



Good times!

Dickson freshman Skip Mason tries to revive an unidentified friend who took an unexpected rest on the steps of Monohan hall after celebrating Freshman Week. More than 4,000 students participated in one way or another in the freshman orientation programs prepared and conducted by orientation director Fred Carr and his associates.

Photo by Tim Hamilton

Sidelines

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University presents case in discrimination suit

by Michael Gigandet

A former assistant professor of sociology, Rita Decker-Gregg, was not rehired because of personality traits that became evident while she worked on a project on aging. MTSU President M.G. Scarlett testified recently.

Scarlett appeared before Federal District Judge L. Clure Morton in a sex-discrimination suit filed by Decker-Gregg in which she alleged she was not rehired because of her criticism of university hiring policies.

MTSU officials had not previously announced reasons for not rehiring Decker-Gregg. The officials had contended they were not legally bound to state reasons because reasons are difficult to prove in court.

Decker-Gregg is attempting to force the university to grant her a hearing to state the reasons she was not rehired and give her an opportunity to respond. She is also attempting to force the university to rehire her.

She claims she has circulated 25 applications for university employment, but has been unable to find a job because of the problem here.

Under questioning by Assistant Atty. Gen. Henry Haile, who represented MTSU at the hearing, Decker-Gregg admitted she circulated those letters after June 17 of this year--10 months after she was told she would not be rehired.

William Moody, Decker-Gregg's attorney, asked Scarlett if a teacher would be hired at MTSU if the reasons for a previous non-rehiring by another school were unknown.

"That would cause us to proceed cautiously, but many other factors would be taken into consideration," Scarlett answered.

"Would that teacher have a handicap?" Moody asked.

"They would have a deficiency," Scarlett said.

Earlier Decker-Gregg testified she talked with then acting sociology department chairman James McBroom and dean of the school of liberal arts Clay Tucker

and was told she would receive tenure if she was "a good teacher."

"Do you attempt to hire a person who will be at the university for a considerable time?" Moody asked Scarlett.

"Generally that is true," Scarlett answered.

Later Moody asked if Scarlett had said a teacher was hired with the understanding she would be at the university for a long period of time.

"No, I did not say that," Scarlett said. "She was hired with intent that she would receive tenure if she conducted herself well."

Decker-Gregg "conducted herself improperly" and "performed

unsatisfactorily," Scarlett said.

The controversy over Decker-Gregg's conduct centers on her behavior during a project on aging, Scarlett said, not on her criticism of the university or complaints from students.

Howard Kirksey, vice president for academic affairs, testified he had received complaints from Edsol Gentry, director of research and projects, and McBroom about Decker-Gregg's behavior concerning the completion of the project.

Kirksey said McBroom complained that Decker-Gregg would become emotionally upset when he tried to talk to her about completing the project.

Enrollment expected to pass predictions

Headcount figures from regular registration indicate MTSU may meet its projected enrollment of 8,750 full-time-equivalent (FTE) students. Dean of Admissions and Records Frank Glass said yesterday.

The number of FTE students must total 8,690 after late registration or MTSU will have to return some funds to the state. Glass said, and that figure must reach 8,811 if the university receives additional funds.

"It's been predicted that college enrollments across the nation will decrease seven per cent," he said, "and we're running ahead of this time last year so that's encouraging."

Glass said 9,243 students and 8,603 FTE students were enrolled during regular registration, and 20 off-campus registrations will be held in addition to on-campus late registration before the Sept. 17 deadline for counting students.



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Overload stops rent increase

Temporary overloads of students in some residence halls will occur this fall because not all students will show up to fill rooms allotted to them, Director of Housing Sam McLean said recently.

For example, men will be assigned three to a room in Clement and Gore halls, McLean said. After Sept. 5, when available space is found in other halls, housing officials will begin to shift students from overloaded rooms in order of application date, he said.

Of approximately 80 overload students in these halls, 60 were to have been assigned different rooms on the second day of classes, McLean said. Students will begin moving on Sept. 9.

If students are moved to more expensive rooms, they will be charged the additional cost, McLean said.

He said the university is losing students because there is no space for them. Without the overflow, dorm rent would have to be increased, he said.

Jim Craig, assistant director of housing, said the overload is not bringing the university extra money because the students will receive refunds for sharing an overloaded room.

Craig said there will be no refund on the first partial week because students are not charged anyway. He said the students' money will be refunded on a weekly basis.

John Denver concert set

Noted songwriter - performer John Denver will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Murphy Center, Harold Smith, director of student programming, said Wednesday.

The Special Events Committee, sponsoring body for the concert, has received a \$1 discount on tickets for university students after much negotiating with Denver's promoters, Smith said.

Student tickets will be \$5 and \$6, while non-student prices will be \$6 and \$7. Smith said 10,110 seats will be available for the concert.

Denver's music is known for an accoustical country sound, featuring lyrics about the outdoors of his Colorado home.

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Hartsville plant threatens landowners

by Larry Broadrick

Residents of the 2,000 acre site of a proposed Hartsville nuclear plant have been notified by TVA to vacate their property by December of this year, even though TVA does not own and may not be able to acquire the property.

Faith Young, chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Tennessee (CCT) which opposes the building of the plant, has charged that TVA is trying to obtain the land on the Cumberland River illegally.

"The taking of this land is not authorized by the 1933 TVA Act," Young said. "According to the act, TVA can only acquire land for a power plant along the Tennessee River and its tributaries. The Cumberland River is a tributary of the Ohio River."

Currently, 12 landowners are suing TVA for violation of their constitutional and statutory rights. The landowners are determined to keep TVA out of the Hartsville area.

A protest rally, organized by CCT, Southerners for Safe Power and Citizens for Safe Energy, and attended by about 75 people, was held at the proposed site Monday.

S. K. Ballal, a professor of biology at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, addressed the group on the dangers of nuclear energy.



Protesters voice their demands at a Labor Day rally on picket signs and cross a fence into the center of a 2,000 acre site that TVA plans for a nuclear power plant near Hartsville.

"The nuclear power plants as now designed present a serious threat to the health and safety of the public," Ballal said. "The safety systems installed in present day plants are totally untested."

"For all the attempts to mesmerize the public about reactor safety, there is no experience with the present size of the reactor planned for the Hartsville area," Ballal said.

The proposed Hartsville plant would be the largest in the world.

"The question of erecting a nuclear plant on this beautiful farmland is not necessarily a technological one, but it is a moral issue," Ballal said.

"We are being asked to compromise the well-being of future generations in the form of birth defects, genetic abnormalities, muta-

tions, leukemia and other things," he said.

Molly Todd, a Nashville resident, said she feels the Hartsville plant poses a threat to Nashville and other residential areas in the Cumberland region.

"Nashville drinking water is in danger of contamination since the water Nashville uses is the same water that comes through Hartsville," Todd said.

"Radioactive materials used and stored at nuclear plants present grave dangers to Middle Tennessee should an accident occur which would release these contaminated materials," she said.

At the conclusion of the rally, several helium-filled balloons were released. Attached to each balloon was a card informing the finder that the balloon could possibly have been radioactive and asking the finder to return the card with the date and place found.

This balloon experiment was designed to show the far-reaching effects of radioactivity.

Editor's Note: Murfreesboro is one of the cities that would have to be evacuated in case of an accident at the proposed nuclear plant at Hartsville, according to some experts.

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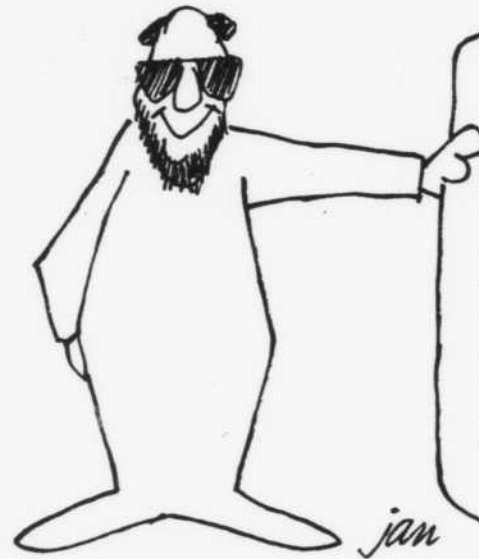
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Infirmary services offer student aid

by Lisa Marchesoni

Got a cold that won't quit? Or maybe you slammed your hand in a door and your fingers are turning black?

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"We treat almost everything that is seen in a regular doctor's office," Chief Nurse Susie Rooker said.

Health services are geared for out-patients with limited in-patient care, Rooker said. "In-patients are kept for observation or if they have been given an injection that will cause grogginess," she said.

Lacerations are sewn up at no charge, Rooker said, but no elective surgery is performed.

"Preventive medications and tetanus boosters are given," the nurse

said. Allergy shots can be given if the student brings the serum and a doctor's letter.

Testing for gonorrhea or syphilis can be given for both men and women, Rooker said, and the state health department supplies treatment that can be received at the infirmary.

Robert Hackman, M.D., the university physician, starts office hours on campus at 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, Rooker said, and he stays until every patient is seen.

The Tennessee Department of Public Health sponsors a family planning clinic Friday mornings at the infirmary.

"The state furnishes all supplies and personnel for the clinic," Robert MacLean, dean of student services, said.

Full-time students, part-time students and the wife or husband of a student are eligible for the clinic, MacLean said.

Rooker said the clinic is operated on an appointment basis. Preliminary forms which include weight, blood pressure, Hct (test for anemia) and urinalysis for sugar and protein should be completed from 8 a.m. to 12 noon or 4-7 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays before the clinic appointment can be set.

A mandatory examination by the doctor or nurse-midwife includes a breast examination for lumps, a pelvic examination and a culture for gonorrhea and a Pap Smear, MacLean said. "If the patient desires, pills are prescribed or an IUD is inserted," he said.

Instructions about the pill are given to the patient, MacLean said. Weight and blood pressure are checked routinely and yearly examinations are advised.

Men are also eligible for the planning services, MacLean said.

Fall hours for the infirmary will be 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to noon Saturday; and 3 to 11 p.m. Sunday.

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University funds benefit fraternities

by Bill Mason

About \$400 of university funds were used last month to mail to incoming freshman men materials which were beneficial to the recruitment efforts of MTSU's 12 fraternities.

Associate Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said his office paid only for the cost of mailing the materials. All printing costs were handled by the MTSU Interfraternity Council (IFC), he said.

Cantrell said the funding of mailing costs by his office was justified because of the number of people who are members of MTSU fraternities. About 550 to 600 men (10-15 per cent of male students) are members of fraternities at any given time, he said.

The packet of materials contained a letter from IFC President Ted Osborne and three brochures prepared by the IFC and the National Interfraternity Conference Inc.

No single organization's mailing costs can be paid by the university, Cantrell said. To qualify for university funding of mailing costs, a group of organizations must join together, and this group of organizations must directly affect a significant number of students, he said.

"These people (the fraternities) have organized, so there is a nat-

ural funneling channel for an informational flow," Cantrell said.

In past years, campus religious organizations jointly prepared some materials, and these were mailed out through the university, he said.

"If I were to do this (provide mailing costs) for just one organization, it would be unethical if not illegal," Cantrell said.

The content of materials mailed through the university must be beneficial to the university as a whole and not just to the organizations involved, he said.

"Any group of organizations can get this," Cantrell said, "if the content is not biased just for their memberships."

Cantrell said statements in Osborne's letter made the materials sent out beneficial to the new student's entire educational experience.

In addition, Osborne pointed out in his letter the efforts made by many fraternities in the area of charitable programs and community efforts. Cantrell said this further justifies the mailing since such events are "good community relations."

"It's good for anyone to take a look at the Greek system," Cantrell said.

If other groups want to mail out

materials, they should make an attempt to organize in such a fashion that they can meet the qualifications for university funding of mailing costs, Cantrell said.

Cantrell said the IFC could

"easily" have paid for the cost of mailing the pro-fraternity materials, but did not do so "because of my interest in fraternities and in supporting fraternity interests on campus."

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University's policy causes embarrassment

by Michael Gigandet

Because MTSU refused to grant two former teachers a hearing on the reasons for their dismissal, the university has been embroiled in two grueling and sometimes embarrassing lawsuits alleging sex discrimination, sexual misconduct and administrative tyranny.

Until the university adopts a policy which guarantees teachers their constitutional right to due process while maintaining the integrity of the academic staff, these lawsuits may very well become occurrences.

The controversy surrounds the deletion of a clause in the 1972 faculty handbook, which gave teachers not recommended for rehiring the right to a hearing.

University officials hold that they are not legally bound to grant a teacher a hearing. In fact, they have an appeals court ruling in their favor.

Their first reason is simple enough. Grounds for dismissal are difficult to back-up in court. How do you prove that a teacher is "mediocre"? How do you show that a professor cannot teach his students?

The second reason for this questionable policy is on par with the confusing, enigmatic theme of "Catch-22."

In order to receive tenure a teacher must undergo a probationary period averaging five years. Annually, a teacher is rehired or not rehired at the recommendation of his department head.

University officials say that they are not firing anyone; instead, they are not rehiring a teacher with an unfavorable recommendation. Some officials, though, concede that taking a teacher off the payroll is, in effect, firing him. Is disemploying a teacher the same as firing him?

Herein, lies the crux of the problem. At face value, this policy appears to be a blatant disregard of an individual's right to confront his accusers. However,

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Change registration

"If anyone is smart enough to get through registration, they're smart enough to get through this course; registration is much more difficult."

The professor who introduced his physical science course with those words was only joking, but registration is indeed confusing and frustrating for many students. True, the process is more geared to the students' convenience than previous registrations when students beat a path from the old SUB to the computer.

But still pandemonium rules. Many students find themselves without needed or desired courses after much juggling of section numbers just to get one not yet in the red. For upperclassmen nearing graduation, this experience causes not just inconvenience but often panic.

University officials say our card-pulling system is more advantageous than utilizing pre-registration by even the expensive new Honeywell computer. Therefore, scrambling for class cards will continue, and thus, some reexamination of our present system is necessary.

New freshmen and transfers have been made exceptions in the scheduling of registration times--those with the most credit hours registering before those with less. The university's reasoning is to lessen the trauma for the students knowing least about registration. They further justify granting this exception with the belief that freshmen will take freshmen courses and not rob seats from upper division courses where only one or two sections may be offered.

Not so. Freshmen are taking courses meant for students with more academic experience.

Registration officials say that advisors and those instructors releasing class cards could alleviate the problem by keeping freshmen where they belong.

Ideally, that is true. But when over 9,000 students are pushed through registration in two days, there is little time for careful scrutiny of trial schedules that must be grossly altered to achieve a workable one. New freshmen and transfers should be sent to their proper places in line.

Feedback

Lady graduate holds to values

To the editor:

Since I graduated in August, I have decided to abandon all reserve and air my opinions freely.

Actually I do not wish to speak out against this college in particular. It is simply the general principles of college that I am against.

Perhaps the root of my disillusionment can be traced to the dorm. At least that is the point where one comes into closest contact with, all strata of humanity.

My first 18 years must have been sheltered ones indeed. Since I am neither beautiful nor overly intelligent, I felt it behooved me when I moved into the dorm to conduct myself as a lady. Surprisingly enough, I still feel that way even though I am in a decided minority.

Yes, I am the veteran of three dorms and four roommates and I still cling to those square, prudish, Puritanical ideals. In this day of liberation I still contend that no real lady dangles a cigarette in one hand and grips a drink in the other. I still breathe on the dying embers of dorm hours and pray for the day college students resume wearing shoes and other apparel.

Ah, you say, but do I have any friends? Well, on this campus (or any other) and under age 25, no, not many. However, I am bound to the friends I do have by more than a bummed cigarette or a wet frat party. These people have given me the pleasant memories of college.

So there you have it, the confessions of a graduate. Perhaps they will give strength to some underclassman stifling under the blanket of group pressure. The most important thing I have gained from college is not a diploma or a teaching certificate. It is a strong sense of values and integrity. What MTSU has joined together let no man put asunder.

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Money wastes and some work turn up

by Bill Mason

The first week of school is always one of the most active, and this year that seems to be particularly true. With registration and its usual confusion came several special events and programs, and as always both good and bad situations have come to light in this initial week.

David Dodd has the potential of being the only good ASB president we have ever had, but he started off on the wrong foot by squandering student funds to help finance a junket of 30 or more ASB blood-suckers to camp Hy-Lake, the traditional pre-school retreat for the ASB.

Prior to the trip to Hy-Lake, which was attended by several administrators as well as students, a sign posted in the ASB office stated the trip would have to be paid for by those attending because it was an extracurricular activity.

Perhaps Dodd should explain the use of ASB money in this totally useless way and the sudden reversal of the ASB's official stand.

In other news, the fraternities on campus have once again reaped the benefits of administrative favoritism to the detriment of other

MTSU students and organizations. It seems the associate dean of students was gracious enough to allow the Interfraternity Council to



Dodd and Cantrell "take care" of the budget.

use university funds to mail out three brochures and a letter, all designed to help the recruiting efforts of MTSU's 12 fraternities.

The total cost of this effort amounted to about \$400, which by Dean Paul Cantrell's own admission could have been handled "easily" by the IFC.

Cantrell maintains that any group of organizations with a central gov-

erning body can obtain such privileges, but he fails to take into account three very important points.

--It would be unfair to the autonomy of 75 organizations to force them to organize together simply to satisfy some arbitrary requirements for free mailing privileges.

--While this service might be open to more organizations than are taking advantage of it, not every organization is as well informed by Cantrell of such privileges as is the IFC.

--With money as tight as it is, why should this university (and the taxpayers and students) be saddled with the financing of recruiting materials for organizations which are open only to the social and economic elite of MTSU?

As a side note, notice should be given to the fact that IFC President Ted Osborne has been given an office of his own in the student personnel area of the University Center. If ever there was an example of gross favoritism and extraordinary brown-nosing, this is it.

If Osborne can have his own office (presumably at the expense of the taxpayers and the students), why can't the president of the Kool Klub or Circle K have his own office? Even the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate, who have

been duly elected by all the students must share an office.

Lest we be accused of being wholly negative, there were indeed some bright spots in the opening week of MTSU.

The freshman orientation program was probably the best that has ever been seen on this campus and this was due largely to the monumental efforts of orientation director Fred Carr.

Under Carr's leadership, the orientation program included top quality entertainment and programming as well as special services such as an advising service for undecided majors.

Also, the student deans should be complimented for the long hours they put in to assist those students who had problems. Deans Maclean, LaLance, Smith, Cantrell and Shewmake also put in some long hours, some of them long after dark, to assist those who needed them.

There were, then, some problems associated with this first week, but they were problems which could have been ironed out by more careful consideration by university officials of what is fair and beneficial to all the students. The things which happened well show that at least some consideration has been pointed in that direction.

Rules could hurt rights

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there is some merit to the university's contentions. A teacher will certainly ask the university to prove its reasons for not rehiring him, and cause is indeed an almost improvable point when considering a teacher's academic worth in a court of law.

On the other hand, leaving department heads to hammer out recommendations for contract renewal behind closed doors invites abuse when a hearing on reason is customarily denied a teacher.

Whether or not the charges of abuse made by the teachers in two cases now pending in court are true or not is not as important as

the insinuations. Not enough emphasis has been placed on the ease by which a department head could abuse this policy and the rights of a teacher.

A hearing is possible only for the teacher who can show that an unfavorable recommendation resulted from the free exercise of his or her constitutional rights.

Obviously, not enough hearings have been granted.

University policy concerning the granting of hearings is not only vague, it invites abuse of a teacher's rights and is therefore unsatisfactory regardless of its legal basis.

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Changes due for vice presidents

by Michael Gigandet

A replacement of one vice president and the creation of a new vice president's post will be considered by President M.G. Scarlett this school year.

Scarlett recently appointed a committee to search for a replacement for Howard Kirksey, vice president for academic affairs. Kirksey will vacate his office next July 1, when he reaches mandatory retirement age.

Robert Corlew, history department chairman and committee chairman, said he expects to deliver a list of nominees to Scarlett by Jan. 1.

"The committee seeks applicants and nominees who show evidence of strong academic background, productive scholarship, breadth of cultural and intellectual interest, extensive teaching and academic administrative experience in higher education and sensitivity to

faculty-student and faculty-administrative relations," Corlew said.

The committee is composed of administrators, faculty members and students.

Scarlett advised the Academic Vice President Advisory Search Committee to submit a slate of four to six nominees with a backup list of six candidates.

A plan to split the office of vice president for finance and administration into an office of administration and an office of finance has been deferred for the time being, John Hood, administrative assistant to the president, said.

Hood said the office was somewhat "out-of-balance" with the other vice presidencies and this was a plan to "even things out."

Although there is no effort to reshuffle the office now, Hood added, the president will look at the "financial picture" after fall enrollment and decide whether the plan will be adopted.

The plan, a result of a self-study, was approved by the faculty because it would make it easier to provide more personal service, Morris Bass, vice president for finance and administration, said.

Bass said the Board of Regents gave the president the power to form four vice presidencies. There now are three.

Photo gallery opens season

The MTSU photographic gallery will open the sixth exhibition season Sept. 8 with Charles W. Sanders from California State University.

"The prints in the exhibition represent three basically different



Charles Sanders

periods in Sanders' photographic art," Curator Harold Baldwin said this week.

"Two of these periods were highly manipulative and included black and white and color experiments," he said.

Some of this work shows "an attempt to consider the humanistic character of the landscape to the extent that people, earth and environment are strongly related entities," Baldwin said.

Sanders is an associate professor of photography at San Jose State University. His major exhibits have been shown at the San Francisco Museum of Art, the Young Photographers University Art Museum at New Mexico and at the Friends of Photography Gallery exhibit at Carmel, Calif.

New sociology head named

The new chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology will be Donald South, MTSU President M. G. Scarlett announced recently.

South, previously employed by the University of Southern Mississippi, was chosen from several applicants for the position, Scarlett said.

"We want to make efforts in the future to convince students and the public that sociology has some interest and usefulness other than to theoreticians," South said. "We want to show how a knowledge of sociology can help one better understand and cope with everyday situations."

He received his B. S. from the University of Southern Mississippi and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.

South will assume the duties of James McBroom, who has been serving as acting department chairman.

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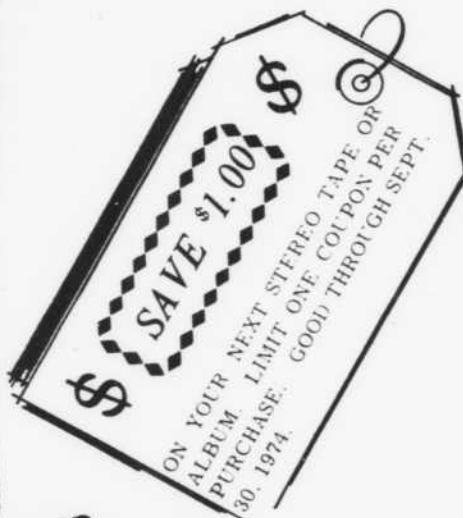
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Student forms need attention

by Barbara Gourley

Each year many students fail to graduate, do not receive credit for courses or fail courses they thought they dropped because they do not complete necessary forms.

"Every student should carefully read the academic and graduation regulations in the MTSU catalog and the memos sent occasionally to their post office boxes," Dean of Admissions and Records Frank Glass said.

One of the most neglected forms is the upper division form, Glass said, more commonly known as the "junior-senior" form.

This form should be completed in a student's second semester sophomore or during his first junior semester, Glass said. Transfer students who have completed two years of college work prior to transferring would fill out this form immediately, he said.

The upper division form enables the admissions and records office to determine which courses a student must take to graduate by tabulating those he already has taken. Glass said. This then gives the student an opportunity to plan a tentative schedule for his remaining semesters.

Another important form is the intent to graduate form which should be completed one semester prior to the student's last semester in school, Glass said. The information is used to double check requirements against courses completed and helps eliminate failures to graduate for these reasons, he said.

The repeat form insures that a student gets credit for any class he may repeat. Glass said. No mechanized way is available to check which classes are repeated, he said, and course numbers may change several times, making it even more difficult to discover classes which have been repeated.

Some students may receive failures they do not deserve if they leave school without notifying anyone, Glass said. A withdrawal from school only takes a few minutes to fill out and prevents failures from becoming a permanent part of the students' record, he said.

Many students change a subject or just the section of a subject and fail to turn in a change of program form, Glass said. Unless this form is turned in, the student may not receive credit for work done because he is not officially registered in the class, he said.

"The people in admissions and records are here to help the students, but the students must be willing to cooperate with us by filling out these forms on time," Glass said.

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Theatres organize for fall

by John Pitts

Work is progressing toward the opening of the fall theatre season in Murfreesboro.

The MTSU Speech and Drama Department, the Murfreesboro Little Theatre, and both local high schools are making plans to provide local audiences with quality entertainment.

The MTSU fall play will be presented on Oct. 17, 18 and 19. Tryouts will be held within the next two weeks, Mary Jane Chrismon of the MTSU department said.

The name of the show and the tryout dates will be announced by director Dorethe Tucker next week.

The tryouts will be open to all university students.

Although admission to the show is free, students should make reservations with the theatre, Chrismon said.

"The Unsinkable Molly Brown" will be the fall premier show of the Murfreesboro Little Theatre, located near the campus on Ewing Boulevard.

Director Richard Boyd described the show as the "biggest, brightest, bawdiest musical ever presented on this stage."

The cast for the show includes

several university faculty members, including Lee Sikes, Cynthia Perkins, Tom Harris, Eugene Strobel, Reza Ordoubadian and Marion Wells.

Boyd described the Little Theatre's 1975 season as one with variety.

"We do four major shows each year. This show opens a season which will also include a comedy, a drama, and another musical. Although musicals are more popular, we serve the community by presenting a varied group of theatrical offerings," Boyd said.

The Little Theatre encourages participation by local students, both as actors and backstage workers.

"The Unsinkable Molly Brown" will be presented on Sept. 21-29. Reservations are advised for the shows, which will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Murfreesboro's Oakland High is planning a "barbaric" production of Shakespeare's "MacBeth" for late November, director J.R. Wears said. Riverdale High is planning to present "The Music Man" in early December, according to director Joy Anthony.

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Midlanders from 1974 are available in Room 102, Alumni Gym.

MTSU students who attend the Tennessee State game must enter Dudley Field through Gate "S" or "T" on Natchez Trace. I.D.'s must be shown at the gate and when a ticket is purchased.

Membership for Forrest Raiderettes and ROTC Ladies Precision drill team is being accepted. Interested women should contact Major Wool at Forrest Hall or Mary Reese at 3973.

A dance featuring "Choice" from Atlanta will begin at 8 tonight in alumni Memorial Gym. Freshmen will be admitted free with an activity card and an I.D. Other students must pay 50 cents with an I.D.

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America needs political revisions, Scarlett says

Revisions in the political system and encouragement of good citizenship are needed to stop "rampant disillusionment" in America, according to MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.

Scarlett's remarks were made recently in a commencement address at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

More people have been disillusioned with the American system in recent years than in the 1960's because society in the United States "was the healthiest society in the history of the world in the '60s," Scarlett said.

"The basis for the recent rampant disillusionment can readily be seen in a look at the past administration's record," he said.

Widespread corruption in the Nixon Administration, which led to the indictment of 50 governmental officials and the resignation of the President, caused a slow-down in national productivity, Scarlett charged.

Despite the crises in government and the economy, current disillusionment is not warranted, he said.

"As a nation we may actually be living our finest hour, for what we have experienced was people failure, not government failure," Scarlett said. "Our government, designed nearly 200 years ago, has worked unbelievably well."

Scarlett cited political instability and military dictatorships in other nations as proof of the strength of the American government.

"It is impossible for me to imagine that a foreign government could have handled a Watergate as fairly, as openly and as effectively as our government has," Scarlett said.

Freedom of the press is also important in the functioning of the American system, Scarlett said.

Grants awarded recording majors

Four MTSU mass communications majors interested in the recording field were awarded \$500 scholarships by the Communications Arts Council of Middle Tennessee.

The scholarships were awarded in cooperation with the mass communications department, the MTSU Foundation and Billboard magazine.

Billboard's southern editor Bill Williams presented the scholarships to seniors Phillip Eakes of Mt. Juliet, Tommy Lewis of Nashville, Schuyler Traugher of Chattanooga and Lynn Wright of Nashville.

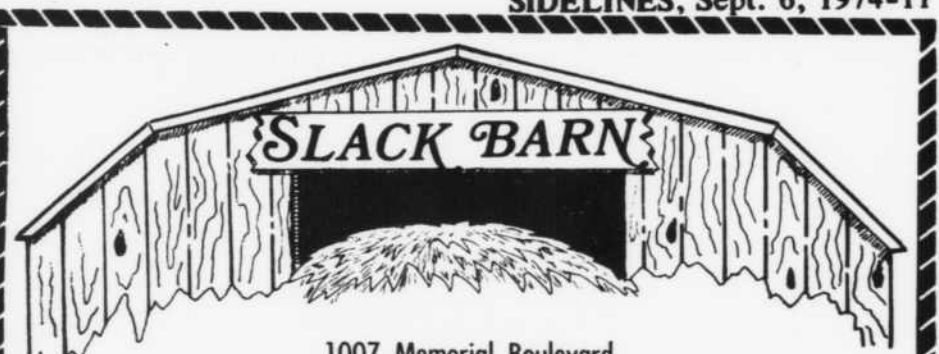
"It is certain that in most countries of the world, the press would not have had the freedom to unearth and publicize the sins of their governments," he said. "It is doubtful if the press anywhere could have performed as well as ours did in the support of good government."

Scarlett said the press should recognize its responsibilities as well as its freedoms.

He said two steps must be taken to insure the continuation of a functional system:

-- The system should be modified to improve the methods of campaign financing and selection of candidates. Better inducements to attract top candidates into government should be provided.

-- Good citizenship should be encouraged. A good citizen is a continuing learner, an effective communicator, a compassionate world citizen and a person with high ethical and moral standards.



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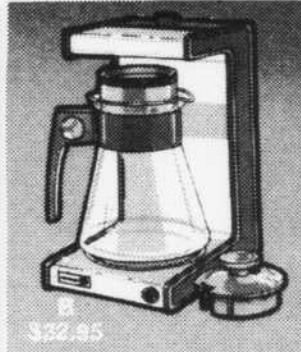
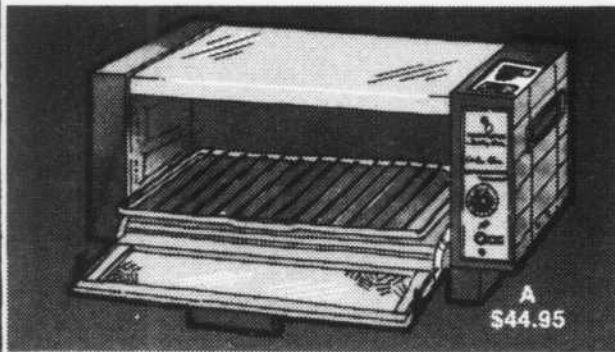
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Greeks plan new year

Fall fraternity rush was kicked off last night with "Greek Night" in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

MTSU president M.G. Scarlett, introduced as "a fraternity man himself," spoke of the services the university fraternity system gives the students, the school and the community.

Social activities, intramural athletics, school spirit, local fund-raising and blood drives and ASB leadership posts are areas the fraternities have positive impact in, Scarlett said.

Fraternities have a "really great year" ahead of them Scarlett said. "I am strongly behind the campus fraternities." "Fraternities are not for everyone," he said.

Inter-Fraternity President Ted Osborne said "Greek Night" would serve as a beginning for "Rush Month" activities. Fraternity life, while increasing a student's social life, provides "an education not available in the classroom."

Fraternity members learn aspects of leadership, business work committee service and have a chance to be elected to fraternity offices, Osborne said.

After the meeting, the fraternities hosted an "open house."

The IFC will sponsor a party scheduled from 8 to 12 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Ag Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Stones River Band.

Greek Week is slated to begin Sept. 23.

Yearbook pics to be taken

Makeup sittings for underclassmen whose yearbook photos were not taken during registration have been scheduled for 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. next Friday in room 310 of the University Center.

A sitting fee of 75 cents per student will be charged, Midlander editor Nancy Nipper said.

Senior portraits will be taken on campus Monday through Friday of next week, Nipper said. Appointments may be made by calling Underwood Studios at 893-5787, she said.

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Monk scores with club

by Bennie Barrett

Monday night was brown bags, draft beer, MTSU students and Nashville's Charlie Daniels Band, drinking, dancing and praising the efforts of the one time Kittrell High School scoring whiz, Jim Montgomery, and his new establishment -- Monks.

An estimated crowd of over 600 students, some gulping fifty cent draft beer, others buying fifty cent setups to mix their own liquor, anxiously waited for the appearance of the "Mt. Juliet Mountain," Charlie Daniels, and his band.

The seven man band launched the

opening of Monks in grand style with "Way Down Yonder," a cut off their LP by the same name. Daniels artistry on both the guitar and fiddle were never in question and the audience loved him.

Performing in the best of southern tradition, the band played gutsy rock'n roll to the crowded private establishment. The club is open to college students only with a ten dollar membership fee.

"To become a member all you have to be is a college student," Monk said in an interview Monday. "This doesn't mean you have to be in college now. A person just has to show proof that he attended college.

"The money I collect from my membership money will be put back into the club in entertainment," Monk said. "Right now I have 500 members, the Charlie Daniels Band cost me right at \$5,000.

It depends on the amount of membership as to who will play here," he said. Montgomery said he did not have anyone the caliber of Daniels booked as of yet.

Montgomery said members may bring guests of the opposite sex with a cover charge of one dollar. Members bringing guests of the same sex must attend a university and furnish proof of their attendance.

The money taken in from the membership fees will be used to provide entertainment, according to Montgomery.

"I'll have a band every night and a guitar picker every afternoon," he said.

"This is a country club for college students," he said. "It's just as much the college students club as it is mine. I just want them to have a good time."

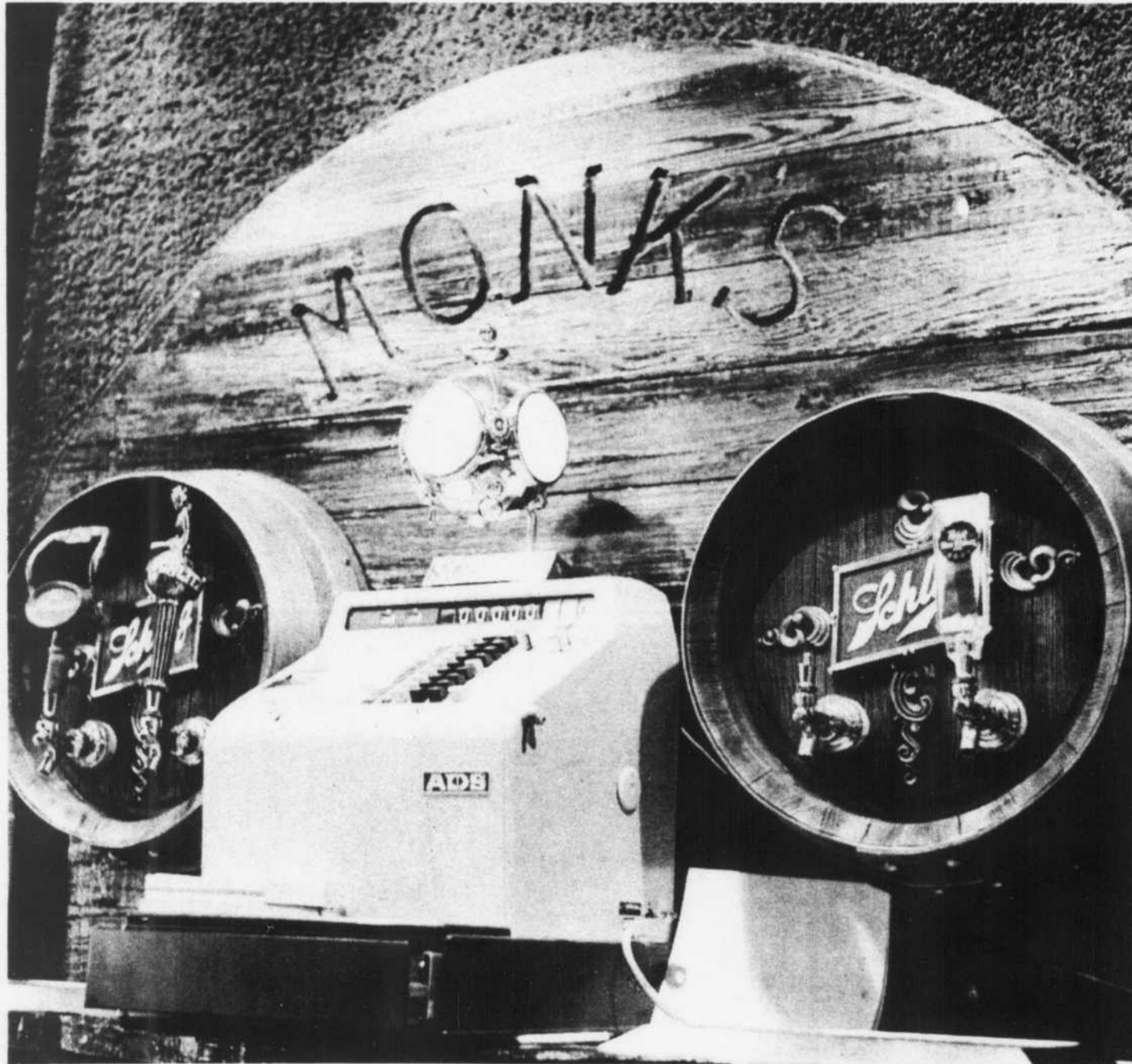


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Ford has chance to end inflation-Haskeu

by Michael Gigandet

In his anti-inflation struggle, President Ford's major advantage over Richard Nixon is his willingness to listen to others and to keep an open administration, Barbara Haskeu, acting economic and finance department chairman, said in a recent interview.

Ford's credibility and strong

public backing will enable him to negotiate with organized labor and management to get concessions from both, Haskeu said.

Haskeu, discussing inflation and the Ford administration, said the President's call for an economic summit in late September emphasizes the seriousness of the situation.

"Inflation is a very serious problem but is not a prophet of doom," she said.

"This (inflation) is the major problem; it is beginning to overshadow watgate. Your standard of living is being cut if your wages are not keeping up with inflation," Haskeu said.

One of the biggest problems facing Ford is the people's expectation of immediate results, she stated.

"An inflation psychology has been built in and they are spending like there is no tomorrow despite the high interest rates," she said.

Haskeu said that inflation was an economic problem as well as a political one.

"A majority of economists believe that our present inflation has its roots in the beginning of the Vietnam War," she said.

This early inflation was the traditional kind and was caused by too much spending, Haskeu said. Later, it was complicated by crop failures, food shortages and the Arab oil situation.

"Once inflation was initiated, many power groups jump in to try and stay ahead of the process.

Big unions and big corporations built a spiraling process into the inflation process," she stated.

For example, organized labor negotiated for wages to meet the higher prices. Management passed the cost of increased wages to the consumer in the form of higher prices and the cycle began.

Haskeu said the reason big labor is opposed to wage and price controls is the number of price increase exceptions granted to business in the latter phases of the wage and price control instituted under the Nixon administration.

Labor claims prices are allowed to rise and the controls end up restricting wages only, she said.

In his first speech before Congress, President Ford asked for the reestablishment of the Cost of Living Council without wage and price controls. The council, now established, is expected to monitor wages and prices and to encourage restraint.

She said, "The present proposal appears to be more of an implementation of guidelines like those guideposts in the early 1960's.

"I think it would be very difficult." (Continued on page 15)

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Controls are ineffective

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difficult to implement through wage and price controls. It would take a vast bureaucracy and some planning and there appears to be little sentiment in Congress for wage and price controls."

Haskew did say that if double digit inflation worsens sentiment might change. Double digit inflation is that rate over 10 per cent.

Unlike the guideposts in the early 60's, the council's new guidelines should not have more exceptions than rules, she said.

She said, "Whether or not organized labor will cooperate is a question. Ford will put the prestige of his office behind them. Labor feels it has been misused in the past and is a little gun shy."

"Controls really do not control the problem they just suppress the symptoms, the acting chairman said.

She said the controls implemented during the Nixon administration broke down in the later phases because of the way they were applied.

The political side of inflation is related to unemployment and elections, she said.

"If by the time we approach an

Variety planned for coming year

Free concerts, football films of away games and a tutorial service will highlight plans for residence hall programming this year.

Men's programming director David Bragg and women's directors Emily Ruffner and Ginny Bruce announced plans for on-campus students this week.

Films of the MTSU-Tennessee State football game will be shown at 8 p.m. Sunday at Woodmore Cafeteria, Bragg said. "Fred Rohrdanz, team quarterback, will narrate the film," he said.

Plans for a tutorial service for residence hall students and free concerts will be organized during the next few weeks, he said.

A "horror marathon" will be presented for residence hall students Halloween night in the University Center theatre, Bragg said. Film clips from Frankenstein, Abbott and Costello and Dracula movies will be shown.

"Athletic equipment is available in UC 120 and can be checked out with an I.D. to residence hall students," Bragg said.

Intramural activities in the halls are handled by the dorm vice-president, Ruffner said. "Dorms may sponsor as many teams as they desire," she said.

Information about dorm elections, rules and regulations will be announced at mandatory dorm meetings next week.

election year and unemployment is in the 7% level, that is politically dangerous. People switch parties," Haskew said.

We have a politico-economic society, she explained. There is an expansion of spending by government as elections approach to lower unemployment.

Ford also stated in his speech that he would balance the budget by fiscal year 1976 (July 1, 1975).

"A tax increase would be a way to balance the budget. It may be an increase in the income tax," she said.

Ford also spoke of cutting the budget while maintaining the defense budget.

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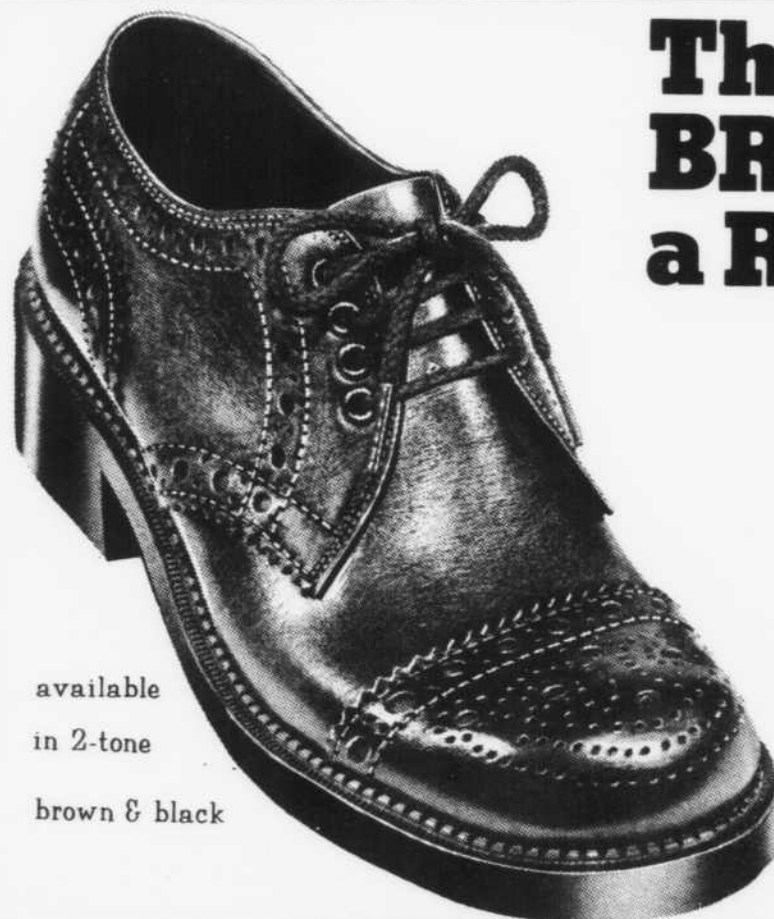
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Goose Creek 'raised Hell'- as intended



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Goose Creek Symphony opened Freshman Week last Friday with a concert that was not completely satisfying in a musical sense, but a concert that accomplished its purpose--to "raise Hell!"

Fred Carr, director of freshman orientation, gave the "raise Hell" order in his introductory greeting and no smoking sermon, and it was followed well by both the capacity audience and the band.

Goose Creek Symphony, an

eight-man country rock ensemble, features good guitar work balanced with above average fiddle and saxophone playing and only fair vocal performances.

Fine performances on drums, bongos and piano were almost totally covered by the fiddle-sax combination, giving many of the songs too much of a tenor sound.

An audio system that would adequately flood Murphy Center with sound made the volume in the acoustically perfect Dramatic Arts Auditorium almost unbearable at times.

The songs Goose Creek played were, for the most part, unrecognizable. "Rush on Love," "Mercedes-Benz" and "Goodtime at La-Grange" were the only songs easily recognized by anyone not closely acquainted with Goose Creek music.

Probably the best part of the show had nothing to do with the music. A clown, clad in what appeared to be a MTSU police outfit complete with plastic cowboy holster, rode a unicycle on stage during one of the numbers.

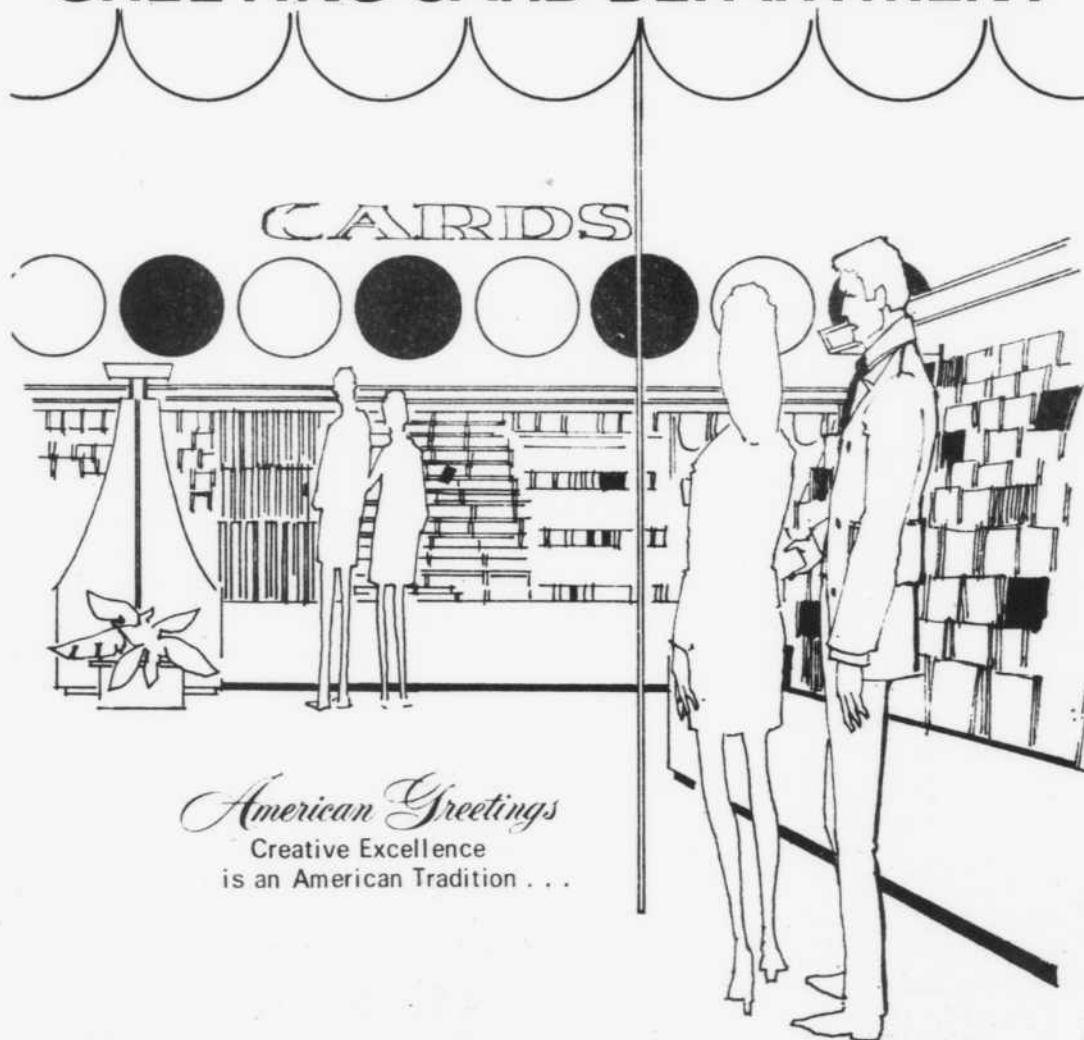
Even with the band's faults, the concert was enjoyed by everyone, especially the many new students. Some really came to see the band, but most came to people-watch. Freshman boys were especially intent on getting a good look at freshman girls.

For such activity as this, Goose Creek is a good band. Their sound is not to be concentrated on, but rather listened to out of the corner of the ear while engaging in other, more satisfying, activities.

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'High standing' caused university growth-Bragg

More academic programs have been approved at MTSU than at any other state institution during the last five years, State Representative John Bragg (D-Murfreesboro) said last week.

"MTSU is the only state university continually growing," Bragg

said. "This is due to improved educational programs, no campus disorders, a highly educated faculty, a working law enforcement program and a high academic standing."

Bragg outlined Tennessee's higher education system in a speech to ASB representatives.

The Higher Education Commission was formed to inform the legislature about university policies, he said.

"Nine commission members try to coordinate the higher educational system," Bragg said. "They blow the whistle on everybody," he said.

Budgeting for each institution is determined by square footage, student services, instruction hours and maintenance per square foot, the representative said.

"In the old days the university president went to the governor to get as much money as he could," Bragg said.

Today, every Tennessee student is worth \$1,350 in state funds, he said.

One problem of higher education is that institutions are fighting harder for money, he said. "Drug problems, coeducational dorms and curriculum problems have caused disenchantment with higher education."



John Bragg

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Administrator heads club

by Michael Hall

While most candidates for state-wide office are still stretching for that final hurdle, the November election, MTSU administrator John Hood is already settled in office and ready for business.

He is state president of the Tennessee Exchange Club.

"I have no official statements to make about inflation, busing or party unity," Hood said from behind his desk in the administration building. "No comment."

On a more serious level, Hood talked about his new job.

"Exchange is a service club that is organized on the local, district and national levels to help preserve our national heritage," Hood said. "As district president for Tennessee, it is my job to help local clubs carry out exchange community projects."

This will be Hood's twenty-fourth year in the 50,000 member group.

Although he is President M.G. Scarlett's administrative as-

sistant, Hood is best known to MTSU students as the announcer at Blue Raider basketball games and emcee at numerous events.

"Many MTSU faculty and staff members are in our local club," Hood said.

The local organization initiated the university's John Woodfin Memorial Fund, and this fund will soon be able to award a student scholarship, he said.

Will John Hood seek the club's national office?

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Performer recreates Mark Twain

by John Pitts

"Suppose you were an idiot," the white-haired gentleman said, "Then suppose you were a Congressman...but I repeat myself."

With generous applause following his opening remarks, a near-capacity audience in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium welcomed John Chappell Wednesday night with his presentation of "Mark Twain On Stage."

Through considerable work and research, Chappell is able to recreate the wit of Twain's conversation as well as presenting a convincing appearance through the use of excellent makeup.

The show itself presents a look at the many facets of Twain's personality, from his love for the "art" of lying to his unusual view of religion and his distaste for slavery. The show is both funny and serious, and the monologue, though slow in keeping with the age of Chappell's character, is fast paced in content.

Rebuffing the idea that "truth is mightier than untruth," Twain, as portrayed by Chappell, says "The well told lie is immortal." He warned the "young folks" in the audience not to begin use of lies until they are self-confident of their abilities.

The portions of the program that seemed to strike the audience in a special way were references to the "silent lie...the lie of not acting." His words seemed to echo the events of the present as much

as the events of the past.

Twain's cynical outlook on much of life emerged with one key comment--"When you find yourself on the side of the majority...it is time to repent."

Possibly the best part of the program was the telling of the classic funny ghost story, "The Man With the Golden Arm." Even the members of the audience who had seen or heard the story before were hard pressed to keep from jumping in their seats at the end of the story.



Photo by Tim Hamilton

For the transformation from a dark-haired middle-age man to the white-haired seventy-year old humorist, Chappell must undergo a makeup process for two hours.

A rubber nose applied over Chappell's own to simulate Twain's large nose, is blended into the actor's face and his real eyebrows are covered with paper. A

large white wig, false eyebrows and a lot of make-up help the transformation. The image is complete when he puts on his all-white suit and lights a big cigar, one of three consumed during the show.

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Library orientation changed for freshmen

Library officials have developed two methods of freshman orientation to use this fall in place of the traditional walking tour, Don Craig, assistant librarian, said this week.

"We are looking into ways to enable students to use the library better. In the past, we walked them through and pointed out some of the

important things," Craig said.

Instructors have the option of either taking the class to a study room located on the first floor for a slide and tape presentation or assigning an individual to use the Library Orientation Module located in the Reserve Room, Craig said.

The class orientation method will take about one class period, he said. Students will be given a pre-test to determine what they already know about the library.

After the slide-tape presentation, students may ask questions, Craig said. Instructors may assign a library worksheet or let the students take another test to determine what they have learned.

The test will help the library staff strengthen the weak areas of the presentation, Craig said.

Worksheets may be assigned which give directions for using the library, ask questions and require students to look something up in the card catalog and other information indexes, he said.

Instructors can require individuals to use the orientation module method, which consists of slides and tape.

Craig said the walking tour method caused complaints from students using the library and wasn't effective because some people in large groups could not see or hear the instructor.

Throughout the year students who want to learn more about the library can use the modules, he said.

The first instruction module provides a general orientation of the library, he said. Another module will be available the second week of the semester to help people use more specialized information services.

Those interested in education will be able to use an orientation module on the ERIC service. Programs on psychological abstracts and the card catalog will be available for the spring semester.

Craig said suggestions from faculty and students on other needed library instruction programs should be made to the reference department (2817).

The library has individual and group study rooms on the second floor, he said. There is a typing room which also serves as a room for the visually impaired.

Library hours for the fall semester are:

7:30-11:00 Monday-Thursday
7:30-6:30 Friday
7:30-5:00 Saturday
2:00-11:00 Sunday

Fall business tests planned

Students entering a master's program in business administration are required to take the Admission Test for Graduate Study in Business (ATGSB), which will be offered four times during the coming year.

Registration materials for the test and the ATGSB Bulletin of Information are available in room 209 of Cope Administration Building, William Vaught, director of graduate studies in business and economics, said.

The test, which is required of applicants to more than 370 graduate business schools, will be administered Nov. 2, Jan. 25, March 22 and July 12, Vaught said.

A \$12 fee is required of applicants, Vaught said. This fee will cover a score report sent to the candidate, his undergraduate placement officer and up to three graduate schools designated on the registration form.

A \$3 late fee is charged for registrations received after the deadline announced in the bulletin, Vaught said.

Candidates who cannot register in advance may wish to register at the test center on the test date, Vaught said. This will be permitted if sufficient space is available, he said, but will cost an additional \$10.

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Murfreesboro junior Jane Carroll, a student orientation advisor, searches the schedule book, keeps looking and contemplates her find.

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Salesmen may 'rip off' students

Students should be wary of magazine salesmen on campus because there is a chance they are frauds, Ivan Shewmake, assistant dean of students, said yesterday.

"We want people to be careful because there is a chance they'll be ripped off," Shewmake said.

Several of the young women picked up by the Murfreesboro police for soliciting without a permit had

falsely told students they had transferred to MTSU and were working their way through school.

Claiming to represent a California publishing firm, salesmen have told students an "unusual story" about getting points for the number of magazines they sell, Robert LaLance, dean of students, said.

With enough points the salesmen

claimed they would win a trip to Bermuda.

LaLance said the girls did not have a license, were not registered with the city and did not have permission to solicit on campus.

"We do not know whether this firm is legitimate or otherwise," he said.

LaLance said some students have stopped payment on their checks.

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SCOTT'S SPOT

TSU-- a springboard to better things for Peck's men in '74?

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

Incentive? Coach Bill Peck's Blue Raider football team has enough to last a lifetime.

As final preparations are being made for tomorrow night's seasonal opener with Tennessee State, Peck said, "It's a great thrill to be playing the national champions."

MTSU is in a kind of "Jack the giant killer" position against the Tigers, a team that humbled the Big Blue last season 23-0.

Several things must go right for a Raider victory to be dealt. One-- MTSU has got to stymie the Tiger passing game. Secondly, the Raider offensive front must blow some holes in a tough TSU defense, in addition to keeping MTSU quarterback Freddie Rohrdanz healthy in passing situations.

Getting back to incentive, there may be a few Raiders with the glimmer of revenge in their eyes tomorrow.

Certainly, Rohrdanz is one. The Tigers didn't roll out the welcome mat for him last year.

Three more are Sonny Anderson, Rick Burchfield and Leigh Kolka, all members of the Raider

secondary last year that was annihilated by the now departed passing duo of Ken Pettiford and John Holland.

In any event, an MTSU win or even a good showing could be a springboard toward improving last year's 4-7 mark, Peck's only losing season.

OVC PICKS

by Scott Elliott

★ All games Sept. 7 ★ MARGIN

Tenn. Tech at S. DAKOTA 20

East Tenn. at APPALACHIAN 7

Middle Tenn. vs. TENN. STATE 10

Cameron St. vs. MURRAY ST. 15

Other games of interest

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Key, Morris return to head 'solid' cross country squad

by Tom Wood
Staff Sportswriter

"A good, solid team" is how Coach Dean Hayes sums up the 1974 edition of his cross country squad. Reasoning for this statement is an exceptional recruiting season, and the return of last season's top two runners, Hayes indicated.

"Juniors James Key and Ed Morris are the only returnees from last year's team, and the rest of the team will be made up from transfers and freshmen," Hayes said.

country in high school is two miles whereas colleges run six miles, another problem facing the Raiders is a very tough schedule.

Fisk University, with its star Eugene Washington, is the opening opponent for the Raiders on Sept. 17, and the rest of the schedule is just as tough, according to Hayes.

"Western Kentucky will be one of the favorites to win the NCAA as well as the OVC," he said. MTSU faces the Hilltoppers on Oct. 12.

As of now, positions have not been decided for this year. Inter-squad rivalries are the highlight of pre-season training with several

men vying for each position.

Hayes has indicated that the quality of this year's team is so outstanding, that James Key will have to wage a strong battle to keep his number one starting role.

If this is the case, Hayes has no reason to worry about cross-country in 1974.

Deadlines for IM softball nearing

Intramural softball for men and women will get underway Sept. 16, and anyone wishing to participate should file an entry in the IM office by 4 p.m. Monday.

IM Director Joe Ruffner has scheduled the tennis singles tourney to begin Sept. 16 in addition to softball.

However, he indicated the entries have been few to date for tennis and said, "We're hoping entries will pick up next week."

Ruffner and his staff have formulated an eight-sport program for the fall semester with something to interest nearly everyone. Contact him at 2104 for further information.

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MTSU out to dethrone national champs

Spirited Raiders to battle Tennessee State

by Duncan Regen
Staff Sportswriter

Middle Tennessee State University's Blue Raiders open their 1974 football season with a re-match against college division defending national champion Tennessee State at 7:30 tomorrow night at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field.

Tennessee State, winner of last year's contest 23-0, brings its usual strong team under the direction of Coach John Merritt. The Tigers have 17 prospects, which should make their chances of repeating as national champs very good.

MTSU comes into the game with some pluses too. Coach Bill Peck is blessed with one of the best kicking games in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The punting is handled by Mike Shawen, who averaged better than 42 yards per kick last year and was edged for the conference leadership by one tenth of a yard.

Veteran Archie Arrington handles the place kicking capably. The popular Raider booted a pair of 46-yarders to knock off arch-rivals Murray State and Austin Peay last year and was second in team scoring with 38 points.

The quarterbacking chores will be in the capable hands of Freddie Rohrdanz, who is coming back from a neck injury suffered in the



Fred Rohrdanz

fourth game of the season in 1973.

Keeping Rohrdanz healthy is a major concern of Peck with the Raiders' backup quarterbacks being freshmen.

Perhaps the Raiders' strongest suit is the flock of block-busting running backs on the MTSU roster.

Heading the list is All-American candidate Dwaine "Roadrunner" Copeland, who scored eight touchdowns and led the team in rushing with a 4.7 yard-per-carry average.

To add icing on the cake, Bobby

Joe Easter, David Fritts, Chuck Coggin and Rick Steadman are some other backs in Peck's barn who will contribute heavily.

Rohrdanz's main targets through the airways will be All-OVC candidate Randall Miller at flanker, tight end Ed Skinner and wide receiver Joey Graves.

The MTSU coaching staff has indicated that there is concern over the development of the offensive line. Two stabilizing factors in the line are veterans George Lyon at center and All-OVC tackle Bob Orsillo.

Both players are coming back from leg injuries, which sidelined them for most of last season.

Spearheading the Raider score-stoppers are linebackers Gary Bell and Harry Flippin, who may see only limited action against TSU because of a freak ankle injury.

Bell led the Raiders with 99 tackles and 43 assists, a record, and "Flip" right behind with 59 tackles and 23 assists. Both headhunters were named to the pre-season All-OVC team, picked by the conference coaches.

Another trump card for the Raider defense is the secondary led by Leigh Kolka and Sonny Anderson, both All-OVC candidates. Chris Bryan has been moved to

1974 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 7	Tennessee State	... Away
14	Appalachian State	... Away
21	Open
28	Morehead State	... Home
Oct. 5	UT Chattanooga	... Home
12	Eastern Kentucky	... Away
19	Murray State	... Away
26	Austin Peay	... Home
Nov. 2	Ball State	... Home
9	Western Kentucky	... Away
16	East Tennessee State	Home
23	Tennessee Tech	... Away

defensive end this year and should prove bad news for opposing quarterbacks.

Peck and his staff did an excellent job of recruiting this year. By landing several outstanding freshman candidates, the Raiders should have better over-all depth than last year.

The outlook for the '74 season is one of extreme enthusiasm. The return of lettermen at most positions plus the signing of several outstanding freshmen leads one to believe that this season will be an improvement over the 4-7 mark in 1973.

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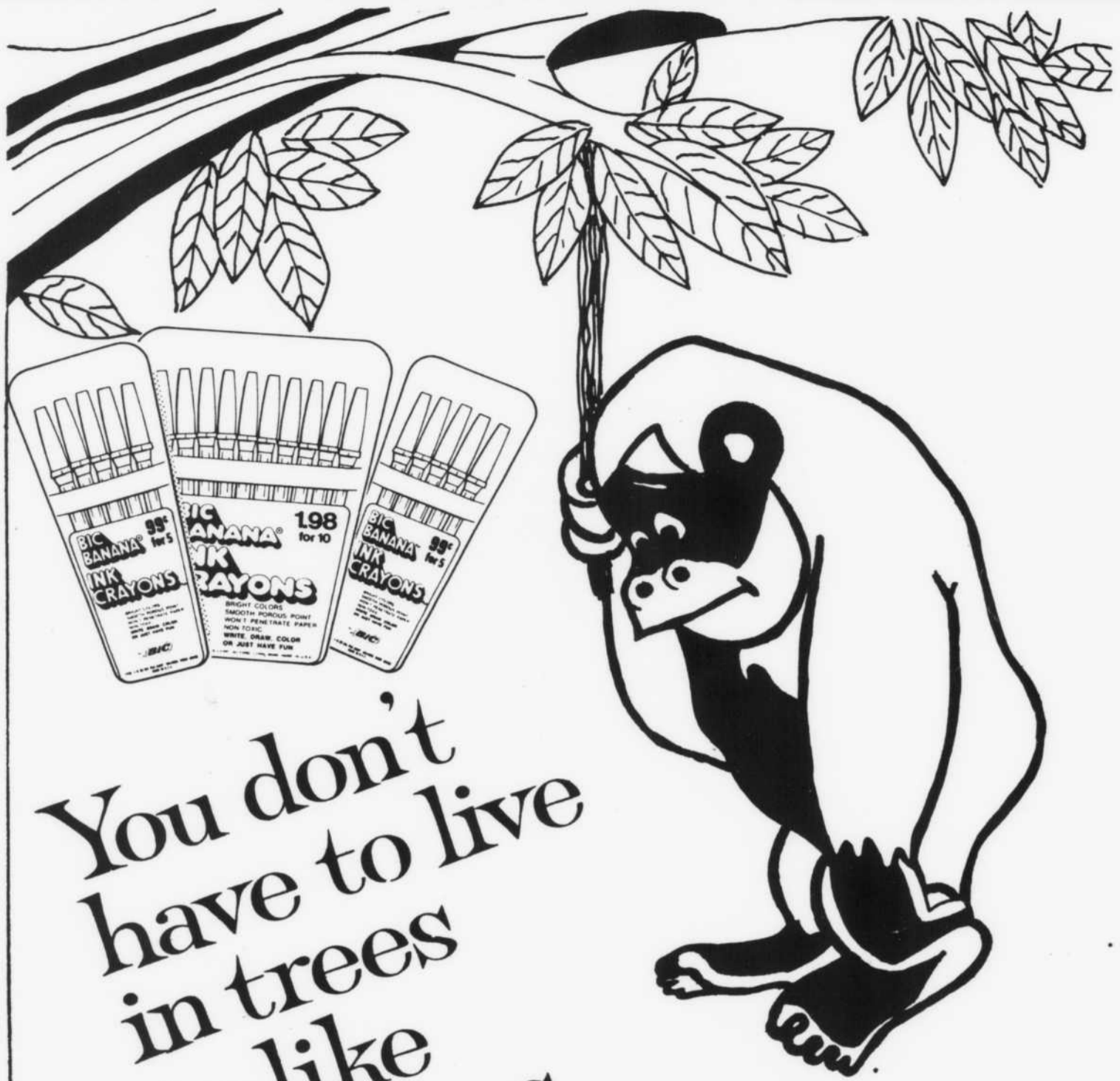
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