

## Council on Human Relations Vows 'The Upholding of Human Dignity'

A meeting of the Rutherford County Council on Human Relations was held Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church.

Thomas R. VanDervort, president of the council and a member of MTSU's political science department, presided. Other members of the department present included Norman L. Parks and David Grubbs.

The local council, which is one of fourteen member organizations of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, was formed in May 1968 and according to VanDervort, has approximately fifty members, who are also active in other community organizations.

VanDervort opened the meeting by stating the purpose of the council as "the upholding of human dignity in the Murfreesboro community."

Recent developments in the community since the council's formation VanDervort said are:

- \*Integration of the faculty and students of the Campus School.

- \*CUBE tutorial program, founded by the CUBE organization last fall and the CUBE film and discussion series which will take place this fall.

- \*Creation of the James Leonard Fund to aid Black students.

- \*Appointment of a Negro in the county welfare office.

- \*County school board policy change to more equitable hiring policy which resulted in the hiring of five Negro teachers in county schools.

- \*Organization of a Better Housing Corp. to improve opportunities in securing loans

By Bill Swain

for improvements of substandard housing.

\*Indications that the federal government will enforce the Fair Housing provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Following a general assembly of the members, the group divided into two discussions to consider the problems of housing and police-community relations.

Focal point of the latter group was a taped discussion, produced by WMOT-FM Radio, concerning an incident between local police and MTSU students this summer.

On the night of July 26, police were called to investigate a disturbance of the peace at a

party in an apartment on Fourth Ave. Entering the house without a search warrant, they proceeded to search the premises.

Participants at the party reported that the police used abusive language, discriminated against them because of their long hair, referring to the group as a "hippy party", and tore down a poster which one of the officers considered obscene.

Non-participating witnesses reported seeing one student, who fled the scene, pursued and physically assaulted by an officer.

Four students were apprehended on charges of disorderly conduct and released pending trial.

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## Rush Orientation Will Begin Oct. 16, According to Welton

Andy Welton, vice-president of the Interfraternity Council, has announced Rush Orientation will be held Oct. 16 in the University Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

In contrast to previous rush programs which have featured a speaker from each of MTSU's fraternities, this year's program will feature the IFC president and vice-president, President M.G. Scarlett and Dean Robert LaLance, along with an unannounced guest speaker.

Fraternity house smokers will begin on Monday evening,

Oct. 20, and continue through Wednesday evening, Oct. 22.

Fraternity rush parties will be held on the evening of Oct. 24. The period of quiet (no active rushing) will begin immediately after the conclusion of the rush parties and continue until the return of bids on Monday afternoon, Oct. 27.

To rush a student must have completed 15 hours with a minimum of a 2.3 cumulative average. If a student has completed 30 or more hours, a 2.0 cumulative average is required.

## Choice in Ending War May Be Difficult: Gore

By Paulette Fox

In an exclusive interview with the SIDELINES Saturday, Senator Albert Gore said that while he does not like the proposal by Senator Goodell, Republican senator from New York, to end the war, the proposal might receive far more support by December than now appears likely.

"The approach suggested by Senator Goodell has been denounced as a meat-ax approach, and this may not be an entirely inaccurate description," concluded Gore.

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But Gore added that "if the choice is between a meat-ax approach to end the war and a continuing meat-grinder program with American lives, the choice would be a hard one."

The Goodell proposal was described as "a serious attempt to end a war by denial of funds to prosecute the war." The cutoff date would be December 1, 1970.

Gore said that he was sure that President Nixon desired to end the war, but unfortunately his policies are not calculated to an early achievement of this goal.

"His two principle points are contradictory and self-defeating. For example, he says that self-determination by the South Vietnamese people is a primary goal which is not negotiable," explained Gore.

"Yet on the other hand Nixon says that he will stand firmly behind Mr. Thieu, who in turn says there will be no coalition government, even reconciliation and that elections cannot be held for two years after some as yet unfixed date."

Because of this Gore said

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ALBERT GORE

## Governor's Trophy Given Here October 25

By Jill Woodworth

The Contest of Champions is expected to bring some of the finest high school marching and playing bands in Tennessee, as well as from neighboring states including Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, to the MTSU campus on October 25.

### Awards

According to Joseph T. Smith, director of the MTSU Band Program, all of the bands, regardless of size or classification, will be competing for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophies as well as for individual superior performance awards. This year for the first time in the history of the seven year old annual contest, Governor Buford Ellington has announced the establishment of the "Governor's Cup Trophy" to be given to the highest scoring Tennessee band participating in the contest as a symbol of the state's recognition of the outstanding contribution of bands to the youth of Tennessee. The recipient of this trophy will be recognized as the Tennessee State Marching Band Champion.

Smith explained the development of the contest as the result of the expressed desire of a few state band directors who bemoaned the fact that a large number of bands received "superior" ratings in a variety of local and regional contests of differing grading systems. The directors wanted a strictly competitive marching contest free of political or commercial association, in which there was a declared victor.

### "Band Day"

The MTSU music department set about in 1962 to fulfill this desire through the establishment of the Contest of Champions. A "Band Day" was first envisioned, and the participating bands were all invited to see the Blue Raiders in a home football game after the contest was judged at which the victorious band performed a half-time show with the MTSU Band of Blue. Later, as the Blue Raiders entered a succession of particularly successful seasons and as the Contest of Champions began attracting more high school bands, the Jones' field stadium was not adequate for so many spectators.

Accordingly, the contest was completely disassociated from the football games and became solely music-orientated.

In 1964 the university's music department asked Quill E. Cope, former President of the University, for permission to ask the Governor of Tennessee to



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designate the Contest of Champions as the state band contest.

This request was delayed, however, until this year when President M.G. Scarlett, supported this action.

Gene Sloan, director of the Public Relations Office, wrote to Governor Ellington this summer and requested an appointment to discuss the matter. Joseph Smith, MTSU band director, wrote a letter to the governor explaining the past history of the contest and the increasing enthusiastic participation of competent bands from all over the state and from out of state bands.

He suggested that MTSU's good, central location, lack of conflicting competition with other similar contests, and experience in managing such a contest recommended it for the gubernatorial distinction.

The governor promised 100 percent cooperation and the annual Contest of Champions as the State Marching Band Competition was established.

### Judging

Great care has been taken in the provisions for the judging

of the contest. Each of the bands will be graded on a ten point basis in an inspection to be judged by Colonel Verne Reaugh, professor of military science. Marching and playing performance will be judged by a panel of five judges, each of whom will be judging on a 30 point scale.

Of the five performance grades given, both the highest and lowest grades will be omitted to insure impartial judging. Then the inspection grade and the three performance grades will be added and the resulting sum will indicate the rating of each band according to the following scale: 81-100-- Superior; 61-80 -- Excellent; 41-60--Average. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will reflect the two highest scoring bands respectively.

### Objectives

The objectives of the Contest of Champions, according to Joseph Smith are "to improve the musical proficiency of high school bands, to provide incentive for the youngsters to strive for improvement, and to reward professionalism in band directing."



## Five Names Put In Nomination for Queen

In the campus-wide nominating session held Thursday, Oct. 2, a minute number of MTSU students saw the names of five MTSU coeds put in nomination for homecoming queen.

Brenda Hayes, Lewisburg senior; Ishy Rhea, Culeoka senior; Zita Black, Murfreesboro senior; Carole Moore, Nashville senior; and Cynthia Campbell, Cleveland senior were nominated for the royal position.

Elections will be held on Oct. 9 in the UC. This year no active campaigning will be permitted.

As of press time a complete list of those nominated for homecoming class attendants had not been furnished to the SIDELINES by the election commission.

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## Gore Blasts Nixons War Policy

By Becky Freeman

Senator Albert Gore attacked President Nixon's Vietnam War policy in a speech Saturday to the ASB sponsored Student Leadership Conference.

"President Nixon desires peace but the policies he now pursues are not calculated to an early achievement of that goal," Gore declared.

The senator commented that Nixon was perserving the same policies as former President Johnson. He expounded the comment further by saying "self determination by all of the people in South Vietnam can't be achieved under the authority and domination of such a regime as President Thieu's."

"We have gained nothing or are we likely to gain anything from the war. It is the most useless and hopeless war with the exception of the Civil War, in which America has ever engaged," he added.

"We can't hope for victory. President Nixon himself said he had 'ruled out any hope of victory.' If we have ruled out hope for victory, why do men die? If there is no hope for victory what is there hope for?"

Gore offered what he believes is the best formula for peace. He said, "The best formula for peace is to return to the Geneva Accord to which the United

States adhered to in 1954 when the French extracted themselves from this quagmire."

The Senator also talked on the responsibilities of leadership and the qualities necessary for leadership. Gore stated intellectual integrity is will power and courage to examine and learn to find the truth of the issue or problem and then to state that truth.

"The refusal of leaders to heed truth is exasperating and yields to violence which leads to self defeat and the destruction of the qualities of leadership to which we aspire," Gore stated.

After concluding his speech, Gore asked for questions from the students.

One student asked Gore if he believed there was any relation between the request by the President for a 60 day moratorium on criticism of the Vietnam War and the War Moratorium which is scheduled to take place on many American college campuses Oct. 15.

"I don't know," he replied. "I have no personal knowledge

of that request. After the President was elected I believed that there was a great deal of merit in giving the President time to formulate his policies. After his May 14 speech to the American people I was the first in the Senate to praise the President because his policy gave way for international supervision and opened the door for a coalition government. After Midway, the President tied American policy to the two regions."

"How anyone could stay quiet after he sees how America has had 67,000 casualties since January 167 Every American must follow his own conscience," Gore added.

In answer to a question concerning the inability of the United States to leave Vietnam, Gore said, "The real question is how do we extract ourselves from a horrible mistake? Politics make wars and wars make politics. Vietnam is a political war and always has been. It is up to the American people to insist

insist that we do what is best for America."

## CUBE Holds Organizational Meeting Tonight in UC

CUBE (Creating Understanding by Effort) will hold its first meeting of the semester tonight at 7 in room 322 of the University Center, according to Erskin Smith, president of CUBE.

This organization was established in February of 1968,

for the purpose of discussing differences between students of different economic and social standards.

Smith stated that CUBE is for the student who wants to belong to an organization with a purpose. The organization, he explained, is not limited entirely to the campus but has a community tutoring project that has received numerous compliments.

"All students are welcome," Smith added. "CUBE has something for everybody. Our social and recreation activities include parties, picnics and one big dance a year. We have educational tours in conjunction with our tutoring program. We have fine intramural teams in basketball, track and softball."

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## Human Relations Council . . .

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Charges were dropped after a series of meetings with the boys' lawyers, representatives of the administration, the town council and the police.

After listening to the tape, a group of five whites and six Negroes discussed police relations in Murfreesboro.

There was general agreement that the student incident should not be "hushed up" as are many situations involving civil rights in the community.

One Negro said that "this incident was only slight in comparison to the many acts of police abuse in the Black community."

A consensus of opinion was that the primary problem was one of providing a police force of higher quality men who are aware of the laws which they are enforcing and who understand how to relate to the community. It was suggested that higher pay be offered as an incentive.

VanDervort said that a new program of police training had been funded but there was still a need for greater social under-

standing on the part of the police force.

He advised that dialog between police and students be established.



Pictured above from left to right are Sara Miller, Nancy Pewitt, Libby Carter, Beth St. Clair, Cindy Warren, and Denise Alonzo who were elected as the Sweetheart Court of the Sigma Nu Colony.

## Gore Interview . . .

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that, "President Nixon's fateful error is the same as that of former President Johnson's--equating America's interest with survival of an unpopular Saigon military regime."

Gore emphasized that a hopelessness for peace was developing in the country. The reason for this is that: "The people elected Mr. Lyndon Johnson President on a promise to keep the United States out of the Vietnam war. They elected Mr. Richard M. Nixon President

on a promise to end the Vietnam war. Yet after nine months and 67,000 casualties, President Nixon is now saying the same things and pursuing the same policies as former President Johnson with the result of prolonging not ending the war."

Changing from Vietnam to the draft, Gore said that he hoped Congress would make the necessary changes in the draft laws. "If the Congress failed to do so, the President would be justified in using such discrete authority as the law may provide."

Concerning the nomination of Clement Haynsworth, Gore said that "It is both unfortunate and disturbing that the nominee to succeed Justice Fortas should be subject to question on matters of ethical sensitivity--the very basis of the pressure that brought about the resignation of Justice Fortas."

Gore added that the apparent conflict is unfortunate for President Nixon, but it is more unfortunate for the Court and the country.

### Photography Club

The MTSU Photography Club will hold its organizational meeting at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Room 20 in the Drawing Building.

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## What's Up

Monday, Oct. 6

6:30, Biology Club, Room 100 N.S.

6:30, Home Ec Club, Home Ec Building

6:30, El Circulo Hispano, International House

7:30, American Marketing Assoc. Fashion Show, NCB Mall

7:30, C.U.B.E., 322 UC

Tuesday, Oct. 7

11 a.m., Vet's Club Room, 322 UC

5:00 Tau Omicron, 312 UC

5:30 Supreme Court, 310 UC

8:00, Young Democrats, 324c UC

Wednesday, Oct. 8

6:00, Triton Club, Pool

7:00, Psychology Club, 310 UC

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7:30, Circle K Club, 312 UC

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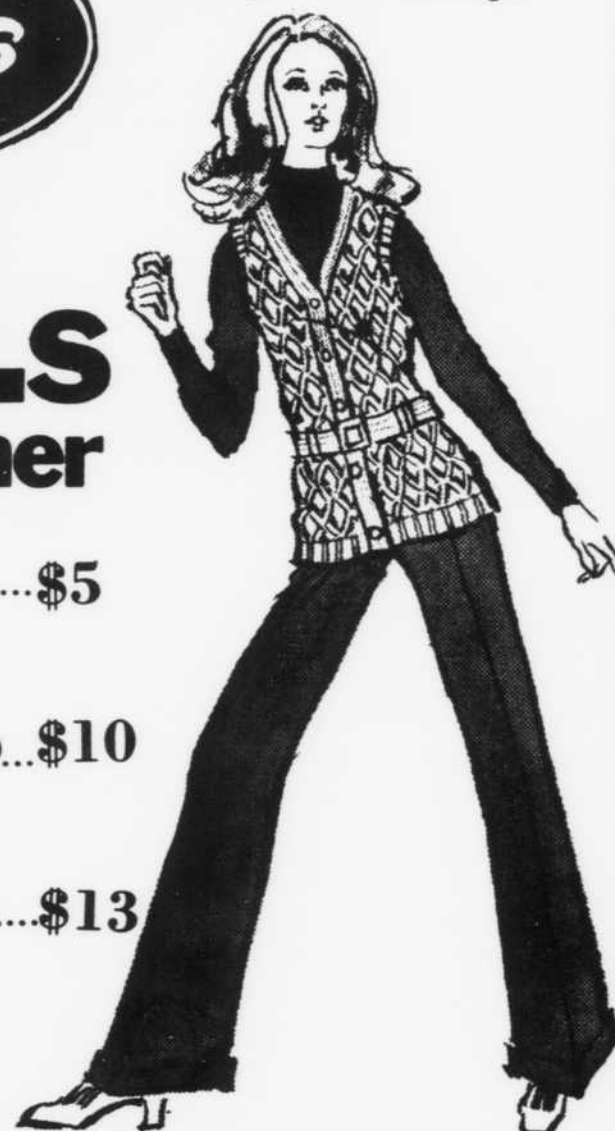
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**Editorial**

# Sour Orange Juice In Chattanooga

There are several developments at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga which merit the consideration of MTSU students.

"The University Echo," the UTC campus newspaper, last week voiced what appears to be growing discontent by Chattanooga students toward the merger of the University of Chattanooga and the UT system.

Several questions were asked by the "Echo" concerning the status of UTC now.

"Just how individual is the UTC campus? What happened to the promises of a distinctly individual institution under the UT system? Why does everything seem to smell of Knoxville?"

Also questioned was the case of the UT flag "flaunted before the students in all its nauseous splendor". "Both a flag and a seal for the UTC campus seem to have been omitted from the dynamic development plans," promised the new annex of UT by university officials.

These issues raised by the "Echo" may seem to be trite and insignificant. But they become very important when a university is striving for autonomy.

We at MTSU are in a period of transition from a small college into a major university, and it is the dreams of all associated with MTSU that in the years to come we will be another strong state university with our own dignity, and autonomy.

The MTSU administration and student government is currently striving to make our university a leader in higher education in Tennessee.

The results of this action can already be seen with the increased building program, the revamped athletic program, the acquiring of an aerospace and aviation school, the highly successful ambassador program, the spot of blue in "Big Orange Country" school spirit program and MTSU taking a leading role in policy reforms.

The MTSU campus community must back the administration in its attempt at building MTSU into a major university. Or like the University of Chattanooga we too may fall victim to the power hungry UT board of trustees and we may also taste the bitter effects of sour orange juice from the "Big Orange" in Knoxville.

By Michael Goforth

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# Double-Agent Case Grew Too Hot, Too Big

BY MAX LERNER

The case of the Green Beret trial that never came off began with a Sough Vietnamese double agent and ended with Army Secretary Stanley Resor's officialese double talk. The trial that once seemed to be shaping up looked more like the spy fiction that furnishes our nightly anodyne than even the spy fiction does. It was going to be the trial of the decade, with more abnormal psychology than Sirhan Sirhan's, more politics than Alger Hiss', more scandal than Harry Thaw's and more mystery than any of them. In fact, it seemed a kind of American multiple Dreyfus case, but this time with the military in the prisoner's dock as well as on the accuser's bench.

That may be one reason why the Army secretary had to dismiss the charges against the eight Green Beret officers. Everyone was getting into the act, including the CIA (which had to hold one of its rare briefings) and angry congressmen and lawyers reveling in press conferences, and even F. Lee Bailey and Edward Bennett Williams who are the Bob Dylans of courtroom aficionados. The case had grown too big and too hot for anyone's comfort, except Hanoi, Peking and Moscow.

So the Administration had to drop it. A Nixon press secretary tried to keep his boss from the flak, denying that the President was involved and putting the burden of the CIA, where all mysterious burdens usually end. But the CIA "refusal" to let its people testify was actually the most convenient way for getting everyone off the hook, including Gen. Creighton Abrams, Secretary Resor and the President.

In a case where so much is unclear, one thing is very clear. From start to finish it has been an unnecessary and blundering performance and a beautiful textbook example of how not to run a war, an army or an administration. Now we shall never know whether the killing of Thai Khac Chuyen was a crime by American legal standards about killings in the course of war operations. But at best it was one of those derring-do, irresponsible acts by a Special Forces group which felt it had a special moral dispensation. And at worst it was an intolerable blunder.

I'm assuming that Thai Khac Chuyen may in fact have been a double agent who had betrayed a number of the small intelligence group operating under him and against whom there was the evidence of a snapshot taken with Viet Cong people and perhaps an admission under sodium pentothal. He could have been taken out of circulation and rendered harmless by being sent off for the duration. The CIA may have been uncertain of his guilt: It refused to find a safe place for him or consent to his death. The story is that he was in fact killed. Col. Robert Rheault now denies he had known him, denies he was killed, but asserts that he was in fact a "penetration agent."

When a member of the Special Forces group blurted out the story to Army intelligence, and it got to Gen. Abrams, the American commander was told by Col. Rheault that the agent was alive and on a dangerous mission. This was the second huge blunder, and it enraged Gen. Abrams, who ordered the arrests and trial.

He convinced Secretary Resor, and both in turn seemed to have persuaded President Nixon that there was a problem both of morality and of Army discipline here. It is hard to guess how much of their intensity was due to the Regular Army feeling about the Special Forces, which have always operated in a little autonomous enclave of their own.

The third blunder was to go ahead with the plans for the trial without measuring the consequences. Only the sheerest amateur in the entanglements of espionage, in the methods of trial lawyers, in the psychology of congressmen and in the whole pro-war and anti-war context in which the trial would be held could have failed to foresee the earthquake tremors it would set in motion. The fact that the Nixon Administration went ahead with it spoke for either its innocence or fortitude.

As it turned out in the blundering end, it was innocence, not fortitude. When the innocence was dispelled, the fortitude crumbled, and the whole thing was called off. One must hope fervently that the Administration is more knowledgeable in its efforts to end the war than it has proved in this wild and gruesome episode of the war itself.



BACKSWING



## Letter

# Veteran Disapproves of Army Protestors

Editor:

This afternoon, while passing in front of the campus bookstore, my attention was drawn to one of the bulletin boards on which was posted a crudely constructed sign directed at the Army recruiter who visited the university today. The sign read, "KILL FOR PEACE, JOIN THE U.S. ARMY," and was decorated with the symbol of the "Ban The Bomb" movement. This sign, which drew much laughter from passing students, thoroughly disgusted me. It continues to prove that ignorance can be bliss even among a few select students who have shown some academic ability and maturity, both prerequisites for gaining entrance to this institution. Obviously, this was the spur of the moment act of an individual who is ignorant of the facts, and who has not bothered to consider the situation in its entirety. Sure, it's easy for a person to say, "I don't want to have anything to do with the Army," and "I don't want to go to Vietnam and run the risk of being killed for something I'm dead against." Or for that matter, "I don't want to take orders from anyone," and "why should I have to serve just when I'm about to start out in life in a new career?" In some cases I can sympathize with a few persons who discover that the Army has disturbed their plans. But is two or three years in the armed forces so great a price to pay for the life that we and our families have come to enjoy? Again, it's easy to say, "well let them draft someone else and leave me alone," but what do you suppose that other person is thinking? He's made plans himself and likewise would rather have you enter the service in his place.

As a veteran and a former draftee, I would like to think that my time in the Army is the least I can do for my country. After all, is patriotism, or whatever you call it, a thing that we, as Americans, reserve for people like Patrick Henry, and something not found in our society today? Someone once said that patriotism takes many forms. Again, I would like to think that by serving my country I was giving something of myself, just as hundreds of thousands of American veterans have in the past, in an attempt to preserve our way of life and prosperity in America. I certainly hope that I am not alone in taking this position.

Those college students throughout the United States who actively protest our involvement in Vietnam and who speak out against the slogan "my country right or wrong," probably have no clear concept of the word "patriotism". No matter what they think of our policies in that country or this country, any of them who think that they are correcting the evils of the "establishment" for the good of all Americans, in effect, are doing much to chip away at the cornerstone of things that have made our nation great. In turn, have you ever considered what happens to those college protesters who voice their disagreements forcibly on such questions as the draft? They mature, raise families, and most of all, they either join the "establishment", or end up as rejects in our society. Furthermore, if and when they are called on to enter military service, I would venture a guess and say that most of them find, upon completion of active duty, that it was not nearly as bad as they had anticipated. As our friend probably does not know, the Army can be an enjoyable and thoroughly rewarding experience, it's all in what you make it? And the benefits which are available for veterans are some that can add a lot to a person's life. One of those is now helping me through college financially. So pal, whoever you are, whether you choose to enter the service "if drafted", or whether you decide to "drop out" and fight it, discover the facts before you resort to protesting.

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## Partisanship May Help Nixon On Vietnam Issue

BY FRANK MANKIEWICZ AND TOM BRADEN

WASHINGTON--For a chance to reverse what appears to be a growing tide of national opinion against the war in Vietnam, President Nixon can thank an unintended mistake by none other than the chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Until last week, congressional debate on Vietnam had been bipartisan. Sharp words of dissent voiced by Republican Sens. John Sherman Cooper, Charles Percy, George Aiken and Charles Goodell were no better chosen than those of Democrats George McGovern, J. W. Fulbright, Albert Gore and Gaylord Nelson, but they rang in the White House with a deeper and more disturbing sound.

The Vietnam Moratorium scheduled on the nation's campuses for Oct. 15 was about to get the support--off the campus--of a sizable portion of the Democratic and GOP Establishment in the Senate and House. Now, the President has a chance to muffle them, and it was Sen. Fred Harris (D.-Okla.) who mistakenly gave it to him.

Sen. Harris is a relatively recent opponent of the war, although he called for an unconditional bombing halt last year before the Chicago convention while serving as Hubert Humphrey's campaign chairman. Now, after Chicago, he is convinced the Democratic Party cannot afford another such split on the war issue and he is also convinced that a firmer and faster timetable is needed for withdrawal.

So Harris gladly attended a semi-secret meeting last week in the Vandenberg Dining Room at the Capitol. Present were about 20 senators and representatives, including some newcomers to the anti-Vietnam cause. Plans were made by members in both parties for a strong showing on the floor of both houses on Oct. 8, one week ahead of the Moratorium. It was to include speeches and the introduction of special resolutions calling for faster withdrawal. It was also to include support for, among other things, a Republican-sponsored resolution in the House calling for repeal of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution by which Lyndon Johnson claimed legality for the war.

But after the meeting, Harris met with reporters, and gave it as his opinion that the Vietnam withdrawal should go faster. He said the President had twice indicated his hope that the Clark Clifford timetable for withdrawal by the end of 1970 could be speeded up, and that it was time to hold the President to it. When a reporter asked Harris if he thought it was "time to take off the gloves on Vietnam," Harris said yes, it was.

That tore it. Within a few hours, Rep. Gerald Ford had sent every GOP House member a letter, warning against undercutting the President. The President himself--using the Johnsonian style for the first time--seized the occasion of a combat decoration ceremony to attack his critics, and the matter had become, for the Republicans at least, a partisan issue.

There it rests. The question now, according to anti-Vietnam congressmen, is whether Harris' mistake will cause Republican Doves to draw back from what their constituents are telling them.

The Democratic Doves are standing fast. They are telling their wavering GOP colleagues that if they yield now to party leadership and withdraw their resolutions, it will be they who are making Vietnam partisan, and not the Democrats. If Harris erred, they argue, don't add to the error by reinforcing partisanship.

It may have some effect. Rep. Pete McCloskey (R-Calif.) and Donald Riegle (R-Mich.), for instance, are sticking by their Tonkin Gulf repealer, but others are running scared.

Tuesday's special election in Massachusetts in which a flat-out Democratic Dove, in a district composed equally of blue-collar workers and silk-stocking suburbanites, handily defeated a Saltonstall in a district held by the GOP for 30 years, makes its own point. Rep. Allard Lowenstein (D-N.Y.), who masterminded the "dump Johnson" movement last year, called the Massachusetts election "the New Hampshire of 1969." He should know.

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## FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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- - - Mocs Win 7-3 - - -

# DEFENSE SUPERB IN HOME OPENER

By Gary Davenport

King college football has finally come to Horace Jones field, and while Middle Tennessee

State dropped a close 7-3 decision to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Blue Raider fans went home talking

about Don Fuoss' rip-roaring corp.

It turned out to be a defensive battle, following some early first quarter miscues that led to scores for each team. Reuben Justice, taking the opening kickoff inside his 10-yard line, advance speedily to his 27 before three Mocs availed him, making the scant-back dribble the ball loose, only to be recovered by UTC's Rick Bynum.

Operating from the 27-yard line, Richard Manning, who came into action last season after the injury of Roger Catarino and led them to a 9-1 record, sent fullback Robert Smith up the middle of the line for an eight yard gain. Six plays later, Smith again bulled up the line from the two-yard line to score the tally. Jim Cooper, one of the best kickers in Chattanooga's history, kicked the extra point straight and true

for what resulted their only score.

Taylor Edwards took the ensuing kickoff on the 25-yard marker, where the Raider's Bobby Gatlin, forced into the starting slot after the injury of Bill Griffith, opened their drive with a five yard pass to Justice. Tommy Beene, who started due to Gary Wright's knee injury, opened his debut with a 16-yard scamper, but a penalty called the play back.

Justice carried for six more tough yards, Gatlin hit the remarkable J. W. Harper for a 12-yard gain, Gene Carney plowed for two yards, and Gatlin tossed a screen play to Beene to move the Blue to the Mocs 20-yard line.

After stalling on a Carney plunge, little Nares Choobua jogged onto the field for a field goal attempt, which he made from the 23-yard line, making his fourth three-pointer of the season, one shy of tying the Ohio Valley Conference. He has kicked field goals of 32, 38, and 46 yards.

Trailing by four points, the defensive unit of MTSU, led by the front four of left end Loharrell Stevenson, left tackle Greg

Gregory, right tackle Chip Street, and right end Charles Holt, dug in after the kickoff and stopped three plays, forcing Chattanooga's John Bonner to punt.

Edwards, who would rather field the ball and return it despite the powerful rushers, caught Bonner's punt and returned it 11 yards. But miscues again took their toll as four plays later a Gatlin pass was intercepted. UTC took the ball and drove to the 31, but the defense halted their attack and Jim Cooper failed on a field goal attempt, giving the ball to the Raiders again.

An interception again halted their drive, but Chattanooga fumbled and the Raiders were on the attack. Justice and Carney, alternating from the sidelines, carried the bulk of the attack, but they were halted on a tough third down play and Choobua came in for a 31-attempt, which fell short.

The half ended minutes later and the rest was a replay of the first half. Neither team could drive, and when they did their efforts were stopped by miscues.

Linebackers David Duvall, Hunter Harris, and Jerry Kirby played one of their better ballgames, halting the determined Mocs many times on tough yardage plays. Duvall was credited with one key interception, while Harris and Kirby contained the end runs and the off-tackle plays effectively.

Freshmen Raymond Bonner and Ken Coffee, along with Edwards and Larry Hayes, did an outstanding job covering the secondary. Chattanooga never were serious threats in their

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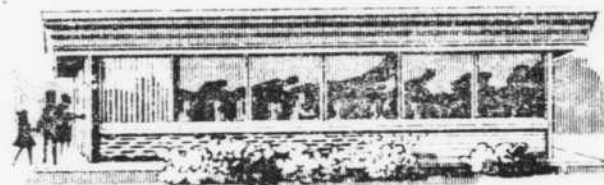
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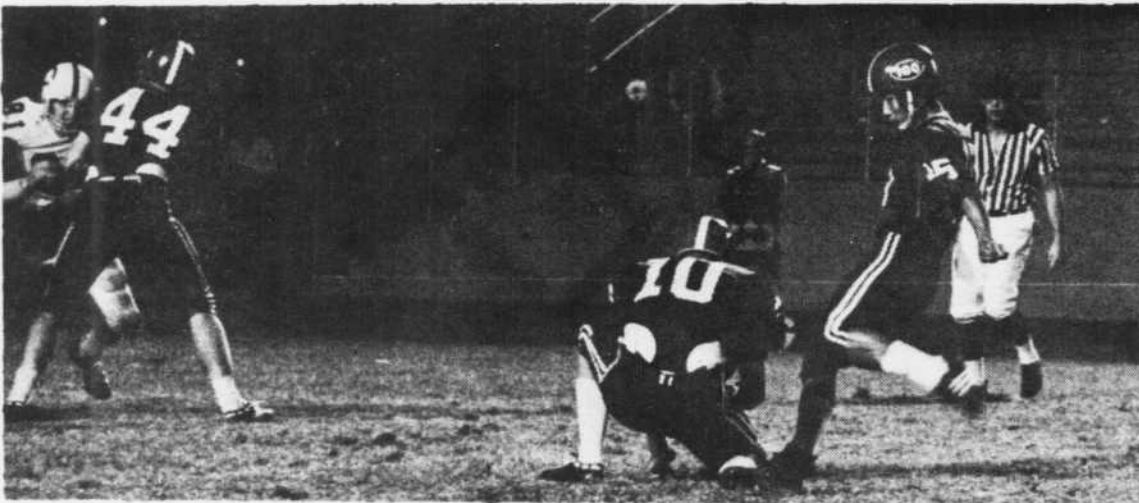
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## Bobby Gatlin Fires Pass to Tommy Beene....



## ...Choobua Kicks 3-Pointer

Bobby Gatlin (10), above, fires a short pass to fullback Tommy Beene (44) on the scoring drive, capped by the field goal of Nares Choobua (15) bottom. Beene is shown blocking a Moc defender while Gatlin holds for the score. The Mics took a close 7-3 victory over the Blue Raiders in their first hole game of the season.

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passing game, which was thought to be so tough.

David Stewart, sophomore end, found the going rough most of the night, but made some outstanding catches for key yardage.

Harper made one tremendous

catch out in the flats, going way up in the air and being hit from three sides.

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