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Phil West photo

Is this unidentified young lady paddling the wrong way down a one-way canal? Apparently disregarding the road sign behind

Shardt Hall, she takes advantage of a small lake created after rains swamped the midstate area during spring break.

Helberg cites objectives for upcoming year

by Phil West

ASB president-elect Ted Helberg yesterday said priorities for his administration include creating an academic appeals committee, getting a student on the state Board of Regents, establishing a different system of academic advising and gaining a closer relationship between the ASB and Sidelines.

Helberg, who will take office during the ASB Banquet April 16, stressed the need for student in-

volvement in ASB affairs.

"We will publish an ASB bulletin of all ASB legislation and will sponsor open forums with administrators in the grill to get students involved," the 21-year-old prelaw major promised.

"I'd like to get Sidelines coverage of all ASB activities. Those two things (Sidelines and ASB) influence students more than anything else," he pointed out.

Helberg said he and outgoing

president David Dodd met with three state legislators last week in Nashville to lobby for passage of a bill placing a student on the Board of Regents.

The bill, which Helberg said may be amended to include establishing guidelines for a Presidents Council of state university student government presidents, would allow the governor to select a student representative from three nominees.

Helberg pointed out that the bill is a substitute drafted by the Tennessee Intercollegiate Scholastic Legislature in January.

"I think the Regents will listen to a student on the board," Helberg predicted.

However, the newly-elected president said his "primary concern" is to "get something done" towards creating an academic appeals committee and setting up a different system of academic advising. Helberg reiterated the need for advisers who have time to spend on academic advising rather than on fulfilling teaching duties.

"We'll try to get that done. I will look at everything realistically and will use the influence of the office (of president)," Helberg promised.

Helberg said he will try to get the unsuccessful presidential

candidates "into the ASB if they are interested." Breaking with tradition, he said all presidential appointments, except cabinet members, will be made by a reviewing committee.

"I will put myself on that committee and the word of the committee will be final," he said.

Another Helberg proposal is collecting an entertainment fee at registration to finance "free concerts during each semester." He said he will ask that "fun nights" be moved to weekends to "give students something to do and reverse the suitcase college trend."

Helberg said he will maintain an "open door" policy to allow "any student to come in anytime," and talk.

"I'd like to thank all the people who worked for my campaign," he added.

"If students see the ASB doing something this year, then voter turnout will be greater next year," Helberg predicted.

Prelaw Society drops suit, ABA OKs group aid plan

A law suit filed by the university Prelaw Society challenging the American Bar Association's policy on closed panel group legal aid plans has been dropped.

Amendments made to the association's Code of Ethics now permit lawyers to participate in closed group legal aid plans, Charles Ray, a lawyer for the Nashville firm handling the case, said yesterday.

The campus Prelaw Society was one of several plaintiffs in the case who were developing group legal aid plans.

Ray had been contacted by the ASB to represent MTSU's closed panel legal aid plan.

In order to get the plan underway, the proposal must still gain the approval of the state insurance commission, David Dodd, ASB president said.

If approved, a plan might be developed for the upcoming fall semester, Dodd pointed out.

If the commission does not approve the plan, there may be some other litigation, he added.

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Assault, battery warrants issued on Peay fan

By Rick Edmondson

Warrants have been sworn out on an Austin Peay basketball fan who injured several MTSU security officers during March 8 tournament action in Murphy Center, Chief Matthew Royal said yesterday.

The two assault and battery warrants name James Fuqua, a South Central Bell employee from Nashville, Royal said.

Security Sgt. Clair Hendrickson suffered a heart attack because of the incident and is listed in satisfactory condition at Veterans Hospital in Nashville, the security chief said.

Fuqua allegedly was angered by some MTSU students who paraded before the Austin Peay stands carrying an open commode immediately following the cheer, "Let's go Peay."

Royal said five security officers tried to subdue Fuqua, and Sgt. William Bullard sustained minor facial injuries during the scuffle when Fuqua jabbed him

with his elbow, breaking his glasses.

"We were in touch with him last week, and he agreed to come up here and make bond on these

warrants, but so far he hasn't shown up," Royal said.

Royal said no warrants have been filed on Fuqua's girl friend, who also became involved in the

scuffle. "He didn't seem to be drunk or even to have been drinking," Royal said, "and after we got him under control and calmed down, he was all right."

Midlander offers in-depth features

By John Pitts

Second issues of the Midlander yearbook are now available in the UC basement from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Copies of the first issue, distributed in January, are also available.

Review

The first issue was the subject of controversy both on and off campus, especially with respect to articles and pictures on streaking and "desk doodling."

A magazine format, using more in-depth articles to record the year more effectively, is

being tried for the first time as an alternative to the traditional "hard cover" annual.

The second of the three issues is bound with a strikingly colorful cover, a closeup look at a straw chair that is to say the least, unusual.

Inside, the book is filled with articles and features which take up where the first "book" left off.

Sophomore and junior class pictures are in the book and the first half of photo sections on the student Who's Who. Departmental heads are also included and will be continued in the third issue.

"A Grand Ole Homecoming" is chronicled in a photo section reminiscent of pages from a scrapbook. The fall and winter weather is the subject of "Rainy Day Blues."

A look at night life in Murfreesboro, and whether or not there really is any is contained in "Party-Party-Party" and in a series of reviews of fall concerts and musicals.

Concerts by John Denver, Mountain and the James Gang, Tom T. Hall and the Pointer Sisters as well as the MTSU student musical production "Godspell" are featured in both photos and stories. There is also a brief look at other fall entertainment highlights.

Special feature stories include "Skipping merrily through college," "Exams: A necessary evil" and a feature on the Block

and Bridle Club's Little International.

A wrap-up of the Blue Raider football season, a photo section on the majorettes and a look at the Band of Blue's summer camp are items that wrap-up the second issue of Midlander.

The third issue, which should be available in early May, will contain senior photos, organization and Greek pictures, basketball and spring sports as well as other features.

Midlanders are provided free to MTSU students with a validated ID.

Editors sought for publications

Monday is the deadline for filing applications for 1975-76 editor of Collage magazine and Midlander yearbook.

Applications may be picked up this week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the publications secretary in the Sidelines office on the third floor of the Student Union Building.

Applicants tentatively will be interviewed and appointments made by the Council on Student Publications March 28, Jerry Hilliard, publications adviser, said yesterday.

Hilliard said applicants should have previous experience in a major position on the publications or comparable experience elsewhere.

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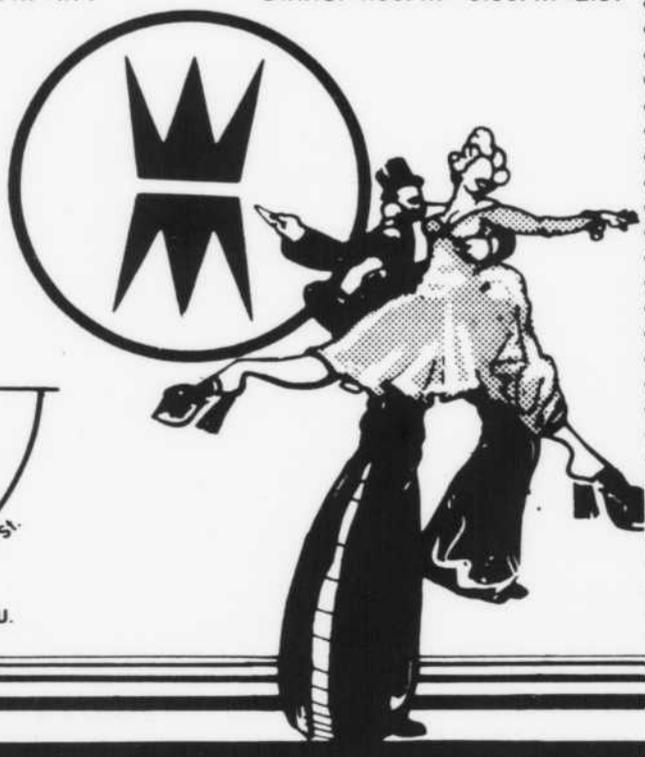
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Track meet: MTSU-Miami of Ohio, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Jones Field track

Meeting: Tau Omicron, 5 p.m., UC 305

Meeting: Triton Club, 6 p.m., swimming pool

Quiz Bowl: 6:30 p.m., UC 318, sponsored by Residence Hall Programming.

Tutoring program: 7 p.m., UC 310, sponsored by Residence Hall Programming

Agricultural seminar: James Burrow, speaker, 7 p.m., AG 125

Meeting: Black Student Association, 7:30 p.m., UC 316

Meeting: Weight Off Club, 8 p.m., AM dance studio

Meeting: Outdoors Club, 8 p.m., OM 300

Meeting: Prelaw Society, 11 a.m., OM 324

Wednesday, March 19

Midlander distribution: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., UC basement

Men's tennis: MTSU-UTC, 2 p.m.

Organizational meeting: National Organization for Women (NOW), 2:30 p.m., UC 311

Movie: "Play It Again Sam," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC theatre, 50 cents

Meeting: Karate Club, 4 p.m., dance studio B, Murphy Center

Meeting: Special Events Committee Selection Board, 7:30 p.m., UC 307

Meeting: Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta, Chi, 7:30 p.m., UC 318. Guest speakers - Young Socialists Alliance. Public is invited.

Women's basketball tournament: 2:30 p.m., Murphy Center

Thursday, March 20

Midlander distribution: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., UC basement

Movie: "American Graffiti," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC theatre, 50 cents.

Fun Night: "Clifford Curry and the Ozone Rangers," 8 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Seminar: Retirement Programs for the Self-Employed, 6 p.m., UC 305

Meeting: Honors Council, 11 a.m., NCB 222



This placid lake replaced a near-desolated parking lot while dorm residents escaped the rain deluge on campus during spring break last week. Phil West photo

Grads to hear Vandy head

Vanderbilt University Chancellor Alexander Heard will deliver the commencement address at the May 9 graduation ceremony in Murphy Center.

"Dr. Heard is certainly one of the nation's most outstanding educators," according to President M. G. Scarlett. "Through his work and that of his capable staff, Vanderbilt has become one of the most prestigious institutions in this nation."

Heard has written extensively about Southern politics and political campaign financing, authoring "State Legislatures in American Politics," "The Costs of Democracy," "A Two Party South?" and "Southern Primaries and Elections."

He served as chairman of President Kennedy's Commission on

Campaign Costs and has been president of the Southern Political Science Association and vice president of the American Political Science Association.

Under President Johnson, Heard was on the National Citizens' Committee for Community Relations, the Task Force on Education and the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

President Nixon appointed him a member of the Commission of White House Fellows, the Task Force on Education and a special adviser on campus affairs.

Heard is a member of the Board of Directors of Time Inc., chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation and vice president of the Association of American Universities.

New GI loans offered

Veterans attending school under the GI Bill may apply for new education loans, Veterans Administration officials said yesterday.

The loans, up to a maximum of \$600 in one academic year, were established by the Vietnam-era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 enacted by Congress last month.

The new law also provided a 22.7 per cent increase in monthly payments for 1.5 million veterans. Single veterans now receive \$270 monthly. A veteran with two dependants receives \$366.

Students pursuing an undergraduate degree, who exhaust their 36 months' entitlement, were given up to nine months additional time to complete studies under the new law.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Richard Roudebush said the effective date for the loan program was Jan. 1. However, all eligible veterans, wives, widows and children will be considered for initial loans based upon the full amount of their tuition and all other costs of attendance anticipated for the entire 1974-75 academic year, he added.

Under the new law, those granted loans will be required to

execute promissory notes agreeing to repayment of principal plus 8 per cent interest. Repayment of principal and interest will be deferred while the student is attending classes at least on a half-time basis.

Installment payments must start nine months after the student ceases at least half-time enrollment, with full payment due within 10 years and nine months after that date. Interest will not accrue on the loan balance until the required beginning date of repayment.

The new measure provides that applicants must have exhausted all efforts to obtain student loans administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The student must list all lenders applied to, with dates notified of final decisions. If denied a guaranteed student loan, copies of denial statement from each lender must accompany the VA application.

All financial resources must be reported by the student, including other educational loans, grants, scholarships, VA educational assistance and cash assets. The year in which the loan application is submitted will be the base year for reporting income.

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Scarlett named aerospace 'leader'

President M. G. Scarlett recently was named the National Aerospace Education Association's "Leader of the Year."

"Through the leadership of Dr. Scarlett, MTSU is the nation's top school for aerospace education," according to John Sorenson, NAEA president.

"He and his staff have realized the importance of transportation education and have translated this concern into the most impressive, effective and dynamic program of aerospace education in the country," Sorenson added.

Last November, Scarlett es-

tablished an Advisory Committee on Aerospace that utilizes the experience and knowledge of 20 nationally recognized authorities on aerospace education.

"What we were doing with this group," Scarlett said when accepting the award, "was tapping the human resources of the aerospace industry toward development of a program which would be a model for the nation. I believe we have realized this

goal, but we must continue to refine and improve the program."

As NAEA "Leader of the Year," Scarlett will be provided a 16-day, all-expense-paid trip to the upcoming International Air Show in Paris, France.

Sorenson also has announced the transfer of NAEA headquarters from Washington, D.C., to Murfreesboro, citing Scarlett's "persuasive influence" as the primary reason.

Linguists plan regional meet

Nationwide linguistics experts will gather in Nashville Wednesday for a joint assembly of the Southeastern and Tennessee conferences on linguistics.

The three day joint conference, sponsored by MTSU and Nashville University Center, will be held at Vanderbilt University and the Sheraton-Nashville hotel.

Directed by noted linguist, Walburga Von Raffler-Engel of Vanderbilt, the conference will include Vanderbilt University, Scaritt College, Fisk University and George Peabody College.

Reza Ordoubadian, MTSU associate professor of English, will be associate director.

Sessions include topics such as "Woman and Language," "Language and Cognition," "Historical Linguistics" and sessions on semantics and language philosophy.

Specific topics include "Girl Talk: A Bicentennial Perspective," "Lexicon of Drug Addicts," "Saying What One Means" and "The Religious Vocabulary of Snake Handling Sects in Appalachia."

Students or faculty members interested in attending the conference should contact Ordoubadian at 2608.

Carnegie program offered

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is offering students the opportunity to participate in its Humanitarian Policy Studies this summer, fall and next spring.

Under the program, students will work in Washington, D.C., researching policies regarding U.S. arms sales to Latin American nations and American assistance to promote the development of democratic institutions. Rather than advocating any particular position, the program will focus on the decision-making process for foreign policy questions.

Monthly wages for participants will be \$450 for single persons and \$550 for married persons. Selected students also will receive round-trip airfare and assistance in finding housing. Academic credit may be arranged on the student's initiative.

Interested students should apply no later than April 1. Applications should include a one-page background statement, a 2,000-word essay on an issue of foreign or domestic policy, two recommendations (one from your department) and a cover letter indicating your time preferences.

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—Perspective—

Socialist claims no Communist ties

by Gina Jeter
and Rick Edmondson

Lacking shifty eyes and a red armband, tall, lanky, brown-haired Ben Harris could pass for an average guy. From his appearance, the Vanderbilt graduate student could be a young Democrat or even a young Republican, but he's not — he's a young Socialist.

One of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) representatives stirring rare ideological discussion in MTSU's University Center lobby a few weeks ago, Ben was called many names. Perhaps the most frequent was

"Communist."

However, the YSA spokesman is not a "card-carrying Commie" and doesn't even claim membership in this country's Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The party has existed under one name or another for about 50 years, Harris said, but the YSA began in the Sixties and functions "to win young people over to the ideals of socialism."

"We're in political agreement and support their programs, but we like to keep the organizations separate," Harris pointed out.

The YSA is supporting Peter Camejo and Willie Mae Reid,

SWP candidates for the 1976 presidential ticket, and endorses their platform proposing a "Bill of Rights for working people," Harris said.

The bill would guarantee the following:

- Right to a job.
- Right to an adequate income.
- Right to free education.
- Right to free medical care.
- Right to secure retirement.
- Right to know the truth about economic and political policies that affect our lives.

—Right of oppressed national minorities to control their own affairs.

—Right to decide economic and political policy.

"There has never been a socialist revolution in an advanced capitalist country like the United States, which has the ability to provide everyone with their basic needs," Harris pointed out.

"A revolution comparable to that in 1776" is necessary for this country to adopt socialism, the YSA representative said.

Such a revolution "won't happen overnight," he said, but will occur only when workers refuse to be laid off their jobs just so the corporate bosses can reap huge profits.

"The workers can run the factories without making profits; but to gain control, they need strong unions and community ties," Harris said.

The workers should decide

whether a factory will operate or not, but violence is inevitable because "some people would want to go to war over that," he added.

"Although the people who would oppose the workers would be a tiny minority, the laborers would have to battle with scabs

YSA forum slated

A spokesman for the Young Socialists Alliance will discuss general issues during a Sigma Delta Chi-Sidelines sponsored forum at 7:30 Wednesday night in UC 318.

and hired cops," Harris explained.

He said the quality of factory goods would improve under a socialist system that would eliminate "planned obsolescence."

"The whole idea toward work would change," Harris said. People think of work as something obnoxious they have to go through just to have some leisure time, he added.

Under socialism people would need to work only 20 to 30 hours a week, and "there would be no need to work old people to death," Harris said.

"The ultimate success of any government is in finding a place for people who don't fit in," Harris said, adding that the cultural value of art is vital to any country.

"Under a socialist government, artists, poets and everyone else would receive free education, medical care and housing," Harris said. Artists produce something worthwhile, regardless of whether they sell their products, he said.

Members of every occupation would be represented in the socialist government through local, regional and national workers' councils, Harris said.

To avoid unresponsive bureaucracy, council representatives would be subject to "immediate recall" by their constituents through a referendum, the YSA spokesman explained.

Harris, who agrees with Marxist-Leninist philosophy, said the representatives would be paid "no more or no less" than other workers.

However, Harris said he opposes the bureaucracies of the Soviet Union and the Peoples Republic of China because they are run by political cliques.

A socialist system in the United States would be democratic politically because the American people have had political democracy for 200 years, he said.



Young Socialist Ben Harris (hand outstretched at left) discusses his philosophy with MTSU students during an impromptu ideological forum in the UC basement.

Charles Steed photo

Facilities restricted to campus use

by Michael Gigandet

Although facilities are available to recognized student organizations, the university cannot allow off-campus groups to use the school as a "forum or marketplace," Robert LaLance, acting vice president for student affairs, said last week.

It is much easier to manage facilities and operations if they are made available only to recognized student organizations, LaLance explained.

If any off-campus group could use university tables, buildings and classrooms, then the practice would eventually "infringe upon the availability of facilities," he warned.

"There is no question in my mind that that would ultimately happen," he contended.

Questions concerning the availability of facilities to off-campus groups arose recently when the Young Socialist Alliance was denied a request for a table in the University Center lobby even though they were "sponsored" by the MTSU Prelaw Society.

The day before the incident, the Socialists were sponsored in the lobby by the Young Democrats.

The Young Democrats had requested a table and then turned it over to the socialists, who used it to distribute literature and answer questions from passers-by.

LaLance said this practice was an "inappropriate use of their (Young Democrats) recognition on this campus."

If an organization brings a group on campus for the purpose of an exchange of ideas, the organization cannot turn the table over to the other group, he said.

Members of the recognized student organization must maintain control of the table, LaLance added.

Students upset about LaLance's ruling questioned the university's allowing the Girl Scouts and Marine recruiters access to tables in the lobby. The Girl Scouts were selling cookies.

LaLance said he was "not aware" that the Girl Scouts were in the lobby and asked them to leave when he found out they did not have permission for a table.

The recruiters, he said, had permission through the Placement Office to use a table for vocational reasons.

"The reason they are here is to enlist people into what is going to become a vocational experience," LaLance explained.

If a student group would want to form a YSA chapter, they must go through "prescribed channels," he said, adding that facilities would be made available to them for organizational purposes until they could gain university recognition.

Can Helberg avoid ASB's slow death?

The recent ASB presidential election has left in its wake the tattered remnants of campaign armies as well as some questions concerning the continuance of this gala event.

Evidenced by the lack of voter turnout, it is doubtful that anyone will miss the electoral show. By the same token, if the 10 per cent of the students that did vote is any indication, not too many people were interested in it in the first place. Why?

There have been rebels without causes and causes without rebels, but here we have a sad case of a leader without rebels or a cause.

With this powerful mandate of 745 votes or 7.5 per cent of the voting public, the president elect will have to lay the foundation for a new administration on the skimpiest of reasons.

What is the significance of this weak mandate?

In this case, the mandate is the measure of the worth of one candidate as compared to his opponents.

Moreover, the total vote, all 9.5 per cent of it, is the measure of the worth of all the candidates to the entire voting public, all 100 per cent of it.

Should this lack of concern on the part of the voters kill this ailing ship of state, who will be blamed for its untimely demise?

The apathetic students you say? Not quite.

Indications are that the students are tired of getting slapped, turning their cheek and upon getting that one slapped, turning around and getting the other two kicked by amateur politicians.

Considering the vast unfathomable ability of politicians to say one thing and do another, the students cannot be criticized for not voting.

Nor does the blame lie with the ASB, after all, they did launch four sacrificial lambs, and the courts did provide some campaign fodder.

Like amateurs in a talent show without an audience, these intrepid defenders of student rights and liberty sang their hearts out. Alas, but to no avail.

Perhaps something can be learned from this democratic fiasco. Instead of chalking this disaster up to apathy, the ASB should sit down and discuss this problem which continues to worsen and threaten the very foundation of student government.

How can the ASB justify its existence if uninterested or disgusted students refuse to participate?

Is it possible that the government has been appealing to a false stereotype? Maybe we have misinterpreted the student

body's real interests.

Possibly the average MTSU student has an ideology or set of beliefs that is not represented in day-to-day student institutions — including this paper.

These are questions the new president must face if he intends to govern effectively. If he ignores them, then it isn't entirely unlikely that the ASB might become little more than a pond full of old toads trying to out croak one another.

Instead of asking the students to join the ASB, perhaps it is time the ASB went to join the students.

This deteriorating condition cries for some kind of grassroots appeal. We certainly hope Mr. Helberg will answer the call.



CIA wax museum brandishes relics, gore

by Rick Edmondson

Last week when CIA agent 105 defected, he rushed madly out of the cold and into my office where he related to me the strange, diabolical story of the CIA Wax Museum of Esoteric Delights.

Agent 105 told me the CIA Wax Museum of Esoteric Delights is a multi-million dollar complex supported by the taxpayers which lies buried eight miles below the earth somewhere in Outer Mongolia.

And so having nothing better to do over spring break, I boarded the first plane I could catch leaving Murfreesboro Airport for Outer Mongolia.

He had warned me that security measures were very strict at the complex, so, disguised as a Mongolian peasant selling cartons of wax, I knocked on the door of the museum and was greeted by curator Colby. After I gave him a smooth, slick sales pitch, bartering in the manner of the native peasants, curator Colby agreed to give me a tour through the museum.

"Now down here in the south

wing of the complex we have the 'Bay of Pigs' section. All the things you see in this room are authentic relics which were gathered by our brave agents who risked their lives in the mosquito infested jungles of Cuba to make America safe for democracy," Colby said as he narrated the "true" tale of the Cuban invasion.

I walked through the room gazing in utter fascination. The walls were lined with hundreds of old relics from the invasion such as hand grenades, machine guns and "Nixon's the One" campaign buttons.

"Now the display you are about to see is perhaps the one we are the proudest of," he said as we walked through a set of double doors marked "Hall of Freedom." "Each object in this room represents another victory over communist subversion."

As we entered the room my heart almost leaped up into my throat.

There mounted on the walls like hunting trophies, were wax figurines of human heads. The

heads were shaped into astonishing likenesses of such well known dead people as John F. Kennedy, Salvador Allende, Jim Morrison, Martin Luther King, Walt Disney, Rafael Trujillo, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Dan Blocker and Marcia Trimble.

The heads were evenly spaced in a neat line which ran up one wall and down another. At the end of the line rested a plaque with no head above it. The inscription of the plaque read: Clifford Allen. I looked quizzically at curator Colby.

"What happened to that one?" I asked, gesturing vaguely toward the vacant space above the plaque.

"Oh, that one hasn't come in yet," he answered with a faint smile and a far away twinkle in his eye.

"What did he do?" "He found out we kidnapped Marcia Trimble, so we're going to wait until he becomes mayor of Nashville and then we're going to stage a bloody coup."

As we completed the tour

curator Colby invited me to stop by his office for a cup of Mongolian tea. Entering his office I noticed a large picture of Bella Abzug pasted across a dart board which hung ostentatiously on the back of his door.

After we finished our tea, curator Colby gave me a nickel for my wax and a pat on the head saying, "Now run along, sonny."

All things considered, it was a pleasant, enjoyable trip, however, in retrospect, I wish I had just spent the week in Florida instead.

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Michael Gigandet
editor-in-chief

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Coach's humility was inspirational

Coach Jimmy Earle, you are truly "The Man of Murfreesboro," and your fantastic men of blue orchestrated magnificently a beautiful finale to a "Possible Dream."

On behalf of all alumni of this great university, I send my most sincere congratulations to you,

your team and staff and the entire athletic department for an outstanding season.

You people have done it all, and more importantly, your overall professionalism has given this university and community a spirit of camaraderie never before "Dreamed Possible."

Your work has truly made love visible on the faces of those entering Murphy Center to see our great Raiders in action.

Let me say this about last Saturday night — an incredible evening for you, the team, and the fans — but in the excitement of it all, I was moved and inspired by your divine humility.

As the team members received their just and earned accolades, you remained quietly in the background. I proudly observed the manner in which the team had to literally drag you to the front and spotlight of things.

It was obvious how much you wanted this to be their night, as always, but your greatness as a man and coach was truly manifested in their actions and your total achievements throughout the year.

Please accept my personal thanks for a job well done.

This great university has a lot of bright stars in its past and future, and we've chosen as our theme for the annual alumni

banquet, "The Night of the Stars."

In the center of large stars on a backdrop behind the head table will be engraved the outstanding accomplishments, events and anniversaries of the university.

I am sure you will be proud of the star that boasts "1975 OVC Basketball Champions."

Please convey my congratulations to the team and to everyone connected with your organization for their outstanding success and splendid manner of performance.

Remember to keep on dreaming there is no unbeatable foe!

Howard Ray
President
MTSU National Alumni Association

Team's devotion deserves praise

As I returned to Murfreesboro from Lexington, Kentucky, after watching the Blue Raiders suffer defeat in their first NCAA tournament, I passed a car with a Western Kentucky insignia displayed on its rear window.

As I passed the car, I instinctively did something that I have done quite frequently lately; I blew my horn to get the driver's attention and proudly raised my index finger to signify that we were number one.

It was at this point that I decided to write this letter of appreciation. You know, we at MTSU have a great deal to be proud of. We have a friendly student body, a beautiful campus and many modern facilities, including one of the finest athletic complexes anywhere.

Now, thanks to a group of young men who played their hearts out and a group of coaches who devoted themselves entirely to the MTSU basketball program, we have a great championship basketball team.

As a result of unselfish devotion from a group of men, we can proudly proclaim that we are from MTSU and that we are the 1975 OVC champs. Blue Raider round-ballers, thank-you.

In closing, I would like to paraphrase the words of a Lexington sports announcer; MTSU "was" virtually an unknown school; however, they have a fine coach and a fine group of young players and they will definitely be heard from in the future.

Buddy Boyd
Box 981

Team, staff say thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to our great student body and faculty for their support of the Blue Raider basketball program this year.

Your enthusiasm and support were the only home court advantages that we had in Murphy Center.

Your standing ovations when the team was behind on many occasions helped to spur us on to victory.

Thank you again for your wonderful support and your great school spirit. We would also like to thank the pep band, under the capable direction of Mr. Joe Smith, for their support and the wonderful music they provided at all our home games.

Everywhere we go we hear compliments on our pep band and their renditions of the school fight song and the National Anthem.

Our band has meant so much to our team this year. Thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Basketball team, coaching staff and managers

A little humanity please, smile

I have had it. I have threatened to write this letter several times during my college career. It never materialized. Now the straw has broken the camel's back.

Faculty, administrators, MTSU employees and fellow students, listen! We all know the life of the college student, don't we? He resides in the dorm, lives off the monthly check from home,

drives a car received for high school graduation and his number one concern is getting up in time to make that 10 a.m. class. Right? Wrong!

This may come as a shock to some of you out there in university land, but students are real, live, breathing humans, much like yourself, capable of human emotions and shortcomings. Beautifully human!

Students have jobs and families. They have food problems, car problems and money problems. They nurse children while writing term papers, study exams during their supper breaks and sometimes they run out of gas and are late.

Can you imagine that! And you thought we had no problems. They have appointments to keep too. We're all busy people; a university is a busy place, but for Karma's sake, let's be kind to one another. It's not apathy on this campus; it's just plain old, downright aggression. "If you smile at me, I will understand."

A little humanity, please.
Tina Croy
Box 1176

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Today, we are gonna talk about Lennon-scented Paranoia. n-1. a rare chronic nondeteriorative psychosis characterized chiefly by systematized delusions of persecutions or of grandeur that are commonly isolated from the mainstream of consciousness & that are usually not associated with hallucinations. 2. the FEAR OF BEING BUSTED.

OK now let's conduct a survey. 1st how many of you are into DRUGS. OK. NOW HOW MANY OF THE REST OF YOU ARE JUST PARANOID ON YOUR OWN?

HELLO JACKIE THAT JUST GOT HAIRCUT. YOU KNOW YOU START GETTING CRAZY WHEN MOM STARTS ASKING WHAT ARE THESE PAPERS FOR? WHAT ARE YOU GONNA USE THOSE 700 BOXES OF BAGGIES FOR? etc. ja

HI MOM



I BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE & MORE LIKE JOHN DENVER. I WANT TO HUG A TREE.

Letters

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Americans owe nuclear debt--physicist

by Michael Gigandet

Americans are morally bound to provide future societies with the necessary technology to provide "cheap and abundant energy," Bernard Cohen, a nuclear physicist at the University of Pittsburgh, told a Nashville audience last week.

Debating at Vanderbilt Univer-

Editor's Note: This special section is intended to present all sides of the nuclear power question. The proximity of the proposed nuclear plant in Hartsville places MTSU in the evacuation area in case of a major emergency.

sity about "The Safety of Nuclear Power Reactors," Cohen said America has "robbed" future societies of cheap fossil fuel energy.

"We owe it as a debt to future generations to provide them with a technology for cheap energy," he declared. Future generations will remember us as "the dirty louses who used up high grade ores," Cohen said.

An authority on nuclear struc-

ture and reactions, Cohen spent 16 years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and has been a consultant for the National Science Foundation.

Asserting that he is not an expert on reactor safety, Cohen said delaying the production of nuclear facilities and depending on conventional power plants would be harmful to people.

Pollution from coal-fired plants would be more harmful to people than using nuclear power, and it would be uneconomical to depend on oil-fired plants, he warned.

Turning to another controversial aspect of nuclear power, Cohen explained the nuclear waste disposal procedure and proclaimed, "I would gladly take on the job of watching over wastes."

The job of watching over buried waste products would be a "part-time job for one person," he said.

Critics of nuclear waste disposal techniques charge that the procedure is hazardous because ground water might seep into the buried products and carry them into drinking water.

Radioactivity from uranium is taken care of" in nuclear power plants, Cohen said, but radioactivity from uranium burned in coal is dispersed throughout the atmosphere and ignored.

People should be "much more concerned" about burning coal, he complained.

Although radioactive waste is buried where ground water is not expected to reach, other precautions also are taken, Cohen said.

The waste is buried 600 meters deep where ground water can move only one foot per day, Cohen said, but if ground water did rush the waste, it would not travel to the nearest river for a thousand years because of its location.

On reactor accidents, Cohen said periodic inspections of the system, utilizing x-ray, magnetic and ultrasonic techniques are the first guard against mishaps.

Since water is necessary to keep the reactor system from melting down and releasing radioactive products, there are two systems for detecting a water loss, Cohen explained.

Two protective systems are also utilized to detect any increase in airborne radioactivity in the reactor compartment, he added.

Should the reactor melt down and the back-up systems fail, the concrete and steel compartment would keep the radioactive material in the structure, Cohen said.

The compartment is designed to withstand outside assaults on the walls, Cohen explained. "Any airplane smaller than a Boeing 707 would just bounce off the structure."

If a hole was blasted into the structure, and radioactive products were emitted into the air, they would be dispersed so uniformly that there would be no danger to life, Cohen assured.

The only possible danger would be if a temperature inversion kept the nuclear dust close to the earth's surface, he said.

Responding to questions from the small and often argumentative audience, Cohen said nuclear power plants are insured up to \$300 million.

Scientist warns of radiation waste dangers

by Michael Gigandet

"Countless" generations will have to assume custodial responsibility over radioactive wastes generated in nuclear reactors unless a solution is found, Henry Kendall, spokesman for the Union of Concerned Scientists, said last week.

Calling for a delay in the Atomic Energy Commission's (AEC) plans, Kendall said, "It is not a prudent thing to implement a big nuclear program until we have exploited energy conservation."

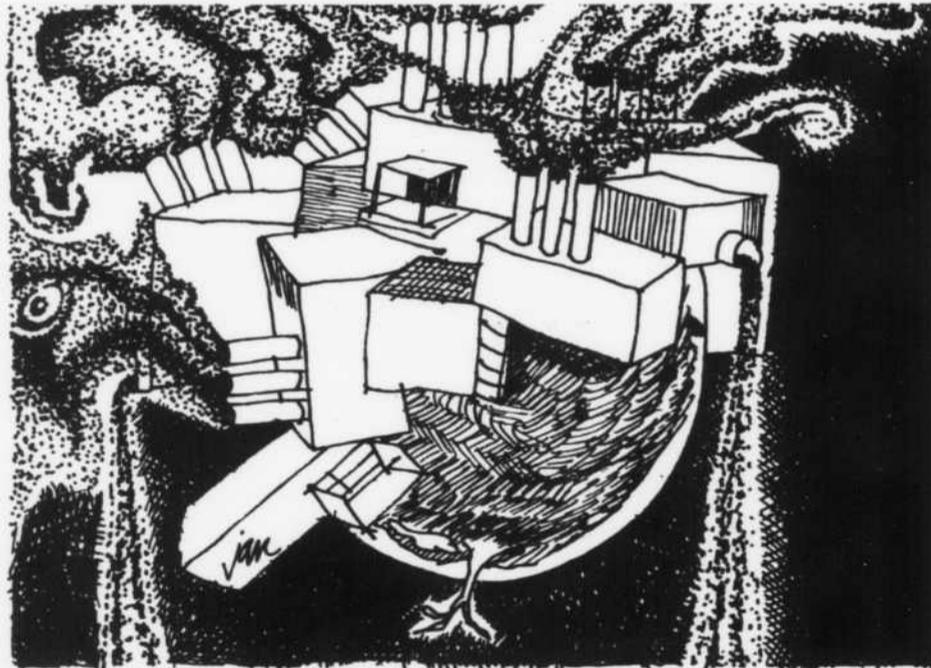
Kendall spoke at Vanderbilt University Thursday night as part of a debate on "The Safety of Nuclear Power Reactors."

Nuclear power is a "basically unforgiving technology that can turn and bite us in a way no other technology can" because of its "unique level of mischief."

A professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kendall has researched problems of nuclear structure and has been a "primary testifier" in suits challenging the AEC.

Kendall pointed out five steps the AEC should follow rather than pursuing its goal of 1,000 operating reactors before the year 2000:

—Continued operation at a reduced power rating of the 53 nuclear reactor plants currently operating in the U.S.



—The nuclear plants now under construction should be finished and operated at a lower power rating with a great deal more inspection than now required.

—No more reactor plants should be built until the AEC can prove that the program is safe.

—To meet energy needs, the U.S. should use the three to five centuries of coal it has within air pollution standards. The industry should recover mined land.

—"The burden of proof of nuclear safety should be put where it belongs — on the industry."

The nuclear industry, he said, is in controversy over every public health and safety aspect. "It's

in trouble. The future of the nuclear power is becoming increasingly cloudy."

The AEC has left unanswered too many questions, Kendall said. "The great unanswered question is if waste disposal is so easy, why hasn't it been solved? Why is it still open?"

Kansas state geologists studying a commission plan to bury radioactive wastes in salt mines found the proposal was "badly misrepresented."

Other agency schemes to dispose of the wastes were "dubious in concept or technically infeasible," the physicist charged.

Kendall said nuclear reactor

wastes contain 96 per cent fission products and 4 per cent elements, including plutonium which has an enormous half-life and is used to make bombs.

"The nuclear industry has downplayed the importance of all this. It is clear that all of the proposals either for short term or long term disposal are only in the research stages," he criticized.

Another problem with the industry is safeguarding against intentional misuse of nuclear power, he warned.

"You can cause one of these bad accidents if you know enough. You can pick the weather, the reactor and other conditions," Kendall said.

The AEC has conceded, he said, that a small group of people could initiate an accident at a nuclear facility.

Transporting plutonium could be an "attractive target for terrorists," he warned. With supplies from hardware stores and chemical supply houses, terrorists could assemble a "crude bomb," Kendall added.

Critics charge that a bomb constructed by terrorists would not be efficient, he said. The atomic bomb used at Hiroshima in 1945 was only 10 per cent efficient, Kendall added.

If a crude bomb were only one tenth of one per cent efficient, it would pack the power of 100 tons of dynamite, he warned.