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It is a great honor that Memphis has been chosen as the host city for the U.S. Junior Invitational Championship. This is the first national tournament to be held in the Mid-South since the U.S. Open Championship in 1914.

Memphis Chess Club began in 1900 as the Memphis Chess and Checker Club after an exhibition here by Harry Nelson Pillsbury, then U.S. Champion. Memphis Chess Club, as it is today, re-organized after the resurgence of interest in chess during the Fischer-Spassky match in 1972. The Memphis Chess Club has emerged from a group of quiet chess players to an active force in the community with chess instruction classes carried on weekly at the Shelby County Penal Farm, Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis High School Chess League and throughout the year it conducts classes at the Memphis Public Libraries, Memphis Public Schools C.L.U.E. Classes and at its weekly club meetings at St. Mary's Episcopal School Library. Last year, Memphis Chess Club conducted four major tournaments, two one-day tournaments, eight inter-club tournaments and the City Championship for a total of 89 U.S. Chess Federation rated games available through the club.

We wish to thank Memphis State University Programs for joining with the Memphis Chess Club to bring this event to Memphis. We appreciate your support by attending the tournament and invite you to attend the MSU Chess Club, sponsored by University Programs, and/or Memphis Chess Club on Friday evenings at St. Mary's Episcopal School Library, 65. N. Perkins Extended at Walnut Grove.

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