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## Alabama judge rules prayer in school OK

United Press International  
MOBILE, Ala. — A federal judge ruled that the U.S. Supreme Court made a mistake in

banning school prayer 21 years ago and ordered Alabama's two classroom prayer laws left intact. "My basic reaction is that the judge has gone off like a loose cannon," said agnostic Ishmael Jaffree, an attorney who filed the suit against the state laws.

U.S. District Judge W. Breward Hand admitted his ruling Friday may be ineffective.

"Perhaps this opinion will be no more than a voice crying in the wilderness," Hand said.

Jaffree predicted ultimate victory in appeals courts. "He'll be reversed when this is appealed to the 11th Circuit," he said. "It's like a judge deciding, 'I'm not going to follow the law. I'm going to make some new laws of my own.'"

Hand's ruling dismissed Jaffree's suit against Alabama's 1981 law that allows a moment of silent meditation in classrooms and a 1982 law that allows vocal prayers led by teachers.

Hand said the men who drafted the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and religion, "never intended to erect an absolute wall

of separation between the federal government and religion."

Jaffree originally filed suit in December 1981 against three teachers who led prayers daily, under the state's 1981 statute, in his three adolescent children's classrooms.

Jaffree said his children were ridiculed by classmates for not participating in devotionals.

He later amended his suit to also include the 1982 state prayer law.

The three teachers — Charlene Boyd, Julia Green and Pixie Alexander — voiced their relief. Boyd said the stress she had suffered during the trial had lessened.

"The duress is less, but the battle is God's, not ours," she said.

Dan Alexander, Mobile County school board president, held a press conference with the three teachers at the George Hall Elementary School cafeteria where he told 200 children about Hand's decision.

Alexander then led the students in a recitation of grace, "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food."

## What's Up

### Monday

**MSC VARIETY SHOW:** Applications to perform in the 1983 MSC Variety Show are available now at the secretaries' office in 216 MSC. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15. **SPEECH COMMUNICATION COLLOQUIUM** (Dept. of English): Dr. Dale Hamble, Associate Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Western Illinois University, will speak on "Beyond Textual and Interactional Approaches to Argument: A Third Perspective" in a meeting at 7 p.m. in 203 A&A Building.

### Tuesday

**CHI ALPHA:** Worship and a teaching on "Preparation for Marriage" will be held at 7 p.m. at the All Faith's Chapel.

### Wednesday

**ULTRALIGHT FLYING ORGANIZATION:** The first spring meeting will be held at 9 p.m. in 305-A Rudder. New members are welcome.

## Draft dodger sidesteps jail

United Press International  
BOSTON — A federal judge declined to jail a man Friday for refusing to register for the draft, saying the offender was acting out of "personal concern." But the youth said he wasn't satisfied with his probation.

U.S. District Court Judge David Nelson sentenced Edward Hasbrouck to two years of probation and 1,000 hours of community service for refusing to register with the Selective Service.

But Hasbrouck, 23, of Wellesley, said he and the judge have an ideological conflict about community service.

"The most important work, in the interests of the human community, is to work against the nuclear-arms buildup in the United States," Hasbrouck said.

Nelson suggested Hasbrouck work with the elderly, the poor, or in a hospital.

The judge also imposed a six-month suspended prison sentence, which he can invoke if Hasbrouck refuses to do the proscribed volunteer work.

"It's possible I may end up serving the six-month sent-

ence," Hasbrouck said, "but even that six months is compared with the sentence I might have been imposed."

Nelson rejected the attorney's recommendation that Hasbrouck be sentenced to four years in prison.

"I cannot agree that the offense and the circumstances of this offense merit incarceration, unless I care to make a political statement," Nelson said, sentencing Hasbrouck to probation.

"I think I've at least known that, although I was alone in clearly in defiance of the law, you are acting out of personal concern," he said.

Hasbrouck, the sixth man in the nation convicted of refusing to register with the Selective Service, said he hoped his would focus attention on the he called government attempt to silence opposition to the draft.

He said Nelson's rejection of the U.S. attorney's recommendation for a prison sentence "represents a realization of a federal judge (that) is attempting to harass and intimidate people into registering."

## Ads to help Tylenol suspect

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Advertisements aimed at raising money for the defense of James Lewis, the man accused in the Tylenol extortion case, will run in six Sunday newspapers, the group organizing the fund says.

Ted Otteson, co-chairman of the Fund for the Presumption of Innocence, said the advertisements would run in the Kansas City Star, the Chicago Sun-Times, The New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Boston Globe and the Joplin Globe.

A news conference to discuss the fund drive was scheduled for 10 a.m. CST today.

Otteson said the fund was established on the basis people are "presumed innocent unless proved guilty" and James and his wife, LeAnn Lewis, would be its first beneficiaries.

He said a statement from the Lewises would be read at the news conference. Selene Hunter of Boston, the fund's first benefactor, also was to be introduced.

Lewis will be tried Feb. 22 in Kansas City on charges of fraud and making a false statement against the government.

He pleaded not guilty to charges during his arraignment Thursday. He then was turned to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, where he has been since authorities brought him to Kansas from Chicago a week ago to face the charges.


Lewis, 36, was captured in New York library last month ending a nationwide search had been linked to an extortion note to Johnson & Johnson makers of Extra-Strength Tylenol. Seven people in the Chicago area died last fall when they took Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide.

Lewis' wife, LeAnn, was arrested to authorities in Chicago shortly after her husband's arrest. They are not considered suspects in the poisonings. Lewis has denied writing the extortion letters.

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