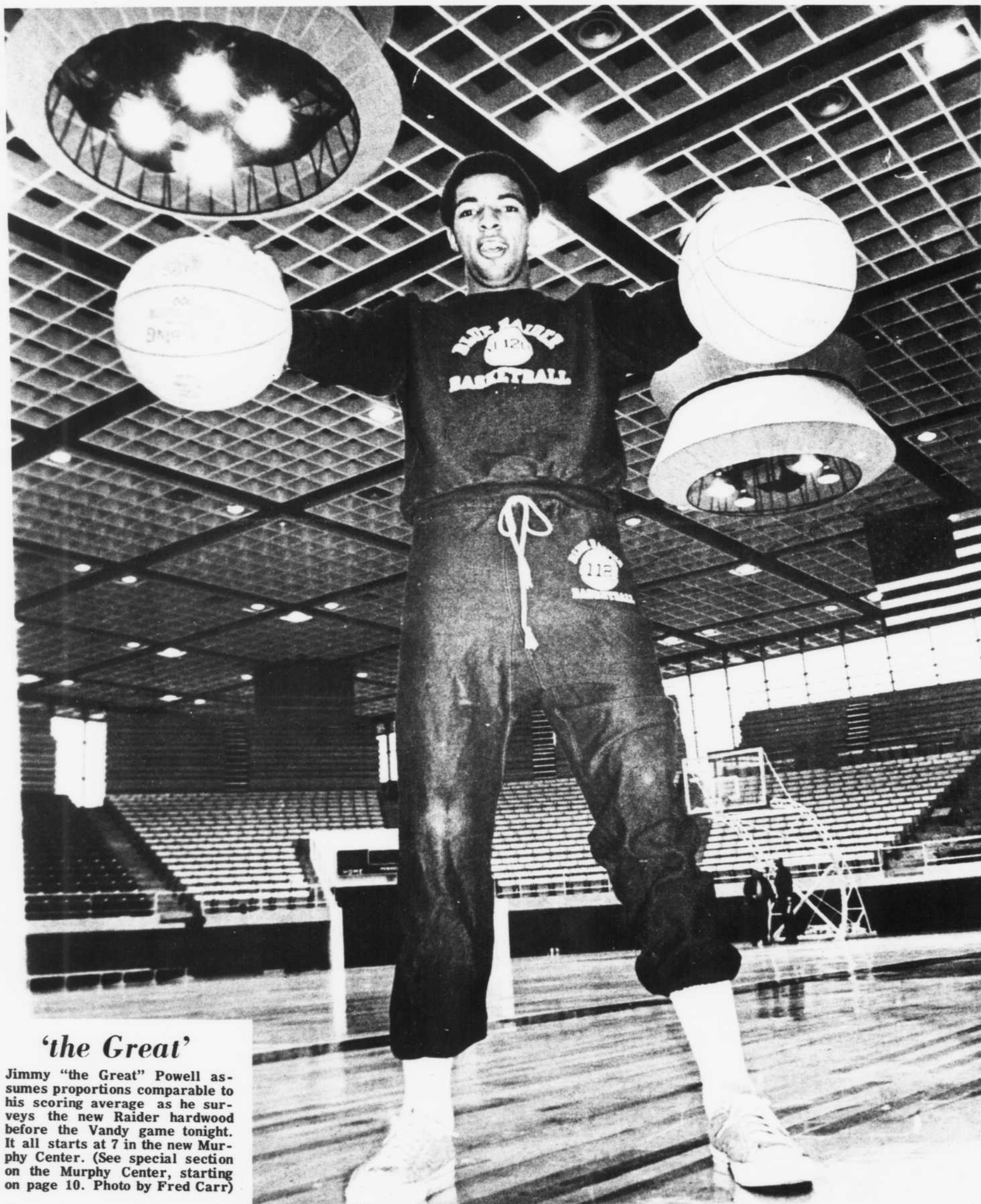


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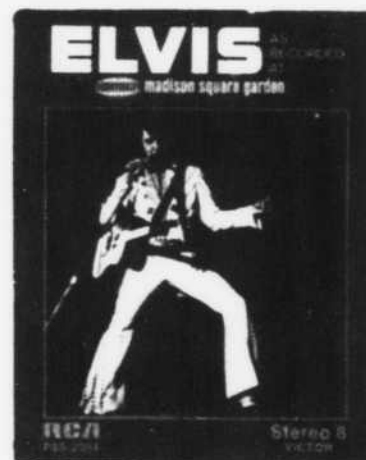
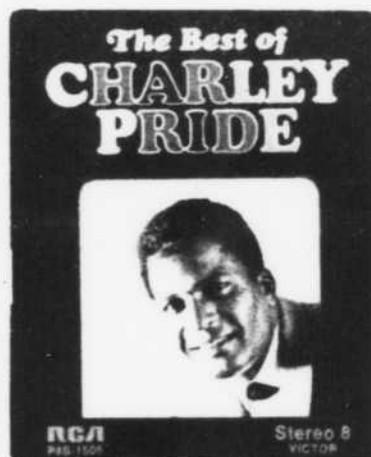
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Jimmy "the Great" Powell assumes proportions comparable to his scoring average as he surveys the new Raider hardwood before the Vandy game tonight. It all starts at 7 in the new Murphy Center. (See special section on the Murphy Center, starting on page 10. Photo by Fred Carr)

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Debaters travel to California

MTSU's top two-man debate team will travel to California to compete in tournaments at UCLA and Redlands over the holidays, according to Jim Brooks, MTSU director of debate.

"MTSU is one of the few schools in the East this year to be invited to the prestigious UCLA tournament," explained Brooks, "it is an honor merely to receive an invitation."

The university will be represented in both California tournaments by Tim Watson, Memphis sophomore, and Jim Forbes, Nashville senior. They were MTSU's entry in the National Debate Tournament last year.

"Forbes and Watson really deserve this honor," Brooks said, "they have been dedicated workers and are among the best debaters I have worked with."

The second major inter-collegiate debate tournament on campus this season will be held January 4-6. The MTSU Junior Tournament is expected to attract top first and second year debaters from across the South and East, Brooks said.

All rounds in the tournament are open to the public. Debates will be held in several campus buildings. Pairings and schedules may be picked up in the Arena Theater lobby of the Dramatic Arts Building, he said.



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Regents study regional university situation

Problems of coordination between mid-state regional universities and UT Nashville accented Friday's meeting of the State Board of Regents at MTSU.

The board, which governs Tennessee's regional universities and community colleges, approved new courses and program changes at several schools and gave East Tennessee State University the go-ahead to plan a proposal for a medical school.

However, the most serious discussion of the morning centered around the difficulty in coordinating programs among schools under the board's jurisdiction while UT Nashville, governed by the UT Board of Trustees, claims the authority to offer degrees from the Knox-

By Larry Harrington
State Reporter

ville campus.

Discussing a request by Tennessee State University to offer the education specialist degree, John Folger, chairman of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, emphasized the need to work out cooperation among TSU, Austin Peay State University and MTSU.

"Approval for this program at TSU provides a basis for negotiation among the schools," said Folger, emphasizing that duplication should be avoided by allowing each campus to specialize in certain areas of the ED.S. program.

The presidents of APSU and

MTSU told the regents that their schools already offered the courses necessary for the ED.S. degree and that programs for their schools were approved by the State Board of Education when it governed the regional universities.

"We do not oppose approval for TSU to offer this program," said MTSU President M.G. Scarlett, "but we expect our programs to be approved by the HEC."

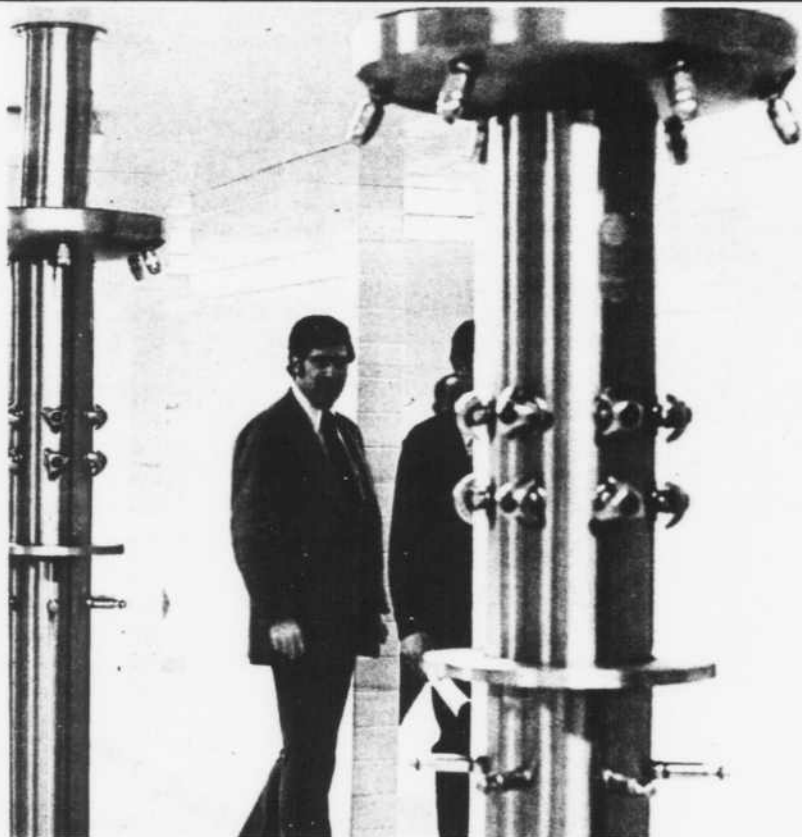
Folger commented that HEC's approach was that no school should offer the degree until they had all worked it out. "The question," said Folger, "is whether there can be any plan for development of faculties specializing in elementary education and other areas."

Folger said that the commission was also concerned with achieving integration among public institutions and he indicated that the case in Federal District Court involving UT Nashville and Tennessee State University had bearing not only on the question of integration, but on the question of coordination of programs among state universities and colleges in the Nashville area.

"The Higher Education Commission has complained about UT Nashville offering Knoxville degrees," said Folger, "but they did it before the HEC was established and they contend that they have the authority."

State Representative John Bragg (D-Murfreesboro) told the

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Splash?

Jim Freeman, sports publicist, leads a tour through a shower in Murphy Center. (See additional coverage beginning on page 10)

Dunn dedicates center

Tennessee Governor Winfield Dunn will officially dedicate the Charles M. Murphy Athletic and Convocation Center tonight at 7 before a sellout crowd of over 11,000.

Activities for the MTSU-Vanderbilt game will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the MTSU Band of Blue providing music for the dedication.

M.G. Scarlett, MTSU president, will deliver introductory remarks and turn the program over to Dunn.

Friday, the State Board of Regents approved Scarlett's recommendation to name the new complex in honor of Charles M. Murphy, MTSU athletic director.

Murphy, head football coach at MTSU from 1947 to 1968, was a four-sports athlete at MTSU and later an outstanding professional baseball player. He has served as university athletic director for 25 years.

After World War II, during which he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, Murphy came to MTSU as athletic director and head football coach.

During his football coaching career at MTSU, he compiled a 155-63-8 record, won or tied eight Ohio Valley Conference championships, had four undefeated teams, took four MTSU teams to post-season bowl games and was a finalist for the title of "National Coach of the Year" in 1965.

"I'm awfully proud," Murphy said. "I hope I can live up to the faith people have placed in me."

Half-time festivities will include the introduction of distinguished visitors.

Game time is 8 p.m., and it will be the initial basketball game broadcast by the Blue Raider Sports Network, according to university officials.

Journalism department reorganizes

The Department of Journalism announced last week it is reorganizing into a new Department of Mass Communications, adding eleven new courses and incorporating eleven courses from two other departments.

The State Board of Regents approved the move without dissent in last Friday's meeting on the MTSU campus.

Edward M. Kimbrell, department chairman, said seven existing courses have been revised and the

By Brenda Lane
Asst. Feature Editor

number of core hours required by all journalism majors has been reduced to 14.

The changes, which were given final approval by the University Curriculum Committee last week, will go into effect in May 1973, with the exception of two of the new courses which will be offered in the spring, Kimbrell said.

A minimum of seven

full-time teachers and several associates-in-teaching who are professionals in the media will be employed by the department next fall, he said.

Courses incorporated into the mass communications department include those in broadcasting, previously offered by the speech department, and graphic arts and photography courses, which were formerly in the industrial arts department.

Three instructors were transferred to mass com-

munications from these departments.

Courses added to the curriculum include Legal Aspects of Mass Communication and History of Mass Communication, which will be offered in the spring.

Others, to be implemented next fall, deal with advertising, photography, motion picture production and advanced graphic arts.

"The area of graphic arts has seen the greatest growth in our department," Kimbrell said.

Black unity provides 'something to do'

Unity is the goal that 'will help lift the morale and dignity of all black students' at MTSU

"Nothing to do at MTSU" is an often heard, sometimes accurate, generalization about life at this mid-state university. "It couldn't be any worse," swears many a Nashville co-ed.

But, of course, it could, especially if you happen to be black. "My freshman year here, there was nothing to do," said Chattanooga senior Catherine Thomas. "Then, you were lucky if there were two blacks in one of your classes," she added, "and with most of us coming from all black high schools that was quite a change."

Things are still strange at MTSU if you come from an all black high school, but there are more brothers and sisters around. Administration records show that black enrollment has

more than tripled since the fall of 1967, from 110 to 352 in the fall of '72.

The change has been in more than numbers, however. In the last year or two, black sororities and fraternities have proliferated. Their development is going a long way towards giving the black student "something to do," and, perhaps more important, the Black Student Association will be free of its social duties and will be able to take the lead in projects that concern all of MTSU's black students.

"When I first came here," explained Catherine Thomas, president of Kappa Alpha Omega sorority, "black students could only get together at BSA meetings. Then everyone was so happy to see a room

By Larry Harrington
 Special Reporter

full of black faces that they spent most of the time greeting each other.

"It turned out that some of the meetings were pretty disruptive," she added. Now they will see their friends at sorority and fraternity parties and more often on campus so that they will be ready to get down to business at BSA meetings."

This seriousness amounts to a new beginning for the first black organization on campus. "This is the year the BSA will move to develop definite goals," said its president, Beverly Oglesvy. "You can expect the BSA to get involved with more concrete things," added the Nashville senior.

The "concrete things" Oglesvy speaks of range from community oriented civic projects to black studies on campus.

"The BSA is interested in

courses that relate to blacks, black instructors and relations between black students and the administration," contended Ronnie Ballentine, a political science major, who thinks

BSA's top priorities.

Publication this week of a newspaper oriented to black students marks the first step in bringing this about. The editor of the bi-weekly tabloid, Nashville junior Deborah Hampton, considers unity in order to achieve certain goals the major purpose of the newspaper.

"In the past, students would come to one or two meetings when they were freshmen, then they would lose interest. Everybody would say the BSA never did anything. But whether or not, they come to meetings all black students on campus are considered members of the BSA," said Hampton with an eye towards sparking the interest of some of these disenchanted students.

No doubt the newspaper, with a range of subject matter from news and editorials to literature and sports, will regenerate a lot of interest, but many black students see the greek organizations as the catalyst that will cause more black students to become involved on the campus and in the community.

"Black organizations, sororities and fraternities, (Cont. on page five)

BSA to aid in civic projects

a course relating to blacks in the political process would have merit.

"In the community we will become more involved in civic projects," said Ballentine, noting off-campus housing problems will be another area of BSA study.

Sororities and fraternities will work closely with the BSA on many projects. "Black history week, the second week in February, will be a big week for the BSA and the Greek organizations. It is one of the many things we will work together on," projected Phi Delta president Joyce Smith.

The setting of so many goals and the growth of black organizations on the MTSU campus has made communication among black students one of the

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are getting more people involved, helping them channel their energy," said BSA president Oglesvy, who is also in a sorority.

This thinking reflects the attitudes of most black students, even some who don't care for the concept of the greek system. "I'm not that much for the system," claimed Ballentine, "but as students become involved in sororities, fraternities and business and honorary organizations, they will become more a part of the campus."

Said sorority president Smith, "The greek system is one way of bringing blacks on to campus and proving that we are capable of doing things."

Setting out to make a place for themselves, the black sororities and fraternities have set as goals many civic projects. "We are interested in helping the community, not just ourselves, by aiding in fund-raising drives against sickle cell anemia and muscular dystrophy," promised Greek president Catherine Thomas.

Psi Omega, a new group of 14 men interested in affiliating with the national fraternity Omega Psi Phi,

looks to civic projects as a way of developing leadership.

"The basic operation of this fraternity is centered around developing people for leadership," said Mason Bonner, Tuscaloosa, Ala., junior.

He said the chapter at Tennessee State University was successful with a blood drive. "The overall thing

KAP strives for response

was to get members to develop response among fellow students," Bonner adds.

Plans for civic drives keep the greek organizations busy, but, for all of them, affiliating with a national group is more important. "Going national is the big thing right now," said Kappa Alpha Psi scroller (pledge) Grady Manning.

Formerly known as MIK, Manning said his 13-member fraternity will have more influence after affiliating next semester with the national Kappa Alpha Psi.

That explains why the black sororities Phi Delta and Alpha Kappa Omega are eagerly seeking national recognition. "We get notices asking for money, but when it comes to intramurals and All Sing we get notices too late or not at all," said Phi Delta vice-president Oglesvy. "They don't seem to want to admit that we exist," she added.

But black sororities and fraternities do exist, and on this campus they are growing. "Most of these organizations have been on black campuses since 1908, so it's only natural that they should develop on an integrated campus," reflected Alpha Kappa Omega advisor Patricia Watkins, who works with the biggest black sorority on campus, about 33 members.

As the organizations develop on this campus there will be problems of working with the Intra-fraternity Council and Pan Hellenic structure that will have to be worked out. Presently, Phi Delta has a member on the PHC, but she has no vote. Alpha Kappa Omega, which will associate with the national Alpha Kappa Alpha next year, is still waiting to be invited to join the PHC.

Kappa Alpha Psi, formerly MIK, has a seat on the Intra-fraternity Council, but Psi Omega does not since it will not receive official recognition from the administration until the end of this semester.

But for all the bureau-

cratic problems, the fact remains that integration at MTSU has brought about a proliferation of organizations for the black student. This growth has, in turn, strengthened the BSA, which is the mother of them all.

This may seem ironic, but it is an irony that this whole nation has felt since integration began in earnest in the 1960's. On this campus, just as on integrated campuses all across the nation, black students seek to identify with one another. At MTSU it has not always been easy.

"Because of the small number of black students

here, identification has been harder," said Ronnie Ballentine. "Everybody knows each other and has different ideas about what college is supposed to be, but as the size of the black population increases there is more tendency to think of the whole," he added.

This unity is the common goal of MTSU's black organizations, a unity that, according to Ballentine, "will help lift the morale and dignity of all black students."

If this task is undertaken seriously, black students at MTSU should never again have to say there is "nothing to do."

University officials aid in school evaluation

University officials assisted Two Rivers Jr. High School this week in a self-evaluation which is periodically conducted by all colleges and secondary schools in the South.

"The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires all members to conduct these studies in order that they might maintain their accreditation," said Pelt Keathley, chairman of the local evaluators.

"The other contributing members were Roberta Payne, Harry Wagner and Charles McCord," Keathley said.

The difference between

the type evaluation that is conducted on the level of secondary school and that of university is significant, according to Keathley.

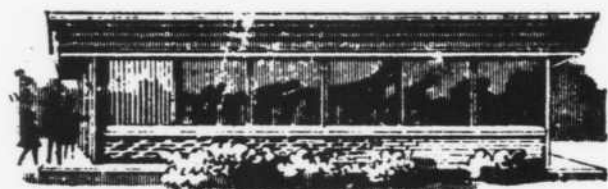
"The administrators on the college level do the study within the university, while the secondary school faculty prepares the groundwork for the evaluating team," Keathley said.

"It involved a lot of work," Harry Wagner said. "Dr. Keathley could probably enumerate the workload best because it is his tenth evaluation team."

"It's a question of a qualitative and quantitative evaluation," Keathley said."

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Editor reflects on past SIDELINES experience

This issue culminates a three and one half year working relationship between myself and the **SIDELINES**. In retrospect, I can truly say that it has been undeniably a most unique and valuable learning experience. It has, indeed, been the focal point of my college education.

It has offered me an outlet to practice the skills of a journalist in, to date, a most cordial and idealistic environment. For this, credit must be given to those who protect this environment from influences and prejudices detrimental to these ideological goals.

During my association with the **SIDELINES**, we have fought our battles against coercion and vested interpretation of our principles, and, for the most part, we remain free from these threats to free dissemination of information and opinion.

Our responsibilities have been founded on the belief of accuracy and truth in news coverage and clear concise opinion, based on fact, in editorial comments.

By Jim Lynch
Editor-in-chief

Our actions, hopefully, have reflected this belief.

With new proposals and plans currently in the mill for both the journalism department and **SIDELINES**, which include incorporation into the division of mass communications, it is hoped that these ideals and principles be included in this new format.

The appeal is made to the powers-that-be from the state legislature to the university administration and, in turn, to the publication advisor to resist any and all temptations to vary from these time-honored ideals whatever adverse situations might arise.

The guarantee of freedom of speech is at the very core of every democratic oath this nation professes. It must be protected and preserved, especially in this, the training arena for the journalists of the future, in which formulation of

principle and theory are at their peak.

The appeal is also made to the student journalists of tomorrow to uphold, at any cost, the concepts of truth and accuracy in coverage and opinion. Avoid, with whatever means are available, any and all attempts to subvert the canons of journalism by any and all vested interests.

Open Column

Yours is a position of providing an essential and indispensable service to the public while maintaining and protecting one of the most basic democratic premises under which we all live. It is not an easy task but an attainable one and one which offers a reward long overlooked in today's world--peace of mind in just commitment.

Lastly, the appeal is made to the general public to recognize the function of the press. Consider it, not as a campus bulletin board or a place where trivia is to be exploited, but rather, as an outlet of information and opinion from which you--the reader--reaps the benefits of our efforts.

These benefits substantiate themselves in fairness and honesty to the best of our abilities. We offer relevancy and worthiness as our product, not triviality. We strive to present you with the issues that formulate the policies for your university environment. We attempt to keep you informed of what affects your existence here. We see that as our duty.

As a wise old journalist once told me: "America would be a corrupt and dehumanizing place without newspapers, but think of what it would be like if newspapers were themselves corrupt and dehumanizing. Protect your principles, they're really all you have."

Pack charges WMOT with ignoring student body music preferences

EDITOR'S NOTE: K. Pack is the **SIDELINES** regular record reviewer.

It seems to me that the people who brought about the change in night-time programming at the radio station are ignoring the very people they are supposed to serve, the student body.

If I am correct in my assumption, the student body is made up largely of young people, people who are interested in new ideas,

By K. Pack

these people have but a fleeting interest in the "golden" music.

If they (the radio station) have to play that kind of music, they might come off better if they interspersed it with large amounts of the modern sounds.

If they totally replace today's music with music that has already served its purpose, they will lose a lot of listeners, me for one.

Also, I feel the programming between 6 and 9 p.m., in which they feature blues, jazz and folk is great, in that it gives people a chance to hear where the music they listen to now came from, and to hear the masters at work, such people as Muddy Waters, Cannonball Adderley and Woody Guthrie, all giants in their own special kinds of music. And it also gives them some of the recognition they've long deserved but seldom got.

In closing, I can only say that I'd rather listen to Poco than Frankie Avalon any day.

Open Column

even in the field of music. The proposed two hours of modern (for lack of a better word) music a night will not be enough to expose new artists and sounds to the listeners.

I feel this change will drive a lot of listeners away from WMOT to a station that will and does play the type of music they are interested in, because the large part of

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Reader claims campus needs drainage system

To the editor:

As a student here at MTSU, I have often wondered about the physical aspects of our campus. It has been cited in an earlier issue that MTSU has one of the finest campus layouts in the south. It is something to be proud of. But again the campus still has a problem.

In this decade and the last, colleges and universities throughout the United States of America have been competing for the most buildings. It is nice that we have a gym like that, and I, too, am proud of it. But for the future.

One will agree that we have

Letter

had a lot of rain, and our campus really shows this. It is unfair for the commuter to have to almost rent a canoe, a boat or a raft in order to get to classes. In some cases, one who would have rented boats would have made a mint.

If Nashville grants some money to colleges in Tennessee, then why not try to work on some sort of artificial run-off system for the water.

I am familiar that a drainage system is costly, but a "cheaper" version would seem to help the school. Who wants to go to classes having others know that they were splashed by drivers or that they fell into puddles that won't drain off?

Since Christmas is just around the corner, I would like to take this time to wish all "no matter what creed" a joyous Christmas and holiday. Everyone will be looking forward to going home. Have a safe trip no matter what destination you are going to. From Dr. Scarlett down to the lowly commuter or dorm resident---have a good vacation.

Let's send Vandy home with their first LOSS.

Steven Lotkin
Box 8000

Rumor suggests students may gain power

It is rumored that the Special Events Committee, the student organization responsible for the presentation and selection of concert programs, is planning to have the student body vote on their preferences for the spring shows at registration in January.

We hope this rumor is, in actuality, fact because this would provide everyone the opportunity to voice his opinion on whatever kind of music he wanted to hear. No more grumbling from the

background.

Students will be expected to vote from a committee-prepared list of potential candidates which limits one's selectability from the very

Editorial

beginning, but it is assumed that the committee has justifiable reasons in favor of those on the list and for omission of those not on it.

The list supposedly ranges from Emerson, Lake and

Palmer, The Who, Yes and Pink Floyd of whom we are highly favorable to Bob Hope and Elvis Presley of whom we are not so favorable. Only the vote will tell.

This action, if it indeed does occur, points out an excellent use of the registration procedures to determine public opinion. We see future applications of this procedure as endless.

At a time when every student who attends this institution must be at a particular place en masse, it seems

like a perfect opportunity to mirror their views.

It could be accomplished with a minimum of effort--just one more step in the procedure--place x's in the appropriate squares and move on to the next place.

The whole operation would take about five minutes if done properly and could prove to be a useful tool in the formulation of university policies and programs.

It does seem to be a good idea, doesn't it? Why haven't we thought of it before?

Columnist questions new gymnasium priorities

There has been a lot of noise made about the new Murphy Physical Education, Athletic and Convocation Center and 99% of it has been good. But now that it is opening, it is time to take a long hard look at the new facility and the proposed programs for it.

Now "big time" entertainment will be coming to town to use this facility--such entertainment as a "three-ring circus." As for me, I am not too impressed. Others who might excite me are all booked up for years to come. Oh, well.

We have had several national conferences meet on campus during the last few years and,

By Diane Johnson

with such a large facility, more and larger ones can be scheduled. When they do come and bring their nationally known speakers, students should have the opportunity to hear them.

Class facilities are abundant in the new building with equipment of every imaginable kind. This should make students of physical education happy, but, unless things are different from other buildings on campus, the average student will only get to see the inside of that building at ball games, track meets or for their four required hours

of P.E. (Many of the P.E. classes will be held in the old gym so that seeing it then is still not assured.)

Another View

To the sports prospect coming to this campus for the first time, this building is sure to influence his selection. But to the physics or art student, the money spent will mean little.

One must ask about choices when they look at such an impressive, awe-inspiring building. In an educational institution with many programs going unfunded, the question of

priorities is vital.

The State of Tennessee has shown its priorities when it gives to the University of Tennessee 65% of the funds for higher education when UT only represents 35% of the students.

If we feel that we must compete with UT in this way to get funds then the new complex was the right thing to do. But if we feel that as a smaller university we can offer the students a better education with many side benefits that a larger institution could not give them, we goofed.

Let us hope that for the sake of all the students here, this university and its administrators made the right decision.

Bill Mauldin



"WE'VE BOMBED EVERYTHING BUT SAIGON--MAYBE THAT'S THE ANSWER."

Fischer squeezes oranges, questions UT financial aims

by Paul Fischer

The University of Tennessee has a bowl-bound football team, and its basketball team is a perennial conference power.

The folks "on the hill" seem to have just about everything else they want out of the state legislature. New buildings abound; new programs run rampant; academia lavishes in lucrative repast--while out in the boon-docks at the regional universities the word "budget" still has some meaning.

It is a significant accomplishment that MTSU has the new Murphy Center--significant because the center will be a drawing card for big-name entertainers, conventions, sporting events, and a host of other happenings that all have the potential to turn a rather handsome profit the university can surely use.

It is also significant that Dr. Scarlett, utilizing the foresight of his predecessors and the talent of his contemporaries, has been able to look further than the immediate future. Buildings of this sort are indicative of a policy that can only aid MTSU in its search for more than an existence as a valet to the academic nobility who live on that well funded hill in Knoxville.

Even more significant than local attempts, which are going on ever so quietly at the regional universities around the state, is the new board of regents.

In setting up former Memphis State President C. C. Humphreys as chancellor of the board, Governor Winfield Dunn set a precedent that may offer some hope for the students who attend the regional universities because they can't afford to attend U-T -- or don't because of other considerations.

Frankly, for the majority of students at the regional universities, the "BIG ORANGE-ism" that predominates Tennessee is not an orange at all--it's a lemon.

Fischer's Lines

This is the only opportunity that I'll have before the Christmas season to say "Merry Christmas" to all of you--so Merry Christmas to all of you...the real spirit of the season, though...Peace???

Alumnus Kephart to run for state comptroller

A former instructor in MTSU's political science department is a candidate for the office of State Comptroller when the state legislature reconvenes in January 1973.

Floyd (Skeeter) Kephart, well known political analyst for WSM-TV News and former MTSU instructor and student, has survived the first round in his quest for the office by defeating present comptroller William Snodgrass for the nomination in a recent party caucus.

"For 15 of his 17 years in office, he (Snodgrass) served as a part of the governor's cabinet, but... didn't serve the state legislature," Kephart said

in an interview with **SIDELINES**.

"Then when Governor Dunn took office, Bill (Snodgrass) started to serve the Democrats in the legislature rather than the incoming Republican administration," Kephart said.

Snodgrass had previously told **SIDELINES** that he did not understand Kephart's allegations of his being a member of the governor's cabinet.

Kephart said that he had three main goals if he is conferred the office in the January session of the legislature:

- Begin implementation of a system of measuring the impact of various

By Paul Fischer
News Editor

ious programs as well as the expenditures of the programs.

- Ensure that the comptroller serves the legislature on matters that serve the assembly.
- Help serve the cities and counties in a more realizable manner, regarding their own deficiencies.

"If you look at every piece of legislation that strengthened the legislature--the fiscal review committee, (etc.)--the present comptroller opposed all of them, as did the governor," Kephart said.

"There should be no retribution for past sins," he said. "Two years in office should be enough to make the office of comptroller more responsive."

Kephart said that some of the friends whom he met at MTSU were more than helpful in his campaign for the office, alluding to Coffee County's representative and former MTSU student body presi-

dent J. Stanley Rogers, as well as Rutherford County representative John Bragg.

"No help was asked and none was received (from the MTSU faculty and administration)," he said.

Regarding the university, Kephart was very complimentary of the experiences he received here.

"I couldn't have gone to any school and received a better education than I got here," he said. "Professors just don't come any better than Norman Parks, Robert Corlew, (former professor) Norma Cook and Bill Windham."

When asked to comment

on the role of the university within the state's system of higher education, Kephart said he personally felt a need for a "great deal of coordination between the University of Tennessee and the regional universities."

"The legislature won't neglect the regional schools," he said.

The creation of a board of regents is a major step forward for the state university system, according to Kephart, because it will ensure that the regional universities are not confined to "just local education."

Scarlett makes suggestion

It has been recommended that the 88th General Assembly convene on the MTSU campus in January as part of the dedication ceremonies for the naming of the new apartments, currently under construction, for retired state legislator Jim Cummings of Woodbury.

MTSU President M. G. Scarlett asked the Tennessee State Board of

Regents at their meeting here Friday to use their influence with the state legislature to secure this goal.

Scarlett also indicated that the appearance of the General Assembly would act as a lobbying agent for the Tennessee regional universities by having the legislature visit one of the regional schools.

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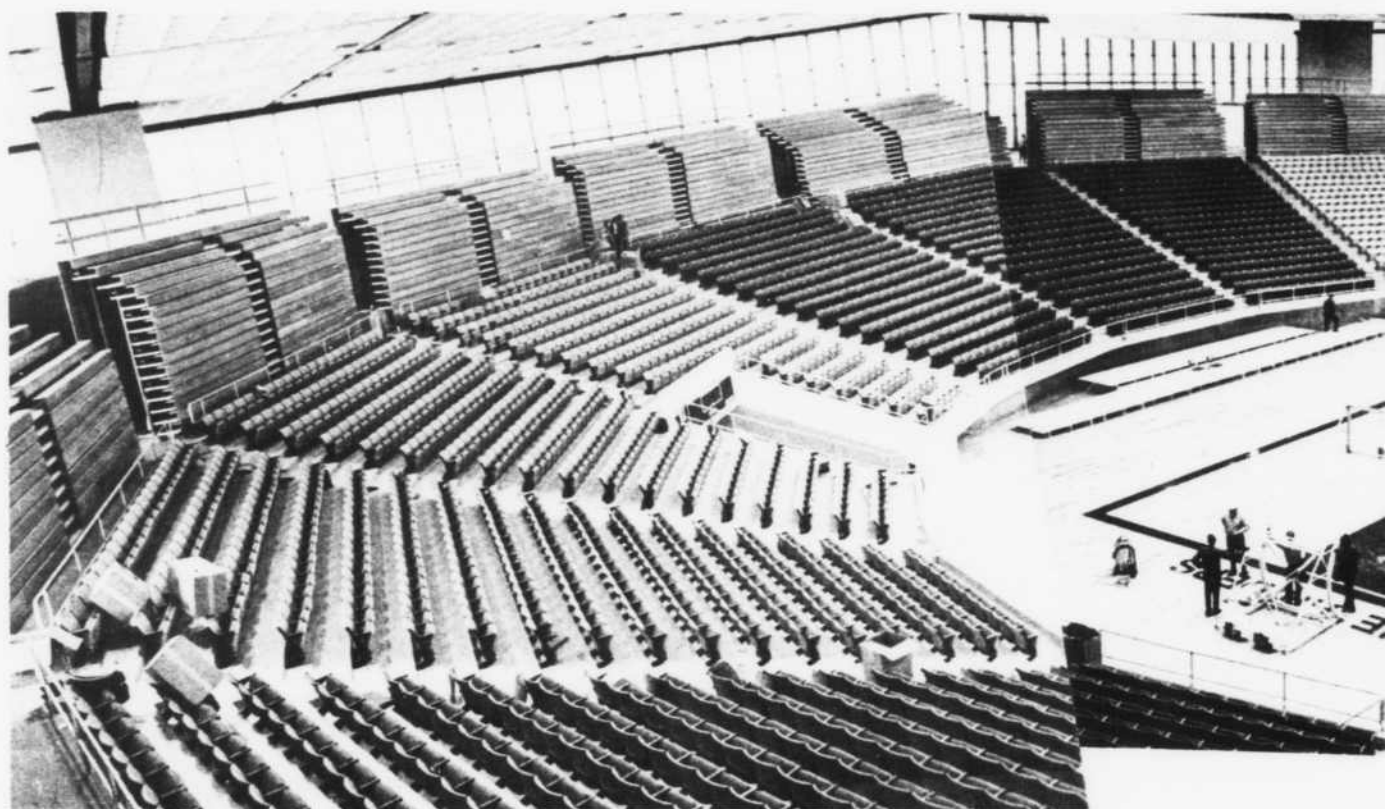
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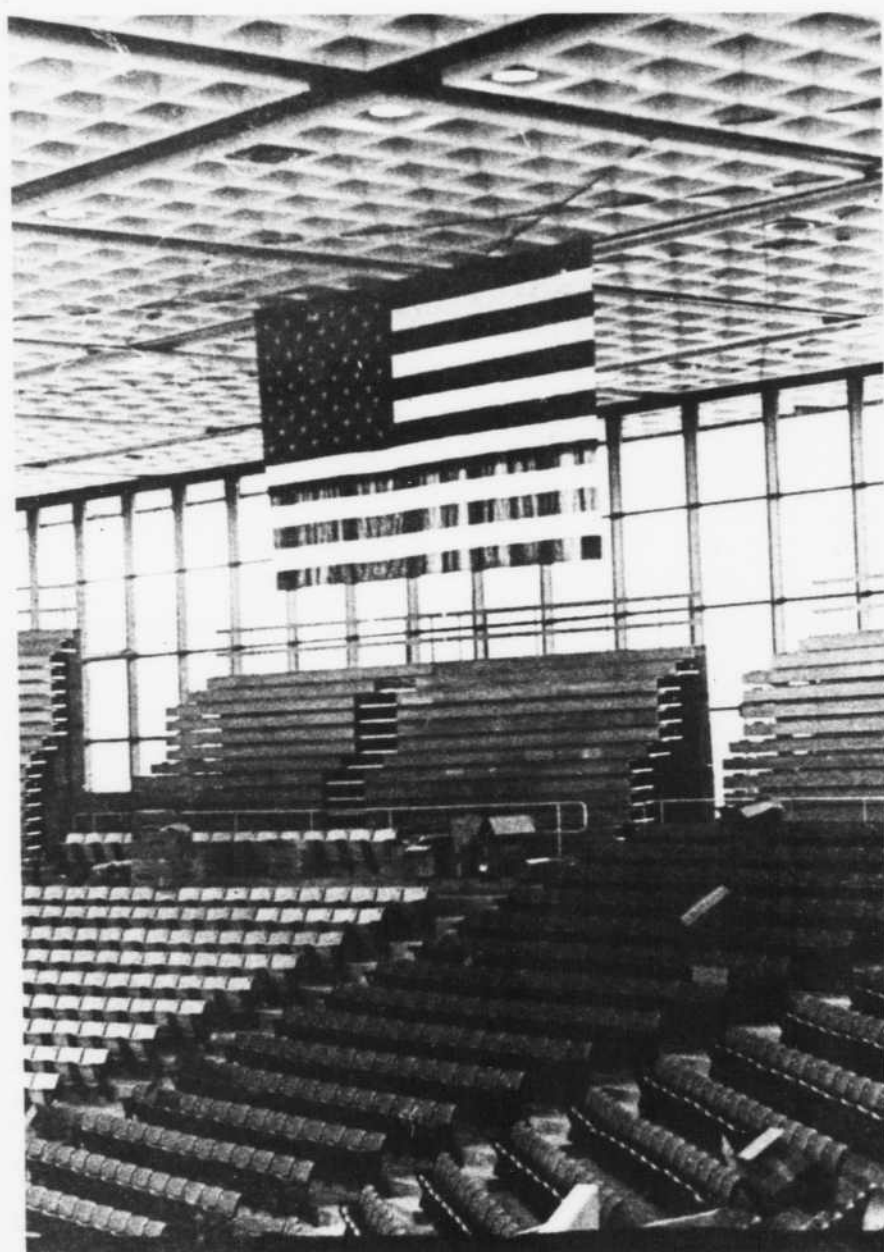
'Bubber'

Head basketball coach Jimmy Earle and Athletic Director Charles M. Murphy inspect the new gymnasium-convocation center as the 1972 edition of the Blue Raider basketball team prepares to open its home season tonight at 8.

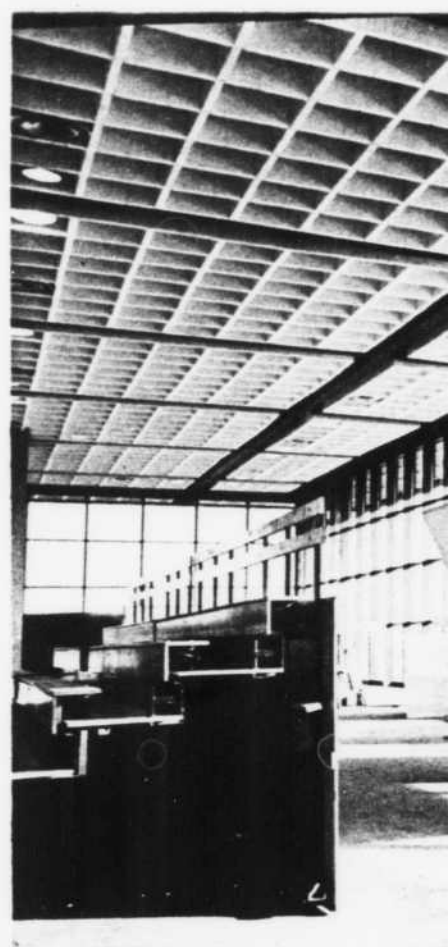
MTSU dedicates



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Photos by Mike West

Invocation center



Coach Earle

Photos by Fred Carr

Murphy Center opens, seats 12,908

After two years of construction, the Charles M. Murphy Athletic and Convocation Center is ready for the Blue Raiders' first home game against SEC perennial power Vanderbilt.

Ceremonies dedicating the 12,908-seat athletic and convocation center will be tonight prior to the MTSU-Vanderbilt game.

January 26, 1971, ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$6.5 million center were held.

MTSU's new super structure has 233,640 gross square feet of floor space under a 348' x 348' roof covering 2.78 acres.

Seating in the new center will be 12,908 for theatrical entertainment and 11,658 for basketball. Included in the basketball seating are 5,248 theatre seats, 5,932 bleacher seats and 478 platform seats.

The Murphy Center will serve many different purposes: instruction for health, safety, physical education and recreation, athletic functions, university convocations, conventions and public programs.

One such program was announced at last week's President's Forum--a three-ring circus.

A total of 26 huge air-conditioning units will cool the arena of the gym.

Driving past the gym, probably the most striking feature noticeable is the amount of glass utilized.

These tinted and tempered 30-foot-high glass panels are one quarter inch thick with one half inch air spaces between them.

Estimates of the cost of having the "win-

By Bennie Barrett

dows washed" run in excess of \$2000 per session, according to informed sources.

Inside the Center, on the second level, is 50,000 feet of green, embossed Robbins Sport-Tred (poly-vinyl chloride).

This surface makes up the quarter-mile six-lane track that will enable MTSU to hold every track and field event except the discus and javelin.

The spacious playing floor for basketball is constructed of laminated hard maple.

A large MT is painted in blue in the middle of the playing surface, and the words "Blue Raiders" grace the area under both backboards.

Above each of the four entrances to the playing floor is a scoreboard that enables each spectator an easy view of the score of the game, regardless of his chair.

At the east end of the Center, a huge American flag hangs from the acoustic ceiling.

It would seem that in a structure as large as this one might possibly experience sound problems. Not so, however.

"This center has the best acoustics anywhere in the South and probably the best anywhere," Charles Pigg, university engineer, said. "Allied Sound in Nashville did the work, and they call it 'synchronized acoustics'." (Synchronized acoustics means that every person hears the exact same thing

regardless of where he is sitting.)

Seating in the Murphy Center is more involved than simply mentioning the 5,248 theatre type seats encircling the playing surface.

The seats are distinctive in that they are different colors. There are sections of yellow, green, blue-white, which are reserved for students. Blue, orange and red seats are for season tickets holders and other reserved seats. Students have exactly one-half of these cushioned seats.

The first level of the super structure is dedicated entirely to offices and classrooms.

Two multi-purpose gyms and four handball courts are part of the ground floor.

Facilities on this level are also very impressive. A hydro-therapy pool, located in the trainers' room, is the best available, according to Pigg.

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If, by chance, you are not satisfied with the facilities offered in the Charles M. Murphy Athletic and Convocation Center, a tunnel is provided for you to walk to the old Alumni Memorial Gym.

Lord Byron continues on as Raider mascot



Lord Byron!

Ronnie Vannatta, Shelbyville junior, and Lord Byron, the Blue Raider mascot, make would make a conspicuous pair on any university campus.

Lord Byron, nicknamed Beauregard, is in his second year as the school mascot, according to keeper and trainer Ronnie Vannatta, junior from Shelbyville.

At a little over two years old, the St. Bernard is a hearty 125 pounds and still not fullgrown. He eats over five pounds of food a day, most of which is supplied by Sam Johnson, head cook for the SUB cafeteria.

Johnson gives Byron meat scraps at the end of the day and the diet is supplemented by cereal dog food given to him by the KA fraternity.

KA bought Byron for \$250 and gave him to MTSU last year. The idea was approved by the ASB and a name was decided on by student body vote. Lord Byron came from England

By Peggy Smith
Feature Editor

as a registered Bernard, Vannatta said, and he has since sired 12 registered puppies.

Byron is at all the football and basketball games and usually rides on the pep buses for away games. He goes with Vannatta wherever he goes, riding in the back of a truck.

"He likes beer and footballs," Vannatta said. "I have to keep him away from the field on sideline plays because he tries to get at the football."

Byron stays in a pen in his trainer's back yard. He used to reside at the KA house, but he tore the pen down, according to Vannatta.



Lord Byron?

Lord Byron, believe it or not, was actually this small over a year ago. Since then he has grown to 125 pounds, and he is still not full grown.

Efforts of workers cut hospital admissions

Emphasizing continued cooperation between state and local facilities, Tennessee Mental Health Commissioner Richard Treadway told local workers Friday their efforts largely contributed to the reduction in admissions to state hospitals this year.

Speaking to about 40 people at an open house of the Rutherford County Guidance Center, Treadway said, "The state is a partner with the local communities; we have to work together in all areas of mental health."

The commissioner cited one of the principal functions of the community centers as providing for outpatient treatment which heretofore has burdened the large state mental health hospitals.

"About 90 percent of all cases on record require only outpatient care," he said, "and this function can be provided by the local facilities."

"We had a 50 percent reduction in the admittances to Central State from the Maury Co. region last year mainly due to the work of

By Jim Lynch
Editor-in-chief

their local centers," he said.

In a press interview prior to his speech Treadway said a \$10,000 state grant had been awarded to the RCGC for alcohol and drug treatment and added that alcohol and drug abuse was one of the major problems facing his department.

In this area, RCGC Director Murphy M. Thomas said, "We have seen heroin addicts here,

but before now there was little we could do. We have no program as of yet for these people, but with the new grant perhaps we can get something going."

Treadway said three of the four Davidson Co. mental health centers offered a methodone program and that the fourth was expected to do so soon.

"We only have drug and alcohol programs in 12 of the 30 mental health centers now," Treadway said, "but we expect to have half of the centers offering this program by July 1973, and all by July 1974."

Concerning current speculation that methodone treatment for heroin addiction may be as harmful as the addiction itself, Treadway said that it, indeed, doesn't cure the problem.

"What it does do," he

said, "is stabilize the individual which allows the addict to return to work. Then we try to reduce the person's dependency on methodone."

The commissioner said the primary function of methodone was in the area of drug-related crimes.

"It's been estimated that heroin addicts steal about \$100 million a year and that women on the drug resort to prostitution in an effort to support their habit. Controlled methodone programs alleviate this problem to a large degree," he said.

Treadway added that increased attention to the drug and alcohol abuse problem in the state has resulted in twice as many people being treated this year for their dilemma as in 1972.

Regents study...

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regents that the projection of so many courses into the area through UT Nashville makes futile any attempt to coordinate education in the mid-state area."

"If one school is exempt, how can you expect to coordinate the others," he said, indicating that legislation might be necessary to solve the problem.

No member of the board challenged Bragg's statement while at least two indicated during a recess that the legislature would have to act if the court is not forthcoming with a clear decision.

Changes in MTSU's criminal justice administration degree and the addition of a department of criminal justice at TSU were approved by the board as a step toward a coordinated program between the two campuses. TSU will continue to em-

phasize its corrections program.

Undergraduate majors in earth science and for systems analysis were approved for MTSU.

There was no debate preceding the regents' approval of an estimated \$100,000 for planning a proposal for a medical school on the East Tennessee State University Campus.

Claiming that the university has taken no steps in the past toward promoting the medical school, President D. P. Culp said all promotion efforts in the past have been by private citizens' groups. He called on the regents to approve the request for funds because the passage of the Teague-Cranston bill by Congress makes possible federal funds for the construction of a medical school in conjunction with the Veterans Administration Center.

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 NE- New edition out or in preparation
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ASB, ARA set up coffee break for exam time

The ASB government and ARA Food Services have jointly set up a special "coffee break" schedule for late-night studying during final examinations, according to ASB President John Jackson.

"Student Services Director Regina Clement and ARA Director Bill Bennett have been working on a sort of 'free refreshment' schedule to aid the students during their studies," Jackson said.

"It's the beginning of many services that student government hopes to provide for the students in the near future," Regina Clement said. "The cost will be borne completely by ARA. We are assisting in the coordination."

The following schedule will be in effect each night prior to an "exam day," according to Jackson:

- U.C. grill will remain open until 12 a.m. with FREE coffee and hot chocolate.
- Hi-Rise and SUB cafeterias will be open from 9-10 p.m. with FREE coffee, doughnuts and hot chocolate, as well as other refreshments.
- In conjunction with dormitory programmers, an attempt is being made to have at least coffee in every dormitory lobby, except the freshman women's complex. At this location, coffee will be served in Monohan and Lyon Hall lobbies.

"We hope all the students will be able to do well in their examinations, and we feel that this will help," Jackson said.

Teacher to offer exclusive course

A special evening session of ceramics I will be offered during the spring semester, but it will be exclusive to non-art majors, art department officials said yesterday.

The course will carry three credit hours and will be taught by K. Jacinto Catagan, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m.

Course content will include wheel throwing techniques, glazes, construction and design orientation.

The main emphasis will be on design as it is related to clay, to facilitate the student's appreciation of ceramics and art in general, officials said.

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Wilkins rates as upcoming songwriter

Robust singer and songwriter David Wilkins has been working at Ireland's for three years as night-time entertainer. He is credited with writing Brenda Lee's hit "Comin' On Strong" and a self-performed hit, "Just Blow in His Ear."

Wilkins is another of Music City's upcoming songwriters, according to

Wilkins hits the charts

his record on the hit charts. He has written 600 songs, many of which have never been heard publicly.

Thirty-two of his songs have been recorded. Percy Sledge sang "Put a Little Lovin' On Me," the Serendipity Singers recorded "Knock on Wood," and "We'll Try A Little Bit Harder" was released for Jack Green.

One of Wilkins' songs is at present number 54 on the Country Music Charts. "Afraid I Wanna Lover Her One More Time" is sung by Billy Crash Craddock.

"One thing I want to stress," Wilkins said, "is that I can't read a note of music."

He writes music out of his head, the Nashville way. Nashville being what it is helped him in his field because his way is the accepted way. Music is recorded by feel.

"I think that is why Nashville has been so successful," he said.

After writing a few songs, Wilkins decided he wanted to perform. He presents himself as more than just a singer, but an actual entertainer. A delightful combination of humor, slightly off-color jokes and a repertoire that is a cross between pop and country music keeps him going for

By Peggy Smith
Feature Editor

hours a night.

"The first place I ever sang solo was at Ireland's on 21st Avenue," he said. "I was scared to death because I had never played anywhere without my group."

Wilkins uses a piano and what he calls his electric side man. He can create 54 different beats with it to accompany his singing and piano playing.

He has never had a lesson in his life. He took one mail guitar course for \$2.98 that only showed the positions. The first song he ever learned was "Home on the Range."

"I discovered I could play by ear," he said. "It was actually a shock to me that I could just go to the right chords when I was playing a song."

Wilkins is called a

"middle - of - the - roader" because he sings halfway between pop and country. He likes both.

"I can't do pop as well because it has so many instruments in it," he said.

One of his highlights is a sort of Elvis Presley imitation. Presley, he said, was his high school idol, but he knew he could not go into the business on someone else's sound. It is more of a clash instead of a real imitation, he said.

Wilkins performs at Ireland's

Besides Ireland's, Wilkins played recently in Dothan, Ala., at the Ramada Inn. He has played in many of the surrounding states doing club shows and has appeared on the Bill Anderson Show.

He did one movie in Ft.

Meyers, Fla., called the "Cotton Pickin' Chicken Pickers." He played the part of a race horse owner and sang "Comin' on Strong," which was the horse's name.

At a jolly 300 pounds, Wilkins' personality seems to add to his talent and ability to meet people. He likes to know his audience and takes his breaks to meet them.

His main objective now is to get a best selling hit. "I write songs for certain people, now," he said. "They don't always record them, but I try to write songs for them."

He writes for Brenda Lee as well as many other country stars, hoping he will come out with the one that will be a hit.

He does not plan to put another group together unless he has a couple of hit records. Meanwhile, his solo act will keep him going.

AAUP calls collective bargaining educational grass roots movement

Collective bargaining is "an educational grass roots movement," Tennessee members of the American Association of University Professors were told at a statewide convention Saturday.

The convention, meeting at MTSU, heard Tom Truss, national AAUP representative, delineate national policy in this and other areas.

Truss said that a statement would soon be issued from the national office to "recognize collective bargaining as a technique of achieving objectives of the

By Nancy Nipper

association."

"Chapters may pursue collective bargaining as a means of realizing the objectives" and the Washington office will selectively help, he said.

Truss said the 1973 edition of the AAUP Redbook would deal with the formal adoption of the 1971 procedural standards including renewable and non-renewable faculty persons.

Also included will be a statement of faculty participation in retention and

selection of administrative officers.

Equal rights is another thing that will be left up to the individual schools and institutions, the convention was told.

A recommended procedure for individual institutions is a setting up of a faculty grievance committee for "hearing cases in which allegations" are made against policies of the institutions.

Other conferences held around the nation were "overwhelmingly in favor of collective bargaining, according to Truss."

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'Raider Corps' begins; UC cashier proposed

Reorganization of the Student Ambassador Program into a "Raider Corps," and delays in implementing proposed check cashing services at the U.C. are "in the works", ASB President John Jackson said yesterday.

"The ambassador program has been around for four years, but before this year its sole purpose was for recruitment purposes," Jackson said. "Presently they travel to various high schools with groups like Phi Mu Alpha stage band, Stonewall, and various students and officials to perform assembly programs."

"It has been very effective in my opinion, but I believe it's time we broadened the scope of the ambassadors to serve not only as recruiters but as a more incisive force in Public Relations," he said. Jackson has initially set up a Board of Directors for the "corps".

"The leader will be chosen from within the Raider Corps, when Langford's term is over," he

said. "Bob has done an outstanding job."

Jackson said that the corps will include four main divisions; host and hostess, entertainment, speakers, and tour guides.

"It should be a change for the better from the present efforts," he said. "Another welcome change will be the check cashing facilities."

Jackson indicated that the major hold-up in the implementation had been the "lack of proper security measures."

"The administration is in favor of the idea," he said. "But there are no facilities presently in the U.C. for storing large sums of money."

"This means that any money involved in check cashing would have to be moved from the Cope Administration Building to the U.C. in the morning and then back at night," he said. "I suggested that.. a ceiling of some arbitrarily low amount could be set so that the volume would not be too great."

"Plans are in the making to include a check-cashing area when the U.C. is renovated, but who knows when that will be completed?" he said.

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A new code-a-phone answering service will be installed immediately to handle incoming emergency calls after normal hours, ASB President John Jackson said yesterday.

"Last week, I sent a memorandum to Vice-President for Finance and

Administration Morris Bass asking that something be done to ensure that no emergency calls would be missed," Jackson said.

According to Jackson, three suggestions were contained in the memorandum:

- hire full-time 24 hour operator service.
- have incoming calls automatically transferred to the security office.
- install a code-a-phone in the system to ensure that the in-

coming caller would be told that no one was on duty and that emergency calls would be taken at the security office.

"Last week, I was informed by Harry Wagner, Vice President for Student Affairs, that the phone would be installed immediately," Jackson said.

"Wagner also said that the administration was looking into the possibility of providing a 24-hour-per-day operator in next year's budget."

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SIDELINES / Sports

Game of the year

Raiders to face Vandy

Middle Tennessee's biggest sports attraction of the year will take place tonight when MTSU's Raiders, sporting a 2-0 mark, tangle with unbeaten and nationally-ranked Vanderbilt in the dedication game of MTSU's new \$6.5 million athletic complex.

The Raiders, winners over Northeast Louisiana and Pan American on the road, will be in the underdog role when they meet the Commodores, winners over Louisville, Kansas, Southern Methodist University, Columbia and Western Kentucky.

Vandy returns four starters from last year's team which finished fourth in the Southeastern Conference. Ray Maddux, Rod Freeman, Terry Compton, Jan Van Breda Kolff and Bill

By Wally Sudduth
Sports Editor

injured foot which appears to be healing well from his efforts in practices of late, "played with pain," according to Coach Jimmy Earle, during the first two contests, but still averaged 12.0 points per game and 9.5 rebounds, a team leading figure.

The surprise of the road trip came in the form of Forrest Toms, who returned home with a 14.0 average and displayed solid floor play.

Martin has teamed with Bonner to give the Raiders another aggressive defensive guard combination which has spearheaded a Raider defense that has forced 50 turnovers in their first two games.

Martin is scoring at a 9.0 clip, and Bonner is averaging 7.0 points a contest.

Peeler, who has seen double duty as both forward and center with the injury to Brown, is averaging 7.0 points and 6.5 rebounds a game. Drew, one of only two seniors among the top seven of the Raiders, has been used effectively by Earle as the third guard and is scoring 7.5 markers a game.

Nick Prater and freshman Tim Sisneros are other Raiders with a good chance of seeing action in the Vandy contest.

Vandy has been lead by the scoring of Compton and Freeman and the defensive play and rebounding of Van Breda Kolff.

Young Ford appears to

be pressing Ligon for a starting position as he has seen a great deal of playing time in the recent Commodore victories.

MTSU's Earle is worried about the poise of his young charges under fire from top-flight competition.

"We are an extremely young team," he stated, "at Northeast Louisiana we started three juniors and two sophomores. This was also the first major college competition for both Forrest Toms and Jimmy Powell."

The Raider coaching staff feels Powell is the key to the season. Besides his 19.0 average, Powell is collecting eight rebounds a contest, and is the man the Raiders go to in clutch situations. Already being looked at by the pros, Powell is also figured to be on several All-American checklists by the end of the season.

MTSU has not beaten Vandy in basketball in 19 years and has not played an SEC team since 1962 when they fell to Ole Miss 77-68.

Vandy leads in the series 18-3.



Peeler

Blue Raider co-captain Steve Peeler watches a drill during a recent practice before the Vanderbilt game.

Preview: Vandy

Ligon form the nucleus of the Commodore attack with Lee Fowler and freshman Joe Ford the top reserves. Big 7'5" Steve Turner has been used with effectiveness by Vandy Coach Roy Skinner in a reserve role in recent games.

MTSU will counter with Jimmy "The Great" Powell, who sports a 19.0 scoring average to lead Raider scorers, Chester Brown, Mason Bonner, Forrest Toms, Steve Peeler, Jimmy Martin and Jimmy Drew, all of whom have shared playing time during the first two games.

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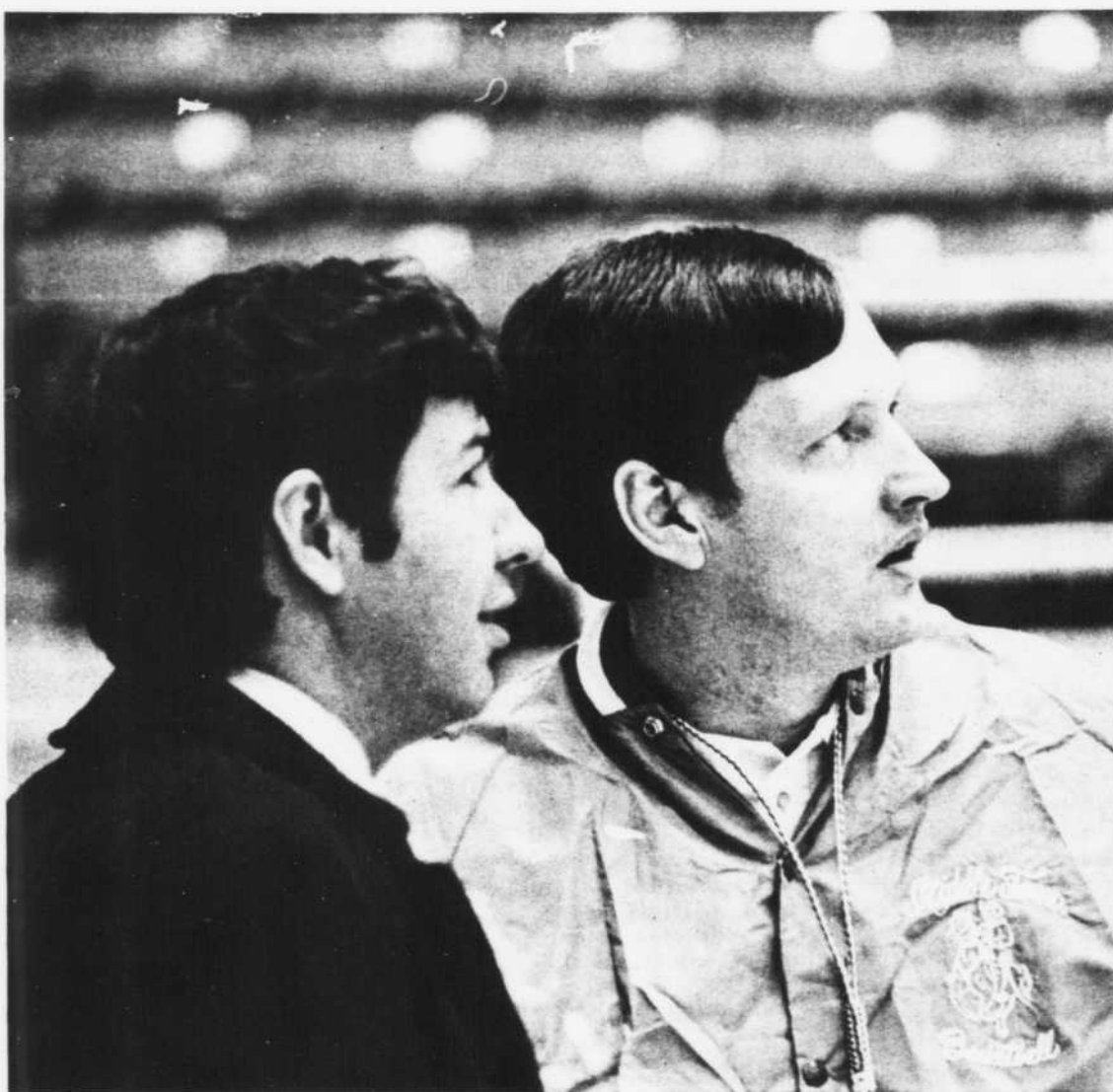
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Nosey?

SIDELINES Sports Editor Wally Sudduth and Coach Jimmy Earle profile a pair of proboscises of heroic proportions during a recent Blue Raider basketball practice.

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An estimated 5,000 visitors examined the new Murphy Center yesterday, according to John Jackson, ASB president.

University - provided tour guides were present for all the visitors, under student ambassador director Bob Langford, Jackson said.

Sudduth sees MTSU on 'big-time' threshold

This, my final column as sports editor, sees MTSU at the threshold of big-time sports. With the new arena, and the addition of some "name" non-conference opponents, MTSU has progressed farther and faster than anyone thought possible and, incidentally, than many are aware.

For those who are blissfully or intentionally unaware of the turnabout in the Raider basketball program, tonight is going to be a shocking eye-opener. For the people who think that the stodgy, over-rated Southeastern Conference has a monopoly on basketball in the area, the awakening may be very painful indeed.

Vanderbilt has a fine basketball team, no doubt about it. MTSU has the makings of a great one.

The Raiders have the best basketball player in the state of Tennessee in Jimmy "The Great" Powell, and the Raiders play as a team, something which will detract from the scoring average of an unselfish player such as Powell.

Vandy has an assortment of fine individual talent, and some outstanding shooters, but as a group they couldn't guard a refrigerator if it was chained to the wall.

This fact could prove to be an embarrassment to the Commodores because the Raiders have several people who are quite willing to pull the trigger this year. This year, as opposed to the past, the shooters will also hit a goodly percentage of their shots.

Another thing which may bug Vandy in this encounter is 12,000 screaming fans,

of whom approximately 11,500 will be visibly and vocally anti-Commodore. Vandy uses this tactic to great advantage on their own home floor, I am anxious to see how they react when this strategem is applied to them.

Raiderscope

By Wally Sudduth
Sports Editor

A conservative estimate in these parts has over \$75,000 dollars changing hands on the outcome of tonight's game. That should indicate that some people know something they are not telling.

Jimmy Earle feels that his young basketball team is a year away from their potential.

"We've had two good recruiting years in a row," said Earle, "if we can have another good one and recruit a big man, we are on our way."

This should put fear in the hearts of opposing coaches who know Earle. He is not prone to overstatement or loose talk.

If the team hasn't reached their potential, how will they explain a 20-plus win season this year, and what will they do for an encore next year?

I think I have the answer, but I am going to let people find out for themselves.

Anyone care to venture a few rupees on the results of tonight's encounter?

See all of you at the game.

Sayonara, for the last time from this space.

Seats available for students

There are 5,000 student seats available for MTSU's first home basketball game with Vanderbilt, according to a university official. Students must show an I.D. and may enter the center from any door.

Student seats are located in the blue-white, green and yellow seating areas which are situated on the east end and south side. Percentage-wise, students have 50 percent of the permanent

seats and 45 percent of the bleacher seats.

Since there is no space available for signs to be placed in the center, the student spirit committee is having two permanent signs made which will hang from the lighting gondolas.

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A Kind Word

By Wayne Kindness
Asst. Sports Editor

dores traipse into our good-looking complex tonight nationally ranked and probably expecting to dedicate the Murphy Center in their name. Hopefully, if my computations are close to being correct, they will receive a shocking set-back.

The Blue Raiders, led by Jimmy "The Great" Powell, Chester Brown, Mason Bonner, Forrest Toms, Steve Peeler, Jimmy Martin, Jimmy Drew and on and on, will put on a show sure to please the standing-room-only crowd.

Of course, there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that I am picking the Raiders to win by five points . . . they'll win by six or more.

By the way, don't let the possibility of having to stand up at the game scare you away from coming to see this fantastic inaugural

Talk about getting an early start in recruiting, Stu Aberdeen, Tennessee's volatile assistant coach, is hot on the track of a potential superstar. Aberdeen recently sent the standard "Remember us when it comes time to choose your college" letter

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for stardom

to Wayne McKoy of Brookville, N.Y.

McKoy stands 6-8 and weighs 220 lbs. He is rated as "strong and well-coordinated." All of this would and does add up to good basketball talent. McKoy, however, is only 14 years old and plays for Long Island Lutheran Junior High School. Go get 'em, Stu!

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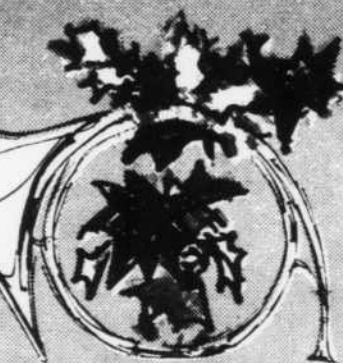
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