

# Sidelines

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Elton John peers from one of his many pairs of spectacles onto the spectacular of

a full house during his concert last week at MTSU. For more information, see page four.

*Photo by Fred Carr*

## Ratification, queen vote set

Possible ratification of the ASB constitution and the selection of homecoming queen will be voted on Oct. 31, Bill Smith, ASB election commissioner, said recently.

This election will be held exactly one week after the ASB abolishment referendum on Oct. 24, Smith said.

"Even if the ASB is abolished, we will still have a homecoming queen election because the selection of a queen is a tradition," Smith explained.

Smith cited the homecoming election act of 1973 as a guide for the homecoming election. The original act was vetoed by Tim Watson, ASB president, Smith said.

According to the new act any member of the ASB student body, male or female, can petition for homecoming queen with a \$2 fee, Smith said.

Candidates for the title will find themselves being in violation of election rules if they or their supporters campaign actively, Smith said.

The new election act states "with the exception of the posters, the only campaigning shall be oral-verbal communication," Smith said. This means one poster at the polls only, he added.

Results of the balloting shall not be released until half-time of the homecoming game, at which time the second runnerup, first runnerup and queen will be announced, Smith said.

"The proposed constitution presented by ASB Attorney General Gary Sadler will need a two-thirds majority of those who vote to pass the referendum," Smith said.

Voting will take place at the UC ticket booth from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Smith said.

## Crisis call sessions to begin Sunday

Training sessions for new workers in the Murfreesboro Crisis Call program begin from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church, according to Marilyn Wells, chairman of the organization's screening committee.

"We are in desperate need for additional help with this program, and anyone interested should call me at 898-2517, or come by my office NCB 366, before Saturday," Wells said.

The sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

"The only requirement we have for workers is the applicants must have a generous spirit and be willing to give a sympathetic ear to people who need someone to talk to," Wells said.

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## Housing officials enforce refrigerator amp rules

By Mauna Midgett

Dormitory residents are being forced to abide by the regulations governing refrigerator size in residence halls this semester.

A letter sent to students concerning housing policies states "refrigerators may not exceed any of the following specifications: 50 pounds, 2.5 cubic feet, .5 amperage draw."

However, many students moved in five-cubic-foot refrigerators, which they are now having to move out.

"My sister had a five-cubic-foot refrigerator here in the dorm for three years and nobody questioned her about it," Sallie Pearsall, Donelson sophomore, said. "I brought it back this year, and the dorm mother told me I had to take it home."

"I know of three other refrigerators in my dorm which are over regulation size, but the other dorm mother hasn't said anything about them."

Jim Craig, assistant director of housing, gave several reasons for

the restrictions placed on refrigerators in dormitories.

"The circuits in the dorms aren't equipped to carry a heavy load," Craig said. "Too many things in the electrical outlets may create a fire hazard."

"It costs more to operate a large refrigerator," he said. "Somebody has to pay the electricity bill."

Craig also said MTSU has a contract with the Kool-It Company, which must follow the same rules as the students.

"I kept a five-cubic-foot refrigerator in the dorm last year," June Wilkinson, White House sophomore, said. "No one said anything to me about it. I brought it back this year and found out I couldn't keep it."

"The small refrigerators are so inconvenient," she said. "When you don't have a meal ticket, you really need a large one. I guess people who live in dorms are supposed to rough it."

## Ecological psychology planned for summer

A new course in ecological psychology is being drafted and prepared for presentation to the head of the psychology department.

Harold Whiteside, a psychology professor, said yesterday that he is preparing the 400-level course.

"Ecology, as we think of it, is the study of the relationship of living organisms with their environment," Whiteside said, "but no course has been offered to study the effect environment has on the

individual. This course will explore this thesis."

The course is the first of its kind in Tennessee. "To my knowledge the only schools in the country to offer such a course are the University of Tulsa and Kansas State," Whiteside said.

The two-credit course is expected to be offered to students starting in the summer session, and Whiteside said he feels that he is the "most likely candidate to be the instructor."

## Drivers' range nears completion

Construction of a \$55,000 driver education range is expected to be completed by the end of this month, according to Charles Pigg, campus planning director.

The range, located off Greenland Drive, will consist of about six fully paved acres to accommodate driver education students at MTSU and the local high schools, and some adults in the community.

Construction contractor is Tennessee Paving Co. Inc. of Murfreesboro.

"The contractors expected to complete this project by the end of this month," Pigg said, "but whether they reach that goal depends largely on how the weather holds for them."

According to Pigg, the measurements of the range are 600 feet by 450 feet.

"In the driver education program we will have 12 radio-equipped automobiles out there," said Jim Weisman, a spokesman for the driver education division, "and they will go through various emergency situations such as road skidding and blow-outs to learn safety techniques."

In addition to automobile safety there will be motorcycle safety and bus driver training available at the facility, according to Weisman.

There are about 300 MTSU students, 700 high school students and about 15 adults from the community involved in the program, Weisman said.

## Alexander gets NACTA spot

Robert Alexander, chairman of the agriculture department, has been elected president of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

Alexander will take over the presidency at the June 1974 NACTA convention to be held at the University of Nebraska June (19-21).

"NACTA is a nationwide organization including Canada and Puerto Rico with a membership of 500 made up of land-grant, non-land grant universities and colleges, plus two-year post-secondary schools of agriculture," Alexander said.

"The purposes of NACTA is the improvement of college teaching of agriculture," he said.

Alexander, who has published

more than 80 scientific and popular articles during the past several years, said "excellent stride has taken place in the MTSU agricultural department."

"I attribute this growth to fine cooperation and the quality of the teaching staff of the department," Alexander said.



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# Irritation, disappointment typifies concert?

by Crouse Powell

I came to see a concert last Friday night, and I went home tired, irritated and extremely disappointed in what potentially could have been an exciting evening.

The petty harassment of the audience by the MTSU police force dampened the spirit of the crowd into a severe case of the doldrums. If it hadn't been for the titanic efforts of Elton John, God bless him, there might not have been a show at all.

An average concert-goer expects a certain amount of police activity when he goes to see a band. If he is careless, he might get busted. Or if he tries to get past the barricades in front of the stage, he will probably be turned away.

The MTSU police force felt it had to go a step further, as it constantly patrolled through the crowd searching for people smok-

ing grass and cigarettes -- that's right, tobacco -- telling the audience to stay seated and still. By the time the concert started, I was wondering if it was okay to applaud. If the security folks are that concerned with audience behavior, I suggest that they start patrolling the reserved section at the next home game and take breath tests of our successful alumni.

As for the music, the Sutherland Brothers and Quiver are hardly worth mentioning. A sort of watered-down British form of the Eagles, they would have been an excellent choice for a Greek rush party. As a warmup band, the group fulfilled the dubious task of making the audience restless enough to be responsive when Elton hit the stage.

Elton John needed no such introduction. Strutting out into the lights dressed in an olive jumpsuit on which the letters ELTON



Photo by Pete Meadows

## "The beginning . . .

were proclaimed in ultraviolet paint, he brought the crowd to its feet as he kicked into "Elderberry Wine." John trailed this one into "Your Song," his first big chart single.

The balance between fast and slow tunes was excellent, as was the placement of new or relatively unknown songs into his vast repertoire of hits. The medley of "Funeral for a Friend" and "Love Lies Bleeding" stood out as an exceptionally good arrangement; the contrast in instrumentation showed professional taste, and the quality of style of each band number was excellent. Dee Murray's bass was smooth and powerful, supporting the band with strength and grace. Davey Johnston was brilliant on slide guitar and electric mandolin, with light, fluid licks that soared above Elton's ivory backdrop. On drums, Nigel Olson steadily refused to come from the

background and displayed a sense of perspective that few rock drummers seem to have.

As a writer and a showman, Elton John is spectacular, but his piano playing can be classified as mediocre. John seemed to realize this and left the difficult parts of his songs to the members of his band.

Amidst the flashing lights, speaker phase reversals and a multitude of special effects came a quality of music that stood out on its own merit. Two dynamite encores heralded Elton John's success as a performer and songwriter. My only regret was the senseless tactics used by the MTSU security force in its eagerness to carry out laws that were equally senseless.

Saturday night may be all right for fighting, as the song goes, but Friday night was not all right for a concert at Murphy Center.

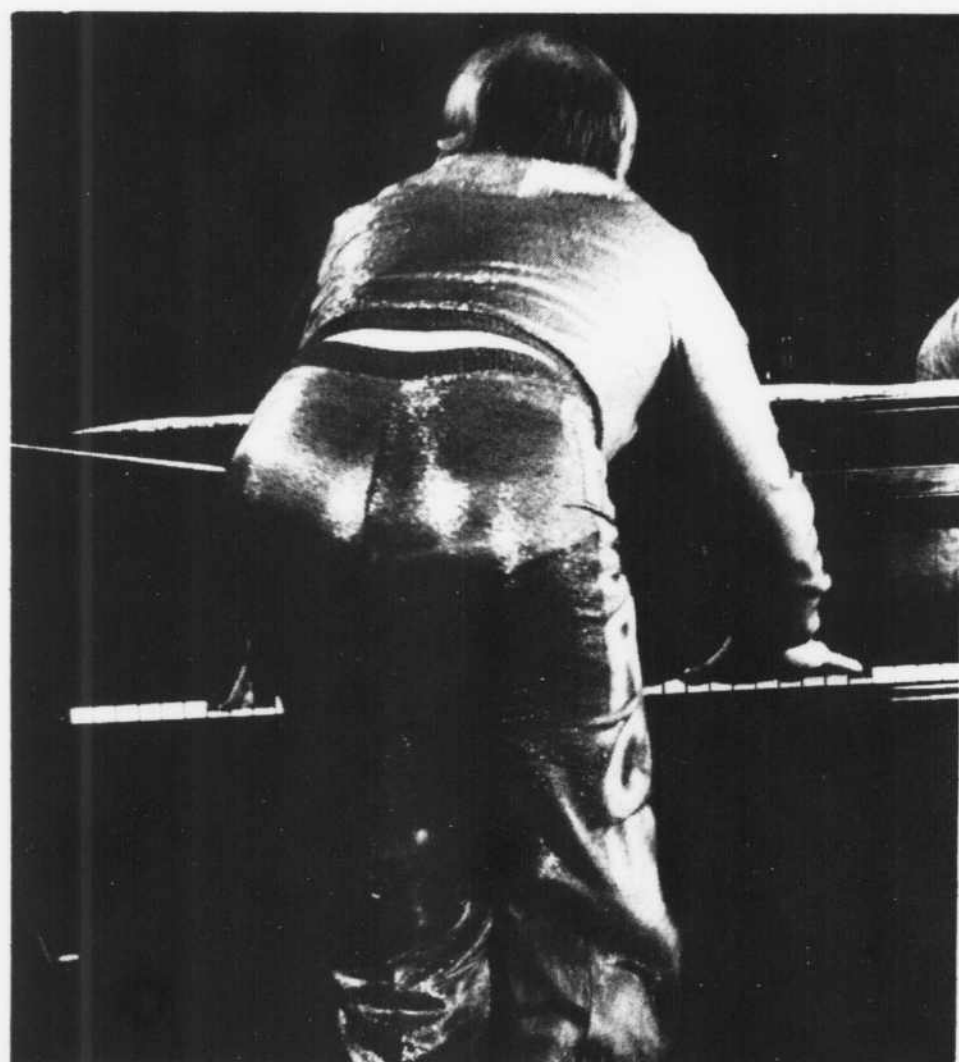


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## Two renovations scheduled

Bids will be submitted by contracting firms for renovations of the Student Union Building and the Old Science Building, according to Charles Pigg, campus planning director.

"The renovation of the buildings will include air conditioning, remodeling, and redecorating," Pigg said.

Contractors will begin to turn in their bids for work on the Student Union Building Oct. 30, and for the Old Science Building Nov. 15.

In renovating the Student Union Building, the first floor will be devoted to food services, the second floor to the maintaining of the Tennessee Room and the "A" and "B" dining room, and the third floor to mass communica-

tions, including space for SIDELINES, the Midlander and Collage.

The total budget contractors will have to meet for the renovation of the building is \$1,248,000, Pigg said.

The renovation at the Old Science Building will improve the first floor to accommodate chemistry, the second floor physics and the third floor biology.

The total budget for the Old Science Building renovation is \$825,000, Pigg said.

The actual renovation of the two buildings will begin after the contractors turn in their bids for the projects.

## AMI flight reopens charter service at Murfreesboro city airport

The AMI Charter Service is back in full operation at Murfreesboro Municipal Airport.

The service was begun in 1971, but for various reasons was discontinued.

In addition to offering flight services, AMI provides experience for aerospace majors at MTSU.

"AMI Charter Service is staffed and operated by MTSU aerospace students. This gives them practical experience while attending college," according to airport director Larry Sparks.

The service maintains three aircraft for charter use varying in size from three- to five-passenger capacity with cruising ranges of from 400 to 800 statute miles.

"The variety of aircraft allows

AMI to accommodate almost any air taxi-charter request," Sparks said.

Prices range from 30 to 40 cents per statute mile, depending on the aircraft. The price includes the fee for the pilot.

AMI Charter Service is certified by the Civil Aeronautics Board and regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The chief pilot for AMI Charter Service is Rickey Hodges, an aerospace administration major at MTSU. Other pilots certified on the charter service are Richard Davis and Robert Schneider, also aerospace administration students, according to Sparks.

## Stocks seminar readies

Study of stocks and other forms of securities investments will be the topic of a five-week, non-credit seminar, according to Fowler Todd, business administration department chairman.

Beginning Oct. 30, the participants will meet each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 206 at Old Main.

The seminar instructor will be James Humphreys, an account executive of Merrill Lynch and

Associates of Nashville.

"The adult population of Murfreesboro has shown the most interest in the course although MTSU students and faculty members can enroll," Todd said.

A \$10 fee will be charged for the seminar. Reservations can be made by calling Todd at the business administration department, extension 2736.

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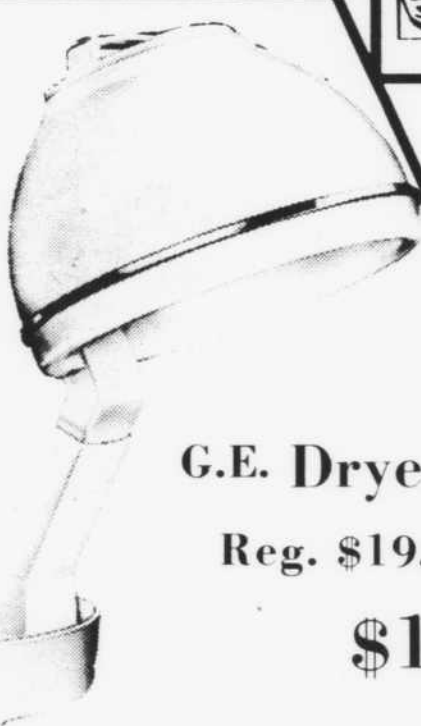


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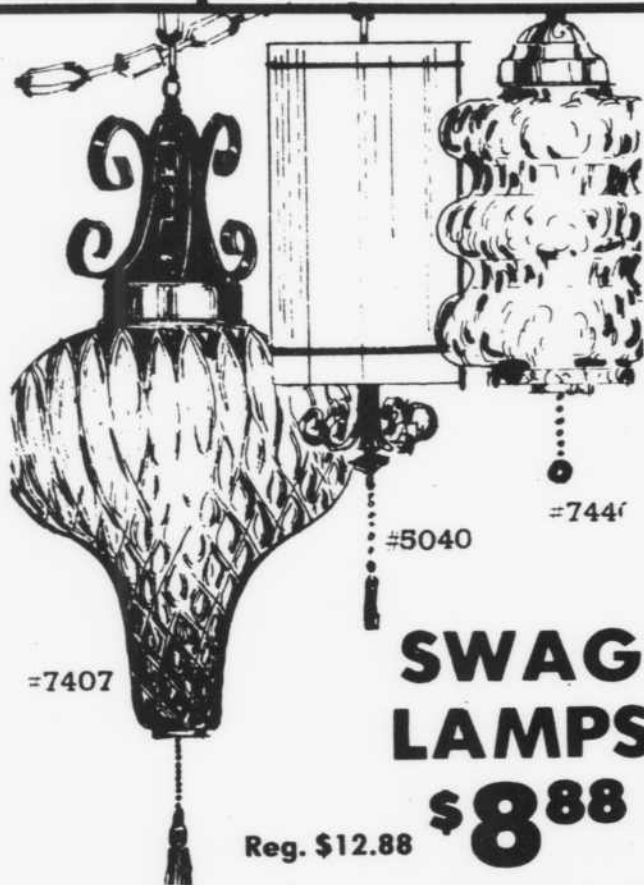
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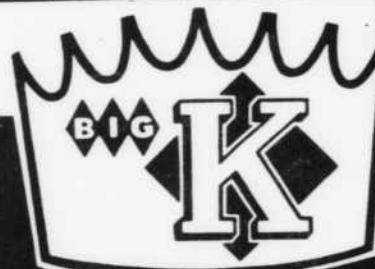


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# Football players receive suspension in pot case

Two MTSU football players were found guilty yesterday of possession of marijuana and sentenced to one semester suspension by the University Disciplinary Committee.

After five hours of testimony and two hours of deliberation, Ronnie Allen Martin and Randall Lee Miller were sentenced to suspension for the fall semester by the committee.

Under the ruling Martin and Miller may return to the university next semester but cannot represent the school in any activity.

During a raid on the athletic dormitory Oct. 1, university officials said they found about a "teaspoon" of marijuana scattered in one of the player's drawers and a vial of stems in the wastebasket. Martin and Miller were roommates.

"I was told if I didn't sign the waiver that it would be probable

cause enough to get a warrant downtown," a player testifying for the defense said.

Peck told the committee that he did not pressure the players into signing.

"I told them that refusal to sign the waiver admits nothing but that we would seek university warrants. I believe I said if we found someone pushing drugs that we would go downtown," Peck said.

Peck claimed there was nothing unusual about keeping the players in the meeting while their rooms were searched.

Defense attorneys tried to bring up the case of two other players who reportedly had a small amount of marijuana in their room but were not charged by the university.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said there was another case which was handled differently but said he

could not divulge information from those students' files without their permission.

The defense contended that the evidence against Miller and Martin was obtained in an illegal search.

The players testified that they were kept at a team meeting where Coach Bill Peck asked each player to sign a waiver permitting university officials to search their rooms without warrants.

Defense attorney Tom Foley said

the waivers were illegal because the players were not informed of their Fourth Amendment right to refuse to sign the waivers because the officials did not establish that any evidence found would be used against the players and because the waivers of the search warrant were "obtained by coercion and under circumstances of duress and intimidation."

Several players said they disapproved of the way the search procedure was handled.

## Three hours credit given for intersession Mexico trip

by Shelia Smith

You can spend two weeks in Mexico and get three hours' credit next spring during intersession for just a few dollars more than the cost of registration.

Last spring, the geography and foreign language departments sponsored a trip to Mexico and offered three hours of credit in geography or Spanish.

The price was \$275 which covered transportation and all but three days' meal.

Another trip is being planned for next spring.

Its purpose will be to expose MTSU students to a foreign culture and to make them "Mexicans" for two weeks.

Saltillo, a city of approximately 75,000, was the location for the field work done last spring. The group

spent one week in Saltillo, living as guests in Mexican homes.

Classwork was conducted at the the University of Saltillo.

"Learning took place with a minimum effort and maximum effectiveness," he said.

After the formal portion of study, the group spent three days of leisure time in Guadalajara, second-largest city in Mexico.

Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the geography department, said the trip "exceeded their (the participants') greatest expectations."

Being the first trip of this kind, some of the planning was done by "trial and error," said Fullerton, who worked with Del Shumway, assistant professor of Spanish, in arranging the visit.

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# Editorial

## Officials should review suspension as penalty

In the aftermath of a raid on the athletic dormitory two football players have been suspended from the university for one year while two others have been suspended for one semester.

In the first case the men were given a year's academic probation by the Dean of Students for aiding and abetting violation of university regulations. In the second case the defendants were found guilty of possession of marijuana by the University Discipline Committee and suspended for one semester.

Considering the small amount of marijuana found in the players'

rooms, the penalties meted out in each case seem peculiarly harsh. Had their cases been tried in a civil court the maximum penalty the state could have obtained for conviction of a misdemeanor would have been 11 months and 29 days in the county jail. The sentence is rarely so harsh for first offenders.

In many cases the interruption of an academic career penalizes an individual far beyond the punishment which might result from civil prosecution. For this reason university officials should no longer look upon suspension as a matter of course in minor drug cases.

## Readers' views

### To the Editor:

On page 11 of the September 28 edition of the **SIDELINES** was an article about faculty research projects. I learned from it that "MTSU's Institutional Research and Projects Finance and Administration Program has had 27 projects approved..." The announcement was made by "Linnel Gentry of Research and Federal Projects..." Good deal.

Curiously, there was no mention of the nature of the projects or of the people who will be working on them. One might assume that the nature of the projects and its import for the future of man might be of some importance. And that our interest and homage should go to those brainy people who will be carrying these out.

Obviously, a reflected honor should go to the university for having the good judgement to employ those of superior intellect and so create the climate where our research people can compete "with universities like Yale..." to quote the article further. On a syntactical level, I can't cope with the **MTSUHAPFAAP** and prefer to think of it as a simple misprint.

It is interesting to note that the only person named in the article was Mr. Gentry and in the PR sense, he is obviously given "credit" for the approval of the

projects.

Valuewise (as we say on Madison Avenue), it is a peculiar article but I do believe it projects an accurate "image."

David G. LeDoux  
Box 447

### To the Editor:

It seems to me that you may have missed the points in your editorial advocating whatever it was you advocated -- something like Arabia for the Arabians (and potential U.S. oil for the U.S.).

At the risk of being accused of being a Zionist, I would like to remind you of a couple of facts:

(a.) In the long, sordid history of anti-Semitism, the outlook for the Jews was never bright -- but chances for their survival against pogroms, Judenheims and putsches was significantly enhanced with the establishment of Israel.

(b.) The Jews have historically been targets of the first wave in each of these heinous rituals... be they in Spain, Germany, Russia.

You criticize the Israelis because they took a little territory from some Nomadic Arabs in 1947.

Thus, I'm a bit confused at the position you took regarding those

admittedly poor Latin Americans -- you know, the ones in Chile -- the ones who were being deprived of all that was right and holy when Allende was overthrown by the same Chileans who benefited at the expense of those dispossessed when Allende hacked out his place in history.

More importantly in an era of Schutzstaffen tactics in our government -- you want to thwart the chances to become -- the chances to maintain -- that are enjoyed by one of the few ideologically open societies to emerge from World War II... a society that has lived as an armed camp for much of its life because of necessity.

Like Rabbi Meir Kahane -- leader of the Jewish Defense League -- said, "Never Again!"

Paul Fischer  
Box 2225

### To the Editor:

Once again the asinine intelligence of MTSU's administrative staff shows through.

Frankie Brians (MTSU's most recent neophyte) has stated that as of "October 9, 1973 would be the last day to register bikes" and that "bikes parked in unauthorized

places would be removed." During the first part of this semester my wife went to the security department to register her bike only to be turned away because "the proper equipment was not in yet." So my questions are as follows. (1) How could one register his or her bike when the security department did not have the equipment to do so? (2) What about people like myself who will not own a bike until November; how shall we register our bikes?

Now we, the students, will have to face having our bikes towed in when there are no authorized places to park, for example, at the Home Economics building: authorized places being those with bike racks.

From Mr. Brians statement I assume that when my wife goes to class at the Home Economics building she will have to park at the NCB or have her bike removed.

And how about at the New Gym where there is only one place to park your bike. Does this mean that students who have classes on the other side of the New Gym will have to walk all the way to the other side?

Well, I guess it is time to put on your roller skates.

Harry Temple III  
P.O. Box 7619





# Agnew added 'Flair' to vice presidency

It is too bad that a man of Spiro Agnew's caliber and character was forced from office by a combination of public pressures and his own possible past misdeeds. He added a flair -- a real personality -- to a Nixon Administration too often possessed with secrecy and screwing political enemies, in the words of John Dean.

## On the other hand

by Ray Notgrass

I can't help but think that less than a year ago, Nixon and Agnew were reelected in one of the biggest landslides in presidential history. You see the turn of events: somehow the term "ironic" is too pale.

There was something noble in Agnew's plea of no contest to the income tax evasion charge. Of course, there is the very real possibility that Agnew is indeed guilty of tax evasion and other charges, and simply made a better deal. The question of whether or not he "really" is guilty is moot.

The only possible comparison that comes to mind is the case of Edgar Smith. Smith was convicted of murder some 17 years ago, while he naturally pleaded innocent. There was a forced confession, a mockery of a trial, and repeated appeal denials. Stays of execution came only hours before his death was supposed to come, on several occasions (read "Brief Against Death," a fascinating book).

Finally, two years ago, Smith got a chance for a retrial. But rather than go through another trial, with scant evidence extant and the mental torture of his former wife who since had remarried and was living apart from the past, Smith pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, the judge put him on probation, and Smith walked out of prison -- if not exactly a free man, at least no longer incarcerated.

All that to make this point: Smith was, in the eyes of many men (and hopefully God's) innocent. But he stands guilty in the eyes of the law. Likewise, Agnew is guilty

by law, but whether he actually broke the law may never be known.

Then there is the problem of Agnew's successor. Now that the president has announced his nomination of Congressman Ford, we should give him a chance and start dealing with the nation's real prob-

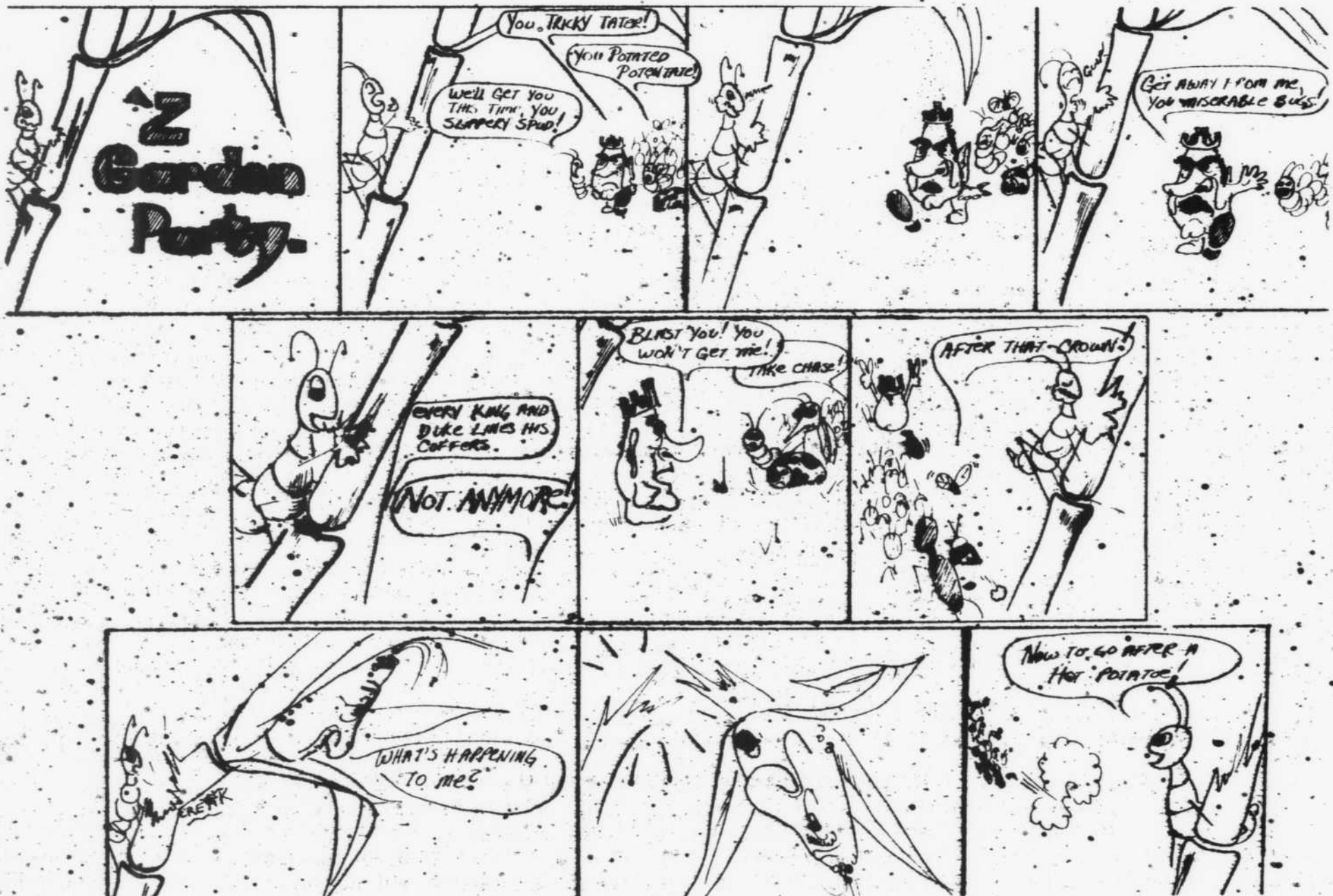
lems.

It's a good test for one of the few good things ever to come out of Philadelphia, the Constitution. I have a feeling that the creaky old document will pull through it all and last much longer than anybody writing about it today.

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## Study underway on formation of alumni affairs advisory council

A study is underway into the possibility of an undergraduate advisory council on alumni affairs, according to Bryant Millsaps of the alumni relations office.

"This is a relatively new concept," Millsaps said, "and we are looking into it deeply."

"By involving students in the work of the alumni office while they're here, they will have a better understanding of what we are doing and probably become more involved as alumni after they graduate."

"General apathy among some of the alumni is the major stumbling block we are trying to overcome," Millsaps said.

There are two types of programs in use now that involve undergraduates in the alumni programs at other universities, according to Millsaps.

"The predominant type is one that is associated with the ASB," he said, "but that is not really what we want. We want a council that will actually advise the alumni office."

A survey is now being conducted of some 75 college and university alumni relations offices, he said.

"We are investigating the program in hopes of establishing one here," Millsaps said. "We are most concerned about our graduates of the future."

## City to pay for fish kill

By Gina Jeter

(Editor's note — This article is the first in a series.)

Murfreesboro will be assessed about \$7,500 this week for damages in a fish kill that involved 32,483 fish last month, according to state officials.

"The city has been notified that the assessment is coming," said Mike Tant, water quality engineer for the State Public Health Department. "They will have 30 days to either pay or appeal."

Covering about two stream miles in the west fork of Stones River, the kill occurred Sept. 11 and 12.

Inadequately treated sewage was dumped into the water when the river was low, Tant said, causing a lack of dissolved oxygen that killed the fish.

"The kill left no fish in that section of stream," he added, "But as stream flow and water quality pick up, fish will begin to migrate back into the area."

Dan Sherry, a pollution biologist for the Game and Fish Commission, said the sewage was discharged from the Lytle Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Both Sherry and Tant agreed that effluent from the old plant probably will cause another kill next year when the river recedes unless the problem is corrected.

Joe Lovell, director of Murfreesboro's Water and Sewer Department, said he does not feel the state is justified "in saying we caused it."

"We admit we are a contributing factor," he said, "but not the complete cause."

Lovell noted that the low stream flow was also a contributing factor in the kill.

The upcoming assessment will be Murfreesboro's largest, according to Wayne McCoy of the State Public Health Department.

Murfreesboro has been assessed more times than any other Tennessee city, McCoy said.

Two assessments of approximately \$2,000 and one of about \$3,000 were levied in 1971, when law first called for such fines, he said.

Although Tant cited at least one kill in 1972 and another this August, McCoy said no assessments were made.

Money collected from the assessments is used to investigate the kills and to stock fish in other areas, Sherry said.

He said the number of kills occurring below the old treatment plant is unusual.

This series will continue with a look at a study done by MTSU and UT-Knoxville to evaluate water quality conditions in the west fork of Stones River.

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# BOOGIE LOUNGE



# Leaders urge youth involvement

By Wayne Hudgens

Applicants for Who's Who must be seniors with at least a 2.8 grade-point average or those seniors who have made some outstanding contribution to MTSU. Application forms are now available in the ASB office and must be returned to that office or Box 1 by 4 p.m. next Monday.

The ASB House of Representatives will meet in Room 322 and the Senate in Room 310 of the UC at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Nominations for homecoming queen must be in the ASB office or Box 1 by Oct. 24.

Anyone interested in bait and fly casting can hear Paul Jones, executive vice president of the American Casting Association, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. today in the DA arena.

A lecture on birth control will be presented at 7:30 in Schardt lobby. Betty Garbutt, who is affiliated with Family Planning and Birth Control in Nashville, will be the guest speaker.

The MTSU Speech and Hearing Association will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Dramatic Arts arena. Martha Lynch of the Bill Wilkerson Speech and Hearing Center will be the speaker.

The Airmen of Note, the official Air Force jazz ensemble, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Oakland High School gymnasium on Oakland Drive.

Possible gubernatorial candidate Hudley Crockett will tour the campus this morning while in Murfreesboro to address the 7:30 p.m. meeting of the county Democratic Executive Committee in the courthouse.

Two state officials in separate campus addresses over the week-end implored students in Tennessee to become involved in politics and government.

Gov. Winfield Dunn, speaking to delegates of the Tennessee Student association convention, said Friday that "students must pick up the challenge and fight poverty, bigotry, ignorance and misunderstanding."

"I see the potential for a more effective joining of your and my generations," Dunn said. "The communications barrier is coming down, the differences which divide us are not as great as the element of common interest."

Dunn said the problems that plague the nation -- inflation, the Middle East war, the lack of confidence in political leadership -- should not "overcome our natural idealism and optimism."

## Dunn: strong challenge awaits us

"Many of the causes which captured the collegiate mind during the 1960s remain issues in the minds of the people," Dunn said.

"A strong challenge is awaiting the fertile minds on your level which wish to become involved in challenge," he said.

Dunn told the student delegates that "these are great times for education in Tennessee." He pointed out the growing kindergarten program and vocational-technical educational work as signs of the new style of advancement in the state.

Tom Wiseman, state treasurer and a possible candidate for governor, told TSA delegates Saturday that they should not become "dis-

illusioned" by Watergate and the Agnew resignation.

The treasurer told his audience that "this is the worst time possible for students and the public in general to be turned off."

## Wiseman: politics not a dirty word

He said politics was not a dirty word, but a method by which the country can be made great through the right choice of leadership.

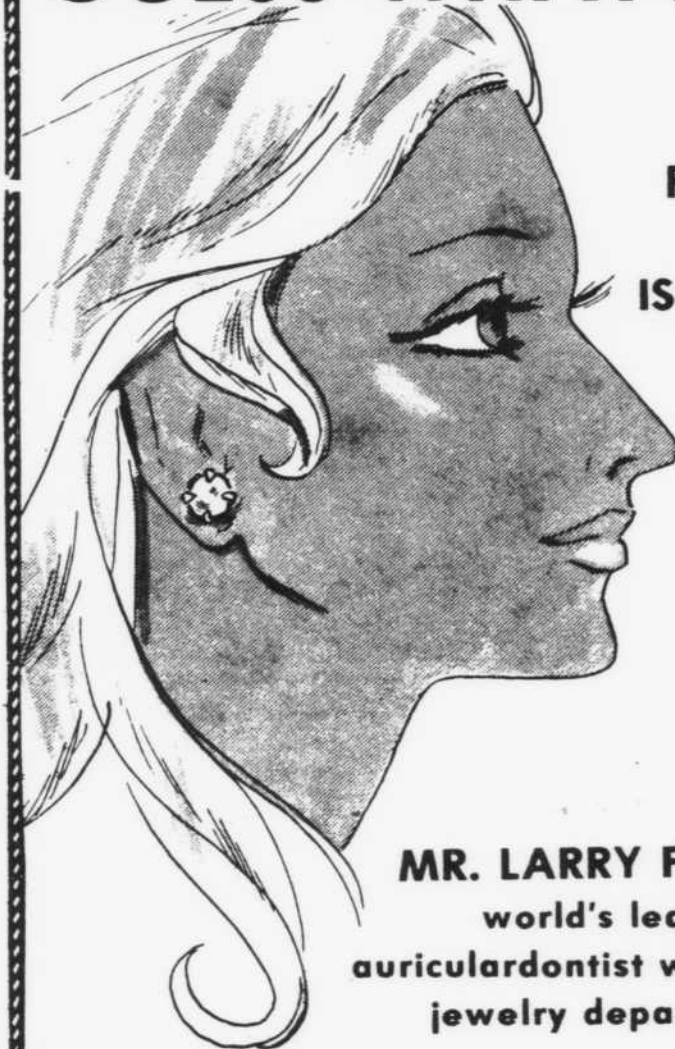
The appearances by Dunn and

Wiseman were part of the scheduled activities for the TSA convention held on the MTSU campus.

Delegates from approximately 30 Tennessee colleges and universities attended the three-day session to consider a change in the TSA constitution, implementation of the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) and other programs for the year.

The convention was chaired by Jim Griggs, president of the TSA and an MTSU student.

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# MTSU theatre's play brings anticipation

By Pat Hale

Suddenly, the lights go dim. Your attention is focused on the stage before you. The curtains part; the lights return to show you the study of someone's home. The setting looms before you, ready to make you a part of its time, its entire atmosphere.

You're now on the edge of your seat in anticipation. Then people enter this room. Their clothes depict their thoughts. Even before they speak, you are drawn into their minds. You can "feel" the time, the place and the reason. Words come. And now it's no longer just a play with a false set, costumes and actors. It has become real right before your eyes, and you are not the audience but a major part of this reality.

You came to the MTSU Theatre as a member of an audience to see George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." This change from observer to participant was accomplished in a short span of time. Life was laid before you on the stage, and you became a part of it. But even as the ending comes, as you rise to leave, as you discuss the merits of each character with your friends, what never once occurs to you is that this brief period of escapism took hours, days and weeks of planning and hard physical labor.

In the beginning was the set. And although you failed to notice it

at the time, this was the first thing that drew you into the play. How did such a work of art come to be? It didn't come in a box marked "This Side Up." Just ask Tom Bender, the stage manager.

"We started working on this set after the second week of school," Bender explained. "There are usually between 10 and 15 people working at once. And we average about 40 hours of physical work per person. But we try to have fun as we work."

"We have to have the basic set completed one month before the play begins. And we use lots of scrap material and parts of past sets to build on. The drama department buys other materials we need, and we get quite a bit of help from other campus departments. Things like antique furniture we borrow from stores. Everyone is usually very helpful to us."

"About 20 percent of our helpers are volunteers," Clay Hawes, technical director, said. "Most workers are students from technical classes, and this is their lab. But anyone from any department who wants to learn carpentry, to paint or to wallpaper is welcome to work."

The design of the set is either the fault or the glory of Hawes.

"I make 75,000 decisions per show," he said. "You may think I'm kidding, but I'm not. I'm serious."

Do clothes really make the man? Do they make the characters?

"We have this one costume in the first scene to which I'm really anxious to see the audience's reaction," Gail Jeffers, costume head for the play, said. "That's what makes it worth all of the work we do; seeing the enthusiasm of the audiences and to have them compliment your work after the play."

"We have 16 costumes for this production. Most are in the Bulgarian Peasant style and are fancy with lots of braid, all of which is hand-sewn. Each costume is tailored to fit the actor exactly. They are designed to help enhance the hair color and body build of the actor, and to bring out the personality points and make the actor look like the character."

"We've had good help with costuming this time. The actors have been real good about being around when we need to fit them. Sometimes we can have as many as four costumes tied up because no one's around to be fitted."

"All our help is student help. We have about four people on work-scholarships, and the rest are volunteer workers. We've taught lots of freshmen and transfer students to sew, and in about three weeks we'll be looking for anyone who wants to learn, to help us with our next play. These costumes have taken us about three weeks, working a minimum of 20 to 30 hours a week."

All costumes are designed by Patricia Rucker.

"You start by researching the play," she said. "You must know in what time each scene is set and where it's set. And it's important to know why the author has written the play. Then you fit the costume to each actor as well. You need to know his favorite colors--what he feels confident in. And you design the costume to fit the character he'll portray. If the character is ugly, you may want a costume that makes the actor feel ugly."

What is it that focuses your attention on the action? What sets off the costumes and the background? The answer is more hard work on the part of lighting personnel under the direction of B.J. Woods.

"First we have to know the play so we can design the lighting," Woods said. "There must be a proper color balance. Lights have to be placed in certain areas so there is just the right balance of high lights on one side of the actor and low lights on the other."



Photo by Pete Meadows

Stage design crews prepare props for the play.

"Each of the lights must be patched into one of about 100 different sockets and 30 dimmers. Every light must be set just right. After they're set, they're all controlled, from the master area. But to get them set perfectly, I'll have to go down on stage and stand in the spot the actor will occupy to make sure each light will hit his face at the proper angle. It's a lot of work, but it will be worth it."

"Arms and the Man" will only be worth all of the work put into it if it meets the approval of the audience. Audience. That's the responsibility of another group, the publicity department.

"Our job is to sell tickets, distribute posters, mail pamphlets and send out releases to various newspapers," Vernon Cox, the student in charge of the department, said. "We have to research the play and formulate ideas for a synopsis to be used in this promotion."

"There are four of us in charge of this work and from 10 to 15 volunteers who do it for a class project or to earn hours for Alpha Psi Omega. We work about two to three hours a day on the average. Many students don't know the drama department offers them free entertainment, and we're here to help them find out."

And then there are those people in the spotlight; some call them actors.

"Satire is the most difficult form of comedy," Dorethe Tucker, director of the play, said, "but the cast is handling it well. I will be in the audience watching. If I didn't feel I could be, we would not put it (the play) on."

How good are the actors? That will be for you to judge when you go to the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. this Thursday, Friday or Saturday to see "Arms and the Man."



Photo by Chip Schofield

Major Paul Petkoff (Vernon Cox) yells for his servant, while his wife, Catherine (Chris Urbaniak), reprimands him for his bad manners in Arms and the Man, presented by the MTSU Theatre in the D.A. auditorium on October 18, 19, and 20, at 8:00 p.m.



# Opry celebrates its 48th anniversary

By Jim Richardson

In 1925 Uncle Jimmy Thompson was the first performer on the most enduring radio program anywhere, the Grand Ole Opry.

This week, the Opry is celebrating its 48th anniversary in Nashville.

The Grand Ole Opry lives on, but Uncle Jimmy Thompson lies in an unmarked grave in Franklin, Tenn., according to Charles Wolfe, assistant professor of English at MTSU and a member of the American Folklore Association.

"This unusual irony is characteristic of the history of the Opry," Wolfe said.

In 1925 WSM imported George Hay from Chicago, of all places, to produce a country music show called the "Barn Dance." Hay at the time was the producer of a successful country music show in Chicago.

"The Barn Dance's format began as sort of an amateur hour, but changed when regular recording stars such as Sam McGee, the father of modern guitar picking, and Uncle Dave Macon began appearing regularly," Wolfe said.

"Nashville has never been the 'country music loving city' people have thought it to be," he said. "In the mid-1920s Nashville was a jazz

center. The city also appreciated classical music a great deal and had a fine symphony orchestra.

"In fact, country musicians were so looked down upon that they weren't even allowed to join the local music unions. The union didn't consider fiddlers and guitar pickers to be musicians."

In 1928 the Barn Dance became the Grand Ole Opry, and more importantly the Federal Radio Commission was formed and assigned WSM a low frequency and the authority to broadcast with 5,000 kilowatts of power, Wolfe said. "This assured the success of the Opry because it began to reach a rural audience."

Wolfe also noted that one of the first stars was B. Ford Bailey, a black man.

"People have the misconception that country music is the solitary heritage of the white, rural farming communities," Wolfe said, "but actually it owes a part of its history to the black jazz and blues of the era."

The Grand Ole Opry also helped spawn Nashville's billion-dollar recording industry after World War II.

In a recording today, the music might be produced on the West Coast with the singing dubbed in

on the East Coast.

"In those days," Wolfe said, "all the elements of a recording had to be in the same place at the same time. Since the country music artists came to Nashville to perform on the Opry, they naturally

stayed and made their recordings there."

Sam McGee, still an active performer at age 82, and the Grand Ole Opry will move next year to the \$25-million dollar Opryland USA entertainment center.



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Sam McGee, 'father' of modern pickin'

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## Women's volleyball squad to play in MSU tournament

The MTSU women's intramural volleyball team, which has an 8-4 over-all record and a 6-2 league mark, will participate in the Mid-South Volleyball Tournament at Memphis State Friday and Saturday.

### Sports

The squad will host an invitational tourney in Alumni Memorial Gym Oct. 26-27. Teams from

### Season's record 8-4

Tennessee Tech, Carson-Newman, UT-Chattanooga and Peabody will participate.

Members of the 1973 squad include captain Debbie Boykin, Vicki Sweeton, Vikki Chonley, Lynn Burklow, Debbie Bempus, Jean Cloiborne, Laura Davis, Teresa Mongrum, Ann Sullivan, Pat Mann, Carolyn Friddell, Beanie Secrest, Diane Pouls and Linda McCoy.

The team is coached by Karen Ledford and managed by Sherrye Allen.



JIM HURT

### Golfers third at Tech

Despite an individual win by the Raiders' Jim Hurt, the Tennessee Tech Eagle Invitational was won by the host team with a 750 total at Ironwood Golf Course Saturday.

The MTSU linksmen finished third with a 764 total, behind East Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky, respectively.

Hurt captured his second consecutive tournament in a sudden-death playoff with Tech's Terry Kegley. Both players finished with even par 144 totals, but Hurt won it for the second year in a row by shooting par on the third playoff hole.

The Raiders will finish their fall schedule Friday and Saturday in the Austin Peay Invitational at Paris Landing State Park.

## Baseball team leads conference

Twin victories over the Austin Peay Governors Saturday vaulted the Blue Raider baseball team into first place in the OVC Western Division with a 3-1 conference record.

The Raiders will meet Murray State in Murray, Ky., this Saturday for the final doubleheader of the OVC fall schedule. The Racers are tied with Western Kentucky for second place with a 2-2 record, and Austin Peay is in the cellar at 1-3.

MTSU took the first game from the Governors 3-1 on a fourth-inning two-run homer by Wendell Harris and a sixth-inning RBI by Tom Owens. Gary Melson was the winning pitcher. Austin Peay's run came on a homerun by Dave Simington in the fifth.

Owens blasted a 360-foot four-bagger with Wally Mathis and Scott Sain on base in the bottom of the second inning of the second game to jump the Raiders out to a 3-0 lead.

Then with two down in the bottom of the sixth, the Raiders displayed what Coach John Stanford called "killer instinct" as they put six more runs across the plate, making the score 9-2.

Austin Peay got its runs in the top of the fourth when Dennis doubled, Wirtz got a base on balls, Carlson singled Dennis across the plate and Wirtz stole home.

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# Arrington's field goal gives Raiders win over Murray

Archie Arrington's 46-yard field goal with 2:32 remaining in the game gave the Blue Raiders their first Ohio Valley Conference win of the season over previously unbeaten Murray State 17-14 Saturday night on rain-drenched Horace Jones Field.

The Racers were heavily favored to defeat MTSU, but Arrington's three-pointer sent them home with a 2-1 OVC slate. The Raiders are 1-2 in the conference standings.

## Racers were

## favored to win

Murray opened the scoring when tailback Don Clayton broke past the Raiders' line and crossed the goal line from four yards away. Don Wright's conversion made the score 7-0.

With less than a minute remaining in the half, MTSU got on the board with a 31-yard aerial from Tommy Beaver to split end Mike Finney. Arrington's kick tied the score at 7-7.

## Murray opened the scoring

The Raiders took the lead in the third stanza on a two-yard run by fleet Dwaine Copeland. It was Copeland's fourth touchdown in two games. Arrington was perfect on the extra point to make it 14-7.

The Racers struck back later in the third quarter on a two-yard run by fullback Jim Engel. Wright's conversion tied the score at 14-14.

Neither team could mount a successful drive until the Raiders marched down the field late in the contest and Arrington booted his game-winning field goal.



Photo by Tim Hamilton

**THIS KICK** by Archie Arrington won the game for Coach Eill Peck's Raiders Saturday night against Murray State.

## Vanderbilt downs Raider harriers

MTSU's cross country squad was defeated by Vanderbilt 25-31 in its first home meet of the season Saturday.

The Raiders' James Key, a freshman from Murfreesboro, finished first in a losing cause with a time of 33:00 over the six-mile

course.

Vanderbilt captured the next three places, and the Raiders' Ed Morris finished fifth with a 34:18 clocking.

The Raiders' next meet will be at home Saturday against David Lipscomb College.

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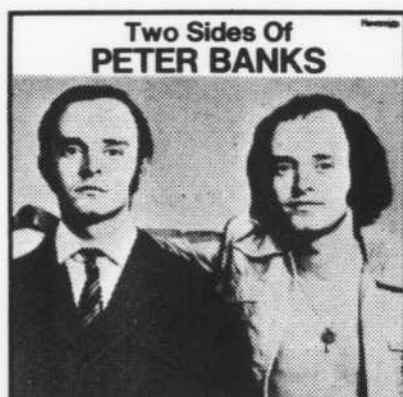
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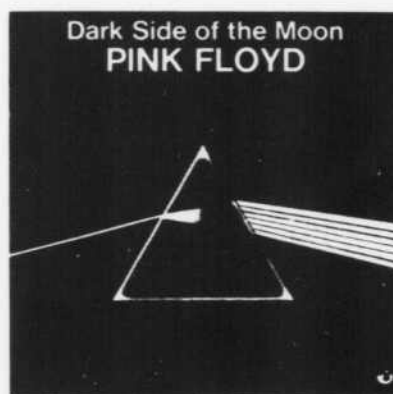
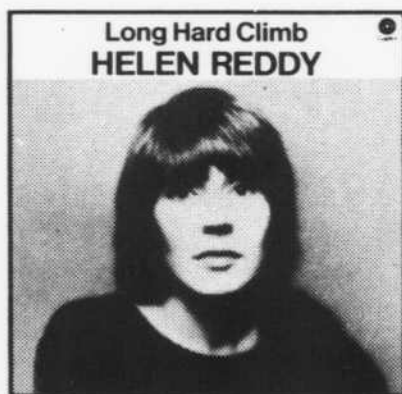
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