

## VOLUNTARY ROTC FAVORED

### 2 Staffers Eye Sidelines Helm

Applications are now under consideration for the positions of editor and business manager of the SIDELINES and editor of COLLAGE.

Students seeking these offices are: SIDELINES editor—Michael Goforth, Chattanooga junior, and David Word, Memphis sophomore; SIDELINES business manager—Jackie Crownover, Murfreesboro junior, and Chuck Snyder, Murfreesboro freshman; COLLAGE editor—Vicki Hill, Dalton, Ga., sophomore.

A former employee of the CHATTANOOGA NEWS FREE PRESS, Goforth has worked with the SIDELINES for two semesters. He was Greek editor and reporter for ASB during the Fall 1968 semester and is currently serving as news editor.

Word was a reporter during the Fall 1968 semester and is now assistant sports editor. He will be employed full time this summer as sports editor of the daily newspaper, the Wabash, Ind., PLAIN VIEWER.

Snyder is currently advertising manager for the SIDELINES. At Murfreesboro Cen-

tral High School, he served on the HI-LIGHTS as advertising salesman for two years and as advertising manager one year.

Jackie Crownover, who has (continued on page 8)

### Evaluation Results Await Machine Lull

The results of the completed faculty evaluation project initiated by the past ASB administration are currently awaiting final totaling in the computer center, according to Pat O'Neal, past speaker of the house.

"Due to the large volume of graduation information, grades and summer registration now in process, the computer must work a majority of the time with directly associated school business," O'Neal said.

"The results of the evaluation are sorted and ready for the computer, but the computer is not available at this time," O'Neal added.

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### Ad Hoc Committee Reports To Scarlett; No Reply Yet



ROBERT E. LEE

The university's ROTC study committee—created April 21 to investigate the compulsory ROTC program here—told President Scarlett Friday they have found that a voluntary program may be more suitable for MTSU.

Although the report was presented early Friday, no official reply had been made at press time since the president was out of the city.

In addition to the proposal that a voluntary program be adopted "at the earliest possible date," the study unit also recommended that Reserved Officer Training be offered as a minor at MTSU, Robert E. Lee, committee chairman, said Friday.

Several universities in the United States have restructured their ROTC course offerings so

that they are not offered for academic credit. However, the MTSU committee recommended in its official report that "ROTC is a proper subject leading to a professional career and should be offered at MTSU."

The formation of the six-member study committee last month resulted from a request April 18 from the Associated Student Body, according to Dr.

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Harry Wagner, the president's administrative assistant. That request was a joint resolution from the ASB House and Senate asking "...that compulsory ROTC... be banned and that a committee of administrative, faculty and student personnel be formed to study the best way of carrying out this process."

Despite his decision to form the ad hoc committee, Scarlett refused to sign the bill, questioning the section which carried the affirmative statement that compulsory ROTC be abolished. The president said then that he could not approve the bill, as written, because he did not wish to "predetermine the results of a committee study."

In addition to Lee, the committee included two students and three faculty members. Lee is director of admissions here. Faculty representatives were (continued on page 2)

### All ROTC Violates Constitution: Parks

By Wanda Ensor

Mandatory ROTC is very clearly a violation of both the Tennessee State and the United States Constitutions, Norman Parks, head of the political science department and professor of constitutional law here, said Thursday.

"I am convinced that com-

pulsory ROTC must go, and I commend the students for initiating and taking a forthright but proper position on the question," Parks said in the Thursday interview.

"Compulsory ROTC at MTSU directly contravenes the equal rights guarantee of the (U. S. Constitutional) Amendment as well as the Tennessee constitution's provision that the state cannot compel its citizens to bear arms," Parks explained.

The Fourteenth Amendment cited by Parks states that no state may "deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." "This is a simple law which has been too long violated," Parks said. "Tennessee cannot compel persons within its jurisdiction at MTSU to take ROTC while exempting students at Austin Peay, Columbia Community College or the University of Tennessee. It follows, therefore, that the state cannot award a degree at one college sans ROTC while denying a student at MTSU a degree unless he takes two years of military training."

Parks said that, as far as he knows, no one has challenged the constitutionality of mandatory ROTC in the nation's courts. But he added that should someone decide to do so, "he could win his case hands down." He said that the state board of education realizes this, too, and has indicated a willingness to withdraw mandatory programs if asked to do so by individual institutions.

Parks further commented, "I am against ROTC in any form. It must be recognized for what it is, namely, just military training. Its thrust is radically different from academy. It emphasizes conformity, subordination -- superordination, in-

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### U.S. Courts Are Drifting, Kimbrell Says

By Bobby Sands

Rep. J. P. Kimbrell, the lone independent of the 85th General Assembly, told members of the Pre-Law Society Thursday that "You are setting on the practice of law at a very bad time, because we have no more a Constitution or laws to which the courts adhere."

Kimbrell's address was an attack upon the court system which he says, "No longer interpret the Constitution--they only deliver opinions."

Kimbrell declared, "As far as the eye can see the carcasses or bleached bones of truth, character, morality and decency lie about us."

Kimbrell cited what he termed tragic deviations from our Constitution by politicians which concerned the electoral college, division of power within the government, and the coinage of money.

Kimbrell said that "the courts because of their failure to adhere to the constitution are drifting into uncharted seas without map or compass."

When Kimbrell was introduced as the most controversial member of the legislature he

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### Independents Pose No Threat Say Greeks

Three fraternity presidents and two non-Greeks here agreed last week that the future success of MTSU Greeks will not be threatened by non-Greeks organizing on this campus -- at least not any time soon.

Lee Farless, a recent candidate for ASB president, said that the Independents might be in a position to take away some power from the Greeks if they were organized. He went on to say that, "As far as I can see they don't stand too good of a chance of organizing, because they lack leadership as well as a common bond."

Gary Hall, a recent candidate for Speaker of the House, felt that "fraternities on this campus are on an upswing. In the future I look not for a complete Independent takeover, but rather a blending in with students voting for the man rather than a group."

A majority of the people interviewed felt that most of the student body has accepted the Greeks on campus; however, Hall felt that "a large percentage of the students don't care--they are apathetic towards Greeks."

All of the fraternity presidents feel that the fraternities are respected on campus, although Andy King, president of Lambda Psi, conceded that there will "always be some who have a complaint."

The three presidents all agreed that interfraternity jealousies do not hinder the

fraternities on campus. As Kelly Sharbel, president of Sigma Nu, put it, "The fraternities have shown that they can get together on worthwhile projects. They (jealousies) are more like rivalries, and 99 percent of these are left on the intramural fields or other areas of competition."

Andy Beasley, president of Kappa Sigma, commented on jealousies by saying, "We have a young Greek system and like all growing systems there have been unfortunate incidents and attitudes in the past. However, in attaining national status, the fraternities and sororities have

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NORMAN L. PARKS

### Midlanders Distributed

EDITOR'S NOTE-- The Midlander's original distribution schedule, published Thursday, was correct until editor Lynn Small learned that workers at Benson Printing Co. were on strike. A revised schedule follows.

The 1969 Midlanders will be distributed tomorrow in room 212, Cope Administration Building, by the alphabet, Lynn Small, yearbook editor, said Friday.

Distribution will be as follows: A - D, 8 to 9 a.m.; E - J, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; K - Q, 11 to 12:30; R - T, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; U - Z, 2 to 3:30; make-up, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Students may pick up the yearbooks during the scheduled time or during the make-up time on Tuesday. After Tuesday, Midlanders may be picked up in Room 208, Cope Ad. Bld.

Students must show their I.D.'s and activity cards before they can obtain a book, Miss Small added. Midlanders will only be given to those students who have been enrolled full time both the Fall and Spring semesters.

Those students who have purchased a yearbook may pick those up in room 208 Cope Ad. Bldg. Students who have (continued on page 3)

# ROTC...

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Dr. David Singer, assistant professor of education, Col Vern Reaugh, professor of military science, and Fran Riel, health and physical education instructor.

Student members included Pat O'Neal, then ASB House Speaker and ROTC cadet brigade commander, and Cliff Gillespie, then House Speaker-elect.

Lee said committee approval of the recommendations was unanimous.

"We didn't vote," he said, "but we just worked until we got something that every member could accept."

Among the committee's findings and other recommendations submitted to the president were:

- \* "That implementing plans

should be approved by the appropriate deans, curriculum committee and university president as applicable.

- \* "That increased credit be granted for MS II (from one semester hour credit per semester to two semester credit hours per semester). That credit be granted for the ROTC Field Course and a minor in Military Science be authorized...."

- \* "That four hours of ROTC continued to be substituted continued to be substituted for P.E. as a general education requirement."

- \* "That the ROTC department can expect a reduction in authorized military personnel and may require additional monetary assistance from the university for the supervision (student pay) of extracurricular activities."

## New Members Elected To Faculty Senate

Results of the May 9 Faculty Senate election were recently announced by J. Gerald Parchment, newly elected president of the Faculty Senate.

Elected to three-year terms from the school of arts and sciences were Roy W. Clark, Charles J. Dean, Wade Gilbert, David Grubbs, and Newell S. Moore.

O. L. Freeman, Sarah L. Moore, Morris Puckett, and J. E. Young were elected from the school of business and in the school of business and industry.

From the school of education Lucille Estes, Frank Lee, Aubrey Moseley and L. D. Moyers were elected.

## Evaluation . . .

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Concerning the evaluation material, O'Neal said, "All portions of the evaluation are now under a security system in the student government offices and are not open to the public. The use of these results can only be acquired with written permission of the ASB president, the dean of faculty and the president of MTSU."

"I have coordinated with the Martin administration and have their promise to see the project through. It will be a matter of about two full days work, which can be accomplished the first week of summer school," O'Neal said.

Concerning the publication of the evaluation results, O'Neal said, "I have recommended to Van Martin that the results of this first evaluation not be published."

"Due to the problems encountered with the project, I feel that to publish the results could very severely damage the future of such an important project," O'Neal added.

O'Neal went on to say, "I further recommended that the results be forwarded to the individual instructor plus the dean of students; as the project was of ASB origin a master copy will remain locked up in their offices."

"I am assured by Van Martin that his administration will conduct and publish a modified evaluation taking into account the problems encountered in the initial project," said O'Neal.

O'Neal said that his successor on the project would be Charlie Ryan, a new ASB senator, who assisted O'Neal in the existing project.

Concerning the people who had a part in the first faculty evaluation, O'Neal said, "I want to thank the students and faculty members who so graciously

cooperated in this effort to better the efficiency of instruction at MTSU.

"It is my hope that through this beginning MTSU can realize a better potential for instruction and therefore graduate a more able student," O'Neal added.

"I would like to publicly thank Dr. Hutcheson of the computer center for his help and assistance; without his expert and professional guidance the project would have never been realized," said O'Neal.

## Ledford Named Chief Justice On ASB Court

Larry Ledford, Cleveland junior, was named to succeed Ronnie Owens, as Chief Justice of the ASB Supreme Court who resigned last week.

Owens who served as chief justice this year resigned last week because of the time demands of the position, according to Van Martin, ASB president.

Martin said that Ledford, who was approved by the senate last week for the cabinet position of court representative, has tenure on the court since he has served as junior justice this year.

Concerning Ledford's appointment Martin said, "We are very confident that Larry can do the job."

Martin said that a meeting with Ledford and Owens would be held next week for the purpose of selecting students to fill the other justice positions.

The new members of the court will be announced next week after they have received approval from the ASB Senate, according to Martin.

## Independents, Greeks. . .

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grown greatly in their maturity. We have made great strides in achieving unity."

Gary Hall said that "Com-

petition is fine, but jealousy is not. It tends to destroy the faith that non-Greeks might have in the Greek system."

The presidents and the non-

Greeks were then asked if they could foresee a Greek--non-Greek situation. Lee Farless said that he couldn't see this sort of situation. Andy Beasley said that the Greeks "are united as members of a Greek organization, and it is merely incidental that the leaders of the campus happen to be Greeks. As long as students who want to get involved in student government embrace the facet of fraternity and sorority life, I feel the campus will be properly served."

One of the presidents offered a solution if this situation ever came about. Andy King said that while "I would hate to see it, it could be worked out so we won't be pulling against each other. If the independents get enough strength then they should be represented in student government. At the University of Georgia, they have a system whereby if the president of the student body is Greek, then the vice-president is non-Greek and vice versa. If the Independents get this strong, I would like to see the same situation here."

Repeated attempts to contact Joe Brakebill, CAP president, and Jimmy Walker, KA president, were unsuccessful.

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## Advisor Will Leave For Doctoral Study

John Windhauser, faculty advisor to the SIDELINES and journalism instructor at MTSU for the past two years, will take a leave of absence from

MTSU to work on his PhD at the Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Windhauser will work for the doctor of philosophy degree in mass communications. His areas of concentration will be the mass media and government, mass media content, writing and production, public relations, history and criticism and theory and pedagogy.

Since Windhauser came to MTSU, the SIDELINES was taken from the business and industry department and a division of journalism was created, the SIDELINES has gone to a semi-weekly student publication.

This past fall, Windhauser spoke at the national convention of the Associated College Press and the National Council of College Publications Advisers in New York. His topics were "Yearbook Promotion and Advising" and "Establishing the News Beat."

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## Kimbrell Says . . .

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stated "I am the least controversial figure in Nashville--they run over me as if I wasn't there; they gang on me from one end of the capitol to the other."

Kimbrell when questioned about his future political plans said that he had none. Kimbrell added that he had promised the people of Lawrence county that he would continue to fight until he could break up the nest of rotten eggs in Lawrence county. Kimbrell said that these rotten eggs were small town lawyers trying to make a living by controlling the local courthouse.

Kimbrell, a bearded 72 year old Lawrence county farmer,

was elected to the state legislature as an independent on a pledge to repeal a private act of the legislature which has prevented him from serving as General Sessions Judge of Lawrence county although he has been elected twice, in 1966 and 1968.

This private act of the county requires the General Sessions Judge of Lawrence county to be a lawyer. Kimbrell has carried his case to the Supreme Court twice acting as his own lawyer. Kimbrell said he was told in Washington at the Supreme Court, "We do what we want to do here." The courts have refused to overturn the act which Kimbrell says is unconstitutional.

## Faculty To Get Awards

The annual Alumni banquet will feature the "State of the University address" by President Scarlett, the awarding of \$1,000 to three university faculty members and the awarding of service medalions to nine faculty members, according to Homer Pittard, Director of Alumni Relations.

Service medalions will be awarded to the faculty members with 15-25 years of service to the school.

Those to receive 15 year medalions are: Exum D. Watts, Newell S. Moore, Hilary D. Parker, Finis W. Poole, Jesse L. Smith, Mrs. Ortrum Gilbert, Mrs. Macon Manson, and Mrs. Alma Bass. Buleah Davis will

receive a 25 year medalion.

Pittard added that the three outstanding teachers chosen by the students, alumni, and faculty will be awarded checks of \$1,000 each. The teachers to be considered are: Frederick Crawford, history; Ralph Fullerton, geography; Mrs. Ortrum Gilbert, German; Price Harrison, HPER; William Holland, English; James Huhta, history; Clayton James, sociology, E. W. Midgett, business education; L. D. Moyers, education; Reza Ordoubadian, English; Norman Parks, political science; T. Coy Porter, Spanish; Jesse Smith, mathematics; Robert Womack, education; and Marcia Zwiwer, psychology.

## Lambda Psi Members To Attend Convention

Ten members of Lambda Psi fraternity will attend the 113th National Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon which will be held June 14 through June 18 in San Francisco, California according to Larry Williams, Lambda Psi nationalization chairman.

Lambda Psi is petitioning a charter from Sigma Alpha Epsilon along with thirteen other local fraternities from across the nation, according to Williams.

## Business Club To Initiate Pres. Scarlett

The Zeta Psi chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, National Professional Business Fraternity, will initiate President M. G. Scarlett into the fraternity as an honorary member Wednesday at 5:30.

Scarlett will join the ranks of such men as Richard M. Nixon, Robert S. McNamara, Frederick G. Donner, chairman, board of directors, General Motors; C. R. Smith, president, American Airlines, and others.

At 6:00 following the initiation ceremony, Dr. Scarlett will be honored at a banquet, at which he will be the keynote speaker.

Tonight Firman Cunningham, dean of the School of Business and Industry, Herbert Jones, acting chairman of the accounting department, and Don Reading, economics instructor will also be initiated into the business fraternity.

## Social Change To Be Theme Of Conference

Constructive social change will be the theme at one of the largest international religious conferences for college students held this year. "Building in a Revolutionary Period" is the topic for the biennial meeting of Christian Science college organizations scheduled August 28-30 at the denomination's headquarters in Boston. Students from over 30 nations will attend.

The conference will stress the need for a realistic implementing of ideas that are developed. Sub-topics for the 1969 meeting have come from a set of resolutions adopted at the 1967 meeting.

The students' statement released two years ago in August named social tension, international conflict, and practical spiritual healing of mankind's crises as matters for urgent concern. Campus unrest, moral stability in society, the drug problem, and academic honesty and excellence were also on the list.

Christian Scientists stress the dynamic relevance of prayer. Talks and panels can be expected to face the question of what divine reality really means to men now. Students will ask: Does God make a difference in the social arena as well as in personal experience?

## 5 Girls, 5 Boys Are Cheerleaders As ASB Examines 'Single-Shot'

Larry Gillem, election commissioner, announced last Thursday the cheerleaders for the school year 1969-70. The squad is composed of five girls and five boys in accordance with the Cheerleading bill recently passed by the ASB Congress.

The girl cheerleaders elected are Claudia Waller, Nashville sophomore; Carole Moore, Nashville sophomore; Emily Penetcost, Charlotte freshman and Sandra Baugh, Chattanooga sophomore. Emily was the only girl elected who was not on the squad last year.

The boy cheerleaders are Ken Tarkington, Nashville junior; Steve Brown, Nashville junior; Sammy Sells, Shelbyville sophomore; Kirk Werner, Chat-

tanooga sophomore and Bobby Knight.

The ASB election commission divided the ballots up to determine how the vote went. Gillem pointed out that nearly half the ballots cast were not completed. Each student was supposed to vote for five boys and five girls, but a good percentage of the voters preferred however to "single-shot" their favorite candidates, Gillem said.

The Thursday election was the first attempt by the commission to pinpoint how much "single shooting" is done in an election.

According to the commission reports 21 people only voted for one person, 105 just voted for two people, 102 only voted for three candidates while 39 voted for only four.

Nearly 450 votes were cast overall in the election.

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been enrolled for only one semester and who wish to purchase a Midlander may do so in room 208 also.

Applications will be accepted today and tomorrow for the positions of editor-in-chief and business manager of the Midlander for the 1969-70 school year.

Students interested in either position should file an application in the alumni office, room 208, Cope Administration Building.

It is recommended that those applying for top positions be rising juniors with a minimum number of hours taken during the year of office, but this is not a requirement.

Applications for other Midlander staff positions will also be taken in the alumni office.

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## Credit for ROTC Still Anti-Academic

President Scarlett's ad hoc committee on Reserved Officer Training reported back to him Friday, recommending a program of voluntary ROTC.

The president, however, was out of the city—attending a meeting of the state board of education. Therefore, no official reply had been made at press time. The committee asked that the change be accomplished at the earliest possible date.

When the committee was created, however, Dr. Harry Wagner, the president's administrative assistant, specified that any recommendations would be forwarded to the university curriculum committee—the authority before any change is recommended to the president.

A concrete change in the ROTC program here is expected, nevertheless, before the fall semester begins.

Among the committee's proposals was one that favored offering ROTC as a minor at MTSU, since it is "a proper subject leading to a professional career." Of the entire recommendation, we question only this section.

Reserved Officer Training should not be offered for credit at this university because it is essentially nonacademic. Although it may lead to a professional career, the military establishment offers its own training and development processes, which include college-level education for those who desire it.

Furthermore, although the regional university concept includes aid to the region and community, MTSU is in no case a trade school. The military learning process—favoring specific reaction over critical thinking—is also in opposition to the goals of an academic institution.

Although ROTC should actually be given extracurricular status here, we agree with and support the general thrust of the committee's statement. And we urge that these recommendations be implemented as soon as it is practicable.

## The Last Word

### Letter from the Editor

There is a story about a man who bought a mule, and he couldn't get the animal to move. After repeated tugs at the rope, which held the mule by the neck, the man quit trying and sat on a stump nearby.

Presently, an aging, overalled farmer happened by, and the first man asked for advice. Without a word, the farmer stepped over to a board fence, ripped off one of the planks and then stepped in front of the mule.

He drew back the board, with both hands, and still without speaking a word he struck the dumb beast squarely between the ears, but after a blink and a shudder, the mule remained motionless.

"Why did you do that?" the first man choked.

Leaning the board against the fence and dusting off his hands, the farmer replied calmly:

"First, you have to get his attention."

This has been a unique but quiet spring for the MTSU campus. Its students have asked for change, and its administrators have dutifully listened. The catalogue of requests the students have made looks like an agenda for a social revolution—in many respects, it was.

But it is interesting that some in the faculty, student body and administration think that the demands were too harsh. It is sad that many of these believe the times were not ready, that even the obscene words appeared too early in a budding campus magazine.

A good reaction to statements that the changes came too quickly and the demands too harsh is to say that perhaps first, you have to get someone's attention. And unless you get the attention, you cry in vain.

So too, for the student newspaper. The editorial columns this semester were never intended to please or pacify any group of students. But more importantly we have tried to bring some new ideas, a breath of fresh air, into this university's concept of a student newspaper. In my opinion, we have done this, although there is much remaining to be done.

The crucial juncture for the SIDELINES is past now. Beginning with changes offered by David Mathis, the editor whom I followed, the SIDELINES entered a metamorphosis—one that would make it an adequate campus newspaper—at least, by the end of the semester. Although much remains to be done, I believe the newspaper is over its hump.

I would define this hump, or critical period, as a time when the campus—including faculty and administration—became educated in how a university can be united through a newspaper. The role of the SIDELINES has always been to do this, but unfortunately, past editors have not fulfilled their roles.

So it has been the province of the SIDELINES, during this peacefully explosive semester, to educate its readers. The lesson we have tried to communicate, however successful we may have been, is that the student newspaper should be just that. It should be for the students, but it should also be a newspaper.

But being a newspaper, it is not to be a mere bulletin board. Instead of the "announcement sheet" tradition which guided and influenced the SIDELINES during the semesters before 1968, we have attempted instead to give it another identity.

First, we have attempted to provide better and more comprehensive coverage of news on campus. The newspaper has tried to reflect the tremendous sweep of opinion, both in the news columns and on the editorial pages. And if the SIDELINES' news coverage has been called radical or racist—and these charges have been made—then it is only because we have dealt with radical and racist subjects. The charges, therefore, are ludicrous.

Secondly, we have attempted to make the editorial pages and opinion columns into a more receptive medium. We have made these pages, I believe, a "free marketplace of ideas"—Milton's phrase—and if the student body has not seen enough student writing on these pages, then it is only because students have not submitted their own ideas.

But if the ideas we have offered, for our part, have seemed unduly harsh, then perhaps it was because the reader has never tried these ideas before. Ignorance quite often produces such a fear. All the observations we have made this semester—segregation in fraternities, the inequities in compulsory ROTC and social restrictions, and finally, black separatism—often have been received as little more than slaps in the face.

However, if a student, faculty member or administrator has been made to realize the problems we have seen this year—problems they may have forgotten—then our efforts will not have been in vain.

The editor who follows me will have another responsibility, however. Simply, it is this: He must continue what students have begun this spring—the steady curiosity of an interested critic. Early in the semester we said the call for change requires the asking of certain questions, and the need for progress demands good answers.

Because of the SIDELINES' new personality and appeal now, this editorial curiosity must not falter.

Keel Hunt

Letters

# 3 Students Answer Lucas' Letter

To the Editor:

In regard to Edmond J. Lucas' letter published in the May 12 SIDELINES.

The fact that, in his letter, Mr. Lucas salutes the purpose of the Revolutionary War, and its band of radical leaders in itself supports our present day protesters.

He states that our nation came to be one in pursuit of freedom and the democratic way of life. Is there need to remind him that the protesters are products of such a searching nation?

Mr. Lucas states that our nation has rushed to the aid of oppressed countries to fight what we know as "communism" for the past two centuries. It could be more truthfully stated that the United States has entered wars only in retaliation against direct hostile aggression against itself except the notorious involvement in the Spanish-American War (non-communistic), and those entered by our administrations during the past several years.

If it is true that the United States has a unique way of life like no other country in the world, as Lucas states, how can he logically question why protesters continue to promote a more free and more democratic society.

Lucas preaches that with faith in God, and the ever growing courage that our brave young men exhibit, we will win the war. The ideal that God represents to

us is not one of political affiliation but one of universal unity, love and peace. The brave young soldiers of whom he speaks are fighting for self-survival in a war in which they had no freedom of choice concerning personal or national commitment.

Mr. Lucas' later states that he reads of various protests and doesn't understand the motive behind them. As we see it, this is simply a case of lack of exposure. We feel understanding a minority group's feelings is an obligation that a critic must undertake. Without this awareness, we question his ability to criticize. The fact that one of us is a war veteran who was subjected to red, white, and blue propaganda in Asia enables us to realize why Lucas doesn't have an understanding of the movement against the war. It's not completely his fault; there is simply a need for better news media and communications overseas.

He furthermore says that only fighting men have the understanding to protest the war if they so desire, but yet the protesters left-wing radical movements and admits he knows little about that particular line of thought. He states that only those that have seen blood and death are qualified to speak out, but we feel that the knowledge of such conditions and the fear of being made part of possible human extermination gives us the right to speak against it.

"You protesters and trouble-makers are not Americans," Mr. Lucas avers. Such slander is commonly used within ultra-conservative circles. We believe that most student war protesters are, in fact, very much American; if they weren't American, they wouldn't be concerned with the country's foreign policy in such mass as they are. He says the protest-

ers have "hollered" about rights, and suggested change to their "every whim". We see these "whims" as the individual's motivation to influence the American democratic process now, without the restraint of un-American repression.

Mr. Lucas recommends Russia as a nice place to live and protest in, and we are sure that, if we ever do work out our conflicts here in America, there will be dedicated peacemakers that feel a need to move on and bring change wherever it is needed, possibly even Russia; but protesters see a need for reform in their homeland first. Our conclusion is that Lucas fails to recognize the need for doubt of and opposition to certain policies. If small minority groups had not started protesting racial discrimination in America as early as 1790, we would not be experiencing racial equality that is taking place today within our boundaries.

In Lucas' opinion, protesters are cowards that are motivated by personal fear. Cowards can be found within a protest movement, but they can also be found in the rice paddies in Vietnam, and both can be basically the same. They only face different stages of a violent game called survival.

In his summary he states that he feels deep bitterness toward protesters. We can truthfully say that we have no similar feelings for the war hawks. We are not dogmatic about what is right or wrong, but would simply like to express the conviction that without protest the country would lose its purpose and would represent what it's trying to oppress.

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## Senior Relates Many Uncertainties About College Years, Future Life

To the Editor:

I am a senior. I am supposed to be educated as of May 31. I can't tell you anything for sure, but the newspapers talk of a bloody war in Vietnam, and a flaming auto crash out the highway, and any day now

Liz Taylor is going to leave Richard they say.

My college years have made it more difficult for me to believe in things with the faith that a future stockbroker, insurance salesman, or clergyman should exhibit. There does not exist, despite what you've been told, a solution for every problem or a problem for every solution. The state department plays foreign policy; I play the pinball machine. We're even.

The state legislature passed a tax to keep margarine from replacing butter. They also passed a law making it illegal to photograph certain organs and parts of the body which might be offensive to the values and tastes of the general public.

Have you ever had an offensive organ snatch your purse? Did you ever get up the nerve to tell your boss he had bad breath the same day he found out he had lung cancer? Was I doing her or was she doin' me? It takes a while to learn that nothing's for sure. I was on my

way to ROTC Drill one day when my country came by on a three wheel Harley-Davidson motor-

Max Lerner

# What Can Be Done To Save Universities ?

ITHACA, N.Y.--Gradually, painfully, the administrators and faculties are carving out a tactic for what can be done to save the universities. The best positive example is the case of Columbia, which acted exactly right in the face of SDS seizure of two buildings. The president used a court injunction which sent the SDS "revolutionaries" filing ingloriously out of the buildings while they covered their faces from the cameras like any Mafia operators caught in a police lineup. The faculty stayed cool and united, and a group in a seized building stuck to their offices and work. The massive student majority isolated the little SDS band, refusing them support or involvement.

### Guidelines

From the recent campus experiences, some guidelines are beginning to emerge. The following seemed tolerably clear at this moment of history:

1--There is no one course of action. Use all the available resources--legal, moral, municipal and those of university discipline and unity. The question is the right sequence and mix.

2--On open and closed universities: The university must not be closed except in the direst emergency. It is its function as an organism to stay open.

3--On guns, seizures, sit-ins, disruptions: The rule is to exclude whatever threatens or paralyzes the functioning of the university. The campus must have its own antigun rule, including a ban of student off-campus guns, whatever the municipal law may be. Seizures of buildings, disruptions of classrooms or the closing of access to them, the paralysis of the process of study and teaching by whatever means: All these must be considered

out. Dissent, protest meetings and peaceful demonstrations must be allowed as part of the competition of ideas.

### Policeman

4--On injunctions and police: The calling of local or state police by university officials should be only a final resort. There are two reasons for this. One is the jealous tradition that the university tries to settle its own problems first and preserve as much autonomy as possible. The other is that when police are called to clear out a building they do it fast and furiously in order to get it over with and minimize their own injuries. The results (as at Harvard recently) are bruised heads, blood--and a radicalizing of the larger segment of the student body, which is what the building-seizure was aimed at.

If the building is not vital, some college administrators favor letting the invaders hold it while the life of the university swirls around it and isolates it. That worked at Brandeis and Chicago. It didn't at Cornell because guns were brought in and officials and faculty were panicked into surrendering. The better way is emerging now: To get a court injunction, warn the students of arrests and college disciplinary punishments and leave the question of police action to the courts. This takes the burden off the shoulders of the overburdened administrators and leaves the small violent group without an issue.

### Sanctions

5--On university sanctions: This is the heart of the matter. As an organism, the university must have its own laws of being, surviving, growing. The old faculty-student judiciary systems are inadequate. Newsystems will emerge as part of new tripartite university governments, with students, faculty and administration making long-range decisions together. The administration must apply them from day to day.

These rules are that count, with suspension and expulsion as the ultimate sanctions. Students are the life of a university--not to be seen as police targets or unruly children or breakable heads but as what the university is all about. They must be given every chance to take part in the decision-making process, which is part of the larger learning process. If they try to paralyze both, they must assume the consequences. Some who romanticize violence, and may even glory in being martyrs, may not be deterred by police and arrest. But to be suspended or expelled means to be cut out of a crucial life and career experience. Any student except the most fanatical SDS or Progressive Labor revolutionary will think twice before he embraces that penalty.

6--On amnesties: It follows that amnesties are intolerable. Obviously, the demand for amnesty as a condition for giving up a building or student strike will always be made because it is a way of getting impunity and cancels the risks of violence of revolt. Just as obviously, it must be denied or else the whole university rule of law and rule of ideas is abdicated.

## Sidelines Is Not Screening Black Union - Cleveland

To the Editor:

There have been some misconceptions on your part which can be clarified by reading our constitution.

Because the legality of our constitution cannot be blemished, we need not defend it. It speaks for itself. Next time, read our constitution, Keel Hunt, before drawing false conclusions. Although you can make all the ignorant statements you choose, the Black Student Union is not being screened by the SIDELINES. That is all, and it is more than you need to know.

Don Cleveland  
P.O. Box 6520

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P.S. This is dedicated to:  
Robert Zimmerman  
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This team emerged the winners in the softball intramural competition, Baptist Student Union (BSU). Members from left to right are Buddy Sullivan, Con Kellerhals, Bill Haisten, Sonny Day, and Larry Gutshall. In row two are Mack Hannah, George Foust, Chip Liner, Terry Scott, Derry Cochran, Reece Griffin, Butch Hannah, Jerry Hannah, and Henry Ramsey, the BSU director. These boys represent some of the best intramural athletes in the university, defeating KA for the title 8 - 7.

## BSU Wins Softball Crown, 8-7, on Freak Play

Baptist Student Union won the 1969 intramural softball crown Thursday afternoon 8-7 over Kappa Alpha.

BSU went through the season with one loss, the Wheel-knots, but BSU beat them for the league title easily.

They were unbeaten in tournament play, but it took a a freak play for them to win the title.

Behind 7-6 in the ninth inning, with two out and a man on second, BSU's Reece Griffin came to bat and lofted a long fly ball to center field. Approaching the tennis courts, KA's centerfielder fell, and the ball fell behind the backstop on the other field. BSU scored two runs on the hit and won the game.

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## SPORTS COMMENTS

Gary Davenport

Sports for the year 1968-69 has just about come to a close, and it's been a very interesting year.

Coach "Bubber" Murphy's team played some fine ballgames this year, but came out on the losing end of eight of them, marking the first time in 23 years that Murphy has had a losing season.

Basketball went as expected. Due to the absence of Ken Riley, the team had trouble against some of the taller, faster teams in the league, but none-the-less came out with a winning season.

With the coming of the clear weather and the sunshine, track and field hit the oval and finished in fine shape. Coach Dean Hayes has guided MTSU to the top of the field in this sport, and is to be commended for it.

The first annual Blue Raider Relays, drawing some of the top talent in the surrounding states, were held, with many of the Raider fans staying for the weekend to watch it. This is an accomplishment in itself.

Earle's Pearls had to forfeit some of their OVC games due to the playing of an ineligible player, resulting in a so-so year for the baseball team, while Patty's Paddlers played through sunshine and rain, mostly rain, to take some of the top tournaments in this area.

Intramural sports seemed to finish well, with the BSU and the Wheelknots taking the softball and football championships respectively. The "Oldfield" gang also won the basketball crown easily.

The girls' extramural team won the championship at Tech, and came out with a very fine season's record.

Kappa Alpha won the track crown in the intramural competition, while many of the females on this campus also competed in this sport themselves.

### IT WASN'T EASY

Being the sports editor for the spring semester has proved to be both enjoyable and interesting. Many experiences have been mine during this year, and I want to relate a few of them to you.

Take for example the time the girls' extramural teams were to have their pictures taken. This writer-tried photographer took his trusty Polaroid to the scene and came back with nothing but six of the sorriest pictures he's ever taken. I still can't figure out what went wrong, but some of those girls were out of sight.

Then there's the time during the ballgame when I asked my buddy, Gary O'Bryan to stand in the dugout while I shot a picture. Connections do help, but he had, incidentally, won the first game of the doubleheader just prior to the incident.

Intramural sports proved to be most interesting, since I also was a competitor for the Church of Christ team myself.

Basketball proved the hardest to cover, since there were six games a night for three-to-five weeks. I spent many an hour in the supply room getting the results from the scorebooks of the games I missed.

Track and field was the hardest, due to a banquet and some rain. I planned to compete in the events myself, but a Publications Banquet hindered this idea. It, the meet, was postponed until Monday night of last week, but the rain and "other business" kept me from attending these races.

Joe Black Hayes has done an outstanding job since taking over the post as intramural director, and he's kept on me too. I'm finally getting that story and picture in for you, SIR.

My most embarrassing story came as the result as my column on the weightlifting club. Have you ever seen how big their arms and chest are? They made my already scrawny arm look like spaghetti.

### THANKS FRIENDS

Things have been to my advantage thanks to some of the fine athletes at this university.

The golf team, which finished fourth in the OVC championships this weekend, has helped me tremendously. With men like Art Kraft and Mike Whiteside, who tied for third in the tourney, and Ernie Adcock, who shot two strokes

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## WON'T BE MAKING IT TO SMORITZ?

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## Area Coaching Clinic June 20-21

By Sue Porter

June 20 and 21, the coaches of Middle Tennessee State University will host the first annual Blue Raider Football Clinic, Head Coach Don Fuoss states.

It will be held in the University Center auditorium, and the pre-registration will be \$8 before June 1, and \$10 after that date.

The purpose of the clinic is to promote public relations here at MTSU and to provide a service for coaches in this area.

Some of the main speakers will be Bob Patterson, assistant football coach at Vanderbilt; Jack Mollenkoph, head football coach at Purdue; Russ Faulkinberry, Southwestern, La., football coach; Lee Corso, University of Louisiana coach, and Wimp Hewgley, assistant football coach at Purdue.

Warren Arial, the trainer for the New Orleans Saints, will be on hand to discuss problems that different coaches will bring to him concerning their athlete.

Lectures will be "The Sprint Out Series," "Adjustments on the 6-5 Goal Line Defense," "Defending The Triple Option Offense" and "What It Takes To Be a Winner."

Highlight of the Clinic will be a panel discussion held Friday night from 7-9. All the coaches on the program will be interviewed by the audience.

### Karate Team Captures 2nd in Tournament

Middle Tennessee State University's karate team sent representatives to the First Annual Southern Collegiate Karate Tournament May 15, to compete in the meet held in the Tennessee Temple gymnasium in Chattanooga.

The team competed very favorably, and came home in second place, behind winner Temple.

Teams from Tennessee, Vanderbilt, East Tennessee, Tech, and Dalton Junior College competed in the tournament.

Members from MTSU were David Deaton, a first degree black belt owner and captain of the team; and Wayne Tyler, brown belt.

Others in the competition and their rank are Joe Gilmore, purple belt; Gary Taylor, blue belt; and Glen DeMunclis, yellow belt.

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## SPORTS COMMENTS

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under them, it's not hard to find material to write about.

Being a former trackman myself, this sport has been the most enjoyable.

In the OVC meet over the weekend, Jerry Singleton won the half mile with a 1:53.6, while Dave Wyatt was second in the 440-intermediate hurdles.

Jon Edwards was fourth in the shot-put and second in the discus, while Lonell Poole was third in the 120-high hurdles and Terry Scott was 4th in the triple jump.

The mile relay team, which you have heard so much about this year, won the OVC title with a new record of 3:10.5, their best time to date.

Singleton, Wyatt, Dennis Bandy, and Scott make up this fine team, that ranks twelfth in the nation in this event.

Now do you see why I have had such a good time writing up these fine athletes, they're some of the finest around, and deserve a lot better than they got this past semester. I'll try to do better if you will.

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# Parks . . .

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doctrination, mass control. Academia emphasizes spontaneity, individuality, equality, free inquiry."

For these reasons, Parks believes, "ROTC inescapably lies outside the function of the university. If, as Eisenhower warned, there is danger in a military-industrial complex, the dangers inherent in a military-educational complex must also be examined."

Parks also pointed out that the recent ROTC poll, while a step in the right direction, was not as objective as it should have been. The questionnaire called for a choice between mandatory and voluntary ROTC. "Faculty members and students who are opposed to ROTC (in any form) were in effect put in the position of appearing to favor voluntary ROTC," Parks said.

"I particularly oppose any

## Staffers...

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served the SIDELINES as business manager during the past semester, is also reapplying for that position.

Vicki Hill is the sole applicant for COLLAGE editor. Miss Hill served three years on the Dalton, Ga., High School newspaper and was editor of their yearbook for two years. At MTSU, she has worked on the SIDELINES as staff reporter for two semesters. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Tau Omicron, Alpha Phi Gamma, and Kappa Sigma Phi.

Applicants for positions on the MIDLANDER staff have not yet been announced.

effort to buy student support for an unpopular program by increasing academic credit for non-academic drill. I do not believe credit for a program which is largely non-academic and even at times anti-academic should be increased. This would be debasement of academic currency," he added.

Parks also said that the decision of whether to endorse ROTC should not rest on the question of money. "I note that other state colleges in Tennessee are flourishing without military training at all," he commented. "I think our university should turn to a well organized non-credit intra-mural program to carry the weight of required physical education. This seemed to be the thrust of the original state board requirement which specified zero credit for physical education."

"The garrison state is no figment of the imagination," Parks cautioned. "Its nature should be continuously examined by a democratic society. The SIDELINES is to be commended for initiating dialogue on this question and it comes at an opportune time when the university is being called upon to rethink its role."

During the fall semester, Harry Temple, III, a Nashville sophomore, also raised the question of the legality of mandatory ROTC. He charged that it is "a hindrance to education and a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution."

Temple, who was classified 4F after being drafted into the Marine Corps, could not contest the measure in court himself because of his draft status. He said, however, that he would offer financial assistance to

## Miss Deal Wins Award At Vanderbilt Art Show

Vicki Deal, a Middle Tennessee State University student, captured the "Best in Show" award in the recent Central Tennessee Student Art Exhibition at Vanderbilt University.

Miss Deal was awarded a \$100 prize for her acrylic painting entitled "Noon Swimmer."

Co-sponsored by the Vanderbilt Student Arts Alliance and the Vanderbilt Fine Arts Gallery, the first annual exhibition opened with a reception for the students whose work was accepted. The student art will continue on display through May 16 in the gallery at 23rd and West End.

Buist Hardison, a Fish University student, won the \$25 first award for oil paintings with "The Final Ritual." The Best Sculpture prize, also \$25, went to Pat Nobles, a Peabody student, for an untitled work in cast bronze.

anyone else who would take the issue to court. He also said that three prominent Nashville attorneys (He did not cite names) had promised him legal assistance "because they say I'm in the right."

There was no response to Temple's offer.

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Kappa Alpha finished second in the softball competition, and are shown here receiving the trophy from Joe Brakeville for winning the fraternity league championship. From left to right in row one are Rick Abels, "Mac" McDonald, and Bill Marbitt. In row two are Mike Ullery, "Buck" Wally, Jim Phillips, Sam Lorch, Stan Sumrell and Tony Hudson.

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