

Student groups travel to inauguration

Representatives of two MTSU student political groups will travel to the nation's capital today to participate in a pair of differing functions, both dealing with the inauguration of Richard Nixon.

The local chapter of the College Young Republicans is sending four invited guests to the various inaugural celebrations, according to Jeff Barnett, a member of that organization.

An additional six to ten people will individually attend the festivities, Barnett said.

Meanwhile, the MTSU Young Democrats are sending their own emissaries to the gala—but they plan to picket instead of participate.

"Simply put, we are going to protest the bombing of North Vietnam over the holidays," Young Democrats' President Bettie Tripp said.

"More than 15 are going from here," said Young Democrat Secretary Larry Harrington, "and that's a conservative estimate."

"There will be in excess of 100 members, statewide, who will attend a caucus with various anti-war congressmen," Harrington said. "Also, each participant is supposed to try to see his individual congressman as well."

"We don't think that

'peace is really at hand'," Tripp said. "Four more years at a conference table and more bombings are a high price to pay."

"The Young Democrats are very much in favor of peace negotiations—but we are more in favor of peace," Harrington said.

"This is an impromptu thing, because the coordination is not by any group, but by concerned individuals."

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Recess?

Although the library was intended as a center for research and enlightenment, there are those who simply cannot resist a good old swing around the lamp post on an unusually warm winter afternoon.

Jackson hits apathy with 'lightning' plan

By Wayne Hudgens

A "blitzkrieg" or lightning war against student apathy which will involve three areas of assault will be launched within the next two weeks, according to John Jackson, ASB president.

Jackson, who declared "war" on apathy at MTSU in November, said yesterday the attack would include the following points:

- Campus distribution of the ASB "Whitepaper" which outlines the goals of all ASB offices and committees;
- Expansion of the "Rap '73" forum program, which is expected to increase the student voice in airing complaints or suggestions aimed at the university;
- Circulation of a survey to all dormitories, allowing the student an opportunity to list his complaints in order of priority.

"This is the first time that the ASB has ever completed a list of what our goals are in improving the student's lot here," Jackson said, commenting on the Whitepaper.

In addition to listing goals, the paper also lists the mem-

bers of ASB and where they can be reached.

Jackson said the survey and forum programs should also assist him in working for improvement programs.

"Many of the things that we are planning may not be instituted until next year," he said, "but at least someone will benefit from it."

Suggestions being currently investigated include a proposal that on-campus pick-up laundry by a local dry cleaning firm be made for a small fee.

Reorganization and expansion of the justice department has been completed as a result of the apathy war, he said.

In his November speech before a joint assembly of the Senate and House of Representatives, Jackson told the legislators that they were responsible for bringing an end to apathy.

"Frankly, our problem is just don't give a damnism," he told the group.

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'War is hell'--sometimes
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'Farm Band' slates dance
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Ombudsman

Reader requests sign

"I feel that it would protect the security of pedestrians if a 'walk-no walk' sign were placed at the crossing of Bell Street. At the present time, the lights are operated on a traffic counter basis. If no cars are on Bell Street, the light will not work.

If the 'walk-no walk' sign is unfeasible, why not and synchronize the lights on a timed basis? The crossing is a problem particularly in bad weather

and when trying to dodge crazy drivers." J. L. Box 8133

SIDELINES has written a letter about the problem to Edwin Voorhies. Voorhies is a member of a Murfreesboro Transportation Study Committee. As the complaint has been formalized he says he will be able to present it to the study committee for consideration at their next meeting.

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Committee holds
closed meeting
on new reforms

A closed meeting of the Constitution Revision Committee was held Wednesday night for first and second readings of proposed changes to the ASB Constitution, according to Jeff Barnett, ASB attorney general.

The legislation regarding the three branches of the ASB government—legislative, executive and judicial—are being submitted for readings by the committee to approve changes in wording to correspond to proposed new legislation.

An historically controversial bill is the Comprehensive Electoral Act, concerning the qualifications of nominees and all mechanics of an election. The act now conflicts with the present constitutional document. The bill is a "rider" to the ASB Constitution.

Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" will be presented by the Tennessee Repertory Company on Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. in the DA auditorium. Admission will be free.

A spring induction booth and a smoker will be this month's features of the Circle K, Maxie Starks, club publicity chairman, said.

The booth will be in the UC basement lobby on Jan. 22-23 with information about the organization. The smoker will be held Jan. 24 in room 308 of the UC for members and prospective members.

Capitol names Lanier
as general manager

H. Miller Lanier, former MTSU aviation instructor and present chairman of the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission was named by Capitol International Airways to the position of General Manager of Cumberland Aviation.

In addition to being a veteran in administrative phases of general aviation, Lanier is a pilot with more than 17,000 hours of flight time. He is first vice president of the newly organized Tennesseans for Better Transportation.

During 1972, his contributions to the aviation industry were acknowledged by a certificate of merit from the National Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Association in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Lanier was an instructor of aviation at MTSU from 1945 to 1970. During this

period he received nationwide recognition for his pioneering educational programs in US aviation. He initiated the first college-level aviation program toward a degree in general aviation in 1948. Lanier was primarily responsible for the Department of Aerospace at the university in 1969.

In 1970 Lanier received the FAA's Silver Medal for Distinguished Service, the Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Award, and a number of other professional recognitions during his career.

His appointment to lead the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission came in 1968 in a direct appointment from the late Buford Ellington, governor of Tennessee. Lanier is president of Aerospace Resources Corporation, a consulting firm.

File 13

Marilyn Ledbetter, an MTSU Shelbyville junior, will compete in the American Honey Queen beauty pageant in Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 22-28.

Ledbetter, a vocational home economics major, earned the right to attend the national contest after she was named the state Honey Queen for 1972.

She is sponsored by the Tennessee Beekeepers Association.

the possibility of beginning an academic honors program for the fall semester.

Persons interested in officiating men's intramural basketball should contact the intramural office before Monday, Jan. 29. Palmer Jones, men's intramural assistant, has announced.

Deadlines for men's and women's intramural basketball are 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, and 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 26, the intramural office has announced. Entries should be turned in to the intramural office, rooms 201-204, AM Gym.

C.U.B.E., Creating Understanding by Effort, will hold a meeting January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in room 322 in the U.C.

Anyone who is interested in helping underprivileged children and qualifies for membership in C.U.B.E. is invited to attend the meeting or call 890-5476.

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Boutwell cites student deadline for TISL bills

Students wishing to submit bills to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature must do so by Tuesday, Jan. 23, said John Boutwell, MTSU delegate.

"The TISL offers an opportunity to the local students to formulate pieces of legislation to be introduced into this session," said Boutwell.

If TISL approves the bill, it will be submitted to the state legislature for their consideration, he said.

Students wishing to place a bill into consideration should draft the legislation and contact either Charlie Akers, Box 5087, or John Boutwell, Box 1231. All bills should be typed.

'Farm Band' to play in Alumni Gym dance

A nationally known rock music band will play a free concert and dance at 8 p.m., Feb. 9, in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, according to ASB President John Jackson.

"The Farm Band," composed of a group of musicians playing predominantly "psychedelic" music of the late sixties, will play for "brotherhood and harmony", group member Peter Schweitzer said Wednesday.

The group is composed of members of "The Farm," a 400-person commune near Summertown in suburban Lewis County.

The performance will feature a discussion led by the acknowledged head of the commune, Stephen Gaskin. Gaskin also assists in tuning instruments within the group.

Representatives of the commune have recently been before the Tennessee Supreme Court to appeal a 1972 conviction regarding the death of a female commune member by strangulation.

Placement Office includes student employment center

The MTSU Placement Office has been expanded to include a student employment center, according to Martha Turner, placement officer.

Student employment aid is now centralized, Turner said. "We can now offer a place for students to come and fill out applications for part-time employment both on and off campus."

She indicated that the student will then be notified if he or she is accepted for a job.

"The way it was before," Turner said, "the student either had to go to the bookstore, library or other places to seek employment."

Dancers to present concert and classes

Yuriko and Company, a nationally known dance troupe, will perform a free concert tonight at 8 in the University Theatre.

Yuriko, a former principal soloist in the Martha Graham Dance Company, will conduct a free workshop for students tomorrow from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Yuriko will be dancing and teaching the Martha Graham method from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Murphy Center dance studio. She and her company regularly conduct teaching workshops across the United States.

Ymme Dahlberg, a Lebanese dancer in the company, will conduct a workshop in harum dancing from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the studio.

Raymond Clay, a former Nashvillian and company member, will conduct a workshop in Afro-American dancing from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The dance troupe will conduct lecture demonstrations for two weeks in modern dance at five Murfreesboro elementary schools. The company is teaching under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Tennessee Fine Arts Commission.

The Yuriko Company is part of a month-long arts workshop in Murfreesboro. Financed under the Impact series, artists in residence teach elementary age children art fundamentals.

Two similar programs are also being conducted in Jackson and Oliver Springs, Tenn. Experimental programs in the arts have proved to increase children's learnabilities rapidly, Anne Holland, MTSU modern dance instructor, said.



Gliding

Yuriko, principal soloist of her own nationally known dance company, interprets a mood in preparation for tomorrow's workshop in Murphy Center.

"The guy who was responsible wasn't practicing awareness, which Stephen has told us we need to practice all the time," Schweitzer said. "If we all practice that, then there won't be anything but brotherhood."

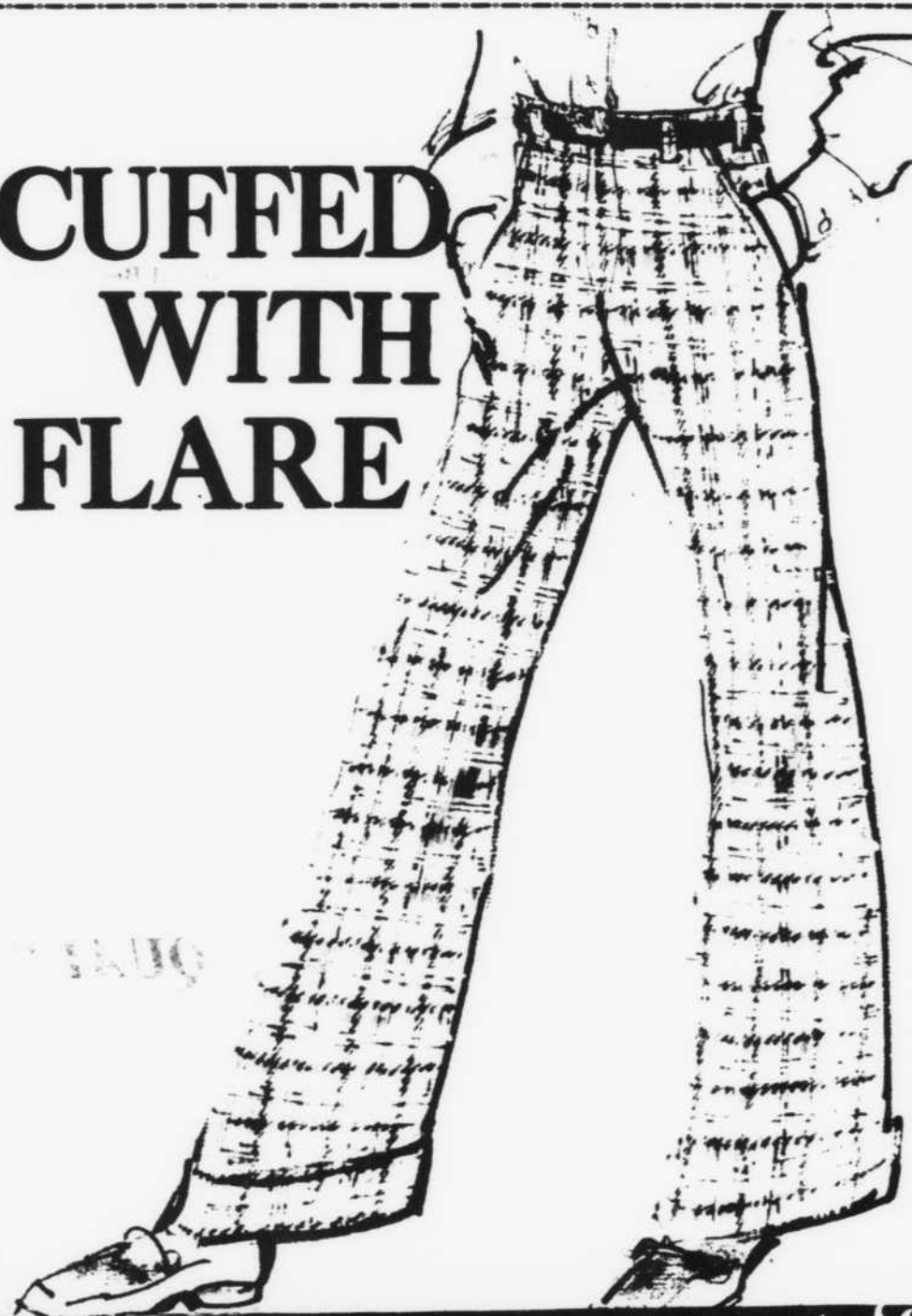
"If you get all that power coming from the amplifiers, you might as well say something worthwhile with it," said Schweitzer. "We don't need dope with our music, because brotherhood and harmony will be what comes out -- not an ego trip."

"That's why folks like The Rolling Stones are putting it on the crowds at their concerts. Mick Jagger is on an ego trip, and it sticks in the crowd," he said. "We've never had a fight or riot at our concerts because we are not ego tripping."

"Folks can dance to the music or sit there and enjoy it," Schweitzer said.

A recently released album, "The Farm Band," is available to interested listeners, he said.

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Ringgold, Ga.----Initial point in assembly-line marriages, the county courthouse, has witnessed many "quickie" weddings.

Ceramics exhibition to begin

The Sixth Mid-South Ceramics Exhibition will open February 4 in the Art Barn Gallery and run through February 28, according to K.J. Catabagan, MTSU art professor.

One thousand dollars, ranging from \$50 to \$125 prizes, will be awarded to the top eleven competitors. Approximately 150 exhibits are expected to be entered and be judged in order to appear in the show. Exhibits must be judged to quality before being allowed to be entered.

The competition, sponsored once every two years

by the MTSU Art Department, consists of works entered by ceramics artists who are 18 years of age or older from all states east of the Mississippi.

Judging the competition January 23 will be American Craft Council Executive Vice President Donald

Journalists move

SIDELINES editorial, business and production facilities were moved last Friday to the basement of the Alumni Memorial gymnasium. The editorial and business offices are located in AM 109.

Georgia's 'Las Vegas' provides super fast, no wait marriages

"Do you take this here womern to be your wedded wife?" the judge chimed. Bob Rollins, Ringgold, Ga., judge, was performing just another of his many marriage ceremonies of the day.

Ringgold has become the Las Vegas of the South. Instant marriage ceremonies on demand, for a nominal fee, are performed daily, Rollins said.

Rollins commented on the number of MTSU students who come to Ringgold. The reasons are often sentimental, he said.

"People come from all walks of life to be married in Ringgold," he said. "We provide a quick, efficient service to anyone meeting the age requirements and showing a valid birth certificate or driver's license."

An assembly line process is set up in Ringgold, making the legal work and medical requirements easy to meet.

By Peggy Smith
Feature Editor

A secretary types up the marriage license and certificate in the front office of the court house, then sends the couple to get the blood test.

"You just have to stick your arm through a window," recalled one couple from MTSU, "then come back in an hour."

Rollins, who has been performing ceremonies for 12 years, tries to recruit every man and woman who comes into the court house. His light-hearted country attitude is indicative of the atmosphere prevailing in the small community.

"Young people come here sometimes because relatives or parents were married here," Rollins said. "It is really not because of legal reasons."

Ringgold has been specializing in its services since the end of World War II, Rollins indicated.

"The number of ceremonies we perform in a day varies," he said. "It increases on Saturdays and on holidays."

The ceremony itself is very impersonal, the judge is often not able to recall the names of the bride and groom. The couples are herded in and out of the judge's office as if they are being inoculated for the army.

The judge, who has just been re-elected, is responsible for probate court and traffic court as well as for the marriage ceremonies. Running against three opponents, Rollins retained more votes in the recent election than the other three combined.

Rollins enjoys his work. His old-southern-gentleman charisma, complete with white hair and sideburns, is an asset to his profession.

"I now pronounce you husband and wife," he ends. "The best man may kiss the maid of honor."

Forensic students aid BGA with high school tournament

More than 20 MTSU forensics students will assist Battle Ground Academy host a major high school forensics tournament this weekend, according to Jim Brooks, MTSU director of forensics.

Other MTSU forensics students, members of the debate team, will compete in the Vanderbilt Invitational Debate Tournament in Nashville.

The MTSU debate team has been instrumental in helping the BGA tournament get started this year, according to Brooks.

"We have been helping with the planning for this first event," he said. "We always try to help high

school programs in our area as much as possible, partly because we feel a responsibility as a regional university and partly because it helps us to build our program."


Brooks noted that the team had helped both new Murfreesboro high schools establish forensic programs. MTSU has also aided the area community colleges in their efforts to provide forensic opportunities for their students.

Jim Forbes, Nashville senior, and Terry Thomas, Murfreesboro junior, will compete in an important regional debate tournament sponsored by Vanderbilt University in Nashville this weekend.

Brooks noted that the fall semester had been a successful one for the team. The debaters traveled more than 12,000 miles during the first half of the year, representing the university in competition from coast to coast.

The team also sponsored three major events for MTSU students on campus this fall.

Team members make excellent grades despite their heavy schedules and extensive travels, according to Brooks. The team's collective grade point average is near 3.5.



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Opinions

Jackson declares war

Editorial

"War is hell"--in most cases.

After a brief setback, ASB President John Jackson has ordered a lightning attack against student apathy. This, we must admit, is an admirable but difficult project. After all, what good is a student government, if the student body is too apathetic to participate in it?

Jackson has taken three steps in establishing positive lines of communication between the student body and university officials.

The first step is the distribution of an ASB "Whitepaper". The "Whitepaper" will explain the goals of the ASB. Hopefully this will give the student body members some idea of how their government functions.

The second step is the expansion of the "Rap '73" forum series. This expansion is aimed at helping students get their complaints before the officials of the university.

The final part of Jackson's program is the circulation of a survey. This "survey" will give the student another way of airing his gripes.

This three pronged attack is very significant, because it has ended, or at least partially ended, one of the student body's major complaints about the university and the student government--the gripe that no one in a position of power ever listens to the student.

The most important facet of Jackson's "blitzkrieg" is the fact that the responsibility for an "end" of apathy at MTSU has been placed upon the shoulders of every member of the student body.

This is where the burden belongs. The members of the student body must accept the fact that the apathy that is rampant on this campus will never be brought to end until each individual student becomes involved.

Face it folks--the ASB has done all that it can do. The rest is up to you.



How many people care about SIDELINES?

How many people on campus know anything about the **SIDELINES**? Not many.

Some people might cite this lack of knowledge as another instance of apathy at MTSU. This somewhat cynical assumption is not exactly true.

The only reason the campus community knows nothing about the **SIDELINES** is that the **SIDELINES** has never told them anything about its structure or policies.

This semester the **SIDELINES** will try to bridge this informational gap with a new column--**ON THE SIDELINES**. Each **ON THE SIDELINES** will explain a different part or function of the **SIDELINES** structure. Hopefully, the column will make the **SIDELINES** a bit easier to comprehend.

ON THE SIDELINES is one of several new **SIDELINES** features designed to improve coverage and to make the newspaper more of a campus forum.

One feature will be the new pro/con editorial page--**COUNTERPOINTS**.

The pro/con page is a fairly new innovation. The format includes essays presenting both sides of a question. Topics ranging from the campus parking situation to the Vietnam war will be discussed on the page. The **SIDELINES** also will editorialize on the issue aired in **COUNTERPOINTS**.

Another "change" will be the implementation of a news beat system. Under the beat system, **SIDELINES** reporter will contact the major campus news sources regularly. The news beat system should make the **SIDELINES** news coverage more complete.

This attempt to improve coverage will be supplemented by an expanded 'File 13', which will include club meetings, special campus activities and other events and information that is pertinent to the campus community. 'File 13' material should be sent to Box 42, Campus Mail.

Speaking of news, perhaps this a good time to explain the **SIDELINES** policies concerning news coverage.

Newspapers have a responsibility to present the news to their readers. An important part of this responsibility is to print the truth in all news coverage.

No newspaper will ever be completely truthful in its news coverage. This statement should not be interpreted as calling all journalists liars. Actually, it is only an admission that journalists are just as mistake prone as the "next fellow."

In other words, newsmen can only attempt to print "the whole truth and nothing but the truth." In this attempt to present the

By Mike West
Editor-in-Chief

truth, the journalist must strive for both completeness and fairness in his reporting.

The honest news reporter must avoid distortion of the news by over-emphasizing or omitting a fact.

Honesty and fair play also have an important role in the newspaper's striving for accurate, complete news coverage. It is obvious why honesty is important--after all, who wants to read lies in any newspaper?

Fair play is important because it is impossible for a newspaper to cover every story.

"Why is it impossible?"

First, no newspaper has a large enough staff to cover every news story. Then one must consider the fact that no newspaper has enough space to print every news story--not even The New York Times.

"Well then, if a paper cannot cover or print every news story, how can it present its readers responsible, complete news coverage?"

Actually, the newspaper has one basic alternative, which is to fairly grade the news according to its worthiness.

The **SIDELINES** will strive for honesty, completeness, accuracy and fairness in its news coverage this semester.

The readers of the **SIDELINES** must remember that we are only human. The phrase "only human" is important to journalists, too. We must consider and keep in mind our own human frailties and the frailties of our readers.

SIDELINES readers, we can promise you one thing about our coverage this semester. It will be "only human."

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Class learns self-defense

Karate begins with courtesy, disciplines the mind and body, builds character, promotes respect and ends with courtesy.

MTSU students are taking karate for more practical reasons: "to learn self-defense and for exercise," said David Deaton, instructor of a bi-weekly class which meets in the basement of the Alumni Memorial gym.

"We begin each class with three formal bows," Deaton said, "and then do warm up exercises and basic stances, kicks, punches and blocks."

Later, members of the class practice self-defense techniques and spar free style. Each class ends with meditation to clear the mind and more formal bows.

Deaton, who holds a third degree black belt, said the philosophy of the style of karate he teaches is relaxation and speed, with tension at impact.

The style, called wado ryu, was created by the late Mr. Otsuka, a Japanese master who began studying jujitsu at the age of five and karate at the age of twelve. The Japanese emperor recently promoted Otsuka to a symbolic tenth degree black belt.

Deaton, who has been involved in karate for over six years, became interested in it through a friend who holds a black belt. Deaton's instructor is Cecil Patterson of Nash-

By Brenda Lane
Managing Editor

ville, who has a fifth degree black belt.

"A beginning student wears a white belt," Deaton said. "The student gradually works through yellow, blue, green, purple, brown and black belts. The darker the color, the higher the rank."

Deaton and members of his class are in the process of submitting a constitution to school officials to gain recognition as a club on campus. The club is tentatively named the MTSU Karate Club and welcomes new members.

Anyone who wishes to participate may attend the meetings held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym. Consideration is given to beginners and they watch what they are unable to do yet, Deaton said.

Karate employs body weight

Now in his third year of teaching karate at MTSU, Deaton has found that female students usually have better form, but less power than the male students. Male students have more power because of additional body weight.

"Karate uses all the body weight," Deaton said. "You apply your whole body in-

stead of just arms and legs in your punches."

Concentration is also important in karate. In class, complete silence is maintained except for the instructor's voice. This aids concentration so that students can learn to control the force of their kicks.

Students learn never to throw a punch unless they see an opening, Deaton said.

Ki, which is the technique of yelling as a blow is delivered, gives a little more power and a psychological advantage, Deaton commented.

"You breathe through your nose and push the air to the stomach," he said. "Then you breathe out and yell as you punch."

Students are taught the vulnerable areas of the body, the so-called "pressure points." These are the solar plexus, the bridge of the nose, the back of the head and the neck, Deaton said. Most blows are aimed at these areas.

"The ultimate in karate is to hit the opponent one time and kill or disable him," Deaton said. "But this skill comes only after many years of practice."

"Students develop a passive attitude toward fighting because of self-confidence," Deaton said.

No one who has had the right moral training in karate would initiate an attack simply because he knew he could defend himself, he added.

SUB cafeteria closes to renovate facilities

By Ann Hittinger

The Student Union Building will be closed for renovation this semester, to be reopened in the fall, said Bill Bennett, manager of the ARA Food Services.

The exact date of closing is not known, the cafeteria will run on a weekly basis until the plans and shifts are made. When the renovations are finished there will be a quick serve area where hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fish, french fries, milkshakes and other foods will be served. The hamburgers will be cooked on a conveyor broiler.

Interior to change

The interior has not been decided upon, but "we will attempt to get away from the institutional look that we have in all of our units on campus," said Bennett. "And we want to create a little more atmosphere if we possibly can."

Automatic Retailers of America (ARA) began in 1958 dealing with vending machines, said Bennett. They served schools, colleges and hospitals.

Slater Foods was started in a New York fraternity house by John Slater, who was a student at that time. Four years ago, A.R.A.-Slater became ARA Food Service Co.

Bennett said he is proud of his company in that they are listed on the Stock Exchange. Even though they are a corporation, they have time to concern themselves with the wants of students, he added.

They collaborate with the Food Service Committee, an ASB government function on campus, to inaugurate the wishes of the students. In the past

at the recommendation of the committee, a continental breakfast has been added.

Last year the hours of Woodmore Cafeteria were changed, but students presented a petition of two hundred names asking that the hours be returned to their original time. A compromise was made of opening earlier and closing later.

Bennett said, ARA Food Service saves their clients money. A student on the board plan is allowed \$14.40 a week for five days, while the student paid only \$10. a week. Only \$3.10 is subtracted for the morning meal, so a total of \$11.30 is left for the rest of the week.

Bennett, a native of Knoxville, has worked for eight years with various food services. He attended East Tennessee State University, and began with S&W Cafeteria as a manager trainee. He was with them for four years. Later he moved to UT where he was with their foodservice for two years. He has now been with ARA on the MTSU campus for three and a half years. He resides in Murfreesboro with his wife and three sons.

Students get attention

"We are here to serve the students and they are the only reason. We realize that without the students no one on campus would have jobs," said Bennett as the interview came to a close. "If any student has a complaint of any kind, let him come to us and let's talk about it and attempt to work it out."

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Sports

Panthers pull welcome mat out from Blue

After eking out a tough win at East Tennessee on Monday, the Blue Raiders continued their travels to Atlanta, Ga., where they faced Georgia State on Wednesday night.

The Panthers of GSU pulled the welcome mat from under the Raiders as they scored a 67-62 victory.

"Georgia State did a fine job on us defensively," said Head Coach Jimmy Earle. "They outthrustled us, out-rebounded us and outshot us." The Panthers shot 51.9 per cent from the floor as opposed to the Raiders 35.4 per cent. In rebounding, GSU pulled down

40, while the Blue totaled 31.

The game started off slowly as over two minutes had expired before the Raiders' Jimmy Martin popped in the first score. State came back later in the half to lead the Blue at halftime 30-25.

Several times in the second half the Raiders narrowed the gap to one or two points, but turnovers and missed free throws prevented the Blue from regaining the lead.

Jimmy "the Great" Powell, who was almost always double-teamed when he had the ball, had only six points

in the first half, but he responded in the second half to finish the game with 20 points, high total for the Raiders.

Martin and Steve Peeler each contributed 16 points to the MTSU offense and

were the only other Blue Raiders in double figures.

The Panthers had four players with ten points or more, with Ernie Dix leading the club with 19. Steve Webster with 14, Charlie Newlin with 11 and Neal

Purvis with 10 were the other top GSU scorers.

Saturday night the Raiders will be at home in the new C. M. Murphy Center to entertain the Eagles of Morehead State. Tipoff time is set for 7:30 p.m.

NCAA casts 'no' vote on proposed division

Last week at the annual NCAA Convention in Chicago an attempt was made to divide the membership into two different divisions, appropriately titled I and II.

The division, in effect, would make the member schools either a major college or small college, maintaining the designation in all athletic competition.

This would vastly affect the Ohio Valley Conference. Not only would OVC schools have small college designation in football, but also basketball, tennis, track, baseball, etc.

This would end the possibilities of national championships for OVC schools. Also the scheduling of so-called "major power" schools, a definite recruiting advantage, would be ended.

Fortunately, the division proposal was voted down . . . unfortunately, the NCAA has scheduled a special meeting to have another vote on the subject. I sincerely hope and pray that it will bite the dust again!

Also in Chicago last week, the rules committee

ROTC pep band launches group membership drive

The MIDDLETENSE-SEESTATE UNIVERSITY-RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS BAND (R.O.T.C. Band), having been asked by the athletic department to serve as the official pep band for basketball games, is launching a membership drive.

"We presently have 29 members, and we plan on at least a 40-person group," said Maj. Elbert Brown, assistant professor of military science.

"You don't have to be in

of the American Football Coaches Association met. One of the proposals that the committee voted upon was one that would provide a rule to deal with breaking ties in college and high school football games.

A Kind Word

By Wayne Kindness
Sports Editor

A tabulation revealed that the vote itself was a 9-9 tie!!

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Last month, after a loss of an away game, head basketball coach at Fordham University, Harold Wissell, said: "I wouldn't say that the lighting in the gym was the worst that I've ever seen, but it is the only gym where you can take films and develop them at the same time."

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Add to continuing saga of Fly Williams: In Monday night's win by Austin Peay over Eastern Kentucky, Williams was knocked unconscious while going for a rebound.... watch out for the swatters, Fly!

ROTC to play in the ROTC pep band," he said. "All you have to do is come to practice Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. We supply all uniforms and all instruments and music. . . even down to the reeds for woodwinds.

"Later in the semester, we are planning on a trip to either the Cotton Festival in Memphis or to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.," Brown said.

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Two Australian tennis players sign with Blue Raiders

Two top Australian tennis players have been signed to the Blue Raider squad, tennis coach Larry Castle recently announced. Jeff Gilchrist and Clyde

Smithwick, both of Melbourne, are rated by Coach Castle as excellent players. "Both have played against international stars," said Castle, "and should make a strong contribution to the team."

Countering the two signings, the Raiders have lost two players. Andrew Hutchison and David Highland, both from Barbados, West Indies, have left MTSU. Hutchison has gone to England to continue his schooling, while Highland is attending Brevard Junior College in Cocoa, Fla. Highland will return to MTSU for his junior and senior years.

The Raiders begin their winter workouts on Monday, Jan. 22. They will practice from four to five days a week until the end of February. The players will not have to worry about inclement weather canceling practice as they have one of the few indoor practice facilities in the country. There are four indoor courts in the new C. M. Murphy Center.

The Blue Raiders, according to Coach Castle, have an excellent non-conference schedule. Castle announced this week that the Raiders have been invited to play in the prestigious Tennessee Tennis Classic held at the University of

Tennessee. The Classic, scheduled for May 4th and 5th, will include perennial tennis powers Southern Illinois University and Presbyterian College, as well as UT and MTSU.

Other non-conference matches include Purdue, Ohio State, Cincinnati, Memphis State, Marshall, Kentucky, Alabama and Vanderbilt.

"What I'm looking for," said Coach Castle, "is to have not only good players, but fighters." "The three new players (Gilchrist, Smithwick and Wally Norwich) are fighters," he added. "I hope it will rub off on the others."

Coach Castle rates Norwich as one of the best players in the Ohio Valley Conference. "Eustace Kigongo is another top OVC player," added Castle, "and Doug Miedaner, Yogi Burgener and Les Barreau are all quality players."

"Ted Jones and Jerry Borysko will be our top doubles team," he continued.

Western Kentucky is rated by Castle as the "favorite" to win the OVC title, but he said that MTSU can finally say that "we have a shot at it."

"I will be disappointed with anything lower than third," he added.

Basketballers face pre-season favorite

Pre-season favorite, Morehead State University, will be the visitor to the new C. M. Murphy Athletic Center on Saturday night.

Morehead, coached by Bill Harrell, returned all five starting players from last year's team which won a share of the Ohio Valley Conference championship with a 16-11 record.

The Morehead Eagles started off the 1972-73 season with four straight wins, then they lost the next six games. Last Saturday and Monday nights, however, the Eagles rebounded with wins over Austin Peay and Murray, putting their season record at 6-6. In the OVC the Eagles have won two games and lost one, and are in second place.

Morehead is led by All-OVC forward Leonard Coulter. Coulter is currently fifth in OVC scoring with a 20.6 points per game average. He is also third in the league in rebounding with an average of 13.0 rebounds per game.

Guard Howard Wallen and forward Eugene Lyons are the Eagles' next top scorers with averages of 19.2 and 15.2 respectively.

Big man in the middle for MSU is 6-8 Ron Nicholson. Nicholson, who earned the nickname "The Rejector" by blocking a school record of 104 shots last season, is now back in action after missing several games with a broken hand. "Teams always seem to get their

injured player well against us," said Raider mentor Jimmy Earle.

Starting as the other guard will be Bill Dotson, one of Morehead's top defensive players.

"Morehead is an experienced ball club," said Coach Earle, "they have played together and read each other well." "They will probably use a full-court zone press against us," he added, "as well as a zone defense."

Preview: Morehead

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The Blue Raiders will start two juniors, two sophomores and one freshman in Saturday night's game. Mason Bonner and Jimmy Martin will be at the guard positions, with Steve Peeler and Jimmy "the Great" Powell at the forwards, and Tim Sinneros at center.

Powell leads the Raider scorers with a 20.0 point per game average. Peeler is scoring at a 14.1 points per game rate. Peeler and Powell are currently ranked second and fourth respectively in the OVC in field goal accuracy.

Prior to the varsity game, the junior varsity squad will host the Jorges Carpet Mill basketball team from Chattanooga. Jayvee game time is 5:15 p.m.

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