



Chi 'O' sings

Chi Omega practices for Tau Omicron's annual All-Sing, to be held tonight in the DA auditorium at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Black History Week

Students prepare week's activities

"Through Our Blackness" is the theme of National Black History Week as black MTSU students prepare for a week of activities revolving around the black past.

Yesterday students set up a display in the ticket booth in the lobby of the University Center which included a Black Liberation Flag and information about such famous blacks in history as Martin Luther King, Angela Davis and Fredrick Douglas, according to Mary Jordon who worked on the display.

The head of the history department at Tennessee State Univer-

sity, Alonzo Stephens, will speak tonight in the U.C. Theater at 7:30, according to Gerald Edwards, past president of the Black Student Association.

Stephens indicated that he will speak on the theme of Black History Week.

Members of the BSA and a dance group from TSU will participate in "Phases of Black," a program of music, dance and poetry in the UC Theater 7:30 Wednesday night, Edwards said.

The following evening films concerning black activist Angela Davis and the movement under-

way to free her will be shown in the UC Theater. These activities will also begin at 7:30 p.m., stated Edwards.

Friday, a talent show involving black MTSU students will be held. Plans for this event have not been completed, Ms. Jordon indicated.

The week's activities will be concluded Saturday night at the basketball game against Morehead. During halftime, black modern dancers will perform.

This is the third year that black MTSU students have participated in Black History week, Edwards noted.

President condemns alteration of grades

President M.G. Scarlett estimated yesterday that a number of students had their grades altered by instructors after the fall semester grades were reported.

The president condemned the actions, stating that specific requirements concerning registration and grades "ought to be applied equitably to all students."

The actions by individual teachers often resulted from individual appeals by students to their teachers, after completion of the course, the president commented.

He stated that some students appealed to instructors, complaining that they would be suspended or be drafted if the teacher did not change the grade.

Scarlett indicated that in each case the grade had been from a low grade to a higher one.

By Becky Freeman
Editor-in-chief

"It just isn't fair for some students to get extra advantages like this; if we're going to have standards then they ought to be the same for everyone," Scarlett stated.

He added if the evaluations are going to be worthwhile then "that's the way its going to be and we are not going to change the requirements for anyone or give anyone an unfair advantage."

The president warned that in the future each grade change should not be permitted unless the "instructor can absolutely show us and demonstrate how the error was made."

Howard Kirksey, vice-president for academic affairs, warned
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Ex-astronaut to speak

Donn Eisele, consultant and advisor on manned systems to the Space System Division, will speak in the DA auditorium Wednesday night, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

Colonel Eisele was one of the third group of astronauts selected by NASA in Oct. 1963. He was the command module pilot for the 11-day Apollo 7 mission in 1968 which was the first manned flight of the Apollo command and service modules.

With Spacecraft Commander Walter M. Schirra, Jr., and Lunar Module Pilot Walter Cunningham, Eisele performed station keeping and rendezvous exercises with the s-IVB stage of their launch vehicle, completed eight ignitions of the main rocket propulsion system, measured the performance of all spacecraft sys-

By Sandra Wheeler
News Editor

tems and provided the first effective television broadcasts from outer space.

He served as backup command pilot for the Apollo 10 flight and has logged 260 hours in space flight.

Co-recipient of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics 1969 Haley Astronautics Award, he was also presented the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Special Trustees Award that same year.

Eisele has received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, Air Force Command Pilot Astronaut Wings, and the Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross.

House to investigate cheerleaders, senators

Speaker of the House Ron Merville will serve tonight as chairman of the committee investigating the performance of certain cheerleaders and ASB Senators in a meeting slated for 5 in U.C. Room 324.

Merville announced last Thursday night at the House of Representatives meeting that the Ways and Means Committee of the house would conduct the inquiry.

The investigation, Merville said Saturday, will probe the handling of the Southern Universities Student Government Association poll by the ASB Senate and the reasons for the absences of several cheerleaders at the MTSU-Western Kentucky game.

Merville indicated that he will chair the investigation without a vote with committee chairman, Bill Aldred, serving as a voting member of the panel.

The house speaker stated that he would chair the committee to insure that the proper procedures were used and the investigation was "handled smoothly."

Aldred, when asked how he felt about not chairing his committee, replied, "No comment."

By Jim Leonhirth
Special Reporter

Merville indicated that the committee has asked nine persons to attend the investigative hearing. Those from the ASB Senate include freshman senator Charlene Cantrell, sophomore senators Judy Butler and Peter Hall.

He added that Speaker of the Senate Martha Driver has been asked to attend to discuss the circumstances surrounding the conducting of the poll.

Those cheerleaders asked to attend include Emily Pentecost, Sherry Yarborough, Kirk Werner, Elaine Lannom and Joel White.

The committee does not have the power of subpoena, Merville stated, but added that if those asked to attend do not appear, they will be called before the house meeting Thursday night.

The speaker noted, however, that the house also lacks subpoena power.

Following the investigation, Merville said, the committee will vote on whether to ask for

impeachment charges from the house and will issue majority and minority reports.

Although the ASB Constitution empowers the House to impeach elected officials, it makes no provision for such action against cheerleaders and Merville noted that the committee's and the house's jurisdiction in this respect is in a "vague area."

The cheerleaders fall under the ASB for election purposes but not for funding which is handled through the Co-curricular Committee, Merville explained.

He stated that the cheerleaders "do not have an official sponsor" and added that the house should have jurisdiction because the "student organization should have student control."

The house speaker said that the question of whether or not the ASB House can impeach cheerleaders will have to be left to the ASB Supreme Court.

"If the house has the power to create a policy board for the cheerleaders," Merville noted, "it should have the power for impeachment."

The house passed a bill Thursday night which
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Southern liberators

Women try to gain equality

Southern women are part of a national movement working to make a place for themselves and all the other minorities that have been shut out of America's power structure.

Speaking Saturday to delegates from 12 Southern states attending the Women's Education for Delegate Selection Conference in Nashville, Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., said, "You are creating a new kind of 'southern strategy' for 1972. . . a political strategy for women who have been shut out of power and who are determined that this is the year to win full citizenship and participation in political decision mak-

By Larry Harrington
State Reporter

ing for the women of the South, black and white."

Ms. Abzug urged the women to use political pressure to bring about equal pay for equal jobs. "Do you know," she said, "that 30 per cent of the labor force is made up of women? Of almost 30 million women, seven out of ten work at menial clerical jobs, and most of the others as service or factory jobs."

"Do you know," the keynote speaker asked, "that 87 per cent of working women earn less than

\$5,000 a year? Even when they perform the same work as men, they usually get paid less, and that promotions usually go to men, not women."

Abzug recommended that women form a united front at each presidential convention and demand a platform "actively committed to eradicating discrimination and making women first class citizens in every aspect of their lives."

"Women must form caucuses across state and candidate lines at every stage of the delegate selection process to guarantee that women are not squeezed out, to make sure that male politicians don't try to use their wives or aunts as stand-ins."

The representative cautioned the women not to believe television and other media which has depicted the women's liberation movement "as an assembly of bra-burning, neurotic, man-hating exhibitionists."

"I have been to hundreds of women's meetings and I have yet to see a bra burned or a man exorcised."

House probe. . .

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would create an eight-member policy-making board for the cheerleaders and sent it to the senate for action.

The speaker noted that Jeff Barnett, house member and attorney general-designate, will serve on the investigating committee and that the house has the option of taking the cheerleader case to the supreme court if such action proves warranted.

If such action was taken, Barnett would conduct the case for the ASB, Merville said.

Speaker of the Senate Martha Driver expressed Saturday "mixed emotions" concerning the inquiry into the conduct of the senators. She said that if it is "carried on like it's supposed to be, it will be fine."

The senate speaker said that there "has to be an investigation to find out what happened and what was the intent," but noted, "I don't want it to mushroom and I don't want people to be hurt."

She indicated that the house and the senate have had a harmonious working relationship this year and that she did not view rivalry as a factor in the investigation.

If the investigation is mishandled, Ms. Driver stated, I do not know what action the Senate will take. She said she could not speak for the senate and did not have a vote in that body.

Members of the Ways and Means Committee which will conduct the probe include Aldred, Barnett, Bob Langford, Rhonda West, Al Peeler, Charles Lea, Linda Stinson and Faye Blue.

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Grade alterations. . .

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faculty members in the February 7 "Faculty Bulletin" that final means, according to Webster, "having no further chance for action, discussion or change."

He indicated that all grade changes must adhere to policy stated in the faculty handbook which states that, "Once a grade has been submitted to the office of the director of records, it may not be changed unless the instructor discovers that an error has been made and the

change is approved by the dean concerned."

Kirksey added that, "A request to change an 'F' to an 'I' to prevent academic suspension does not seem to be in accord with our stated policy."

An "I" is to be given only when the student has not completed all course requirements because of illness or other circumstances beyond his control, especially those which may occur toward the close of the term, according to the "Faculty Handbook." It continues that failure to make up work or turn in required work does not provide a basis for an "I."

"Lately, too many changes in final grades have been requested by teachers who say they did not realize an 'F' would have caused suspension or prevented graduation," he continued. The educator concluded, "evidently our students do not have a monopoly on immaturity."

Kirksey stated that the changing of grades was "very unpro-

fessional on the part of the teacher."

"A college teacher has the right to grade his students, that's his academic freedom," Kirksey continued, "we just ask that they be fair in grading their students," he indicated.

In the past, Kirksey noted, teachers were allowed to send grade changes to the records office. The changes got to be too frequent, he stated, so the approval of the respective dean was needed for the change.

Kirksey stated that individual students with complaints about their grades may register them with their department's academic dean who will investigate the complaint.

The administrator said that the discovery of an unsubstantiated grade change in the records office could endanger the institution's credibility.

Frank Glass, director of records, stated that his office changed the grades as ordered by the teacher and the dean or the academic dean.

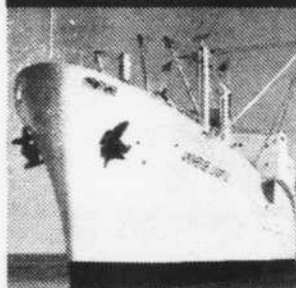
"We don't question the reasoning," he commented, "we just collect them here, and with the proper signatures we make the changes."

His office is not responsible for any grade change decisions, he noted.

Glass stated that his office could determine the exact number of changes today. He said last semester 641 students were placed on academic suspension, 95 of which were readmitted by the Appeals Board.

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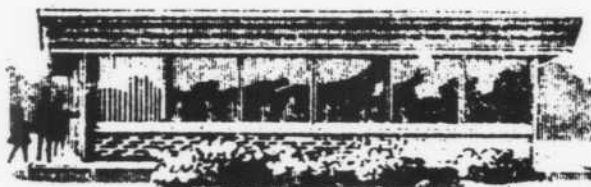
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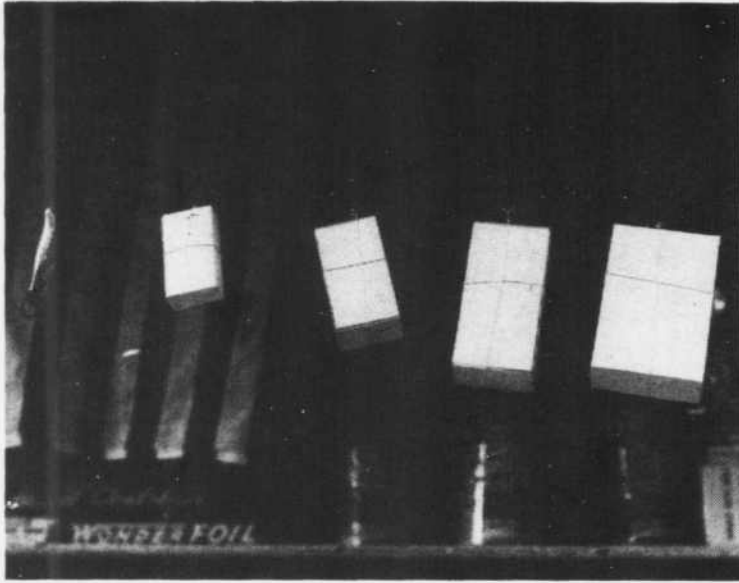
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Christmas?

This photograph and other works by David Kelly are currently on display at the photographic gallery through February 25.

Exhibit displays Kelly's photos

Works of David Kelly are currently on display at the photographic gallery, according to Harold Baldwin, curator.

Consisting of 21 black and white prints, the showing is basically nature shots emphasizing different usages of light and a special way of seeing things, he added. Kelly, an experienced photographer, requested to show his works here about two years ago when any teacher of photography or professional in the field was invited to make inquiry, Baldwin said.

After this year, showings will be by invitation only, he added.

The current exhibit will be on display until Feb. 25 and the gallery is open 8-4, Monday-Friday, 9-4 Saturday and 2-5 on Sunday, according to Baldwin.

Sigma Club and Tau Omicron are merging their campus tutoring service this semester by co-sponsoring the "MTSU Interclub Cooperative Tutoring Program," according to Frank Forbes, Sigma Club member.

In their effort to enhance the tutoring service on campus, the co-sponsors are inviting all clubs

and honorary societies on campus to participate in the program with the Sigma Club and Tau Omicron serving as coordinator between the clubs and the student body, Forbes said.

Any student needing tutoring assistance may contact him at box 1898 or Kathy Austin at box 7325, he said.

Home Economics' enrollment increases

The home economics department has increased its enrollment 50 per cent in the past two years, according to Estella Pomroy, head of the department. She attributed the increase to "our diversified program to provide students with programs modified to suit his or her interests."

She further related that the MTSU department ranks second in the state, behind only U.T.

Seniors receive employment aid

The university placement office exists to decrease the employment problem of seniors graduating in the spring or summer, according to Ms. Martha Turner, placement office director.

She said the primary purpose of the program is "to assist students in locating career employment."

Seniors and graduate students should register with the office and establish a file. Visiting employers are arranged through the office, she added.

Employers from various fields come for interviews November-May, so it is important for August graduates to interview in the spring, she noted.

"There are limited services for part-time and summer jobs," Ms. Turner said.

Established in the late 1940's, the placement office has been assisting students for over 20 years.

"We feel that the office is a success," the director added. "About two-thirds of the graduating seniors are on file," she noted.

"Our main goal is to provide the students with a relevant education and give a broad range of professions," the department head stated. "We like to look at the type job market available," she added.

She continued, "One hundred jobs are available for every graduate of a dietetics program. This contrasts greatly with the number of jobs available for every teaching graduate."

"In the past," elaborated Dr. Pomroy, "many males have taken home economics courses as electives; however, 1971 was the first

year that a male was a home economics graduate. This year we have two male home economics majors."

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"BEAUTIFUL! SHALL WE SEND FOR THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR?"

Open column

House tests officials, itself

By Jim Leonhirth

More than the performance of various cheerleaders and senators will be under scrutiny tonight when the House Ways and Means Committee conducts its investigative hearing.

The ability of the ASB, and more particularly the house under the direction of Ron Merville, to conduct the investigation in a fair and efficient manner will be put to the test.

There is, however, in such proceedings an inherent danger that the investigative body will lose control of the proceedings and lose sight of the purpose of them.

"Trial by committee" is not an uncommon phenomenon in our society and it requires restraint by those in authority to insure that the conduct of infestigative hearings does not degenerate into such a situation.

Speaker of the House Ron Mer-

ville has focused additional attention on the proceedings with his decision to take over the chair from the committee chairman, Bill Aldred.

The purpose of the hearing as outlined by Merville himself is to discern the facts necessary for the house to determine if impeachment charges are warranted by that body.

There are many legal questions which can be raised if the committee does recommend impeachment in either case, but the committee is totally within constitutional bounds in conducting the investigation.

Investigation, however, is merely the discernment of facts and if Merville has any other ideas, he might remember the fate of Robespierre.

While the fate over the troubled waters of the Little Tennessee River is being determined by many factors, one that has been of significance is the project's ecological impact.

Opponents and supporters of the Tellico Dam project have made the economic aspect of the controversy of key concern, but for sportsmen, history buffs and biologists another facet concerns the destruction of the unique river habitat.

Little T's value as a trout stream, its endangered species of fish and the possible destruction of a free-flowing scenic river in an era of a daily-dying environment brings the Little T into ecological focus.

To the sportsman, the Tellico project is one of particular interest.

Fred J. Moses Jr., director of the Association for the Preservation of the Little Tennessee River, claims that the river is a trout habitat equaled only by the White River in Arkansas.

With its source in mountainous western North Carolina and the Great Smoky Mountains, the river is particularly conducive to trout fishing with its cold waters.

Gordon Hall of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Fish and Wildlife division contends that the river is not a natural trout stream

Editorial

Grade changes harm majority

The majority of students and faculty members have been done a serious disservice. Their credibility as students and scholars has been challenged by a minority who have chosen to circumvent the academic process by persuading a few instructors to alter their grades after the final grade has been recorded.

The reason for such challenges to the individual's honor must surely be desperate ones. There is no reason, however, for this to be the case.

Students in academic trouble have the alternatives throughout the semester of requesting aid from their instructors, from the

free tutoring service sponsored jointly by the campus honor societies and from individual counseling available from the guidance and testing center.

The teacher should certainly realize that to change a grade illegitimately is to feign concern for the student. A concerned instructor should offer his aid to the student during the term, not after the final grades are recorded.

The damage to the academic credibility of the university community is evident. A grade in this educational system is indicative of the student's accom-

plishment as the instructor can determine it. In destroying its credibility whatever assurance it can give a student is also diminished.

The dishonor in this manipulation of final grades must be condemned as strongly as the immaturity in any other form of dishonesty.

Definite condemnations of such actions should be forthcoming from the appropriate faculty and student organizations and a serious reconsideration of the entire grading system should be considered.

There will be further editorial analysis of the existing grading system.

Russell lauds editor, checks cheerleader

To the editor:

Wally Sudduth's column about the Western-MTSU game was a very enjoyable and realistic one, simply because he seems to be one of the few students here interested in school spirit.

The cheerleaders, those elected to represent MTSU, their beloved school, those who are supposed to be the most reliable

and the finest example of our school spirit, and those upon whom the school and the team rely most upon for support were absent (except for three who have proven themselves worthy) and attending a fraternity banquet.

This is almost as ridiculous and absurd excuse as can be expected. It is sad indeed when one has more allegiance to a cam-

pus organization than to the school itself.

And I thought that fraternities build up school spirit? It seems to be a matter of how much excitement that they can find for themselves. What a pity to find that their greatest strength is our school's greatest weakness.

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By Ron Patton
Asst. News Editor

and a TVA dam would be of no consequence.

Hall cites Tennessee Game and Fish Commission statistics which indicate 460,000 trout of various sizes were stocked in the river. The TVA spokesman further contends that only 11 per cent of the river's fishermen are non-residents, refuting any claims that the river is a tourist attraction.

TVA claims, without basis state the dam's opponents, that trout fishing could be maintained after the construction of Tellico Dam in the first few miles below the proposed lake's terminus at Chilhowee Dam. This dam is located 33 miles up stream from the construction site.

University of Tennessee ichthyologist David Etnier, a specialist in research with fish, refutes TVA's claim of continued trout fishing.

Etnier also said in the recent federal court hearing which halted Tellico construction that at least four endangered fish species found in the Little Tennessee could become extinct if TVA is allowed to continue the project and turn the river into a lake. TVA is in direct disagreement

with Dr. Etnier. Their biologists claim that Tellico lake would create clearer water with lower bacterial concentrations and more uniform quality.

Organizations in opposition to the building of the dam on a floodless river feel that with little increase in power production and various other reasons offered by the government agency that there are insufficient reasons for destroying the free flowing stream.

Such groups as the National Wild Life Association, Trout Unlimited, East Tennessee Duck Hunter's Association, Tennessee River and Tributaries Association and the Tennessee Outdoors Writers Association have joined forces and condemned the flooding of the last 33 free-flowing miles of the river.

Avid sportsman and concerned conservationist Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas also became very actively involved in the ecological aspects of the conflict when he personally visited the stream two years ago and lashed out at TVA and the dam project.

Douglas, who described the river as "clear, lovely and wild," made strong accusations against TVA charging that the agency had become "a bureaucracy attempting to perpetuate itself." State of Tennessee agencies di-

rectly concerned with the project are split over the issue. The Tennessee Game and Fish Commission apparently unofficially opposes the project. In 1965 Commission Director Fred

W. Stanberry wrote a letter to all United States Senators listing reasons for the Commission's objections to the dam.

In unlike manner, sister organization in state government, the Tennessee Department of Conservation, endorsed the building of the dam, although without unanimous agreement of its division heads.

While the project's future temporarily rests in the federal courts, Edward Clebsch of the UT botany department has offered an alternative in the event the dam is stopped by the courts.

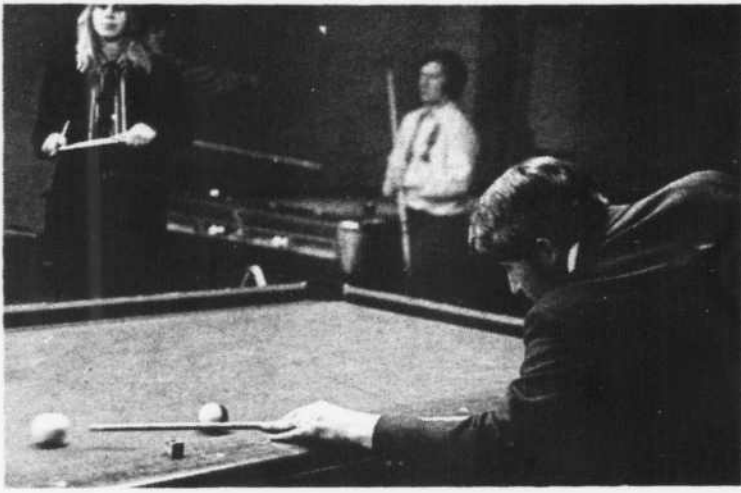
Clebsch suggested that the lands now acquired by TVA be held and expanded and the river be brought under the Scenic Rivers Act with the land being transformed into an adjunct to the nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The course of the fertile farmlands along the Little Tennessee will be decided soon by a federal judge. It may remain the scenic river it now is, or it may become a lake of no return.

Tellico

stirs

ecologists



Stroking the ball in tournament action at Blacksburg, Va., Avery Smith of MTSU wins fourth place in the Associated College Union International Tournament.

Precision

Campbell wins singles in Virginia tournament

Jim Campbell, MTSU table tennis ace, defeated Chung Lau of Virginia Tech in two straight matches to capture the men's singles championship during the Region V Associated College Unions International Tournament at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va., Feb. 10-12. Campbell is the current Tennessee Class B champion. Wayne Williams, the other MTSU table tennis entry, finished 16th in a field of 62, losing to the eventual runner-up, 21-18 and 21-19. Alan Hensley, table tennis coordinator, commented that

By Avery Smith
Asst. Sports Editor

MTSU had the best pair of singles players of any university represented.

Avery Smith, MTSU entry in the pocket billiards championship, finished fourth in the tournament. Buddy Reger, in his fourth year of regional competition, won the straight pool crown for the second year in a row. Reger, from East Carolina University, had a high run of 28 balls in 75-ball competition.

'Hustler' reviews speakers, Committee plans symposium

MTSU's Ideas and Issues Committee was recently reviewed with the speakers series of Vanderbilt, Duke, Tulane and the University of Tennessee by Vanderbilt students. The report was published in the Feb. 11 issue of "The Vanderbilt Hustler." According to the "Hustler," Vanderbilt's program is failing as a result of financial worries and the failure to sign any speakers for the series which is supposed to begin in nine weeks. Richard Kantor, director of Tulane's "Directions '71" program said this program had become "immensely popular." Last year "Directions '71" featured columnist William F. Buckley, educator Clark Kerr, former presidential advisor Daniel Moynihan and former Cleveland mayor Carl Stokes. The topic for the symposium was "America: Evolution or Revolution?" Duke University's Major Speakers Committee presents about five or seven speakers annually. According to Rick Melcher, chairman of the committee, about half of those are political speakers.

Rita Whitfield, chairman of Issues, the University of Tennessee's speakers program, said the program has declined in popularity "in some senses." "The primary reason is this is not an intellectually oriented campus and the students don't give a damn," Whitfield explained.

In an interview, Sandy Harris, chairman of MTSU's Ideas and Issues Committee, stated that hopefully next year our committee can slate a symposium type series.

"If we do this, about two-thirds of our allotted budget will go to the symposium," Harris said.

He added that possibly, the fall semester would continue with the speaker schedule as it has been carried out originally.

"The symposium would then be held in the spring semester, with departmental speakers," Harris concluded.

Raiderscope

Fans enjoy heated rivalry, not abuse

MTSU and Tennessee Tech, of all people, proved last Saturday night that one can have a heated rivalry involving teams tied for the conference lead and 4,750 screaming fans, without the usual ensuing riot.

A very vocal minority of around 900 Raider fans made the trek in support of the Big Blue, the best turnout, by far, at any away game in years.

The expected riot never took place, because of a rare exception, the officials did an outstanding job of keeping the game under control. Anyone not there will never be able to understand the importance of that fact.

Just as a "for example" of the pre-game tension, the Cookeville police, present by the score, were removing any and every movable object, such as benches and chairs not nailed down, and locking them in empty rooms.

Ugly scene

The stage was set for an ugly scene as the freshman game was cut short by 1:40 with the Baby Raiders making a valiant comeback effort.

This was obviously a planned maneuver because the officials in this contest split for one dressing room and the Tech players for another, leaving a bewildered Raider team and coaches on the floor. The game was started as late as possible to make sure it would run past seven o'clock, varsity starting warm-up time.

This brilliant Tech strategy brought the expected response from the Raider contingent, and the pre-game period was a shouting and sign-waving and tearing contest, with some MTSU fans forming a human symbol for the purpose of making their feelings for Tech explicitly clear.

By this time the sweat was running off the faces of some rookie cops, and some of the older hands were looking a little

grim and gray around the gills, as the makings of another Ohio State-Minnesota evolved.

The officials deserve credit for realizing that any obviously bad calls might bring catastrophe, and that this was far less likely to happen in a close game, so they kept the contest clean and close, never allowing either team to spurt out on the other.

Milling police

Even the possible post-game rumble was averted by alert police action in milling with the crowd as they filed out of the still emotionally charged gym.

All is as it should be, concerning the basketball crowds in the conference. You play the game to win, and back your team to the hilt. As the Tech game showed, it can be done to the fullest by both parties involved without the violence expected from such encounters these days.

No one can say enough about the defensive play of senior forward Terry Johnson. Once again against a man taller and much heavier, Johnson held the leading

Tech scorer, Rich Stone, to seven points.

Not counting the unavoidable foul that gave Stone a chance to be the hero, which Johnson did not commit, the total is five. Wow!

Mason Bonner finally did something that several Raider-watchers have been predicting all year: lead the club in rebounds for a game.

Everyone talks about the people around the conference who can "sky", and such names as Terry Johnson and Rich Stone are constantly popping up. In this writer's opinion, no one in the conference gets off the floor as high as Bonner, as his 11 rebounds should evidence.

The Tech loss was costly to the Raiders. It means they must win all three home conference games and split on the road with Murray and Western to have any hope of staying in the race. As I've said before, though, this bunch doesn't know how to quit, so don't count them out just yet.

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Mason-Dixon games

Thin-clads compete with nation's best

Middle Tennessee's track and field team garnered one second and two third place finishes at the Mason-Dixon Games in Freedom Hall, Saturday, at Louisville, Ky.

The mile relay team of Homer Huffman, John Johnson, Henry Kennedy and Jimmy Washington placed second behind Eastern Kentucky with a time of 3:21.

Barry McClure and Tommy Haynes each placed third in their respective events. McClure had

a leap of 50-11 in the triple jump. The event was won by John Kraft, rated by MTSU Coach Dean Hayes as the number one American triple jumper.

Haynes, with a jump of 24-11 3/4 was within three inches of the winning effort in the long jump. All-time great long jumper, Ralph Boston, finished fifth.

In the Kentuckiana Mile, Rich Russo placed sixth with a time

of 4:19.7, and Myles Maillie finished eighth in 4:21.6.

Nate Porter, in the 70-yard high hurdles, set a new school record of 8.4 seconds. Porter's time, which would have won the other heat races, was good only for a third in his heat and he could not compete in the finals.

According to Coach Hayes, the full team will travel to Kalamazoo, Mich. next weekend for the Central Collegiate Conference Championships and compete against teams from Kansas, Southern Illinois, the Air Force Academy and others.

The first home meet for the Raiders will be March 18, against Western Illinois.



Mason Bonner is harassed by Eagle Wayne Pack during Saturday night action with Tech.

Burn 'em

Tech defeats Raiders in close fought battle

Back in OVC race, MTSU whips ETSU

MTSU jumped back into the thick of the OVC race with a 64-40 shellacking of East Tennessee in Johnson City last night.

Employing their "Devil's Defense" and a patient "road" offense, the Raiders continually forced the Bucs into taking bad shots while working for the high-percentage opportunities themselves.

This strategy worked to perfection in the first half as the Big Blue jumped into a 4-0 lead and never trailed in the ballgame. Shooting a torrid 69 per cent from the floor and 92 per cent from the free throw line, the Raiders rolled to a 29-14 mid-point cushion.

In the big individual matchup, Herm "The Worm" Sykes held the Buc's high-scoring Henry White (19.9 avg. per game) to nine while connecting for 24 markers himself to lead all scorers.

Flashy soph playmaker, Mason Bonner, penetrated the Buc defense at will to set up easy Raider buckets and finished the night with 11 points for himself, to go with 10 chipped in by Terry Johnson.

An overflow crowd of over 4,750 saw Tennessee Tech retain a share of the OVC lead with a last minute come from behind 59-58 victory over MTSU in Saturday night action at Cookeville.

Rich Stone connected on both ends of a one-and-one free throw situation after recovering an errant Raider pass to give the Eagles the lead for good with 30 seconds remaining.

MTSU had jumped in the lead early in the contest and fought to a six point halftime bulge, 27-21. Tech bounced back in the second stanza to deadlock the contest at 38-38 with 11:45 remaining.

The game was nip and tuck from this point on, however, as the lead changed hands seven times before Stone's three free

throws within the last 1:32 coupled with a Mark Bray layup put the Eagles ahead by three with 10 seconds remaining. A Jim Drew layup at the buzzer cut the margin to one.

Prior to Stone's heroics, MTSU appeared to have the game wrapped up after Herm Sykes hit a twisting jumper to give the Raiders a one point lead and then regained possession after a missed Wayne Pack shot. This was not to be the case as Eagle defensive pressure forced a bad pass to give Stone his opportunity.

Al "Mud" Lewis led Tech scorers with 18 points and Pack canned 11 for the winners. Stone, held in check throughout the game by the superb defensive play of Terry Johnson, was only able to get seven points but gathered in 17 rebounds including the one following the missed Raider go-ahead attempt with 15 seconds remaining.

Sykes led all Raider scorers with 18 markers closely followed by Drew with 17. Diminutive guard Mason Bonner was the best Blue carom collector as he gathered in 11 while Chester Brown snared 10.

The win kept the Eagles in a three-way tie for first in the conference race with Eastern Kentucky and Morehead. The loss, the third one-point loss for the Blue this season, dropped the Raider record to 13-6 and 4-4 in the conference.

Still on the road, the Raiders are hosted by UT Chattanooga Thursday night, but return home Saturday night to take on league-leading Morehead. UTC was beaten earlier this year by the Raiders in overtime.

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Weight lifting	April 28	May 1
Golf		May 8

Freshmen lose abbreviated game at Tech

In a game officially abbreviated for lack of time prior to the varsity contest, Tennessee Tech's frosh defeated the MTSU yearlings 64-60 Saturday night in Cookeville.

Geoff Shuck led Eagle scorers with 21 points with 18 point aid from Stan Cox. Down by 13 at one time the Raider frosh played around foul trouble by key personnel to take

a one-point lead with around four minutes remaining in the contest. After Tech had recaptured a four point margin, the game was called with 1:40 remaining on the clock.

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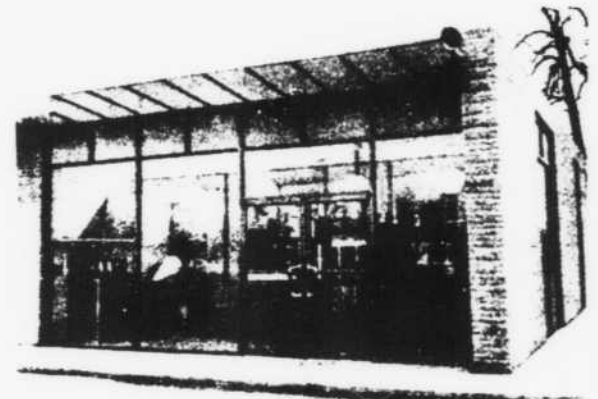
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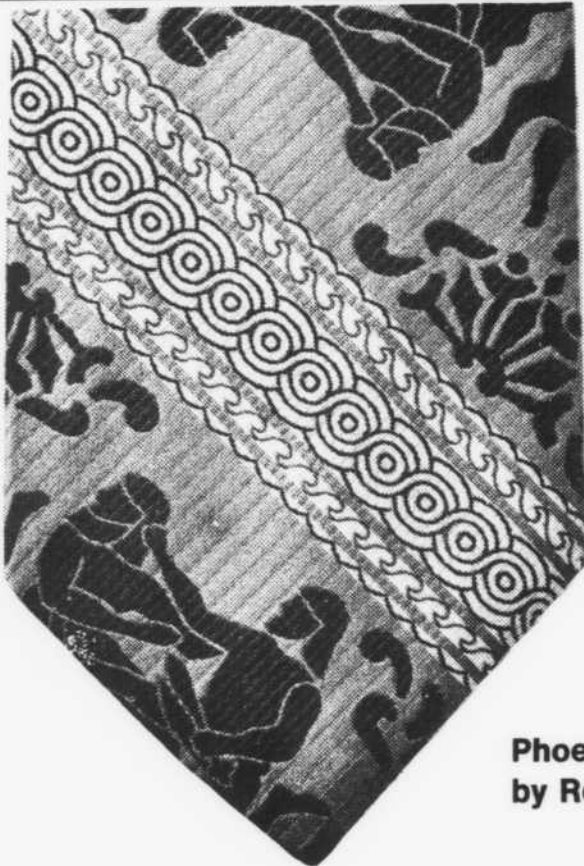
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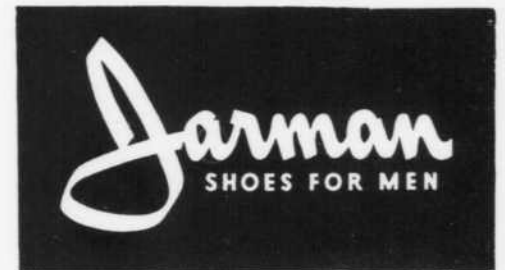
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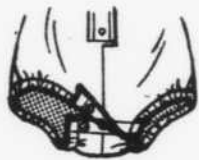
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