

# Sidelines

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**KIM KILDGORE**, left, and Susan Applewhite leaf through the pages of a textbook with the aid of a candle. Students around the campus made the best of a power blackout that hit the university last night. For details, see Page 13. *Photo by Pat Daley*

# Marijuana campus forum cancelled

By Scott Perry

An ASB sponsored symposium on marijuana scheduled for October 9 in the University Center theatre has been postponed, according to Tim Watson, ASB president.

The symposium which was going to be held in conjunction with the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, (NORML) was going to have a showing of the movie "Reefer Madness" according to NORML member, Mark Driver. Also the symposium was going to have speakers both pro and con on the marijuana laws, Driver said.

Watson said he was very much in favor of the symposium when he first heard of the idea. But since that time many things have come up which have forced him to postpone it for now.

Dean of Students Robert La Lance said he was unaware the symposium has been cancelled.

"Tim came and checked it with me about it six weeks ago, and we

applauded it as long as both sides could be aired." La Lance said.

Watson said the symposium was violently opposed by some members of his cabinet, and it could only harm student government. "You don't stab another knife in the back of an already dying beast," Watson said.

Watson said that some rumors were floating around campus that

some members of his cabinet smoked marijuana. He said if the symposium was held at this time it would only strengthen some of these rumors. Watson also added that he was receiving some other pressure from a source which he is not allowed to disclose.

The symposium might be held at a later date, Watson said. But he added that for now the date and

even the place of the symposium is unknown.

State NORML director John Schenk, said the Memphis State University student government contacted him about setting up a symposium on that campus.

"The president of the student body contacted me and said they were very anxious to get something going this semester," Schenk said.

## WMOT schedules 'News Profile'

A unique, 30-minute news program with an emphasis on feelings made its debut on WMOT yesterday.

Entitled "News Profile," the program is designed to be conversational, reporting the feelings of those involved in the news as well as attempts to answer why particular events occurred, Dennis Adamson, producer-director, said.

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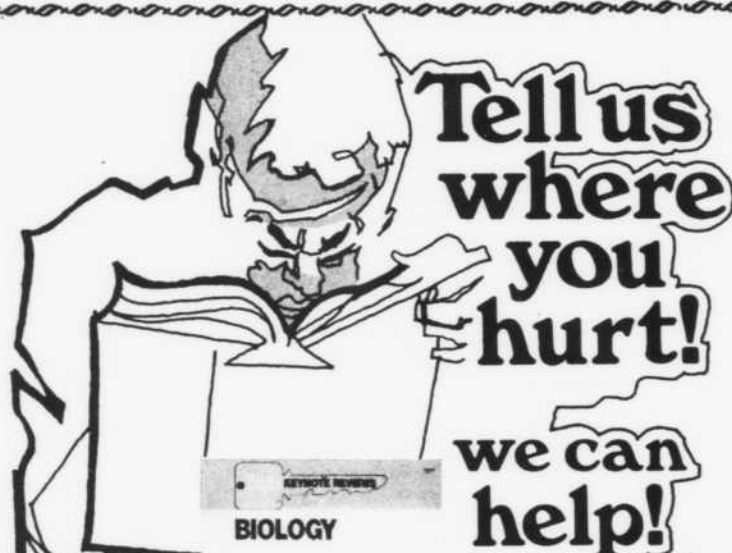
"News Profile," which airs Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m., will broadcast a number of unusual stories including a personal look at President M.G. Scarlett and an exclusive interview with Gov. Winfield Dunn as he returns from a governors' conference. The Scarlett profile is scheduled for Thursday, Adamson said.

Adamson indicated that the broadcast is not a "happy news" program in which the announcers laugh among themselves, nor is it

a stilted, formal approach to news.

Working with the program are Barry Thomas, Tennessee editor; Paul Fischer, modular unit preparation director; Vince DeGeorge, modular unit producer; and Adamson, anchorman and producer. The first three are students and the latter a two-year veteran of WLAC's news staff.

"The program is not unique because of its content, but because of the treatment of the content," Patrick Jones, director of operations, said.



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# ASB explodes in political feud

by Wayne Hudgens

A smouldering feud between the branches of the Associated Student Body erupted last week when President Tim Watson told a stunned House of Representatives that he would "no longer cooperate with them."

Watson made his statement to the House Thursday night during a session to consider the proposed constitution, after Linda Sadler, a representative from Phi Alpha Theta, was denied voting privileges.

Sadler, wife of Gary Sadler, ASB attorney general, was evicted after Karen Butner, a representative of Cummings Hall, questioned her membership in the club.

House by-laws forbid any representation from clubs by anyone other than members. Sadler is not a member of the history honor society.

Attorney General Sadler immediately filed a suit naming Emily Webb, speaker of the House, and all house members as co-defendants, charging that his wife "suffered damages" upon being evicted.

"You have questioned the

authority of one of your members to sit in this august body," Watson told the House. "This in itself is proof that a new constitution is needed to clear away such questions."

"There has not been the slightest consideration on the part of the House for Mrs. Sadler or the student body," he said. "This indicates to me that there is no overriding concern for the student body at large in the House."

Watson said he would no longer come to either a meeting of the House or ASB Senate because of their action against Sadler, along with the method of handling the new constitution, which they have amended extensively.

"The ideological conflict of concern versus politics seems to deep in this case for anything else to be done," he said.

Watson's attitude toward the legislative branch is a direct outgrowth of their consideration for the new constitution drawn up by Attorney General Sadler.

The proposed constitution would do away with the House, calling only for a unicameral congress composed of a student senate.

Changes in the judicial and

executive systems are also proposed in the new constitution, generally allowing more power to the executive branch.

Emily Webb, speaker of the House, said she was "sorry" that Watson made his remarks to the House.

"We will continue to work with Watson and the executive branch," Webb said.

Webb called off a meeting between herself and Attorney General Sadler which was to be held today for the purpose of setting the lawsuit out of court.

She said Mrs. Sadler was asked not to vote in the House because it was illegal to do so. She said a new House rule prohibited anyone from voting who was not a member of the club they sought to represent.

Mrs. Sadler had been voting as a Phi Alpha Theta delegate since the first session this fall. She had consistently voted against amendments to the new constitution.

General Sadler said the removal of his wife was a "travesty of justice."

Sadler said his wife was removed because of action by the House to attempt at "packing" the

chamber with delegates who would favor the proposed constitution.

"I have never attempted anything like packing a legislative session," Sadler said, although hinting that the reverse might be true on the part of forces opposed to his document.

"There was a proliferation of new faces in the chamber Thursday night," Sadler said.

Attendance roles and minutes of the House meeting were not available late yesterday because they were awaiting final typing for the record, Webb said.

Sadler also charged that the role to the House was called illegally, saying that it should be called by club, rather than by name.

All delegates were recognized by club Thursday night with the exception of Mrs. Sadler, whose name was called.

Webb said it was legal to take role of the House in either fashion, but said she could not remember calling Mrs. Sadler by name rather than by club designation.

An ASB Supreme Court session to decide the validity of Sadler's charges has been scheduled for Oct. 11.

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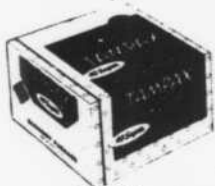
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A proposal for a "mini-market" handling "fast turnover items" will be ready for administrative assistant to ASB President Tim Watson said.

Hall's statement is a repetition of one he made two weeks earlier.

He said the proposal would include recommendations for the location of the facility, hours of operation and the line of goods to be sold.

The search for a possible location is not complete, Hall said.

"Most of the places we are looking at have alternative uses right now" he said. "In fact, every location being considered is presently in use" Hall said in clarification.

"Some are being used infre-

quently," he said, and "some locations are only occupied temporarily until facilities under construction can be completed."

"We want to decide the best use for each facility being looked at," Hall said.

He would not name the facilities under consideration but added, "Some have advantages in the hours they can be used, in the electricity available or in nearness to the center of campus."

A petition to halt the market was presented earlier to ASB and university officials by local merchants operating "conve-

nience stores for MTSU students." "No one signing the petition is duplicating the service the mini-market can offer," Hall said.

Hall stated that the proposal will call for a market to be operated by the University Bookstore.

Hall cited four such marts on Tennessee campuses he has studied and said all made just enough money to keep operating.

"It boils down to the welfare of one or two merchants. We feel the university is to serve the students, not be a gravy train for the community," he said.

"To employ students, the mar-

ket will probably open at 7:30 a.m. and remain open until midnight. It will be self-supporting but will not make a profit. Money made on any items will go to cover losses on other goods that students need and want but aren't very profitable" Hall said.

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"This year's national debate question centers on the problem of providing enough energy to satisfy the nation's needs without destroying the environment," said Jim Brooks, MTSU's director of forensics. "Some Americans believe that greater government control of energy would help the situation. Others contend that this would only make the situation worse."

"And that makes a debate," he said.

Defending champion West Geor-

gia College will return to face a lineup of traditional southern powerhouses including MTSU, Emory, Alabama, Wake Forest, Georgia, Samford and Kentucky.

Traveling farthest to enter the season's first major tournament will be representatives of State University of New York and Northern Iowa State University.

MTSU's nationally ranked team will not compete for awards in the Earlybird tournament because of their home-team status. Some team members will see action during the course of the competition, however.

"This weekend will just be practice for us," Brooks said. "Our first real competition starts next weekend at the University of Kentucky."

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# Students voice complaints on parking lot work

Construction of a new administrative parking lot, between Schardt Hall and President Scarlett's home, has aroused discontent among girls in Monohan and Schardt halls.

One of the the girls' main complaints is that the land in the area has been ruined.

"I didn't think it was fair to cut down the trees," Rebecca Rumbaugh, Dixon freshman, said.

Dormitory residents who live on the side near the construction are encountering many personal discomforts.

"The parking lot shouldn't be that close to the dorm," Donna Conquest, Goodlettsville freshman, said. "It's so hot we can't close the windows, so the noise is awful and the and the smells are terrible."

"They work on Saturday, which

is the only day I get to sleep late," Sally Schneider, Tullahoma junior, said. "There's no way to study effectively. I don't understand why they couldn't have done it this summer."

"We opened our window one morning and a man was looking in off the crane," she said.

Several girls said that the parking situation for students should have top priority.

"This parking lot is only for the administration. I think there should be more student parking," Beverly Huddleston, Portland freshman, said.



MEMBERS of the MTSU Black Students Association attend a recent meeting.

## BSA schedules meeting

The Black Student Association (BSA) will meet at 7:30 tonight in the lobby of the University Center for organizational discussions, according to newly-elected president Ernest McKinney.

The major objective of the meeting will be to define the purpose and services of the BSA, Schuyler Traugher, BSA vice-president, said.

"With approximately 400 black students attending MTSU, the BSA feels a need to offer services for black students while contributing to the betterment of this university as a whole," Traugher said.

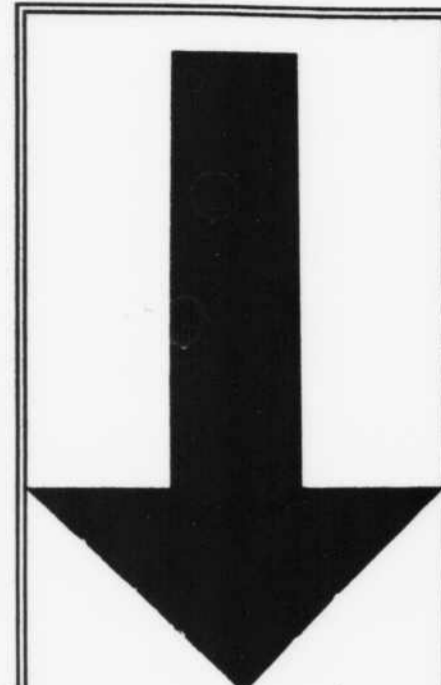
"Past grievances include a

shortage of black instructors and administrators along with a shortage of activities that relate to black students," McKinney said.

"We hope that these grievances can be discussed with the university and acted upon in an amicable fashion," he added.

Other organizations for blacks are Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi fraternities and Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities, McKinney said.

BSA advisors are Reavis Mitchell, history instructor, and Tommy Brown, director of student relations.



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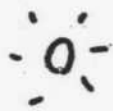
The new three stage building will be located beside the existing stone house at 216 College Heights, and will be finished by the fall of 1974.

The cost of the total project will be \$210,000. Conference churches will raise \$142,000, which with \$14,000 already on hand will cover the first two stages.

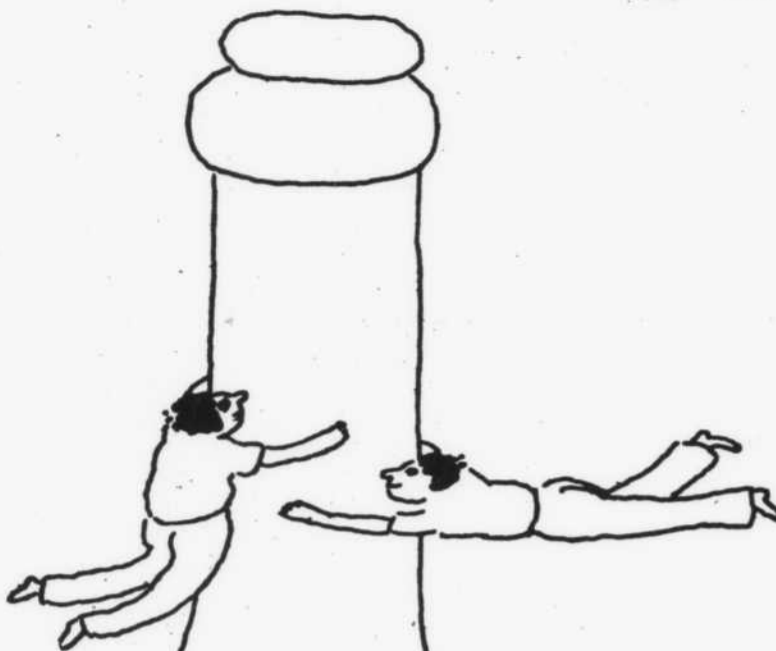
Stage three is to be self-financing, since it will be a dormitory for 16 students.

Plans are for the foundation to offer a course in New Testament history next Spring, Shriver said.

The foundation is also planning a trip to the Smoky Mountains in early January. The cost will be \$25 per student. More details about the trip will be announced later, but anyone wanting to go should contact Shriver at the foundation, 893-0469.



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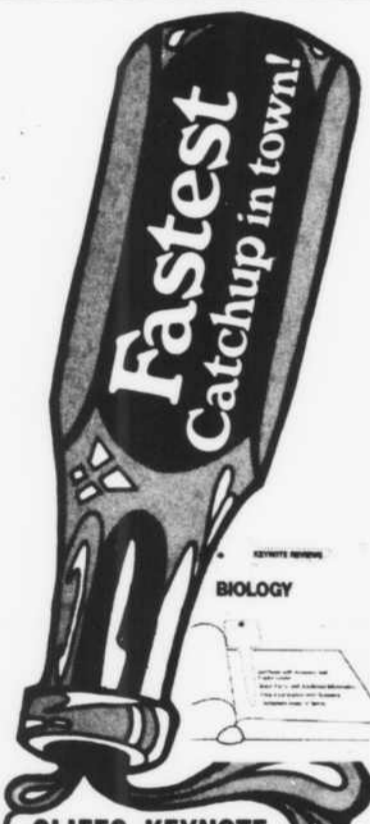


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# Editorials

## Pot talk worthwhile

A symposium on the question of liberalization of marijuana laws set for this month has been called off because of opposition from some members of the ASB executive branch and as a result of undefined "pressures" on student body president Tim Watson.

It is unfortunate that paranoia such as this should cause the cancellation of a program dealing with a subject of great interest to many citizens. Regardless of one's feelings for or against the liberalization of marijuana laws, the question is a legitimate political issue that deserves discussion in the public forum. Attempts to stifle such discussion amount to suppression of free speech.

It is not clear exactly what caused some members of Watson's cabinet to fear free discussion on this issue. The administration says it was concerned that both

sides of the matter be presented. Watson mentions "pressures" but says he cannot elaborate.

Responsible citizens all over the state and nation have been advocating a readjustment in the penalties for possession of marijuana. Their proposals range all the way from legalization to decriminalization and elimination of penalties for simple possession. Daily News Journal columnist George Parrish has realized that some of the penalties for first-time offenders are too harsh.

This is a serious issue that concerns many students. It certainly means more to them than the ASB constitution. The opportunity to have a full discussion on the fairness of marijuana laws should never have been pushed to the back burner as a result of paranoia or undefined "pressures."



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## Readers' views

### To the Editor:

It is my wish to register a complaint against some teachers. I do not ordinarily write letters to the editor, but on this occasion I feel I must vent my feelings. I could tell the teacher himself, but I feel there is much personal harm done by confronting this particular person with my complaint. Rather, I would like to state my case and hope that many teachers will read this and perhaps change some of their annoying and unfair habits.

The teacher in question announced this week that anyone entering class late should not come to class at all. He made it perfectly clear that to come late was to be marked absent and that he would instruct others in the class not to let late comers into the classroom. This particular teacher nevertheless has come to class late himself on at least two occasions and several times has kept the class 10 minutes late in leaving, therefore making it impossible for us to get to our next class on time.

The idea that students are at the mercy of teachers' whims is not in keeping with the rights

we have as tuition-paying members of a class. If I pay for a class, I am entitled to go to class whether or not I am late or early. The teacher may wish to be so unreasonable as to count me absent, but I still have the right to enter that class. Where has the idea gone that the teacher is here to teach the student, that he is obligated to do such and that he, not the student, is the one to be held accountable for why he is late?

Secondly, I wish to register a complaint about times when teachers play "ignore" with their students. That is, they practically ignore a student as a person. After class they are unwilling to give individual attention. My complaint specifically is when an assignment was given and the student worked hard to complete said assignment and when it was turned in, instead of showing any sort of approval for having completed the assignment early, the teacher acts as if you didn't exist. Even worse is when a teacher actually makes you feel bad for having turned in an early assignment or for being interested in the subject to the extent that you would like to discuss it.

## What do students really care about?

In connection with this is the complaint against teachers who dislike any discussion in class. We are expected to be zombies who merely take notes and swallow the voluminous amounts of material presented without any discussion. As if the only person worth listening to were the teacher. We are all people with feelings and interests, and education would be much more enjoyable if some

teachers would be more aware of the need to actually teach people instead of expounding on their own precious points of view to the profound ignorance of the student.  
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# Commentary

## On the other hand Document deserves a chance

by Ray Notgrass

As originally presented to the special constitutional study committee and to the ASB Congress, the proposed constitution is a dead pigeon. It has met the fate of amendment-itis.

As reported in **SIDELINES** and by numerous observers, the proposed constitution now bears little difference to the present constitution. If and when the students vote on it, they will decide whether to implement the present system or to continue with the present system. That, poly sci majors, is called The Voice of the People Speaking on Viable Alternatives.

The **SIDELINES** editorial of Sept. 25 said it best when it called the proposed constitution (as proposed) one that "seems to be a

better document than the old one." That is precisely why I supported the new constitution, although with some small but necessary changes.

I'm not quite ready to accuse those who oppose the proposed constitution as power-hungry, vested-interest types, or anything else with a bad connotation. I will assume they favor the present system simply because they feel it is a better system than the proposed one.

But it would be naive to deny that there are so-called student politicians on both sides of the constitutional fence who see political gain in the stand they are taking.

Somehow I feel that some on

both sides are taking their stands just to oppose someone else. And I can't see opposing someone for the sake of opposing someone, unless of course it is opposing a Kennedy. As a citizen, one pledges to protect the Constitution, you know.

Seriously, let's assume that all involved are honest and sincere in their efforts. Considering this, the ASB Congress has used its legitimate influence to thwart any opportunity for the student body to consider the unblemished proposed constitution, supposedly because it felt the proposal was not worth consideration by the students. That's okay. That's what representative government is all about.

But let's not play games. Don't subject the students to a choice of either "yes" or "yes," as in Greece. If, after the ASB Congress is through, there are few substantive changes, or merely those changes which could be enacted by law, don't wake the election commissioner up (figure of speech, my friend) for a meaningless plebiscite.

However, if the opinion is that the proposed constitution is a viable form of student government (as I think it is) that is worth consideration by the students, let the students vote on it. And don't fear the outcome of popular vote. We voted down Barry Goldwater nine years ago, and the country has nevertheless survived.

## From the left

by Wayne Hudgens

Watergate should have taught the people of this nation a great deal.

It should have taught them that the country will survive regardless of who was elected president -- be he Nixon-conservative or McGovern-liberal.

It should have taught the legislative and executive branches of government that their first obligation was to the people they purport to serve and not whether the president or Congress would exert greater or lesser political power.

And it should have demonstrated to them that no one is served by infighting between branches of government, or that dirty tricks and political slander rule the day.

Sadly, tragically, it seems that the students who populate the Associated Student Body government at MTSU have learned nothing from this national disgrace.

At this writing, the campus poli-

ticians are involved in a battle over whose version of the "new" student body constitution will win the day.

Watson and his boys say the "new" constitution must have a unicameral congress, no recognition of higher authority, and generally more power for the executive branch.

The ASB Congress is just as solidly opposed to further power for the executive, a unicameral legislature, or a variety of other changes the "new" constitution proposes.

The president (as some other presidents are wont to do) has informed the student congress that he will work with it no longer, saying that the best interests of the students are more important than petty campus political smears.

Emily Webb, vice president of the ASB and speaker of the House, can find only the effort to say that

she is "sorry" for Watson's lack of faith in the Congress.

It seems that both these people and their various underlings have lost sight of their role in the government.

In short, what are they doing for the students who took time to vote for them? What are they doing to improve dorm conditions? What are they doing to help students in the daily task of going to a university fraught as it is with administrative and social pitfalls too numerous to mention?

To date, they can only point with "pride" to a proposed constitution and argue incessantly on its merits, or lack of them.

The students deserve much better than this. They deserve leadership that has foresight and determination -- which will not allow itself to become bogged down in the maze of name-calling and the old game of "I've got you; now try to get me."

## Constitution trips up leaders

It is painfully evident that our "student leaders" do not have the intestinal fortitude to work for the students. They evidently only wish to bask under the glow of their victorious election results, or feel secure in knowing that as few as 10 people in some club gave them the right to "represent" them.

They have, with few exceptions, failed the test. Students on this campus, if any of them care, or should care, can look forward only to another year of bankrupt, quasi-leadership of the few for the few.

Perhaps the only way this situation can be alleviated is to disband the whole group of student-body leaders and replace them with persons devoted not to a constitution, but to the cause of furthering the rights and wants of students at MTSU.

Only then will we have real student government. Only then will we have learned our lesson, as Nixon, Ervin et. al. already have.

# Second "Rip-off" concert set for Thursday

The second "Rip-Off" of the fall semester will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on the steps of the University Center.

Originated by Ivan Shoemake of the office of student affairs, the "Rip-Off" is a free concert featuring the talents of the many writers and musicians attending MTSU.

Shoemake said he started the concerts because it "just seemed like a good idea."

"After the Hootenanny we sponsored during Freshmen Week, I saw the abundance of talent here and how much the people enjoyed the music," he added.

"It just seemed logical to get this thing together more often. There is no place for people with talent to play in Murfreesboro, and two it is convenient for the students and good for the school," Shoemake said.

Karen Robinson and Bruce Binkley, both freshmen, are the organizers of the event, but they see their jobs as less difficult than they had imagined.

"We only had about five people scheduled to play last time," Robinson said, "but after it got started, people just came up and said they would like to play. We hope that this will happen again this Thursday."

Binkley and Crouse Powell will

be among the students playing this week. "We've been writing material for several months now and have been wanting to try it out in front of an audience," Powell said. "When you play in an informal atmosphere, with people free to come and go as they please, it's pretty easy to find out if you are

getting the message across."

Several types of music will be featured Thursday, Binkley said. "We hope to have a full spectrum of musical expression — from folk to country to rock'n'roll.

"As long as the students are interested, we'll have the concert every two weeks," he added.



IVAN SHEWMAKE of the office of student affairs talks with students at the first "Rip-off" free concert held two weeks ago.



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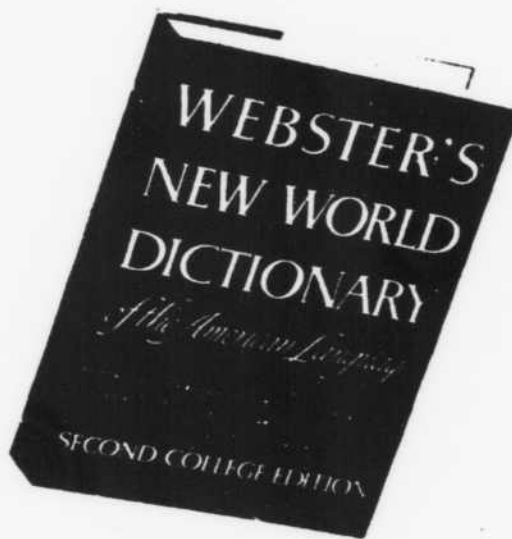
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# University self-study nears completion

**Jim Trammel**

The University Self-Study Committee will "pull its final report into its final stages" by next week, according to committee chairman William Beasley.

Beasley, acting chairman of the English department, said he expects the report to be released in mid-October.

Nine of 12 subcommittee reports have been edited by Charles Durham, associate professor of English. The remaining three currently are being edited, Beasley said.

A self-study is required every ten years for a school to keep its accreditation with the Southern Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities, Beasley said.

The study must be conducted according to standards set by SASCUC, he added.

"If we didn't meet the standards, we would lose our SASCUC accreditation," Beasley said.

The self-study is divided into 12 areas of emphasis, each of which were studied by sub-committees last spring and summer. The committees included two faculty mem-

bers, two students, and an administrator-chairman, Beasley related.

The areas studied were the university's purpose, organization and administration, education program, financial affairs, library, faculty, student affairs, physical facilities, special departmental activities, graduate program, research, and growth projections.

A visiting committee made up of SASCUC members from outside Tennessee will meet at MTSU in February, Beasley explained. The committee will make suggestions and recommendations in the twelve areas based on the report and their own observations, he said.

"When the SASCUC team makes recommendations concerning the reports, then a member school must act on them," Beasley said.

The self-study undertaken in 1962 resulted in the creation of the Faculty Senate, Beasley said. "Something on that scale may well result from this study."

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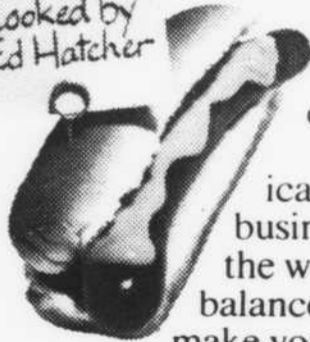
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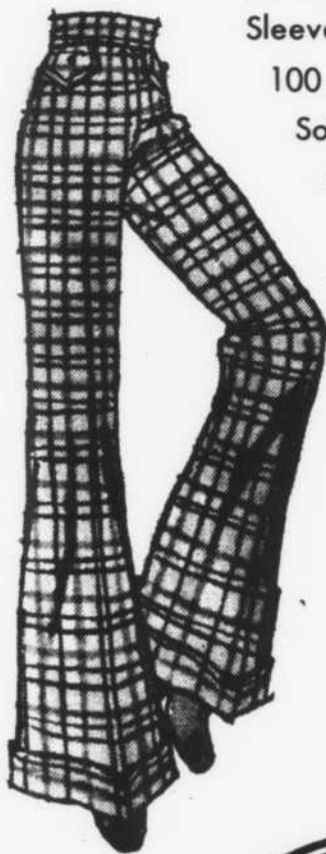
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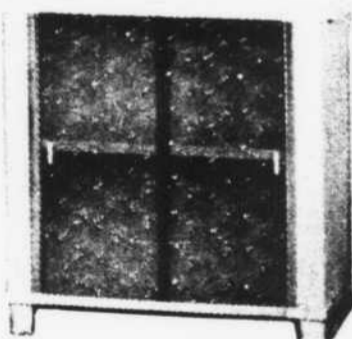
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## Paper recycling to begin

A paper recycling drive will begin Saturday, sponsored by the Biology Club, Patrick Doyle, faculty advisor of the club, said yesterday.

Newsprint should be tied or boxed and dropped each Saturday at the MTSU parking lot at the corner of Bell Street and Tennessee Blvd., or at the Vine Street and Tennessee Blvd., or at the Vine Street Fire Hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Doyle said.

This project will have many purposes, he said. Among the most important will be to help alleviate the paper shortage, re-cycle paper so less trees will be cut for making

"new" paper, cut down a large part of the litter, raise money for other club projects and aid in raising money for the Charles W. Holland Biology Scholarship Fund, Doyle said.

"We may have a contest among the Greeks and give a plaque for the largest amount of newspaper collected each month," Kathy Hall, club president, said.

Anyone needing more information should call 898-2683 or 890-5396.

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Students interested in joining Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society, should contact the history department in room 221 of the NCB. All candidates must have had 60 hours with a 2.8 grade-point average and at least 12 hours of history with a 3.0.

All spring semester student teachers must file applications for student teaching in room 209 of the NCB no later than Oct. 15.

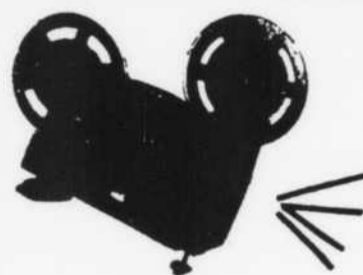
There will be a Chess Club meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 in room 312 of the UC.

The MTSU Security Department has recovered seven bikes. Anyone who has had one stolen should check with Security as soon as possible.

WDCN-TV, Channel 2, will continue to provide videotape coverage of the Watergate Committee hearings each evening at 7.

There will be a meeting of the newly organized "Stamp Hunters Club" at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. The October 9 meeting will be held at the Murfreesboro City Hall.

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# Blackout reveals dark side of student souls

by Larry Harrington  
Editor-in-Chief

Our office smells like a room full of clothes stacked up for a department store fire sale. When the lights went out, a bunch of karate students who were practicing out in the dance studio came in and lit up old issues of the paper to use as torches.

The sudden darkness brought out the dark side of people's souls. Total lack of electricity sent the mind on a weird trip back in time to prehistoric caves. It was that way all over campus during the hour and a half blackout.

As the erstwhile staff of **SIDE-LINES** struggled through another production night, the catacombs of the Old Gymnasium basement were grasped by total darkness.

"Damn, we've blown another fuse," a faceless voice cried.

"No, there's a bad storm outside pouring buckets of rain. That lightning has knocked something out."

The situation was bad. We were trapped in this cavern of a basement with at least 50 karate students. There was a brief period of

hopeful silence while everyone waited for the lights to flicker on. Nothing.

"Get your hands off me!"

"Stop it. What are you doing with those scissors?"

Out in the hallway, a crowd of karate students shuffled toward the door.

Managing editor Wayne Hudgens talked his way through the melee.

"God, when the lightning hits it looks like a chain gang of ghosts," I said.

Once outside in the rain, we caught a ride over to Wayne's car to get a flashlight. The pounding rain had begun to slack off, but somewhere from the direction of campus a more ominous rumbling could be heard.

"Listen to that. They must be running wild in those dorms."

"This is a case for gonzo, or is it guano, journalism?" No matter. Hudgens immediately grasped the situation and spun the wheel of his little Chevy, putting it into a controlled U-turn.

On campus the rumble was more audible. Suddenly a chanting crowd of 150 boys ran across the head-

lights headed for High Rise West, where they gathered on the patio.

A loud but unintelligible guttural chant arose from the mob, and the

girls clustered in the darkened windows responded with a shower of panties and toilet paper.

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# Student money lost to campus thieves

by John Rawls

MTSU students are not noted for possessing large amounts of money, yet last year, students lost thousands of dollars to thieves on this campus.

With a little knowledge and precaution, many of the thefts that have occurred here could have been avoided.

Hundreds of students on this campus own and love bicycles, and many have a sizable investment sunk into their cheap method of transportation. Most bike owners have locks and use them every time they leave their bicycles unattended. However, a bicycle that is locked only to prevent the

wheels from turning can easily be picked up and carried away, lock and all. When you lock your bike, be sure that you chain it to something that just won't move, such as a building or a bike rack. Once your bike is stolen, chances are that it will never be found, since most bikes look pretty much alike.

Books for classes look alike, too, and get stolen more often than bicycles. While the person who steals your bicycle is often a non-student, the person who steals your books is usually your fellow student.

If you have not yet done so, you should write your name in your books. Keep in mind that if your

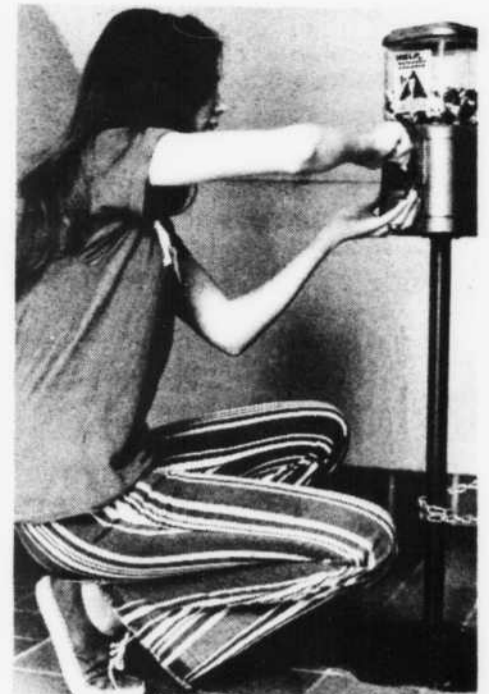
name is written in pencil, it can be erased. Try to write your name in your books so that it cannot be easily marked out. If you should take this precaution and your books get stolen, report the theft to both bookstores and they will keep an eye open for it at book buy-back time.

The book drops at the campus' various eating establishments and at the bookstore are the easiest places for junior thieves to get their start. Avoid leaving your books at these places whenever possible. If you never use your book in class leave it in the room. If you do take your books to class take them with you into the cafeteria or take them back to your room first.

However, if you happen to live in Clement, Gore, H., or I dorm, putting your books in your room may not be the answer. The design of these dorms brings joy to the heart of every knowledgeable thief, because the windows in every room slide open rather easily upon the insertion of a screwdriver, knife or even ink pen. Since the lock on the door is within inches of these windows, forced entry is little problem and actually takes little force.

Residents of these dorms should not do without such necessities as stereos and television sets, however, because there is a way to burglar-proof the rooms (to a certain extent). A stick placed in the window's sliding track will successfully prevent the window from opening. In Clement Hall, these sticks are provided. In other dorms, residents must furnish their own stick. A sawed-off broom handle works wonders.

Our women's dormitories, although better constructed to prevent theft than some of the men's dorms, have their own problems. While most men's dormitories are built like motels, allowing anyone access to the door of every room, the doors of the rooms in women's hallway to which there is limited



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residence halls open to an inside access. The theft problem arises in women's dormitories when residents fix their doors so that they will not lock. One good theft usually discourages further use of this practice.

Should you be the victim of an on-campus theft, report it immediately to the campus security department. This is essential if you file an insurance claim. If you have any hopes of regaining stolen merchandise, it also might be wise to contact the Murfreesboro Police Department, although the security department will notify them for you sooner or later.

The best precaution you can take to protect whatever valuables you own is to realize the possibility that they might be stolen. Be careful. And please don't steal.

Regardless of what dorm you live in or what precautions you take, it is unwise to leave valuables in your dormitory room for any extended period of time, such as a weekend or especially a holiday. If you are unable to take them home, leave them with someone in Murfreesboro who can watch them.

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## Blackout

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When the supply of unwanted underclothes was expended, the crowd moved to Cummins Hall, repeating the same chant as receiving the same gifts from above.

The deal went down when the boys tried to make a sweep past Rutledge Hall. Security police were behind every bush.

"Cops, run," the cry went up, but not everyone could get away.

Dean of Men Paul Cantrell began jumping the stragglers. "Do you know what you've been doing? . . . What is your name? . . . Where do

you live? . . . Have you read the Handbook?"

Cantrell took several student identification cards.

"Let me have your ID card."  
"What for?"

"We'll talk about that when you come to my office to pick it up."

Cantrell explained to some of the boys he apprehended that having a crowd of boys chanting outside the window could be a frightening experience for a freshman girl.

Minutes after the crowd sullenly dispersed, the lights came back on and wild rumors began to fly and girls began to search the broom closets for stragglers.

# Blue Raiders drop third game of season

by Scott Elliott

MTSU's Blue Raiders dropped their third game of the season at the hands of Western Carolina 24-7 Saturday in the home opener at Horace Jones Field.

The Raiders won the toss and proceeded to march 75 yards behind the running of fullback Rick Steadman, who broke loose at the 10-yard line and scored to make it 6-0. Archie Arrington kicked the extra point, boosting his total to 12 for the year.

It took only nine plays after Arrington's kickoff for the Catamounts to even the score. David Hackett, the Western Carolina fullback, rammed in for a touchdown from the one.

A Raider fumble on their own 45 set up the Catamounts' second touchdown.

After quarterback Phil Dietz hit tight end Mike Green with a 24-yard aerial, Hackett broke past the Raiders' line and scored from the four.

The Catamounts intercepted a Fred Rohrdanz pass and returned

it to the Raiders' four-yard line after the kickoff. With 11 seconds remaining in the half, Jimmy Joyce kicked a 21-yard field goal to make the score 17-7.

The Raiders held their opposition scoreless in the third quarter, but on the first play of the final period, Dietz rifled a 10-yard scoring strike to David Smith.

Neither squad was able to mount another scoring drive during the remainder of the contest.

The Raiders had many opportunities but failed to capitalize on them as a result of four intercepted passes, a fumble and 52 yards in penalties.

Melvin Daniels, a member of the Raiders' defensive secondary, summed up the game: "Western Carolina came here ready to play football, and we were not."

"We didn't play the type of football that we're capable of playing," added place-kicker Arrington.

The loss dropped the Raiders' record to 1-3. The Catamounts are 2-1-1.



RAIDER running back Rick Steadman sweeps around end en route to MTSU's first-quarter score against Western Carolina.

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## Scott's spot

by Scott Elliott  
Sports Editor



Henry Aaron failed to hit a home run two days ago in the Atlanta Braves' season finale, which means he'll have to wait until the 1974 season to become the leading home run hitter in history.

I won a bet because Aaron did not hit number 714 this year, but it's a shame he failed.

It wasn't hard to bet against a 39-year-old man running a race against time. Who would have thought he was still capable of hitting 40 home runs in one season at his age?

Aaron finished the year with a .301 batting average and 40 homers. This is a tribute to him, both as an athlete and a man.

Although he tried to act as if the pressure of his circumstances was not bothersome, the number of games Aaron missed this season is substantial evidence to the contrary.

Anything could happen in another year, but if he is able to

## Aaron's quest must wait for '74

play, Aaron will break Babe Ruth's long-standing record.

The differences between the play in Ruth's era and in Aaron's -- such as the type of ball used, the stadiums and the pitching techniques -- are an endless topic for conversation, but the fact remains that Aaron will break the record.

I don't think the public will ever recognize Aaron as Ruth's superior. The two players can only be compared arbitrarily.

However, I feel that Aaron should be spared letters from the public that have expressed outright hatred for the Atlanta slugger.

Aaron's quest to pass Ruth is part of the American tradition. Competition is what this country strives on, and the day a baseball player of another era shatters the home run record of Aaron, I only hope that there will be no one around to criticize him for doing the best he can at his chosen profession.

## Bell returns to 'wars'

Although the season is still young, Gary Bell has already made a strong impression in the minds of opposing Ohio Valley Conference centers since making a return to the Middle Tennessee State University football team.

Bell, a 5-11, 232 pound nose guard, has returned to the football wars after a year's absence, and is convincing his coaches that the lay-off didn't hurt him a bit.

"I am pleasantly surprised at his change in attitude and acceptance of the leadership responsibilities thrust upon him," said Bill Peck, MTSU Head Coach. "His leadership qualities have improved greatly since he left."

After being a starter in the 1971 season, Bell decided he didn't want anymore of college and dropped out of school right after the season and went to work as a truck driver.

After three games, Bell, a junior from Kingston, Tennessee, leads

the defense with 29 tackles and seven assists. Sixteen of those tackles came in the second game of the season against UT-Martin.

"He does a better job at nose guard than we've had done in the past few years," linebacker coach Henry Sorrell said, "and he is really strong at taking on blockers."

## Handball entries now available

Entries for the MTSU intramural handball tournament will be taken until Friday in the intramural office on the main floor of Alumni Memorial Gym. Play will begin Oct. 17.

Anyone interested in playing intramural flag football should apply at the intramural office between Oct. 5 and 12. Competition will open on Oct. 17.

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