

Administration withholds recognition for Young Socialists

University administration last Tuesday denied official recognition to the Young Socialist Alliance, according to MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.

Scarlett's refusal to grant recognition for the group followed similar rejections by the University Screening Board and the University Appeals Committee.

In a letter to the club's advisor, MTSU history professor Bart McCash, the university president listed three basic reasons for denial.

1. An examination of the YSA national constitution and related materials, Scarlett said, "gives indication that the organization is subversive, revolutionary, activist and violent."

2. The YSA constitution, Scar-

lett continued, indicates that the national convention is the highest governing body of the group, and that "its decisions shall be binding on the entire membership."

3. "Information in 1 and 2 above," the president stated, "indicates that the local YSA, no matter how well intentioned, would become a pawn at the disposal of the national organization to the likely detriment of MTSU."

Don Spann, YSA member and Lebanon freshman, denied the administration's charge that the Young Socialist Alliance is a violent group. "It is a revolutionary political organization," he stated, "but it is categorically opposed to any type of violence as a means of supporting its aims."

Socialist Worker's Party, with which the club works, is on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations, it is in a special category reserved for non-violent groups.

He described the allegation that the group is activist as "true—but ridiculous."

"There are plenty of other activist groups on campus," Spann protested, "but that isn't used as grounds for denying them recognition."

To Scarlett's statement that the national convention's decisions are binding on the entire membership, and the MTSU chapter would become a "pawn," the YSA member replied that the same is true of the Democratic and Republican parties.

"Our national convention is a democratically elected body with delegates from each YSA local," he explained. "It meets annually to determine goals for the next year."

Spann said that an earlier university committee report had cited the following statements from a YSA publication as evidenced of the group's violent nature:

"The revolts that swept across dozens of American campuses last spring were a rehearsal for struggles to come."

"The current school year will see a new wave of struggles like those at San Francisco, City College of New York and the University of Minnesota."

These statements, said Spann, were quoted out of context in such a way as to imply that the YSA was responsible for the violence.

"Those quotes did not refer to riots organized by the YSA," he insisted. "They were simply describing conditions that exist."

Spann added that a great many right-wing political figures have made similar statements.

"It is my belief that the suppression of a legitimate political organization like the YSA does lead to irresponsible radicalism, and destroys young people's faith in the system," he remarked.

Spann indicated that the YSA has no definite plans but is considering a "massive petition campaign."

Ambassador of music to appear

Johnson to conduct 'Requiem'

"Music is never given wings as beautifully as in this passage," Thor Johnson exclaimed, waving both arms gently as if to fly away himself. "It's my favorite wing music!"

Soft laughter rippled through the orchestra and chorus in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, breaking the tension during last Wednesday's rehearsal of Brahms' "German Requiem."

"In the world of music this piece has the same dimensions as Notre Dame cathedral, the Mona Lisa or a Shakespeare play," Johnson said as he relaxed after rehearsal.

The world-renowned conductor added, "That's why I'm so thrilled about the invitation to do it on your campus."

Johnson, who will conduct this Sunday's performance of Brahms' "Requiem" at MTSU, has just returned from a month in Rumania. He has been director of the Nashville Symphony during the past four seasons, and previously led the Cincinnati Symphony for 10 years.

The exuberant musician described "Requiem" as a work of "Olympic quality." "We can't exhibit Venus de Milo here," he declared, "but we can bring this."

After five rehearsals with the MTSU community orchestra, chorus and choir, the guest conductor seemed pleased. Performance soloists Neil Wright and Cynthia Perkins he praised as "marvelous" and "first-class."

Johnson, despite his enthusiasm for Brahms' "Requiem," says the most satisfying part of his career "has been the opportunities to perform music by American composers."

By Gary Matthews, News Editor

"We've had few great composers in this country because we've had so few top-notch conductors," he stated, adding that a composer must have someone to champion his music—to bring it to life as effectively as it was written.

"That's why I love to perform great American music," the conductor explained.

Johnson indicated that he takes a special interest in Colonial music. "People think we have no cultural roots in this country, but that's not true."

The native Wisconsinian's interest in American music is matched by his extensive foreign travel.

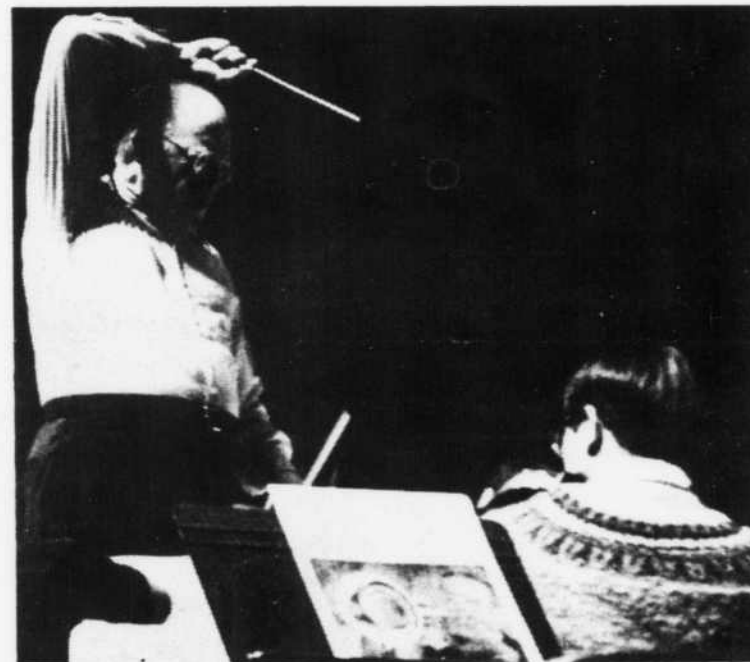
"For eight years," Johnson said, "I represented President Eisenhower in strategic places all over the world -- places where generals, soldiers and financiers were not welcome. But musicians are always welcome."

He recalled Cold War experiences when Russia and American competed for Iceland's allegiance through exchange of artists. "I was able to get there and watch the Soviets," he related proudly.

The Taiwanese protested American presence in Formosa, Johnson explained, "because we had nearly destroyed their cultural heritage."

"I was sent to rebuild their symphony orchestras."

Johnson has also worked behind the Iron Curtain, as well as many other parts of the globe.



Johnson
conducts

Thor Johnson, director of the Nashville Symphony, rehearses the University-Community Orchestra, community choir, and university choir in preparation for their presentation of Brahms' "Requiem" Sunday at 3 p.m.

Perkins, Wright to solo in 'Requiem' performance

Neil Wright and Cynthia Perkins will be the soloists for the presentation of Johannes Brahms' "Requiem" scheduled for Feb. 21 at 3 p.m., according to T. Earl Hinton, director of the University-Community Orchestra.

Thor Johnson, director of the Nashville Symphony, will be the guest conductor for the "Requiem" to be presented at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Hinton said that Wright and Mrs. Perkins will be featured with the participants in the performance to include the community chorus, the University Choir and the University-Community Orchestra.

Wright is head of the MTSU music department and is a member of the Tennessee Arts Commission. He is professor of voice and directs the Concert Choir and Varsity Choir.

Wright served as charter president of the East Tennessee Vocal Arts Association and two terms as president of the Middle Tennessee Vocal Association. He is past president of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association.

Mrs. Perkins holds the bachelor of science degree in music education from the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati. Her professional credits include recital and oratorio work in New York City and Boston as well as leading roles in musical comedy in New York and in summer stock theatres throughout the country.

Brahms' "Requiem," according to Hinton, was first performed during the Lenten season in 1868. He explained that it contained many of the elements of the Catholic requiem mass, a mass for the dead, but that it is more optimistic in tone.

Applied Sciences

Division may evolve into school

MTSU's newly-created Division of Applied Sciences may someday evolve into a fourth undergraduate school, according to Ed Voorhies, acting director of the new division.

"I don't have any inside information on this—I'm just deducing it from known facts," Voorhies emphasized.

The Division of Applied Sciences results from university re-organization to provide for a School of Business and Economics.

Voorhies pointed out that the Applied Sciences Division was considered a temporary measure. If the school authorities

Editor's note:

This is the third report in a four-part series on the changes brought by the creation of the School of Business and Economics and the departments of aerospace and philosophy. This story concerns the establishment of a Division of Applied Sciences. The fourth part of the series will deal with the school of Business and Economics.

had not considered the possibility of forming yet another school, he speculated, departments gathered under the new division probably would have been im-

mediately re-assigned elsewhere.

Departments leaving the former School of Business and Industry to become the Division of Applied Sciences are: Aerospace (which will officially become a department July 1), Agriculture, Industrial Arts and Technology, Journalism (which is still striving to attain departmental status), Military Science and Nursing.

Voorhies noted that Neil Ellis will replace him as head of the industrial arts and technology department.

The acting chairman stated that individual departments in the

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ATO to aid in Heart roadblock

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity along with three Central High School fraternities will hold a roadblock Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to collect money for the Rutherford County Heart Fund. A goal of \$19,040 is set to be obtained at eight Murfreesboro locations.

Sophomore class to hold formal tonight

The Mid-Winter Formal sponsored by the sophomore class will be held tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building. "Showboat" will be the theme of the formal, according to sophomore class president John Jackson, with decorations based on 19th century riverboat styles.

Free University to study Cayce

Discussion of writings of Edgar Cayce and related subjects of reincarnation, karma, meditation, Atlantis and earth changes will be the topic of a Free University class beginning Feb. 24 and will continue on subsequent Wednesdays through May 12.

The class, to be held at 8 p.m. each Wednesday, will be lead by graduate student Bill Douglas. He is a member of the Association for Research and Enlightenment which was founded to preserve the Cayce writings.

ASB adds bulletin boards

In order to keep the commuter students better informed and involved in campus activities, the ASB Communications Committee has arranged for two bulletin boards to be placed in both the Dramatic Arts and Bell Street parking lots.



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Few county 18-year olds register

Of the 18, 19, and 20 year-old population of Rutherford County, 17 individuals have registered to vote since Jan. 1, 1971, according to Ruth Stanley, Rutherford County registrar-at-large.

Mrs. Stanley indicated that this low turn-out was not unusual in view of the fact that these registrants would not have an opportunity to vote until the 1972 federal elections unless a state law provides them with local suffrage.

She said that it was normal practice in the county not to

register until just before an election.

Shirley Hassler, state election coordinator, has issued a directive to place all new registrants into three groups.

One group is composed of persons over 21 who have lived in Tennessee for over one year and in a county for over three months.

A second related group is composed of persons over 21 who have not lived in Tennessee for one year and/or have not lived in a county for three months.

This separation was necessitated by a federal court decision which struck down Tennessee's

residency requirements.

The third group is composed of those persons under 21 years of age.

Approval was given for the 18-year old vote when the Supreme Court upheld part of a bill passed by the Congress to give full suffrage to 18-year olds. The Court left suffrage within the states to the individual states.

At the present time there are two bills before the state legislature to give suffrage to 18-year old Tennesseans. Both bills provide for this change, but one would not have the change effective until 1972.

Civil Liberties Union to view citizen rights

Your rights as a citizen will be discussed Monday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at a meeting sponsored by the Murfreesboro Civil Liberties Union.

The meeting, to be held in room 322 of the University Center, will concentrate on the legislative bills to provide tax support for parochial schools and colleges in Tennessee.

Dr. Norman Parks, political science professor and specialist on Constitutional law will analyze the issue with respect to the constitutional bans against aid to sectarian schools.

Thomas VanDervort, president of the Murfreesboro Civil Liberties Union and political sci-

ence instructor, noted that the current General Assembly has at least three bills scheduled for action on this matter.

Van Dervort stated that the local Civil Liberties Union has taken the position that these proposals violate both the state and federal constitutions and the well-being of public schools and colleges.

Van Dervort further indicated that "the climate of repression and question of basic freedoms in America today requires greater citizen participation in the activities of the American Civil Liberties Union."

The president urged all citizens to attend the meeting.

Division . . .

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Division of Applied Sciences will not be affected by the re-organization.

However, he added that the change in administration will allow each department to receive more individual attention.

"It would be my intention to help them progress as normal, improving programs and expanding," he commented.

Voorhies remarked that the journalism section has always been called a "division."

"I guess we'll have to find a new name for it," he said. "It doesn't seem right to call it a 'division' when it's already within the Division of Applied Sciences."

Moving to a new office after 14 years as head of industrial arts and technology will require re-adjustment for Voorhies.

"I have to get used to the idea of dealing primarily with department chairmen rather than teachers in my own department," he said.

Osterby to view pollution

L. T. Osterby of the Arnold Engineering Development Center will present a pollution lecture tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the New Classroom Building, Room 103, according to John James, adviser to the Economics and Finance Club which is sponsoring the speaker.

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Topics cover wide range

BSA conducts rap session

Discussion topics from interracial dating and marriage to public school sex education to the progress of race relations at MTSU were brought up in an open rap session sponsored by the Black Student Association Wednesday night.

Over thirty interested persons attended the informal meeting at the apartment of Robert Clark, Milan junior, as a part of the BSA's "Our History Week," a localized supplement to the

national Black History Week of last week.

Blacks and whites spoke freely on a variety of subjects, some of which were related to campus race relations and others which included a broader perspective.

An example of topics discussed at the rap session of a more comprehensive nature was the discussion of the efforts to institute the federal Urban Renewal program in the Murfreesboro McMadden Community.

Plans for the observance of the death of black leader Malcolm X (Sunday, Feb. 21) were also considered at the rap session.

A film, "Now is the Time," scheduled to be shown last Tuesday for "Our History Week" was cancelled due to shipping delay.

Yesterday the wearing of Afro-styled dashikis and black clothing for symbolic expression of black unity was encouraged by the BSA in further observance of "Our History Week."

Face largest volume of year

ASB houses act on legislation

The ASB House and Senate met last night and considered what is probably the greatest volume of legislation this year. Four constitutional amendments, two bills, and four resolutions were acted upon by the student congress.

Both the house and senate passed a resolution asking that "capital punishment be abolished and the sentences of the 12 men (now awaiting execution) be commuted." Senator Dennis Phillips was sponsor of the resolution.

Another joint resolution, requested by ASB President Bart Gordon, declared the support of the ASB Congress for "extending the right to vote in state and local elections to 18 year olds by legislative action in the 1971 General Assembly of Tennessee."

A resolution by Representative Bill Aldred calling for the University Bookstore to resume operation during the period between 7:30 and 8 a.m., was also passed by both houses.

Senator Sammy Sells introduced a resolution, passed by both houses, increasing school spirit and participation in campus events.

The measure asked that "the entire South and East (stage)

By Tony Pendergrass

sections of Memorial Gymnasium be reserved for the students of MTSU, and that ALL of our students attending the home basketball games be asked to sit in these sections in order to strive for better student unity and harmony during school spirit participation."

A Senate bill sponsored by Peter Hall and John Shannon requesting the hiring of a person or utilization of work scholarship student to enforce a university rule that gymnasium facilities be used by students and faculty only passed the senate and was defeated in the house.

Senator Mary Marlin sponsored a comprehensive bill to clarify selection procedures and qualifications for cheerleaders. A seven member selection committee was proscribed to narrow the field of candidates to ten males and ten females. These 20 would then be judged, ranked, and voted on by a student assembly.

The selection committee will consist of one person chosen by the Buchanan Players voting on poise, a representative of the athletes voting on enthusiasm, a

Physical Education club representative voting on movements, and Speech and Therapy club representative voting only on voice. The group would also include the ASB president and the two vice-presidents.

A series of four constitutional amendments was introduced by representative Tony Pendergrass. The measures would change the qualifications for executive office, the time they would assume office, and the composition of the senate and method of nomination.

The House passed each amendment separately and the Senate tabled all the amendments until its next meeting.



'Our fashion'

Dashikis like the one worn by Robert James were the fashion of the day yesterday as members of the Black Student Association and interested students commemorated "Our History Week," a belated celebration of "Black History Week."

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Smith indicated that the tutors were conducting this trip as part of CUBE's program to provide broadening experiences for underprivileged children.

CUBE has, in the past semester, sponsored a trip to the Parthenon and a MTSU football game. The club president noted that a trip in late spring to Oak Ridge is in the planning stages.

He stated that CUBE's tutorial program involves a one-to-one tutor-tutee relationship with the tutor free to aid the child academically or to participate in some activity of mutual interest.

Saturday's trip to the Outdoor Show will leave at 2 p.m. from the University Center, Smith stated.

Smith also noted that a membership drive to recruit tutors for the spring semester would begin next week. He added that anyone interested in the program is welcome to accompany the group on the Outdoor Show tour, to get a first-hand look at the program.

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b) You have the right to have a lawyer. If you cannot afford one, the police must supply you one. Once you have decided to ask for a lawyer, the police cannot ask you any questions until he arrives.

If you have made statements to the police and you are beginning to feel uncomfortable ask for a lawyer. This will stop the questioning until the lawyer comes to you.

DO NOT let the police talk you out of asking for a lawyer by statements that make you think they are on your side. Remember, the police are under a duty to make arrests and obtain convictions. They do not make deals unless it is for their advantage.

3. The police may search you for concealed weapons by patting your clothing. Do not physically resist.

If you are arrested or held

1. Never run away, strike an officer, or physically resist, whether you are innocent or guilty. Go with the officer; you can make your defense in court.

2. When you are arrested, the police are required to give you their identification and the grounds for the arrest.

3. Before being booked, you have the right to make and complete one phone call. Take this opportunity to notify

your lawyer or a reliable friend who will arrange for your bail and your lawyer to come see you. Do not let the police talk you out of this right; it could mean the difference between a conviction and your freedom.

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Bail

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Note well: This card is not complete advice.

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Editorial

YSA denial questionable

Questions arise when one considers the refusal of the university to admit the Young Socialists Alliance to official student organization status.

The YSA was first given provisional university recognition, as provided for in the rules of the Student Handbook, Nov. 19-Dec. 19.

When the provisional recognition was terminated, students who proposed to be members of the proposed organization obtained a provisional extension until Feb. 22 so that they could meet in the University Center and apply for recognition as a student organization.

In order to apply for official recognition, a group must submit an application for university approval including purpose of the club and types of proposed activities, constitution, by-laws, and signatures of proposed members and faculty advisor(s).

The YSA met all these requirements provided for in the Student Handbook, submitted this material to the Dean of Students who in turn referred them to the University Screening Committee.

The University Screening Committee, according to the Student Handbook, is composed of three members of the Faculty Senate and the three executive officers of the Associated Student Body.

This committee reviewed the YSA's petition for recognition and rejected it by a vote of 4-2, according to Paul O'Conner, YSA proponent. A majority report recommending that the YSA be rejected as well as a minority report giving reasons for accepting YSA as a student organization was submitted by the Screening Committee to the university president for final decision.

In an unprecedented move, however, an Appeals Committee was established. The committee was composed of one administrator, Dean of Admissions

Frank Glass; a faculty member, Joe Sawyer, assistant professor of business education; and a senior from Gallatin, John Cox.

Last Thursday, Feb. 11, the Appeals Committee conducted a hearing in the President's Conference Room to hear members of the proposed organization and their proposed advisor give arguments for accepting YSA as a university organization.

The Committee voted unanimously to reject the YSA, and Tuesday President M. G. Scarlett, who has the final authority to accept or reject an organization, notified the proposed advisor of the YSA's rejection.

Perhaps a few facts should be considered.

The Young Socialists Alliance is an independent political party for persons up to the age of thirty. As a national organization, YSA is about ten years old.

Independent of the Socialist Workers Party, an organization which espouses similar ideas, the YSA is a legal, non-violent organization. The nearest on-campus chapter of YSA is at Georgia State.

The proposed MTSU chapter stated that "the purpose of this organization shall be the discussion, understanding and promotion of socialist ideas through study programs, speakers, and educational classes."

The local YSA proponents were not turned down for official recognition for anything they have done or wanted to do, but rather for what they might do.

Like the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans, the Young Socialists should be free to study, discuss and teach their political theories.

Surely an educated university community should not be afraid of ideas.

Meanwhile with Lynch

Challenge: Help!

By Jim Lynch

A recent rumor has reached my ears. It has to do with the "Transport Lynch to North Vietnam" movement which has been of interest lately, interesting to me at least.

Rumor has it that the proponents of the movement have already pledged somewhere in the neighborhood of \$104 to the cause, although the money may not, as of yet, be centralized into someone's pocket.

Well, it's nice to know that someone takes that much of an interest in me, or at least in what I write. But really! North Vietnam? I have absolutely no desire to go to North Vietnam. Virginia Beach or Panama City maybe, but not North Vietnam.

Now, since you people have taken such an interest in me and my writings, pay heed to what follows.

I publicly challenge those of you who have thought it such a worthy cause to collect funds to send me overseas to re-evaluate your ideas. Rather than send me somewhere where I don't want to go (you really can't make me, you know), I challenge you to take your collected or pledged money and contribute it to a much worthier cause, the purchase of the kidney machine so desperately needed by Memphis State student David Wade.

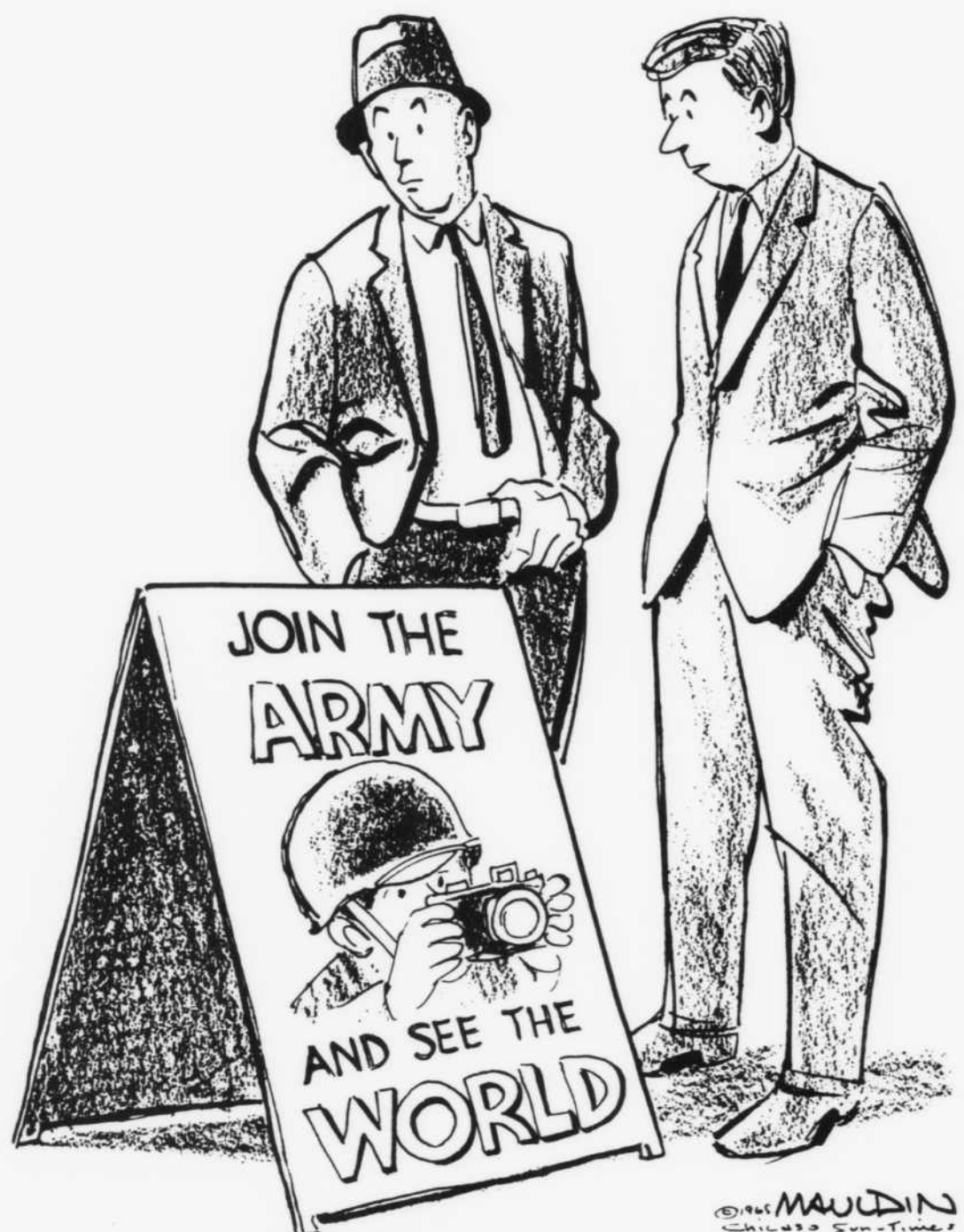
Simply stated, I think it's terrific that you and your group could gather yourselves behind a cause (as ridiculous as it is), now let's see you people gather yourselves behind something that is quite a bit more worthy.

What you'll be doing is giving up something that can be construed as "cute" for something that will be considered useful and beneficial to one human being. You could aid in saving someone's life.

You've had your fun and I've had mine concerning this issue, now let's see if something good can come out of it.

Maybe you'll no longer have something to joke about to your friends, but then, maybe someday you'll have a chance to see David Wade smile.

Bill Mauldin



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National Perspective

British, American racists comparable

British Conservative party leader Enoch Powell has again called for the immediate cessation of colored immigration into Great Britain from the Commonwealth nations.

Powell, who has received national and international attention for the formulation of his racist policies, feels that continued immigration will greatly undermine the economic and social system within Great Britain.

The Conservative leader has even proposed that the "coloreds" who represent two percent of Britain's population be bribed to go back where they came from.

Time Magazine credits Powell with the creation of a new British ideology which has been termed "Powellism." "Powellism is, according to Time, a combination of 'racism, arch-conservative economics, and a touch of prickly isolationism."

Powell has voiced opposition to heavy government spending, Common Market membership, and retaining any British military forces east of the Suez.

He has been described as the George Wallace of Great Brit-

By Jim Leonhirth

ain, but if their ideas are related, their backgrounds are completely different. Wallace was elected governor of Alabama after having served as a lawyer and judge.

By the time Enoch Powell was 25, he was a professor of Greek at Australia's University of Sydney; by 27, he was the author of four scholarly books. He speaks 11 languages including, ironically enough, one of the languages of Pakistan.

For all of Powell's achievement, his image, particularly with his own party, has been tarnished by his statements on the racial situation in Great Britain.

"Race," Powell said in a campaign speech, "is billed to play a major, perhaps decisive part in the battle of Britain." Powell's message has substantial appeal to the blue-collar white Britons, who resent the intrusions of the Pakistani, West Indian, African and Indian immigrants.

Britain's situation parallels that of the United States in the '20's and '30's when poor con-

ditions in the southern part of the country caused mass migrations of blacks to the northern industrial centers. This migration brought the blacks into direct conflict with white job-seekers and made the plight of the blacks a national rather than a sectional concern.

Although Wallace split from the Democratic party to wage his presidential campaign, Powell continues to work through the Conservative party although he has lost favor with many of its leaders including Prime Minister Edward Heath.

Heath dismissed Powell from his Shadow Cabinet two years ago after Powell made a statement that blood would run in the streets unless colored immigration was curbed.

Both Wallace and Powell are eyeing the chief executive posts in their respective nations, and both are exploiting the same issues.

The United States, however, has faced these racial problems for the past 30 years and has started to creep toward some solutions.

In Great Britain, the problems have just begun.

Scene From the Hill

Luttrell offers prison reform

By Lawrence Harrington

Amid all the controversy about capital punishment, Gov. Dunn should receive some praise for his appointment of Mark Luttrell as Commissioner of Corrections.

Luttrell comes from Memphis where he has served as superintendent of the Shelby County Penal Farm since 1962. He has made some important innovations at that institution. It is the only penal institution in the nation to use VISTA volunteers within its walls.

A program of interested citizens working with inmates has proved valuable in giving motivation and a feeling of self-reliance to the men. In 1967 the first work release program in Tennessee was begun.

Luttrell said that he believes the state should spend as much as possible in rehabilitating the prisoner so that one sentence may be his last. The state should never have to spend money on him again. He believes capital punishment should not be completely abolished.

At an age when many think they have had enough education, Luttrell, 56, returned to school and has completed 15 hours of graduate work in sociology and psychology.

Of course, if the Governor does not recognize the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees as the labor union of the state's prison guards, the new commissioner may have a strike on his hands. The guards feel that they have been more than patient with the new people on the Hill. After his first month on the job, Mark Luttrell may wish that he had never left Memphis.



Lawrence Harrington

Letter

Henderson questions criticism

To the Editor:

It has been brought to my attention with congratulatory wishes that I have been stumbling through dark alleys of ignorance while composing my occasional satirical columns.

Though I'll agree that stumbling is a speciality of mine, the ignorance point I question and resent.

I realize that the author of the Feb. 12 letter, "Graves defies ignorance," read my open column in haste, became enraged and immediately set out to revenge the grave injustice done him.

In the middle class society in which I have been raised, I have noticed that a well discussed topic of interest through the years concerns the poor strain of our society.

The educated middle class often uses our poor as its scapegoat. They are slandered and criticized for their use of government funds.

Here I would like to defend the origin of my opinions. It is true that I am sheltered and benefit

from my father's income. Does this mean, however, that I must live in poverty to sympathize with the oppressed and poverty stricken?

Must I go hungry before I agonize over the thoughts that too many Americans go to bed hungry each night? Mr. Graves, you say I have no right to think these things unless I've experienced them.

I say no matter what our economic backgrounds, as the rising generation it is not only our right to weigh these situations and voice our opinions, but even with the knowledge that we will be misinterpreted and defied, it is our responsibility.

Though I am well aware of the statistics and requirements necessary to receive government subsidies, their enumerations were not the purpose of the column. The purpose was to demonstrate how the middle class is sometimes willing to use and abuse the very funds and opportunities for advancement that they begrudge our poverty stricken

segment of society. I only asked Simon to take a look at himself.

But, Mr. Graves, can you truthfully say that you represent all student inhabitants that you defend?

Do they all have the same intentions, desires and possessions as you? Am I to assume that all who live in Dusan (which was only a subsidized example to bring interest close to home) drive a hard earned Volkswagon, view a black and white television, live with the bare necessities, don't smoke and don't partake of food stamps?

Come, come, even in my supposed ignorance I can't swallow that I realize that the waiting list for every government subsidized housing project in Murfreesboro is a long one.

I wonder the predicaments of all those on the waiting lists. Yes, Mr. Graves, they could well be families "supporting four children on incomes of less than \$5,000 per year."

Rita Henderson
Box 6653

Our Man Hoppe

'Ground combat troop' goes forward to victory!

By Arthur Hoppe

A great deal of confusion has arisen over whether we have ground combat troops in Laos.

As you know, Congress has specifically forbidden the President to send any there. If he does, it will unquestionably lead to widening the war -- the one between Congress and the President.

Of course, the Administration admits we now have "reconnaissance teams" and "helicopter rescue crews" and outfits like that in Laos. And while they are all troops and all on the ground and all presumably ready to give combat should the opportunity arise, everyone agrees they are not ground combat troops. So that's all right.

As for ground combat troops, the Administration flatly denies it's sent any to Laos. An exhaustive check shows this is the unvarnished truth.

What we have in Laos is a ground combat troop. (cq)

The name of our ground combat troop in Laos, it can now be revealed, is Corporal Alvin Bartz. The decision to send him there was not an easy one.

The President was advised that the Cooper-Church Amendment prohibiting "ground combat

troops" did not, per se, prohibit a ground combat troop. Concerned as he was about the critical importance of the Laos operation, particularly to the 1972 elections, the President acted with dispatch.

"Let us send," he said, "every single troop we can."

Once the decision had been made, the Pentagon moved with swift military efficiency. A site was selected in a marshy swamp ten miles inside Laos for "Fire Base Bartz." The Headquarters Company was located on a cool hilltop three miles to Corporal Bartz' rear.

There was some question about sending an entire Headquarters Company of 148 officers and men. But as General Walter K. (Zip) Zapp, now in charge of the operation, said: "No combat troop in history has ever fought without a Headquarters Company."

A Command Staff of seven was needed to plan the Corporal's strategy. A Welfare Officer, Pay Officer and Morale Officer were required to oversee his welfare, pay and morale. Four Public Information Officers (one over quota) were assigned to insure the public received no infor-

mation. And the 134 men were detailed to pick up cigarette butts.

A Supply Company supplied Corporal Bartz and a Transportation Company transported him, his supplies and visiting Congressmen who came to shake his hand.

A Regimental Signal Corps Team handled his communications. And an Engineering Battalion was ordered in to construct the Officers' Club, PX, mess hall and barracks -- in that order.

Still to be decided at a high policy level is whether Bob Hope and his troupe will be flown in to entertain Corporal Bartz at Christmas-time, if he can hold out till then.

It's hoped this will explain why newsmen have seen so many American soldiers in Laos. It should ease Congressional worries.

True, some Pentagon hawkers are now pushing to double American fire power in Laos by sending another ground combat troop to share Corporal Bartz' foxhole. But the President remains adamant.

"I will not violate the Cooper-Church Amendment," he says firmly, "no matter how many non-ground combat troops it takes."



Nick Prater

Nick Prater, McMinnville sophomore, has currently assumed the role of "sparkplug" for the MTSU basketball team, especially in the last several games.

Hyde Time

'As goes Prater . . .'

By Bob Hyde

When the season began for this year's edition of the Blue Raider basketball team, the picture looked pretty solid with three returning starters (Ken Riley, Jim Drew, and Stan Sumrell) returning and two top junior college transfers (Herman Sykes and Percy Hairston) eyeing the remaining slots.

It appeared that Coach Jimmy Earle had the nucleus for a title-contending team, but it wasn't long before Earle realized that things weren't to be as rosy as he thought. Starting guard Drew, who quarterbacked the Raider offense last season, suffered an injured leg and was sidelined for the length of the schedule.

Also, Hairston, the junior college All-American forward from Martin College, was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons and Earle began searching the depths of the bench for replacements.

The guard situation did not ever become very crucial, as Sykes and Sumrell took charge and have displayed steady action out front with both averaging in double figures. Sykes leads the team in scoring with 18 points per game.

However, with the loss of Hairston, opposing teams began concentrating their defensive front line efforts on Riley, as the Big Blue could not mount an offensive scoring threat from the forward position opposite Riley. This definitely handcuffed the Raiders' scoring ability, as Ken is an All OVC performer and as goes Riley, so go the Raiders.

Earle had been going with Terry Johnson, 6-4 forward from Shelbyville, in the slot vacated by

Hairston. During the Western Kentucky battle in Bowling Green, Johnson was having his problems and was benched in favor of a very green sophomore named Nick Prater. The situation that Prater entered was enough to scare even a polished veteran.

MTSU was playing a nationally ranked team and suddenly found itself in the second half with the lead, and the possibility of knocking off the conference's number one team and throwing the race for the league crown into a turmoil.

The Raider victory try failed, but Prater emerged as an offensive gunner and has since started every game. His presence in the line-up forces opposing teams to concentrate part of their back line on him and enables Riley to be more free under the bucket, where he operates at his best.

The presence of the rising star such as Prater offers the fans an opportunity to once again see the long jumpers from the corner reminds one of the Willie Brown era. Nick's presence is also felt on defense, as he assumes the role of playing the base-line on the tight zone defense that has proved so effective this season. Nick is often seen running from corner to corner, constantly staying on the side with the ball.

With Riley graduating, the Raiders will need someone to take his place both on and off the floor. Several seniors are capable of lending senior leadership, and Prater definitely has the talents to lead the team on the floor.

How would this sound, reading from a copy of the SIDELINES one year from today, "As goes Prater, so go the Raiders."

Powerhouse in '71

Raiders start preparation in spring

Middle Tennessee, enjoying the fruits of a fine 1970 football season, has not stagnated its program for the coming year. Head coach Bill Peck and his football staff are working for an even greater 1971 football powerhouse.

This spring's schedule is a busy one for MTSU's football aspirants. It follows a gruelling winter program which provides all male students with an opportunity to build themselves into better shape.

This program is embodied in P.E. 100 which meets daily from 4-5 p.m. The course requires determination to want to get into shape and attendance so that it

By Ron Merville

can be accomplished. A large majority of MTSU's athletes are enrolled in the course.

This course is not directly related to spring football practice but it has three main objectives: to improve agility, to increase overall strength, and to improve cardio-muscular efficiency.

According to Coach Peck, these objectives are being obtained very well.

"I have been tremendously impressed with the effort the boys have put out," Peck said. "They have taken this hard work, and

believe me, it is hard work."

Spring practice will be highlighted by a change in MTSU's basic offensive formation. Last season, the Blue Raiders primarily used a drop-back pass formation with a split backfield.

This spring, however, Coach Peck is introducing the "Wishbone T" or the "Texas T" to his arsenal of infantrymen.

The change in offensive formation will automatically require a few position changes with several men playing different positions from the ones they played last season.

John Blankenship will be moved from tailback to flanker back and Melvin Daniels who played some wingback last year will be given a shot at the quarterback slot.

Kevin Dees will move to the tight end along with returning letterman David Stewart. Moving to linebacker will be Greg Gregory, and Jack Crawford will move back to defensive tackle after an assignment at defensive end last season.

Coach Peck has expressed his interest and concern in student participation in MTSU's football program.

Barbara Cox, 1966

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Chenault, Pierce

Raiders sign gridiron stars

Kenny Chenault, an All-State running-back from Lexington, Ky., has signed a football grant-in-aid with MTSU.

Chenault, a 5-10, 165 pounder from Bryan Station High School, was named to every All-State team in Kentucky this past season. He led Bryan Station to 11 wins in 12 games, losing only to Fort Thomas Highlands in the Class AA Championship game.

For the season, Chenault gained 1500 yards in 153 carries for nearly 10.0 yards per carry. He scored 19 touchdowns and 126 total points to place first in the Lexington area and ninth in the state scoring race.

Extremely quick, he has clocked 4.4 in the 40 and 9.9

in the 100. He was named to the All-City and All-Mid-State teams in both his junior and senior seasons, and to the All-State teams his senior year.

Chenault was recruited by Blue Raider Assistant Hal Dyer, who noted that "not only is he a tremendous threat from scrimmage, he is even better at returning punts and kickoffs." Dyer indicated that Chenault would see a lot of service in these two departments at MTSU.

Also, Joe Pierce, who many believe is the top high school quarterback in the state of Kentucky, has signed an Ohio Valley Conference football grant-in-aid with MTSU.

Pierce, a 6-0, 180 pounder

from Louisville's Trinity High School, was named to the first team in several Kentucky All-State selections.

As the starting quarterback for Trinity, he guided them to victory in all but two games in the last two seasons - and both losses were to the eventual state champions in class AAA.

During those two seasons, Pierce rushed for 1495 yards, passed for 1151 yards, scored 14 touchdowns and passed for 14 more. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry over a two-season period, and completed over 40 percent of his passes.

Pierce became acquainted with MTSU thru a football camp held here last fall for high school teams.

Cagers travel to Kentucky for OVC tilts

Middle Tennessee's basketball Raiders take to the road this weekend for two crucial OVC tilts after a rest from conference play with UT-Chattanooga last evening. The Raiders will be seeking to extend their current league winning streak to four games as they will be entertained tomorrow night by Eastern Kentucky and Monday evening by Morehead.

The Raiders will attempt to climb from a fifth place tie with APSU and Tennessee Tech, but neither upcoming opponent is expected to be caught sleeping by the Raiders. Eastern is currently fighting to better its third place record of six conference wins and three defeats, and have to their credit an 88-64 decision over the Blue in an early January contest.

Meanwhile, Morehead is attempting to salvage the season by playing the role as spoiler. Morehead finds itself in last place with a 1-8 league mark, but the Raiders cannot overlook them because they managed only a two point victory in Alumni Gym Jan. 9.

Final: 86-82

Roundballers fall to UTC

MTSU's Blue Raiders dropped a tough decision to the tough University of Tennessee-Chattanooga last night by a count of 86-82. After trailing at halftime 43-32, Coach Jimmy Earle's squad made a valiant charge in the second half, outscoring the Mocs to the tune of 50-43, only to see their efforts fall four points short.

The Big Blue was paced by team captain Ken Riley, who flipped in 21 points. Nick Prater, Derry Cochran, and Stan Sumrell also cashed in as double figure scorers. The loss left MTSU with an overall 9-11 record for the season, which they will take to Eastern Kentucky University Saturday night. MTSU is 3-7 in the OVC.

Ham radio station has varied audience

By Becky Freeman

The audience of W4EFQ may not be as vast as WMOT-FM, the other campus radio station, but its audience is more varied.

W4EFQ, the MTSU ham radio station, has contacted stations world-wide, according to Philip Brown, one of the broadcasters.

The Nashville junior explained that the station has often relayed communications for foreign students to their native countries. The station, the oldest on campus, has been operating for the past 16 years, stated James Gonce, sponsor of the organization.

The industrial arts instructor stated that the club was initiated to generate an interest in electronics. Gonce further commented that all members must have ham radio licenses.

Brown stated that all members must pass a Federal Communication Commission-administered examination to obtain the different proficiency licenses.

The 400 watt broadcasting equipment is largely home-made, although the club has recently purchased a transmitter. The station, called a radio shack by enthusiasts, is located in a converted shower room of the Industrial Arts building. Students usually gather at the shack during lunch hour to operate the station, indicated Brown.

Gonce also indicated that the club occasionally participates in contests, designed to contact the largest number of operators within a given time period. The instructor of electronics further indicated that the station has in the past served as the only Civil Defense station in Murfreesboro.

After contacting another ham the operator often sends a QSL card, a postcard containing the stations call letters, to confirm the contact and comment on his reception of the contact.

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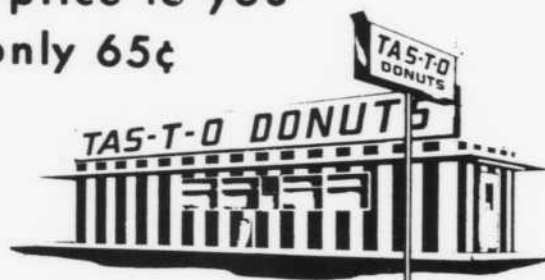
An ominous looking tree stump stands as an indication of the present work being undertaken in the building of the new MTSU athletic complex. The area, just north of the present gym, has been the sight of extensive work by the crewmen working on the project.

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Aerospace workshop to include summer tour

Four aerospace workshops, one of which includes a European tour, will be held at MTSU this summer, according to Dr. Bealer Smotherman, director of the graduate aerospace program.

The Eighteenth Annual Tennessee Aerospace Education Workshop, designed to include teachers from all parts of the state, will be held on campus June 14 through July 9. The purpose of

By David Taylor

this workshop, Smotherman said, "is to orient teachers to the implications of teaching in an aerospace age."

Knowledge of the latest aviation and space developments will allow teachers to keep pace with their students, he added.

One hundred scholarships in

the amount of \$225 each have been made available by the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission to teachers wishing to attend the workshop. Instructors teaching any grade level and any subject may attend.

An advanced workshop will be held at the same time as the Aerospace Education Workshop.

"The advanced workshop," Smotherman explained, "will in-

clude seven hours of flight training, ground school training, and additional opportunity for applying what was learned in the earlier regular workshop."

The Tennessee Aeronautics Commission has made available twenty-five \$350 scholarships for the advanced workshop.

Also planned for this summer is the Governor's National Symposium of Aerospace Education, June 20-25.

The symposium, Smotherman said, will provide "observation and sharing opportunities to those who are interested in promoting programs such as ours in other parts of the United States."

The aerospace director expressed hopes that every state would be represented at the symposium, which is sponsored by the governor.

"The program will include sessions where each state shares what they are doing in aerospace areas," Smotherman said.

There are some 200 aerospace education programs in the United States today. "Ours has been recognized as the most important," Smotherman stated, "largely because of the support in scholarships by the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission."

The MTSU Education department offers the nation's only master's degree in aerospace education, he added.

The administrator or deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington usually speaks during the symposium, Smotherman said.

T. E. Scott-Chard, public relations director for the British Overseas Aircraft Corp., will also be among the speakers.

Those attending the symposium will visit the University of Tennessee Space Institute and the Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma.

The annual MTSU International Aerospace Educators' Seminar, which features a "jet flying classroom" to the capitals of Europe, will highlight the second summer session.

The seminar, July 15 through Aug. 5, will include visits to New York, London, Paris, Geneva, Rome, Berlin and Copenhagen.

"The nine or ten thousand mile tour," Smotherman said, "will include seminar sessions with some of the outstanding leaders in aerospace in these countries."

Of the 60 available reservations for the seminar, 45 have already been filled. Smotherman said, "We don't anticipate any trouble in filling the rest."

The seminar will provide six semester hours of education, although noncredit and special students are also eligible for the tour.

Speech contest to be held here

MTSU will host this Saturday's fourth district competition in the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League, according to contest director Lane Boutwell.

The speech and theatre professor explained that two relatively new events—solo acting and duet acting—have been added to the traditional ones.

Debate; interpretative, humorous and dramatic literature; poetry interpretation; men's and

women's extemporaneous speech; men's and women's oratory; declamation and one act plays are among the other events scheduled.

Interest in the contests has grown so much that 34 rooms will be used for this year's contest Boutwell indicated.

More than 120 members of the MTSU staff and faculty will take part in judging the competition, which lasts from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A newcomer to this year's Speech and Drama League contests will be Connelly Junior High School of Lewisburg. Among other schools to be represented are Battle Ground Academy, Castle Heights Military Academy, Webb School, Grundy County High School, Lawrence County High School, Manchester Central, St. Andrews, Shelbyville High School, Eagleville and Giles County High School.

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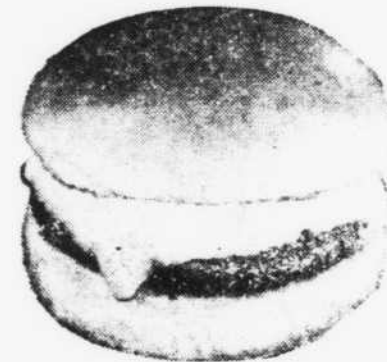
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