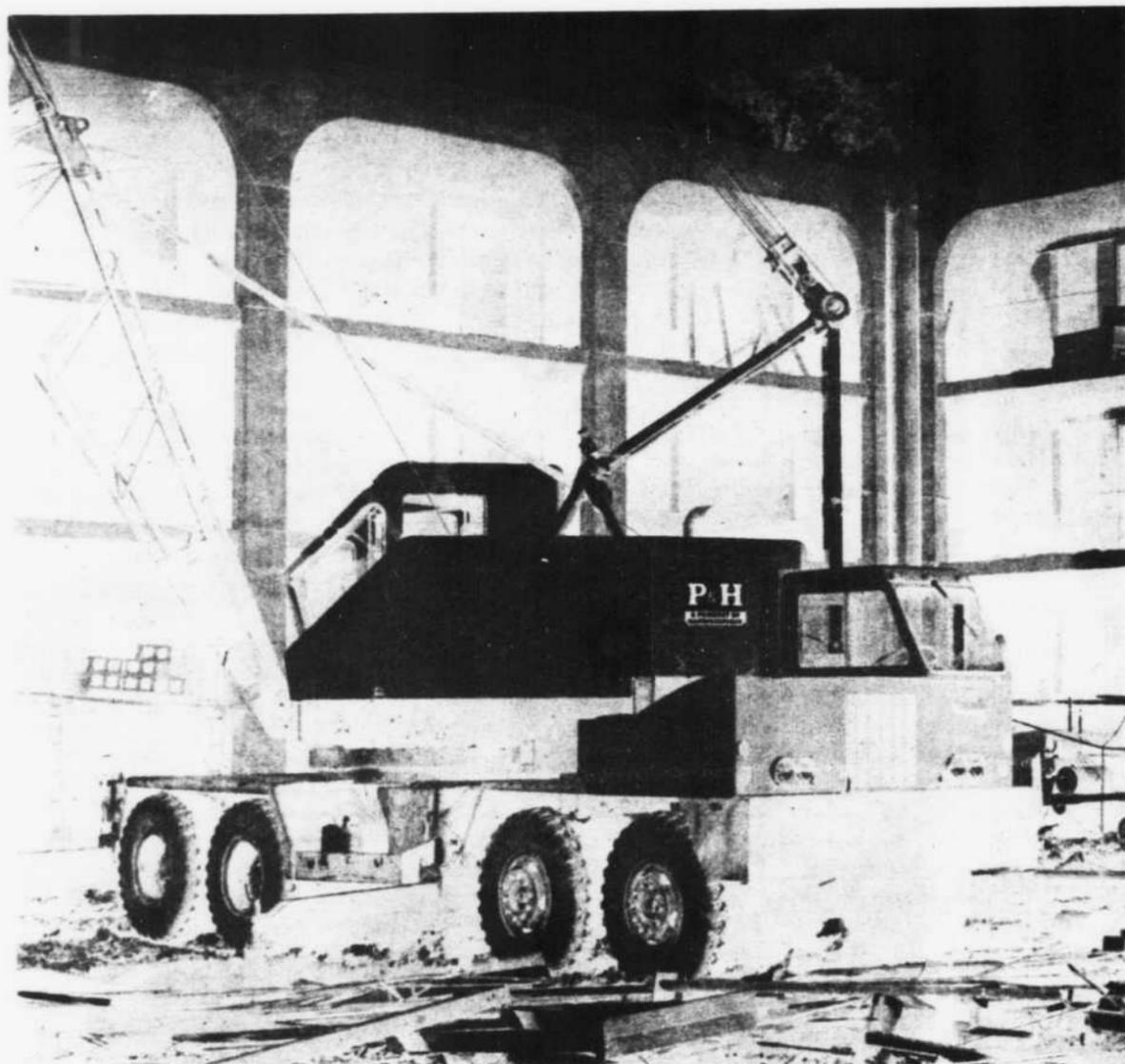


# Sidelines

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## New housing

A "negative print" special effects rendering of this photograph seems to cast an odd light on the dormitory construction project near the married students housing complex. See page eight.

## Regents link Ezell to rumors

Members of the Tennessee State Board of Regents have confirmed rumors that Dr. Kenneth Ezell, board member, is participating in a move to oust MTSU President M. G. Scarlett from his post.

Regent Dale Glover said yesterday Ezell had talked to him about the matter during a recent phone conversation.

When asked about the criticisms of Scarlett Glover said, "It's not anything new. There's been a feeling for some time against him."

Tuesday, the Tennessean carried a page one story which said, "There have been reports that one board member, Dr. Kenneth P. Ezell of Murfreesboro, has discussed informally with other regents complaints he has about Scarlett's administration."

Regent J. Frank Taylor, Huntington, said that this report was accurate.

By Mike West

"He (Ezell) hasn't said anymore to me than he has to anyone else," Taylor said. He "has called attention to this and that," but no formal charges have been made, Taylor said.

When contacted Tuesday, Ezell said he had "no comment" on the matter.

Criticisms against the Scarlett administration have been "batted around in local papers," Ezell said. "I didn't have anything to do with the rumors," he said.

Perhaps the rumors began in the local press, said Ezell, "that must be where it originated--in the local press."

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**P.10** At least one racing advocate has geared up in defense of the Indianapolis 500, which claimed one life and at least two serious injuries to competing drivers this year.

## Survey finds mixed views on Watergate

MTSU students seem to be almost evenly divided on the question of President Nixon's involvement in the Watergate scandal, **SIDELINES** interviews revealed recently.

Fred Goodwin, Murfreesboro senior, feels Watergate tactics are justified if they aid in the nation's security.

"The whole thing is just stupid," he said. "The Democrats are just as guilty. I don't see anything wrong with these tactics if done for the security of the nation."

"There is no way to impeach the President, and I'm sick of it on T.V.," he said.

"The whole thing is a mess," Robert Forbus, Bell Buckle sophomore, said. "Nixon is innocent. It is a communist conspiracy."

"If Republicans hadn't made accusations against Democrats, (collusion with

Cuba, etc.), the Democrats would never have made such an issue out of Watergate," said Dennis Caron, Nashville senior. "I don't think Nixon knew about Watergate but has tried to cover it up."

Robert Hayes, Bell Buckle senior, feels that Nixon "knew something" of what was going on but not to the degree that he is being accused.

"The whole thing should just be forgotten," said Jerry Hester, Unionville junior. "Who cares if Nixon was involved except the news media? He just got caught at things all other presidents have done."

"I think politics in every country is the same--many tricks," said Jatuporn Saranak, graduate student from Thailand. "It happens everywhere and just come out in the Watergate case."

**By Freda Blackwell**

Many MTSU students, however, feel that Nixon was involved.

"I think the Nixon administration is the most corrupt organization in the history of United States politics, and President Nixon knew all from the beginning," said Nancy Kacena, Nashville senior.

### 'Nixon is innocent'

"Yes, I'm sure President Nixon knew; if he did not, he should have known what his top aids were doing. He should take all the blame," Bill Snider, Nashville graduate student, said.

"A lot of time is being wasted to convict the little men while big men get away. President Nixon was aware and will do any-

thing he can to get this over with," said Leroy Brown, Murfreesboro senior.

Nixon is involved and should show his face, Mike Robison, Tullahoma senior, feels. "I don't think he will be impeached but should be," said Robison.

"Nixon was probably involved; he should have testified and brought this out in the open at the beginning," Charlotte Haggard, Murfreesboro senior, said.

Faculty members also expressed varied opinions on the Watergate scandal.

"I don't think Nixon gave specific instructions for Watergate, but he employed people he knew were capable of doing these things without him instructing them," said an MTSU history professor.

"There has been too much coverage and too many accusations. Nixon

will not be impeached, he will not resign, and the Republicans will not stay in the White House," a biology professor said.

"This is the greatest ethical problem we've ever had," said W. B. West, psychology professor.

"Out of it should come greater people participation in our government and more power to the people. This and the recent Democratic convention show the new populism in the Democratic party."

The news media have received criticism for their coverage of the Watergate scandal, and MTSU students seem to agree that the coverage has been too much.

"It is important to take these things to the public, but this coverage is too in-depth," Ellen Stallings, Shelbyville junior, said. "I wish they would take it off T.V. so I can see my soap operas."

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# Watson ties ASB priorities to new students

Student body president Tim Watson called for a more responsible and more mature approach to MTSU's student government in an address to incoming freshmen on June 4.

"The key to our approach is continuing friendship on a personal level even though enmity might exist on a professional level," he said.

Watson told the group that student voices were being heard in more responsible positions of authority on campus than in years past.

"That's not to indicate that (the students) have obtained everything we want from the university administration," he said.

Watson said student government would take more of a turn toward the input of the individual stu-

dent---the student who wishes to get involved:

"If you have a complaint that's not being answered; if you have a problem that's not being solved, then come see us in student government. We'll see what we can do for you---and we'll see what you can do for us."

The student audience was addressed initially by the university's president, M. G. Scarlett.

Scarlett said student government was on the

verge of moving ahead in "bold new directions." He said this year could be "one of the finest for

student government in the school's history" because of Watson's leadership and qualifications.

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## File 13

File 13 is a column designed for short news articles and public service announcements which appeal to MTSU students. If you have an item of interest, please call extension 2815.

Reporters for coverage of campus news are needed this semester for the SIDELINES, Barry Thomas, news coordinator, said yesterday. Persons interested in news-gathering should contact him at the SIDELINES office, extension 2815.

The MTSU Chapter of the American Marketing Association is sponsoring a tour through Cain Sloan Department Store in Nashville, Friday, June 15.

The purpose of the trip is to view the inner workings of a large retail organization.

Bids for the Learning Resources Center scheduled for construction on the MTSU campus will be opened July 17, Baxter Cook, MTSU planning coordinator, said yesterday.

The center, expected to cost \$1.8 million, will include housing for WMOT-FM, television studios and an audio-visual laboratory, Baxter said.

Mike Hall, Murfreesboro junior, has been appointed administrative assistant to ASB President Tim Watson.

Contractors bids for the project will be opened in the state Purchasing OFFICE, Baxter said.

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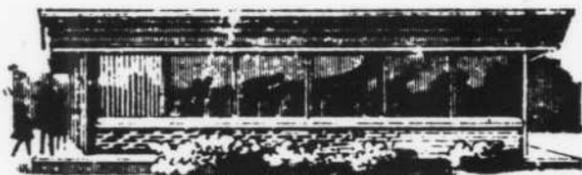
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## Regents

(Cont. from page 1)

Sources revealed that Ezell called the offices of the Daily News Journal on Monday and revealed certain aspects of an anti-Scarlett plan. These statements were strictly "off the record" said the source.

An eight-student steering committee designed to organize campus support for M. G. Scarlett's retention as president was appointed by ASB President Tim Watson last night. Committee members are Watson, Gary Sadler, Terry Thomas, Emily Webb, John Jackson, Catherine Turner, Terry Hendrixson and Mike Hall.

Several regents said they had not been contacted by Ezell. Regent Johnella Martin said Ezell had not approached her with any criticisms of Scarlett.

Martin said, "I am very concerned about the situation." Much "research" and "fact finding" must be done, she said, to find the truth.

When contacted, C. C. Humphries, chancellor of the Board of Regents, said he was aware of the rumors.

Humphries indicated that "as of now no formal charges have been made, but any board member can request that an item be added to the agenda."

## New proposal made State ruling threatens free legal counsel

ASB attempts to finance free legal aid for MTSU students has apparently been fouled by a ruling of the state attorney general's office, Robert LaLance dean of students, said Tuesday.

LaLance said the legal aid proposal, which was a portion of Tim Watson's successful ASB presidential campaign, evidently conflicts with state policy on the use of outside legal representation for state universities.

"There is a state law which states that the attorney general will act as counsel for all state institutions," LaLance said. "And since MTSU is a state school we would fall under that law."

Harry Wagner, vice president for student affairs, agreed with LaLance's position on the use of university monies for counseling to students.

"Institutions under the State Board of Regents--such as MTSU--are not allowed to hire legal counseling, Wagner said.

When the proposal came up in the ASB presidential race, we looked into it and found that the attorney general was our counsel, Wagner said.

Tim Watson, ASB president, said he was "investigating" other possibilities of providing legal counsel for the students other than any offered by the attorney general.

"I've talked with Jim Griggs, president of the

Tennessee Student Association, about our problem," Watson said. "He feels that some type of state-wide program for all the universities could be worked out using money raised exclusively by the students themselves."

"For example, we could tax every student 50 cents and give him a card indicating that he is qualified to receive legal aid," Watson said. "The money we raised by this means could be used to hire private counsel."

Watson said a proposal for using student monies raised privately "might" be put into effect by the fall semester of 1974.

Watson's proposal would have allowed the use of ASB funds, which are budgeted to student government by the university, to hire private attorneys for counsel of students facing legal problems.

General guidelines for the ASB budget dictate that money budgeted should be used to benefit a majority of students, not just a few, LaLance said.

This guideline along with the state law, seem to indicate that ASB monies cannot be used, LaLance said.

LaLance suggested that pre-law students at MTSU be used to assist students with legal problems. He added that the position of ASB attorney general might also be helpful to students with legal questions.

## Glass predicts 7 per cent increase in university enrollment for fall

Enrollment for the fall semester at MTSU is expected to total 9919 students this year, Frank Glass, dean of admissions and records, said yesterday.

"Enrollment this fall is expected to exceed last fall's total by over seven per cent, despite a general leveling off of enrollment at most universities across the nation," he said.

Glass said that as of Monday there were 4,537 students registered for the summer session. The total enrollment, projected between 4,700 and 4,800, will not be known until July 10 since many students attending the second session will not register until that time. He said 850 of the 1,312 intersession students re-registered for the summer session.

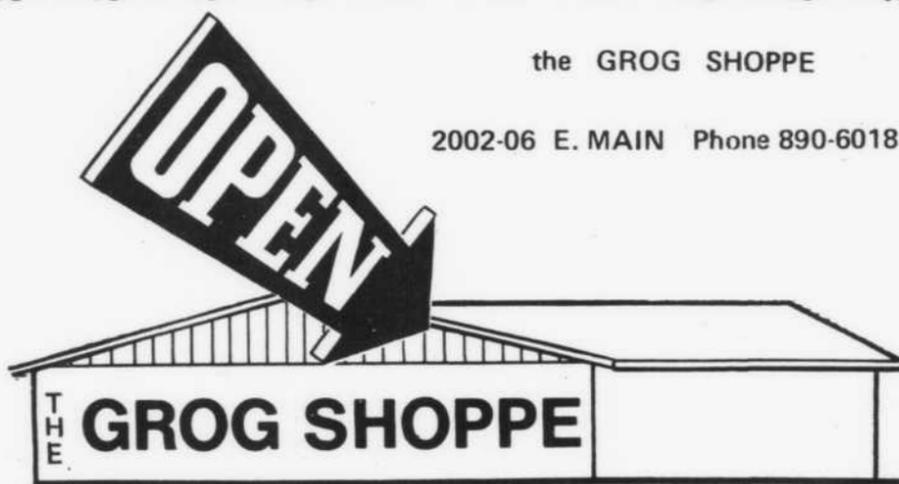
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# Safety rates as 'real hot prospect'

**Buzz.** Streams of students flow out of buildings to stand in the sun while a fireman times their hasty exit with a stopwatch.

Most university students have similar vague memories of fire drills that they went through in high school or elementary school.

While no such drills take place here a new safety program is being planned at MTSU to prevent fire and assure rapid escape from possible fires.

Responsible for safety planning for thousands of students is Tommy McGee, safety engineer.

McGee said Monday that stepped up fire inspections will be initiated soon on the campus. These will include regular inspections of fire alarm and sprinkler systems, fire fighting equipment and fire escape routes.

Potential fire hazards will also be eliminated, he said.

A preliminary report submitted to the University Self Study Committee suggests the investigation of three potential fire hazards:

- the foundry in the art barn which could endanger the classroom above it.
- the removal of crash bars from library exits preventing their use as fire exits.
- partitions constructed for WMOT in the DA

hallway which could block fire escape.

"The foundry is definitely a problem. It is a potential hazard, but we take every safety precaution," said Jim Gibson, sculpture teacher responsible for the foundry.

The danger, he said, is that the forge, located in the lower floor of the art barn could possibly set fire to the slateboard ceiling above it.

Gibson said the safety precautions included two exits from the foundry area and switches to cut off the gas and electricity.

While the ceiling in the area is 15 feet high, the danger comes in the possibility that there could be an electrical failure, so the fan cooling the area would not work thus allowing the gas flames to possibly rise to the ceiling.

The crucible itself is insulated 7 1/3 inches around the bowl and 5 inches thick in the lid. The standard insulation is 4 inches.

Temperatures in the forge go up to 2700 or 2800 degrees Fahrenheit, Gibson said. Gibson said the forge is used to heat bronze at those temperatures only a few times a year. The forge is heated when there are no classes and few people in the building, he said.

Morris Brandon, chairman of the art department

**By Becky Freeman**

anticipates that the danger will be eliminated with the construction of an art annex which will house the foundry. The construction is slated to begin as soon as final plans are returned by the architects, he said.

Gibson said the new foundry area will be constructed of brick or cinderblock, non-flammable materials. The furnace itself will be set into the earth further eliminating fire dangers.

John Marshall, chief librarian of the Todd library, said that the crash bars on library emergency exits were removed when people continued to leave by emergency exits, setting off fire alarms as they left.

"It was sheer desperation when they were taken off," Marshall said.

Marshall and McGee have agreed to replace the crash bars with a lock which would allow the exit to break a small glass pane which would automatically unlock the door. The person would have to push down on a crash bar to open the door. The emergency devices would be connected to a console located at the circulation desk which would notify library personnel which fire exit has been used and where the fire is located.

McGee said that closed circuit TV cameras may be installed at these exits, but the decision has not been made yet.

Harold Baker, WMOT station director, said that he does not think that the partition separating WMOT from the speech and theatre department classrooms is "not quite that much of a hazard." Each end of the build-

ing is still served by the exit designated to serve it.

"There is no possibility of being stranded, people can still use the exit, Baker said. He said that only about 5 to 7 people are leaving the end of the floor occupied by WMOT.

"I don't think we contributed to the fire hazard at all," Baker said.

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# Editorials...

## Regents should change review policy

Those persons wishing to terminate the university president's services are making a sad---and untrue---commentary on the morality of MTSU's students.

Those same persons are expressing heart-felt concern over this university's future. But in their methodology, they may be denying MTSU the leadership it deserves.

The good students on this campus are like good students everywhere---and so are the bad ones. MTSU enrollees are constantly entering national competitions---both scholastic and athletic---and reflecting favorably on the university and the region the university serves.

However, in the infrequent instances when trouble has arisen---no matter what the extent---on this campus, the situation has received front-page billing in the local press. Headlines blaring the guilt of many university students frequently appeared over articles which detailed merely how students were arrested and charged with a crime.

Recent changes in leadership of this newspaper give proponents of "fair and accurate commentary" the hope that accusatory headlines and conviction by printing presses are a thing of the past.

Just as importantly, sources close to the situation tell us these same articles from this same newspaper are quoted as evidence against M. G. Scarlett in attempts to oust him as the leader of this university. More importantly, the campaign against him has been fraught with innuendo and padded with irrelevancies. The general term "permissiveness" has been the code word. The concept of factual support of the charges made has been largely forgotten.

The greater public will see the MTSU student as an amoral, unthinking animal unless the campaign tactics used against Scarlett are radically shifted from catch-

all rumors to specific, substantiated accusations.

The facts about this university speak for themselves. MTSU has the highest percentage of enrollment increase of all the state's regional universities. Construction of new buildings seems never-ending. In December 1972, the university received the added boost to its credibility of the prestigious "Level IV" certification by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Recently the second and third Doctorates of Arts were graduated. The list of accomplishments goes on---and on.

All these happenings added immeasurably to the impact of this university on society. All occurred during the administration of M. G. Scarlett.

The overall significance is astounding when we consider the man's ability to lead, to plan, has been considerably impaired by the continuing efforts of a very few. We find it an interesting saga in its own right that these accomplishments have been made when the man could not be sure if he would be president of this school even as long as the next week.

(The board of regents reserves the right to vote on the termination of a university president's term at the discretion of any member who calls a meeting for that purpose.)

So, we feel compelled to take the first step in calling for a long overdue policy shift. We ask the Board of Regents of the State of Tennessee to restructure their procedures so that they review contracts of university presidents every four years. To that degree, the individual presidents could then set their sights for horizons more distant than the next (scheduled or unscheduled) meeting of that same board. The same is already done for football coaches.

To that same degree, we further ask them to offer the first contract of this sort to M. G. Scarlett.

## Watergate bugs West, too! Sidelines

Is the American democratic ethic being eroded by voracious half-truths, lies and innuendos?

I certainly hope not, but the many recent examples of political treachery have virtually destroyed the traditional trust that the American people have in their governmental leaders.

Of course, the Watergate affair is the best nationally known example of political skulduggery, but this type of shady power politics has even reached the state and local level. In fact even the sovereign state of Tennessee is not without its examples of questionable political tactics.

On the national level President Richard Nixon has done very little to restore the confidence of the people. His statements on the "affair" have raised more questions than they have answered. On occasion the White House has even ruled its statements "inoperative", which is "Nixonese" for untrue. Nixon has replaced Watergate tainted staff members with uninvolved personnel including Alexander Haig, a former aide to Henry Kissinger; Melvin Laird and John Connally.

These men, even if they do have "clean hands" are still familiar figures in the Nixon administration.

The president stated recently that he would turn his back on the Watergate issue in order to face more important duties. I contend that Nixon is destined to fail in such matters simply because he has lost the trust of our foreign allies, of the U. S. Congress and of the American people.

The everyday person is tired of feeble attempts to dodge the truth. This statement is also true on the local level.



### Wayout West

By Mike West

Recently, attempts have been made to convince the Tennessee State Board of Regents to vote to remove President M. G. Scarlett from his post at this university. Innuendoes have been flung at both Scarlett and the university as a whole.

Personally, I am offended because Scarlett's attackers have made me and every other MTSU student appear to be dooped residents of the state's largest bordello.

We must, in the words of ex-ASB president Bobby Sands, once again "seek the truth" and put an end to this pettiness.

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## E, L, & P cancels summer concert

# No go on rock show

Emerson, Lake and Palmer were originally scheduled to do their thing here this summer, but they decided not to see the scenic South just yet.

So as one might assume, we have no scheduled shows to present to the MTSU concert seekers. This is not to say that Murphy center will be immune to the music scene for the summer; hopefully, because the special events committee is pursuing the issue.

There is one problem: out of about 40 members on the committee, only seven or eight are in school this summer. Harold Smith, advisor to the committee, is presently trying to organize, somehow, and put something together for the summer.

If some group is booked, there is no guarantee that their name will be of monumental proportion. Let's stop and consider that many artists are not touring this area during the summer months, and that does present a problem.

Now let's flip the coin and consider that those who may be headed in our direction just might be better than none at all. It's not that MTSU can't get big names; in all probability we can when they are available.

So maybe we should settle for second best when the kings are at other palaces, provided the alternative can be booked.

Getting back to the heartbeat of the issue (the special events committee,)--they must get it all together and decide whom to get before anything can be accomplished.

If, by chance, we aren't blessed with some form of live entertainment during the summer, the fall and spring semesters should provide a different taste of honey.



### Campus Commentary

By Barry Thomas

According to Harold Smith, there will be three or four concerts in store for the coming school year. One at the beginning of the fall term, one at homecoming, one during the spring semester, and possibly one during the summer of '74.

In reference to the projected concerts, Smith said, "We are talking about big names and hopefully supplementing these proposed 'big acts' with smaller shows."

There we have it, a sneak preview of the concert schedule for the coming months--"to say the least."

Let's all put our hands together and hope that the special events committee can get something together and create a thunder of music and applause on the MTSU campus this summer.

## Did police or students commit the crime?

# Notgrass says 'nix grass, users crass'



### Still, On the Other Hand

By Ray Notgrass

Recently the town and gown relationship has not been enhanced by certain activities on campus and the reaction of the local media. Most prominent in the fracas is the Leon Russell concert at which rock music was performed and marijuana was smoked.

Many people take offense at the smoking of grass as well as the sitting on it, and feel the enforcement of the law (against smoking, not sitting) has been rather lax.

I would like to write off the one about sitting on the campus grounds as one in which every-

one got their wires crossed, and let students enjoy the beautiful campus for which MTSU is widely known. There is no danger of anyone's "doing it" to the embarrassment of the community. There is the real possibility that university students, most of whom are mature and with many things on their minds, will fear trying to get some solitude with a good friend. That is something this troubled world cannot afford.

Smoking pot is the more serious problem, because it is, in a word, illegal. If the law was being broken, and we would be foolish to think it was not,

then the law enforcement officials had the duty to see that violators were arrested.

If, for whatever reason, officials either did not know grass was being smoked or felt that under the circumstances attempted enforcement would cause more havoc than it was worth, then officials took the law into their own hands, which is, according to the powers we invest in law officers, perfectly correct and acceptable.

But there might be another level to the argument. That is, it was a crime in the larger sense for that group of Russell-ites to present to officials a problem they were ill-prepared to handle. Whether or not they "was" busted, that is to say, they shouldn't "oughta" done it.

This argument is more valid, I believe, because I think there is such a thing as public morals, however vague and undefinable they may be. The question

arises as to which public one is speaking of, but regardless of that, is not public morality outraged as much by pot-smoking as it is by innuendo, guilt by association, and (we shall be charitable) less than well-thought-out criticism?

It would seem so because a university town and the university community should be able to see the merit of rational, unemotional discussion.

If there is any specific grievance to be met here, it is a perfect opportunity for compromise: neither the town nor the gown can pack up and leave. Perhaps for every pothead hippie that is brought in, it can be arranged for that old champagne-guzzler Lawrence Welk to hit town.

Seriously, the need is ever-present for constructive work by both segments of the community. Unnecessary and bitter criticism, by whatever side, is totally out of place.

# Local residents have yet to feel gas shortage

The gas shortage hasn't effected Murfreesboro residents, despite cost increases per gallon, a SIDELINES survey revealed Monday.

A majority of the 16

dealers surveyed insisted that their distributors have not restricted their stations allocations as of yet. However, two dealers which pump national brands of gasoline did

acknowledge that their allocations were restricted to that of last year.

"Our station has only gone up one cent per gallon," Howard Isabell, an independent gas attendant, said yesterday. "Our company has plenty of gas for its stations," he said.

"We only went up two cents per gallon and our distributor hasn't made any restrictions on our allotments," Charlie

Baxter, another attendant, said.

As far as the oncoming months are concerned one attendant said that he was unsure about his station's gas allotments due to his distributor's uncertainty as to whether or not he could meet the supply of his dealers.

Thus far Murfreesboro appears to be in good shape as far as gasoline is concerned, and all of the at-

tendants or owners surveyed stated, "If things do get to going rough, our local and regular customer and regular customers will be able to purchase all of the gas they need."

The average price increase of gasoline runs between two or three cents per gallon but one dealer stated that his increase per gallon amounted to five cents.

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## 'J' dormitory nears completion date

"One of the two new campus apartment complexes being built on the MTSU campus is expected to be completed by mid-August," Charles Pigg, campus planning director, said recently.

"J Building," which will be occupied by female students, will be available for the fall semester, said Sam McLean, director of housing.

Every effort is being made to have the second complex, "Building K,"

ready by mid-September, officials said. These apartments will house male students but will not be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall semester, Pigg said.

McLean said men assigned to this complex have been notified of the delay, and arrangements are being made for their housing until the building is completed.

Construction on the University Center is progressing as expected, and all

work on this building should be completed by June 1974, Pigg said.

Additionally, a contract has been signed with Vaughn's Electric and Plumbing Contractor of Murfreesboro for \$593,056 to install central air conditioning in Monohan and Lyon Dormitories, Pigg said.

McLean added that work will probably begin June 11 with the contract calling for completion in 270 days. "It will be in time for warm weather next year," he said.

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### BSU demolition

Only the foundation of the old Baptist Student Union house remains as a result of demolition which will clear the tract for construction of a new religious center. Photo by Nancy Nipper.

## New BSU to aid campus

"Ground breaking ceremonies were held Sunday, June 3 for the new Centennial Baptist Student Center," said Ircel Harrison, director of the Baptist Student Union.

"The new structure will be the first building of its type to serve the MTSU campus," he said; "with a design for the ministry's helping university students."

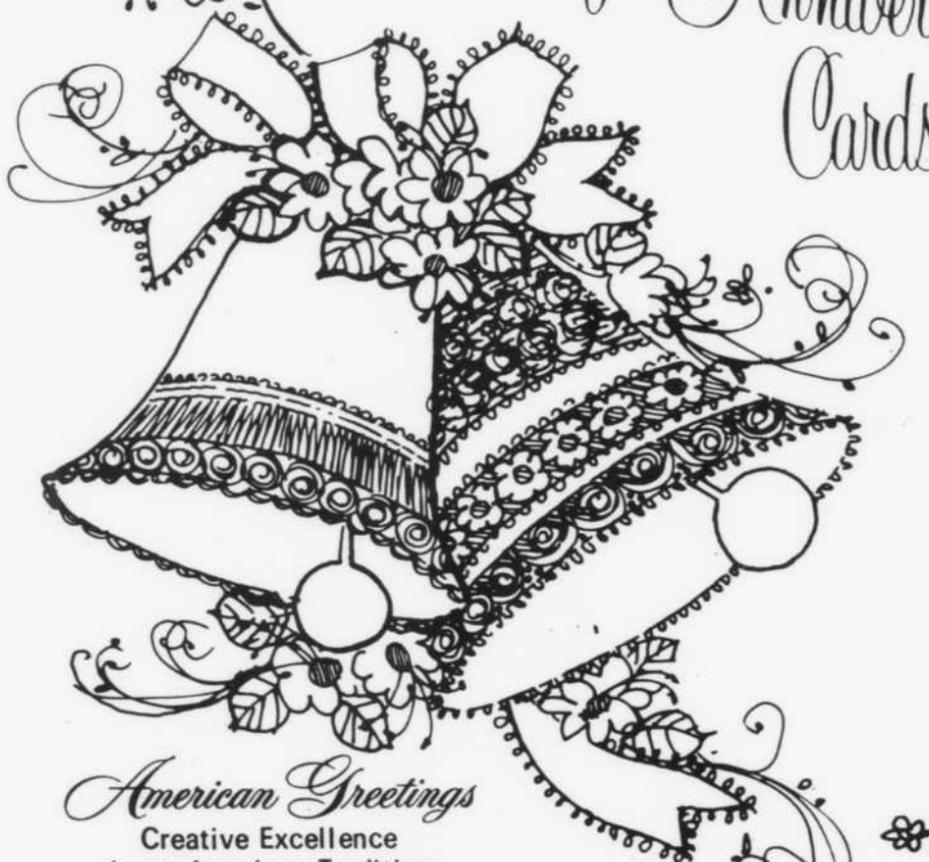
Included in the center will be a student lounge, library, multi-purpose area (for worship, recreation and meals);

meeting rooms, prayer room, office area, kitchen and an apartment. Paved parking and an out door worship-recreation area will also be provided," Harrison said.

Design of the structure is by Architect-Engineer Associates of Nashville and contracting is by Martindale Brothers of Murfreesboro. Completion date is set for November 1974.

"The \$225,000 building will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention," Harrison said.

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## Scarlett names Solomon as new HPER chairman

Amiel H. (Lefty) Solomon, baseball coach and associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, was named chairman of that department in a June 6 announcement by university president M.G. Scarlett.

Solomon succeeds Stanley H. Hall, who asked to be relieved of administrative duties to devote full time to teaching," Scarlett said.

"It is a privilege and an honor to be selected as chairman of one of the

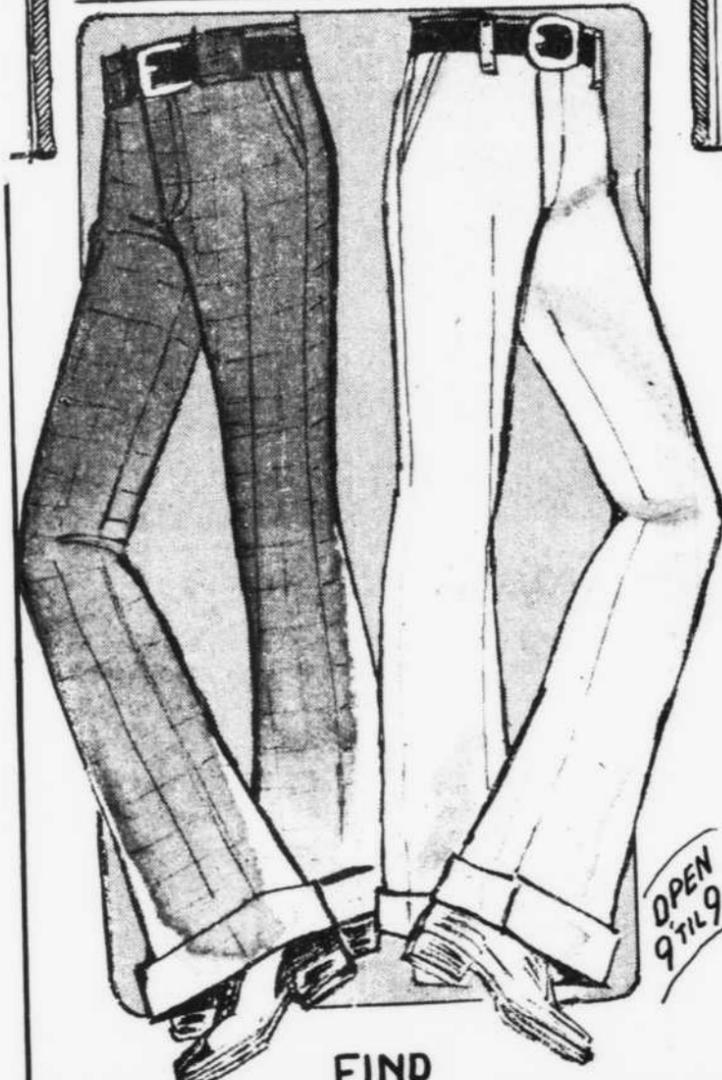
finest health, physical education and recreation departments in the South," Solomon said after his appointment.

The Kentucky native received the A.B. degree from Union College, the M.A. and Ed.D. degrees from Peabody College.

He was named associate professor and head baseball coach at MTSU in September 1969. A new baseball coach is expected to be named in the early summer.



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# Racing fan defends Indy 'Spectacular'

By now almost everyone has had their crack at condemning the Indianapolis 500 and auto racing in general. Thanks (or maybe "no thanks") to the increased exposure (TV, radio, and newspapers), many non-racing fans saw a major automobile race for the first time. Of course they were appalled at the two "spectacular" crashes, and immediately called for the abolition of such "suicide" exhibitions.

As a long-time fan of auto racing (at least 22 of my 27 years), I know that accidents are a part of racing, but are not that commonplace. The drivers know that there is a risk involved, and nobody is forcing them to enter.

There were several things wrong with this year's 500; among them the major item is that the cars are too fast for the track. But as one driver remarked, no matter what

the track, the average spectator wouldn't know the difference if the cars were running 50 miles per hour slower.

In the case of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the track was built to its present size and specifications many, many years ago; as the cars have improved, the track has not been improved at the same rate.

The United States Auto Club (USAC), the sanctioning body for the 500, has been known to "clean its own house," and it has already taken steps to slow the cars down and make them safer. One move was to reduce the size of the race cars' aerofoils, or "wings"; the other was to limit the amount of fuel to be carried on board the cars. Several years ago a veteran race driver Eddie Sachs, said that the large amount of fuel that the new low-slung racers

were carrying made him feel like he was "sitting in a bathtub full of fuel." He and Dave MacDonald were killed that year in a fiery crash at the beginning of the 500.

## A Kind Word

By Wayne Kindness

Some of the criticism of this year's Indy 500 have ranged from the concerned to the ridiculous. One editorial in the Nashville

## Short of win

# McClure breaks record

All-American triple jumper, Barry McClure completed his collegiate track career Saturday, but fell two inches short of attaining one of his major goals, the NCAA outdoor championship.

McClure hopped, skipped, and jumped a distance of 54-3/4 for a second place finish in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The championships were held in Baton Rouge, La., on the Louisiana State University campus. The weather in Baton Rouge was termed "unbelievably hot and humid" by Track

Coach Dean Hayes.

In Friday's qualifying trials, McClure set a new NCAA record with a leap of 54-1 3/4. Ironically, McClure holds the NCAA indoor record with the same distance.

In Saturday's finals, however, UCLA's Milan Tiff bettered McClure's mark by one inch and also captured the championship. Tiff jumped 54-2 3/4.

This was the third year in a row that McClure placed second in the championships. The total points that he has won in

the odds of a wreck occurring are greater than those of Secretariat winning a horse race). One of the final bastions of Figure 8 racing, Smyrna Raceway, (just up the road from here) only last week eliminated that brand of racing from its program.

Auto racing to many is a very enjoyable spectator sport, and it is well controlled by the organizations that sanction the races. If only some other sports were as conscientious...

both the indoor and outdoor championships makes McClure the all-time high scorer in NCAA history in the triple jump.

Tommy Haynes also made it into the finals in the triple jump with a leap of 50-6 3/4 on Friday. On Saturday, Haynes was hindered by a sore leg and could manage a jump of only 47-10 for ninth place.

A third entrant in the championships, Dwaine Copeland, ran the 100 yard dash in 9.5 and the 220 yard dash in 22.3 in qualifications. Neither time was fast enough for Copeland to advance into the finals.

This weekend, McClure will travel to Bakersfield, Calif., to compete in the AAU National Outdoor Championships. Tiff and McClure's long-time nemesis, John Craft, are also expected to compete, according to Hayes.

"It also looks like McClure will be selected to try out for the United States team to compete in the World University Games in Russia later this summer," Hayes said.

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# Three qualify July election to fill court post

Three persons have qualified for the July 17 special election to fill a magisterial seat vacated by the resignation of Squire Bobby Thompson, 18th district representative on the Rutherford County Quarterly Court. Qualifying for the election are: Clifford Arnold, Jr., 212 W. Main Street; Marvin Callahan, Jr., 410 Fourth Ave. South; and Larry H. Williams, 1703 East Main Street, all of Murfreesboro.

tion of city and county school districts," he said. Callahan also attacked



**Callahan**

the current landfill problem, "If elected to the court, I would work to see that 'politics' is taken out of the landfill question," he said.

Williams, a salesman for Reliable Volkswagen, is a former county juvenile parole officer.

"As parole officer, I've had daily contact with al-



**Williams**

most every agency in city and county government," he said. "I know their needs and their problems."

Williams also said more

courtroom space was needed for Rutherford County. He listed increased police protection and greater attention for problems of schools as major goals of his candidacy.

Jerry Gaither, a Murfreesboro businessman, initially procured the necessary papers from the elections commission office but did not return them before the June 7 deadline for qualifying.

The 18th district includes the Hobgood area to Sherrill Blvd. The married students complex on the MTSU campus is also included in the district.

## Park meters set for new UC lot

Parking meters will come to MTSU soon when several are installed in a new parking area between the University Center and ROTC building, Matthew Royal, campus security chief, said yesterday.

Royal said the meters, which will be placed on the side of the street adjacent to the ROTC building will afford students a "first come--first serve" chance at parking near the University Center.

## Army begins coed program

"The U. S. Army has established a college junior program for the Women's Army Corps this summer, involving a non-committal association with the Army," Sgt. Curtis Wooten, area recruiter, said Tuesday.

"This program provides four weeks of summer training as a cadet corporal for junior coeds at Ft. McClellan, Ala.," he said.

"As a trainee, a month's salary of approximately \$365 along with meals, lodging and uniforms will be provided," Wooten said.

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**Arnold**

Arnold, a real estate agent, said he sought the office because "citizens owe a part of their lifetime to serve fellow men." A Murfreesboro resident for eight years, Arnold has children enrolled in the county school system. He favors consolidation of city and county governments, but said, "you can't consolidate a people who aren't united."

A tax accountant, Callahan said he was interested in "good government." "I favor unifica-

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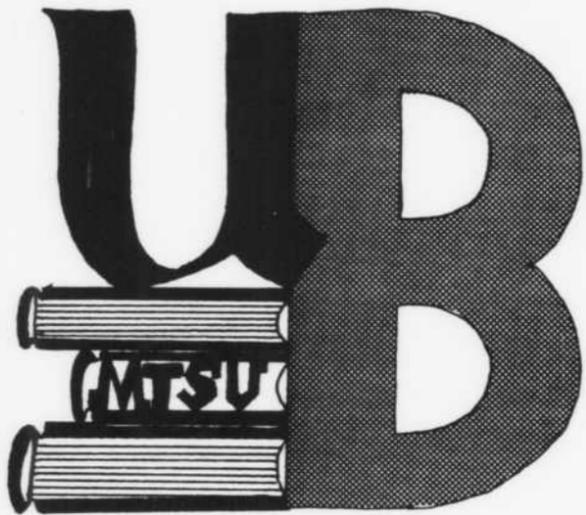
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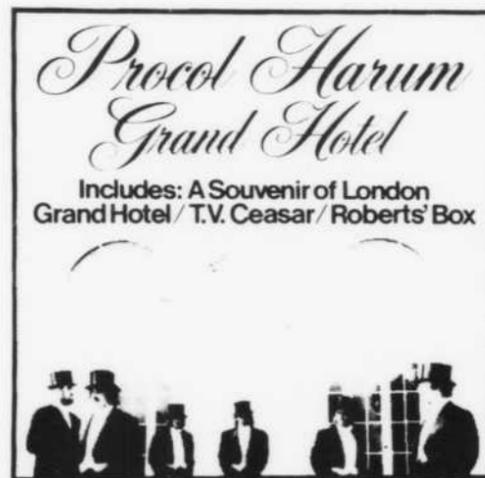
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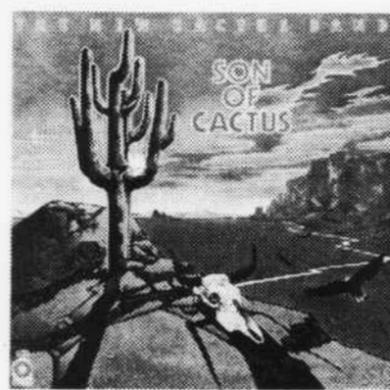


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