

# Ford's mind is a perfect vacuum--Von Hoffman

by Michael Gigandet

"When I gaze into Jerry Ford's mind, I find a perfect vacuum," Nicholas Von Hoffman, columnist and commentator, said last night in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

It is very hard to determine Ford's ideology or philosophy, Von Hoffman said. "He has always agreed with the leader of the party."

He said Ford may regret nominating Nelson Rockefeller as his vice president. "This is not a good guy to turn your back on," Von Hoffman said.

Warning that Ford might be eclipsed and swayed by Rockefeller, Von Hoffman said, "I think Jerry Ford is flexible."

He said many questions should be asked by Congress during confirmation hearings about the way Rockefeller conducted the business of New York during his four terms as governor.

Von Hoffman accused Rockefeller of being a "gunboat" diplomat and "a mad spender." He noted that during Rockefeller's terms as governor New York's state taxes multiplied five times.

"Financially he is a catastrophe," he said.

Ford's administration is noted for confusion, contradiction, not knowing what the nation is doing and why and failing to consult advisers, he added.

With Ford, Von Hoffman said,

"We are stuck with double digit inflation and single digit IQ."

He said Ford voted on 4,000 bills as a congressman and authored none. "Ford has spent his entire career being a good party soldier."

Because of his money and "certain deals" with business and unions, Rockefeller has built around him an "almost unbeatable (political) coalition," Von Hoffman said.

He said the question was, "Will Rocky's kind of thing become the policy of the federal government?"

Von Hoffman predicted that if Ford "falters" in any way, Rockefeller will get the Republican nomination for president in 1976.



Nicholas Von Hoffman

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## Dodd kicks off ombudsman dorm campaign

by Michael Gigandet

Last night Associated Student Body president David Dodd kicked off his ombudsman program with a door-to-door campaign through the residence halls.

Handing out cards saying, "When you've got a problem. . . You've got a friend. Give us a chance to help," ASB representatives urged dorm residents to call 898-2537 for help on critical problems.

Monday and Tuesday night the representatives will visit any rooms which were missed until one person in each room is given a card, which should be placed on the bulletin board, Dodd said Tuesday night.

Earlier this week, Dodd spoke to dorm residents at dorm meetings about his plans for the program.

"Ombudsman is just a long, hairy word for problem solving," Dodd said. "The only reason it exists is to help you solve problems you'll run into this year."

He said the ASB planned to train 20 people to be familiar with the university and its administrative system.

In a series of seminars starting late next week, ombudsmen will be given a "cram course in how the university operates," he explained.

The seminars for the students and administrators will concern areas such as housing, admissions and records and maintenance.



Dodd said the ombudsmen will be indexed in the ASB office so they may be called on short notice and at odd hours to help students with complicated problems.

Although the program will be a bit unorganized at first, he said the troubleshooters will be "fairly" trained by Oct. 1.

"If they don't know how to solve a problem they'll know where to take the first step," Dodd said.

When students call with a problem, an ombudsman will be sent over to discuss the complaint with the student.

If the situation cannot be solved by the ombudsman, he will make

an appointment with the proper administrator and go with the student to help him, he said.

For example Dodd said, "We'll not only tell you how to drop a course. We'll go with you."

Dodd said problems which the ombudsman will not be able to solve will sometimes occur. In those cases the ombudsmen will make sure the student is seen and heard by the proper person, he said.

"We can take an individual problem to the extent we can any ASB proposal. If the situation warrants that, we will," he said.

"The key," Dodd said, "is use by the student body. We can give them the organizational structure but we can't make them use it. It will fail if they don't."

"I want to stress the fact that it can only work if it is used by students. All we're asking is that you give us a chance to help," Dodd said.

## Visitation guidelines announced for J,K apartments

by John Rawlston

Guidelines to be followed during "open visitation" periods at J and K dorms were announced to residents of those dorms in meetings this week.

Under the guidelines, students may entertain guests of the opposite sex in the living room area of the on-campus apartments during the visitation period, which runs from 6 p.m. until midnight,

Thursday through Sunday.

Guests must register in the lobby of the dormitory they are visiting and must sign out by midnight, according to Dave Bragg, resident assistant for K dorm.

Lights in the apartments must be left on while guests of the opposite sex are present, Bragg said, and the door to the apartment must be left ajar so that it may be opened without turning

the doorknob.

Bragg said students will be subject to "spot checks" by school officials during the open visitation periods. Students found in violation of open-visitations regulations will have their student ID cards taken away, he said.

Matthew Royal, head resident of K dorm and chief of the MTS security department, said

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# Students unhappy with laws

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ulations would be enforced "to the letter."

Royal said the regulations were handed down by the State Board of Regents. I don't like it any more than you do," Royal told the residents of K.

Bragg called the open visitation policy a "privilege" and urged residents to follow the regulations if they had any hope for future liberalization of the policy.

Student reaction to the announcement of the regulations ranged from disappointment to anger.

"This place has not turned out to be anything like I thought it would be when I moved in here

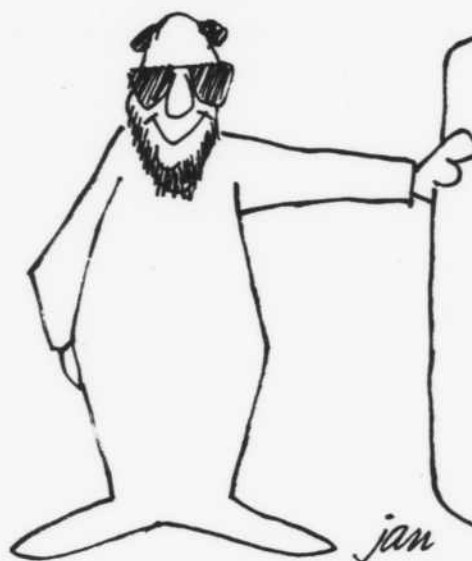
last year," said John Lambert, a resident of K.

"It makes me mad to be treated like this," said Zelda Archer, a resident of J dorm. The regulations are "ridiculous," she said.

While many students indicated a willingness to abide by the guidelines, others said they would not follow the regulations.

"I'm going to bring girls in here any time I want to," said one resident of K dorm.

Still, the regulations, which went into effect yesterday, will remain the same for the remainder of the school year unless violation of the rules causes the open visitation policy to be revoked, according to Bragg.



You've been buying Sidelines?

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Hell, even we wouldn't buy it.

# Meditation is a technique--teacher

Transcendental meditation is not a religion, but a technique, according to Richard Trice, a teacher with the Student International Meditation Society.

Trice spoke to several MTSU students about the ideas of transcendental meditation Wednesday night in the University Center.

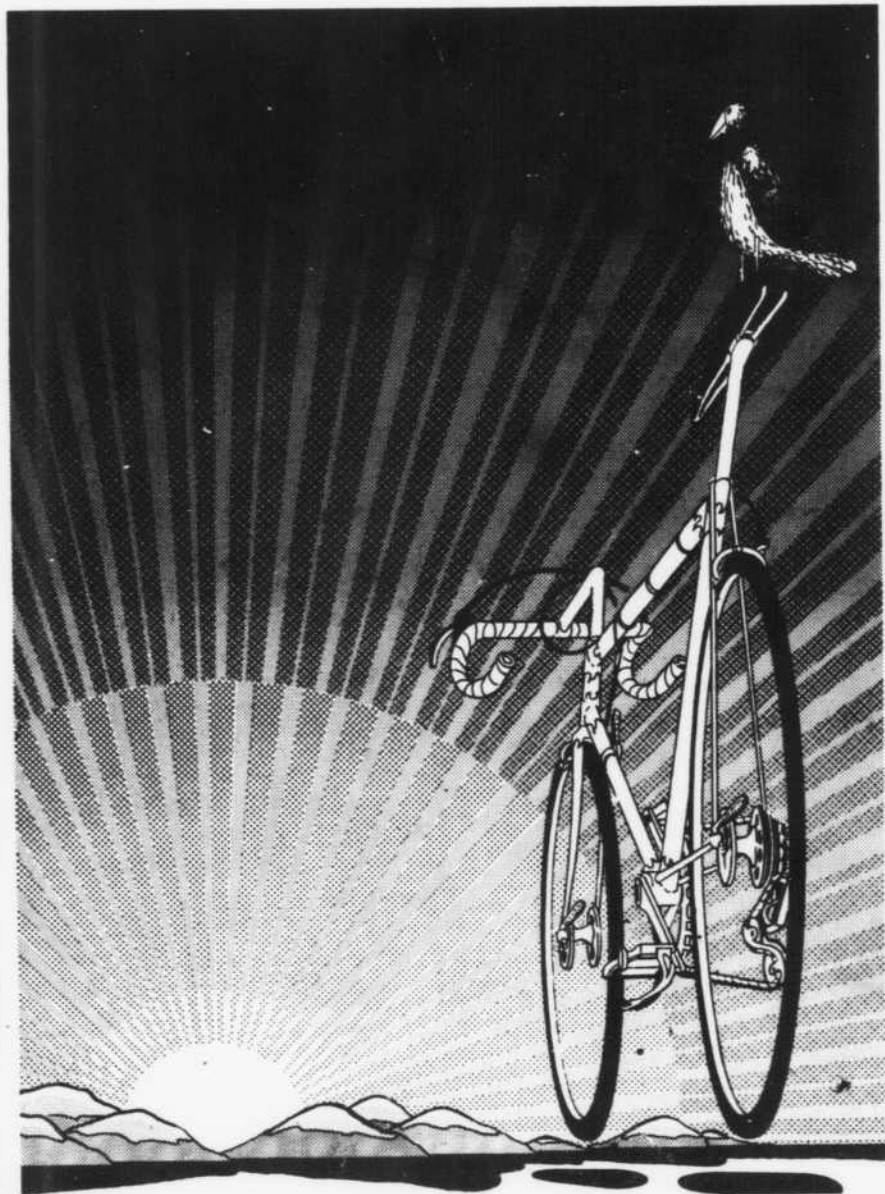
One does not have to be an expert in philosophy to get results from transcendental meditation, Trice said. The technique makes the individual extremely rested physically, but also very alert mentally, he said.

Trice called the technique a "fourth state," the other three being sleep, dreaming and consciousness.

Ideas that people involved in transcendental meditation are always happy are not necessarily true, Trice said. The technique is for all types of people and there have been no known failures among his students so far, he said.

Trice said the meditation is designed to relieve some of those tensions that slow a person's effectiveness and ability to function.

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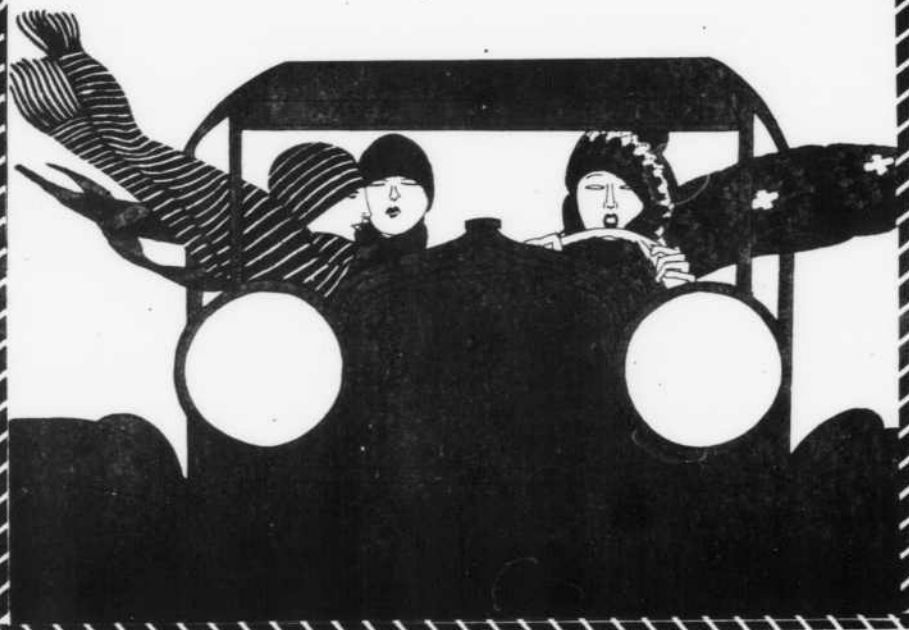
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## 'Godspell' tryouts

### held by theatre

Tryouts were held this week for parts in "Godspell," a musical adaptation of the Gospel according to St. Matthew that has been chosen as the fall production of the MTSU theatre.

The list of cast members will be posted today, according to director Dorethe Tucker. Rehearsals are slated to begin soon for the show, to be presented on the main stage on Oct. 17, 18 and 19.

The MTSU speech and theatre department is one of the first schools in the South to arrange for a production of the show by students. MTSU received special rights and permission from the licensing agent.

Jan Allred, the assistant director and stage manager of the Broadway production, will visit the theatre next week. She will choreograph the entire show and offer advice to Tucker.

David Harbin and his band, which performed at Opryland this year, will provide the music. Harbin will serve as musical director.

The cast, made up of five men and five women, can best be described as an "ensemble cast."



Photo by Alan Loveless

## Rush, rush, rush

Why are these cars in a jam? Well, everyone knows that traffic lines up each afternoon about 3 when the mad rush begins to get away from classes.

### Everyone?

Well, perhaps not everyone, because these men are putting the finishing touches on a paving job at a traditional busy intersection at just its busiest time. Who plans their schedule anyway?



Photo by Alan Loveless

## Denver concert tickets to be sold

John Denver concert tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. Tuesday in room 309 of the University Center.

Ticket prices for the Oct. 13 concert in Murphy Center are \$6 and \$7 for non-students and \$5 and \$6 for students, Assistant Director of Student Programming Tom Roberson said yesterday.

Each student may buy two tickets when presenting his I.D., Roberson said.

"There will be as many student tickets as there are students to buy them," he said.

Mail-order tickets may be obtained through Sound Seventy Ticket Central, 1717 West End Building, Nashville, Tenn., 37203.

A 50-cent handling charge should accompany all mail orders, Roberson said. Tickets may also be purchased directly at the Nashville address.

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# Atkins to reveal campaign contributions

Incumbent Public Service Commissioner Z.D. Atkins said Wednesday night he intends to release the names of those who contribute to his campaign for re-election.

Atkins, who has served on the PSC for 10 years, will face former personnel commissioner Jane Hardaway, a Republican, in

the general election. He addressed a meeting of the MTSU Young Democrats, which was attended by about 30 people.

"This business of campaign funding is a false issue," Atkins said, "and to disclose is the best way to eliminate it and get on to the real issues."

Atkins said he did not disclose

his contributions in the primary election because "other quasi-judicial officers" did not do so. The law does not require release and the American Bar Association "advised against" disclosure, he said.

Placing all small independent telephone companies in the state under one set of regulations would not increase efficiency to the customers, Atkins said.

"These are not profit-making companies," he said. "They are regulated by boards that are chosen by the people themselves."

Cost is the biggest factor in getting one-party lines to everyone who wants one, Atkins said. Today, only 2 per cent of the people in Tennessee are on eight-party lines, he said.

"Our goal by 1977 is to make all the services people want available to them, and that includes getting them one-party lines," he said.

Atkins said making improvements in railroad crossings is a legislative problem, not under the authority of the PSC. He pointed out that a new law would permit the installation of



Z.D. Atkins

electric warning lights at railroad crossings if a fatal accident occurs at the sight.

Over 500,000 trucks were inspected last year for violations of PSC guidelines, Atkins said. About 500 truck drivers were removed from the roads for driving under the influence of drugs, he said.

Atkins said he has "no hesitation" about debating Hardaway, but indicated such a debate would have to be coordinated to fit into his schedule.

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Seniors who plan to teach college, work in administrative positions or study for an advanced degree may be eligible for "Danforth Fellowships for College Teaching Careers." Interested students should contact Aaron Todd by Sept. 20 at New Science 209.

"Interested in helping some child loved and wanted?" For more information, attend the CUBE meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the New Classroom Building room 205.

Students are needed for a master's thesis research about handling rats. Contact Jennye Curtis at 893-6030 after 6:30 p.m. if interested.

Murfreesboro Bank and Trust is offering three savings accounts for new freshmen and transfer students who received the campus welcome packs.

An art exhibit of the late MTSU professor Fred Rubens will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 802 Fairview Ave. Unidentified student portraits will be available.

## Dodd defends Camp Hy-Lake trip

by Gina Jeter

An August trip to Camp Hy-Lake by about 30 students and 20 administrators served as a "focal point for beginning the year in student government," ASB President David Dodd said this week.

Dodd was accused of "squandering student funds" at the resort near Center Hill Lake in last Friday's Sidelines.

"The trouble with Hy-Lake in the past is that it was lauded as the big planning session of the year when actually little planning was done," Dodd said.

Two working sessions were held at Hy-Lake, Dodd said, as well as a softball game.

Dodd said the first meeting was with his cabinet and that the second "will lead to a better relationship" because it served as an opportunity for acquainting students with administrators in a relaxed atmosphere.

Cabinet members and administrators discussed plans at Hy-Lake for academic counseling of freshmen with undecided majors and for "trouble-shooting" at the dorms during orientation week, Dodd said.

The Hy-Lake meetings also served as a "preamble," he said, for a more detailed plan-

ning session held on campus after students returned from the resort.

The president said about 150 undecided people actually sought help during the academic counseling sessions held before freshmen registration although only about 45 had been expected.

"It opens a whole new door in freshman orientation," Dodd said. "This was the first time students have been used for counseling students on academic matters."

The meeting with administrators was for discussing the role of student government although it centered almost entirely on university programming, Dodd said.

The Hy-Lake trip cost about \$325, he said, with only about \$150 coming from ASB monies because each student attending paid a \$7.50 registration fee.

Dodd said that the expenditure is illegal under the ASB constitution.

The constitution orders that the ASB budget must be approved by the senate and house of representatives before funds are spent.

"All summer expenditures were unconstitutional," Dodd said.

"That's pretty well been the ease in the past."

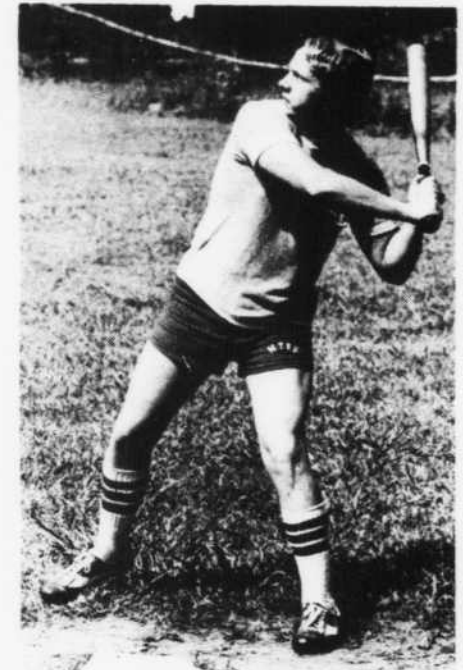


Photo by Fred Carr

ASB president David "De-Boss" Dodd takes care of pressing student government business at Camp Hy-Lake.

Dodd said the present scheduling of the ASB presidential election in late March doesn't leave the newly elected president the time necessary for completing his budget before the spring semester ends.

The house and senate will not meet until next week.

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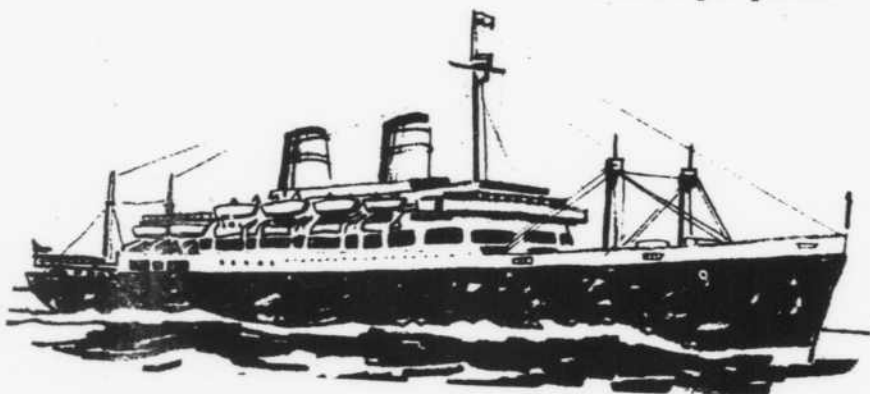
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# Thank the Lord for kind people like us

by Wayne Hudgens

I am glad we are a compassionate nation led by a compassionate President.

It makes me feel good that we can pardon a former president because he has suffered enough for the rank of crimes he committed in public office.

And of course, it's nice to know that the law is just and equal-- that the president can be pardoned while his lackeys, the ones he told to "stone wall it," are allowed to rot in jail.

Anyone could tell you that we should praise a new chief executive who has never been voted into the office he holds for taking the step which will, in all probability, seal from the public any final evidence on the guilt or innocence of one Richard M. Nixon.

We should be thankful that Watergate is far behind us. Every "right-minded" American knows it was just a pinko plot cooked up by leftist Democrats in order that Ted Kennedy could place the Pope back in power in 1976.

Yes, we can all rest easy now. The crisis is over. Nixon can shuttle between San Clemente and Key Biscayne without fear of ever having to be drug into demeaning,



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common, purely political atmosphere of the federal court system.

He can write a book about the days he spent in the White House, and since his account will be the only one we will ever get, we can be sure it will be the full truth. After all, he is no crook, and he has suffered so much that we all know he couldn't fool us.

And Mr. Ford, now he can go on

to become our nation's finest president ever to be elected by the Senate. Of course he won't need that nasty old terHorst press secretary, one foreign name in the administration is enough for Americans. (Besides rumor has it that terHorst was developing a terrible disease called "frankness" for which there is no known White House cure except per-

manent vacation from Washington.)

In fact, all good Americans believe that the whole crew of Watergate fanatics should be disbanded, dismantled and generally thrown out. That's all behind us, isn't it Mr. President?

We should turn our attention now to rooting out all vestiges of evil in this mighty and compassionate land. I suggest that all draft evaders be shot. They will never suffer enough for the damage they did to this country. We might never have won the Vietnamese war if they had continued to attack us from within. Just ask those defeated North Vietnamese in Saigon, they'll tell you.

And we need to get all those welfare loafers off the public dole. Security systems and the cost of "transition" out of the presidential office are very high now, and we just don't have the money to pay for both San Clemente and food for some poor folks with a lot of illegitimate kids.

Finally, we need to thank the Lord for people like us. We're smart enough to save Nixon from the hounds that chase him. He would have done the same for us-- I think.

## Don't believe all those attacks on the press

by Bill Mason

In this country the press probably receives more sharp and even bitter criticism than any other institution. Reporters and even editors often are berated for "twisting the facts," being "negative" or downright lying.

Sometimes these charges are true, but more often than not, the subject of a story is angry because the presentation of the facts did not put him and his actions in the best possible light.

No one can deal with people who hold authority, be they in administration, public office or business, without realizing one very basic fact: Those who express the most opposition to the press are those who have the most to fear from it.

The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press. Recent court decisions leave no doubt that this freedom applies to the campus media.

No newsman with any sense of social responsibility will attempt to abuse his freedom. Any report, analysis or comment on any event should be totally correct as possible in technical considerations.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Hopefully, a choice never will have to be made between the two. Without a government, the nation would be immersed in anarchy; without the press, the nation would be overrun by tyranny.

No one, surely, has forgotten the heroic reporting of two staff members of the Washington Post who blew the lid on Richard Nixon and his partners in crime, partially revealing the sordid details of the Watergate scandal.

Even before those reports came an assault on the free press unlike any in our history. Spiro Agnew recommended new controls over publications and the extension of existing controls o-

ver electronic media. His reason for this recommendation was supposedly to prevent the media from putting a check upon the grabs for power continually being made by himself and by his President.

Fortunately, Agnew's moves and the moves of other officials were futile and the continued efforts by the media to present all the facts kept the people informed -- and the people demanded the ouster of both Agnew and Nixon.

The reporters were not intimidated: they did their job as best they knew how, and in doing so they performed a vital service to the people of this nation.

Campus journalists cannot hope to perform such an important service to so many people: the scope of their responsibilities would not permit that. They can, however, keep watch on the events of the university and those who hold powerful positions in it.

No thinly veiled threats of controls, non-cooperation of harassment from an unhappy administrator or anyone else would stop the efforts of a responsible campus journalist who is doing his job as he feels it needs to be done.

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## GOP pol reacts

### To the editor:

In the Sept. 10 issue of Sidelines, there was an interview with me concerning the activities of the College Republicans this fall.

Some of my statements were not accurately conveyed. However, I do not feel that the discrepancies were printed on purpose. I would like to make note of the discrepancies and to give a fuller text of my conversation.

First, I am not coordinator for the College Republicans at MTSU, but I am the coordinator for Lamar Alexander here. Moreover, in the paraphrased statement in the Sidelines, "amnesty for Nixon is one more step to the future" is not exactly what I said.

I said that amnesty for draft evaders and the pardoning of Nixon should bring our country together by putting those issues behind us so we can focus on the present problem, inflation.

John Boutwell  
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## Title of 'crook' is punishment enough

### To the editor:

Yes, President Gerald Ford has pardoned Richard Nixon--but not in the sense of excusing him for his actions. He just freed Nixon from punishment.

With the pardoning of Nixon, we won't have him to kick around anymore. First, he has been kicked around enough; and second, further kicking is senseless.

A trial of Nixon probably would take at least a year to complete. The pardoning makes having a trial useless, and, in effect, is saying that Nixon is guilty--since a person can't be pardoned unless he has been sentenced.

Pardoning Nixon is not the same as pardoning a person guilty of a crime such as robbery, murder and rape. The criminal who commits one of those offenses has the opportunity to commit the same again if he is pardoned.

Nixon, however, is not now and probably never again will be in position to repeat the acts he has been accused of committing.

Certainly with so much public sentiment against him, Nixon never will be elected to another public office. And it was because he held a high public office that he was afforded the opportunity to play a part in the biggest political gamble in history.

Now that the top dog has been pardoned, is it inappropriate for the President to consider the par-

doning of others in his pack?

Not if getting on with other issues of state and justice matters at all.

Most people, although wanting justice to be served, prefer to have the whole Watergate issue over and done.

Ford has said he will probably consider individual clemency pleas only, and will not give a blanket pardon to all the defendants.

There is no use considering individual pardons - - picking and

choosing among offenders like the spoils system. Go ahead and give them all a pardon--their leader has one.

The former president will be remembered throughout history as the "Crook of Watergate," and most other things he did as a public official will be forgotten. To go down in history as a crook will be enough punishment.

Wayne Kindness  
Box 7316

## Pardon was 'unwise' -- but legal

### To the editor:

In your Sept. 10 editorial, you speak of a "surprising lapse of intelligence" on behalf of Mr. Ford in pardoning Mr. Nixon after which a stream of rhetoric follows discussing rights and legitimacy.

Could it be that the Sidelines has fallen into the same "lapse of intelligence" that it contributes to Mr. Ford by maintaining that the President had no right to pardon Mr. Nixon?

The fact is clear and undeniable that Mr. Ford acted within the powers of the presidency found in Article II Section II of the Federal Constitution.

Even taking in consideration that a section of the pardoning clause stipulates "for offenses against the United States" and

that Mr. Nixon had not yet been indicted, the President still acted legally. In 1925 the Supreme Court ruled in **Ex Parte Grossman**: "The executive can . . . pardon all offenses after their commission, either before trial, during trial or after trial."

The pardoning power is a part of "the legitimate concerns of his office." In **Biddle v. Perovich** (1927) the Court ruled that "a pardon . . . is a part of the constitutional scheme." Although Mr. Ford acted unwisely and untimely, he did not act illegally and was fully within the rights of the office of President.

Van West  
Box 7424

## Dean promises students some sort of help

by Ivan Shewmake  
Assistant Dean of Students

"The time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes and ships and sealing-wax,  
Of cabbages and kings;  
And why the sea is boiling hot--  
And whether pigs have wings."

-Lewis Carroll-

Now, for many days, I have tried to think of a way to write this column. Last year, while I was with the folks from Sidelines, the idea was voiced of having someone from the administration write a column from the administrator's point of view. We thought it might be helpful in passing along information periodically. That column is what you are reading now.

First, some groundrules. If I do continue to write occasionally, it will be from the administration's point of view. You will want to keep that in mind, I am sure.

At the same time, the opinions are solely my own, and no one else should be blamed for them.

The information I pass on to you will be as factual and accurate as I can make it. You might want to

read that carefully. The suspension you have could be your own.

There are several things I would like to accomplish with this column. I would like to save some grief by telling you about rules and procedures with which you may be unfamiliar--such as schedules or refunds when you withdraw from school, procedures for dropping classes, and what you need to do

when you are going to be absent from school for several days.

I would like to sting you into writing to me about the things you don't like and what you think we should do about them.

I make no promises about changes. But one thing is certain: We cannot act on your suggestions unless we know what those suggestions are. It seems

only fair that we have a chance to find out what you have on your mind.

Finally, I would like to argue our point of view and let you know the reasoning behind some of the policies we follow.

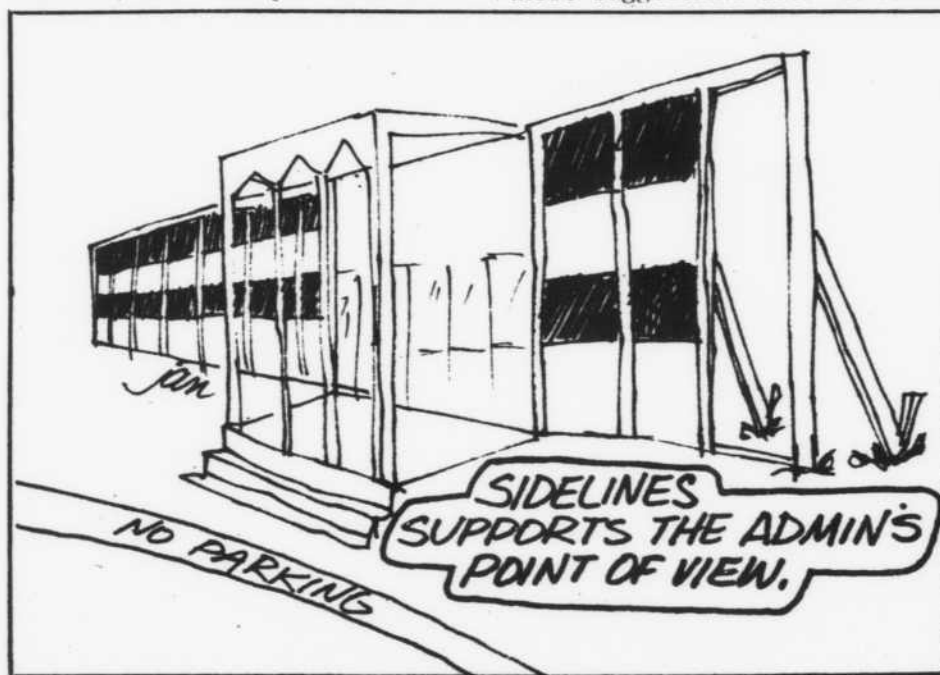
Often, we have good reasons for doing things a certain way, but because you do not know our reasons, you can see no cause in the policies.

That does not mean, of course, that you have to agree, but it would seem that you might want to consider as much information as you can before you make a decision. But then, maybe not. Sometimes information and facts only confuse the issue, or so I'm told in the grill.

If you have any questions you would like answered, I'll try to find the information for you. I make no promises, but I'll try. I don't know anything myself, but I know a lot of people who do.

Write a letter to Ivan Shewmake, Assistant Dean of Students, Box 12.

Keep those cards and letters coming, folks.



## Student reaction mixed on amnesty plan

by Michael Gigandet

Emotions are running high on the issue of amnesty for Vietnam war draft dodgers in the wake of President Ford's decision to grant Richard Nixon a full pardon, according to an unscientific survey of MTSU students.

"I don't think Nixon should have gotten amnesty. They (draft dodgers) should get conditional amnesty. If I had been drafted, I would have had to go," Sidney Bagwell, Clarksville sophomore, said.

Bagwell said he believes war resisters should serve time in the Army to make up for the term they missed.

On the other hand, one student,

who refused to be identified, said amnesty should not be granted because of all the soldiers who died in Vietnam.

In August, President Ford told the Veterans of Foreign War's convention in Chicago that he would consider conditional amnesty for those who left the country rather than serve in the military.

Gary Page, a four-year Navy veteran, and Randall Dotson, a Nashville sophomore, said Ford should grant unconditional amnesty to all draft resisters.

"I think since Nixon got it they should get it," Dotson said.

Page said he sympathized with

the war resisters' cause and would hesitate before serving in Vietnam.

Another veteran, Phil Mather, said he was opposed to amnesty until the nation takes care of those who served in Vietnam.

Mather, who served with the army in Vietnam, said, "None (no amnesty) at all until the Vietnam veteran has been given a fair shake. Until then its just not fair."

"Ford is trying to pull the country together. Until the people realize that some have served there (Vietnam), no purpose will be served (by granting amnesty)," Mather said.

After the Vietnam veteran is taken care of, Ford should declare unconditional amnesty for the draft dodgers, Mather said.

Ford's pardon of Nixon is an attempt to bring the country together, said Bob Sturm, Hermitage freshman.

If Ford grants the war resisters and deserters amnesty, it should be conditional, Sturm said.

Conditions should be decided on an individual basis, considering the degree of each crime, he said.

## Music courses to be offered

Courses in violin and community chorus are being offered by the MTSU Office of Continuing Education and the Music Department this month.

The chorus course began Sept. 9 but registration will continue through Dec. 9 with a total of 14 meetings. Tuition cost is \$10.

Registration time for the violin course is 4-5 p.m. Sept. 16 in Room 201 of the Fine Arts Building. You may pre-register by completing a form obtained from the Office of Continuing Education and submitting it along with the \$60 tuition fee for the course to the Business Office at MTSU.

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## IFC president to battle HEW

Interfraternity Council President Ted Osborne said yesterday he is "behind university policy 100 per cent." but he is ready to fight an H.F.W. proposal forbidding direct university support of fraternities.

Osborne was referring to guidelines proposed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that would prevent

universities from providing "substantial support" to any organization that practices sexual discrimination.

Since fraternities discriminate against females, they are considered as a sexual discriminator. This proposal forced the university to ask Osborne to vacate his university office, Osborne said.

Osborne said everything had been removed from his office by Friday afternoon. He had occupied the office only three weeks.

"I foresee going back to a situation like the one all last year," Osborne said. "when we suffered from a lack of organization." He said all activities on campus involving fraternity participation must be approved by the IFC.

Because of the need for the approval, the IFC needed a "home base to get things done in a short time," Osborne said. "Planning for an activity such as rush requires...a lot of phone calls, letters and memoranda."

During the time he occupied the office, Osborne said he conferred with Associate Dean of Students Paul Cantrell "everyday." Cantrell oversees the work of the IFC and the campus fraternities.

"While having the office, I was able to increase our programming," Osborne said. "Now that the university cannot provide office space it will require much more time to arrange things."

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# Sigma Delta Chi plans initial meeting

An organizational meeting for the newly-formed campus chapter of Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism society will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 318 of the University Center, according to steering committee chairman Michael Gigandet.

"With the MTSU chapter chartering set for October 18, we will be primarily lining up members at the Tuesday meeting," Gigandet said.

Bill Churchill, retired assistant publisher of The Tennessean and member of the Nashville professional chapter of SDX, will speak about the background of the society, Gigandet said.

Churchill is the former managing editor of the Tennessean and was foreign picture editor of "Life" magazine. He also served as regional director of SDX.

Details concerning election of officers, dues, and arrangements for the chartering banquet in October will be touched upon also, Gigandet said.

He stressed that memberships could be taken any time before the actual chartering, but to be a charter member one must pay dues and sign up at the Tuesday meeting.

Speaking about the goals of the campus SDX chapter, Gigandet said, "We want to help professionalize the student media and keep mass communications students informed through speakers, seminars, and other examinations of topical areas of journalism."

Membership in SDX is open to any students of good academic standing with at least 30 hours at MTSU who intends to make journalism his profession, said Dennie

Hall, faculty adviser to SDX.

SDX has more than 25,000 active members nationally. There are more than 230 chapters serving cities and college campuses throughout the nation, Hall said.

Chapters also conduct a wide range of activities including scholarship and awards programs, careers programs, freedom-of-information campaigns, gridiron shows, press seminars, news conferences and many others, he said.

Working with Hall and Gigandet on the steering committee are mass communications majors Linda Sissom, Wayne Kindness and Jim Trammel.

## Who's Who forms available at ASB

Applications for Who's Who will be available Monday in the ASB office, Karen Butner, speaker of the House, said this week.

"To be eligible for Who's Who, a senior must have a 2.8 grade point average and have made an outstanding contribution to MTSU," Butner said.

A committee appointed by M.G. Scarlett and consisting of ASB officials and faculty senate members will choose Who's Who representatives, she said.

Applications are due Oct. 4 and may be mailed to Butner at Box 1.

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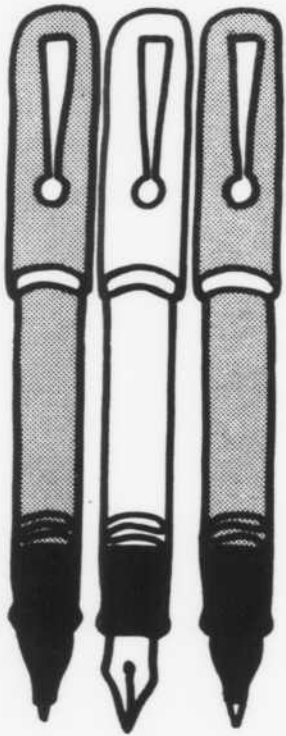
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# Concerts will bring a different sound to Music City

by Scott Perry

Nashville, the home of country music, will come alive this weekend with sounds of another kind when the Tennessee State Fair opens.

Besides the regular grandstand acts, this year's fair offers three concerts. These concerts are sponsored by Sound Seventy Productions and admission to each is \$6, which includes entrance to the fair itself.

Saturday, Sept. 14, Mac Davis and Barefoot Jerry will appear. Davis, who had his own network television show this summer, has been called too heavy for country music by country music critics.

yet too country for rock n' roll by rock critics.

Barefoot Jerry, a band well known in Nashville, currently has its latest album "Watch'n T.V." doing very well in the charts.

The following Monday, Sept. 16, Wet Willie and Black Oak Arkansas will perform on the fairgrounds stage.

Both bands are very popular in the South. Wet Willie has done many tours with the Allman Brothers and other top southern bands. Black Oak comes to Nashville from a town of the same name in Arkansas.

The last fair concert will be Saturday, Sept. 21. Blue Oyster Cult and Lynard Skynard will

bring their talents to the fairgrounds stage on this date.

Both of these bands have played in Nashville before. Lynard Skynard from Alabama played with Z Z Topp in Nashville earlier in the year. They are currently one of the hottest new bands in the country.

All of the State Fair concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at all Sound Seventy ticket locations in Nashville.

Other musical events in Nashville this weekend include the Fourth Annual Vanderbilt Bluegrass Festival. Playing at the festival will be The New Grass Revival, the Osborne Brothers, Jim and Jesse, Norman Blake,

Tut Taylor and Mac Wiseman.

This will take place at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 15. Admission will be free and it will happen on the Vanderbilt JUL lawn.

Also on Sunday in Nashville, Sound Seventy is sponsoring the Black Oak Arkansas street party. This will take place at Union Street between Second and Third Avenues.

Black Oak will be there to talk to the public but they are not scheduled to play. Several local bands will play including Lascassas, a band made up of some former MTSU students. This is free to the public and gets under way at 3 p.m.

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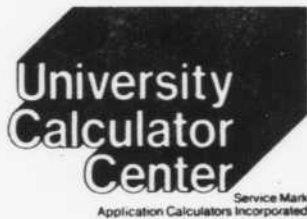


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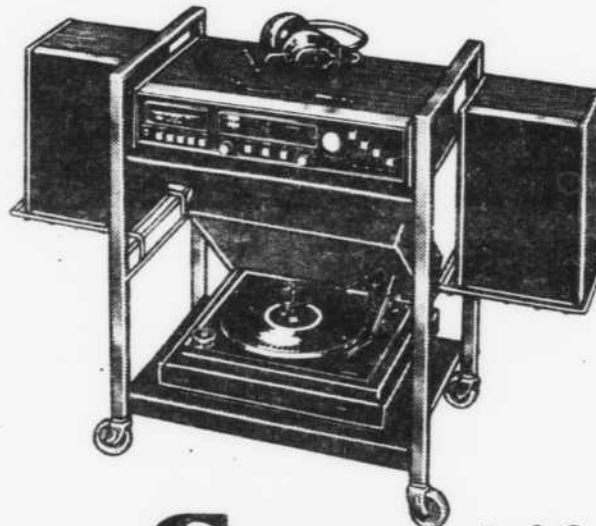
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**Against Appalachian State**

**Raiders out to show TSU win wasn't 'fluke'**

by Scott Elliott

"We wanted to show everybody that our win against Tennessee State wasn't a fluke."

That's the expression Raider quarterback Freddie Rohrdanz used in connection with the major goal of MTSU's football squad as the Big Blue prepares for Saturday night's encounter with Appalachian State.

Appalachian is a member of the NCAA's Southern Conference, a league considered to be big time college football.

"They wanted to get out of the game earlier this year," said Bill Peck, MTSU coach. "They felt playing an Ohio Valley Conference football team would hurt their rating because OVC football is not suppose to be major college football."

"I don't agree with that," he added. "We told the Appalachian people that it was too late for us to get another game, but we'll try to play up to their standards."

Peck indicated that Appalachian State's attitude toward OVC foot-

ball would give his squad a little added incentive.

Appalachian is coming off a 16-7 win over East Tennessee, another OVC school, and Raider



**BILL PECK**

assistant coach Wilson Carter said, "They play football the way it's suppose to be played."

"There were several times when Appalachian could have folded in the ETSU game," Carter said, "but they stuck to their game plan and didn't panic, and they came out on top."

Jim Phillips, another MTSU assistant, said Appalachian's offense employs a "two split end,

wishbone formation."

Raider defensive backfield coach Jim Sypult indicated that an added strain would be placed on MTSU's secondary this week because of Appalachian's wishbone attack.

"Our secondary people will greatly figure in on stopping their running game," he said. "The corners have the responsibility of coming up to meet the outside flow, and, at the same time make sure that they don't get beat deep."

Appalachian State is a young team with 11 sophomores and 2 freshman starting.

"We're not that great of a football team," said Appalachian coach Jim Brakfield. "We've got some fair receivers and some good defensive people."

"We've had a great week of practice," Peck said. "We haven't scratched our potential yet, but we're working harder every day."

Rohrdanz put it another way by saying, "We want to win this game worse than last week's.

After the TSU game, people have started to notice us a little more, and we're going to have to work hard to keep up the first impression."

**OVC PICKS**

by Scott Elliott

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## Sidelines' player of the week

by Duncan Regen

Player of the week on the basis of his performance against Tennessee State is Raider punter Mike Shawen.

Shawen is a senior from Kettering, Ohio majoring in finance.

Shawen on five kicks Saturday night collected a total of 240 yards for a average of 48 yards per kick.

According to Shawen, "When you are getting the kind of protection and coverage that the offensive line was giving me it tends to make any punter look good."

Shawen last year missed the OVC punting leadership by one-tenth of a yard and said he feels like he wasn't given a fair deal in the situation.

"You have to think that you are the best in the league and I feel



MIKE SHAWEN

that I am the best punter in the OVC!"

"Everything just sort of fell into place against TSU. I was making good contact with the ball and my concentration was also good," added Shawen.

## Key holds down 1st spot on cross-country squad

by Tom Wood

From all indications, Murfreesboro junior James Key is out to retain the number one cross-country position he held last year until a nagging knee injury sidelined him in the latter part of the 1973 season.

Key finished first in last Saturday's time trials with a 15:32 mark for three miles. Steve Cole from East Point, Ga., led an outstanding group of rookies with the squad's second best clocking.

While warming up for the first dual meet the 1974 season against Fisk University on Tuesday at the Veterans Administration course, Key talked about revenge and Fisk's star runner.

Last year, Fisk's Godfrey Washington beat Key in the mile with a time of 4:09, compared to Key's 4:17. There was some alleged cheating on Washington's part, Key indicated.

"We're not taking Fisk lightly, but we should win this first meet. The team has been practicing individually since July, and we have a lot of depth," said Key.

In Saturday's time trials, the second through fifth men all finished within 30 seconds of each other. Among this group of finishers were transfer Mike O'Hara, and freshmen Cole, Terry Hoover,

and Ed Capron.

"As solid a team as we have, it will be very difficult for Fisk or anybody else to beat us. We are going to place high in the conference," Key said optimistically.

## Raiders to host VU in diamond opener

MTSU's baseball team will open a 20-game fall schedule Sunday afternoon at 1 when they play host to Vanderbilt.

The Raiders have been hit hard by graduation. Four of the starters including all-OVC catcher Scott Sain, Tommy Owens and Roger Cox are gone from 1973's team, which compiled a 27-13 mark and a first place finish in the OVC western division last spring.

John Stanford, head coach, appears hopeful that some new signees will bolster the hitting attack.

"Our three most important games this fall are against Murray, Western Kentucky and Austin Peay, all doubleheaders because these are OVC games and count in the standings" Stanford said. "The other games will not affect our standings in the OVC and will be more of a scrimmage," Stanford noted.

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