# Audience 'experiences' poet Nikki Giovanni

#### by Jackie Gearhart

Last night a capacity crowd in the multi-media room, both black and white, "experienced" Nikki Giovanni.

Presented by the ideas and issues committee to highlight black history week, the black poet entranced the crowd, both seriously and humorously, with her views on life, knowledge and human emotions.

Giovanni referred to the 1970's as a "boring" decade. Quoting "New West" magazine in its farewell to the 70's, she said, "A year too early, but not a moment too soon."

"Most of us haven't found a challenge in ourselves," Giovanni said, speaking to the black youth of America. "There's one thing your generation is afraid to do. You're afraid to risk yourself.'

"The one thing that excites me is that there are so many questions on the floor now," said Giovanni. She said that before the 70's, the only questions blacks had to answer were basic ones like how to desegregate schools or how to let a black woman drink out of the same water fountain a white woman did. "But now all the questions are abstract," she said, "and the challenge is fantastic."

The 35 year-old poet said "if poetry has any place in this world, it is to show that a man is an emotional animal. What is mankind?

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Where is the place for emotion? I resent technique taking the place of fear," Giovanni said.

Giovanni talked about her views on life and expressed her belief that people should experience all they possibly can. "I think it's exciting to be alive. Before I die, I want to at least get to the moon, and I don't see any reason why I can't.'

Giovanni appealed to the blacks to experience all they can in life. She emphasized that even if a person has only one small thing to offer, it may benefit mankind. She cited Kunta Kinte in "Roots." "All he had to give for generations unknown to him was a name. If there is a possibility of two words opening a universe, think what four can do."

The poet overwhelmed the audience by reciting her poetry, including "Revolutionary Dreams," "The Life I Led," and "Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day," the title of her most recent book.

Giovanni was given a standing ovation after her appearance and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, who also sponsored a reception for her in the Tennessee Room after her lecture.

Giovanni graduated from Fisk University in 1967 and published her first collection of poetry, "Black Feeling Black Talk," in 1968. Her [continued on page 4]



# **Black students are told** to realize their potential

Black History Week began Monday night with a minority orientation supplement program in the multi-media room of the LRC. The program, designed to prepare blacks for what is ahead in the world today, was coordinated by Tommy Brown, director of student information and minority affairs.

"Most of you do not take advantage of the services available to you on this campus," Brown told the crowd of approximately 150 black students. "You need to get more involved in things."

James D. Covington, director of guidance and counseling, Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment and Winston Wrenn, financial aid director, reminded the audience that their respective offices were always open and willing to help with problems students might encounter.

Sarah Pinkerton, freshman ASB senator, also spoke to the crowd, emphasizing unity. "We black people need unity and we don't have it, she said. "We've come a long way and it's too late to think about turning back. Please remember what being black means; don't criticize one another."

ASB president Mike McDonald expressed a need for involvement. "I want to talk to you, my people, on involvement," he said. "There is a definite need for purpose and contribution from blacks in higher education. In the past few years, MTSU has seen big changes. We've had our first black homecoming queen, we've had more blacks become involved in organizations like the ASB and we've even had the first black ASB president."

In the past, it was easy to use race as a crutch, McDonald said, adding that now the opportunities are available and no one is taking advantage of them.

In a later interview, McDonald said that apathy has hit the black race, just as it has all Americans. "I see things happening on this campus everyday that ten years ago would have caused a black student to voice opinions. Now, with poverty and unemployment becoming

relaxed and with racism not manifesting itself in the form of physical

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Honors program will host

annual statewide conference

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# **Speakers** to give views on formula rift

by Janet Hyatt A public forum featuring speakers from the Nestles Corporation, the Infant Formula Action Coalition and Health, Education and Welfare will highlight a three day "Crunch Nestles Quick" seminar sponsored by the ASB house of representatives and the Wesley Foundation.

Nestles supply of infant formulas to third world countries will be the topic of discussion between the speakers.

Charles Mingle from INFACT, Henry McInery, a representative for Nestles from New York and Namio Bombslag, an HEW official, will present ten minute statements and answer questions in an effort to present both sides of the infant formula controversy, Mark Floyd, speaker of the house said.

"We want to take a neutral, non-biased look at the problem as a whole so individual students can decide if they want to boycott Nestles or not," Floyd said.



The INFACT produced film strip, "Formulas for Malnutrition," will be presented at the first seminar meeting at 7:30 Tuesday night on third floor of UC. "Into the Mouths of Babes," a CBS film on the subject, will also be shown.

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UC, Dellmar Walker, instructor of home economics in food nutrition will discuss diseases related to malnutrition and answer questions.

The movie "Bottle Babies, presenting INFACT's side of the arguement, will also be shown.



The department of economics and finance is now accepting applications for two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to an economics or finance major.

The applicant must be at least a junior. The scholarship awards will be based on the student's academic performance and need.

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 26, to Barbara Haskew, Chairman of the economics department, in OM 325 B.

A third section of Continuing Education's Disco Dance Course will begin at 7:30 Feb. 26 and continue through April 2 in Murphy Center Dance Studio B.

Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per married couple. Enrollment will be limited to 45.

For further information contact the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.

Nikki Giovanni enthralls listeners at the Honors Symposium.

photo by GARY LONG

# THEC warns of pay discrimination

#### by Linda Hardison

MTSU has been cited by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to watch salary determinations which may be descriminatory in the humanities, fine arts and business departments.

The sex descrimination study

originated as a result of the Tennessee House of Representatives resolution which directed THEC officials to study present salary programs in the UT and the State Board of Regents school systems, according to THEC officials.

The study was to determine the

general amount of money needed to eliminate sex descrimination in the granting of salaries to teaching staffs.

Twenty-one public colleges and universities were surveyed by cials. Each institution was sent a survey on salary review vey reviewed 11 amerent areas of concern on each campus. THEC officials said that this enabled them to objectively look at each school.

violence, things have gotten lax."

by Faye Hale

Annual Conference of the Tenne-

see Honors Council Saturday.

MTSU will host the Third

"We decided to hold this

conference since many of the

schools can't go or can't afford to

go to the national or regional

conventions," McCash said. "The

conference offers honor students.

faculty and directors a chance to

get together and share ideas."

The conference will include

discussions of "Innovative Teach-

ing of Honors Classes" by panel-

McCash added.

Results of the survey at MTSU revealed that the university was investigated by the U.S. Department of Labor in March 1977.

Morale, parking and ARA discussed

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ists June McCash, honors program director and Ron Messier, associate professor of history.

Also included in the conference will be a discussion on interdisciplinary honors courses with panelists from Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

"This segment of the session will cover courses that cross over disciplinary borders or that might be team taught," McCash said.

"Students will be discussing their active part in the honors program," McCash said. "We have a lot of student involvment here. They help in a lot of ways."

There will also be a discussion led by a panel of professionals from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Freed-Hardeman College. The discussion will involve departmental honors as compared to university honors.

"Another reason we decided to host the conference here is that we are centrally located and it is an opportunity to exchange ideas and get to know each other," McCash said.

**Upen Forum:** 

# by Jane Mier

Faculty morale, the university parking situations, and the ARA overcharge on budget meal plans were three of the major problems discussed by MTSU President Sam Ingram at the president's advisory open forum Wednesday.

Thirty students, administrators and faculty members attended the forum, which was held in the UC theatre. "I'm a little disappointed

in the number of this group," Ingram said. "I hope it indicates that no one on campus has any major problems, but I'm afraid that it means the people with problems have given up hope of getting them solved."

The forum, sponsored by the president's advisory council and the ASB, followed an informal format. The audience asked Ingram questions and brought situations to his attention. Ingram then had the option of answering or directing the question to one of several administrators present.

The first question answered by Ingram concerned the proper person to see when making a complaint. "I hope we're not wearing students out by running them through various channels,' he said. "I think it's appropriate to start with the person immediately involved or responsible to your particular problem." After exploring all possible alternatives. Ingram suggested seeing him

Ingram then addressed the issue of whether or not the ARA made any profit on their overcharge of budget meal plans. "As I understand the facts, the money overcharged has been sent to the state," he explained. "The idea of

a recoup is questionable as it is virtually impossible to identify the exact amounts and the people involved in the overcharge. In the long run, the expense of the mechanics in obtaining this information would total more than the amount of money to be returned."

One student requested a current report on the copyright of [continued on page 3]

by Ingram and campus community about the problem.

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# Periodicals could often be in a bind

#### by Jackie Gearhart

Many students have searched the shelves of the library for periodicals only to find that they are not available because they are being bound.

Periodicals are constantly being prepared to be bound according to Linda Gill, periodicals librarian. "Hopefully they are not off the shelf long," she said.

## THEC -

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MTSU then settled in June 1978 with an agreement to distribute \$50,000 among 35 female faculty members.

After statistical results were compiled from the universities surveyed, a study was produced which stated:

"The multiple regression analysis by discipline excluding rank identified two disciplines, business, humanities and fine arts wherein unexplained differences by sex is statistically significant.

Ruzicka, a North Carolina based bindery company which was selected by a bid process, picks up unbound periodicals and delivers bound ones every three or four weeks. It is one of the fastest and most efficient companies that has done work for the library, according to Gill.

When a desired periodical is not on the shelf, students should

These differences do not appear when rank is considered a factor." Although the study specifically states that THEC officials cannot say that discrimination is occurring, it will allow them to investigate these situations on school campuses.

The report revealed four basic recommendations for public institutions:

One-third of the female faculty members have received doctorate the male teaching staffs.

Each campus should develop a

check at the periodicals desk. The periodical may still be in the library being prepared to be bound.

Periodicals are sent to the binder when the volume is completed. This is usually each year, unless the volume is wider than two inches or is a volume of a weekly magazine

systematic annual review of salaries to determine if sex is a discriminatory factor and these methods should be approved by THEC governing boards.

More women should be encouraged to seek doctorate degrees to enhance their position in higher education.

Steps should be taken to insure appropriate administrators who will inform faculty members of salary determination policies and procedures.



Workers sweep up following the flooding of the JUB.

## JUB flooded by water during dinner last night

#### by Angie Galloway

The James Union Building cafeteria was flooded with water last night about 5 p.m.

The drains, which stopped up all at once, backed up and overflowed, according to Terry Isbell, a cafeteria worker.

The dish washing machines were running but were cut off fairly quickly when the drains began to flood. "We are mainly trying to keep the water off the carpet," Isbell said.

The cafeteria flooded about two or three months ago, but not as badly, according to Leo Johnson, manager of the cafeteria.

"We will definitely be back in operation Friday morning," Johnson said.



#### FRIDAY

Conference: Tennessee Collegiate Press Association; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., JUB Dining Room C Society of Financial and Accounting Managers; noon-

1 p.m., JUB Dining Room B Track Meet: NCAA; 6 p.m.,

Murphy Center Dinner-Disco: Foreign Student United Nations; 7 p.m., JUB Tennessee

#### SATURDAY

Room

Examination: National Teachers; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC 314

Annual Conference: Tennessee Honor's Council; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 305, 311, 312, 313 and 322 Luncheon: Tennessee Honor's Council; noon, JUB Dining Room B

# Calendar

Track Meet: NCAA; 11 a.m., Murphy Center Seminar: Southeast Advertisers Publishers Assoc., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 318 Banquet: Agriculture department Tennessee Farmers Co-Op: 7-10 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room

MONDAY

Executive Meeting: Gamma Beta Phi; 2-3 p.m., JUB Dining Room A

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## Polls to be at NCB and UC by Janet Hyatt

Polling places for the March 15 and 16 ASB elections were set for the University Center and Peck Hall at the election commission's Wednesday meeting.

Two voting machines will be at each location. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

Byron West, election commissioner, explained that because

there is some difficulty in loading and unloading the machines there may be a problem having them in Peck Hall.

"If something happens and the machines can't be delivered to Pook Hall all four of them will be at the UC," West said.

"The main reason we want them at two locations is for voter turnout. More people will probably vote if two locations are used," he added.

A president, two vice presidents, five senators from each class and two graduate senators will be elected.

Also included on the ballot will be the "\$1 activity fee" referendum which passed the legislature earlier this semester.

The next meeting of the election commission will be Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. in the ASB Conference Room.

# Scholarships available to females

The HPERS department offers two \$300 scholarships for women majoring in this department.

The Leona Drake Scholarship is open to female students, all of whose work has been at MTSU and who plans to be enrolled in

the HPERS department next semester. She must show an interest in her profession, have a grade point average of 3.0, plan to work in the area of HPERS after graduation and be of good character. In addition she should demonstrate a need for the scholarship.

The Tommie Reynolds Scholarship is subject to similar qualifications except that it is open only to "a sophomore woman who does not smoke or drink."

Applications may be secured from Buleah Davis, office 126 Murphy Center.

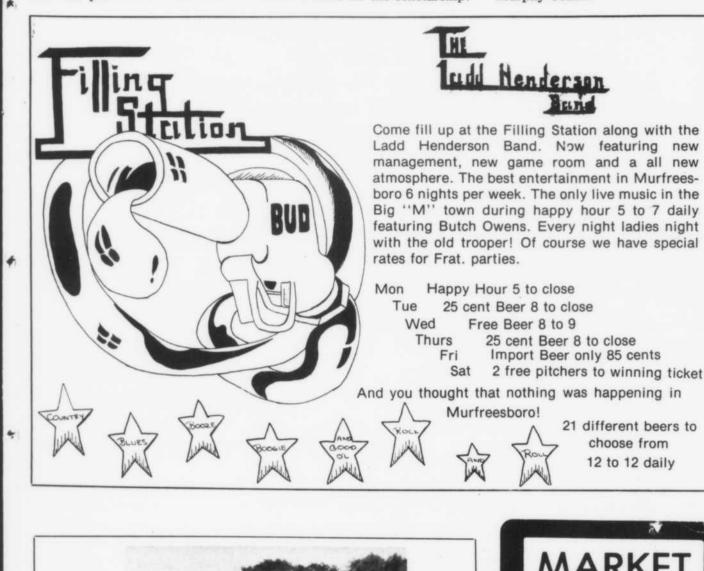
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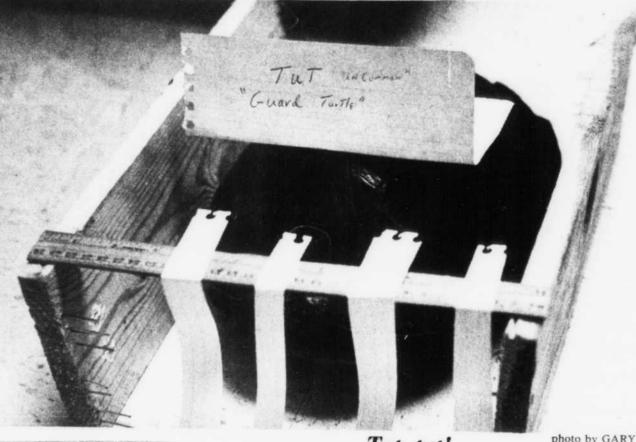
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Tut, tut!

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"Tut" the ferocious guard turtle is a fearsome sight awaiting those who dare to trespass in his territory.

# **Open Forum**

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faculty research proposal. "The original draft has been reviewed and has gone through significant changes," Ingram said. "I have not yet heard if the final draft is ready for review yet." By the time it is ready, he added, the draft will be so changed that it won't be as unpopular as the first draft.

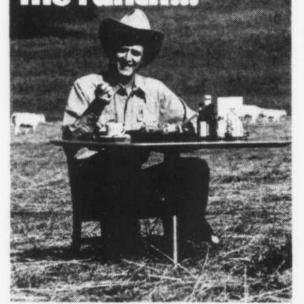
Ingram asked Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs,



to discuss the problems of commuters when a student who commutes 90 miles a day asked him if any special ideas were in the planning stages for commuting students. LaLance said that nothing special was being planned, but added that the student personnel office would be interested in knowing of any gripes. Mike McDonald, ASB president, said that the ASB would try to help with any

In reply to a question of teacher apathy, Ingram stated that perhaps low teacher morale was a better term. "I believe that some influences on low morale has to do with salary and some with evaluations that are given," he said. "I think that some of them feel the many state rules and regulations imposed upon them affects their creativity, both as teachers and as

"Presently, we're trying to see what's really bothering faculty members and are trying to improve conditions," Ingram explained. "I want to get the message across that their efforts are appreciated and there is nothing more important on this campus than what occurs in the classrooms. What happens between the students and faculty is what it's all about.' On the parking situation, Ingram said that according to various reports, MTSU has available parking but it is far from the campus. "We have to remember that extra space for new lots is limited, too. Consideration has been given to the redistribution of old parking spaces and changing the sticker classification system.





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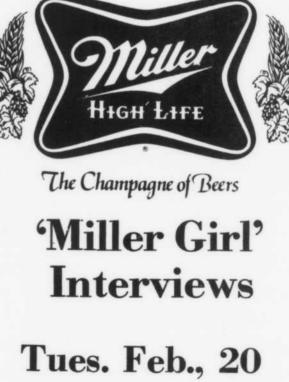


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# Newsroom Comment

# **Oil pinch calls for action;** voluntary solution farce

Rep. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., was speaking more realistically than idealistically when he disagreed Tuesday with Energy Secretary James Schlesinger's suggested voluntary oil conservation measures.

"A voluntary program is almost equivalent to no program at all," the Nashville Banner quoted Gore as saying when the secretary testified before the House Commerce Energy and Power Subcommittee.

"It's meaningless," Gore said, "The American people have been vaccinated against it with a healthy dose of cynicism."

The problem with a voluntary plan, is that not everyone volunteers. So, while you may be driving at 55 m.p.h., some jerks are speeding past at 75 m.p.h.

That doesn't happen too often before you start thinking to yourself, "Why should I cut back when no one else is?"

There is another problem with the proposed voluntary cutback system. According to Schlesinger, industry would be urged to use alternative energy sources such as natural gas and coal and would be given temporary exemptions from environmental standards to do so.

Et Cetera

Temporarily, you will be allowed to dump your crud and chemicals into the water and into the air. Save gas-pollute! (It takes more fuel to operate the various filtration systems than to bypass them.)

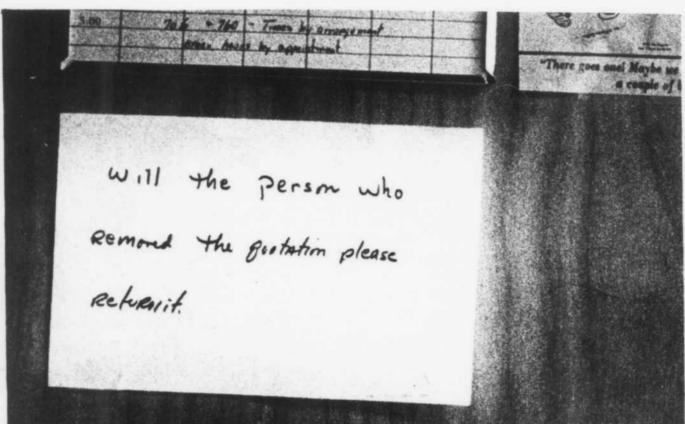
Whether President Carter sticks with the voluntary plan or determines more stringent rationing is needed, one thing is abundantly clear. We are all going to feel the pinch of the oil shortage caused by the revolution in Iran.

Ten percent of the world's known oil reserves are in Iran. Up until the revolution, five percent of the oil was used in the United States came from Iran.

The cessation of Iran's oil production and export last month has resulted in a deficiency of approximately 500,000 barrels a day in the U.S. In other words, U.S. distributors are having to make up the difference by dipping into their reserves for that amount each day.

Those who have not paid attention to the situation in Iran because it was so far away, or because, after all, that's their problem, will soon feel the effects of the revolution as American's spendthrift energy habits are necessarily curtailed.

by Bill Cook



quivering quotation. Can the quixotic quipster quell his quaint contempt for quips? Can the quisling from

Consider the queasy case of the quick and found on the doors of quizzical colleagues? For answers to these questions, question Ralph Ballou in the Department of Health, Physical Education,

# Winnowing MISU



#### Poet brings insight and wit

# Giovanni gives view of life

by Karen Zimmermann "There's nothing else that I'm going to be, other than a black female whatever-typist, doctor,

poet-whatever," Nikki Giovanni responded to the label, "black, female poet" in an interview yesterday. "I don't accept the whole theory of two strikes against you.

If I did that, I could not explain why I am alive. If I were to accept that the world is against me-I could not live.'

But Nikki Giovanni is very much alive and for a very brief time Thursday, she touched the lives of hundreds of MTSU students.

When asked to what she attributed her success, (after all, it is difficult for any artist to make a living at their art,) she laughingly replied "Well, to my brilliance, of course."

It was a statement that could be taken as immodest from those

Wonder Bread? Nothing ... so you end up with people having no interest in the product that they are responsible for. ITT also happens to own Random House. I would bet you that they don't even read.

So they're hiring people who are saying things like 'Well I can turn out the big book. And that is what everyone is looking for, and that has nothing to do with the culture. Books have to do with culture ....

Americans are now in very serious trouble because we are not producing any young writers. We are not for that matter producing very many young actors and actresses. Everybody has to be bankable...

How is it going to change? You were talking before about the Iranian situation and the effects of the coming energy shortage on our lifestyle. Do you see a resurgence of interest in the arts? ture our lives. I think that is going to be good for the city and that is going to be good for the artist.

Artists do not exist without cities. We have to display our wares there, we have to have a gallery. We need the communication that you find in the city.

I was just reading a poem over here at the radio station which I shall read tonight called "Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day.'' And one of the things that "Cotton Candy" is talking about is that this decade has really been the lonely decade. People really feel like they're out there by themselves. And they are not enchanted with that notion.

What kind of growth have you seen in your work?

I'm not a critic of my work. I would agree with T.S. Elliot who

said the poet is the last person to

know what's in the poem. I think

that there has been growth though

because I look at the world a little

First of all I've seen it...travel

has had a great effect on me. If

Mars ever becomes available and

I'm 90 years old, I'm sure I'd buy

I'm not avoiding your question

but I don't think that it's my job to

chart what my growth has been,

but to continue that process.

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Quebec quit quashing the quintessential quotes Recreation and Safety. He is quartered in MC 119.

## Letters to the Editor

#### To the Editor:

I just can't resist complaining about the use of the Murphy Center track.

I've been running inside this semester due to the weather and while I'm not a world class sprinter I usually pass about 80 percent of the people on the track.

I manage all this weaving without any hard feelings, and certainly without dishing out the verbal abuse several members (?) of our track team seem to get off on.

I've seen these people screaming at people from eight to 80 and nearly running over some who are

downstown by Tim Downs

a lot closer to 80 than they are to eight.

I'd just like to let it be known that if I get run over, I'm not going to be the last to hit the floor. Use a little courtesy, you jerks. Lane one isn't sacred ground. Name witheld by request.

#### To the Editor:

In answer to your Feb. 9 letter from Mark Samples, I would at this time, like to clarify this situation.

This year's senate attendance has been, I believe, the best in the

past three years. Never have we met illegally due to lack of quorum. This record is due to good communications between Speaker Kent Syler and the senators.

I am, however, aware of the persistant attendance problems of the house. I can sympathize with Mark Samples' effort to bring attention to this problem, and find the attempt to alleviate this situation to be as overdue as he does

> Speaker pro-tempore of the senate Joe Horne P.O. Box 1

Query first in writing or by

phone.

that don't know Nikki's work, but for those that do-it was an understatement. Despite a hectic schedule-two

interviews yesterday, finding out two more had been scheduled for today, "a small plane and high winds" and all the hassle that comes with a lecture tour, the 35 year-old poet showed in her sharing insight-depth and reflection.

With 15 honors students she talked of the homogenization of our culture today, education, evolution, life, humor-the topics ranged far and wide-sprinkled with occasional questions and a great deal of wit.

Although she was born in Knoxville and attended Fisk University, it has been many years since she has lived in the South. Currently a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, she was struck by the apparently Southern phenomena of Disco Breaks. "Come on nowis this real?" she joked about the TV encounter in Jonesboro, Ark.

Later, an interview generously sandwiched her schedule, the poet elaborated on some of the ideas brought up earlier at the seminar-some of her remarks are reproduced here:

I think it is very difficult for artists to earn a living and to gain the recognition that most of us feel we deserve or our fellow writers deserve simply because of the great corporate rip-off ...

It is very difficult...It is nothing that is sexually or racially based, but they look at the writers like 'how are we going to make money off it?'

I support capitalism, but what I learned about capitalism when I was in school was that it is competitive. Now we have the gobbling up of companies, and it's no good ...

ITT owns Wonder Bread-What does International Telephone and Telegraph know about

I think its (energy shortage) going to help cities in general because we are just not going to be able to hop into our automobile and lock up our doors and go about our business as if we exist in a world without people. I think we are going to have to get back to mass transit as much as the nation and the highway lobbyists have resisted that ...

We're going to have to restruc-

# **Audience** experiences

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other twelve published collections include "My House," "Night Comes Softly" and a collection of her conversations with noted black poet James Baldwin, "A Dialogue: James Baldwin and Nikki Giovanni."

In addition, Giovanni has made four records and has been an editorial consultant for Encore American and Worldwide News magazines and is author of a syndicated newspaper column, "One Woman's Voice.'

Giovanni has received honorary degrees from Wilberforce University, the University of Maryland, Ripon University, Smith College and New Hampshire College.

In 1971, she was awarded the Mademoiselle Magazine Award for Outstanding Achievement and in 1972 received the Woman of the Year Award for Youth Leadership from Ladies Home Journal.

In quoting one of her poems, "Show me someone not full of herself and I'll show you an empty person," one realizes that Nikki Giovanni is far from being an "empty" person. Describing her on paper is like, to quote another poem, putting a "three dimensional picture on a one dimensional surface."

### Black students -

#### [continued from page 1]

If black students would get involved in what McDonald termed "the system," things would pick up, he said. "I like to think that my intelligence, and the intelligence of my brothers, goes deeper than eating chicken or playing basketball.'

Black History Week was established in 1926 under the title of Negro History Week by black historian Carter G. Woodson. During the first three decades of the twentieth century, many members of the black community demonstrated a great inconecting and preserving documents and other sources on the history of the African people, Brown explained. The necessity for blacks to understand historical forces and to utilize history as a tool is crucial to their survival, he said.

The program climaxed with the recognition of 38 students who received certificates for outstanding scholarship, leadership, guidance and personal achievement.



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'I think it's exciting to be alive. Before I die. I want to at least get to the moon. and I don't see any reason why I can't.'

## Local chapters salute famous **Black greeks**

Nationally renowned black greeks were honored by MTSU black fraternities and sororities as part of their celebration of "Black History Week."

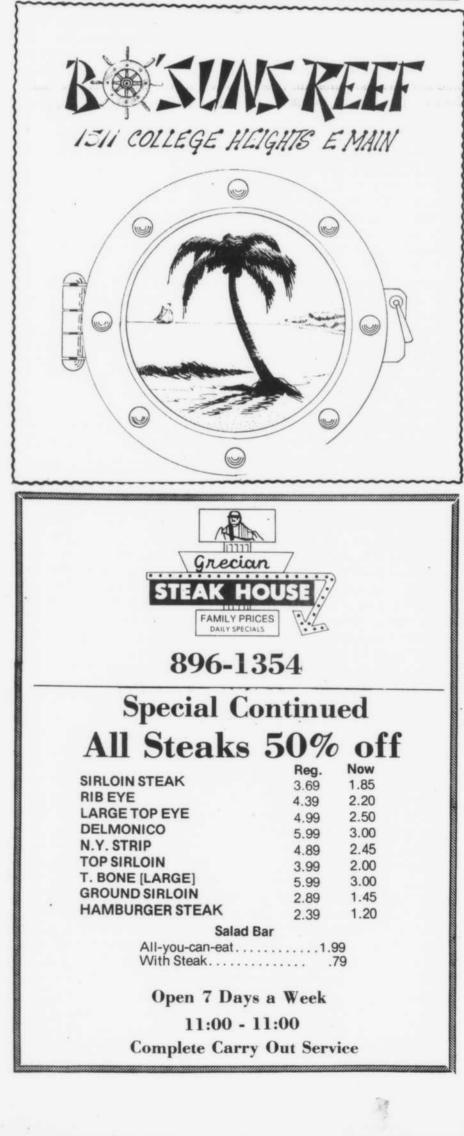
Delta Sigma Theta sorority honored some of its more famous members with daily University Center displays sponsored by MTSU's lota Tau chapter. Mary McCleod Bethune, founder of Bethune Cookman College; Patricia Roberts Harris, director of Housing and Urban Development; Metropolitan Opera soprano Leontyne Price; Poet Nikki Giovanni and former Olympic gold medal winner Wilma Rudolph were among the women honored.

In addition, the sisters were hostesses for a reception honoring Giovanni following her appearance last night. The reception was



Poet takes a break from the autographs.

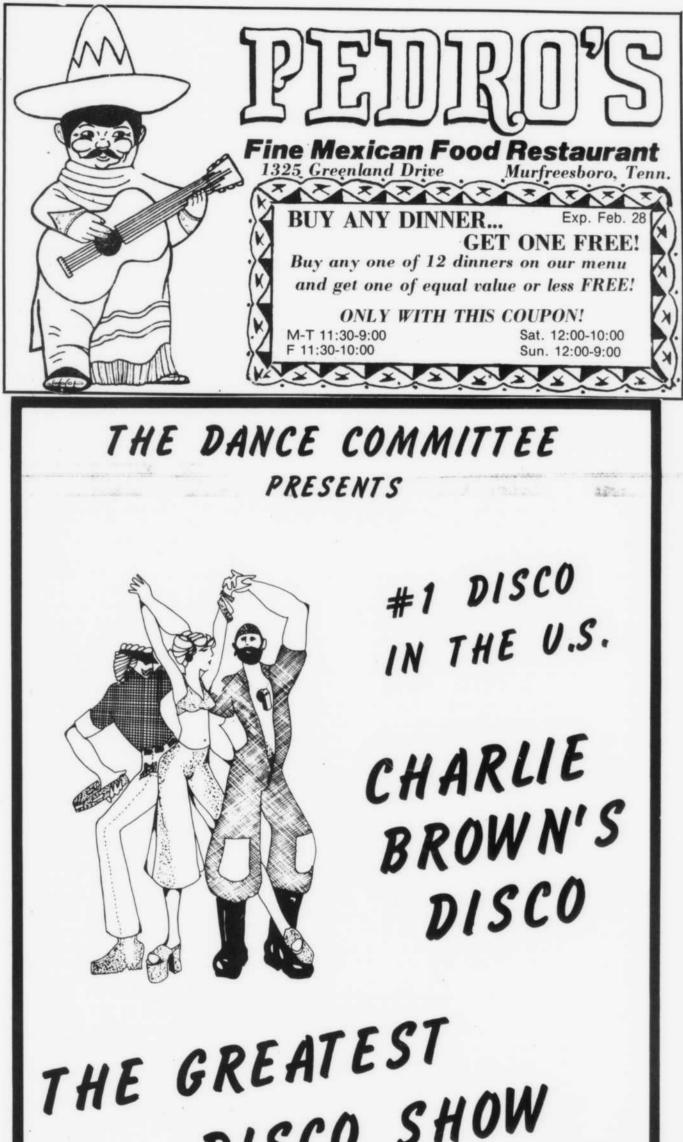
photo by GARY LONG





Giovanni speaks to capacity crowd at LRC.

photo by GARY LONG



held in Dining Room A of the James Union Building.

The Mu Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity honored the late Charles Drew, professor of surgery at the Howard Medical College and Chief Surgeon at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C. Drew is considered to be one of the guiding forces behind the establishment of blood banks for hospitals and the American Red Cross.

Drew died in 1941 from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was refused a blood transfusion at Duke University Hospital because of his race.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity honored national members including Ambassador Andrew Young, Dick Gregory, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and Nobel Peace Prize winner, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of the oldest greek organizations for black men, Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1906 on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.



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**Track team hosts OVC Championships here** 

#### by Scott Adams

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Coach Dean Hayes' Blue Raider track team will be looking to match its outdoor OVC track championship of last year with their first indoor championship when MTSU hosts the OVC Indoor Championships this Friday and Saturday in Murphy Center.

"I think it will be a battle between Western Kentucky and us," Hayes said. "There are a few other conference schools with a couple of good individuals on their teams, but as for overall talent, Western has the lead."

Hayes said that Western's biggest asset will be their distance runners, because indoor track leans a little bit more toward distance events than it does to speed and field events. (Of the 17 events to be conducted in the

meet, eight are distance oriented.)

This will be the fourth consecutive year for the indoor championships consisting of only OVC teams, but it will mark the first time that Middle Tennessee has hosted the event.

Three different teams have captured the title with Western taking the first, Morehead the second and Austin Peay winning last year in East Tennessee's Mini-Dome.

"It's gonna be tough, but we've got everybody healthy so I think we'll do real well.

The biggest question during the past few weeks has been the status of long jumper John DoDoo who was thought to have torn some ligaments in his knee in a meet several weeks ago. Hayes



says that DoDoo will be at full strength in the meet and should help the team greatly.

The meet will start Friday at 6 p.m. with a few of the field events followed by time trials in most of the running events. Saturday's action begins at 1 p.m. with the finals of all running events, sprints and distance races.

# **Blue Raiders claim a close victory;** to begin stretch drive with Murray

#### by Henry Fennell

"This victory was sweet, but now we've got to get our minds back on the OVC," basketball coach Jimmy Earle said after his Raiders had come from behind to defeat Mercer 62-61 in Macon, Ga. Wednesday night.

The contest marked the end of Greg Joyner's scoring slump. Joyner re-established his offensive game by scoring 25 points in an otherwise defensive minded contest.

The all-OVC forward hit 10 of 17 shots from the field, and five of six from the free throw line.

MTSU trailed by six at the half, 34-28, before making a run at the Bears midway through the second period. The Raiders used five straight Mercer turnovers to make up what was then a seven point

Earle felt the Raiders played their best defense of the season as Mercer's top scorer, Stewart Reese, was held to only three points.

"We played as good on defense as possible," Earle said.

It's nitty gritty time in the OVC race this weekend.

MTSU has fallen out of the top four in the OVC standings for the first time this season and now must overtake Morehead to land a spot in the conference tournament.

The Raiders are at Murray Saturday for a 12:30 p.m. televised game. The Racers are at the bottom of the conference standings with a 1-8 record.

The Raiders close out their regular season schedule with back

Kentucky Saturday.

Morehead, meanwhile, has only two games remaining. The Eagles will be playing Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky at home.

Morehead is now 5-5 in the conference, good for fourth place.

MTSU is fifth with a record of 4-5. In case of a tie between Morehead and Middle, the Raiders would claim the tournament berth, having beaten Morehead twice this season.

"Our ballclub is capable of winning a spot in the tournament if they want it bad enough," Earle said. Earle also asked for support down the stretch drive at yesterday's press luncheon. "It's easy to support a winner," Earle said. "Now's the time for all "true blue" Raiders to stand up and



Ileana Portik leaps high into the air to harrass Ann Baugher's [21] effort to pass the ball in Tues night's win over East Tennessee.

# Up record to 10-11 Lady Raiders down ETSU

#### by Robin Rudd

Despite a rather poor night of shooting, the Lady Raiders still managed to defeat the Lady Buccaneers of East Tennessee State University, 59-44, Tuesday night in Murphy Center.

Coach Larry Inman attributed the poor performance of the Lady Raiders to the lack of attendance at the game.

"In an empty gym it's really hard to fire up. It's ridiculous with 10,000 students here to get no better a crowd for basketball," Inman said.

easily in command of the game as they were able to maintain a 10 point lead for most of the first 20 minutes of play.

The Lady Bucs got into early foul trouble which was to hinder their play for the remainder of the game

When the first half came to a close the Lady Raiders retired to the locker room with a 13 point lead.

The second half started slowly for the Lady Raiders as they failed to score until 12:35 left in the game when Sharon McClannahan hit a layup to get MTSU on the

The trio of Ileana Portik, Kathy Riley and McClannahan provided MTSU with the needed hustle to insure the 14 point victory.

Portik played one of her finest games of the year, hitting 9 for 13 from the floor and 2 for 2 from the charity strip for a total of 12 points.

The Lady Raiders shot 38.3 percent from the floor and ETSU hit 40.7 percent of their shots. MTSU hit 13 out of 20 from the foul line while ETSU went to the line four times and came up with no points.

The next contest for the Lady Raiders will be at Murray, against Murray State University Saturday, Feb. 17 following the men's televised game.

#### **Injuries riddle Raiders**

show their support.

# Season of the 'What if?'

#### by Scott Adams

Although the present basketball season is far from being over, anyone following Blue Raider basketball would have to agree that this is a season of the "what if."

Of course, no one likes to hear anybody make excuses, or say "if this" or "if that had happened," but consider the lineup Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders could have fielded if it were not for the rash of injuries that have stricken them.



Start off with a front line of Jerry Beck, Greg Joyner, Jimmy Riley, Leroy Coleman, Chris Harris, Mark Lynn and Mike Frost.

In the back court, Greg Armstrong, John Denen, Curtis Fitts, David Thornton, Tim Johnson, Cordell Haynie and Rick Johnson. (Of course, that's not even mentioning Nate Cates, a 6'9 center who forgot you had to go to class to pass your courses and flunked out of school just before fall practice began.)

The only problem Earle would have had with the above team would be knowing who to put on the floor to start the game.

Of the above list, you can

scratch off Beck, Lynn and now Denen who will be out for the remainder of the season with torn ligaments and cartilage in his leg.

"I've said it all along," Earle said. "This ballclub is snakebit. Everytime I get a little excited about the way things are going, somebody important comes up with a crippling injury.

"Last year we could have won the conference going away, but Bob Martin hurt his knee and had to finish the season on literally one leg," Earle stated. "I try not to think about what it would be like to have Jerry and Mark, but every time I see us getting killed on the boards, eventually I think of them."

Beck's tale was perhaps the most tragic of all in that he had sat out all of the previous season under the transfer rule and after practicing all summer and fall waiting to become eligible, got ot play only four minutes of the season.

Beck went down in the opening minutes of the Blue Raiders' game with McNeese State on what appeared to be a badly sprained ankle. X-rays taken of the ankle later showed severe damage to the ligaments and tendons around the bone.

The foot was put into a cast and Beck slipped back into his familiar role of the waiting game.

"I was really depressed at first, but everything is beginning to look better now," Beck said. "I got the cast off a few weeks ago and the doctor said it was alright to start running after all the swelling had gone down."

Lynn's situation was not quite as dramatic as Beck's but it ended with the same conclusion. He was forced to sit out this season because of injury.



Lynn, a 6'7 sophomore from Manchester, Tn., injured a tendon in his foot right at the end of the summer and was sidelined a few weeks with that injury, which he said eventually led to his present injury.

"I think I came off of my heel problem too soon," Lynn said. "I must have been putting too much pressure on my other leg because it really started getting sore. I finally went to have it checked out a few days later and it was diagnosed as a stress fracture of one of the bones in niy lower leg," Lynn related.

Lynn and Beck were both red-shirted for the season, which means that they won't lose a year of eligibility. Both will remain eligible to play for three years.

"I'm really really proud of this club for what they have achieved this season, and like I've said from the beginning, if we do get into the conference tournament watch out, because this team, on any given night, can beat anybody in the league and I think we've proved that because so far no one has blown us out of a conference game all season," Earle said.

The Blue Raiders are presently battling Morehead for a berth in the conference tournament and will carry a 4-5 conference mark to Murray State Saturday in a must win situation for the team.

Inman also cited poor attendance as a problem when it comes to recruiting prospective players. During the first half, MTSU was

## Murphy enters Hall of Fame

#### by Scott Adams

**MTSU Athletic Director Charles** "Bubber" Murphy was inducted into the Tennessee Old Timers Hall of Fame last night at the State Fairgrounds in Nashville at the 40th annual meeting of the organization.

"I was really proud and honored," Murphy said. "I knew the Old Timers Association voted in about three new members a year, but I really didn't think i would make it," he continued.

Also inducted into the select group were Ron Norton and Hart Sullivan.

Norton was an All-SEC performer during his college career and is now the Director of Parks and Recreation in his hometown of Columbia, Tn. Sullivan played for Dupont during the early thirties after which he had a very successful career in the minor leagues.

Murphy is perhaps most well known to Middle Tennesseans as the head football coach at MTSU for 22 years. But he is best remembered by the Old Timers for his play at first and second base in the old Nashville sandlot league.

"To be eligible for the award, I think you needed to have played sandlot baseball for at least one summer," Murphy said. "I played just about every Saturday and Sunday for a number of years. There aren't any games like that to speak of anymore around here. I guess softball has kind of taken over in this area."

Along with his career as a sandlot player, Murphy also played four years in the New York Giants farm club system.

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The Lady Bucs played MTSU close, being out-scored only 26-24 in the last 20 minutes.



photo by ROBIN RUDD

Kathy Riley [33] goes airborne in order to find an open Lady Raider against ETSU.