

Linnell Gentry Revises Country Music Book

Linnell Gentry, new director of research, has recently revised his book, *A History and Encyclopedia of Country, Western, and Gospel Music*.

As the title suggests, the book deals with facts concerning important entertainers in the past and present of country music. The 603 biographies, arranged in the manner of *Who's Who*, include such personalities as Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, Roy Acuff, and Gentry's favorite, Johnny Cash. Also found in the book are over 70 reprinted magazine articles dealing with all facets of country music.

According to Gentry, sources for the book include an intense study of newspaper and magazine articles—especially those in the journal of country music, *Music City News*—as well as information compiled from questionnaires sent to the entertainers themselves. Gentry also visited many record shops and radio stations and travelled to Kentucky and West Virginia to find material for this first book of its kind.

He found that the big stars such as Tennessee Ernie Ford, Johnny Cash, and Rick Nelson were generally more helpful in informing him on the subject than were the lesser performers.

As a boy, Gentry became interested in music through his association with a fiddle-playing butcher who later became a senator, Robert C. Bird of West Virginia. The writing of this book grew out of his interest in and enjoyment of all types of music.

Country, western, and gospel music are obviously his favorites but he admits that, "There is a problem in what to call

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LINNELL GENTRY

University Investigates Possibility Of Fraternity Row on Campus

President M. G. Scarlett said Tuesday that the University is investigating the possibility of the construction of a fraternity row on campus.

He stated that the location of the fraternity houses now presents problems in the way of noise and parking since they are located in residential areas.

"There is no way to avoid these problems now," he said. Concerning the building of a fraternity row, Scarlett said, "I think it is the best thing to do. I don't know where it will be located or how it will be financed, but we want to do something about it."

Scarlett met with representatives from the five recognized fraternities at MTSU

BY PAULETTE FOX

The Associated Student Body will take over the student campaign in regards to the arrest of four MTSU students, according to Van Martin, president of ASB.

The purpose of the ASB getting involved, said Martin, is to allow the students concerned about the incident to be able to work through the official student organization. "In this way we can protect certain individuals or groups from having to take all backlash."

Martin said, "Mary Pat Williams initiated action, and after

we checked into the matter a great deal, we decided that for the good of the university and all involved that the ASB should become actively involved." In this way Martin stated that he hoped to clarify all of the facts and kill some of the rumors going around campus.

Martin went on to say that he felt that the ASB had to take the responsibility or they wouldn't be truly representative of the student body. He said that he fully realized that the consequences might be friction between the University community and the surrounding community, but that was a responsibility which the ASB gravely accepted.

It was also stressed that the ASB was not demanding the students' innocence but rather asking that justice be done. Martin said that if after the first trial Monday, he felt that all the facts had not been brought out, then he would support the students arrested in their further efforts to bring out the facts.

Martin said that he doesn't "think that there will be any trouble." He went on to say, "I would like to see a fairly large well-disciplined crowd there at the trial to show that the students are concerned."

It was brought out again by Martin that "this is a positive thing. We're not looking to tear anything down, rather we are looking for justice and for progressive positive results."

The ASB is presently organizing a campaign which will include a petition. The petition states: "The incident of July 26 concerning four university students arrested by supposed police malpractice, has come to the attention of the ASB. After our preliminary inquiry of all known information, we feel that there is need for determination of policy of the police concerning all students of MTSU. Because of this, we

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Paulette Fox Receives Sidelines' Award for Outstanding Service

Paulette Fox, summer news editor for the *SIDELINES*, is the first recipient of the "Editor-in-Chief's Outstanding Service Award" for the summer production of the *SIDELINES*. Michael Goforth, editor-in-chief announced yesterday.

The award will be given on a semester basis to the staff member who, in the opinion of the editor, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in executing their delegated responsibility.

Miss Fox, Nashville junior, has served in the capacity of special reporter, news editor and next fall will be feature editor for the *SIDELINES*.

"With only a very small staff, Paulette has been responsible for covering campus news this summer. She has accomplished this duty in a most outstanding manner, and without the long hours she has spent in gathering and writing the news, the summer editions of the *SIDE-*

LINES would not have been possible," said Goforth.

Miss Fox's name will be

engraved on a plaque to hang permanently in the *SIDELINES* office.



Paulette Fox, summer news editor, works on a story to beat another deadline.

ASB Members To Hold Annual Hy-Lake Retreat

The ASB will sponsor the annual Hy-Lake retreat September 4 through September 6. Van Martin, president of the ASB, in announcing the meeting said that the retreat is being held for the members of the ASB in order that they might get to know each other better.

All members of the House, Senate, Supreme Court and ASB committees are invited to attend. This will give the individual groups a chance to meet and talk over their plans for the coming year. Martin said that "a closeness (between members of the committees) comes out of these meetings and it creates respect."

The first night will be a question and answer period between the students. According to Martin the second night will be a question and answer period between the students and the administration. "We hope to have an exchange of ideas with President Scarlett and the different deans."

Martin says that he believes that the main topic of discussion will be the new rules and student handbook.

The retreat will end by noon Saturday. Martin said that he hoped that the retreat will be a personal type of thing, mixing business with pleasure.

Editorials**Serious Situation Faces Students, Administration**

A very serious situation faces the students and administration at MTSU--that being the arrest of four students on disorderly conduct charges. The case involves students at a party which was raided by the Murfreesboro police department. This resulted in the arrest of the students and in accusations of police brutality and the violation of constitutional rights.

Mary Pat Williams and more recently the ASB have become involved in the issue by organizing a "Defend your Constitutional Rights" campaign. Leon Stancliff of the physical science department is spearheading a campaign against the movement by the ASB and Miss Williams.

Where does this leave the students of MTSU?

The student body has been called upon by the ASB and Miss Williams to show their concern in this matter by signing petitions and attending the hearing of the case next Monday.

Certainly each student should be concerned about this unfortunate situation, and have the right to voice this concern.

The SIDELINES is no exception and does have a deep concern over the action of the police department.

We advise the students who have a sincere and honest concern about the incident to sign the petitions and attend the hearing.

But we must remind all those who have become involved, that the courts will decide the innocence or guilt of the defendants and if police brutality did occur and if constitutional rights were violated. The students can show their concern and interest but the final results will be determined by the courts.

MTSU Fraternity System Does Have Merits

The MTSU fraternity system has recently come under fire from the Murfreesboro City Council.

True the police department and MTSU administration have received several complaints about the noise and parking at the fraternity houses. President Scarlett has started an investigation into the possibility of locating the houses on campus and out of the residential areas of Murfreesboro.

It appears that when the citizens of Murfreesboro look at the fraternity system, they only see the bad side, but perhaps it would help if they took note of some of the other things they do in the lines of civic projects.

The MTSU fraternity system in the past year has contributed to the Cerebral Palsy Drive, have aided in the Headstart Program, hosted parties for the mentally retarded children, given to blood drives, sponsored Easter egg hunts for children of the community, given parties for orphan children, helped in the Civitan Club's candy sale, collected food for the Salvation Army, raked leaves for surrounding homes, and aided in the Cancer Drive

Open Column**Protect Constitutional Rights Is Cry of Many Students**

BY MARY PAT WILLIAMS

Protect your Constitutional Rights! This has become the cry of several hundreds of student and faculty on the MTSU campus.

Attention has been temporarily shifted away from lectures on traditional classroom topics. It has moved out of the classrooms and into the hallways, the University Center, and campus lawns. It has aroused violent opposition as well as spontaneous support. It has mobilized the student body out of its apathy and into spontaneous support. It has mobilized the student body out of its apathy and into action and reaction.

More than anything, this attention has made very concrete the vague, abstract principles of the United States Constitution, and it has expanded their meaning from a rather general conception to a personal reality.

What is the force behind this sudden change--this mass movement within MTSU and the Murfreesboro community? It is none other than the treatment of five Murfreesboro boys, four of whom are students at MTSU, at the hands of the Murfreesboro City Police Department on the night of July 26, 1969.

At that time, these young men, participating in a private party, were arrested, three on charges of "disorderly conduct" and two on charges of "disorderly conduct" and "running a disorderly house". They also were denied their constitutional rights by illegal search and seizure, by not being informed of their constitutional rights, and by not all being allowed to place one phone call. Furthermore, one of the five arrested was allegedly accosted with a policeman's billy-club, and the resulting bumps and bruises remained the next day for hospital examination.

Even the spawning of the raid casts doubt on the honorable intentions of the police involved, for why was it necessary to summon five police cars to answer a complaint of "disturbing the peace"?

And why couldn't these same policemen have courteously asked the students present at the party to "quiet down", rather than forcing their entry and proceeding to look in pocketbooks, shoes, and the refrigerator?

And can the subsequent action be explained by the theory that they were actually disappointed that these "hippies" were not smoking marijuana or dropping acid?

All of these questions remain to be answered; yet the only retort of the Police Department has been silence.

It is extremely important that I here make it clear that I am in no way condemning or seeking condemnation of the entire Police Department. I feel certain that the Department contains some very able, conscientious law enforcement officers.

Letter**Student Thinks Stadium Seating Arrangement Is "Total Jest"**

Money has rightfully been appropriated for the construction of additional seating capacity at Horace Jones Field. This has been done in order that the thousands of students of MTSU and their dates will have an opportunity to "see" a football game from a favorable vantage point. No longer will the student, his date, or friends have to arrive at the stadium an hour early just to get a seat. Now they can arrive with reasonable time in respect to the starting of the game.

With this additional seating capacity the overflow crowds of students will no longer be push-

ed into the end-zone seats as the case has been in past years. The administration here at MTSU, was, of course, thinking of its student body while this construction was under way. The students are the only reason the university exists. No students. No University. is a very simple equation. Therefore, the conclusion can only be that the new seats are for our thousands of students, who go to every home game come rain, snow or shine.

Last week's article about the new seats availability to students must have been in total "jest" or some type of "satire," but surely not the truth.

Nor do I wish to debate whether or not the boys involved were actually "guilty" of "disorderly conduct"; the Court will decide that issue.

However I am concerned over the actions of those policemen who were involved, for it is impossible for me either to condone or even ignore the violation of an individual's constitutional rights. Can you?

I have been raised in a home and in a country which spouts Democratic ideals and puts a premium on the "inalienable rights" of every man. Were you?

I have been taught that the greatness of the United States lies in her people who are willing to risk their livelihood and lives in the names of Truth and Justice. Have you?

I believe that the future is the responsibility of everyone, and it is present decisions and actions that determine that future. Do you?

During the past one and one-half weeks, I have personally been the object of many false accusations and insults, among these being that I am a Communist. Is upholding the United States Constitution equated with Communism? I think not. No, I am not a Communist, nor a member of the SDS, nor even an irresponsible student.

However, I am a student at MTSU, a registered voter of Rutherford County, and a citizen of the United States, and, consequently, I feel that it is not only my right but also my duty to strive to maintain the ideals of my country.

Honest, rational dissent, however, is welcomed. In On Liberty, John Stuart Mills points out that opposition can only help Truth by strengthening it, by ridding it of misunderstandings, and by increasing its viability. Thus, I do not fear criticism.

What I do fear is misinterpretation. It is not the goal of this movement to incite riots, disrupt the Murfreesboro Police Department, or disturb friendly relations between the campus and the community. On the contrary, the movement is seeking only for an answer and an end to the apparent misconduct of the officers involved so that harmony, and not just a harmonious veneer, can exist within Murfreesboro.

To this purpose, then, I am asking for the support of all MTSU personnel--student, faculty, and administration, and that of concerned citi-

zens in the community. And I am asking that this support be overtly evidenced by signing the petitions now circulating the campus and by appearing as an interested citizen in court for the trial, MONDAY, AUGUST 11, AT 4:00 P.M., CITY HALL, BROAD STREET.

This is your opportunity to defend your constitutional rights. If you cannot offer even this to the United States, can you offer anything at all?

The truth is this: we students attend this university, we students attend the sporting activities, we students pay for this,

and finally, we students sit in the seats -- anywhere.

Seats, seats, everywhere, but not a seat to be found (or used). The student(s) should have a voice in the decision of where they should sit. A vote should be in the offering before the summer is terminated. Let the football players vote on it as they are the ones providing the entertainment.

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Martin Says

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petition."

Miss Williams, a Murfreesboro senior, said that she became involved after personally "witnessing the harassment by law officers at the County Courthouse while waiting with two of the defendants to see a lawyer." She went on to say that her purpose in setting a table up in the UC was to make the students aware and seek their support by requesting their peaceful and orderly presence as interested citizens at the trial. She said that she had approximately 500 signatures of both students and faculty.

"After speaking with Van and other ASB officials and noting their mutual concern, I gladly relinquished my leadership in the movement in order that the official voice of the student body may carry on. I am happy to work with the ASB at their request and to allow my committee to be absorbed by them," concluded Miss Williams.

WMOT will broadcast a special program dealing with the incident tonight at 8 p.m. The program, which is a WMOT news production, will be entitled "Difference of Opinion." Mike Maggart, a news broadcaster, said that the program will be "a presentation of the facts with interviews with the witnesses and those involved at the party."

Leon Stancliff, an instructor in the physical science department, feels that Miss Williams' petition and letter has aggravated the situation, and he has registered a complaint with President Scarlett about the matter.

He went on to say that "the petition asked for a gathering of a group of students at the trial on August 11. This seems premature because this trial is to determine whether these students were guilty of disturbing the neighbors. Police brutality is an entirely different trial."

Stancliff said that his main concern was the letter and petition which Miss Williams signed, not the ASB petition. "It is difficult to assess the motives of others (Miss Williams), but the results of this letter will raise public emotion." He added, "I do not want to see a mob gathered in this city."

"There was a time when the college administration made an attempt to control the students off campus. If Dr. Scarlett feels

that they do not have the authority legally to control students off the campus, then we must expect the Murfreesboro City Police Department to do so," according to Stancliff.

Stancliff went on to say that he was "very upset" over attempts to inflame the students on campus. This condition has extended to the classroom, and "I find hostile feelings on the part of the students toward me and the subject I teach."

"It seems that the students in the student government are very concerned with the rights of students. At the same time I find a bare minimum of comment in the student newspaper encouraging constructive moral situations, more effective study habits, and preparation for general responsibility in adult life," commented Stancliff.

Besides talking with President Scarlett, Stancliff said that he had also contacted Douglas Sparks, editor of the DAILY NEWS JOURNAL, the City Council, Mayor Westbrook, several preachers and WMTS radio. He said that he "wanted to inform them of the existence of this letter. I recommended

that the people of Murfreesboro be informed in order that they might speak out and prevent a violent gathering."

Stancliff went on to criticize the SIDELINES and its former advisor, John Winhauser, for having a bad effect on the student body.



Tommy Davidson



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Students Express Stadium Views

Several students interviewed yesterday expressed their concern over the new seating arrangements in the enlarged football stadium. The question asked these students was: "What do you think about the change in the seating for the stadium?"

Tommy Davidson, Lawrenceburg junior--"I think the new side of the stadium should be given to the students. The old side of the stadium is too small, and last year there wasn't enough seats for the students."

Gladys Voiles, Lenoir City junior--"I just wish MTSU was large enough to have a 'bowl-shaped' stadium; therefore there would be no argument. Since this is not possible now, the students should have the small section to fill first because MTSU sells more reserved tickets than most neighboring colleges."

Jack Barton, Tampa, Florida, junior--"I remember last year when married students had to sit on the other side or in the end zones. The same will happen this year especially since there will be more students than last year and since there will probably be more people turning out because of the new coach."

Sandra Whiting, Chattanooga freshman--"I feel that we, the students, should be able to sit on the new west side. The university, not the visitors who come, earned the money, therefore, we should have the larger side."



Gladys Voiles



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Cheerleaders and school spirit leaders from colleges and universities all across the United States will turn to National Spirit & Sportsmanship Workshop Program sponsored by the Southern Universities Student Government Association (SUSGA) for training and instruction in these areas.

The cheerleaders from Middle Tenn. State are no exception. The week of August 24-29 this group, 10 strong will assemble on the campus of Univ. of Southern Miss. in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for one of these SUSGA Workshops. They will join hundreds of their counterparts in an intense, week-long, session of learning cheers, pom-pom routines, stunts, cheering techniques, exchanging information with others, and, of course, a little fun thrown in for good measure.

This Workshop at Univ. of Southern Miss. is one of three during this Summer sponsored

by SUSGA. Other SUSGA Workshops are on the campuses of So. Colorado State College and Pfeiffer College. These Work-

shops are exclusively for college and university cheerleaders, and, the only ones in the United States exclusively for collegiate cheerleaders.

The SUSGA Workshops are part of the Summer Workshop Program of the National Cheerleader Association of Dallas, Texas, and, are official NCA Workshops.

Representing Middle Tenn. State Univ. will be: Carole Moore, Claudia Waller, Emily Pentecost, Carole Thornton, Sandra Baugh, Ken Tarkington, Bobby Knight, Kirk Werner, Steve Brown, and Sammy Sells.

Fall Schedules

The fall schedule books are now available to students. They may be picked up in the Cope Administration Building at the Admission windows.

Aviation Show To Feature Blue Angel Precision Team

The famed Blue Angel, the Navy's precision flight team, will be the feature attraction at the second Nashville Aviation Days, August 23 and 24 at the Metro Airport.

N A D 1969 will also feature a number of static aviation dis-

plays. The Saturday afternoon open house will be highlighted by the official dedication of the new Nashville Airport air-freight terminal. This facility, which began operations July 1st, is described by many industry spokesmen as one of the largest

and efficient freight operations in modern aviation.

An awards banquet, honoring the top military, civilian and professional displays, will be held Saturday evening August 23rd. This even will be presented at the Statler Hilton Inn, located on the airport.

Through cooperative efforts of the Airport Security Division, Highway Patrol, Metro Police, Civil Defense, Military Police, and a host of volunteer organizations, an effective system of handling automotive traffic will reduce delays and crowded conditions. Nashville Transit buses will provide special runs from various parts of the community to the airport, and provide transportation once on the airport property, from one display and exhibit area to another.

Saturday open house will begin at 1 p.m.

Military static displays will be headquartered on the Tennessee Air Guard ramp. Civilian displays will be housed at BNA fixed base operations. These include Big Brothers Aircraft, Capitol Airways, and Nashville Flying Service.

Business jet aircraft displays will be found adjacent to the Genesco hangars.

N A D is sponsored by the Donelson Rotary Club.

ASB Formulates Plans For Big Brother, Sister

Final plans are now being formulated for the beginning of the Big Brother-Big Sister program sponsored by the ASB. Bart Gordon, secretary of freshmen affairs, said the program was not started in time to be used this summer, but that it would be in operation by the fall.

Under present plans, each upperclassmen who has applied will be assigned to five or six freshmen next fall. Gordon said that their duty will be to orientate the freshmen and give them a tour of the campus and perhaps even the town.

The purpose of the program

is to make the lonely freshman girl or boy feel as if they are starting off with at least one friend, according to Gordon. He said that the Big Brother or Big Sister would encourage the freshman to get into the swing of college life.

Gordon went on to say that each freshman class starts off enthusiastically but then drifts off.

He said that by starting them off correctly that perhaps they would get and stay in more extracurricular activities.

Gordon stressed that this fall would be a trial period, and that he could foresee some improvements being made.

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this type of music; some prefer the title 'folk', others 'hillbilly', or 'Nashville Sound'. Each of these names might be useful for designating distinct types but Gentry has his own all-inclusive term for this general area of music. "Amfocowesgo" is a composite of American, folk, country, western, and gospel music.

Gentry said that whatever this music is now has been

formed by a combination of types—including the Anglo-Saxon background, the Negro spiritual and work songs, and many others. "But country music itself," says Gentry, "is from the South."

A smaller volume was first published in 1961, has been aptly called "The History of Country, Western and Gospel music that has an audience appeal of more than 80,000,000 Americans." The foreword, of the 1969 edition written by Tex Ritter, explains that his connection with this area of folk music extends back to his first appearance on radio in 1928. Ritter, incidentally, represents a rather large segment of "country music" stars who hold college and professional degrees.

The "History-Encyclopedia" reveals the artists as being serious minded, hard working professionals who produce "the country sound", the "Bluegrass Style" and the "all-nite gospel sings". "I thought a book like this would be an invaluable tool for fans and researchers alike", Dr. Gentry said.

The book is filled with quotes from the stars such as that of the late Hank Williams who said, "What he is singing is the hopes, the prayers, the dreams and experience.

From the humorous side came Minnie Pearl's comment as she stroked her fabulous mink coat and remarked, "Hillbilly becomes country when you can buy one of these". Roy Acuff, a three sport athlete in school said, "I always wanted

to play professional baseball or be a coach. Sunstroke got me three times playing baseball and I had to pick out a new career. He had been offered a contract by the New York Giants before going into the entertainment field.

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