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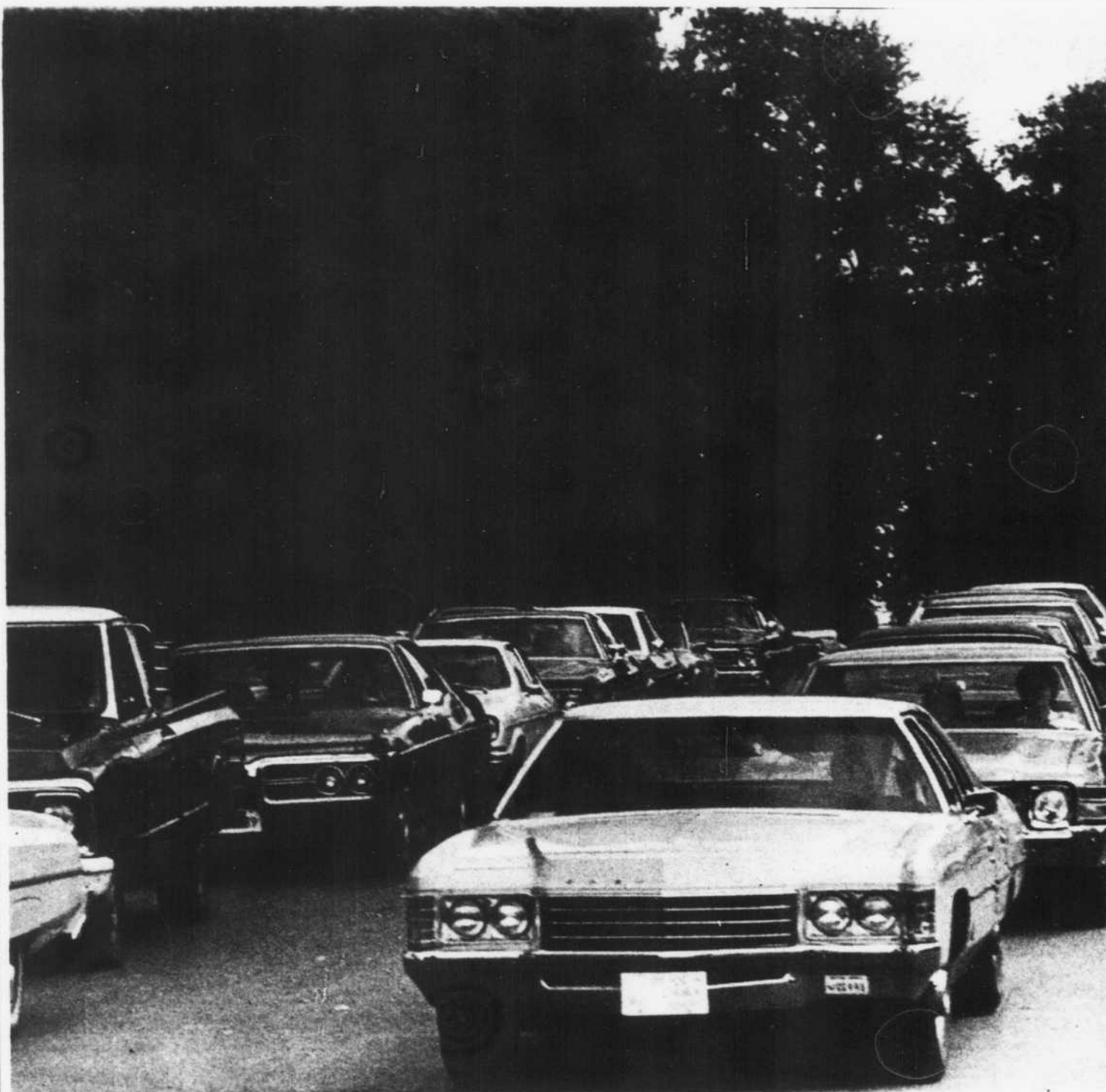
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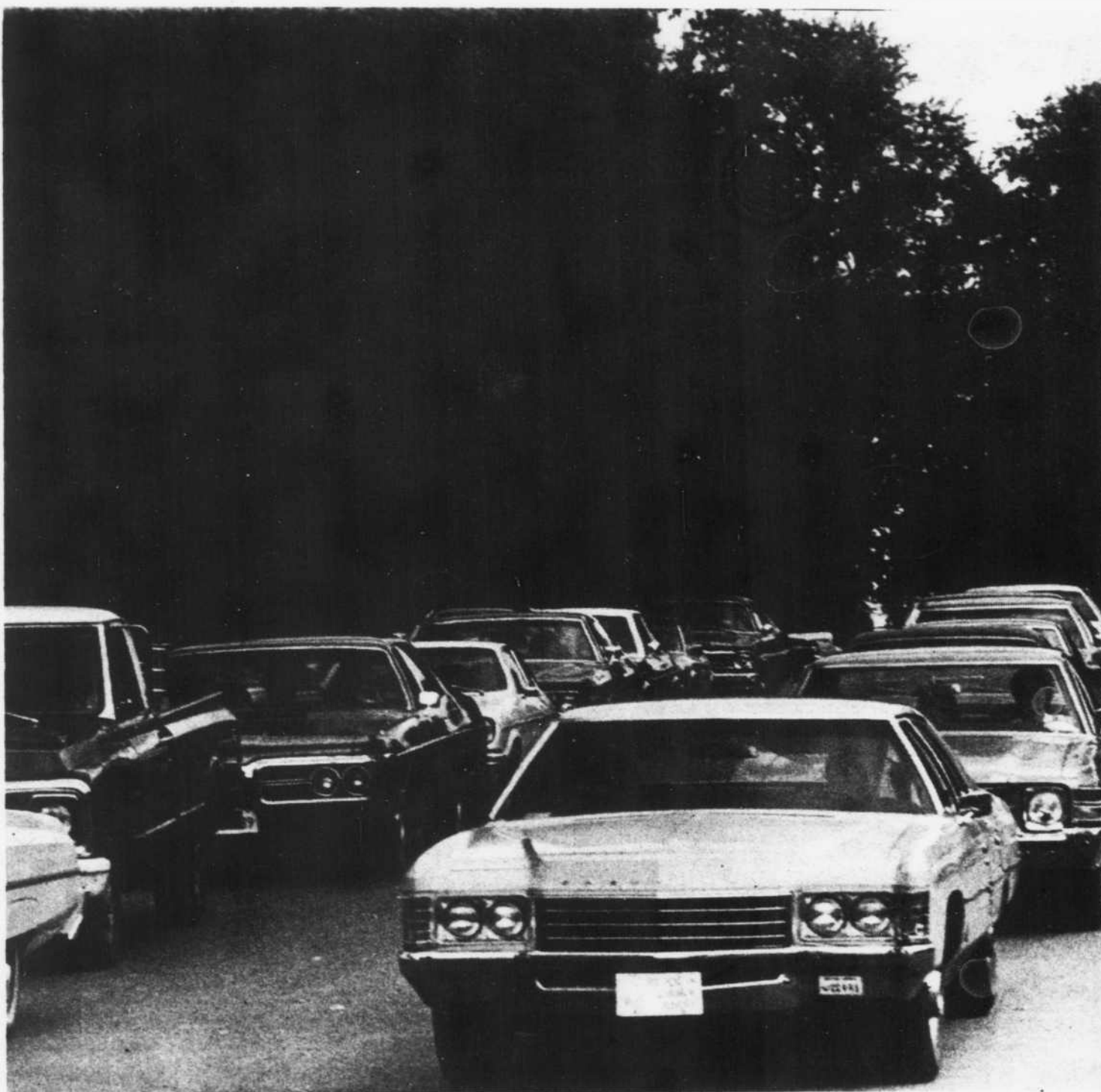
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Week's activities launched for freshman welcome

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might have about life on campus. Approximately 320 SOA's were distributed among the students at the Murphy Center meeting.

Yesterday students again met with their SOA's in groups of 25 to become familiar with the campus and its surroundings and to meet with advisers to plan 'trial schedules. An afternoon picnic outside of the High Rise dormitory continued the day's activities.

A concert by musician-comedian Steve Martin in the DA Auditorium sent the freshmen home weary and hesitant about beginning the task of registration.

Today, the new students and additional upperclassmen began the task of filing into Murphy Center to hopefully get the classes they want for the semester.

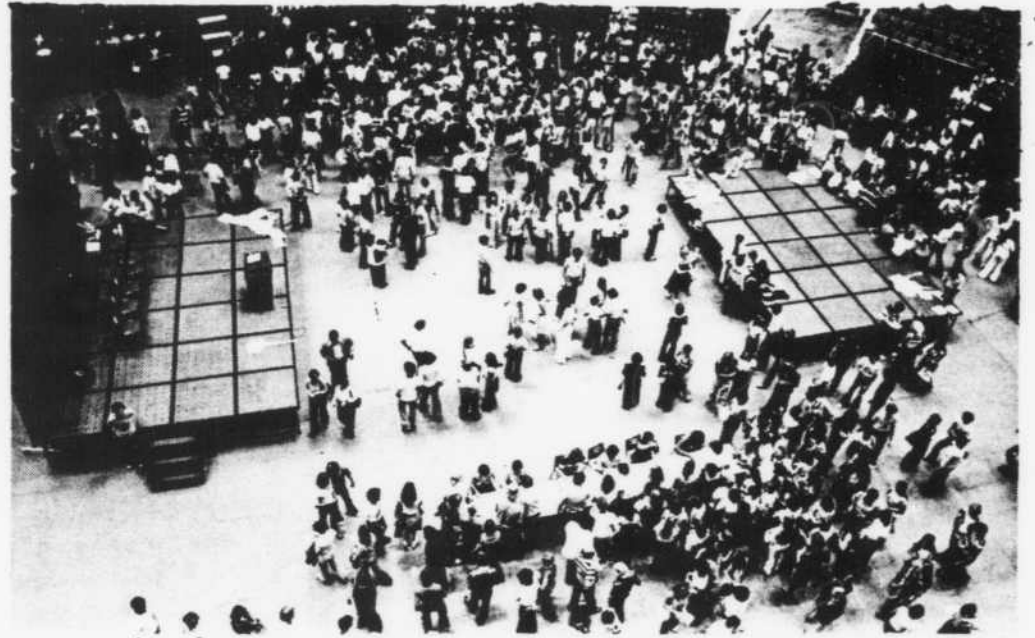
Registration is planned to continue Monday, with a pair of special showings of the award winning movie "The Graduate." Shows in the UC Theatre will begin at 6 and 8 p.m.

Further new student week activities include a dance Tuesday night in the Student Union Building, a performance of "The Trouble Begins at Eight" (Mark Twain) at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the DA Auditorium, a pep rally on Jones Field at 6 p.m. and a presentation by the author of the "Bermuda Triangle" at 8 p.m. on Thursday night. The speaker, Charles Burlitz, will appear in the DA Auditorium.

Smith said his main goal for the week of activities is to "make students aware of co-curricular activities on campus, outside of academics."

Smith said his primary concern is "getting the students involved" in campus affairs. "We can do a lot of good if we have sharp SOA's," he said, adding that there was a need for full-time academic advisers to aid undecided students when they first come to campus.

A New Student Affairs committee will review the performance of



New students confer with SOA's during their first meeting on Thursday night in Murphy Center
Staff photo by Chuck Thompson

SOA's and other contributors in the orientation program, and will make a report to the ASB after their findings are reached, Smith said.

"Orientation during the summer is one thing I hope the committee comes up with a recommendation

for," Smith said. A summer registration program would make students have to attend orientation programs and would make for a "much simpler transition from high school to college" for prospective MTSU students.

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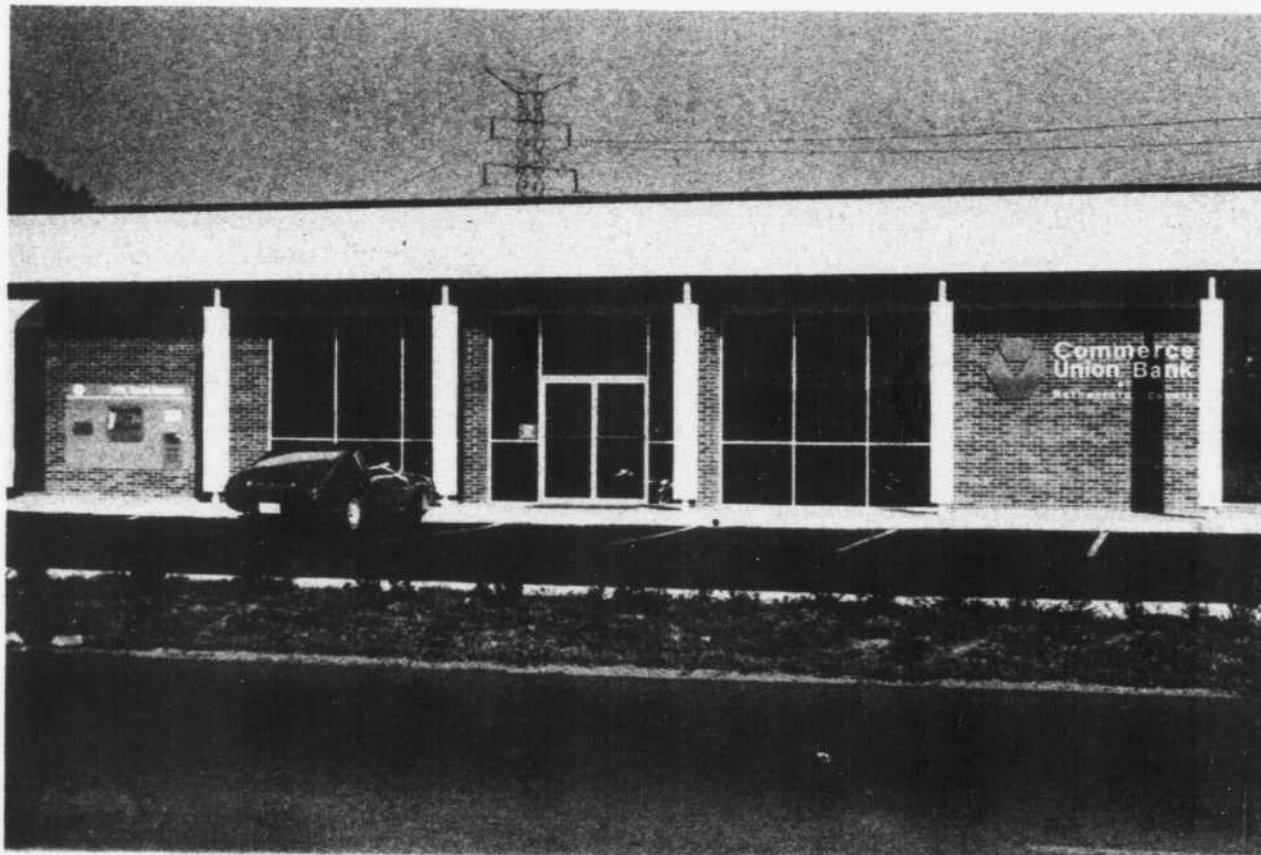


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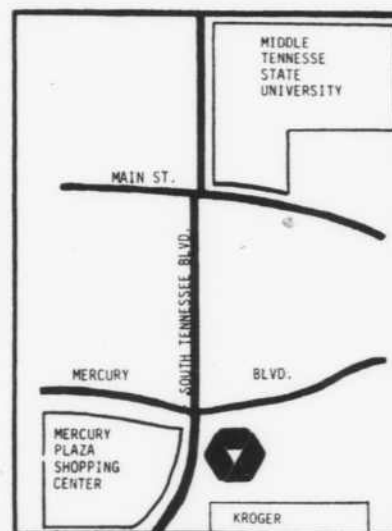
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Students, administrators meet during annual retreat

by John Pitts

This week's Associated Student Body "retreat" at Fall Creek Falls park was "more than just a chance to get away for a day or two," according to ASB president Richard Langford.

"It wasn't a retreat, it was more of a planning session," Langford said of the gathering of more than 80 students, faculty members and administrators to discuss relations between the groups for the upcoming year.

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While at the session "the communication lines were made even stronger than in past semesters," Langford said.

"This is not to say that there will not be areas of conflict, but we have achieved a higher degree of understanding of the duties and goals of the administrators, and

Visitation regulations revised under ruling OK'd by State Board

Students will no longer be required to keep doors and draperies open and lights on during open house periods as a result of a rules change by the Board of Regents.

Universities were granted more power over the formulation of rules and regulations concerning visitation in campus dormitories by the State Board of Regents during a summer meeting.

Under the new regents policy, each university may develop its own regulations concerning visitation conditions, although all regulations must still be approved by Regents Chancellor Roy S. Nicks.

In the past, school officials have required that doors and draperies be left open and lights left on when member of the opposite sex were visiting in dorm rooms.

As soon as the new Regents policy was adopted, MTSU did away with the regulations.

The policy leaves untouched the sensitive and controversial question of visitation hours, although suggestions concerning visitation hours must originate at the university level.

they have achieved the same thing with us," the president said.

The sessions began Monday afternoon with the first meetings of the cabinet, courts and legislature, along with other meetings of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic.

"There were operative things that came out of the meetings, in the areas of how we can help the students, and in approaching areas of work where nothing has ever been done," Langford said.

On Monday evening, there were discussion groups concerning new student orientation, administration and student involvement in the university process, and the relationship between ASB and faculty.

"We dealt in generalities in most of the meetings, with people choosing to discuss specifics after the meeting broke up," Langford said.

On Tuesday, the planning sessions centered around further meeting of the cabinet and the traditional softball game this year with an un-traditional ending, the students winning 26-2. "Everybody worked together--both on and off the field," Langford said.

The formal meetings ended Tuesday night, after the students and administrators engaged in a question and answer session, and after those in attendance heard remarks from University President M. G. Scarlett, Tennessee Student Association chairman Greg Vick (an MTSU student) and Tennessee Intercollegiate State legislature governor David Lillard of Memphis State.

Langford cited many areas which were reviewed during the sessions for action by the student government during the next year. Among them were:

--Finalizing of a typing referral service under the direction of student Mike Wesson. With the system a group of typing students in the business department will go under contract to type papers for students, with the writer having the option of not accepting the job of the typist.

--Installation of a new travel board near the entrance of the post office boxes to help students either needing rides or needing passengers to find other students going their way.

--Lee Cohen will serve as the government liaison to the Faculty

Senate and will sit in on deliberations of the senate's student affairs committee.



Richard Langford

--A mock presidential election in late October will be conducted to gauge student interest in the national political scene.

--The ASB plans to sponsor a student government workshop for area high school students, giving them an insight into how a collegiate student body is governed.

--Sandra Lyons has been appointed to serve as spirit director

for the cabinet, and will coordinate activities which could aid in increasing school spirit. Already the planning has begun to provide shakers to be given away at games, a bus to the Tennessee State game, and a program featuring coach Ben Hurt to be given to interested organizations.

--Students on standing university committees will be held responsible for their actions by a coordinator for student committee members. Committee members will regularly meet together to be briefed on student concerns, and to achieve a posture of support for the students among members of the committees.

"The main priority is student involvement," Langford said. "We want to give every student a chance to become involved not only in student government but in MTSU affairs as well."

"We are not a governing body to regiment the lives of students--we are here to aid and protect the rights of the students and to make the life of the MTSU student better," the president said.

As national election approaches

Groups prepare registration drive

Sidelines, in cooperation with the Rutherford County Democratic Committee, will conduct a voter registration drive during registration and at later times during the semester.

Bart Gordon, former ASB president and committee member, said the drive at Murphy Center is part of an "umbrella campaign" to register as many as 5000 new voters in the county.

"There are 30,000 eligible voters in the county, but more than 20,000 are unable to vote. We want to reach these people," Gordon said Thursday.

"Voter registration is of major importance; it is an impetus for the national campaign as well," Gordon said, explaining that the party was working together with the Republican party, the League of Women voters and local Chamber of Commerce in the county to reach their goal.

"The national committee estimates that two-thirds of the voters who will register in the drive will

become democrats," Gordon said. "We do have a self interest in this drive," he added.

Postcard registration forms will be used in the effort, Gordon said, a method which eliminates trips to the election commission to be certified to vote.

Students who attend school at MTSU can register to vote here in the county if they have never registered before. A trip to the hometown election commission is required to change registration locations, Gordon said.

The drive will be conducted at various locations until Sept. 27, the end of a soon-to-be proclaimed "register to vote week." Voters for the November election must be registered by Oct. 3.

"We feel that we are running three different campaigns," Gordon said. "In September, we will encourage people to register to vote, in October, we want to convince them to vote for the Democratic candidates, and in November, we want to get them out to the polls," Gordon concluded.

Local news made during 'quiet' summer

by John Pitts

Though students are in short supply during the summer, the campus is still bustling with activity and news. Many students leave campus in May only to return in September without any idea of what happened while they were gone.

of maffall of the New Classroom semester ended, ceiling panel was problem had appeared, spring rectified. Maintenance crews crowded around the building for several days and removed most of the panels from the building, eliminating the possibility of another unexpected collapse. The air conditioning ducts and water pipes that now run exposed through the underside of the building were not covered during the repairs.

Responding to lawsuits and criticism from such organizations as the ASB, the Murfreesboro City Council early in June adjusted beer laws to allow packaged beer to be sold within 1,000 feet of a public

meeting place, replacing the 30-year-old 2,000 feet requirement.

Immediately several stores in the area began stocking beer and enjoying a brisk business. Other provisions of the new law allow elimination of statutes forbidding dancing and drinking in the same facility and a provision of the law requiring that the inside of establishments selling beer must be visible from the outside.

In mid-June, the State Board of would made the unwelcome new school year tuition fees increased costs for dorm for the

While fees were going up, class attendance was going down, forcing cancellations of an unusually high number of classes in many departments. Enrollment was estimated to be down as much as 10 per cent as compared to last summer.

An evaluation of University President M. G. Scarlett, rumored to be unfavorable, would not be released by Regents' Chancellor

Roy Nicks, who said the evaluation would remain "in his desk."

In late June, the Justice Department announced that a probe of MTSU hiring practices would be made to investigate "a strikingly consistent pattern" of sex discrimination on campus. No results have yet been released by government lawyers.

Psychic Jean Dixon came to the DA Auditorium and predicted a "dark horse" in the Fourth District Congressional race. Other predictions by the well-known seer may have been tarnished by Albert Gore's victory in the race. He was Board to win.

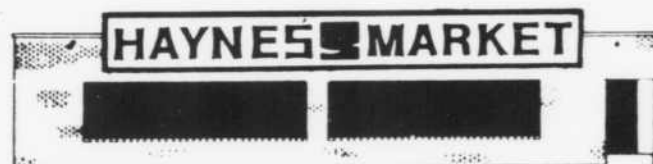
elsewhere report by the State changes in housing and detailed regulations that should affect all students in the state.

The sweltering days of July brought hard-core crazies into the Tennessee sun, and a pinching incident drew statewide attention to the campus.

Bobby Keller, 19, was arrested for pinching a pair of coeds in the grill, one on the breast, another on the buttocks. He was quickly arrested and convicted of assault by Murfreesboro Judge Richard Campbell, who commented after the hearing that Keller has not "learned much in his psychology classes" during studies here. He was fined \$61 for the two pinches.

Politics dominated the news even on campus, as Sidelines readers got to view a number of losing candidates for U.S. Senate and Congress: John J. Hooker likened the election to a horse race, but he was nosed out at the wire; David Bolin, whose wife is a former MTSU professor, accused Gov. Ray of pressuring his campaign was no at the race; and J. Sidelines endorse these campaign main opponent, Gore, of "the of interest" for his father's partnership in an East Tennessee coal company.

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Fraternities announce fall rush parties, mixers

Plans for fall fraternity rush are being finalized, with activities to

begin on the first day of class, according to David Bragg, associate

dean of men.

A "meet the greeks" day is

scheduled for the afternoon of Aug. 31, in the large vacant lot near H dorm. Bragg said the day would give potential rushees their first real chance to meet with and talk to MTSU fraternity members.

Rush cards, which will be necessary for attendance at any rush function during the fall, will be on sale in the registration line and in Bragg's office on the first floor of the University Center. Band to which cost \$3.90s of Interfrater-properlncil functions during the semester.

An IFC mixer is planned for Sept. 9 at the home and farm of Rutherford County Judge Ben Hall McFarlin, to further acquaint the rushee with both the men and women of the campus greek system, Bragg said.

"Smokers," parties for rushees conducted in a scheduled manner to allow all fraternity houses to be visited by a rushee, will be held Sept. 14, 15 and 16. No alcoholic beverages are served at the gatherings, Bragg said, because the purpose of the smokers is to aid the rushee in determining the fraternities he is especially interested in.

Preference parties will be conducted Sept. 17 and 18, and rushees are encouraged to attend the parties conducted by the fraternities they would like to receive bids from. Bragg explained that the rushee's presence at the party indicated to the brothers of the fraternity that he was interested in their group and would be willing to join the pledge program.

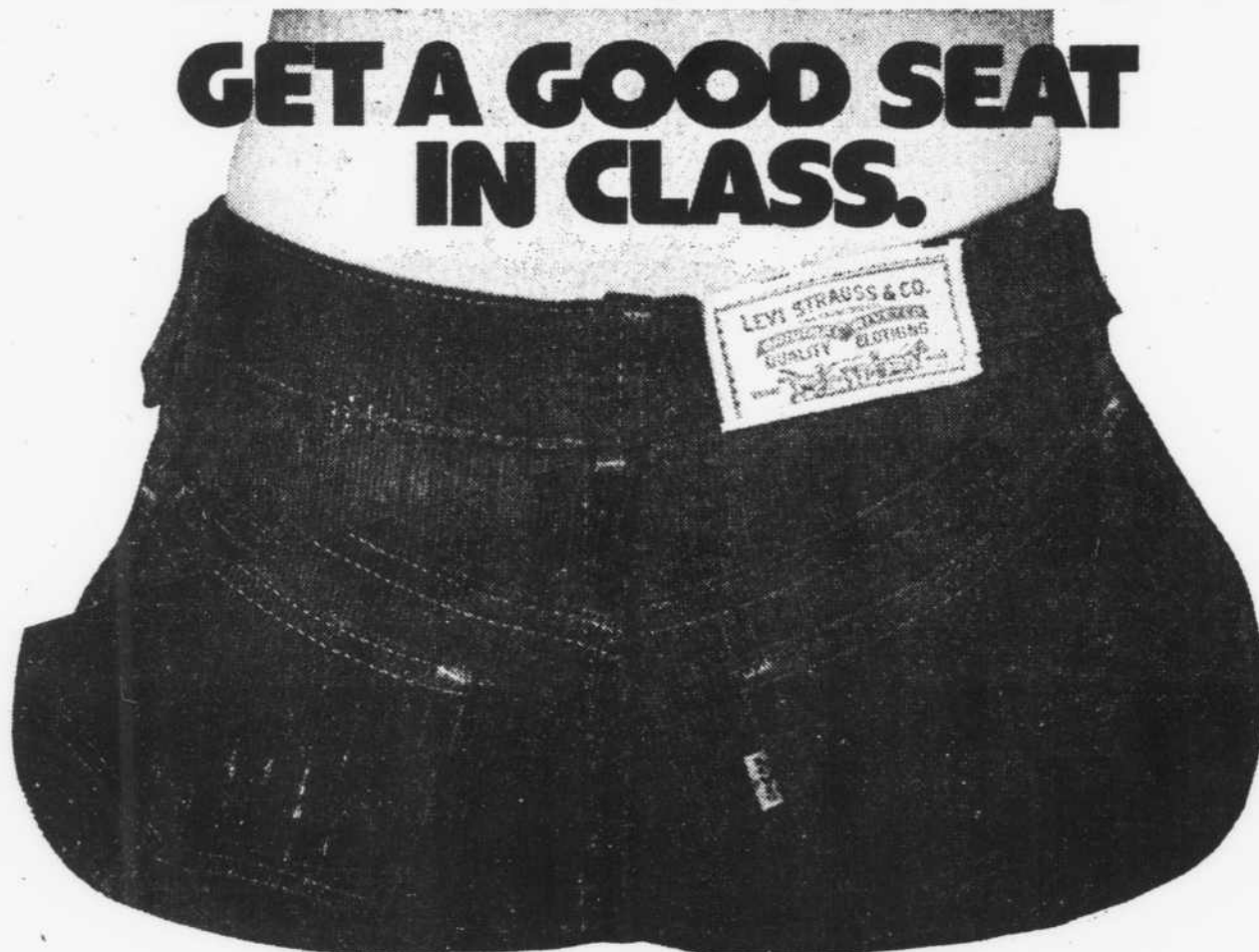
Bids or invitations to join the groups in a pledge capacity, will be distributed from UC room 128 on Sept. 21. All bids a rushee receives will be enclosed in a single envelope they can pick up by showing their ID, Bragg said.

"Rush is always a good opportunity to meet the people who make MTSU what it is," Bragg said, adding "If you like the people and I think you will, then you should become part of the Greek system."

There are 14 fraternities recognized by the university at this time: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Alpha Psi, Kappa Sigma, Omega Psi Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu.

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Student deans pledge 'open door' policy

A traditional stereotype of the university dean is that of a kindly old figure who smiles down upon the students while locked behind thick wooden doors, insensitive to the needs and problems of the students.

Here at MTSU, the four student deans all agree their task is to help the students, and all maintain an "open door" policy for any student faced with problems.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, an MTSU graduate of 1963, sees his job as "aiding students in accomplishment of the educational mission." Cantrell said his concerns reached "anything and everything that tends to affect the students on this campus."

"My tasks are not just limited to the extracurricular," the dean commented.

Cantrell said he felt he should act as "a strong advocate of the students" in his work. "If someone should come to us with a problem and we don't have the answer, then we'll try to get them to the proper source to work the problem out," he added.

Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake works in two areas of student affairs, but all for the same purpose—"the general welfare of the student body."

"There are two aspects to my job," Shewmake explained, "I am responsible for male disciplinary violations and the provision of

general services for students" such as coordinating activities for handicapped students.

"Many times people with problems won't ask for help because they relate to our disciplinary functions only," Shewmake said. "We want to do things to help the students," the dean added.

Judy Smith is Shewmake's counterpart for women's affairs, who wants her students to "get the kinds of experience that only a college can provide."

"I see myself as having a sense of responsibility toward the women students...whatever concerns them concerns me," Smith said.

"A girl with a problem doesn't necessarily have to come to me, but may go to those more directly related to them" such as residence assistants or other university officials, Smith explained. Smith said she works closely with Resident Assistants in the dorms to make them "the best possible places to live."

David Bragg is the recently-appointed assistant to Cantrell, whose concerns and responsibilities include fraternities, student courts and keeping track of excessive absences by students.

"I'm here as a problem solver," Bragg explained. "In all instances I relate to students who have in some way gone afoul of the university

system...I want to get them re-involved in it."



Dean Paul Cantrell

"Ever since I was in college as a meek, quiet and befuddled freshman," Bragg explained with a smile, "I have wanted to assist students to make their college life as enjoyable as mine became."

Graduate student assists with cheers

Jim Coleman, a four year veteran of MTSU cheerleading, has accepted a graduate assistantship to work with the cheerleading squad this year, according to squad adviser Judy Smith.

Coleman replaced Asst. Dean of Students David Bragg, who replaced Dean of Men Ivan Shewmake, who replaced Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, who replaced Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance, who replaced Motlow State President Harry Wagner, who replaced Sam Ingram who is now Commissioner of Education.

"We have more new people on the squad than we have had in the past five years, with four of the six guys being new and one new girl," Smith said.

"The girls all have had cheerleading experience in high

school, and the men have had considerable training and experience in gymnastics," Smith explained.

"The major difference this year will be having Jim Coleman working with the squad full time," Smith said. She explained that Coleman has been aiding the team during practices and accompanied the team to the cheerleading camp at East Tennessee State University this week.

"The camp helps develop team spirit and the skills of the squad and lets them pick up new routines from other squads," she said.

The cheerleading squad intends to work to encourage increased school spirit through special activities, with the aid of such organizations as the fraternities and sororities and the ASB, Smith said.

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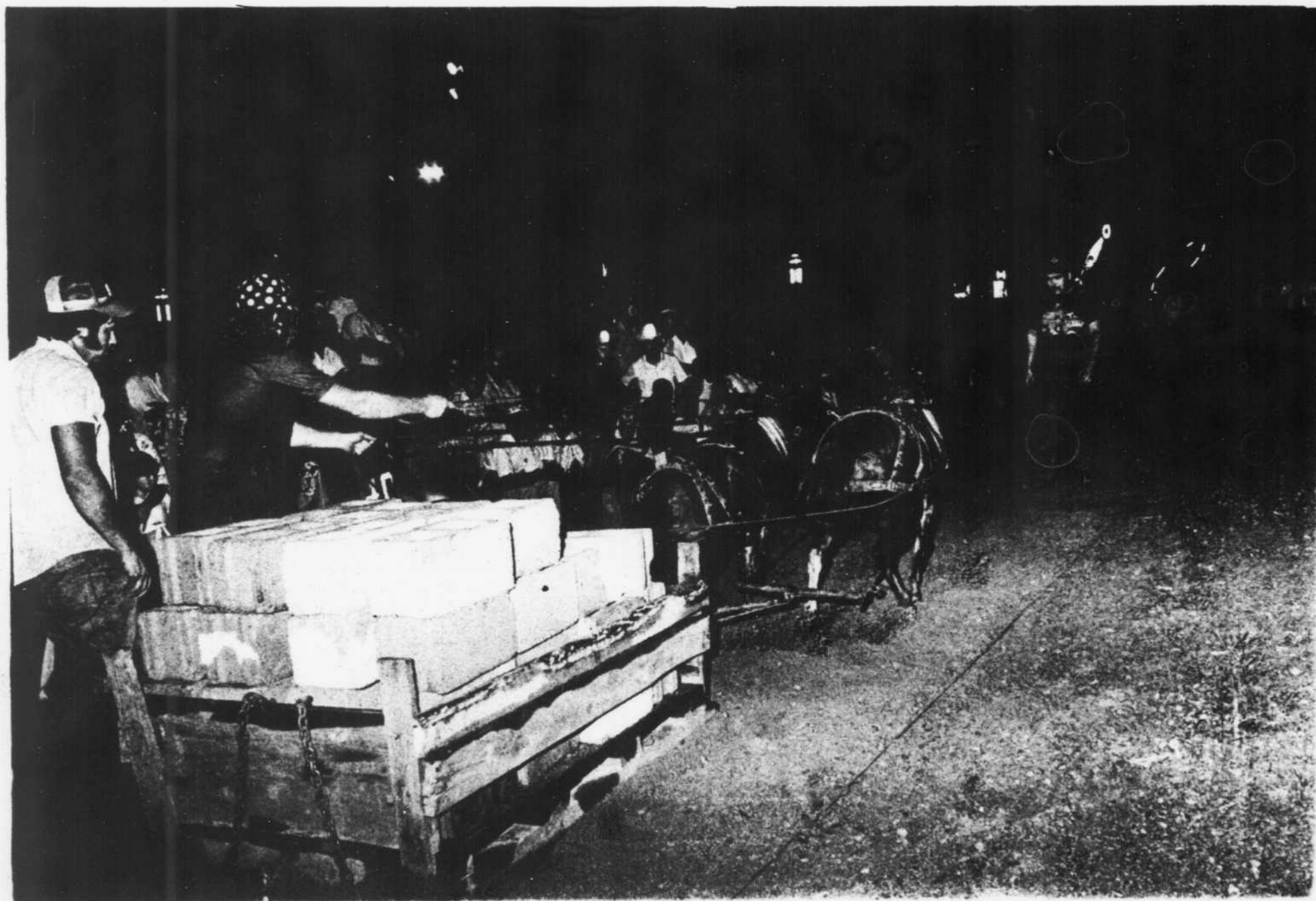
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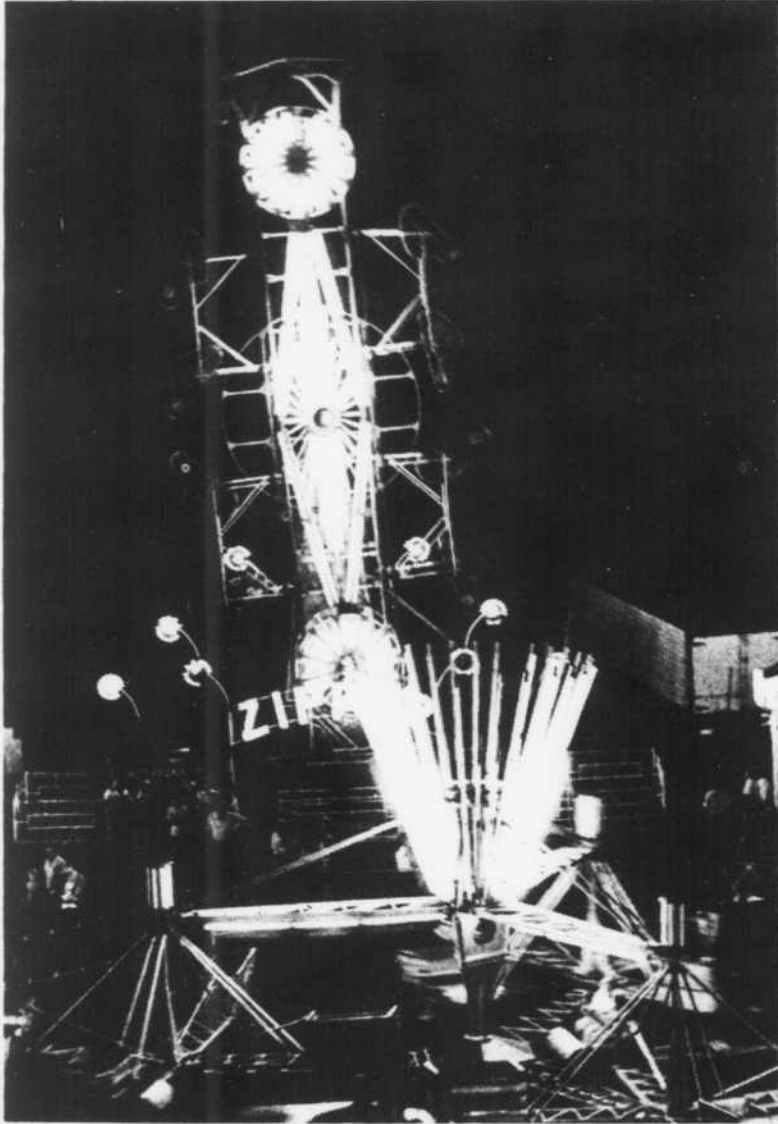
The county fair, the carnival, that gathering of greasy rides and brightly lit games that comes to town--and it's fun.

You remember things about your trips to the fair from when you were little: cotton candy, the ferris wheel, that distinctive sound and smell of the carnival that's like nothing else in the whole world.

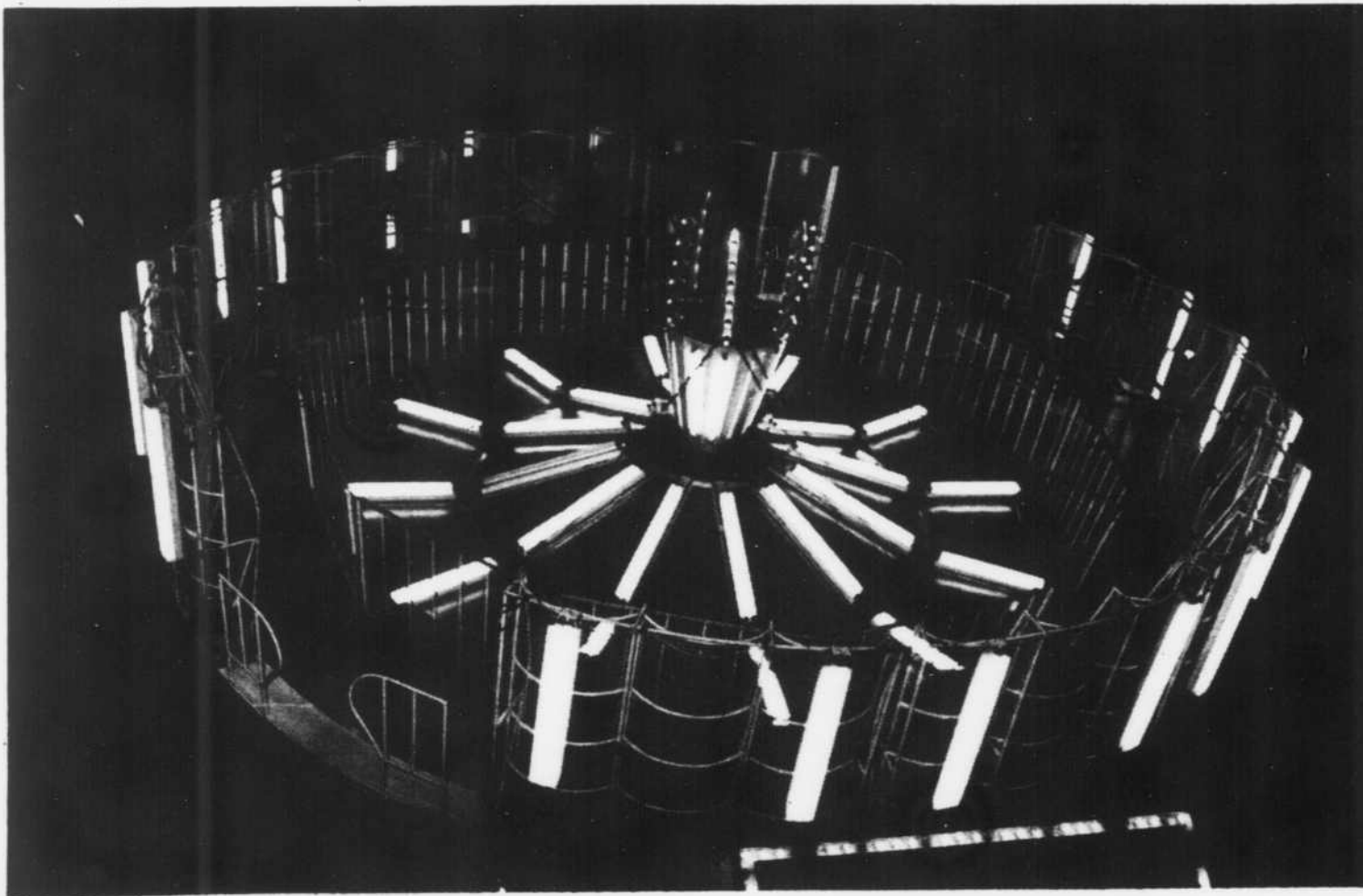
And then the night life engulfs the fairground, leaving it gleaming like a cartoon oasis in a black satin world. The air is full of expectation--waiting for the mule pull, the next chance to win a prize or a glimpse of the fat lady.

And then the time has come to leave, stomach filled with candied apples and other things to cause a good-sized bellyache and you look back and remember--the fair will be back next time, just like before.





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students, rain arrive*

Editor makes "reasonable demand" of readers

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We hope.

So here goes yet another semester. For more than fifty years a scraggly band of writers has come together and put out the paper for the MTSU students, and we take pride in our work. And we hope somebody out there wants us to.

OPINION

The relationship *Sidelines* has had with the outside world has often been a bit stilted, "young journalists railing at the tide of corruption and incompetence embodied by the university," and all that jazz.

I cannot comprehend a paper that would have the gall to call itself a student newspaper without giving the students the sorts of things they want to read. *Sidelines* has many times found itself equal to the task, but other times it has found itself sadly lacking.

What do the students want? It would be impossible for any single individual, no matter how seasoned in public opinion poll-taking or current trends to know the answer to a question that has puzzled staffs for years. It is my perception, then, that it is up to you to tell the *Sidelines* staff what you want.

Since you pay the bills, you ought to have some input, right? So pick

up your pencil and paper and let us know sometimes, we're willing to listen.

I can't make a lot of promises, but I will promise that the paper will be an accurate representation of what students are interested in. But just as no one person can know what all the students want, neither can one student be representative of all interests.

MTSU is a strange and wondrous montage of people: bookworms, athletes, fraternity and sorority members, independents, teachers, staff, administrators and many others. Not even all the students are from the United States, which makes for even more diverse interests.

Sidelines will strive to represent all of these persons, and to provide each with something they can relate to. We may be ultimately destined to fail, but no one can say we can't make a good fight of it at least.

We will always look forward to your reactions to what we do, in the form of letters.

It seems funny that some people in journalism take the attitude that they can be critic for the world, self-righteously assailing every person or thing that gets in their way, and then when someone who gets burned in the pages of their paper decides to get upset, the writer can't stand the criticism.

Sidelines shall be objective; we will pat people on the back when they do good and yell like hell when they don't—but we'll always be open to criticism and fair response to our paper's contents.

John L. Pitts

Babes in our woods, or who do you think we are?

What's our subject for the day?

For those of you who weren't here this summer this is the spawning of summer desperation, which came bubbling to the surface late in the first night of the summer in order to fill up small amounts of space.

Today, it has a much more glorious purpose—to fill up large amounts of space.

We have discovered that MTSU has become the hiding place of several famous personages from history, all of whom mysteriously disappeared from public life during this century.

The Lindbergh Baby is actually

**DON'T READ
THIS COLUMN**

by John Pitts and Bill Mason

mass communications professor Paul Keckley, who has kicked out of the public relations office after trying to bring in Rabbi Baruch Korff as a fund-raiser for the MTSU Foundation.

Judge Crater is now at MTSU in the person of former political science professor Norman L. Parks.

Parks was struck by lightning after running against George W.



Clever reporter questions unwilling source

DeHoff for convention delegate several years ago.

Amelia Earhart is now working in the office of Dean Ed Voorhies as Zadie B. Key.

Jimmy Hoffa, who disappeared recently in a motel parking lot, is actually disguised as Dean Ivan Shewmake. You may think that Shewmake was here before Hoffa disappeared, but that only accounts for why Shewmake is always in such a hurry.

Adolf Hitler has finally been found. He is running the band and is named Joe Smith, known affectionately as "Cindy's dad" to friends and foes alike.

Admiral Byrd, who disappeared over the North Pole, is also at MTSU in the clever disguise of Cliff Gillespie, who used to sell sand

boxes in Saudi Arabia.

Bennie Barrett, who shook up the university when he ran for homecoming queen in 1974, has returned as Harold Smith, student programming director.

Will Rogers and Wiley Post, the two fast friends who were lost in an airplane mishap in the wilds of Alaska, have been at MTSU for many years disguised as Dave LeDoux and Morris Brandon of the art department.

We discovered all this after going through Chief Matthew Royal's garbage. The evidence was discovered among 11 empty Old Mr. Boston vodka bottles, a Marshall Dillon fan magazine and old Pepsi cans riddled with bullet holes.

MTSU MERRY-GO-ROUND

The Rutherford County Fair is now underway. Among events planned are a tractor pull, a mule pull and a negro pull, all sponsored by the Rutherford County NORML...

The mad rapist, who tried to take advantage of a secretary in the NCB over the holidays, has explained that he really wasn't really trying to rape the girl when he leaped over her desk and clamped his hand over her mouth. He says he was simply trying to keep her from sneezing...

The Nigerian student who lost nearly \$1,000 worth of stuff to a dorm burglar is moving back to Africa as soon as possible. It seems that he found a burning cross in his bathtub...

The Sigma Nus have quit painting their pumpkin-orange house white. "We didn't want to paint it completely white because we were afraid we might not be able to find it when it snows," one of the snakes told us...

Finally, Sen. Howard Baker would have gotten the vice presidential nod from Jerry Ford, but the Pi Kappa Phi refused to allow any secret servicemen into their house.

That's the way it is. So long until next week.

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PTL. LMB

Collage editor seeks contributions for magazine

Jan Ellis, appointed to be *Collage* editor during the spring, dropped in the office to tell interested readers about his plans for the creative publication in the fall.

What follows is a rough transcript.

Sidelines: Good afternoon.

Ellis: Yeah.

S: Have you had a good summer?

E: Uh, yeah.

S: Are you getting ready to begin your editorship of *Collage*?

E: Speaking of good times...I have noticed that Mr. Baldwin is moving into the photo lab. Next.

S: Well, Jan, do you plan to change the basic format of the *Collage*, or will it remain the same?

E: Yes, I plan to change the name.

S: Might I inquire as to what you will change it to?

E: No, the format will probably stay the same.

S: Do you plan to continue the *Collage* with four issues a year?

E: No. This football poster is really ugly.

S: Speaking of sports, who won the 1946 World Series?

E: My Aunt Delores.

S: What position did she play?

E: I wouldn't touch that line....

(tape is interrupted by screams of banshees, as if the entire jungle had opened up and natives were pouring into the office.)

S: Ah, I see we have more

broadcasting majors this semester. What sort of content will this publication have?

E: A lot of flesh.

S: Could you give us an idea of what to expect in the first issue?

E: If you can imagine a scene from a drive-in movie; you know, drive-in movies are neat...reminds me of a telephone system. Christ, I



need some new clothes. I think I've answered this question satisfactorily. Next. Let's have some sharp questions.

S: What sort of blades do you use?

E: Yes, I am still looking for staff members talented or otherwise. Of course, I can't pay \$14,000 if you can't type, but of course the operation does have many benefits which can't be mentioned in a written answer, but will be

illustrated in an upcoming issue which should be out pretty soon. In October or a reasonable facsimile of it.

S: Have you had this problem long?

E: The application deadline for positions (I meant that in a nice way) are/ is two or three weeks away from when you read this. Just come by the office (third floor, Student Union Building) and leave me a note or just entertain me for a few minutes.

S: Would you pass the spoon, please?

E: Where's your unicycle? I haven't seen you on it for a long time.

(Indistinct murmur heard in adjoining room.)

S: How do you like these posters? They're in the bookstore.

E: The *Collage* or whatever its name is (Shut up, Tom) will be more geared towards feature and general magazine type sh(word unclear). Can I use that word?

S: I doubt it.

E: What the hell.

S: One more thing...hey, wait Jan, come back here.

E: My last words: uh...man... brrrrrrrr.

ASB Ombudsmen to assist students

"Dorm troubleshooters" positioned around campus while students entered their new residences and academic advisers for undeclared majors are two parts of an ASB Ombudsman program that will soon expand, according to director Gary Brock.

"The ombudsman program was split into three parts for the registration--dorms, academics and at the registration, according to Brock.

"For the first time, Admissions is letting in groups to the card bank area, and we set up a small booth there to answer students' questions," the director explained. There were also ombudsmen located in the NCB area where students were having ID cards made.

In the near future, the ombudsman program will be expanded to include members of greek and campus organizations, and residence hall members.

"The permanent ombudsman council will be formed very soon, with the vice presidents of fraternities, sororities and campus groups invited to serve, along with either the residence assistants or presidents of the hall governments," Brock said.



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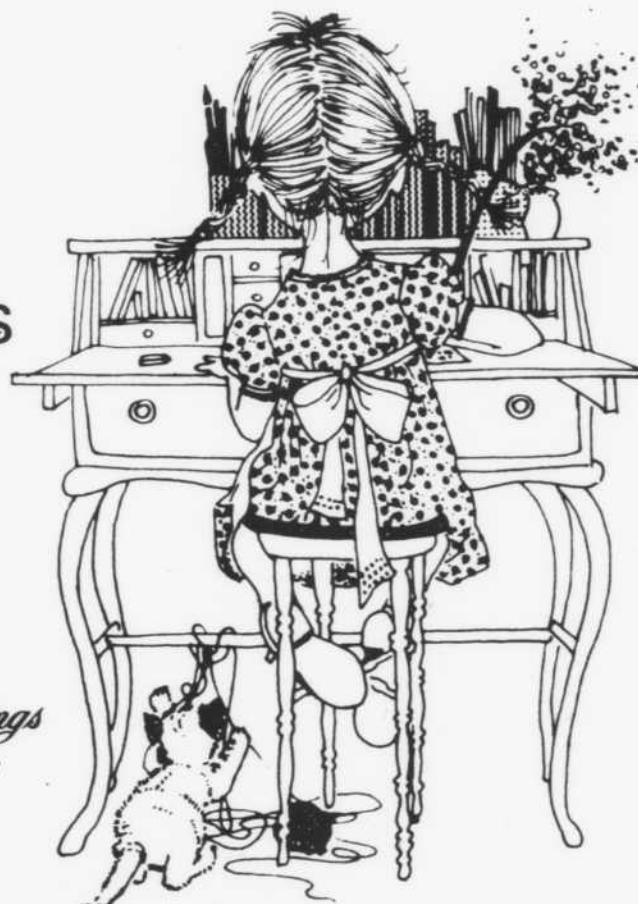
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Chapin to appear at Landing

by Tom Wood

The world of Harry Chapin is a unique one.

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This is a quality very few performers rarely achieve, though strived for by all.

Chapin will appear for one show only tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Hermitage Landing's floating stage

in Nashville along with special guest Mac Gayden.

Chapin's career is almost as unique as his stories. Born of a musical family in New York's Brooklyn Heights Village, he joined the Brooklyn Boys' Choir, of whom Robert L. (of Chicago) and John Wallace (his guitar's bass guitarist) were also members.

His musical career was set back by a stint at the Air Force Academy, and when he finally got back into the world of show business, it was as a film editor and producer. He made a few documentaries, one of which was highly acclaimed at the New York and Atlanta film festivals.

After writer/performers such as

Kris Kristofferson and Carly Simon began to make it, Chapin decided to give his musical talents one more chance.

This led to the "story-song" concept which has become Chapin's trademark.

His more popular works are "Taxi," "Cat's in the Cradle," and "W-O-L-D," a "bittersweet view of the AM radio world through the eyes of an aging disc jockey."

Harry Chapin may very well be the last of the truly creative geniuses left in music if not the world.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tiny Tim back in spotlight's glare



Tiny Tim, as he works
his way through
a performance Wednesday
at the Fairgrounds

Chuck Thompson photos



by Chuck Thompson
and Tom Wood

It has been a strange career, that one of Tiny Tim's. And don't ever say "has-been" around him.

He gained national prominence through two events; singing "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" and marrying Miss Vickie on the Johnny Carson show in front of a nationwide audience.

The spotlight vanished soon after the wedding, and reports said Miss Vickie did too. "We're still married," Tim says, "and she will soon be coming back to me on my terms."

He appeared at the Rutherford County Fair Wednesday night, but says he is not on the "comeback trail."

"I'm just flying low—like Harry Chapin," Tim said.

The versatile entertainer was a huge success with the audience at the fairgrounds. He did a lot of mellow music from the 30s and 40s, winding up with his biggest

"Tiptoe Through the Tulips" to get into

He says he may maybe do some the moving. "I hope I can get a session going soon," Tim said.

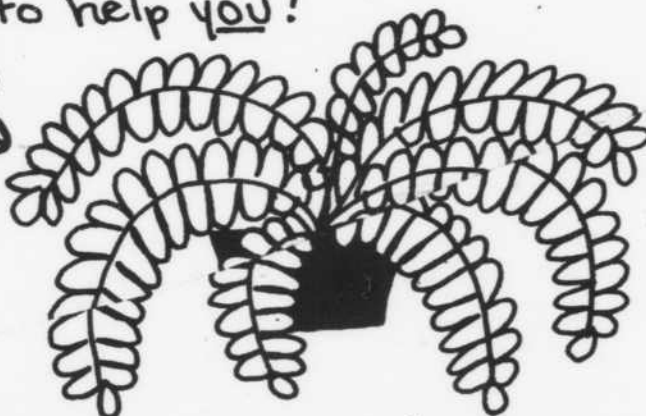
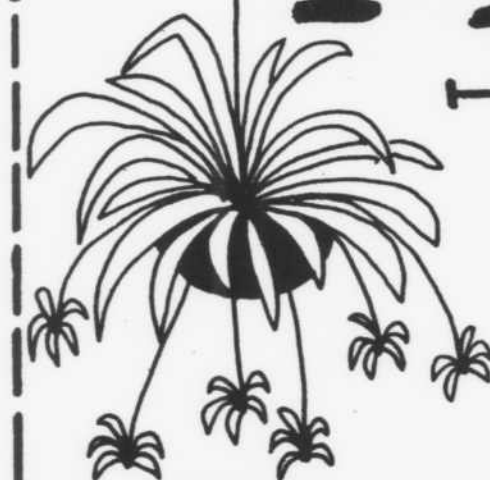
Tim has a variety of interests, one of his "pet peeves" dealing with the exploration of outer space. "These next 100 years will be known as the "space era," he predicted.

"I foresee some kind of Space Cadet school," he added. "Eventually, everyone will be going into space."

But until then, Tiny Tim hopes to remain here on Earth, belting out songs in his own inimitable fashion.

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Sun., August 29

HARRY CHAPIN will appear at Hermitage Landing's Floating Stage along with special guest MAC GAYDEN. Tickets are now on sale for \$5 at Sound Seventy ticket locations, Citizen's Central Bank in Murfreesboro and Hermitage Landing. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 4

JIMMY BUFFETT and the OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS will be on hand at Hermitage Landing for the outdoor resort's final show of the summer. Ticket price is set at \$5, and are on sale at all Sound Seventy locations and at Hermitage Landing.

Sat., Sept. 5

Those Texas rock 'n' rollers, Z Z TOP, will appear in conjunction with the State Fair as part of their World-Wide Texas Tour. Over 30,000 were on hand for their last Nashville appearance. Ticket prices are \$8 by mail order and \$10 the

day of the show. Send mail orders in care of Sound Seventy in Nashville; 1719 West End Ave., 37203. Enclose check or money order, plus stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$.50 for handling.

Thurs., Oct. 21

FRANK SINATRA makes his first appearance ever at MTSU, his second in the mid-state area this year, for one show at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, mail order for \$12.50, \$10 and \$5. A block of tickets will be available to MTSU students, faculty and staff, beginning Sept. 1 in the Student Programming Office, third floor, University Center. Students will receive a \$1 discount with the first two tickets purchased. Mail order available through: Sinatra Tickets, Sound Seventy Productions, 1719 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Enclose check or money order along with stamped, self-addressed envelope, plus \$.50 for handling charges.



Broadcasting intern Donna Brake takes her turn as a disc jockey on WMOT-FM, the university's 50,000-watt radio station. With studios located in the Learning Resources Center, the station in a Public Broadcasting outlet heard all over the midstate.

Staff photo by Chuck Thompson



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Out west with Willie:

Editor's note: The writers of this story are MTSU students who made it to the show, and wrote their feelings of the concert. Here is their report.

by B. J. Peer and Bill Stevens

What better way to celebrate the bicentennial of America's revolution than with the current revolution in American music along with Willie Nelson, the father of this brand of music which has been called everything from "Redneck Rock" to "Progressive Country."

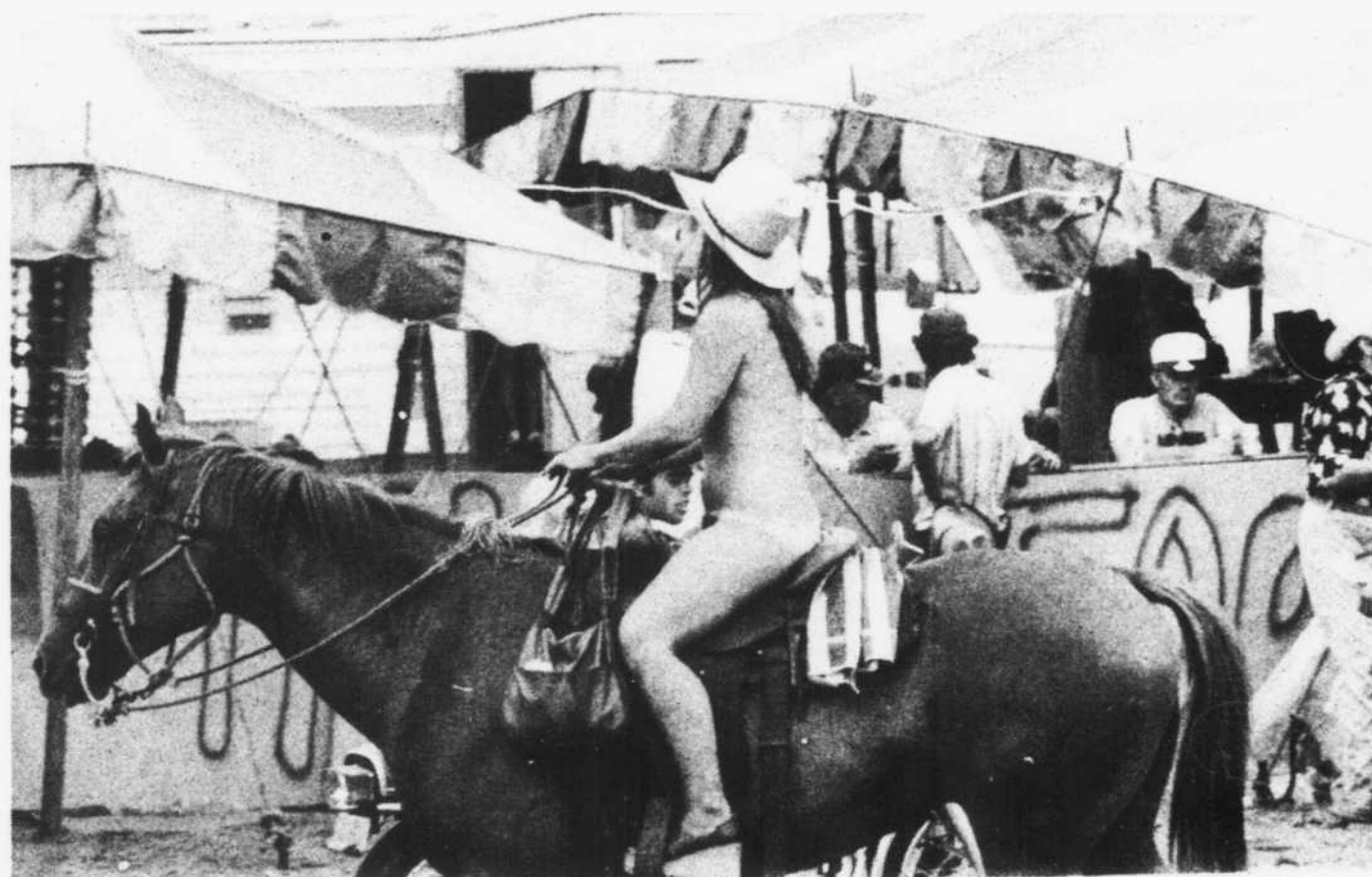
But these titles are only labels which sometimes tend to categorize, bind and keep something from branching out and growing.

That is certainly not the case with this music because it has become the bridge between two opposite life styles; that of the long-hair and that of the redneck.

Anyone could see this music has a certain charisma to cause a redneck Texas cowboy to sit in the dust and share a beer and a joint with a long-hair from Tennessee to make a truly beautiful Fourth of July in Gonzales, Texas.

Hopefully, most of you have heard of Willie Nelson by now.

In the last two years, Willie has had a phenomenal rise in popularity as a singer. Not many know, however, he has been writing hits for 20 years, such as "Hello Walls," "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," "One Day at a Time," "My Own Peculiar Way," and "It Should Be Easier Now."



efforts of a local newspaper, a preacher and a hurriedly organized citizens' group almost killed the picnic.

The promoters complied with the state regulations, but the group didn't even deal with that. They attacked the legal sufficiency of the application itself.

Let's pause here, and add one bit of information. It seems attorney Bob Burchard, who was representing the citizens' group against the picnic, was also the county attorney, and he moderated the hearing. Between the county

'this music...has become the bridge between two opposite life styles--

that of the long-hair and that of the redneck...'

Willie said there was gonna be a picnic on the 4th, and there was. But there almost wasn't.

A large staff of people worked hard for several weeks, readying the 2,300 acre tract of rented land to meet state requirements for a mass gathering.

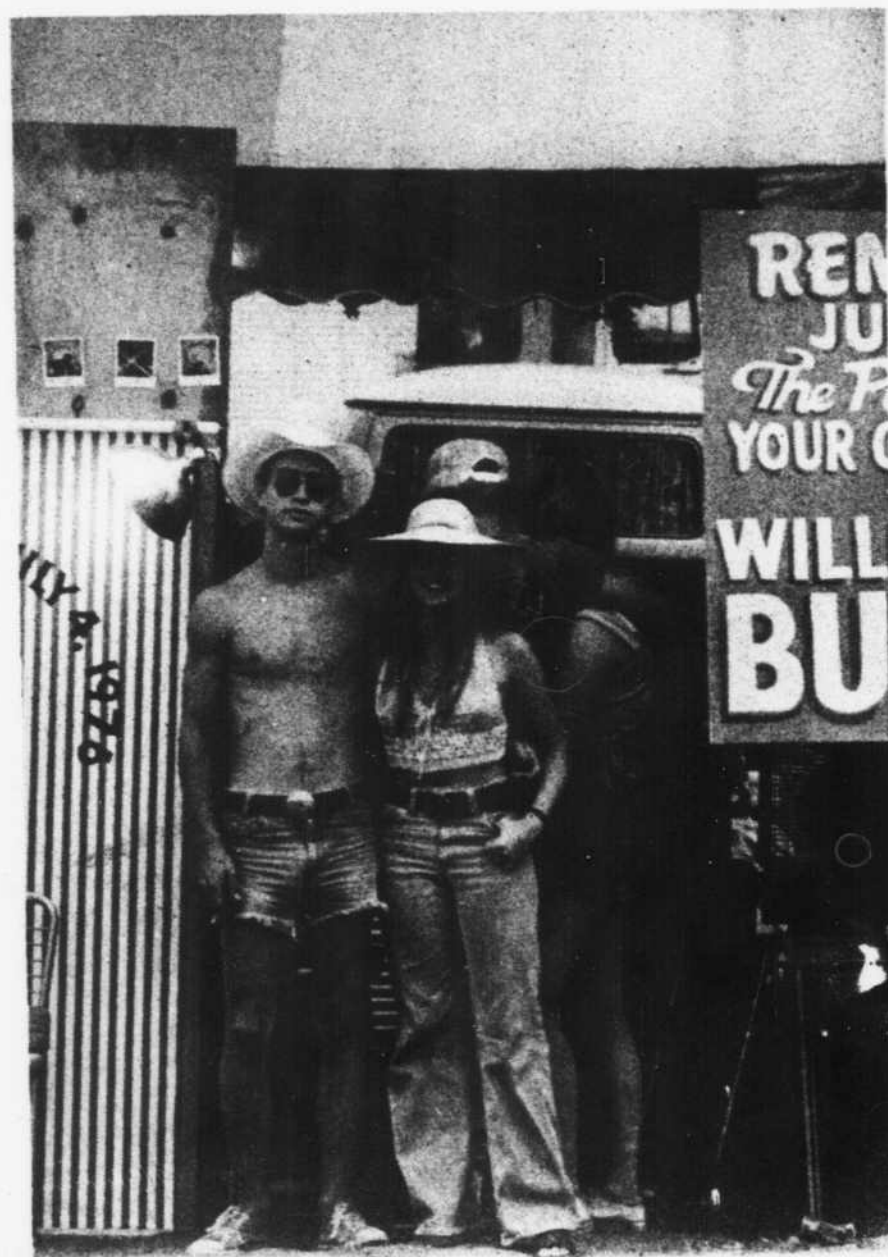
Picnic promoter Gene McCoslin was making final preparations after receiving assurances the permit would be granted when--zap--they were ambushed. The coordinated

attorney and the preacher's ravings about morality, Willie's picnic didn't stand a chance.

Their application was denied.

Everyone thought all was lost, but thanks to a wild scheme, all was saved after a benefit show by Willie at the district attorney's ranch. Proceeds went to the county hospital.

Two gentlemen who had previously bought the film rights proposed a "gift" of 2 1/2 per cent



the great Gonzales picnic



of the gross of the film (roughly around \$1 million) to go towards the county hospital funds which already showed a yearly deficit.

Needless to say, they finally decided to allow it.

The picnic site lay between the little towns of Gonzales and Moulton in the community of "Little New York."

With all the gates being knocked down Saturday night, the crowd of 350,000 roamed over the picnic site enjoying their freedom to celebrate however they pleased.

The picnic area had many roughly constructed booths with everything from Coors beer and tacos to T-shirts and health foods and Willie's funny car.

'Willie said there was gonna be a picnic...but there almost wasn't'

The beautiful, rolling green land reminded these visitors of the rolling pastures of Shelbyville, Tenn., area. And the three large lakes on the picnic site looked especially inviting with the temperatures soaring well over 100 degrees.

Excited energy vibrated through the air and created a feeling of togetherness, especially at the sound of Willie's name.

Several booth merchants pooled their money to inspire young ladies to ride a horse naked back and forth in front of their booths. Contrary to plans, the music started Saturday night with small bands performing.

Sunday began with a preacher speaking earnestly about the nation's 200th birthday. Then the music began with Jerry Jeff Walker singing, "This Land is Your Land."

He read a message from Willie, wishing everyone a happy birthday. His next song, "Pissin' in the Wind," was dedicated to Willie.

He was followed at various intervals during the next 24 hours by (not necessarily in this order) David Allen Coe, Bobby Bare, Rusty Wein, Hoyt Axton, Ray Willie Hubbard, George Jones, Bill Callery, Tracey Nelson, Asleep at the Wheel, Milton Carroll, Billy Joe Shaver, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge, B. W. Stevenson, Doug Sham, Jessi Coulter, Linda Carter and Steve Fromholz.

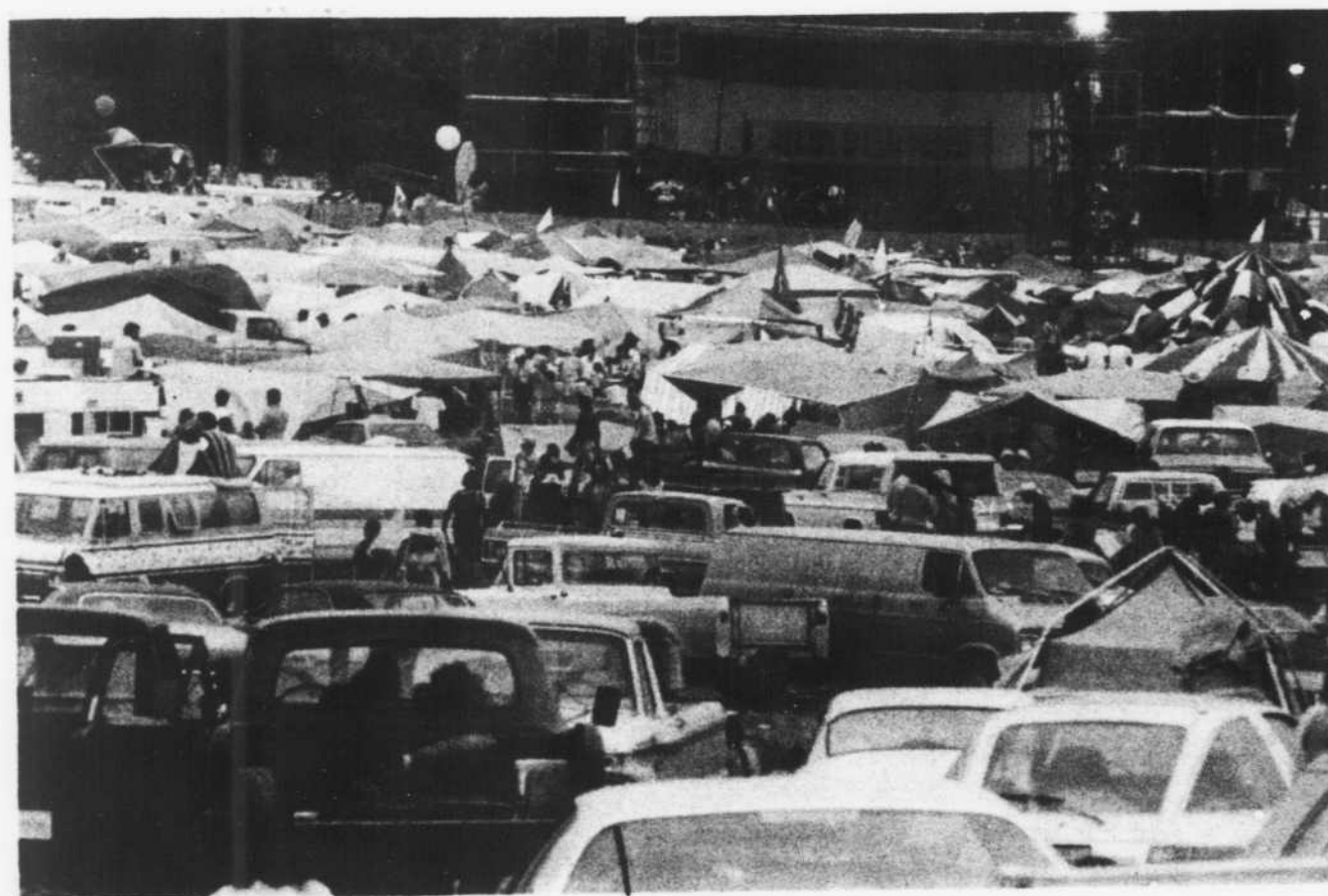
Dawn was ushered in by Leon and Mary Russell Monday, and Willie joined them in a rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The rest of Monday was to be filled with music, but a sudden downpour caused the canopy over the stage to collapse and ruin all hope of more music.

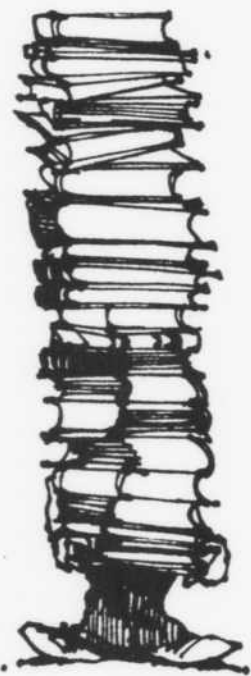
All left the picnic tired and dirty, but fulfilled.

Photos by B.J. Peer

and Bill Stevens



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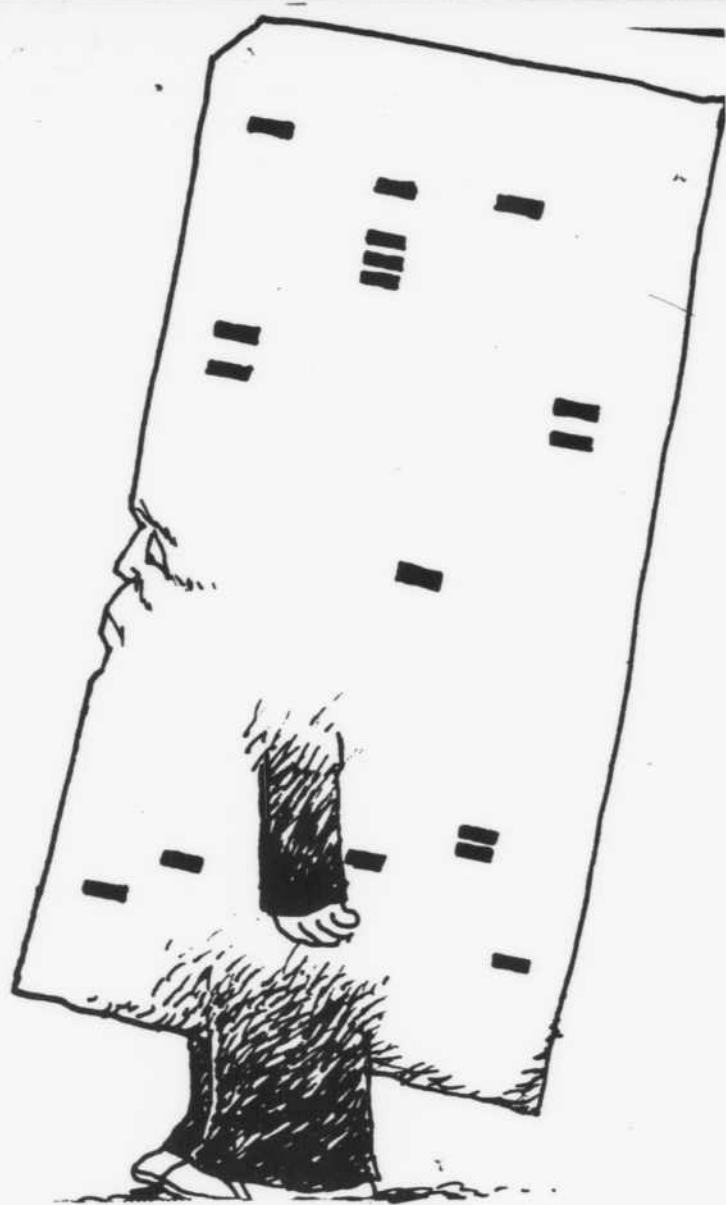
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Variety of 'jams' planned for MTSU



by Tom Wood

Last September, there was a concert here which attracted some of the top names in southern rock music.

The big name performers, or just a few of them anyway, were Dickie Betts and Chuck Leavel of the Allman Brothers Band (who disbanded recently) Alvin Lee, of Ten Years After, Roni Stoneman and most of the Marshall Tucker group.

And, of course, there were the hosts of it all, the Charlie Daniels Band.

The name of the show was Volunteer Jam '75, and it was four hours of solid rock and roll. If you were one of the unfortunates who missed the show, cheer up. We've got good news.

A movie by the same name will be released "very shortly," according to Ron Huntsman, public relations man for the CDB. While the movie will premiere in Nashville next month, there will be a special showing at MTSU Sept. 22, 23 and 24 in the Learning Resource Center's Multi-Media room.

These shows will be free to students, but a ticket is required to get in the 400-seat room. These tickets may be picked up at the Student Programming office on the third floor of the University Center.

As for the 1976 Volunteer Jam, there is a "75 per cent chance" it will return to MTSU, "sometime in mid-November, probably on a Friday night," according to Student Programming Director Harold Smith.

"There is a very good chance of that happening," Huntsman added. "There's no doubt Murphy Center is the biggest and best place for a concert in this area."

The CDB is in Macon, Ga., presently, recording a new album, Huntsman reported. "Because of these studio sessions, we've had to move the Jam, but there will be a Volunteer Jam this year."

The movie has been whittled down from its original four hours to one hour and 43 minutes. "That's a lot of cutting, but we feel like we've captured the atmosphere of the concert," Huntsman said.

This movie will be the first one dealing exclusively with the theme of southern rock music.

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Belcourt 2: "The Man Who Fell From Earth" now showing, 7, 9:15 p.m. Sunday at 2:30 and 4:45 p.m.
Belle Meade and Rivergate 2: "Midway" now showing, 4:15, 7:45, 9:15 p.m.
Capri, Plaza and Rivergate 3: "Cannonball" now showing, 7:20,

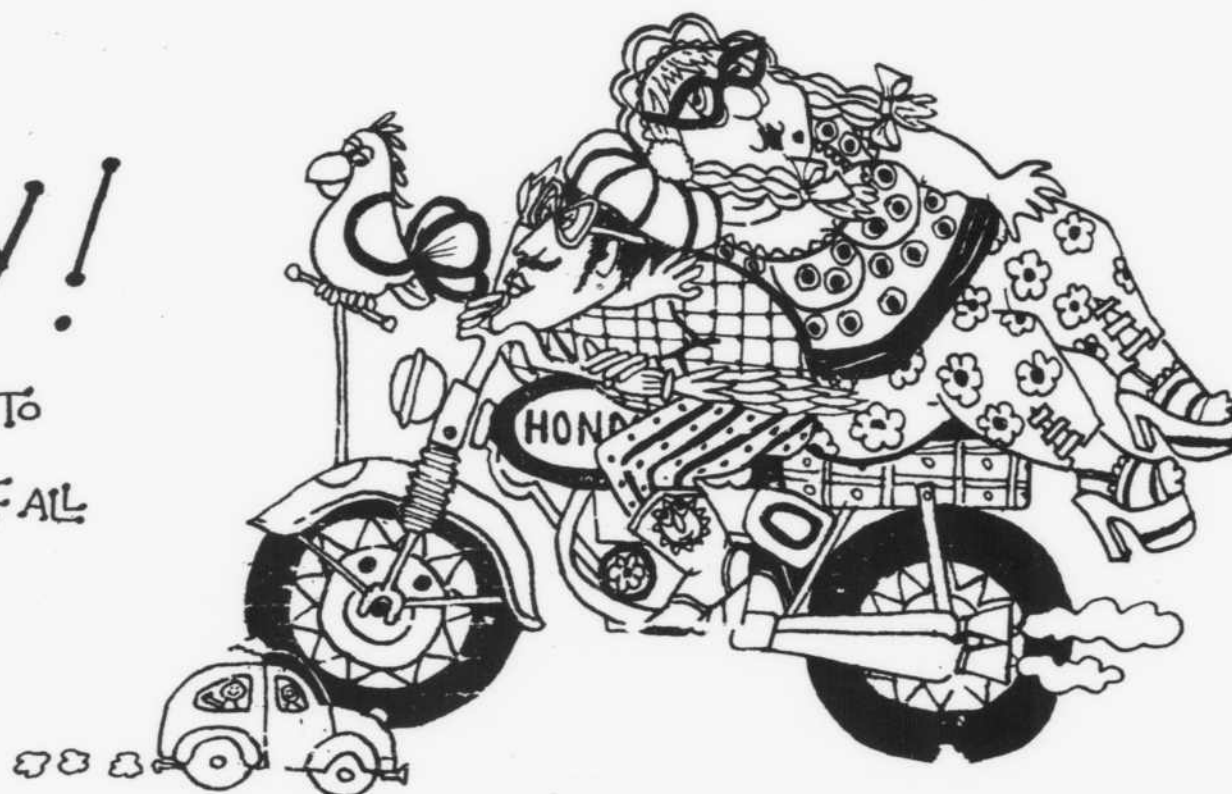
9 p.m. Weekend matinees at 4 and 5:40 p.m.
Cinema 4 North 1 and Cinema 4 South 4: "The Omen" now showing. Call theatres for times.
Cinema 4 North 2 and Cinema 4 South 4: "Harry and Walter Go to New York" now showing. Call theatres for times.
Green Hills: "Silent Movie" now showing, 7:10, 9 p.m. Weekend

shows at 3:45, 5:35, 7:25 and 9:15 p.m.
Inglewood: "The Hindenburg" now showing. Call theatre for times.
Loew's Crescent: "Taxi Driver" now showing, 2:30, 4:50, 7, 9:20 p.m.
Loew's Madison and Melrose: "Gus" now showing, 3:40, 5:35, 7:30, 9:25 p.m.

Paramount: "The Human Tornado" now showing, 4, 5:50, 7:40 and 9:30 p.m.
Tennessee: "To The Devil A Daughter" now showing, 3:35, 5:20, 7:20, and 9:15 p.m.
Rivergate 4: "Grizzly" now showing, 7:15, 9 p.m. Weekend shows at 3:45, 5:30, 7:15 and 9 p.m.

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Candy

CANDY Ewa Aulin, Marlon Brando, Charles Aznavour, Ringo Starr, James Coburn, Richard Burton, Walter Matthau, John Huston, Elsa Martinelli. Dewey-eyed Candy is attracted and attracted to all kinds of men. In her journey to find her half-maimed, half-lobotomized father, she encounters a far-flung gallery of lecherous men; a Welsh drunk poet (Burton); a mixed-up Mexican gardener (Starr); a right-wing general (Matthau); a perverted duo of doctors (Coburn and Huston); a pathetic hunchback (Aznavour); and a salami-eating Guru (Brando). Add to this several unscrupulous aunts and an egotistical uncle and Candy finds herself in a ridiculous quest verging on the absurd and surreal. The film directed by Christian Marquand parodies and satirizes a whole line of exploitation and exhibitionist literature.

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DeNiro gives stunning portrayal

Sidelines rating--Violence, short but brutal; Sex, mostly suggestive; Language, excessive; Nudity, little. Code rating--R.

SCREEN
SCENE
by Tom Wood

"Taxi Driver" is perhaps the most frightening movie this reporter has ever seen. "Jaws" was indeed very scary--on an abstract level, and "The Exorcist" and "The Omen" were horrifying--probably even more so for persons with deep religious convictions.

But on a realistic and very earthy level, "Taxi Driver" is the most frightening of them all. Perhaps the movie would be better understood if it were subtitled "Portrait of an Assassin."

Robert DeNiro does a stupendous job of realistically portraying this role, and he gives you some insight

as to how the Lee Harvey Oswalds and James Earle Rays are shaped and molded.

DeNiro, as Travis Bickle, is having problems from the outset, and to while away the sleepless hours and drive away the headaches, he takes a job as a New York City taxi driver.

An ex-marine, he lives in a little rooming house and keeps a diary in which he writes about the "animals out at night."

It is a scary presentation of the darker side of the Big Apple's nightlife, and we get the idea that all is not right with Travis, when he says, "Somebody should wash all the scum off the streets."

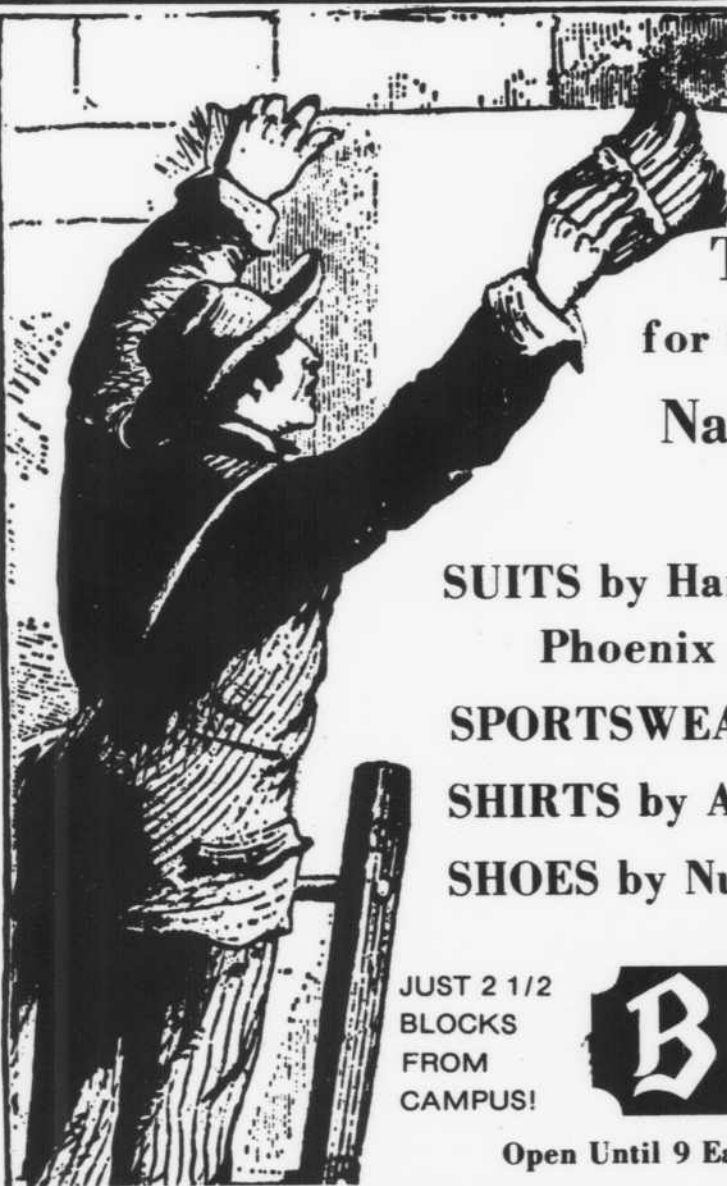
He runs into a cute blond (Cybill Shepherd, whose role is very overrated), and tries for some kind of relationship that fails when he takes her to a hard-core porno flick. Because of this rejection, he decides to kill her employer, Sen. Charles (Leonard Harris) Palantine, who happens to be running for President.

'Taxi Driver' is now showing at Loews Crescent in Nashville

Travis buys an assortment of guns for his "one big chance in life," but misses his opportunity. He then trains his guns on a gang of pimps who are keeping a preteen hooker (Jodie Foster) under wraps. Through a bizarre chain of events that are not fully explained, he earns a police citation for heroism and a letter of gratitude from the girl's parents. After all of this, he comes back into society as a psychotic as ever.

Martin Scorsese is the director and he has done an excellent job at weaving together a most spell-binding picture from beginning to end.

If you are going just for the blood and mayhem, DeNiro creates with his private arsenal, don't bother. But if you want to see a movie that will truly awaken you from this fairyland campus into the grim world about us, the first feature begins at 2:30 p.m.



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Question: What do Mel Brooks, Jane Fonda, Woody Allen, Paul Newman, Glenda Jackson and Warren Beatty, to name just a few, have in common?

The answer is that all will visit MTSU via the silver screen as part of this fall's movie schedule.

Presented by the MTSU films committee, this year's calendar will feature a wide variety of subjects, ranging from the slapstick humor of Mel Brooks to the slightly warped humor of Woody Allen; from the controversial "Boys in the Band" to the horrifying Linda Blair movie "The Exorcist."

Movies will run Monday through Thursday, with matinee performances at 3:30 p.m. and evening shows at 6 and 8 p.m. The \$.50 admission will remain in effect for the matinee, but prices for the two evening shows have raised to \$.75.

"The only reason we're upping the prices for the two evening shows is to meet the rising cost of film rentals," says Harold Smith, director of student programming. "We feel the quality of the films we show are far superior to the prices we charge anyway."

The schedule opens Sept. 8 with "Candy," starring Ewa Aulin, Richard Burton, James Coburn, John Huston, Marlon Brando, Walter Mathau and Ringo Starr.

It's a fanciful, light-hearted story taking Candy through a number of affairs with a vast assortment of men. Basically the film is a parody on exhibitionism and the art of pursuing and being pursued.

The fall film festival will begin Nov. 29, just prior to final exam week, and will be free to all students. Cartoons will begin "The noon that week when Planet," "Dove," and Gore Vidal's "Ira Breckenridge."

This year's fall schedule:

S.8-9 Candy; S. 13-14 Harrod Summer; S. 15-16 Blazing Saddles; S. 20-21 Eyes of Hell; S. 22-23 A touch of Class; S. 27-28 Confession of a Window Cleaner; S. 29-30 Georgia, Georgia.

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Student programming active

by Tom Wood

Active is how one might describe the work of Student Programming and the committees it regulates.

The Ideas and Issues committee, in addition to scheduling a lecture concerning the Bermuda Triangle, has signed Olympic veteran Cathy Rigby to appear Nov. 2. She will spend the day working with local gymnasts and present a lecture that evening.

Jean Michael Cousteau, son of underwater explorer Jaques Cousteau, will speak Nov. 10 on "Project: Ocean Research."

The Games committee will kick off the semester with a pool tournament September 27-30. On Sept. 29, Paul Gurney will return to MTSU with the current U.S. Open billiards champion, Dallas West. In addition to giving a demonstration, the two will engage in a no shots-barred battle. Shows are scheduled for 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Celebrity Ball, a band from Atlanta, will perform in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building Sept. 14 as the first

event presented by the Dance Committee. Admission will be \$.50.

The Fine Arts Committee will present the New Shakespearian Company on Oct. 22 in "As You Like It" in the DA Auditorium. On Sept. 21, the committee will present a classical flamenco guitarist.

Special Events will present native Nashvillian Gene Cotton in a mini-concert Sept. 12.

Frank Sinatra, the original blue-eyed wonder, will be at Murphy Center Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. Although tickets have been on sale since August 25 by mail order, a block of approximately 5,000 tickets have been held back by Student Programming to go on sale to students Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the University Center.

There is no limit as to how many tickets may be bought, but a \$1 discount for students will be allowed only on the first two tickets bought.

A number of rumors circulating through both faculty and students alike about upcoming concerts this fall centered on the likes of Neil Diamond, Neil Sedaka, Olivia Newton-John and John Denver.

Diamond, Denver and Sedaka are "definitely out" of the picture, Harold Smith said yesterday, while Newton-John was never really in the picture "because of personal management problems."

"Homecoming is the hardest concert to put together," Smith said, "because you're working for a set date. If a performer can't make that date, you're out of luck."

"I've been trying to put this show together since last February, when I first found out Oct. 30 was the homecoming date," Smith added. "All were considered at one time, but later proved to be unavailable. We're in a business where everybody wants his piece of the pie. We'll just try to bring students the most diversified, yet entertaining programs available."

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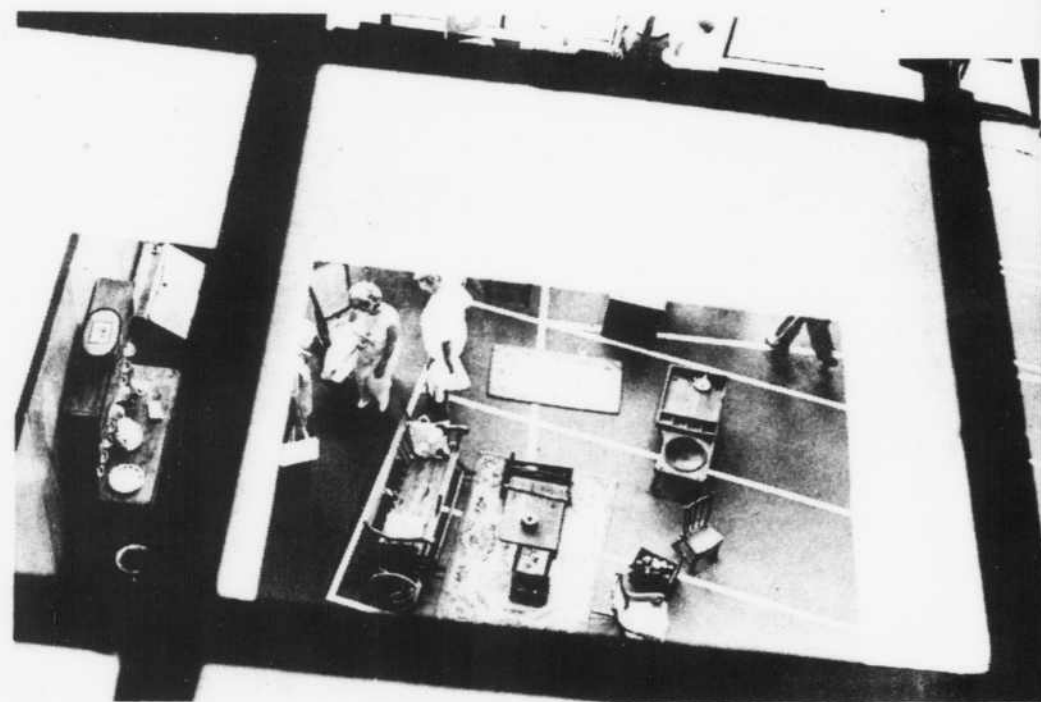
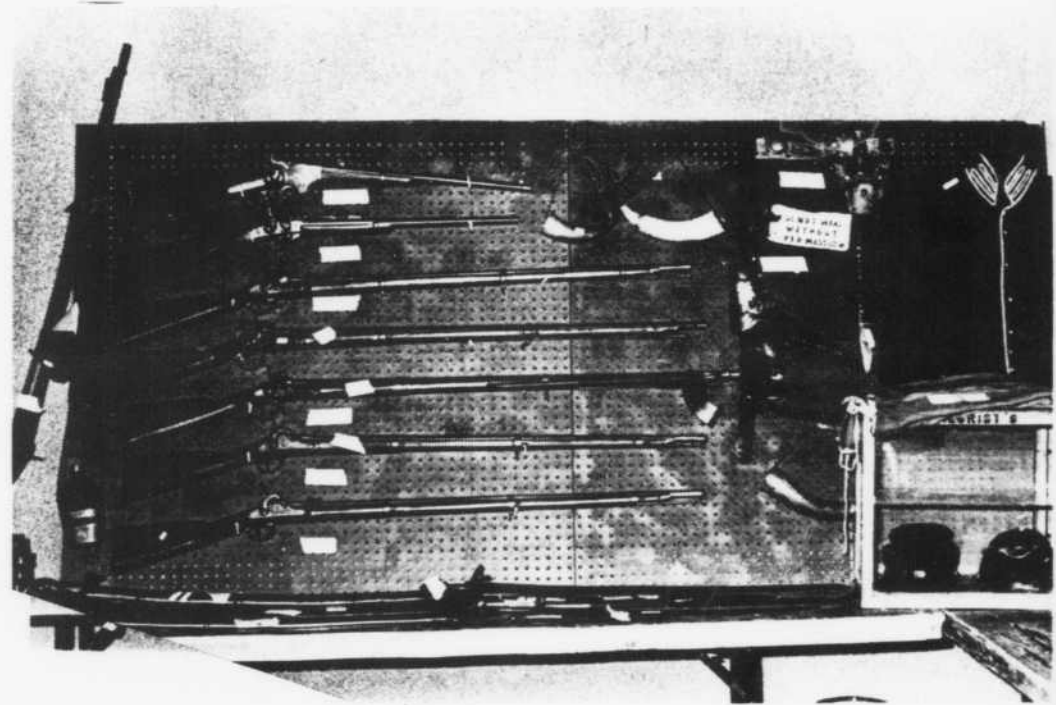
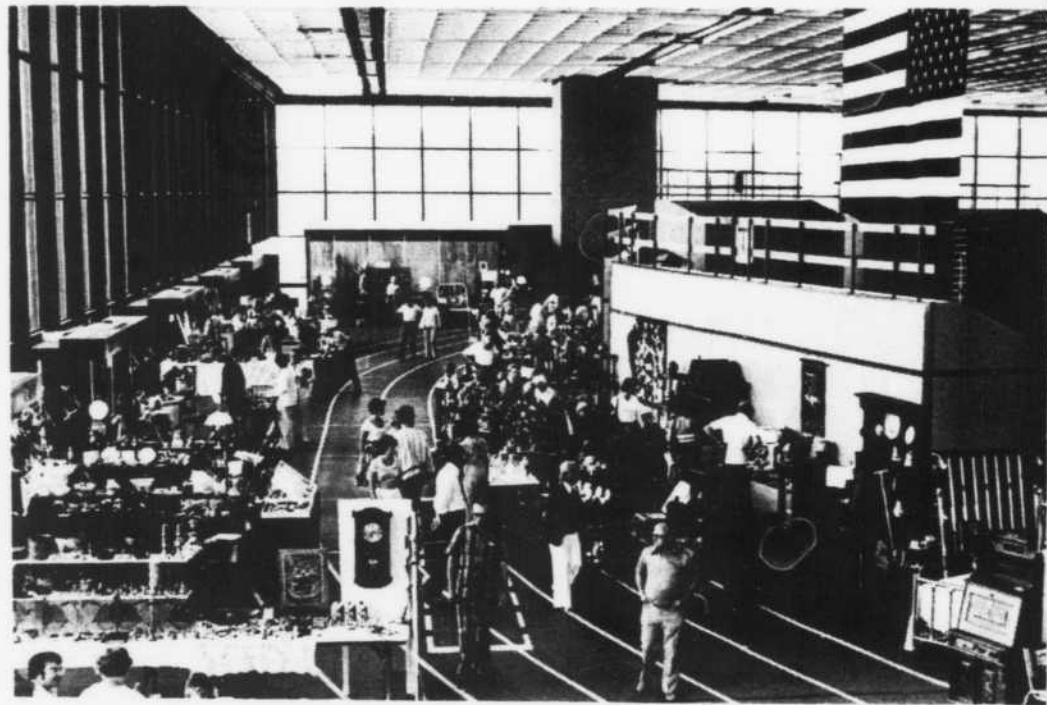
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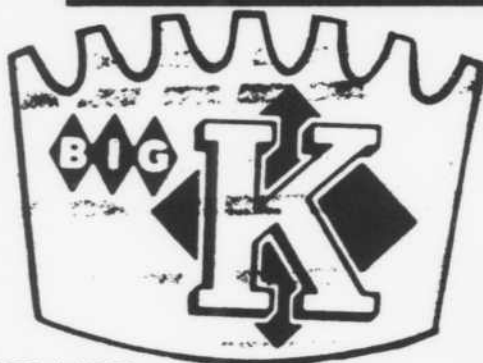
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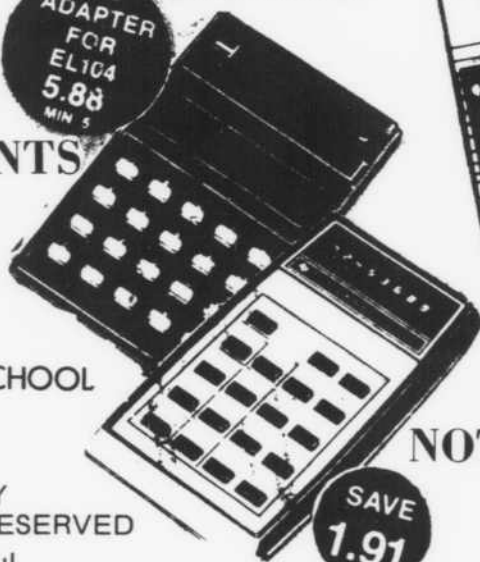
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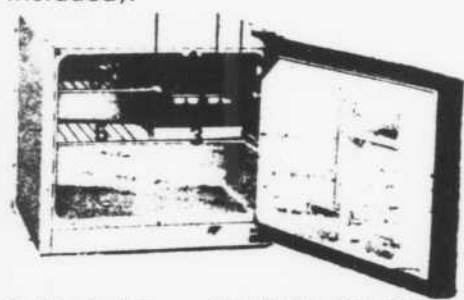
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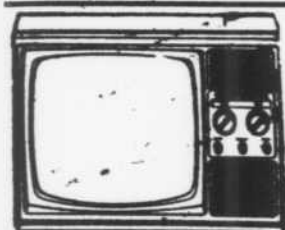
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Wesley At Worship

'Kitchen cook' rescued by grid hopes

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Ben Hurt has been trying to escape from the soup kitchen all his life. He started the fight as a homeless 14-year-old.

Christmas Day was a sore spot for young Ben Hurt.

He never had a mother or father to patch his jeans or buy him a new car. His feet were his set of wheels.

As a boy he washed dishes or starved. Dishpan hands didn't faze him; he was too busy trying to survive.

Family problems ripped his home apart before Hurt had lost all his baby teeth. Yet, the 1956 MTSU graduate retained his smile throughout the hassle.

Giles County High School remembers Ben Hurt, the fireplug of enthusiasm. He captained the 1952 football and basketball teams. After the senior prom in Pulaski, Ben wanted to continue his education . . . and he wanted badly to play football for Middle Tennessee. Many scoffed at the notion of this 183-pounder playing college football. But Hurt kept the



Ben Hurt:
1956 and 1976

SPORTS

Today, Hurt is the head football coach at Middle Tennessee State University. Next Saturday night (gametime 7:30 p.m.) at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field, the curtain goes up on his second season at MTSU.

Trying to outfox Tennessee State is a long way from the dishroom.

"I have been on my own for most of my life. I've had to work since I was 13 or 14 just to get by," Hurt revealed prior to practice this week.

"I came from a broken home. I guess I matured faster than most kids."

Without athletics, Ben Hurt, the football coach, might have been making license plates in prison.

"If it hadn't been for athletics, I don't know where I would be today."

smile.

"No, I didn't think I was too small to play," Hurt said. He had his heart set on playing football. He wanted to be a guard or linebacker. His size said he should have watched from the stands.

"A lot of college guards weighted around 185 then (1953). That was about the normal size for a Tennessee (UT) guard. But it would have been too small today."

Hurt wasn't recruited. Nobody knocked on his door. Middle Tennessee had an enrollment that allowed 20 football grants. Ben wasn't even third string.

"He was really too small," said Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy, who was Hurt's head coach, but now serves as MTSU's Athletic Director.

"Ben didn't get a scholarship when he came that first year," Murphy recalled. "That first year I really didn't think he was a prospect."

Hurt's "scholarship" was washing dishes in the cafeteria at the Student Union Building. Ben Hurt paid the price.

"He wasn't that fast and his size couldn't overpower people," Murphy offered. "But he was quick and aggressive. Once he was told something he had done wrong, he never made the same mistake," he said.

What Ben Hurt lacked in raw ability, he compensated with smart play, endless hustle and desire, Murphy said. Midway into his sophomore year, Ben Hurt began to impress. The coaching staff did a double-take.

The scholarship finally came. Ben left the soup kitchen in 1954. He hasn't looked back except to thank those that helped him find a way out by playing football.

"I could tell by his attitude that Ben would be a great coach

someday, if that was what he wanted," Murphy said.

Ben stayed the same during his college playing days. He starred as an offensive guard in the 1956 season. The players elected him co-captain.

"He was always extremely outgoing. He got along well with the coaches, players and teaching staff, but the school wasn't nearly as large as it is today. All the teachers knew him," Murphy said.

"He is one of the hardest workers I have ever seen," Murphy continued. "He expected the same effort from his fellow players. As a coach, he expects the same attitude from his players and coaches."

Ben "adopted" a father in high school. Jack Deere, the Pulaski coach, "did just about everything he could for me. I slept by myself and made myself work, but Coach Deere provided the direction," Hurt said.

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TSU tickets on sale

Pssst....Wanna hot tip?

Yes, you in the jeans with the worried "post-registration" look on your face.

How'd you like to save three bucks? If you do, you'd best buy your MTSU- Tennessee State ticket before next Saturday. The game is at Dudley Field on Vandy's campus. It starts at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 4.

All you need is a valid ID card and \$2. All tickets will be \$5 the day of the game. The limit is two tickets per student (that takes two IDs). Just make sure the pictures match the face that walks in the gate.

"Because we only have a limited number of tickets, they will be checking IDs at the gate," MTSU ticket manager Jim Simpson said.

Students must enter the stadium through Gates S, T, and U. It will take a ticket and an ID card to get in.

There will be no discount sale Saturday.

Ticket sales are being conducted in the basement of the University Center from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Simpson is also handling sales in Murphy Center from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



OLYMPIC CONNECTION—MTSU track coach Dean Hayes and women's volleyball coach Pat Sarver check the coverage of the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal (see story on page 30).

1984 Olympics--Is that where it stops?

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

"I think very seriously that 1984 will be the last of the Olympics—at least as we know them now." DEAN HAYES.

"What really impressed me was that they had 198 hours of coverage on television. They had broadcasts in both English and French. I'm staying 10 blocks from the stadium and still fighting crowds, but all I had to do was flip on the TV." PAT SARVER.

That's just a sampling of the impressions of two MTSU coaches, who recently were first-hand members of the 200,000 people who swamped Montreal for the 20th Olympiad.

Hayes, Middle Tennessee track coach, went to watch three guys he coached.

He left with a bitter taste and fear of the politics that are embedded in a contest of skill, not a convention hall.

The Games are no longer what they were designed to be, he says. He points to MTSU sophomore Sheikh Faye as proof.

Sheikh was the captain of the Gambia team, but he left with the African pullout. The other athletes

were Tommy Haynes and Rayfield Dupree, both long jumpers.

"I can't foresee the Olympics continuing past 1984," Hayes said. "Countries just can't afford to bring the games in for two weeks at such a tremendous cost."

The estimated cost of the Montreal Olympics was \$385 million. By the time the construction and strikes were over, without a complete job, the cost had skyrocketed to \$1.4 billion. Security alone cost \$100 million.

"There almost has to be some change in the Olympic format," Hayes speculated. "Greece wants to host the Games each time. Some want to spread them out in different locales. Others want just to go on the basis of World Cup champions."

But Hayes said he wouldn't have missed it for the world.

"I had three guys that I trained competing with the best athletes in the world. That probably will never happen again, at least not as close as Montreal."

"I had a good time. Everybody should go once. There was a lot of hassle with the people but this was an extravaganza. Being an American, the security was probably the most discouraging thing."

Having a soldier with a machine gun stare you in the face can be disturbing," Hayes said.

"One of the things I remember quickly is Bruce Jenner in the decathlon. I strained just to watch him. The facility was unreal. The pageantry was certainly there," Hayes said.

Sarver didn't blow \$65 a day for a room, the going rate.

"We were lucky," said the newest addition to the women's athletic staff. "One of my friends had a relative in Montreal. We were right down the street from the places they showed on TV."

Pat saw events including women's basketball, weightlifting, field hockey, soccer, men's basketball and, of course, women's volleyball.

"The subway system stopped right under the Olympic Stadium. It was set up to take you anywhere you needed to go."

Food went at premium prices. "A glass of iced tea was \$.75, hot dogs were \$.75 and I bought a chocolate sundae that was \$1.65,"

Sarver questions the accuracy of the Russian "yardstick."

"That Russian center they said was 6-10 or so was wrong. She is a least 7-2. She could touch the rim

without jumping and that was without fully extending her arms."

"We will never be able to compete with these women's teams until we play all year round and start in the earlier grades. The only problem is that nobody complains until an Olympic year," commented Sarver.

With all the soldiers, threatened pullouts, pullouts, poor fan reactions and problems, the 1976 Olympic Games was worth the hassle with the crowds...At least they saw the most magnificent sporting event in the history of mankind.

MTSU signs Chicago high hurdles whiz

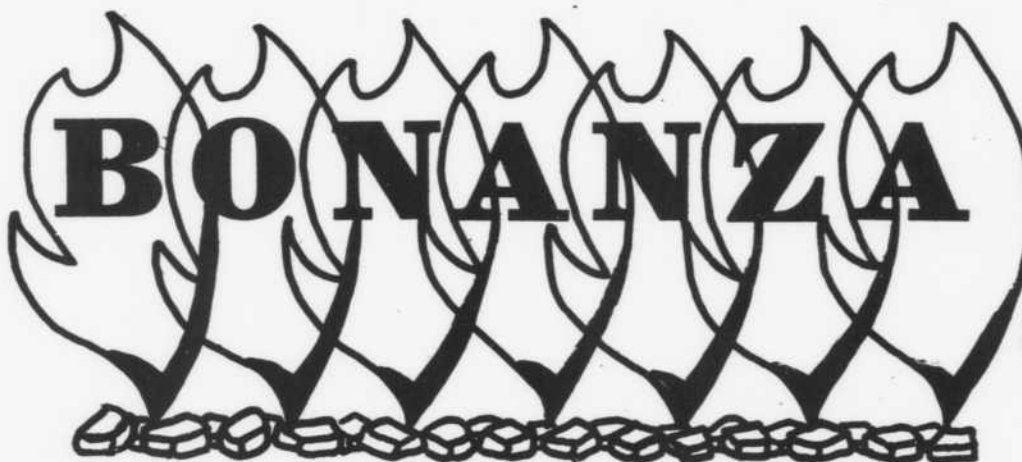
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"Bubber" Murphy is the athletic cog

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy is the man that makes MTSU athletics run. He is the boss. He's been on the scene for 22 years.

Murphy is a man of many faces.



He was an MTSU coach for 22 years and posted a 155-63-8 record. OVC competition was subdued 73 times in 101 games. Charles M. Murphy was winning football games before the Ohio Valley Conference or you were born...or dreamed of.

Murphy is a multi-talented athlete now serving as MTSU's Athletic director.

During his playing career (1934-37) Murphy lettered in four sports...He ranks third in the

all-time MTSU record book for most points in a season (69) in 1935...Murphy is the school's first player to take Little All-American honors.

Last year he was inducted into the Tennessee Hall-of-Fame, putting Murphy among the 60 most outstanding athletes in the history of this Volunteer state.

"Being inducted to the Hall-of-Fame was a great honor," Murphy said while looking at the plaque signifying his "enrollment" in the prestigious group.

Murphy has been directing the athletic department since 1969. Each year the school has grown, the job becoming more and more complex. He'd be a millionaire twice over with five cents for each signature.

Murphy joined the MTSU staff in 1947. He didn't have many helpers.

"I was head football coach, athletic director and head of the physical education department. No, I don't think anyone could handle all three today. We only had 800

students then. Right now, I guess it would be impossible," Murphy said.

Last year was a good year for Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders finished second in the all-sports chase, winning league titles in baseball and tennis. It was the highest overall finish in MTSU history.

"With a little bit of luck in football (4-7), basketball (16-11) and cross country, we could have won that dern thing," the soft-spoken Murphy said. "But we were extremely please to finish second."

During his three years ("I couldn't play as a freshman"), MTSU went 21-2-1 and won two Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) titles. MTSU didn't join the OVC until 1954.

Under head coach Johnny Floyd in 1935, MTSU went 18-0, the first unbeaten-untied MTSU record in 17 years. The next came when Murphy was the head coach.

"Looking back, the thing I

remember most about my playing days was beating Tennessee Tech on the last game of the '35 season for the championship," Murphy said.

Isn't it funny how little things have changed in 40 years?

How'd he get the "Bubber" nickname?

"My mother always called me brother when I was little," Murphy said with a smile as he thought back to the days past in Pulaski. "My sister, Margaret, never could pronounce it right. Instead of Brother it came out Bubber."

"The name always stuck with me. I was the youngest in the family and I didn't see much need to change up when I was nearly grown," Murphy said.

"We are a little nervous, but the players have worked extremely hard. I've never seen enthusiasm like they have. They are fired up. This bunch is really together. It looks like the key to the season may be avoiding injuries," Murphy explained.



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Phase II soothes MTSU's '76 football plans

Middle Tennessee's climb toward regained respectability in the Ohio Valley Conference begins "Phase II" of a three part plan this year.

The Blue Raiders toughest opponent may be the schedule: playing all three teams picked above MTSU on the road (Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky and Tennessee Tech).

"We are going to be an improved football team. But we are still a young football team (five seniors)."

RUNNING BACKS: One of two extremely strong areas in player personnel. Quality backfield in OVC's Offensive Player of the Year in 1975 (Mike Moore) and quarterback Mike Robinson. John Dukes holds starting assignment at halfback. Rating—EXCELLENT.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Totally revamped from a year ago. Three players will get first taste of the offensive line in the season opener. Four-year starter Frank Long is most experienced lineman. Big question mark is right guard, where redshirt freshman Steve Sullivan (6-5, 250) must produce. Rating—IMPROVED.

RECEIVERS: The youngest group on the team. Graduation thinned ranks of three starters. Gary Burchfield, 5-8, 164 is the only starter back. Jeff Shokley, the fastest man on the team in the 40-yard dash, is the split end who played behind Burchfield last season. Jack Fuqua, back up quarterback in '75, holds the tight end nod, but freshman Vincent Harris will see duty. Rating—QUESTIONABLE

DEFENSIVE LINE: Left end George Goodson is a solid defensive player. Junior College All-American Morris Bell could be a big

surprise in '76. Extremely quick and strong. Eddie Wright will man the right end, after playing offensive tackle last year. Redshirt freshman Reggie Bell will be tested quickly at left tackle. Kim Bankston is top reserve. Rating—GOOD

LINEBACKERS: Tony Buck, 6-2, 200 pounds is the only returning starting linebacker. He will play beside middle linebacker Jim Dunster, a senior transfer from the defunct University of Miami program. Andre Bullock will be on the left side. Bullock lettered last year as a defensive end. Rating—GOOD.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Strength of defensive unit. Three starters return, including Stan Murphy after knee surgery. He will be tested time and again by Tennessee State. Johnny Carver returns at the right corner after missing half of last season with an injury. Ronnie Cecil, who plays like a linebacker, is the secondary's best hitter. Top newcomer is John Diefenbach, who came to summer camp a month early just to prepare for the right safety job. Rating—EXCELLENT.

KICKING GAME: Sore spot last year, especially on punts. Freshman Bill Ming and Randy Saunders are battling for the staring punting role. Michael Robinson will handle extra points and short field goals. Larvell Jobb takes over on longer placements. Rating—AVERAGE.

PREDICTION: The jokes have stopped about MTSU football teams. The program has turned around. The 1976 season has several keys. Avoiding injuries, getting help from the freshman crop and improving the kicking game. Should be happy with a "break even" record, but 11 games are scheduled. It could go either way. **FOURTH IN OVC.**

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Tennessee Valley Bicentennial South Sept. 4 and 5

When you enter these five exhibit trailers that are parked in a U-shaped configuration you travel back in time to when Indians lived in this region. When you emerge, you have seen the promise of the future. A multi-media show using 15 slide projectors also is featured. Admission is free.

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Ben Hurt's battle

"He embarrasses me in a crowd talking like that," the husky-speaking Deere said in a lower voice than usual. "You didn't mind helping someone who wanted to help himself as bad as Ben did."

"He grew up in unusual circumstances. During his high school days, we made it possible for

him to live in a dormitory at Martin College. It was just a place for him to stay. He deserved everything we did. . . he was a cook in a restaurant by the time he was 14," Deere offered.

It wasn't the usual player-coach relationship.

"Ben Hurt fought his way out of something very few kids could even

face," Deere said. "I'm proud of him. He knows where he's been and where he's going."

Deere is now an instructor in the MTSU physical education department. He was a Middle Tennessee football assistant after 10 years in the high school ranks. He doesn't want credit, but he was a good father.

He says Ben Hurt fought tremendous odds and won. He thinks he was just there at the time.

Hurt didn't search for motivation.

"I didn't have any money. My clothes were always too small. But I wanted more for my kids than I ever had growing up," Hurt said.

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Easter shuffles off to Canada

A Buffalo Bill without the 'Juice' is lonely

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

The Buffalo Bills minus "The Juice" don't interest Bobby Joe Easter.

The versatile 1975 MTSU halfback has joined the Hamilton Ontario Tiger-Cats in the Canadian Football League. He asked to be waived during the Buffalo Bills training camp.

What are the Bills without O.J. Simpson?

"I never knew him but I can tell the entire team misses him, especially the offensive line. Some of the guys said O.J. kept things going, kept everyone relaxed. I was told he is a very outgoing person. They'll sure miss him when it's time to put points on the board."

Easter signed a contract Thursday. He left immediately. "I want to play in the CFL one year and try it again in the National Football League. No, I don't think the Bills gave me a fair shot," Easter said.

Kansas City had ~~ear~~ interest in the Fourth-round draft pick, but Easter said he couldn't "refuse a good offer from the Tiger-Cats just to wait for a phone call. The Chiefs only said they were interested. Nothing definite was offered."

There are 11 games remaining for each CFL team. Squads are limited to "15 imports," meaning American players. Bobby Joe was told he would play running back.

His best effort in the NFL came against Cincinnati when Easter carried five times for 42 yards.

Why did he ask to be placed on waivers?

"I talked it over with my agent (Nashville's Jim Whitaker) and we decided that Buffalo's plans really didn't coincide with mine. They placed me on waivers and I cleared Sunday. The Tiger-Cats called Monday."

Easter was disturbed because Bills' coach Lou Saban played a 12th-round pick from Jackson State "ahead of me even though he kept

well, yet I wake after mistake. I Easter said.

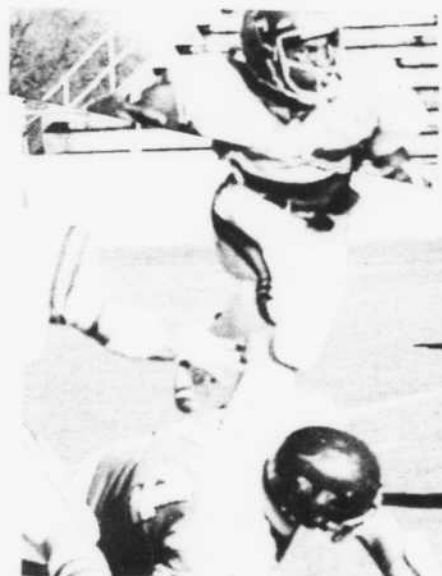
Bob Shaw (Tiger-Cat head coach) called Easter Monday.

"He wanted me up there by Wednesday but I needed to spend some time with my family and relax for a couple of days before getting back in the swing of things. We didn't really get into the specifics of the contract. But I am really pleased with it," Bobby Joe said.

"The only difference between Buffalos' training camp and MTSU football Ben Hurt-style is that "Lou Saban had the running backs blocking linebackers alive. Otherwise, Coach Hurt's camp would be rated just the same.

"I would really like to play in the NFL. Of course they get a lot more television coverage, but I'll play anywhere. I just want to get this first year under my belt," Bobby Joe said.

He teamed with Mike Moore to give the Blue Raiders the best



Bobby Joe Easter

tandem of running backs in the Ohio Valley Conference last season.

Easter, a finesse runner, averaged 6.2 yards per carry while racking up 807 yards before going down in the Western Kentucky game with a dislocated collarbone, missing the last two games.

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Stauffer's Hoosier act: a ticket to MTSU

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

A funny thing happened to Jan Stauffer on March 29...He helped Indiana win the NCAA basketball tournament.

Stauffer, 32, is the latest addition to the MTSU basketball staff, replacing John Ferguson, who was named head coach at Wilmington (Ohio) College.

The Celina, Ohio native emerged from over 100 applicants, head coach Jimmy Earle said.

Why leave the security of Hoosier championships for Middle Tennessee and the OVC? The question was put to Stauffer:

"I was a part-time assistant on Bobby Knight's staff. My capacity was not fulltime for the foreseeable future. With the threat of NCAA cutbacks I just wanted a full-time situation and the OVC has an excellent reputation," Stauffer said.

He assisted Knight in scouting and recruiting for three years.

During that span, Indiana won 57 regular season games in a row, two Big Ten titles (37 league wins in a row) and unbeaten last year.

"I feel he has an outstanding future in coaching and is very dedicated and a hardworking young man. I know that he will be a great asset to the program at Middle Tennessee," Knight said in a letter to Earle.

"You can bank on anybody Bobby Knight recommends," Earle said recently. "I came on him by coincidence when I was going up (to Indiana) to see Tim Sisneros and Jimmy Martin (past MTSU all-OVC selections), Earle said.

"I stopped to see Bobby. He and I are pretty good friends. He was having his summer camp. There were over 350 kids there. He mentioned he had a super assistant who could help," Earle explained.

"My duties will consist mainly of floor coaching, scouting, recruiting and teaching in the physical education department," Stauffer said.

In recruiting, the main assign-

ment for Ferguson, Stauffer will cover Indiana, Illinois and Ohio as



Jan Stauffer

well as "other contacts in this part of the country."

Stauffer went to Indiana from Miami Trace, where he was a high school coach. In three seasons, Stauffer directed Trace to conference runner-up twice before winning league, sectional and district titles in his third year.

After winning the district crown, Trace upset the seventh-ranked

team before bowing. It was the highest finish ever for a Trace squad.

"My years at Indiana were the most rewarding of my life," Stauffer, a bachelor, said. "We had good success at Indiana. It was a tremendous program.

"Bobby Knight is a very articulate and intelligent coach. He is very intense and a tremendous individual in aspects other than coaching. He studies the game hard, working at even the smallest aspects. I have the upmost respect for him," Stauffer said.

Stauffer said "I am very impressed with Murphy Center. It is a tremendous facility and one of the nicest I've seen."

After graduating with a B.S. in Education from Ohio Northern in 1966, Stauffer earned his M.A. from Ball State in 1967. He expects to get his Doctoral Degree from Indiana this year. "I am on the fourth chapter of dissertation," Stauffer said of the five-chapter paper.



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Connell, matmen prep for encore

by Tom Wood

After "grappling" with the problems of recruiting, funding and scheduling over the summer, MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell is ready to stage his encore.

"Well, we did have a good season last year," Connell said, "and this year's team will be a shade better. We didn't recruit as

many wrestlers as in the past, but we got the right people for the right gaps."

A major weakness in the Raider lineup last year was the heavy-weight division. Connell feels football players will plug that hole up solid.

"Morris Bell (6-2, 223) should fill that role rather well. He is a former state champion of Georgia, and

Other key recruits are Cliff Abernathy, Tommy Elmore of Shelbyville and Dan Tourtellotte.

"For the first time ever," Connell added, "we will be an experienced squad. And we won't lose anyone to graduation next year. We will be an improved team over last year's

Connell has not finalized the schedule for the upcoming season, some of the more formidable foes will include Georgia, Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Auburn, and UT Chattanooga.

And the biggest wrestling match ever set for MTSU (outside of Norman, the wrestling Kangaroo vs. the Blue-Eyed Avenger) will feature Alabama, Notre Dame and

Virginia Tech Jan. 15.

"Whenever Alabama and Notre Dame get together in any sport, you're bound to have a fight," Connell said. "We have a score to settle with the Irish too.

"That was the most bitter loss of the season (21-19 in South Bend)," Connell added, and we're really gearing up for that one."

Connell shied away from any predictions on the season, but said his goal for this season is to qualify somebody for the NCAA tournament next March.

"That may not be a good way to look at it, but a winning record means less to me than sending someone to the tournament.

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Raider recruits key to Earle's "winning hand"

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports editor

Head basketball coach Jimmy Earle might have thought he was watching reruns of "The Great Escape" last season.

"I honestly don't see how we won as many games in 1976 as we did," said Earle of the 1975-76 16-11 season. "There were injuries, controversy, ineligible players and sickness all season. It was one thing after another. I thought we finished super (won five in a row to end the regular season). It's a tribute to the players."

"For the first time in the history of this school, we have a basketball team that has had three straight winning seasons," Earle said.

The winning records started in 1973-74 with an 18-8 slate. The following year, one of the best ever for any MTSU team, the Blue Raiders chalked up 23 wins against five losses, one coming to Oregon State in the NCAA basketball

tournament.

The victory years

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1973-74	18-8
1974-75	23-5
1975-76	16-11

Crafty Lewis Mack returns for his senior year at the point. He started last year after starring in a junior college in New York.

As the season progressed, Mack's improved efficiency at running the club spearheaded the turn about.

But three seniors graduated, among them Tim Sisneros, a 6-8, all-OVC center, who was devastating the last 15 games of the season.

Also departed are starters 6-7 forward John Bonner and the best defensive player on the team a year ago, Fred Allen.

What's the 76-77 outlook, a season which gets underway Nov. 17 against the Venezuela National team?

"For us to have a good year," Earle explained, "we must have some pleasant surprises from the recruits and quality play from our returning players. We've had a good recruiting year," Earle said.

Actually, the recruits boil down to a nucleus of "the big three" clearly the players Earle anticipates seeing playing time. "There is a possibility that one more player might be signed. We'll know in the next few days about that," Earle said.

Earle's "big three":

BOB MARTIN, forward, 6-8, 200 pounds. First MTSU basketball signee. Transferred from Martin Junior College in Dickson, Tenn. "A player who can really help us. He's quick and aggressive. Good rebounder. Limited shooting range. Could give instant help," Earle said.

GREG JOYNER, forward, 6-7,

190 pounds. Transferred from Columbia State Junior College. Native of Philadelphia, Pa. Went to Columbia after transcript difficulties at MTSU. Made all-Philadelphia team. "Real good shooter. Scores well, mostly from the perimeter. Could help us tremendously," Earle said.

JOHN HUNTER, center, 6-8, 225 pounds. Transferred from a junior college in Independence, Kan. Nicknamed the "Hawk." Native of Chicago, Ill. Expected to take over the starting position of the OVC's 1975-76 co-MVP, Tim Sisneros. "He's big and strong and boards the ball really well. His strength is rebounding. Could be the premiere post man in the conference. Jumps extremely well," Earle said.

WHO TO WATCH: Leroy Coleman, guard or forward, 6-4, 185 pounds. Freshman from Huntsville, Ala. Derek Render, forward, 6-7, 185 pounds. Freshman from Atlanta, Ga. Ken Sebring, center, 6-9, 200 pounds. Freshman from Arcanum, Ohio.

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