

## YSA, Free Assembly group to sue university for recognition

The Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) and the Committee for Free Assembly and Political Expression on Campus (CFAPEC) yesterday announced they will sue the university to obtain recognition for the YSA.

John Votava, YSA member and executive secretary of the CFAPEC, said in a taped interview with WMOT's Doug Vernier that President M.G. Scarlett's recent denial of YSA recognition is unconstitutional and will not hold up in court.

The Atlanta resident described the CFAPEC as an independent organization based in Tampa, Fla. It is, he said, a month and a half old, and currently provides legal assistance to the YSA and similar groups rejected by campus authorities across the nation.

The interview became heated as Votava reacted to Vernier's statements that the YSA is "subversive" and threatens to "disrupt the normal creative and constructive processes" of society.

"I can't speak for the YSA or its policies or ideas," Votava argued. "My position is that they have a right to advocate whatever they choose so long as they violate no laws—and they have broken no laws."

He denied that the YSA supports violent overthrow of the government. "They're working in every legal way to change the system," he stated.

The executive secretary said he supports the Bill of Rights, and that he is confident the courts will find the MTSU administration in violation of those rights.

By Gary Matthews, News Editor

"If the civil liberties of one group are endangered, all come into jeopardy," Votava insisted.

Vernier pointed out that the Socialist Worker's Party, with which the YSA has fraternal ties, is on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

The CFAPEC spokesman responded that the list is simply a "blacklist" and "means nothing." "It has no legal status whatsoever in any court," he asserted.

Votava repeatedly stated that the issue is not what the YSA believes, but "whether the university has a legal right to censor political views they disagree with."

The administration's first unofficial notice of the threatened lawsuit came last Tuesday at a public meeting of the new Student's Rights Committee, during a verbal confrontation between Votava and Dean of Housing Sam McLean.

McLean had told the open forum that, in his opinion, the YSA was rejected not only for the reasons given in Scarlett's official statement, but also because of political pressure.

The dean of housing admitted having "mixed emotions" on the issue, but added, "I don't think the administration is against you."

At this point Votava identified himself and told McLean that "everything you have just said will be used against you in court."

McLean was apparently unruffled. "I'm not that excited about being sued—if you win, that means the YSA comes on campus; if you lose, it doesn't," he said.

Votava explained at the meeting the CFAPEC has initiated legal proceedings against the Florida State Board of Regents, which he says has banned YSA groups throughout the state.

McLean, according to the Housing Office, is presently in Florida, and could not be reached for comment.

Scarlett's letter of rejection, dated Feb. 16, states that the YSA was refused recognition because its constitution indicates it is "subversive, revolutionary, activist, and violent."

The letter further indicated that because the YSA national convention is the highest governing body for the organization, and makes decisions binding upon the entire membership, the local chapter would become a "pawn" at the disposal of the national organization.

The president's letter concluded, "Denial of recognition of the local YSA group by MTSU does not constitute a denial by the local, state, or Federal Government for the YSA to exist. Denial of recognition of the YSA by the university is simply a denial of any implied endorsement by the university of the organization, and the denial of campus privileges afforded to university approved organizations."

WMOT radio's taped interview with Votava is to be played today at 6:13 p.m., according to Program Director Pat Jones.

## Favors Tennessee presidential primary

### Democrats pass resolution

By Larry Harrington

Tennessee's Democratic Executive Committee Wednesday passed a resolution endorsing the creation of a presidential preference primary in Tennessee. The action came at a meeting of the Committee in Nashville.

Will Cheek, committeeman from Nashville, said that a presidential preference primary may be the only acceptable manner in which the Tennessee Democratic Party can select delegates to the 1972 National Convention.

The resolution which was adopted creates a three man committee to work with the Legislature for the purpose of drawing

up legislation which would establish the presidential primary. The date of the election would be either in late May or early June.

Cheek pointed out that it would be necessary to have some form of closed primary. He said if the voters are not required to register some party identification, Republicans will almost certainly raid the Democratic primary in 1972. The resolution did endorse a closed primary.

Senator Jim Roberson of Nashville said the Democrats in the Legislature are eager to coop-

erate with the Executive Committee in working for the primary.

He stated that the Democratic lawmakers are eager to help the Committee in passing any legislation for the good of the party.

In other action, Ben Austin, sociology instructor at MTSU, was appointed to a temporary finance committee.

Joe Carr, party treasurer, said the committee was appointed to oversee party funds and provide for the operation of a state headquarters until a permanent finance committee is provided for in the by-laws.



## 'The Time of Your Life'

Lane Davies as Joe eyes his drink in the Buchanan Players' production of William Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life." Dancing in the background are Joyce Anderson as Kitty and Paul Forsythe as Tom. The play will run from March 5 through 18 at the Arena Theatre. (Photo by John St. Clair)

## Student rights committee becomes anti-war group

At its first meeting Tuesday, the MTSU Student Rights Committee was transformed into a Student Mobilization Committee to end the war in Vietnam.

Roger Clark, temporary chairman of the committee, explained, "We felt that the Vietnam War is the greatest single violation of student's rights existing at the moment."

A subcommittee to investigate the MTSU Bookstore was also formed.

Dean of Housing Sam McLean, and Matthew Royal, chief of security, attended the meeting, answering questions and noting student complaints.

The high point of the discussion came when John Votava, executive secretary of the Florida-based Committee for Free Assembly and Political Expression

on Campus, challenged McLean because of the university's refusal to grant recognition to the Young Socialist Alliance.

"Everything you have just said will be used against you in a lawsuit," Votava asserted, after McLean stated that political pressure might have been a prime factor in the school administration's rejection of the YSA.

When McLean explained that he had not read the YSA constitution, Votava retorted, "That's irrelevant—the point is that you have no right to deny freedom of speech."

Gary Barnett leaped to McLean's defense. "It's not irrelevant—he has a right to read it before making up his mind," the Evansville, Ind. sophomore protested.

## Gordon names Lea to cabinet position as election head

Charles Lea, Lebanon junior, was appointed this week to the position of ASB Election Commissioner, according to Bart Gordon, ASB president.

Lea's appointment as the head of the six-member commission is subject to ratification by the ASB Senate, indicated Gordon.

Lea stated that he would like to try to get the remaining members of the commission and the new members that he will appoint together in order to orient the rules to achieve the largest number of voters.

He added that he would like to see a voter turn-out of possibly 60 to 70 percent of MTSU's students, in the March 17 and 18 ASB election. Lea stated that "We plan to revamp rules in order to get this."

# Bayh fails to reveal presidential hopes

Senator Birch Bayh, when questioned on his presidential aspirations commented, that he had not decided if he would try for the Democratic nomination. Bayh further indicated that he had been talking to legislators and citizens in over 44 states last year alone to determine the pulse of the nation.

He also indicated that before making his decision he wanted to be able to restore the faith of the American people in the country.

By Becky Freeman

Concerning a volunteer army, he stated that he opposed it "because we've got a bad war it doesn't make it any better sending someone else's son to fight." He continued, "We would be taking people who can't cut it in the free enterprise economy." Bayh questioned "If we had a purely mercenary army, would we be more willing to use it?" The Indiana Senator commented, that he would rather see an

end to the Vietnam war than a termination of the draft or the establishment of a volunteer army. He suggested giving the draftees an opportunity to serve in a domestic capacity. There were a number of ways that the young could make an impact on the local scene, he added.

Alternative service to the armed forces on the domestic scene would have a high degree of relevance for the alternative volunteer for the rest of his life, he concluded.

## Beginning March 1

# VISTA to recruit on campus

Beginning March 1, Volunteers in Service to America, (VISTA) will begin a recruiting effort on campus for people with the skills needed for the many projects VISTA conducts among the disadvantaged peoples of America.

Vista representatives will man tables in the University Center for three days in order to discuss their program with interested persons.

According to Walt O'Connell, manager of VISTA's public in-

formation services, the skills required in the 1971 program reach beyond the expected demands for social work, teaching and a liberal arts background.

VISTA is emphasizing the need for specialists in areas such as law, business administration, health, architecture and city planning.

VISTA workers engage in a wide range of projects that include developing the capabilities of community action programs,

tutoring projects, pre-school projects, and improvement of food production; establishing half-way houses for drug users; developing suicide prevention centers; and working with the handicapped.

In recent years, college campuses have provided thousands of volunteers who are serving in more than 400 projects across that nation. Workers also serve in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.

Typically, VISTA volunteers live and work in slum conditions, while contributing their abilities at all hours. Workers serve at least one year and volunteers receive subsistence and a living allowance for their work.

## Phi Mu Alpha plans concert for March dates

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's Fourth Annual Stage Band Show will be held on Wednesday and Thursday with both shows beginning at 8 p.m., according to Phi Mu Alpha President Nelson Kelley.

The band will play music from the Chicago Transit Authority, Beatles, Blood, Sweat, and Tears, as well as several numbers done at last year's stage band show.

"This is the first year that the stage band has presented two shows for the students," said Kelley.

Tickets will be on sale in the ticket booth on the second floor of the University Center on Tuesday and Wednesday with a special rate for couples for the Wednesday show. Groups who wish to purchase blocks of seats can do so by contacting Phi Mu Alpha at Box 593.

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### Bookstore announces new hours

MTSU Bookstore has announced a change in their hours to 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday. This change was brought about by a resolution passed recently by the ASB House and Senate. The resolution stated that the recent deviation in the opening hours had reduced the service that the Bookstore renders to MTSU students. It was then resolved that the House and Senate recommend that the Bookstore resume its normal opening time.

### Circle K sponsors member drive

Circle K International, campus and community service club, is sponsoring a membership drive this week, according to Gary Keyt, Circle K president. Information pertaining to Circle K and its activities plus membership applications will be available today in the University Center post office area.

### Floyd announces Miss MTSU deadlines

Deadline for applications to the annual Miss MTSU Pageant is Sunday, Feb. 28, according to Ronnie Floyd, Circle K treasurer. Each campus organization sponsoring a contestant must submit a \$25 entry fee along with the application form.

### Phi Mu Alpha to present pianist

Don Huneycutt, concert pianist, will perform in the third presentation of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's concert series, Sunday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m., in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Huneycutt recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Stetson University for excellence in and service to the arts. He has appeared as a soloist at many state and regional music conventions as well as in concerts throughout the Mid-South. Huneycutt is presently in residence at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn.

### Music fraternity plans concert

Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity will present its fourth annual stage band show March 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

### Raiders to host Austin Peay

Coach Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders will host Austin Peay tomorrow night in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. The Raiders will then travel to Murray, Ky. Monday for its final OVC tilt with Murray State.

### Cinema to show 'Me, Natalie'

"Me, Natalie" will be the feature at the University Cinema Sunday night. The movie, sponsored by the Films Committee, will be shown at 8 in the UC Theatre.

### Film series to present 'Ikiru'

"Ikiru," a Japanese movie with English subtitles will be shown March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Theatre as part of the foreign language department film series.

### Eurojob offers summer employment

A new twist to the solution of summer jobs for college students has been announced by EUROJOB, a program based in Greenwich, Conn. and affiliated with the American Institute for Foreign Study.

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## Two past victors win in All Sing

By Wanda Ensor

A capacity crowd of about 1400 watched Tuesday night as Chi Omega, in the female chorus category, and the Buchanan Players, in the mixed chorus group, walked away with All Sing trophies for their second year in a row.

Kappa Sigma took the male chorus title from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who won the trophy last year and earned an honorable mention in Tuesday night's competition.

The Dramatic Arts auditorium was more than filled when the lights went down for the first vocal performance, according to Mrs. Regina Martin, president of Tau Omicron Society which sponsors the annual All Sing.

"People were even sitting in the aisles upstairs and standing out in the front lobby," Mrs. Martin said. The event this year was part of Tau Omicron's 40th anniversary activities, she added.

Chi Omega's winning female selection was a spirited medley of "Sunrise, Sunset" and "Don't Think Twice." Earning honorable mention in that same category was Delta Zeta, who presented a rendition of "Twelve Thirty" ("Young Girls Are Coming to the Canyon").

The winning male selection was a vocal interpretation of "The Declaration of Independence," with solos by Kappa Sigma guitarist John Conaster and pianist Phil Cook.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's honorable mention was earned through their presentation of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The biggest production of the evening came from the Buchanan Players, campus drama or-

ganization, who decked out in full stage garb to present the spirited "Rhythm of Life" from the play "Sweet Charity." Buchanan Player soloist was Ronnie Meek as "Big Daddy."

Honorable mention in the mixed chorus group went to the members of the Black Student Association for their a capella medley of "Climbing Up the Mountain" and "Walk Him Up."

Other participating groups were Sweethearts of Sigma Nu with "When I'm 64;" Home Economics Club with "Rose Garden;" Alpha Gamma Delta with "It's a Good Day;" Kappa Delta with "The Syncopated Clock;" the Christian Center with "The New Song;" Die Deutschen Kameraden (German Club) with "A German Song;" and Sigma Nu with "Whose Garden Was This."

Sprinkled throughout the evening's vocal presentations was the dry humor (and not-so-humor) of Ron Burns, Rockvale drama major who served as master of ceremonies.

Guest entertainment was provided by Headwind, local rock band.

Headwind members include Terry Bennet, Mike Hurt and David Harbin.

All Sing judges were Mrs. Cynthia Perkins, music department; Raymond Bills, music department; Mrs. Wendy Bone, senior music major; Mrs. Anne Holland, physical education department; and Reza Ordoubadian, English department.

Tau Omicron members in charge of making arrangements for All Sing were Connie O'Connell, Chattanooga senior, and Frances Welch, Chattanooga junior.

## McLean, Greer participate in Dartmouth tourney

Varsity debaters Fred McLean and Lee Greer, seniors from Paris, Tenn., attended this past weekend what many people consider, according to debate coach Jim Brooks, the most competitive debate tournament in the nation--the Dartmouth College Invitational.

McLean and Greer compiled a record of five wins and three losses in the tournament that featured 125 debate teams from across the nation.

They scored wins over Kansas State, St. Johns, Western Illinois, Eastern Montana and the University of California at Berkeley, while losing to Texas Tech, Geor-

gia and George Washington, Brooks stated.

He added that only one school from the South, Georgia, compiled a better record than the MTSU debate team at the tournament.

According to Brooks, McLean and Greer will represent MTSU at the Southern District Tournament in March.

This tournament will determine the teams from the South that will compete in the National Championship Debate Tournament.

The debate coach stated that last year MTSU was the only school in Tennessee to win a position in the national tournament.



*'Rhythm of Life'*

Members of the Buchanan Players perform "Rhythm of Life" from the play "Sweet Charity" in Tuesday's All Sing. They won first in the mixed voice division with Chi Omega capturing the female title and Kappa Sigma winning the male division.

## Bayh protests GOP acts in South

Birch Bayh, D-Indiana, accused the Republican party of "waving the old tattered black and white flag of racial conflict," in order to win votes. The possible presidential hopeful, in a Tuesday afternoon address at Vanderbilt University, denounced the GOP efforts in the South as a "cleverly designed effort to open old wounds."

The Democrat who led the fight against the nomination of Haynesworth and Carswell to the Supreme Court remarked that the president had selected from "numerous jurists of high distinction in the South one who was less than well qualified for the highest court in the land."

Bayh commented that he does not believe that we can make America what we want it to be unless we have national policy "based on love instead of hate, on compassion instead of selfishness, and depend on a set of grand national principles instead of the old politics of polarization."

By Becky Freeman

The Indiana senator called on Americans to realize the dangers of pitting one group against another and use our intellects rather than emotions to determine national policy.

Speaking to a primarily youthful audience, he commented that the young generation has provided the United States with a national conscience concerning Vietnam and pollution.

Bayh, however, called upon the youth for workers for the duration, not just to initiate interest. The senator said "We must restore faith in ourselves before we can solve our national problems."

Bayh further indicated that Americans will not tolerate a lack

of candor on the part of their leaders. He deplored the condition that while the United States has the medical technology to form heart transplants we still tolerate medical care which makes the United States fifteenth in infant mortality and twenty-seventh in male life expectancy.

The senator called on the president and members of congress not to come forth with rhetoric but to deliver the best possible medical care. There is woefully too much rhetoric and too little action," stated Bayh.

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## Editorial

Bill Mauldin

# Scholarship could benefit university

Dean of Faculty Howard Kirksey indicated last week that the Outstanding Teacher Award program may be discontinued because of lack of student interest.

He stated that instead of attempting to revise the program it would be best to discontinue it and make use of the \$3,000 award money for a purpose in which there is more interest.

If the MTSU Foundation, which funds the program, does decide to discontinue it, there will doubtless be much debate concerning the allocation of the money which was previously awarded to the teachers.

One possible use for the funds might be the establishment of a MTSU-sponsored Merit Scholarship.

At the present time, only three schools within the state award such scholarships whose recipients are chosen on the basis of a national competition.

Of these three, King College at Bristol and the University of the South at Sewanee are private institutions, with the University of Tennessee being state-supported.

Financial aid at this institution has, in the past, been awarded in a manner as to help the greatest number of students, and justifiably so.

The establishment of a Merit Scholarship program, however, would serve to benefit the university in a two-fold manner.

It would, first, make funds available to a Merit Finalist or Finalists to attend this university. Such Finalists generally represent the top one percent of the graduating seniors in the nation.

Secondly, this university as a scholarship sponsor would be included in a bulletin sent to participants in the Merit program across the nation. Such exposure would enhance the university's image as well as present information about the university to top students across the nation.

The Outstanding Teaching Award program, initiated to improve the academic climate by encouraging excellence in teaching, could not be better replaced than by the initiation of a program to reward achievements by students in academic endeavors.



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## Guest Editorial

## Nixon must avoid 'benign neglect' of blacks

In the heavy concentration of attention paid President Nixon's State of the Union address, it was generally overlooked that 12 black members of Congress boycotted the event. They did so on the charge that the President had not been responsive to black needs, had refused to meet with black congressional delegations despite numerous requests, and that the address was unlikely to deal with the state of black affairs.

We doubt if it is possible to make a coldly intellectual judgment as to the justification for this action. The administration clearly feels that these charges against the President are untrue. Spokesmen claim that there has been as much material progress by blacks under this administration as under any since President Lincoln's day.

On the other hand, numerous blacks -- many of them moderate in outlook -- have accused the administration of being indifferent to black feelings and the black search for broader participation in the good things of American society.

Here, we think, is the crux of the matter. Still without seeking to make a judgment on the Nixon administration's success in advancing the blacks, we do believe that it would be possible for the

present administration to convey a feeling of greater warmth and more concern where black aspirations are involved.

When a group -- any group -- is coming out of a long state of discrimination, neglect, enforced inferiority, it is bound to be particularly sensitive to the attitudes of those about it. Unlike those who have no doubt as to their acceptance by the larger society, a group such as the blacks feels a wholly understandable need for clear-cut recognition and appreciation. Under such circumstances, "benign neglect," however benign and helpful this may be, is not enough. It can too easily be interpreted as indifference or worse.

Thus we feel that the administration would do well to make its concern for the blacks more visible. We see much merit in the President's meeting periodically with the black congressional delegation and with spokesmen for constructive black movements. This is no more than is done for many other segments of the American population, which probably need such meetings and recognition less acutely than do the blacks.

All must be made to feel equally wanted and cherished within the great American family.

(Reprinted from Christian Science Monitor)

## National Perspective

**'The man  
he killed'**

"I shot him dead because --  
Because he was my foe,  
Just so: my foe of course he was;  
That's clear enough; although..."

"It was a group of people who  
were the enemy, sir. I was or-  
dered to go in there and destroy  
the enemy. That was my job that  
day. That was my mission."

These lines were written in  
different centuries, the former  
by a poet in the nineteenth cen-  
tury, the latter by a soldier in  
the twentieth century.

Both quotations express the in-  
tense depersonalization of war  
and the intense frustration that  
it engenders.

By Jim Leonhirth

Thomas Hardy, the English  
poet and novelist, wrote the first  
lines in a poetic study of the  
irony of men's relationship in  
war. In this poem, "The Man  
He Killed," Hardy deals with the  
designated opponents in the con-  
flict, the soldiers who have cast  
their lot with one side or the  
other and prepared for battle.

The latter quotation has a more  
recent origin. It stems from tes-  
timony made by Lt. William  
Calley Tuesday in his court-  
martial at Fort Benning, Ga.  
Calley is charged with the pre-

meditated murder of 102 Viet-  
namese at My Lai in 1968. Dur-  
ing his testimony Tuesday, he  
admitted directing a mass execu-  
tion of Vietnamese civilians and  
dispatching a few of them himself.  
Calley testified, "I never sat  
down and analyzed whether they  
were men, women and children --  
they were enemy, not people."

The guilt of the young lieut-  
enant will not be decided by these  
acts but by the presence or ab-  
sence of premeditation. The  
court-martial board must also  
weigh the dilemma of conscience  
versus obedience to orders.

Yet Calley's testimony is an  
indictment not only of himself

but also the conduct and the na-  
ture of the war. It is indicting  
because it contradicts even  
Hardy's concept of the battling  
but confused warriors.

Hardy's irony of two stran-  
gers forced to battle one another  
is minimal compared with the  
irony of a people being rescued  
from supposed threatened sub-  
jugation by their own destruction.

Calley and his cohorts cannot  
even echo the realization of  
Hardy's soldier:

"Yes, quaint and curious war is!  
You shoot a fellow down  
You'd treat, if met where any  
bar is,  
Or help to half a crown."

## Letters to the Editor

**Spann challenges Barnett**

To the Editor:

Davy Crockett Rides Again.  
Right in the pages of the SIDE-  
LINES. Read the words of the  
valiant scourge of Commies,  
Radicals, Doves, Moderates,  
Newspaper Editors, and almost  
everyone else to the political  
left of George Wallace. I refer,  
of course, to that famous mul-  
ticator of radicals and history,  
Paul Barnett.

Seriously, we of the YSA ap-  
preciate the support of Mr.  
Barnett. It is hoped that once  
the President, the members of the  
screening committee, and the  
members of the appeals commit-  
tee see in what bad company  
they have placed themselves, they  
will immediately reverse their  
decision not to recognize the  
YSA.

Barnett has a talent, unsur-  
passed except PERHAPS by the  
late Joseph McCarthy, of taking  
short quotes out of context and  
supplying his own interpretation.  
Though I hate to give his let-  
ter the dignity of a reply, there  
is really no choice. Some unin-  
formed reader might think that  
it reflected the level of intelli-  
gence at MTSU, thus discredit-  
ing us all.

The answer to the first two  
quotes cited by Barnett is ridi-  
culously simple. He did not read  
far enough in either article to  
determine the means by which  
these changes would be imple-  
mented. In every case the YSA  
advocates the use of political  
means to accomplish social re-  
form.

The last quote that he utilizes

is also easy to explain. If persons  
resist legal social reform, past  
the point of legality, they must  
be disposed of. Though we de-  
nounce the present penal system  
as cruel and inhumane, we might  
be forced to continue its use  
until reeducation of these people  
can be accomplished.

When someone advocates the  
suppression of any political idea,  
we must ask ourselves, when will  
it stop? Would Barnett be content  
to suppress only the Socialists,  
or would the Democrats be next?

In conclusion, I issue a chal-  
lenge to Mr. Barnett. I will meet  
him at any time in front of any  
group of students or faculty at  
this university to debate the right  
of the YSA to exist.

Don Spann  
Box 2616

## Scene From the Hill

**Legislature proposes  
welfare sterilization**

By Lawrence Harrington

From time to time, public demonstrations  
have been held by citizens attempting to affect  
the decisions of a legislative body. In this  
country since the 1963 civil rights march on  
Washington there seems to have been a trend in  
this direction. Some groups have found it useful  
to present themselves en masse before their  
elected representatives.

The question arises as to what effect actions  
like this are going to have on the 87th General  
Assembly. The answer lies in the ability of the  
activist group itself. To have any positive effect  
at all, it must be well informed about the issue  
and the legislature. It must be able to articulate  
its position. Finally, the strategy must be care-  
fully planned.

HOUSE BILL No. 20 would make sterilization  
mandatory for any mother on welfare giving  
birth to a third illegitimate child. This bill,  
sponsored by Representative Larry Bates of  
Martin, would deny further welfare benefits to  
the mother if she refused to be sterilized. Any  
additional illegitimate children, after this third  
child, could be declared wards of the state and  
taken away from the mother.

Legislation like that is sure to create a stir.  
However, as far as the legislature is concerned,  
there has not been that much excitement. The  
consensus of opinion has been that the bill would  
not even get out of committee. One veteran legis-  
lator told me that he had considered asking Bates  
if he was really serious about the proposal.

The situation may have changed a little. A  
group of about 30 people opposed to the bill  
showed up on the Hill Tuesday morning, the first  
day of the regular legislative session.

They were determined to make their position  
known. It seems as though the major objective  
was to get a public hearing when the General  
Welfare committee of the House considers the  
legislation.

The group picketed in front of the building  
and milled through the halls. Some leaflets passed  
out condemning HB 20 as "part of a conspiracy  
against the people by the federal and state govern-  
ments." There did not appear to be much or-  
ganization. If their group has a name, they would  
not tell me what it is. Some were black. Some  
were students.

The point is that they did not make a very  
good impression on the lawmakers. The timing  
was poor, and the tactics were not much better.  
It is unfortunate, but nevertheless, true that the  
situation may have caused some of the more  
conservative members of the House committee  
to desire that the bill be sent out of committee.  
The whole demonstration should serve as an  
example of what not to do.

Still, most observers see as doubtful any  
possibility that HOUSE BILL 20 will become law.

**Douglas suggests reformation**

To the Editor:

All societies seem to swing  
from one extreme to the other:  
it is difficult to control the pen-  
dulum as it makes its way across  
the middle areas of common  
sense and responsibility. Not only  
have the colleges been found  
wanting, but also they have been  
irresponsible in their failure to  
acknowledge the need for change  
in curricula, course content, and  
teaching methods.

All of those who make up the  
academic community -- boards,  
presidents, deans, and faculty --  
have been and are at fault. Smug-  
ness, blindness, and concern with  
bigness and bricks and mortars  
are a few of the villains. We  
have for too long, and in too  
many cases, forgotten or ignored  
our real function, and that is,

of course, teaching and learning.  
The student is paramount, not  
the board member, president, or  
faculty member.

Pressures on the college from  
business, government, industry,  
labor, or the taxpayer tend to  
befog the educational climate and  
to bias action away from stu-  
dents' needs, especially those of  
personal development.

This bias must be recognized  
by all of us, and it is incumbent  
upon faculty senates, presidents,  
and boards to become personally  
involved and immersed in their  
only valid reason for being mem-  
bers of the education profession:  
a commitment to education.

The responsibilities for educa-  
tional leadership should not be,  
by default, turned over to stu-  
dents, many of whom are already  
lost in the confusion of the multi-

versity. Enlightened leadership  
from the president and faculty  
is an obligation and a privilege,  
not a chore to be ignored or  
rejected.

Anyone who expects to learn  
has a right to expect personal  
interest and expertise from the  
teacher. The teacher, then, must  
be more than a fountain of facts;  
these will be increasingly avail-  
able from information retrieval  
equipment.

Aware of his responsibility to  
develop open minds, and encour-  
aged to do so by supportive  
administrators, the teacher will,  
in cooperation with the student  
eager to learn, bring about a  
reformation of American higher  
education.

William W. Douglas  
Box 1704

**Rejection inhibits progression**

To the Editor:

In his letter concerning the  
SIDELINES defense of the Young  
Socialist Alliance, Mr. Barnett  
in charging the paper with ig-  
norance and deception has shown  
both his ignorance of "social-  
ism" and his ability in the con-  
notative use of the term "revolu-  
tionary."

He displays the reaction many  
Americans experience when they  
hear the word "socialist." It  
is a fact that capitalism is the  
foundation of the American eco-  
nomic system but that does not  
preclude the introduction of other  
ideas that might change our econ-  
omy for the better.

"Revolution" means change  
but these changes must not be  
brought about by violent means.

Our governmental system is set  
up so that such measures are  
unnecessary. Certainly if vio-  
lence is the object in the mind  
of the YSA, it has chosen very  
infertile soil on which to preach  
its doctrine.

But the fact remains that as  
long as they are citizens of this  
nation, they have the right to ex-  
press their opinions and ideas  
for the betterment of our social  
structure. No system is per-  
fect and there is always a reluc-  
tance to admit these imperfec-  
tions, but intolerance to new  
ideas in a culture of free speech  
only serves to further blind peo-  
ple to them. The administra-  
tion has shown exactly this in-  
tolerance in its policy regard-  
ing the YSA.

The way to learn about any new  
or unconventional concept is not  
to put it aside and pretend it  
is not there. You do not teach  
your children about sex by act-  
ing as if it does not exist. The  
effect of such blindness can easily  
be seen. The results of these  
effects can be interpreted one way  
or another. We should not be  
afraid to study Hitler's madmen  
ideas if we have the reasoning  
power to be free of unconscious  
indoctrination.

New ideas are the essence of  
man's progression toward a per-  
fect society. Rejection or sup-  
pression of these concepts,  
usually an ineffective measure,  
can only inhibit this progression.  
Paul G. Vance  
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## Professor Parks questions proposed state legislation

Tennessee is at a point of grave crisis in its educational system, warned Norman Parks, political science professor, concerning the introduction of legislation in the current General Assembly to provide state aid to parochial and private schools.

Parks speaking Monday at a meeting of the Murfreesboro Civil Liberties Union said that these bills if passed would violate both the state and federal constitutions concerning freedom of religion.

The specialist on Constitutional law commented that while these bills would probably not be passed they were toe-in-the-door-bills designed to soften up the state legislators for the eventual passage of financial aid to these schools.

Parks indicated that the proponents of the bills, including members of the Tennessee Council of Private Colleges, argued that tax aid would evenly distribute state funds to all citizens

while ignoring that the church college is an organism and you can't aid part of it without aiding the rest of it.

The political scientist continued that funds going to parochial schools would also help pay for the religious instruction conducted in those schools which was contrary to the first amendment, Parks stated, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment or religion."

Citing a court decision from the Supreme Court of Louisiana, as a precedent, Seeger v. Parker Parks indicated that the attempt to aid parochial schools with tax dollars was ruled last year to be unconstitutional.

The Jenks plan, a tuition voucher plan, and the bill to appropriate funds to parochial schools would not save the state money, Parks suggested. He further indicated that the bill to aid parochial schools would cost the state \$8,500,000 additional dollars.



*Beware!*

The entrance to the Houston Center? No, it's the sign marking the entrance to the area now under development for the new MTSU Athletic Complex. The new gymnasium will be located next to the old Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

## Operations continue on new gym

By Rita Henderson

Construction of MTSU's new gymnasium and convocation hall is on schedule, according to Ed Voorhies, director of planning. The Physical Education and Convocation Center is scheduled to be completed in December, 1972.

For the past six months planning, mapping and subsequent fencing off and digging have composed the preliminary stages of the new project, Voorhies related.

Much of the university's outdoor recreational area is presently fenced off and inaccessible to the student. Voorhies apologized for the inconvenience and justified its necessity.

The department head explained that one enters the ground level of the proposed structure where the world's largest intrack is to be located, and must gradually descend to reach the main basketball court.

In order to dig and clear the 320 square foot building site for the sloping ground level, dirt must be stored on various student recreational areas until ground level building and dirt packing has been completed.

The director of planning emphasized that the physical education department with its large number of majors, graduate students and students fulfilling required courses today necessitates the use of all the space in both the new and old buildings.

In the new building, the four ground floor auxi-

liary gyms and four handball courts will be used exclusively for physical education classes. Offices and classrooms on the second and third levels will also be used to accommodate and broaden the athletic department.

Voorhies indicated that renovation of the old gymnasium will allow more space for physical education classes and intramural events.

Hopefully, Voorhies explained, a connection tunnel between the old gym and the new building will facilitate operation as one unit.

In addition to the 5,000 permanent seats surrounding the sunken main basketball court, there are an additional 6,300 rolling seats on the ground and second level combined to seat sports enthusiasts.

Presently, an acquisition for funds to construct a 600 space parking lot is being presented to the Tennessee legislature for approval. As part of the master plan, this parking area if funded will be located north of the present picnic area and directly off Greenland Drive.

Harold Jewell, superintendent of buildings and grounds, is presently investigating possibilities and working to develop more area east of the parking lot space for intramural football, Voorhies related.

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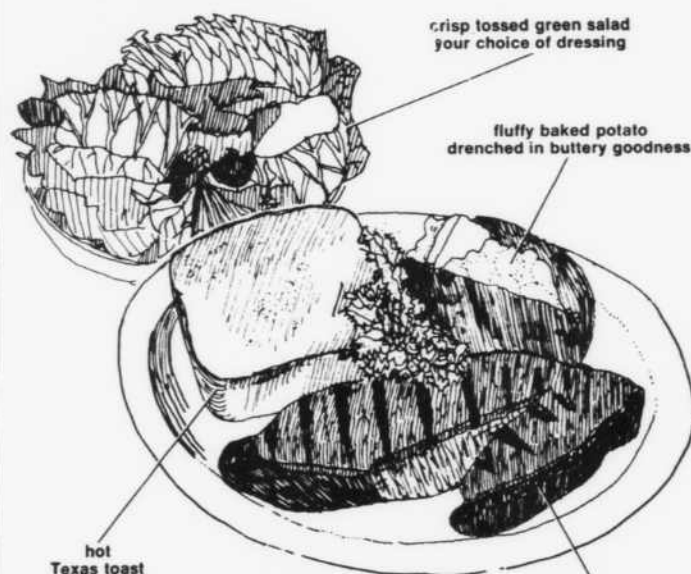
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## Raiders fall to Morehead

MTSU found the going to be extremely rough on the road last Monday as they fell to OVC cellar dweller Morehead State University by a 70-55 count.

Poor shooting was the Raider's downfall, with the Blue making only 35.5 percent of their shots and Morehead hitting 56 percent.

Jim Day was the hottest of the Morehead Eagles as he connected on 11 of 18 shots from the floor and added three from the charity stripe for a total of 25 for the evening.

MTSU was led in its efforts by Captain Ken Riley, who flipped in 13 points, followed by Herman Sykes, Stan Sumrell, and Nick Prater, who contributed 10 points each for the Raider cause.

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## Hyde Time

## Benefits of new gym

By Ron Merville

With the advent of the construction of MTSU's new gym, and the proposed quality of its facilities, how will this new athletic plant benefit the MTSU sports program?

At first glance, it would seem that the basketball and track programs would benefit the most from the new gym. But, this is not the case.

An athlete, fresh out of high school and trying to decide where he will attend college, will naturally select the college or university that can offer him the most both academically and athletically.

It is no secret that MTSU scholarships are limited to a relatively small number because of an OVC rule governing the number of athletic scholarships available.

Therefore, many fine young athletes, who are overlooked by the larger schools, are forced to attend a smaller college or university if they want to participate in collegiate sports.

Every year there are many fine high school athletes that are either overlooked by larger universities or who would just rather play football, or whatever, at a smaller school.

And, since there are usually just a few scholarships with which to entice these youngsters to a smaller school, the majority of these young athletes must "go out for a sport" at the college of their choice.

Now, how does all of this tie in with our new gym? Simply this, our new gym will be one of the greatest selling points this university has. It is certain to influence many more young men to bring their athletic talents to MTSU - where excellent coaching staffs can put these talents to use.

Remember too, that a sports program, anywhere, is only as successful as the people within the program and the facilities available for training. We have the finest coaches in the OVC and with the new gym we'll have the very best of facilities.

We also have some of the finest athletes in the country - but this new gym will sell even more fine athletes on MTSU.

Results: (1) Best coaching staffs in OVC, plus (2) finest facilities available, plus (3) best athletes available equal finest all-around sports program in the OVC.

Freshman roundballers  
humble Motlow State, 75-73

MTSU's Baby Raiders made it five in a row as they came from behind to slip past Motlow State Community College last night 75-73.

The hotly fought battle, in which several flare-ups occurred, had Motlow State controlling the first half for the most part, before the MTSU freshmen could get things together in the second half.

Coached by former Blue Raider roundballer Don Lockridge

and current Raider guard Jim Drew, the victory last night was the frosh's fifth in a row.

Keith Cromartie led the Blue in scoring with 23 points, closely followed by Mason Bonner's 21 markers. Calvin More led Motlow with 17. The frosh roundballers will round out their season homestand Saturday night against the Austin Peay freshmen.

## Committee delays seminar

Addition of a black history seminar to the current curriculum has been delayed until the spring semester, 1972, at the earliest, according to Bart McCash of the history department.

McCash was notified last Wednesday that the curriculum committee could not approve the addition of a black history seminar in time for it to be included in next fall's schedule.

The history professor had hoped to have the course included this past fall, but he explained that there were still some aspects of the course to be worked out, thereby postponing the inclusion of the seminar at least until next spring.

McCash currently teaches Afro-American history which was first offered in the fall of 1969 and which was the initial black history course on campus.

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## Raiders return home

## UT-Martin becomes tenth victim

By Jim Lynch

MTSU's Blue Raiders rebounded from a disastrous road trip by clubbing the Volunteers of the University of Tennessee-Martin Branch 66-59 last night in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Led by the outstanding efforts of senior Captain Ken Riley, who equalled both his point total and rebound total with 19 each, the Big Blue ran their season count to 10-13, 3-9 in the OVC.

MTSU had some trouble getting things going in the first half as they fell behind early 11-4 to the Volunteers before Riley took charge and brought the Raiders back to a 14-13 advantage with 12:06 to go in the first stanza.

From that point on, the game continued nip and tuck, the biggest lead coming at 8:31 of the first half when Riley hit a short jumper to push the Raiders out to a 19-15 lead. The score at the halftime buzzer showed MTSU with a two point edge, 27-25.

The halftime tallies had Riley leading all scorers with 12 mark-

ers and eight rebounds. High point man for UT-Martin at the break was forward David Elzy who had five. MTSU was out-shot from the floor in the first half by the Volunteers as the Raiders could convert on only 13 of 41 shots for a 31.7 percentage.

The visitors from the Volunteer State Athletic Conference converted 12 of 32 shots from the floor for a 37.5 average. The teams were equal in rebounding in the first half with 28 each.

As the second half began, the Blue Raiders took command and never trailed from that point to the end of the game. Quickly adding two baskets to their total in the first minute of second half play, MTSU ran its lead out to as many as ten, 43-35 with 12:03 left in the game, before UT-Martin put on a late surge.

At that point, the visitors out-scored the Blue 12-2 for the next four minutes to tie the game at 47 all with 8:15 to go. At that time, Coach Jimmy Earle's

charges yelled as a team and sprinted out to a commanding lead that they never gave up.

Along with Riley's 19 points and 19 rebounds, the final statistics showed Herman Sykes with 13 for the cause and Nick Prater with 11 to round out the MTSU double figure scorers.

Outstanding bench help came from Bubba Yarbrough, reserve center, who flipped in nine points and added seven rebounds to the victory. Yarbrough also excelled on defense.

UT-Martin's top two scorers were held well under their season averages by the tight Blue Raider defenses. John Robinson, who came into the game with a 15.4 average could garnish only 10, while Leonard Hamilton, who had been hitting at an 11.4 clip, could manage only four points for the evening. Marcus McLamore added 10 points to the Volunteer's losing effort.

As a team, MTSU finally out-rebounded the smaller Volunteers 60-51, but lost out in the shooting percentage race.

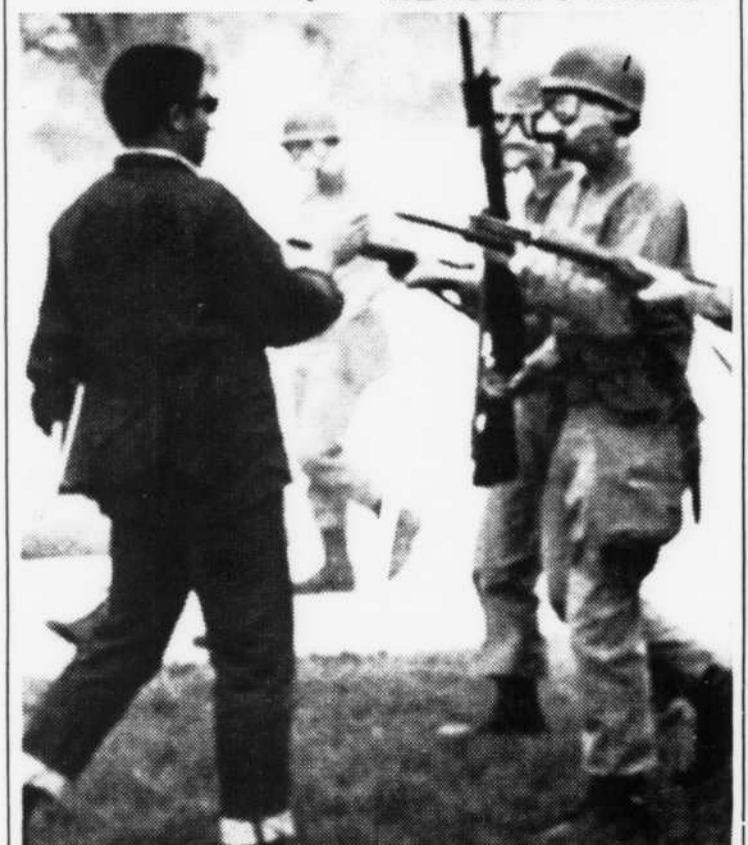
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# Required courses study enters final phase

MTSU's General Education Council headed by Dean of Faculty Howard Kirksey is nearing the end of its present study of the required courses at this campus.

Kirksey indicated that the council has met 11 times to study suggestions for new required courses and the merits of those proposed.

General education courses now required, he said, include two years of English, two years of physical education, two years of science, and two years of social science with one year of American history fulfilling half of the social science requirement.

The faculty dean stated that

By David Burger

these requirements were set up in 1953 and have remained unchanged. He added that when the school was evaluated by the Southern Association in the mid-1960's, it was decided that a committee should be formed to study the general education requirements; however, this committee became deadlocked without results.

## Scarlett's study

When President Scarlett came to MTSU in 1968, Kirksey said, he expressed the feeling that the matter should be restudied, and this eventually resulted in the present council.

This council is merely a study council, according to the faculty dean, with no power to actually change the existing requirements. He explained that their recommendations will be sent to the faculty senate and the university curriculum committee and eventually to President Scarlett who will accept or reject the proposals.

It is possible, Kirksey said, that the council may remain after its present work is completed

in order to maintain a continuing study of the situation.

At the present time, the council is in its final phase of work, but no specific recommendations have as yet been made.

## Proposals vary

Dean Kirksey explained that almost everything has been suggested as required subjects from agriculture to the humanities. He stated that the problem facing the council is a different one with much difference of opinion.

One suggestion, he noted would make only the minimum requirements of the state board (two years of English, two years of physical education, and one year of American history) required courses of the university.

Each school within the university, he added, would, then be able to adopt additional requirements for that particular school.

Kirksey explained that the University of Tennessee leaves the required courses up to each school, but added that UT is not governed by the State Board as is MTSU.

The dean said that another suggestion was that the Ameri-

can history requirement be more flexible so that a student might substitute courses in such things as political science. He stated that the reasoning behind this suggestion was that a student receives enough American history in high school.

## Humanities study

Another program would require a certain number of hours in the humanities (art, music, language, literature, philosophy) with the student being free to choose specific courses, Kirksey noted. He added that this is now done in the social science requirement with English 201 and 202 the only required courses in the humanities.

Proponents of science courses, however, say that the phenomenal growth of knowledge in the past few years has been in science rather than in the humanities, Kirksey said, and they advocate that everyone should know how to use these advances in science rather than having a major emphasis placed on the humanities.

Still other suggestions have been to require courses in the behavioral sciences and in health.

Dean Kirksey expressed the feeling that the addition of a large package of required courses coupled with the student's major could make the 132 hours required for a degree much too cramped for four years' work.

## Basic questions

Dean Kirksey added that the matter of general education requirements boils down to questions of what needs are to be met by the program and what kind of program would best meet these needs. He listed the needs as the following: developing skills of communication, ability to discriminate among values and make relevant judgments, and development of skills in following a profession.

Freshman English is designed to meet the first need, but there the general agreement ends, he said. For the other two needs, Dean Kirksey stated that there are stacks of suggestions but very little agreement on how to meet them.

Serving as ex-officio members of the council are President Scarlett and Bart Gordon. Faculty representatives chosen by the faculty senate include: Aaron Todd, Ernest Hooper, Dalton Drennan, Jack Arters, Jerry Williams, Lucille Estes, Price Harrison, John Weems, and Robert LaLance. Student representatives chosen by the ASB are: Wanda Ensor, Edwin Zaunbrecher, and Marsha Zeigler.

August Eberle, chairman of the University of Indiana's department of higher education, serves as consultant for the General Education Council. The deadline for the committee's recommendations is April 1, 1971.

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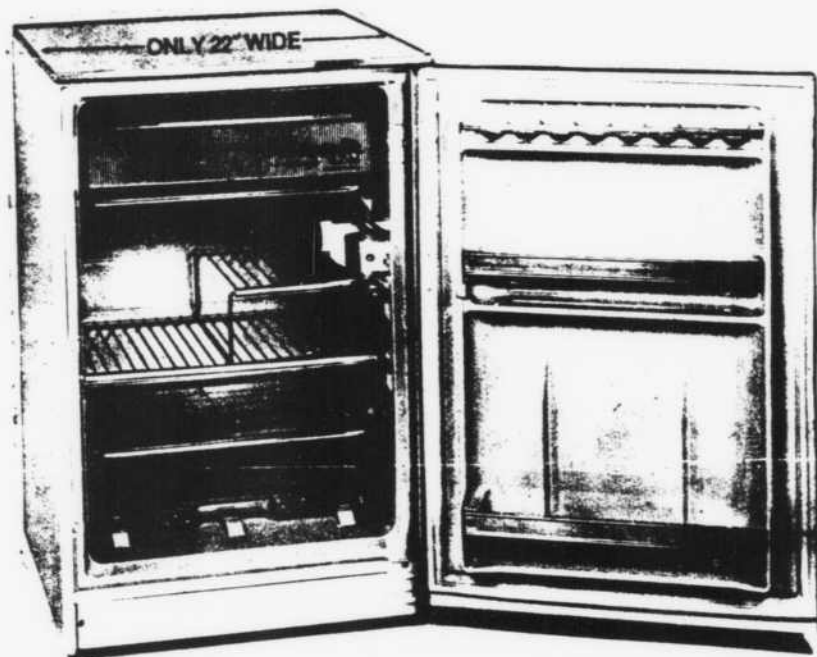
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