

ASB Congress passes cheerleader bill

In a surprise move last night, the ASB House and Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill to add one additional male cheerleader and one additional female cheerleader to the present squad of ten.

Basically a racial issue in which black students supported by the Black Student Association promoted the idea of black representation on the squad, the bill, as stated, will call for the election of two cheerleaders, black or white.

The bill, brought first to the student House, was presented by Al Wilkerson, vice president of

By Jim Lynch

BSA, Reuben Justice, tailback on the Blue Raider football squad, and Terry Scott, former MTSU basketball star.

Justice noted a lack of spirit on the part of fans and indicated that black representation on the cheerleading squad could, and would, alleviate this situation.

He also pointed out that new black athletes, when visiting the MTSU campus during recruiting, would probably have a warmer feeling for the university if they knew that MTSU had black rep-

resentation in the cheerleaders.

Scott, on the other hand, noted that as many as 1000 blacks attend Blue Raider basketball games and that "they don't have anyone to lead them." When questioned about why a white cheerleader could not lead black cheerers, he indicated that black and white cheers differ, citing the "soul" cheers of the blacks.

The former roundballer also stated the urgency of the issue in the opinions of the blacks. Scott declared that by the time further legislation could have been enacted, other problems

could develop, thus complicating the whole issue.

As the debate was turned over to the floor of the House, many members raised questions concerning financial aspects of adding two cheerleaders to the squad. Mrs. Billie O. Smith, advisor to the present cheerleaders, stated that the present budget is strained and that she expects the money to run out sometime prior to the completion of the basketball season.

Claudia Waller, captain of the cheerleaders, indicated that she feels the need of black representation. (Continued on Pg. 2)

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Weems releases requirement study

The first of a proposed series of studies regarding current university general education requirements was released yesterday from the Assistant Supervisor of Records* Office following official review by Dean of Administration John Weems.

Evaluating the grades of 512 students who failed out of school during the fall semester of last year, Assistant Supervisor of Records Cliff Gillespie found that the average grade of these students for their general education requirements (1.25) was almost exactly the same as the overall average grade for all the courses these students were enrolled in, inclusive of last semester.

"Statistically, we can't say that their general education requirement courses caused them to flunk out," Gillespie concluded.

The administrative assistant and graduate student added, however, that other aspects of the situation must be analyzed before specific recommendations can be made. For instance, he suggests that some persons may wonder if more study is required for the general education requirements, if these courses are more difficult, if these courses comprise, as is suggested by some students, a screening process designed to eliminate students considered unfit for university work.

In addition to these considerations, Gillespie added, evaluations on an individual basis of the amount of time students put

By Jill Woodworth
News Editor

into studying for the general education courses as well as the value of the information received from the course should be significant.

The study of the students ineligible to return to school for the 1970 spring semester established individual general education averages as well as the compiled average. The grade point average for the failing students taking English is 1.08; science, 1.14; social science, 1.28; and American history, 1.33. Health, physical education, and recreation grades were averaged with ROTC military science resulting in a 1.99 average.

Investigation of the 512 students' American College Testing (ACT) scores reveals that the majority were considered capable of college study, Gillespie explained. Broken down into components of the ACT test, which is used as measurement in entrance criteria, the average score of the students studies involved in English was 16.79; mathematics scores averaged 17.04; social science, 17.37; and natural science scores were 18.42.

While the overall grade point average for the students who did not meet retention standards last fall was 1.25, the other 7,370 students maintained a 2.44 average.



ASB forum

University Center Director Dallas Biggers explains some of the aspects of his job at the second ASB Open Forum. The second in the series of three open forums was held to explain the functions of eight MTSU student services.

Large field of candidates seek freshman class offices

One of the largest fields ever will vie for 11 freshman class offices in next weeks freshman elections as 53 candidates qualified for a place on the ballot.

The 53 candidates included nine for class president and 13 for three freshman senate seats.

Al Wilkerson, ASB election commissioner, announced how-

ever that the elections would be held on Thursday instead of Wednesday as originally planned.

He stated that the postponement was because of the unavailability of voting machines on Wednesday. Wilkerson indicated that if there are any run-offs in the Thursday elections, another vote will be taken the following day.

The deadline for filing petitions for the election was Wednesday night. In order to qualify candidates were required to have petitions signed by 25 classmates.

Campaign posters began to appear on the campus as early as Wednesday morning as candidates began to make their appeal for votes.

The nine candidates for freshman class president are: Aaron McClain, Henry Clay Barry, Charlie Reavis, Voe Cardiff, John Cameron Kerr, Estes White, Kevin Brown, Ron Tuttle and John Hester.

The six candidates for class vice president are: Chip Carroll, Becky Lannom, Charles Smith, Juana Wilson, Jim Mathison and Charles Warren.

There are eight candidates for freshman treasurer: Murry

Crow, Ann Carson, Trina Hoyle, Pat Barber, Bonnie Thomas, Lela Solomon, Sheila Hixson and Mary Beanie Secrest.

Five candidates qualified for secretary. They are: Pat Clark, Joyce Smith, Merna Fisher, Debbie Smith and Debbie McAfee.

For the three freshman seats in the ASB senate there are 13 candidates, they are: Judy Butler, Marie Farley, Joel White, Peggy Duszynski, Mary Jane Balthrop, Emily Webb, Peter Hall, George (Brazo) Barry, Lisa Sparks, Deborah Hampton, David Roth, Terry Thomas and Deborah Wiley.

Four freshmen are running for the class seat in the ASB house of representatives. They are: David Griffin, John Berry, Kathy Dial and Mary Jane McCool.

Freshman will elect two members to the Womans dormitory council. The three candidates for these posts are Viggie Dixon, Mande Russell and Shelia Judd.

There are four candidates for the sargeant-at-arms of the freshman class. They are Ron Volpe, Charles Cannon, Ray Lee and David McCracken.

Alpha Tau Omega receives official status

The ATO Colony will be officially installed as the Eta Nu Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity this Saturday, November 14, Colony president James Baker announced today.

The Colony was informed that its petition for an ATO charter had been "overwhelmingly approved" by a vote of the Fraternity's 135 undergraduate chapters in the United States and Canada.

Notification of the approval came from ATO Executive Vice-President Norman E. Ritchie.

The installation ceremonies will be held in the ATO Fraternity house at 304 East Lytle Street, followed by a banquet at

Woodmore Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. to which all ATO alumni in the area are invited.

Initiation teams from nearby ATO chapters at UT, Vanderbilt, U. of Kentucky, Western Kentucky, Tenn. Tech, and U. of the South, will aid in the initiation. Principle participants in the banquet program will include Thurman McLean as toastmaster and John Putman, ATO International President as the main speaker. Welcoming the new ATO chapter will be President M.G. Scarlett.

Representatives of 12 MTSU fraternities and sororities will also attend the banquet to salute

the newest addition to campus organizations.

On Sunday, the traditional ATO installation church service will be observed at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Eugene Cotey will serve as minister.

The ATO Colony has been in existence here since November 3, 1969. Prior to this they were local Alpha Pi Omega, since May 18, 1969.

According to ATO Dan Boone, "It has been a lot of hard work on the part of every member to become a chartered chapter and there is a lot of hard work for the future in sight."



Socialist speaks

A student audience is told by Linda Jenness, former Socialist candidate for the Georgia governorship, that their highest ambition should be a career in revolutionary politics.

YSA member predicts failure of capitalism

By Mike West

Linda Jenness, member of the Young Socialist Alliance, spoke yesterday morning about the failure and fate of capitalism to a group of thirty people in the University Center. Miss Jenness, former candidate for Mayor of Atlanta and for governor of Georgia, expressed her feeling that capitalism in America is doomed.

Miss Jenness stated that the control of the nation belongs to the worker class, which is composed of young people from the universities, women, black youths from the ghettos, and dissatisfied American soldiers. Strikes such as the Postal strike and Los Angeles teacher strike are proof of the coming social upheaval she said.

Miss Jenness said that it would be necessary for the blacks to again control every aspect of

their communities in order for them to achieve equality. It is also necessary for the Blacks to form an independent political party, she continued. Miss Jenness also stated that the teaching of black history is needed in this quest for equality.

When questioned about the Young Socialist Alliance's support of the Palestine Liberation Front, Miss Jenness replied that they are opposed to the Zionist movement in Israel, and to the treatment given Arab refugees by Israel's government.

The highest career that any young person can seek is that of a revolutionary politics, stated Miss Jenness. This cause is invincible because it has social evolution on its side, she said.

Fall Festival of Arts opens with play

"Dirty Work at the Crossroads -- or Tempted, Tried, and True," a 19th century melodrama by William Johnson, will open the first annual Fall Festival of Arts, Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Staged by the Buchanan Players, the production will be presented twice in the University Center Theatre at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., according to student director Charlie Jackson.

In keeping with the theme of the festival -- "Mark Twain, A Man and His River" -- the Twain era play features Connie O'Connell as sweet, innocent Nellie Lovelace; Tony Pendergrass as the stout-hearted, though rustic hero; and Keith Bronder as vile and sinister Munro Murgatroyd, "that pernicious destroyer of female purity!"

Between performances of "Dirty Work," the UC Theatre will also show a filmed version of Twain's classic "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" at 4 p.m.

The second day of the Fall Festival of Arts, Wednesday, Nov. 18, will include presentation of another movie in the UC Theatre -- "The Adventures of

Tom Sawyer" -- again at 4 p.m.

This will be followed later in the evening by a concert of the music which grew out of the Mississippi River boat culture, Dixieland jazz, presented by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Theatre.

Thursday, Nov. 19, will see the showing of the final film, "The Adventures of Mark Twain," again to be shown in the

UC Theatre at 4 p.m.

Climaxing the festival, Friday evening at 8, will be John Chappell's rendition of "Mark Twain Tonight," the role made famous by Hal Holbrook. Costumed in the manner of Samuel Clemens, Chappell will give readings in the DA Theatre from the eminent satirist's works in the style of the lectures the author was forced to make to supplement his income.

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tation but added that she isn't sure whether or not the method being followed is the best possible one. She also pointed out the financial strain which the cheerleaders are in.

As debate decreased, a roll call vote was called by House Speaker Roger Hardaway. The bill passed 56-8 and went to the Senate.

Presented in the Senate by senior Erskine Smith, he immediately reemphasized the points in favor of the bill as they were presented in the House.

Main opposition to the bill

was given by senior Senator Sammy Sells, himself a member of the cheerleading squad. Sells questioned the necessity of adding more cheerleaders and also questioned the fairness of the proposed electing board.

The board, as proposed, calls for the election of the cheerleaders to be by four athletes, two coaches, a member of the House, and a member of the Senate.

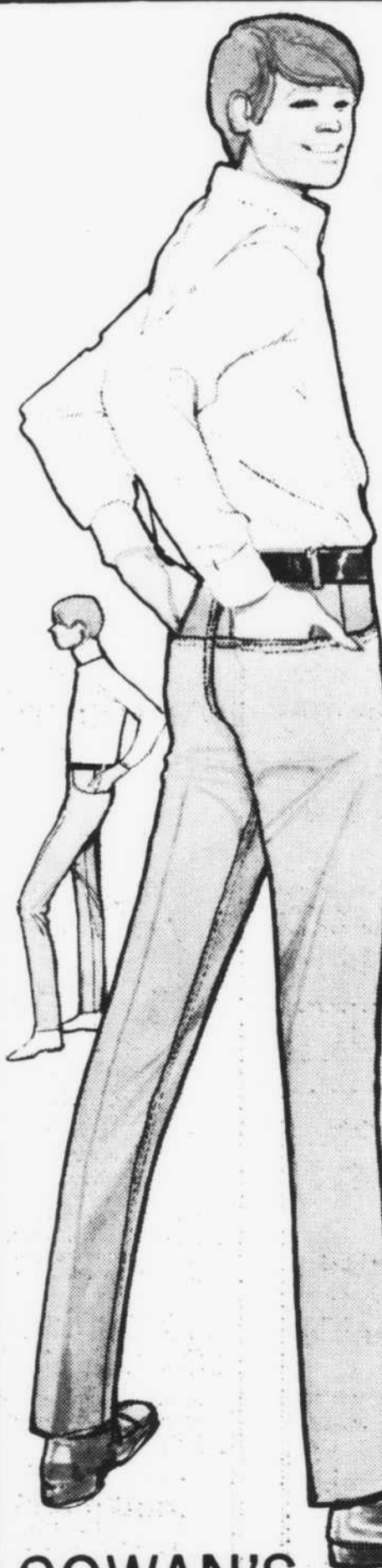
As debate died down, another roll call vote was called for and the bill passed the Senate 9-4. The passage of the bill was met by resounding applause from the onlookers, primarily black.

Wilkerson, when questioned following the vote, remarked with a big grin on his face, "I think it's a good thing. I'm glad the students realize the need of equal representation."

He added, "If they continue to realize this need, MTSU will be a greater university than even now."

The bill will now go to ASB President Bart Gordon for final passage. The Murfreesboro senior indicated Thursday night that he would sign the bill as soon as he gets it.

The student leader concluded that he is "extremely proud" of the conduct exhibited and added that he is glad to see everyone used reasoning in making their decision.



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Phi Mu Alpha to host Carson piano concert

The Omicron Tau Chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity here, will host pianist Miss Eleanor Carson in concert Sunday, November 15, at 8 p.m. This concert is the first in a series of concerts being host by Phi Mu Alpha in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Miss Carson has received the Debussy Prize (Paris, 1969) and has also been recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship in addition to grants from the French and German governments. She has performed extensively in both the United States and in Europe.

This concert series is being presented in order to raise money for the Paul Britt Memorial Scholarship Fund. Paul Britt was a brother dedicated to Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and he was respected by his brothers as an excellent musician. Season tickets are available at student rates of \$3.00 and can be obtained from any member of Phi Mu Alpha, according to Tony Warshar, Phi Mu Alpha saxophonist. Tickets may also be obtained individually at the door on the night of the concert for \$1.00.

TCPA to convene for second meeting

The recently formed Tennessee Collegiate Press Association will hold its second organizational meeting on the MTSU campus this evening and tomorrow, according to TCPA Vice-Chairman Keel Hunt.

Hunt, senior journalism minor from Nashville, indicated that the purpose of the organization is "to provide a means of communications between editors and staffs of student newspapers on campuses across Tennessee."

Hunt noted that today's activities will include a banquet followed by a speech by Pulitzer Prize winner Nat Caldwell.

Caldwell, a staff writer for The Nashville Tennessean, received his award for a series of stories on the United Mine Workers in 1956. His speech will be on the "Advocacy of the Free Press."

Saturday, Hunt related, the delegates will meet to amend and adopt the constitution of the organization and to elect officers.

He added that choosing a location of a state headquarters will also be on the Saturday agenda. The young staff member of The Nashville Tennessean said Tennessee Technological University and MTSU are expected to bid for the post.

Hunt pointed out that, if time permits, several services the organization could provide its members will be discussed. He indicated that the primary services noted were establishing a state-wide news service between schools.

The convention comes in the wake of an endorsement of the TCPA by the Tennessee Press Association and its president W. Bryant Williams.



'The Temptations'

Tickets are now on sale in the University Center for The Temptations concert on Monday in Alumni Memorial Gym. The group, which records on the Motown label, has record sales that run into many millions.

ASB to sponsor assembly for high school leaders

The Second annual "Student Leadership Conference" sponsored by the ASB will be held on campus Saturday for approximately 125 high school student leaders representing 25 high schools from across Middle Tennessee.

Bill Boner, State Representative Elect from Davidson County, will be the keynote speaker of the conference at a noon luncheon for the visiting student leaders. Boner was Boys State Governor in 1962 and was president of the ASB here at MTSU in 1966-67.

The "Student Leadership Conference" is under the direction of Bobby Sands, Lynnville junior. Sands explained that the conference is a facet of "Student Ambassador Program".

The conference will convene at 9 a.m. in the University Center Theatre with remarks by ASB president, Bart Gordon and MTSU

president Dr. M. G. Scarlett. The delegates will then attend three sessions of discussion groups centering on four major areas.

Paul Womack, 1968 ASB president; Bart Gordon and Bobby Sands will co-ordinate a discussion group on the topic "Today's Students and Current Problems." There will be a panel discussion on "Race Relations on the Campus" headed by Gerald Edwards, president of the Black Student Association; Alfred Wilkerson, ASB Election Commissioner; Thelma Murray, Murfreesboro sophomore and a member of the MTSU "Human Relations Council;" Van Martin, 1969-70 ASB President and Sharlena Phillips, ASB Secretary of Internal Affairs.

John Dunnivant, sophomore senator, will lead a discussion group to provide for an "Ex-

change of Ideas" on student government with the assistance of Gary Hall, 1969-70 Secretary of External Affairs and Joleen Abernathy, Pulaski junior.

"The Proper Role of Student Government" will be the subject of discussion group to be headed by Jim Free, 1969 ASB president who now serves as MTSU Admissions Counselor. Dr. John Weems, Dean of Administration and Cliff Gillespie, 1969-70 ASB Speaker of the House will join Free in leading this discussion group.

Following the noon luncheon at

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which Boner will speak the visiting students will be guests at the MTSU-East Tennessee football game.

"This conference should provide the participants with an insight into university level student government and provide a unique opportunity for a discussion of mutual problems, Sands stated.

"We further hope to communicate and demonstrate to our guests that MTSU is a growing, dynamic university with ever expanding and improving programs," Sands concluded.

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Meanwhile With Lynch

Baptists preserve morals of youths; ban dancing

Well, guess what? The Baptists are once again out to preserve the tender morals of today's youth. According to a decision made at the Tennessee Baptist Convention last Wednesday in Jackson, gone will be the Boogaloo, the Bop, and all other vile forms of physical movement to music known as dancing at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, a Baptist college.

Naturally, that grossest form of close physical contact, (you know, the kind where you put your hands on each other) the waltz also got the shaft.

It all began a little more than a year ago when the students (meeting in secret society) banded together in sin and began to have "sock hops" in the school's gymnasium.

But word got out that the students were engaged in illicit acts and the Baptist Executive Board, upon finding out, threatened to send all who partook of such activities straight to hell, without passing go, and without collecting \$200 if this blatant form of heresy did not cease.

The matter was "hushed up" until the state convention was held. The vote was unanimous to ban all dancing.

By Jim Lynch

The learned man of God who placed the resolution before the assembly, Rev. Howard Kolb of Memphis, was quoted by United Press International as saying, "Churches everywhere are watching the Tennessee Baptist Convention on this controversial issue."

Indeed they probably were. And I shall refrain from guessing what their reaction was.

So, as it stands now, students who attend Carson Newman College don't dance, at least not on campus. They'll probably now have to get their sinning done in such Sodom and Gomorrah communities as Knoxville and Gatlinburg. But definitely not in Jefferson City.

Overall, you've got to hand it to those who attended the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It's good to know that they have the insight and wisdom to determine the morals of other people. After all, what would we do if we didn't have someone to do our thinking for us? One thing for certain, I know where I won't be doing my graduate work.

National Perspective

Curiosity revives interest in deaths

During the past few months interest has been revived in some unsolved mysteries of our times.

Controversy concerning the present condition of Amelia Earhart has, within the past few days, again been brought to light.

A recent book entitled "Amelia Earhart Lives" by Joe Klaas and Joseph Gervais has charged that Miss Earhart is alive and has assumed the identity of Irene Bolam, a New York widow.

Mrs. Bolam having been confronted by the information has flatly denied the accusations and said that the book is a "poorly documented hoax."

Earlier investigations into Miss Earhart's fate after she had embarked on a Pacific flight turned up what was claimed to be her grave and her remains. Positive identification has not yet been made.

By Jim Leonhirth

Another mystery coming under new investigation is the identity of Jack the Ripper, the infamous murderer of London. Researchers have come upon new evidence which they claim establishes the identity of the Ripper.

They point their accusing fingers at Prince Edward, the grandson of Queen Victoria and the great-uncle of Queen Elizabeth.

Buckingham Palace has denied these charges that Edward was Jack the Ripper indicating that Edward was out of the country when the crimes occurred. These refutations, however, have not decreased the insistence of the researchers, and other investigations are still underway.

What engenders these investi-

gations and speculations is itself a mystery.

Perhaps simple curiosity or greed enhanced by sensationalism motivates individuals to spend their time in this type of research. The whereabouts of Judge Crater and Ambrose Bierce are still being investigated in this country as probably are the existence of Adolph Hitler and the Abodimable Snowman.

Compounded with these vagaries are the more serious mysteries surrounding the deaths of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King. Mysteries which have been exploited in the past and which will probably be exploited in the future.

It is part of man's basic nature to be curious; it appears, regretfully, that it is also part of his nature to exploit even what he does not know.

Editorial

Freshmen should know candidates

With freshmen elections scheduled for Wednesday candidates are displaying their various campaign posters in order to solicit votes. However it is doubtful if the freshmen will know much about the various candidates.

It has been the custom at MTSU for many years for the freshmen candidates to campaign by displaying signs and posters. Many times the candidate with the most posters or the candidate with the most clever slogan would win.

While this type of campaigning is used in all types of elections for public office it is questionable if this manner of campaigning alone is desirable.

This method of campaigning might have been suitable when this university was Middle Tennessee State College and there were only a few hundred freshmen. Now, however, there are some 3,000 freshmen and the campaigning is still done in the same manner.

Through this type of campaigning the students know very little about the candidates except that a particular candidate makes a better poster than his opponent.

Candidates running for the freshmen offices should attempt to change this and conduct their campaign in a manner that will allow the voters a chance to find out a little more about who will represent the freshman class than their ability as a signmaker.

The members of the freshman class should also make an attempt to learn about the candidates and vote for the candidate who has the best ideas as to what is better for the freshman class and MTSU rather than the most popular.

The class of 1974 will be involved in making decisions that will effect MTSU for many years after this class has graduated. The present freshman class should start now in electing officers who are capable and who will make the right decisions for the future of MTSU.

Our Man Hoppe

Election analysts need analyst

The election analyzers have now analytically analyzed the election results to explain what they all mean. It is therefore now time to analyze the election analyses to explain what they all mean.

First, what do they mean to Mr. Nixon?

Here, the analysts have shown conclusively that the political debts Mr. Nixon garnered by his intensive campaigning plus the gain of several Senate seats assure his re-election in 1972.

There, the analysts have shown conclusively that the enemies Mr. Nixon made, the divisiveness he created and the loss of a dozen governorships assure his defeat in 1972.

Thus we see that Mr. Nixon will now be returned to the White House in 1972 if he wins the election.

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But it is clear that Mr. Nixon's Southern Strategy, on which he pinned such high hopes, worked. Mr. Nixon's Southern Strategy worked in Ohio, New York and several other Northern States.

Unfortunately, it didn't work too well in the South. It didn't work too well in Illinois, either. But that was because Adlai Stevenson III is the son of Adlai Stevenson.

Similarly, the son of Gene Tunney, the son of Robert Taft, the son of Joseph P. Kennedy and the son of a Rockefeller all won. True, in Maryland, the son of Senator Tydings was beaten. But he was beaten by the son of Senator Beall.

Thus the results prove a candidate is fortunate these days if the voters know his own father.

In several areas, however, victory went to candidates who own fathers the voters didn't know. These unknown fathers include the fathers of Governor Reagan, Governor Wallace, Senator Stennis and James Buckley.

But they were elected, most analysts agree, on the strong Conservative tide that engulfed

By Arthur Hoppe

California, Alabama, Mississippi and half of Ohio. It didn't engulf New York, where two Liberals piled up 60 percent of the vote over Conservative James Buckley, who won. But then he's William Buckley's brother, which proves something about brothers. It's unclear what.

Meanwhile, most analysts agree, a strong Liberte engulfed California, Minnesota, Wisconsin and half of Ohio.

The problem in California was that both tides engulfed the voter. Each voter. The California voter walked into the voting booth, the results show, and voted in a Conservative mood for Governor, a Liberal mood for Senator, a Conservative mood for Attorney General and a Liberal mood for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This proves what we have all long felt about moody instability of Californians.

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So a thoughtful analysis of the State-by-State analyses explains what they all mean.

They all mean that the voters, in a conservatively-liberal or vice versa mood, want either fresh new faces or experienced leaders who stressed law and order or bread and butter issues to go to Washington and get America out of Vietnam immediately or sooner or later.

The people have spoken. The mandate is clear. If we are going to preserve our sanity in these troubled times, if we are going to preserve our cherished democratic heritage, if we are going to preserve our inalienable right to vote as we please, then we're going to have to abolish election analyzers.

It's them or us.

Politicians jockey for spots in 1972-76 races

NEW YORK -- Commentators are crystal-ball readers, promoters and matchmakers at heart. Several of my press colleagues have been talking up Sen. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. John Tunney as earlier they talked up Sens. George McGovern, Harold Hughes, Fred Harris and Birch Bayh for the Democratic nomination in 1972.

I fear that star-gazing and entail-reading are pretty ephemeral stuff. To be a viable presidential candidate a man must command the focus of national attention for a time, and (like Shadrach and his fellows) go through the fiery furnace and be tested and survive.

If there were really a vacuum of Democratic leadership some newcomer might move into it. But whatever may have been true before the elections, there is no vacuum now. Sens. Edmund Muskie, Edward Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey, having survived the elections with their triumphs, have filled the vacuum and are still the men to be reckoned with. Mayor John Lindsay, who somehow survived despite the disaster that befell the entire state ticket he supported, is still poised on the margin. That is how it is. Let's talk of major league, not minor league, stuff.

Also let's talk of the candidate climate in 1972. It is always the political climate which win-

nows out the effective men from the rest, good and bad. I suspect the climate of 1972 will be closer to 1970 than 1968, which means that there won't be a major crisis over the war and that the question of law and the social order and the question of the economy will remain the major issues determining the climate.

A footnote here about the meaning of 1970 results. There is a curious and furious disagreement as to who won and who lost. Despite Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew's cheery words as they carried the riddled body of the Republican hopes into the hospital shock-room, there are Republican realists who know it was a costly shoot-out. And despite the sober rejoicing of most Democrats, there are some liberals who rub the wounds inflicted on them in the Albert Gore, Joseph Tydings and Charles Goodell defeats and in the total results in New York and Connecticut and wonder whether it was in truth a glorious victory.

My feeling is still that in nationwide balance the Democrats came off better and that in most areas the exploitation of the economic issues caught up with and prevailed over the exploitation of the social issues. But it was a near thing between the two, which accounts for the razor-thin margin between many victories and defeats.

The economic issue may pass before 1972, but the social issue will remain--as the New York results and especially the James Buckley victory suggest. In general, those who rightly or wrongly had the image of being tilted too far toward the left or the right went down, while those who managed to get across a left-of-center or right-of-center image of moderation won. If I am not too wrong on this, then the election results were a modest step toward the necessary recentering of America.

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President Nixon damaged himself for the 1972 contest, but he can repair the damage by more moderation as he gets back to the business of being President. Agnew also damaged himself, and the damage will be harder to repair. Yet I don't see much chance of either of them being displaced as the 1972 Republican nominees.

Mr. Nixon won't have the same kind of war crisis on his hands that Lyndon Johnson had in 1968, nor is there much chance that Lindsay will launch a splitaway movement from the Republicans as Theodore Roosevelt did with the Bull Moose Party of 1912. As for the Democrats, Humphrey's problem as senator in the next two years will be to fresh-

en his image and repair his credibility for the young. He may do it, but not enough to displace Muskie. Teddy Kennedy's problem will be one of a different kind of credibility: He will still find it hard to talk--without some sense of irony--about primarily moral issues, as Muskie talked of them in his remarkable Election Eve speech.

Lindsay has as much charisma as Kennedy, without his disabilities; and he has more spontaneous appeal than Muskie. His danger is that of teetering on the Republican-Democratic fence too long. His disability is that the very strength of his appeal to the young and the disinherited

may make him in a political climate of continued tension, a divisive rather than cohesive leader. If the climate continues much as it is, Muskie will be hard to beat in the 1972 Democratic convention.

In 1976, when Mr. Nixon is effectively out of the picture, will be a very different case. If Agnew tries to inherit the presidential mantle, then Charles Percy, Mark Hatfield and notably Lindsay (if he has not become a Democrat by then) will be formidable opponents for the nomination. And, against Agnew, someone like Kennedy or Lindsay (as a Democrat) will have a clear and good chance.

Letter

Racial misunderstanding complicates relations

To the Editor:

In their statement of principles titled Black Power, Stokely Carmichael and Charles V. Hamilton offer a two-part definition of racism as they suggest it exists in the minds of American men and women. Racism, they say, may be overt and face-to-face, or it may be subtler and institutional.

When viewed against a backdrop of their complete discussion of Black Power, which differs significantly from other definitions of the phrase, the reader finds consequently that all white men are to be categorized into two broad areas: the racists, whose racism is either overt or covert, and the remainder of white America which contributes to the racist effort through mere indifference. Their classification may well have relevance to MTSU at the present time -- not for its accuracy but for the failure of its method.

Such a classification is a symptom of a larger problem -- larger and deeper perhaps than the single problem of racial misunderstanding. The problem is our tendency to think only in extremes. And another symptom, or example, was noticed in a page one news story published Nov. 6 in the SIDELINES.

The story deals with what may prove, needlessly, to be a volatile issue on campus, if it has not proven so already: black demands for representation on the cheerleading squad.

The story, by Jim Lynch, discusses the protest of alleged inequities in the present selection process. Certain black applicants for the positions were qualified, we are told, and should have received the honors.

This position alone is not at issue here. What is at issue is the shadow cast upon the cheer-

leader question by a remark later in the same article.

After discussing the controversy, the writer notes that Al Wilkerson, who raised the initial complaint, went on to mention "other incidents of racism" in Tennessee. Now such a phrase, whether spoken by Mr. Wilkerson

himself or composed by Mr. Lynch as a paraphrase, has two effects: it sets a fearsome tone for the remainder of the story, and it implies that the original selection of cheerleaders was based on opinions grounded upon outright racism or race hatred.

The first effect may be excused as a casual error in word choice; the second effect is tragic, though typical of the way we tend to treat issues today.

From the article, we can only assume that it was Mr. Wilkerson who used the term "racism" in the Thursday meeting. Nevertheless, I suggest that the roots of present-day racial misunderstanding are far more complex and historical than Mr. Wilkerson and most Americans may realize, whether they are black or white. The problem, again, is our tendency to think only in extremes; one must love something intensely, or he must hate it, and so on. Consequently, intermediate causes and effects are ignored.

I suspect that the average white and the average black are not truly aware of the subtle but powerful ways in which our nation still is victim of the institution of Negro slavery, although it was eradicated a hundred years ago. I suspect the average black and the average white are tragically unaware, as well, of the economic forces which, over the years, may lock one group or another into a social class or a low-rent neighborhood, which their children and grandchildren will inherit -- physically and emotionally. Yet these persons are not racist, though they may misunderstand the objectives and misconstrue the motives of one ethnic group or another.

So for these reasons -- since the causes of our problems may be largely unknown to many of our people -- we must take care in our assignment of the label "racist" to anyone or any group. It is an explosive, a sensitive word.

Extremism may indeed be the hallmark of our age. But mere ignorance is not racism and may be cured sooner with education and with patience than with scorn and invective.

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Martin reports

Bucs 'finest team we'll face'

Coach Ron Martin scouted East Tennessee in the Bucs' 13-7 win over Morehead last week, and made the following comments about the team that MTSU will go against on Saturday.

"East Tennessee could be the finest team we'll face all year. They tied Western 10-10, and should have won. They lost to Eastern 10-6 in Richmond, and could have won that one with a break or two.

Their quarterback, senior Larry Graham, is the best in the league. He is completing

57 percent of his passes and has accounted for 1482 yards in total offense. I believe that in three or four weeks, when the OVC names its Offensive Player of the Year, Graham will be it.

East Tennessee likes to send five receivers out, and they depend on the other five men to do all the blocking. They have been getting away with this, too, because they are such good athletes.

Main pass receivers are Bill Peake, Greg Stubbs and Rick Anderson, each of whom has caught at least 19 passes.

Their offensive line is anchored by center Greg Chesnut, guard Ed Harris and tackle Steve Grindstaff.

Defensively, they are really tough. They aren't real big, but are extremely quick and will really get after you.

End Willie Bush, linebacker Bubba Timms, cornerback Mike Casey and safety Jerry Weston are all of All-OVC caliber.

"They feel like they can win the championship again since we beat Western for them. Now, they are only a half game behind in the loss column and are looking for Morehead to beat Eastern to give them a share of the title. You can bet they will be all fired up for us."



Seniors unhappy

The 1:30 game with East Tennessee State will be a sad one for the above 12 seniors, who will play before the home crowd for the last time. Shown from left to right are: co-captains, David Duvall (54) and Taylor Edwards (29); kneeling, Mike Cowan (65), Gary Wright (35), Hunter Harris (67), Jimmy Williams (71), and standing: Ron Taylor (18), Harold Patterson (82), Bobby Gatlin (10), Tom Moore (73), Ron Johnson (61), and Tommy Beene (34).

Intramural golf set for today

Intramural hole-in-one golf will be held today and tomorrow, according to Joe Ruffner, men's intramural director.

The competition will be held from 3:30 to 5:00 today and 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 Saturday, Nov. 14.

Individual and team participation is encouraged, with a trophy being awarded to the first and second place individuals. As many participants can participate who like to, but each team must have a minimum of six contestants to enter for entrance points and participation points.

ETSU next Raider opponent; Graham leads potent offense

Defending Ohio Valley Conference champions and conquerers of Louisiana Tech and Terry Bradshaw in the Grantland Rice Bowl, East Tennessee State, journeys to Horace Jones field Saturday afternoon and will bring the league's total offense leader and one of the most explosive passing attacks Bill Peck and his 'mod squad' will witness all year.

Kickoff, which is set for 1:30, will see the MTSU defensive backfield of Ken Coffee, Ray Oldham, Raymond Bonner and Ed Miller lock horns with Larry Graham, one of the most prolific passers in the conference.

Graham has guided the Buccaneers to a 6-1-1 record, losing only to Eastern Kentucky and gaining a 10-10 tie of powerful Western Kentucky.

In eight games, the highly touted quarterback and favorite for the Offensive Player of the Year in the OVC has rolled up 1482 yards, with 1459 of them coming by the way of the pass, the most effective weapon he possesses.

According to the coaching staff, Graham doesn't do anything spectacularly except win. He proved his leadership in taking the Buccaneers to a 10-0 year last year, including their thrilling, regional televised contest with Bradshaw, the nation's No. 1 draft choice and now the quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

As a team, ETSU ranks first in the league statistics with 188 yards per game average. They have averaged 89.3 yards rushing an outing for an average of 277.3 yards, second in the conference behind Morehead State.

In team defense, the Bucca-

By Gary Davenport

neers are ranked fourth, a notch above the Blue Raiders. East Tennessee has allowed an average of 124.3 a game compared to the 155.1 for the Raiders.

Against the pass, however, the Raiders are the best in the league with a 92.8 average while the Buccaneers have allowed enemy quarterbacks to pick them apart for 117.5 yards.

The key to ETSU defense will be the leftovers of 'Bennett's Bandits,' a term now used at the University of Tennessee.

Coach Bennett, who was the backfield coach of the Bucs last season, now is the coach at Tennessee and has made the Vol secondary one of the best in the country.

Bill Casey, an All-OVC back last year, is back and will present a big problem for freshman quarterback Dean Roadenbeck.

The Buc defense will be led by Jerry Weston, a fine defensive back who won the Defensive Player of the Week award this past week for his play in the Bucs 13-7 win over Morehead.

Weston returned a punt for 60 yards and a touchdown and had 10 tackles and six assists.

The Bucs also have four re-

ceivers in the top 10 in the league stats, and have one rusher who averages 3.9 yards a carry. Ron Harrold is third in kicking scoring with a 3.6 average, on six field goals and 11 extra points.

In comparative scores, except for the Murray game, there is little to choose between the two teams. East Tennessee beat Murray 14-6, while Murray upset the Raiders 20-0. The Bucs have defeated East Carolina (10-0), Tennessee Tech (30-7), U.T. Chattanooga (21-17), Murray, Appalachian State (9-7), and Morehead (13-7).

Already assured of a winning season in his first campaign at the MTSU helm, Coach Bill Peck is faced with the problem of getting his team just as high for ETSU as they were for Western last Saturday.

"I don't think it will be a real problem," stated Peck. "We finished our celebrating of the Western win on Saturday, and went to work for East Tennessee on Sunday.

"It is a real challenge to play as fine as we possibly can to beat them. They are the best team we have played at home all season."

The 6-1-1 East Tennessee Bucs are out to enhance their record after they were the OVC champions last year. This will be the last Blue Raider home game for 12 seniors who will end their careers at Tennessee Tech next week.

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Basketball begins against Tusculum

Middle Tennessee State begins its basketball season Dec. 2 against Tusculum College, and head coach Jimmy Earle, beginning his second year at the helm of the Blue Raiders, is faced with the major task of rebuilding a defense that was the best in the Ohio Valley Conference.

That ball stopping corp, spearheaded by the aggressive play of Terry Scott and 7-foot Booker Brown, now must rely on speed and quickness rather than inches.

"Our defense will be a little weaker this year," the head mentor stated. "The personnel we lost was a big blow because they hustled and got us those turnovers that are so vital in good defense."

Nashville's Ken Riley, an All-OVC forward last year, will lead the young coaches unit this season. Riley finished last year with an 11.3 rebounding average and hit 12.2 points a game.

Chattanooga's Stan Sumrell and Jim Drew, who hails from Springfield, Ill., will handle the guard positions and are playing better than ever before, according to Earle.

Sumrell missed part of last season due to illness and a sprained leg, but averaged 8.9 points a game and provided some vital leadership on the court with his aggressive ball handling.

High point man with 13, Drew did everything well. His hustle and go-get-m attitude provided the spark in the crucial Tennessee Tech win, the first time MTSU had ever beaten the Golden Eagles on their home court.

He had a 4.9 rebounding average and shot a 41.6 percentage from the floor.

"Some of the boys from last year's freshmen squad and some transfers will help us, making us a much better shooting team and also providing Riley some aid on the rebounding boards," the head coach replied.

Chester Brown, from Clanton, Ala., will man the center position, and with his 6-10 height, will provide some inches under the boards. Brown was instrumental in the success of the freshman squad and their upset of nationally ranked Martin Junior College.

Brown had a 13.5 scoring average and 16.4 rebounds a game in his initial year as a Blue Raider.

Nick Prater, of McMinnville,

By Gary Davenport

averaged 20.3 points a game and will definitely aid the shooting of the 1970-71 Blue Raiders.

"Prater is playing real well now, and his speed is improving rapidly," stated the optimistic coach.

He went on to add that Prater will give the offense a vital scoring punch and will see a lot of action.

Transfers Percy Hairston and Herman Sykes, from Johnson City and Kansas City, Mo., respectively, will also add to the ball stopping corp.

Hairston played junior college ball at Martin Junior College and

was named to the All-America team. He can play forward with the best of them and hit at a 25 point pace last year.

Sykes, who handles the ball like a magician and can hit the long, outside shots, will be the fastest man on the court and will go a long way toward making up for the aggressiveness lost by graduation. Sykes, who played at Oklahoma University, will alternate with Sumrell and Drew at guard.

"We'll be smaller and slower than last year's defense," summed up Earle, "but our defense will help make up for it. The starting five and our top sixth and seventh men will be quick, however, and should give the fans something to watch."

Taylor 'player of week'

Punter Ron Taylor has been named as Middle Tennessee State's Offensive Player of the Week for his role in MTSU's big 17-13 victory over Western Kentucky in Bowling Green Saturday. Coleman Murdock, linebacker, and John Harris, end, shared defensive honors.

Taylor, a senior from Gallatin, had his best game of the season against Western. He kicked 11 times (one short of the Ohio Valley Conference record) for an average of 40.3. His best boot of the afternoon came late in the game right after Western had cut the Raider lead to 17-13 and then held for downs on the MTSU 19.

He boomed one 51 yards to the Western 30 where excellent coverage netted a four yard loss on the return and put the "Toppers" in a hole.

Perhaps, even more valuable than his kicking was his game-saving tackles on three different punt returns by the "Toppers' elusive Bill Green. Three times Taylor was the last man between Green and a score, and three times he brought him down.

Murdock, a sophomore from Murfreesboro, was named for the second time this season. That's not bad when you consider he saw only minimal action for the first four games. Replacing Richard Hughes, who was injured against Eastern, Murdock has come on like Gangbusters. Against West-

ern, he had 8 tackles, 5 assists, intercepted a pass and covered a fumble, a busy afternoon for a weak-side linebacker.

Harris, a sophomore from Liverpool, N.Y., came into his own against Western. he had 8 tackles, 5 assists and also covered a fumble.

Raiders hosting OVC meet; team crown up for taking

Middle Tennessee State University will host the Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championship Saturday over the six-mile VA Hospital course beginning at 10:30 p.m., CST.

The title is up for grabs this season with no one being a clear-cut favorite. Murray State is the defending team champion, with East Tennessee second.

Individually, Eastern Kentucky's brilliant Ken Silvius is the defending champ, with Western's Hector Ortiz coming second and East Tennessee soph P.J. Leddy grabbing third. All three of these boys will be back for another shot at the crown.

Boys believed

'Went out and did it'

"Our kids believed we could do it, and we worked hard right from the beginning to accomplish it. Then, we went out and did it."

Bill Peck, head coach at Middle Tennessee State, summed up his team's outlook prior to the 17-13 triumph over Western Kentucky at Bowling Green last week, MTSU's biggest win in three years. He cited the following example.

"Last Sunday, we decided to go with freshman Jesse Carter at fullback against Western. Jesse is big and strong and a real good blocker, and we knew that's what it would take to block Western's fine defensive end, Lawrence Brame.

"All week the team kidded Jesse about how Brame would run over him, bury him. Jesse, being a freshman, had never seen Brame before, just heard about him. He wasn't about to be intimidated, however, and began to study films of Brame in action.

"Thursday at practice, he came up to me and said, 'Coach, I may be crazy, but I think I can block him.' He did a real good job, too. Brame did a fine job against us, we knew he would, but he didn't make the big play, for-

ce the critical mistake, that he had been doing."

Peck had been saying all week, at the Blue Raider Club meeting and the Faculty-Press luncheon, that MTSU could win if they avoided the big mistakes. The Raiders made only one turnover, a pass interception, while recovering three Western bobbles and picking off two passes.

"Give Ron Taylor all the credit in the world," pointed out Peck. "He did a fantastic job."

Peck may have understated it. Taylor boomed 11 punts (one short of the Ohio Valley Conference record) for a 40.3 average, and had another for 62 yards nullified by a penalty. His longest official boot, 51 yards, couldn't have come at a better time, either.

Western had scored to close the gap to 17-13, and held the Raiders for downs deep in their own territory. Taylor's boot, coupled with fine coverage which netted Western a loss on the runback, put the "Toppers" in a hole of their own.

Equally as important, however, was the fact that Taylor made THREE last-man tackles on Western's brilliant punt returner, Bill Green. Had Western scored on any of the three, well, Peck doesn't even want to think about it.

Peck also had praise for the entire defensive unit. "The first 11 played almost all the way, and they did a tremendous job. Coleman Murdock, John Harris, David Duvall, Greg Gregory, Ed Miller, heck, they all played well."

MTSU, now 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the OVC, must face rugged East Tennessee this week in Murfreesboro. East Tennessee tied Western 10-10, and are the defending OVC champions.

OVC standings

	Conference					All Games				
	W	L	T	PF	PA	W	L	T	PF	PA
Eastern Ky.	5	1	0	116	62	7	1	0	150	84
Western Ky.	4	1	1	122	57	6	1	1	197	69
East Tenn.	3	1	1	73	40	6	1	1	113	64
Middle Tenn.	3	2	0	85	63	6	2	0	151	85
Morehead	3	3	0	106	74	4	4	0	140	98
Austin Peay	1	4	0	67	141	2	6	0	112	205
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Tenn. Tech	1	5	0	51	116	3	5	0	107	162

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Veterans may receive retroactive benefits

Due to a change in the definition of a full-time course load, students now receiving veteran benefits may be eligible for additional payments retroactive to March 23, 1970 according to Dean Hess, director of records.

Hess indicated that prior to March 23 a full-time load for a veteran was considered to be 14 hours; but that this was changed on that date to 12 semester hours.

This change, he explained,

would allow veterans formerly receiving three-fourths time entitlement to collect full time entitlement.

The records director outlined the new time divisions as the following: three-fourths time, 9-11 credit hours; one-half time, 6-8 credit hours; and one-fourth time or less, 1-3 credit hours.

He added, however, that these retroactive payments will be deducted from the total entitlement to which a veteran is eligible.



Informal university

Informality was the setting as free university instructors Darrell Knox (left) and Danny Crass began the first of a series of unstructured non-credit night classes on Wednesday. Class members, seated Indian style on the classroom floor, guided the discussion to fit their interests. The class, on folk and rock music, will continue through the year at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in UC 324.

Free university draws students

About 50-60 persons -- all of them university students -- showed up for the first instruction lesson of MTSU's free university Wednesday night.

The first class, one on folk and rock music, began a little hesitantly. Unstructured, ungraded classes are something new to both students and student-instructors, and no one was sure quite where to start.

After a flip of the coin to decide which instructor (Danny Crass or Darrell Knox) would begin the session--"class" began with the statement, "You won't have tests, you won't be graded, you don't even have to

come unless you want to!"

Nearly 60 casually dressed youths sat Indian style in the upstairs room of the University Center for over an hour. When the "free students" (if that's what one would call students at a "free university") didn't like what their instructor said, they told him so. And when they wanted the discussion turned to a new direction, they voiced that too.

Free University organizers Ted Cooley and Dawn Edwards voiced enthusiasm over the initial class turnout. The only disappointment, Cooley said, was that Wednesday's participation was solely student. He emphasized that one aspect of the free university is to bring students, faculty and community members together in an informal learning situation.

Pointing out that free university classes should become a community, rather than simply a university project, Cooley noted the advantages of being free from university structuring and yet in a position to call upon university personnel in preparing the classes.

"We're trying to appeal to every aspect of the campus and community," he said. "We might even have a Black Panther speaker--anything. I don't think we have to agree with all our speakers, but we do need to get these ideas in front of the people," he added.

Knox added that those classes--such as his folk and rock group--which are not one time lecture periods but will continue on a weekly basis thro-

ughout the year are free to operate as the instructors and students see fit.

Speaking of possibilities for future free university development, Miss Edwards pointed out that participation and attendance, especially in these earliest sessions--is of prime importance in deciding future branching out of subject matter.

And to ensure good attendance, free university personnel are working on subject ideas that should entice participation from nearly all students. If one doesn't go for the sounds of Dylan, Johnny Winters, Lead Zephlan, or any of the other folk, blues, country or hard rock covered in the first class, maybe he'll enjoy two new classes which are scheduled to begin next week.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Cher Kirsch will lead a leather work session. And starting at the same time on Tuesday, Pam Burnley heads up a group of those interested in dress design and workmanship. Or, if none of those quite fit a student's personal interest, Cooley predicts that a variety numbering about ten will be in full swing by Christmas.

Among those subjects which will begin soon, Cooley said, are Swedish exercises, chemical warfare, model landscaping, and Unitarianism, in addition to the three already mentioned which will be continuing. A black studies series is also in planning stages, he added.

Cooley further stated that a tripod, listing free university sessions, time and room numbers, will be placed downstairs in the University Center, probably sometime this week.

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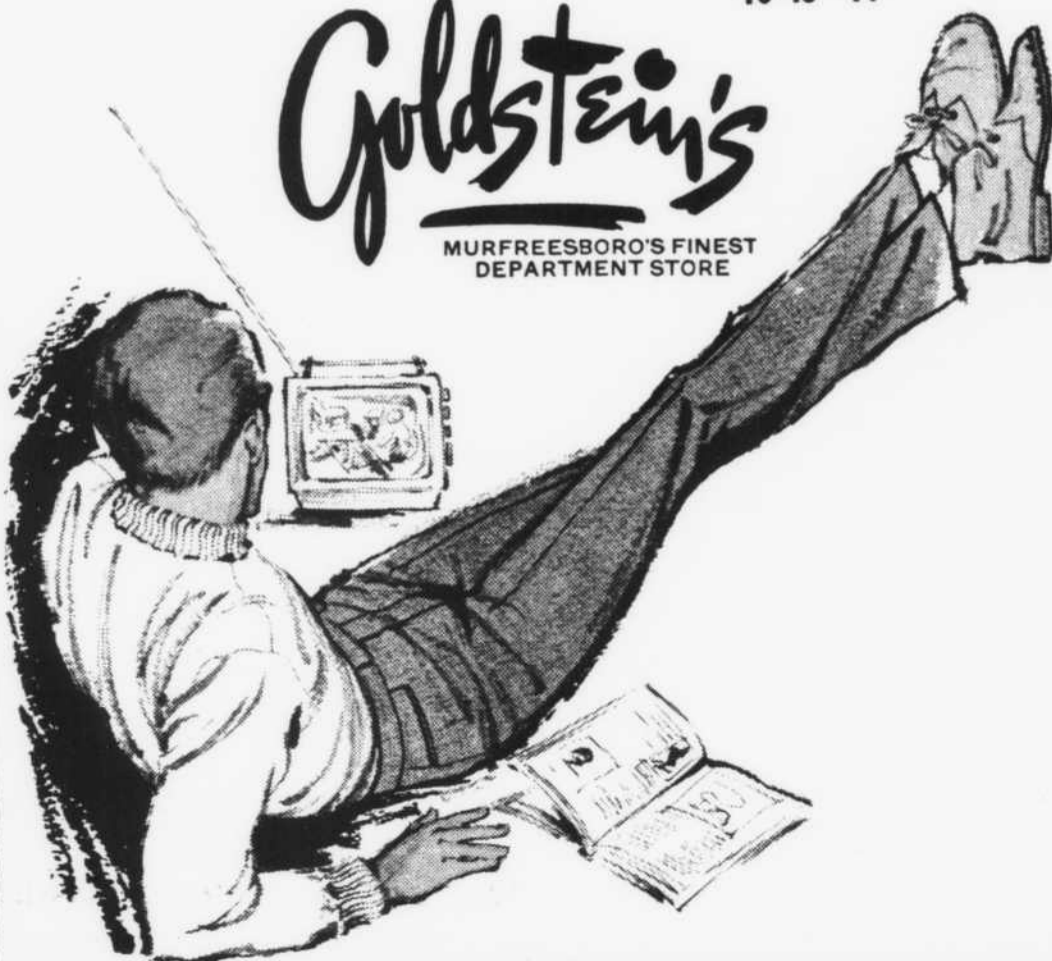
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