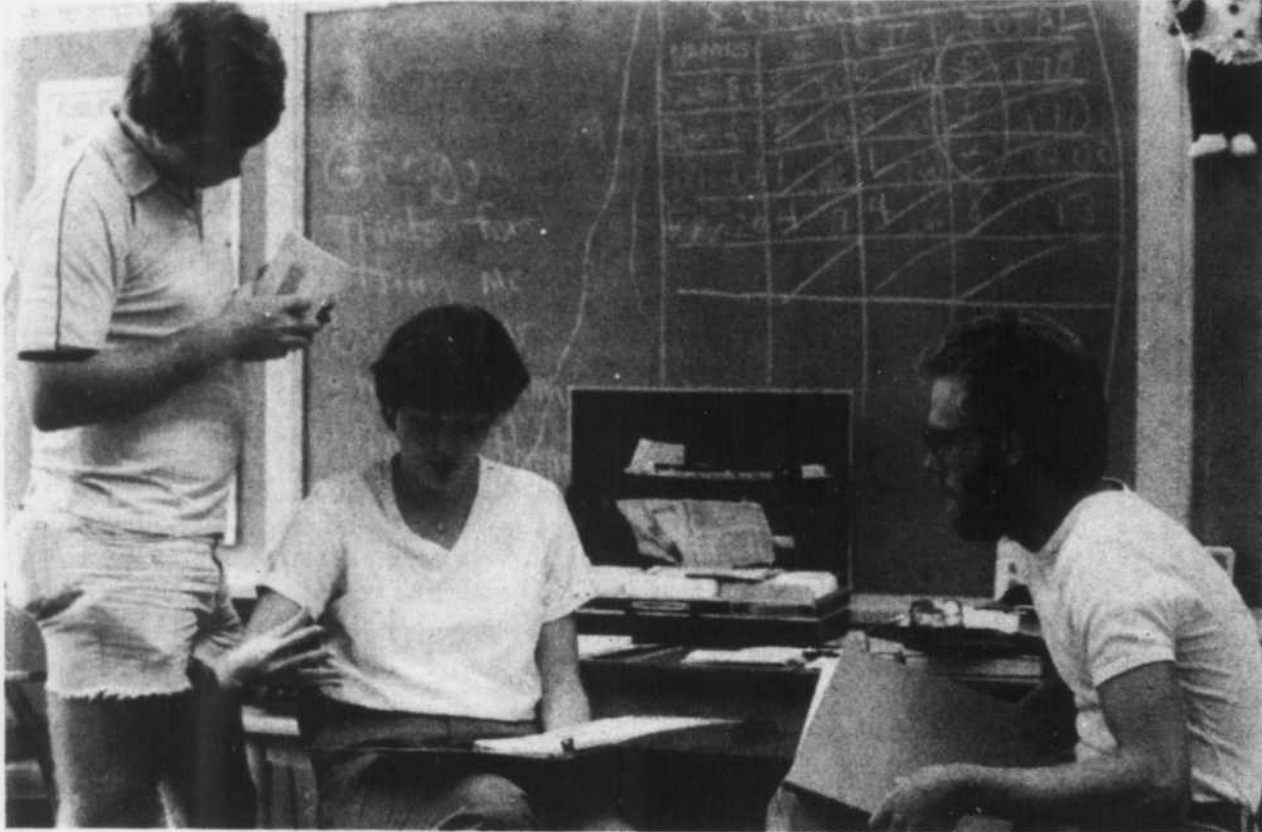
though this type is mainly for beginners, Steinberg added.

The debate team also participates in individual events in two categories. One is interpretation of literature, poetry and drama, while the other involves persuasive speaking with prepared and extemporaneous speeches.

The debate team also hosts three major tournaments this semester at the high school and college level, which requires help from a great number of people.

"We welcome anyone interested in any of the above activities," said Steinberg, "regardless of whether they have any experience or not."

Director of Forensics Jim Brooks announced there will be a meeting on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in Room 220 of the Dramatic Arts Building. Refreshments will be served, and "anyone interested in what we do over here should drop by," Steinberg said.



The MTSU Debate team is preparing for up-coming matches by researching this year's topic concerning American foreign policy commitments. Vice President Roger Fenner stands listens to the president of the club, Annette Cantrell, as she makes a point. Greg Simerly, secretary, listens to the discussion.

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Hostages held captive 300 days

By The Associated Press

At first, the time was counted in days. Americans taken hostage four days ago ... five ... six ...

Then it was weeks. One week ago ... Two ... Three.

And months. Three months ... four ... five. Half a year.

The news stories still count the days. The 297th day of captivity ... the 298th ... the 299th.

But for most people, the days seem to slip by, almost unnoticed, until there is a milestone — Friday, Aug. 29, 1980. The 300th day that 52 Americans have been held prisoner by Iranian militants who seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979.

Now, as then, the nation is worried about problems at home. But there have been changes. There are new concerns. The concern over the hostages. Concern over Afghanistan. And there is a presidential election barely two months away.

The Shah of Iran — whose visit to the United States for medical treatment touched off the crisis — is dead. He died in Egypt on July 27, the 267th day of captivity for the hostages. It was one year and 178 days since the overthrown shah had fled and Ayatollah Ruhollah

Grad school adds PhDs

This Fall MTSU's graduate school will offer two new Doctor of Arts programs in chemistry and economics. This is in addition to current programs in English, history, and physical education.

The two new programs were approved last year by the Tennessee Board of Education and in July by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

MTSU's Doctor of Arts programs are designed to prepare the recipients to teach, on the college level in either one or two fields, complementing the value of a PhD which deals primarily with scholarly research.

Attention

Faculty pictures and underclassman make-up pictures for Midlander will be made on Thur., Sept. 11. They will be made from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the UC.

Khomeini took over the country. Ten months ago, the inflation rate was over 13 percent. Consumer prices in October rose 1 percent. President Carter said inflation was "the nation's No. 1 threat." He had just announced a new economic program, saying he would do "whatever it takes" to keep prices under control.

Today, the inflation rate is around 12 percent. Consumer prices were unchanged in July. The unemployment rate — which was only 5.8 percent in November 1979 — is near 8 percent.

In November 1979, people were talking about Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's challenge to Carter for the Democratic presidential nomination. There was a full field of candidates for the Republican nomination, including George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

Today, people are talking about Kennedy's failure, and about the extent of the unity in the Democratic Party. Reagan is the Republican presidential

nominee. Bush is his running mate.

In November 1979, Americans were looking forward to a Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., and to a Summer Olympics in Moscow.

Then came the Soviet move into Afghanistan.

Today, there are memories of Lake Placid — the U.S. hockey team defeating the Soviets in a symbolic match that touched off a burst of patriotism. There are no U.S. memories of Moscow. In response to appeals by the president, the U.S. Olympic Committee boycotted the Summer Games.

The United States tried — unsuccessfully — to rescue the hostages. "It was my decision to attempt the rescue mission," said Carter on April 24, 1980 — five months and 20 days after the hostages were taken.

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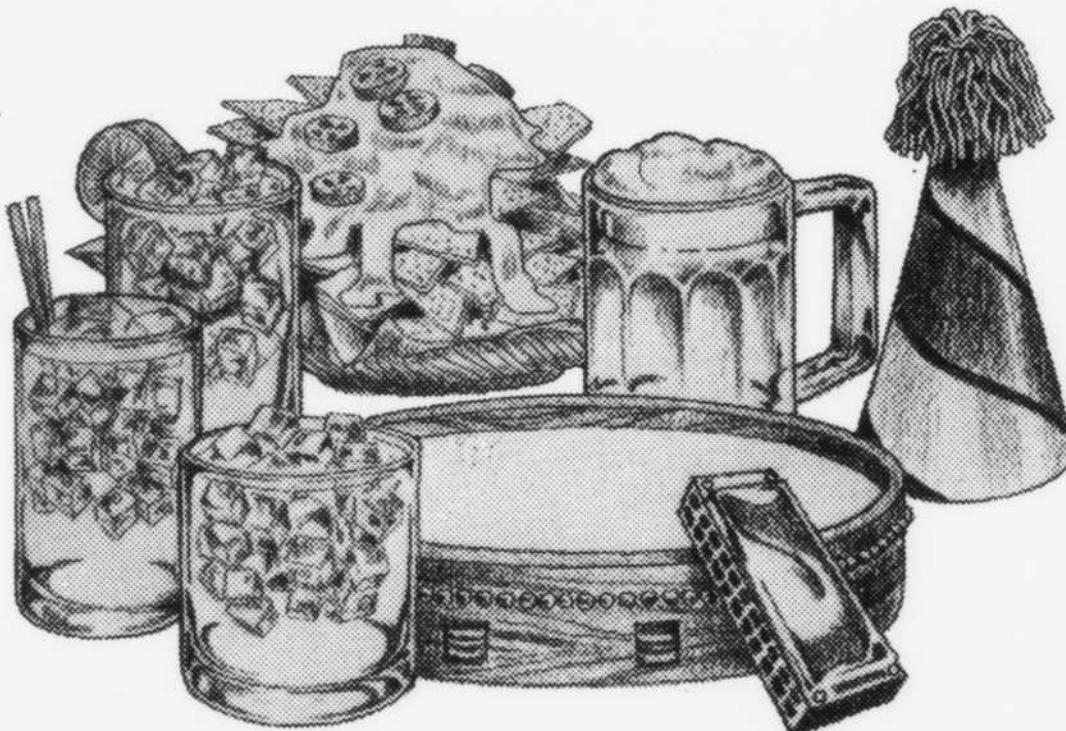
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Orchestra seeks student involvement

By STEVE SPANN
Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU University Community Orchestra, widely recognized as one of the best orchestras in the state, is directed by Conductor Laurence Harvin and is interested in getting more students involved.

"We need more people, not only coming to see us perform, but playing as well," Harvin said.

The 70-member unit, that Harvin says "holds its own with any group," is in need of more personnel, and he encourages anyone interested in playing an orchestral instrument to contact him in room 201 of the Fine Arts Building.

"You need to have some past experience, as far as playing in a high school orchestra or band," the conductor advised. "Performing with the University Community Orchestra would not be the place to learn to play."

Harvin encourages students to own their instruments, although the university can provide them. He said he would personally audition anyone interested in playing.

The bulk of the orchestra membership has always consisted of music majors and minors, although individuals from the community also play, Harvin said.

Music majors and minors may receive one hour of elective music credit for playing with the orchestra. If taken as an audit, the student is signed up to play, but will not receive credit.

Playing in the orchestra "is the type of thing that you don't have to formally sign up for, like a class. You can just come and audit and play," Harvin said.

The University Community Orchestra is a member of the Association of Tennessee Symphony Orchestras, an honor that only one other major school in the state, Tennessee Tech, has acquired. Other members of the Association include the

Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville Symphony Orchestras.

The group rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 until 5 p.m. and have plans for three concerts and an opera this coming year. The concerts will be performed in the new music facility on campus, the Wright Music Building.

The first concert will be on

Nov. 1, and will feature MTSU professor Jerry Perkins playing McDowell's second piano concerto on the music department's recently acquired Bosendorfer piano.

The second performance will be a Christmas concert on Dec. 7. It will be geared toward the spirit of the season, as the performance will include melodies of Christmas carols,

Handel's "Messiah" and Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." Featured will be soloist Bobby Taylor from the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

In the second semester, a Gilbert and Sullivan opera performance is planned for March 5-7.

The final concert of the year will feature student soloists on May 3.



The MTSU university community orchestra, under the direction of Laurence Harvin, provides entertainment for Murfreesboro and the surrounding area as well as for the university's students.

NOTICE

There will be no edition of Sidelines on Tuesday, Sept. 2, because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday. The next edition will be Friday, Sept. 5.

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Portik signs on with Fillies

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Editor

Ileana Portik, a sophomore member of last year's OVC champion Lady Raider basketball squad, has reportedly signed a contract with the Minnesota Fillies of the Women's Professional Basketball League.

The native of Bucharest, Rumania, came to MTSU in 1978-79 after having played on the Rumanian Olympic team in 1976 and wanting to play collegiate ball in the United States. Since joining the Lady Raiders, the 6-1 player had established herself as a respectable forward in the women's OVC league.

Last spring, however, "Ily," as she is known to many, left the team because "she was tired of it [basketball]," according to head coach Larry Inman.

At the beginning of spring

practice, Portik went to Inman and asked to be excused from workouts because of a job. Then, after Inman scheduled practice at a later time, Portik asked that she have some time off for studying.

"I just couldn't excuse her, because I had other people that had the same classes she had and I couldn't excuse her from three weeks of practice for that," he said. "I told her if she wasn't here Monday at the start of practice, I would no longer consider her a member of the team."

Spring practice began and Portik did not show up.

"I'm not mad at Ily, but I'm kinda disappointed that she let the girls down. With what we have got now, we would have a lot more depth and experience. But I'm proud for her—for any kid that signs a pro contract," Inman said with sincerity.

Portik was hesitant to talk about her new opportunity in the professional ranks. At first she even denied signing a contract.

"Well, I'm not 100 percent sure about it. There is a contract we have to decide," she commented.

When asked about it in another telephone interview an hour later, she replied, "Yes, I have signed the contract."

In fact, after further questioning, she stated that she was going to Minnesota in October and would be playing forward.

"They think that I can help them out, and I feel that I can, also," she said.

MTSU's only senior last year, Josephine Wright, reportedly had a lot to do with Portik's signing.

Wright, a spunky 5-6 guard, was drafted by the Fillies late in

the seventh round, but put on a good hustle act in tryouts to win a spot on the roster.

"I understand that she [Portik] went with Jo to Minnesota, and that while Jo was up there, Jo told the coaches up there what kind of program we have and they were looking for some big people," Inman said.

Portik would not comment on any help from Wright, and mentioned that the Minnesota team had known her before her college days. The Fillies were only one team out of many college and pro organizations that recruited her from Rumania.

The signing of Portik pushes the number of former MTSU women players in the pros to three from the three-year-old program. Wright and Portik join Sharon McClannahan, a member of the Dallas Diamonds, in the WPBL.

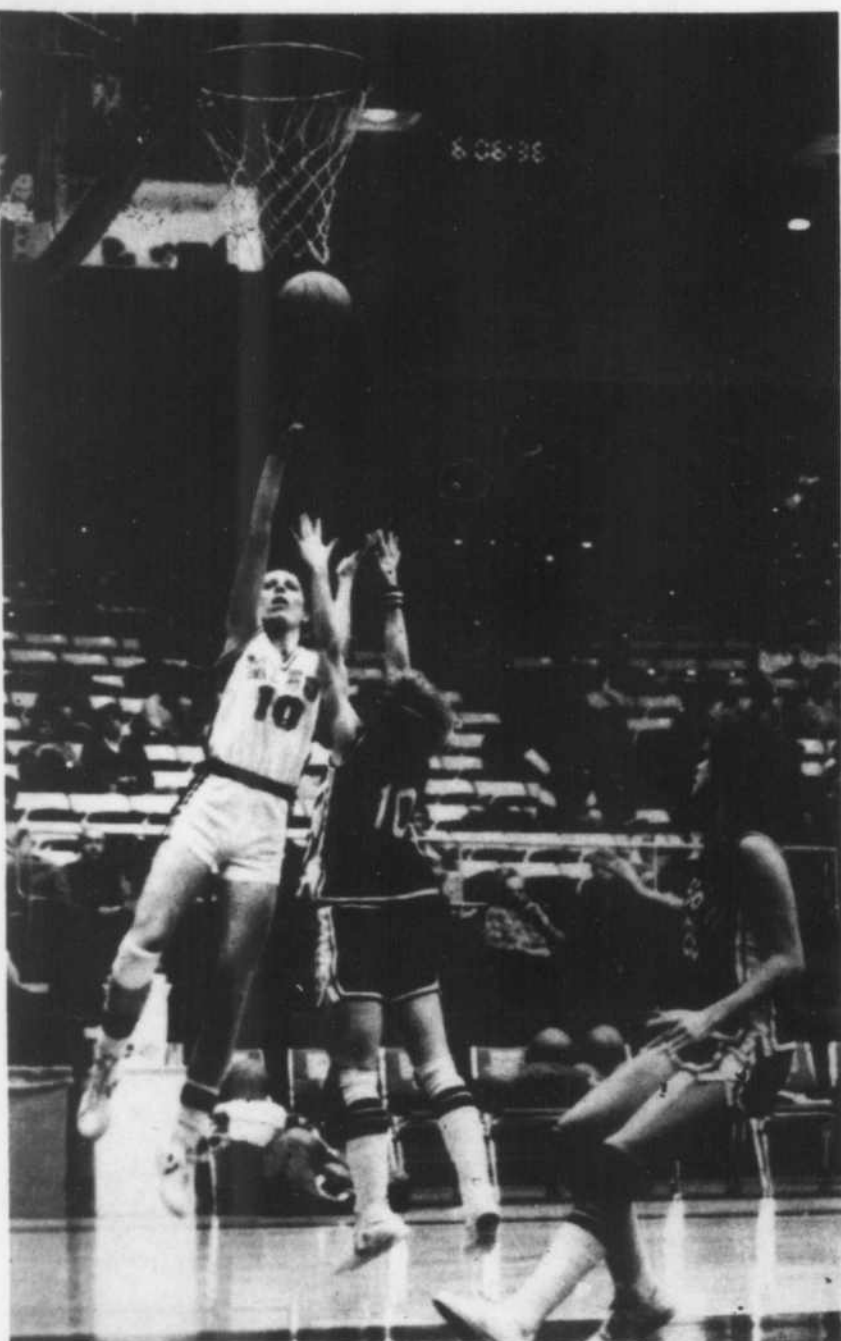


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Ileana Portik, who quit the Lady Raider squad in the spring, has reportedly signed a contract with the Minnesota Fillies of the WPBL.

LaLance again gets aid from Australian pipeline

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

Facing one of the most massive rebuilding jobs in his coaching career here, Blue Raider tennis coach Dick LaLance has once again turned to an old friend. Yep, you guessed it, the "Australians Pipeline" has been tapped once more.

For the old faithful Raider tennis fans the answer was probably pretty simple, but for the newcomers to the campus some explanation might be necessary.

LaLance has always had good teams here at MTSU, but the program didn't really start to take off until he brought in some top-notch Australians, like Lasse Durchman, Peter Heffernan and Stuart Thompson, to name just a few.

With last season's addition of Graeme Harris, Mark Tulloch and Daren Christie (who has since departed for home), the total of Australians to wear Raider blue went up to a dozen. It's not a matter of LaLance not wanting American players, it's just that most of the high caliber U.S. netters usually opt for the bigger schools like Florida, UCLA and the like.

With the loss of Dale Short (Conference Player of the Year),

Tony Fernandez and Heffernan to graduation last season, it was evident that LaLance and the Raiders would need immediate help if they were to be in contention for the conference crown at all this year.

"After last season was over, I put together a list of four or five top notch players from here in the U.S. and really went after them," LaLance said. "But I simply couldn't get 'em in here. They all ended up at some of the big name schools."

So LaLance put out the call for help to his connections in Australia and came up with three of the top players in that country. Already signed is David Nickels, with verbal commitments coming from Peter Beare and Wesley Horkins.

Beare is currently in this country, playing with the Australian Junior National team, while Horkins is competing on a European Circuit which has made a stop in Czechoslovakia.

"If all of these guys come through, we should be right up there in the running again," LaLance stated.

By CAROL A. STUART

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The hour is approaching.

Just a little over a week is left before the Blue Raider football team takes the field against the University of North Alabama.

Which means only a week is left for injuries to heal, freshmen to mature, leaders to step forward, and coaches to have nervous breakdowns.

"The thing that has hurt us more than anything else is injuries. We've had about 17 scholarship players get hurt and we cannot get them back on the practice field. And we've got, now, one week to get ready, and that's what complicates things for us," head football coach "Boots" Donnelly said.

Currently, the numerous injuries have caused so many changes both in the starting line-up and the reserves that Donnelly isn't even sure of a depth chart.

At this time, it's probably safe to say that the words "starting line-up" are not even in his vocabulary.

"[It [naming a starting line-up] would be an injustice to some of the players right now. If we can get some of them back by Monday, I still feel that, because of their experience and all, their know-how, they would start over some of these younger players."

Some of the important names presently out of action include freshman runningback Thomas



photo by Greg Campbell

In an intra-squad scrimmage last night, senior Larry Miller prepares to ward off defenders on his way downfield while leaving behind a grounded teammate.

Goodloe, a Nashville Maplewood product, and center Joe Boyd, a sophomore from Stewart County. Goodloe, however, is expected to return to practice next week while Boyd's leg cast has been replaced by a splint.

Freshmen players may not be exactly ready yet, either. At least Donnelly won't point out any individual standouts.

"We kind of wait and see how they materialize under the gun, under the heat," the coach said.

"Right now, we feel like we've got some quality freshmen. It's just the matter of finding them

during the course of a battle."

That battle could turn out to be the opening game against UNA. If bones and muscles don't heal, the pilot could be looking to his fresh crop.

The one area where the Raiders shouldn't have much problem is with the leadership. With sophomore quarterback Brown Sanford behind the snap, the MTSU squad could have the finest offensive attack in the league. That is, if the line holds up.

The main problem with leadership will be on the defensive side, where the loss to

graduation of linebacker Stan Wright will leave the Raiders hurting. The reins will probably fall to the backfield, where free safety James Griffin, strong safety Dennis Mix, and cornerback Boo Ingle, all sophomores, are expected to be the bright spots.

"I think all of our football players that stayed with us last year and are back are better. And I say better for one reason—because attitudewise, knowledgeable, they understand and see what is going on a little bit better," Donnelly said.

MTSU cross country team holds nucleus for success

By RONALD ROBERTS

Sidelines Sports Writer

The OVC has the reputation of being one of the best cross country conferences in the nation. To compete in the OVC a team has to have a good nucleus, and according to cross country coach Dean Hayes, this year's Blue Raider squad has a good base to work with.

The nucleus that Hayes speaks of revolves around five key runners. Irish lad Joel O'Loughlin finished fifth in OVC cross country competition last year, while Ross Dowland finished thirteenth as a freshman. Dowland is coming back from leg surgery, but Hayes is hopeful he will have a good season.

Dana McCutcheon finished twentieth two years ago, but didn't run cross country last year. McCutcheon is the 800 meter champion in track.

Two incoming freshmen have promising seasons ahead, according to Hayes. Robert Willis

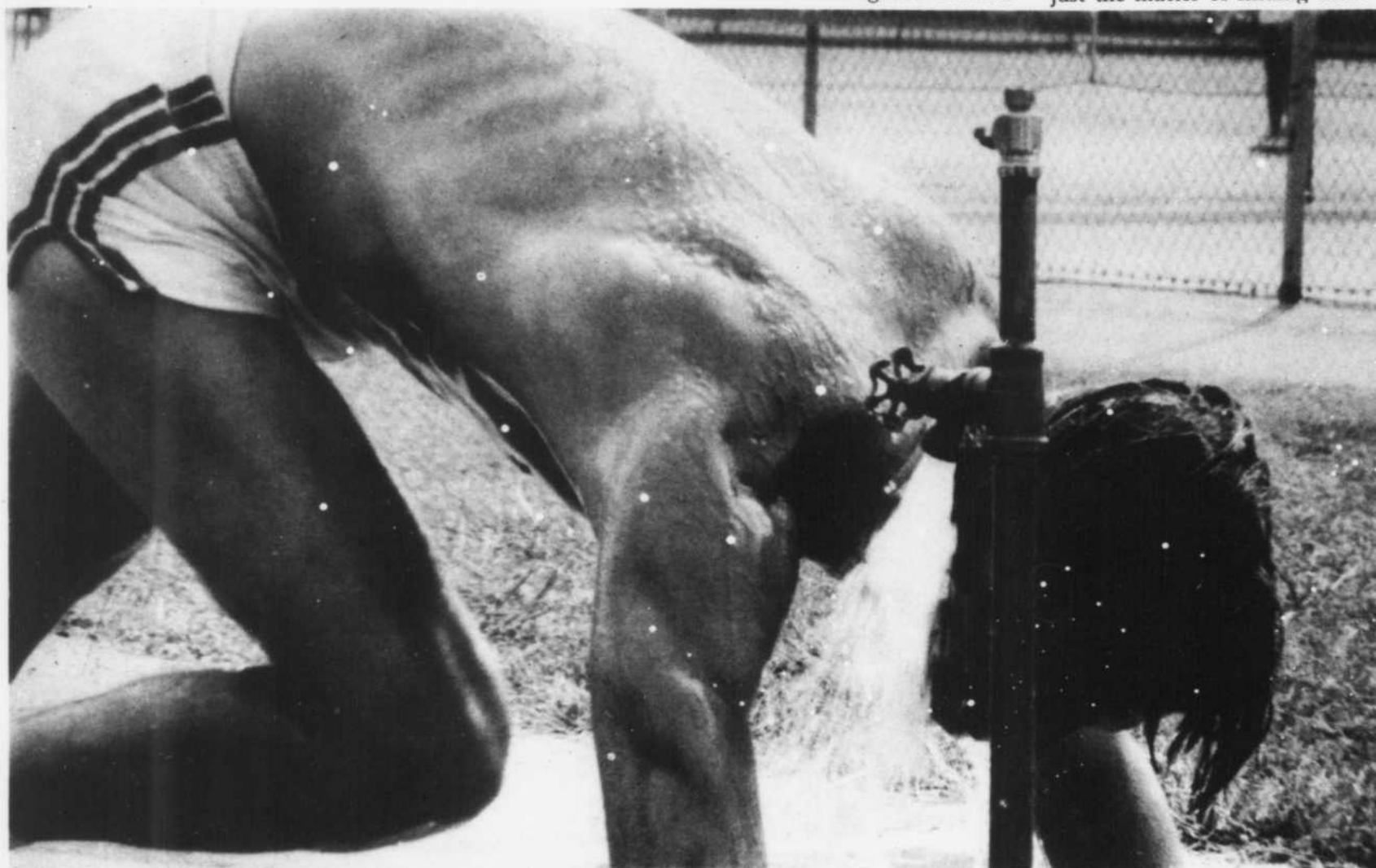
attended Webb High School in Murfreesboro, and has been doing a lot of running this summer. So far Willis has been a standout in practice.

Jeff Skinner is the other freshman with a promising season ahead. Skinner went to Overton High School in Nashville where he was one of the best runners in the state, Hayes said, adding that Skinner has lots of ability.

The veteran track coach said he thinks this group has more depth than some of his teams in the past. Barring injuries, this year's team should be better than last year's squad, he noted.

MTSU should be in a real fight for third with Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, and Akron, Hayes predicted. He picks Western Kentucky to win the title due to their experience.

Cross country season for MTSU's team begins on Sept. 13, at the University of the South, in an invitational meet.



No, he's not ready for the gun to start the race. After the first day of official workouts, MTSU tennis player Mark Tulloch finds yesterday's heat a little rough and decides to cool off.

The Blue Raiders' first fall match is scheduled for the afternoon of Sept. 6 at the University of North Alabama.

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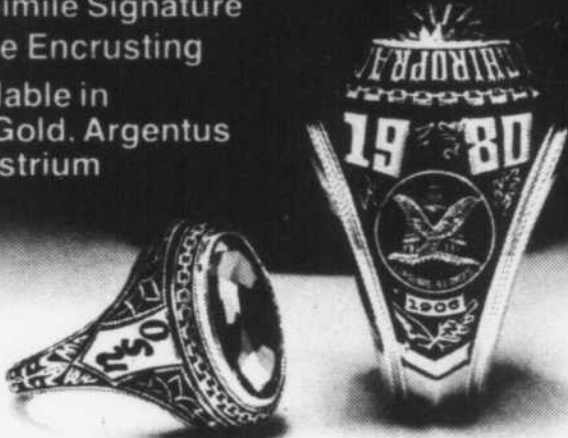
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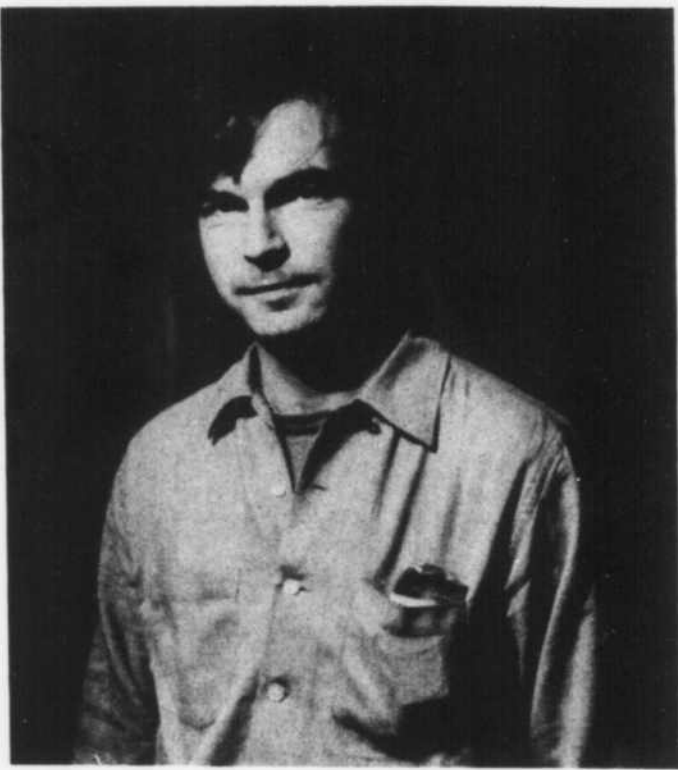
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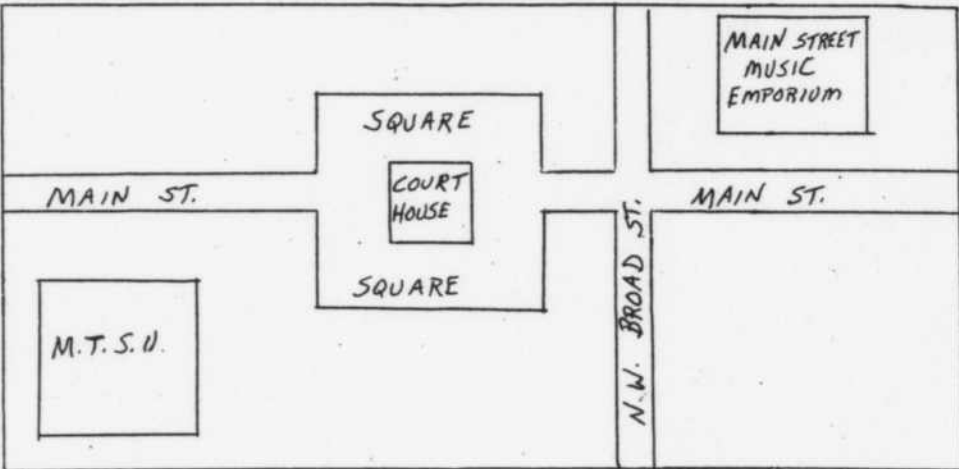
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