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New president promises effective ASB

Plans ombudsman program

by Lisa Marchesoni

Changes will be made in student government next year to make it a viable body serving the needs of the campus, David Dodd, newly-elected ASB president, said.

Dodd, Joe Coleman, speaker of the senate and Karen Butner, speaker of the house, inaugurated as student government officers during the annual ASB banquet Tuesday night.

"We are going to make advances next year in the area of visitation on campus, student services, academic affairs, and student rights," Dodd said after

his inauguration.

Dodd outlined several programs that he plans to implement this year.

"The campus ombudsman program is the most ambitious program ever attempted by a student government on this campus," Dodd said.

The program will require the commitment of a large number of students over a long period of time, he said. The ombudsman effort will be a "program laden with obstacles and problems that must be dealt with daily," Dodd said.

"Together we can make it work, and when we do, this student government will become a model for others to follow," he said.

Dodd said that his goal is for "every student on this campus to feel like ASB has benefited him or her personally in some way, before his term is over.

"The decisions that we make or fail to make at this time will literally determine the future of student government on this campus," Dodd said.

"But whatever fears or apprehension that I might have are small beside my belief that the people who are going to make up this student government can and will rise to the occasion," he said.

The objectives of this administration are only for those who will look to the future, Dodd said.

"ASB is going to have to answer to the charge that it is totally ineffective and that it could never be effective," the new president said.

"I'm serving notice to every one of you that we intend to answer that

charge next year and lay it to rest once and for all," he said.

"Tim Watson, outgoing president told the banquet audience that he tried to make issues such as marijuana use controversial on the campus.

"But never the entire time that I served in this office did I second the use of marijuana," Watson said.

"Approximately 65 per cent of the students on this campus smoke marijuana and we are going to have to face that fact," Watson said.

Watson said that a university is unique because everywhere that one looks, he can find a different type of person that makes up "life at the big U."

Watson said that because of some rules on the campus, students are not motivated, thus some professors are not interested in teaching classes to students not concerned about learning.

"I've been knocked all over the place all during the year, but I enjoyed every minute of it," Watson said.

Watson: Dodd knows ropes

Editor's note: This is the second and final installment of an interview of former ASB President Tim Watson by Larry Harrington, Sidelines special reporter.

Reporter: Do you think the administration will be willing to see more cases go to the general session court rather than to the disciplinary committee?

Watson: I think there's a trend in this direction, but it depends on the case. There's very much hesitancy to refer marijuana and other drug cases to student courts. I think that we may see some changes in this next year. David Dodd has worked with the people in the administration before, and they respect him. I think with that type of person as ASB president we can look for more cooperation from the administration.

Reporter: Some people think that Dodd is too close to the administration. That was one of the criticisms I heard most often when he ran. What do you think?

Watson: Well, I've heard some really good comments about his being able to stand up to administrators on things he thinks are right. He's had some pretty heated arguments with them, as a matter of fact, but I don't think that will stand in his way. When you approach the people in the administration building the right way--and sometimes members of my cabinet and I approached them the wrong way--they tend to reward

you. It's almost like a parent-child relationship...David definitely knows the ropes. He conducts himself well in meetings. I think he'll do a good job as ASB president.

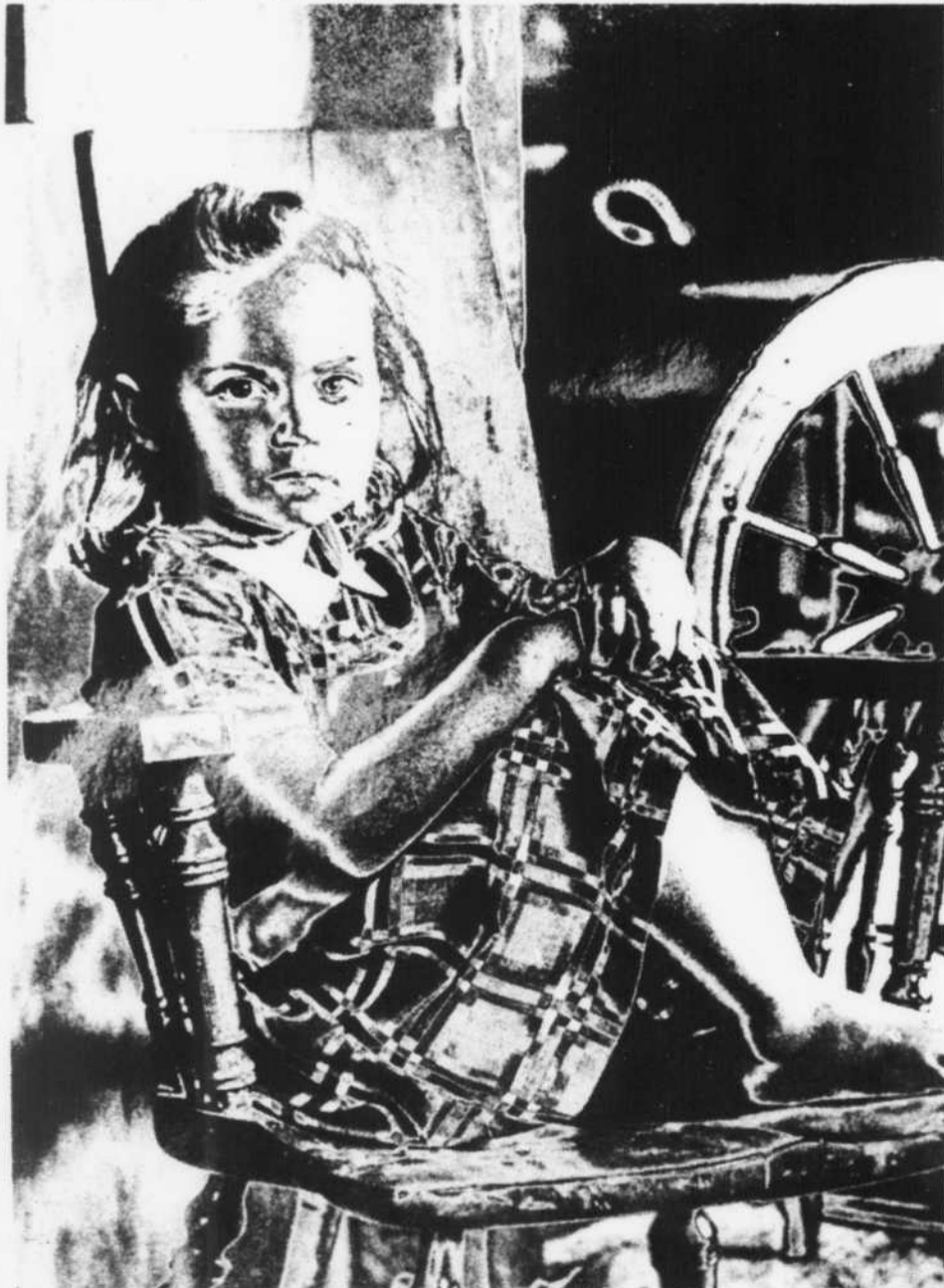
Reporter: Do you have any advice for him?

Watson: Yes. In the past there has been too much emphasis on the ASB president and not enough on those who work with him and on the house and senate as well. The president does not have that much time to devote to student problems--he has a tremendous number of paper-shuffling duties. Students who have problems ought to try working with the president's cabinet rather than just going to him. If they don't, these other positions are going to stay isolated from student problems.

Reporter: Yeah, but judging from past experience, a student doesn't have any reason to think that anyone in the ASB will help him, does he?

Watson: No, if you judge on past experience, there is not any reason to go to student government at all. But I urge students to give it one last try under David. The students on this campus can make student government responsive, but not if they continue to browbeat the president in public even though it's usually justified. They need to go to the president and these other people, in groups if necessary, and browbeat them in private, so that the public acts will be worthwhile and substantial.

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A show by Ben Marra of Tacoma, Wash., whose work is exhibited above, will open Sunday in the MTSU photographic gallery. The show, which will feature color photography, will run through April 26.

Court clears student of streak-related charges

by John Rawlston

The ASB Supreme Court found James Norwood innocent Wednesday of three charges of violation of university regulations following an alleged March 7 "streaking" incident.

MTSU had charged Norwood, a Nashville junior, with disorderly conduct (interfering with an official university function), harass-

sing and/or intimidating a campus security officer and participating in a mob, riot, or destructive activity.

A verdict of guilty to these charges would have meant possible probation or probable suspension from MTSU.

Norwood was part of the March 7 crowd of 100-200 people which formed around two campus security

officers as they attempted to take Teresa Harper, who had been arrested for "streaking" to a nearby patrol car.

Norwood was arrested during that incident and charged with assault and battery and interfering with the duties of a law officer after a tussle with Captain Frank Brians of the MTSU security department, who was not in uniform at the time.

A Murfreesboro City Court found Norwood guilty of those charges on March 21, fined him \$92.75 including court costs and gave him a 40-day suspended sentence.

Brians said he attempted to move Norwood from the path of the officers who were attempting to place Harper in the patrol car after "repeatedly" identifying himself and asking Norwood to move. At this point Norwood began struggling

with Brians and striking him, Brians said.

Norwood said he did not hear Brians say anything and acted in self-defense when he was grabbed in "a kind of half-nelson hold."

"I didn't know who had hold of me," Norwood said. "It was never my intention to attack anybody."

Mason Bonner, chief judge of the five-member student court, said the court's basis for finding Norwood innocent was that during the "intense situation" on the night of March 7 "a lot of intentions may have been misconstrued."

Last week an ASB court sentenced Randy Wilkins, a junior from Springfield, to probation for one semester after he pleaded guilty to a charge stemming from the same incident.

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Blacks schedule 'Awareness Week'

The MTSU Black Student Association (BSA) has scheduled events for the observance of "Black Awareness Week" April 15-20.

The play "Up through Slavery" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Robert Rucker of the MeHarry Medical School will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in room 103 of the NCB. Admission is free to all BSA members and guests.

The soul group "Scorpio" will perform during the second annual

"Escapade in Black" Wednesday evening at the Smyrna Country Club.

"Serenade with the Soul Greeks" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on the University Center lawn.

A talent show featuring the dance group "Power" of UT-Chattanooga, as well as local talent, is scheduled for Friday in the UC. Admission will be 50 cents.

The final event of the week will be the BSA picnic Saturday.

Library limits document searches

A computer search program designed to shorten the time needed to locate documents has been established at the MTSU library.

"This is a great help to graduate students who are working on a thesis and are pressed for time," according to Rebecca Smith,

periodicals librarian.

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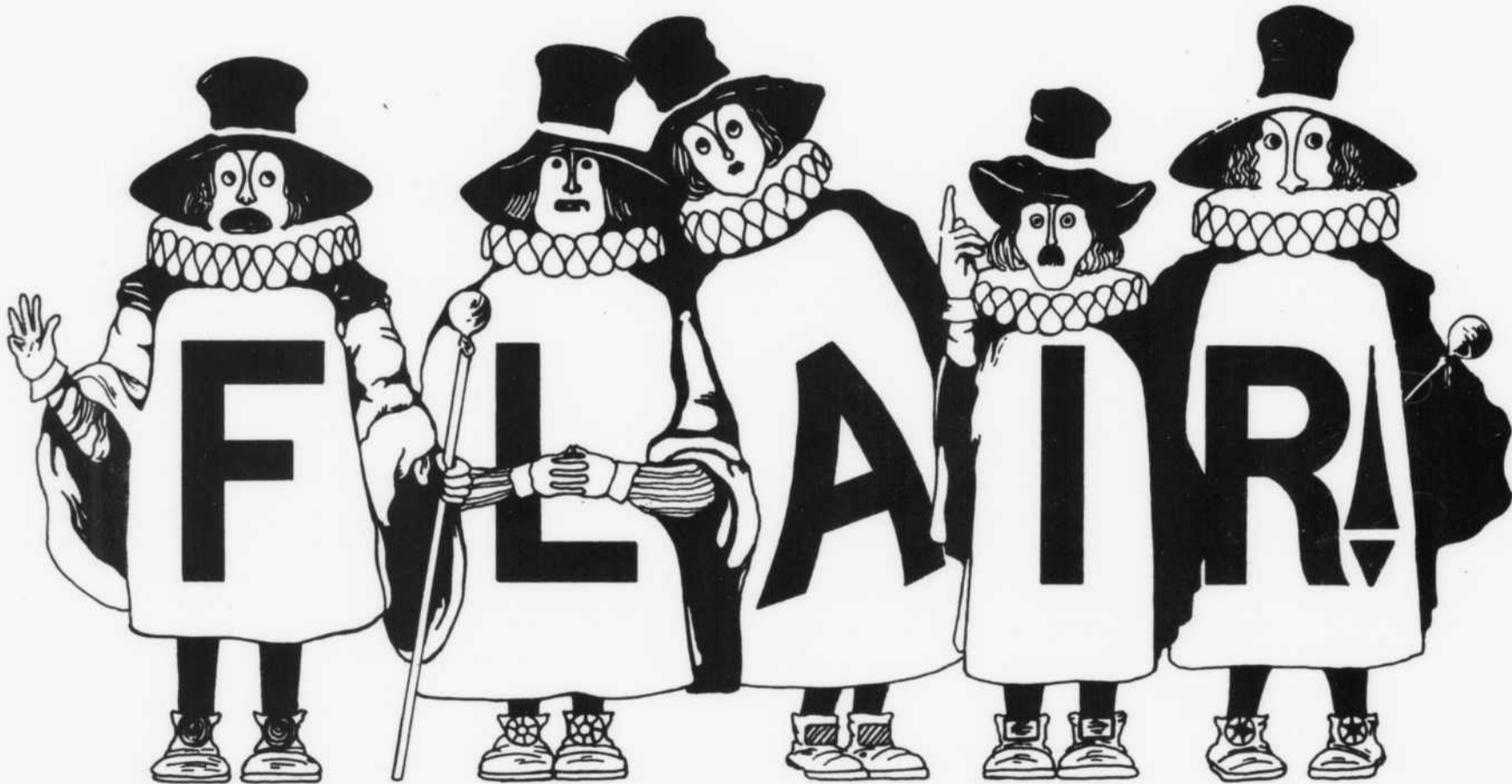
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Readers' views

To the editor:

In the April 9 Sidelines, Gina Jeter wrote an article on the Joni Mitchell concert. Miss Jeter made several statements about the "Opryland shepherds." Five of these "shepherds" attend MTSU, and I am one. She made remarks about the uniforms, the uniforms and our desire to preserve the \$15 million complex.

I would like to inform Miss Jeter that rules are never little and are set down for a purpose. The rule about the cameras was Miss Mitchell's, passed to us by Sound Seventy. Sound Seventy set down many of the rules-rules that are their policy. The rest are basic ones that we use every week.

The uniforms are basic Opryland. We wear them only because we have to. The Opryland appearance must be kept up to fit the new house.

The statement, "gung-ho desire to protect the new Opry House from whatever," was totally un-

called for. We are out to preserve the beauty of the building for the millions who have yet to see it.

Miss Jeter calls us shepherds, well, we are. Our staff handled an estimated crowd of 20,200 people that week. We worked three concerts, three Grand Ole Opry shows and one Grand Ole Gospel show. When eight people try to handle and control 4,400 people a show, there are always a few who do not like our methods. We are paid to do this, so we do the best we know how.

Miss Jeter left out a large part of the concert. She forgot to put in about the people who crashed; the little girls who were not older than 12 that were higher than kites and the strong odor of marijuana throughout the building. She left out the smart-mouthed people, the beer that was taken up and the harassment the girls (hostesses) took.

Miss Jeter, we are sorry if you felt mistreated. When James

Taylor comes to the Grand Ole Opry House on May 14, we will be there. The same ones, to enforce our "little rules" with our desire to preserve the Opry House and in our red, white, and blue uniforms. If you feel that this is too much to bother with, then you will not offend us by not coming.

Eddie Mason
Box 5289

To the editor:

As the Murfreesboro city elections approach, I feel compelled to make some comment regarding how they might affect or could affect our university. MTSU plays a vital role in the affairs of the city of Murfreesboro, yet at present no member of the university community is directly involved in the governance of the city. This election could change that.

J. Earl Young, a long time resident of Murfreesboro and faculty member here at MTSU, is seeking one of the city council posts and his desire to serve those who have gone unrepresented for so long is admirable.

But above and beyond these important things is the fact that his election would put a representative of the university community in the mainstream of city government and that can only serve to benefit both MTSU and Murfreesboro.

With an improved relationship between the university and the city at stake, Mr. Young deserves the careful consideration of every citizen of Murfreesboro and especially of the university community.

David Dodd
Box 2097

Should special events chief resign position?

by Bennie Barrett

Most of us remember when Elvis Presley sang to two capacity crowds in the Murphy Center, but do you remember the promise of another concert this semester during the President's Forum of Feb. 13?

With two weeks of school remaining, it is obvious that the stage in Murphy Center will be used only for graduation exercises.

Since Harold Smith, program director for the special events committee, has refused to talk with me, it is impossible for me to gather what Smith would call accurate information.

In the past, Smith has excused his incompetence with what he believes valid reasons in not booking a band.

Some bands are not touring; others cannot perform on a specific date. Still others are not suitable. His excuses would fill a large receptacle affectionately referred to as a garbage can.

Since I am not a promoter, nor is Smith, whatever excuses offered could be proved invalid by looking at the concert schedule in Nashville. Charlie Daniels Band twice, King Crimson, James Taylor, Edgar Winter Group, The Doobie Brothers, The James Gang and Gladys Knight and the Pips. Aside from the Nashville concerts, Marshall Tucker Band was recently at Western Kentucky and Lynerd Skynyrd and Pure Prairie League will be at Tennessee Tech next week.

Most of the concerts in Nashville are booked by Joe Sullivan of Sound Seventy Productions-the

same promoter that booked Leon Russell and Elton John for MTSU. It does seem a little strange that Sullivan has such success in booking concerts and Smith doesn't.

Looking at the concert schedule for Nashville, it would seem groups are touring. Not the

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average bands but good bands. Perhaps this is the reason Sullivan is a promoter and Smith is not.

Last fall Sullivan visited a special events meeting and offered his assistance, which the committee responded to with the booking of Leon Russell and Elton John. Sullivan submitted to the committee a large list of bands that could be booked for MTSU, but as of yet, none of those groups have performed here.

It is apparent the committee wants the help of Sound Seventy and Smith does not. In fact, Smith does not want the help of students.

One committee member told me yesterday that Smith told the committee there were too many stu-

dents on the committee. Who is Harold Smith to refuse a student or students from voicing an opinion?

Wednesday night at the special events committee meeting, students of the committee submitted a list of groups for possible concerts and Smith said, "This list is useless." Is this student representation or one man making a decision for almost 10,000 MTSU students?

You deserve more than the antics of Harold Smith. The committee deserves someone who will listen to their requests and follow through with them. Harold Smith is not that man. Harold Smith irritated the committee members but denied the entire student body

a concert promised to them. The committee and the student body a concert promised to them. The committee and the student body should demand the resignation of Harold Smith in his capacity as director of the special events committee. He has failed miserably.

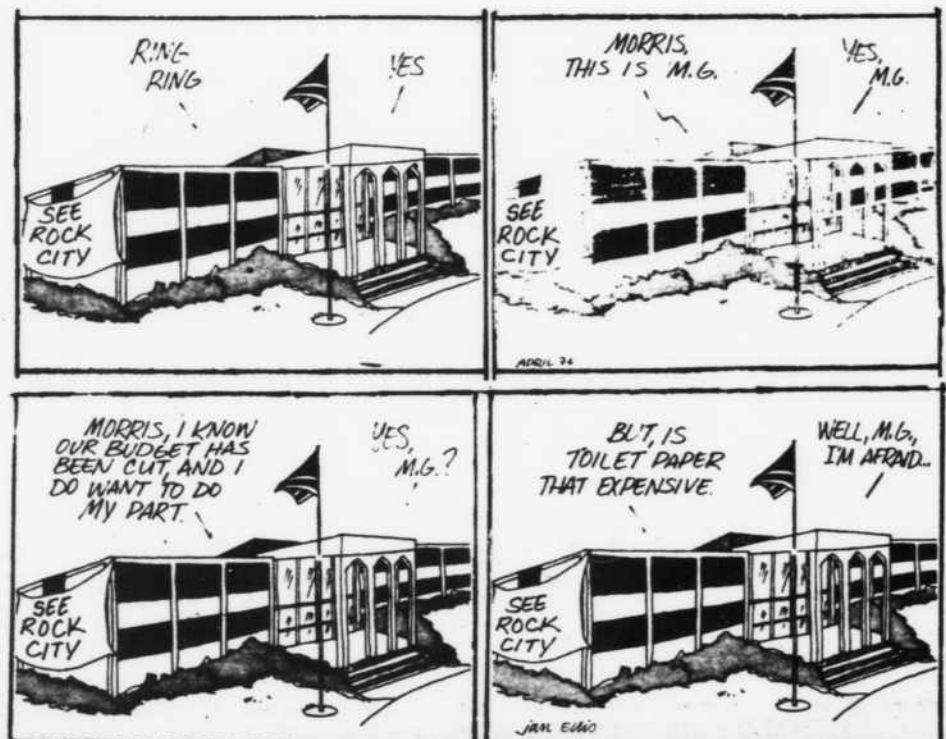
It would seem that the man who has booked two outstanding concerts for MTSU is the logical solution to a miserable situation. Joe Sullivan of Sound Seventy is a professional. His record booking of outstanding concert performances speaks for itself, and until something is done, I must agree with Sidelines columnist, Crouse Powell: rock'n roll is dead, at least at MTSU.

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Watson looks back at ASB

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Reporter: Then it seems that one of the problems is that you had to face a roomful of administrators alone. Why is it that it's so hard to get students involved in ASB?

I know it is. There are plenty of students around with good ideas who don't want to lose their credibility by associating with ASB.

Watson: I lost my credibility and self respect for about a year by being in ASB. It's a very difficult thing to do, trying to keep your ear to the ground for student opinion. I was always inviting students to come by my office to talk with me. Some of them did, and some didn't. I think one of the reasons

students don't want to get involved in student government is that it does--always has and still does--have the image of a social club, sort of an elite group. What we tried to do this year and may have succeeded in some part was to make the ASB and its activities as controversial as possible for the students--to get their interest--if it involved efforts to just get rid of student government, forming a chapter of the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws or writing columns in the paper about what's wrong with student government. I think we may have succeeded in getting up some interest.

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Sigma Chi to 'spring' derby week

by Michael Rucker

"The First Sign of Spring" will be the theme of the fourth annual International Sigma Chi Derby Week Monday through Saturday Bill Waters, this year's Derby Daddy, announced recently.

There will be ten field events including a balloon burst, bamboo ramble, monkey business, dress

the pledge, saw horse, milk the baby, needle in the hay stack, the yoke and I and a hugging contest. Then there will be a mystery event, Waters said.

Only sororities on campus will be able to participate in the events, but everyone on campus is welcome to watch, he said.

The girls in the contests will be

judged by members of the MTSU faculty or members of the Murfreesboro business community. The girls participating in the field events will be judged by Sigma Chi Alumni, Waters said.

"We want everyone on campus to come and watch," Waters said.

"The administration of MTSU and about 55 Murfreesboro business merchants have helped us a great deal in preparations that have taken us five months," Waters said.

"There will also be a Greek night (Friday Night), which will enable the members of fraternities and sororities to become better acquainted," he explained.

Refreshments will be served, and live entertainment will be provided during the week by two different rock bands, Sleepy Hollow and Lascassas.

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Five positions are available on the Sidelines production staff during the summer semester. Three typists, one layout-paste-up worker and one proofreader are needed to work one night a week. Anyone interested should contact Norman Vetter at Sidelines, Box 42.

Students wishing to apply for editor-in-chief of the fall semester Sidelines or the 1974-75 Collage, campus literary magazine, should pick up an application in the mass communications office in the Old Gym. Monday is the deadline for returning an application.

Psi Chi, the national honorary society of psychology, will hold a membership meeting for the local chapter Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 226 of the NCB. Eligible upperclassmen and graduate students are urged to attend the meeting.

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Seminar discusses energy

by Michael Gigandet

Workable solutions to the energy crisis are within the people's grasp, John Ruch, authority on the nation's energy problems, said Tuesday at the Environmental Insights Seminar.

Ruch discussed alternative energy sources in the first portion of the seminar.

"We have a 250 year supply of coal and should shift to coal for electricity production," he said.

Ruch cited the need for increased off-shore drilling, additional government regulated imports, strict conservation measures and development of energy resources.

Solar energy, wind power, water wheels, tidal movements and nuclear energy should be harnessed for energy production, he said.

In the second portion Roger Carlsmith, associate director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Environmental Program, discussed the environmental effects of energy sources and energy conservation.

"Energy systems are responsible for well over half of the 264 million tons of pollutants that are emitted into the air each year," Carlsmith said.

"The health effects of pollution are not well known," he said. "However, a significant fraction of respiratory diseases are associated with air pollution."

Carlsmith said the need for energy conservation and a slower consumption growth rate is more important than development of new energy sources.

"In the future we can expect to see a continued rise in energy prices," he said.

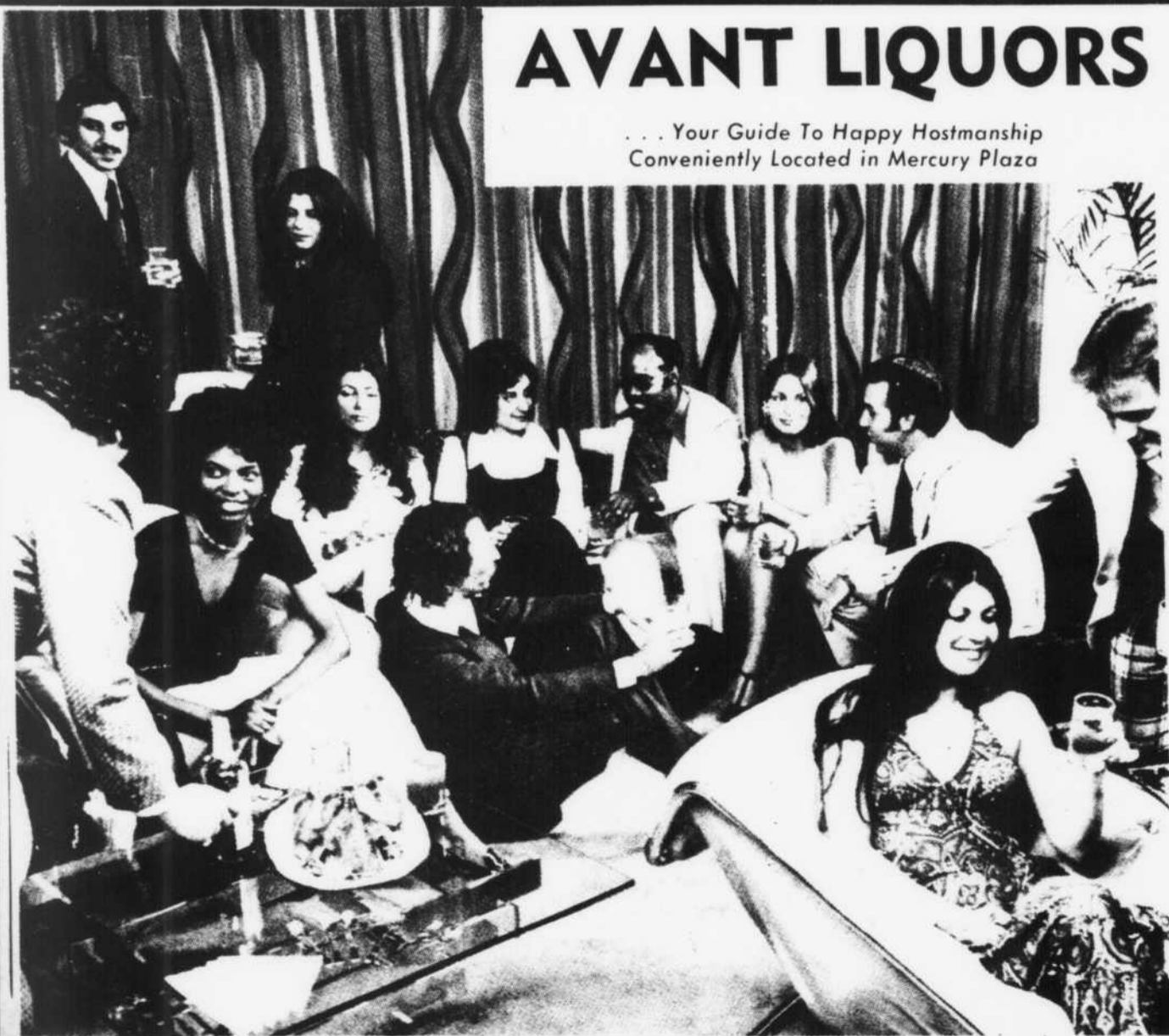
The final part of the seminar was conducted Thursday by Ken Reisch, associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at Ohio State University.

"In a few years our nation will run out of the fuels which have brought us the highest standard of living known to mankind," Reisch said.

"We must accept our energy problems as opportunities," he added. "We have faced crises before and won."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS: The Raiderette tennis team upped its season record to 4-2 last Wednesday by trouncing Calhoun Community College 11-0 at Decatur, Ala. MTSU got wins by Janet Simpson, Lynn Burlow, Sandy McMillen, Margie Nix, Nancy Allen, Laura Davis, Honey Pike and Donna Conquest in singles. Burlow, Pike and Conquest were scored on only once in their matches. Linda Farver's girls will take on Vanderbilt next Tuesday.

BASEBALL: WMOT will be broadcasting the MTSU-Murray State game tomorrow beginning at 12:45. WMOT Sports Director Randy Smith will be doing the play-by-play and Raider basketball coach Jimmy Earle, a former coach-of-the-year in OVC baseball, will handle the commentary.

TRACK: The Blue Raider track team, coached by Dean Hayes, will take an unblemished record to the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville this weekend. Leading the Big Blue will be All-American jumper Tommy Haynes, sprinter Dwaine Copeland, shot putter Greg Lintner, middle distance runner John Johnson and hurdler Keith Cro-

martie. MTSU high jumper Jesse Agnew will be going for his third straight win.

TENNIS: Coach Larry Castle's netters, 11-1, take on the Buccaneers of East Tennessee State this afternoon and will be trying to get back on the winning track after a 5-4 loss to Western Kentucky last Saturday. Tomorrow, the Raiders will play Tennessee Tech. Both games are at Clarksville, Tennessee.

KARATE: Two MTSU black-belt artists, David Deaton and Newton Harris placed in the 10th Tennessee Karate Championships last week in Nashville. Deaton, director of the MTSU Wado Club, beat the 14th ranked artist in the nation to take second in the championship finals, while university karate instructor Harris nailed down third place in his weight division. Deaton has now placed in two national tourneys and said, "I'm looking for a national ranking soon."

FOOTBALL: Bill Peck's Raiders finished up their spring drills yesterday with an intrasquad scrim-

mage. Peck said he is well this spring. "All the boys worked satisfied with his team's progress very hard," he added.

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Stanford eyes tough twinbill

Streaking Raiders to host 'strong' Murray

by Reid Andrews

MTSU will meet Murray State at 1 p.m. here tomorrow in a key OVC baseball doubleheader.

Murray, which won the Fall half of the OVC Western Division, is 26-9 this Spring and ranked 17th in the country.

"Murray will be the strongest

team we will face all season including Vanderbilt and David Lipscomb," said MTSU head coach John Stanford.

The Racers are 3-1 in the OVC Western Division while MTSU is 2-0.

MTSU ran its win streak to 12 games Wednesday afternoon by

edging Union University 2-1.

Roger Cox was the big man for the Raiders. Cox scored the lead run in the third and drove in the winning run in the fifth when he tripled to rightcenter. In the ninth inning, Cox threw out a Union player at the plate to assure the win.

MTSU, now 18-6, got a strong pitching performance from George Ploucher. Ploucher, from Nashville Maplewood, struck out nine while allowing eight hits, as he upped his record to 2-0.

The Raiders were outhit 8-2 but took advantage of six walks delivered by Union pitcher Steve Jones to capture the narrow 2-1 win.

MTSU scored in the third when Cox beat out a bunt and Steve Zitney walked. Tommy Owens then bounced a tailor-made double play ball to the second basemen. Zitney was forced out at second, but the throw from the shortstop to first base was wild and Cox scored from second for the first Raider run.

Stanford's bunch added the winning run in the fifth when Carter

Garner walked and then scored on a triple by Cox. Cox was thrown out at the plate after being hung up between third and home.

Union, now 10-13, added one run in the sixth and had the tying run in the ninth cut down at the plate when centerfielder Cox threw a strike to catcher Scott Sain.

On Tuesday, MTSU defeated Athens College in a doubleheader by the identical scores of 3-0.

In the opener, Gary Melson ran his record to 3-1 as he fired a three hitter and struck out seven.

MTSU scored all the runs they needed in the third inning when Cox and Garner crossed the plate. The Raiders added a final run in the fourth while Cox getting the RBI. MTSU outhit the Alabama school 8-3 with Cox going two for three.

In the nightcap, Billy Joe Mahaffey ran his record to 3-0 as the Raider's Zitney collected two doubles in three at bats. Mike Snell, a former Shelbyville teammate of Mahaffey, was the losing pitcher giving up only five hits.

Strangely enough, MTSU baseball coach John Stanford coached both of them.

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