



*Chappell*

John Chappell will give his characterization of Mark Twain at the University Center Thursday night. His appearance is sponsored by the Fine Arts committee of the programming subcommittees.

## Campus organizations announce blood drive

In conjunction with the Red Cross, the Track and Sabre Club and ASB are planning a blood drive Dec. 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to Colonel Vern Reaugh, professor of military science.

This two-day blood drive, Reaugh indicated, will be in place of the single day drives held in previous years in the winter and the spring.

He explained that the theme of the drive would be "A Suggestion for Your Christmas List," noting that during the holiday season there is a great demand for blood but few available donors.

The military science professor said that the Red Cross facilities would be located on the top floor of the University Center

with Red Cross staff and volunteers on hand to take the donations.

Reaugh emphasized that any student under 21 years of age wishing to donate blood during this drive would have to have a permission slip signed by the student's parent or guardian. He suggested that the Thanksgiving holiday would provide a choice opportunity for students to get parental permission.

Reaugh also indicated that there will be a competition for campus organizations during the blood drive. He said that there will be two divisions for the competition with one composed of Greek organizations and one composed of all campus organizations with more than 20 members.

## Chappell to portray Twain

By Gary Matthews

John Chappell, who brings the internationally known "Mark Twain Tonight" to the University Center Theatre at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, presents Hal Holbrook's rare personal collection of authentic Twain material, on stage, in one of his famous "lectures" - a humorous, dramatic, living self-portrait of one of America's truly great literary figures.

The show will additionally be broadcast live by WMOT.

Peeled clean of his make-up, John Chappell is a stout-faced fellow with dark eyes, black moustache and long black hair.

Even when he is relaxing, there is an intensity about him, a kind of restlessness that men of great curiosity and learning seem to exude.

"When I decided to try 'Mark Twain Tonight', I spoke to Holbrook about it," he said. "I told him I wanted to use some of his material because it said so much about humanity, and said it in a way people of the South, or anywhere, could understand it." "I think it appealed to him. He said, 'Sure, why not? A lot of people are using the material without asking.'"

Chappell is fascinated by the material Holbrook has gleaned

from Twain's writing. He has read and studied the life of Twain, absorbing the man's life from his writings. He feels that much of what Twain used applies to the complexity of the modern world. Becoming Mark Twain was not easy. The make-up took hours of study and practice. But it was the voice that was aggravating.

"I tried to copy Holbrook, but couldn't. I even wrote him about it and he answered that I should think in terms of the phrasing. Honestly, I had no idea what would happen and I never did get the voice until I made my first public appearance in Beaufort, South Carolina. When I walked out before the audience, it was there. It was an odd sensation - as though Twain were there and I was just looking over his shoulder."

"Mark Twain," upon whose life and work the show is based, is the pseudonym of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, whose mastery of satire and American vernacular combined to make him this country's greatest humorist.

The pen-name, which means "two fathoms deep," reflects

the 19th century writer's early life as a Mississippi riverboat pilot.

Ernest Hemingway described Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" as "both the first and best book in American literature." William Faulkner, twenty years later, echoed this judgement.

Twain is also known for his other towering works, which include "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Innocents Abroad," "Life on the Mississippi," "Roughing It," and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."

Bernard DeVoto described Twain as "a true son of the frontier, who brought a robust and democratic energy into the effete literature of the East."

Twain's wry brand of humor is reflected in other pseudonyms he used early in his career as a writer and journalist - names such as Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass, W. Epaminandros Adrastus Blab, Sergeant Fathom, and Josh.

Although Twain became progressively more bitter and disillusioned toward the end of his life, Holbrook has observed that probably no other pessimist in history has produced as much laughter and enjoyment.

## Pulitzer Prize winner

## Caldwell advocates free press

Nat Caldwell, Nashville Tennessean reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner, called for a more controversial press in his speech before the student journalists assembled for the Tennessee Collegiate Press Association convention Friday.

Caldwell decried adherence to the school of journalism which emphasizes objectivity and which only attempts to present both sides of the issue at question.

He noted that this type of journalism leaves the public unin-

formed and bored, and makes them turn to the evening newscast in which broadcasters will allow their opinions to come through.

The Pulitzer prize winner said

that the first amendment guaranteeing freedom of the press was adopted not to protect the factual journals but to protect the opinion journals of the era. He cited Thomas Paine as an example of a fiercely independent view of the news who exhibited every shade of opinion.

To attempt to present only the views of the opposing sides, Caldwell (Continued on Pg. 2)

## Wilkerson proclaims election litter policy

With freshmen elections on Wednesday ASB election commissioner Al Wilkerson announced rigid measures for campaign clean-ups. These stipulations, recently approved by the election commission, will subject campaigners to a minimal \$25 clean-up fine.

Wilkerson explained that candidates whose material is found after the 24 post election period will be sent to the Supreme Court. The court, he said, will suggest a punishment and refer the student to the Dean of Students. The suggestion will be in accordance with the new election commission decision, he added.

Wilkerson mentioned that the fine from this demeanor will go to the custodians in charge of the littered area. As his solution to one aspect of campus pollution, Wilkerson assured the ruling's strict enforcement.

ASB elections are not the only form of campus pollution however as numerous dollars are spent yearly to keep the MTSU campus free of litter.

Nine men are employed to clean up the football stadium after each ballgame; 12 man-hours a day are required to keep discarded mail picked up.

Six days a week three maintenance men and three to four students spend several hours picking

By Rita Henderson

up littered articles. In addition, the entire maintenance grounds force, from 12 to 15 men is employed to clean up post election material.

Campus leaders realize the need to minimize campus litter and the funds it involves.

Bart Gordon, ASB president hopefully plans to aid campus upkeep and facilitate maintenance. He proposes placement of an adequate number of well located, attractive litter barrels on campus. Limited ASB funds however, have stifled progress of this idea, demanding that Gordon seek aid and enthusiasm from various campus organizations.

Besides individual conserving efforts, Maintenance Director Harold Jewell commended and urged organizational cleanup campaigns on campus. He said this means more student involvement and a greater student pride in the campus; this would enable the maintenance department to direct its efforts toward other areas of campus beautification.

Sociology instructor Marlyn M. Wells defines littering as culturally acquired characteristic. It is actually a question of values, she declared. Indicating that litterers do not care to expend

the energy necessary to keep their surroundings neat, she called littering a question of values. "They value the ease of disposal over beauty," the sociologist said.

Many students, she imparted, may feel disoriented as far as personal involvement and meaning in university life; they do not value the university for what it is--their university.

The instructor revealed that up until about 10 years ago, the question of litter was not conceived as a dangerous one. According to Mrs. Wells, it was considered to be a problem in the low intensity norm; it was discouraged but not a threatening wrong. Though publicity has increased and fines have raised, numerous people continue to value this polluting source lightly, Mrs. Wells concluded.

As no one reason exists for littering, no one solution, can be found, according to Gerald Parchment, biology professor and ecology enthusiast. He professed a need on a broader level, that of returning to deposit containers. He avowed that the disposable containers have become a serious threat. Containers that are easily burned, quick to decay, or returnable may be one answer to this universal pollution problem, Parchment reasoned.



## Freshmen to elect officials

One of the largest votes ever in a class election is expected Thursday when the freshman class goes to the polls to elect officers to fill 11 freshman posts, according to Al Wilkerson, ASB election commissioner.

A field of 53 candidates, which is also termed as one of the largest ever for a class election, qualified to fill the 11 posts.

The field included nine candidates for president, six for vice-president, eight for treasurer, five for secretary, 13 candidates for the three freshmen senate seats, four for the seat in the ASB house, three candidates for two seats on the

womans dormitory council and four candidates for sergeant-at-arms.

In case of a runoff, which is highly probable, according to Wilkerson, another election will be held Friday. Every race where no candidate received at least 50 percent of the vote will be in the runoff with the top two vote getters in each such race in the runoff.

The election was originally scheduled for Wednesday with runoffs on Thursday but was changed to Thursday and Friday because of the unavailability of voting machines on Wednesday, stated the ASB election commissioner.

## Baldwin to receive honor

MTSU was granted permission Friday by the State Board of Education to name its planetarium after the late Edward B. Baldwin, former chairman of the geography and earth science department.

The Board also approved a request from the university to name the Health Services building (completed last spring) after Jack McFarland, publisher of the Daily News Journal and former president of the MTSU Foundation.

Announcement of the board approval to name both facilities was made Friday by University President M. G. Scarlett.

Baldwin, who was a geography professor here until his death Sept. 23, took the lead in de-

veloping the university's first planetarium.

The planetarium, located in room 303 of the Old Main building, was opened in 1966 and has been made available to elementary and secondary school groups, as well as clubs and civic

organizations, as a supplement to classroom work.

The facility demonstrates, among other things, the actual behavior of the sun, stars, planets, moon, meteorites and satellites.

Baldwin was a member of the MTSU faculty from Sept. 15, 1939, until his death. He served as chairman of the department from its beginning July 1, 1965, until his retirement last Sept. 1 after reaching his 65th birthday.

McFarland, president emeritus of the MTSU Foundation, was a driving force behind the Health Services building project, which has been valued at \$365,000.

The new facility, located on the eastern side of the campus near the new high-rise dormitory, replaced a previous infirmary located in the basement of Reynolds Hall. Dedication of the new center was held last May 21.

## Committee initiates plans

By Becky Freeman

ASB officials and seven community leaders met Thursday as members of the newly formed Community Relations Committee and initiated plans to combine the resources of the university and the community.

The committee, meeting monthly, will attempt to resolve problems between the students and the community and to act as a liaison between the two entities, according to Bart Gordon, ASB president.

Among the plans discussed were an employment agency for students, a student discount service, the building of an interfaith chapel on campus and the possibility of expansion of student credit.

Community officials related to the student members ways in which the students made favorable impressions on the community. Mrs. Harriet Haynes, a Murfreesboro OEO official cited the volunteer activities of university groups in projects to help in disadvantaged areas as making a positive impression for the University on the community. Fraternity aid in the Cancer Fund drives was mentioned by Tom Farmer, a community member.

In efforts to further communication between Murfreesboro and MTSU, the students and local residents agreed that the establishment of corresponding town and community bulletin boards would be feasible. Gordon reminded the group that MTSU Public Programs were open to Murfreesboro Community, including the fall Festival of the Arts to be held this week.

The possibility of establishing a student discount service was taken under investigation by the committee. The ASB president

noted that several years ago a discount service failed due to lack of student participation. Gordon suggested that the funds earned by the service could go toward a scholarship for a Rutherford County student.

Collier Woods, vice-president of Central High School, explained the difficulties that face black students in acquiring jobs. He indicated that most young blacks felt the best way to get a job was through other blacks and they distrusted the competence of employment agencies.

## Nunley notes calendar study

In an attempt to discern university community opinion on calendar changes, the Calendar Committee will conduct a meeting today at 11 a.m. in Room 324 of the University Center, according to Joe Nunley, chairman of the committee.

This second committee established by President Scarlett to study the calendar, Nunley said, has as its most important feature the study of the recommended change is the termination of the fall semester prior to the Christmas holidays.

Other questions to be dealt with by the committee, he said, will be the time of the inter-session period, the initiation of short session courses, changes in the summer school calendar and changes in exam and registration dates.

## Caldwell advocates . . .

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well stated, is to imply that the true facts are not known.

In regard to college journalism, the 'Tennessean' reporter expressed the view that unless there is constant tension between those who write college newspapers and the "establishment" the newspaper will not be worth reading.

He said, "If you are not provocative, then you are dead."

Caldwell further stated that if the student journalists do not sharpen their typewriters and their tongues they serve no purpose.

The Pulitzer Prize winner also expressed the view that if this nation does not stem the tide of pollution there will be no need to worry about nuclear war; the

human race will go down gasping for air under piles of tin cans, human waste and industrial effluent.

In viewing America's political and social environment, he stated that we have to enjoy not only the samenesses within America but also the differences; the difference is "what America is all about."

He continued in this vein by saying that basic differences begat violence and that "civil disorder is the very essence of the American tradition."

Caldwell defended the "Banner-Tennessean syndrome" of political partisanship by stating that it entertains the reader and enlarges the voter turn-out.

He charged President Nixon with exploiting racism as a po-

litical issue and putting it under the cover of law and order.

Caldwell indicated that Nixon had deliberately appointed two justices from the South whom the President was aware would have a difficult time being approved. This strategy and the masked racism was effective in only a few states, he added, but was particularly effective in Tennessee.

The professional journalist concluded by stating that America can aid the remainder of the world by moving away from materialism. This materialism, he said, creates within people in underdeveloped countries a desire for wealth and goods, and a desire for it immediately.

This desire is one reason for "the communist demon running around the world," Caldwell stated, because communism can bring supposedly prosperity faster than capitalism.



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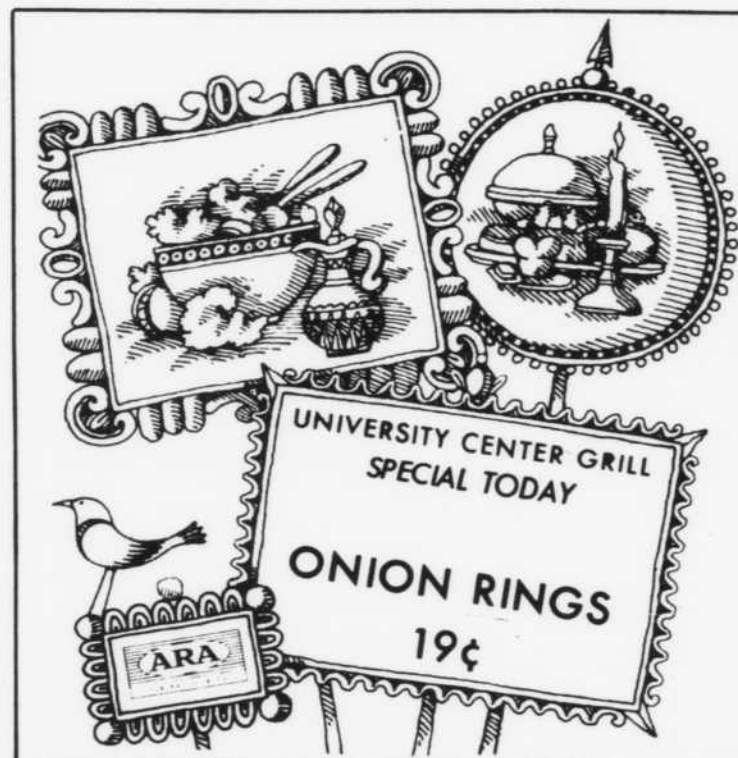
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# Arts Festival to include 'Dirty Work'



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*Save  
her!*

"Is this, then, to be the end? Will no one rescue our heroine (Connie O'Connell) from the clutches of malicious, malevolent, murderous Munro Murgatroy (Keith Bronder)? O someone save sweet Nellie -- one of nature's noblest creations!"



*Love  
triumphs*

Jubilant in adoration of his love (Connie O'Connell), Adam (Tony Pendergrass) bespeaks the wonder of "my tempted, my tried, yet, ever true -- Nellie!" The 19th century melodrama opens in keeping with the theme ("Mark Twain, a Man and his River") of the Fall Festival of Arts.

## Harp Singers perform varied selections

Singing a capella, seated around a table in sixteenth century modrigal style, MTSU's Sacred Harp Singers perform a repertoire of folk songs, ballads, hymns, spirituals, and madrigals.

Sacred Harp Singers, which is composed of 13 singers, is directed by Mrs. Margaret Wright, Associate Professor of Music. Organized in 1947, the group has toured the south-eastern states for 24 years.

The Harp Singers are chosen on a strictly selective basis of voice quality, musicianship, personality, and character.

"The group has been particularly effective in recruiting activities on behalf of the university and have gained public acclaim throughout the south," noted Mrs. Wright.

Members of the 1970 group include Phyllis Lord of Ashland City, Nancy Beard of Hartsville, Jinnie Dee Defriese of Chattanooga and Jean Riggan of Columbia-Sopranos; Marilyn Meador of Centerville and Barbara Hoffman of Gallatin, contraltos; William Lord of Binghamton, New York, and Eddie Pruett of Chattanooga, tenors; Randy Carson

By Connie Braddock  
and Ethyl Hollis

of Chattanooga and Micheal Moffitt of Tullahoma, baritone; and Jack Ray of Chattanooga and Micheal Dyce of Nashville, basses.

"For a singer in the music department, this is the epitome of success singing in a group like The Sacred Harp Singers," commented Bill Lord, a Sacred Harp tenor from Binghamton, New York.

Micheal Moffitt, a baritone, said that he enjoyed the touring part of being a member of the Harp Singers because the group has performed at such varied places including folk festivals, schools, churches, and conventions.

The ensemble has performed at the War Memorial Auditorium for the State and Mid-State Education Association Convention, in Tallahassee, Fla. for the Southern Convention of the Music Teachers Association, and the State MTNA convention in Memphis.

In June of 1970, the Harp Singers presented a program of

traditional folk music for the Executives' Secretaries, Inc., at the Governor's Mansion in Nashville.

The Harp Singers' agenda includes an appearance on Dec. 6 at the traditional Oaklands Christmas Tea in Murfreesboro and the MTSU Dames Club in the Tennessee Room on Dec. 9.

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## Required courses need more study

Results of the first of a proposed series of studies regarding the current general education requirements indicated that there is no correlation between students who failed out of school and a low average on general education requirements.

While this study proved a valid point and should be considered in the final analysis of the general educational requirements it does not answer a more important question.

That is the question of whether or not the time and energies consumed in these courses could not be used in a more advantageous manner.

The value of the general education requirements are questioned more in some areas than in others.

Two years of science for instance is more than many other schools require and the specification that each student must take four specific science courses, unless students take more advanced courses, is something that is not generally practiced by universities of the calibre of MTSU.

Memphis State University for instance requires only one year in a natural or a physical science. This requirement must be met with a two-semester course one science. Sciences which students can choose from include biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics or physics.

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Even though the first study did not show a correlation between students who failed out of school and low grades in the general education courses another study might investigate students who stayed in school and their performance in the general education courses. A study of this nature could be made to show if these students scored lower in the general required courses than they did overall.

If a study such as this proved positive then it would probably be an indication that students who graduate from this university do not spend as much time and do not try as hard in these courses as they do in other courses.

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## Football team

# One candidate stands above others

McGroin over the 87 other candidates vying for this position; we urge the members of his class to support him with their votes on election day.

McGroin's campaign has been ably conducted by the renowned Madison Avenue Public Relations firm -- Layne, Dain, Cane, Insane, and Co., whose accounts have included the 1962 Nixon California gubernatorial race, the promotion of the Edsel, and the Baptist branch of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. When contracted, a spokesman for the firm stated, "Phil McGroin believes in the things that the freshman class believes in."

After discreet investigation of activities pursued by freshmen behind Horace Jones field, in the dorm lobbies, dormitory parking lots, and various nearby apartments, the SIDELINES editorial board concurs that if McGroin does indeed fulfill his slogan promises, he is truly worthy of his class' support, although exactly how this can be enacted in the position sought is somewhat difficult to discern.

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You're a helluva sign maker, Phil, but we wonder -- What are you up to?

Rarely during the history of scholastic politics have students had the opportunity to select a leader conclusively based on sound judgement. This situation has arisen! One learned scholar, by the name of Phillip McGroin, is an advocate of freedom, justice, unity, democracy, friendship and the American flag; he embodies the qualities characteristic of sound direction.

If you doubt the validity of this argument, just look at his posters. In the pursuit of the freshman class coordinator-in-charge - of - freshman - dormitory - disputes-concerning-candy-machines, official ASB position, Mr. McGroin has gone to great expense and time printing posters, placards, handbills and calling cards justifying his qualifications.

Although we, the SIDELINES editorial board, have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McGroin, it is with great sincerity in our hearts that we endorse this outstanding student leader for this significant position.

Because of the phenomenal technical craftsmanship reflected in the construction of a miniature 28-foot replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa before which a light and sound show alternately illuminate six foot florescent letters comprising the legend -- "VOTE MCGROIN" -- and in reverberating echoes shout, "MCGROIN IS THE MAN FOR YOU," the SIDELINES is forced to choose

### National Perspective

## State needs to re-evaluate athletic budgets

Collegiate athletics are a prime source of publicity for institutions of higher learning throughout this nation. Does this, however, justify their predominance over other facets of the institution's activities in terms of financial endowment.

Most colleges and universities field contestants in some athletic endeavor. Those unable to finance a football program may still be represented in baseball, basketball, track, soccer or numerous minor sports.

The college or university which does attempt to finance a football program is faced with the prospect of not only providing a field, coaches and equipment but also must compete with other schools in giving athletic scholarships to prospective players.

By Jim Leonhirth

If a school is of sufficient size, has sufficient fan support and has national ranking, it can reap financial benefit from gate receipts and television payments. The majority of schools, however, do not fall in this category.

In Tennessee, the only state schools which can support their own athletic programs are the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Memphis State University.

Financial investments in athletic programs have become so large that at Wichita State, even after many of the top players were killed in an air crash, it was decided to continue the football program lest there be

such a financial loss that the program could not continue in the future.

Aside from the inhibiting factor of cost, schools with higher academic standards have found it difficult to remain in competition with schools of lower standards, hence the withdrawal of the Ivy League from the NCAA and the possible withdrawal of the University of South Carolina and Clemson University from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Admittedly, athletic programs engender alumni support which in turn provides a source of revenue, but in the present tight economic situation what are the priorities in regard to allocation of funds.

On the local level, MTSU and other state schools under the State Board of Education are

suffering from the withholding of an impoundment of funds. The loss of this impoundment has necessitated a ten percent budget reduction at MTSU, and it is forecast that this reduction will continue for another year.

Last Saturday, the State Board of Education voted to allocate to the nine community colleges in Tennessee \$90,000 for athletic programs. This sum can be used for all sports excepting football.

It appears that there are insufficient funds for the full maintenance of the state universities, but more than ample funds for athletics in schools whose purpose is primarily day work.

A bright Englishman once noted that England's war victories "were won on the playing fields of Eton." Collegiate athletics "perhaps" do benefit the small percentage who participate in them, particularly as a vehicle for social advancement for minority groups.

Whatever benefits athletics do bring, they should be viewed in perspective with the full spectrum of the needs of education.

### Letter

## Abortion issue raises questions

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letter written by Mr. Edwards and the other voices concerning the publication of an abortion information agency's advertisement.

In our society, we stress the fact that one needs to be courageous. It is considered cowardly to kill a man while his back is turned. Yet how can one take the life of a helpless person and not contradict what he believes by what he actually demonstrates.

Miss Schneider responded that "man not God is now in control." This statement to a certain extent may be true. But ask yourself this question: What is man in control of? His material gain, his associates; would be an adequate answer.

I agree that man caused all of his problems that bring on worry. I find that man without help cannot accomplish a task very well. Who is to say that man must solve his problem alone? When man becomes too

everyone believes that the chicken came first unless one believes in evolution. Remember too that evolution is still a theory.

How do you know there is a God? Can you answer that? I don't have to ask that question but I can answer it. I know there is a God because I talked with him a few minutes ago. One can look into the universe and see his glory. One can feel God's presence when birds sing, when leaves fall and when a small child smiles. One forgets about God when one is concerned only with one's own interests.

God gets the blame when one is concerned with only one's interests. God gets the blame when many things go wrong; he does not get much credit when things are pleasant.

I suppose almost everyone is aware of the fact, that since the advertisement appeared in the SIDELINES that it is not only for the benefits of the married students but also for the single girls. I also acknowledge that something must be done about the population explosion. But





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## Football team draws praise

With only the annual Thanksgiving Day game with arch rival Tennessee Tech remaining for the MTSU football team the 1970 Raiders have assured themselves of the most successful season in several years.

Although the Raiders were disappointed by being able to achieve only a tie with defending Ohio Valley Conference Champion East Tennessee State University on Saturday, they can be proud of their successful season.

The Raiders have put much time and effort into accomplishing a successful season which is evident from the excellent record that the team has achieved and are to be congratulated for a job well done.

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### National Perspective

## State needs to re-evaluate athletic budgets

Collegiate athletics are a prime source of publicity for institutions of higher learning throughout this nation. Does this, however, justify their predominance over other facets of the institution's activities in terms of financial endowment.

Most colleges and universities field contestants in some athletic endeavor. Those unable to finance a football program may still be represented in baseball, basketball, track, soccer or numerous minor sports.

The college or university which does attempt to finance a football program is faced with the prospect of not only providing a field, coaches and equipment but also must compete with other schools in giving athletic scholarships to prospective players.

By Jim Leonhirth

If a school is of sufficient size, has sufficient fan support and has national ranking, it can reap financial benefit from gate receipts and television payments. The majority of schools, however, do not fall in this category.

In Tennessee, the only state schools which can support their own athletic programs are the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Memphis State University.

Financial investments in athletic programs have become so large that at Wichita State, even after many of the top players were killed in an air crash, it was decided to continue the football program lest there be

such a financial loss that the program could not continue in the future.

Aside from the inhibiting factor of cost, schools with higher academic standards have found it difficult to remain in competition with schools of lower standards, hence the withdrawal of the Ivy League from the NCAA and the possible withdrawal of the University of South Carolina and Clemson University from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Admittedly, athletic programs engender alumni support which in turn provides a source of revenue, but in the present tight economic situation what are the priorities in regard to allocation of funds.

On the local level, MTSU and other state schools under the State Board of Education are

suffering from the withholding of an impoundment of funds. The loss of this impoundment has necessitated a ten percent budget reduction at MTSU, and it is forecast that this reduction will continue for another year.

Last Saturday, the State Board of Education voted to allocate to the nine community colleges in Tennessee \$90,000 for athletic programs. This sum can be used for all sports excepting football.

It appears that there are insufficient funds for the full maintenance of the state universities, but more than ample funds for athletics in schools whose purpose is primarily day work.

A bright Englishman once noted that England's war victories "were won on the playing fields of Eton." Collegiate athletics perhaps do benefit the small percentage who participate in them, particularly as a vehicle for social advancement for minority groups.

Whatever benefits athletics do bring, they should be viewed in perspective with the full spectrum of the needs of education.

### Letter

## Abortion issue raises questions

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letter written by Mr. Edwards and the other voices concerning the publication of an abortion information agency's advertisement.

In our society, we stress the fact that one needs to be courageous. It is considered cowardly to kill a man while his back is turned. Yet how can one take the life of a helpless person and not contradict what he believes by what he actually demonstrates.

Miss Schneider responded that "man not God is now in control." This statement to a certain extent may be true. But ask yourself this question: What is man in control of? His material gain, his associates; would be an adequate answer.

I agree that man caused all of his problems that bring on worry. I find that man without help cannot accomplish a task very well. Who is to say that man must solve his problem alone? When man becomes too independent he is not considerate of what others say.

I am not surprised that people do not spell man with a big M and God with a little g.

This might also raise the question of which came first, the chicken or the egg. Surely everyone believes that the chicken came first unless one believes in evolution. Remember too that evolution is still a theory.

How do you know there is a God? Can you answer that? I don't have to ask that question but I can answer it. I know there is a God because I talked with him a few minutes ago.

One can look into the universe and see his glory. One can feel God's presence when birds sing, when leaves fall and when a small child smiles. One forgets about God when one is concerned only with one's own interests.

God gets the blame when one is concerned with only one's interests. God gets the blame when many things go wrong; he does not get much credit when things are pleasant.

I suppose almost everyone is aware of the fact, that since the advertisement appeared in the SIDELINES that it is not only for the benefits of the married students but also for the single girls. I also acknowledge that something must be done about the population explosion. Perhaps a better measure than abortion would be prevention. One might say "the kings in the Old Testament time had concubines and that is in the Bible." Sure, but it was for their own selfish motives.

Maybe if an advertisement for prevention was placed beside the aborting information agency's advertisement there would be no need for a referral services.

This advertisement would be entitled "Counseling for the Prevention of the Unwanted." The address being anywhere, the phone number direct to God and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week until the end of the world.

I sometimes wonder if God created a "retardate or vegetative" so that the more fortunate people would realize their real purpose here on earth.

Even though it may be legal to have abortions in some states, one must ask himself if it is legal in God's sight. One will either enjoy or suffer the consequences that follow ones answer.

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# Tennessee collegiate press group selects Snyder, Phillips

Chuck Snyder, Murfreesboro junior, and Dennis Phillips, Nashville sophomore, were elected president and secretary respectively, of the Tennessee Collegiate Press Association in that organization's meeting on campus this weekend.

Snyder, a business marketing major, presently serves as business manager for the SIDELINES and last year served as MTSU's representative to the TCPA executive council.

Phillips, an advertising manager for the SIDELINES, is a

political science major and serves as sophomore senator.

Other officers elected at the Saturday business meeting of the two-day convention were Bill Greer, editor of the Union University Cardinal and Cream, vice-president; and Diane Johnson, editor of the Cumberland College Collegian, treasurer.

The elections conducted by Keel Hunt, acting vice-chairman of TCPA, followed the ratification of the TCPA constitution and bylaws by the eight member schools attending the convention.

These documents provide for the statement of purpose of TCPA, admittance and maintenance of members, elections of officers, meetings, voting, amendments and ratification of the constitution.

The constitution also makes provisions for the establishment of a state headquarters, the membership of the administrative body to include the four officers and two journalism consultants and the executive committee composed of one voting member from each member school.

The assembly of collegiate journalists were addressed dur-

ing the Saturday business meeting by Bryant Williams, president of the Tennessee Press Association. Williams pledged his organization's support for the TCPA stating that it was deeply interested in TCPA's progress.

He also outlined the field of journalism as a prospective profession for collegiate journalists citing the criteria used by editors in hiring young employees. Williams also indicated that journalism, as few other professions, was not suffering from the slow economic climate, and required new workers.

The Saturday business meeting had been preceded on Friday

night by a banquet and an address by Nat Caldwell, Nashville Tennessee reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Those schools attending the meeting of TCPA which was organized at MTSU last May included ETSU, MTSU, Austin Peay, Union University, Tennessee Tech, UT, UT-Martin and Cumberland College. Unable to attend the meeting were charter members Trevecca Nazarene College and Lane College.

A meeting of the executive committee is planned for Dec. 19 at MTSU to determine the site of a state headquarters and select publication consultants.



*President Snyder*

Chuck Snyder and Rita Henderson, MTSU delegates to the TCPA convention relax during a break in the business meeting.



*TCPA officers*

New officers chosen for the Tennessee Collegiate Press Association are (from left to right) Chuck Snyder, president; Dennis Phillips, secretary; Diane Johnson, treasurer; and Bill Greer, vice-president.



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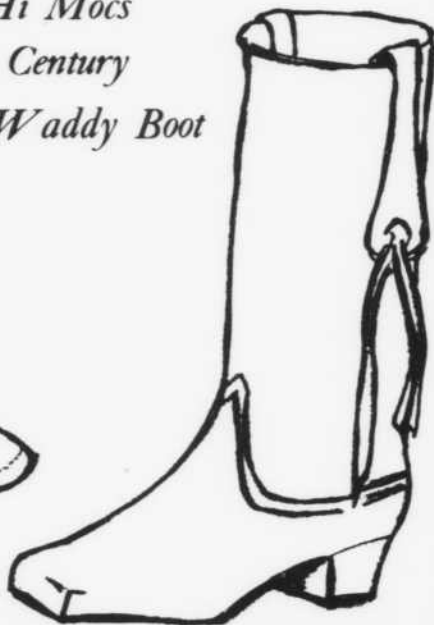
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## Spirit group plans entertainment

The combined Senate-ASB School Spirit Committee has announced plans to offer live entertainment during the half-time period of basketball games this year, according to Dennis Phillips, chairman of the committee.

These shows will offer fans a half-time treat and will give campus clubs, organizations and individuals an opportunity to display their talent before a live audience.

Phillips, a sophomore senator from Nashville, said the School Spirit Committee had been planning this project for many weeks and is now in the process of signing talents for the shows.

Phillips stressed the fact that individuals, regardless of their affiliation or non-affiliation with campus clubs and organizations are definitely eligible to perform.

"We would like to urge any

individual student having any type of talent to submit an entry," the committee head stated.

Phillips stated there will be a 10-minute time limit for each act, with one minute allowed for setting up, eight minutes for the actual performance, and one minute to leave the court in time for the second half to begin.

At the end of the home season, the School Spirit Committee will present a trophy to the group or individual who has presented the best performance. The only rule governing the acts is that they be in good taste.

A brief outline of the type of performance the student wishes to present and a preference of which night he wishes to perform should be included in the entry.

The sophomore class senator requested that entries and questions concerning the planned shows should be sent to his campus address, Box 7483, no later than Dec. 1.

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## Sigma Nu to host Central State party

Sigma Nu fraternity will hold a party Monday night for patients at Central State Hospital in Nashville. Members of the Delta Zeta sorority pledge class will assist Sigma Nu members in the serving of refreshments and presenting entertainment.

## LaLance warns of billing misuse

Dean of Students Robert LaLance has been notified by South Central Bell that a number of MTSU students have been making long distance calls that were charged to a credit card number which was publicly announced on a recent television program. The telephone company has warned that these students are liable and responsible for charges resulting from these calls. The company also states that the unauthorized use of telephone credit cards is considered fraudulent use of the telephone system and is punishable under law.

## Dates change for Sanders Trio concerts

Dates for the Sanders Trio Concerts for this year have been changed. The first concert will be Dec. 2. The other concerts will be held on Feb. 16 and May 3, according to Laurence Harvin, violinist for the trio.

## ASB plans Open Forum on housing

The final of three ASB open forums will be held Thursday at 10:45 a.m. in the University Center Theatre. The forum will discuss academic reform and problems concerning housing, campus planning and other related areas, according to Bart Gordon, ASB president.

## Zeta Beta Tau sponsors food drive

Zeta Beta Tau will collect canned food at the dorms today to be given to the Community Action Group in Rutherford County, according to Steve Mangus. Containers for the food will be placed in each dorm.

## Hinton invites participation in 'Requiem'

Members of the MTSU community are invited to participate in the performance of Brahms "A German Requiem." It will be presented Feb. 21, according to Earl Hinton, conductor of the University Orchestra.

Interested students, faculty and staff should contact Hinton or the Music Department and indicate their name and voice part.

## School mascot receives name Lord Byron

MTSU's mascot, a 14-week-old St. Bernard, has a new name: Lord Byron of Chalon.

The name was chosen by the ASB School Spirit Committee from about 25 entries taken from the student body, according to Bart Gordon, ASB president.

The winning entry, unsigned by its student submitter, suggests Lord Byron of Chalon because "George Gordon Byron was a British romantic poet who wrote the Prisoner of Chalon, which was a famous Swiss hero who was held in the Swiss prison-castle of Chalon. The dog is also a Swiss."

Suggestions for the pup's title ranged from "St. Blue" and variations through "Brandy" (because that's what St. Bernards carry) and "Sport," because it's a "damn good name for a dog!"

Lord Byron makes his home at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house and is brought to MTSU ballgames as a symbol of spirit.

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# Playground class studies ecology

Mrs. Buleah Davis' class in Playground Leadership has not yet solved all the world's pollution problems--but it has made a tangible start.

The 25-member class is continuing efforts to fight pollution and to make the environment more pleasant, said Mrs. Davis.

The entire class pledged to carry out the following recommendations for what individuals can do, as set forth in the Oct.-Nov. issue of "National Wildlife":

1. For short distances walk instead of ride.
  2. When commuting fill the car to reduce the number of cars driven each day.
  3. Keep the car tuned up and use lead free gasoline when possible.
  4. Reduce the use of detergents--use soap instead.
  5. Buy drinks in returnable bottles.
  6. Save paper.
  7. Refuse to buy colored tissues because the dye pollutes the water.
  8. Turn off lights when they are not being used.
  9. Don't use water unnecessarily.
  10. Stop littering and pick up trash wherever it is seen.
  11. Don't burn leaves or trash.
  12. Don't use pesticides unless recommended as safe.
  13. Support conservation groups and clean-up campaigns.
  14. Don't walk across the grass--especially where there are new plantings on campus.
- The class members made these commitments after Oct. 21, when they observed their own "Earth Day," similar to but much smaller than the nationally-publicized one last April 15.

A variety of environmentally-oriented activities marked this one-class Earth Day, the HPER instructor explained.

One student picked up three tubfuls of beer cans in his truck.

One raked leaves to keep them from blowing on another's yard.

this continuously will influence someone else."

Some MTSU personnel expressed surprise that a class in "Playground Leadership" should be involved in ecological campaigns.

Mrs. Davis replied that the course has been misnamed for many years. "It should be called 'Recreation Leadership,'" she stated.

She defined recreation as "any wholesome activity in which a person engages voluntarily simply for the joy he receives in doing it."

Class members who are participating in the fight to improve the environment are Melinda Arnett, Robert Arnold, Ken Ashton, Phil Campbell, Gregg Cunningham, Tim Davis, James Donovan, Gary Fleming, Ron Hoss, Huey Johnson, Rueben Justice, Mike Keller.

Debbie Leppink, Wynn Lovvorn, Rick Marriot, Richard Parker, Linda Partin, Nan Piercy, Gary Rickman, Peggy Sain, Jane Short, Jimmie Vickers, Barry Wright, Larry Wynn, and Janice Fee Little.

By Gary Matthews

Others cleaned up trash around dormitories.

The class members say they hope to continue their ecological crusade indefinitely, so that preserving the environment becomes "a part of our lives."

Mrs. Davis indicated that many people tend to underestimate the results a small group of individuals can achieve.

"Once they become committed, they act as leaven--it spreads," she explained.

"Two of them," she continued, "actually persuaded their roommates to quit smoking."

The physical education teacher pointed out that if all 8,000 MTSU students merely stopped using non-returnable bottles, the environment would become considerably improved.

"Of course I don't expect all 8,000 of them to do it," she admitted, "but each one who does



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## The Peeled Eye

with Gary Davenport



### Unknowns make good

Unknowns are always popping up in the world of sports, some of them in the form of people who have been around for a long time but just don't get in the limelight. And, then, all of a sudden they are setting some sort of record or their team has upset a major team and they're in the headlines. Some of them are stars for only a day, some weeks, and some live on forever in the minds of their mothers, who save scrapbook after scrapbook of their 'accomplishments.'

But I have to make mention of one individual today who is unknown to most people, but known very well to Reuben Justice and myself because we've known him for some time. He became known for a brief minute Saturday afternoon, and some 15,000 people were saying to themselves, "Who is he?"

#### Calvin Florence

His name is Calvin Florence, and he's a halfback for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a team that has had its problems all year and suffered a defeat at the hands of our Blue Raiders earlier in the year. UTC has the nerve (and rakes in the money) to play Vanderbilt and Ole Miss in the same season.

#### Unknown teams

Vanderbilt and Ole Miss both clobbered them, but Calvin had his moment of praise and glory. You see, Calvin is a sophomore in college but is only 5-4 and weighs 154 pounds, if the wind is blowing hard. But he ran 68-yards off tackle Saturday for a touchdown against the Ole Miss Rebels, ranked in the nation and famous for Archie Who? Oxford, Miss. will remember Calvin Florence. Or at least his mother will.

Saturday was a day for some relatively unknown teams to do some damage to some of the major teams in the nation. (Not unknown to football followers, but unknown to the Top 10 department.) Why, Notre Dame was even given a scare, and they're the best team in the nation. Or haven't you heard?

Yes, the mighty Irish, always squawking that they have the best team this side of the clouds, were in South Bend rubbing their trophies and polishing their Heisman Trophies and little Georgia Tech, a team that started off with a bang but developed into a fuse, came to town and nearly came out with a win.

#### Irish salvage

But the Irish got the play from the headman and salvaged a 10-7 tie. It's good to know that the number one team in the nation can stand up to the mighty Tech defense but still come out with 10 points. Why, even Tennessee was held for less than

40-points against the Georgia Tech defense, and they're only tenth. Or haven't you heard?

And just down the street is Texas, that had an off day, but still should take over the top spot again, the spot they never should have left in the first place. With Arkansas coming to town Dec. 5, the Longhorns should show everyone they are, and will always be, the best team in the nation. No one will beat them during the regular season, and shouldn't in a bowl. Why, they might play Notre Dame.

#### Ohio State

The other squawker for the top spot is Ohio State, and they just edged Purdue on a last minute field goal. And Purdue has won every bit of three games. And, like the Irish, they were playing a definite underdog. Some say they were looking ahead to this weekend's matchup with Michigan and it's a good thing they are because last year the Wolverines ended their winning streak and their hopes of the national championship. They sat back on their laurels and watched the trophy fly right out of their hands, Rex Kern and all.

Stanford got surprised by Air Force, but to many it was no surprise. The Air Force has been a powerhouse all year and slipped out of the top 10 weeks ago. Jim Plunkett has put a little grease on the Heisman Trophy, the coveted baby he almost had gift wrapped since Archie Manning got his arm broken. Now, with a little grease to make it harder to land, and Archie coming back for the LSU game, hopefully, the baby hasn't found a definite home yet. Plunkett should take it, though, cause he's a heck of a quarterback.

#### Georgia

And down in Dixie land, Auburn ran against a fired up Georgia Bulldog team and got its leg gnawed off as the Bulldogs took the victory. They ran, and they ran, and they ran at the Auburn defense and nothing Pat Sullivan, who also has eyes for the 'baby,' could do would erase the 31 points Georgia had chalked up.

Let's look at the top teams in the country for a minute and the sermon is yours, brethren. Notre Dame, which was the Associated Press' pick for number one last week, will drop, as will Ohio State. Since Auburn and Stanford also lost, the top 10 might look something like this: 1. Texas; 2. Nebraska; 3. Notre Dame; 4. Ohio State; 5. Michigan; 6. Arkansas; 7. LSU; 8. Stanford; 9. Tennessee; 10. Air Force and Auburn.

I'm writing this column at 3:10 Monday afternoon, Nov. 16. You be the judge. I'm no expert, but then, neither is Calvin Who?

## Arrington gets three; Raiders settle for tie

Archie Arrington hit a 23-yard field goal with 7:57 left in the third quarter Saturday afternoon to salvage a 3-3 tie against East Tennessee State in the last home game of the season for the Blue Raiders. Bill Peck's corps, now possessing a 6-2-1 record, have a Thanksgiving Day date with the 'turkeys' of Tennessee Tech, which lost a close game to Austin Peay last weekend.

By Gary Davenport

The rain and the wind played a vital part in halting the league's total offensive leader and also the prime candidate for the OVC's coveted Player of the Year award, Larry Graham. The stalwart signal-caller was good for only six of 15 passes and one interception. He passed for 58 yards, well below his seasonal average.

It looked like Middle Tennessee was going to take an early lead in the initial quarter as a Buc runner fumbled the pigskin and linebacker David Duvall fell on it. But a 15-yard penalty hurt the Raiders and what looked like a 12-yard line golden opportunity turned into a 34-yard disaster.

Dean Rodenbeck repolished the tarnished opportunity, however, as he hit the vastly improved fullback, Jesse Carter, for a 16-yard aerial and Melvin Daniels rambled for seven yards to get them to the 11-yard line. It wasn't enough for a first down and Arrington just missed by inches a three-point attempt. (Many from the stands thought it looked good, it was so close.)

And then the quarter was history, as the Bucs and the Blue did nothing but slide and slip through the now terribly-conditioned field. Play by the Raiders and the local high school team has completely eaten up the sod in the middle of the field, making a good game impossible in the mud.

The only significant play the Buccaneers could muster throughout the entire game came late in the second period, as they intercepted a halfback pass off the arm of John Blankenship and drove from their own 34-yard

line to the Blue Raider 17. But their efforts were thwarted and Ron Harrold was sent in for a field goal, which was good. With the 10-yards in the end zone, the ball carried 34 yards.

Arrington got his field goal in the third quarter after the Buc punter had fumbled a perfect snap from center. The freshman kicker tried two more in the quarter in an attempt to break the deadlock in favor of the Raiders, but failed on both efforts. One was with the ball on the 32 and the other was on the 36-yard line, both of which would have been for over 40 yards.

While the Blue Raiders were running all over the field, in the meantime, East Tennessee, which came into the game with the best passing team in the league, was held to a standstill. While their runners looked good, the weather didn't permit Graham to uncork his arm and their offense was stalled in key situations by the rugged Blue Raider defense.

East Tennessee now stands third in the conference, a full game ahead of MTSU. Eastern leads the league, a half game over Western, which is a game ahead of the Buccaneers.

Middle Tennessee finished the game with 107 rushing yards and 21 passing yards for a 128 total offensive yards. Rodenbeck hit four of 15 passes and had two intercepted.

Justice had 78 yards in 31 carries with a long run of 12 yards, while punter Ron Taylor had a 30.9 average on 10 punts.

#### Ruffner reports

### Intramural playoffs start

Intramural flag football playoff games begin today, according to director Joe Ruffner, with each league having its top three teams participating.

League A has Kappa Sigma (6-1), Sigma Chi (5-2) and Pi Kappa Alpha (4-2) entered, while league B will have the Yellow Tigers (4-2), Gore Bunch (4-2) and Earl's Pearls (4-2) competing.

The Freaks, one of two teams to finish with a 6-0 mark, leads league C, with the Ghetto Boys (5-1) and the Green Bay Packers (4-2) to round out the entries. The Irish (6-0), BSU (5-1) and Charlie Brown's All-Stars (4-2) are the contestants from league D.

Today finds Gore Bunch and Charlie Brown's All-Stars going

it at 3:30, while the BSU and Earl's Pearls play at the same time. Both games are on the intramural fields.

Tonight, on Horace Jones field, the Ghetto Boys play Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Chi does battle with the Green Bay Packers. Game time is 6:15 and 7:45.

The Irish will play the Ghetto Boys - Pi Kappa Alpha winner on Wednesday at 3:30 and the Yellow Tigers will play the winner of the Sigma Chi - Green Bay Packers game.

Under the lights Wednesday night will be Kappa Sigma against the BSU-Earl's Pearls winner and the Freaks against the Charlie Brown All-Stars - Gore Bunch winner.

Semifinal games will be held on the intramural field Thursday, Nov. 19, at 3:30. Consolation games to decide third and fourth places will be scheduled for Monday night, Nov. 23, at 6:15 at Horace Jones Field.

The championship game is scheduled for Horace Jones field, the same night, at 7:45.

The fraternity and independent team to advance the furthest in the play-offs will represent MTSU on Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m. in extramural games representative from Tennessee Tech. They will be played at Tech.

All spectators at these play-off games are requested to stay in the stands.

Ruffner also reminds everyone that the hole-in-one tournament that was called off Saturday due to the weather, will be played this Friday, Nov. 20, at 3-4:30 p.m.

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