

Linnell Gentry Revises Country Music Book

Linnell Gentry, new director of research, has recently revised his book, *A History and Encyclopedia of Country, Western, and Gospel Music*.

As the title suggests, the book deals with facts concerning important entertainers in the past and present of country music. The 603 biographies, arranged in the manner of *Who's Who*, include such personalities as Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, Roy Acuff, and Gentry's favorite, Johnny Cash. Also found in the book are over 70 reprinted magazine articles dealing with all facets of country music.

According to Gentry, sources for the book include an intense study of newspaper and magazine articles—especially those in the journal of country music, *Music City News*—as well as information compiled from questionnaires sent to the entertainers themselves. Gentry also visited many record shops and radio stations and travelled to Kentucky and West Virginia to find material for this first book of its kind.

He found that the big stars such as Tennessee Ernie Ford, Johnny Cash, and Rick Nelson were generally more helpful in informing him on the subject than were the lesser performers.

As a boy, Gentry became interested in music through his association with a fiddle-playing butcher who later became a senator, Robert C. Bird of West Virginia. The writing of this book grew out of his interest in and enjoyment of all types of music.

Country, western, and gospel music are obviously his favorites but he admits that, "There is a problem in what to call

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University Investigates Possibility Of Fraternity Row on Campus

President M. G. Scarlett said Tuesday that the University is investigating the possibility of the construction of a fraternity row on campus.

He stated that the location of the fraternity houses now presents problems in the way of noise and parking since they are located in residential areas.

"There is no way to solve these problems now," he said.

Concerning the building of a fraternity row, Scarlett said, "I think it is the best thing to do. I don't know where it will be located or how it will be financed, but we want to do something about it."

Scarlett met with representatives from the five recognized fraternities at MTSU

BY PAULETTE FOX

The Associated Student Body will take over the student campaign in regards to the arrest of four MTSU students, according to Van Martin, president of ASB.

The purpose of the ASB getting involved, said Martin, is to allow the students concerned about the incident to be able to work through the official student organization. "In this way we can protect certain individuals or groups from having to take all backlash."

Martin said, "Mary Pat Williams initiated action, and after

we checked into the matter a great deal, we decided that for the good of the university and all involved that the ASB should become actively involved." In this way Martin stated that he hoped to clarify all of the facts and kill some of the rumors going around campus.

Martin went on to say that he felt that the ASB had to take the responsibility or they wouldn't be truly representative of the student body. He said that he fully realized that the consequences might be friction between the University community and the surrounding community, but that was a responsibility which the ASB gravely accepted.

It was also stressed that the ASB was not demanding the students' innocence but rather asking that justice be done. Martin said that if after the first trial Monday, he felt that all the facts had not been brought out, then he would support the students arrested in their further efforts to bring out the facts.

Martin said that he doesn't "think that there will be any trouble." He went on to say, "I would like to see a fairly large well-disciplined crowd there at the trial to show that the students are concerned."

It was brought out again by Martin that "this is a positive thing. We're not looking to tear anything down, rather we are looking for justice and for progressive positive results."

The ASB is presently organizing a campaign which will include a petition. The petition states: "The incident of July 26 concerning four university students arrested by supposed police malpractice, has come to the attention of the ASB. After our preliminary inquiry of all known information, we feel that there is need for determination of policy of the police concerning all students of MTSU. Because of this, we

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if the University administration did not.

The statement, it was reported, was a result of the arrest of the four MTSU students last week at a party at a Fourth Avenue apartment.

Paulette Fox Receives Sidelines' Award for Outstanding Service

Paulette Fox, summer news editor for the *SIDELINES*, is the first recipient of the "Editor-in-Chief's Outstanding Service Award" for the summer production of the *SIDELINES*, Michael Goforth, editor-in-chief announced yesterday.

The award will be given on a semester basis to the staff member who, in the opinion of the editor, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in executing their delegated responsibility.

Miss Fox, Nashville junior, has served in the capacity of special reporter, news editor and next fall will be feature editor for the *SIDELINES*.

"With only a very small staff, Paulette has been responsible for covering campus news this summer. She has accomplished this duty in a most outstanding manner, and without the long hours she has spent in gathering and writing the news, the summer editions of the *SIDELINES*

would not have been possible," said Goforth. Miss Fox's name will be

engraved on a plaque to hang permanently in the *SIDELINES* office.



Paulette Fox, summer news editor, works on a story to beat another deadline.

ASB Members To Hold Annual Hy-Lake Retreat

The ASB will sponsor the annual Hy-Lake retreat September 4 through September 6. Van Martin, president of the ASB, in announcing the meeting said that the retreat is being held for the members of the ASB in order that they might get to know each other better.

All members of the House, Senate, Supreme Court and ASB committees are invited to attend. This will give the individual groups a chance to meet and talk over their plans for the coming year. Martin said that "a closeness (between members of the committees) comes out of these meetings and it creates respect."

The first night will be a question and answer period between the students. According to Martin the second night will be a question and answer period between the students and the administration. "We hope to have an exchange of ideas with President Scarlett and the different deans."

Martin says that he believes that the main topic of discussion will be the new rules and student handbook.

The retreat will end by noon Saturday. Martin said that he hoped that the retreat will be a personal type of thing, mixing business with pleasure.