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Zoning council approves fraternity house location

by Ted Rayburn

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon won a prolonged legal battle yesterday when the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-2 for the establishment of a fraternity house over the protests of local homeowners.

Five board members rendered the decision in City Hall chambers before about 50 persons.

Some 20 homeowners, represented by attorney Steve Waldron, based their protest to the fraternity house on 1916 E. Main St. on reports of excessive noise, parking and traffic congestion and possible problems resulting from sewage from the house, which is not linked to the city sewer system.

Fraternity members, also numbering about 20, were represented by lawyer John Lansden, who argued that the accounts of loud noise were unfounded, that an engineer had laid plans for a parking area and that the house's septic tank could accommodate the uses of the residents.

Other principals at the meeting

included Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell and Harry Cook, owner of East Main Market, located next door to the house.

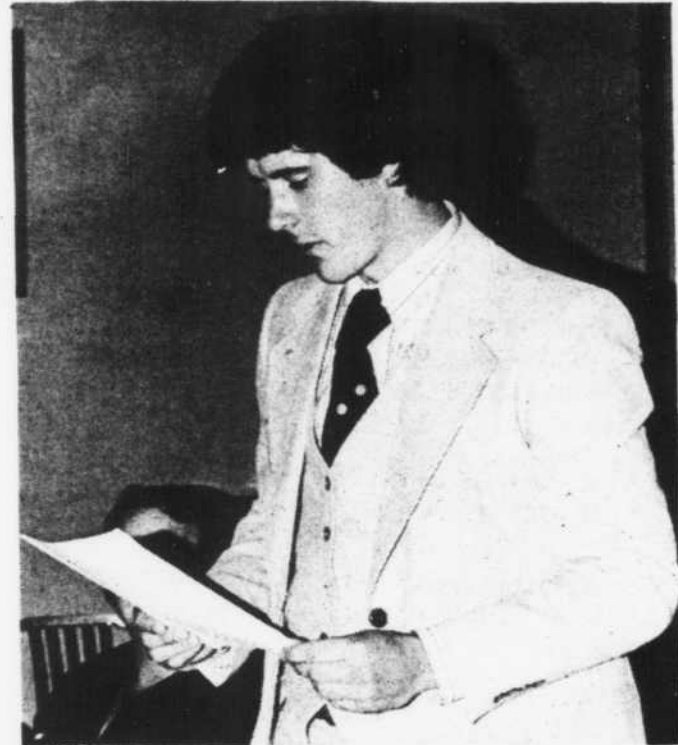
The board, under chairmanship of Charlotte Gardner, has met twice to rehear views on the case since its original approval of the fraternity house on Aug. 9.

Argument persisted for over one hour in yesterday's meeting, beginning with accounts from homeowners concerning complaints on other fraternity houses in Murfreesboro and excessive noise from the house in question.

One homeowner complained of loud talking and use of four-letter words, dust from cars parked at the house and "car doors slamming so loud that I can't run my TV . . ."

Waldron's statement focused on the threat of sewage problems in a fraternity house with 31 members and only one bathroom.

In reference to the status of fraternities in town, Waldron stated that "sorry to say, our fraternities in Murfreesboro do not have a good



Sigma Phi Epsilon President Mike Bass reads a statement supporting his fraternity's bid to keep the house on E. Main St. despite strong protest from area homeowners [Cindy Hicks photo].

track record."

Later questioning of Sigma Phi Epsilon president Mike Bass by Waldron dealt with the expected growth of the fraternity this fall and the overcrowding problems that would result.

In addition, the attorney also asked Bass if there would be alcoholic beverages used on the premises and there would be parties where persons would get "drunk."

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'Shooting for the Stars' Homecoming planned

Star Wars fans will be especially interested in this year's Homecoming.

At the first meeting of the ASB house, Chip Clark, director of Homecoming activities, outlined this year's schedule.

The theme of "Shooting for the Stars" is a take-off of Star Wars and Star Trek Clark said.

The big activity for Homecoming Week, Oct. 10-16, is the Steve Miller Band concert scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16.

For the beginning of the week, a Frisbee contest is scheduled for Monday and possibly Tuesday, depending on how many students enter. An outdoor concert is set for Monday night.

Clark also promised the House a surprise on Monday. He did not elaborate but said "that come noon on Monday you'll know it."

Tuesday night's activities include the Blue Raider Blast, an off-campus beer blast. A dance will be held Wednesday night.

Clark hopes to have Little International on Thursday, which, he said, should encourage television coverage of Homecoming.

A bicycle race is scheduled for Friday. The winner is eligible for further state competition.

Saturday morning is reserved for the traditional parade. The game begins at 1:30 that afternoon.

Asked about the weather, Clark promised "there will be no rain."

In other action by the House, Danny Dunkelberger was elected speaker pro tempore and Tom Duncan parliamentarian, and the 1977-78 budget was approved.

ASB President Bobby Francescon told the house that the budget was just a plan of how the money appropriated by the Student Activities Committee could be spent.

He added that the budget was not binding. The money could be transferred from one appropriation to another if needed.

Some house members asked if it made any difference whether the budget was passed by the ASB or not. Francescon answered that it didn't.

The budget passed.



ASB House Speaker Joy Heath looks on as newly-elected House officers study new legislation at yesterday's meeting in the LRC [Cindy Hicks photo].

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Homecoming concert Oct. 16

Steve Miller Band to play here

The Steve Miller Band will appear at Murphy Center for this year's Homecoming concert, the Special Events Committee announced in a meeting Thursday night. The concert is scheduled for the evening of Oct. 16.

Tickets will go on sale the first week in October. Reserved seats

will cost \$7.50, while general admission seats will be \$6.50.

MTSU students will receive a one dollar discount with presentation of a valid ID card. Students may buy as many tickets as they wish but will receive the discount on the first two tickets they purchase.

In other business, the committee

discussed the fate of the mini-concert series. Student apathy was blamed for the poor turnouts at concerts last year.

Charles Dorris was elected to the committee's selection board last night to replace Anthony Smith, who recently graduated.

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Free folk festival

The Southern Folk Cultural Revival Project has scheduled a free folk festival in Nashville's Centennial Park for Sept. 10 and 11 from noon until 6:00 p.m. each day. Tennessee Grassroots Days will feature traditional musicians, singers, cloggers, and craftspeople from throughout the state of Tennessee.

Cynthia Clawson concert

Cynthia Clawson will be appearing in concert at the First Baptist Church, 200 E. Main Street, Sept. 11, at 7:15 p.m. Admission is free and all MTSU students are invited

to attend. Questions should be directed to Linda Miller and Associates, 327-2026 (Nashville).

Democratic dinner

Fourth Congressional District democrats are planning a dinner and rally to be held Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Smyrna Country Club in Rutherford County. Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton will address the rally.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from any of the Democratic Party county chairmen of the 25 counties in the Fourth Congressional District. For further information contact Ernest Crouch, (615) 473-2125.

Fall karate class

MTSU's continuing education programs are offering classes in karate this fall. The course will be taught by William Chris Haynes in MTSU's Dance Studio A in Murphy Center, with another section meeting at Roy Waldron Jr. High School in Laverne.

Murfreesboro class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Laverne class is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fees for the course are \$15 per month with each additional member of the same family paying only \$10 per person per month. Registration for the Murfreesboro class is set for Sept. 27 with the Laverne class registering Sept. 26. For further information call Haynes at 793-7897 in Laverne or the Office of Continuing Education, 898-2462.

Nigerian student meeting

The Nigerian Student Association will hold a meeting in the UC Sept. 10, at 3 p.m.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY

Picnic: Biology Dept., picnic area behind Murphy Center, 4:30 p.m.

Dance: Kool Club, Tennessee Room, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Dance: Kool Club, Elks Club, 10 p.m.

MONDAY

Meeting: Fine Arts Committee, UC Conference Room, 8 p.m.



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Lansden criticized the statements concerning other fraternities, stating that he represented only Sigma Phi Epsilon. Further, the attorney read a statement signed by Cantrell (adviser to the Inter-Fraternity Council) affirming that the fraternity was in good academic standing and was responsible to certain rules and regulations covered in *Rescue*, the campus handbook.

In regard to the position taken by Don McClaran, owner of the property in question, Lansden read a statement in which, after consulting with legal counsel, the landlord decided to stand by the Aug. 9 ruling due to binding contractual agreements. McClaran was not present at the hearing.

Witnesses Cantrell and Cook refuted the reports of loud noise.

An officer entering East Main Market after going to check on the fraternity house during a party one night stated that "he had heard no excessive noise and was going to ask his officer not to keep sending him out there," Cook said.

A report made by the health department concerning the sewage facility at the house was read by Lansden. In it, the health department showed the sewage working "properly and adequately" and therefore did not require them to connect their house to the city system.

Lansden cited legal precedents which declared that: Because a situation may be a nuisance in the future, there is no reason to check it from the outset; a lease is binding and the lessees must be at least compensated for moving; and that the zoning board does not have the authority to rehear testimony on a case it has already approved.

"The Board of Zoning Appeals," Lansden said, "is also under ordinances. No power is granted to rehear especially after people have taken positive action on the original (decision)."

"Nobody has said to you since Aug. 9 anything that would require you to change your ruling," Lansden concluded.



Board of Zoning Appeals chairman Charlotte Gardner [right] and other Board members listen to addresses by attorneys of Sigma Phi Epsilon

and area homeowners in a zoning rehearing yesterday. The Board voted 3-2 in favor of the fraternity [Cindy Hicks photo].

The challenge.

Match the proper colors to the clues shown below.

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editorial

Dorm overflow overwhelming

Students living in Clement, Gore, Lyon and Monohan dorms this fall may get an education in effective use of space.

With the increase in the number of incoming freshmen and the decrease in the number of "no-shows" (last-minute cancellations), there are over 200 dorm residents in overflow in the four dorms named above as well as the two high-rises.

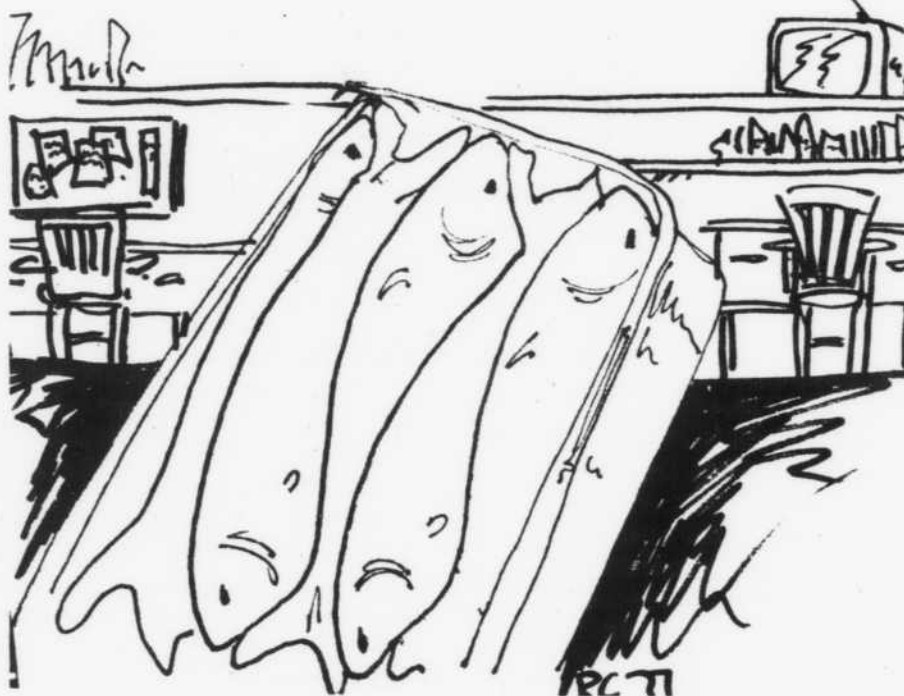
The situation in the high-rise dorms seems liveable. There are three-person rooms there for that very purpose. Of course, the overflow students in high-rise won't get room refunds while those in the other four overflow dorms will...a small compensation for the inconvenience.

We understand that this is a result of overbooking, and that it is usually compensated for by the "no-shows." But we also understand that there are a lot of people crammed into some small dorm rooms.

Housing Director Jim Craig tells us there are fewer cancellations than ever before. This is probably so, especially when one considers the larger number of freshmen who cannot live as easily off campus as upperclassmen. But this apparently was not taken into consideration, though recruitment drives this past year indicated more would enroll than ever before.

Exactly where the problem lay this fall is obscure. Perhaps the decision-makers were trying so hard to keep on their toes that they stumbled. But while they are busy stumbling, there are three guys in Clement Hall fighting over closet space.

DORM LIFE IS GREAT? SORTA



'Suitcase college' way of life lacks self-reliance

by F. H. Powers, Jr.

Almost in spite of the efforts of the Student Programming Office, MTSU is still practically devoid of students when the weekend comes. Apparently, going home is still the most popular pastime for the majority of students.

OPINION

I realize that a great number of MTSU's student population lives in Rutherford and Davidson counties, but where are the rest of you when the weekend arrives? I certainly hope that you are not running home to mommy and daddy.

Coming to college away from home should offer the student the chance to experience life in the real world, away from his or her parents. Parents provide some life experience, but there is nothing to compare with the experience of learning to depend entirely on yourself.

Finding and making friends is a

big part of this life experience that is so important to an individual's total development. And those of you who pack up and go home are short-changing yourselves and no one else.

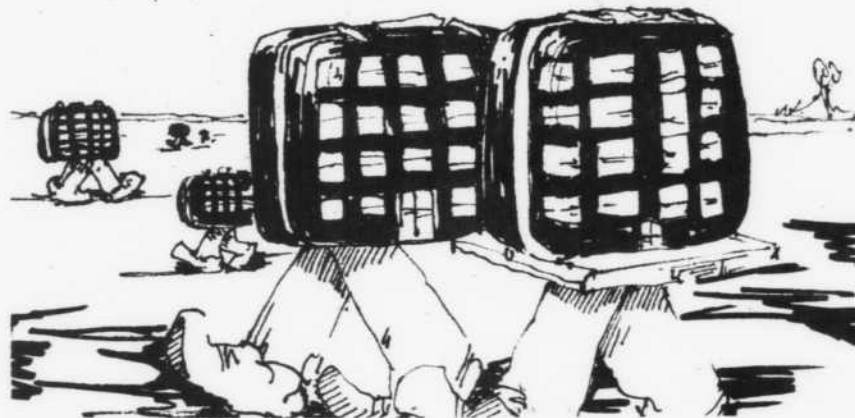
I know (from life experience) that making friends is not always the easiest thing to do. But I know that this can be accomplished by anyone—with relatively few exceptions.

First, you must learn to depend on yourself—just in case you don't manage to make any friends. If you can depend on yourself, you will undoubtedly be more self-confident which will—in most cases—make you easier to get to know.

I don't claim that self-reliance will work for everyone, but it is a damn good place to start.

Now that you've decided to at least give MTSU a chance (and I'm sure you have), all you need to do is start being as friendly as you can to everyone (no exceptions). A smile and a friendly hello are something

NOT ME, I'M GOING HOME.



wonderful to behold. And who knows? You just might make someone's day. Many has been the time when I was stumbling in for class, exhausted and minus the day's assignment, feeling friendless, depressed, and thoroughly wretched when someone has lifted my spirits by simply saying "Hi." I realize that some of you might need a little more stimulation than I require, but a basic friendliness on your part will go a long way toward your happiness.

Once you have put your foot forward to take that first step toward making new friends, I'm sure you will discover the snowball effect. Friends are bound to have other friends who have other friends . . .

"Now that I've got all these friends, what are we supposed to do in Murfreesboro on the weekends?" you ask.

Well, my answer to this problem is that two heads often come up with some fairly creative ideas for something to fill the hours. There are often several activities on campus that you and your friends

could take part in. And Rutherford county has a number of places to go for you nature lovers as well as auto and motorcycle races (near Smyrna) for those who prefer the thundering of man-made machines.

There are several local bars and numerous parties to attend (my own cure for boredom). And if you discover that you have forgotten to get a date or weren't asked (two of my problems), you can always start your own party. Just ask someone, you might be surprised with a "Yes," and then you may be bowled over by that suddenly gargantuan snowball of friends.

Once you've started to make friends with that beautiful smile, you will discover (as I have) just what an exciting and rewarding experience it is to see a sea of smiling faces wandering about the campus.

I think that once we all get to know one another, we will get along just fine. But it will take a little time, so don't give up just because the first person you speak to doesn't speak back to you. There

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ASB Speakers outline functions

by Laura Lewis

When ASB Speaker of the House Joy Heath and Mike McDonald conduct their first respective meetings this month, they'll no doubt be thinking "here comes the easy part."

Presiding over the two legislative bodies are their primary duties, of course, but their biggest responsibilities lie with the students of MTSU and attempting to remedy their complaints and problems.

Some of the problems can be dealt with through the legislative process, McDonald noted.

He explained that legislation must be sponsored by a member of either the house or the senate. It takes a two-thirds majority vote either to pass or kill the proposed legislation in an individual house.

If passed through both houses, ASB President Bobby Francescon may either approve or veto the legislation. When a piece of legislation has been OK'ed by these three ASB factions, it goes on to the administration for final consideration. When a bill is "tabled" it is put aside for further study before being voted on.

'What is the main role of MTSU? The objectives need to be defined.'

The senate speaker noted that he plans to present pieces of legislation later this year dealing with a number of campus-related items presented last spring to students in a campus-wide survey. The survey collected students' ideas about alcohol on campus, parking, weekend activities, cashing checks at

Murfreesboro businesses, escort services and other items.

Besides the legislative process, McDonald and Heath say they rely heavily on student input as a means of dealing with other campus business.

"ASB isn't going to be any good if three or four people are running it," Heath asserted. "The only way we're going to be effective is to let the students get involved."

How can a student benefit from involvement in the ASB?

"He's able to see the processes of the university take place and he also learns who to go to for change and improvement," Heath replied.

"Presently," she added, "I think our major concern is education. We need to know where we're going to. What is the main role of MTSU? The objectives need to be defined."

One of the biggest problems, noted McDonald, is a lack of communication between students and faculty.

"There needs to be a better sense of cohesion between the two," he said. "The only time students have a run-in with the faculty is when they have a problem, and it shouldn't be that way."

Currently, McDonald has just completed a survey of MTSU grounds in conjunction with MTSU Intramurals Director Joe Ruffner. Their findings, including suggestions for improvement, were sent to Campus Planning and Construction head Charles Pigg.

Other projects in the making include plans for a students' legal protection seminar, a spring campus beautification week and a Christian seminar.

McDonald also wants to pursue plans to have a monument honoring



Mike McDonald

MTSU students who have died placed in the center of the NCB courtyard. He said the idea originated last spring when two MTSU students were killed in a canoeing accident.

'There's always something more innovative to work with.'

Heath's plans include regular campus distribution of a type of congressional record which would outline current legislative action within the ASB.

Furthermore, Heath continued, "I'd like to see academic majors placed on diplomas." She said she is working on the idea with Cliff Gillespie, MTSU dean of admissions and records.

In addition, Heath contends that this year's Homecoming, under the

theme "Shooting for the Stars," will be a foremost medium for student involvement.

"This year, it's going to be spectacular because individual students will be able to participate in the events," Heath said. Activities planned throughout Homecoming week include an outdoor concert, costume contests and a campus parade.

Other plans presently headed by Heath are MTSU Club Night, scheduled for Sept. 14, and a high school recruitment weekend.

As for the speakers' duties, McDonald commented, "I don't think we can do enough. There's always something more innovative to work with. I don't intend to work myself to death trying to find solutions to all the problems, but I won't just be sitting around either."

'Suitcase college' life--

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will be someone else coming along in a few minutes and they just might be the love of your life. If it isn't the love of your life, at least you may have made a friend for life.

Getting back to the problem at hand, I realize that your parents will not live forever and that you would like to spend some time with them before they die. But the fact remains that everyone's parents will die eventually, and if you don't learn self-reliance, you will be in for an excessively rude awakening when they are gone.

I do not propose that staying the weekend at MTSU will ready you for your parents' eventual death. But I think you will discover that it will help you in solving future problems entirely on your own.

Going home every weekend is not the answer to anything except the simplest of problems. Staying here

every weekend is not the answer either, but we all have a great deal to learn from each other and we can't learn if we don't stay and get to know one another.

Most of us at MTSU are here to learn. I think we can make the most of the education we receive by staying in town and participating in the free exchange of ideas with each other. This would enhance our education and would obviously brighten our lives as well as the spirit and appearance of this university.

Making the most of this educational opportunity is left entirely up to us. And good friends are an integral part of a well-rounded education and a fulfilling life.

I think we can all help each other to reach the goal of a happy, satisfying life.

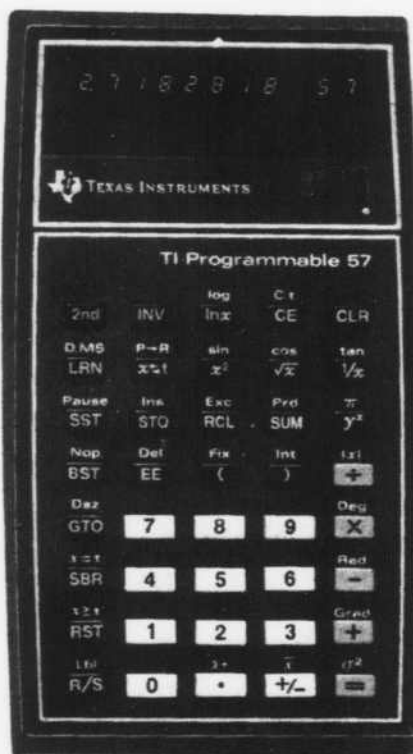
I think you'll see the benefits of remaining in Murfreesboro if you'll only look around you, smile and say "Hi" to the first person you see.



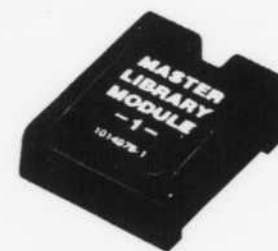
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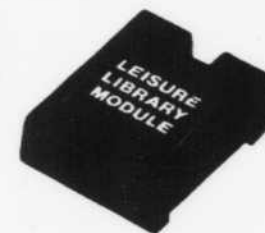
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Members of the ASB House of Representatives listen to legislative action at yesterday's meeting in the LRC Multi-Media Room [Cindy Hicks photo]

Beadle to speak Sept. 16

G. W. Beadle, Nobel Prize winner in Medicine and Physiology, will speak on Friday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. in the UC Theatre.

His lecture is titled "The Mystery of Maize" and is sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee and the Sigma Xi Club.

The first Nobel Prize winner to speak at MTSU, Beadle has contributed much to the world of biology through his work in biochemical genetics.

He received the Nobel Prize in 1958 for genetical work. He is now emeritus professor of biology at the University of Chicago and a visiting lecturer through the national organization of Sigma Xi.

Beadle was born in Nebraska in 1903. "It was tacitly assumed I would eventually take over the family farm," he said. A high school teacher, however, encouraged him to attend college, even though he might eventually go back to the farm.

Instead of returning, Beadle went on to earn a Ph.D at Cornell University in 1931.

He has researched genetics of Indian corn, genetics and development of the fruit fly and biochemical genetics of bread mold.

Preceding the speech, which is free and open to the public, Beadle will attend a banquet for Sigma Xi members at 6.

Legislative internships offered for '78 session

Applications for the Tennessee Legislative Internship program are now being accepted for the 1978 legislative session.

Juniors, seniors and graduate students in law, political science, history, journalism, sociology, economics or other related fields are eligible for consideration. Applicants must be citizens of Tennessee.

Interns will be paid \$390 a month beginning Jan. 3, and continuing until one week after the legislative session. A small travel allowance will also be paid.

Frank Essex of the political science department, who is in charge of the program at MTSU, said that the internships are full-time jobs usually with a standing committee or with one of the legislative leaders. Students who will have other jobs or who cannot miss the spring semester should not apply.

The internship will carry 12 credit hours, six to apply for political science and six for electives.

Deadline for application is Oct. 14, 1977. Interested students should contact Essex at 898-2710.

Late books cost a nickel a day

That library book you can never remember to return is costing you five cents a day, says Don Craig, university librarian.

Five cents is the daily overdue rate. You won't be required to pay a fine for a lost book, though. The

library will stop the accumulation of your fines as soon as you notify the library office that you lost the book.

If you can't find it, you are charged for its replacement, plus a processing fee.

Faculty fitness class to start Monday

A faculty fitness class will be held this fall each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 6 p.m.

The class, which is sponsored by the Department of Health, Physical

Education, Recreation and Safety, will meet in Dance Studio A at Murphy Center.

The first meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 12.



It's Coming Back!

Start saving Miller, Players, Lite and Lowenbrau bottles and cans because the Miller Pick-em-up program returns again this year. Presidents and social chairmen of all fraternities, sororities and campus organizations plan to attend the business meeting Sept. 29, at the Ramada Inn.

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Students who want to start a club or other organization on campus must go through a series of steps before it can be officially recognized by the university.

The group first declares its intention by petitioning the dean of student services for provisional recognition. This status is good for 30 days and gives the group time to complete three other necessary forms:

Gore will hold M'boro meeting

U. S. Rep. Albert Gore Jr. (Dem.—Tenn.) will hold a public meeting from 12 noon until 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, in the main courtroom of the Rutherford County Courthouse in Murfreesboro.

"This meeting will give me another chance to hear from the people of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County on some of the major issues which will be coming before the Congress," Gore said.

"I also hope that anyone who is having a problem related to the federal government will come to the meeting so that I can try to be of assistance in solving it."

—An application for recognition, which includes the club's purpose and planned activities.

—A constitution, which includes rules of membership, officers and length of terms, frequency of meetings and other information.

—By-laws must be established and signed by at least five members and advisers.

Eleven copies of all four documents must be returned to the dean of student services.

The dean then forwards this information to the University Screening Committee. This committee is made up of one administrator from the Student Personnel Deans' Unit; six faculty members, one from each undergraduate school and two at-large appointments; three undergraduate students, and one graduate student. The student personnel dean is a permanent member.

The University Screening Committee will review the documents. If the constitution or by-laws are vague or poorly written they will be returned for revision.

After the committee has considered all the information, it will make a recommendation to the vice president for student affairs on recognition of the group.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY—Mike McDonald [right], vice president of the ASB at MTSU, looks on as Gov. Ray Blanton signs a proclamation that made Tuesday Student Government Day in Tennessee. Also looking on is Brian Williams [left], president of the Student Government Association at Tennessee State University.

Rep. John Bragg, Edward Albee will appear at MTSU this fall

Rep. John Bragg and Edward Albee are among the lecturers scheduled for MTSU this fall by the Ideas and Issues Committee.

Meeting Wednesday night, the committee discussed its re-organization and expansion. New members were brought up to date on the fall slate of speakers.

Bragg will present a slide show about his recent trip to China on

Sept. 20. Albee, an American playwright known for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" will speak on Oct. 31.

Also scheduled is Dr. Joyce Brothers, who will speak at a women's conference on Oct. 28.

The committee, consisting of 17 student members and advised by Director of Student Programming Harold Smith, is responsible for suggesting and approving guest lecturers for MTSU.

Mentalist Gil Eagles, who appeared during Freshman Week, was sponsored by the committee.

Beadle correction

Nobel Prize winner George Beadle will speak at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in the University Center Theater.

Sidelines erroneously reported Tuesday that the speech would be at 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.

The event is sponsored by the MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee and the Sigma Xi Club.

Sidelines regrets the error.

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Super Saturday?

With MTSU idle, coaches' attention focuses on key matchups

by John Pitts

While the Blue Raiders have a weekend off from the Saturday grid wars, MTSU coaches will no doubt be scouting three games of particular interest.

Six of MTSU's upcoming football foes are involved in games against each other. The outcome of the games should provide the coaches with a better idea of the real strength of their future opponents.

The Raider coaches need all the preparation they can get. MTSU played five of those teams last year, beat only one of them and lost to the other four by a composite score of 137-33.

Western Kentucky opens "Super Saturday" at 1 p.m. in Bowling Green against Division I newcomer UT Chattanooga. The Raiders host Western Nov. 5 and travel to UTC Oct. 1.

An hour later, Eastern Kentucky faces a match against perennial power Delaware in Richmond, Ky. Middle Tennessee hosts ECU in its home opener on Oct. 8 and travels north to Delaware Oct. 22.

Austin Peay will wrap up the day against strong UT Martin at 7:30 in Clarksville. Middle Tennessee faces Peay in the Governors' Home-

coming Oct. 29. UT Martin is the Raiders' foe next week.

Last year was the first time Western and UTC had played since 1927. The Hilltoppers intercepted four passes to stifle UTC's attack and won 10-7.

This time Western hopes their split formation offense will be able to put more points on the board while duplicating that defensive effort.

WKU lost two senior fullbacks last year to graduation, but tailback Jimmy Woods can be counted on to provide scoring punch. Western returns most of their tough defense this season.

For UTC, quarterbacks Doug Elstad and Tony Merendino will challenge the Topper defense from behind a line anchored by two potential All-Americans, center Garfield Wells and guard Pete Pullara.

On defense, the Moccasins can start a veteran at every position, including a top-notch corps of linebackers who'll try to stop WKU's big play threat.

Middle upset UTC 35-28 on Jones Field last season but lost 38-7 to the Hilltoppers.

Eastern Kentucky hopes to a-

venge last year's 37-21 opening game loss to Delaware with the help of a home field advantage.

ECU returns enough guns on both sides of the line to defend their OVC title, but they'll face some stiff competition from Delaware's explosive offense (the Hens scored 164 points in three particularly lopsided contests in '76).

The Delaware line may be weaker this season, but quarterback Jeff Komolo will have plenty of experienced runners and receivers back there.

Despite their scoring prowess, the Blue Hens can play defense too. Returning intact is a front four that allowed an average of only 71 yards rushing in their last six games.

The ECU Colonels return seven starters on the OVC's best defensive unit, three of their five offensive linemen and a pack of explosive backs. Senior quarterback Ernie House will direct the fireworks.

Eastern Kentucky bombed the Blue Raiders 40-14 in Richmond last year. MTSU will face the Delaware squad for the first time this season.

Both of those games could be close, but UT Martin would seem to have a definite edge over Austin

Peay, picked to finish last in the conference by the OVC coaches.

Martin shut out Peay 24-0 in last year's season opener, and the Pacers look even tougher this time around. Martin returns 16 starters to a team that manhandled four OVC opponents by a combined score of 126-3.

The UTC squad will run the veer offense at their opponents with senior quarterback Alvin Smalls calling the shots. He'll have plenty of talented backs to give the ball to.

The "Sack Pack" is a fitting nickname for the Martin defense, which limited six of their opponents to seven or less points in '77.

New coach Boots Donnelly, an MTSU graduate, faces a real challenge at Peay, but the Gobs have more talent than he will admit. Peay returns 13 starters, but depth is a question mark at just about every position.

APSU's defense looks sound, with All-OVC linebacker Bob Bible and defensive back Lynn Hailstock anchoring a young unit.

UT Martin whipped Middle Tennessee 38-3 on Jones Field last season, and Peay rained on the Raiders' Homecoming 21-9.

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Robbie Rogers just did his job...and did it well

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor

Webster's Dictionary defines teamwork as a joint action by a group of people, in which each person subordinates his individual interests.

Robbie Rogers just calls it doing his job.

Rogers was named the Offensive Player of the Week following his performance against Tennessee State Saturday night in Nashville.

"I was surprised by the honor. It shocked me," Rogers confessed. "I wasn't expecting it. I simply did what I was supposed to do and I did it to the best of my ability."

Rogers received the honor for gaining 50 yards in 12 carries against the rugged Tigers. It wasn't until late in the game, after the TSU defense began concentrating on fullback Mike Moore, that the Blue Raiders called on Rogers with any consistency.

Rogers also returned four kick-offs for a total of 72 yards.

"What I do is for the team effort. The individual honors are okay, but the team is first.

"My goal," Rogers said, "is to win the OVC."

MTSU wasn't the only school to offer Rogers a grant-in-aid following his senior year at Union County High School in Blairsville, Ga.

The Catamounts of West Carolina first signed Rogers but did not offer what the junior runningback wanted academically.

"MTSU offered me a scholarship. They had more both academically and in football," Rogers commented.

What about a future in the pros?

"All I want is to do good now and I think everything else will fall in place," Rogers said. "If it comes, well, it's just another added honor."

I'd like to give it a shot but I don't concentrate on it."

The former Back of the Year in his home state of Georgia, Rogers said his greatest influence in football was his cousin, an assistant coach at his high school.

"When I was young, I was better in basketball, but everybody else outgrew me. As time went along, I got better in football," Rogers said.

And get better he did. Rogers ought to become Mike Moore's best friend since he has taken much of the pressure off of the senior fullback. Now the opposing teams will know that the Blue Raiders have a double-barrelled threat.



Robbie Rogers

Kickers blank Sewanee in season opening match

In its first game of the season, the MTSU soccer club defeated the University of the South 4-0 Sunday at Sewanee.

A tight defensive battle throughout most of the game, the first half ended in a scoreless tie. The Raiders broke the game open, however, with four goals late in the final period to chalk up an easy victor.

With 15 players presently on the roster, the club is still open to new memberships. Although the schedule has not been set, several matches are planned for this fall.

Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Tony Bougis at 898-5022 or attend practice which is held every Friday afternoon at 4:30.

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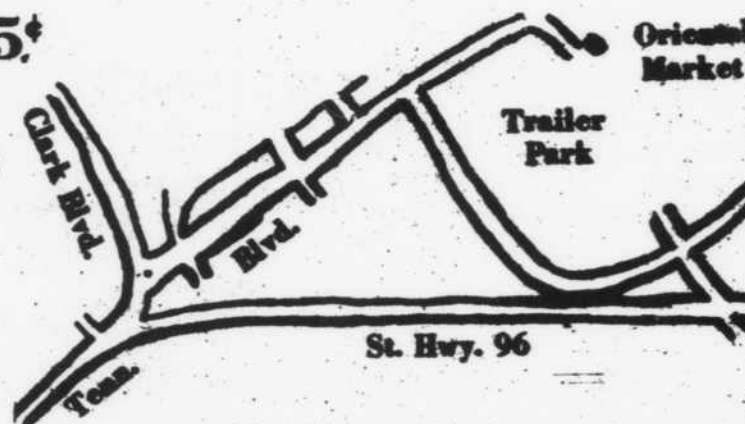
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Opens season next week

Cross-country plans rise from last-place finish

by Tom Wood

Dean Hayes is looking forward to the upcoming cross-country season.

For a change, he has a reason to.

Although Hayes, entering his 13th year at MTSU, has only two returnees from last year's last place conference team, he feels the 1977 edition can and will run far.

"Well, we can't do any worse than we did last year, that's for sure," Hayes mused. "But the guys have been practicing awfully hard, and they are looking pretty good."

"But, honestly, we're looking to finish somewhere around fourth or fifth in the OVC. I believe that's a realistic goal."

With the season opener a mere week away, they will find out soon just how good they truly are.

MTSU hosts the Middle Tennessee Invitational next Friday at the Veteran's Administration golf course, with eight other schools running in the event.

Representing the Ohio Valley Conference with MTSU will be Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech, Nashville city colleges David Lipscomb and Belmont, Vanderbilt from the Southeastern Conference and midstate schools University of the South, Bryan College and King College.

"We will not be holding team scores for the Invitational because some of the schools won't even be in school yet," Hayes commented. "We will give individual trophies, however."

Returning to guide MTSU's fortunes are senior Dennis Votava and sophomore Gary Pery. Rounding out Middle's top three runners is junior college ace Jack Langford, of Baltimore, Md.

"All three are really running strong," Hayes said last night, "and once Langford gets adjusted to our system, he will really be tough."

Rounding out the squad are

newcomers Dana McCutcheon and Roger Kelsey, both out of Nashville's East High School, Murfreesboro's Steve Harvison and transfer Linton Whaley.

"Like football," Hayes noted last night, "one man can often make a lot of difference in the season; hopefully, these new guys can mean that difference."



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H hall rallies, blasts Clement 12-5 in IM action

H Hall rallied for 11 runs in the final four innings to overcome a four-run deficit and down Clement Hall 12-5 in intramural softball action Thursday.

Trailing 5-1, H Hall erupted for six runs in the third inning to take a 7-5 lead, which they increased to win handily.

After David Reynolds and Pat Townsend singled in the bottom of the third, Terry Porter reached on an error to load the bases with nobody out. Chuck Simms then singled to left, scoring Reynolds and Townsend.

After two more RBI singles by Mike Gray and Don Simmons, which knotted the score at 5-5, Dan Tomlinson lined to center, scoring Gray and putting H Hall on top.

There was no further scoring until the bottom of the fifth when Simmons led off with a single and moved to third on a single by Tomlinson.

Mark McClintock sacrificed to left field, scoring Simmons. Nelson Wilson added an RBI double, giving H hall a 10-5 lead.

The final margin was provided in the sixth inning when Gray punched a single up the middle, scoring Townsend, who had led off the inning with a double. Simmons then doubled, driving in Gray for the final run.

With the win, H Hall evened its record at 1-1, while Clement dropped to 0-2.

Mo Bell healthy; Frost under the knife

There's good news and bad news in today's Blue Raider medical report.

The good news is that four injured players will be ready for next week's football clash against UT Martin.

The bad news is that a top basketball recruit will be out of action until Christmas and may not play at all until next season.

Mo Bell, whose foot surgery and subsequent infection kept him sidelined for most of the Tennessee State game, has returned to the

Monday's schedule:	
4 p.m. — Astrodome—Sigma Chi #1 vs. Sigma Nu	5 p.m. — Astrodome—Crimson Cats #1 vs. Porter and the Wagons
Busch Gardens—Kappa Sigma #1 vs. Alpha Gamma Rho	Busch Gardens—TennPenn's vs. Bad Company
Candlestick—Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Sigma Chi #3	Candlestick—The Stoppers vs. Born Losers

practice field and will be ready for action next Saturday.

Offensive tackles Alvin Palmer and Jeff Woodard both suffered shoulder bruises blocking the enormous TSU defense, but they are healthy now.

Senior linebacker Tony Buck, bothered with a knee injury during the game, is expected back for Sunday's practice.

Freshman center Mike Frost, a 6-9 1/2 product of Pulaski, underwent surgery on his knee yesterday morning in the Giles County Hos-

pital and will be out of action until at least late December.

Frost played with a heavily-taped knee in this summer's TSSAA All-Star game in Murphy Center. He scored four points and pulled down nine rebounds for the losing west squad.

"We talked about it (with Frost) and he felt he ought to go ahead and have it operated on now and get it out of the way," coach Jimmy Earle said yesterday.

Earle added that the reserve center might be redshirted for the '77-'78 campaign, saving his full four years of eligibility.

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