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SIDELINES



Grill sitters unite!

Freshmen Stephen Galloway and Anne Clark pass the time of day the easy way in the Grill. Functioning not only as a food dispensing facility, the Grill also serves as the central meeting place for many MTSU students. Some have been known to spend most of their university lives there. Photos by Peggy Smith (See story on page two)





Gary Curry smiles from his favorite booth in the University Center Grill. Gary is one of thousands of MTSU students who pass through the Slater facilities daily.

Sociable

Grill sitting becomes new campus major

Flash! A new major in grill sitting is being considered by the proper authorities--the grill sitters.

Recently, records have been set and broken by the same people. The record, I think, is eight hours, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There is no age limit for contingents.

Primary motives seem to be crummy classes, demanding teachers and lazy students.

Truly, it is unbelievable when you notice the amount of people you see every day, all day. Some, you would not think ever go to classes, to work or to anything else.

One person pointed out a momentous occasion to me when they noticed a regular, get up and leave.

"I couldn't believe it," he

By Peggy Smith
Feature Editor

said. "I have never seen him leave the Grill before."

Strange how you never see them come into the grill. It is as though they materialize during the rush hours and simply vanish after the crowd begins to thin.

A second noticeable characteristic of grill sitters is their categories. Most of the Grill is divided up into parts.

The fraternities crowd around the windows next to the porch, and the sororities usually are found in the middle row of tables. Long hairs, hippies, grungy-jeaners line along the edge tables and some in the middle toward the lobby end.

Rednecks are usually in the middle booths.

Theatre people, specialists in other fields, professors and grill workers hide behind the partitioned area.

The edge along the cash register and book cases is for the loners. People who do not have a group to identify with sit with someone they have never seen before or a generous friend.

If you will notice, the pattern seldom changes.

I think you could easily say that the Grill is the hub of activity for a number of people on campus. I always thought the idea was to learn something besides spades and poker.

I don't think I can count the amount of classes I have skipped because of a hot spade game that I wanted to win.

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Bloodmobile to visit university

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit the university Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to Bob Johnson, Blood Drive chairman. The drive will be conducted on the third floor of the University Center.

The Bloodmobile's visit is sponsored by the military science department's Scabbard and Blade Society, said Johnson.

Johnson said the blood drive's goal is 600 productive pints of blood.

Additional Red Cross personnel have been added this year in an attempt to eliminate some of the congestion and waiting problems which occurred in previous drives on campus, he stated.

Johnson said a contest will be held again this year between the various campus organizations to determine which organizations can donate the most blood.

The Scabbard and Blade will present plaques to both the first and second place finishers in the fraternity and sorority divisions and to the first and second place university clubs.

Each year the names of the winning Greek and university organizations are inscribed on a large plaque on display in the ASB office. This plaque was donated by the Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Johnson said the MTSU Blood Drive annually provides Rutherford County with complete Red Cross blood coverage. Over 2250 pints have been donated during the past three years.

Senate calls guest rules archaic

A resolution calling for updating of policies for women on campus was approved last night by the ASB Senate.

The measure stated that all rules concerning overnight guests were discriminatory, archaic and useless.

The proposal would delete any such policies concerning these matters, and would give the student more freedom as a mature individual. The bill passed with no opposition and one abstention.

During the senate meeting, Kathy Boyd, Humboldt, and Dwight Lane, Nashville, were sworn in as junior senators, filling positions decided in a recent election.

John Jackson, ASB president, named Patty Fuson, Harold Barnett, Pat Shivers and Monte Glass as new student members of the co-curricular committee.

An amendment sponsored by Brazo Barry and Al Peeler which called for changes in the current election protest procedures was passed unanimously in further action by the senate and sent to the house for approval.

The amendment calls for changes in Article 6, section B, subtitle 1 of the Comprehensive Electoral Act to delete the words "An individual will be allowed one week following the election to file a contesting statement" to 48 hours following the closing of the polls to file a contesting statement with any member of the election commission or the ASB president."

DeLory show to open at gallery

A photographic showing of the works of Peter deLory will open at the MTSU photographic gallery Oct. 29, according to Harold L. Baldwin, curator of the gallery.

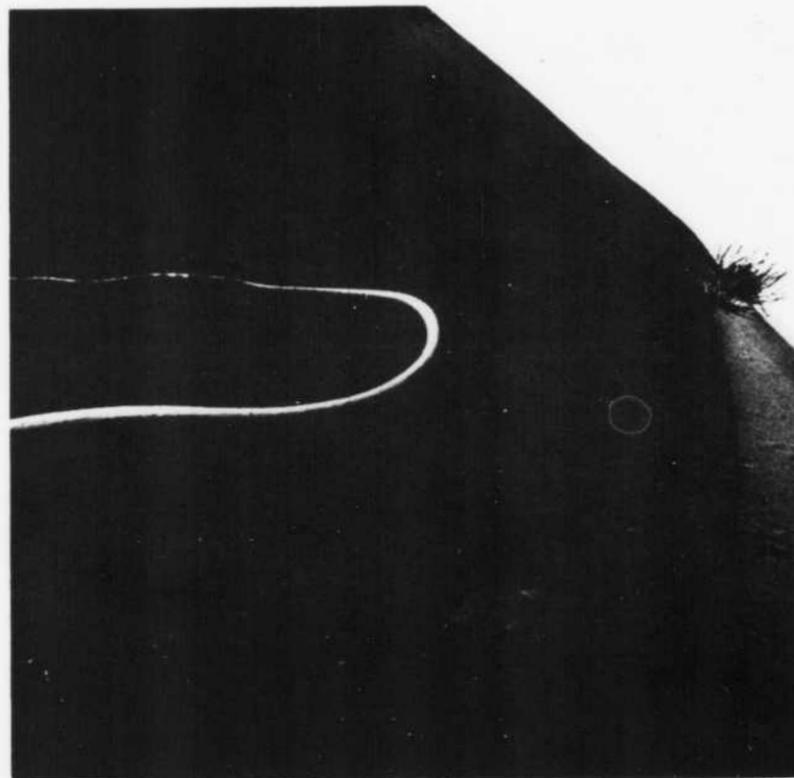
Baldwin said deLory, who is relatively new in photographic circles, has had photographs published in San Francisco Camera, Aperture, Modern Photography and the Time and Life Photo Book Series.

Born in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, deLory graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1971, with a bachelor of fine arts degree. He taught beginning photography at the Center of the Eye School in Aspen, Colorado, for four summers and attended the Minor White workshop this past summer.

DeLory is presently doing his graduate assistantship with Charlie Roitz at the University of Colorado, Baldwin said.

"As visual imagery, it is concerned with that sliver of awareness that lies between the conscious and the subconscious," deLory said of his photography.

Baldwin said deLory's work was recommended to MTSU by Minor White, who is well-known in the field of photography.



'Slivers'

Peter deLory tries to depict "that sliver of awareness that lies between the conscious and the subconscious." The deLory photo show will open Sunday in the MTSU photographic gallery. DeLory is presently at the University of Colorado.

Pulitzer winner to talk today

Pulitzer Prize winning reporter Jack Nelson will address MTSU journalism students today on the ramifications of investigative reporting, according to Glenn Himebaugh, journalism department assistant professor. Nelson's first lecture is scheduled to begin at 9:30

a.m. in NCB 327. Subsequent lectures at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. will be held in SUB 100. Nelson, in the mid-state area to assist fund-raising efforts on behalf of WDCN-TV, will be available for questioning regarding his third book, which is scheduled to be formally released

today. The book is entitled "The FBI and the Berrigans" and is co-authored by fellow Los Angeles Times staffer Ronald Ostrow.

It concerns indictments relating to the now famous trial of the Berrigan brothers and new background information, including a possible "vendetta" by former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, according to author Nelson. With an initial assignment to the staff of the Atlanta Constitution in 1953, the reporter won the Pulitzer in 1960 by exposing illegal medical practices at Georgia's Milledgeville State Hospital.

Transferring to the Los Angeles Times' Southeastern Bureau in 1965, Nelson was appointed to that newspaper's 17-member Washington Bureau in 1970.

"The lectures are open to the public," Himebaugh said.

Cost factor prohibits Moog synthesizer use

Efforts to incorporate a Moog-type synthesizer in the plans for the Learning Resources Center have been stymied by a prohibitive cost factor, according to Thomas Hutcherson, department of music faculty member.

In an undated memorandum promulgated approximately two weeks ago by Hutcherson, the proposal was discussed from three main aspects:

- unique addition to facility that is in an interesting state of demand, throughout the country
- ability to facilitate graduates to secure positions within the country music industry
- provide related recording studio techniques and subsequent experience for all interested students

As of late yesterday one reply to the proposal had been received from the

addressees, who included the university president, all administration officers, all deans, interested department heads and WMOT, according to Hutcherson.

"It would have cost about \$15,000 for a fully equipped, professional recording studio including a good synthesizer," Hutcherson said.

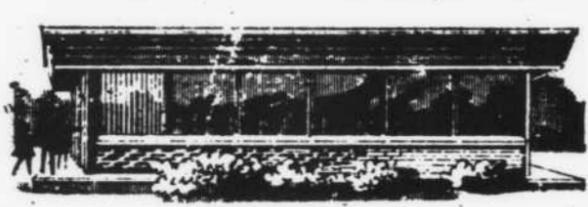
The singular reply (from Marshall Gunselman, head of the Learning Resources Center) indicated that there was a funding problem on the whole issue, Hutcherson said, although there was some interest in the project itself.

"I was told that they would be lucky to have desks in there," he said.

NCATE approves graduate degrees in several fields

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has approved MTSU's graduate programs in curriculum and instruction, guidance and counseling and reading, according to Robert Aden, dean of the graduate school.

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Sakas cites increase in foreign students

There are 156 foreign students enrolled in Middle Tennessee State University this year, coming from as faraway as Afghanistan and India.

Joseph Sakas, foreign student advisor here, said there has been an increase of foreign students compared to former years. "This is due to the success of former students who advertise for us," says Sakas.

A quota of approximately 3 to 5 percent is set by the State Department for foreign students enrollment, "but," said Sakas, "we never come close to this."

"Government agencies sponsor one-fifth of the foreign students," said Sakas, "and the remainder are

By Margaret Austin

self-sponsored."

Tutors are provided here for those in need of learning English. A new course, "English as a Second Language," will be offered next year for those interested.

To orient non-U.S. citizens with American customs and campus life, Sakas said the most successful way he has found is "the buddy system."

This method allows the foreign student to familiarize himself with American folklore with the help of a friend who has himself come from a foreign country.

The 56 persons who were denied the right to register to vote by the Rutherford County Election Commission are asked to contact MTSU P. O. Box 1197 regarding the possibility of court litigation with the aid of the American Civil Liberties Union, according to Chuck Blevins, one of the aforementioned 56 persons.

All students interested in joining the MTSU Debate Team are invited to a meeting of the team at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 30, in Room 116 of the Dramatic Arts Building. No prior forensics experience is necessary.

The Murfreesboro Amateur Boxing Club and coach James Climer announce an organizational meeting at McFadden Community Center conference room scheduled for Monday night at 7.

A lecture on the art of Transcendental Meditation as taught by the Mahareshi Yogi will be given in room 312 of the UC Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., according to Keith Jefferds, who will act as the lecturer.

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"I was really shocked. I just couldn't believe that they had chosen me out of all the beautiful girls entered. It is really an honor," said Rhonda Wood.

"When I got the slip of paper out of my mailbox, I almost threw it away, thinking it something else from MTSU. I was totally flabbergasted. I felt it was really an honor to be chosen one of the participants, even if I didn't get very far," said Kathy Moore, one of the contestants.

The escorts for the pageant were Mason Bonner, Fred Carr, Eddie Fulton,

Dwight Lane, Gene Lusinski and Jim Trammel.

Huell Howser from WSM TV Nashville served as the master of ceremonies and Cindy Robertson was the pageant coordinator.

Judges for this year's pageant were Bill Bennett, Ed Delbridge, Frank Glass, Kay Horner, Rick Martin and Beryl West.

Each girl was judged on a scale of 1-10 for her poise and 1-20 for her beauty.

Entertainment was provided by the MTSU Buchanan Players and Randy Thompson.

Ellsberg cancels

November speech

Daniel Ellsberg has cancelled his Nov. 8 campus appearance, according to Harold Smith, University Center director of programming. Ellsberg, a former government consultant who disclosed the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times, cancelled his appearance because of the pending resumption of his trial.

Ellsberg is charged with an alleged violation of the Federal Espionage Act and with stealing government property for his exposure of the government documents which traced U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

Smith was notified of the cancellation by Tony Colao, program coordinator for the American Program Bureau, agents for Ellsberg appearances.



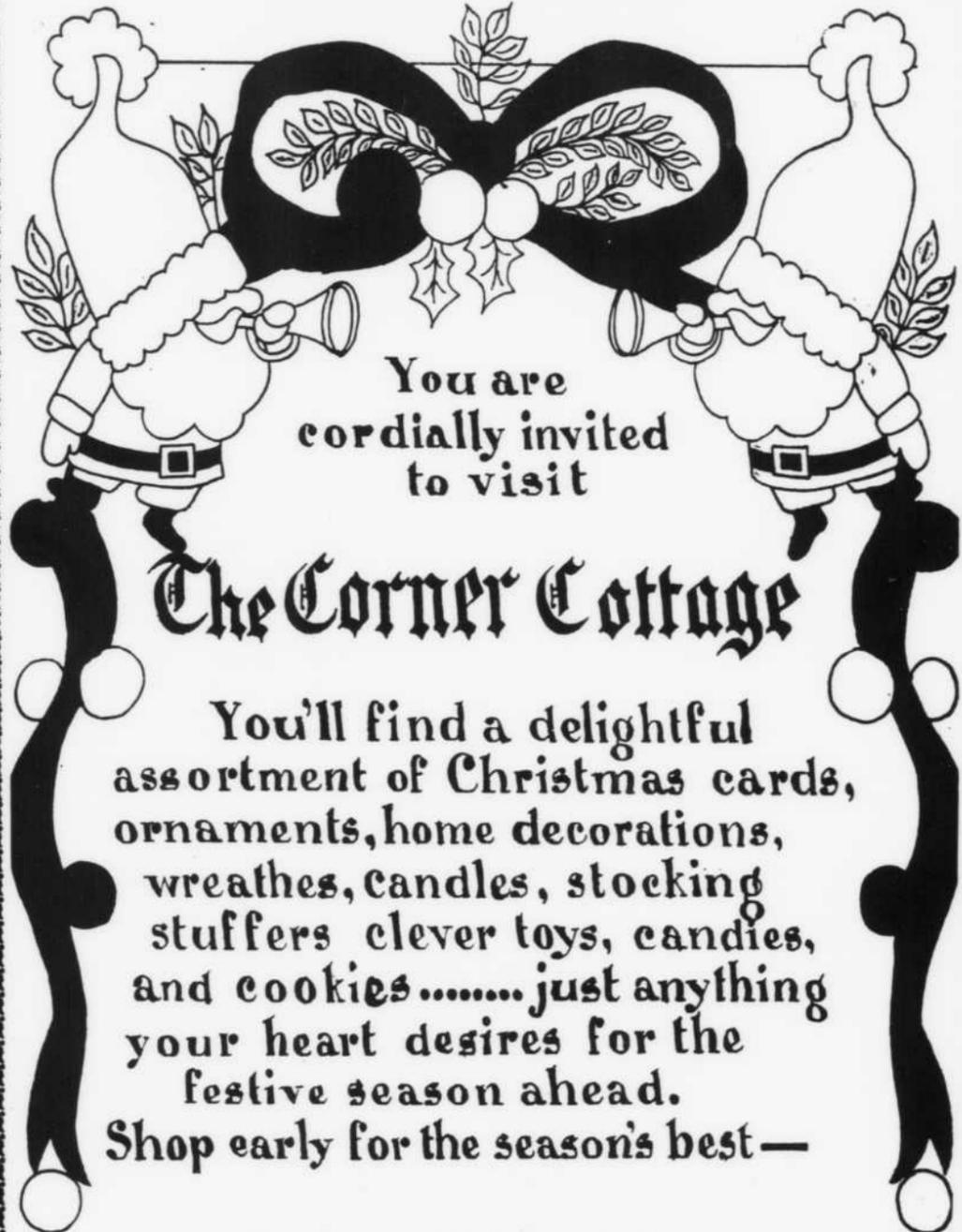
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Legalizing marijuana lies in legislatures' workings

Much has been said recently about marijuana and the removal of the criminal penalties for its use.

The basic argument for the continuance of the status quo is that marijuana has not been fully researched enough yet to determine whether pot has long range detrimental effects on the mind or body.

It has been determined by the President's commission that investigated the matter that pot doesn't lead to harder drugs and the commission even recommended the removal of criminal penalties for its use, but added that criminal penalties would be retained for selling the stuff.

This seems like the most sensible solution. At present, nothing has been found to link pot with physical harm or mental harm, except the user of pot seems to have a lethargic attitude on certain matters. Nothing else.

Therefore, the taxpayer of this country is spending thousands of dollars for policing

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something that has no proven harms. This is money that could be spent policing such serious crimes as rape, murder and assault.

Nixon 'gets it together'; Youree cites instances

To the editor:

This has been the year for Richard Nixon to get it all together to accelerate the economy, slow down the war, cool off the arms race with the Russians and open a dialogue with Communist China.

Most of our troops are home from Vietnam. The trip to Peking has opened the door to communication with China--the trip to Moscow may have produced some lasting results in the area of limiting offensive and defensive arms. All across the nation, relative tranquility contrasts with the riots and demonstrations of years past.

Considering the mess that faced Nixon when he took office, he has brought this country a long way. There were nearly 550,000 American troops in Vietnam when Nixon took office and no plan for bringing them home. United States combat deaths were averaging more than a 1000 a month.

Letter

Our involvement in Vietnam cannot be blamed on the President. It is time for politicians to grow up and stop passing the buck!! Nixon went to work

The police's hands are tied because they are sworn to uphold the law--even one of questionable nature.

The only reasonable solution lies in the complex workings of the legislatures, both state and national. These are the people who must decide where certain priorities lie--does this country continue to arrest and prosecute the marijuana user while the murderer or organized crime czar runs free--or does this country reevaluate certain social standards and admit that marijuana is no more harmful than alcohol, and that it actually may be less harmful?

Another approach is being taken in California where the citizens of that state will vote whether to eliminate the criminal penalties for marijuana possession or use.

Proposition 19, as it is referred to on the California ballot, would make it legal to plant, cultivate, harvest, process, transport, possess and smoke--but not sell--marijuana.

The group spearheading the effort, the California Marijuana Initiative, gathered over 326,000 names in order to get the issue placed on the ballot. We wish them well.

immediately with serious and sustained efforts to end the war as swiftly as possible through a negotiated settlement.

Earlier in the year H J Res 1125, a Republican-backed measure, called for ending U. S. involvement in the war on the same terms stated by President Nixon in his May 8th speech announcing the mining of North Vietnam's ports.

The Democrats argue that the resolution's terms "will not bring an end to our military involvement in the Indochina war." We must be realistic and realize that there will never be a concrete, air-tight plan to end the war 100 percent. Arguing will never solve anything.

It's time the Democrats propose a plan of their own, that will work if they feel the Nixon methods are so wrong. But more important it is time for people (like the Republicans and the Democrats) to get together to solve some of the problems our country faces. No ONE man--I do not care if he be Nixon or McGovern--can end this war by himself.

Nixon has said that our military power is maintained not to pursue American interest but to defend American interests and in particular, our interest in maintaining a structure of peace, stability and progress in the world.

Nancy Youree
Box 4761

Bill Mauldin



"MAYBE THEY'RE RIGHT, BUT I CAN'T GIVE IT UP."

Jackie Robinson achieves firsts in sports, liberties

By Ray Notgrass

Sports in America is something like a national safety valve. Gene Tenace and Pete Rose could garner just as big a headline as Henry Kissinger, and all of their exploits would be considered heroic.

People who do not usually follow sports closely, who wouldn't know the Celtics from a touchback, know that Jackie Robinson is dead. And this says something, for sports, and, more importantly, for Jackie.

Very few of us will ever know what it is to be first in something. Fewer still will know the feeling of cracking a prejudicial color line. Jackie Robinson knew both of these feelings.

It is said that Satchel Paige could have been one of the greatest pitchers in major league history, if only he had been white. But the baseball czars and the general public weren't ready for Satch when he was ready for the big time.

Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s, was willing to take a chance on an unknown quantity like Jackie Robinson. It is doubtful that people would have stopped coming to Dodger games, had public sentiment been even more strongly anti-black. Nevertheless it was a chance, a calculated gamble that Rickey took. We remember it because he won.

The tough part was that many segments of American society were ready for Jackie on the playing field, but weren't ready for him in their hotels, and restaurants, and white train cars.

I can remember a coinlaundry in my home town with a "colored only" section. This sticks in my mind as an example of the social revolution that has taken place in this country in the past two decades. Jackie Robinson was a part of that revolution.

Needless to say, this revolution is not complete. It is very diff-

icult, nay impossible, to legislate away the facism and emotional backgrounds that many Americans harbor. But it is being done.

A duly elected governor of the state of Alabama could include in his first inaugural address some 12 years or so ago, the line "Segregation today, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." Now such statements are sputtered only by the radical fringe. The social and political spectrum has moved somewhat.

Jackie Robinson became active in civil rights movements after he quit playing baseball. In my opinion, some of his statements and positions were somewhat extreme. But he wanted equality for blacks, as do all of us who are human, and his goal, stated about two weeks ago, was to see a black manager in the major leagues.

On the Other Hand

It's dangerous to be carried away by sports, as it is to be carried away by anything. Bill Russell said one of the reasons he quit basketball was that he could no longer see a grown man running up and down a floor in colored underwear stuffing a ball through a hoop, and doing it for a living.

But Russell accomplished a great deal in his career. As did Jackie Robinson. And when his goal is achieved and expanded upon, when we have a black President or when many blacks have positions of influence in the public and private sectors, there should be more than a footnote for Jackie Robinson. He earned his glory, and he's earned his rest.

Nixon's secret fund pours into McGovern myths

To the editor:

If corporate wealth can buy an election, 1972 is already sold down the river. A part of Nixon's secret fund, now admitted to exceed \$20,000,000 is being poured into the myth that McGovern, distinguished for his open honesty, stable character and steadfast adherence to principle, is changeable as the wind. He is as far removed from fickleness as Nixon is from political morality.

Nixon is the real radical flip-flop politico. Consider:

1) He ran in 1968 on a promised balanced budget. He has already run up a deficit of \$85 billion and the deficit for the current year is expected to reach \$34 billion. And once more he is promising a balanced budget with no tax increase!

2) He made welfare reform and a guaranteed national family assistance minimum of \$2,400 his "number one" goal as president. Last week, when Scott amended the welfare bill to incorporate his plan, Mr. Consistency sent orders down to kill it as conflicting with his new ideal of the "work ethic."

3) He rejected wages and price controls as alien to the free enterprise system, but nine months later put them into effect.

4) In anticipation of his fevered spending to heat up the economy in time for the election, Nixon asked for a debt ceiling of \$480 billion. When Congress set the ceiling at \$450 billion, he blasted the act as unrealistic. After his wild deficit spending spree to insure his reelection, he now attacks the Democrats for "promoting inflation" and asked for power to cut budget spending to a \$250 billion ceiling.

5) After a lifetime career of Communist baiting, smearing Roosevelt and Truman for "losing" China and denouncing everybody who supported recognition of Red China, this "changeling" suddenly grabbed the Democratic proposal and went to China!

6) After attacking Johnson in 1968 for failing to achieve peace in Viet Nam, he now says Johnson's "big" mistake was to call off the bombing of the North!

7) The second of his six "great goals" was environmental reform. This month he vetoed the \$34 billion clean water bill!

8) While giving lip service to federal aid to education, he vetoed two such bills in successive years.

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9) After promising to "rectify" his reputation of indifference to black aspirations by ordering the complete dismantling of dual schools by September 1969, he promptly reversed himself and spent almost four years trying to block court desegregation (reason: more votes were on the anti-busing side).

10) In 1968 he said, "If elected, I will end the war." In 1972 he is mounting the most massive bombing in all history!

I regard Nixon as a greater threat to youth than heroin. For example he is teaching them that political process is opportunism, that our best instincts are our lowest ones, that the core of the American Dream is self-service. Let me urge youth to stand firm in its idealism!

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Election watchword entails new Republican majority

The watchword of this election is a new Republican majority--in Congress, in governors' mansions and in the 50 state legislatures. And it is a deeper and more important concern than just a wish for a partisan numerical majority.

The pressing need for a Republican majority all across the country is evident in the need for continuing the progress made by our Republican President in the last four years, and it is evident in the obstructionism he has met in the Congress, which is controlled by the opposition.

President Nixon's first term progress embodies the GOP's historic attitude toward government--that the real power of the government should rest with the people and their locally elected representatives and that the federal government should serve only where other bodies cannot.

These four years have heralded the beginning of a generation of peace, a new prosperity and a new reform of our governmental institutions to meet the needs of America in the 70's.

Congress, however, has fought this program at every turn. The President's program has been delayed and obstructed by partisan opposition. More significant, the President's plan for reforming government and returning power to the people at the local level has been consistently opposed by the Democratic majority in Congress.

Of President Nixon's three major reform programs for revitalizing our federal system--revenue sharing, government reorganization and welfare reform--only the first made it through a Democratic Congress which has consistently refused to give up its stranglehold control over the peoples' reforms.

The opposition--as they proved beyond doubt in the last two Administrations--believe that only they know what is best for the people. They believe in a centralization of power in Washington dictating programs on the local level.

The Democratic party's policies have always pushed for a strong concentration of power and bureaucracy in Washington. Senator McGovern pretends that his programs would give power to the people, but in fact they

By Philip Cash

would invest control of this nation into the hands of a small, self-righteous, intellectual elite which believe only they know what is best for the people.

President Nixon's proposals for a real return of decision making power and revenues to local governments met with congressional refusal until overwhelming, bi-partisan local pressure forced Congress to reconsider.

Four more years of imaginative leadership in the White House will be stifled unless we give the President a Congress whose members understand as he does the importance of once again vesting power in the people.

In the Senate, it will take only five seats to bring a Republican majority. In the House, 41 seats. A vote for President Nixon is a vote for continued leadership, but votes for a Republican Congress are required to create the atmosphere in which that leadership can be fulfilled.

At the state level, the story is similar. Ten Democratic and eight Republican governorships are at stake in this election. We need five more Republican governors to put a majority of states in the hands of leaders who understand the challenges and opportunities in President Nixon's new American revolution.

Open Column

Through 40 years of Democratic control, Washington has usurped power that rightly belongs to the people. President Nixon has begun to reverse that trend.

But, to continue the reforms, he needs a Republican Congress that agrees with his principles, Republican governors who can carry out these principles, and Republican legislatures that can make them work. This new American majority can inaugurate a new age in American government. It can return the power to where it belongs--the people.

Infirmary finds pill for everything but. . .

Rap sessions are common on this campus. This one was overheard recently in the grill.

John: (cough, cough) "I just went to the infirmary and received these strange looking pills for my cough."

Bob: (laughingly) "That's funny. I received some pills just like those for my sinus trouble."

Jean: "That's not funny either. They once gave me the same kind for a muscle spasm, and recently they gave them to me for a headache."

Mary: "What makes me mad is that the doctor and nurses at the infirmary can find a pill for everything except birth control. The women on this

By Diane Johnson

campus are even denied school provided birth control information."

Bob: "What do they do about sexual problems?"

Mary: "Well, they give blood tests to check for venereal disease, and they will give pregnancy tests. But both men and women should get accurate information before they need these two services. And, apparently, many don't have it."

John: "Don't most students get that kind of information in high school?"

Jean: "Some schools do have

sex education classes but not nearly all of them. This university, as a service to the students and the community, could offer this information and the needed equipment, regardless of its nature."

Another View

Bob: "I heard that the school provides counseling in case of pregnancy and will even refer a woman to an abortion referral service."

Mary: "First, they refer a woman to the Clergy Council, a group of ministers who will counsel her and help with ar-

rangements, if she wants the abortion. But who counsels with the man, Or with ~~them~~ as a couple? Most women who get pregnant are not sleeping with every man in town."

"Second, it seems that the school is getting things backwards. Shouldn't they help keep these women from getting pregnant and then, if pregnancy occurs, help the couple with their problem? That would keep many young people from going through their own private "hell" over a problem which could have been prevented."

And so goes another discussion which never gets repeated to anyone who will change things.



Reactions

Linda Moore and Michael Stewart combine expressions of anger and surprise as a reaction to a statement issued by Will Shakespeare.



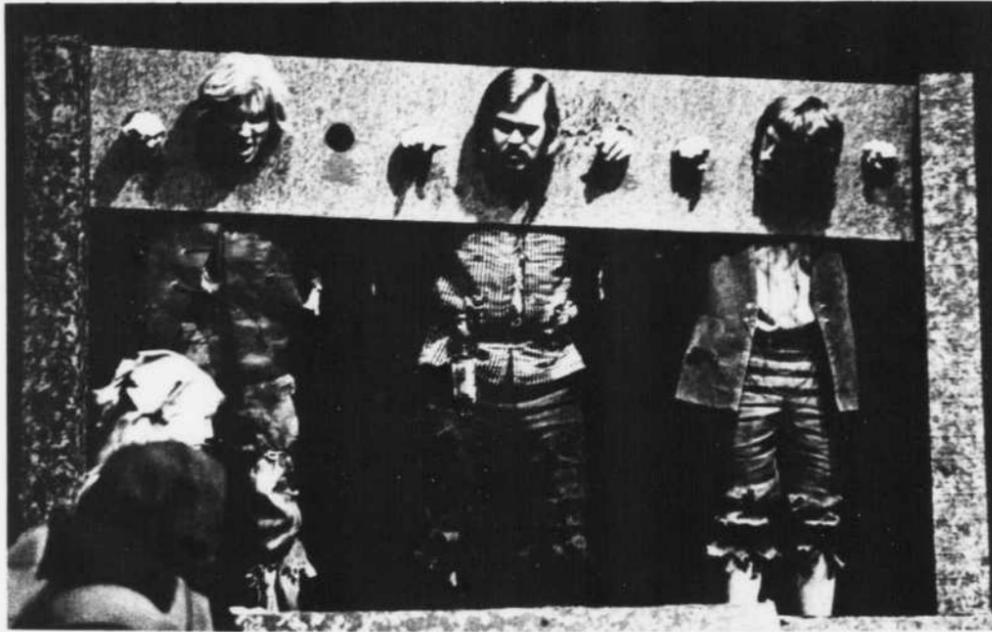
Authoritative

Don Goldman displays the regal authority a village lord is entitled to as he relates his wishes to the assembled populace.



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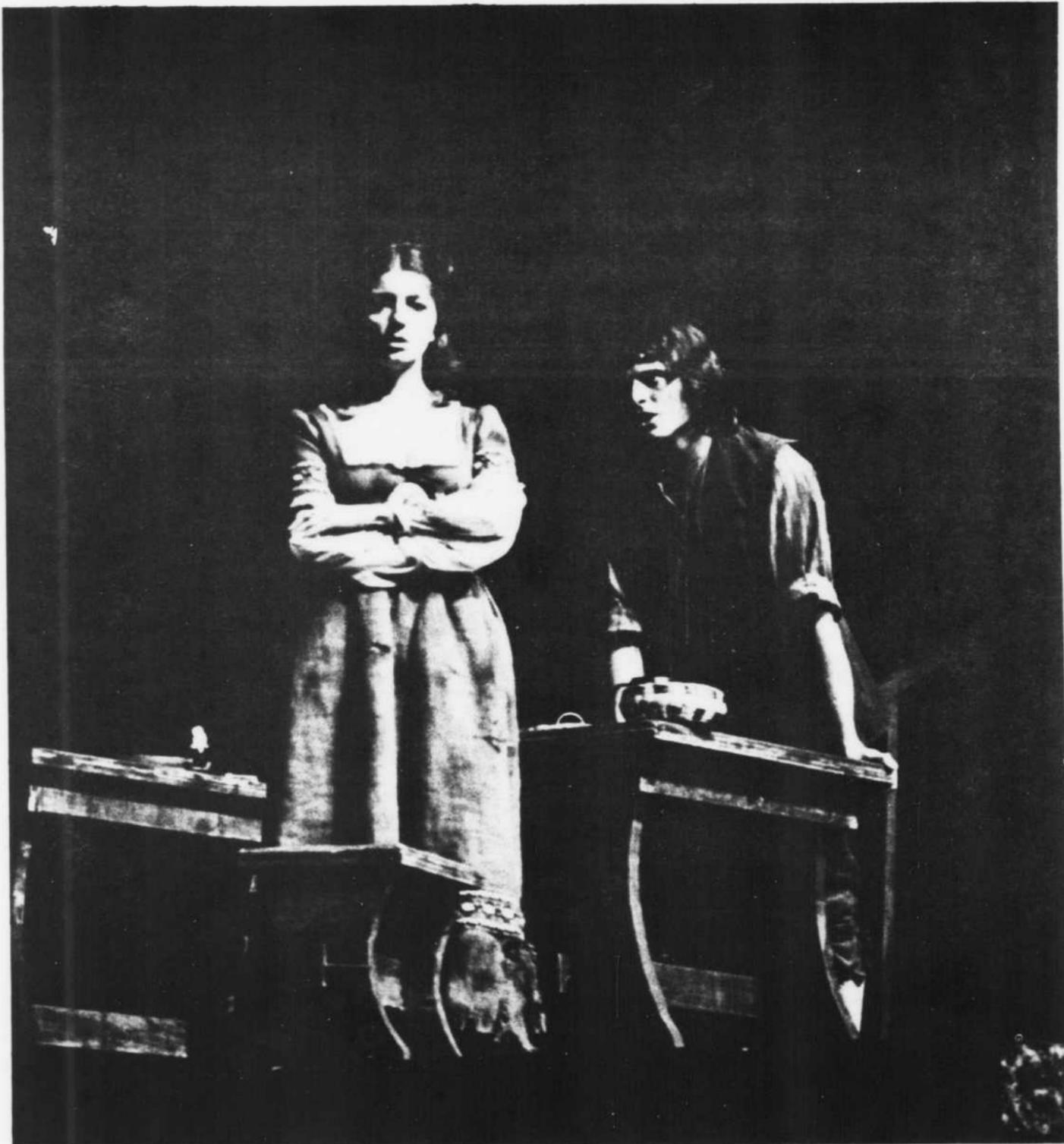
Almost the entire cast gets together to mull over the situation concerning the plight of actors in Elizabethan England in a scene from "A Cry of Players."



Risky situation

Steve Dees, Ralph Jones and Ronnie Meek tolerate the stocks as the young

William Shakespeare finds the theatre of old England a bit risky.



Discussion

Gwen Mason and Ronnie Meek confront one another as Shakespeare and his wife Anne in a scene from the recent performance of "A Cry of Players."

Anne, who history has determined to have been Shakespeare's principal nemesis, seems perplexed by the whole matter.

SIDELINES / Sports

Swami Sudduth makes OVC predictions

With OVC basketball practice underway, it is time for another of this writer's dives through the crystal prediction ball.

This season the conference has more talented players, better teams and more overall balance than at any time in past memory. That is taking in a lot of territory after last season's three-way tie and after some of the super-talented teams and individuals (Western during the McDaniels and Haskins years) of the past.

In an off year, team talent-wise, last year, Eastern played eventual national

runner-up Florida State closer than anyone but, naturally, UCLA. This year the OVC will be even tougher, although Eastern probably will not.

Austin Peay has the best individual talent in the league in Howard Jackson, Greg Kinman, Eddie Childress, Percy Howard and "Fly" Williams plus two others, who were at least part-time starters last year.

A lot of this talent is new to Clarksville, however, and there is a question mark about the team's cohesive aptitude as well as player-coach relations.

Chalk up a third place, or higher, finish for the Govs, but keep in mind the league could very easily

Raiderscope

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finish in a four-way tie for first.

Murray has the league's "Mr. Basketball" in Les Taylor along with improving junior center Marceous Starks, a super sophomore crop to pick from and impressive transfer talent up front. Color the Racers second with an "if", that "if" being the failure of Morehead's juniors to improve.

Morehead has all their starters back from the team which tied for the league championship. Four of them are only juniors this time around.

Leonard Coulter heads the group and may challenge Taylor for MVP honors this year. Howard Wallen and Eugene Lyons are the people who make things happen, however, and a bad night, shooting-wise, by Wallen means a loss for the Eagles. That is the only weakness of an otherwise outstanding team, and may allow someone else to steal the crown this year.

MTSU opened several eyes around the conference last year with a hustling bunch of "gut" players. This fall the Blue has talent.

Strength up front in the forward-tough OVC is an absolute necessity this year and Chester Brown, Jimmy Powell, Steve Peeler, Forrest Toms, Tim Sisneros and Steve Dixon make this year's edition of the Raiders the biggest and the best ever to put on the MTSU colors.

Mason Bonner is the best ball-handling guard in the nation, and the speeded-up Blue offense will allow him more freedom on offense as well. Jimmy Drew will switch back to guard, his natural position, and gives every indication of return-

ing to the hustling, fire-brand mold which made him a crowd favorite as a sophomore.

Jimmy Martin has unlimited natural talent, but must learn when and how to use it. Speedy improvement by Martin will mean a starting berth for the 6-5 super-shooter.

The key, however, still lies with big, talented and temperamental Chester Brown. Last year Brown was the difference between a very bad season and a good season. This year, with continued improvement and the all-important motivation, Brown could lead MTSU out of the OVC "wilderness" and into the top two or three in the league.

Could rank in top three

As a matter of fact, these four could finish in any order, including the four-way tie already mentioned. That's how close it's going to be.

Other Raider ballplayers who will probably see a good bit of action are headed by Nick Prater, (still as deadly as cancer from 18-22 feet). Mike Jessee, Dave Fesko and Ernest Abercrombie. Freshmen Dave Bormann and Dave Webster could easily be front-line material for another club with less talent up front. This year, however, they will probably do a lot of looking, listening and learning.

So much for the top half of the league.

Eastern and Western are the best of the rest, with the Toppers rated the slight favorite of these two with a chance to break into the first division.

Kent Allison, the Toppers' "super soph," and Tony Stroud and Granville Buntun give Western a solid foundation to build from. An outstanding transfer at forward and center may provide the needed firepower and size. Size is

the big question mark this year for the Toppers, who may not make the first four for the first time in anyone's memory.

Eastern, last year's play-off champ, will have tougher sledding this time around. Dan Argabright and Charlie Mitchell provide a solid front court tandem, but the Colonels are sadly lacking at guard, something which guarantees a losing season in the OVC.

Tennessee Tech has three players who have been All-OVC at one time or another. The rub here is that the tallest of this trio is 6-4, and they have no help in sight for the front line. Al Lewis and Rich Stone will keep the Eagles in most of their games, but they will win very few.

East Tennessee is still trying to get back into the swing of things. Junior guard Henry White is their only player with real star potential. Madison Brooks is one of the most competent coaches in the league, though, and the Bucs, like the Eagles, will be in many of their contests down to the wire.

So that's it, a mad scramble among the top four and possibly the top five which will last until the last game and maybe into a play-off to decide this year's champ. There are no really bad teams and that old cliché about any team on any given night holds more truth for this sport, in this league, than anywhere else in the nation, especially this year.

Will Blue play in anonymity?

Along the basketball line, it appears that the Raiders are about to open the season at home against Vanderbilt, in front of the Governor and other dignitaries, in a brand new \$6.5 million home which will have no name.

That's right! According to a Nashville Tennessee report, the MTSU administrators are making no plans to name the building, the opening of which is the key-stone of campus events this year.

Campus calendars show the 11th of December as a Blue Letter day in MTSU events this fall.

That appears to be true. The dedication of the most impressive addition to the campus in many years will take place with no name by which to call it.

Either someone in administration has delusions of grandeur and is hoping the support for naming the building after Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy will fade away, or they are sadly mistaken in their choice of priorities.

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Identical records

Ball State, MTSU to clash

Ball State and MTSU match identical 5-1-1 records tomorrow in Muncie, Ind., in an important inter-sectional clash.

The Raiders are the only OVC team that has not been beaten by a team outside the conference.

Ball State's Cardinals feature a big experienced offense headed by quarterback Phil Donahue, split end and return threat Kevin Canfield and tailback Tony Schmidt.

Center Doug Bell is the leader of the biggest offensive line to face the Raiders this year. Smallest man up front for the Cardinals weighs in at 216 pounds.

Scout Ron Bailey rates defensive back and monster man Clyde Riley as "the best athlete on the football team." Art Lax and Pete Lee man the defensive tack-

le slots for Ball State and are rated "extremely quick and strong" by Raider coach Dean Fisher. MTSU coaches feel that defensive tackle may be the strong point of the Cardinal team.

"They were knocked from the undefeated ranks last week so they will probably be ornery," said Raider head man Bill Peck, "they're very cocky and feel that they have no business losing to a team with only 50 scholarships when they have over 100."

Cardinal mentor Dave McClain credits a major portion of the Ball State success to "basically doing a better job blocking up front."

When queried by telephone about what he considered the strongest position on the MTSU team, McClain replied, "Probably the

whole defensive team." He also was high in his praise of both David Stewart and Melvin Daniels.

"I can't say Middle Tennessee has any weaknesses," remarked McClain, "I just hope we can bounce back; after a loss you never know."

MTSU will start Daniels in the runningback spot after an injury requiring surgery sidelined David Fritts for the season.

"We plan to run right at them and hope to catch them slanting the way we think they will be," said Raider offensive coordinator Jim Finley.

The Raiders are currently in third spot in the OVC standings with a 2-1-1 conference mark. Next weekend, the Raiders travel to Western Kentucky for the Topper homecoming.

Flag football starts along with volleyball

Men's intramural flag football and women's volleyball competition began Monday on the athletic fields and in the MTSU Campus School gym, respectively.

In football competition, the Beasley Bears rolled over Clement Hall #2 12-0, Vet's Club slipped by Married Student Apartments 14-13 and MTCC crushed Sims Hall 20-0.

The Yankees beat Rudy's Roaches 6-0, Orange Crushers squeaked past the Will-Knots 2-0 and Pi Kappa Alpha stung Sigma Chi 13-7. Red forfeited to the C.M. Gang, the Ghetto Boys overpowered the Rufnecks 27-7 and Earl's Pearls topped Wedge 6-0. Warlords destroyed Sir Cecil's Creeps 32-0, Alpha Kappa Psi defeated H Hall 7-3 and Judd #2 shut out Clement 7-0 to round out football action.

Women's volleyball action saw Alpha Gamma Delta bite the dust against Alpha Delta Pi 15-0 and 15-10,

Kappa Delta stop Delta Zeta twice with scores of 16-14, 15-7 and 15-8, 6-15 and 15-7, and Felder Hall #2 finish Slum Chums 15-6 and 15-8. Alpha Delta Pi #2 was victorious over Chi Omega #2 11-15, 15-11 and 15-5, while Rutledge Hall #2 dropped the Woodpeckers 15-4, 6-15 and 13-0.

Hurt wins second medalist title

Jim Hurt won his second low medalist title of the fall to lead MTSU's golfers to individual and team honors in the WSM TV Invitational tournament held Tuesday in Henry Horton park.

The Raiders outshot Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay to take the team win by posting a 295 in the one-round tourney. Tech fired a team 299 while APSU finished at 303.

Hurt's winning card showed a 71 with teammate's Bill Buck taking second position with a 72 and Harry Nesbitt finishing in a tie for third with a 73.

Murray State and Vanderbilt rounded out the university division scoring tied at 338.

Hurt, in his first fall of competition as a Blue Raider, won two tourna-

ments outright and tied for low medalist honors in another.

The Raiders, as a team, won four of five tournaments in which they entered and finished second by one stroke in the other. No OVC team has beaten MTSU in the fall.

Asked if this was perhaps the best team he has ever coached, MTSU golf mentor E.K. Patty remarked, "No, it's not the best, though my first four boys are as good as any I have ever had."

Patty is expecting second semester help from a golfer now in the service who is felt by the Raider coach to be as good as anybody he now has.

Next spring the Raiders have five more invitational tournaments scheduled: the prestigious Orangeburg Classic, the Missi-

ssippi State, the Mid-South and the Chris Schenkel, and the Tennessee intercollegiate. These will precede the OVC tournament which selects the conference champion.

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Forrest Raiders prepare for mountain patrolling

The MTSU Forrest Raiders recently travelled to the U.S. Army Frank D. Merrill Mountain Ranger School to conduct tactical mountain patrolling against students currently undergoing the three week mountain phase of Ranger School.

The regular Ranger course consists of nine weeks of extensive training and patrolling under adverse conditions. It has been termed the most realistic training available for officers and non-commissioned officers short of actual combat according to a release by the ROTC department.

Students are placed under extreme physical and mental stress situations over a prolonged period of time, and their actions as leaders and individuals are graded closely.

This is the first time the Raiders have conducted this

type of training during the fall semester, the release said. The purpose was to expose the difficult training to the new Raider candidates and allow them to operate under simulated combat conditions.

Although the Ranger School provided advisors and ROTC cadre accompanied the unit, the Forrest Raiders actually ran the patrols with as many new candidates as possible placed in leadership positions.

According to the Raider staff, this candidate class is the largest ever. There is even one non-ROTC student enrolled in the training.

Although training of the candidates has been slowed due to the number, the Raiders still manage to conduct at least one field training exercise each month.

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