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Harvey to visit campus next week



Paul Harvey, newspaper columnist and radio-TV personality, will speak on the MTSU campus Thursday, July 12.

He will speak at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts auditorium under the sponsorship of the Ideas and Issues Committee of MTSU. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Harvey's public appearances draw more than a million people each year.

He has been the recipient of eight honorary university degrees, was named a radio commentator of the year and has earned eight Freedom Foundation awards.

He has been elected to the hall of fame in his home state, Oklahoma, and has 88 of his newspaper columns reprinted in the Congressional Record, according to a Harvey spokesman.

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BAKER in '76 ? ? ? ?

Fall arrival date set for 72-73 Midlander

The earliest possible delivery date for Midlander is sometime in mid-August, Edward Kimbrell, Midlander advisor, said yesterday.

The delay in the releasing of the yearbooks, Kimbrell said, is due to both external and internal factors.

"About 20 pages have been lost, either in the mail or by the yearbook company. We're having to redo these pages -- pictures, copy, everything," Cindy Robertson said. Robertson is the 1973-74 editor-in-chief of the Midlander.

"From what we have been

able to learn," Kimbrell said, there has also been a billing problem. The staff has had to do and redo ads to match the prices some organizations have been charged, he said, and some groups have not even been billed yet.

The Midlander staff regrets the entire situation, Kimbrell said.

Robertson said distribution of the 1972-73 Midlander for undergraduates will be during fall registration in August. May and August graduates will have their copies sent to their home address, she said.

Smith: no pressure to quit

Resignation 'incidental'

A successor to Robert Smith, recently resigned assistant security chief, has not been chosen, MTSU Director of Security Matthew Royal said yesterday.

Smith departed the security force following an investigation by MTSU officials last week, but said yesterday his resignation was "incidental" to those proceedings.

Inquiry clears campus officers from charges

Smith said he received no pressure for his resignation during the investigation.

"I had planned to resign for some time," he said, "because it would have taken me three more years to receive my degree at six hours per year," the maximum for which full-time employees are allowed to enroll.

"My ambition is ultimately to be a police chief in a large metropolitan police department," he said. "To do this, it is absolutely essential to get my bachelor's degree in criminal justice."

By Paul Fischer

University officials said Sunday the investigation cleared all MTSU officers of misconduct.

"The results of the investigation showed all the officers on the MTSU security force conducted themselves in a manner befitting their responsibility," said Harry Wagner, vice-president for student affairs.

Wagner said Smith was "innocent of the accusations" initially brought against him regarding a memorandum Smith issued prior to the Leon Russell concert in April.

Officers behave responsibly at concert

Several Murfreesboro residents had complained about orders to overlook drug offenders, allegedly contained in the memo.

Both Wagner and Smith said the furor was an outgrowth of a "misunderstanding of the wording of the memorandum."

Keathley: MTSU to receive additional aid

MTSU will have slightly more money for student financial aid for the 1973-74 school year than last year, Belt Keathley, director of student financial aid, said yesterday.

"However, since the price of education has increased, we will only be able to carry about the same number of students," Keathley said. "Collections on loans

were high during the past year so we will have a larger loaning capability for 1973-74," Keathley said. A little more than \$300,000 will be available for student loans.

MTSU will have \$124,000 for work study wages and \$111,000 for supplemental education opportunity grants, Keathley said. "In addition we may receive some funds from the

federal government through the basic education opportunity grant, but we will not know about this until we receive the funds for designated students," Keathley said.

To be eligible for these grants, students from low income families should fill out and mail an application to the American College Testing Program, according to Keathley. These applications will be available July 17 at all post offices.

After the computer processes these applications, the money will be awarded on a basis of need, he said. The school where the student is enrolled will receive the money and pass it on to the student.

Bookstore cashes student checks

Check cashing operations will be transferred to the university bookstore, July 9, Charles Phillips, bookstore director, said yesterday.

"Checks will be cashed for students, faculty and staff only with the presentation of a valid identification card," he said.

"For a while until certain equipment is received, vouchers for books, etc. will still be taken to the administration building," Phillips said, "but all checks will be cashed in the bookstore."

"The hours for check cashing operations will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays," he said, "or at any other time the store is open for business."

"MTSU's operating payroll and petty cash checks will not be cashed because of internal university controls and present limited facilities," he said. "Local branch banks are conveniently located for this purpose."

The suggested maximum check to be cashed is \$25, he said.

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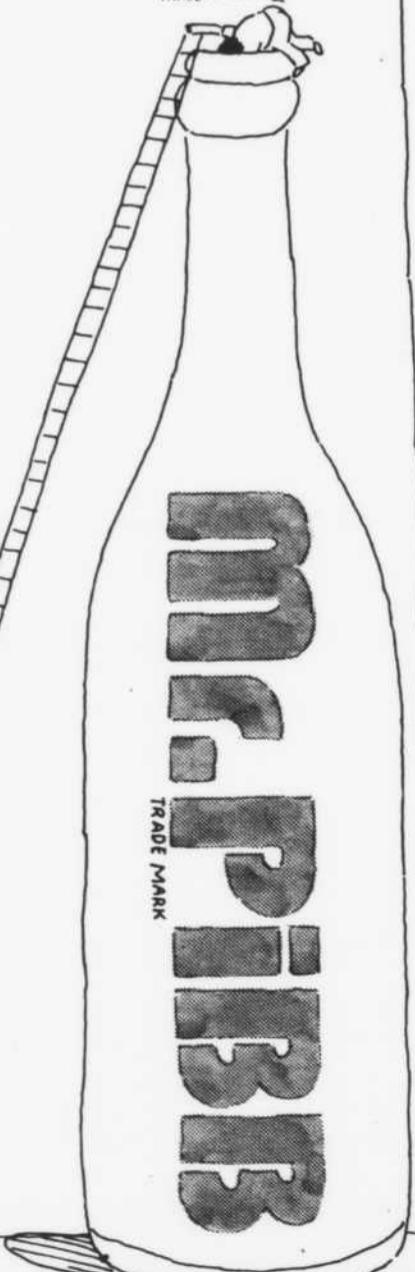
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Sen. Sam Ervin's Select Senate Committee hearings on Watergate have certainly uncovered one nationally unknown political figure ---Howard Baker.

Of course, Baker is probably the best known politician in Tennessee, but until recently his national prominence has primarily been confined to acknowledgement of the fact that his father-in-law was the late Sen. Everett Dirksen.

His image has also been reinforced by his excellent voting record on environmental issues.

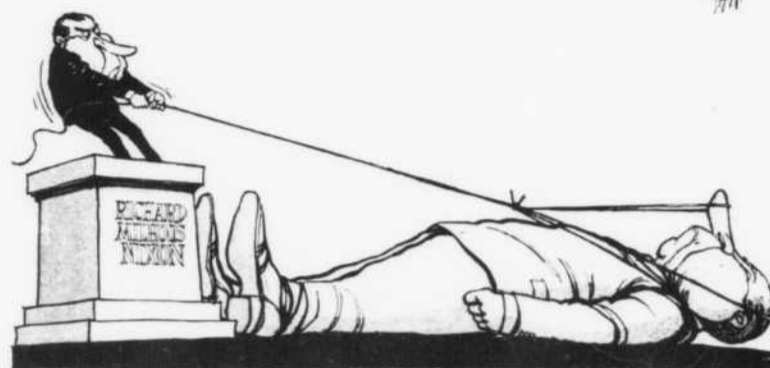
In actuality, it has taken the Watergate hearings to make Baker a prominent figure on the national political scene. Baker's Watergate performance has even been lauded by the so-called "ultra-liberal" publication, The New Republic.

A recent New Republic editorial said, "If one senator has out performed the others it is Howard Baker of Tennessee. He looks good, is well prepared, follows up answers with questions based on the response, not just the next question on the next card prepared by a staff member."

Baker's new found national popularity has even reached the point where some people are mentioning him as a possible contender for the republican presidential nomination.

We must confess we are glad to see a fellow Tennessean 'rise to the occasion.' We feel that Senator Baker does deserve all of the recognition that he is receiving.

Perhaps his strong showing forecasts an emergence of a new type of politics in Tennessee--politics based on intelli-



gence and ability. Hopefully, the state's electorate will stumble out of their bog of confusion and realize that this type of politics is best for them.

Then, perhaps, the recent trend of "red-neck" politics in Tennessee will end.

Notgrass calls for end to coed dorm hours

Old causes never die; they often become accomplished over the years in the name of progress and change. Let's consider the issue about which we all stay up at nights -- dorm hours.

Ask a graduate of MTSU of, say, 10 or 15 years ago, if he could imagine no dorm hours except for freshman girls, and he would probably say such hours were unthinkable. But that is the situation now, and it appears certain the remaining restrictions will vanish within the academic career of the class of 1976 or 1977.

out hours who are honor students. College becomes precisely what the individual student wants it to be. The vast majority of freshmen are 18-years-old or soon to be. Our legislative bodies have decided that 18 years is long enough to become legally an adult. This age bracket is therefore old enough to decide for oneself when to wind down for the evening.

It is hard to fathom someone flunking out of school without hours, only to transfer to a school with a curfew and perform spectacularly. In other words, does a curfew make or break academic excellence?

I contend it does not, and therefore should be repealed as a salute to individual freedom and responsibility.

I speak specifically about MTSU, of course, and state schools in general, since tax-

payers do contribute something to our livelihood. Private schools can order long robes is what freedom is all about.

And while we are repealing we can do away with midterm grades also. Not so much because they are an infringement on our freedom as because they are a waste of good paper and valuable postage.

But in any event, the last vestiges of dorm hours should be done away with as a way to instill real discipline in young adults.

No one of any age can "come and go as they please" to an absolute degree; but real discipline comes when people decide for themselves how best to conduct their lives. In the free marketplace of society, those responsible and productive will prove themselves worthwhile.



On the Other Hand

As a conservative I am opposed to dorm hours, since I believe in the maximum freedom for the individual with only limited controls from the powers that be.

But I can understand the position of those who feel that curfew hours are useful and necessary. Generally, that position is, that people away from home perhaps for the first time for an extended period, need some kind of restraint to instill the need for discipline not only in academe but also in life.

One could trot out statistics saying students with curfew have better grades than those without and so forth. But there is a saying that there are three kinds of lies: lies, damn lies and statistics.

The point being there are both students with curfews who flunk out and students with-

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Plans underway for campus family clinic expansion

A possibility exists for expansion of the family planning program at the campus infirmary, according to Betty Carbutt, nursing coordinator, State Department of Health.

"At this point, however, we have not even considered an expansion because MTSU has not expressed a desire for one," Garbutt said. "If a request is made, we will

do everything we can to help."

The Health Department furnishes a doctor, one nurse and all supplies for the clinic; MTSU provides the faculty and a staff of nurses. Securing the nec-

essary physician time would be more of an expansion problem than would be securing the funds, according to Garbutt.

The family planning program recently started here at the infirmary is filled

to capacity, Suzie Rooker, chief nurse, said yesterday.

"Twelve to 14 new patients and six to eight return patients are seen each Friday," Rooker said. "Often it is necessary to turn patients away because the clinic is on a first come, first serve basis."

"Both students and wives of students are using the facility," Rooker said.

The majority of the patients come to the clinic for birth control pills, according to Rooker. The second most requested item is the intrauterine device (IUD) with other forms of contraceptives third.

"All new patients must have a complete examination during their first visit," Rooker said. "It takes between one and two hours for a first visit to the clinic."

The clinic is open each Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For new patients, however, a preliminary visit during the week for blood work is recommended by Rooker.

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