

Where are you now,

Capt. Bynum ?

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SIDELINES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Trial canned Coke vendors could become permanent

by Tom Wood

Three canned Coca-Cola machines were delivered to campus last week, and there are indications they may have company in the near future.

When contacted yesterday, Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance said while there hasn't been enough time to evaluate the effect the machines have had, there is a possibility of them becoming permanent fixtures.

"In the absence of any kind of problems encountered, such as litter and clean-up, there is a possibility of having them on a permanent basis," LaLance said of

the machines located in the New Classroom Building, Beasley Hall and High Rise West.

ASB President-elect Bobby Francescon, who worked to bring the can machines while serving as Ombudsman, said, "I don't see any reason as to why they should not be on campus. I'm pleased with the effectiveness of the administration. It shows their willingness to work with and for the students."

James Winsett, who is in charge of the MTSU account for the local Coca-Cola Bottling Co., says they are still being tested.

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Patterson wins Miss MTSU

by Laura Lewis

Lisa Patterson, a Nashville freshman, was crowned Miss MTSU of 1977 last night at Murphy Center.

The crowning culminated this year's Miss MTSU Pageant, a two-day event in which 18 MTSU women, sponsored by various campus organizations were entered.

The new Miss MTSU, a green-eyed blonde Mass Communications major sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi pledge class, presented a vocal solo medley while accompanying herself on guitar during the talent competition. She named Barbara Streisand as the celebrity she most admired during the final on-stage personality interview.

After last night's crowning, Lisa will advance as the MTSU representative in the Miss Tennessee pageant, to be held later this year in Jackson.

Pipita Rodriguez, Murfreesboro freshman sponsored by Kappa Delta big brothers, was named first runner-up. Her talent consisted of a Spanish-style/jazz dance presentation.

Second runner-up Lisa Alexander, a Chattanooga senior-sponsor-

ed by Alpha Delta Pi big brothers, presented a tap dance talent to the tune of "Nothing From Nothing."

Jeanni Stalcup, Gatlinburg freshman sponsored by Kappa Sigma Fraternity, was named third runner-up. She presented a self-arranged vocal/piano solo of the song "Feelings."

And Lauren Allen, Memphis freshman sponsored by Chi Omega sorority was named fourth runner-up. Her talent was a classical piano solo.

Judges of the Miss MTSU pageant, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, included Chet ("Mr. Guitar") Atkins, Nashville recording star; Scotti Carson, backup vocals artist from Knoxville; and Bob Jennings, public relations director for Acuff-Rose Publications, Inc. in Nashville.

Other contestants in this year's pageant were Debbie Azbell, Patricia Barrett, Phebe Erwin, Cathy Estep, Debbie Ferrell, Sandy Gladdish, Faith Hackett, Melissa Hewitt, Libby Lambert, Kathy Morris, Donna Odom, Kim Shadwick and Beth Stallings.

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Campus Calendar

Today

Delta Tau Alpha National Convention, UC Theatre, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MTSU Band Tryouts for Majorettes, Flags, Rifles, and Drum Majors, Front Lawn of Fine Arts (Murphy Center-East Concourse-in case of Rain), 12 noon-6 p.m.

Men's Tennis, MTSU/Murray, Tennis Courts, 2:15 p.m.

Women's Tennis, MTSU/Peabody, Tennis Courts, 3 p.m.

Sigma Nu, Spring Softball Invitational Tournament, Intramural Fields, 3:30-6 p.m.

Tomorrow

Delta Tau Alpha National Convention, UC Theatre 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis, MTSU/Western, Tennis Courts, 2:15 p.m.

Baseball, MTSU/Western, Baseball Field, 3 p.m.

Sunday

Kool Club, Easter Egg Hunt, In

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Monday

Ideas & Issues, Environmental Insights Seminar, UC Theatre, 10-12 noon.

Men's Tennis, MTSU/Tennessee Tech, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball, MTSU/Vanderbilt, Baseball Field, 3 p.m.

Movie, "The Return of the Pink Panther," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

Gamma Beta Phi, Banquet, Tennessee Room, SUB, 6:30 p.m.

Triton Club, Water Show, Swimming pool, 8 p.m.

Meeting for ladies interested in becoming Sigma Loves (Silhouettes), 8 p.m., UC 313.

Oklahoma!

The MTSU Theatre will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" on April 14-16 in the DA Auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m. for reservations call 898-2716, 2-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. General admission is \$3.

canned Cokes on trial

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"They haven't replaced the cup machines. They are there on a trial basis...there is nothing definite yet," Winsett said.

Sources at the bottling plant say, however, a change has already been ordered. "We heard about the change the other night," said an unidentified female who refused to comment further.

"We have not had a chance to look at them yet," added LaLance, who had not yet been informed of their arrival. "We will work with Francescon, the ASB and the Ombudsmen and make an evaluation of them," LaLance commented.

More than 1,000 students signed petitions back in mid-February to have canned drink machines placed on campus. The petitions were presented to LaLance, Vice-President Morris Bass and J.O. Gist by Francescon. The administrators put the three can machines on campus on a trial basis.

Student reaction thus far has been favorable. Smith Hall resi-

dents have been seen walking to nearby Beasley Hall instead of using the cup machine in the Smith lobby. And the can machine in the NCB is said to have sold completely out within six hours of being installed.

"In my dealings with the people in the dorms, the majority favored can machines," Francescon added. "Not all are pleased with them, but the majority should rule."

Cabinet positions, jobs available in ASB

Any person interested in working in the ASB for the 1977-78 year should attend a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center, according to ASB president-elect Bobby Francescon.

Positions will include cabinet positions as well as jobs in other capacities.

A meeting room number will be posted at the ASB office, Francescon said.

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Thirty-eight children of the Mid-Cumberland Head Start School enjoyed an easter egg hunt yesterday at 10:30 a.m. in front of President Scarlett's home.

The easter egg hunt was a community service project by Pi

Kappa Alpha fraternity of which Alex Consagua was chairman. The children hunted for candy eggs, then they ate food sponsored by Hardee's and played games, said James McCabe, Pi Kappa Alpha member.

Photos by Thom Coombes



Grade mailing restricted by law

by Jenny Tenpenny

Tennessee has a new law which prohibits the mailing of grades and distribution of diplomas until all debts to the university are satisfied, Suzanne McDaniel, director of record said yesterday.

The law (Chapter 654 of the Public Acts of 1976) states: "state institutions of higher education are prohibited from issuing diplomas, certificates of credit or grade reports to any student unless the student has satisfied all debts or obligations owed to the institution. This prohibition should be construed to apply to transcripts of grades as well as final grade reports for any term."

McDaniel emphasized that students who wish to clear all debts to receive grade reports must clear them at the Business Office windows by 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 26.

After that date, a receipt from the Business Office must be shown to personnel at the Records windows.

Federal student loan program cut

by Bill Mason

About 500 students at MTSU are now attending college under a federal program of direct student loans, but President Jimmy Carter cut the program out of next year's budget in an attempt to save money.

Carter's proposal was overridden in the U.S. House of Representatives, and Senator Jim Sasser is optimistic of the program being refunded after a Senate vote.

"I'm glad to say that it appears the student loan program will be refunded this year," Sasser said this week.

Sasser is a member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee which considered the bill. The Tennessee Democrat voted to keep the loan system functioning, and

help send it out of committee with a favorable vote.

"This will bring nearly two million students nationally help in securing a college education, and I think this is a very, very important program," Sasser said.

"I'm delighted that we voted to refund it in the appropriations committee, and I'm hopeful that the entire Senate will vote to refund the program," he added.

Winston Wren, director of financial aid at MTSU, called Sasser's statement "good news" for his office and for the 500 students who might be cut off funds to attend college if the student loan program was not refunded.

The measure is expected to pass the Senate, and a presidential veto is considered unlikely.

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House action halted

by Laura Lewis

The ASB House of Representatives meeting was brought to a halt Tuesday after it was learned that a majority of voting members were not present.

Earlier, four pieces of legislation passed and one failed on the vote of an apparent quorum.

Legislation passed by the House Tuesday included:

—a resolution to provide for the addition of another campus telephone in the University Center;

—a resolution providing for extension of campus operator services;

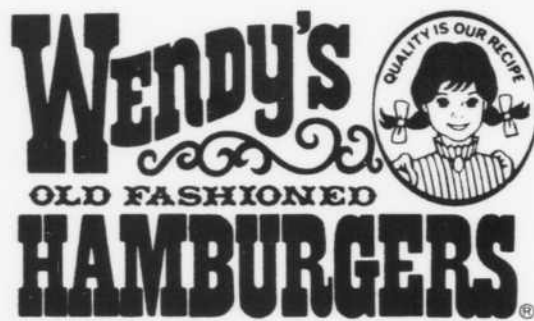
—an amendment to the Execu-

tive Organization Act, which sets minimum cumulative grade-point requirements at 2.0 for ASB Cabinet members;

—a resolution setting up consolidation of the ASB traffic court.

A resolution which would establish a two-color parking code (student and university employees) in order to "allow the dormitory residents access to all student parking" failed on a vote of 14-15.

Due to lack of House quorum, a bill requiring that all pieces of legislation be read aloud upon presentation to a legislative body was tabled prior to the meeting's adjournment.



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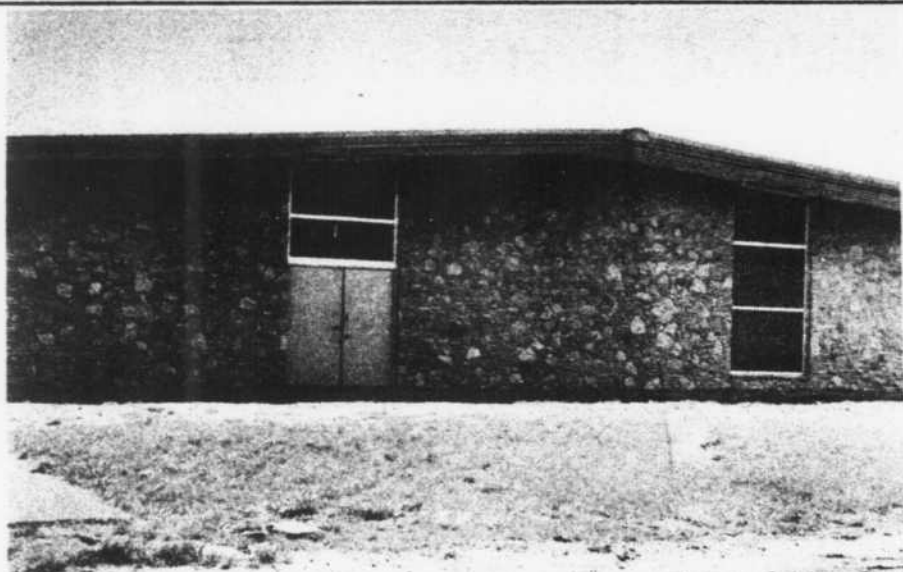
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Monk's club

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Fire destroys Monk's club

by Steve Miller

The state fire marshal is investigating the origin of a fire that caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to Monk's Club, Halls Hill Pk., Sunday afternoon.

Monk's is one of the larger night clubs in the Murfreesboro area and is frequented by MTSU students. Monk's has hosted Charlie Daniels Band, Vince Vance and the Valiants and other name groups in the past.

Units from the Murfreesboro Fire Department and the Civil Defense fought the blaze for one hour and 20

minutes before bringing it under control. Officials said the fire caused extensive damage to the roof and ceiling.

Jimmy Montgomery, owner, said the club had been closed so a disco could be added to it. He had been doing some work in the rear of the building and had left momentarily. When Montgomery returned, he noticed smoke coming from the building and called the fire department.

Montgomery said he plans to have the club re-open by next fall.

Environmental seminar set

Three days of programs discussing where America has been and where it is going in the field of energy will be presented by the Department of Agriculture beginning Monday, April 11 and continuing April 13 and 15.

The 1977 Environmental Seminar will center around the various areas of energy research and feature some of the top experts in the respective fields.

The first seminar will be held at the UC Theater at 10 a.m. Monday. Conducted by John W. Massey of the Marshall Space Flight Center, the topic will be "Solar Energy."

On Wednesday, the second seminar will also be held in the UC Theater at 10 a.m. At this time, William D. Adams of the Energy Research and Development Administration of Oak Ridge will discuss "Creating Energy Sources for the Future: the National Plan for Energy, Development, and Demonstration."

On the 15th, the topic will be "Nuclear Energy-Safety Aspects," with speaker Mark Wisenburg of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga. This lecture will also begin in the UC Theater at 10 a.m.

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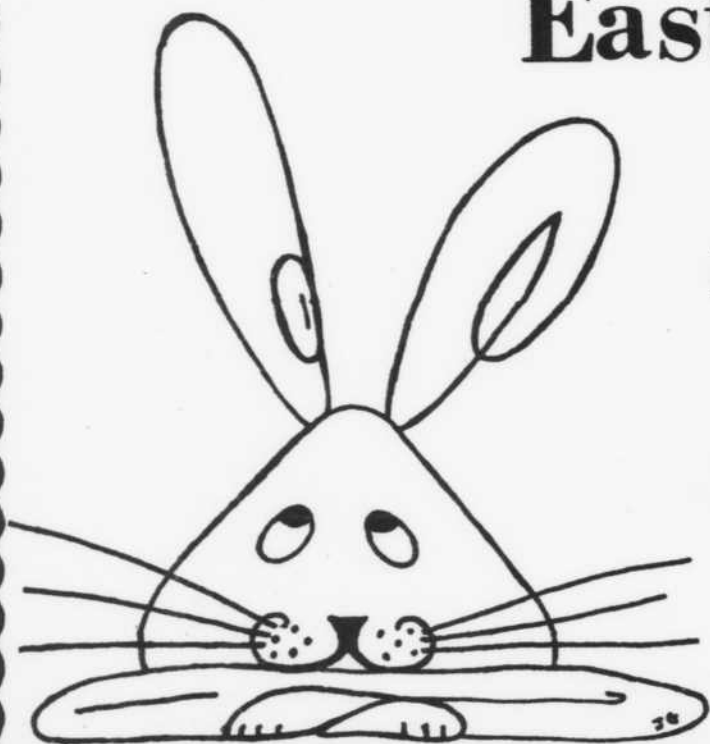
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Speaker asks answer

by Mike McDonald
Senate Speaker-elect

On Tuesday night, the faculty senate held its meeting at the SUB. Roy Nicks, chancellor of the Board of Regents, was a guest speaker. The following is an incident that I experienced as I attempted to find out about student evaluation and the bearing it has on an instructor getting tenure or promotion. I didn't find out. These next lines will tell you why.

COLUMN

I went to the faculty senate meeting to find answers for the students, as well as the faculty. When I arrived, the senate conference room was filled with concerned faculty members. Chancellor Nicks, who is a very respectable administrator and an educator, knows the problems and needs of our school system. Also present was our own Dr. Jack Carlton, vice president for academic affairs, and a man who works diligently to improve the educational standards of this institution Robert Jones, president of the faculty senate was also present. I have had the honor of working with Mr. Jones on University committees. His opinion and philosophy center around conceiving positive policies for this institution.

Chancellor Nicks was asked many questions—the majority of which were about tenure. My questions were not designed to get him to commit himself for or against the present tenure policy here. I only wanted an answer. I finally was recognized by the Chancellor. I thanked him for taking time out from his busy schedule to come share his feeling on the problems of our university.

My first question was: Why are the good teachers, who conform and relate with the students better than their colleagues, removed from the department? After consulting with his aide he said he didn't know. I accept that.

My second question was: Why does the university hire instructors who they know will not attain tenure in their one-to-six year term. Nicks said that teachers are hired with the understanding that they may not be granted tenure. This was fine, except I do not understand how they expect an instructor to teach comfortably, when he is always faced with the threat of losing his or her job.

My third question was: How much weight does the student evaluation have in granting an instructor tenure. Nicks said that it was left up to the department heads.

So then I asked Nicks what should happen if an instructor taking a student survey of one of his

peers, didn't seal up the envelope in front of the students, since it happened in one of our departments. The Chancellor sat there puzzled, while the crowd of faculty members made gestures of uncertainty. He then said it should be reported to Dr. Carlton. Dr. Carlton said it should be reported to Dr. Jones of the faculty senate. Jones said it should be handled at the senate sub-committee level.

Everybody told me where to go. Nobody told me what to do. Nobody gave me a simple "yes" or "no" answer. That's all I wanted.

For so long we have been taught to stand up for the things we believe in. Our instructors teach us to strive to increase our knowledge. Administrators emphasize the need for communication — communication to solve problems, to make things work. Yet men from all three levels of our educational system deny me an answer to such a simple question. I didn't tell him I wanted a "yes" answer, or a "no" answer. Just a simple "yes" or "no" would have settled my curiosity for the truth.

But I will have them know today, that as a leader of this student body, I won't settle for any one of the gentlemen not knowing the answer. I won't sell this university out to accept an "evade the question" response. When I accepted this office I made a commitment to find the answers to this University's problems. I didn't make any limitation of when or where I would stop with if I didn't get an answer. And I am not going to stop now.

As educational and governing officials of this university and state, these gentlemen must be aware of the problems and possible solutions to this university's problems. They have my respect. But I question their ability to govern or to teach me or you, if they can't answer one simple question. When an official, or anyone, gets to the state that he cannot answer a question, any

Apathy illustrated in ASB; 'responsible' members 'no show'

Student Apathy?

It's still alive and well at MTSU, as illustrated by the sparse showing at the ASB House of Representatives meeting last Tuesday.

This student law-making body, during its regular bi-monthly meeting, had passed four pieces of legislation and knocked down one before an observant member requested a quorum count. It was discovered that a majority of House members were not in attendance and therefore legislation could not be voted on. The meeting was adjourned.

While there did not appear to be many members in attendance from the beginning, the main reason the majority lack was discovered was because representatives kept getting up to leave while the meeting was in progress. In other words, several House members decided to leave before all the legislation to be voted on had been presented.

The House is composed of about 60 members, each of whom are representing an MTSU organization. It is assumed that these organizations chose representatives whom they believed to be politically concerned, responsible individuals.

Perhaps these organizations would do well to look again at their appointees to the ASB House of Representatives. As indicated Tuesday, most of them aren't doing their jobs.

question, with a simple "yes" or "no", I begin to worry if he can confidently make the decisions that may be life or death.

I don't regret writing what is here. What happened was the truth. The truth hurts. And as long as I am a student government leader, I am going to tell my fellow students the truth. And I am always going to answer these questions. No matter if they agree with my response or not. One of the important traits of being a leader is integrity. I will continue to be fair with everyone—faculty and staff, not just students.

Many problems such as tenure affect students as well as faculty. This university makes the student evaluation supposedly to aid in granting instructors tenure and promotion. When these three gentlemen refused to answer the question of the validity and merit of student evaluation, I assumed that the students' opinion of an instructor is worthless. And since not one of them was willing to take a stand on the matter, I'll bet my assumptions are right.

I don't oppose or defend tenure. I

don't necessarily defend the student evaluation. But I do demand the truth. I admit I don't know the details and circumstances about tenure or the entire promotion process. But how can I ever know if knowledgeable men like Nicks, Carlton and Jones sit with restrained tongues when an individual asks a question?

Judge commends Committee's work

To the editor:

It was indeed an honor and a privilege to work with the Rutherford County Bicentennial Commission and its chairman, Dr. Robert Corlew.

At a meeting of the executive board on March 30, 1977, the board requested the County Judge, Ben Hall McFarlin, to dissolve the Rutherford County Bicentennial Commission. Following their instructions, I hereby declare that the Rutherford County Bicentennial Commission be dissolved.

I want to commend all that had a part in enabling Rutherford County's program to be the best in Tennessee. Tennessee was rated as having one of the four best Bicentennial programs in the United States. We have made many wonderful strides in making our county the number one county in the nation and I am happy to say that many of those that were active on the Bicentennial Commission are now active in continually promoting Rutherford County. For this I thank them.

I invite all of those that are interested in working for Rutherford County to contact me, Judge Ben Hall McFarlin, at my office in the Rutherford County Courthouse. Judge Ben Hall McFarlin
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Summit offers more in vacations

by Claudia Roefs

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Americans have long been accustomed to thinking of vacations as a chance to escape—from the pressures of the office, home or school, or perhaps only from the routine of daily living. But vacations aren't what they used to be.

Individuals and families are beginning to look for more from their vacation time than a simple change of pace. And for those who are looking, there's good news. A new type of vacation is gaining popularity, one which combines the fun and relaxation of the outdoors with the opportunity to become more attuned to the natural world around us.

This new, low cost vacation is the Conservation Summit, a unique outdoor alternative offered by the National Wildlife Federation, (NWF) for those who want more than just another week away from home.

The Summit program, designed for singles, couples and families, originated in 1970 when the NWF responded to a growing demand for opportunities to learn more about the environment in an informative yet informal atmosphere. Since that time, more than 8,000 men, women and children have attended one or more of these educational and fun-filled events.

Summits have been held in the East and the West, in summer and in winter. They have opened the doors to nature's mysteries and her beauty for people of all ages and walks of life. And they have made conservation fun!

What makes a Conservation

Summit so different? For one thing, it is the participant who sets the pace; a Summit can be as much or as little as you want it to be. There are nearly 30 different subjects to choose from during this six-day nature holiday, plus a host of afternoon and evening programs ranging from regional craft demonstrations to environmental forums to (astronomy) star parties. There are square dances and cookouts, too, and leisure time activities such as swimming, tennis or horseback riding. The choice and amount of activity is up to each individual.

A typical day might start with a pre-breakfast bird walk or wildlife-scouting excursion. After breakfast, a lecture in backpacking basics might be first on your list, followed by a class in outdoor cooking which will get you in the right frame of mind for lunch. In the afternoon you can sit in on a nature photography session or join a group for a walk through the woods seeking edible plants. By mid-afternoon you should be ready for a swim or a craft demonstration, or perhaps a quiet introspection in the shade of a whispering pine. And finally, after dinner, there might be a sing-a-long and short film on alternative energy sources, followed by a square dance for those who still have enough energy to swirl and stomp.

Subjects offered at each Summit are divided into three categories. "Developing Outdoor Skills" in one category, and includes such courses as Map and Compass, Organic Gardening, and Nature Art. Under "Becoming Akin to Nature," the second category, you can find subjects to help you see, feel and become a part of your surroundings

subjects like Wildflower Identification, Wildlife Ecology and Exploring Nature with Your Child. And if you want to apply this new awareness to daily life, subjects in the third category, "Developing a Conservation Lifestyle," will show you how and where to start. This category includes sessions on Citizen Action, Solar Energy and Creative Environmental Teaching.

This year the schedule for Conservation Summits is:

Blue Ridge Summit	
Black Mountain, NC	June 26 - July 2
Rocky Mountain Summit	
Estes Park, CO	July 6 - 12
Adirondack Summit	
Silver Bay, NY	July 31 - August 6

For more information on costs and activities at the Summits, write to: Conservation Summits, Dept. CS1, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Religious author speaks at MTSU

Tasks of clear thinking begin with experience, not speculation, and pursue the love of wisdom and intellectual excellence, Dr. Elton Trueblood said to nearly 300 people Tuesday night.

Trueblood, a "professor-at-large" at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., was the featured speaker at the second annual Henry Harrell Memorial Lecture Series in Religion. The series is funded by a gift to the MTSU Foundation by Mrs. Harrell.

Author of 31 volumes, including *Philosophy of Religion*, *Company of the Committed* and *General Religion*, Trueblood expressed agreement with Socrates, who required his students to follow an argument wherever it leads, not to start with a conclusion.

Logic and reason to not confirm the non-existence of God but confirm his as the force behind the universe, the noted theologian said.

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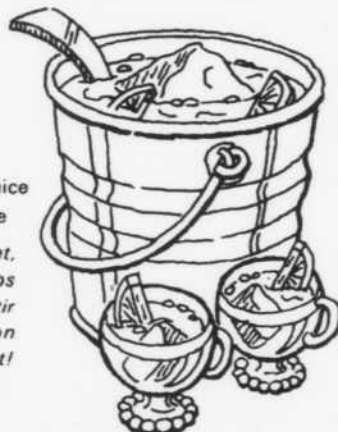
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THE NEW KENTUCKY LOOP BICYCLE TRAIL

Bikecentennial trails open, shorter trips emphasized

Beginning in May, Bikecentennial will be opening four new loop trails. These loops, using portions of the existing TransAmerica Bicycle Trail, are located in Oregon, Idaho, Kentucky and Virginia.

The trails will range from 350 to 500 miles in length, with trips available from 8 to 15 days. A variety of service options are available for the cyclist.

Last year, over 4,100 bicyclists from all 50 states and 16 foreign countries rode the 4500-mile TransAmerica Bicycle Trail. Nearly

2,100 of them went the entire distance. This year, Bikecentennial is placing its emphasis on the shorter trips to give those with shorter summer vacations an opportunity to enjoy the excitement of bicycle touring.

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Holidays celebrated in Triton Club water show

by Ted Rayburn

All the festive holidays of the year will be displayed in a Mardi Gras decor at the annual Triton Club water show to run at 8 p.m. April 12-15 at the campus pool.

Using the theme, "Festival of Holidays," the show "is a combination of water ballet, synchronized swimming and diving, all put to musical numbers," faculty sponsor Pat Hannon said.

A cast of 20 Triton Club members, under the direction of club president Deborah Jackson, will enter in costume and perform to musical numbers such as "Funky Stuff" and "Aquarius."

Skits include a celebration of New Year's Eve, performed to "Auld Lang Syne" in a group sequence; Valentine's Day, portrayed by couples to "The Look of Love"; a St. Patrick's Day skit will be performed with an Irish medley; a Halloween sequence accompanied by the Eagles' "Witchy Woman"; and a celebration of Christmas including the song, "O Holy Night."

In addition, Tanya Graham will perform solo to "Jesus Christ Superstar." Other numbers include "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" and music from the movie "Jonathan Livingston Seagull."

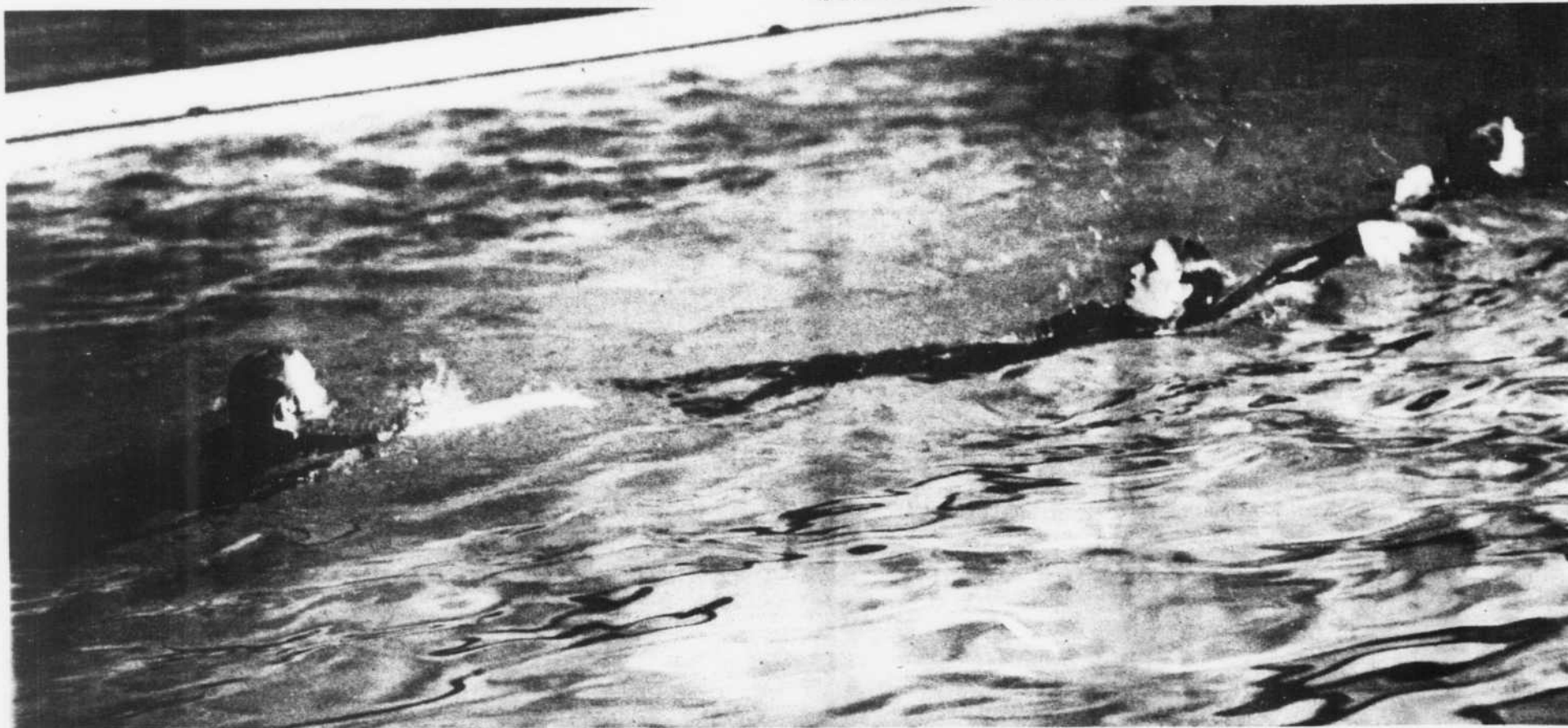
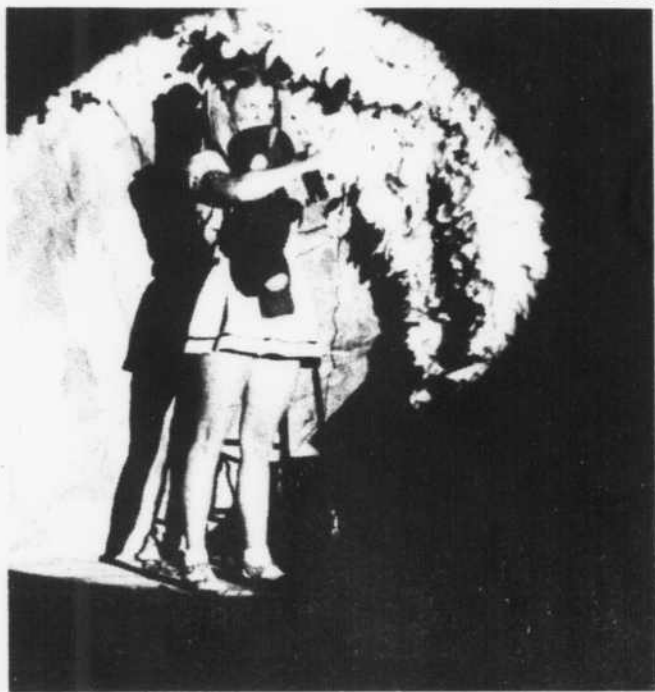
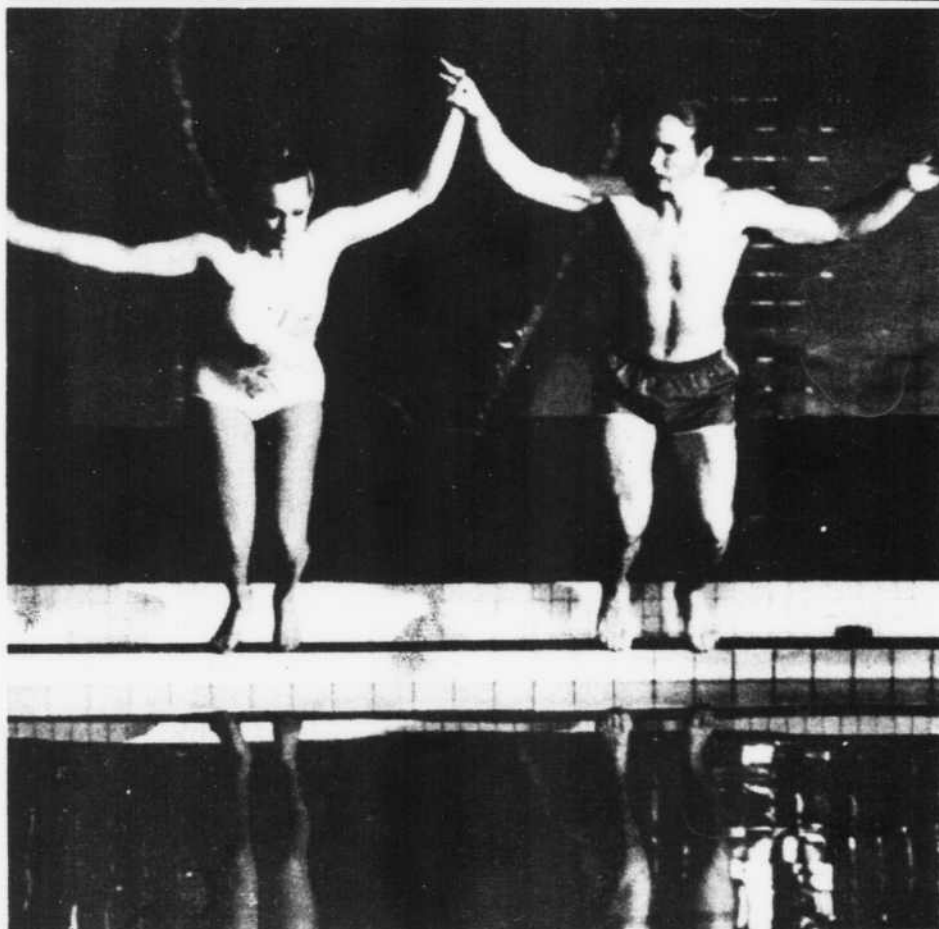
Former Triton Club president Linda Kite will serve as emcee, portraying a child experiencing the holidays.

The club will display such aquatic skills as synchronized swimming and springboard diving, Hannon said.

Admission for students is \$1. Non-student admission is 50 cents for children and \$1.25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Triton club members or at the door, show director Jackson said.

The Triton Club and the water show are sponsored by the HPERS department.

Photos by Thom Coombes



Fans say 'Thanks Raiders' to end historic '77 season

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Nearly 400 persons crammed into Stones River Country Club last night to pay tribute to one of the most amazing athletic seasons in the history of MTSU.

All were there, of course, to say "thank you" to the Blue Raider basketball team, which upset Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament and won a trip to Baton Rouge, La., and the NCAA Midwest Regionals.

"It has been a tremendous pleasure to be associated with you," coach Jimmy Earle said as he gazed toward the tables where the team sat. "This is your night and I'm not going to ruin it by breaking up."

TVS sportscaster Joe Dean, former Louisiana State great, was guest speaker and held the attention of the crowd throughout

his presentation with an often humorous, but moving talk.

"I was supposed to play middle of the road," Dean said of announcing the Raiders' NCAA tournament contest with Detroit. "But I found myself saying early in the second half, 'My gosh, wouldn't it be great if they (MTSU) upset them.'"

"I never would have believed that they would have made it to Baton Rouge in October," Earle said. "I honestly thought we would be lucky to win just eight or 10 games. We did it on the three D's: Discipline, Desire and Determination."

Senior guard Lewis Mack, who re-set the MTSU career assist record in only two seasons, was voted the most valuable player by his teammates.

Julius Brown won the free throw award (86 percent). Bob Martin,



MTSU basketball players [l-r] Bob Martin, Leroy Coleman, Julius Brown, Lewis Mack and Gil Thompson display the trophies presented to them at the "Basketball Appreciation" banquet, held last night at Stones River Country Club. Photos by Robin Rudd

the MVP of the conference tournament, was awarded the trophy for best rebounder (245 season for an 8.5 per game average). Freshman LeRoy Coleman was voted best defensive player and senior Gil Thompson carted off the spirit award.

Besides Mack and Thompson, graduating seniors include 6-9 Greg Laravie and guard Kip Puryear. "The seniors of this club, especially Gil, are a big reason we had a successful year. Their contribution in bringing this team together can not be measured," Earle said.

In finishing with a 20-9 record, and the second NCAA tournament appearance in three years, Middle Tennessee posted only the second 20-game victory season in the history of Blue Raider basketball and finished with an unprecedented fourth straight winning record.

"This team has fought as hard as any I have been associated with in my 18 years of coaching," Earle explained. "They hustled and simply refused to be beat. Coaching this basketball team has been the most satisfying experience of my life because they gave everything they had...and more."

...A faulty public address system left speakers at the podium without

a microphone. "This is like being at Morehead with four minutes to go," quipped master of ceremonies Monte Hale.

The voice of the Blue Raiders since 1962, Hale received a plaque, as did color announcer Garland Robertson, in appreciation from the team.

...Johnny Parsley, considered to be the most avid Blue Raider fan, was presented a shirt with "Mr. Blue Raider" on it. "Let's win it again next year," Parsley roared.



Joe Dean



Johnny Parsley [right] was in the middle of the celebration at Clarksville and fittingly enough he was given a t-shirt with "Mr. Blue Raider" on it last night by the Raider team.



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OVC women's conference around corner?

by Eddie Gossage

You've come a long way baby... The women are about to do it again. They are in the process of beginning a Ohio Valley Conference for women's athletics for both tennis and basketball.

The conference, if approved by the OVC, would open this fall with tennis and will offer OVC tennis and basketball championships for women.

A Special Committee for Women's Intercollegiate Sports was formed by OVC officials with Tennessee Tech President, Dr.

Arliss Roaden, as chairman and one representative from each of the seven other OVC-member institutions serving as members.

"We have already started the groundwork in asking each OVC school to file their schedules with the Commissioner (Bob Vanatta) on the assumption the conference for women will be approved," Roaden explained.

"As there are only two sports which all eight of us have in common, it will be the recommendation of the committee that we do declare an OVC Champion in basketball and tennis," Roaden

added.

Several conferences have already played one season complete with championship tournaments and all-conference teams. Officially, the Big 10 and the Missouri Valley Conference had women's championships while informal conferences were played by the Pac-8 and the Pacific Coast Schools.

The proposed conference will have an Eastern and Western Division, as in baseball. Schools making up the East are Tech, ETSU, Morehead and Eastern Kentucky. Austin Peay, Western

Kentucky, Murray and Middle Tennessee State make up the West.

The basketball championship would be decided on win-loss records in OVC play while the tennis title would be determined at a tournament hosted by Eastern Kentucky.

"I think it's an excellent thing," MTSU women's Athletic Director Pat Jones said yesterday. "The OVC is strong. We already play an OVC schedule. This way we play each OVC team twice, once home and once away. The OVC is very strong in this region."

Trackmen await divisional meet

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's track team, this season featuring perhaps the conference's two most impressive individual performers, will go to Murray, Ky., this weekend for a western division OVC quadrangular meet.

Austin Peay and Western Kentucky, perennially strong squads, will also be there, along with host Murray State. Raider coach Dean Hayes figures that "three of the four teams in this division will be among the top four at the end of the season."

MTSU is undefeated in two home outdoor meets this season, having already beaten East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech as well as scrappy Illinois State.

MTSU features surprising depth, with Harrison Salami pacing performers in the field events and John DoDoo leading the teams contingent of leapers. A handful of good young runners have been more than adequate thus far.

Western, the traditional power in OVC track, counts its strengths in such performers as high jumper Chuck Durant (with a league-leading 6-10 showing this season) and 200-meter runner Richard Hopkins (with a season best of 21.2). Peay's outstanding performers include shot putter John Eddins (with an OVC-leading 55-5) who doubles as a discus thrower (ranked second with a 172-5).

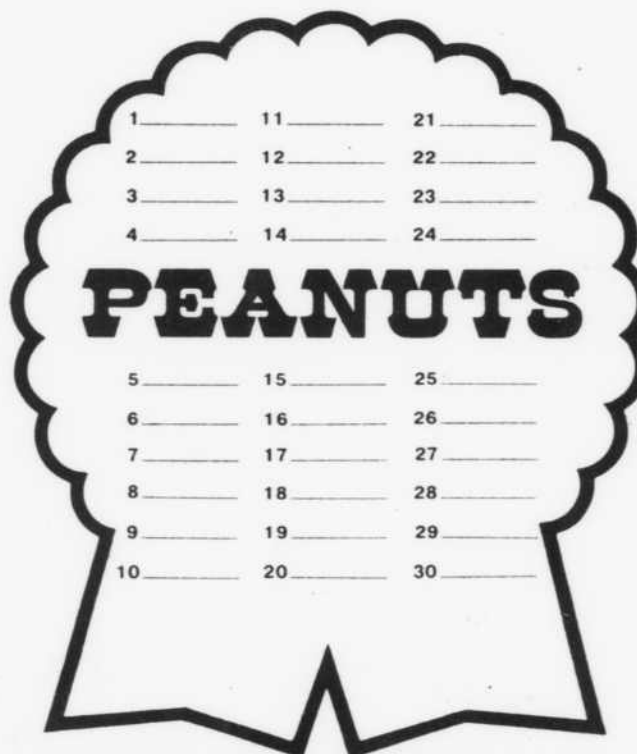
As the defending champion in track, the pressure will be on Eddins and his teammates to push back the challenges of Western and MTSU, which would like to improve on last season's second-place finish for Hayes in his 12th year as a coach.

Runners such as Ed Stegall and J.T. Musgrove (400 meters) and distance men Dennis Votava (ranked as the OVC's No. 3 runner in the 1500 and 880 meters) and Gary Perry (ranked third in the OVC in the 5000 meters) are also the Raiders' top performers.

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OVC title at stake

Stanford's abusive crew tangles with Western

MTSU baseball coach John Stanford may be in jail today...for abuse of a baseball team.

Stanford, who is preparing his defending Ohio Valley Conference champs for a "crucial" OVC doubleheader here tomorrow with Western Kentucky, directed his diamond men to 11-0 and 18-2 romps over visiting Siena Heights (Michigan) here yesterday.

Sophomore Pete Sinopoli tossed a four-hitter and won the opener. Rob Elsea was the winning hurler in the nightcap. First baseman Jon Weathers led the assault in the first game with a home run, double and single.



John Stanford

"They didn't really impress me," Stanford chuckled.

But yesterday's sweep, the second straight for MTSU, was basically a preliminary to tomor-

row's 1 p.m. clash with revenge-minded Western Kentucky.

"Sure, Western will be a little mad. We beat them two straight in Bowling Green the other day. You

don't beat them at anything and not make 'em mad. No matter what it is," Stanford explained.

The 1976 OVC coach of the year was unsure as to whom he would

Netters host 'big matches'

A sickly squad of Raider tennis players took a 6-3 decision from Austin Peay in Clarksville yesterday, raising its record to 5-4 and getting a defense of the 1976 OVC crown off to a good start.

There will be little rest for the weary Raiders, however, as tough Murray State comes to town today at 2 p.m. to challenge the MTSU squad. A match earlier this week against UT Chattanooga was called due to snow.

First-seed Lasse Durchman lost his singles match to Gary Voss 7-5, 6-2 while sixth man Tom Ward was dropped 6-0, 6-2 by Peay's Ken Wood. But all other singles matches went in the Raiders' favor.

Freshman Dale Short, the second player on the MTSU team, defeated Warren Lock 7-6, 6-2. Tony Fernandez blanked APSU's Daryl Johnson 6-0, 6-0. A pair of ailing Australians, Peter Heffernan and Chris Baker, shook off the effects of a bout with mono and won their

singles matches, have "mustered all the strength they could," coach Dick LaLance said after the match.

Heffernan stopped Pablo Camus 6-2, 7-5, while Baker struggled but finally defeated Mo Zaffer by 7-6, 4-6, 7-6. "They nearly passed out on the court," LaLance noted. But the pair's play was the key to the Raider win. They came back to take a relatively easy 6-4, 6-3 doubles win over Camus-Zaffer.

The first-seed doubles team of Durchman and Short dropped a match to Voss-Lock, but not without a fight, falling 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. The third doubles team of Fernandez and Mike Patrick felled Johnson-Wood by 6-0, 7-6.

After the Murray meet today, the Raiders will continue their fight to keep the OVC championship in Murfreesboro with a match against Western Kentucky tomorrow on the MTSU courts at 2 p.m. "These are two big matches, and we hope the student body will come out to watch our play," LaLance added.

call on to pitch tomorrow. Bob Hardin (4-2) and Mike Moore (4-1) are prime candidates.

"I think right now we are ready to answer the challenge," said Stanford who blasted the Raider club only last week for "not being mentally ready."

A Raider sweep Saturday would put MTSU in "the driver's seat" for the home stretch in the divisional race, Stanford said.

With a conference record of 3-2 now, the Raiders' will play six of the next seven OVC games at home. The lone road test is a makeup game at Austin Peay.

"It could be a very exciting April," Stanford said. "I think our guys realize how important the games are now."

IM meeting reset

An organizational meeting for the intramural track meet April 18-19 has been rescheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, room 202, IM Director Joe Ruffner said yesterday.

The meeting was originally scheduled for next Thursday and "it is very important that all teams wishing to enter the meet have a representative in attendance," Ruffner said.

