

Draft proposal causes campus concern

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

"I'm not definitely on my way to Canada yet, but it is an idea."

Wednesday night, President Jimmy Carter said he plans to ask Congress for legislation and funds to begin registering the nation's youth for possible military conscription.

And student reaction across the MTSU campus has been varied concerning the draft issue discussed during Carter's recent

State of the Union address.

"I am determined the Selective Service System must now be revitalized," he said. "I hope that it will not become necessary to reimpose the draft. However, we must be prepared for that possibility."

That "possibility" has started many students on campus wondering, particularly when it was reported that administration officials at a

background briefing to Carter's address said that those between the ages of 18 and 26 would be expected to register.

"I think it would be a mistake to reinstate the draft," said Ken Jobe, a mass communications student. "The situation is not that bad yet and reinstatement now is unnecessary. I think if tensions worsen and Russia moves around it, Carter might be forced into it (calling back the draft). Logically, I can't blame

Carter, but emotionally I don't want it."

Robert Smith, an aerospace major from Old Hickory, believes "If the volunteer services aren't working, we should have the draft."

"I would go to Iran because our people are hostages there. I wouldn't fight in Afghanistan unless we had help from other allies," said Roger Fenner, physics major. "If drafted, I'll go. I think women

should go also, equal rights or not. Maybe not on the lines, but they should fight, too."

Carter did not go into details in his address, but administration officials also said no decision had been reached on whether to register women, which would require new legislation.

"Personally, I'm for women being drafted," Jeannie Faust, a sophomore from Johnson City, said. "I think that female combat units are a real

possibility. If drafted, I would serve."

However, not all women share the feelings of Faust. Debbie King, legal stenography major, emphatically claimed, "I don't like it!"

"If women want to fight, let them, but don't draft all women. I think if I was drafted I'd fight it but I wouldn't want to go against my country and run off to Canada or someplace. If it came down to the point that I had no choice, I'd go."

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photo by Philip Prater

Randy James, ASB speaker of the house, explained priorities for the ASB Activity fee money. Approximately 10 groups have picked up applications for funds.

Activity fee priorities set

By LISA HUMAN

Sidelines-Editor in Chief

Campus organizations will stand a better chance of receiving ASB activity fee money if they present their request to the house and senate, ASB House Speaker Randy James said yesterday.

Although the house and senate cannot directly appropriate funds, James said if an organization got ASB backing, the group would have a better chance to receive money.

An activity fee committee, composed of three students, three faculty members and chaired by Paul Cantrell, dean of students, will decide how funds should be allocated.

"If it passes the house and senate and gets Syler's approval,

the request becomes a number two priority," James said, explaining otherwise it would fall under priority five or six.

The list of priorities request are as follows:

1. ASB projects specifically designed to improve the administration function of the ASB.
2. ASB programs and projects designed and intended to benefit the student body.
3. A comprehensive program or project which provides both educational and academic experiences and intended to be of service to the student body.
4. Programs or projects that are available to the entire student body.
5. Scholarships as subject to committee guidelines.

6. Projects that are designed and intended to benefit a recognized minority of the student body.

7. Programs expected to incur profit.

Deadline for turning in applications for the money is Jan. 31. But James said organizations could turn in their request to Cantrell's office and "then double back and try to get ASB approval."

The House Budget Committee will look at applications this Tuesday and decide whether or not they are valid requests.

At present, the Energy Council, which asked the house to back a request for \$800 for a shuttle bus service to Nashville, is the only organization that has gone to the house for approval.

Escape plan reviewed

Development of fire evacuation plans for dormitories headed discussions of the Joint ASB Student Services Committee Wednesday night.

"Many of the dorms have no planned fire escape routes," Doug Cole, chairman of the committee, said. "In the past it has basically been every man for himself. Now we are trying to formulate a plan and get the greatest number of people out of the greatest number of exits at once."

The campus safety committee will have to approve the plans once they are complete, according to Archie Sullivan, director of safety.

"The students are doing a

good job with this," he commented. "All of the maps will be posted in the dorms within the next few weeks. I see no problem getting them approved as I saw some of the sample maps that have been drawn up and it looks like the students are doing a very thorough job."

No injuries have ever occurred in a campus fire here, Sullivan said. And no serious fires have ever occurred in resident parts of dormitories.

"Years ago, Miss Mary Hall experienced a fire in the basement that destroyed many records that had been stored down there. Other than that, the most serious fires we've had have been trash can or mattress

fires. We've been very fortunate in that respect."

Cole said the committee also discussed plans to conduct a survey of students living on campus.

"This survey, which may be conducted door-to-door, will look at all aspects of life in dormitories," he explained. "There will be questions about room, hall and bathroom conditions, visitation privileges and weekend activities."

Cole added that the survey will begin within a week or two and be completed by the end of February.

Eighty register to vote in elections

Efforts are now underway to organize MTSU students into a voting block for the April 15 City Council elections, according to Associated Student Body President Kent Syler.

Voter registration tables were set up in the basement of the University Center yesterday and "about 80 people walking through the UC signed up," Syler said. "The Rutherford County election commission has told me that many students are coming down to their office and registering in person."

Syler is hoping for a 60-70 percent student voter turnout for the election.

"Hopefully, we'll have 1200-1300 people voting. We're keeping a master list of everyone who registers and will call them and remind them to vote on election day," he said. "Our registration drive is going better than I ever figured it would."

Cummings sprayed for mice, bugs

Spraying, fogging and baiting will begin at Cummings Hall beginning today as a result from complaints of residents concerning a bug and mouse problem, according to Curtis Cook, director of custodial services.

Cook said Cummings has always been sprayed about three times more than any other dorm on campus. The entire dorm has been sprayed seven times in the past eight months.

"This problem has just come up all of a sudden. Usually we have one or two (mice), but this has come up within a couple of weeks," Cook said.

He does not know what to attribute this sudden increase to

except cold weather.

Cook said about every third time the dorm was sprayed, fog was used in and under the building and in October, mice bait was used under the building.

Additional trash cans have also been put out in the dorm to keep trash from gathering in the hall floors. He said uncollected trash was only part of the problem.

"This will be the first time we have had to bait each room," he said. "The usual procedure is to spray each room around the base boards then to fog right after. This has worked well in the past."

It is not only mice, Cook said, but shrews — small mouselike

animals that have soft, brown fur and a long snout. He said they have to eat their weight in food twice each day to survive.

He pointed out that in the Cummings' incinerator rooms there was space between floor to another and the surrounding area.

David Bragg, director of housing, said Cummings has always had a problem with mice since they are right in the middle of a field. He said weekly room checks would be made would be made to keep the rooms clean and make sure cooked food is kept in sealed containers. He added room checks could be announced 24 hours ahead of time.



photo by David Mudd

Bob Ragland, seated left, and Scott Williams register students for the upcoming city elections. Eighty students were registered

yesterday. Kent Syler, ASB president, hopes to have 1200 students participate.

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Wolfe up for award

With a Grammy Award nomination you can "Laugh Your Blues Away," and that's what Charles Wolfe of MTSU's English department is doing.

An independent record producer, Wolfe's recent effort, "Laugh Your Blues Away" by Uncle Dave Macon on Roudier Records, is a Grammy semifinalist for the "Best Ethnic or Traditional Record."

Awarded by the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) yearly, Grammys are presented in a variety of categories, from the best classical recording to the most popular single.

"We were surprised the record got this far," Wolfe said, ex-

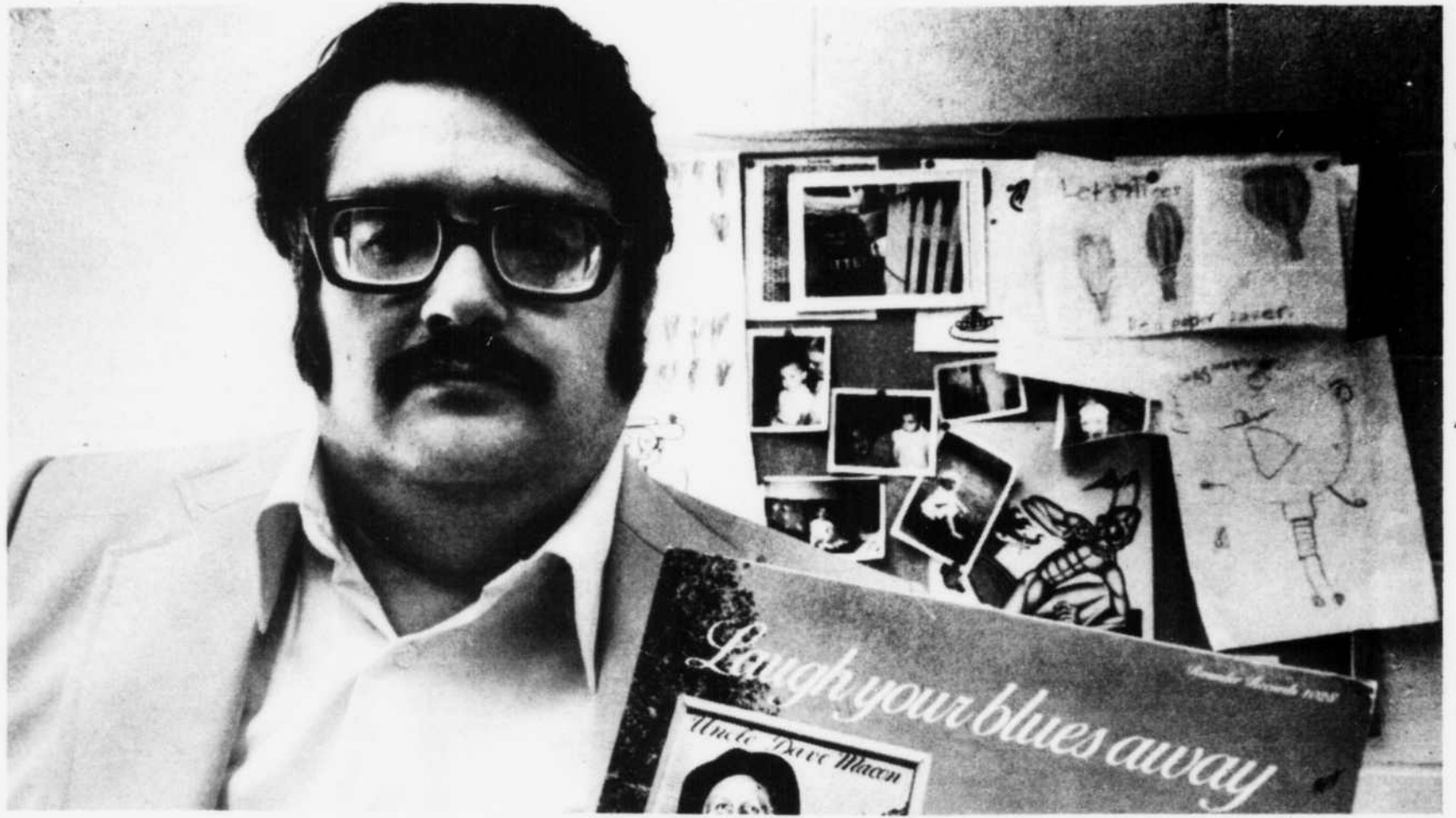
plaining the record had been nominated earlier, but is now one of the five from which the winner is chosen. The most popular Grammy categories will be presented awards on television Feb. 27.

Wolfe said he had found the records in a box in Macon's attic.

"Part of our problem was to remaster the old recordings," Wolfe said. "We had to master it twice to get the kind of sound we wanted."

"Probably Uncle Dave is selling more than any other record I've ever done," he said. Wolfe, who has been producing records "as sort of a hobby for seven or eight years, has produced about 25, mostly bluegrass and folk recordings.

He explained that his records never sold big, as a popular market, but, "we'd make enough money to go to another record."



Charles Wolfe, associate professor of English, displays the record that he produced. He was nominated for a Grammy Award for the

"Best Ethnic or Traditional Record." The awards will be presented Feb. 27.

Women topic of radio show

Esther Seeman, political science professor, will be conducting a radio series, "Women in the World," beginning Sunday, 8:30 p.m., on WMOT-FM.

"The program is an interview, in most cases, of people who live in different countries and the problems of their country," Seeman said.

"It's not only women in the U.S., but women in other countries, the status of women, the economic status and what the position of women in the past has been and how it has changed," she added.

Program dates and the countries to be aired are: Jan. 27-Ireland with Joe O'Loughlin

Feb. 3-Korea (Part one)

Feb. 10-Korea (Part two) with In Cheung Mac Beth

Feb. 17-Finland with Tarji Ojala

Feb. 24-Nigeria with Dakoru Iki Roma-Owiye

Mar. 2-Taiwan with Yueh-Li Liu

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Indian removal impact is conference topic

By LIBBY WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Sesquicentennial Symposium on the American Indian in the Jacksonian Era will be held at MTSU, 150 years after President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Bill.

The art works of Choctaw artist, Carl Tubby, will be shown, in addition to other native American culture at the Feb. 29-March 1 workshop sponsored by the anthropology and history departments.

During the program, students will present papers on the general topic of "Andrew Jackson and the American Indian." A cash award of \$50 will be given for the most outstanding paper in high school, undergraduate and graduate levels of competition.

Any student is eligible and encouraged to enter. Papers should be typed, approximately

eight to 12 pages in length, and written with a direct and clear style.

One copy should be submitted to either Kendall Blanchard, department chairman of sociology, anthropology and social work, or Fred Rolator, associated professor of history at MTSU, no later than Feb. 15. Work will be judged by members of the history and anthropology department.

Winners in each category may read their papers during a special session of the conference, Blanchard said.

"All interested persons should contact me as soon as possible if they want to enter," Blanchard said. He added the information required for entering is: name, mailing address, topic of the proposed paper and category of competition.

In accordance with the papers on the Jacksonian Era and the

American Indian, several important speakers will be present. The main speaker for the conference will be Arthur R. DeRosier, historian and president of East Tennessee State University.

Other speakers will be James A. Clifton, anthropologist at University of Wisconsin at Green Bay; Rudia Haliburton, historian at Northeastern State University at Oklahoma; Duane King, anthropologist at the Museum of the Cherokee and the University of Tennessee; Theda Perdue, historian at the Western Carolina University and Ron Satz, historian at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Advance student registration will cost \$7, and \$8 at the door while non-student registration will be \$12 for advance registration and \$13 at the door. The fees will include a 7 p.m. banquet in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Preregistration deadline is F. 22.

"We want this to be one of the greatest conferences ever," Blanchard said. "The purpose is to look at what has happened and what is happening now to the American Indian."

"This is one of the advantages that MTSU students should take," he added. "We are hoping for quite a large turnout from several colleges in the east and in the area here."

Calendar

Friday
Voter Registration: ASB, UC Basement, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday
Lady Raider's Basketball: MTSU/Morehead State, Morehead State, 5:15 p.m.
Men's Basketball: MTSU/Morehead State, Morehead State, 7:30 p.m.

Monday
Murfreestown NOW (National Organization for Women): Meeting, third floor UC, 7 p.m.
Movie: "Circle of Iron," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

City ball field is doubtful for future

By TOM HARDIN
Special to Sidelines

The possibility of Murfreesboro getting the land to build a softball park comparable to Cedar Hill in Nashville now seems very remote, according to Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation director Ray Duffy.

"I wish I could be optimistic about it," Duffy said. "Right

now it just looks like an impossibility. We just don't have the land right now to construct such a facility and the future doesn't look bright."

The city of Murfreesboro currently has six lighted softball fields that are used for everything from industrial to Pee Wee leagues. The most-used park is Samsonite where there

are two fields. The city does have other fields at Oakland High School, Old Fort Park and near the airport on Lebanon Highway.

"That sounds like a lot of fields," Duffy said. "The truth is that we may have to cut back on our teams this spring for the simple reason that we don't have enough facilities to accommodate everyone."

"Softball is one of the fastest growing sports in the south and it has become," he continued.

The city recently purchased 125 acres of land on Lebanon Highway near the airport but it now seems like that land will be used for some other recreation purpose other than softball fields.

"What we had hoped for in Murfreesboro is a complex like Cedar Hill or the new one in Shelbyville," he added. "We are so scattered out here it makes it tough for our staff to do the kind of job on the fields that we need. If we had one park that could accommodate four or five games at one time, the entire program could be better."

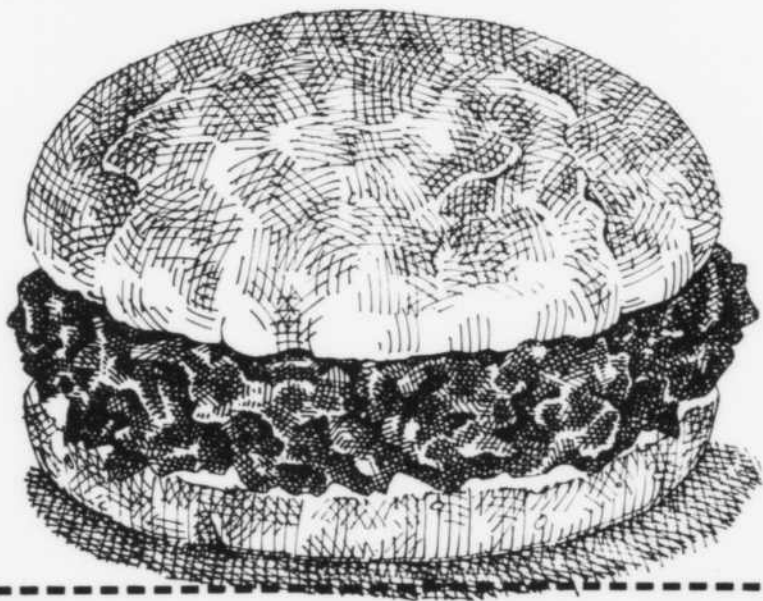
As for the land on Lebanon Highway, it now appears that it may be used for soccer purposes.

"We have committed ourselves to the people of that area to build a recreation facility," he said.

"However, it appears that federal regulations will prohibit us from building lighted softball fields because of the nearby airport."

"Right now I just don't know what the solution will be. The nearest thing in the future for us to do would seem to be to purchase more land. How far in the future that is, I just don't know," Duffy concluded.

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Sidelights

Students recruited for flight program

Nine Norwegian flight students arrived in Murfreesboro a few weeks ago, to begin courses in flight training. The students, who are the third group in training at the city airport through International Flight Center, boost the number in the program to approximately 30. The nine were recruited in Norway and will spend seven months here earning a commercial license and flight instructor's certificate. They take courses at MTSU in English and physical training through the Office of Continuing Education. The entire program is paid for by the individual students.

Fike Chemicals president to speak here

The Free Enterprise Lecture Series, sponsored by the Center for Economic Education and the School of Business at MTSU, will present Elmer Fike, President of Fike Chemicals Inc., as guest lecturer Feb. 6 in the James Union Building from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Fike, member of the Board of Directors of the National Safety Council, will speak on "A Dilemma of Small Business: Selected Solutions." Reservations must be made by Jan. 25 by calling 898-2610. Luncheon cost will be \$5.25.

Garden plots available for the asking

Persons wanting garden plots on MTSU property should stop by the Office of the MTSU department of Agriculture to sign up for one. Deadline is March 15. Further information is available by calling Jim Staley at 898-2523.

Phi Mu Alpha stage band will perform

"Fantasy," the Phi Mu Alpha stageband show, will perform Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. Admission is \$2.50.

Khomeini is prayed for

The Interfaith Council is praying for the Ayatollah Khomeini and is sending a letter to inform him of their activities.

The council's prayers will be for him to "share love and give compassion" to his enemies, according to Morgan Wallace, council member and minister for the Presbyterian Student Fellowship.

Wallace said letters are also being sent to President Jimmy Carter, the hostages and the student captors.

In a letter to President Carter, the council will assure him of their prayers and support in his actions in a time of crisis, Wallace explained. Also, the hostages will be told American's are still aware of their needs and support their release.

Meanwhile, Wallace said, the "student captors" will be asked to forgive those whom they believe have wronged them.

The letters were written by several Interfaith Council members and Wallace urged all students to express their concern by signing the letters in the UC every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. until the hostages are released.

Radio show

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Mar. 9-Germany with Wiebke Howell

Mar. 16-Thailand with Sumon-Mal Vatthaisong

Mar. 23-Women in the U.S. Media with Gretchen Barbatis

Mar. 30-Images of American Women Since World War II with Dennis Frobish

The program will be taped by the Southern Education Communication Association who distributes the series to its members, which includes Public Broadcasting Systems in seven southern states.



photo by Mark Holland

Wally Cantrell adds two more to the score as the Rolling Raiders defeated the HPERS club, 50-10 Tuesday night.

HPERS club falls to Rolling Raiders

By CHUCK KELLER
Sidelines Staff Writer

With all the enthusiasm of a world-champion basketball team, the MTSU Rolling Raiders took to the court at Alumni Memorial Gym to face the HPERS Club Tuesday night and rolled away with a 50-10 win.

The Rolling Raiders were 3-0 going into the game and both coaches, John Harris and Jeff Moore, were very confident about the outcome. "These games serve only two purposes — to give the other team a chance to be in a wheelchair and for everyone to have fun," Harris said.

Nancy Bolen, coach for the HPERS team, explained that her team did not have a lot of practice and for that reason did not expect to win.

Led by the outstanding play of Wally Cantrell, the Rolling Raiders completely shut down the offensive attack of HPERS and led them to a scoreless first half. The HPERS only shot to go through, the hoop was annulled by a travelling call with less than five seconds to play in the first half.

The second half had the beginnings of the game's start, but something had changed. Bolen was not only a player-coach, but served as cheerleader and enthusiastic fan. Her "inspiration" charged up the HPERS and the game finally took shape. Finding a hot-hand in Ron Fowler, the HPERS got on the scoreboard.

But it was a little too late and at the game's end the final score was Rolling Raiders 50, HPERS

Club 10. Cantrell led in total scoring with 26 points and Fowler led HPERS with all 10 points.

"We want to play them again, but this time we will practice. A bunch of people do not realize that these people (Rolling Raiders) are outstanding athletes," Bolen said.

Harris praised the efforts of both teams, but especially the play of Cantrell. "He's the best we've got. Cantrell has played

with the Music City Wheelers (an amateur team in Nashville) and is a seasoned player. The other members of the team are good, too, and are working hard to improve their skills."

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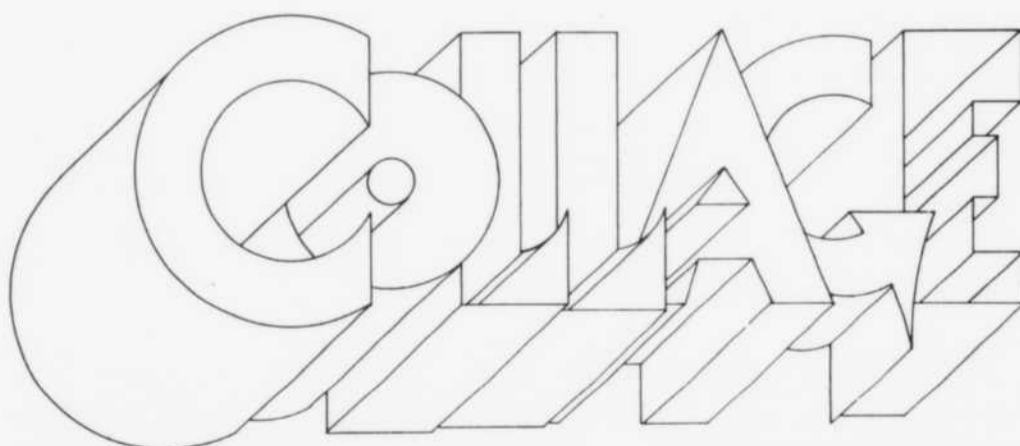
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from the editor

More students should take advantage of activity funds

The ASB activity fee fund is composed of student money, and to get the full benefits of the fund, student groups should ask for requisitions before the Jan. 31 deadline.

Approximately 10 or 12 groups have picked up applications for the fee money from Dean of Students Paul Cantrell's office. Surely there are more than 12 campus groups that could use money for a worthy cause.

The fund, now totaling approximately \$19,000, is made up of \$1 contributions from each student at fall and spring registration. The student body voted on this \$1 referendum last spring.

Now that we have what we voted for, we should utilize it to the best of our abilities.

In order to do this, student groups should talk to their ASB house representatives about requesting funds for a good cause.

ASB house speaker Randy James said there is a possibility that if the money is not appropriated it could go back into the university's general fund. "It's harder to get it out of there," he claimed.

"We have to see some direct benefits go back to the students," James said. "If students do not benefit from the funds, chances are the activity fee fund will not be voted on when it comes up in 1981."

If there are no apparent benefits, there would be no reason to have an activity fee fund, but as it stands now, we have approximately \$19,000 to do something with.

There is now money available, it just needs to be appropriated to groups that would provide a beneficial service to as many students as possible.

A list of priorities have been described in another story on page 1.

Attempt to tackle rodents is a much needed effort

It is good to hear that officials are aware of, and are trying to alleviate the bug and rodent problem in Cummings Hall, which has gotten worse the past few months.

Residents report they have been complaining to the head resident and R.A.'s for the past year, but it never seemed to do any good. Roaches, mice and shrews have reportedly been seen in dorm rooms. A nest of baby mice was allegedly discovered in one room after Christmas holidays and mice have been known to come through air vents.

The entire dorm has been sprayed seven times in the past eight months. Room checks are being conducted to make sure dorms are clean. *Decon* will also be put in each room.

It is good to see that the pest problem is getting the attention it deserves.

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Viewpoints



from cell block F

by Mary Ann Richards

Needed: alternative courses for spring term

Unfortunately too many professors are concerned with the problem of class attendance. Especially in January and especially when they are up for tenure and the threat of post nasal drip within the student body is at its peak. Perhaps it would be wise to offer more pertinent courses to the student each spring semester, thus keeping the student off the street and away from situation comedies.

Alternative Courses for the Alternative Student (who really has no alternative):

Basic Beer 101, 102. Three credit hours. An introductory survey of beer, emphasizing form, froth and function. This course will guide those who don't know a Schlitz from a Schmidt. The student will learn the fundamentals of beer consumption and proper restroom etiquette. Upon completion of the course, each

student will be required to complete a 6-pack within standard university exam time. Passing the course depends on a student not passing out. A one hour lab will be required at the Five Percent Solution, also a field trip to Milwaukee.

Introduction to Wine 201, 202. Prerequisite: Basic Beer or consent of registered bartender. A study of various vintages and their general contribution to mankind and other-wise mundane table settings and distasteful conversations. Vintages from La Fite de Rothschild to T.J. Swan will be discussed and digested. Special emphasis will be placed on low budget incomes and diverting possible outcoming headaches. Independent projects such as making wine from potatoes will be encouraged. Guest speakers are from Lower Broad.

Conscious Altering Drugs 301, 302. Prerequisites: Basic Beer

and Intro to Wine. The purpose of this course is to introduce the upperclassman to more effective ways and means of avoiding reality. Topics include "Marijuana and Why You Munch," "Breszhnev, Qualudes and You," and "Proper Color Coordinations between Paraphanelia and Brown Oxfords." Each student will be required to have a one hour lab in his/her mind and a joint field trip will be shared by all. Students are encouraged to miss half the classes.

Apathy 201, 202. Prerequisites: Beer, Wine & Drugs. Emphasis will be placed on not emphasizing anything with special emphasis on disregard. Theories on lack of incentive and means of withdrawal will not be discussed and practiced due to a lack of interest. Guest speakers will reinforce theory by not showing

up. No one cares if class attendance is mandatory.

Disgust 305, 306. Prerequisite: a problem oriented course. Designed to provide the student with a number of body gestures and outside activities that further illustrate disgust. Lab includes effective egg throwing with special emphasis on cat calling. Visual aids include referees and law enforcement officials. Nixonian tactics and their contributions to the growth of disgust will be discussed. Students supply their own eggs.

Organic Despair 405, 406. Prerequisite: Apathy and Disgust. A laboratory course designed to encourage discouragement. Students will be required to do internships in either Admissions and Records or various campus parking lots. Required texts: "Why I Just Work Here and Will Never Get

Involved," and "The Buck Passes Here."

Vending Machines 101, 102. Prerequisite: all of the above. An introductory survey of various vending machines, their use and their abuse. Emphasis placed on the laws of probability will be applied to vending machines. A lab will help student learn effective ways of kicking machines or picking locks. Special emphasis will be placed on knowing when a certain machine is ready to pay off. Guest speaker from Las Vegas and weekly field trips to Peck Hall will be required. Students supply own quarters. No refunds. (Gambling may be habit-forming).

Philosophy 110. The study of inductive and deductive reasoning and problem solving followed on a series on "Why Those Who Major in Philosophy are Soon Inducted into the Service" and "How to Dig Wider

and Deeper Ditches for TVA."

Premarital Divorce 303. Prerequisite: Lust 101 and a silly notion that "our relationship will be different." A course to acquaint one with one's own faulty misconceptions about marriage. This course is designed to help the impressionable and vulnerable sever deep and meaningful relationships before legal expenses are incurred. Lab will include techniques in screaming, shouting, passive-aggressive behavior and effective leaving a past object of affection's apartment with not only your ego intact but also yours and the other party's record albums.

Personality 29. The origin and modification of behavior with an in-depth study on why some people have it and some people don't. Techniques of mental hygiene and the art of mental flossing will be discussed.

on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

The end of disco brings many options to improvising hummers

Okay. Just admit it. You think disco stinks. You always have, but just didn't want anyone to know. It's okay. It's almost over now. You don't have to get your medallion caught in your chest hairs anymore.

The signs are all evident with the "Star Spangled Banner," "Old Lang Syne" and, God forbid, even the Mickey Mouse Club Anthem being set to the same monotonous drum beat. Can you imagine Disney stooping so low as to put out a song called "Macho, Macho

Duck? My God, is nothing sacred anymore?

I know, I know. You're even sick of hearing all the jokes about disco. That proves it's on its last shoe.

But what's next? I mean, how do you follow an act like Scott and Jolinda's "The Whip" or "The Slap?" I suppose it all depends on what history-making events will be taking place in the world within the next year or so.

In that case, the options are many. If the Russians keep their salty words and we're not doing the "Atomic Radiation Blast,"

I'm certain we'll be doing the "Nerve Gas Flop." At least the songs won't be as long and monotonous as disco. It'll all be over in a matter of seconds.

If you think that's sick, what do you expect from a student who lives on a campus that held a Jim Jones Punch Party one year and an Embassy Party the next?

Actually, though, if we do make it without having to learn any Russian folk dances, we might have to revert to some old American favorites like the "Bread Line Shuffle." It's an

easy dance that anyone can do, and you don't even need any music. Just keep a steady beat with your feet and a pathetic look on your face, and everyone will be joining in.

Tiny Tim has already made millions on his song "Tip Toe to the Gas Pumps," but what if we're soon boogying to the tune of "Pedal to the Air Hose?"

That's fine with me, though. I'd rather be dancing to that tune than "Over There" or "When Johnnie is Carried Home Again." I just don't think

Americans are ready for the "Afghan Bustle." It would be more like the "Quebec Rush."

The biggest question for this year is whether we'll be doing the "Kennedy Welfare Waddle," the "Connally Oil Caper," the "Baker Be-Bop," the Brown version of Ronstadt's "Back in the USSR," the "Reagan Tremor," the "Bush Burlesque" or the "Carter Quiver."

What ever happened to the good ole days of Jazz? Or did they ever exist? Have Americans ever really just sat and enjoyed the music, hummed along and

not bothered to dance? We're an intelligent, ingenious, creative country. We can improvise.

We don't have to do the "OPEC Dangle." We can let the Iranians, the Afghans and the Russians make fools of themselves on the dance floor while we whistle our own tunes.

It seems like we would have learned after the "Korean Quake" and the "Vietnam Flounder" flopped.

All I know is, that if we're not careful, Disco will be replaced by "The Blues."

Perspective

Friday, January 25, 1980

from our readers

McRay offers viewpoint to tenure story

To the editor:

I want to thank the staff of *Sidelines* for its interest in the welfare of the faculty, and particularly for its concern about my professional position at this university.

Exchange of information is always helpful in a free and democratic society, and I was happy to give the interview asked for. However, between our conversation in my office and the time the article was written, several things we discussed were confused since much of the conversation was not written down, and I would like to clarify a few of these points.

First, I asked that it be made clear that I am neither seeking tenure nor challenging the tenure decision. The decision was made last spring and I was notified in proper channels. The decision was made in the proper way and handled professionally. I have since received offers of teaching positions that represent a considerable advancement over my present job and am currently evaluating these.

My only reason for granting an interview was to lend the facts of my particular situation to the total picture of the university's tenure procedure which is currently being put together by your staff.

Now, to the article itself. It is correct in stating that I was promised tenure three times by the president of this university. The last time came in December of 1978 outside the office of Dr. Carlton when Dr. Scarlett told Dr. Corlew and me that he had secured a commitment from Dr. Carlton that I would be recommended for tenure by Carlton after Scarlett's departure.

The first time was the occasion of Scarlett's request that I not accept a position at Southwest Missouri State University offered in 1976. This is clearly reflected in the subsequent letter which I wrote to Dr. Garrett Tenzeitoff, chairman of the department of religious studies at SMSU, (a carbon of which I have in my office).

A couple of things in the article I asked to keep off the record because they were simply not germane to the main thrust of the ethics involved—such as the matter of the size of my office. I am sorry that this was mentioned. I had already been in my five years prior to the time mentioned in the article. Dr.

Corlew gave me three months, not two weeks, to vacate the office, which was certainly adequate time. The office is not significant except as an indication of the way Dr. Carlton and Dr. Corlew have seen fit to disregard commitments made to me by the previous administration.

I received confirmation of its preparation in writing in Jerusalem, Israel, in 1973. In 1978, upon my return from excavating in Jerusalem, I found a carbon copy of a letter on my desk written by Dr. Corlew to Dr. Carlton saying my office was to be vacated. In view of the previous agreement by the university to supply the office, it seems that common courtesy

would have demanded at least some conversation before the eviction notice was issued. As I have said, this is significant only in that it points to a pattern of dishonoring commitments all too prevalent in this school.

In regard to a statement made in the article about a university professorship, Dr. Carlton never "promised" such a professorship. He only stated that he would like to see such a position created and thought it would be ideal for my situation.

On my enrollment, the figures are a 30 percent increase per year for the first three years. At that time religious studies was no longer given a separate alphabetical listing in the catalog or schedule, and I was

placed in the philosophy department. That year the enrollment dropped. The correlation between the two is, of course, conjectural.

My seven years at this university have been productive and personally fulfilling. My only concern at this point is that the students who are interested in religious studies have the opportunity to continue that study in Liberal Arts. I have received personal (but only oral) confirmation from Dr. Ingram that the religious studies minor will be protected. There have been more than seventy-five who have minored during the time I have been here.

John McRay
Professor of religious studies,
Greek and classical history

next to last word

by Henry Fennell

Have cash when celebrating; writing checks not worth it

I felt like a little celebrating when word came I would get a chance to do a column this semester.

It didn't seem to matter that the opportunity came when others dropped out. I've been told it's quite unhealthy to enter a project with a defeatist attitude. Take the positive and go with it. So I've been told.

Back to the celebrating. After some budget juggling and a commitment to future sacrifices, I settled into the idea of sending out for pizza. Not the biggest of celebrations, but a major budget item for me.

The pizza arrived 27 minutes later. What I had expected to be a short exchange with the delivery-man turned into something else entirely. It started with a simple hello and, at least from my point of view, went down hill from there.

"I'll have to pay you with a check."

"Sure, but I'll need some I.D."

"Here, I've got my driver's license and a student I.D."

"Okay, now I'll need your local address and phone number."

"Local address and phone number . . . That should do it."

"Now, put your drivers license and Social Security numbers on the back."

I was beginning to get just a little uncomfortable. Surely this would do it.

"That's Social Security and driver's license."

I thanked him as I began to close the door.

"Excuse me sir. There are just a few more things."

"A few more things?"

"Yes sir. Are you presently a registered voter?"

"Well yes, but what does that have to do . . ."

"Democrat or Republican?"

"Neither, listen this is . . ."

"Well then, do you now or have you ever belonged to any left wing political organization?"

"I'm not sure I know what you mean. Besides, this pizza is just not that important."

"Skip it. If you'll just give me your overall G.P.A., I'll let it slide."

"Listen, I think I've got some peanut butter upstairs. Let's just forget it." I began to close the door for the last time.

"But sir, I have a questionnaire I need you to fill out on why you refused service."

"Goodnight."

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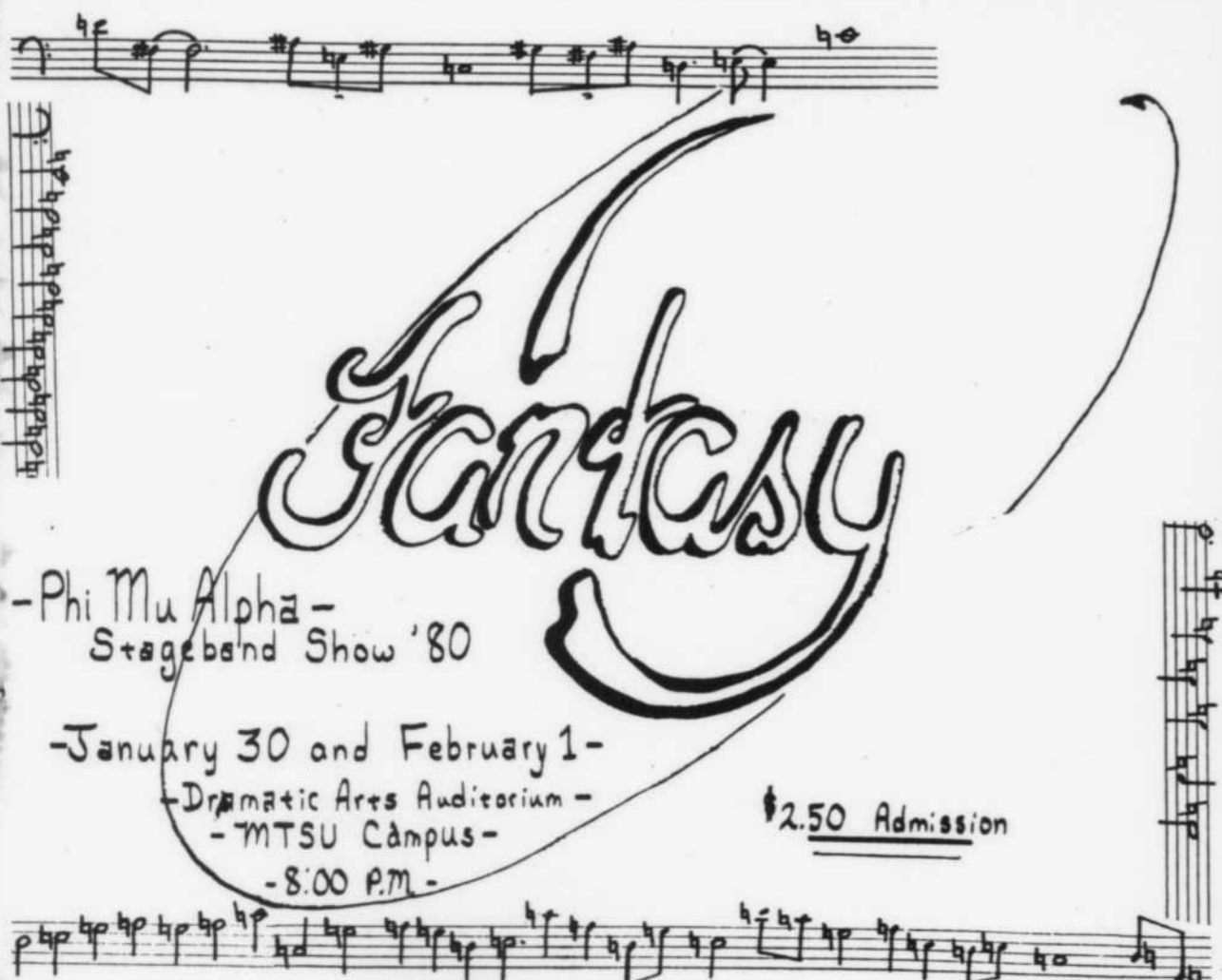
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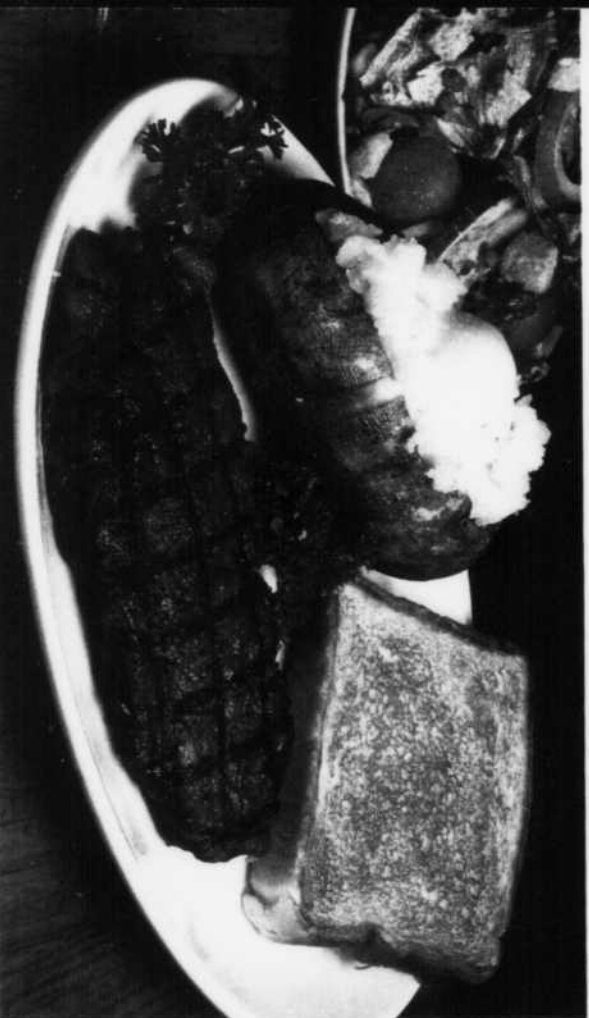
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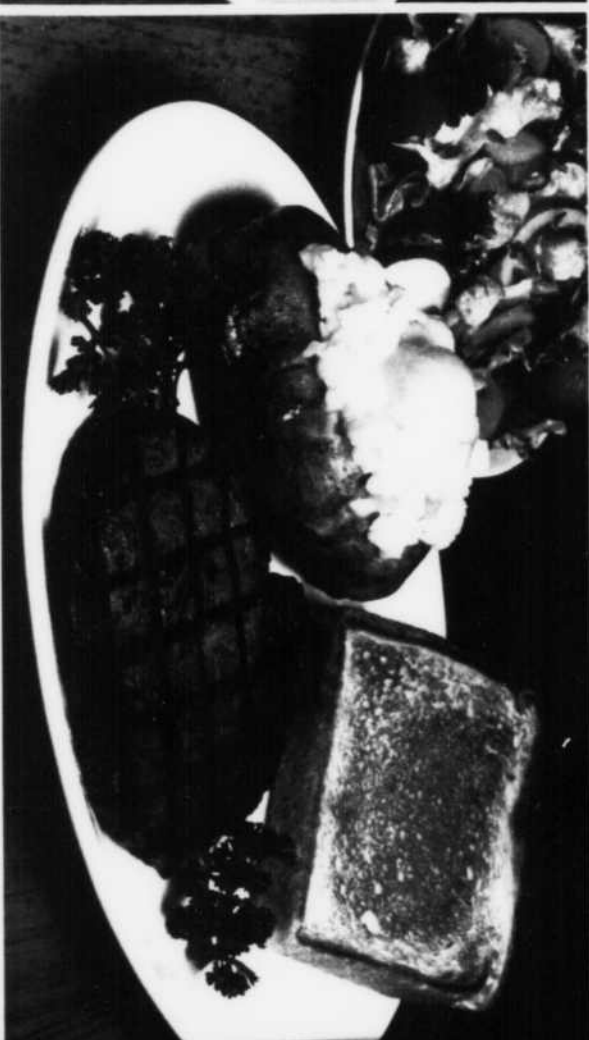
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