



Noon chat

ASB President Bobby Sands confers with President Scarlett at the first of the Presidents Forums held Wednesday in the High Rise West cafeteria. Sands presided at the luncheon which brought together students, faculty and administration.

Rutherford County

Fox eradication ends today

According to Anson Galyon, information supervisor for the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission, the fox eradication program in Rutherford and DeKalb counties should end today.

"In the past three days, 3,626 baits have been put out in Rutherford and DeKalb counties," he said. "Out of this number, 1,708 have been taken with 734 taken by foxes, 495 by dogs not under quarantine or free roaming and 222, strangely enough, by man."

He added, "We don't exactly know why men have taken the bait

up, but we know they have by the tracks."

Galyon explained that the bait pellets were placed in certain areas and the leaves were raked away from it. From the tracks left by the animals, they could tell what animals had taken the bait.

"In some cases, there were fox, dog, and man tracks, and in situations like this, we couldn't be positive what took the bait."

Galyon indicated that the commission hoped to end the program today since more children and their families will be out over the weekend and this could present some danger.

"When the rate of pick-up drops off, we know that more foxes have been killed and the program is not as necessary," he added.

Galyon said the percentages for each of the two counties had not yet been tallied, but that he felt the number of bait pellets taken in each county was about the same.

Dr. Robert Sanders, director of the Rutherford County Health Department, said, "The people still need to be cautious of rabid foxes, for an animal can be bitten and may not develop symptoms for a year."

President predicts opening of communications school

By Dennis Frobish
Copy Editor

The proposed school of communication and fine arts may be in full operation by fall, 1973, President M.G. Scarlett announced Wednesday at the first weekly President's Forum.

Some facets may be ready by next fall, he added as he explained that the new school would provide trained personnel for one of the communications centers of the South--Nashville.

Initially the program will offer a bachelor's degree with emphases in advertising, radio and television broadcasting, journalism and printing and publishing, Scarlett explained.

The proposed school will have to be approved by the State Board of Education and the Higher Education Commission after it has been processed by the academic machinery on campus.

Scarlett added that before the program will get the final nod, the university must first prove that there is sufficient student interest and that it will be adequately funded.

Host of this week's forum, ASB President Bobby Sands, said that the forum will draw attention to campus problems. The forum, Sands noted, represents a coming together of the three major segments of the university: students, faculty and administration.

Earl Young, president of the faculty senate, said that a grades committee made up of faculty members is studying the reporting and recording of grades and will make recommendations around May 1.

Responding to a question regarding the influence of students on the adoption of a pass-fail

system, Young said that all suggestions are welcomed by the committee.

Young noted that a cheerleading committee has been established to look into the method of cheerleader selection and will meet for the first time Tuesday. The committee is composed of faculty, students and administrators.

The All Campus Rules Committee is "ready to go," said Harry Wagner, vice-president of student affairs. The committee, initially formed as ad hoc, is now a standing committee.

Wagner noted that Scarlett agreed to form the committee by March 1 this year because of problems encountered in the past when the committee was late in getting into operation.

The faculty and personnel deans who were members last year will be on the committee again this year.

Sands announced that David Dodd, Jeff Barnett, Nan Lintz, Gerald Edwards and Beth Purser will be the student members of the committee.

"The committee does not set itself up as a hierarchy," Wagner said. He added that subcommittees will hold open hearings in an effort to get to a grass roots input level.

Jim Leonhirth, chairman of the Academic Reform Committee, said that recommendations from that committee will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

Sands proposes budget, states future plans

Appearing last night before a joint session of the ASB House and Senate to deliver his proposed budget for 1972-73, Bobby Sands announced he will not seek another term as ASB president.

"After due deliberation and examination of myself and the prevailing conditions on this campus I have decided not to seek the office of Associated Student Body president for a second term," Sands said.

He added that it was not a decision made in haste, "but rather one of great reflection and consideration of all factors involved."

Sands said he felt there is meaning and purpose to ASB service and that he believes in student participation.

Commenting further, he added that he felt "we, as students have an unparalleled opportunity to make a positive contribution to our institution."

"The ASB must move with

determination, yet responsibly in the areas of human relations, academic reform, community relations, student rights, student government reorganization, field services and public relations and help produce meaningful results," according to the ASB president.

In his last address before a regular joint session of the ASB Congress, Sands said much had been accomplished over the past year, yet "much more remains to be done."

He added that in his remaining 53 days in office, he would continue to "keep your door open, maintain the excellent budget control instituted by Tommy Francis, press for academic reform through the recently created 'academic committee,' see through the ad hoc committee a more equitable method for cheerleader selection and administration, keep capable and conscientious students functioning on

By Sandra Wheeler
News Editor

the important standing university committees and to continue appraisal of campus services and seek their improvement."

Sands also said he would "insure that we will have fair, equitable, honest and efficient elections."

He also announced that he had submitted the names of Jeff Barnett and Patti Gainsk to refill cabinet positions previously held by John Pratt Reed and Janice Lumpkins.

The budget which was distributed to those present, the largest expenditure for 1972-73 was the ASB scholarships which totaled \$4,236.30.

The second largest expenditure outlined by Sands was the \$964.00 allotted for SUSGA and TISL expenses. This entailed a \$694.00 increase over the previous year's budget.

Also included in the increases was an allocation of \$2,400 compared to last year's \$2,000 for the student handbook.

Two options, A and B, were presented to fund ASB scholarships. Sands conceded that both alternatives had advantages but urged the adoption of Option B.

Option A called for the same funding of scholarships as evidenced in the present budget, whereas Option B allowed for an expanded distribution of the ASB scholarship fund.

Enactment of Option B allows a full scholarship for the ASB president, \$100 per month for 9 months to the speakers, and \$100 per semester for the 6 cabinet positions presently not receiving compensation.

This option would require an additional \$175.80 from the \$1,200 allotted for uncommitted funds. It would raise the allotment provided for the ASB scholarships to \$4,412.10.

Sands concluded, "We are attempting to operate a parliamentary system in a power vacuum."

"A structure that was adequate in 1965 is an anachronism today. A structure that could meet the needs of MTSC does not have the necessary features to meet the needs of an 8600 member student body," he added.

According to the ASB President, "We need to enlarge our scope and realize that we need to seek a broader role with the faculty and administration of this institution in the decision making process."

"I urge you to re-examine our structure--and if you find it has not been as productive and effective as it should have been--I urge you to take the necessary steps to revise our structure to produce a more effective ASB," he said.

"I urge you to fulfill your responsibilities," Sands concluded.

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MURFREESBORO MEMORIAL VILLAGE

Christian Center hosts anniversary sessions

Commemorating the opening of its fifth year of operation on the MTSU campus, the Middle Tennessee Christian Center will hold an open house Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2:30 p.m. The event will be the first of many scheduled over a four-day period designed to acquaint students, faculty and interested public with the work being done at the center.

The headliner on the four days' activities is a lectureship based on the topic of "Jesus Christ--Son of God." Scheduled at 7 each evening, Monday through Thursday, the lessons will be discussed by James Vandiver, McMinnville minister, on Monday and Tuesday night, and Jim Bill McInteer, minister from Nashville, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Vandiver's topic for the initial night is "The Sign of the Fish," and for Tuesday is "Jesus Christ is for Right Now."

McInteer will speak Wednesday on "Jesus and His Church" and will conclude the four-day event with "Jesus and His Return."

"We had originally scheduled the title as 'Jesus Christ--Superstar,'" according to student group president Steve Maynard. "But we're not going to look at Jesus as the Superstar. I think it's more important to look at Him as the Son of God."

He went on to stress that he hopes those who saw the production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" will come to see the other side of Him.

House, Senate meet jointly

Meeting in joint session, the ASB House and Senate voted last night to endorse an expanded distribution of the ASB scholarship fund as outlined in the budget presented earlier by ASB President Bobby Sands.

In further action, a bill was presented for the establishment of a cheerleading board which was passed by the House but defeated by the Senate. It was sponsored by house members Emily Webb, Nat Johnson, Ralph Cray and Jack Sidebottom.

Under the provisions of the bill, the cheerleading board would consist of three members elected by the ASB House which would consist of one full-time student from each of the rising sophomore, junior and senior classes.

According to the sponsors, the cheerleading board would determine both cheerleading policy, direction and elections. Board members would not be eligible to serve as cheerleaders.

Speaker of the House Ron Merville, upon adjournment of the joint session, voiced disapproval of the lack of debate on the bill by the members of the senate.

He commented that there are two senators that are cheerleaders.

Controversy arose in the chamber when Merville refused to recognize Senator Edward Calahan when he rose to defend the senate action.

Merville ruled him out of order because he had already adjourned the joint session. A house member later took the floor and requested that Calahan speak.

Calahan stated that the Senate did not debate the cheerleading bill because it was poorly written and had been previously returned to the sponsors.

He claimed that the bill was virtually unchanged from its original writing.

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Flirtation

Gregory Caffy and Pam Smotherman try to expose the cause of the mysterious events that they find at Estuary House. "Ladies in Retirement" will be presented March 3-11 by the MTSU Theatre.

Stunt Night time

Ten organizations to participate

The 37th annual Biology Club Stunt Night will be held Tuesday, Feb. 29, in the DA auditorium at 7 p.m., according to Karen Northcutt, club vice president.

Ten campus organizations have made plans to participate in the contest, she added. The winner will receive a "traveling trophy" which if won two times in a row will be retired.

Satires, parodies, and fairy tale skits have been among the activities in past year, said Ms. Northcutt. She predicted that the organizations would have a number of interesting skits this year.

Besides the organizations' performances, a variety of entertainment will be presented between acts, Ms. Northcutt stated, including an impressionist, a singer and a band.

Funds from Stunt Night will be donated to the George Davis Loan Fund named after the first science department head, she stated. The loan fund offers a needy senior biology student a \$250 loan to be paid back after his education has been completed, commented the vice president. She added that the family of

George Davis would make up the loan if the stunt night proceeds did not reach the needed amount.

Judges of the contest will be faculty members, while Larry Tolbert, WGNS broadcaster, will be the master of ceremonies, Ms. Northcutt added.

Participating organizations, she said, include Alpha Delta Pi, last year's winner, Spanish Club, SAE Little Sisters of Minerva, Kappa Delta, Little Sigmas, Sigma Chi, Mu Iota Kappa, Alpha Tau Omega, Veterans club, and Sigma Nu.

Membership in the Biology Club is open to anyone who has an interest in biology and ecology, stated Ms. Northcutt, who is a political science major. The club is trying to make its members aware of their surroundings, she added.

Some of the club's projects include sending letters and petitions against the Tellico dam, putting bird feeders at Oaklands, sponsoring lectures on venereal disease, showing a film on emergency childbirth, helping with Gov. Dunn's wilderness preserve and having field trips, Ms. Northcutt added.

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Debate squad wins first place

MTSU debaters captured first place among 40 colleges and universities this past weekend at the Annual Saltminer Forensics Tournament sponsored by the State University of New York at Geneseo, N.Y.

The first place team was made up of Tim Watson, a freshman political science major from Memphis, and Jim Forbes, a junior speech major from Nashville.

In eight preliminary bouts, Watson and Forbes won seven decisions while losing only one. Watson and Forbes were selected third and fourth top speakers among the contestants in the preliminary rounds of debate. Their 7-1 record allowed them to advance to the elimination bouts as the top-seeded team.

After eliminating two schools in quarter-final and semi-final

debates, Watson and Forbes clashed with the team from Western Illinois University in the final championship round. The MTSU debaters won on a 5-2 decision.

Also entering the tournament from MTSU was Don O'Guin, a junior political science major from Nashville, and Terry Thomas, a sophomore political

science major from Murfreesboro.

O'Guin and Thomas won four of their eight preliminary rounds. O'Guin was voted second place speaker of all the participants in the preliminary rounds.

Jim Brooks, director of MTSU forensics, was selected as Debate Coach of the Year by tournament participants.

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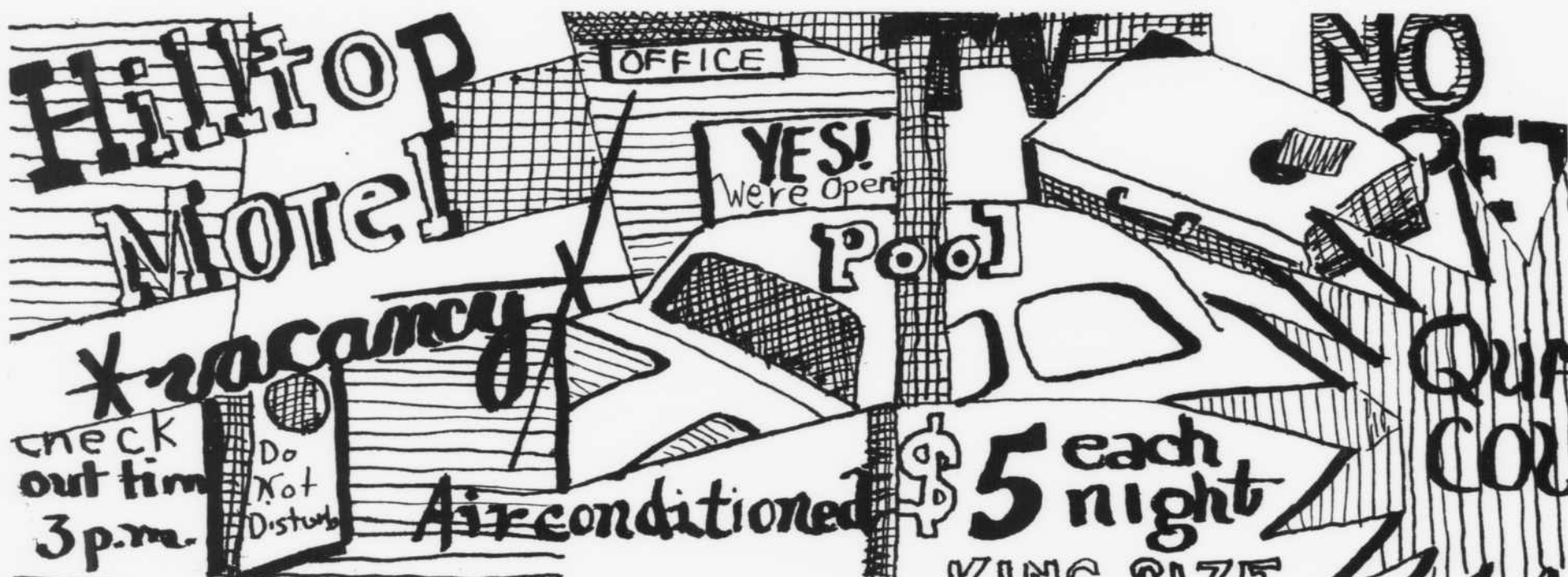
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Trammel, Derington check out '200 Motels'

Dream track wanders, relates

The soundtrack recording of the score from Frank Zappa's *200 Motels* (United Artists) featuring the Mothers of Invention and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, must be welcomed with a sigh of relief by anyone who has waited patiently for Frank to complete his dream movie.

By Jim Trammel

He tried a movie before, called "Uncle Meat", but he ran out of money. He tried to work with the London Philharmonic before, but his concert was mysteriously cancelled only a few hours before showtime. (Several musicians, it was reported, left the project because Zappa's score called for the Philharmonic members to shout obscenities, as well as belch in unison at strategic points in the performance.)

So devoted Zappa-philes breathed easier when the movie was officially released. Then they picked up the record, if they hadn't before.

The music is a fair recapitulation of the movie, minus the film's stunning visual effects. In the titles, one can follow the adventures of a touring group in "Centerville", that boasts businesses like "Redneck Eats" and is inhabited by people like "Lonesome Cowboy Burt."

As the members of the band discover the town, wondering "What Will This Evening Bring Me This Morning," they reflect that "This Town Is A Sealed Tuna Sandwich," and that "Touring Can Make You Crazy."

Roughly four overlapping types of songs are jammed together in the album. First there are the traditional Zappa instrumentals, some of which are quite descriptive. Outstanding in this category is a number entitled "Lucy's Seduction of a Bored Violinist and Postlude." Second, there are eloquent songs describing the stuff of a touring musician's life. More often than not these approach frenzied hard rock, jangling and hurried. Prominent here is "Mystery Roach" and "Magic Fingers" two songs for the heavies.

Third, there are the songs describing the plot of the movie. If you don't like the album, it will be because of these songs. Their range go all the way from the more conventional "Lonesome Cowboy Burt", an autobiography of Center-

villian Bertram Redneck, to the five "Newt" songs on side four, adventurous and strange in the extreme.

The most noteworthy song on the album is the finale, "Strictly Genteel." It consists of two parts. One is a general blessing offered to various types of humanity by the members of the cast. The second part, sung by Mother/Howard Kaylan, is a statement about what will happen when the movie is over.

Its words, paraphrased, say: "Now that the movie's over, they'll tear down the studio and pay off the actors, who will then go home, forget their fantastic characters they assumed for a while and once again take themselves seriously." Interestingly stated. This thought (and ideas derived from it) form the theme of the movie.

Off the record

Zappa's writing is up to par in scope. The most interesting innovation in the album is the introduction of some special material (such as the last half of the finale) written by Mark Volman and Howard Kaylan. Volman and Kaylan are former Turtles; their arrival, along with black brassist George Duke and English drummer Aunsley Dunbar, seem to herald a slightly higher commercializing of the Zappa style. More people will be able to understand Zappa now, I believe.

Overall, the two-record set strikes a pleasing balance between the abstract meanderings and down-to-earth realities, even if Zappa does manage to leave us in doubt as to which is more real. Thus, it is a certainty that any listener will be able to pinpoint something he doesn't like. But it also means that any listener will be able to find something he likes, and with the Mothers that hasn't always been so. If it seems this review hasn't said anything, maybe it hasn't. *200 Motels* has to be experienced to be believed. The film or the record may never be properly understood, beyond the flickering conviction that a bit of it may make a little sense to someone. But that is enough to lend meaning to it all.

Both the record and the movie are worth your time, even if you don't fall in love with either right away. If you like them right away, there's a good chance you're not fully appreciating them.

Photo satire bores all comers

Frank Zappa's *Mother's of Invention* have been churning out dirty rock 'n' roll satire for several years now, building up a devoted following of rock connoisseurs, perverts and F.B.I. agents along the way.

By Will Derington

So, naturally when it was discovered that the Mothers had released an original film, "*200 Motels*", we all flocked to see it.

As the grandmotherly ticket lady stood aghast, lechers and freaks of all descriptions scuttled into the theater along with two giggling coeds and six men in white trenchcoats and dark glasses.

Unfortunately, by the time the picture was over, the lechers and the freaks sat in a bored, disgruntled heap, the two coeds had vanished and the men in the trenchcoats were asleep behind their opened newspapers with the holes cut from the center.

Trying to discern any thematic structure in "*200 Motels*," beyond an obvious spoofing of pop culture,

is difficult; and here one must rely on the word of the film itself. "*200 Motels*," announces a disembodied voice from the screen, "is about how touring can make you crazy."

And with that the audience is ushered into a frantic fantasy featuring such characters as Larry the Dwarf Rance Muhammitz, the Groupies and the Industrial Vacuum Cleaner, among others.

But beyond a few bright spots such as Theodore Bikel's caricature of a game-show host and ex-Mother Don Preston as a mad scientist, Frank Zappa's satirical song lyrics could have done without the disjointed interpretations and fancy camera work. Everything that was done in this film could have been and has been done better by the Mothers of Invention on record.

Ultimately, what co-director and writer Frank Zappa of the Mothers describes as a "surrealistic documentary," despite a lively soundtrack by the Mothers of Invention, emerges more accurately as a freaky but tedious nightmare of trick photography.

Bill Mauldin



*Editorial***Fox control
program
proves vital**

Halting the spread of rabies in Rutherford County is not the only benefit that will be obtained from the fox control program which will probably be concluded today.

The other effect of the program will be the reduction of the fox population, which is necessary to maintain the proper ecological balance of wildlife in this area.

The program will be ended, officials say, if they find that the reduction is adequate to achieve their desired effect.

The effectiveness of this control program has been the subject of much public speculation. It is difficult for the conservation per-

sonnel to determine the effectiveness of the kill program because of two factors. Because few foxes die immediately after taking the bait, it is difficult to determine an accurate count of fox kills. The removal of poisoned baits by humans also hamper the accuracy of the count.

Many other individuals have been concerned with the safety factor of the program.

Danger to humans has practically been eliminated by the planned placement of the strychnine-poisoned baits in limited areas surrounding the natural habitat of the fox.

The imposed quarantine on pets

and domestic animals for the program's duration was designed to substantially reduce the threat to these animals.

The dangers of poisoning non-canine animals has also been minimized due to the type of bait offered the animals and by the eating habits of the animals.

The enactment of this program has proven to be less expensive and more efficient than comparative programs of eradication.

The effects of poison on an animal are unpleasant, yet the pronounced effects of hydrophobia on a biotic community are even more unpleasant.

Health services reports lose reader's confidence

To the editor:

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated."

Evidently the MTSU Health Services Dept. has not read this part of the Bill of Rights very carefully. For in the February 22 edition of the *SIDELINES* we find that the headline reads: "Student Health Files Kept Secret," and the R.N. at the clinic, Susie Rooker, says, "Even if President Scarlett called

he could not find out what was in someone's file."

It is further stated at the beginning of the article that files of the students who come to the health services are held in strictest confidence. I say bull.

Elsewhere in the article it is stated that any immediate treatment for drug users is reported to the school authorities. Oh woe! Where is the right of privacy that so jealously guards the carriers and catchers of VD (so they say in the

article) for the drug user?

Where is the concept of privileged information between physician and patient that is commonplace in the medical community? If anything, this will discourage people from coming to the Clinic with a drug problem. At the most, it will hurt a person in the future because if the school authorities can get the information, then so can others--i.e. police, nars, etc.

It could also leave the University wide open for a lawsuit on the grounds that the patients right of

privacy was violated, and the doctor-patient relationship was abused. This would hurt the University greatly in the state capitol, and it surely does not need any more trouble there.

I sincerely hope that this policy will soon be changed before someone who needs help does not try to get it because someone might "tattle" on him.

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The Last Retort

Student checks deposit shortage

To the editor:

If the \$20 dorm breakage deposit is indeed a deposit, why is it collected twice a year (at the beginning of each semester) and returned only once (at the end of the spring)?

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According to the housing office, the dorm breakage deposit is only collected once a year and the entire amount is returned to the student when he leaves the campus.

If there is breakage charged to the student, it will be deducted from the deposit and the remainder will be returned when the student leaves the campus. If the \$20 deposit is completely used for breakage in the fall, a new deposit will be assessed for the spring.

By Jim Leonhirth

was a scientific and technical problem solved by the expense of money and time.

Getting to China was one of the things with which the moon trip was derogatorily compared. "If we can get to the moon, why can't we feed the poor, provide adequate health care, have world peace, etc.

Problems of the universe have been dwarfed by the social, political and economic problems of the planet. So as Marco Polo before him, the U.S. President has gone to the Middle Kingdom to talk to the great Khan.

Perhaps Richard Nixon envied Neil Armstrong as the President stood on the deck of the recovery ship watching the astronauts return to the earth.

That this envy should be manifested in a visit to reopen China certainly is a pleasant thought although not entirely logical.

In an era in which man walks on the moon, the Mets win the World Series, a broken politician returns to win the presidency and a Chinese band plays "Home on the Range," logical analysis may have been dealt a setback.

Dennis Who?

Forum strengthens student voice

By Dennis Frobish

pass them on in faculty senate meetings.

Bobby Sands, president of the ASB, will also be present at the forums. If students aren't entirely pleased with an aspect of the ASB they have the chance to tell the person most likely to initiate change.

Not only are the presidents coming to the students, but they are going to make it a point to appear at three different cafeterias. The first was in the High Rise West Cafeteria. Other cafeterias to be used will be Woodmore and the basement of the Student Union Building.

Harry Wagner, vice-president of student affairs, is to be commended for taking the initiative to establish the President's Forum. His action must be seen as an honest attempt to lessen any gap that may exist between the various segments of the university.

If the forum flops it's the student's fault. It seems to me that those who establish policy have done their part to open lines of communication. Responsibility for using those lines lies with the students.

China visit defies logic study

When Neil Armstrong took the first human steps on the moon there was no band assembled playing the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner."

If there had been, the situation would have been no more unbelievable than when President Nixon stepped from the Spirit of '76 to his official welcome at the Peking airport and the People's Liberation Army saluted him with the National Anthem.

Comparable to the moon trip was the President's. He commented on their relative importance prior to his landing in the Chinese People's Republic generally referred to as Red China prior to the President's change of policy.

The timing of his official landing in China (he took on navigators in Shanghai prior to his Peking landing) was the same as the first telecast from the moon, a late hour on Sunday night.

This coincidence is probably just that because China is far from being a new, unexplored world although in terms of travel, it was probably easier in 1969 to get to the moon than it was to get to China.

The importance of these two events do not, however, favor major comparison. Journeying to the moon

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Turner residence

Country isle brings back memories

High Rise dormitories and asphalt fields have surrounded a small island of country life situated on the northern side of the campus. It is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner.

Turner, foreman for the agriculture dept., has been employed by the university for 28 years. The couple moved into the house in 1944.

"I can remember when this was a state teacher's college," remarked Turner, "and when a peach orchard stood where the new gym is being built."

The only buildings that existed at the time were Jones, the old science, the administration building, a library where the NCB is now and Rutledge, Lyon and Monahan Halls.

"We farmed all the land from the Old Main over to the fence beyond the barns and silos," Turner continued. "It was all farmed by hand. There were fields of alfalfa and corn even where the old gym is."

By Peggy Smith
Asst. Feature Editor

"There was even an old oak-board fence around the football field," the foreman's descriptions were almost nostalgic.

When asked, Ms. Myrtle Turner could not think of any disadvantages of living on the campus. "I love it. I always have. We raised three children here."

The children, one boy, Ira, and two girls, Helen Jane and Dorothea Lee, have since moved away, to them analogous to the many students who have passed through the university.

Ira Turner attended college at MTSU and majored in industrial arts. He lives in Milton, Tenn. The two daughters now live in Atlanta, Ga.

Ms. Turner recalled the state of the university as she remembered it, "There was a white stucco house across from where

the High Rise West is now and all of the land behind us and along Greenland Drive was woods.

The Turners feel no remorse for the university's progress and phenomenal development. "It's wonderful," Turner said. "That's progress."

Before coming to MTSU, Turner managed the Murfreesboro Country Club. Previously, he ran farms in Cumberland County.



Country life

A haven in the midst of asphalt and dormitories is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner. The Turners have been living in the house since 1944.

SIDELINES receives first class rating

In Associated Collegiate Press Ratings received this week, the **SIDELINES** received a first class rating for the fall semester.

According to the ACP guidebook, a first class rating "indicates an excellent publication indicative of sound journalism and high standards."

Operated as a rating service, not as a contest, the ACP has four ratings for the papers it critiques: All-American, first class, second class and third class, the guidebook explains.

The guidebook adds that in order for a paper to receive an

All-American rating it must receive at least four marks of distinction from the five categories in which they are awarded.

Jim Leonhirth, editor-in-chief of the **SIDELINES** for the fall semester, announced the **SIDELINES** received a mark of distinction in writing and editing.

"I thought your writers did exceptionally well in this area, especially the coverage/writing of the hard news involving issues and controversies," the judge commented.

Leonhirth said he found the judge's comments generally favorable, and that he felt the

first class rating was something of which to be proud.

He added that he felt the staff did a very good job during the fall and emphasized the fact that working on the paper was a "learning experience."

The **SIDELINES** was classified among university newspapers which publish two or three times weekly and with universities of all enrollments, according to Anne Nunamaker, **SIDELINES** adviser.

"Our first class rating places us in approximately the top 20-25 per cent of college newspapers in comparable divisions," she added.

Ms. Nunamaker also noted that the **SIDELINES** had been consistent in its first class ratings for the six semesters it has been in the two to three times weekly division.

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Raiderscope

Short memories forget early prediction

By Wally Sudduth
Sports Editor

Fans, (including myself on occasion) anywhere, on any level, have terribly short memories. Everyone has suddenly turned up their noses and adopted an "I told you so" attitude concerning the Raider slow down tactics in the last pair of losses. They seem to forget that this is the very strategy employed to gain those 15 wins on the other side of the ledger.

Remember way back at the beginning of the season when the OVC coach's preseason poll was issued? MTSU was picked to finish dead last by at least seven of eight members and expected to win around six ballgames.

Well, the Raider players and coaches changed a few minds, but that does not seem to be enough for those people not so fondly referred to by the players as the "bandwagon gang."

This writer is not making excuses for defeat. In athletics, academics or business there are no excuses for losing. Seeing the members of the team in the dressing room after those losses is enough to convince anyone that they were fully aware of the potential for victory and the implications of defeat.

Being a student here, and therefore slightly biased in my feelings for the Raiders (any team, any sport), I find it as hard to witness a loss and write about it as they do to read about it. It smarts but it's necessary.

As an astute faculty member said to me, "I would much rather be picked last than first. Then there is not so much pressure if you don't produce." That is basically what happened early in the football season, when two or three un-

expected losses caught the Blue with their pants down.

It is hard to get on a team such as the Raider basketballers who have accomplished so much after so little was expected of them. But again, even after some tough losses, this is no time to lay down and die. Everyone knows you can produce now, and a few more losses will cement the "loser" impression in the minds of all the fans.

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Last home game for the Raiders is Saturday night against Austin Peay. After the crushing emotional blow of the back-to-back losses to Morehead and Eastern, this could well be described as the start of a new season for the Big Blue.

Two wins in their last three games will give the Raiders a tie for the best record they have ever been able to achieve in the OVC. Their overall record will also be the best ever by a Big Blue unit since joining the conference.

Two winners in three years may be too much, for the traditionless Raider fans, but is definitely the right path to take into the new fieldhouse next season with more "class" opposition.

Tennis team concludes preseason training, starts tournament in Florida 'exhibition'

MTSU's tennis team members, who have had a "racket" going since the middle of January will wind-up their pre-season training next week and head for sunny Florida for their first competition of the 1972 season.

They will compete against Florida, Florida State, Rollins, West Florida and Florida Tech beginning March 5th.

First-year coach Larry Castle, who comes to MTSU after five years at East Tennessee,

considers this tournament as part of their "exhibition season."

"We won't really be ready, and besides, three of the teams are in the top twenty-five in the nation."

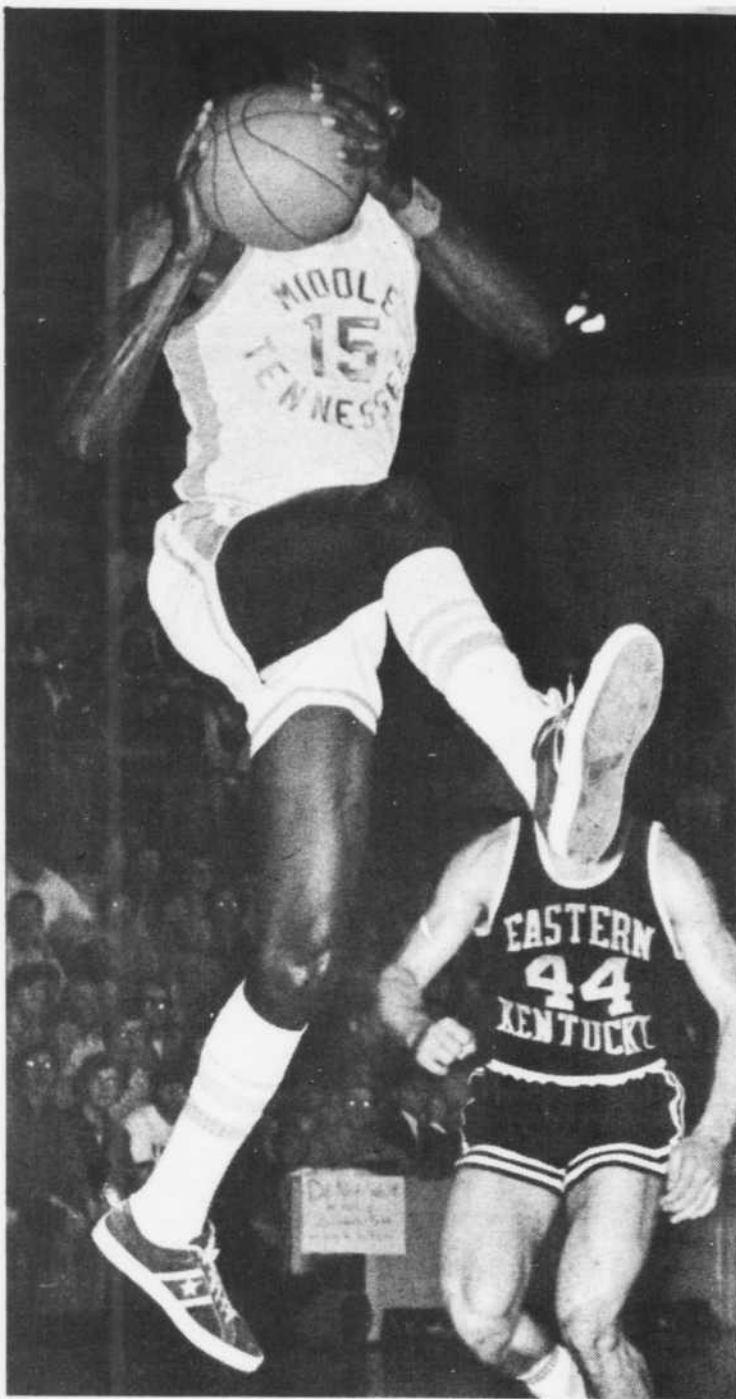
Eustace Kigongo of Kampala, Uganda, is the number one player, but Coach Castle says that all the other players on the team are of even caliber.

The others include: team captain Lee Mayo, one of two seniors and the only Tennessean; Yogi

Burgener; Ted Jones, transfer from Mississippi State; Doug Miedaner; Pal Christiansen, from Oslo, Norway; Jerry Borysko; and Paul Valentincic, the only other senior.

The 1972 schedule includes 26 dual competitions and 3 tournaments, including more home matches than in previous years (10), according to Coach Castle.

The home opener is March 24 against UT-Chattanooga, followed on the 25th by Tennessee.



Rebound

Chester Brown pulls down another one of 17 rebounds he collected, along with 32 points in the Eastern game. Watching is George Bryant (44).

Sykes, Brown lead scorers

Herm Sykes continues to pace all Raider scorers after 23 games with a 19.6 point average per game. The most noticeably increased point production belongs to center Chester Brown, who has raised his average to 13.6, good enough to claim the number two scoring slot.

Brown is followed closely by Jimmy Drew with a 13.3 average while Terry Johnson (9.7), Mason Bonner (5.9) and Nick Prater (5.1) round out the main scorers for the Blue.

Brown is the top rebounder with an average of 9.8 per contest, while Johnson (7.8), Drew (5.1), Bonner (4.0), Sykes (3.5) and Prater (2.0) collect a majority of the rest of the rebounds.

Sykes is also the best percentage shooter among the regulars with a .491 mark followed

by Drew (.470), Brown (.453), Johnson (.446), Prater (.430) and Bonner (.353).

Prater heads the free throw shooting parade among the players seeing most action with a .821 percentage. Sykes (.742), Johnson (.737), Drew (.624), Brown (.597) and Bonner (.316) complete the list.

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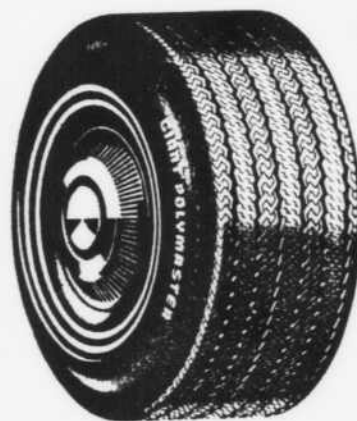
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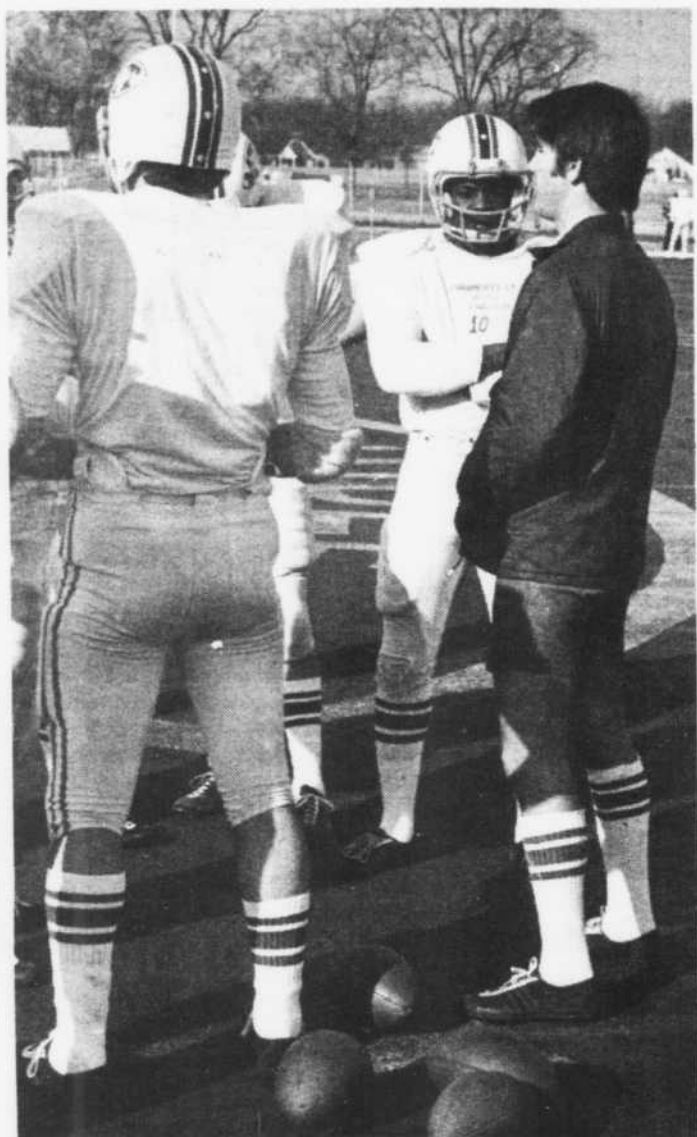
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Spring sports activities

New semester offers greater variety of Blue Raider action



Spring?

Coach Jim Finley gives offensive instructions during spring practice, now in its second week at MTSU. Melvin Daniels, converted from quarterback to runningback, gazes on.



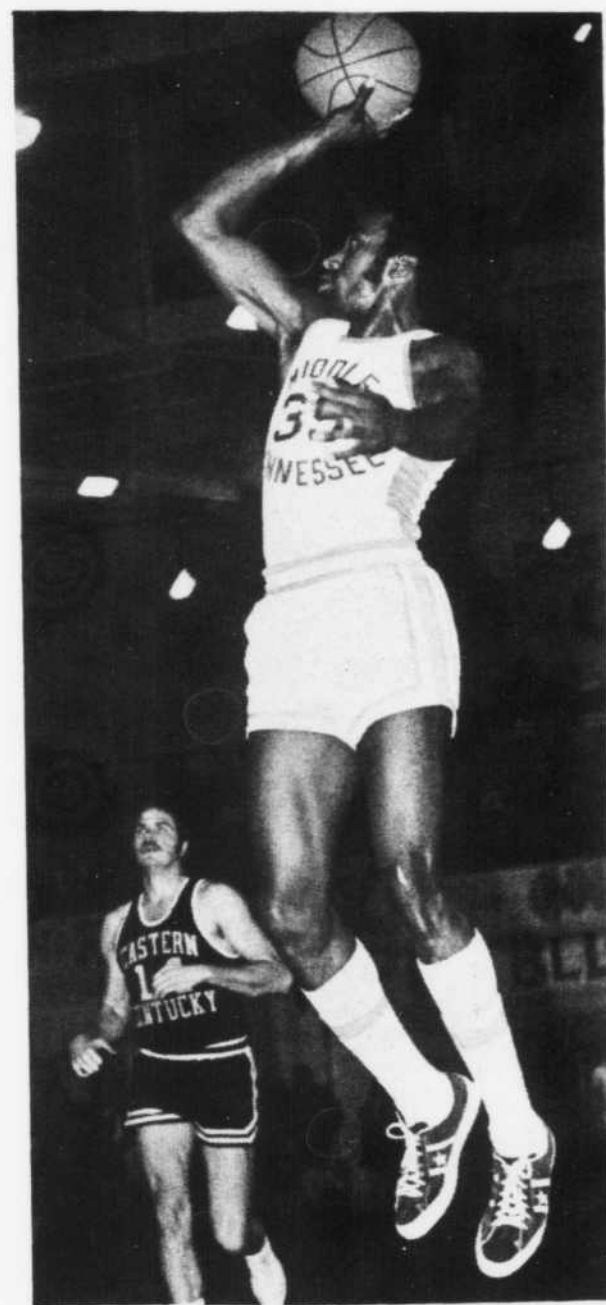
Eustace Kigongo of MTSU's tennis team, shows his form during practice.

Spring sports activities at MTSU come in many shapes and sizes.

Members of the basketball team take a rest after their last game on March 4 against Western Kentucky. The football team is in practice four days a week until the Blue-White game, tentatively set for March 23.

Tennis players will be going to Florida next week for their first matches. The track and field teams are getting ready for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Detroit, Mich., March 10-11.

Golf tournaments will start with a trip to Orangeburg, S.C. on March 22-25. The baseball team opens its season with a home game against Wabash, Ind., on March 16.



Bottom!

Terry Johnson puts up a shot in the Eastern Kentucky contest. Looking on is Daryl Dunagan (14).

Intramural teams plan rosters

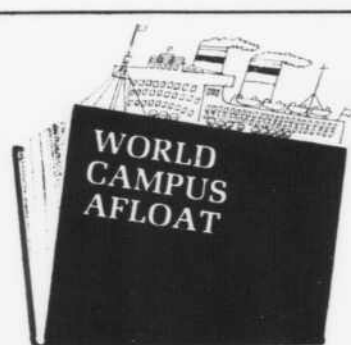
All persons or groups interested in playing intramural basketball should submit their team rosters to the intramural office by noon March 3, according to Joe Ruffner, director of intramurals.

He added that all rosters should include the following: team name, team manager's name, post office box and phone number of the manager and the

names of the team members.

Ruffner suggested that any team which has more than ten persons interested in playing should attempt to organize another team.

Information concerning team organization or play can be obtained at the intramural office, room 105 of the gym, or by calling extension 2811, he added.



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