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...will end series tonight



Father Albert McKnight

...at 2:30 p.m. today

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Sidelines

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Anderson-McKnight Close "Small Town Rehabilitation" Lecture Series Tonight

By Kathy Miller

Rep. William R. Anderson is among four guest speakers here Monday and today, during a lecture series on methods of relieving urban crises across the United States.

The lecture series is entitled "Rehabilitating Small Town America: an alternative to the Urban Crisis."

Father Albert McKnight, director of the Southern Cooperative Project, Lafayette, La., will lead the discussion at 2:30 p.m. today.

This speech will concern the development of producer and consumer cooperatives for low income people in rural areas in four Southern states, including

Anderson will presnet the final program at 7:30 pm.

His topic will deal with his interest in rural and small town renewal and his part in sponsoring legislation in this field.

The first program of the two-

Martha-Vandellas,

Willie Mitchell

Perform Dec. 3

Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, along with Willie Mitchell, will bring their Motown sound to Murfreesboro, December 3, 7:30 p.m., here at Memorial Gymnasium.

Martha and the Vandellas have recorded such million sellers as "Heat Wave," "Jimmy Mack," "Dancin' in the Streets," and "Bring Back Those Memories."

The group has made three trips abroad--twice on tours of England and once around the European concert circuit.

Their status is continually enforced as they draw record, responsive crowds in leading night-clubs and on college campuses across the country.

In addition to Martha, the group is composed of Rosalind Ashford and Martha's 19-year-old sister, Lois, who recently replaced second soprano Betty Kelly, now venturing in the performing arts as a soloist.

Appearing with the trio is instrumentalist Willie Mitchell, whose hits include "Soul Serenade," and "Prayer Meetin'."

Martha and the Vandellas and Willie Mitchell produce the soul sound of rhythm and blues, which is so popular now at MTSU.

The concert, third in the series of BigName Entertainment, is sponsored by the Associated Student Body.

Tickets are on sale at the University Center, 1st floor. Prices are: \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50, and \$2.75.

part symposium was held on Nov. 11-12.

The speakers included: Richard L. Anderson, ass't general manager, Columbia, Maryland; A. J. Gray, regional planner, TVA; Albert Mayer, architect and planner of environment, New York; and Frederick Grieger, associate professor of the new School of Agriculture, University of Tennessee.

John A. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, spoke at 2:30 p.m. on Monday on the role of the Department of Agriculture

in assisting small towns in becoming stronger economically and better off in terms of community facility.

Charles B. Sonnelroan, special assistant for small communities, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was featured at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

He spoke on familiarizing small towns with HUD programs of particular importance to them.

The symposium is sponsored by the S & H Foundation of New York and the MTSU political science department.

Textbook Thefts Become Major Problem: Phillips

By David Word

Textbook thefts have become a major problem on the MTSU campus since their frequency has increased greatly here over the past few years, Charles Phillips, bookstore manager, said last week.

Contributing to this dilemma, Phillips said, is the difficulty in apprehending the thieves. He said, however, that perhaps only two percent of the students here are involved in the crimes.

"The only tool we have in dealing with this problem is to refer the students who are caught to the Dean's office, who in turn refers the case to the disciplinary committee," he added.

Phillips outlined the bookstore's procedure for keeping

up with books that are sold to students and those that are sold back to the store.

"When we buy a book from a student, he is given a voucher to present the business office for his money. On the voucher we require the students name and box number along with the title of the book and amount we pay him."

The number of the voucher is placed in the book for verification of transation. It is with this number we trace the person who sells unauthorized books," Phillips said.

"It is the responsibility of the student to report a stolen book

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MARTHA REEVES And The VANDELLAS

JFK--APOSTLE OF JUSTICE

Kephart Addresses 100

By Jonelle Parsley

Graduate assistant, Floyd Kephart, addressing approximately 100 students and faculty members here Friday, called John Kennedy "a man of peace . . . an apostle of justice . . . not to be remembered in the darkness of death, but in the light of life."

Kephart's remarks were made during a memorial service, commemorating the 5th anniversary of the death of Kennedy. A candle-light march began at 6:30 p.m. from the Student Union Building and proceeded to the front of the Cope Administration Building where the service was held.

Rev. Franklin Ferguson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, also addressed the audience during the service saying, "The measure of a man's life is not in its length, but in its depth—in the legacy of dreams and visions" such as those left by Kennedy.

In further remarks Kephart said, "We meet at a university noted for physical progress, in a state noted for spiritual strength, in a nation noted for peace—and we stand in need of all three--We burn candles to a leader now past whose goals and ideas can still provide the light to our seemingly dark future."

Brenda North, Nashville sophomore, sang "The Impossible

Dream"; and Roger Traugh, Smyrna senior, sang a folk ballad, "Don't Know Where I'm Bound."

The invocation was given by Wesley Foundation Director, Richard Shriver. Rev. Richard Gordon, First Baptist Church, East Castle Street, closed the service.

Also participating in the service were CUBE President Don Coleman; CYD President Bobby Lynch; Bobby Rucker, Nashville sophomore; and Sylvester Brooks, Memphis sophomore.

Brooks quoted an Irish poet whose lines allude to both John Kennedy and his brother, Robert: "Though I grudge them not I weary, weary of the long sorrow. And yet I have my joy. They were faithful and they fought."

The march and service were co-sponsored by CUBE and the College Young Democrats.

March coordinator, Paulette Fox, commented, "Not only did we honor John Kennedy, but we rededicated ourselves to the continuation of his goals and ideals."

History professor, Norman Ferris, termed the memorial "very impressive, a giant step in the right direction for our school."



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to the bookstore or the Dean's office," he stated.

Phillips strongly urged a student who has lost a book to either check the lost and found in the University Center or the bookstore.

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Thefts Become Problem

"Our shelves or stock rooms are open to any student wishing to check on a stolen book," he said.

The disciplinary committee is composed of nine members, three of which are students with one delinquent vote.

Earl Young, agriculture department, who is chairman of the disciplinary committee, stated that "so far this year we have heard four cases involving unauthorized selling of books. This is usually as many as we get in an entire semester," he said.

"Based on past cases," said Young, "if there is no doubt that a student sold a stolen book, the committee will recommend suspension."

ording to Young, any decision issued by the disciplinary committee is subject to appeal to the President of the university.

Young stated that the disciplinary committee should set the punishment for individuals caught selling stolen books.

Phillips has a different view on the punishment. He sees the punishment as a deterrent for future thefts.

"There should be a set pattern for punishment," Phillips stated. "It takes something away from the university when a student cannot leave his books and expect them to be there when he returns."

Phillips speculated that ninety percent of the stolen books are resold to the bookstore, and that all these books could be traced through the bookstore "if the students took the time to do so."

Austin Peay Rejected for ROTC By US Army

Austin Peay State University's bid for a Reserve Officers Training Corps program has been turned down by the U.S. Army, it was reported in the school's newspaper.

This is the second time in two years that Austin Peay's application for the ROTC program has been rejected.

Austin Peay continues to be the only state university in Tennessee which does not offer some kind of reserved officers training course to its students, according to The All State.

The university has recently purchased the National Guard Armory and adjacent grounds in hopes of improving their chances for getting a ROTC program.

APSU President Joe Morgan expressed his disappointment at the rejection of the application. He stated that no further action would be taken until he has formal notification from the Sec-

Fifteen universities were chosen to host the program from a total of 75 universities and colleges throughout the nation. The selection factors were based upon geographical location, indicated faculty-student support for the unit, academic accreditation, enrollment growth potential, and the potential to produce an average of 25 commissioned officers

ROTC at Clemson- Opposed by Majority

A majority of the students at Clemson University, South Carolina, oppose mandatory ROTC. A poll was taken which showed sixty-two percent of those affected by the program opposed it.

The basic argument against ROTC was that "to require students to participate in the program is a violation of academic freedom and individual freedom of choice," according to The Tiger, Clemson's student newspaper.

A resolution was drafted by the student senate requesting all ROTC courses to be placed on a voluntary basis.

In a series of articles which gave the history, educational values, and the movement against compulsory ROTC, a trend was evident away from compulsory ROTC and not ROTC itself.

One such article in The Tiger claimed that "ROTC puts a clamp on free expression."

In a statement made at Clemson by George Coakley, dean of men, ROTC was said to be a tradition.

"ROTC remains at Clemson in part because of tradition and alumni. The possibility of a voluntary program is certainly existent at any time," said Coakley, a retired major general. In a letter to the editor of The Tiger, Major William Shepherd explained ROTC as he sees it.

"Our instruction is intended to extend a student's knowledge and understanding of the defense establishment. None of the instruction presented during a student's enrollment in MS I or II is designed to make him a 'trained killer' or even encourage a young man toward these goals," said Shepard.

Two distinct advantages of vol-

untary ROTC were brought out by an advanced ROTC cadet. They are: (1) The cadet corps would be smaller-more personal contact between instructor and instructed. (2) The university would begin to produce officers qualitatively, rather than quantitatively. Students from a smaller, better trained unit perform better at summer camp than do students from a large organization.

It was also brought out that "the system should not be blamed on the military, which has, in the past, made feelers aimed ultimately at making the program voluntary. The university has refused."

One article stated that the reason that the services are concerned about the future of their campus programs is simply they need the officers that come out of ROTC training.

As one army officer put it, "We're looking for an officer that has a broad collegiate background; and it's cheaper to get this individual off a college campus than to train him ourselves."

Baha'u'llah- Fact or Fable

By Brenda Smith

What are these new words "Baha'i" and "Baha'u'llah", appearing on campus in the most obvious places?

Baha'i is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. Its members follow the teachings of a Persian prophet called Baha'u'llah, who proclaimed to all mankind the advent of a new revelation.

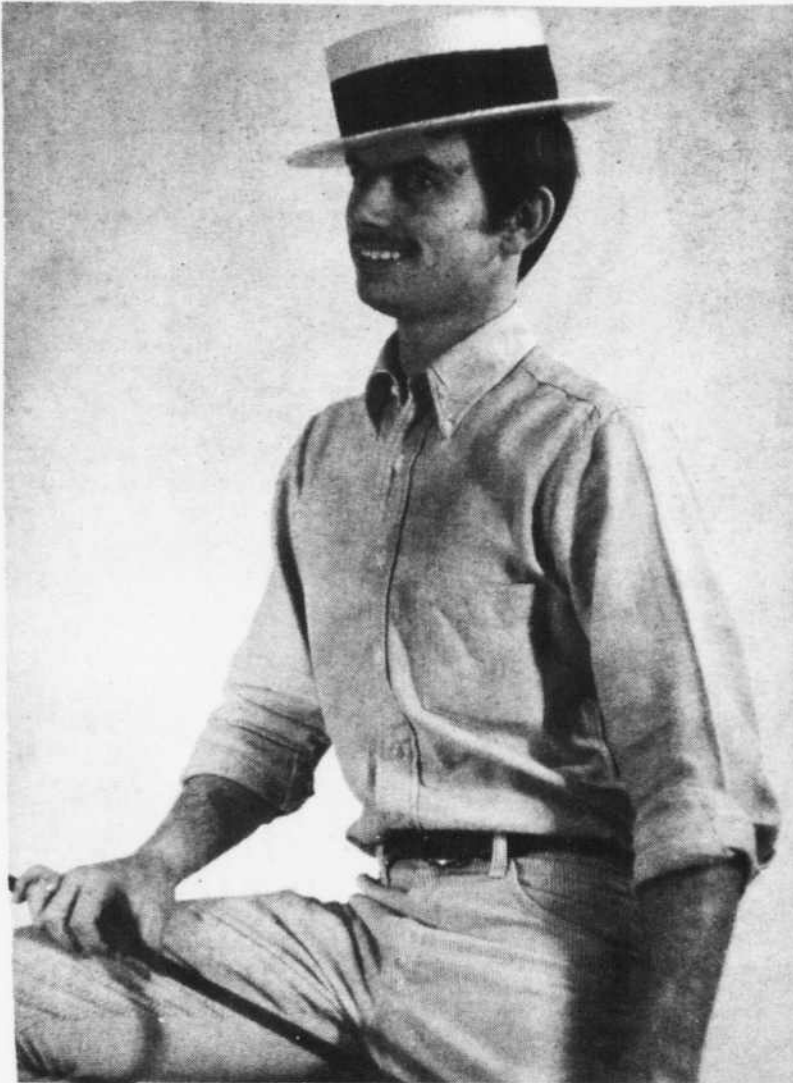
The Baha'i faith accepts the essentials of other religions, but is neither eclectic nor syncretic. They believe that as the human race has advanced, God has sent a series of perfect and Divine Educators such as Moses, Buddha, Zoroaster, Christ Mohammed and others, each with a message for the different ages and cultures.

All have taught love and justice, but their social teachings change and progress, because they are revealed to meet the needs of the time.

The heart of the spiritual life of the community consists of a 19 day feast which is conducted simply and informally.

There are no priests, rituals, collections or sermons, therefore, members alone are responsible for strengthening their faith. This strengthening through continuous study of the Baha'i writings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha. Prayer and discussion

Players Ready for 'Little Me'



John Gilpin, as Fred Val Duval, in the musical comedy, "Little Me."

"Little Me," a musical extravaganza, will be presented Dec. 9-17 in the arena theatre of the Dramatic Arts Building.

The production is under the direction of Dorethe Tucker and the technical direction of Clayton Hawes.

The musical comedy stars John Gilpin, a senior from Smyrna, and Phyllis Murphy, a senior from Murfreesboro. The supporting role is played by Connie O'Connell.

Others featured in the production include Donna Walker, Pam Owen, Morgan Abernathy, Andrea Lindsey, Lynn Brown, George Clinton, Barry Underwood, as well as a chorus made up of men and women who sing, dance, and act throughout the play.

The choreography is being staged by Susan Karsch; the pianist for the musical is Stanley German, assisted by Kathy Bess; and on the drums is David Harbin.

"Little Me" is definitely an extravaganza in the area of costuming, with 233 costumes, which have been designed by Mary Skiba, the costume mistress for the theatre department.

Tickets for the show will go on sale December 2nd on the second floor of the University Center.

All M.T.S.U. students may receive a free reserved seat with their student identification. General admission is \$2.00.

Bulletins Due Before Christmas

Spring schedule bulletins, which will be available possibly before the Christmas vacation, will contain no major changes, announced Howard Kirksey, dean of faculty.

One change, which begins this semester, involves exam schedules. Exams will begin on Friday, Jan. 24, rather than on Monday as in the past. There will also be one-half hour between exams.

Kirksey said that spring courses would be generally the same as fall ones.

When asked about the possibility of making changes in the required course area, Kirksey stated that "there will be no change."

"The first object of required courses such as freshman English is to get students literate," he said.

"Many colleges have dropped the requirements for freshman English because it is simply a repeat of high school work and a great waste of the taxpayer's money," Kirksey stated.

"We intend to keep the requirements, however," he said. American College Testing (ACT) scores are designed to alleviate the necessity of advanced students going through the basic courses, he added.



Phyllis Murphy, portraying the Old Belle in "Little Me."

are also used to further knowledge.

The chief principle of the faith is "the oneness and the wholeness of the human race." Other points stressed are: the independent investigation of truth, harmony of science and religion, equality of men and women and universal peace based upon a world federation of nations.

This principle is best explained in a Baha'i proverb: "A rose is beautiful in whatever garden it may bloom. We are each flowers in the great garden."

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Editorial

Place Your Bets

Within the last few years MTSU has grown from an area commuter college to a well-known progressive university. One of the primary results of the increased recognition of our university is simply due to a greater amount of publicity received, both locally and nationally.

MTSU has been fortunate in receiving favorable publicity by newspapers, radio, and television coverage of the Grantland Rice Bowl. We are the host school to the NCAA Mideast College Division Football Championship.

The Murfreesboro Jaycees sponsor this widely acclaimed bowl to which people travel from all over the country to attend. The percentage of the profits, that this civic group receives, go to charity (Mentally Retarded Association).

Now we are faced with the possible loss of the Grantland Rice Bowl for the NCAA threatens to move to another university next year. Their reason is not that they are not satisfied with MTSU, but that they are weary of the lack of local support. When a bowl game receives national acclaim, and yet it is ignored by the local community and host school's students, the NCAA wonders if MTSU and Murfreesboro really want to continue presenting this bowl.

Are we as students so selfish and apathetic as not to attend a great football game on our own campus? Do we care so little for athletics as not to give to charity while supporting our school's image?

The challenge has been made and the bet placed that MTSU students run home the weekend of the Grantland Rice Bowl on Saturday, December 14. We hope you win the wager.

As I See It

By David Mathis

Editor-in-Chief

In a recent interview with Dr. William Holland, chairman of the Public Program Committee, one of our reporters discovered some rather interesting information.

The purposes of a committee such as this one are to acquire speakers, entertainment and lectures that are "culturally intoned to broaden the intellectual horizons of MTSU students."

I feel that this committee should be able to accomplish these means and any obstacle that stands in its path should be removed.

Earlier this semester we reflected in an editorial the pathetic ritualism arising around the Gerald Ford speech which this committee sponsored. The House Minority Leader was asked to speak to the MTSU students, but he was asked to avoid in this speech the one area in which he is so well versed--politics. In the end however, Mr. Ford came across, quite naturally and unavoidably, with reflections of his personal political stands and the sheltered students of MTSU were not hurt in the process.

If this situation were to persist, there would be little reason to invite others to broaden any intellectual horizons at MTSU. But, perhaps if we were to invite a variety of celebrities to one culturally deprived campus, they would be allowed to speak with the freedom of speech allowed in other areas of this country.

In the November 14 edition of the Sidelines, we ran an article describing Impact '69 to be held this spring semester at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Headlining the long list of scheduled accepted speakers are: Dick Gregory, George Wallace, Julian Bond, Sen. Everett Dirksen, Al Capp, Sander Vanocur, and Ralph McGill. This will certainly be an out-standing opportunity for Murray students to learn through the series of lectures, panels, and seminars conducted by these personalities.

Not only will Murray students be fortunate by attending this program, but their university will receive invaluable publicity through national television and newspaper coverage.

How do Murray and other universities accomplish such distinctive presentations? Money is the answer, and lots of money (about \$14,000--more than the MTSU committee receives in two years).

In 1957 MTSU's student enrollment was about 2000. Today it is about 7000. The budget for public programs remains the same.

Our public program committee has some very sound and progressive ideas, but they are hindered. It seems such a pity that because of a restricted, outdated budget, they will be deprived of exercising these ideas.

With Other Editors

Editor's Note:

The following editorial appeared in The Tiger, a student newspaper of Clemson University in South Carolina. The editorial was in a November 15, 1968 analytical special edition on the values of ROTC.

Make ROTC Voluntary

A Choice

The reasons for replacing mandatory ROTC with a voluntary program are many.

The basic fault with the program is that it denies the student the right to determine his own educational program. We have heard the counter-argument that students are required to take certain prerequisite courses to graduate and basic ROTC falls into the same category.

We cannot accept this argument. Required math and science courses are necessary to equip the student with intellectual discipline and broaden his sphere of educational awareness. Military training is a completely different field of endeavor.

ROTC does not make an attorney a better attorney nor does it enhance the capabilities of a medical doctor. Military training does not shape one for a role in engineering, teaching or other non-military careers.

Students should not be compelled to participate in training and instruction that is irrelevant to their desired educational programs.

A student pays for a college edu-

cation and if he does not wish to spend his or more probably his parents' money for military training, he should not be required to do so.

A university is not an arm of the U.S. military, and it should not place itself in that role. We have military colleges and academies for that purpose. A university should not be expected to round up recruits for the Army or Air Force. We have recruiting stations in every significant American city for that.

Many of the men enrolled in the voluntary advanced ROTC program feel that ROTC provides valuable leadership training and equips the student with self-discipline and patriotic consciousness.

That is all well and good, but it is no reason to make the military training program compulsory. If the program has so much value, why is it necessary to force it on students? If it turns boys into men and followers into leaders, those who wish to attain these goals will choose to enroll in the program.

The draft is compulsory enough, we do not need another such institution in our universities.

Credit

Students in basic ROTC receive one credit for four hours per week spent in the classroom and on the drill field. This is clearly an inequity if the program has any major value.

We do not feel that students should be compelled to sit through two hours of weekly class that are often boring and usually trite and two hours of often disorganized drill to receive one puny credit. If the program serves such a worthwhile function as producing irreplaceable leaders, students should receive at least three credits.

Even if the program were unquestionable as to its merits, there would still be no legitimate reason to force it on students.

We have heard the proponents of mandatory ROTC attempt to equate its opponents with some evil conspiracy led by long-hairs and hippies, as they call them. This

represents only the most primitive form of thinking. It is as shallow as arguments against equal rights.

The Student Senate and the YMCA Cabinet have proven that the more conservative members of the student body oppose mandatory ROTC.

We feel that it is time Clemson students were heard on this issue. We do not seek to destroy the military instruction program but to replace it with an optional one. If there are those who wish to become officers in the military, and there are many, then they could avail themselves of the appropriate programs. Those who do not seek commissions could have the choice to spend their time and money more wisely.

If Clemson is to free itself from an undesirable stigma, then it should take immediate action to abolish mandatory ROTC.

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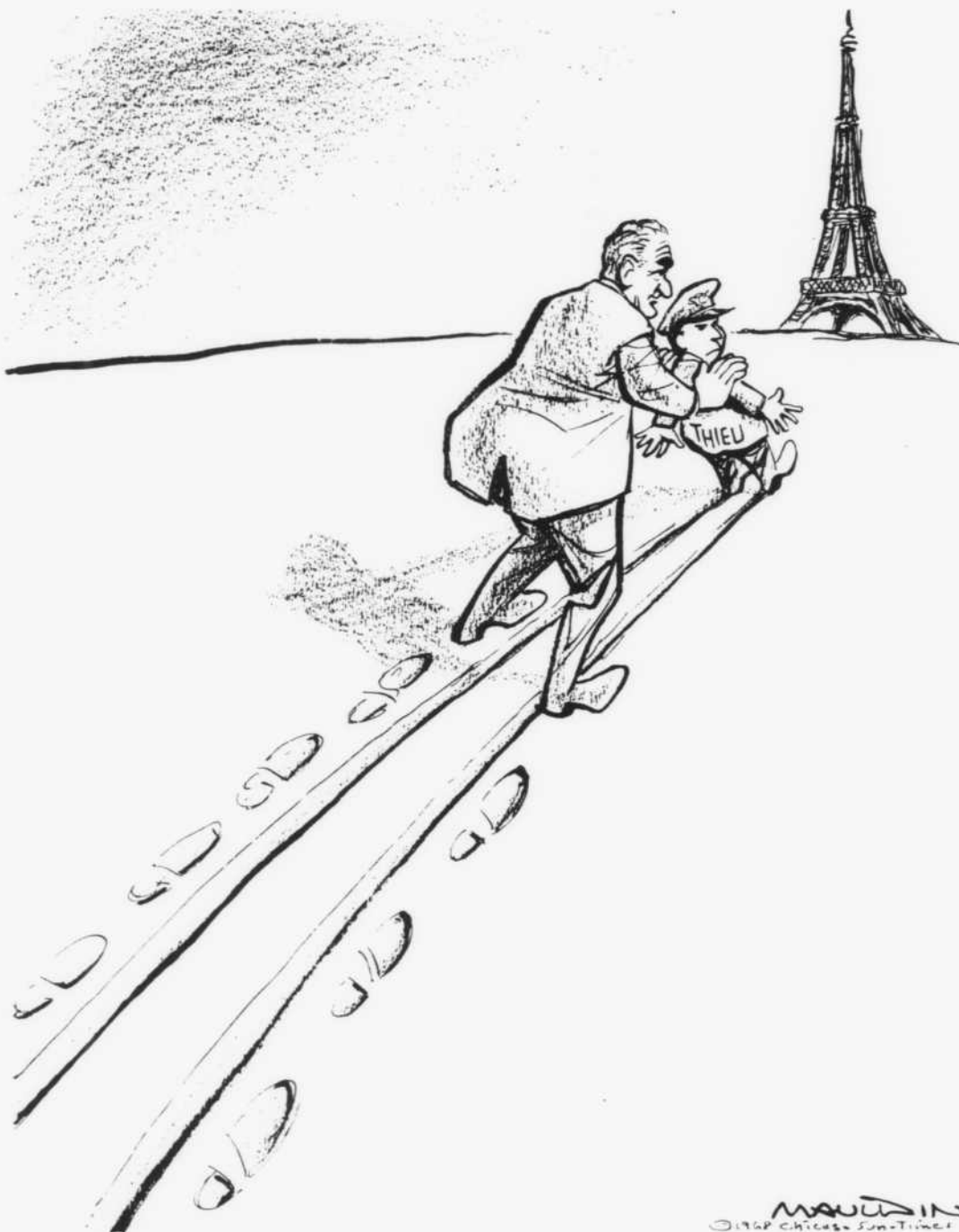
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"A JOURNEY OF 6,500 MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP..."
(Lyndon Baines Johnson)

Matter Of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



Saigon. The dawn of hope in Saigon, after many weary months of gloom, is bright enough to be near-blinding. One can only pray it is not a false dawn. And that seems to depend, oddly enough, on whether Gen. Nguyen Chi Thanh or Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap was in the right in 1965.

This may seem a singular approach to the new phase the war has now entered. But as yet the only real evidence suggesting what the new phase may bring is the important, fully documented evidence of the conflicting opinions of the enemy's two most eminent commanders.

Briefly, then there was a major policy debate in Hanoi about the right courses to adopt, after the United States entered the war in earnest in the summer of 1965. In the face of such a markedly unfavorable development, the enemy doctrine, which Gen. Giap had written, called for a temporary retreat from big-unit war to small-unit war of a more classic guerrilla type.

The documents make it quite clear that the Hanoi Politburo was divided, and the evidence is strong that Giap, with his proud memories of the war against the French, favored the retreat to small-unit war which the doctrine called for. So did the Chinese brothers, who took an emphatic part in the debate.

For the Politburo, the decision must have been very difficult indeed. Prior to the U.S. in-

tervention, two North Vietnamese divisions had been sent down to strengthen the big unit's organized from their local resources by the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. But except for this contribution, plus the needed weapons and ammunition, plus the provisions of many leadership cadres, the war in the south had as yet cost North Vietnam almost nothing.

Retreating to a small-unit war would have been the cheap and easy thing to do. Continuing the big-unit war, in contrast, was bound to impose a heavy and increasing burden on North Vietnamese resources because of the wholly novel demands for men and everything else that were bound to arise from the American intervention. Yet Gen. Thanh carried the day in this critical policy debate in Hanoi; and the big-unit war was continued.

Furthermore, the documents and other intelligence make it quite clear that Thanh's decisive argument, buttressed by all his authority as the front line commander of the war in the south, could be boiled down to "You just can't afford the kind of retreat you are talking about." In other words, he warned the Politburo that the whole VC structure in the south would soon be imperiled if it were deprived of the active military support of the big units. In his view therefore, retreat to small-unit war meant acceptance of defeat. Precisely the same issue was

again debated by the Politburo, moreover, in July, 1967. Then, however, the circumstances of the debate were infinitely more painful.

Gen. William Westmoreland's strategy, aimed at the big units, had taken a harsh toll; and it had also pushed the enemy's big units further and further into sanctuary areas where they were too remote to give serious support to the VC structure in the crucial populated areas. In one or two provinces the VC structure was already beginning to show the crumbling effects predicted by Thanh.

Thanh had meanwhile been killed in action. Although the dangers were obviously greater then, the retreat to small-unit war was again advocated by some participants, probably including Giap, in this 1967 debate. Yet the decision, once again, was to go forward with the big-unit war at all costs, although this meant a further increase of the burden on North Vietnamese resources that must have been frightful for the Politburo to contemplate.

The results were the three offensives--at Tet, again in May and yet again in August-September--that were supposed to make 1968 "the year of decision, the year of final victory," as the enemy documents endlessly repeat. All three offensives were sanguinary failures. The position today in broad outline resembles the grim position in the late spring of 1967, which drove the

Problems And Answers

ROTC and Leadership

To the Editor:

In the 21 November issue of the Sidelines, there was an article written by a Mr. Harry Temple, III, in which he stated that ROTC violates freedom and hinders learning. I must disagree with Mr. Temple.

Every day of our lives we are forced to do things that we do not want to do. The reason for some of the things is that they help develop us into better people. Such is the case of ROTC. ROTC will, if the student will let it, increase his respect for authority, increase his self discipline, and increase his love for this country. It is impossible for me to see how these three factors are not part of our living.

How does ROTC hinder learning? Webster defines learning as, "The acquiring of knowledge or skill." ROTC teaches a person not how to kill, but such things as the organization of the Army and of ROTC, marksmanship, military leadership, courtesy, and discipline. These last two are particularly important as we will always have to use a certain amount of courtesy and discipline, especially self discipline which some students on this campus do not have.

ROTC does not teach a person how to kill nor does it hinder learning, but I believe, like Mr.

Temple, that ROTC should not be mandatory. If it were voluntary, the caliber of the people enrolled would increase greatly because those people would be willing to learn something both in class and on the drill field and not try to make a nuisance of themselves.

I feel qualified to say all of this because I have taken the four (4) semesters of required ROTC. At present, I am enrolled in the advanced ROTC program and plan to make a career of the service.

What really violates our freedom are those people who break the law and show disrespect to the United States. These are the people that hinder learning. They make it necessary for more and more laws to be passed which take away more freedom.

Jim Burkhalter

Syndicated Dixie Wheels

To the Editor,

I really couldn't believe Robert M. Hutchins' article in the Nov. 21st edition of the Sidelines.

Even though "Dixie" wasn't mentioned in his perverted article (thank goodness), it seems that the only conclusion that could be reached by such a person would be to band "Dixie." That was the first step.

Now this seeker of higher knowledge wants to do away with Nixon because his policies are "degrading" to the Negro. He wants to change the Supreme Court because it might be degrading to the Negro. He also seems to advocate changing the whole federal government because it might be "degrading" to the Negro. While they're in the mood, why don't they abolish the whole United States.

If somebody writes an article stating that the whole world is "degrading" to the Negro, the same thing will happen that happened with the "Dixie" controversy. It will start the "wheels" turning in their brains and they will come up with the brilliant deduction--"Hey, you know, this world has been degrading to me all this time and I didn't know it. We better try and see if we can change this."

I am positive that the whole solution lies in the brilliant minds of our ASB. I am sure they will continue their policy of catering to a minority group and disregarding the majority in their steadfast endeavor to appear to the world as really sensible, intelligent, rational beings.

It certainly does "look like a long, bleak winter" if we have to look forward to the likes of Mr. Hutchins' words of "wisdom?"

Mike Fedak

Editor's Note: It is unlikely that syndicated columnist, Robert Hutchins, has any knowledge of the controversies, student leaders or even the existence of MTSU.

Washing Hands

To the Editor:

I was a professional killer for nearly two years, a victim of that atrociously un-American institution, Uncle Lewis' Draft Club.

As a novice killer, I learned many skills readily applicable to civilian life. I was taught the fine art of rendering an offender inner-less with a job of my bayonet. One round from ol' M-14 and WHAM, a man's head is un-neatly removed. I learned that grenades are great fun. Add a bit of nerve gas and things are right.

In light of my training, I must demand that compulsory ROTC be retained, what better way to prepare our educated elite for the world tomorrow

Washing my hands,
Luther Hutcherson

Problems and Answers

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Hanoi Politburo to sacrifice North Vietnamese manpower with such a cruelly lavish hand.

By all the signs, however, the Hanoi Politburo has balked this time at sending in the 100,000 additional men that would be needed for full-scale continuation of the big-unit war. Already, Gen. Creighton Abrams is redirecting his immense resources, with methodical ferocity, against the VC structure in the populated areas. And this is why the rightness or wrongness of Thanh's long-ago warnings of defeat have now become questions of great current import.

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Gentry Acquires Vet's Title, O'Connell Wins Talent Contest

By Wanda Ensor

Wearing a yellow satinee evening gown, a smiling, brunette, Barbara Gentry was crowned Miss Vet's Club Thursday night.

The announcement of her victory culminated an evening of beauty competition in sports and evening wear and of talent competition. She is a senior from Nashville. Her reign began after she was named over the 11 other contestants, as decided by the highest number of audience votes.

The winner in the talent division was Connie O'Connell Chattanooga sophomore, who sang "What Now My Love." She received a \$15 prize. Taking second place was Janice Holland, Brentwood junior, who presented a comedy ventriloquist act with "Rusty," her dummy. Janice Anderson, a freshman from Nashville, took the third place honors for her vocal solo.

This was the 13th annual Veteran's Club beauty contest and talent show, and it was greeted with enthusiastic student response. The Dramatic Arts auditorium was nearly full for the 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. show.

Runner-ups in the beauty contest were Mary Brockman, first, a freshman from Sparta who represented Schardt Hall; and Sherrie Overton, Madison freshman from Miss Mary Hall and

Sharon Tucker, Nashville sophomore from Monohan Hall, who were tied for second runner-up.

Others who competed in the beauty contest included Barbara Simmons, Nashville sophomore from Reynolds Hall; Lynn Williamson, Dalton, Ga., sophomore from Felder Hall; Susan Alday, Chattanooga freshman from Lyon Hall; Kathy Bess, Rock Island freshman from Jones Hall; Carrol Hale, Nashville freshman from McHenry Hall; Joanne Kiser, Clinton freshman from Rutledge Hall; Connie Oliver, Chattanooga senior from Hi Rise (second and third floors); and Linda Joyce Johnson, Lawrenceburg junior from Hi Rise (sixth and seventh floors).

There were four door prizes given by co-sponsors. Pigg and Parsons gave a man's sweater, Martin Theater awarded tickets, Sir Pizza offered a free dinner, and The Village Square gave a matching girl's sweater, skirt, and knee socks.

Crowning the new Vet's Club Sweetheart and presenting her long-stemmed red roses were Andy Kirsh, Vet's Club president, and Herber Looney, vice-president.

Barry Underwood and Lynn Brown were emcees for the event.



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Dorms Claim Graduate Students

Graduate assistants will eventually serve as dorm directors in all men's residence halls here, Sam McLean, assistant dean of men, said Wednesday.

According to McLean, use of graduate assistants in this position will begin with the opening of two new men's dormitories for the summer session, 1969.

Tentatively, only one of these residence halls will be under direction of a graduate assistant, McLean stated. But qualified graduates may be used to fill vacancies as the future situation requires.

"Dormitory directors function is to guide, lead and direct residence hall government in order to establish a proper social and academic atmosphere," he said.

He pointed out that directors serve not primarily as disciplinarians, but as counselors.

Persons desiring to apply for the position of dormitory director should make a written application to the director of men's housing, McLean stated.

Applicants should include a resume of college activities, subject major, graduate work and other such information, he added.

Contracts for dormitory directors are for one year, but may be extended. Either married or single men may apply for the positions.

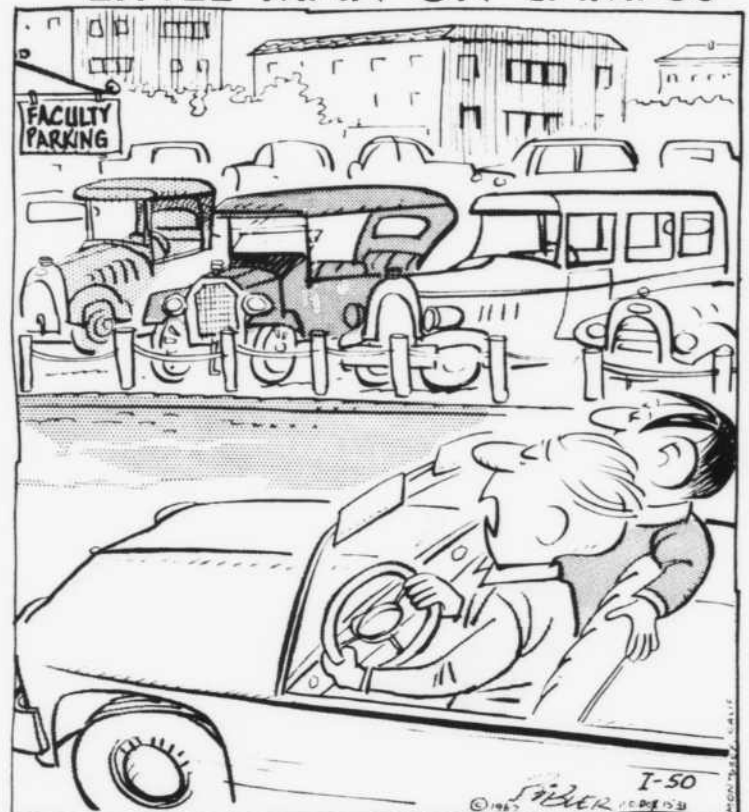
Apartments for advisers are rent-free and consist of two bedrooms, a living room-dining room combination, a kitchenette and bath. All rooms are furnished except the second bedroom, McLean said.

According to McLean, applicants will be considered on the basis of character, rapport with students and background in social adjustment.

He concluded that the effective-

ness of a system using graduate dormitory directors in men's residence halls depends on the effectiveness of the people involved.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WELL, WE DON'T DARE PARK IN TH' FACULTY PARKING LOT—TH' CAMPUS COP WOULD SPOT US IN A MINUTE."

MTSU, Tech Prepare for 'Rival Bowl'

By Gary Davenport

This is the time of year when most major colleges are looking toward a bowl game, and the feeling is the same on the MTSU campus as they prepare for their bowl encounter, "The Rival Bowl."

Middle Tennessee State will clash with arch-rival Tennessee Tech on Thanksgiving day in Cookeville for the 44th time, and the general opinion is that this is the game-of-the-year.

The match is deadlocked at 18-18-11, the 'Big Blue' winning the last six games. Tech last won in 1961, a 7-6 victory in three inches of mud.

The game is considered a toss-up. MTSU has a 2-7 record while Tech is 1-7. The Blue Raiders have defeated Morehead and U.T. of Martin while Tech has defeated Austin Peay, a team the "Blue" lost by a 46-13 score.

Larry Schreider, Tech tailback, is the man the Raiders will have to stop if they are to win. Schreider leads the Ohio Valley Conference in rushing with 1,103 yards. Against Peay last week, Schreider rushed for 184 yards in 36 carries and was named the OVC Offensive Player of the Week.

The game will also be a battle between Ron Taylor and Schreider. Taylor presently leads the OVC in punting with a 41.9 average on 58 kicks and the Tech tailback leads the league in returns, 371 yards in 15 tries.

Last year's game was a thriller, with MTSU coming out on top by a 33-20 count. In this game, Schreider scored all three touchdowns for Tech, a 88-yard run, a two yard plunge, and a 90-yard kickoff return to start off the second half.

Coach Murphy is highly concerned with the Tech team, stating that "they've come a long way since the first of the season. They put together a real good game against Austin Peay and we're just a little worried about their offense."

Murphy called off practice the first of last week to give the boys a rest in hope that they might be better prepared for the game. He plans to drill the team in pass defense, something that he feels they've been lacking all year.

The Rival Bowl looks to be a good one and seven boys from MTSU are going to do their best to make it a winner. They will play their last game for the "Big Blue" and it's a special



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game for them.

End Charlie Daniels, fullback James Matthews, and tackle James Overton will be playing their last game on the offensive squad while linebacker Bob Edens, defensive back Rodney Hayes, back Don Ward, and monster man Gary Draper will be trying to tackle their last men or bat down the last pass of their long careers.

Middle Tennessee State has won the last six games in the Tech encounter and has taken home "Harvey," the totem pole each year. The traditional symbol of victory between the two schools has been distributed evenly over the 44 year span and the winner of this game will take the edge in possessing the coveted totem pole.

Hazel Is Soccer Club President

Due to some mis-information, The Sidelines printed that Penn Kunna Portrum had been elected president of the Soccer Club. We apologize for that error.

Instead, Bill Hazel was elected president, George Brown vice president, Marie Welch secretary, and Ben Sohrabi ASB representative. Roy M. Shelton is faculty advisor.

Bill Hazel stated that the club has been given provisional recognition until December 20. "We are working on getting full recognition."

Today In Football

By Kelly Sharbel

In games to watch next week-end, Southern Cal, will take on the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, Tennessee will visit Vanderbilt, Army will take on Navy in their traditional arms race, and Oklahoma will take on Oklahoma State.

The Bowl picture is set up like this for the major bowls: Rose Bowl-Southern Cal vs. Ohio State in Pasadena, Sugar Bowl-Georgia vs. Texas or Arkansas in New Orleans, Orange Bowl-Penn State vs. Kansas in Miami, Cotton Bowl-Tennessee vs. Texas or Arkansas in Dallas, Gator Bowl-Missouri vs. Alabama in Jacksonville.

Tennessee's Cotton Bowl-bound Vols defeated the Kentucky Wildcats 24-7 Saturday on the three touchdown passes of quarterback Bubba Wyche. Wyche tossed two touchdown passes to Lester McClain and one to end Denny DeLong. Kentucky scored on a 93 yard touchdown march in the first period of play.

Louisiana State University topped Tulane 34-10 in the only other SEC game played Saturday. The Bengals, headed for the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, followed the pinpoint passing of Mike Hillman to win their twentieth victory in a row over the Green Wave.

In top ten action, which was sparse as four teams did not play, Southern California squeaked out a 28-16 win over UCLA in a big rival game. Once again, the Trojans were led by All-American O. J. Simpson, who

picked up 205 yards in 40 carries and three touchdowns. The number one ranked Trojans wind up their season against Notre Dame, the number ten ranked team who was idle this week.

In an important Big Ten game Ohio State swamped fourth ranked Michigan 50-14. The second ranked Buckeyes earned a berth in the Rose Bowl classic against Southern Cal. Jim Otis scored two TD's for OSU to lead all scorers.

Eastern Wins

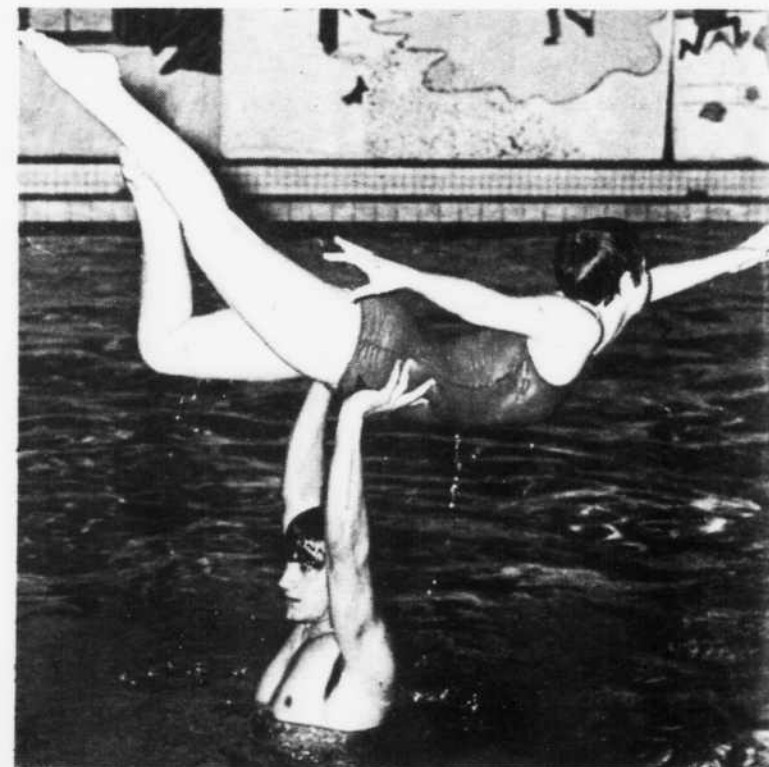
OVC Title

Eastern, the nation's 11th ranked small college team, finished the season with a perfect 7-0 mark for their second straight OVC title.

Quarterback Jim Guice threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third to lead Eastern to a 35-7 win over Morehead.

Guice and freshman tailback Brooks each set new school records. Guice has a passing record of 5,041 yards and Brooks boosted his rushing mark to 1,010 yards.

Eastern finished with an 8-2 overall mark, while Morehead closed out with a 1-6 conference record and 3-6-1 overall. Eastern is a cinch now to be invited to the Grantland Rice Bowl along with either Akron, Indiana State, Louisiana Tech or Southwest Louisiana.



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Traore Likes America's Hard Working People

By Jenny Tenpenny

"I think what I like most about the United States is the hard working American people..."

This statement comes from Diawa Traore, economics professor at MTSU.

"...This is what has made America what it is--the drive and initiative of its people."

Traore is a native of Guinea, and is a new face at MTSU. At present his is teaching economic theory. However, he is also a qualified instructor in the field of monetary economics, growth and development of economics, and international economics.

After two years of study, Traore received the B. A. degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

"When I first came to the United States, I studied English at Georgetown University. I was accepted at three universities, but the University of Pittsburgh was the only one who accepted me and gave me credit for my studies at Georgetown. This is why it was possible for me to receive my B.A. in two years."

After receiving the B.A., Traore went back to Guinea to work for 11 months. Then he returned to the University of Pittsburgh and received the M.A. and Ph.D.

It is, at first, hard to understand Traore's unique accent, but one easily adjusts. Traore speaks excellent English. Guinea was a French colony, and English is required in all French secondary schools.

When asked why he came to the United States, Traore explained, "It was really an accident of history. I had expected to go to France to study, but the president of Guinea had just visited the United States and was given 150 scholarships for Guinea students. I was lucky enough to receive one of these scholarships. You might call me a 'guinea pig', but I was glad for the change."

When Traore was asked what Guinea is like, he replied that it is hard to compare Guinea with the United States because it is hard to compare two cultures that are so different. "The people of Guinea are a proud people, and they are satisfied with the progress they have made and will continue to make."

Traore's future plans include returning to Guinea to teach economics.

Traore is well pleased with the south and with MTSU. He likes his working conditions, his students, and his fellow faculty members. As of yet, he has not been confronted with any racial problems. The reason for this could be his unusual philosophy. "It is my philosophy that I should not keep company with anyone who does not like me."

Dr. Traore can keep company with anyone who knows him.



DR. DIAWA TRAORE

Pace Announces Woodwind Concert

Woodwind ensembles at the university will present a concert in the DA auditorium at 8 p.m. Dec. 3, Dr. Kenneth Pace, director, announced last week.

The public is invited, and admission is free.

Each year for the past fifteen years, these student groups have given local programs both on and off campus. Pace, who is a professor of woodwinds here, has performed with the chamber groups each season.

Notice

MTSU Chapter of the AAUP will held its December meeting Tues., Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in room 201 SUB (faculty lounge.)

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