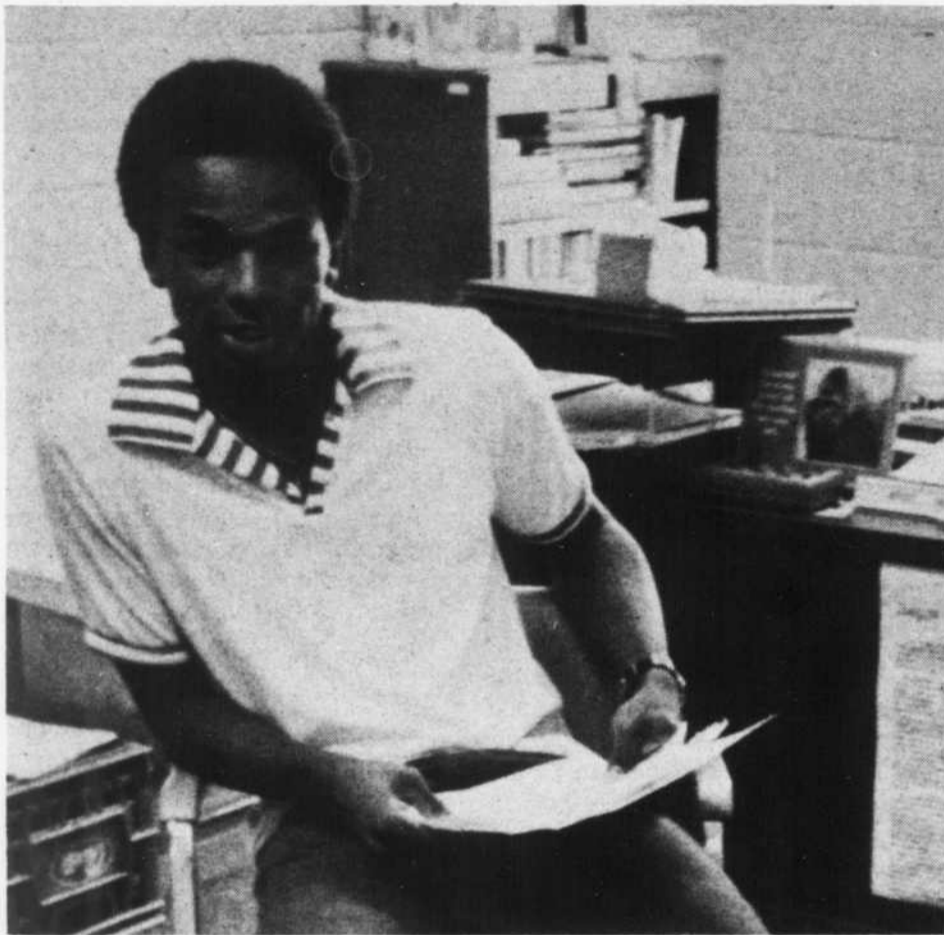




# SIDELINES

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Mike McDonald

## McDonald will not seek ASB officials' removal

by Doug Cole

The resignations of ASB Attorney General Eddie Davis and Supreme Court Chief Justice Ricky Morehead will not be asked for, according to Mike McDonald, ASB president.

In a press conference yesterday, McDonald defended the actions taken by both officials in the recent case of ASB v. Lotochinski.

"There has been no reasonable proof shown to me that the sponsors of this legislation have sufficient evidence that the chief justice of the Supreme Court or the attorney general of the ASB have violated the constitutional rights of Mr. Lotochinski," McDonald said.

"I feel confident that if any irregularity had come about before, during or after the Lotochinski case...Dean Cantrell would probably inform the Supreme Court of such an error," he added.

McDonald cited The Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974, a federal statute, The Rescue and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as a basis for his decision.

"I challenge the legislative branch to begin acting, and not reacting, to issues and concerns that affect the ASB internally and externally in a little more respon-

sible, conscientious, and respectful manner," McDonald said.

"If they don't choose to resign, it's very clear what is going to happen," Cheryl Saggese, one of

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### Adviser's signature may not be required

The requirement of the adviser's signature on a student's trial schedule should be done away with since so many students forge the signature anyway, according to Cliff Gillespie, Dean of Admissions and Records.

"We know that a lot of students are forging their adviser's signature, but there is no way we can keep up with all those signatures and keep a check on them," Gillespie said.

Kent Syler, ASB speaker of the senate, said that feedback from faculty, administration and students is now being gathered to see if people think it would benefit them to have the requirement for an adviser's signature removed.

"A formal request has been made and it will run through the complete administrative committee structure before a decision is

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## Vote begins homecoming

With the voting for homecoming queen ending today, homecoming week will include activities including Little International, a disco dance and the Boston concert.

Voting places for the homecoming queen are in the UC basement and NCB from 8:45 a.m. until 5 p.m. The results will be announced Thursday morning in alphabetical order.

The Little International, sponsored by the Block and Bridle Club, will be Wednesday at noon at the new agriculture barn. Events include a tug of war, team egg toss, tobacco spitting, blind man wheelbarrow race, and a hot pants contest, which is separate from the team events.

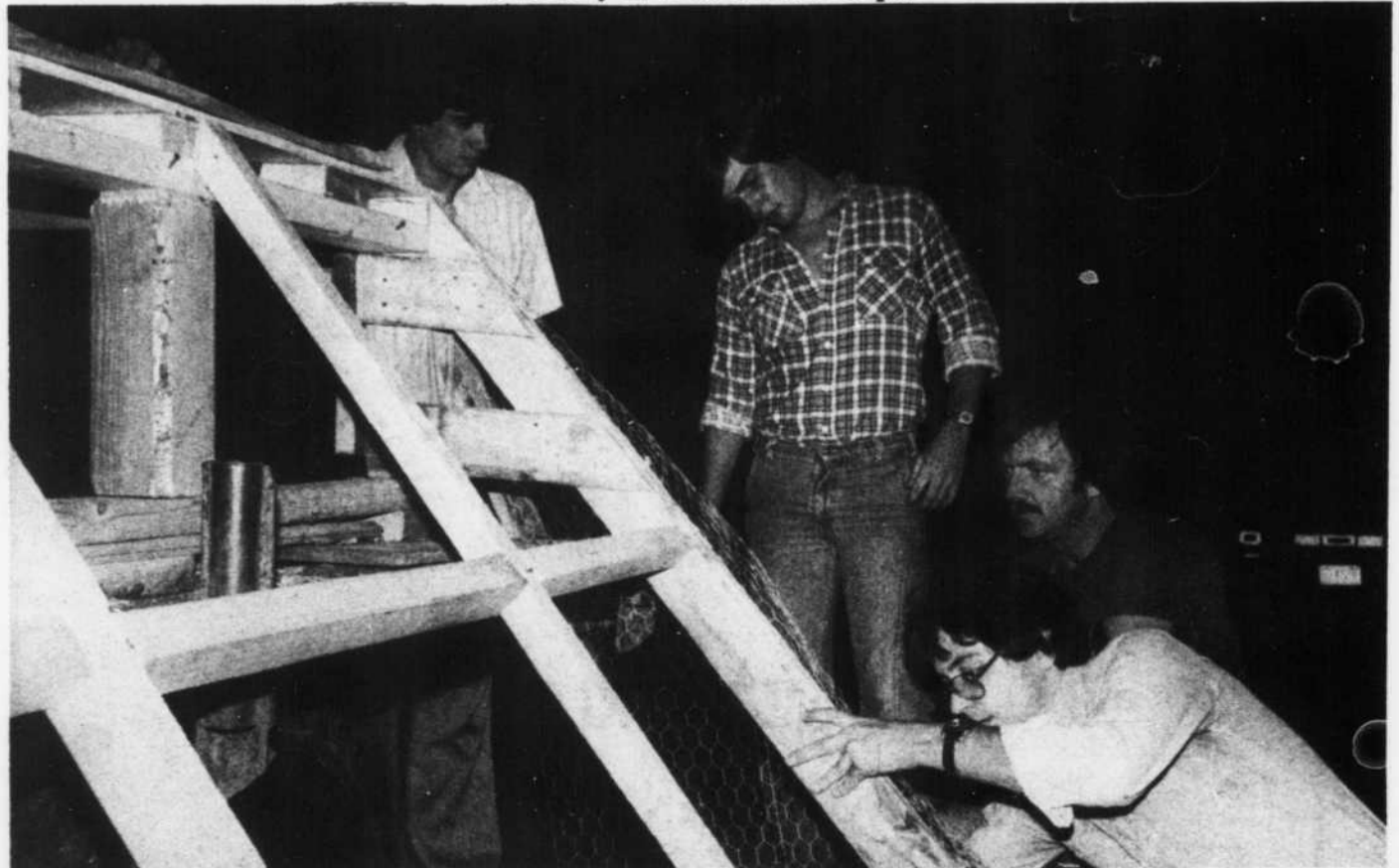
Thursday at 11 a.m., there will be a pep rally in front of the UC. This is a spirit event which will go towards winning points for the spirit trophy. Judges will be evaluating the groups.

At noon on Thursday there will be an Activities Day in front of the UC. Events include a keg run-around, balloon toss, wheelbarrow race, noodle eating, and a mystery event. There is a \$5 fee for each organization entered.

Later on Thursday, there will be a Blue Raider Blast at Hot Wheels Arena, sponsored by the Inter-

fraternity Council. Music will be provided by CHERRCO Entertainment Inc. The cost will be \$2.50 per person and \$4 a couple and begins at 9 p.m.

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Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon were catching Raider fever as they worked on their Homecoming float last night. Left to right, Carl Dickson, Pat

Nelson, Tony Mooney and Joey Gibson. [Robin Rudd photo]

# Geography master's degree dropped

by Cathy Wood

A recent board of regents decision to drop the master's degree in geography was no surprise to the university, according to Robert

Corlew, dean of liberal arts.

"The state board in Nashville has certain rules governing our programs. If we don't meet those rules for a certain period of time, the

program will be phased out," Corlew said.

Three years ago the regents began reviewing the degree program because it had been categorized as "low-producing," Robert Jones, assistant vice president of academic affairs, said.

"The study looked at, among other things, the number of majors in the program, the number of graduates it produced and the prospects of an increased demand for those majors," Jones said.

For example, only three out of 1,363 graduate students were enrolled in the master's degree program last spring. Six out of 1,216 were enrolled during inter-session and summer term, according to university statistics. Degree programs with the highest enrollment included administration and supervision, curriculum and instruction, and psychology.

"Enrollment had been declining for some time," Corlew said. "It's so expensive to operate a program without student involvement; now we can put money into other programs."

One of those programs may be improving the undergraduate geography degree, according to Ralph Fullerton, geography department chairman. The degree is also under regents' review.

"We have the opportunity to have the best undergraduate pro-

gram in the Southeast," Fullerton said. "I hate to see any program cancelled, but we should put our efforts into what the department can really do."

A regional university owes primary support to its undergraduates, Fullerton said, giving those students an adequate background to insure their acceptance at a school with a capacity for a graduate program.

"There were never enough students in the program so there was never enough money to fund it," Fullerton said. The degree was continued until the cost-benefit study showed it was too expensive he added.

"Of course, if we look at it realistically, MTSU doesn't have a whole lot of choice in its own program offering, since most of the decisions come from the regents office," Fullerton said.

Termination of the degree was a very smooth transition, Jones said. "The department, the graduate council and the other involved parties all gave their support. We're not saying the degree is gone forever," he added. "It may very well be reinstated."

The board of regents is currently reviewing other programs for possible termination in three years. These include undergraduate degrees in theatre, aerospace technology, industrial arts, international relations, urban planning, physics, and speech communications, the master's degree in political science and the associate degree in law enforcement.

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# Administration staff gets two new appointees

Two new appointees to the administrative staff include Jerry Anderson as internal auditor and Mitch Chambers as Program Coordinator for the Office of Continuing Education.

Anderson is responsible for auditing the books and records of the different departments of the university and to report any problems to the president.

"It's a very unique job," says Anderson, "in that I don't answer to anyone but the President. In other words, I'm to remain objective and independent so that I can be unbiased when auditing."

Anderson sold his accounting practice in Lebanon to accept the position at MTSU. He received his B.S. from Belmont College and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Chambers, present Judd Hall dorm director, has been in charge of arranging workshops on ceramics, social dancing, basic computer, paleography (beautiful writing), and the recent drug workshop which over 100 people attended.

"We offer credit and non-credit courses," he says. "Many professionals, such as doctors and nurses can, and do, receive a CU (continuing education unit) credit."

ing education unit) credit."

"It's my duty," he added, "that things are carried out and that everything's running smooth." This includes such things as making sure conference rooms are

available and that proper credit is given to those attending.

Chambers is a 1970 graduate of MTSU and received a Masters Degree in physical education from MTSU in 1978.

## 'Night Must Fall' to be presented

A murder mystery entitled "Night Must Fall" will be presented by the drama department Nov. 14-18 and 20-21 at 8 p.m. in the DA arena theatre.

The play, which is written by Emlyn Williams, "should be a very suspenseful mystery," Ann Petty, publicity director for the play, said.

Lead characters are Mrs. Bramson, a fussy discontented old woman in a wheelchair, played by Laura Leopard, Dan, a young bellhop played by Barney Cockrell, Jr.; and Olivia, a young woman who works as a companion for Mrs.

Bramson, played by Pat Anderson.

Action begins when a man appears outside Mrs. Bramson's house looking for a woman who has disappeared from a nearby hotel. Dan arrives at Mrs. Bramson's house and later the missing woman is found in a rubbish heap; the action continues from there.

Other actors in the play include Robert Aden as Chief Justice, Teresa Looney, playing Nurse Libby, Cindy O'Brien as Mrs. Terence, Valerie Galloway who will play Dora Parkoe, and Martin McGeachy as inspector Belsize.

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# New WATS line gives more access to calls

A new WATS line system, installed last Monday gives the University access to nine incoming and outgoing lines instead of the previous outgoing lines, two of which were state lines and three Nashville lines, James Jackson, assistant to V.P. for business and finance said.

The new system was initiated

when the State Board of Regents gave each Tennessee college the option to go on a statewide WATS line system. Under the new system each university was issued a code telephone number, according to Jackson.

"A directory of all code numbers has been sent to all department heads," Jackson said. "We're

hoping to get one to each faculty member," he added.

Nearly all the four-year colleges went on the system, according to Jackson.

To make a call to someone not on the system, dial eight, the area code and the phone number.

Only phone numbers designated to use the old WATS line system are on the new system. This includes approximately 125 phones located in department head's offices, administrative offices, and organizations such as ASB, Sidelines, and Midlander.

Those who do not have direct access to the WATS line, can dial the campus operator and have a call placed through the outside operator. Students are not allowed to use this system except for business calls.

A representative from the telephone company met with Jackson, explained the new system, and assured him that the university

would be paying less for the new system than for the previous system. The state of Tennessee will be billed for the WATS line system sometime in November, but Jackson said he did not know how much it would cost.

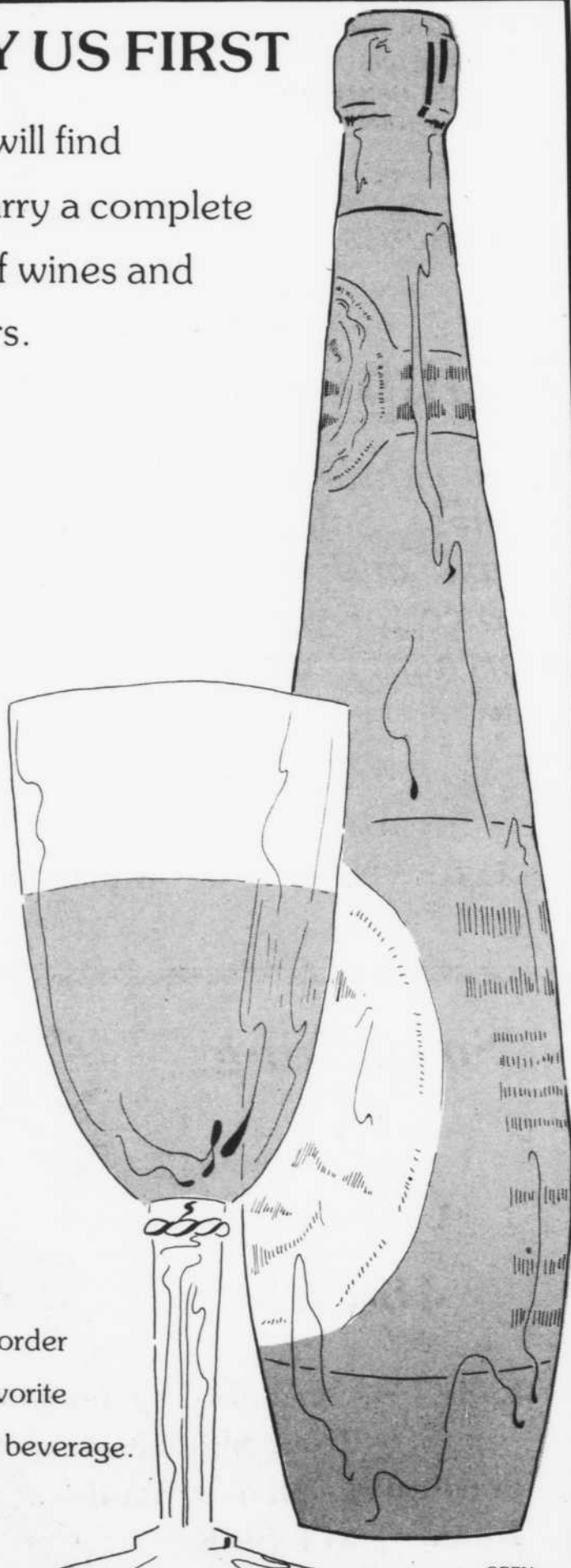
Although there is no limit on the length of calls, conversations should be kept short, according to Jackson. "This will allow more people to use the WATS line in a shorter time."

A computer print-out which can be furnished by the state upon request will list the length and location of calls made. This mechanism, which was available in the old system also, will allow the university to check into calls that may not pertain to business.

"We haven't had any complaints about not being able to get a line," Jackson said, but if it gets to the point where it is difficult to secure a line we can ask for the print-out and determine whether it's because of the number of calls made or because of the length.

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## UGF expected to break goal

The Rutherford County United Givers Fund is expected to break its goal of \$210,000 as it reaches its final two weeks, according to Ben Landers, UGF executive director.

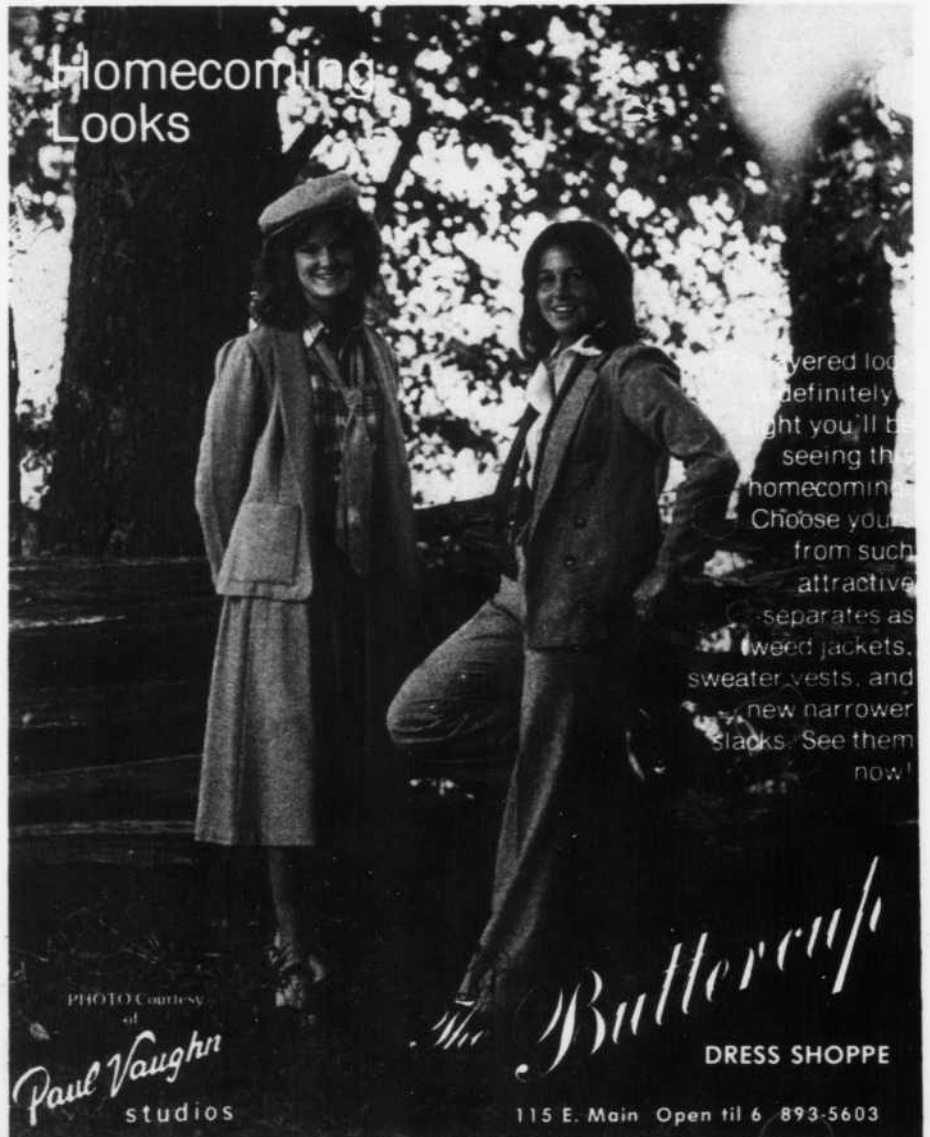
"Presently we have reached 50 percent of our goal at \$106,000 with only 40 percent of the contributions in," Landers said.

MTSU students and faculty will

be giving a little more than \$3,000 which is a "slight increase over last year," he said.

Since the Rutherford County UGF is not affiliated with the national organization, the proceeds will remain in the county for use by such agencies as the Red Cross, Arthritis Foundation and retarded citizens.

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## Full scholarships given by council to greek members

Two full tuition paying scholarships have been developed recently by the Inter-Fraternity Council which will be given to Greek members twice a year.

The student who has the highest grade point average of the fraternity with the highest overall G.P.A. will receive the scholarship for one semester.

Another similar scholarship will also be offered, but will only be offered to fraternity pledges, according to John Lavelle, IFC Treasurer.

"The winner of the scholarships is determined by the highest G.P.A. of the semester and not the cumulative G.P.A.," Lavelle said.

"The purpose of this scholarship is to create an incentive for stronger competition between fraternities and to further their grade development," he said.

Trophies will be given to the individual fraternities that have the highest overall G.P.A., stated Lavelle.

Mark Anthony, vice president of IFC; Don Taylor, IFC Secretary;

Jim Burress, president of PI Kappa Alpha; and Lavelle drew up the requirements for the scholarship award.

"All winners must be full time students and hour loads will be considered in the case of a tie," Lavelle said.

## Grant given to program

Six thousand dollars have been granted by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Agency for MTSU's Criminal Justice Degree Program.

"It will basically be used to purchase library equipment such as books, audio visual aids, or anything else that a teacher may want to buy concerning criminal justice," says Frank Lee, head of the Criminal Justice Department.

The new materials will be purchased as needed throughout the remaining year, and will be available in the library to all faculty members and students.

## Art exhibit to open soon

The Murfreesboro Cannonsburgh Art Exhibition will have its grand opening Nov. 12 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Open tours will be given to any group Nov. 13-17. The exhibition will be open to the public Nov. 18-19.

The show will be judged and divided into the classes of oil-polymer, water colors and any other.

Ribbons and cash awards will be given to winners in the junior, amateur, and artist divisions.

Entries must be delivered to the Art League by Nov. 6. Anyone interested should contact Billie Keller at 893-1408.

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# EDITORIAL

## Violence no problem here

Shades of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young! It was just like the good days last week on the University of Tennessee campus—marching, demonstrations and demands.

Black students were protesting UT investments in corporations doing business in apartheid South Africa. They demanded time on the agenda of the UT trustees' meeting Friday and were rudely rebuffed or patiently dealt with, according to which newspaper you read.

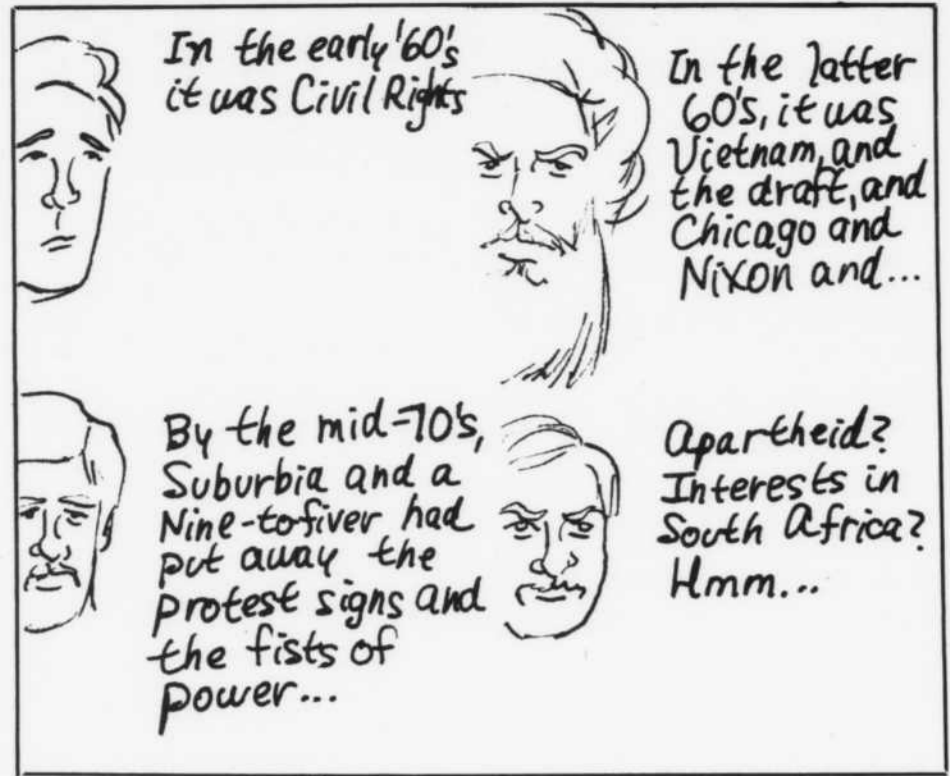
Of course, there were demonstrations about South Africa's official segregation policy last year during the Davis Cup matches at Vanderbilt. The Vanderbilt protest was too intellectual, though; it lacked the emotional violence of the UT encounter, where there was even talk of police brutality. Remember that?

For those moldy radicals who still cling to their dried poppies and Donovan records, there's not too much student conflict trivia in MTSU's history.

"When I became president in the late 1960s, colleges were experiencing real turmoil," said outgoing President M.G. Scarlett. "There were riots, takeovers and students hurt and killed in confrontations. We had some difficult situations here that had the potential for violence, but we tried to respond to the problems, not just listen to them."

One such potential occurred after a cross was burned near a dorm where several black athletes lived. The weekend burning was an apparent retaliation to a display in the University Center that included pictures of well-known black activists.

Several hundred angry black students, who had been persuaded that a black-white confrontation was not the solution, went to see Scarlett around midnight. He talked with them for three hours and broadcasted a plea for maturity and rationality to the entire university Monday morning. It must have worked, because two weeks later, black students again appeared on Scarlett's doorstep—to sing Christmas carols.



In another threatening situation, rumor had it that a group of Students for a Democratic Society from a nearby university would interfere with Scarlett's inaugural ceremony in the spring of 1969. To protect the ceremony, football players and fraternity members voluntarily patrolled the inaugural site that night and then circled the platform during the ceremony. SDS members did arrive and those who attempted to get to the platform were escorted back to their cars by the students.

So while the die-hard hippies (You'll probably need your Funk and Wagnel's for that one) at UT will have plenty to talk about for their homecoming reunion this year, MTSU oldies will be recalling Christmas carols and football players.

—Cathy Wood

# COMMENTARY

## Alexander following Clement's path?

by Jeff Genson

Is there still a governor's race going on? Ah yes, even though it is overshadowed by national headlines, the gubernatorial race prods along toward an explosive finish.

The candidates entice the voters by publishing polls which show that one or the other is leading. Of course the polls are taken by their own organization.

The past week did, however, provide the politically aware public some information on how the candidates stood on various issues. I'd like to report this information now.

Alexander started the week off by embarking on a five-day walk starting in Wilson County. He claimed he wants to rid the state's

mental health programs of patronage influence and replace this with positive action programs, to increase the morale of state employees, which is at an all time low, and blamed patronage committees and politics, uninhabitable nursing homes, to praise the respectable nursing homes of "plicing themselves"; to place more senior citizens on state boards and commissions and to install a toll-free hotline to the governor's office for the elderly.

Alexander also agreed with Butcher that Roger Humphreys should not be pardoned though he felt his opponent took a narrow view of the "Whiskey Crusade."

All during fall, Alexander was playing off of the seemingly un-

conscious spotlight shift to Jake Butcher. Word of mouth has it that Alexander is falling into the same pitfalls that Bob Clement did in the August primary. He needs to seek out more effective means of pulling down the Democratic machine and using it.

The Butcher camp has been busy traveling in the Fourth Congressional District with the big political guns at his side—Sen. Jim Sasser, Rep. Albert Gore, Jr., Keith Bissell and Public Service Commission Chairman Bob Clement. Butcher called the Middle Tennessee area the "bread basket of the Democratic Party."

He took a stand on many issues, some of which are: there is no firm commitment from President Carter on whether he will visit the state, the Dunn administration had a deficit, as compared to the current administration's surplus, he endorsed the proposed Century III sports arena, he will take a strong hold on the criminal justice system

in Tennessee, he will sell the controversial Lear jet, he blamed the last two administrations for the low morale of state employees, and he agreed with Alexander on the Humphreys issue.

Butcher is slowly turning the workings of his machine on Alexander. Any counties in which he was weak in the primary are being strengthened by the presence of Clement. The Butcher organization is still afraid of a county-by-county showdown in the Nov. 7 election.

Both camps are still weak on making a stand on prominent issues, but with the election drawing near, they are going to have to get off their respective political "high horses."

Butcher has published new billboard signs with a new picture. Alexander continues to make his personal presence a major factor in his campaign.

Either way, the stage is set for a choosing in a between "the better of two evils" election.

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# White man's world is just as rough as black man's

To the editor:

So it's a white man's world. I wouldn't even try to say what it is like to be black, there's no way I could understand since I've never been black. At the same time I don't feel that a black can tell me what it's like to be white for the same reason.

I hate to attack someone's view of the world but being white doesn't give a person anything. When I first became independent there was no one waiting to give me a high paying job and social status on account of my color. As a matter of fact I ended up living under bridges on the road.

Being white never stopped me from being hungry or cold. Being white never added status to my job as a janitor, dishwasher, hospital orderly, shovel pusher, or any of

the others. It never made it easier to set aside money in the bank to get into school.

Being white never made living in a two room dump where the wind blew through cracks in the floors and walls warmer in the winter. It did nothing to add to my first furnishings—a used card table and a used wicker chair.

I'm not rich by any means, but I don't freeze in the winter anymore. It's taken six years but I'm getting close to a degree in accounting. It's meant a lot of hard work, a lot of early mornings and late nights and I resent it when someone implies that my road was easier in a "white man's world."

This is an ambitious man's world. People may try but no one can deny anyone else what they work for. Opportunity rarely

knocks, it has to be ferretted out, and that is not easy if you're black or white.

Blacks who want to make it to the top should take a lesson from W.H. Gossling of Shelbyville, Tenn. Gossling was born a slave. He was already an adult when the War of Northern Aggression led to his freedom. His was truly a white man's world.

Gossling was not discouraged, he borrowed \$29 to start a store in the front of his home. At night he studied every book he could get. He turned his store into a success but that was not enough. Gossling set his sights for the top.

A local lawyer was so impressed by this black man's ambition that he gave Gossling access to his law library. Gossling continued to work hard and was eventually accepted

into the Tennessee Bar. He went on to become a successful lawyer. In the "white man's world" of the 1880s, Gossling was not only accepted into a previously all white Episcopal church but was elected to church office. He was not only accepted into the community but obviously was respected.

Gossling himself told the key to his success: "I have nothing that I have not worked for, no one ever gave me anything. I have set my goals and worked hard and accomplished them."

Today's blacks should think long about Gossling's example. Nothing would weaken the old prejudices more than hard working successful blacks who accept full responsibility for their own success and failure.

Name withheld by request

# Letter was support for McDonald, not racial slur

To the editor:

"Hello my friends so happy to see you again." The lyrics are by Jimi Hendrix, another of my idols. We have two things in common: 1) people assume we're white when we present our thoughts in print, 2) we're both southpaws.

My previous letter which appeared in last Friday's edition was met with skepticism by a lot of people and it was as though I had opened a Pandora's box. I had no intention of offending any race, nationality or religious sect. I just expressed my personal beliefs to a highly down played topic: prejudice. I merely gave my opinion of why there existed a barrier of racism at MTSU.

I am an individual first and foremost. That my skin is dark is secondary to me—that is my light at the end of the tunnel. I was attempting only to explain why

most rural southern blacks resent whites—racism is ignorant regardless of who expresses it.

I wish to express that the main reason for writing the letter was to show support for Mike McDonald and not to show negative aspects of blacks or whites, if it appeared that way, I truly feel sorry for these people.

Everyone I spoke to assumed I took a survey or a poll and I would like to correct that situation, the two figures were merely "guesstimation" concerning the 99 percent, it could have been 65 percent, 80 percent, 99 and 44/100 percent or 100 percent.

In concluding this letter I will answer Edward Turner's rebuttal:

In regard to pride I can only reply I too have pride, pride enough to write a controversial article, pride enough to stick to my guns and explain my convictions. I have pride in history, not black history or white but our history, all throughout history blacks and whites have fought side by side regardless of their hatred of one another.

Concerning slavery I have only this to say, "slavery is the past, I'm in the space age, which is moving forward always." I only wish blacks and whites wouldn't deal in the past with its prejudices and ill feelings, but look to the future that could be made possible through understanding. No one person can

truly understand another person if he doesn't understand self, this is something I have learned through TM.

And Turner, there is one pride that is the most important of all, pride in self, this pride I have. If you can honestly and sincerely say this I take my hat off to you and salute our integrity.

I do question the publishing of only one letter. In talking with a pretty sizable amount of students I was sure there would be other opinions expressed on paper, or is procrastination only a Caucasian condition?

Jack Taylor  
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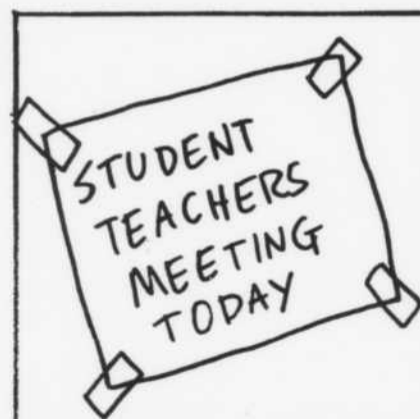
## Writer lacks respect

To the editor:

This letter is written as a partial rebuttal to Jack Taylor's article because someone needs to set this fellow straight. I am a black student who has drive, determination, a noncompromising attitude and a sincere respect for my heritage (a respect you seem to lack). You seem to think that blacks with similar characteristics are scarce here at MTSU. The scarcity you seem to think exists is that of your own making. I would first like to know how on earth did you surmise that 99 percent of the blacks on this campus are prejudice. A statement like that is nothing but an unnecessary statistical slur that shows how uncomfortable you are with being black. If you are going to make such statements, I suggest that you have evidence to back them up.

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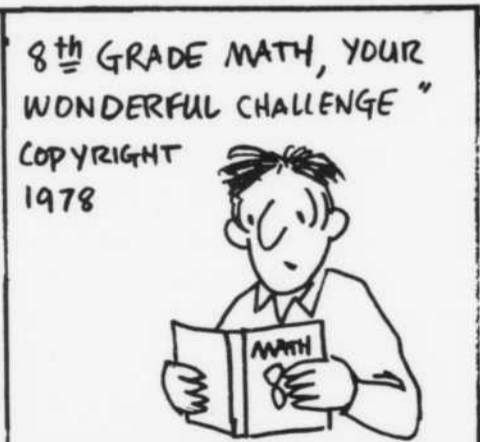
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# McDonald

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the sponsors of the resolution, said in reference to section two of the resolution.

The section provides for the House to consider whether to bring formal impeachment charges against Davis and Morehead.

"The reason that we were so concerned was not because of this case, but of what might happen in the future," Saggese said.

"They could pull the same malarky later that they have pulled now. On one hand what the court said was that the election was done illegally for some, then on the other they said the election was not illegal," John Paffrath, another sponsor of the resolution, said.

Paul Cantrell, dean of students said there is nothing wrong with a closed hearing, which is a part of this basis for the resolution.

"There are court cases which require a hearing to be closed,"

Cantrell said.

One case which Cantrell cited was Maston v. Gainesville Sun Publishing Company, Incorporated, 1976. A Florida District Court of Appeals ruled that a university honors court disciplinary hearing can be kept closed to the press and the public unless the student or students involved consent in writing that such hearings be open.

Both vice presidents Mark Floyd and Kent Syler hold that the legislature has done what it saw fit. Neither would comment further because each is required to be impartial if impeachment proceedings are undertaken.

"It's not a bubble gum issue, it's a serious matter. I would hope that the house would begin the investigative process to find out the truth," McDonald concluded at the end of his press conference.

## Art exhibition slated; forms must be filed

Entry blanks for the Cannonsburg Art Exhibition sponsored by the Murfreesboro Art League must be in no later than Nov. 6, 1978.

The contest is open to all artists. The works must be original and completed in the past two years.

For further information contact: Murfreesboro Art League, c/o Billie Keller, 1818 Susan Drive, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130.

# Adviser's

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made," Syler said.

Gillespie said he personally feels that the requirement should be dropped because there is no effective way of policing the situation.

"Our present policy just isn't working. Any student can forge their adviser's signature and get away with it," he said.

"I would like to see this requirement done away with and instead have the adviser's set up counseling on a voluntary basis," Gillespie said.

Syler said with the present situation "a lot of teachers feel that the student is there just to get his signature." With the voluntary method the teacher would know the student really needed advise when he came to the office.

Frank Essex, president of the faculty senate, said that he had no "strong desire that the requirement be kept."

Although he said he was not

familiar with the proposal, he believes it is the student's responsibility to make sure that they have all the requirements for their major.

"Any errors that might come about could be caught when the student files a junior-senior form," he added.

The proposed change has been brought to the attention of Robert LaLance, Vice President for Student Affairs, and it will probably go to the undergraduate council from there, Gillespie said.

The earliest that new policy could begin would be this summer, he added.

## Post office boxes were changed

Although some students received joint post office boxes earlier in the semester, "99 percent of the students that were sharing have been reassigned other boxes now," postmaster Ken Summar said.

"This semester we used the computer print out system that cancelled all boxes issued to dropout students and reassigned them to incoming freshmen," Summar said.

"In some cases students returned to school, thus causing the problems of two students having the same post office box."

"We weren't aware of the problem until the individuals informed us," Summar said. "And if they didn't mind sharing, then we left the matter alone," he added.

"To speed up the assigning of boxes next fall we will feed the names of graduates into the computer hopefully eliminating the problem of duplicate assignments, and establishing a more efficient system," Summar stated.

## Sessions court member named

Bobbie Spann, a sophomore from Antioch, majoring in early childhood education, has been appointed to the ASB General Sessions Court to fill the seat made vacant by the resignation of Jerome Pratt.

Pratt resigned in September due to a part time job.

"In my opinion she'll be a fine judge," said Lewis Holiday, chief justice of the General Sessions Court.

Another justice, Tonya Oster from Clinton, resigned from her post on Oct. 18, also due to a part-time job. The position left empty by her resignation has not been filled yet.

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# Alumni returning for homecoming celebrations

It's Homecoming, and this week you may notice new faces on campus. These faces all appear older, and most of them will hold a look of nostalgia as they wander about the campus.

They're alumni, back for a visit after graduations which occurred countless years ago.

MTSU holds a special place for its alumni, which number almost 21,000, according to Rusty Evans, director of the alumni relations office.

"We have 27 alumni chapters around the state and in Florida, Georgia and Washington, D.C.," Evans said. "But we're an international school and have alumni from all 50 states, Europe, Nigeria, Japan and the Canal Zone."

Many services and programs are provided for alumni, especially during homecoming week, Evans

## SUSH replaces black student group

Students United to Save Humanity has been organized to replace the Black Student Association which was dissolved as a campus organization.

SUSH is designed to promote unity, awareness and participation in student and community affairs as

explained. Besides reserving hotel rooms and concert seats, the Alumni Relations Office is sponsoring the annual golf tournament, reunion luncheons and hospitality hour after the ballgame. A dinner for past alumni association presidents is also planned. Those in attendance will include M.G. Scarlett, members of the board of directors and several past alumni presidents, including Dr. Clinton Lane, who is president of Cleveland State University.

"Two new functions have been added this year," said Evans, "which should boost the number of alumni visiting. One is a luncheon given in honor of N.C. Beasley, dean of MTSU from 1927 until the mid 1950's. Beasley kept MTSU from folding during the Depression. After he resigned as dean,

a non-profit organization. It is open to all students, not just minorities.

Other activities to be sponsored by SUSH include a haunted house in the UC Halloween night, an open forum concerning the Bakke decision, Miss Black MTSU pageant and Black History Week activities.

Beasley continued working for the school until he retired as registrar in 1965.

A "forties reunion", the other new addition, is for the freshman of 1939. This small close-knit class

was torn apart by World War II, Evans explained. Eventually, after the war, most students who left MTSU returned and graduated. "We felt this special class deserved its own reunion," he added.



Students inspect pictures of homecoming queen candidates before voting at the NCB poll yesterday. (Robin Rudd photo)

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# Gonorrhea decreases, syphilis increases in state

by Jerry Williamson

Although cases of gonorrhea have decreased in the last year, syphilis has increased, according to Robert Moore, state health program representative for Rutherford County.

"We have treated eight cases of syphilis and more than 200 cases of gonorrhea in Rutherford County," Moore said. "Syphilis is up over 50 percent above last year and gon-

orrhea is down about 50 percent from last year."

As of Oct. 1, 25,024 cases of gonorrhea have been reported in Tennessee this year, compared to 28,101 reported cases last year. On syphilis cases, 310 cases have been reported while only 195 were reported last year.

Moore said no conclusions have been reached as to the increase in syphilis. "We've put a lot of work in reducing gonorrhea. We got out

and looked for gonorrhea; we didn't wait for it to find us. We have people screening sexually active young people. By chasing these people down we had good results."

Moore said a lot of the syphilis cases were found in the gay and bisexual populations. "You have a guy who has sex with another man and then has sex with a woman and this is where part of the problem lies."

Gonorrhea and syphilis are the biggest problem in the 15-29 age groups.

The highest number of reported cases of gonorrhea in a particular age group last year was the 21-year-old age bracket, Moore said. Also, 21-year-olds have more reported cases of syphilis. The average reported syphilis cases last year were 45.9 per 100,000 people. "This is the age group we are mostly interested in," Moore said.

More attributed one of the main problems with youth today is "they think they know everything" about the diseases.

"We know that 20 to 25 percent of all males who have gonorrhea don't know they have it," he said. "Males are the big problem out there."

Moore added that a majority of all hysterectomies are due to the contraction of gonorrhea.

Moore said another problem of venereal disease is that much of the information is incorrect. "Parents using scare tactics are a big problem because the kids find out that sex is not as bad as the parents have said it was and then the kids

don't trust other adults."

Penicillin, tetracycline, spectinomycin, and erythromycin are used in treating gonorrhea. "Penicillin works well and it is economical, but for those allergic to it the other three work well also. They are just more expensive and take longer for effectiveness," Moore said.

Syphilis is also treated with penicillin. "We use a slower acting penicillin," Moore said. Tetracycline is used for penicillin-allergic people and erythromycin for pregnant women.

Men and women who have gonorrhea are recommended to return to a doctor for follow-up examinations and culture tests after receiving treatment. People should not consider themselves cured until they have received three negative culture tests, Moore said.

People who are treated for primary and secondary syphilis should be examined one month after receiving treatment and then once every three months for one year. Anyone being treated for syphilis is cautioned about having sexual intercourse within one month after receiving treatment, Moore added.

## Students must do well on test

MTSU students who have not been officially admitted to teach education by Nov. 1, 1978 must attain satisfactory scores on basic competency tests before their admission, according to D.B. Pockat, dean of the School of Education.

Pockat added that no institution in Tennessee which prepares teachers has control over the requirements, and that consequently the university has no authority to grant waivers, exceptions, or modifications in the tests.


Students who do not make a satisfactory score the first time may take the test a second time, but if they fail to make satisfactory scores the second time, there is no provision for further opportunity to take the test.

The tests will be administered for the first time on Nov. 7 at 4:15 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Students must present an I.D. in order to be admitted to take the tests.

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"Since I'm not working toward a degree and do not have to take exams, I'm enjoying the freedom from full-time work and study," Miss Willie Brumitt, Murfreesboro resident, said.

Brumitt is retired after working 13 years on a Christian magazine and now wants to return to school to learn English grammar and composition.

"My goal is to publish a children's book that I have planned and dreamed about for years," Brumitt confessed.

"The teachers are delightful and cordial and I am grateful for the privilege of getting to take the courses free of charge," she added.

Another Murfreesboro resident Helen Newman is delighted about getting to take the courses. "I think this is a fabulous opportunity and I am most happy about auditing classes."

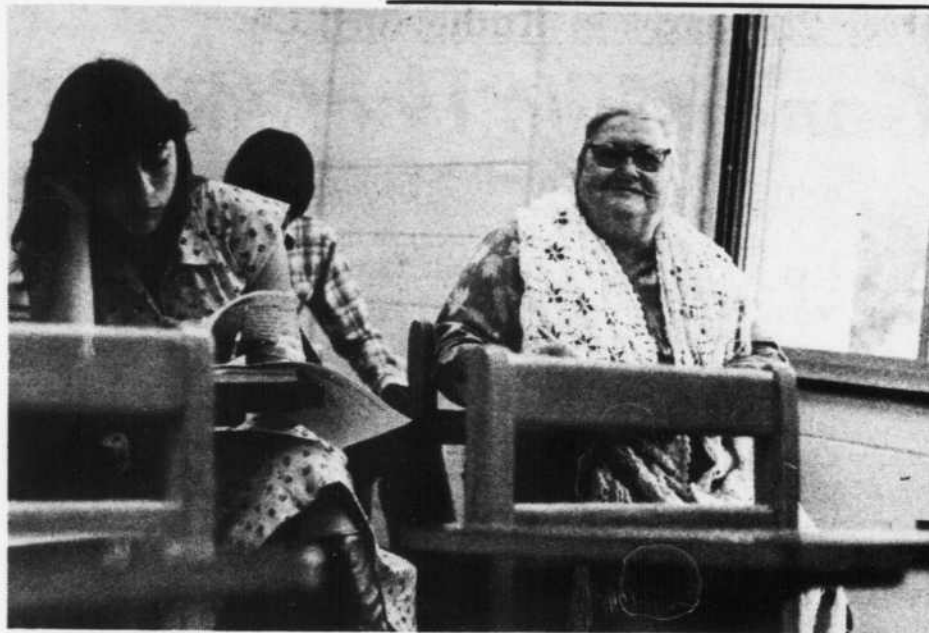
"I enrolled in three levels of German courses since I am planning a trip to Germany next year and was unable to teach myself the language," Newman admitted. "I also hope to work toward a degree when there is more time available."

## Amazing Kreskin at MTSU tonight

The amazing Kreskin will demonstrate ESP, card tricks and the power of suggestion tonight at 8 p.m. in the D.A. auditorium, according to Terry Burkhalter, Assistant Director of Student Programming.

This is the third time that Kreskin has performed at MTSU.

Tickets cost \$1.00 and will be on sale at the door.



As part of the special 60-plus audit program, Willie Janet Brumitt takes part in an MTSU English course. People taking part in the program receive no credit but some, like Miss Brumitt, work toward self-improvement. [Faye Hale photo]

## Blood drive gets 372 pints given

The blood drive sponsored recently by the military science department received 372 pints.

This number ran short of the goal of 450 pints, though many volunteers had to be turned away for physical reasons.

Trophies were awarded to campus organizations which donated the most pints. They were respectively the Forrest Raiders, Sigma Chi, Gamma Beta Phi and Kappa Delta.

The groups with the largest percentage of donating members were the Forrest Raiders, Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Chi and Alpha Gamma Delta.

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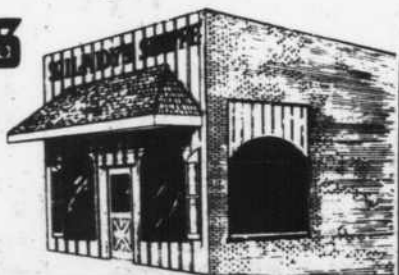
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# Scarlett sees growth in past, crucial

by Cathy Wood

Homecoming is a week of reminiscences and predictions, a sentimental break in the normal grind of the semester. For M.G. Scarlett, outgoing university president, the week marks a definite point for assessing MTSU's growth.

"When I came here in 1968," Scarlett said, "we had just been given university status three years earlier. We were still just a state college and our

main problem was the lack of doctoral degrees in the faculty."

Through subsidizing faculty studies for degrees and hiring more qualified faculty, the percentage of doctors in the faculty rose from 29 to 65 percent. As faculty quality improved, more programs were introduced, more facilities built and more students enrolled—but not necessarily in that order.

"The only way to develop into a university was to

grow. We needed money to grow and we got money on the basis of student enrollment, which, incidentally, turned into a complicated process over the years," Scarlett emphasized.

One entry point into that vicious circle was hiring "good, aggressive" persons for recruiting new students, Scarlett said. Other changes included establishing the Rules Committee, which proposes changes to university regulations, and the Co-Curricular Committee, whose subcommittees direct budgeting, scheduling, special events, entertainment, and speakers.

"I wanted to open up the university," Scarlett stated, "to get the students more involved." As a result of that philosophy, every standing and ad hoc university committee has voting student representation. Some, of course, rely totally on student participation.

Another way Scarlett saw to

advance the university was in programs. "Our graduate students remained in education, but at the level, we diversified and got vocational technological education and aerospace," he recalled. "We had mass communications only had taught about three courses and publications. We virtually added a program."

In expanding programs, facilities such as Todd Library, the Lee Center and Murphy Center. We had the athletic program, but there was no place for students to assemble together," Scarlett said. "We were the first in this area to have a gym and so afterwards, everybody had a gym. But they didn't get the funds we needed."

For about five years, MTSU did not have a program. "We added special programs no one else had: horse science, doctor of arts, recreation management and the juvenile delinquency program. Our goal was to give students pre-graduate level interesting and glamorous jobs anywhere else," he smiled.

Now that he has worked for his dream to make this a real university and to have a university of its kind, the future is bright for the next administration. While no one can predict what will happen, Scarlett sees some possibilities.

"The TSU-UTN lawsuit is holding us back," he explained. "Our growth here was stunted because the courts were afraid we were going to be taken away from TSU. We could get more growth if we had more attractive programs. But that's the way it is at TSU."

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black-oriented Tennessee State University with the predominately white University of Tennessee at Nashville.

"The merger is probably good from a sociological standpoint, but not from an educational one," Scarlett pointed out. "It's not good administration to give good money for good programs to a school that doesn't use it effectively."

MTSU also has to cope with declining national enrollment. In the mid-1980's there will be fewer college-age students, he said. "MTSU must get more of those students or more of those students not normally thought of as college age."

"We must be flexible enough to meet the new needs of that clientele. That means seminars and workshops not necessarily here on campus, but in the businesses and factories where those new students are," he added.

Scarlett sees the older, working population as a significant part of MTSU's future enrollment. "With the increase of knowledge, these employees will need to retool themselves periodically."

The threat of what may happen if MTSU doesn't guard against a marked enrollment decline may seem far away, but Scarlett says it's real.

"We've always had the money and the enrollment, but that's all going now," he said. "If we misuse our facilities by not using them fully, if we have to cut one-fourth of our faculty, it'll be tragic. If we're smart, our solution will be to increase enrollment by packaging programs for the older students and expanding our capacity to serve the younger ones."

And if we're not smart? "In six or eight years, we'll be looking at the faculty and trying to decide which ones should go."

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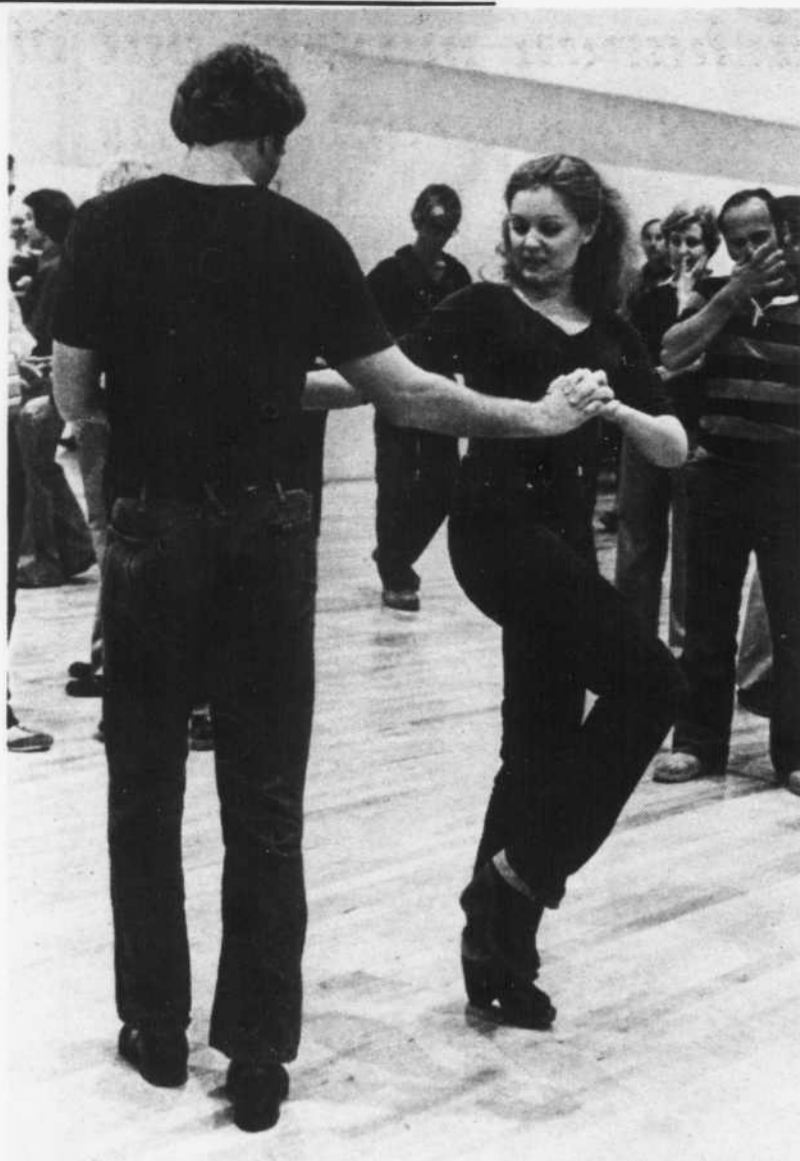
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In keeping up with the disco dance craze that is sweeping the nation, these participants of a dance class practice their moves. The class is being taught Tuesdays in dance studio A at Murphy Center. [Linda Corley photo]

## Ages 10-60 disco dance at Continuing Ed. class

Approximately 40 people are presently enrolled in the disco dance class which meets in Murphy Center on Tuesday nights and is presently being taught by Ruth Hawes of the Murfreesboro School of Dance.

The class met for the second time Tuesday night and persons ranging in age from 10 to 60 gathered on the dance floor of studio A in an attempt to learn the popular disco trend.

After several warm up exercises, the class began learning the "Saturday Night Fever Special," line dancing.

Several people in the class commented that the class was too crowded, others were hopeful the class would be divided in order to make learning much easier.

"I took the class expecting to learn the new popular touch dances that are being done in the discos," Anthony Riggins, a sophomore from Columbia, said.

Most of the people enrolled in the class agreed that disco was "the thing" to do.

"I'm just trying to keep up with the changing times and my changing children," Addiesue Webb, a Murfreesboro resident admitted.

Eventhough the majority of the class has had no previous disco

experience, many of the members are planning to enter the "disco scene" as soon as the class is complete.

"The class is coming along wonderfully, but I can't stress the importance of attending regularly in order to keep up with the steps," Ruth Hawes, disco instructor told the class.

Two disco dance classes will be offered this spring, Hawes said. "I only wish I had more time to teach more classes of disco dance."

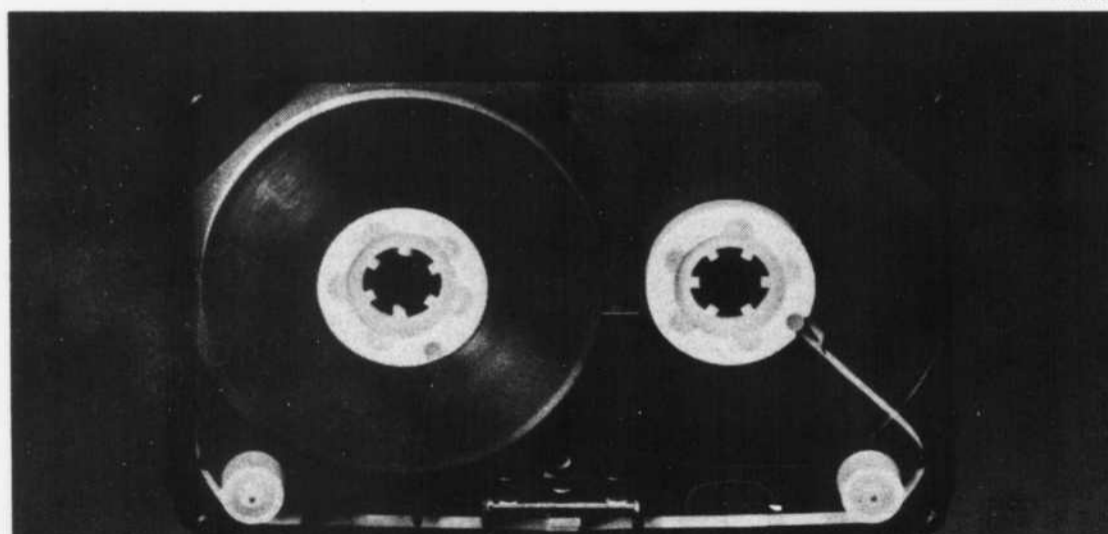
Hawes and John Cordell will demonstrate disco dancing on the square following the homecoming parade.

## Dinner to be held in recognition of Scarlett

A dinner, in appreciation of the many significant contributions of Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Scarlett, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

Given to wish Scarlett well in his new position at Memphis State, the dinner is being planned by the Community Citizens' Committee.

Members of the Community Citizens' Committee planning the Scarlett Appreciation Dinner are Major W. H. Westbrooks, Jack McFarland, County Executive Ben Hall McFarlin, State Senator John Rucker, Wilkes Coffey, Tommy Martin, Whitney Steagall, State Representative John Bragg, Bill Greene, Ed Loughry, Sr., Gene Sloan, Edwin Ayers, Donald Knight, Terrence Cooksey, Don Moser, and E. W. (Wink) Midgett.



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On Friday from 8-12 a.m. there will be a spirit poster contest in the Grill. The posters must be up by 8 a.m. Independent judges will evaluate the number of posters from each organization. Dorm decorations will be judged between 1-3 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Friday at 7 p.m., a bonfire will be held outside Cummings Hall. A tractor and trailer will carry the cheerleaders to each dorm to pick up participants. It is a spirit event and organizations are urged to wear their jerseys. Free cokes and hot chocolate will be furnished.

"TGIF" is this year's disco dance theme. The dance will be Friday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. American Dream Disco Scene from At-

## Tutorial session tomorrow designed to help students

A Graduate Management Admissions Test tutorial session designed to help students who are going to take the test Saturday, will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Room 200 of Old Main.

This orientation program is sponsored by the Master of Business Association said Jerry Whitt, director of MBA.

Approximately 35 students are expected to attend the session and take the test Saturday. The GMAT is administered to those wishing to enter a graduate business school.

"During the session I will discuss what the GMAT is and how

lanta will provide the music for the night. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and last until midnight. A disco competition will start at 10 p.m. A student ID is required by one person accompanied by a date.

The homecoming parade will begin at 9 a.m. from the Greenland Drive parking lot turning left onto Tennessee Boulevard, making a right on East Main, going down to the square and around it to the left ending on Maple St.

The game against Austin Peay will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Spirit Trophy, given to the club showing the most spirit throughout the week, will be presented within the last half of the ballgame.

To wind up the weeks activities, Boston will be in concert at the Murphy Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday night.

graduate schools use GMAT as a standard for admission," Whitt said. "Dr. Jim Covington, assistant director of guidance and testing center, will explain testing procedures and other things students should expect."

Some MBA students have also planned a presentation of sample questions for the session, he added.

## Buchanan players put on classroom productions

Good acting comes with experience, and with only four major productions a year, a lot of students with the desire to act could not get that experience without the Buchanan Players.

The Buchanan Players are a group of approximately 70 students interested in theatre arts, who put on skits and scenes from plays every Tuesday night in the D.A. arena theatre.

"We have a very active club," Dorethe Tucker, sponsor for the past 21 years said. "It's very interesting because so many people get the opportunity to act."

The students choose their own plays, which "is a very important aspect of theatre and involves extensive reading," Jackson said. They also direct and act out the plays themselves.

At the beginning of each semester, members sign up for the dates they want to perform. Everyone usually does about two productions a semester, but they do not have to do any if they do not want to, Kina Steed, secretary of the group said.

Martin McGeachy, president of the Buchanan Players, and Steed have been working for the past three weeks on a comedy which will be presented tonight at 6:30.

The Buchanan Players opened up the year with "You're on your Way," an original play written by McGeachy and Kevin Guinn to orient the newcomers.

Other works include Summer Showcase, a production of work done over the summer, Freshman Showcase and cuttings from other plays, songs and skits.

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# Students can't vote

by Jane Mier

One hundred fifty-nine students out of an original 170 students who registered to vote with the Students for Alexander group on campus earlier this month have been deemed ineligible to vote by the Rutherford County Election Commission, according to Amy Williams, registrar for the commission.

The main reason for rejection was the incorrect listing of legal residence, she explained. Tennessee state election laws state that a person must register and vote in his legal residence. Many students confused this with their home address and as a result, listed their legal residence outside of Rutherford County.

Most of the rejected applicants were applying to vote for the first time, she said. "Some people were trying to transfer their registration from one county to this one but they will still be able to vote in this election if they apply for an absentee ballot from their home county," Williams said.

"But for the majority of the students, it's too late for this election. Students who still wish to register to vote in Rutherford County may do so after Nov. 7."

Jerry Matlock, a member of the group who held the registration, said that this incident is very

regrettable. "It's my fault for not getting people to fill it out correctly," he said. "We (the members of the group) just didn't have a clear understanding."

The biggest problem to contend with was the time factor, Matlock said. The deadline to register to vote in the November election was Oct. 7, and registration was held the 3rd and 4th.

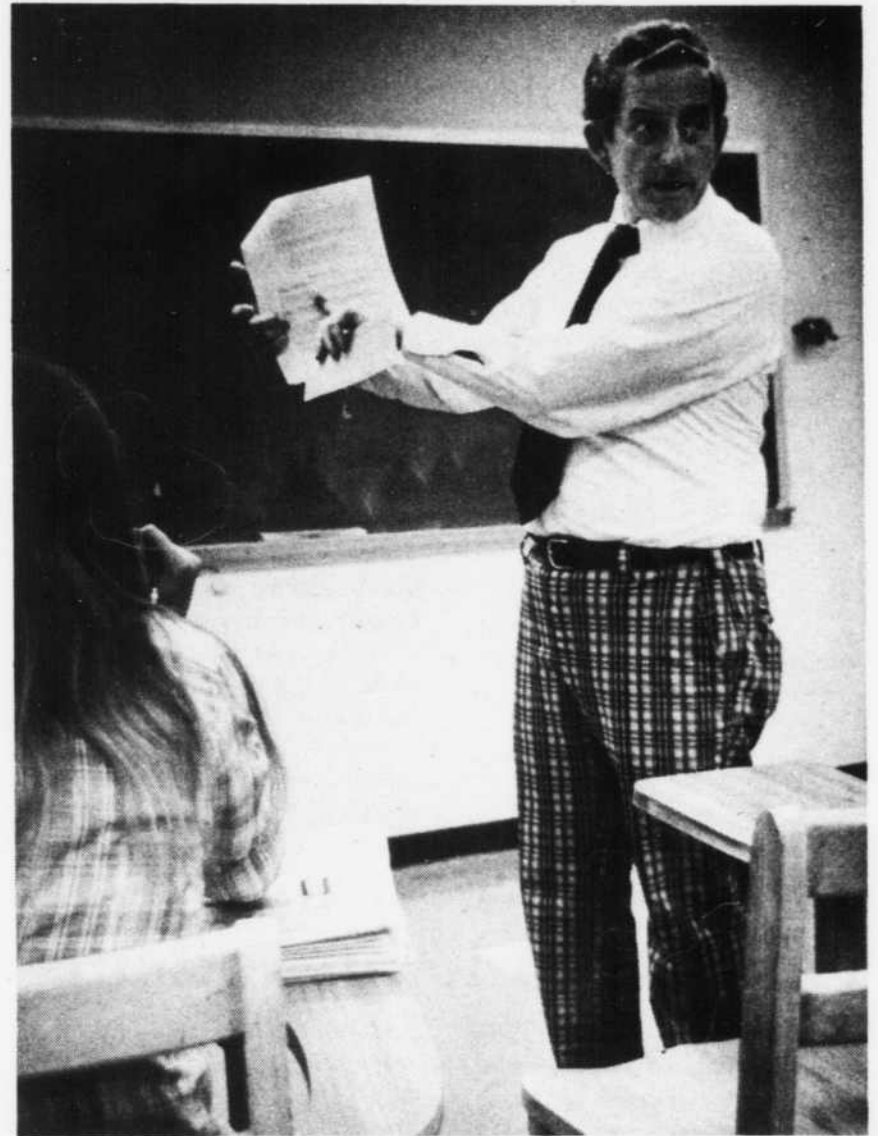
"We turned the applications in Thursday, the 5th, and were told then that some of them would not be processed due to errors," he explained. "There was no possible way we could get in contact with everyone. We've had a lot of static from this and we're sorry it had to happen."

## House will meet

The ASB House will have a meeting today at 4:30 in room 223 in the U.C. All meetings are open to the public.

## Club to meet

The MTSU Frisbee Club will meet at 5 p.m., Oct. 25 in room 312 of the U.C. Those interested in joining should come and bring \$4 for International Frisbee Association (IFA) membership.



Homer Brown, associate professor of math and computer science, explains the procedure for filling out the teacher evaluation form. This math class is only one of the many classes that have evaluated teachers in the past few weeks. [Robin Rudd photo]



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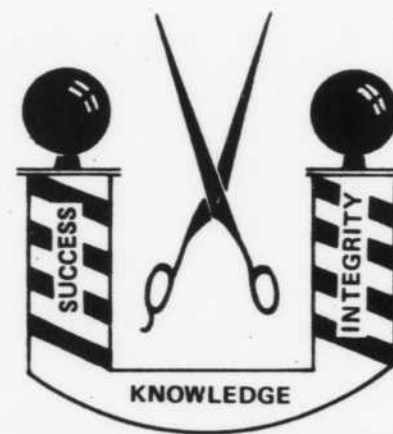
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Houston travel excursion: 2:00 p.m., JUB parking lot. Goodbye Cathy, Jerry, Larry, Linda, Shortstop and Frank Wm.

Bake Sale: Phi Beta Sigma; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., UC basement

Movie: A Star is Born; 3:30, 6 and 8:45 p.m., UC Theatre

Traffic Court: 4-6 p.m., UC 313 and 315

ASB House meeting: 4-6 p.m., UC 322

Foosball tournament: 7 p.m., Games Room

Speaker: "The Amazing Kreskin"; 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

## WEDNESDAY

Recruiting: Marines; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC basement

Homecoming Mum sale: Kappa Omicron Phi; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC basement

Women's Tennis: MTSU vs. UT Knoxville; 2 p.m., Tennis Courts

Traffic Court: 3-5 p.m., UC 313 and 315

Meeting: Presbyterian Student Fellowship; 6 p.m., Dining Room B, JUB

Movie: The World's Greatest Lover; 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Little International: Block and Bridle Club; noon-8 p.m., Horse Barn

## THURSDAY

Recruiting: Marines; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC basement

Homecoming Mum Sale: Kappa Omicron Phi; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement

Pep rally: 11 a.m., front of UC Activities day; 12-5 p.m., front of UC

Leadership conference: Distributive Education Clubs of America; noon, UC lobby

Luncheon: Faculty/Press; noon, Tennessee Room, JUB

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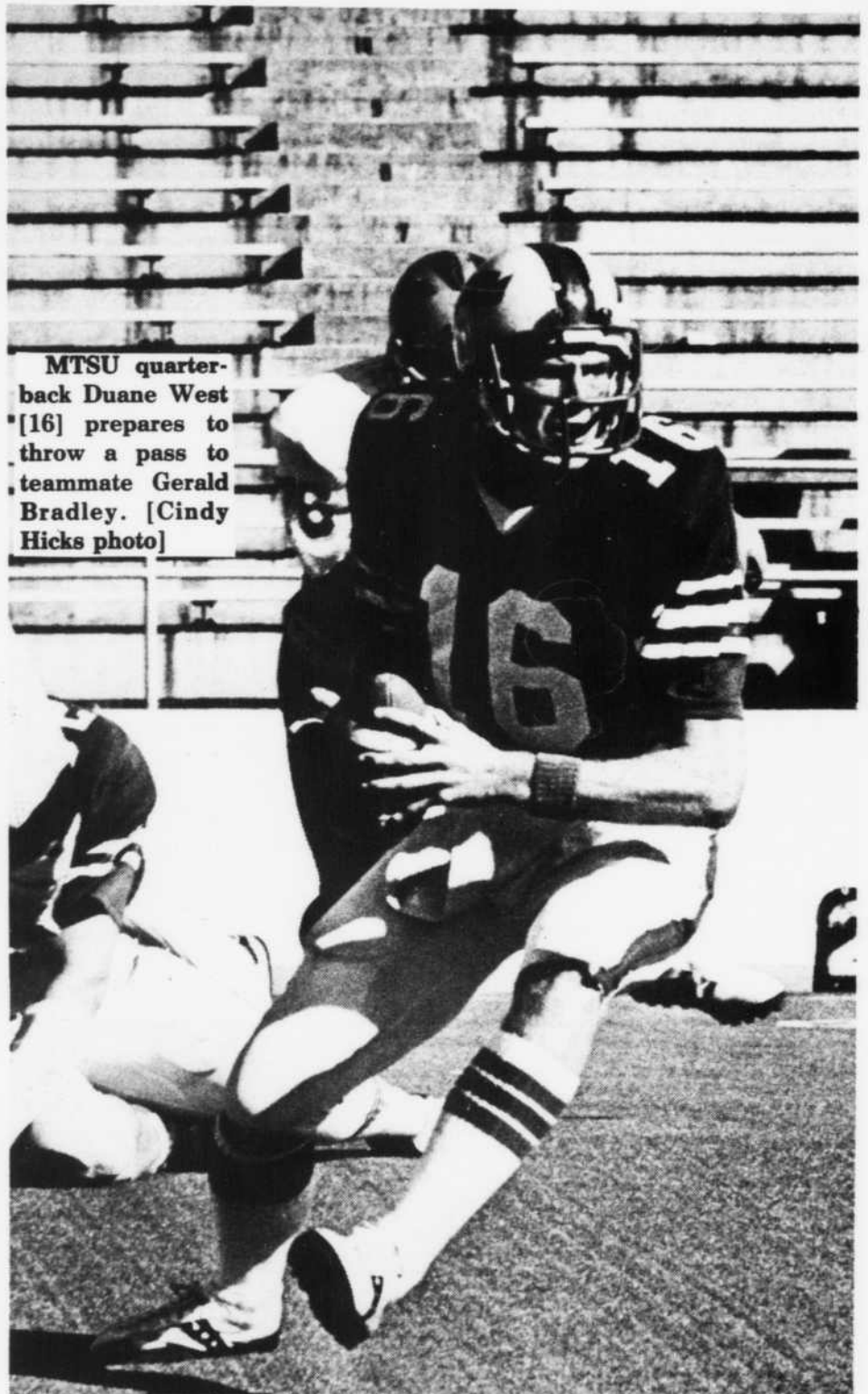
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Three MTSU defenders wrestle the Delaware offense to the ground. Coming in from the back is Stanley Wright [66], chosen as defensive player of the week.



A Delaware player goes high in the air to receive a pass and two MTSU players try to defend. Delaware won the game 53-3. [Cindy Hicks photo]



MTSU quarterback Duane West [16] prepares to throw a pass to teammate Gerald Bradley. [Cindy Hicks photo]

# Clucking Hens capture Raiders 53-3

by Doyle Parham  
Sports Editor

"Even though we did lose, we played a much better ballgame than we have in the past against the



MTSU's Gerald Bradley is gaining yardage as he prepares to receive a pass from quarterback Duane West. [Cindy Hicks photo]

Delaware team," MTSU head coach Ben Hurt said.

That was Coach Hurt's comments after losing to the Blue Hens of Newark, Delaware 53-3 in Saturday's game.

"We played a real good first half, but they just outmanned us in the second," Hurt added.

A big controversy in the game was at the end of the half when MTSU's Kerry Frazier intercepted a pass and was pushed by a Delaware receiver.

A penalty was called but Frazier was all the way down the field for a MTSU touchdown.

The officials called it back which would have made the score 13-10, Delaware. The officials said that the flag was down, and the play was dead, though the penalty was against the Blue Hens. The decision stood despite the upset Raider fans and coaches.

The Delaware team rolled up 646 yards total offense, with only 44 for MTSU. The Hens also had 310 net yards in passing compared to 11 for the Raiders.

"We just couldn't stop their tough defense and our offense just couldn't move the ball the second half," Hurt added.

Delaware rushed for 336 yards compared to MTSU's 33, and Delaware had 31 more first downs for the game than MTSU.

Stanley Wright led the defense with 18 tackles and 6 assists. "Stanley just played a super game and his captain leadership really showed up in the game," stated Hurt.

"Gerald Robinson played a good game also after punting a 49 yard kick," Hurt added. "Gerald and Randy Saunders were two of the standouts of the game."

The Raiders now stand 1-5-1 overall in the Ohio Valley Conference. Delaware is now 5-2 for the season.

"What we're concerned about now is getting back into playing teams in the OVC and sticking to teams that are in our range of competition," Hurt said.

MTSU's next game is Saturday against Austin Peay for MTSU's Homecoming.

## Final autocross race to be held

The final autocross of the 1978 season for the Tennessee Region of the Sports Car Club of America will be held Sunday, November 5, in the Opryland parking lot. Registration opens at 10 a.m. and the first car will begin at 12:00 noon. Registration will remain open throughout the first run of all the classes. Spectators, as well as participants, are urged to attend this once-a-year event at Opryland.

After a brief winter break, the 1979 season will begin on February 18 behind Nashville Tech on White Bridge Road.

For more information about the Sports Car Club in the Nashville area and its autocrosses and rallies, CALL 794-3223.

# Traci Williams plays in final match

After thousands of hours of practice and dozens of matches, Traci Williams, a senior from Chattanooga, plays her final match as a Lady Raider this Wednesday against the University of Tennessee.



**Traci Williams**

Playing in the number six single's position, Traci has won over such teams as Purdue and Murray State. Women's Tennis Coach Sandy Neal, and former doubles partner to Traci, has only nice things to say about this senior who will graduate in December. According to Neal, "Traci is the top morale booster on the team and when it is her turn to take the court, she is capable of winning anytime."

About her former doubles partner, Traci says coach Neal can only

be admired for the hard work she puts into coaching both women's tennis and volleyball.

Traci's late beginning in tennis may offer hope to those just taking up the game, for she did not begin playing tennis until the tenth grade. While enrolled in a physical education course, she was required to play tennis and her interest in the game grew from there.

After high school and some lessons from Chattanooga pro Ramsey Ernhart, whom Traci says "really taught me the game," she headed for MTSU without a scholarship and made the team as a walk-on.

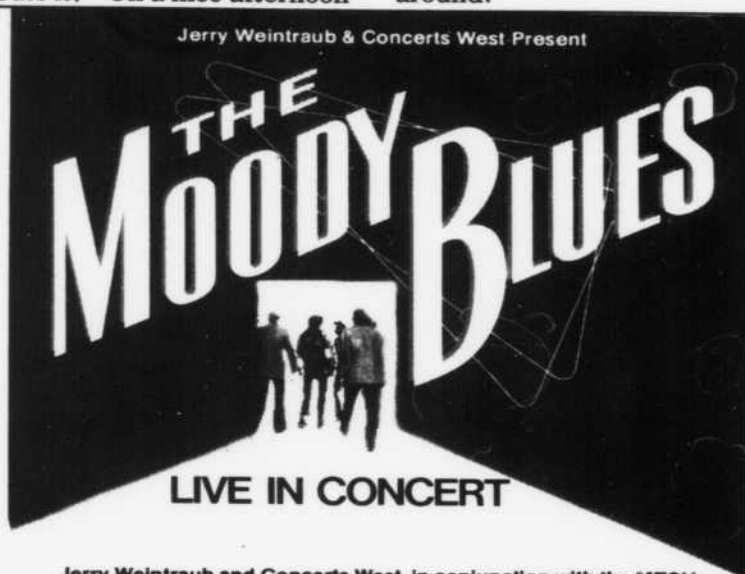
When asked about support for women's athletics at MTSU, Traci said "The whole team is grateful for the support that President Scarlett has given to women's athletics here at MTSU and for the work Pat Jones (MTSU's Women's Athletic Director) has done to support us. I feel like we receive as much support from the University as the men."

Traci says "We have reached the point where we are better than a lot of teams but not quite as good as the very best teams. Under coach Neal, I expect only better things in the future."

Traci says of the future, "I would like to coach tennis, hopefully at the college level." One thing is for

sure—don't depend on Traci wandering too far from a tennis court. As she puts it, "On a nice afternoon

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# Joe O'Loughlin finishes first in cross country

It wasn't Irish luck, but Irish endurance that paid off for Dublin, Ireland freshman Joe O'Loughlin on Saturday in the Tennessee Intercollegiate cross country meet

in Nashville.

O'Loughlin covered the Percy Warner Park course in 24:25 and won first place in the meet.

The Raiders as a team placed four runners in the top 10 finishers at the meet, but still only managed

to place second overall. The University of Tennessee won the team competition, finishing five runners in the top 10. Third place went to Vanderbilt, followed by Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

MTSU's Gary Perry finished third, Jay Simonetta ninth, Dana

McCutcheon 10th and Linton Whaley finished 15th.

MTSU will host the Ohio Valley Conference cross country championships this Saturday on the Veterans Administration course, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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By Bill Neal

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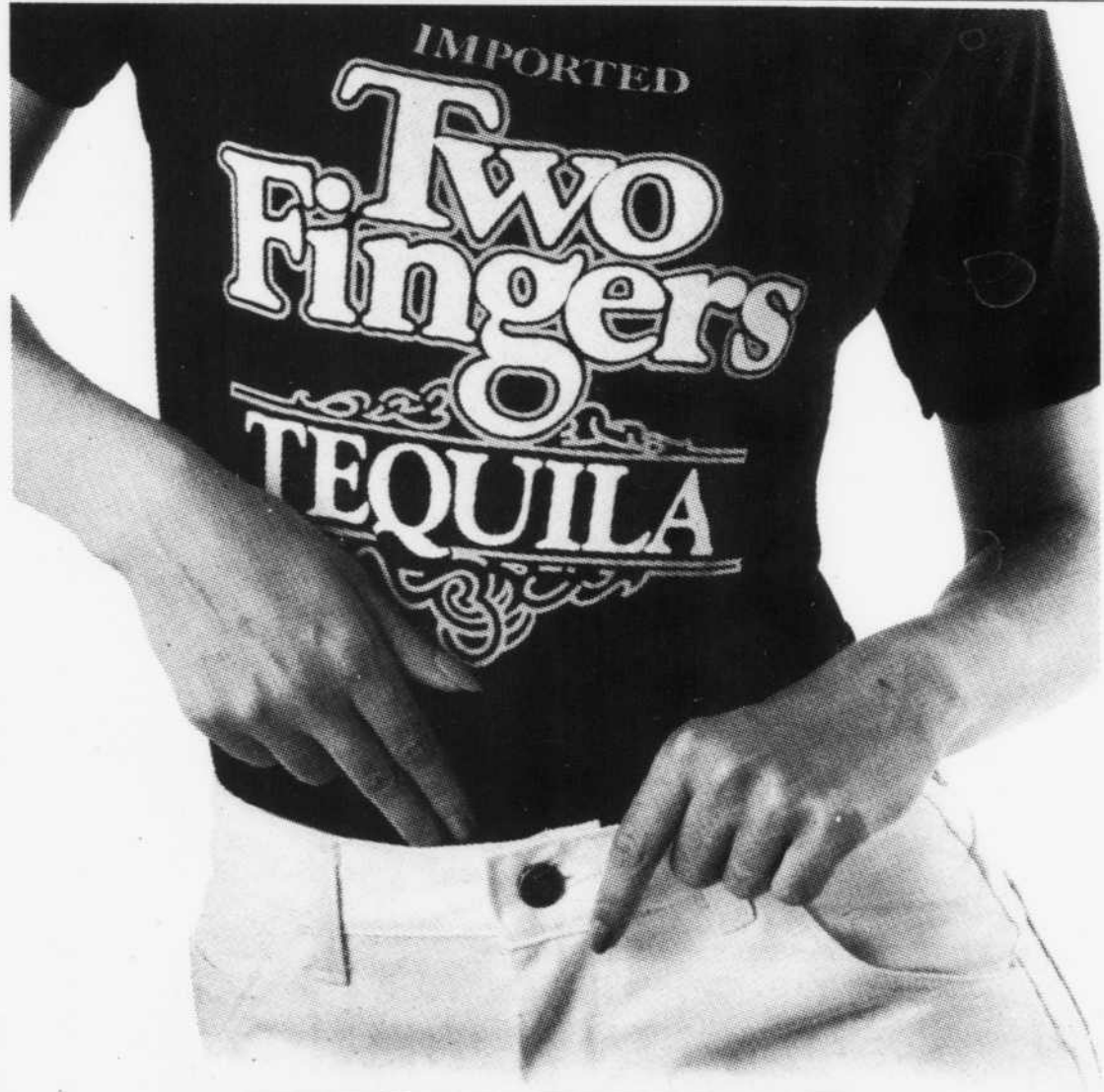
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# Stanley Wright breaks school record

by Doyle Parham  
Sports Editor

Chosen as defensive player of the week is a great honor for the Blue

Raiders' football team, but to be chosen as defensive player of the week four times in one season is a bigger honor.



MTSU junior linebacker Stanley Wright talks with Sidelines sports editor Doyle Parham about his success as being chosen Defensive Player of the Week four times out of the six games. [Robin Rudd photo]

Junior linebacker Stanley Wright has done just that.

Wright is the only junior in the football history of MTSU to be chosen as captain. "I just want to give it all I can to win and to play with the best of my ability to fulfill my role as captain," Wright said.

In the Saturday game against Delaware, Wright had 18 tackles and six assists. "When I go into the game I play to have a good time, and I don't consider myself any better than any of my teammates when I am chosen player of the week, but I do accept it as a challenge," Wright said.

"Stanley gets in the game and hits the guys like he is playing in the national championship," MTSU head coach Ben Hurt said. "He's the type guy that never loses.

Wright is leading in team statistics in the Ohio Valley Conference with the most tackles for the season.

"I think there is a real good chance that Stan could be chosen OVC player of the year if he keeps up the good work," Hurt added.

"I think the coaching staff at MTSU is what has helped me to be as successful as I have been," Wright added.

Each week, OVC points are given to player by OVC officials to

determine who the OVC players of the week are. Wright had 40 points this week, and the most points earned by a player is 45. The points are awarded for tackles, assists, fumbles, recoveries, blocking, interceptions, and the winning team.

"Never in the history of MTSU has a player been chosen as defensive player four times in one season, and there are still a few games left," Hurt said.

With four games left in the season, Wright could break his own record, and the chances stand very good for the junior.

"If I just make it four times this year, I'll just try a little harder next year to win it eight times," Wright added.

## Joe

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According to coach Dean Hayes, Western Kentucky will be the favorite at the meet, followed by Murray State. East Tennessee and MTSU should also be among the top finishers, with the Raiders given only an outside chance at taking the team title.

"I was very pleased with the run this week and I'm looking forward to the upcoming race," Hayes said.

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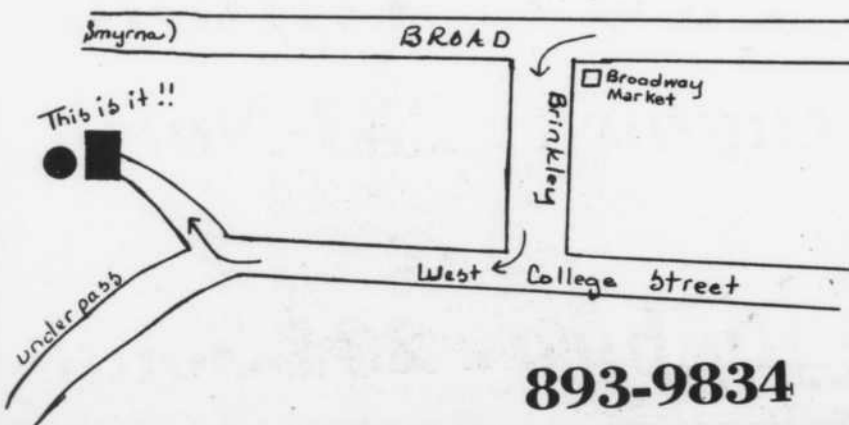
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# OVC tourney controversy continues

by Doyle Parham  
Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference post-season basketball tournament has been held at Western Kentucky

University, Middle Tennessee State, or Austin Peay, in the past four years but things might change this year according to OVC officials. The way the tournament is set up

is that the winner of the regular season will host the tournament at their school, with the winner receiving the automatic berth in the NCAA playoffs.

The purpose of the tournament in the past has been to find out who the champion really is, to make money, and to gain exposure for the conference.

If the pre-season favorite, Eastern Kentucky wins the season, the tournament will be held in Richmond. This is good for the teams that are in Kentucky, but the question of the OVC officials in Tennessee is, who will make a 300-400 mile trip to Richmond, Kentucky?

"The purpose of the tournament is to raise money for the conference to operate on, and it should also be for the best team at the best location," MTSU Vice-President of Administration Lynn Haston said.

"If the tournament is held in Morehead or Eastern Kentucky, I'm afraid the conference will lose money because the fans won't travel that far," Haston added.

The tournament has been hosted alternately in the past by MTSU, Austin Peay, and Western Kentucky. The reason for the proposed change now is to give other schools a fair chance to win the conference and have the home court advantage.

Coaches feel that they shouldn't have to struggle to win the season and then go on the road to win the NCAA playoff.

"All teams want the home court advantage, and it certainly helps when you have it, but the income needs to be taken into consideration before a final decision is made," Haston added.

The final decision will be made in December at the OVC regular meeting.

## Sports shorts

The University Center games committee has planned a bowling tournament to begin Oct. 30 and end Nov. 9. The tournament will be held at the Murfreesboro Bowling Lane.

Registration cost is \$1, and the tournament will begin each night at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. a sign-up meeting will be held in the Alumni Gym for all persons interested in playing intramural racketball.

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# Hurt's job safe for this year, unsure next year

by Richard Layhew

Although the fans at Saturday's Delaware game howled "We're hurtin with Hurt" and "Go to Hell Hurt," it doesn't look like there will be any changes made in the head football coaching position next season.

Before a change can be made, the athletic committee has to make recommendations after evaluating the program and present these recommendations to the president. The committee though, cannot make a recommendation until after the season is over.

So there won't be any changes this year, but what about next year?

Will incoming president Sam Ingram make these changes?

Ingram has said he will probably not make any changes until he has gathered enough data to substantiate any changes. So that time, the football program will be in full swing with the possibility that Ben Hurt will still be head football coach.

Hurt has compiled the worst record of any head football coach in MTSU's history. His 1975 team won four and lost seven followed by the 1976 team which won four and lost seven and the 1977 team won three and lost eight. This year's team is going to follow suit and it is doubtful the team will win another ballgame with the record at present 1-5-1. Hurt's overall record is now 12-27-1.

The reason offered for the losing seasons are varied.

"We don't have enough scholarships, we're a young team, we don't have the talented ball players that our competition has and we don't have the time to recruit because we have to teach classes and coach at the same time."

MTSU President M. G. Scarlett explained that all the coaches have to teach and carry on their coaching responsibilities if they are to receive their salaries from state appropriated funds. The State Board of Regents requires that they teach 12 hours a year. This holds true for all coaches in Tennessee.

"This is the worst position that MTSU football program has been in since I have been here," Scarlett said.

Since Ben Hurt has been head coach, the football program has declined. In his first year more than 3,000 season tickets were sold compared to this year's 1,000. With the program not producing enough revenue to support itself, the funds must come from somewhere.



"The additional funds are generated through several sources including a 20 percent increase in tuition for next year and cutting of the spring athletic programs funding which will probably eliminate the wrestling team all together," Lynn Haston, vice president of administration, said.

The declining enrollment over the past few years could be partially attributed to the declining interest in MTSU football where MTSU has lost most of its prestige. Is this one of the reasons that MTSU is noted as being a suit case college, where most of the students go home over the weekend because there's nothing to hold their interest?

Spirit is at an all time low. No one goes to the home games, much less the away games to see the Raiders get slaughtered again. "That was one of the smallest crowds I have witnessed in some time Saturday at the Delaware game with the weather perfect for football," Scarlett said.

So this year may be a total loss, but when incoming President Sam Ingram takes the reigns, he may make some changes, so the slogan "We're Hurtin with Hurt", may not be needed for the 1979-80 season.

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