

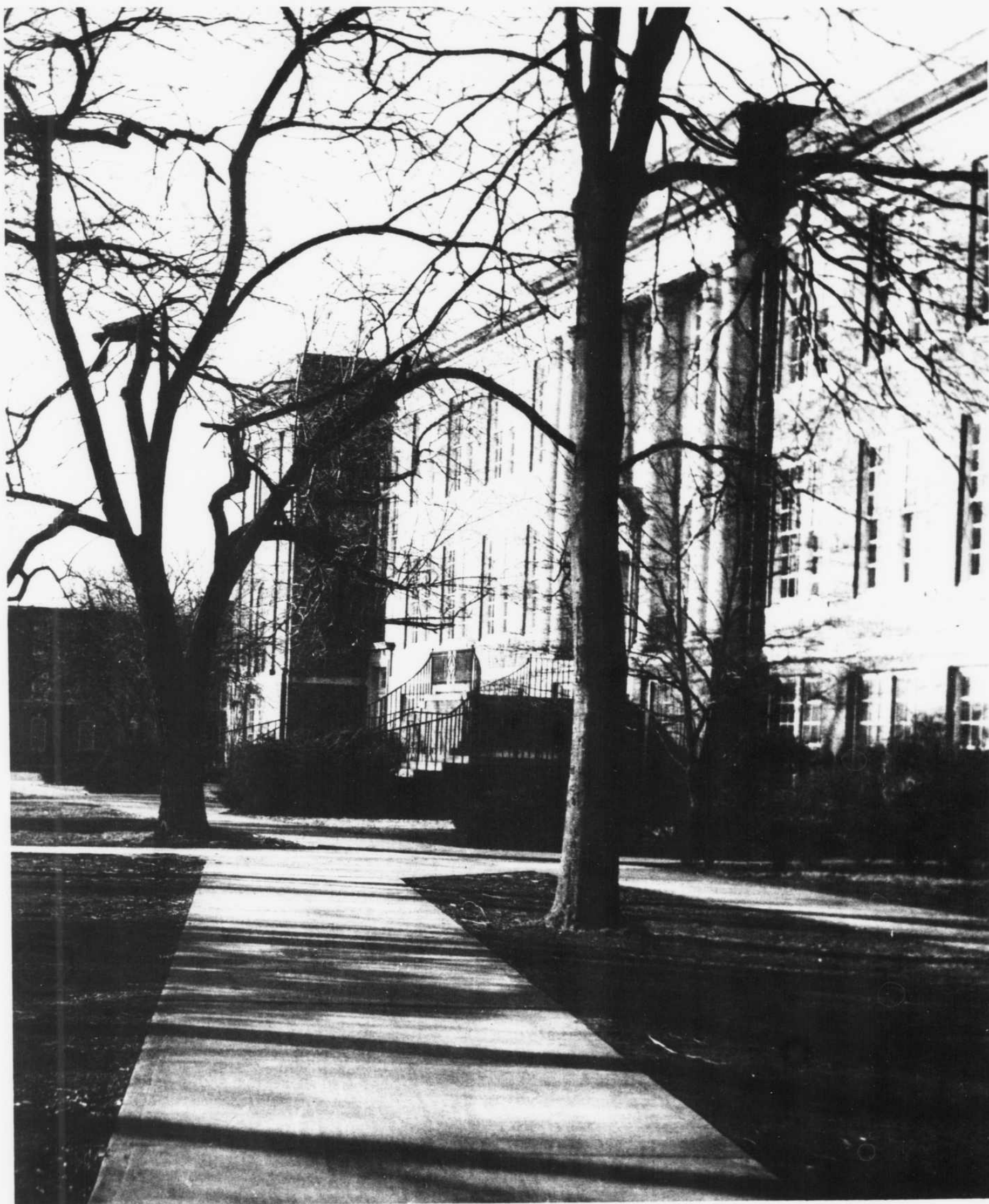
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● *If spring comes, can winter be far behind?*

This obvious twisting of a quote by Shelley perhaps best explains the strange twists the weather has been taking with its 40 to 50 degree variations in temperature.

● Photo by Ginny Bruce



## Presidents' Forum

## Wells to chair committee

Marilyn Wells of the sociology department has been named chairman of the 1972 All-Campus Rules Committee, Judy Smith, associate dean of students announced yesterday.

Dean Smith, who also serves on the committee, indicated that the group would hold its first meeting next week to divide into working sub-committees.

Chairmen of these sub-committees will be announced soon, she said, and dates will be set for open hearings to discuss rule changes for the university.

Ms. Smith's comments came during the second Presidents' Lunch Forum held yesterday in the Student Union cafeteria and hosted by University President M. G. Scarlett.

President Scarlett opened the forum by expressing his hope that communication between students, faculty and administration could become more extensive.

He noted that in the past there had been an excellent relationship between the administration and student leaders but added that although there had been communication with student leaders, there was a need for communication with all students.

Expressing hope for "an open exchange," the university president stated his desire to "deal with issues which concern the university" and to develop a trust between students, faculty and administration so "that we can talk over university concerns on a public level."

Fielding questions, President Scarlett indicated that the plans for the intercession in the new university calendar are still in the developmental stage.

The president noted that it will be "a valuable time for students who need a few hours to graduate or who need to prove their academic capability for admission."

Scarlett stated that this period would also allow more flexibility for independent study and would allow an opportunity to experiment more than any other time of the year.

The president deferred questions on changes in the grading system indicating that he did not wish

By Jim Leonhirth  
Special Reporter

to bias the reports of two committees which are presently studying the grading system.

The Faculty Senate has established a committee on the reporting and recording of grades and the ASB has formed an Academic Study Committee which is also reviewing the grading system.

Faculty Senate President J. E. Young stated that the recommendations of his body's committee will be made at the May 1 meeting.

Young stated that the committee was studying the feasibility of a broadened grade scale but indicated that his personal feeling was that there is "more variation between quality point levels than between two grades."

In a broadened grade scale, a grade level would have more than one numerical value. A B-plus could be 3.8, a B could be 3.5 and a B-minus could be 3.2.

Upon questioning, Young stated that such a system might motivate students to work for higher grades to obtain more quality points.

President Scarlett indicated that the time needed for the approval and implementation of a system would depend on the time of the year that the proposals were received.

Returning to the subject of the intercession, the university president indicated that there would not be a commencement following it.

Discussing commencements, Scarlett said that the cap and gown were part of "the historical development of higher education, coming from the medieval period."

He stated that their use should be retained because they symbolize the dignity of the occasion.

In regard to the need for commencements, Scarlett stated that questions should be asked of the family and friends of those who graduate.

He said that enthusiasm for commencement has not decreased for family and friends, although it might have decreased for some students.

The president stated that he did not see the one-hour commencement program an imposition upon students for the conclusion of a four-year program.



## Intrigue

Pam Smotherman (Lucy Gilham) and Gregory Caffy (Albert Feather) steam open a letter from the bank in a scene from "Ladies in Retirement", opening tonight in the University Arena Theatre.

## High school students view rehearsal

Last night the University Theatre's production of "Ladies in Retirement" held its final dress rehearsal in front of a crowd of 125 high school students, according to Thomas O'Brien.

The invited students were from English and theatre classes at Central and other surrounding schools.

Running from tonight until March 11, the mystery is free

to students. Reservations can be made at the UC ticket window or by calling 898-2641. The production will take place in the Arena Theatre which will hold 130 people.

The cast includes Gwen Mason, Vickie Green, Linda Coffey, Connie Cox, Pam Smotherman, Thalia McMillion, and Gregory Caffy.

## Women's halls to hold election

Coeds in women's residence halls will meet Monday night to discuss plans for the adoption of a constitution and the proposed election of an ASB representative.

This decision came last night after a meeting of the dorm presidents with representatives

of the House Ways and Means Committee to discuss such an action.

According to the ASB constitution, campus organizations must be registered with the dean of students before it can have representation in the House.

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## Former geography teacher dies

Ms. Ollie Green, retired MTSU teacher of 37 years, died Wednesday in the Rutherford Hospital.

While at MTSU, Ms. Green taught geography from 1928-35, chemistry and physics from 1935-50 and geography from 1950

until her retirement in 1965.

A native of Rockwood, she received her BS degree from the old East Tennessee Normal School in Johnson City in 1925. While there she earned the highest average ever made by a student up to that time.

Ms. Green taught two years in Roane County after receiving her MS degree from Peabody College in 1926. She received her Master of Education degree from Peabody in 1939.

She also taught at Florence State Normal School and East

Tennessee State Teacher's College.

According to Homer Pittard, director of the alumni office, who has written an article about Ms. Green, she "kept an abiding interest" in her students. She managed to keep in touch with many of her former students through the years, Pittard said. She was very "individualistic," stated Pittard, speaking her thoughts whenever she needed to.

Ms. Green donated her body to Vanderbilt Medical School.

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## The student's lament

### College busywork overpowers

#### Applications for Collage editor due

Applications for editor-in chief of Collage for the 1972-73 school year are due March 10, according to Teena Andrews, present editor. These should be addressed to Glenn Himebaugh and taken to him in SUB 100.

The application should include qualifications for the position, reasons for applying, class, grade point average, background in publications, future plans and directions for the campus magazine. Typing the application on ditto stencils would be helpful, she added.

#### Rules committee to meet soon

The All-Campus Rules Committee will be meeting soon for review of the student handbook. Any suggestions or comments concerning campus rules will be welcomed. They may be sent to Marilyn Wells, Box 253, or Bobby Sands, Box 1.

#### Men's intramural rosters due at noon

Men's intramural basketball rosters are due by noon today according to Joe Ruffner, director of intramurals. They are to be turned in at the intramural office in the gym.

#### Student teaching applications due

All students who plan to do student teaching next fall should have their applications in the student teaching office no later than Friday, Mar. 17.

If there are any questions, contact George Keem, Office of Student Teaching.

#### Security adds overflow lot

Due to the parking situation for dormitory students on campus, the security department is allowing overflow parking in the newly-paved lot on Baird Lane, according to the ASB House ways and means committee.

#### Committee requests suggestions

The Committee for Academic Reform requests that any person interested in curriculum changes send suggestions to Becky Goolsby by Box 7571, Campus Mail.

Evolving from a high school background dotted with scrapbooks on world affairs, watching home movies of someone's trip to the Grand Canyon and other tidbits to keep rowdy 16-year-olds quiet, the mature student somehow reaches college and hopes for better things.

Quite often, these hopes die among a barrage of scrapbooks, play readings, movies and other tidbits utilized by the college professor to keep rowdy 18-year-olds quiet.

And many students are rather vocal in their disgust of this practice.

"I've had to do so many activity cards for a one hour P.E. course, that it's ridiculous," said one coed. "It just takes up too much time."

Another student indicated "The idea that I have to go out twice a week and swat a tennis ball around in order to meet the requirements of a university seems kind of weird. Besides, I really didn't learn to play tennis that well anyway."

Yet another quipped, "Seems like half your time is spent doing things that don't matter that much. I'd call it busywork."

"Busywork" is, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, "Activity meant to take up time but not necessarily to yield productive results" and according to some students, includes everything from note cards to some whole semester courses.

"I consider every general course requirement of this school as busywork," noted one senior from Kentucky. "I mean, after all, it's the student's education, and he or she ought to be able to determine what courses to take," he added.

By Jim Lynch

The administration sees it differently. As one MTSU administrator put it: "There are certain general educational requirements that are necessary, it seems to me, in order for the students to receive a well-rounded education. Concentration in specific areas is greatly encouraged here, but certain understandings in other areas seem important also. A person today is almost required to know something about everything in order to survive."

The administrator added that MTSU instructors have certain guidelines to follow both on the university level and departmental level, but that a large degree of freedom is given in the manner in which the instructor chooses to teach.

It is apparent that learning is the goal of both the student and the instructor, however, the debate does exist as to how this goal can be best reached. Many instructors defend their methods of including "busywork" as being proof that the student is actually fulfilling his role as a student.

One journalism instructor whose course plan includes a scrapbook of various "feature articles" indicated, "it's a very minor part and only constitutes five per cent of the grade, and it offers proof that you've read the features."

Another instructor who advocates "reading cards" also indicated proof of assignment as motivating factor for its usage.

"We have to try and motivate students sometimes," he said, "and the physical proof of the cards themselves seems to

force students actually to do the reading assignments, when they might have otherwise faked it."

One physical education instructor defended the required P.E. activity courses as "necessary to build the physical character, as well as the mental character, of today's students."

However, many students said they they learn very little from "reading cards," "scrapbooks" and other forms of instruction which could be termed "busywork," and that they actually fabricate much of the material required by certain courses.

One student said, "You can write just about anything you want on those reading cards, I don't think the instructors even bother to read them all. They just make sure that the correct number of cards are there."

One instructor indicated that he did not, indeed, have the time to read all of the cards required in his course.

Another student noted that he had actually paid people to do certain assignments which he felt were too trivial to spend the time and effort.

"My brother does a lot of my nit-picky stuff," added a chemistry major. "Working with chemical equations and problems takes up an enormous amount of time. I just don't have time to fool with some of the stuff."

Whatever, the student has to produce something to meet the instructor's demands because the instructor continued to hold the trump card, the grade. Without that, no student graduates from MTSU.

A freshman coed from Chattanooga summed it up with, "Either way, you're gonna lose, so what do you do?"

## Circle K to host Miss MTSU Pageant

MTSU's Circle K Club will host the annual Miss MTSU Pageant March 15-16 at 7 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, according to Maxie Starks, publicity co-chairman of the event.

The contest is an official Miss America preliminary pageant, stated Mike West, Circle K president, which means that Miss MTSU will represent the university in the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

This year the primary stress of the contest will be on talent and intelligence, Starks stated. The contestants will be judged in talent, evening gown and swimsuit competition. The personality of the coeds will also be judged throughout the pageant.

The winner of the contest will receive a scholarship plus several other benefits, West said. She will be backed during her


reign by the Circle K Club, he indicated.

This year the contestants will appear on WSM-TV's "Noon Show," Starks said. An appearance on Dave Overton's "Waking Crew" radio show is also planned, he continued.

Overton, explained Starks, will serve again this year as the pageant's master of ceremonies. It is also possible that Marsha McDonald, Miss Tennessee, will attend the pageant.

At the present time, 15 organizations are sponsoring contestants. "We hope to have 20 applicants by the Friday deadline," West commented.

The contestants and their sponsors include: Marilyn Weaver, Circle K; Carolyn Sue Spurgeon, Black Student Association; Nancy Sanders, Delta Tau Delta fraternity; Loretta Riggs, Kappa Alpha Order; Christine Mahan, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; Sandy Woodard, Kappa Sigma; Angela McAfee, Alpha Gamma Rho; Sandy Caughran, Alpha Kappa Psi; Belinda Blevins, Alpha Gamma Delta; Deborah Ann Elkins, Alpha Delta Pi; Marilyn Penney, Chi Omega; Sharon Lanier, Delta Zeta; Shelia Hixon, Kappa Delta; Jean Marie Richardson, Phi Mu Alpha and Charlyn Rust, Veterans Club.



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## State educators examine 'Middle School' program

Over 200 Tennessee educators met at MTSU Tuesday to study the development of a "Middle School" (grades 6,7,8) program patterned along the lines of the system at Decatur, Alabama, according to Jerry C. McGee, assistant professor of education.

The Alabama system is now supervised by Robert Bumpus. Bumpus, who has wide experience as an elementary teacher, principal and supervisor of instruction before assuming his present job, illustrated his workshop presentation with some 200 slides showing the operation of the Decatur program which has been widely publicized in educational circles.

"The 'Middle School' is a philosophy of education," McGee stated in introducing Bumpus Tuesday. The success of the program, he said, is based on dedicated teachers who want to stay in the middle school program.

Bumpus said that the middle school student was a study in contrast--in physical, emotional and social development. "It is the mid-point between childhood

and adult. The middle school student may defy authority but is always ready to crusade for a cause. He offers the greatest challenge any teacher will ever meet."

The success of the program depends on an interdisciplinary core of English, history, math, and science surrounded by short-term exploratory courses (over 40 are available at Decatur), said McGee. All of these involve student directed experiences with individualized instructions supported by excellent library and resource information.

"This is the first middle school workshop in Tennessee," McGee stated. "We had a tremendous response from some of the most important leaders in education in the State."

"There were people here from Johnson City, Shelby county, Morristown, Knoxville, as well as Lynchburg, Franklin, Lebanon, Murfreesboro and other mid-state counties where the middle school idea is being seriously studied," McGee said.



Landing

In preparation for forthcoming participants in the National Congress on Aerospace Education, a helicopter lands in the field near the Art Barn.

## University to provide 'heliport'

A helicopter test landing was made last Tuesday on the field near the Art Barn and High Rise West. The landing was made, according to Bealer Smotherman, in preparation for the National Congress on Aerospace Education to be held here in late April.

Randall Wood, head of the aerospace department, stated, "We plan to bring in all the people for the congress by helicopter, and we will have several landings on this field."

The keynote address will be delivered by Andrew Holt, president emeritus of the University of Tennessee. Other guest speakers include Wernher von Braun, rocket and aerospace scientist and Joseph H. Higgins, the sheriff in the Dodge television commercials.

According to Smotherman, a field trip and tour of the Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma will be taken. The major points of concentration will be the aerodynamic, space en-

vironment and propulsion tests in advanced flight simulation facilities, he explained.

The congress participants will also tour the University of Tennessee Space Institute at Tullahoma, he added.

Special features for the weekend include "The Face of Christ" a presentation which dramatizes the Christ-head through history by means of sculpture, drama and music, and a trip to the Grand Ole Opry

## Cambridge professor

### Plumb to discuss Winston Churchill

J.H. Plumb, chairman of the history faculty at the University of Cambridge, will discuss "Sir Winston Churchill--the Historian" at MTSU Thursday, March 9, according to Roscoe Strickland, MTSU history professor.

Plumb's lecture will be held in the University Center Theater at 8 p.m. and will follow a joint dinner meeting of the MTSU chapters of Pi Gamma Mu and Phi Alpha Theta, he said.

"We are most fortunate to have such a distinguished scholar appear on our campus," Strickland said.

Plumb, considered one of the two greatest English historians of the twentieth century, is a former vice master of Christ's College, Cambridge, Strickland added.

He is a regular contributor to the "American Historical Re-

view," the "Journal of Modern History," "English Historical Review," the "New York Times," the "Saturday Review," the "Guardian," "Spectator," "Observer" and is the historical advisor for Penguin Books, McGraw Hill and Horizon Magazine, Strickland commented.

Plumb is also editor of the 15-volume "Fontana History of Europe," and of the first seven of the projected 22 volumes of the "History of Human Society."

He is the author of ten standard works of history, the three most widely known being "England in the Eighteenth Century," "Sir Robert Walpole (I and II)" and the "First Four Georges." His most recent work, "In the Light of History," is being published in 1972.

## Registration deadline set

With the deadline for registering to vote in Murfreesboro city elections little more than two weeks away, MTSU students will be hit with a barrage of posters, pamphlets, and personal appeals urging them to register and vote.

Three seats on the city council will be filled in a city-wide election April 18. Murfreesboro residents wishing to vote in the election must have registered by March 20.

Chairman of the ASB voter registration drive, Bob Langford, yesterday outlined plans for a two week "voter registration and education" campaign.

"We want to encourage students who consider themselves residents of Murfreesboro to participate in this election. In the past, students have been stifled in their efforts to get involved in the electoral process, but things have changed."

Lengthy residency requirements have been declared unconstitutional. The person who wishes to register, said Langford, need only tell the registrar that he considers himself a resident of Rutherford county, and he will be registered."

"So far, the election commission has been fair and honest in registering students," Langford said. "I don't anticipate a change of heart."

Langford encouraged students to register in the community they feel closest to and where their vote can have the greatest impact.

ASB will provide transportation to the courthouse. Their phone number is 898-2464.

The Rutherford County Election Commission office on the first floor of the courthouse is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

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## Sigma Nu hosts seminar

New ways to solve manpower problems by using group techniques will be studied and sampled by leaders from nine Sigma Nu fraternity chapters March 4-5 at MTSU in a regional seminar on leadership, according to Bob Chance, Sigma Nu member.

The seminar is one of 18 which the fraternity is conducting in regional centers throughout the country this session, Chance explained. Called the ERA Seminars, they call for evaluation, redirection and action, he added.

Theta Iota Chapter of Sigma Nu is hosting the seminar, Chance stated. He added that arrangements are being made by Benny Fielder, Charlie Ross, Danny Thompson, Tommy McBride and Bernie Werrbach.

Chance said that chapters from Vanderbilt, University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Western Kentucky, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky, University of the South and MTSU will participate.

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Editorial

## Measure raises questions; act checks religious rights

Wednesday the U.S. Senate passed an act which is of questionable constitutional validity. The Senate approved the highly debated Higher Education Act of 1972.

The primary issue, for the future will not be one of busing, but of the separation of church and state.

The act, approved by Senator Baker and opposed by Senator Brock, includes a measure which allocates funds to colleges to be used without qualification by the federal government.

This clause leaves a serious question as to the legality of the measure.

Several hundred colleges eligible for this aid are religiously oriented. This bill offers no prohibitions against the use of federal funds to support religious education. It provides the opportunity for governmentally supported religious teachings, in direct violation of the first a-

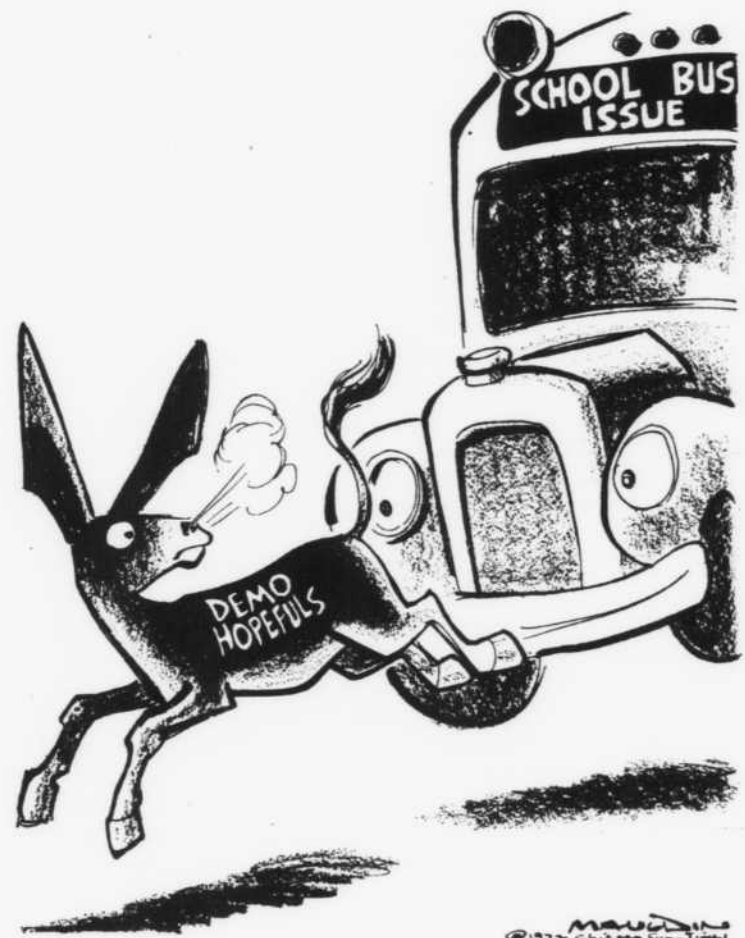
mentment of the U.S. Constitution.

Not only does this action abridge the citizen's right it also deteriorates the ability of the religious institution to maintain its independence from the government.

In the case of *Everson v. Board of Education*, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black clearly stated that the constitutional clause prohibiting the establishment of religion further encompasses the prohibition of public spending to support any religious activities or institutions whatever they may be called or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion."

In the past it has been necessary for the Supreme Court to protect religious freedom. Hopefully the court will continue to do so by striking down this clause. Perhaps with expression of proper concern by the voters at elections the necessity of this action will become less frequent.

Bill Mauldin



## Military marks drug offenders

Servicemen discharged for using drugs are marked for life by the military as the number SPN384 is stamped on service records to identify drug users.

A spokesman defending the practice said that prospective employers need to know if an applicant has had a drug problem.

Although there are many inequalities and injustices in such a program, one that stands out is the lack of a similar system for those in the military with an alcohol problem.

The most serious drug problem in the United States today is alcoholism, yet the military chooses not to brand a man who has been discharged because of problems stemming from an over use of alcohol.

The men who determine that young servicemen have a drug problem have probably been intoxicated a number of times and therefore can say that such action by servicemen is normal and acceptable.

Yet, because they have an extremely limited experience with drugs, they immediately jump to the conclusion that the use of marijuana or other drugs is necessarily bad and the users should be condemned.

By Dennis Frobish

The military, of course, has many problems, but this value gap or culture gap seems to be one hard to cure.

Decisions are made by men whose values and cultures were defined and limited a number of years ago which affect the lives of men whose values were formed at a time when societal values as a whole were undergoing a substantial change.

Young servicemen are being forced to live and act under a set of rules and regulations that are either outmoded or irrelevant to today's situation.

Admittedly, I cannot reform the military. I'm not sure that I care enough to try. But since college age students are most likely to be affected by the military, it seems to me that it is important that they understand the military system for what it is. I present only one side of the issue, but is definitely not one that you would hear from a recruiter or in most military science classes.

The organization that brands men for life for indiscretions committed in their youth is an organization that needs to be altered or eradicated.

## Our readers respond

### Vernier receives gratitude

To the Editor:

I will appreciate your publishing this letter in the *SIDELINES* because publicly I want to thank Doug Vernier for the valuable contribution he has made to the University, the students, and the mid-state radio public.

I regret that it has been deemed necessary to remove Mr. Vernier as Director of radio station WMOT-FM. I can presume only that this serious decision came after a careful study by the University Communications Committee, and all academic and administrative officials to whom Mr. Vernier was responsible.

There is a personal interest in this matter because I was one of several people who interviewed Mr. Vernier and then recommended that he be hired to

create a campus radio station. It is difficult to create anything new and weave it into long established programs. It requires special skills. There is no precedent, no past experiences, and no past decisions on which to base judgement and action. It was our opinion at that time that Doug Vernier had those special qualities necessary to pioneer and establish quickly a new venture.

To his credit is a firmly established station, a varied radio program, and an excellent medium by which students can receive training for careers in radio. As my wife and I continue to enjoy selected WMOT-FM programs we will be grateful for Doug Vernier's time and effort and talents.

Lane Boutwell  
Box 17

### Reader questions Ms. equality

To the Editor:

If I understand Women's Lib correctly the abbreviation Ms. signifies equality. While I am not certain what the thinking is behind that, I am certainly willing to listen to anyone who believes he (she) can shed some light.

However, if equality is equality (in mathematics equals are equal), shouldn't we exhibit the same courtesy to everyone without regard to sex? And if for no other reason, to insure accuracy?

For instance, in your article (p. 2, Feb. 22 issue) on "new blood," you list the males (some of them?) without title, the females (some of them?) with title. Do I understand that Carol Poole from District 3 and Delores Hale from District 19 are male?

For instance: in your article on "Views on Nixon's trip differ" (p. 9, Feb. 22)

you list names without titles under the males (?) and show Ms. under the females' (?) pictures. To be fair shouldn't we list all names with appropriate title (Mr., Ms., Dr., Ds., that's a female doctor, etc.) or with no title for all names?

The latter way could live up the article: We could guess whether Lonnie, or Jackie, or Bobbie (or a boy named Sue) is male or female.

One good thing about a paper getting carried away with frivolity of the Ms. type, it's a pretty good indication that we have no major problems to solve in this world.

Or have we just been taken in again.

Edward L. Dickenson Box 334

P.S. Another good thing about all this is that it sort of proves your paper is read--by at least someone. And I imagine that can be heartening at times.

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## CUBE helps underprivileged children

"Creating Understanding by Effort" is the goal of the CUBE tutoring program for underprivileged children of Murfreesboro. CUBE president, Kay Callahan, believes that most tutors find the rewards well worth the effort.

The "effort" consists primarily of visiting an assigned child at least once a week to help with school work or special problems.

According to Callahan, the rewards are many. Tutors discover that they provide initiative, security and acceptance for their child and receive friendship in return.

Academic tutoring is not the only purpose of CUBE. Emphasis is also placed on group activities. Dance lessons are offered every Tuesday night with 10-20 children participating.

This spring the younger children will be guests of "Bozo, The Clown" show in Nashville and the entire group, including their families, will enjoy a picnic at Percy Warner Park. A hayride for the older children are tentative plans for this semester.

CUBE tutors are also encouraged to include their children in campus activities such as ballgames, shows and plays.

Playing ball, watching television, making something or just talking are other activities.

"These are the best ways to create understanding and friendship between the tutor and the child," said Callahan.

Many organizations on campus help CUBE financially at Christmas or contribute to special projects, Callahan noted. This makes it possible for CUBE to carry out group activities, yet it does not solve the major problem of recruiting new tutors who will work regularly with a child for at least a semester, she added.

## Reception commemorates five years of operation

More than 250 visitors called at the MTSU Christian Center Sunday, Feb. 27, at a reception commemorating the beginning of the fifth year of operation of the Church of Christ-sponsored facility according to Wymer Wiser, director of Center activities.

The event was the headliner of a four-day lectureship on "Jesus Christ--Son of God" conducted during the week by James Vandiver, McMinnville minister, and Jim Bill McInteer, Nashville minister. The services are being held each evening at 7:00 through

March 4 in the newly opened assembly hall where teaching, devotional or social programs can be held, Wiser stated.

Wiser, who is also chairman of the Christian Center Board of Trustees, spoke at an assembly of the visitors, outlining the work of the Center, including a college credit teaching program conducted by Harvey Flody of David Lipscomb College and John Renshaw, a Murfreesboro minister.

Housing facilities for 29 students are an integral part of the Center, he said.

## County court clerk defines liability for area wheel tax

Liability for the \$10.75 Rutherford County wheel tax sticker which went on sale yesterday at the Department of Motor Vehicles and the university bookstore has been defined by County Court Clerk Ben Hall McFarlin.

A person is considered a resident, and therefore liable for the wheel tax, if he votes in Rutherford County, McFarlin said.

College students whose parents are residents of Rutherford County are also required to purchase the sticker.

If, as either a college student or as an individual, a person or member of his family resides and works in Rutherford County, a sticker must be obtained, McFarlin continued.

The wife of a serviceman who lives in and drives in Rutherford County is also liable for the wheel tax, the clerk said.

McFarlin noted that questions may be directed to him or one of his deputies by calling the Department of Motor Vehicles at 893-4279.

The department's offices are located at the northwest corner of the Public Square and stickers will be on sale there until April 15, he said.

To renew auto registration, possession of the turn around document (what is received in the mail) or the title or title card and 1971 registration receipt is required, McFarlin said.

## MTSU to receive freedom award

The George Washington Freedom Foundation award will be presented to MTSU because J. Pope Dyer, American history extension instructor in Chattanooga, showed interest in Americanism and a devoted concern for his alma mater, according to Robert Abernathy, director of university relations.

In January of 1971, Dyer started the extension class in American History 460 with 23 teachers from Hamilton, Grundy, Sequatchie and Rhea counties registered.

Dyer suggested that the class dispense with textbooks and do extensive reading and creative activity in the field of American biography, reported Abernathy. Each member of the class was required to make two written presentations of some 4,000 words each.

He explained that the first was to be prepared about some great American not ordinarily considered a major personality. The second assignment was to pre-

pare a more comprehensive paper, with original sketches of the personality listed as a "prominent American."

Some 40 of these papers were compiled in a scrapbook with an introduction by Dyer and an evaluation of the course by class members. Without knowledge of MTSU, the scrapbook was submitted to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., said the director.

The presentation will be made by Ken Wells III, vice-president of public affairs for the Freedom Foundation and by Dyer to M.G. Scarlett, university president, at the alumni banquet, May 13, 1972.

"It was an enjoyable experience for all the members of the class and I am glad the Freedom Foundation recognized their work," Dyer stated. "Five Tennesseans, -- Fontaine Maury, Admiral Farragut, John Sevier, Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk are among the personages recognized," he continued.

Dyer has been teaching off-

campus courses in history, economics and sociology for MTSU since 1949 in addition to his regular work at Chattanooga Central High School. He has been awarded 16 Freedom Foundation awards for his work among high school students in stimulating and encouraging the study of American history and problems in democracy.

Dyer has served as president of the MTSU Alumni Association, is listed among its Distinguished alumni, served as a member of the Tennessee Constitutional Convention in 1959, 1965 and 1971, and has been chairman of the social studies section of both the TEA and ETEA. He is listed in Who's Who in American Education.

He has been honored by being chosen as president of the Look-out Schoolmasters Association, the Hamilton County Teachers Association, as town commissioner of Signal Mountain and as member of the Metropolitan Charter Commission for Chattanooga and Hamilton County.

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## Baseball schedule set for 47 spring games

MTSU's baseball team is currently in the midst of preparation for a strenuous 47-game schedule which begins March 16 and will carry the team to Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky.

Actual practice started about four weeks ago after a winter-long conditioning program which began way back on Dec. 1.

Coach A. H. "Lefty" Solomon said the most emphasis has been placed on the fundamentals of hitting and fielding because of interruptions in the practice schedule due to inclement weather.

Solomon, asked "what do you do for an encore after a 20-game winner in your initial season," replied, "We won't be satisfied just to win 20 ballgames with the personnel we have. Of course the big problem is to stay clear of key injuries and we have also definitely improved the toughness of our schedule."

Solomon's optimism centers around two factors, the first naturally being the added number of games to be played. The second, and major reason, is the return of three All-OVC performers from last year's squad along with four of five over .300 hitters.

Returning all-star performers are third baseman Les Price (.320), first baseman Mike Townsend (.301 and six HR's) and pitcher Randy Bratton who won his last three OVC starts and only allowed one run during the stretch.

Add fall pitching flash Gary Melson (3-0 with a 1.08 ERA) and

newcomer Joe Hollar and Solomon feels he has an outstanding nucleus for a mound staff.

Hollar is a 6-1, 195 pound left-hander, who pitched his Funkstown, Maryland, Legion team to the state championship and lost 2-1 in thirteen innings in the regionals for his only loss amid 13 wins.

Also returning is the leading Raider batsman from last year, Ed Robichaud, who posted a .356 batting mark, along with Tony Kissinger (.333), transplanted from second base to shortstop.

Concerning the decision not to have a conference champion in baseball this spring, Solomon remarked, "Without question we are very disappointed but we will just have to resign ourselves to shooting for the best won-lost record in the school's history."

Four of the Raiders' opponents will probably be ranked among the top 20 in the nation, according to the Blue head man. The toughest team faced by the Raiders last year, in Solomon's estimation, was Eddie Stanky's South Alabama club, and they are again on the Blue agenda and will play in Murfreesboro April 15.

Solomon, a firm believer that "either the whole athletic program is healthy, or we all go down the drain together," is currently working on scheduling Tennessee and other big names.

Already scheduled are Vanderbilt, David Lipscomb, Florida State and South Alabama among the non-conference foes and last year's OVC champ Austin Peay, along with Western Kentucky and Tennessee Tech from the OVC.



Randy Bratton, another Raider All-OVC selection, goes through the "motions" in practice.



Mike Townsend, premier Blue first sacker, and record home-run hitter for the Raiders, gets ready to take a practice cut.

Photos by Barry Jackson

Les Price, Raider All-OVC third baseman prepares to pick up a practice grounder.

## New gymnasium to seat 11,500

MTSU's new gymnasium now under construction, will have a seating capacity of at least 11,500, Charles Pigg, head of plant planning, said Wednesday.

Three levels will accommodate the seating arrangement, he added.

All of the 500 individual chairs on the ground floor will be upholstered and will fold into the

wall when not in use, Pigg said.

Of the 5,000 individual arena seats on the secondary level, 2,000 will be upholstered while the remaining 3,000 will be plastic, he continued.

"The third level will seat 6,000 in bleachers," Pigg said. "When the bleachers are folded, the area becomes an indoor track or a physical education department for

badminton, volleyball and other indoor activities."

Another intermediate floor will have 50 offices and 7 classroom spaces, he added.

Besides containing the main arena for collegiate basketball games, the ground floor will have locker rooms for football and basketball players on the east side, locker rooms for physical education students on the west side, 4 handball courts and 2 dance studios on the south side and 2 full-size basketball courts on the north side, Pigg pointed out.

## Table tennis tourney set

Table tennis tournament chairman Bill Brunson has announced nationally ranked entries in the MTSU Table Tennis Tournament to be held March 4-5 in the Student Union Building.

Homer Brown, southern champion from Atlanta, Ga., has entered along with the United States Table Tennis Association's number two ranked southern player, Don Gaither from Huntsville, Ala.

Nashville's Clay Whitelaw, rated 17th in the nation by the USTTA, will appear along with MTSU's Jim Campbell, the current Tennessee Class B champion and winner of the Associated

College Unions International Region V tournament.

Another anticipated entry, who has not yet filed his application, is Graham Gear originally from England but now from Cincinnati, who is presently ranked among the top five table tennis players in England.

Brunson emphasized that the championship will be held Sunday afternoon "but we can't set a definite time because of the nature of the competition."

"We have entries from all over the eastern United States and even one from California," Brunson added.

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## Rhodes 'tells it like it is' Dyer heads for Memphis

Blue Raider Club members and guests were treated to one of the most witty and straightforward speakers to appear in these parts in some time at their Thursday luncheon yesterday.

Gene Rhodes, former Western Kentucky assistant and former Kentucky Colonels coach, didn't particularly tell it like his audience wanted to hear it, but he told it like it is.

The "it" in this case being the current dispute over professionals raiding the college ranks for players.

Rhodes made some valid and telling points in his address, one of the most pertinent being that "it is all according to your perspective."

After explaining that he had been on both sides of the fence, Rhodes emphasized the "cold, hard business" aspect concerning owners and general managers.

"There is no doubt about there being a war between the ABA and the NBA, and there is a lot of money being thrown around," stated Rhodes.

The valuable speaker further emphasized the need for a merger and said he sees no relief in sight for college coaches losing their stars unless some accommodation is reached between the leagues.

By Wally Sudduth  
Sports Editor

Explaining the methods used to lure stars, Rhodes said, "The individual franchises don't bid, the leagues bid to a player's agent for him. And the kids are scared to death they're going to turn the faucet off. They (league representatives) threaten the player with a league merger to get his signature and mention several well-known players they say have already signed."

"I'd say most of them (high priced college players) signed prematurely, I'm very honest about that," related Rhodes.

This can backfire as far as the owners and general managers go, as the ex-Colonels coach demonstrated by a remark attributed to Wendell Cherry, chairman of the board of the Colonels. Cherry's comment was, "artistically (caliber of players) we have a great franchise but financially we have a lemon."

Cherry, and through him, Rhodes was referring to the enormous salary load resulting from signing so many super-stars in such a short time, plus the pressure from veterans wanting an equitable settlement for their proven talents in relation to bonuses given to rookies.

In closing, the warmly received Rhodes touched on another problem relating to college athletics. His advice was, instead of lynching the coach who is having a rough time, as every coach will some time in his career, offer to help in any way possible.

This doesn't necessarily mean monetary contributions. A more meaningful aid would be to show prospective athletes what type community he will be living in for four years and give a sincere effort toward trying to make him feel welcome.

A hearty hurrah for that, and here's hoping some members of the audience were listening.

A trip to Bowling Green Saturday night will complete the MTSU playing careers of four members of the Raider squad.

Seniors Herm Sykes, Terry Johnson, Bubba Yarbrough and Larry Rainey, having already made this a successful season, would like to make it a truly memorable one by denying Western even a chance to tie for the conference championship by dealing the Toppers their second defeat this year at the hands of the Raiders.

By Wayne Kindness  
Asst. Sports Editor

MTSU defensive backfield coach Hal Dyer became the second Blue Raider football assistant this week to be hired away by another university.

Dyer, an assistant at MTSU for two years, was named Wednesday to the post of defensive secondary coach at Memphis State University. Memphis State's new head football coach Fred Pancoast announced the hiring of Dyer.

This was only the second position filled on the new coach's staff, and followed the recent hiring of Lindy Infante from Florida as offensive coordinator.

Dyer's effectiveness as a defensive backfield coach is indicated by statistics of the past three years. In 1969, the Blue Raiders allowed 16 touchdowns from passes.

Dyer came to MTSU in 1970 and the aerial TD's were reduced to six. Further work with the "Mod Squad" (Raider defensive backs: Raymond Bonner, Ken Coffee, Ed Miller and Ray Oldham) lowered the allowance to four TD's in 1971.

Contacted yesterday, Dyer said, "It was a very difficult decision for me because of the wonderful association with the



Dyer

football players, Coach Murphy, Coach Peck, other assistant coaches, faculty, administration and students. It was an opportunity I could not afford to pass up."

He also said that the MTSU football future was "bright", and that he will be "rooting hard for them to win the Ohio Valley Conference Championship this year."

According to Dyer, the position at Memphis State is a "real challenge." Besides facing Missouri Valley Conference opponents, Memphis State opens its season with Ole Miss and later hosts Tennessee.

No replacement for Dyer has been announced yet, but Sports Information Director Jim Freeman said that head coach Bill Peck would like to find a replacement as soon as possible.

## Women play in tourney

MTSU's women's extramural basketball team is participating in the Women's Extramural State Tournament held in Knoxville this weekend, according to Billie O. Smith, women's extramural director.

The team was defeated 45-37 by Knoxville College last night.

Raiderettes earned the right to play in the tourney by finishing second to Tennessee Tech in the district tournament held last week, said Ms. Smith.

Finals of the competition are scheduled for Saturday night, according to the director.

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