

# sidelines

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*Snowflakes*

Winter surprised Murfreesboro residents yesterday when they peeped out their windows in the morning and saw thousands of snowflakes falling softly to the ground. But by mid-afternoon, the season's first snow was already gone.

Photo by Fred Carr

## Rules committee approves extended visitation proposal

by John Pitts

An increase in visitation days and hours for residents of J and K dorms was recommended by the All-Campus Rules Committee Wednesday night.

Acting on a report by Subcommittee C, the full committee voted 8-3 to extend the J and K visitation time to 10 hours per day, seven days a week.

Also approved in part by the committee was the "differentiated housing" proposal, a plan which would offer the student four basic "atmospheres" for on-campus living.

Under the proposal, a student could choose a residence with no visitation, providing "a quiet atmosphere conducive to study"; residence with provisions for an open house; a residence allowing six hours of visitation on two specified days; or the 10-hour, seven-day plan in the J and K apartments.

"The value of the proposal is that the people have their choice,"

committee member Mike Carter said during a lengthy debate about the housing plan. The plan--specifically the J and K visitation change--drew fire from deans Robert LaLance and Paul Cantrell, who along with Judy Smith, associate dean of students, voted against the proposal.

LaLance expressed his "adamant opposition" to the amount of increase in J and K hours. "Is it educationally sound?" Cantrell asked, referring to the J and K proposal.

Other members of the committee concluded that the J and K proposal was valid. Approval of the 10-hour plan "would only be reasonable," committee member Jane Carroll said.

The approval of the differentiated housing plan will not be completed until the entire subcommittee report is accepted. Seven of the 12 pages of the report were acted upon at the Wednesday meeting.

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## 'Sunshine' ruling opens campus meetings

by Gina Jeter

Overturing an opinion from the attorney for the Board of Regents, the state attorney general's office has ruled that Tennessee's Sunshine Law applies at the public college and university level.

The Sunshine Law states that "all meetings of any governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times..."

In a Nov. 7 letter to Lynn Haston, general counsel for the regents, Assistant Atty. Gen. Henry Haile wrote: "Although there is no case law on this topic, it is the opinion of this office that student organization meetings sanctioned by the school administration and university standing committee meetings are meetings of a 'governing body' since they are clearly established by a public agency, supported by tax dollars and have authority, however limited, to make decisions for or recommendations to a public agency."

Haston said he based his opinion on the belief that college committee's were not covered under the law because they do not re-

port directly to the Board of Regents. In most cases, university committees report to vice-presidents, who in turn report to the school president.

"As I read it (the letter), I was overruled," Haston, who recently was appointed MTSU's vice president for administration, said Wednesday. "I still disagree, but that's the way it is."

A ruling from the state attorney general's office has the effect of law until overturned in court, Haston said.

Haston explained that he asked for the ruling after requests from MTSU and Memphis State University for clarification about application of the act.

"It all turns on the definition of a governing body," he said.

"The basis for my opinion," Haston said, "was that I didn't think a standing committee met the definition of a governing body. In my opinion, the Board is the governing body."

Haile said Wednesday that an ad hoc committee or one named for a specific rather than a general

purpose would also be open to the public. Subcommittee meetings are also to be public, Haile added.

However, "staff meetings" are not required to be open to the public, Haile said.

In his letter to Haston, Haile stated that "a staff meeting is not a deliberative body."

"The staff so assembled have no power to make decisions or recommendations to any public agency on policy or administration," he said.

"Almost by definition, a staff is directed by an executive officer. Its meetings are presumably to assist him in the execution of his duties and to receive instructions from him," Haston said.

Meetings between department chairmen and faculty members to discuss a non-tenured faculty member's status would be staff meetings, Haston said, and thus would not be open to the public. Section 3 of the Sunshine Law requires that adequate public notice must be given before a body meets.

However, Haston said, the act (continued on page two)

### Groups now open

MTSU standing committees required by the Sunshine Law to open their meetings to the public are:

- Campus School Committee
- Council on Teacher Education
- University Curriculum Committee
- Graduate Council
- Honors Council
- Library Committee
- Loan and Scholarship Committee
- Faculty Research Committee
- Faculty Social Committee
- Campus and Grounds Committee
- Athletic Committee
- All-Campus Rules Committee
- Lower Division Advisement Committee
- University Screening Committee
- Committee on Residency Classification
- University Discipline and Academic Grievance Committee
- University Appeals Committee
- Co-Curricular Committee
- Campus Master Plan Committee
- Council on Student Publications
- Screening Committee for Student Organizations
- Faculty and Staff Traffic Council
- Who's Who Selection Committee
- All six programming committees

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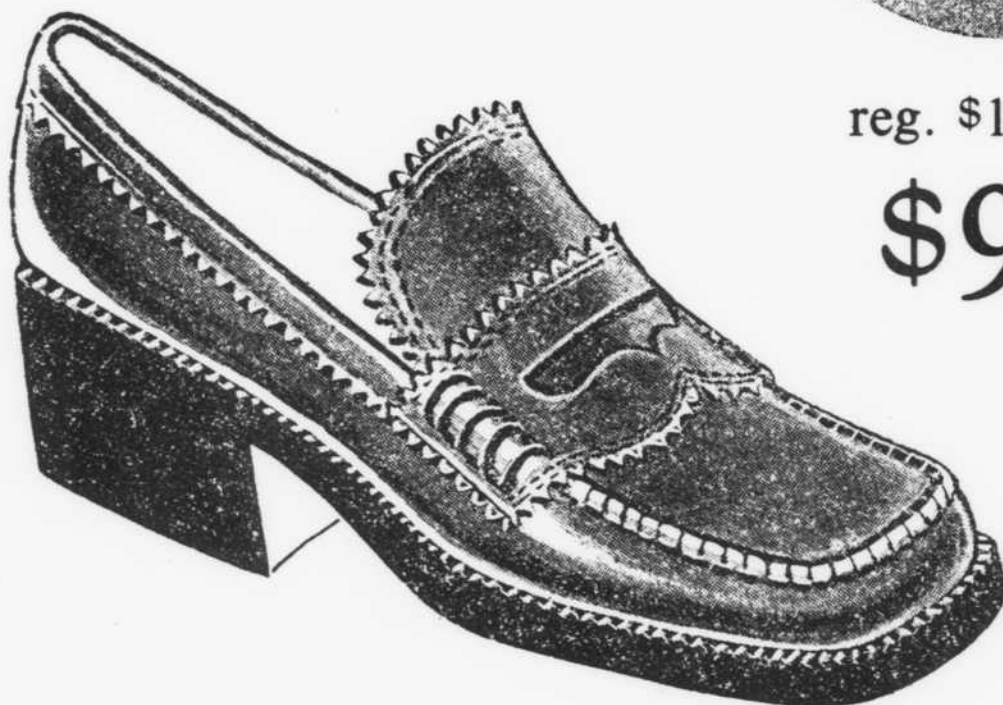
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## Ruling requires

## 'adequate notice'

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does not define "adequate" notice.

Less notice would probably be required in a college situation than is necessary elsewhere, Haston said.

Haile said that the question about "adequate" notice is a problem that will "work itself out."

"I feel there will be a period of time with a lot of uncertainty, problems and arguments about what is proper notice," he said.

Haile and Haston agreed that notice on a bulletin board would probably be considered adequate under the law.

However, "it would be nice if all the notices could be put in the same place," Haile said.

Proper notice is that which allows anyone interested in attending to find out about a meeting in time to make arrangements to be there, he said.

"The idea is to have all meetings open," Haile said. "If not, a group had better have a good reason."

The attorney general also said that a committee could not require the press to accept information off the record.

"I don't think they can do that," Haile said.

An off-the-record statement is information a source and reporter agree to keep confidential.

MTSU's All-Campus Rules Committee recently admitted Sidelines to its meetings only under the agreement that if a committee member wished to go off the record the newspaper must respect his request.

## Nero tickets available

Accomplished pianist Peter Nero will appear in concert in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Saturday at 8 p.m.

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# Weather, convention disrupt HPER classes

by Pam Baggott

If you have been upset about the lack of parking spaces on campus this week, you're not the only one who has been upset. A.H. Solomon, chairman of the HPER department, is very concerned about the disruption of approximately 30 classes by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, held this week in MTSU's Murphy Center.

Solomon said that if the weather had been nice this week, only six classes would have been forced to seek another meeting place, and the others would have met outdoors. But with bad weather all week, about 30 activity classes were disrupted because of a lack of gym space.

According to Solomon, the university's priorities were misplaced. The classes are more important than a convention and should have been considered first, he said.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention celebrated its centennial this week. Murfreesboro was chosen as the site of this year's meeting because the first convention was held here 100 years ago.

Approximately 3,000 Tennessee Baptists participated in the convention, which ended yesterday.

MTSU Facilities Manager Bill

Smotherman said the Baptists will pay for the use of Murphy Center plus any added expenses for technical help, extra staging, security and clean-up.

The minimum rental fee per day is \$300. Smotherman said any additional charges are left up to his discretion.

Not all groups can use MTSU's

facilities. "We're not a commercial convention center," he said.

However, Smotherman said he "thought it advantageous to have these people on our campus."

Solomon said he hopes that the next time a convention is planned for Murphy Center he will be allowed some input.

## Committee kills open-blind ruling

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Mike Carter proposed an amendment replacing the stipulation that residence hall doors "must be open at all times" during Open House with the phrase "must remain unlocked at all times."

Before the approval of the amendment by a two-vote margin, Carroll said, "I think it's silly... if you have to go that far to define an 'open' door, then it should remain closed."

In addition, the rule forcing apartment residents to leave blinds open and windows unobstructed while entertaining guests was removed. Approval of the rule change was by one vote, with faculty and administration members Cantrell, LaLance, Phillip Mathis, Patricia Sharber and Smith voting against it, and the six student members approving the measure.

All action of the committee is subject to change, first by Vice President Harry Wagner and then by President M.G. Scarlett.

From Scarlett, the rule changes will go to the Student Life Committee of the State Board of Regents, after which the board itself will vote to approve or reject the proposals for the 1975-76 school year.

## Directory to be free in 1975

Student directories, which are currently sold by the ASB for 25 cents apiece, will be distributed free next year, according to Chuck Snyder of the Daily News Journal, which published the booklets.

Snyder said he met with Harry Wagner, vice president for student affairs, last Thursday in a futile effort to halt the sales.

"The ASB had already begun selling the directories making it impractical to try and get them to give them (the directories) away," Snyder explained.

"I had a contract with the university and there was no stipulation on how they were to be distributed," he pointed out.

Members of the ASB, which traditionally sells the directories to supplement its funds, set up daily in the post office area of the University Center to sell the listings.

The directories contain alphabetical listings with local and home phone numbers, box numbers, classification and home addresses (if applicable) of students, faculty and staff administration personnel.

Dodd also pointed out that errors in the listings were due to incorrect information on students' information forms or from the university computer.

Sales of the directories will continue through next week, according to Dodd.

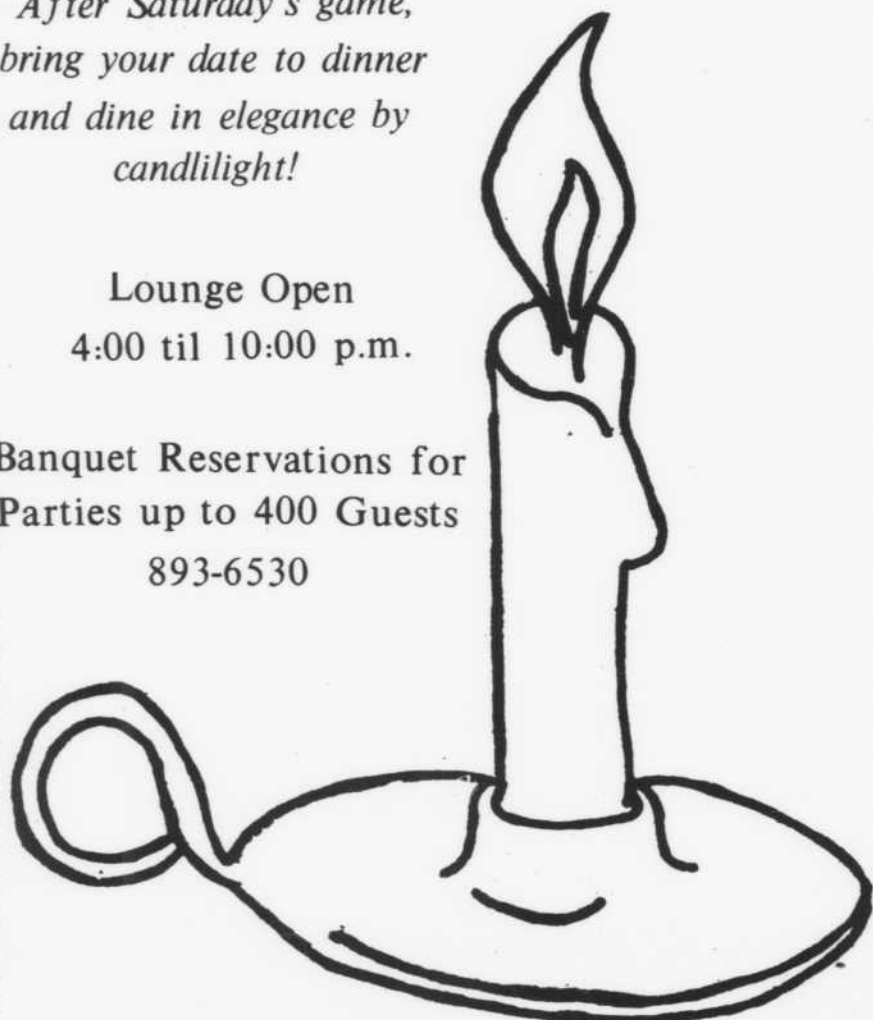
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# Author links cold war, 'super president'

by Rick Edmondson

Presidential power has gotten out of hand in this country due to the cold war era and the electronic media, Pulitzer Prize winner David Halberstam said Wednesday night in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Halberstam, who is MTSU's Cordell Hull lecturer this year, told the audience of about 150 Americans cannot underestimate the impact the cold war had in creating the "super president." "During the late 40's, it was

widely believed that totalitarian powers with one-man governments had an advantage over democracies in that they could make swift decisions," Halberstam said. "Democracies were too slow so we began to create a super awesome president with a powerful mystique."

Halberstam said the American people voluntarily yielded to the president their ability to think and criticize by taking the attitude that the president knows more because he has more in-

formation than the individual.

"We created a mystique of secrecy and justified clandestine operations by saying that the Communists do these things too," Halberstam said.

"As you base your morality on the communists you erode your own moral character until one day E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy are breaking into the opposition party's headquarters in the name of the President of the United States," he warned.

"What has changed American politics over the years is that there is now an audience at night of some 60 million people," Halberstam pointed out. He also called Nixon's China trip the "second Republican convention of 1972."

Criticizing the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations, Halberstam charged that Robert McNamara (former secretary of defense) lied to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about United States involvement in the Tonkin Gulf.

Halberstam said McNamara told the joint chiefs of staff Viet Nam would be a big war, Halberstam charged.

"So we went ahead with a big war under small war funding, thereby creating a deficit in the federal budget which has led to today's inflation," he said.

Halberstam called inflation "social dynamite" and said that someday the "vast center" of American people would be unable to live on what they make.

## TVA urges voluntary cutbacks

by Rick Edmondson

TVA officials stressed their preference to voluntary rather than mandatory measures to achieve the needed 20 per cent cutback of electrical use in an address to local area industrial merchants and residents yesterday.

Harold Cates and Joe Beams, TVA commercial and industrial representatives, explained that rotation of blackouts would put "extreme hardships" upon certain people and that a voluntary energy conservation method would cause less employee layoffs.

The two officials said that the 20 per cent reduction would be needed even after the coal strike ends.

"We're asking for a 20 per cent cutback, but so far we've only been getting approximately four per cent," Cates said.

Cates pointed out that TVA had moved its coal piles from one steam plant to another, more efficient one to reduce its own power use by about 30 per cent.

Beams outlined a program by which consumers could save electricity.

"Proper insulation is one of the best ways to conserve energy,"

he said, "because it reduces the amount of equipment needed to do the job."

Beams recommended the installation of R 19 insulation in ceilings and R 7 in floors.

Beams explained that R stands for a material's resistance to heat flow.

"R 7 would consist of approximately two inches of insulation," he said.

Beams also urged consumers to set their thermostats at 68 degrees in the day and 60 at night.

The TVA official also cited the following as useful methods of conserving energy: Insulation of water pipes; proper sizing of water heating equipment; turning down water heating thermostats, but now lower than 150 degrees; weather stripping; meticulous care in turning off lights not in use, and keeping air conditioner filters clean.

Beams cited a mandatory conservation plan based on averages determined by local electric distributorships, but said he preferred trying all voluntary measures first.

"Legislation would have to be passed in order to go into any mandatory plan," Beams said.



The above is: A. Snowman

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## File 13

Two selections of programmatic music will be performed by the University-Community Orchestra at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Any group which has not turned in its information form for Midlander photos is asked to do so by Monday, or the photos will not be in the book.

Any girls interested in basketball and tennis will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Old Gym 226.

The Outdoor Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in OM 303.

The Ideas and Issues Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Programming Conference Room.

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## Law requires cooperation

By ruling that Tennessee's Sunshine Law applies at the public college and university level, the state attorney general's office has required committees who previously could formulate policy behind closed doors to allow public access to their deliberations.

At MTSU, 29 regular or standing university committees and their subcommittees are now affected by this ruling. Some of the committees, of course, have always been open to the public.

But the Sunshine Law also requires that for committees to give the public "adequate notice" before they meet and to allow interested persons to examine the minutes from any meeting.

Because the General Assembly did not clearly define "adequate notice," the assistant attorney general was probably right Wednesday when he told Sidelines that much uncertainty will cloud the ruling.

We hope MTSU committees will accept this decision in a spirit of cooperation. We hope no doubt is ever raised about the "openness" of this university's committees.

To insure that the public will indeed be given "adequate notice," we suggest the installation of a central bulletin board expressly for displaying messages that a committee will meet and deliberate. Such a board should probably be located in the administration building or in the post office level of the University Center.

Also, we urge committee chairmen to advertise their meetings in the Sidelines, Raider Resources and in the campus calendar when possible.

We pledge our fairness in reporting the actions of committees on this campus. We hope to further the cooperation between the student media and university policy makers that is now so badly needed.



"I realize you like to conduct our committee meetings behind closed doors, but this is ridiculous."

## 'Quiz' tests knowledge of campus judiciary

by Wayne Hudgens

Let's all take this simple "campus judicial system" test. Answer yes or no to the following questions, the correct answers will appear below.

1. A campus policeman enters your dormitory room after seeing you enter the dorm with a suspicious-looking "cigarette." He opens your door and, after a search, finds marijuana. Was this search, conducted without a warrant, illegal?

2. Your dormitory room has been searched by campus authorities, including the campus securities, including the campus security chief and a student personnel dean. A campus warrant, issued by an university authority, was used in the search. Marijuana and other drugs were found in the search. Can this evidence be admitted in a court of criminal law, local or state?

3. Does a campus official or police officer have to identify himself before conducting a warranted search of your dormitory room?

4. Does your dormitory contract assure you that your room may not be entered except with your permission?

If you believe your dorm room is "yours" or that the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution protects you from unwarranted search or seizure, or that your dorm contract gives you sole rights to who comes or goes in your dorm room, then you have

flunked the test.

On the other hand, if you said that officers must identify themselves before entering on a warranted search, you were right. Question number two could go either way, depending upon a number of variables such as the judge, prosecuting attorney or local police guidelines.

Robert LaLance, dean of students at MTSU, is attempting to explain the campus judiciary proceedings, which have come under fire recently for what many believe is a lack of due process or safeguards from unreasonable search.

LaLance says that federal and state courts have time and again maintained that university officials do not need a search war-

rant to inspect campus property if such a search is being made to "fulfill the institutional mission" of the school.

Presumably searches for drug possession or evidence of other serious crimes, such as theft, fall under the "mission" guideline which has been upheld in a number of court cases. That is why no warrant is needed to search your dorm room.

At MTSU, a policy of obtaining a warrant before search is used even though one isn't needed, LaLance said. "I don't feel it is fair to search a room arbitrarily, that is why we issue warrants for all searches with the exception of 'hot pursuit' cases," he said.

The dean defined "hot pursuit" as any instance where university authorities perceived with their senses that some violation of university policy was under way. For example, if a dorm director smelled pot in a particular room, he could search that room immediately without a warrant. LaLance said all university officials are aware that even the "hot pursuit" search instance must be handled fairly. "If we searched a room on rumor that something was happening and then found nothing, we would be out of line," he said.

LaLance, who has the authority to issue campus warrants, said he will do so only after "probable cause" has been shown that some policy or regulation violations downtown for possible charges there, he said. "The evidence

which a university gathers during a campus-warrant search is usually admissible, but some cases at other schools have been dismissed by the courts for various reasons," he said.

He said he has issued "about 10" campus warrants over the past four years. Three or four rooms have been searched without warrant under the "hot pursuit" area during the same period of time, LaLance said.

"The critical thing to remember," he said, "is the enforcement of campus regulations as opposed to the enforcement of criminal codes. Our procedures are generally assigned to enforce only campus regulations, the standards were not promulgated to enforce criminal law."

On the balance, it would appear that MTSU goes a step further than legally necessary in carrying out its search efforts. Warrants are issued when the courts say they aren't needed.

Several routes of appeal are available on campus once you are busted for some violation or law or policy.

These safeguards may be of little comfort to the student who is charged with some infraction, but unless the courts recognize the legal theory that students are entitled to all rights granted the regular community, we are stuck with what we have. On comparison with the basics, we're in pretty good shape.

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# Experts' advice differs on VD prevention

by Gina Jeter

**Editor's note:** This article concludes a two-part series on the detection and prevention of venereal disease.

Although Edward Brecher would probably claim the VD "rip-off" is being perpetuated in Middle Tennessee, advice in this area is that besides abstinence the condom is the only effective means readily available for preventing venereal disease.

Brecher, a prominent writer on sexology, authored a two-part series on women and the prevention of venereal disease in the 1973 October and November issues of Viva magazine.

In his articles, Brecher outlined several ways to prevent venereal disease. Brecher makes no claim that prophylactic methods he described are 100 per cent effective, but area medical advice indicates these methods are not very reliable.

These preventive measures are the use of contraceptive foam and vaginal creams, jellies and gel, most of which are effective for contraceptive purposes; using a medicinal douche immediately after intercourse; inserting a foaming vaginal tablet after intercourse; taking a VD prevention pill before or immediately after intercourse; and exercising the New York "call-girl ritual."

Abstinence and use of the condom are effective because the best way to prevent gonorrhea, syphilis and the minor venereal diseases is to "prevent skin to skin contact," according to Judy Kammer, a counseling coordinator with Planned Parenthood in Nashville.

"If you're having intercourse with several partners and you're not sure who they may be having intercourse with, venereal disease prevention is possible only with the use of the condom," Kammer said.

Robert Quinn, a Nashville doctor who conducts MTSU's family planning center, said the condom must be worn throughout intercourse.

"If you are going to use the condom," Quinn said, "you can't fiddle around and then put it on, you must put it on first and use it properly."

Brecher cited studies in his articles on the effectiveness of Penigin, a foaming vaginal tablet, and on pills using doxycycline, minocycline and penicillin that were swallowed by test participants either before or immediately after intercourse.

However, Quinn said he has never heard of Penigin and that doxycycline and minocycline are relatively untested drugs.

Quinn said he would prescribe penicillin, but that a pill would have to be taken within 18 hours after intercourse in order to prevent the development of gonorrhea because of its short incubation period.

"Chances are it (the right kind of penicillin) would prevent gonorrhea in most cases. And when you prevent gonorrhea," he said, "you usually prevent syphilis in a patient with a dual exposure."

However, by taking the usual dosage for oral penicillin, an exposed person may not receive a sufficient level of the antibiotic, Quinn said.

Lois Kennedy, a Murfreesboro gynecologist, discounted the use of a "morning-after" VD pill when she said, "You can't take three or four million units of penicillin every time you have intercourse."

The use of contraceptive chemicals would be "somewhat effective" in preventing venereal disease, "but grade A syphilis or gonorrhea would go through" and probably result in infection, she said. "No one on the pill will use foam," Kennedy added.

Birth control pills change the chem-

ical nature of a woman's vagina, making a female on the pill more susceptible to venereal disease.

Quinn said the use of contraceptive chemicals for VD prevention "probably would have some minor effect on limiting gonorrhea, but probably not syphilis."

Quinn also said that douching is "not very helpful" in preventing VD. Douching would do no good once syphilis germs have entered the body because the bacteria have to just break the skin or mucus lining to be infectious, he said.

Douching might be effective in preventing gonorrhea, Quinn said, if a female could thoroughly cleanse her vagina of all ejaculate immediately after intercourse.

"Most females don't get around to douching until it's too late," he added.

Douching is part of the New York "call-girl ritual" outlined by Brecher. The prostitutes also cleanse the male's penis before and after intercourse with warm soapy water to destroy VD bacteria. Quinn said the ritual might be effective in preventing VD in the male, especially if he urinates after intercourse.

Brecher contends that the puritan factions of science, church and state have kept VD alive as a barrier against sexual freedom.

Whether to follow Brecher's advice for preventing VD, of course, is up to the individual.

However, until the studies that Brecher relied on are publicized in Middle Tennessee, Kennedy probably has the best advice for VD prevention. "Know the person well enough so that you can follow up afterward," she said. "Know that your partner will be honest."

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## Campus veterans reorganize

by Ted Rayburn

"Our main purpose is to help each other," George Bateman told veterans at a reorganizational meeting of the College Veterans' Club Tuesday.

Bateman, who has recently led the attempt to achieve better veterans' benefits on campus, met with more than 50 veterans to revitalize the organization.

Bateman and others recently circulated a petition signed by veterans and other students asking President Ford to pass the new G I Bill which calls for a 23 per cent increase in educational benefits for veterans.

The petition now has 872 names, 300 of them veterans, Bateman said.

The veterans discussed the failure of some 600 former GIs to sign the petition. The club plans some alternate methods of reaching the public, particularly others in the same situation.

Door-to-door contact, postal communication and publicizing activities of the present group may be initiated. According to one member, it is almost impossible to reach some vets because they have no telephone or recent mailing address.

"If we get our vets working together, our numbers will make the difference," Bateman said. "What we all have in common is we are all trying to go to school on inadequate money."

In addition to the membership drive, the club plans to participate in community functions, Bateman pointed out.

## Dean explains court system

by Michael Gigandet

Campus judicial proceedings are administrative--not criminal--in nature, Dean of Students Robert LaLance, told the Pre-Law Society Tuesday.

A campus judicial matter "never has been, is not and never will be" a criminal proceeding, and the courts have upheld this, he said.

Several "obvious outstanding differences" exist between criminal proceedings and civil and administrative ones, LaLance said.

Aspects of due process differ in civil and administrative procedures in that there are fewer guarantees for the accused, he pointed out.

LaLance said another difference is that appellate bodies in the campus system cannot make rulings on "substantive due

process" questions because rules and regulations are approved by the state Board of Regents for a year at a time.

The rules and regulations cannot be overturned without board approval, he said.

A person is granted one appeal in the system, and that is all that is necessary to insure justice, according to previous court rulings, LaLance said.

The courts have been very, very cautious about what is fair in university systems," he added.

He said the courts have determined that only the university knows what is best in meeting its mission.

"Our system (campus judicial system) has withstood legal scrutiny," LaLance said.

In the area of proof, he explained, criminal proceedings require proof beyond a shadow of a doubt and civil ones depend on a preponderance of evidence--that is, "51 per cent."

LaLance said one court has said that a "mere scintilla" of adverse evidence is all that is needed in an administrative hearing.

LaLance said he personally feels that a scintilla of evidence should not be used to convict.

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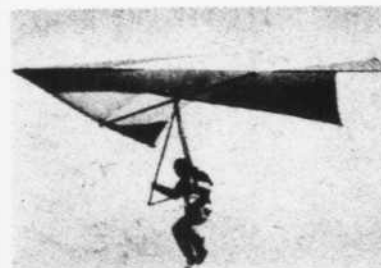


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# Professor 'records' country music history

by Natalie Andrews

Everyone knows that Nashville is the home of country music. Right? Wrong.

So says Charles Wolfe, an assistant professor of English at MTSU. And he should know. Wolfe is one of approximately ten persons across the nation seriously studying the history of country music.



Charles Wolfe

How did Wolfe become interested in country music? "I grew up with it," he said. "I was born in the Ozarks of Missouri, near the Arkansas border. Four of my uncles were old-time fiddlers, and my whole family played instruments."

"As I grew up, I grew away from country music. But later I became interested in the history of country music, and I discovered that it was an untapped field. I started asking questions and found there were no answers," he recalled.

One of those questions was the true birthplace of country music.

Research uncovered the fact that Atlanta was the first center of country music. Nashville was not even the first Tennessee home for country music; Knoxville claims that title.

Wolfe's research on the history of country music has led him into the writing field. He has written for many magazines, both factual and entertaining.

"A lot of my articles are simply raw data collected from my research. These contain hard-core facts never before presented, and are published in academic journals devoted to country music," Wolfe explained.

"But I also write articles aimed at people who know a little about country music and will pick up a popular magazine about it," he says.

Wolfe does not limit his writing to magazines, however. He is currently writing three books.

One book is about Sam Magee, the oldest living member of the Grand Ole Opry. Another one is about Uncle Dave Macon, the first star of the Opry and one of the first persons elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame.

The third book, which Wolfe considers to be his major one, will trace the early history of the country music recording industry. "I plan to study the pre-Nashville era (1923-40) and show how country music became commercialized," Wolfe revealed.

"Country music of this time was a lot more formal and more fun," Wolfe said. "In the first place, the people were not full-time professionals. Few, if any, made a living from it."

"Then, too, the mass media was not so prevalent in music then."

The music was more individualized. There was a lot of experimentation, not one set trend for music. I think this made the music richer."

Not only does the music of that time have a richer sound, but it also has simplicity and honesty that impresses Wolfe.

Most of Wolfe's research is done by locating and interviewing pioneers of country music. "Most of the people who are active in the first 20 years have been largely forgotten, and they talk about their music. I've never been turned down for an interview," Wolfe said.

Recently the interviews have led

into something more--recording sessions. Wolfe and a professor at Austin Peay have formed a "shoestring record company" that produces records of old stars who can still perform.

"Producing records is a little more time-consuming than I expected, but it's interesting and fun. It's a wonderful example of a hobby meshing with research," Wolfe said.

His research has taken Wolfe throughout the South, but he does 80 per cent of his research in Middle and East Tennessee. That's logical, however. After all, everyone knows that Nashville is the home of country music.

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# Coupon redemptions cause students problems

by Robin Freeman  
and Rick Edmondson

Rumors that the Golden Checks coupon books are a fraud appear unfounded, but there has been some confusion concerning the provisions of the redemption of the coupons.

Some MTSU students complained to Sidelines and campus security this week about being "ripped off."

The Golden Checks are booklets of coupons from local area merchants offering over \$250 worth of merchandise. The books were sold for \$19.95.

"We went to the Scotsman Restaurant and they would not honor

the coupons the way it says," Wayne Pinkstaff complained.

Pinkstaff said the restaurant owner informed him that he would have to purchase one meal to get one free.

Two Sidelines reporters went to the Scotsman with a coupon book and were told the same thing. The Scotsman offers four meals for four coupons.

The coupons state that only one Golden Check may be used per visit. However, nothing was written about the requirement to buy one meal in order to redeem a coupon and get a meal free.

Curtis Gene Potts, owner of the Scotsman Restaurant, said he has

already lost \$150 on the coupons books.

"I'm in a business here, not a give-away program. I try to build good relations with the community, but junk like this builds bad relations," Potts said. "I'll honor the book, but not the situation."

James A. Henning, an MTSU graduate student who has sold over 400 of the coupon books in the Murfreesboro area, said the coupons are valid and may be redeemed under the provisions stated on the coupons.

Henning said Potts was mistaken. "There is no purchase required," Henning said.

Henning said the Golden Checks enterprise was organized by Ray McClellan of Natchez, Miss., and that he (Henning) was simply working for McClellan. McClellan was not available for comment.

The coupon books are guaranteed by a "signed contract from each of the merchants that are represented."

Henning said he personally negotiated some of the contracts with the local merchants, and that no required purchases had been stipulated in any of the contracts.

A quick call to other merchants represented in the books revealed that they would honor the coupons as stated in the booklets.

According to Wilbur White, a clerk at City Hall, a permit had been granted for the coupon books to be sold in town. However, Harry Wagner, vice president of student affairs, said no one had obtained permission to sell the coupons on campus. Wagner called that type of soliciting on campus illegal.

Capt. Gary Miller of the MTSU security police said he had been in contact with the city police about the situation.

## Art prof exhibits photographic work

Photographs by Oliver Schuchard of the University of Missouri will be on exhibit at the Photographic Gallery through November 27.

Schuchard, an instructor of art at Missouri, attended Southern Illinois University at the University of California at Santa Cruz. He has taught drawing, painting, ceramics and sculpture as well as photography.

Although most photos in his show at MTSU are black and white, Schuchard is working to perfect his personal color printing techniques to the point where half his total efforts can be devoted to color.

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# 'We can't win the conference title, but...' - Peck

by Scott Elliott  
Sports Editor

"We can't win the national championship. We can't win our conference title, and we can't get into the NCAA play offs."

Those words spoken by MTSU head football coach Bill Peck just about sum up the existing situation for the Blue Raider football team as it approaches Saturday's game with East Tennessee.

Both teams are 3-6, having suffered through rather dismal seasons. So, what goals can the Raiders work towards with ETSU and Tennessee Tech remaining on the schedule?

"Losing is tough," Peck declared, "and we're going to fight like hell not to lose."

Peck said the Raiders were entering their final games with just as much enthusiasm as they started the season with.

"After we beat Tennessee State," he said, "we felt we'd already won the toughest game on our schedule. Things haven't quite went the way we'd planned since then, but our kids have

never given up."

Peck indicated he would start a lot of young players against ETSU, but added, "There will be some bitterly disappointed seniors who'll be in there too, trying to win the last home game of their careers."

Among the Raider seniors is quarterback Freddie Rohrdanz, whose career at MTSU has been a mystery of sorts.

As a sophomore, Rohrdanz was unquestionably the most promising signal-caller in the Ohio Valley Conference. He suffered a broken neck in his fourth game as a junior and missed the remainder of the season.

This year Rohrdanz has been plagued with a foot injury and an apparent lack of timing between himself and the Raider receivers, which has resulted in several interceptions.

Still, the diminutive quarterback has always demonstrated a burning competitive spirit and outstanding leadership ability. There is no doubt he will pull all the stops against the Bucs tomorrow.

Other players who will don the blue jersey for the final time are Chris Byran, George Lyon, Bob Orsillo, Gary Bell, Byron Kelly, William Jenkins, Jack Crawford, Rod English, Dwaine Copeland, Rick Burchfield, Archie Arrington and Mike Shawen.

Bell, Copeland, Shawen and Arrington will undoubtedly get a shot at playing professional football.

Peck said the Bucs would employ a split back, veer offense against MTSU with quarterback Lee Trawick at the controls.

"They have a sound team," Peck said. "In a way, you could call this one the character bowl. It'll be a good matchup."

ETSU has won three of its last four games, while MTSU has dropped five of its last six.

One has to believe MTSU has a superior team in terms of quality athletes, but the Bucs have the momentum.

No one wants to finish the season with two victories more than Peck. It goes without saying that an intangible circulation of negative Peck propaganda has spread

throughout the MTSU campus community this year.

Possibly, this newspaper and more specifically this reporter, have been indirectly responsible for serving as an instrument to keep the anti - Peck movement alive.

\* But let me say this--when Peck said the Raiders were going to try like hell not to lose yesterday, he meant it. This man is a hard worker and he fights for what he believes to be right.

Undoubtedly, there are many who believe Peck is wrong, but I cannot help but admiring his dedication and his spirit.

Perhaps, the football program and the student body would do well not to play the part of two pieces of sand paper, constantly rubbing against each other creating undesirable friction.

Possibly, a new campaign should be initiated with the slogan "to heck with losing" rather than "to heck with Peck."

## Jock shorts

Applications for the MTSU bridge tournament may be picked up now through 12 noon Dec. 2, in the games room. Play will begin at 7 p.m. in room 322 of the University Center on Dec. 2.

Dean Sam McLean, tournament director, said there is no entry fee.

In addition, the two top teams will represent MTSU in an inter-collegiate tournament in Blacksburg, Va. in February.

For further information, contact Harold Smith at 898-2551.

Intramural flag football play-offs begin Monday at 3 p.m. on the practice football fields.

Playoffs run through Nov. 22, followed by the University Championships.

## Burchfield nets Player of Week

by Duncan Regen

In losing to Western Kentucky 36-10 last Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky., Blue Raider Rick Burchfield played his best game of the 1974 season, and has been



selected as Sidelines' Player of the Week.

Burchfield collected nine individual tackles and sacked the Hilltoppers' quarterback two straight times for a total of 24 yards in losses.

A 6-0, 195-pound senior from Maryville, Tn., majoring in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Burchfield has seen action at both the linebacker and defensive halfback positions in the past two years.

Burchfield was forced into the starting lineup when linebacker Harry Flippin's services were lost to the Blue Raiders for the rest of the season due to a knee injury sustained in the Ball State game.

Joining Burchfield on the weekly all-star list was Raider linebacker Melvin Boyd. Boyd was again the leading headhunter for the Blue Raiders picking up 10 individual tackles against the Hilltoppers.

## Water show set for spring

# Triton Club planning encore for IM swim meet

by Tom Wood

The MTSU Triton Club is not an official Blue Raider swimming team, club president Linda Kite said recently.

A senior from Tullahoma, Tenn., and member of the club for the past three years, Kite said, "Many people think we should not be competing in the Intramural swim meet because we are able to practice more. We only practice once a week, however."

The Tritons have won the swim meet for the past three years.

Entries for the Intramural swim meet run Nov. 25 through Dec. 2, with the meet beginning Dec. 3.

Asked why the Triton Club does not compete intercollegiately, Kite said: "John Davis, our coach, tried to organize a swim team a few years back, but, among other things, our pool doesn't meet AAU qualifications."

The club is open to all MTSU students, and students may join at any time during the year, Kite said. The Tritons meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the pool, and membership dues are \$1 per semester.

"We put on a water show with synchronized and individual stunts every Spring," Kite said.

"Our tentative theme for this year is musicals."

Kite said the water show is a fund raising event, and a doughnut sale will also be held later in the year.

Officers for 1974-75 are Kite, president; Jane Carroll, vice-president; Davis, treasurer; Tony Trumphor, social chairman; Perry Meerdink, historian; and Cora Smith, ASB representative. Advisers to the club are Pam Morton and Pat Hannon.

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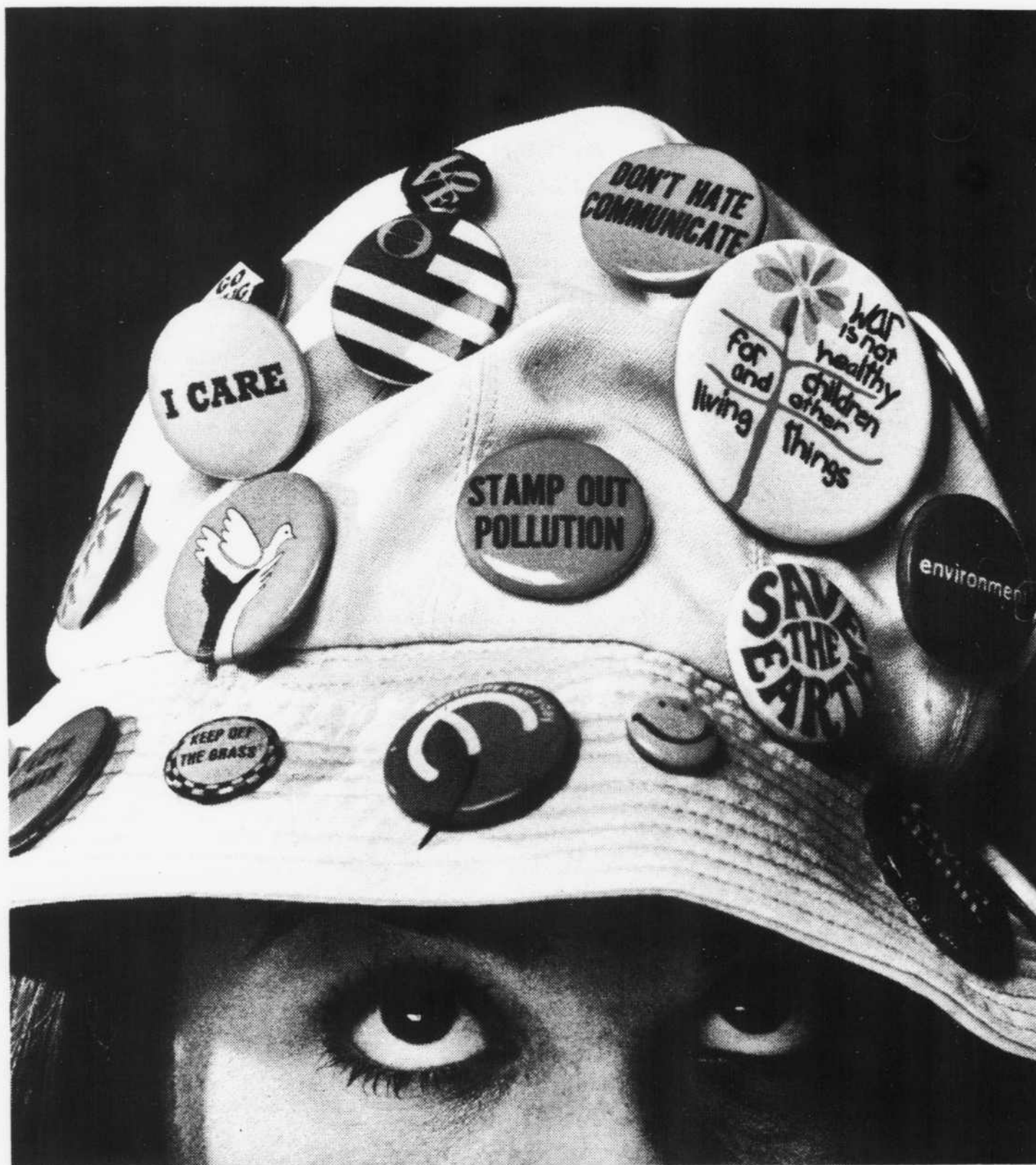
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