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Nanette Bohanon and Ron Scott, members of the musical group "Soft Parade," performed last night at half-time in the MTSU-Western Kentucky matchup. The group was introduced as "the newest campus group."

Chuck Thompson Photo

Two profs nominated as academic assistants

by Trina Jones

Two MTSU professors have been recommended for the posts of assistant vice presidents for academic affairs, according to a memorandum issued last week by Jack Carlton, vice president for academic affairs.

James Huhta, professor of history, and Mary Tom Berry, professor of education, were Regents' Chancellor Roy Nicks before being official, are proposed as half-time administrative positions. Both Huhta and Berry would be expected to fulfill their teaching and faculty duties.

The Jan. 7 memorandum was intended to inform the faculty that nominees for the posts have been selected. Carlton said in a statement which appeared in the Daily News Journal Jan 9



Huhta '

selected as nominees for the posts after consideration of all applicants, the Jan. 7 memo to MTSU faculty announced.

The new posts, which must be approved by President M.G. Scarlett and the State Board of



Berry

Huhta, director of MTSU historic preservation studies program, has been with the university since 1965.

Berry, an MTSU professor since 1960, received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1961.

Hood to leave university Feb. 1

University President M. G. Scarlett will have a new administrative assistant following the resignation of John Hood, effective Feb. 1.

Hood, who submitted his resignation to Scarlett, said, "The place where I will be working wants to hold the release until later in the month."

Applications for the post will be accepted through Jan. 20, Scarlett said. An applicant from MTSU would be "more familiar" with the university but applications will not be limited to MTSU.

Scarlett will choose Hood's replacement with assistance from the office personnel.

Hood, who was employed by the university for 10 years, said his new position would be in Murfreesboro.

"I will not be too far removed from the university," Hood added.

University receives restitution in travel fraud

by Tony Daughtrey

Full restitution for misused travel funds has been received from a university administrator and two former university officials, according to President M.G. Scarlett.

"As far as this university is concerned, it's all concluded," Scarlett said. Possible action might be taken by the State Board of Regents or the Attorney General, but such action would be of their own initiative, he added.

Implicated for submitting falsified travel expense reports were Tommy Brown, assistant director of university relations. Ken Brackett, former assistant basketball coach and Ray Rich, former graduate assistant. The three filed the reports while on recruiting rips for the basketball tear, according to Scarlett. Brown is not with the athletic program but was aiding in the recruiting efforts.

When asked if any violation of NCAA recruiting regulations had occurred by the misuse of funds. Scarlett replied that he saw "no relation" between the incident and

he NCAA

"As far as I know, the NCAA has nothing to do with this case at all." Scarlett said. He stated that although funds had been falsely claimed, there is no evidence to indicate that the monies had been used in such violations.

Brown is now serving out two weeks suspension for his part in the incident. Brackett and Rich, who are currently employed at other schools, received no penalty other than making restitution for the funds.

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Legal aid canvass will begin tonight

ASB volunteers kicked off a 10-day campaign yesterday to enlist support for the legal aid program.

A door-to-door canvass, both on and off campus, will begin tonight, ASB President Ted Helberg said. ASB representatives will explain the program and answer questions.

The program, sponsored jointly by ASB and Barrett, Brandt and Barrett law firm, provides legal advice and consultations, conferences, correspondences and negotiations; legal representation in criminal misdemeanor cases and felony criminal cases; and defense in landlord-tenant actions, Helberg said.

Four hundred students must enroll in the program before the law firm will undertake the plan, Helberg said. Cost is \$10 per student. When enrolled, the student will be an individual client with the law firm, Helberg explained. The ASB will not be involved in individual cases.

Students will be covered in the geographic region of Middle Tennessee, the president said.

A group legal aid program is a "novel idea," Helberg said. Only two universities in the country have programs similar to the proposed plan, he pointed out.

"If you use the policy one time, you will have 100 times your

money's worth," Helberg added.

The contract between ASB and Barrett, Brandt and Barrett is expected to be signed this month, Helberg said.

A legal affairs committee, consisting of the ASB president, public defender, attorney general and chief justice will be set up to handle any complaints, Helberg said

"Ideally, we hope to expand the benefits and lower prices so that every student will be required to pay \$1 at registration," Helberg said.



ASB volunteers Lester Simpson and Rebecca Cunningham discuss the legal aid program with students in the UC yesterday. Representatives will kick-off their door-to-door campaign tonight. Cost of the program per semester is \$10.

Chuck Thompson Photo

Dean's selection sidesteps council

Newly-appointed Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake was selected without a hearing committee, Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance said last week.

"The committee process was not required and we did not feel the need at the associate dean level," LaLance said.

Committees are used in hiring persons for "high level" jobs, LaLance said.

"However, it might be a good idea to have a committee in future instances," the vice president said.

Twenty-eight applications were received for the position, Lalance said. Five applicants were chosen by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell and recommended to LaLance.

Shewmake was chosen as the top applicant and his name was forwarded to university President M. G. Scarlett, LaLance said.

After being sent to Scarlett, the recommendation was forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

LaLance said he would recommend that a committee hearing be used in future hiring matters.



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ASB wants input in Board's studies

by Brenda Blanton

A resolution to support and assist the State Board of Regents in the formulation of committees to study campus alcohol and visitation policies was passed unanimously by the ASB Senate Thursday night.

Sponsored by senior senator Bill Clendenen, the resolution provided for support of these ad hoc committees only if they "contain adequate student representation."

"We want them to know that we, as students, want to have some part in making the decision," he said.

Clendenen said open hearings will be held on each Tennessee campus to get input from students, faculty and administrators.

"The committees will review policies that exist and make recommendations to the Student Life Committee in March, Speaker of the Senate Jane Carroll explained.

Carroll said she and ASB President Ted Helberg will be meeting next week with President M.G. Scarlett to talk about the committees.

Other Senate discussion involved the Ombudsman Program, started last year as a problem-solving agency.

Headed by Michael Gigandet, Carroll said the program and telephone council "is in the process of becoming efficient."

A meeting for Ombudsman volunteers is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, she said.

In other business, Carroll provided for the distribution of publicity sheets containing the picture and telephone number of each ASB senator.

The publicity sheets contain the phrase "Use Your Senators" and will hopefully improve ASB relations with students.

Fraternity plans annual tourney

The Mu Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is sponsoring the Third Annual Omega Invitational Basketball Tournament starting at 7 p.m in the Alumni Memorial Gym Jan. 13, 15 and 16.

Trophies will be given for first, second and third places, with a best sportsmanship trophy to be awarded.

A \$1 ticket can be purchased for all three nights of the tournament, or individuals can pay 50 cents a night.

Fire strikes home of employee; none hurt

A midday fire on Jan.5 left an MTSU employee and his family unharmed but homeless.

Vernon Greer, a member of the evening maintanence relief crew, and his family narrowly escaped the fire that destroyed their house in Milton.

Greer had just awakened and was getting ready for work when he noticed the smoke and alerted his wife and two year old son. Greer stated he "tried to get some of the fire but it got too bad."

Any persons interested in donating needed food stuffs, furniture or clothing should contact the Murfreesboro office of the Red Cross at 893-4272

Martin, Buffet eyed for Feb. 7 concert date

Comedian Steve Martin and singer Jimmy Buffet are the top two performers on the selection list for a Feb. 7 concert in the DA auditorium.

According to selection board member Butch Burns, a list of five comedians and three singers was submitted to Harold Smith, director of student programming. The list was submitted after board approval during a selection board meeting Wednesday night in the University Center.

"The list was submitted in order of preference," Burns said. "We hope to get one comedian and one singer. If we don't get the top people on the list, the entire list is good enough that we will still have a good concert."

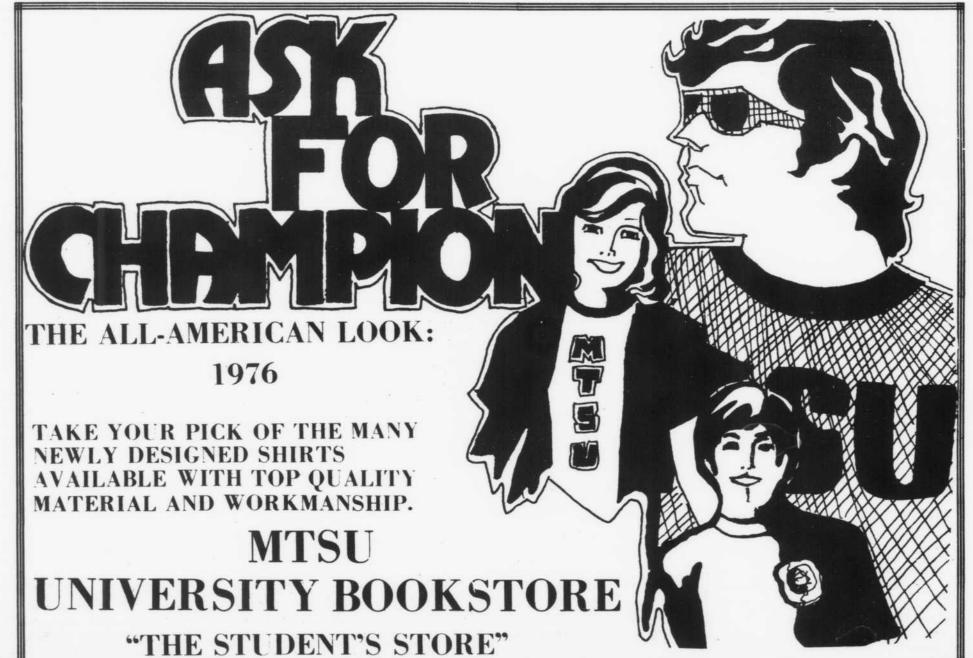
The list of comedians in order of preference after Martin includes: Lily Tomlin, Albert Brooks, and the Not Ready For Prime Time Players. Following Jimmy Buffett on the singer list are John Prine and Mac

Gayden

Burns stressed that the list is only a suggested list submitted to the director of student programming. "While it is hoped he will be able to get out first choices, there is no assurance that he will be able to," Burns said.

Contacting and obtaining a contract with a performer is left up to the director of programming. "We are sure he will do the best he

can," Burns commented.



Opinion

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Input vital to assembly

When the 89th General Assembly convenes today, Tennessee's lawmakers will be faced with a tremendous slate of legislation to be acted upon.

Probably the most pressing concern is the budget. One representative has predicted the quick passage of a one-half cent sales tax increase. A state income tax proposal may gain a legislative nod this session.

Legislators must decide how to divide the budget pie—should higher education receive increased monies or will the Medicaid program discover more financial assistance from the Assembly?

Of particular interest to students is proposed legislation on decriminalization of marijuana, women's rights and alcoholic beverages on state campuses.

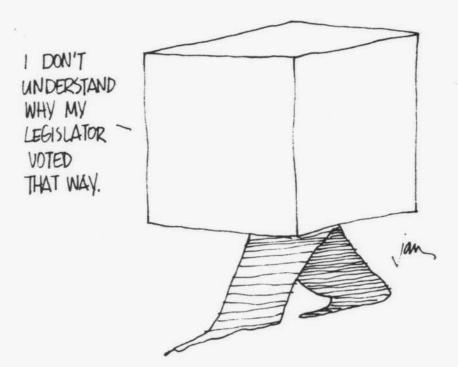
Even though students have strong opinions concerning these issues, seldom do we bother to inform our legislators how we would vote on the proposals. Many students probably don't even know their representative or senator's name.

As Tennessee citizens we have the responsibility to become involved in matters that will affect our daily lives.

You are not required to be a successful businessman or a local "bigshot" to lobby for legislation that concerns you. All you have to do is call or write your legislator.

Too many of us relax in our ivory towers and afterwards complain about the incompetence of our elected officials.

For once, give a damn about your government and allow your legislator to represent your interests.



letters

Childhood dream answered with 'corn starch'

This is a letter of commendation to the Student Programming Office for its success at fulfilling the students' needs. I am referring to the most recent event which took place on January 8--the accumulation of the corn starch on campus.

Coming at a time when the students were restless for something to do after the gloomy vacation period, the Programming Office composed an event that involved everyone.

Ever since registration began, it seemed as though every conversation I was in or overheard always worked its way around to the subject of snow. Now anyone with any knowledge of Tennessee history knows that not since the blizzard in 1951 has it snowed again in Tennessee, but to satisfy the child in all of us its always fun to dream.

Corn-starch--now who would have thought it would bring so much joy. What a way to start this bicentennial year. I am confident the Programming Office did not deal with Ned Cook after last semester's expose of the gentleman and that we received only the finest grade A, number one, homegrown and processed corn starch.

As I stand by my dorm window and face the University Center, my right hand comes snappily to my right brow as a gesture of my appreciation. You have presented a tough first act, and it is going to be difficult to follow, but I believe it is an omen of what is going to be a semester that he students will not soon forget.

Bill Clendenen Box 2155

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Regents 'praised' for office complex

Congratulations MTSU.

Again the brilliant Board of Regents has bestowed upon us a \$1 million plus office building for additions on campus. What's wrong with the LRC?

Why not build a parking complex instead, or doesn't MTSU need it? Why don't you ask the commuters what they think about my idea?

I wasn't aware that the administration, faculty and staff were exceeding the number of students so much that they needed extra office space.

Or why not use some of that

money to alter the water flow problem on campus so I won't have to swim to class in the spring? Jackie Roy

Jackie Roy Box 6836

Letters Welcome

Sidelines invites letters to the editor on the issues affecting our campus. Letter may be edited for length and libel. Send letters to Sidelines, box 42.

Madison Avenue sells American Bicentennial

by Trina Jones

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country.

For those students who have wrestled with a typewriter in a typing class, the above sentence should be a familiar one. Millions of typing teachers have dictated that phrase to sweaty-palmed students during a 15-second timed typing exam.

Let's forget about the rather mundane use of the sentence and look at the meaning of the sentence itself. Probably the most important word in the whole sentence is the first, now. We need good and dedicated men (and women) to come to the aid of America's ideals right now, during the glorious and thunderous Bicentennial celebration.

What, you didn't realize that America was celebrating her 200th birthday this year? Where have you been? Well, would you please take me back with you, because I have no desire to see another Bicentennial Kleenex commercial, resplendent with red, white and blue facial tissues and 18th century town criers roaming the streets.

It is my contention that, in many ways, the Bicentennial celebration is not a tribute to those ideals and motives that started this country, but is rather a testimonial of Madison Avenue selling techniques and packaging.

It all started about a year ago with CBS and Shell Oil Company's Bicentennial minutes, (which really aren't minutes at all). Let's face it, not even the colonists had rip-snorting, exciting days every day of the week.

Maybe if they had known in advance that such mini-extravagances were going to be produced, they would have planned their daily itineraries better.

The Not-Ready-for-Prime-Time Players of NBC's late-night show, Saturday Night, have satirized the Bicentennial minute concept with happened to the 'nothing is better for thee than me' approach?

Everything from syrup, socks, coffee and jewelry is being pushed in the colonial motif. The ultimate in the Bicentennial pandering

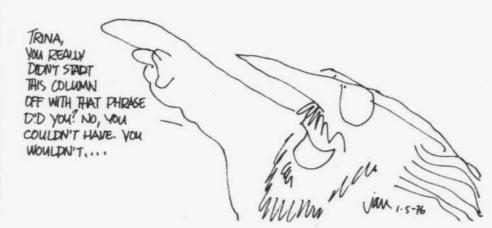
American flags to be posted in the coffin's interior. How's that for class?

The most recent Bicentennial extravaganzas had to be the half-time shows staged at all the bowl games New Year's Day. The Orange Bowl's program was the most opulent, with miniature replicas of the Capitol Building, Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument spread across the football field. One can only guess the thousands of dollars that were spent for the 25-minute show.

Now is the time for all American citizens to celebrate a rebirth of America through a rededication to the principles of true democracy. The selling of consumer goods is an integral part of our economic history and development and surely cannot be ignored, but let us never forget the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

Let us not forget that criticism and dissent in America is not necessarily a form of Communism. but a healthy sign that our institutions are still important enough to be honestly viewed and commented upon by the country's citizens.

Let's not let the ribbons, flags and firecrackers blind us to the real meaning of our Bicentennial.



their own special mini-moments call the Bee-centennial minutes.

In one segment, in which all the players were dressed in bee costumes, the day in the life of a bee during the time of the Revolutionary War was immortalized. While being far-fetched (and uproariously funny), it did point out the lengths to which CBS might have to go to complete their series.

If we modern Americans are smart, perhaps we should plan to video-tape our day's activities so that they will be available when our Tricentennial arrives. I'm sure our future generations would be most excited at seeing you sitting around the university grill drinking a cup of coffee—the stuff of which a revolution could be made.

And the Bicentennial beat goes on. Quaker Oats boxtops are being beaten to death to call attention to the birthday party. Whatever packages has to be an offer being made in the state of Indiana.

An industrious and ingenious funeral home owner in that state is now offering a Bicentennial coffin. The interior is lined with red, white and blue material, offering the super-patriot a chance to go out in a burst of patriotic glory.

For an extra charge, the owner will also include two small

ASB sponsors diverse services by Jane Carroll The ASB executive branch is

ASB, the abbreviation whose meaning you have had to strain to remember in the past, is offering you an opportunity to use your Associated Student Body in a brand new way.

You now have the option of purchasing legal aid service with a law firm in Nashville. This program will be thoroughly explained during the next two weeks.

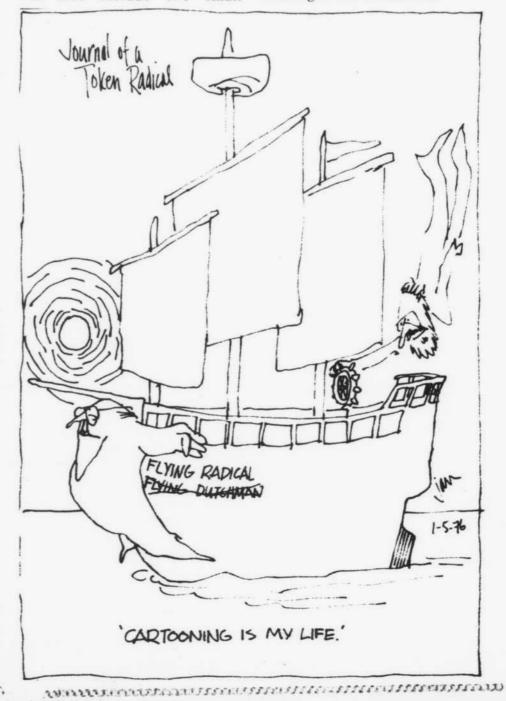
The ASB Senate has a new program to give you access to your representatives. Each month the senators will be making rounds door-to-door in your dorm to help with any problems you have and/or to answer any of your questions.

There will be a table in the University Center basement on designated days for commuters to have access to ASB personnel.

The ASB executive branch is working in conjunction with other university student government associations on the issues of visitation and alcohol. The state Board of Regents, MTSU's governing body is responding positively by creating state-wide task forces to investigate these issues.

Legislation recommending the decriminalization of marijuana has been sent to about 30 congressmer of the Tennessee General Assembly which convenes next Tuesday.

A new electoral act passed by the ASB Congress will make our offices more accesible to more of you. There were about nine changes made in the election procedures, one allowing fewer signatures on the petitions of candidates for office.



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Picnic tables await 'a sunny day' for installation

by Frank White

MTSU dorm residents are still without picnic tables and grills even though the equipment has been on campus since January 1974.

The tables and grills were ordered after a move initiated by the ASB to help improve dorm life.

Under the plan presented by the ASB, each dorm would have picnic tables and grill on a concrete pad for the use of the dorm students.

The plan was approved and money was appropriated through the housing office to purchase the tables and grills. Housing or-

Housing director to face surgery

MTSU Housing Director Sam McLean will be hospitalized next week to undergo surgery to alleviate his heart trouble, according to Jim Craig, assistant housing director.

McLean, who suffered a mild heart attack Sept. 4, will be entering Nashville's St. Thomas Hospital next week for the operation, tentatively scheduled for either Jan. 19 or Jan. 20, Craig said. dered the tables and grills which arrived at maintance in January, 1974

"We didn't know anything about the plan until the tables and grills arrived at our warehouse," Harold C. Jewell, director of maintenance, said. "For this reason we did not have a schedule to install the tables. No one told us we were supposed to."

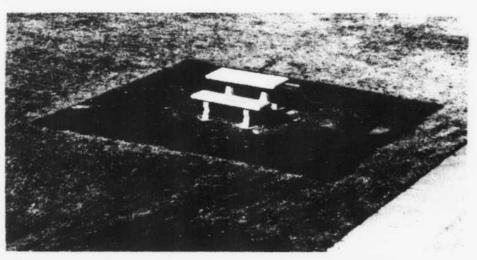
The recreation equipment remained in the maintenance warehouse until spring, 1975, waiting for the asphalt pads to be installed. The asphalt was laid by an outside contractor, according to Jim Craig, acting director of housing.

Housing has contacted the maintenance department several times to see when the recreation equipment would be installed, he said.

"We are told that they have other priorities that must come first," Craig said. "I do understand that stopped-up drains and backed-up sewers receive higher priority."

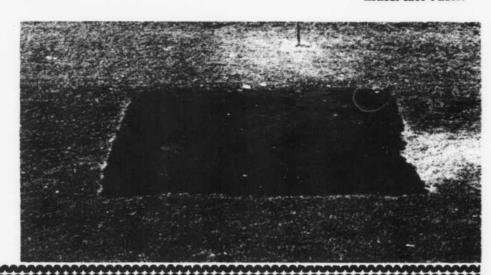
"We will try to get them in the next sunny day," Jewel explained. "I don't expect our men to go out in freezing weather to put up picnic tables."

Some tables but no grills have already been installed.



Some on-campus students may enjoy the benefits of having picnic tables outside their residence hall, while others must wait for "a sunny day" when maintenance personnel can install the remaining grills and tables.

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ADPi's capture Stunt Night prize



Members of Alpha Delta Pi social sorority sing their way to first place at Stunt Night last week. Nine organizations participated in the event. All proceeds help fund the Charles Holland Memorial Scholarship Fund. **Ernest Rice Photo**

by Riley Clark

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority walked away with the first place trophy at the fortieth annual stunt night Thursday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Their skit of "Peter Pan" carried a Bicentennial flavor that was prevalent throughout the entire program.

John Hood, assistant to President Scarlett, served as Master of Ceremonies as he has in recent years. Cecilia Ray, a senior in the Speech and Theatre Department, provided musical entertainment between acts.

Chi Omega Sorority won second

place in the competition with their skit "The Blue Raider Barnyard".

Other participants included Kappa Delta, the Gymnastics club, the MTSU Chemistry club, Delta Zeta and the Performing Arts Co. of MTSU.

In addition to the MTSU organizations, Riverdale Drama Club presented scenes from the musical "Carousel".

Judges for the competition were J. R. Wears, Oakland High School; Joy Anthony, Riverdale High School and Dot Harrison, Daily News Journal.

All proceeds go to the Charles Holland Memorial Fund.

VP notes rules for speakers

Campus organizations may have guest speakers outdoors, but the proper procedures must be followed, Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance said.

"Our rules do not specify where organizations sponsor guest speakers," the vice president said. "In most cases, the building facilities are designed more adequately."

The Rescue specifies that student organizations "planning to invite a speaker to the campus for a campus-wide audience shall inform the organization's faculty advisor, the dean of students and the Ideas and Issues Committee before the invitation is extended.'

If such a request is made, the dean of students "would look for a place where the organization could have the activity and not interfere with the welfare of other students," LaLance said.

"We have the responsibility to the state and to the people to maintain a reasonably orderly campus," LaLance added.

As a result of the free speech movement in the 1960's, universities were "required to establish reasonable guidelines to insure order without interferring with the rights of students and faculty members."

"As far as I know, no one who has followed the procedures outlined in the Rescue has been denied the opportunity to speak at MTSU." LaLance said.

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Piano students' concert slated

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Piano performing students Richard Cleveland, Anne Cooper, Cindy Hall, Grace Karl, Martha Kelsey, Christopher Moxon, Kim Pearce and Jerry Reed will perform the works of several American composers in the concert program.

Composers whose piano compositions will be showcased include Samuel Barber, John Cage, Henry Cowell, Charles Griffes and Roy Harris.

Two of the student performers

Karl and Cleveland, captured first-prize awards at the Tennessee Music Teachers Association auditions in Memphis this

Karl is the holder of the Frances Bohannon Music Club scholarship for the current academic year and will represent Tennessee at the Regional Auditions in Mississippi in February.

Cleveland is the recipient of this year's Paul Britt Memorial Scholarship and has appeared as a soloist with the University-Community Orchestra.

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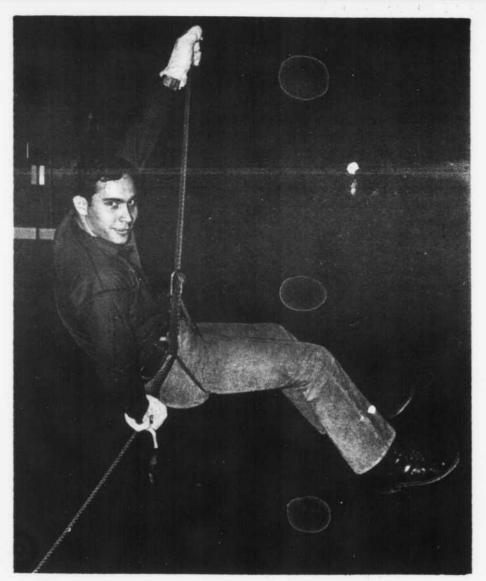
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Special events board praised in recent report

by Frank White

The Special Events Committee at MTSU has shown better skill and is better organized when compared with other similar schools, according to the final report of the Special Events Study Committee.

This final report was submitted to Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance, after a nine-month investigation by the committee.

The committee was initiated on April 7, 1975, in response to an ASB resolution dated Feb. 20, 1975. The committee was made up of three students, Margaret Alexander, Jeff Combos and Richard Langford, and two administrators, Charles Akers and Ivan Shewmake.

Combos and Langford sponsored the initiating bill in the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively.

'concert scheduling here ...

is as good as any school's...'

The purpose of the committee was to determine whether the Special Events Committee is serving the needs of the student body to the best of its ability. The resolution asked that suggestions be made which would reflect the interest of MTSU students in the

scheduling of concerts and enter-

"After contacting other schools and checking around, we found that the concert scheduling here at MTSU is as good as any school's," Combos said. "In fact, out concert schedule is better than any school in the state."

The committee's investigation was concentrated on three main points: 1) Recognition by Special Events of the interest of the student in programming; 2) Presentation of a balanced program to serve the varied interest of the student body; and 3) Comparison of the product of the MTSU Special Events Committee with concert and entertainment programs offered at other schools.

The committee determined that a consistent effort is being made to serve the students' interests, after questioning Harold Smith, student programming director, and after studying available materials.

According to the report, much of the discontent with the Special Events Committee is not from a negligence in serving the interests of the students, but from a failure to understand the role of the Special Events Committee.

Because of the wide variety of interests among the student body, some persons are dissatisfied with particular concerts, while the same concerts fill the desires of other students, the report stated. presentations draw large crowds from the surrounding area while being of limited interest to the majority of MTSU students.

"These same programs, however are generators of monies which are used to finance the less profitable presentations desired by the students," the report said.

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with particular concerts...

From contact with student government members of other schools, the study committee found that MTSU has been most fortunate in concert and entertainment offerings.

"For instance, Combos said, "when the Who were on tour last fall, they only made three stops in the South. We were lucky to be able to get them. That shows that the Special Events Committee is

doing a good job."

"We found that the Special Events Committee's job is much more complicated than it seems," Combos asserted.

"Their job is more complicated than just calling a group and asking them to come. We found that several things have to fall together.

"Not only do they have to find a group touring the area, but the group's date has to coordinate with open dates at Murphy Center. The groups usually have just a few open dates and if these don't coincide with open dates at Murphy Center, we miss the group," Combos explained. "For instance, we had a chance to get a top group last year, but their only open date was during our Thanksgiving break."

The committee concluded that criticism of the Special Events Committee derived primarily from a lack of understanding of the job rather than from any negligence on the part of the Special Events Committee.

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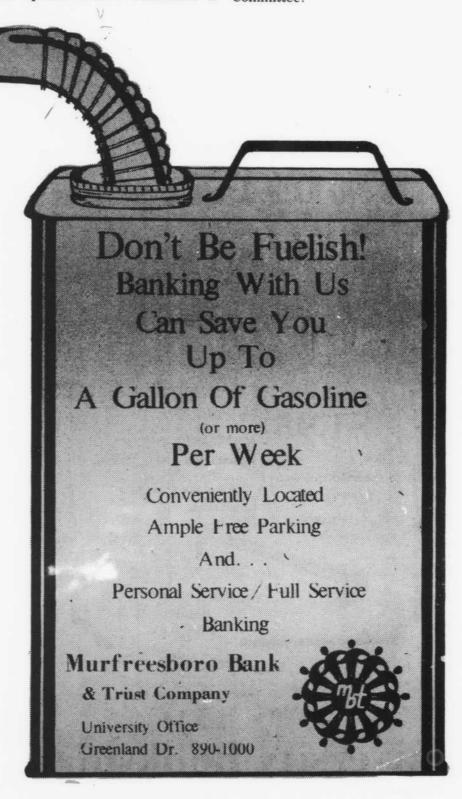
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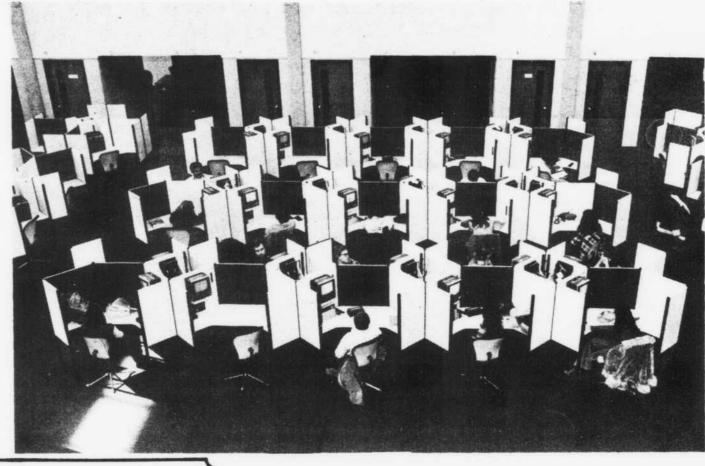
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Students take advantage of the LRC facilities in the Personalized Learning Lab. Here, one can watch television in the privacy of his individual cubicle.

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"The Students Store"

Lab adds to class instruction

by Nancy McCrary

Do you ever want to watch color television with less than 20 people in the lobby? Do you ever want to look at your personal slides? Do you have that paper that should be typed but you do not have a typewriter? The Personal Learning Lab is your answer.

The Learning Resources Center opened this fall and is for the use of the students as well as instructors' supplements to class assignments. Mary Jo James, director of the personalized learning lab, said that even some of the local high school students are using the LRC.

The Personalized Learning Lab has a flight simulator, available conference rooms and computer terminals besides the television monitors and a 16mm projector.

The second floor of the lab is under construction and should be completed before the end of this semester. More students and instructors will then be able to benefit from this added amount of monitors, Caramates for slides and filmstrip projectors.

Also, a counselor for the partially blind and the blind is now being interviewed and will be located on the first floor of the lab.

Joan Gilbert, graduate assistant of the personalized learning lab and Gail Meredith, personalized learning lab assistant are part of Mrs. James' staff that are willing to assist the student. Mrs. James also serves as the director of equipment services of MTSU.

The lab is opened on Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 10 p.m. There are also trained student employees to

assist students and Mrs. James' staff.

The Personalized Learning Lab has video tape licenses to all Coronet, CRM, Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Films, Ford Motor Co., Japan Trade Center, Michigan State University, Shell Oil Co., Tennessee State Department of Conservation as well as government films. A valid MTSU identification card is all that is needed to view any film by any student when the lab is open.

Subjects of these films range from dying, aging, childbirth, HPER, stage dialects and criminal justice to political science, economics, music, cancer, religious readings and government.

Campus Calendar

Today

GED Test: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. UC 314 ROTC Organizational Demonstration: 10:30-12 & 2:30-4 p.m.: DA Auditorium

Movie: "Claudine," 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC theatre; fifty cents

Women's Basketball: MTSU vs. Union Univ., 6 p.m.; Murphy Center

Omega Psi Phi Basketball Tournament 7 p.m.; AM Gym

Fun Night: Featuring "Glory," 8 p.m.; Tenn. Room, SUB

Tomorrow

GED Test: 8-12 a.m.; UC 314

Movie: "Taming of the Shrew," 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC theatre; fifty cents

ASB House of Representatives: 4:30-6:30 p.m.: UC 322

Talent Show: Kool Club, 8-12 p.m.; AM

American Piano Music Contest: 8 p.m.; DA Auditorium

Fellowship of Christian Athletes; 8 p.m.;

Intersession trip nets hours credit

Students can earn three hours credit by spending the two weeks of this year's intersession in Ecuador and Peru.

Sponsored jointly by the Department of Geography and Earth Science and the Department of Foreign Languages, the course will give students the opportunity to be "totally immersed in another culture for two weeks," according to Del Shumway of the Spanish Department.

"There is a great difference between people from the United States and from other countries, and the only way to learn this is to actually be exposed to them," he said.

The tentative itinerary includes a visit to Quito, the capital of Ecuador. Quito is noted for its pleasant climate caused by a high altitude and close proximity to the equator.

Visits to Lima, Cusco, the capital of the ancient Inca Empire, and Macchu Pichu, one of the most famous archaeological sites in Latin America are scheduled during the two-week expedition.

The trip includes a visit to the ruins of temples of the sun-worshippers in their visits to the Latin-American sites.

The approximate cost of the trip is \$750, excluding tuition and meals. The course is open to all students.

Anyone desiring further information may contact Shumway at 898-2981.



Former prof wins photo contest

by Paulette Parkhurst

Jim Norton, former MTSU photography instructor, captured the \$200 grand prize in the Tennessee Bicentennial photography competition held at the MTSU Learning Resources Center Jan. 10.

"Tennessee: A Bicentennial Portrait," jointly sponsored by MTSU, the Tennessee Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, received 136 photography entries from 37 photographers. Awards for three first-place winners, seven second-place winners, 12 third-place winners and five fourth-place winners were presented.

Over \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to the contest winners.

William Messer, whose pnotographs have appeared in such publicat ons as the Time-Life Library of Photography, served as

the out-of-state judge for the competition.

The competition was composed of "very mixed offerings of very fine work," Messer said.

The contest's winning entries will be on display in the LRC photo gallery 2-10 p.m. Sunday.

The winning photographs will be compiled and published in catalog form on Jan. 16, according to Harold Baldwin, associate professor of mass communications.



Earth is three-fourths metric--then there's us...

by John Pitts

Richard McCord is a very popular person.

He and William Price, both members of the mathematics department here, have suddenly found themselves in demand to lecture on a topic they always figured would someday be important -- the metric system.

"When I was in college physics classes I felt then I could do metric problems, but not that I could really think metric," McCordadmitted. Since then, however, his interest in the metric system has grown, and he now teaches the system to his students.

"Both houses of Congress have passed their own versions of the metric bill," McCord said. "The matter is now in conference committee to iron out the differences."

He predicted that a bill urging a voluntary conversion to the metric system would be on President Ford's desk "within the next month or two."

The metric system is hardly new, having been developed in France following the revolution in the late 1700's. In France, each individual province had its own system of measurements, as many as 100 in all. Especially in the wine industry this difference in measurements was very troublesome, McCord said.

A committee of outstanding French mathmaticians developed the metric system, based on the commomly used ten system of mathmatics. The system quickly spread in popularity until, before World War II, more than three-fourths of the world was on the metric system.

In the metric system, everything is based on intervals of the tens system. With the meter as a basic unit of measurement, a decimeter is ten meters, a hectometer is a hundred meters and a kilometer is a thousand meters. In the other direction, a decimeter is one tenth of a meter, a centimeter is one hundredth of a meter and the millimeter is one thousandth of a meter, the smallest common metric measurement.

As illustrated in the metric system, the prefixes determine what the measure represents. The same applies for the gram, a basic metric unit of weight, and the liter, the common metric volume measure.

As a standard of reference, a meter equals about .9 of a yard, a gram equals one twenty-eighth of an ounce and the liter is 2.1 pints.

Today only the United States, Burma, Liberia and a few other underdeveloped countries are not on the metric system completely, McCord said, yet even the U.S. is making considerable changes.

Big business has been using metric measures for several years, with such industries as automobile manufacturers and pharmacutical companies among the pacesetters, McCord commented.

"Many companies are waiting for federal approval of the metric system before they make the switch," McCord explained. "It will probably hurt the small businessman the most (with the costs of conversion)."

However, a federal government study released in 1971 estimated that the nation could lose more than a billion dollars of foreign trade for every year they failed to adopt the world's standard of measurement.

A poll taken of leading manufacturers revealed that over 70 per cent of the companies interviewed favored increasing use of the metric system.

"In the long run they'll (the businesses) will come out better," McCord said, "Especially in the imports and exports area." Many American companies cannot export parts they make for machines since the parts would not fit metric equipment.

Both Ford and General Motors manufacture automobiles in the United States that are based solely on the metric system. This development has boomed the popularity of metric tools and made them a required part of every mechanics' tool chest.

"For competition reasons all companies will finally be forced into conversions, and they may not have the proper financial support," McCord warned.

Advantages for the individual American under the metric system might seem small since an intense period of re-education would be necessary to acclimate the average person to meters, grams and liters rather than feet, ounces or quarts.

Under one plan, a period of ten years would be taken to make the complete changeover to the metric system. Britain and Australia both used a 10 year program to make the switch; Japan took over 40 years to complete the change.

Several states, notably Ohio and Massachusetts, are already putting metric measurements alongside the traditional figures on road signs and in ball parks. Also, food manufacturers have added gram and liter weights to the usual measurements on their packages.

McCord cautions that the biggest stumbling block to putting the metric system in effect here in America is that the "adult population (of the United States) is used to the rut we are in, and its always hard to get out."

Maybe the ladies' clubs and television stations that have been keeping McCord and Price's phone hot for appearances realize that the metric system is coming fast. Luckily they have been willing to go the extra mile... whoops...kilometer...to get the information out to the local public.

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Toppers derail MTSU title defense plans

by Chuck Cavalaris Sports Editor

The shadow boxing has ceased. But in the infancy of the 1976 OVC race, the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky sounded a resounding 83-69 knockout of MTSU last night at Murphy Center.

The bleachers were unexplainably empty when the OVC opener for both schools began, but 8,000 eventually showed up.

MTSU suffered the second home setback in three games and is now 8-4. The Raiders hope to start another win streak when Tennessee Tech comes to town Saturday night.

'Topper forward James Wilson and guard Chuck Rawlings combined for 48 points. Wilson stuck to hitting lay-ups underneath, making eight of 10, while Rawlings decided to play zone buster from the outer reaches of Murphy Center.

"The hustle and the effort was there," said Raider coach Jimmy Earle, "but I thought Western's experience paid off. Besides, we fouled too much early in each half."

Four seniors started for Western. They made their presence crystal clear when the 'Toppers broke loose midway in the first half and never trailed thereafter.

Spurred by the presence of 6-8 Clint Dennison, MTSU closed a 38-27 deficit down to the halftime count of 42-38. Western jumped to a commanding 52-44 stronghold and the Raiders could cut it no closer than five from then on.

Tim Sisneros and flashy Lewis Mack paced MTSU with 16 each. Mack flipped a game-high five assists. Sleepy Taylor added 14 and senior co-captain Freddie Allen chipped in to provide the bulk of the Raider attack.

Especially painful were 17 MTSU turnovers, including five lob passes which fell prey to enemy hands. Western committed 12.

The 'Toppers dreaded full-court

press didn't live up to billing, but they made up for it under the glass by hauling down 35 carroms to MTSU's 27.

Friday night the Palm Beach

Sailfish, a prison-like team, invaded Murphy Center and despite a pair of 7-2 and 6-9 frontliners turned out to be a can of tuna. The Raiders won 93-69.



Contemplation — Tim Sisneros looks underneath to hit John Bonner with a pass during last night's action. MTSU dropped its OVC opener with Western Kentucky, 83-69.

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Raiderettes top menu chart in Hiwassee 'home cooking'

by Ed Arning

Saturday night the Raiderettes baskethall team was invited to Hiwassee Junior College for a good of home cooking...unfortunately they were the main course.

the tinal score read: Hiwassee 72. MTSU 60, but the game was marred with controversy.

"We were roasted," said Coach Pat Jones following the game, and she went on to say that she sort of expected it but not to this extent.

The MTSU berch was slapped with a technical toul during the heat of the battle.

During the game one o. the referees charged a time-out to the Raiderette team. None of the MTSU players called it and after pleas from Jones for identification of the player, the referee admitted he did not know which one.

During all of this, a Hiwassee player was telling the referee that she had called the time-out.

With a trio of MTSU starters in foul trouble going into the second half, the Raiderettes shot 37 per cent from the field compared to 46 per cent for the host Tigerettes.

MTSU's Bennie Angus was able to get open for a team leading 16 points.

In the game the Raiderettes committed a total of 25 fouls, with Hiwassee hitting 14 of those charity shots

The Tigerettes were tagged with 14 .cals. Five of those came in the

last minute of play, being inflicted by the substitutes.

MTSU did not get into the one-and-one foul shooting situation until there were less than two minutes showing on the clock.

"The game was not won at the foul line, but the manner in which Hiwassee got to the line was the single biggest factor in determining the outcome," said Jones.

Catch the Raiderettes, 3-2, in action today at 6 p.m. here against Union University.

Western topples Blue Raider JV s

Outscoring MTSU's JVs 17-0 midway through the first half to open up a 25-8 lead. Western Kentucky's junior varsity went on to crush the Raiders, 87-66.

MTSU placed four men in double figures, led by Ronnie Hinson with 14, Charles Terry and Reggie Edwards with 11 apiece and Wendell Porter with 10.

However, Western had five men in double figures, paced by center Jim Philpott's 19 points.

Despite trailing 41-18 at the half, MTSU went on to outscore Western 48-46 in the second half.

The game was decided at the charity stripe, where Western hit 13 more shots, and in the turnover department where MTSU led. 23-17.

1975-6 Raider Basketball Schedule

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	DATE	TEAM	WE/OPP	ALL GAMES	ovo
	Dec. 1	University of the South*	88-71	1-0	
	Dec. 4	Morris Harvey*	89-67	2-0	
	Dec. 8	at Alabama*	62 76	2-1	
	Dec. 13	Rio Grande College*	89-65	3-1	
	Dec. 19	Clemson*	46-82	3-2	
		(Vol Classic)			
	Dec. 20	Army*	78-71	4-2	
	Dec. 23	Mercer University	83-72	5-2	
	Dec 29	California State*	69-64	6-2	
	Jan. 5	at Athens College*	65-63	7.2	
	Jan. 7	UT Chattanooga*	72-83	7.7	
	Jan. 9	Palm Beach Atlantic College	93-69	8.4	
	Jan. 12	Western Kentucky	69-83	8-4	0-1
	Jan. 17	Tennessee Tech	00 00		0-1
	Jan. 19	East Tennessee			
	Jan. 24	at Morehead State			
	Jan. 26	at Eastern Kentucky			
	Jan. 31	at Austin Peay			
	Feb. 2	at Murray State .			
	Feb. 7	at Western Kentucky	341		
	Feb. 9	Austin Peay			
	Feb. 14	at East Tennessee			
	Feb. 16	at Tennessee Tech			
	Feb. 21	Eastern Kentucky			
	Feb. 23	Morehead State			
	Feb. 25	at Marshall*			
	Feb. 28	Murray State			

March 1-4 & 5 OVC Tournament

*(non-conference game)

Wrestlers pin Ga. Tech in sixth win

by Jay Colley

Gaining four pins, one from Tommy Richards who made his debut in the heavyweight class, the MTSU wrestling squad rolled to a 38-9 win Friday over Georgia Tech at Murphy Center.

Wrestling for the first time this year. Richards. at 260 pounds, pinned Dan Papineau in the heavyweight class with 2:45 remaining to end the match.

The Grapplers upped the season mark to 6-4 while the Ramblin Wrecks slumped to their fifth straight loss. The matmen travel to Maryville today for another match.

"This is the most pins we have had in one match this season and that is what it takes to win," said an elated Coach Gordon Connell.

"We didn't know exactly what to expect out of their team, but we seemed to adjust fairly well," he added.

Mike Osborne opened the match with a win over Tech's Tim Castro in the 118-pound class and the Blue Raiders never trailed from that point.

Pat Simps n of MTSU followed with a pin of Pat Pahr, supplying the first in of the match.

Gaining his fourth pin of the season. Mike "Superstar" Kuzious put the shoulders of Tom Thach t the mai in 4:37 David Scott cominued the spree when he put down Bill Brooks in 3:13.

ine results of the match:

118--Mike Osborne (MT) dec. Tim Castro (GT) 5-3; 126--Pat Simpson (MT) pinned Pat Pahr (GT) 3:37; 134--Tommy Smith (MT) won by forfeit; 142--Mike Kuziola (MT) pinned Tom Thach (GT) 4:31; 150--David Scott (MT) pinned Mike Cox (GT) 3:13; 158--Kyle Smith (MT) vs. Bill Brooks (GT) draw; 167--Mike Scott (GT) dec. David Buck (MT) 11-6; 177--Mike Zobetaskis (GT) superior dec. Jeff Adcock (MT) 18-10; 190--Mike Hooker (MT) dec. Ed Turner (GT) 5-3: Hwt.- Tommy Richards (MT) pinned Dan Papineau (GT) 2:45; Final MT--38, GT--9.

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NCAA Convention: will the OVC undergo status loss?

A four-day convention of all NCAA member schools looms as "the most important meeting they have had" according to Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy, MTSU athletic director.

St. Louis will host the meetings, beginning Wednesday, which are aimed primarily at cutting athletic expenditures and laying the ground work for possible reorganization within the NCAA.

Chuckwagon

by Chuck Cavalaris Sports Editor

Some 324 topics are on the agenda, including a proposal concerning an all-sport Division II ranking for the OVC. Football is the only sport at MTSU to carry such a tag at present.

"That would hurt us. It could kill us," Murphy said of the possible classification which among other losses would cost the conference a berth in the NCAA Division I basketball playoffs.

It would also mean a drop in scholarships, coaching staffs and, of course, prestige. ''It's all designed to save money,'' Murphy said. What would happen if the Ohio Valley Conference dropped to Division II in each sport?

"I've heard different talk but I don't think any of our schools would leave the conference," Murphy said. "Western Kentucky is one of our schools who competes with the "big boys" and I have indications that they would stick with us."

The "big boys" as Murphy called them, are not satisfied with the present set-up because of restrictions on 1)travel squads, 2)recruiting, 3) coaching staffs, and 4) the number of scholarships.

When the actual vote takes place, it will be the smallest size institutions that hold the trump card and ironically enough, the fate of the OVC.

"If they (Division III) vote with the delegates from Division I, it is possible that we (the OVC) could go into Division II," Murphy said.

The NCAA currently aligns its schools in three divisions based on schedules, student enrollment and financial success. An alternative to Division II is the creation of Division I-A.

This division would classify a conference, such as the OVC, which has not attained football stability on terms with some Division I teams.

"We would do everything we can

to get into I-A if there is one," Murphy said. "Mainly because the conference champion would still qualify for the NCAA basketball playoffs in March."

To deepen the plot even further, about twenty of the so-called college football powers have threatened to leave the jurisdiction of the NCAA.

"If some of the major schools (Ohio State, Alabama, Texas, etc.) get together and form their own conference I think it would work because of the television money they could bring in," Murphy said.

"But I don't really think they would do it at this point," he added.

To say the least, the topics on the agenda will form a confusing discussion. Murphy probably put it in unequaled perspective while thumbing through a book detailing the convention.

"You can read through this dern stuff one night and then forget it the next," he said.

Whatever the outcome though, the sports program and desires of MTSU and the OVC will be directly affected. Just how severe won't be known until Saturday evening.

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IM BASKETBALL: Today at 4:30 p.m. is deadline for sign-ups for men's and women's intramural basketball.

Women must meet in room 204 of Alumni Memorial Gym while the men will meet on the gym floor.

EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT: This week's recreation equipment check-out hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 4-9 p.m.; Friday 2-9 p.m.; Saturday,

noon-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: A meeting for those interested in participating on the women's tennis team will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, in room 104 of Murphy Center.

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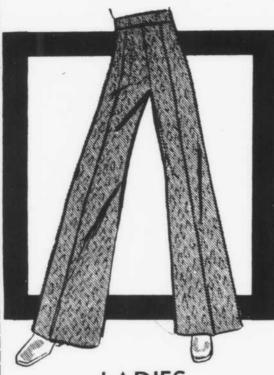
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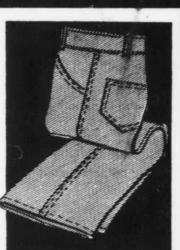
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