

MTSU plans two concerts this semester

Two major concerts are being planned for presentation in Murphy Center this semester, according to Harry Wagner, vice president of student affairs.

One of the concerts, tentatively scheduled for late March, will feature Bob Hope and another act which has not yet been booked.

"Hope, who is partial to college students, expressed a desire to perform at MTSU," Wagner said.

The Special Events Committee is trying to book another big name act for April, he said.

Other events planned for the gym this spring are a series of basketball tournaments, including the Girls

By Brenda Lane
Managing Editor

State Basketball Tournament which will be held March 21-24, and a three-ring circus which will give two performances on March 17.

Student entertainment preference, as reflected by the questionnaires students filled out during registration in January, is the criteria the Special Events Committee used in determining which groups to attempt to book, Harold Smith, assistant University Center director, said.

Sonny and Cher are the students' choice for number one, but cannot be booked because of personal

reasons, Smith said. James Taylor is the second choice.

The order of preference for the others on the questionnaire is: Elvis Presley, The Who, Issac Hayes, Neil Young, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Bob Hope, Yes and Pink Floyd, Smith said.

Among the most popular write-ins are Three Dog Night, Chicago, The Allman Brothers, Bread, Grand Funk Railroad, Jethro Tull, Neil Diamond, Elton John and the Moody Blues, he added.

"The committee eliminated those groups that can't be booked, such as Three Dog Night," Smith
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ASB to gather data

Student government is planning a "massive data collection agency" to be concerned with "every phase of campus life," according to informed sources.

The agency would gather information about campus media, dormitory hall problems, routine campus problems and "major problems within the campus framework," the sources said.

The data would be assimilated in a "time-sharing computer." (A time-sharing computer is one in which the raw data is fed in from one of many available input locations. Each subscriber to the agency is allotted a certain amount of time.)

By Paul Fischer
News Coordinator

The information contained within various "continuing surveys," the sources said, would be utilized under methodology approved and administered by a "campus department."

The collection of information on campus media would be gathered by surveying respondents about two primary members of the campus media--SIDELINES and WMOT.

Regarding the data bank, ASB President John Jackson indicated that information would be collected on these two members of the campus media.

"It is all part of a new
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Boozers?

Characters in Shaffer's "Black Comedy" prepare to pass out during a black out. They are (left to right) Michael Stewart, Steve Dees, Ronnie Meek, Barbara Ambrose, Thalia McMillon, Bruce Newman and Donna Corbin.

'Comedy' opens tonight

Final touches on the set for "Black Comedy" are being made by Clayton Hawes, technical director for MTSU theatre productions.

The Peter Shaffer play will be presented Feb. 16-24, excluding the 18th, at 8 p.m. in the Arena Theatre of the Dramatic Arts building.

As the man primarily responsible for set construction, Hawes demonstrates on stage the artistic principles which he teaches to his advanced scenery design classes.

Teaching and directing construction allows maximum correlation between principles and application.

Many students get practical experience under such a program.

The set for "Black Comedy" is meant to show the character and life style of Brindsley, a struggling metal sculptor, in whose apartment the action of the play takes place, Hawes said.

It has been designed as a first floor apartment in London with a gayly decorated living room, bedroom and studio. Throughout the apartment are objects of art, colorful pillows and wildly painted walls.

Hawes has been successfully designing sets for MTSU theatre for seven years.

Angelis stresses need for union of nations

The need for an awareness of the Atlantic Union resolution on the nation's grass roots level was stressed yesterday by Carl Angelis, field director of Youth for International Federal Union or (Together).

Speaking to two political science classes in the Old Main, Angelis defined what the Federal Union essentially was and what it attempted to do.

One of the most appealing things about the Atlantic Union Resolution, currently being considered by both houses, said Angelis, was the broad base of support it had received from both liberals and conservatives.

Angelis mentioned such varied politicians and personages who supported the idea of a nation-wide government between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries as: Richard Nixon, George Mc Govern, John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Barry Goldwater, Henry Kissinger and Dwight Eisenhower.

The late Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was one of the first co-sponsors of the Atlantic resolution, said Angelis, who added that the resolution was one of Kefauver's pet projects.

The proposed resolution actually was devised after World War II to create a unifying organization, said Angelis.

The basic idea is not to create a military machine to govern the Atlantic nations, but to create a union that will deal with real human problems such as poverty and disease, said Angelis.

"We're an educational organization," he said, referring to Together, "and we're basically interested in getting young people to be aware of the Atlantic Union resolution."

ASB. . .

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'Focus' which will be outlined at a later date," Jackson said. "The information will aid in evaluation and input to ideas for the media on campus."

The questionnaires to be sent to dormitory residents would include queries on dormitory conditions, possible improvements to the residence halls and other "relevant considerations," the same sources said.

A third area to be considered is that of "other related services," the sources said.

Package store opens

Doors of the first liquor store in Murfreesboro, "Ye Ole Package Shoppe," 3303 N.W. Broad, opened this morning at 9.

The store, owned and operated by Peggy Sparks and Anita Easley, is the first to open since the passage of the liquor referendum Nov. 4 last year.

During the hours of operation, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., business should be "booming," Sparks said.

"We're pleased to be the first store in Murfreesboro," Sparks said. "As far as I know there won't

be another store here for two or three months."

Four other applications have been received, John Barber, city recorder, said.

"Issuance of a liquor license requires the applicant to have a building already constructed," Barber said.

He said one of those four pending applications is in the process of constructing a store.

Barber could not give a date for the opening of store, but did say "there will be more."

Concert. . .

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said. "The Allmans were eliminated because they have already been here."

A list of five of those groups that can probably be booked was compiled by the committee in the order of student preference. The list includes: James Taylor, The Who, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, The Moody Blues and Chicago, Smith said. The committee is now trying to book James Taylor.

"We can and will deal with promoters in booking concerts, but students must get a break in ticket prices," he said.

"A certain number of tickets will be designated as student tickets, probably four or five thousand, and will be sold at lower prices."

"If these sell out, the students must then pay the regular price," Smith added.

"We plan to present a major concert every term--fall, spring and summer," Wagner said. "We can really go after the top names now and get the ones the students would like to see."

"When facilities, groups and funds are available we will supplement our concert series with smaller groups," Smith said. "There is a place for groups like Blue Oyster Cult on campus, too."

The Hanneford Circus, which will perform here during spring break, has caused some controversy on campus.

"I was mistaken about when spring break occurred when we entered into a contract with the circus," Smith said. "When I realized the mistake, it was too late because of enroute transportation problems of the circus."

"The circus wasn't planned to interest students," Wagner said. "It is a public service."

"We will probably make some money, and there is no risk," he added.

Complementary tickets are being provided to underprivileged children in the area, Smith said.

"This is a reputable circus which furnishes its own floor covering," he said. "We checked them out with other places where they have performed and were told in one case that they left the gym cleaner than it was when they came."

Woodberry wins queen title

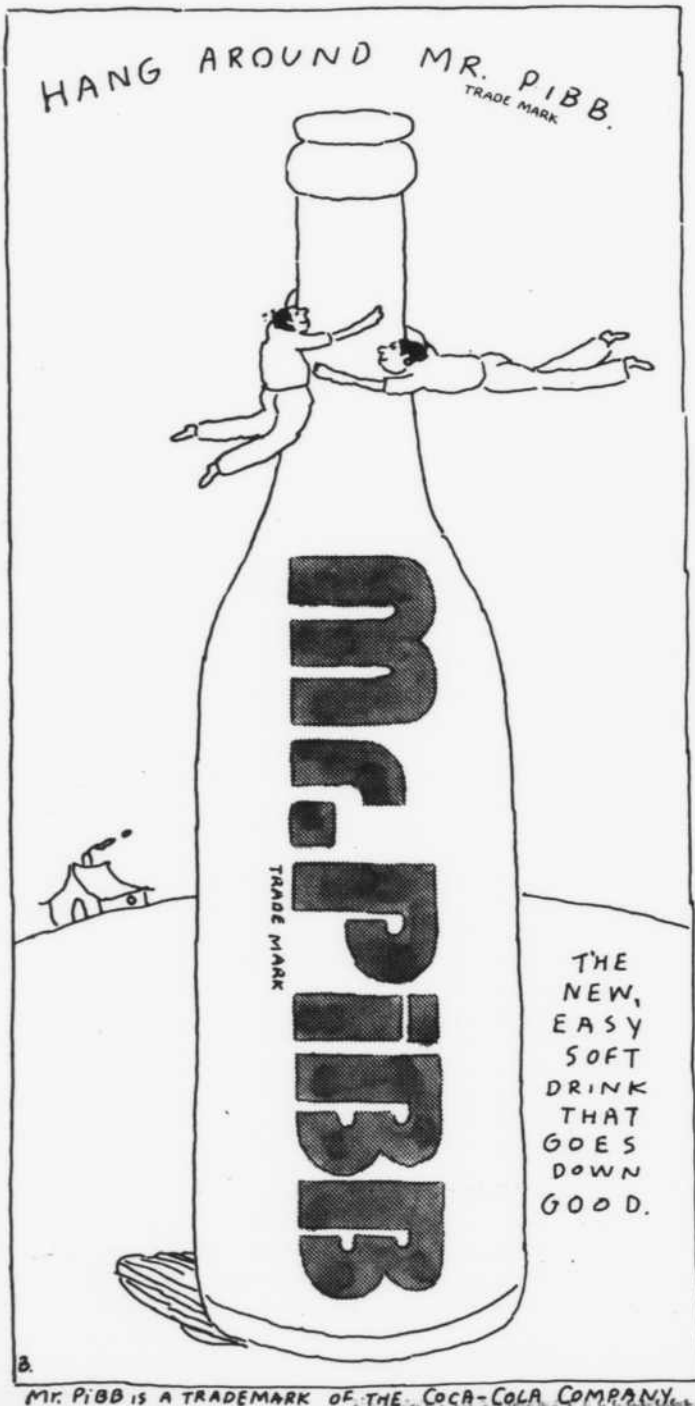
Pam Woodberry of Delta Sigma Theta sorority was crowned Rutherford County Heart Fund queen last night at the annual ball, Dean Judy Smith said.

Each of the campus sororities selected a member to represent their organization. The queen was selected on the basis of which

sorority raised the most money for the Heart Fund.

The women raised \$835 in three days, with Delta Sigma Theta, the newest and smallest sorority on campus, raising \$206.76.

Delta Zeta member Betsy Hutton placed second with \$179.77 and Joni Knight, Alpha Delta Pi, raised \$162.23.



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The Presidents' Forum will be conducted in the U.C. grill from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21.

There will be a faculty-student chess match to night at 7:15 in room 212 of the University Center.

MTSU Home Economics Association will host the Middle Tennessee district meeting for the student membership section of the Tennessee Home Economics Association on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Ellington Home Economics Building.

The National Teacher Examinations will be administered on April 7 at MTSU. Bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing registration forms with sample test questions may be obtained from room 209 of the Administration Building or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

An organizational meet-

ing for an **adult drivers education class** will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the driver's education room located in the basement of Murphy Center.

The non-credit course is designed for adult non-drivers. Students will receive 10 hours of classroom training, 10 hours of simulator training and two hours training behind the wheel.

Tryouts for main speaker positions for the next Campus Forum are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. in DA 322.

The topic is "Resolved that traditional religion has failed to meet the challenge of the 20th century." The topic will be discussed Feb. 27. For further information contact Jay Conner at 898-2640.

Black members of the freshman class are sponsoring a dance tonight at 8 at the Murfreesboro Agriculture Center. **"Soul Finger" from WVOL radio will emcee.** All proceeds will go to the Black Student Association of MTSU.

Debaters to prepare for national tourney

"MTSU'S state champion debate team is gradually progressing towards the national tournament with the aid of Tim Watson," Jim Brooks, debate coach, said yesterday.

Brooks described Watson as the state's "top" debater as well as an asset to any college debate team. Watson dropped from the debate team in January for personal reasons.

After capturing the state championship by defeating Vanderbilt and U.T. Knoxville, MTSU's debate team will compete in the national tournament at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, Feb. 21-25.

On March 7-10 they will be competing in the Heart of America Tournament at the University of Kansas, Brooks said. He said the Heart of America Tournament is "the most difficult" other than the national tournament.

Brooks said the present debate team is enthusiastic in their work in comparison to last year's team. Overall the four-member debate team, headed by Terry Thomas and Jim Forbes, are winning about

sixty percent of their debates, he said.

Forbes has the edge over Thomas in terms of experience in harder debates, but Thomas will be polished for the district tournament following the national tournaments, he said.

Concerning debate team support, Brooks said, "We have the funds for traveling to the various centers of debate but many Tennesseans haven't realized that other sections of the country place as much emphasis on debating teams as their basketball or football teams."

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Debaters tie for championship

MTSU varsity debate team tied for the state championship with Carson Newman College last weekend according to Jim Brooks, debate director.

Jim Forbes and Terry Thomas represented MTSU, which has won the state championship four out of the last five years.

The debate, held at Motlow State Community College, was sponsored by the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association with 16 schools participating in the event, Brooks said.

Mike Deal and Mike Hall

the second varsity team, placed third in the varsity division, followed by Vanderbilt, David Lipscomb and Tennessee Tech.

Gary Buchanan, Ron Howell, Dianna Moore and Donna Golden participated in the junior varsity division but did not place according to Brooks.

Laura Smith, a junior from Murfreesboro, won the state championship in interpretation of poetry. Tom O'Brien and Chris Unbaniak tied for fourth place in the same division.

Donna Golden won fourth place in the interpretation

of prose, and three more MTSU students tied for seventh place.

In the persuasive speaking category Larry Tolbert of Murfreesboro placed fourth.

"Over all MTSU was very successful," Brooks said.

Circle K becomes coed

Kiwanis International has given MTSU's chapter of Circle K a local option which would enable them to become coeducational, Circle K President Glen Thornton said yesterday.

Adoption of the coed plan

will increase the local 23 male member chapter to 54, with the addition of the 31 K-ettes, Thornton said. "We will be one of the largest service organizations on campus, probably the largest."

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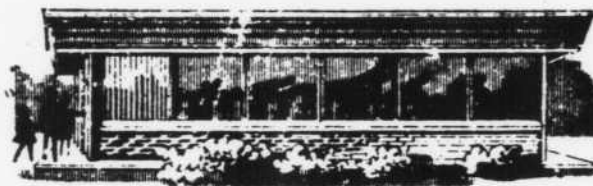
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Dunn vows to support shield law

Editorial

Gov. Winfield Dunn said last Wednesday that he would support a bill to protect the news sources of Tennessee's journalists.

Dunn told the Tennessee Press Association's Freedom of Information Committee that support for the legislation should be widespread.

"I think you are going to get overwhelming support for it myself," he said.

Chances are that several journalist protection laws will be introduced to the state legislature this session, but there are a few "hangups" to be overcome before a bill is passed.

The major problem hinges on the fact that no one in the state of Tennessee can decide what comprises an adequate shield law. As Dunn said the majority of the state's law makers do think it is important to protect reporters and their sources, but it seems that no one can agree on the means of protection.

Some law makers and journalists endorse a vaguely worded shield law. These advocates say that a vague law gives more flexibility and freedom to the journalist. Little do they realize

that they are just placing this flexibility in the hands of the courts. Traditionally, the nation's courts have been restrictive on freedom of information, especially during war time.

The Peter Bridge case is an example of what the courts can do to a vague shield law.

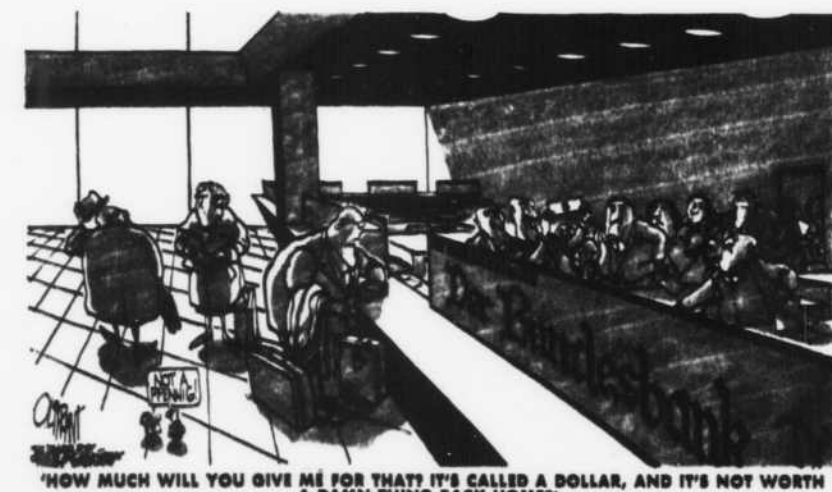
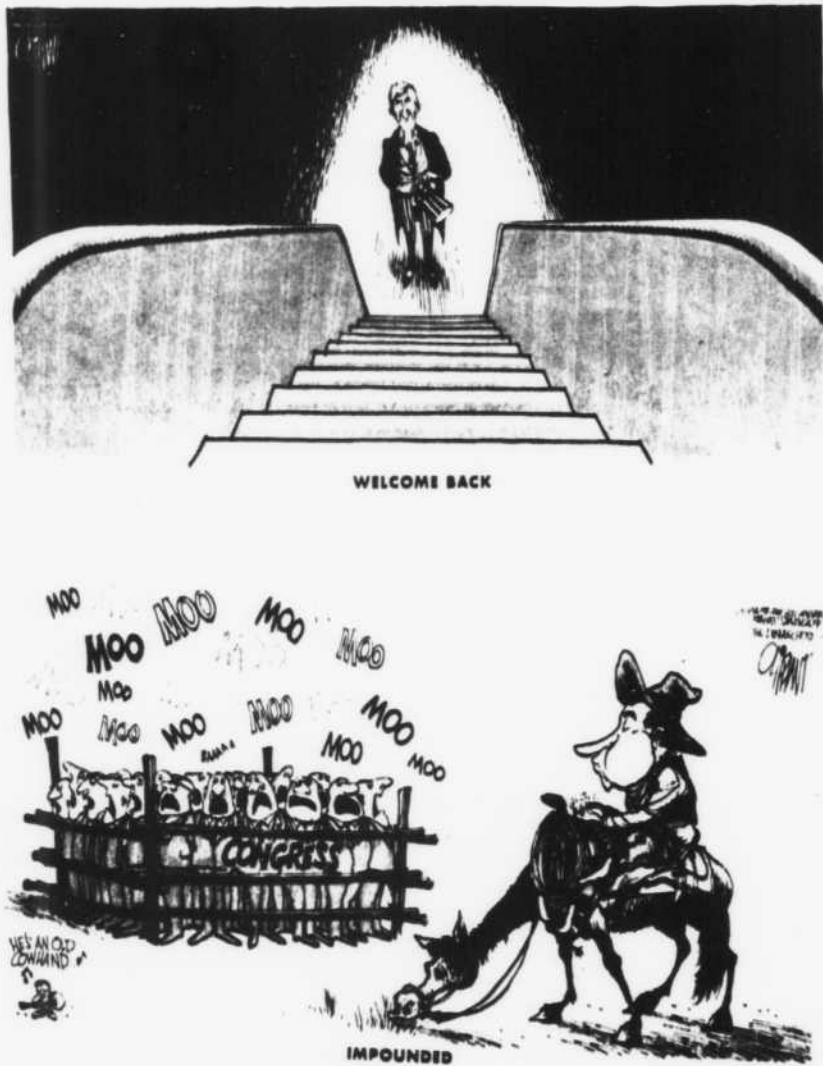
The state of New Jersey has a shield law--a vague shield law. Bridge was theoretically protected by this law, but because of this built-in vagueness the court circumvented it and jailed Bridge for the court to reveal a news source.

At best, a vaguely constructed shield law is only better than no shield law at all.

Tennessee's law should define such terms as "news" and "journalist" and should leave no such points in doubt. The legislation should also exempt the journalist from contempt proceedings.

The people of Tennessee deserve a strong shield law. After all, key sources will not reveal important information to reporters, if they know that the reporters can be forced by law to reveal the source of any information given to them.

The state's law makers must remember that the people of Tennessee do have a right to know.



Edgar Winter band shows flashes of 'White Trash'

They Only Come Out At Night
Edgar Winter Group (Epic)

By David Percy

For those of you who shed tears at the demise of Edgar Winter's White Trash, run out and grab this album.

The personnel is completely new but the group sound is really nice. This band, unlike Edgar's previous band utilizes no horns except in spots, but flashes of White Trash peek through occasionally. Edgar will probably never escape that sound completely, but that's okay.

Advance publicity for the band has been slightly overdone. Guitarist Ronnie Montrose has been described as sounding like Jeff Beck. . .well, maybe. Guitarist Dan Hartman is billed as picking up where Jimi Hendrix left off . . .dream on Dan.

table cuts are "Undercover Man," Rock and Roll Boogie Woogie Blues" and the now popular "Frankenstein."

On this album Edgar has branched out into experimentation as noticed by use of the ARP Synthesizer for electronic effects. Edgar has also tried the country and western thing as evidenced in "Round and Round." This band should stick to rock and roll but Dan Hartman tries his hand at an orchestrated love ballad entitled "Autumn" which proves to be the only deed on the L.P.

Total sound is greatly aided by a wise decision to let Rick Derringer produce the L.P. after the magnificent job he did on White Trash's final L.P. "Road Work."

The Edgar Winter Group has planted the seeds of rock on fertile soil. They are just finding themselves now, but watch for even better things on the next L.P. and also watch for them in the Nashville area soon.

Review

The music is the same type of boogie woogie, get down rock and roll that Edgar is known for. No-

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Comment

Notgrass speaks out on gun control

In reply to the **SIDELINES** editorial of Tuesday, Feb. 13:

There are things a conservative could say about the cries about gun control, especially the reasoning given by liberals. Therefore, I will say them.

It is encouraging that liberals have rediscovered the real words of the Constitution. After butchering it with "loose construction" for years, they take great note of the clause about a well-regulated militia. SDSers and Chicago veterans will please notice the word "peaceably" before the words "to assemble" in the First Amendment.

On the Other Hand

For years Congress has been delegating powers to the executive, for reasons good and bad; then when Tricky Dick exercises his rights as Commander-in-Chief, the howls begin. In any event, it is good to see the pos-

By Ray Notgrass

sibility of us all becoming strict constructionists.

What the editorial said was that "Steps should also be taken to keep firearms out of the hands of habitual criminals." This boils down to abridging the freedoms of some for the safety of the vast majority, something that the noted fascist William Buckley has been advocating for years. But let a conservative suggest that crime be stopped, and what is it? All together now, "Repression!"

It is also pointed out in the editorial that registration of firearms is "Obviously one answer." Oh, really? The weapons used in the shootings of Robert Kennedy and George Wallace could, within a few hours, be traced from the store to the assailant's hand. New York has gun registration, and we all know what a swell place Fun City is.

There are ways of getting rid of Congressmen who have been influenced too strongly by lobbyists, especially the NRA. That way being voting them out of office.

There is the argument, and I think it is the

best argument to be made, that gun control is not a conservative or liberal issue. Everyone is a possible target for violence. Little that H. Rap Brown has said appeals to me, but when he said violence is as American as cherry pie, he happened to be right. It is this basic, underlying characteristic that needs changing worse than anything else.

But do we change that attitude by encouraging any sort of law-breaking, if one feels oppressed or immorally restrained by existing statutes? Do we need to stand idly by while the likes of Bobby Seale screams the likes of "We will kill Richard Nixon. We will kill any ----- that stands in the way of our freedom?" I think not.

If laws are passed to inflict severe punishment on those convicted of a crime committed with a gun (as supported in the **SIDELINES** editorial), if accused persons can receive prompt and fair trial so that the guilty may be thrown into the clink rather than back on to the streets; if in short we crack down on the lawless few for the benefit of the law-abiding and frightened majority, crime just might become unattractive, and life livable.

ASB's war exists only in mind of its president

To the Editor:

Why pick on apathy? It is apparent that the majority of students, faculty, staff and administration, in their own silent way, support oscitancy! Since apathy is inherent in our present system, Tricky Jackson's self-declared war can not be won by abstractly defining oscitancy to satisfy certain personal ethnocentrism then redefining the same terms to show proof of accomplishments. If there is a war at all it exists only in the minds of the ASB. Apathy can not be fought much less beaten.

Letters

One must not overlook the ways in which apathy is perpetuated on this campus. MTSU is a closed system; it is guarded and secured from any "radical" pedagogy by discriminatory hiring and firing practices of the administration.

The faculty is screened according to their race, age, sex, religious preference, political ideologies, and, oh yes, scholastic achievements. Then, if they can prove a high moral character, they are hired. Any inconsistency or deviation therefrom is justification for termination.

The students have to satisfy less strenuous qualifications, for one must remember, they are members of the campus community for an average of only four years. Why should students have any say or decision making power over a system which has lasted this long without that particular person or group of persons and will probably function long after they are gone?

One must also remember that the administration and staff are a part of the Murfreesboro community and must answer to their neighbors for what goes on on campus. So it is of their vested interest that things remain calm on campus.

Given these factors is there any doubt that the MTSU system depends on apathy which would tend to perpetuate the status quo and thereby be perpetuated?

Anyway, who cares?

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Writer charges that Kerr owes Joelson apology

To The Editor:

On Saturday, February 10, in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium there was a drive-in workshop with Viktor Frankl (a world renowned psychiatrist) and two of his former students, one of whom was Edith Weisskopf-Joelson. Following a talk by Joelson, in which she discussed Logotherapy, Willard Kerr found it necessary to get up from his seat and make a completely uncalled for statement. In this statement Kerr took her speech completely out of context and began to discuss politics.

I feel that Willard Kerr, chairman of the department of psychology, owes Edith Weisskopf-Joelson a personal apology for insulting her intelligence as well as the intelligence of each person attending the workshop with Viktor Frankl. I was ashamed that the chairman of my own department would embarrass the university, its students, its faculty and its administration in front of so many prominent people. If Kerr invites world renowned speakers to campus he should listen to them like a gentleman. He does not tolerate criticism or discussions in his own classes, therefore, he should not expect to take this liberty from others.

Politics has no place in psychology and unfortunately Kerr does not realize this in class or in public.

Name withheld
by request

Reader counters Goralski's ideas

To the Editor:

On February 6, 1973, Mr. Goralski, an NBC newsman, spoke on the subject, "New Dimensions in Foreign Relations." Goralski's assertion that worldwide "peace" is in the making is not new. In fact, when I was in high school, it was called Communism!

This "peace," as he explained, would come like the domino theory of power. As a result of the Vietnam "peace," other conflicts will be "settled" at negotiating sessions, because, as the argument goes, public opinion will force leaders into action.

The "Third World," in Goralski's eyes, will be a combination of Japanese, American, Chinese and Russian powers under the United Nations.

Not to be left out is Goralski's wish for a more internationalist United States. The Peace Corps, used as an illustration, shows our "new appreciation or respect for other peoples," which he said should be expanded. Our foreign aid is at a "greatly reduced level" from the past and should be enlarged.

In fact, we should provide funds to any nation--with no strings attached--as we are a "mature" people. Goralski was pleased to note that North Vietnam will be getting American foreign aid. The argument went that foreign aid is a small price to pay for "peace."

No, I do not agree with Goralski. It was with thorough disappointment that I listened to Goralski, the "expert."

One is inclined to wonder about the state of a nation when a newsman is considered an ex-

pert. But what is worse, a crowd of "intellectuals" who can sit and listen in all seriousness and gullibility to Goralski, as he ridicules Americanism or those who uphold it as "old fashioned," etc. rather than his "pragmatic" and "fresh" look at things. Pity the poor ex-POW who said, "God Bless America!"

Robert Goralski was introduced as a newsman who has been to Asia and Europe. I have been to Asia and Europe also. For eight years, I have lived in the Philippines. It is my opinion that Robert Goralski either lies in his assessment of the effects of American aid, or else has only resided in Hiltons while overseas.

Perhaps the newsman does know that, with few exceptions (may be singular!), all U. S. servicemen who have died in wars in foreign lands must be buried by the United States taxpayer.

He may also know that it was suggested in the Philippines that the burial ground for U. S. servicemen (bought and financed by the U. S.) be taken over by the Philippine government and then divided among squatters.

Goralski may also be aware of the jubilant reaction of those American personnel working for the U.S. embassy, whose job is to distribute foreign aid money to individuals, when our foreign aid bill almost expired a short while back.

One can only hope that Goralski is honestly mistaken, though so much naive in one person is hard to imagine.

Thank goodness Goralski is only a "newsman" and not a policy maker. Fortunately, one can change channels on a T.V. or use newspapers for fish wrappers, rather than succumb to this banal attempt at Utopian universalism.

Let us pray that our leaders will be better informed than our "informed newsmen," and that Americanism will not become extinct.

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Sports



'Big T'

President M. G. Scarlett and Mark Eaton, MTSU junior varsity player, try out the new "Big T" hats with the help of Sherry Yarbrough, cheerleader.

MTSU to host gym meet; UT, UTM to participate

Gymnastics teams from the Universities of Tennessee at Knoxville and Martin will be in competition along with Middle Tennessee as MTSU plays host to a triangular gymnastics meet.

The meet, which will get under way tomorrow at 10 a.m., will have six events in the men's class and four events in the women's class.

John Lucas and Gary Woodlee will compete in all of the men's events for MTSU.

Dennis Baxter will participate in the long horse event and the floor exercises. Dan Crews on the

long horse and Jim Johnson in floor exercises complete the men's team.

In the women's events, Becky Tribble, Sherry Tribble, Patti Cunningham and Gina Robertson will compete in all four of the women's events.

Society conducts drive

Phi Alpha Theta history honor society is now conducting its spring membership drive. Qualifications for membership are 60 hours, an overall of 2.8 and 12 hours in history with better than a 3.0 average. Contact Robert Jones, NCB 226.

UTC avenges previous loss

A measure of revenge was afforded the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga last night as they defeated the Blue Raiders 83-75. UTC had lost this year's previous meeting to the Raiders.

Steve Peeler hit a jumper from the key to open the game's scoring, but after that it was all UTC for most of the first half. The Raiders fell behind by 12 points before scoring their second basket, then dropped to 18 behind before starting a comeback.

The comeback, mostly on the hustle of Chester Brown, brought the Blue to five points down by half-time, 42-37. Brown tallied 12 points in the opening stanza.

In the second half, the Raiders came out inspired

and within three minutes took over the lead. The Blue widened their lead to five points before the Moccasins regained control and then the lead. UTC blew out by ten before the final buzzer.

Jimmy Powell scored 14 points in the second half to lead the Raiders in scoring with 17. Forrest Toms (13), Brown (12) and Nick Prater (11) were the other Raiders in double figures.

The Blue only shot three foul shots in the second half, all on technical fouls. Six technicals were called in the entire game.

The Raiders committed 26 turnovers as compared to 17 for UTC.

In the Junior Varsity contest, the Blue Raider Jayvees won the battle

of the fouls and also the game, 91-88.

With 2:48 left in the game and MTSU ahead 81-77, the Mocs had fouled their second man out and had to play with only four men. That did not hinder UTC's effort, however, as they tied the score at 81 and again at 88.

With the score knotted at 88 and only 15 seconds left, the Mocs were down to three men. MTSU went ahead by two and then missed a chance to ice the game. UTC called a time out but didn't have any left. After making the technical foul shot, the Blue brought the ball in and . . . and then there were two.

Mercifully for the Mocs, the game ended . . . the remaining two players each had four fouls.

Sorrell plans wrestling tourney

"What this school needs is a wrestling team," was heard on campus not long ago. Behold! A wrestling team is in the planning stages.

Due to the efforts of assistant football coach Henry Sorrell, two members of the P. E. department, Pat Hannon and Joe Black Hayes, and the intramural office, an intramural wrestling tournament will be held.

Coach Sorrell hopes that with the success of the tournament, to be held April 2nd and 3rd, the groundwork for the team will be established.

At the present time, at least two other OVC schools have wrestling teams as part of their athletic program, Morehead and Eastern Kentucky.

All of this is to show the skeptics that getting a schedule would not be difficult at all.

One advantage of having a wrestling team is that it will provide MTSU with another NCAA sport. . . this will be critical when the NCAA has their special meeting this summer to divide its membership into large and small divisions. The number of NCAA sports will be one of the determinants as to a school's classification.

Another advantage will be the initial outlay of funds to establish the team. A wrestling team can be put together here for a fraction of what it would cost to establish any other sport.

The initial cost of a good mat and uniforms would be minimal in comparison to the cost of, say, football equipment, for instance.

We already have two good places in which to hold the meets, Alumni Memorial and Murphy Center. In fact, the Murphy Center will possibly be an enticement to other schools for tournaments, e.g., UTC's Southern Open Tournament which attracts wrestlers from all over the U.S. including several Olympians.

Wrestling as a spectator sport is rapidly growing, and if I could find the chart that I saw in a recent news-

paper, I could tell you the figures. . . but since I can't, take my word that it has had a spectator increase that rivals any sport.



Recent OVC stats reveal that the Blue Raiders are closing in on league leader East Tennessee for the top defensive average. The Raiders were the best defensive team in the OVC the previous three seasons.

So far, ETSU has given up an average 72.0 points per game, while the Blue has allowed 73.6 points per game.

Fly Williams leads the conference with a scoring average of 31.8 points per game. Jimmy Powell is the top ranked Raider at the number five position with an 18.1 average.

Steve Peeler is the ninth most accurate shooter in the OVC with a mark of 51.1 per cent.

Austin Peay is on their way to either the NCAA Championships or the National Invitational Tournament, depending on whether they win the league or not. With five games remaining, the Gobs have sole possession of first place with an 8-1 record. Barring a complete turnaround, they will be one of the top two teams.

Following APSU in the standings (with OVC records) are: Murray (7-2), Morehead (6-3), Eastern Kentucky (5-4), MTSU (3-6), Tennessee Tech (3-6), Western Kentucky (3-6) and East Tennessee (1-8).

In case you haven't already heard, tomorrow's game with Eastern Kentucky (at Richmond) will be the OVC's Game of the Week. Time of telecast will be the usual 12 noon (CST).

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A Kind Word

By Wayne Kindness
Sports Editor

In the Tennessee and mid-south area there are several schools with established wrestling programs, UT Chattanooga, UT Martin, Sewanee (Univ. of South), Maryville, UT Knoxville, Kentucky, Alabama, et al.

Tennessee Tech is also in the process of forming a wrestling team.

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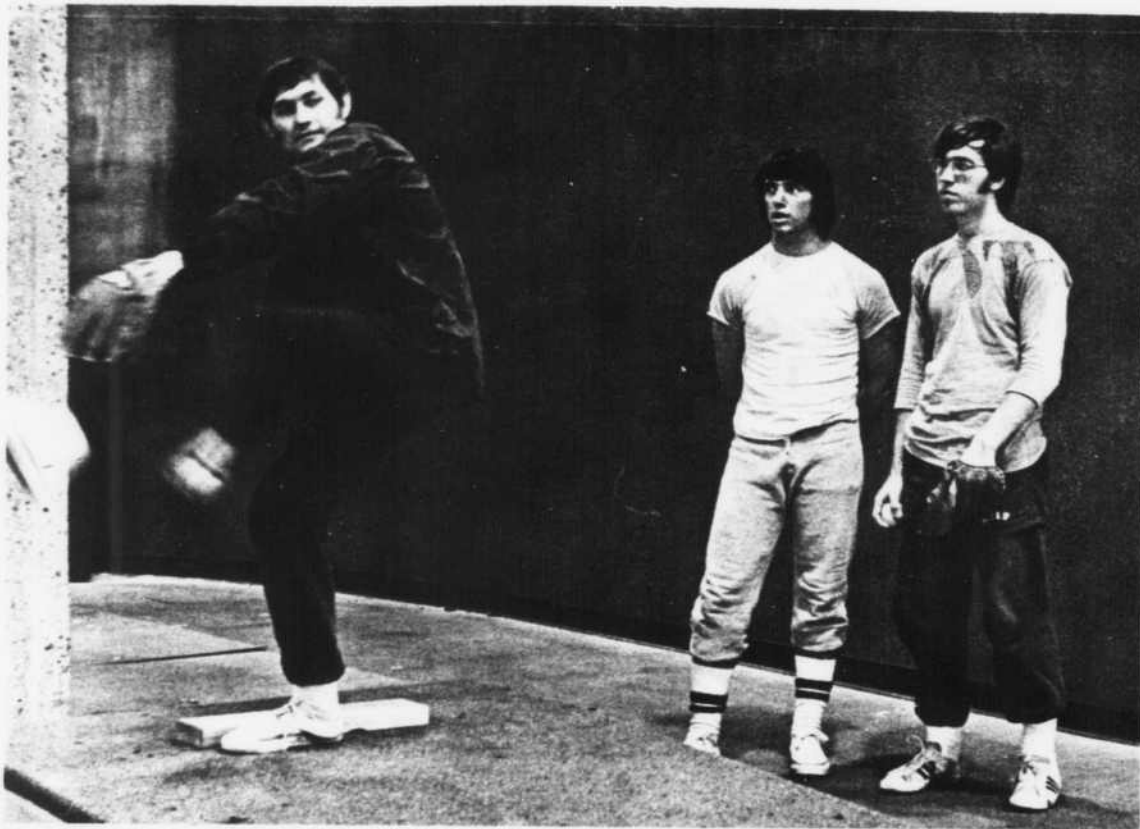
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Chuck Taylor, former MTSU star and now pitcher for the American League Milwaukee Brewers, shows his form from atop one of Murphy Center's new artificial pitcher's mounds. Watching Taylor are Raider hurlers Gary Melson (left) and Randy Linedecker.

Batters up!

Coach commends morale, spirit

Absence of a possible shot at first place is often enough to make a team drop in morale and quit. The Blue Raider baseball team is a remarkable exception.

With less than four weeks to go before the opening of the spring season, the sticks are swinging and the bullpens are hot with activity in Murphy Center.

"We're going out there as if the season just started," said head coach A.H. Solomon. "I've really been pleased with the attitude and spirit of togetherness the team has kept up. This is the closest group I have ever worked with."

Preview: Baseball

Due to a 1972 ruling which made the fall baseball program a part of the regular season among the OVC member schools, MTSU's fall conference losses reduced the Raiders' chances of overtaking fall champion Murray State to "100 to one," according to Solomon.

"Murray would have to lose five of their six spring conference games while we won five of six for us to gain first place," he said.

However, he added that by bettering last year's 22-18 record significantly, the Raiders might earn a tournament berth as an at-large team.

In the quest for such a berth, MTSU has many factors in its favor, Solomon said. In addition to capable assistants Tom Eiselstein and former Raider great Randy Bratton, Solomon has an outstanding young pitching staff and some powerful hitters.

By Gerald Kemp
Asst. Sports Editor

Freshmen pitchers Randy Linedecker and Bill Ramage came out of the fall season with 4-0 and 2-1 records, respectively. Sophomore Gary Melson, 4-2 with an earned run average of 1.13, is expected to have what Solomon called a "tremendous spring." Junior college transfers Gary Matthews from Columbia State and Robin Brooks from Martin College are expected to see extensive action.

In the hitting department, senior E. Robichaud, who hit over .300 the past three seasons, and Spartanburg Jr. College transfer Tom Owens, seventh-ranked batter in the nation last year, are expected to carry much of the offensive weight.

Freshman Steve Zitney also shows promise, Solomon said, and junior Ken Collins' .391 average puts him in the thick of the action.

Scheduling of top quality opponents will benefit the Raiders in the spring, said Solomon.

The season opens on March 11 with a series of games in Florida against Florida International University and the University of Miami, both nationally ranked, and Jacksonville University

and Auburn. Vanderbilt will be the first home foe when they invade Blue Raider territory March 20.

"With the exception of two teams, we do not play an opponent we can be assured of a victory over prior to game time," Solomon said.

Baseball team needs support

"We'll have to work hard to have a winning season. If we lose the close ones, we'll have to struggle to make .500," he added.

Solomon cited the need for more student support of the baseball program, saying that it was "discouraging to play before just 1,520 people."

"Last year, four nationally ranked teams played us at home. One of them, South Alabama, was probably the only first-place team in national polls in any sport to play at MTSU, and we didn't even fill the bleachers," he said.

Solomon said that the team had character and the "desire not to let the fall season keep them from going all out" this spring.

"If the pitching can hold up and the hitters hit up to their capabilities, we'll have a successful season," he said.

Blue to travel north for track competition

Ypsilanti, Mich., will be the site of the next Blue Raider trackmen's efforts as they journey to the campus of Eastern Michigan to compete in the Central Collegiate Championships.

Twenty-two other schools will be in competition along with the Raiders today and tomorrow. MTSU will carry the only southern banner against such schools as Southern Illinois, Drake, Notre Dame, Air Force, Kent State, Kansas, Bowling Green, host Eastern Michigan and others.

Raider Head Coach Dean Hayes indicated that Tommy Haynes may see his first action since recovering from knee surgery. "He is not going to compete in the long jump or triple jump just yet," Hayes said, "but I think we will enter him in one of the sprints."

Handling the long jump chores during Haynes' absence has been Jimmy Washington. In last Friday's Tennessee Intercollegiate Championships, Washington achieved a personal best by jumping 24-3 3/4. In the 440 yard dash, however, he pulled

up after sensing a muscle pull.

The muscle pull will leave Washington hobbling. It is almost the same type pull that he suffered last year which forced him to concentrate on the long jump and eventually developed him into a top class jumper.

Shot putter Greg Lintner suffered a sprained ankle this week and may also be a doubtful performer. In the T.I.C. he too set a personal record.

Central Collegiate defending champion in the triple jump, Barry McClure, will be out to retain his title.

Several Olympians will be in competition in the meet, including sprinter Gerald Tinker of Kent State and middle-distance runner Dave Wottle of Bowling Green. Wottle, co-captain of the Bowling Green team, has decided to forego a prestigious meet in New York to compete with his team.

Coach Hayes noted that several individuals had their best performances last Friday and "they gave indication that they will do better."

Hall honors local athletes for ability, church work

Two Blue Raider football players along with Head Coach Bill Peck have been honored by the International Churchman's Sports Hall of Fame in their recent announcement of their All-American football team.

Defensive tackle Dexter Dodson and offensive tackle Jimmy Moss were both named to first team berths on the All-Star squad which will be honored at a banquet Monday night at the University of Tennessee Space Institute near Tullahoma.

Peck will be recognized at the same banquet as "College Division Churchman Coach of the Year." The selection was based

on ability on the football field, along with active participation in church work in the community.

The All-Star team also included players from such major powers as Southern California, Michigan State, Tennessee, Auburn, Florida State and others.

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