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Bolin appointed to state personnel position

By Jerry Manley

Protesting she's only taking a leave and not retiring from teaching, Imogene Bolin, assistant professor of political science, this week accepted an appointment by Gov. Ray Blanton as deputy commissioner of personnel.

Bolin will be temporarily replaced by Norman Parks, who retired as chairman of the MTSU political science department last spring.

Bolin, one of several appointees from the state university system said Blanton is placing emphasis on getting professional people into state government to help improve it from the inside.

"Gov. Blanton knows we have to get all we can out of state government without an increase in revenue from a tax increase," Bolin said. "Saving the state's



Imogene Bolin

money will be most important." Bolin hopes to save state monies by improving conditions to eliminate the high turnover among state career employes.

"The state loses about \$25 million a year from the high employee turnover. We need to recruit and keep good people to improve the efficiency of state government," Bolin explained.

Bolin said she has not had a chance to talk with Commissioner of Personnel J.N. Doan about her job, but she hopes to be directly involved in implementing the policy decisions of the commissioner and the governor's office.

"Commissioner Doan and I are interested in upgrading state government and we will be testing and looking at qualifications of state applicants and evaluating the performance of present state employes," Bolin pointed out. Blanton will insist upon high quality performance from all state employes, she added.

Bolin said another problem she will face involves trying to keep career employes who may be faced with layoffs if the economy fails to improve. "We hope to be able to transfer state employes rather than lay them off if that becomes necessary," Bolin explained.

"We will be hard pressed to make it under present funding, and we cannot increase the number of state employes due to the money situation," Bolin admitted. "But we hope to improve state services rather than cut them back by having a more efficient state government," she said.

Bolin denied the rumor of wholesale firings of state employes hired by the Dunn administration.

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Applicants brave weather, red tape for food stamps

By Rick Edmondson

The early morning chill whipped viciously through their thin, ragged clothes as the line of people stood shivering on the cold sidewalk waiting patiently for Rutherford County Department of Public Welfare to open at 8 a.m.

The doors finally open and the 15 to 20 food stamp applicants slowly shuffle into the heated building on Broad Street to wait their turn to be processed, filed, stamped, punched and prodded for food stamp "certification," a time consuming procedure which includes filling out numerous

forms and plowing through layers of bureaucratic red tape.

Some of the applicants have appointments and they will be waited on first. However, the ones without appointments will probably have to wait for "hours," one official at the Murfreesboro office said.

Wanda Leverette, Rutherford County manager of the welfare department said, "Our problem this week has been that we have had at least one worker out sick every day."

"We need more workers. We have been told that more positions are being set up, but I don't

know if they will be in the food stamp division," she admitted. She added that "quite a few" MTSU students are receiving stamps.

Last Wednesday only two of the three food stamp certification workers showed up for work.

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'Amended' rules changes go to Board of Regents

Rules Committee recommendations for revisions in university rules and regulations have been approved by President Scarlett "as amended by Dr. Wagner" and sent to the Board of Regents.

"I believe the amendments are in the best interests of the students at the university at this time," Scarlett said.

Scarlett said he discussed the recommendations with David Dodd, ASB president, before approving the proposals.

Harry Wagner, vice president for student affairs, amended the proposals earlier this month, cutting the visitation hours extension for J and K apartments back to the current six hours a day, four days a week.

Wagner also signed the "open door" policy back into effect although the Rules Committee had recommended that it be dropped, replacing it with an "unlocked door" plan.

The current policy calls for doors in J and K apartments to be open when guests are visiting.



Food stamps applicants patiently wait, some for more than five hours, for their applications to be processed at the Rutherford County Department of Public Welfare. Phil West photo

Red tape causes hardships

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Tuesday absences caused officials to turn applicants away.

"I never had a handout in my life, but I wouldn't have made it this winter without food stamps," the MTSU student said as he stood at the end of the long line.

A young couple with two small children occupied seats in the waiting room.

"I hurt my back on my job five weeks ago, and I've been laid out of work since then," her husband said. "I applied for compensation right after it happened, but we haven't gotten anything yet," he said.

"My husband has been in the hospital," she explained. "We were turned away Monday and Tuesday, so we're back today," she said hopelessly.

A lone woman dejectedly stood in the narrow corridor with her

head slightly bent. She is thin, almost frail with cheeks hollow and slightly pinched.

"My appointment is for tomorrow, but I had to come today because I won't be able to get a ride tomorrow," she said shyly.

"My husband has been out of work for three months. The only income we have is food stamps and what little help my mother-in-law is able to give us," she explained.

Last Wednesday this reporter arrived at the food stamp office at 7:45 a.m. and found a long line waiting outside the building. Upon returning at 1:30 that afternoon it was discovered that many of the same people were still there.

Some of the applicants reported that they had on occasions waited all day only to be turned away at closing time.

Bolin cites objectives for personnel department

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"Ray Blanton will not use the 'broadsaxe approach.' It's not his style," Bolin said.

Bolin will also face the possible formation of a union of state employees or an alternative state employees association to represent state workers in contract negotiations.

Her experience with the State Department of Public Welfare and the Civil Service Commission helped prepare her for this job, Bolin said.

She developed Blanton's position paper on state employees during the primary campaign and supported him as the "best man

for the job" in the governor's race.

Her husband, David G. Bolin, city attorney for Smyrna and LaVergne, was Blanton's statewide campaign manager and is credited with developing the "people organization" of Blanton supporters.

Bolin was picked from several candidates interviewed by Blanton's screening committee and was notified Monday of her appointment. Blanton told her his "study of the situation lead him to believe a Doan-Bolin combination would be very strong," she said.

Computer to count ballots

by Ted Rayburn

Students will cast ballots for ASB officials in this spring's elections by computer, Bill Bennett, ASB election commissioner, said Tuesday.

Elections for ASB president, house and senate speakers and all senators will be held March 4 - 5, with run-offs on March 6.

Voting will take place on the second floor of the University Center. Computer terminals, with a screen for displaying the ballot and a keyboard system for voting selection, will be used to tally the votes. When the polls close, the ballots will be processed by the campus computer service operated by Paul Hutcheson.

"With the new means of voting, we can have the voting results within 30 minutes after the election," Bennett said.

Candidates for ASB president must have a petition of 300 student names and at least 45 hours credit. Candidates for speaker positions must have 150 signatures and 45 hours. Senate candidates must have 75 signatures and the hours requirements for the class they will represent.

Students may only sign the petition and vote for a senator of their own class status.

Petitions may be obtained in the ASB office Feb. 1 and are due Feb. 15.

Any student may have a referendum to amend the ASB Constitution placed on the ballot by filling a petition with 500 signatures, Bennett said.

"The amendment must be worded just as it would go into the constitution and have the author's legal signature and social security number," he added.

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PR director questions logo issue

A proposed logo change was initiated by the public relations department in an attempt to bring conformity to the university's letterheads and publications, Paul Keckley, public relations director, said Wednesday.

"The whole concept was for uniformity and was to be used for publications. We need a logo reflective of a progressive university," Keckley said.

There are 31 different letterheads on campus, he explained. One department's letterheads are orange and black, another uses the department's title only and another doesn't even use a zip code, Keckley said.

He said the office of continuing education and the aerospace department have already used the new logo.

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest



Proposed MTSU logo

would not be removed from the UC, Keckley said.

Commenting on the controversy surrounding the prop-

osed change, Keckley said, "I am more than willing to talk to any group. I hope they ask me to do it."

Design, games classes offered

Non-credit courses in furniture design and movement education will be offered this semester by the MTSU office of continuing education.

Furniture design and construction will be taught Monday evenings Jan. 27-Apr. 14 in room 111 of the Industrial Arts Building. Registration is \$28.

Movement education, a course to teach pre-school children different motions in games, sports and rhythm, will be held Saturday mornings Feb. 8 - April 26. The course, instructed by Lee Allsbrook of the HPER department, will meet in the Alumni Memorial Gym. The fee is \$6 per child.

Further information may be obtained at the office of continuing education in the administration building.

BSA cites logo remarks, drafts Forrest statement

By Rocky Harris

Citing "derogatory and supportive remarks" in Sidelines concerning the controversial Gen. Nathan B. Forrest logo, the Black Students Association (BSA) met Wednesday night to form a general statement.

"We are offended by the presence of the gallant savior of the white race — protector of motherhood, virtue, Christian principles and other things that black people are supposed to be antithesis of," Amos Tucker, BSA president, stated.

Tucker said it was "unfortunate" that the BSA cannot be credited with the "demise of the Southern gentleman."

The Forrest logo serves as a "representative of nostalgic thought for those regressive individuals who long for the good ole' days (lynching and castration of those murderous rapists ... so they say," Tucker said.

Job orientation set for graduates

Seniors and graduate students leaving school in May and August may attend a career placement orientation meeting set for 11 Tuesday morning in UC 322.

Ricnard Gould, associate professor of industrial arts and technology, will discuss interview procedures and techniques. Lytle Fowler, professor of business education, will discuss letters of application and resumes.

Concluding his statement, Tucker said, "If you really will miss the racist dog's face, my heart bleeds for you; but I'll try to get over it. Good-bye Nate!"

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Tortoise would make a better logo

In the interest of resolving the current controversy over the campus logo, I would like to suggest an alternate symbol: the tortoise.

There appears to be an unfortunate analogy between this animal and the "no-look outlook" of a vast number of MTSU students.

A tortoise lives most of his life

in his thick, dull shell. Poking, prodding or even beating won't get him out until he feels like it. He walks, when he walks, at a slow pace; he doesn't make much noise, and in general, is harmless.

This is fine for Tommy Tortoise, but for a group calling themselves the "Blue Raiders,"

Is this guy really serious?

I give my utmost praise to the administration of MTSU. They perform a job with few thanks. With their guidance, I will be a better person.

I agree totally with their policies. Beer and other alcoholic beverages should never be allowed on campus. One should not drink until he is at least 27. One should never visit the room of the opposite sex.

A person should not be allowed to date until he is 25. When he reaches 30, he should be able to go out on a date without a chaperone.

I have a few suggestions how-

ever. We come to school for the four r's: reading, writing, arithmetic and work.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Play is the Devil's playground." One should not be allowed outside after sunset. If a person is caught, he should be reported to his parents and grounded (sent to bed at 6 p.m. for a month).

Also, Monk's Den of Iniquity should be forced out of business. Filth, corruption and lust are found in that lair. We should get back to the basics of "mother and apple pie."

Brad Hornsby
Box 4518

it is deplorable.

For most, college is the only chance to prepare for the real thing. The university is your tool, a valuable one which you've rented. It can only serve you well if you use it well.

Upon testing, you may discover that faculty serve purposes other than harassing you with questions. Or, that books and libraries contain some stimulating information that just might stir your tongue. If you stick your head out a little more often and listen a little closer, you may be able to formulate an opinion based on something more than introspective meditation.

In summary, this is the warm-up sports; and you'd better get some practice, or you're liable to blow the whole number.

Kathy Eckenfelder
General Delivery

Saga could use SUB on Sunday

Saga, why isn't the SUB cafeteria open on Sunday night like the other cafeterias (as in High Rise and Gag More)?

Surely it can't be because you have no meat, seeing as how you bought such a fine beef specimen from this glorious establishment.

Since everyone is so "concerned" for the students, including the university officials and especially Saga officials, why isn't the SUB cafeteria open when there is a need?

We freshmen HAVE to buy a meal ticket and are served uninspected meat, without our knowledge. With the economy in its present shape, we cannot afford to let this money be wasted, especially since the food is so DELICIOUS!

Name withheld by request

ASB -- let sleeping dogs lie

Will someone please tell the ASB to let sleeping dogs lie?

The extension of Friday library hours is almost reasonable since

a good number of people stay here weekends. Of course, this means finding someone to work these extra hours which is not as easy as it seems.

Although working in the library can be especially hectic on weekends, I do not consider an extension of Friday hours too unreasonable.

However, extending Sunday hours would be absurd, to say the least! Sunday is the library's slowest day, and I dare say the number of people coming in before 2 p.m. would easily be in the lower three-digit area.

Also, some people like to attend church service on Sunday morning. Open the library then, and someone surely will have to miss. I can think of no reason behind the Sunday extension.

Next time, dear ASB, think of the poor shnooks who have to go out of their way to abide by your little resolutions. I like to think that we're human too.

Bob Gibson
Box 3063

Apathy cure: detail campus issues

Since the beginning of the spring semester I have noticed a great lack of student concern over major campus issues. I believe this is not due entirely to a change in students' attitudes, but in a growing belief that the administration disregards students' requests.

Now this may or may not be true, but either way a reconciliation must be reached if the students of this campus are going to

voice their opinions on future issues.

Not all of us are articulate enough (including myself) to express ourselves through the editorial page of Sidelines. I would like to see more information published on campus issues by our student media.

This would mean not only publishing the issues themselves but also information regarding channels of expression; who to

see, what to do and how to do it.

As a new student to MTSU, I have no idea where to go or what I can do to make myself felt in issues that I feel are important. I am experiencing the complete frustration that will soon give way to apathy, and I may shortly become just another indistinct part of the overall blob of apathy that is MTSU's student body.

Terry Agar
Box 8623

Forrest demonstrated six 'virtues'

The trivial question of Nathan Bedford Forrest's fate has seemed to raise considerable controversy on this campus about the credibility of his representation as a school martyr. But the ideals that represent this "Man of Gold" present overwhelming evidence supporting his righteousness.

I would like to mention but a few: (1) Motherhood — a band of roving rapists, (2) Godliness — the burning of crosses at band meetings, (3) Cleanliness — white sheets, (4) Brotherhood — a racial bondage known as "Slavery," (5) Fine-Old Southern Phrases — "boy" and "move to the back of the bus," and (6)

Equality — the establishment of the KKK and racial discrimination.

Instead of relying on martyrs of the past for our school insignia, I propose we update our representations and preserve those ideals we carry so close to our hearts. Present-day candidates should be the theme of this university, and I therefore suggest we erect monuments to James Earl Ray, Sirhan Sirhan, Rudolph Hess, Elijah Muhammad, Bobby Seale and Robert M. Shelton, the imperial wizard. These last three would be most appropriate for they represent the progressive, original attitudes of this university as exemplified by those nine students

so outraged by the initiation of this controversy.

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Science Building under fire by professors

By Michael Gigandet

By the end of March, the Old Science Building (OSB) will be operational and "100 per cent complete," Charles Pigg, assistant superintendent of plant planning, said Monday.

Some biology professors have already moved into the new offices, and the physics offices are ready for occupancy, Pigg said.

Several professors have criticized the design of various sections of the newly renovated building.

A ramp on the new loading dock was pinpointed by a professor as one of the "many comedy of errors."

The 10-foot ramp, located behind the passageway opposite the library, drops 3½ inches every foot and stops five feet short of two glass doors in the OSB.

Pigg said the ramp was an "afterthought," built after the plans were drawn up.

In order to conserve loading space and money, the ramp was cut out of the staircase already drawn into the plans, he said.

"It will work all right although it is not the most desirable," Pigg said.

"I don't know how they will run heavy equipment down the ramp. They have to be careful," John Patten, biology department chairman, said.

Pigg said the ramp was necessary, and two men could handle anything moved down the ramp.

However, a heavy object, improperly handled, could possibly crash through the glass doors at the base of the ramp.

Several biology classrooms on the third floor have valve boxes, electrical conduits and clocks located on the wall behind the instructor's desk where the blackboard will be placed.

Blackboards will be surface mounted by nailing two by fours around the conduits, Pigg explained.

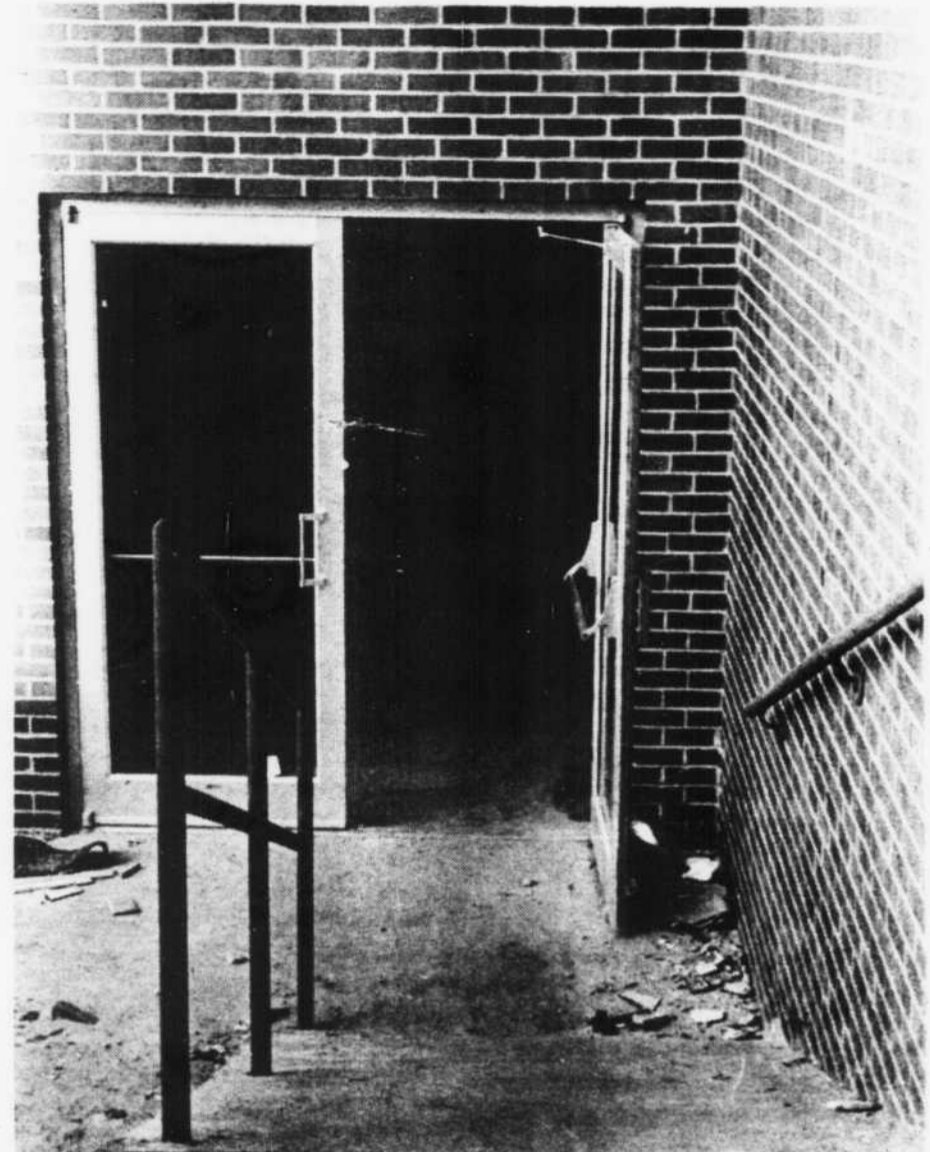
The old walls could have been "excavated" and the conduits placed inside them, but it was not worth the expense due to the construction of the walls and the numerous conduits, Pigg said.

The boards will have to be moved around the valve boxes, he said.

Due to economic reasons the passageway connecting the OSB and the New Science Building (NSB) does not contain a door leading directly into the NSB, Pigg pointed out.

To enter the OSB from the New Science Building, one must enter the passageway from the outside.

Also, janitors will have to keep their equipment in the NSB because there is not a room in the OSB for them, forcing them to carry water for mopping between the two buildings.



New glass doors in the science building renovation are attractive, but pose a problem if a heavy object were to roll down the steep ramp while they are closed.

Charles Steed photo

Independent sale of beef to get head start on NFO

An independent beef and cheese sale will be held near the Murfreesboro public square today to "try and bring the prices down," according to sale organizer David Hagar.

The independent sale was scheduled to precede Monday's National Farmers Organization (NFO) sale.

"I'm not protesting the NFO sale, I'm just protesting the higher prices of produce," Hagar said. "They (the NFO) are trying to raise prices, not lower them," he explained.

Hagar said that in a recent telephone conversation with the NFO president, he was told that the NFO's purpose in holding their sales was to increase prices. "Man, it really floored me," Hagar added.

Over 2,000 pounds of beef will be available for about 80 cents a pound in the sale, Hagar said. The beef will be packaged in various amounts, including the five-pound package similar to the NFO beef.

The beef has been inspected by the state, Hagar added. "I've been selling cheese for quite some time, but the NFO raised a stink over it. All I was doing wrong was I didn't have my name and address on the packages," Hagar commented.

The independent sale will begin at 9 a.m. in front of a furniture store on Maple St., two blocks off the square.

The NFO will hold their first beef sale in Rutherford County on Monday, local President Larry Parsley announced yesterday. In addition, the third NFO cheddar cheese sale will be held at the same time.

Approximately 40 head of cattle were sent to a Lexington, Ky., packing house yesterday for processing, Parsley said.

The NFO protest, which began in November with a calf giveaway in Davidson County, has resulted in the sale of over 35,000 pounds of ground beef in the midstate area. Parsley calls the beef "the same quality" as ground chuck found in grocery stores.

Don't pack that suitcase!

Today

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Dance: Omega Psi Psi, 9-1 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Saturday, Jan. 25

Gymnastic meet: Gymnastic USA-Nashville, 8 a.m., AM Gym

Student Council For Exceptional Children: State organizational convention, 1-8:30 p.m., UC 316, 318, 322-A, B.

Basketball: MTSU-Murray, 7:30 p.m., Murray, Ky.

Sunday, Jan. 26

Modern Dance Club rehearsal, 4-10 p.m., DA Auditorium

ASB plans referral mailing

Forms for the ASB's spring tutorial referral service will be mailed next week, ASB President David Dodd said yesterday.

Students who need assistance in classes or volunteers willing to tutor should return the forms to ASB, Box 1.

On campus residents will be directed to residence hall programming tutors, Dodd said, while ASB volunteers will be called for off-campus students.

"The ASB tutoring program was successful last semester, and we expect the service to be operated more efficiently now," Dodd remarked.

"If you mail in your form and

do not receive an answer within two weeks, call the ASB office," Dodd added.

Sharon Sullivan will direct the tutorial program this semester.

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Greenhouse grows beauty with help of gardener

by Robin Freeman

Have you ever noticed how the flowerbeds on campus change with the seasons? One time they're filled with pansies, next with chrysanthemums and then with flowers that have increasingly harder names to pronounce?

Well, they don't change by themselves. Eston Richardson, MTSU groundskeeper, is responsible. He runs the campus greenhouse.

"We grow all kinds of plants for campus and use them in landscaping and flowerbeds," Richardson said. "It's a year-round job. We have three different plantings each year in each flowerbed," he added.

When a new season comes, Richardson and his helpers (part-time students) take cuttings from plants in the greenhouse and replenish the beds with new plants. "Our first plantings are pansies in the early spring. Then come late spring flowers, early summer ones and so on," Richardson remarked.

Richardson pointed out that the greenhouse is open for students

who like to browse. "It belongs to everybody. It's state property and here for everyone to enjoy," he added.

"I sometimes make decorations for banquets on campus when we have some pretty flowers in bloom," Richardson commented. He also gives poinsettias to all the secretaries on campus at Christmas.

Richardson will soon have more room to grow plants to make people happy. A larger greenhouse is under construction near the agriculture barn and will be completed in a few months.

The present greenhouse, being 12 years old, isn't quite as strong as it used to be. During a recent storm, a large quantity of glass panels were broken, and makeshift repairs were made.

"We put up some Formica sheets and used some extra glass panels we had on hand for repairs," Richardson said. "We didn't want to spend too much on this greenhouse since they're building a new one," he added.



Bill Woehler photo

Carl Brandon, a worker at the MTSU greenhouse, moves some of the many kinds of plants that are grown there.

Heavenly bodies are plotted by planetarium

by Lisa Marchesoni

Geography professor Walter Stigall can show you the position of the sun or moon in the sky from any place on earth, at any hour during any given year — with the aid of a planetarium.

Gazing upward, you can watch the stars and planets revolve in

a fascinating presentation of the solar system.

So how can you view the planetarium for yourself? Although the facility is used primarily for geography, aerospace and astronomy classes, planetarium director Stigall sometimes shows the presentation to elementary school classes,

civic organizations and scouting troops.


Campus groups may visit the planetarium, Stigall said, but an appointment must be made beforehand.

However, the worsening economy may restrict access to the planetarium. "The cost of the operation and maintenance may lead us to cut off public showings," Stigall said. The \$40,000 machinery costs the geog-

raphy department about \$900 per year for maintenance, he added.

"We don't mind putting on the shows, but we (the department) could use the maintenance fee to buy maps or microscopes," Stigall explained.

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Safety director outlines program to cut accidents

by Sherrie Hale

MTSU's Safety Director Tommy McGee is working on a safety program to provide a safe and healthful working place for university faculty, employees, and students.

The program is a little over 18 months old. "It is mandatory by state law that all state agencies comply with the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act (TOSHA), and we are trying to do it on a voluntary basis," McGee said.

"We should be in full compliance with the TOSHA by July, 1975," he added.

McGee commented on the nature of accidents on the MTSU campus by saying, "Most involve tripping or falls, followed closely by those involving equipment and machinery."

"All first-aid injuries should be reported. Unfortunately, our 1974 data revealed that only 80 accidents were reported, and certainly there were many more," McGee said.

Some of the accomplishments under the new program include proper tagging of signs on fire extinguishers, placing handrails around open areas on campus, regular checking of emergency lighting and equipment guards and monthly inspecting of fire extinguishers.

"Right now what we want to emphasize is the training and educating of the university community to develop a safety attitude in reducing personal injuries," McGee stated.

"We also want to work with various departments in eliminating some minor safety violations," he added.

Faculty opens to press

By Robin Freeman

Although Tennessee's "Sunshine law" does not require it, a departmental faculty meeting was opened to Sidelines last week - a "first" at MTSU.

Panel studies student bill

A bill that would place a student on the Board of Regents has passed the second reading in both houses of the Tennessee General Assembly and is being studied by the house and senate education committees.

Raleigh Squires, administrative assistant to Sen. James H. Roberson (D.-Nashville) who sponsored the senate bill, said Tuesday that the bill will be scrutinized and possibly revised — or even killed — by the committee.

The bill would add one student, to be selected on a rotating basis from various state universities and community colleges, to the 16-member Board of Regents.

The mass communications faculty voted unanimously to allow Sidelines to sit in on their meeting.

Meetings of university standing and ad hoc committees must be open to the press under the "sunshine law," according to the state attorney general, but faculty or "staff" meetings may remain legally closed.

Edward Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman, said the faculty felt they were making decisions that affected students, and "the students have the right to know."

"We've been teaching students that they have the right to know, so it was about time we started practicing it," Kimbrell said.

The agenda for the meeting included registration, department staffing, fund-raising efforts, staff evaluation, tenure and promotion and several miscellaneous items.

Kimbrell said more meetings are needed to "share ideas and ventilate problems."

Bible groups organizing

If you would like to join other students in Bible study-rap sessions, "Life Groups" are being organized in dorms on campus for you.

Both Christians and non-Christians are welcome in the "Life Groups" that meet weekly.

"Life Groups" were first organized in 1973 at MTSU by Kent Dobbs and Mike Cook of the Middle Tennessee Christian Center to help answer the question, "Is Christianity relevant to college students today?"

The "Life Groups" are now being coordinated by Pam Wilson, MTSU Box 8056. Several groups have no definite meeting time and place yet. However, the following groups will begin meeting soon:

— Wood Hall, room 203, Monday, 10 p.m., Terrie Sensing-

hostess, Kasey Covington-leader.

— Smith Hall, lobby, time undecided, David Edwards and Jim Jobe — hosts.

— Reynolds Hall, room 335, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Carole Mullins-hostess.

PR association seeks members

Anyone interested in starting an MTSU chapter of the Public Relations Society of America should attend an organizational meeting at 4 Monday afternoon in UC 310.

Students, such as mass communications, marketing and business majors, interested in public relations as a profession should attend.

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Gymnasts to host quadrangular meet

By Lisa Marchesoni

Calling the University of Florida "one of the top college women's gymnastic teams in the country," Coach Pat Hannon predicted the Raiderettes' upcoming meet will "probably be our toughest of the year."

MTSU's women gymnasts will compete with the University of Florida, the University of Tennessee — Knoxville and Peabody College at noon Saturday in Alumni Memorial Gym.

"The University of Florida's coach, Sandy Phillips, is one of several top contenders for a spot on the women's olympic team in 1976," Hannon said. "Phillips coaches a good team, and she's a good gymnast."

Although UT is not as tough as Florida, the Lady Volunteers "are always strong," he said.

Last year, UT topped the Raiderettes about 15 points, Hannon said, "but our team is definitely much stronger this year."

"Both Sally Krakoviak and Becky Tribble are expected to do well," Hannon said. Krakoviak placed first, while Tribble gained third in the team's initial meet against Gymnastics International of Nashville.

SCOTT'S SPOT

Roundball at MTSU turns corner, but...

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

"We've turned the corner. Our rebuilding years are over."

That statement by Blue Raider basketball coach Jimmy Earle, who is usually rather conservative in his comments on the MTSU roundball program, sums up the status of the streaking Big Blue Machine quite precisely.

The Raiders, 12-2 overall and 4-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, are off to the best start in the history of MTSU basketball.

As Earle's crew prepares to square off with Murray State at 7:30 tomorrow night, the MTSU mentor does not view the Raiders' success as entirely positive, oddly enough.

Raiderettes whip Lady Govs 65-44

by Mark Barebo

The Raiderettes basketball team rolled over Austin Peay State University 65-44 last night at Murphy Center.

MTSU outrebounded the Lady Govs, pulling down 48 rebounds, and shot 37 per cent from the field. Coach Dee Hunt used the entire squad, and the Raiderettes

"The boys have worked extremely hard," Earle said, "but, I think the people of Murfreesboro are expecting too much from them."

"I can remember when any MTSU win was a big thing," he explained. "Now our fans don't seem to be satisfied unless we win by 25 points or more."

And the worst part of all, according to Earle, is that "the players are feeling the pressure."

To the victor goes the spoils; however, it seems that the spoils in the case of the Blue Raiders are a spoiled bunch of basketball fans.

led APSU 32-18 at the half.

Stephanie Johnson and Cheryl Dickens led the Raiderettes offensively, pouring in 17 points a piece, while Carol "Tree" Lance brought down 15 rebounds.

The Raiderettes will travel to Chattanooga Tuesday to meet the Lady Mocs of UTC. Tipoff is at 6 p.m.

— Jock shorts —

BASKETBALL: No more \$10 tickets are available for the Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament set for March 7-8 in Murphy Athletic Center, according to ticket manager Jim Simpson.

However, \$6 bleacher seats may be purchased in Murphy Center's ticket office.

Aaron Todd, adviser to honorary fraternity Sigma Beta Sigma, announced Pizza Hut ballots for George Sorrell will be available in the University Center basement next in project "40 for 40."

WRESTLING: Blue Raider grapplers lost a pair of matches Wednesday to the University of Kentucky and the University of Cincinnati in Lexington. The Wildcats clawed MTSU 32-4, with the Raiders' only points coming on draws by Scott Webster and Mike Hooker. Cincinnati doubled up on the Raiders 24-12 in the triangular meet.

MTSU travels to Athens, Ga., this afternoon to battle the Bulldogs. The Raiders carry a 4-9 record into the meet.

INTRAMURALS: Wood Hall got the 1975 IM basketball season off to a quick start Wednesday night, whipping Felder Hall 52-4.

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