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FORREST TO STAY: HOUSE



Caucus Before Session

Part of the forces to do away with Nathan Bedford Forrest and the soldier in the gray uniform at school functions (first three from left to right, Robert Rucker, Sylvester Brooks, and Dave Weber) discuss the issues with Chuck Furedy, (far right) who was in favor of keeping the symbols.

Pres. Scarlett Sent Decision

The ASB House of Representatives rejected two bills Tuesday which proposed that the school do away with Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest as the school symbol and the man in a gray uniform at school functions.

Thus, in a meeting wracked with parliamentary confusion, the ASB Congress voted to inform President Scarlett that the students do not want to eliminate the Blue Raider.

Both the House and ASB Senate approved two nearly identical bills last week, concerning school symbols. The Senate proposal consisted of the House bill with Senate amendments.

Scarlett has also asked the MTSU Faculty Senate to consider the use of school symbols, and although a special committee has voted to retain the Raider, the Confederate flag and "Dixie" at school functions, the entire Faculty Senate has not returned a decision to the president.

Doug Bennett, speaker of the ASB Senate, criticized the House action Tuesday night by saying that the House had already voted on the five Senate amendments last Thursday, and that constitutes a vote on the bill itself. He said that after the Senate returned the amendments, the House could vote only on the entire bill and not the proposed changes.

Since the House had, in effect, already voted on the bill, Bennett added, they could not vote on it again, and their vote Tuesday was unnecessary.

The Senate voted later Tuesday evening to initiate still another evaluation of school symbols. The new committee, according to the Senate, would be composed of

three senators and three representatives.

House Speaker Pat O'Neal said Tuesday, however, that he will refuse to name three House members to the committee.

The controversy over the use of "Dixie," the Confederate flag and the Raider was sparked by an open column Oct. 21 in the SIDELINES, authored by Sylvester Brooks, a Memphis sophomore.

Brooks, a House member, charged that "Dixie" is a dehumanizing song, and that the use of the song, the flag and the Raider are "remnants of slavery and Black inferiority."

O'Neal named a House study committee Nov. 7.

Urging the passage of the Forrest ouster during the Tuesday session, Brooks said the "way to improve a university is not to build a new building, but to improve ourselves," and he labeled as being "narrow-minded" those persons who would reduce the entire controversy to a mere "black against white" entanglement.

"President Scarlett gave us a measure of responsibility in ask-

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ing us to resolve this issue," he said Tuesday. "This issue involved much more than a man in a gray uniform."

"It involves the dignity of man. If the ASB Congress cannot come to some agreement concerning the technicalities of proposing a bill," he added, "then we don't deserve those greater rights and responsibilities."

Brooks added that the student government's handling of the school symbols issue "will be the first major impression that Dr. Scarlett will have of the ASB."

The ASB shouldn't be stymied over such measures as a cheerleading bill and people knocking over garbage cans. "There are greater things," he said.

Nancy Helberg, a Dickinson, Tenn., senior, countered Brooks' original statements by saying:

"None of the reasons we have Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest as our school symbol indicate racial overtones or undertones."

"Middle Tennessee State is a southern university, and Nathan Bedford Forrest is a southern symbol," she added. "He personifies southern courage, integrity and intelligence."

A vote against the bill, she claimed, would show "that we care what happens to this university."

Dave Weber, a Nashville junior, claimed that the student governing body should not be swayed by the wishes of the university's alumni who have reacted strongly to news that student legislators are attempting to eliminate the old symbols.

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Ingram Resigns As Education Dean

Dr. Sam Ingram dean of the School of Education at Middle Tennessee State University, has submitted his resignation to Dr. M. G. Scarlett, University president, "effective as quickly as a replacement is available."

The State Board of Education Wednesday confirmed the appointment of Dr. Ingram as president of the Motlow Community College. The Motlow College is under construction between Tullahoma and Lynchburg.

Dr. Scarlett said, "While we rejoice with Dr. Ingram in his advancement to the president of Motlow Community College, we feel his departure will be a great loss to Middle Tennessee State University."

"During the five and one half years he has been a member of the school of education faculty and the one and one-half years he has served as dean of that school, he has made a profound impression on students and colleagues alike. We were counting on his leadership heavily as we looked toward what we still hope will be a highly significant future for MTSU," said Gene Sloan, MTSU public relations director.

Dr. Ingram is the second Dean of a School to resign within the past year. Dr. Ralph Kirkman left the university last year to accept apost at Peabody College. He was succeeded by Dr. Robert C. Aden as dean of the graduate school.

Dr. Ingram is a native of Guys, Tennessee in McNairy county. He received the B.S. degree from Bethel College and the Master of Arts from Memphis State. He was awarded the Doctor of Education degree by the University of Tennessee.

A veteran of the Marine Corps Dr. Ingram is married to the former Betty White. They have two children Sam, age 16, and Glenn D., age seven. He is a member of the Christian Church, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a life member of the National Education Association, the

Tennessee Education Association.

Among the important posts he holds in Tennessee Educational circles is that of the Executive Committee project in Middle Tennessee, the American Supervisors Curriculum Development, member of the Institutional Representative to the AACTE and chairman of the Tennessee State Curriculum Committee.



A greeting light, a decorated tree, symbols of Christmas

What's Up

THURSDAY

- 11:00 Math Club--OM 360
- 4:30 Little Sisters, Lambda Psi--UC 324A
- 5:00 Triton Club--Pool Fellowship Club--UC 312
- 6:00 Tau Sigma, Caroling--Macfadden Track and Saber UC Theater
- 6:30 House--UC 322 Senate--UC 308
- 7:00 Socratics--UC 310 Tau Sigma--UC 324
- 7:30 Church of Christ Party--Middle Tenn. Christian School Fun Night--Tenn. Room Exotics

British vs. American's Education System.. Rose

By Craig Money

Alan Rose, former MTSU student, spoke here Tuesday night Dec. 17, on his topic of "British and American Educational Aspects."

Rose, explaining the British educational program, stated that only the "Elite group of students receive a higher education." In comparison America tries to educate the masses. Only 7 1/2% of all students in Britain receive a higher education, where American students number around 45%.

Rose outlined the British program. The first step of education begins in Primary school. At the age of 11 an examination is given to determine whether the student is able to go on to high school. Only 20% of the students are accepted. The other 80% are "discarded."

The 20% go on to high school until the age of 16. At 16 they are given a national exam to determine whether they graduate. This is called a General Certificate of Education. Everything depends on this exam. The previous years are not taken into consideration.

The ages of 11 and 16 are the cutoff ages. The subjects are limited, the pressures are great and the work is intense and demanding. After the exam the student narrows his subjects to three fields. It is very debatable as to whether the British student is as well rounded as the American.

At the age of 18 the student takes another national exam to determine if he is qualified for the university. He is accepted or rejected on a competitive basis. The student must do better than the others taking the test. Only 7 1/2% make it into the university.

Rose stated that a Comprehensive School System is now being experimented with. They no longer have the exam for 11 year olds. This is very new.

Specialization is also being attacked. Other vocational areas are being brought in. They are trying to get away from the basic subjects. The British student still has to concentrate in one particular field.

Rose expressed his idea that the average American student could not make it in the British system. The "chosen few" or 7 1/2% are a very

elite class. "These people have really achieved something."

Changes are taking place Rose said, but they are slow. Rose also expressed his opinion that the British student is more concerned about what is happening on campus than the American student.

Rose pointed out that he does not defend the British system but neither does he support it. In the university the students take only two exams. The first exam is after two years and then they have the final. These two exams determine whether the student passes or fails. Again all other work is not considered.

Internationals Remain During Holiday Season

By David Word

How would you like to live seven thousand miles away from home on Christmas? Many of the MTSU international students are faced with this problem every holiday season.

Reza Ordoubadian, International Club advisor, said that many of the international students would remain on campus or visit with friends during the holidays.

"The lack of sense of unity and participation tend to be nationalistic or individualistic and hamper any attempts to organize any Christmas program here," Ordoubadian said in a recent interview.

Hossein Mansour, International Club president, stated that some of the international students have been interested in the home hospitality program sponsored by Murfreesboro church groups. This is a plan where an international student will share some time during the Christmas holiday with some of the area families.

"Unfortunately due to the great distance between this country and our home country the international student will not be able to spend their holidays in their home country," stated Mansour.

Many of the international students are not Christians. Many are Moslems or Buddhists. Asked if Christmas was celebrated as a religious holiday Mansour had this to say: "The significance of the holidays is well accepted by all of our international students on the campus and also recognized by their religious faith."

"On behalf of all international students on campus I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and seasons greetings to all of our fellow student and faculty members who have made it possible for us to be here," Mansour added.



Alan Rose: "Elite group of students receive a higher education."

House Defeats Two Bills

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"We're actually laughed at by the rest of the country," Weber said, "because of our refusal to forget the past."

"We're not a southern college. We may be a college in the Southern United States, but we're not a southern university," he stated.

"Why do we have to stick to tradition so much?" he asked.

Art Gibson, a St. Petersburg, Fla., freshman and member of the MTSU "Band of Blue," addressed the House before the final vote Tuesday night. He presented the university's official school flag, and he gave an account of its creation seven years ago.

He charged that the SIDELINES has been faulty in its coverage of the school symbols legislation. News stories never informed the reader that MTSU had a flag, he said.

More than 50 persons--including faculty members--were present in the House chamber Tuesday night. The House, which meets only twice a month, considered no other business Tuesday.

ASB Senate Bill

Vote Breakdown

A breakdown of the ASB House vote on the School Symbols Bill follows.

The "ayes" are votes against the ASB Senate's bill to eliminate Nathan Bedford Forrest as the school symbol. The "nays" are to do away with him.

The motion, which asked that the House not pass the bill, was defeated 28-18. Of the 62 representatives on the House roll, there were 13 absent and three abstentions.

James Baskin	Absent
Rodney Bass	Absent
Jack Birchett	Absent
Tom Blockley	Absent
Gary Brodoui	Aye
Sylvester Brooks	Nay
Joe Carlton	Nay
Tommy Carter	Aye
Pam Casey	Nay
Pat Clayton	Nay
Patrick Cox	Nay
John Cunningham	Absent
Jinx Demetros	Aye
Terry Denniston	Aye
Julie Douglas	Absent
Arthur Firtion	Aye

Nancy Fly	Aye
Chuck Furedy	Aye
James Goodman	Aye
Nortia Grenz	Nay
Carol Hall	Aye
Carol Hannah	Aye
Shirley Hollis	Absent
Clay Holloway	Aye
Mike Jean	Nay
Linda Judd	Nay
Ronald Kelley	Nay
Susie Latane	Aye
Judy Luna	Aye
Phyllis McConnell	Absent
Stan McNabb	Aye
Helen Mason	Aye
Thomas Mefford	Absent
Jerry Moore	Aye
David Page	Abstain
Carole Patton	Aye
William Phillips	Nay
Doris Pilkinton	Nay
Barbara Rice	Aye
Jeanee Seals	Nay
Sue Selby	Aye
Ann Shipley	Aye
Susan Smith	Nay
Gordon Taylor	Nay
Elizabeth Thackston	Absent
Stan Thomas	Aye
Bryan Trent	Aye
Lela Varner	Abstain
Eve Watson	Aye
Lee Webb	Nay
Dave Weber	Nay
Linda Worden	Nay
Tony Chumley	Absent
Donald Heuschman	Aye
Rita Wells	Nay
Janice Lusk	Abstain
Pat Jones	Absent
Gary Hall	Aye
Nancy Chapman	Aye
Isam Halim	Absent

Rep. Duane Sawyer was counted present on the House roll Tuesday, but he was out of the House chamber during the vote, according to Clerk Ann Shipley. Therefore, he did not vote.

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MTSU Has a school flag?

FLAG, SONG, SYMBOL MTSU'S CONTROVERSY



Art Gibson: Band Caught In Middle



Doug Bennett: Speaker of Senate

As I See It

A Joke Ended 'Dixie'

By David Mathis

Editor-in-Chief

In an attempt to adopt some descriptive and conclusive statement upon the events occurring during my recent attendance at the ASB Congress, my mind falls back on a quote from a recent movie: "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

The quote is perfectly adaptable to my views of what happened in the hallowed halls of the ASB Senate and House of Representatives this Tuesday evening, December 17, 1968.

This meeting had as its purpose to join together two separate, but closely connected bills of the two houses. The bills concerned THE issue on campus this fall i.e. "Dixie: What Does It Mean?" The watered down proposals in both bills relating to the song "Dixie", and the Confederate Flag were not the main point of contention. Instead, we found ourselves confronted with Nathan Bedford Forrest, MTSU's school symbol, and the man-in-gray who serves as mascot at our athletic events.

The end result of the one and one half hour session was that the House first voted down their own original bill (promoting a change from Forrest and our present mascot) and then defeated--for a second time a very similar bill of the Senate. Thus, the issue did not receive any of the changes that a "minority" sector of our student population desired. The symbol will stay the same as it has for many years--unless the result of this bill given President Scarlett in the form of a recommendation from the ASB's official organ of student voice, is considered by him and then ignored. But this will probably not happen as Scarlett asked the faculty senate for a suggestion who, by all indications, are nearing a similar decision with its roots buried in a love for tradition.

Whether the issue was incorporated merely with the idea of a school symbol or if it has much more lasting roots, we now will see. There are differing opinions as to the real subject of discussion, but everyone would agree it was of significance and may continue to be so--only outside the bounds of the student government.

Our ASB should once again be commended upon broadening its role to that of what it should have been in the first place. Through this means of governing, the students (at least the Representatives themselves if not at least a few of the members of the clubs they theoretically represent) did voice an opinion.

In fact the House members did so twice, I explain. At least Tuesday's session the House defeated what they thought to be amendments to a Senate bill, but in reality for one house to defeat an amendment of the other house is to defeat the entire bill. Therefore, when our most alert Representatives once again voted on the same bill, they simply dittoed their original position concerning the Senate's action--which is more than they did for their own bill.

Confused? There is more.

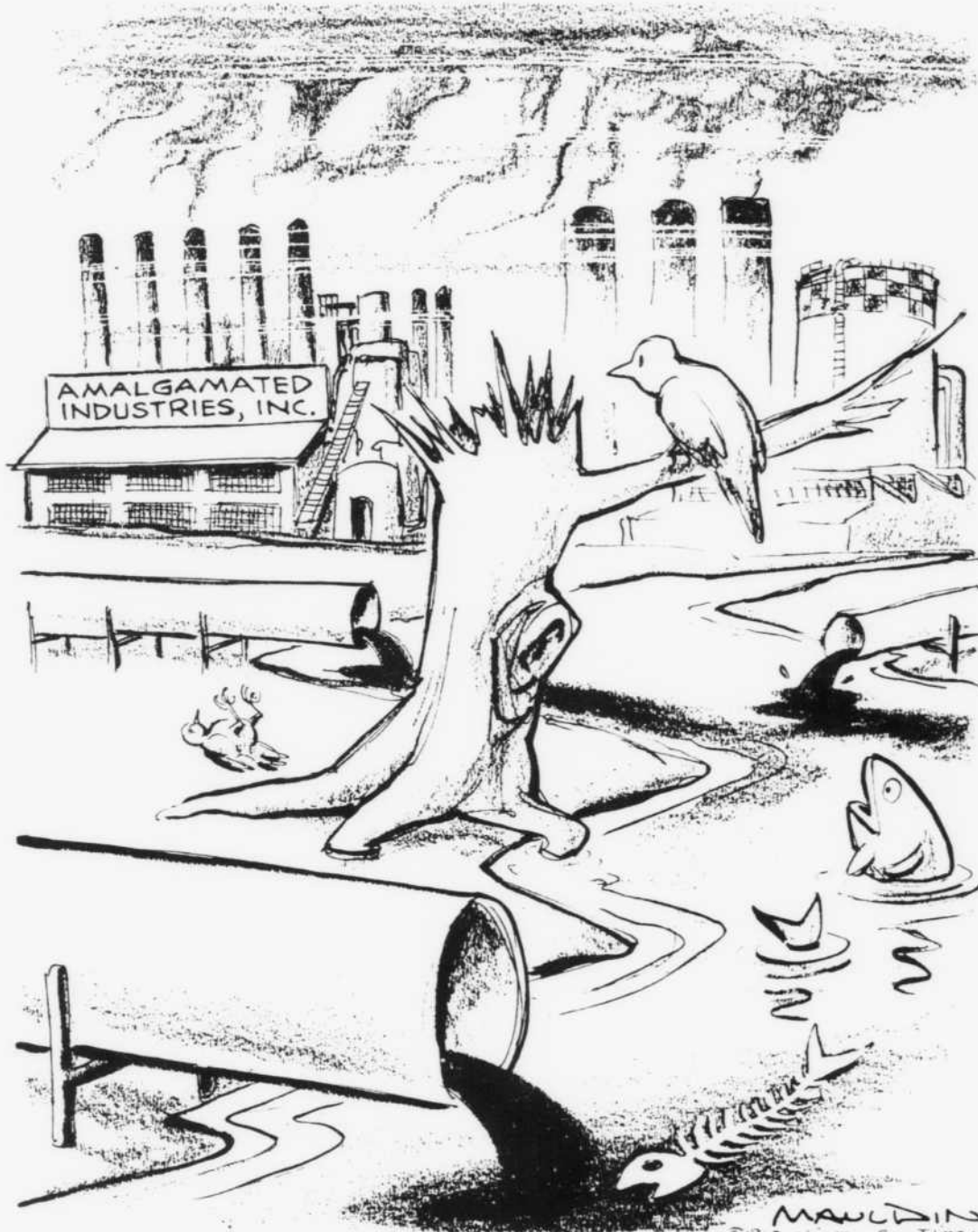
The House not only defeated for a second time--the Senate bill, but also did this without the right to be voting on the bill in the first place as no attempt was made by the Senate to present the bill before the House the second time. All the House has to act upon was a motion made to defeat the Senate's bill. This of course entailed the confusing element of all "yes" votes being against the bill and the "no" votes being for it. At any rate, the student voice was heard to keep things as they are.

After the House adjourned, the Senate then voted to place the issue back into a committee. This committee was to be composed of both Senate and House members, but since the House does not plan to appoint anyone to this committee, we have no committee.

Also injected into the evening's entertainment was the dissecting of the MTSU's fight song and the showing of the long hidden and almost forgotten school flag. The flag's lack of appeal is only surpassed by its lack of recognition. Duplicates of it will probably be placed in the bookstore for purchase by any student who desires to wave a meaningless piece of cloth in the air.

Well, so much for that game (I wonder if we could really call it a game as most games have rules). The rules for the ASB's game should be called ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

I not only draw the conclusion from this semester's crises that the students prefer to keep things as they are, but I once again realize the total inadequacy of the ASB lower house. These Representatives only represent the members of their respective club in the unrealistic minds of the originators of this disgusting "governing" body. On a university campus why should any student legislation that happens to evolve be bounced back and forth between two bodies--one trying to accomplish an end and the other tied up in the vines of the means. Would one governing body not be more effective? No time is better than the present to begin thinking along those lines. But then would it not be shameful for us to deprive the next year's student body of this joke?



"WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH THEIR MONEY WHEN THEY RUN OUT OF AIR AND WATER?"

DIXIE AWARDS

By David Mathis and David Page

Two of the Sidelines striving young journalists present the following awards to be long cherished in the hearts of those who have such outstanding performances or otherwise contributed to the recent run of "Dixie: What Does It Mean?"

BEST ACTRESS: NANCY HELBERG-- for her portrayal of the young Southern belle defending her "heritage of individuality and pride."

BEST ACTOR: CLAY HOLLOWAY-- for his portrayal of the TRUE Southern gentleman.

MOST PROFOUND STATEMENT: DAVID WEBER-- "We did lose the war."

ASB ENLIGHTENMENT AWARD: SYLVESTER BROOKS -The ASB House of Representatives described as being a "contemptible and despicable form of democratic government."

COMMON SENSE AWARD: CHUCK FUREDY - "We're talking around in circles."

PARLIMENTARY AWARD: PAT O'NEAL-- "According to ROBERT'S RULES."

BEST DIRECTOR: MARLENE CAMPBELL--for her direction skills exemplified in the final performance.

MOST SUPERFLUOUS AWARD: ANN SHIPLEY -for loyal devotion to the duties of House Clerk.

MOST POPULAR AWARD: JIM FREE-- "I'm locking myself in my office."

POINT OF ORDER AWARD: DOUG BENNETT - "But they defeated the senate bill twice."

HISTORICAL AWARD: MARTHA DRIVER--They've waited 300 years for this. Why can't they wait two more weeks?"

Problems And Answers

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAYS NEED SUPPORT OF FACTS

To the Editor:

Many individuals have publicly expressed their opinions concerning many pertinent matters of policy and administration in recent issues of the Sidelines. I am greatly in favor of making these opinions a matter of public information; however, when one dispenses with opinions and enters into accusations which are not supported by factual information, then I am strongly in favor of the individual withholding these statements until the necessary facts are known.

In a recent letter to the editor some rather rash remarks were directed toward the Discipline Committee which, as chairman of this committee, I feel must be clarified at this time.

The Discipline Committee, within the last four years and I am sure before that time, has never been lenient toward recommending punishment for a student who has relatives working for the university. The committee members strongly believe in uniformity of punishment when similar infractions of rules and policies occur; however, in the past there have been very few

for different students. The fact that a student is an offspring of socially prominent persons, an athlete or a relative of members of our faculty or administration has not influenced the decisions of the Discipline Committee in the past.

Another disturbing situation is when a person hears statements from only one individual, when two individuals were involved in a discipline incident, then publicly makes statements concerning the guilt or innocence of the other person. In order to be fair and just to both parties in such a situation, a person should at least hear the explanations of both parties involved before he makes judgment or accuses others of unjust judgment. Our democratic system provides this right and privilege for each citizen, and unless a person adheres to this system, then one has not fulfilled his civic responsibility. The Faculty Discipline Committee wishes to publicly inform everyone concerned that its decisions concerning punishment of students involved in infractions of University rules and regulations are unbiased, as uniformly fair and just as possible,

and result only after complete deliberation of the statements by all persons involved in an open hearing.

As chairman of the Discipline Committee, I want to publicly commend each member of the committee for being most conscientious in fulfilling their responsibilities as a member of the committee.

J. E. Young
Chairman, Discipline Committee

Greeks Of MTSU Making History

To the Editor:

The recent announcement by Dr. M. G. Scarlett that the recommendation sent to him by the committee for the evaluation of the Greek system on our campus had been approved culminated two and one-half years of diligent endeavors on the part of the fraternities and sororities. In effect, we who are now students at Middle Tennessee are seeing history in the making, and those among us who are Greeks are making the history.

This new phase of campus life is another building block in the construction of a true UNIVERSITY. The Greeks have already brought to our campus additional campus activities. The Greek system has broadened the scope of activities available to incoming students thus enhancing the appeal of the University.

We are also witnessing in this event an extremely rare occasion: the realization of a dream by an individual or a group. The senior members of the various fraternities and sororities are the ones who began this quest in the fall of 1966.

These ten groups who formed the nucleus of our present Greek system began with a dream hoping it would be realized by themselves, but more realistically believing it would become an actuality after they had been replaced here at MTSU by others with a similar dream. Even though the task was undertaken with these thoughts in mind the first Greeks worked together, and as individuals, as hard as if they were going to realize their aspirations the very next day. This attitude is what has brought the Greek system so far, so competently.

A third amazing fact in regard to this realization is the cooperation achieved by the faculty, the administration, and the students. In the fall of 1966, at the pre-school ASB retreat, the late Dr. Quill Cope announced the

results of a survey and study undertaken by a faculty committee which was established to look into the possibilities of a Greek system on our campus. The committee had recommended a three-year probationary period for local systems on our campus. From the initial point of establishment to the time of the recent announcement, all persons concerned cooperated to the benefit of all in the most expedient of ways, to the faculty committee and to the administrative officials.

The fourth, and final, contributing factor to the success of this major venture, has been the reaction of the students in general. Although everyone has not chosen to become a member of one of the fraternal groups, everyone has been open-minded and enthusiastic to this new phase of campus life, and thus has contributed to its growth.

As a result of all these factors, everyone at Middle Tennessee is due a resounding pat on the back. We can all be proud of ourselves for undertaking such a venture and, even more so, for achieving success in it.

Nancy Helberg
Intersorority Council
Vice-President

Problems and Answers

All material for "Problems and Answers" (letters to the editor) should be sent to David Mathis, box 42, campus mail.

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Sitting In Lobby Of Hi-Rise During Christmas Party Taboo

To the Editor,

Tuesday night of this week my date and I were sitting in Hi-Rise lobby. We were sitting close together on a couch, talking and holding hands.

The dorm Christmas party was being held in the Hi-Rise cafeteria at the time, and it appeared that the entire population of the dorm must have passed our seat at least twice apiece. The dorm mothers were also going in and out.

One of the dorm mothers (not mine) asked me if I were going to the party. Now, I have always been taught that it is impolite and inconsiderate to tell someone flatly that you are not interested in their invitation and do not wish to take part in their activity. Therefore, I said that I was tired (which I was) and thought that I would pass up the party.

About fifteen minutes later, my dorm mother asked me to step into the hallway connecting the dorm and cafeteria lobbies. She said one of the dorm mothers had said that she had warned me that my behavior with my date was improper. I replied that to my knowledge, the only thing which had been said to me was to ask if I were going to the party.

My dorm mother then said,

in essence and almost in so many words, that: 1) If I were too tired to go to the party, I should be in bed and not laying all over "some boy" in the lobby, and 2) I was free to sit in the lobby with my date until midnight, but I must sit up like a young lady.

These remarks upset both my date and me, partly because of the remarkable lack of logic and partly because the dorm mother had so little respect for us that she would not come directly to us both, but had to call me away and tell me in whispers. Since we are equally guilty of whatever we did, we are equally able to be told to our faces.

I personally feel that if a girl had paid to live in a dorm (which is required) unless she is over 21 or there is no room in any dorm) she has also paid for the right to use the facilities provided.

Perhaps the dorm mothers feel they are being paid to protect the virtue of their charges, but I fail to see how they can do that if they run couples out of the lobby for sitting close--next time, they'll stay in the car. (Besides, what do the dorm mothers think is going to happen in a well-lighted, wide open dorm lobby with three dorm mothers

and 200 girls trooping past?)

If a couple has no access to a car, as in this case, where can they go? 1) the University Center, which closes at 10:30. 2) the dorm lobby, where they are asked to leave if they get close enough to speak to each other; 3) an open classroom building, which I understand is legal as long as the lights are on and the door open. 4) the boy's room, which is obviously out of the question no matter how innocent their actions.

The point being, if a girl wants to get into trouble she will certainly be able to accomplish her goal, dorm mothers not withstanding, and may very well do it without actually breaking any of the rules set down in the Co-Ed Codes.

This letter is not a plea to do away with dorm mothers, because it is remotely possible that they perform some obscure but necessary function. What I do ask, however, is this: Why can't the school find women for this job who are possessed of generous amounts of understanding and common sense, instead of those who seem convinced that any male is certain to do any girl terrible bodily harm?

Doris E. Pilkinton

What Kind Of World?

By Robert M. Hutchins

A pupil in a Dallas public school wore his hair long and offended the aesthetic sensibilities of the board of education. He was excluded from school, apparently on the grounds that his tonsorial eccentricity was demoralizing.

He resorted to the 14th Amendment, which forbids any state to deny to any citizen the equal protection of the laws. The U.S. Court of Appeals held against him, and he petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for redress. That court declined to hear him.

Justice William O. Douglas dissented and managed to concentrate an unusual amount of wisdom in so few words. He said:

"It comes as a surprise that in a country where the states are restrained by an equal protection clause a person can be denied education in a public school because of the length of his hair. I suppose that a nation bent on turning out robots, might insist that every male

have a crew cut and every female wear pigtails. But the ideas of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' expressed in the Declaration of Independence, later found specific definition in the Constitution itself including, of course, freedom of expression and a wide zone of privacy.

"I had supposed those guarantees permitted idiosyncrasies to flourish, especially when they concern the image of one's personality and his philosophy toward government and his fellow men.

"Municipalities furnish many services to their inhabitants; and I had supposed that it would be an invidious discrimination to withhold fire protection, police protection, garbage collection, health protection and the like merely because a person was an off-beat nonconformist when it came to hair-do and dress as well as to diet, race, religion or his views on Vietnam."

Whether the Supreme Court, in view of the other problems with which it has to deal, should try to control the minor lunacies of school boards may be a debatable question. But it has to be admitted that the action of the Dallas board is a symptom of a major disorder in the body politic, and that is our complete confusion about the purpose of education.

The action of the Dallas board can only be justified on the theory that the aim of the schools is to usher the young into middle-class society, to make them as much like everybody else as possible, to adjust them, even in the most trivial matters, to the standards and goals of the middle class, to process them for the industrial society and to turn them out at the last as uncritical, unthinking, conforming citizens, ready to join their fellow self-seekers on the American assembly line.

It is precisely this theory

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By Lyle Greenfield

Ah me... The dear reader has perhaps been led to believe that this writer has a nightly affair with an allegorical, metaphorical, absurdorical mystic. Not so! say I. Be assured, in fact, that your faithful servant has smoked nothing stronger than Salems--and an occasional Lucky Strike, when times are hard. Be assured, also, that absurdical affairs on the Material level often make the afore implied mystical level appear about as significant as Saturday morning's cartoons. (Reread the above.)

Ah me... I have digressed before starting. For I wanted to inform the good reader that the months of warm, woolly afghans and frosted mustaches are upon us. These, unlike the summer months, are the glowing ones, indeed. Not quite so pretentiously as the sequential neon sign, the deep winds and heavier skies spell closeness, warmth and love (if we were to think well upon that careless word). Empathize, ye Southerners!

Ah me... I have digressed once again, before informing the expectant reader... that he'll not be entertained today with a cute little dialog, no an amusing little story. Little did I wish to mislead--but I digressed, did I not? So, pay attention to what you SHOULD be doing, you who have been led falsely on The rest: I am honored by your attendance, and humbled. For today, we're getting out of your writer's mind and into his heart. A sermon! (The twinkle in your eyes! "What could this ****possibly have to say?")

To my many cynical friends: How difficult your severe illness must be to bear. Damning, confounding, expounding. Save yourselves, please. For you'll not hurt us, we in our ponchos of optimism. We can always throw up and walk away. But you--you'll have such a mean time of it walking away from yourself. If you can't do your thing with a smile, then go to hell. For life is still its own medication, and nobody envies a cerebral suicidal--especially in the months of warm, woolly afghan.

To many young people just falling in love: did you know that the price of free love has risen considerably? It must be the increasing demand. Here's something different for you: make sure there is plenty to take before you start giving (no, not simply carnally). Hearts which find themselves on the open market are so very twisted and tortured. That's not a value judgment, it's a feeling of pain. Hearts generally of as little value to the receiver as, ultimately, to the giver. Love is such an effort, such a precious series of exchanges, such a tear, such a laugh, such a slow-knit mitten...and such a warm one. How pink when two become one! How opaque when one becomes none. Bless you, the modest ones, I think but I wish I knew.

To those who haven't thought yet about seeing the universe: Have you heard of sensitivity? It's the avant term for openness, understanding, empathy, tolerance, and more too. It's a space ship capable of touring the galaxies of human people far beyond you, those who revolve about you, whose makeup emulates your own. Hal far from being a vacuum out there! that strange, cautious, scary unknown is scented sweet with variety, with blessed, wounding contradiction, human celestial collage, black red and yellow cuticles bitten too, cozy insecurity. Open your hearts and go.

To the Religious ones: Who got paid to build that church which claims that God favors it over the leading others, and hence will deal with us since Adam accordingly? Ho now. I saw God in the streets, but my friend saw Him in a cornfield at the same time. No one ever told me they saw Him in church--I'd looked myself. People have seen Him in church, though. God is a big, grumpy snowman who smiles at silly things. He'll want to talk with us when we're each sure that we've had enough. But, we usually have to be told. It's hard to figure. I hate to be told anything. But then, I built the snowman.

To the various and sundry presidents of states, united and otherwise: You're not snowmen, and I don't know who the hell built you. You'd better all wrap yourselves in a warm, woolly afghan...these are the months of closeness. Still, I won't kiss my television set when you're turned on...unless you're into the space ship.

To we the lonely: Find. Reach. Get out of bed now, it's daylight and it has color and sound and it feels good and it smells like a pastry shop/gas station. Ready--not anxious. She is coming and I can see that she is warm...and somewhat naked like you. But pick up small shells, bottle caps, pretty leaves, pebbles and driftwood in the meantime. Get ready for the exchange.

To the good reader: Good day, sir.

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Policy Change Affects Next 'Sidelines' Editor

The next SIDELINES editor-in-chief and business manager will be selected for a one semester term, and the positions will be open to new applicants.

Previously, the policy has been that these top positions on the university's biweekly newspaper were occupied for a one year term. The change came as a result of the MTSU Publications Committee's passage of a proposal concerning this and related considerations.

Miss Colleen Powell, SIDELINES business manager, and David Mathis, editor-in-chief, proposed the one-semester term to the nine-member committee at its Tuesday meeting.

The committee passed the following suggestions:

The term of office for SIDELINES editor and business manager should obligate the student for only one semester.

The classification of at least sophomore standing should be required of the applicants for business manager and classification of at least second-semester sophomore for editor.

Neither the business manager

or editor should continue in their position for more than two regular semesters.

A second semester senior is not encouraged to apply for either major position.

The next meeting of the publications committee will be in January to meet applicants for the two top positions. Anyone interested in applying for either position should turn in a letter of application to J. W. Windhauser, SIDELINES advisor, by January 8. These letters will then be submitted to the publications committee for review on the day of the personal interview.

The new editor will select the managing editors and, with their help the other major positions of news, feature, sports and copy editors will be selected. The new business manager, who will also take office at the beginning of the spring semester, will name business staff heads. Positions on both staffs are also filled by application which have a Jan. 8

The publications committee is composed of four students and five faculty members. The student members are Lynn Small, MIDLANDER, editor; Jim Free, ASB president; Miss Powell and Mathis.

Dr. Gregg Coleman, professor of English, serves as chairman. Other faculty representatives are Dalton Drennan, Mrs. Myla Parson, Dr. Homer Pittard, Hans Meuller and Dr. Tom Van Dervort.

Chi Alpha Pi

Chi Alpha Pi has been corresponding with Sigma Chi national fraternity since April and maintains that affiliation with them. L. D. Hess, assistant dean of men, said Tuesday.

The name of the MTSU social fraternity was omitted from a list of campus fraternities with national affiliation in the Dec. 16 edition of the SIDELINES.

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Art Color Spectacular Impressive

Phillip D. Vander Weg's Color and Design Art class presented a color and light show in the center of the new classroom building last night, the show was described by many as a "happening."

It was the first time this type of show had been presented at MTSU, stated Vander Weg, art instructor, and was purely experimental.

The show was presented because of the interest shown by members of the class.

The purpose of the show said Vander Weg, "was to try to work with light, time and sound as a media."

Vander Weg also stated, that the students were trying to make the people aware of their environment through color and design.

He went on to say that there was always something going on on all four walls. "A person could either concentrate on what was going on one wall or attempt to visualize the whole program."

One student at the show stated that the advantage of having so much going on at one time was "that you could take out what you didn't like and only look at what you did like."

The whole show was centered around a dome constructed over the structure in the middle of the new classroom building. A white parachute was placed over a tube structure with strobe lights in the middle. A tape with electronic sounds was also under the dome. The tape was constructed by students and was not intended to be melodic. "When the sound went with the pictures, it was really great. It gave you a feeling of belonging--like fitting in with the picture instead of looking at it," observed one student.

The lighting was done by four stage spotlights, borrowed from the Speech and Theater department, and slide projectors and 8mm and 35mm movies. These were shown on the walls and floors and gave the sensation of movement.

There were approximately 30 students involved in presenting the show. Several people estimated that there was as many as a hundred students viewing the show at one time. Many of these were students coming from night classes, who exchanged dumbfounded looks and comments such as: "It's different." "That's something else." "Well it is the best use of the classroom building that they have thought of yet."

Vander Weg stated that the show was done only as an experiment and that no further shows were scheduled. He added that the show served as a learning experience for the students who participated and was beneficial to them.

Kind of World...

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of education against which the young people of the country are in revolt. They are certainly right. The theory cannot be defended in a democratic country. The aim of education in such a country has to be to help every citizen learn to think for himself. The development of critical intelligence is the first duty of the schools.

As Mr. Justice Douglas says, "A nation bent on turning out robots might insist that every male have a crew cut and every female wear pig tails." But do we seriously want to turn out robots?

ASB Supreme Court-The Real McCoy

By Wanda Ensor

Providing trials of the students, for the students and by the students--that's the main function of the ASB Supreme Court.

The student courts, which meet each Monday in the University Center tries cases on student discipline, interprets the MTSU ASB constitution, laws, resolutions, hears appeals from the dorm counsels and appeals of traffic violations.

Although the court has merely an advisory capacity--its recommendations are turned over to the student personnel desk appointed by the president of the ASB--many students request that their cases be tried by peers instead of university officials. Cases presented before the Supreme Court have an advantage, according to court members, because there is time for research into the background of the accused student. Problems brought before the Faculty Discipline Committee, however, are introduced and decided in one night.

The court operates as a model of the U.S. Supreme Court, with justices, defense attorneys and prosecution attorneys--all members of the student body. Procedures follow closely that of any civil or criminal court. The call to order is followed by opening remarks, testimony of witnesses, case reviews, and finally the clearing of the court for the decision of the justices.

Court cases vary in length according to the complexity of the testimony. The shortest case was decided in only about 30 minutes and the longest--a real record-breaker in 1951--lasted for over 10 1/2 hours.

"The atmosphere of the court has become more legalistic," explained chief Justice Ronnie Owens. "The administration has interpreted the more general rules and regulations and stated them more clearly in the handbook, so that now we have something concrete to work with." He added that should any defendant be dissatisfied with the court's decision, he may appeal the case to the Faculty

Discipline Committee.

All Supreme Court cases are open, and public attendance is encouraged. There is only one exception to this general rule--if the defendant wishes he may request that his trial be closed. But this has been done only once in the history of the MTSU Supreme Court.

Ten MTSU students serve in regular positions on the Supreme Court. Heading the list is Ronnie Owens, the first chief justice from the junior class. Ronnie, now serving his second term on the Supreme Court, is a sociology major and an assistant teacher in the psychology department.

A theatre major from Old Hickory, Pam Owen is currently serving her first term as Senior Justice. The other Senior Justice is Gary Lowe, an agriculture major from Goodlettsville.

Larry Ledford, a pre-law student from Cleveland, serves the court as Junior Justice. Sophomore Justice is David Pound, from S. Newark, Ohio, who is majoring in sociology.

Another pre-law student, Larry R. Williams, Nolansville senior, is the court's attorney general. Joey Livesay, Nashville pre-law student, serves as public defender.

Sylvester Brooks, Memphis sophomore is another pre-law student who is currently at work within the Supreme Court.

He occupies the office of bailiff.

Linda Judd, Murfreesboro junior and pre-law student, is working as assistant public de-

fender. Linda Johnson, Lawrenceburg junior, is recorder.

These officials were appointed by Jim Free, ASB president, and were approved by the Senate.

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Snyder Offers Credit in Rome

An opportunity to obtain six hours of art credit in Rome, Italy this summer is open to MTSU students according to Lewis D. Snyder, assistant professor of art.

All students are invited to a meeting which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Art Barn. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss plans for the trip, and to show slides from last year's trip, said Snyder. This will be the second year that MTSU students have participated in this program.

The program, which is available through the newly formed International Studies, Incorporated, will last six weeks--from June 20 to August 2.

It will include courses in art and art history taught by both American and Italian professors, and field trips to the art centers of Italy.

The cost of the program is \$795.00, which covers the round trip jet fare from New York, and accommodations while in Italy including tuition, room, board, field trips, and sight-seeing guides and buses.

Lodgings will be in the Hotel Nuova Europa which opened in 1968. It has an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, and a gymnasium. Students will stay two-in-a-room and have three meals a day.

International Studies, Incorporated is under the direction of Joseph J. Orze, a former head of the MTSU Art Department.

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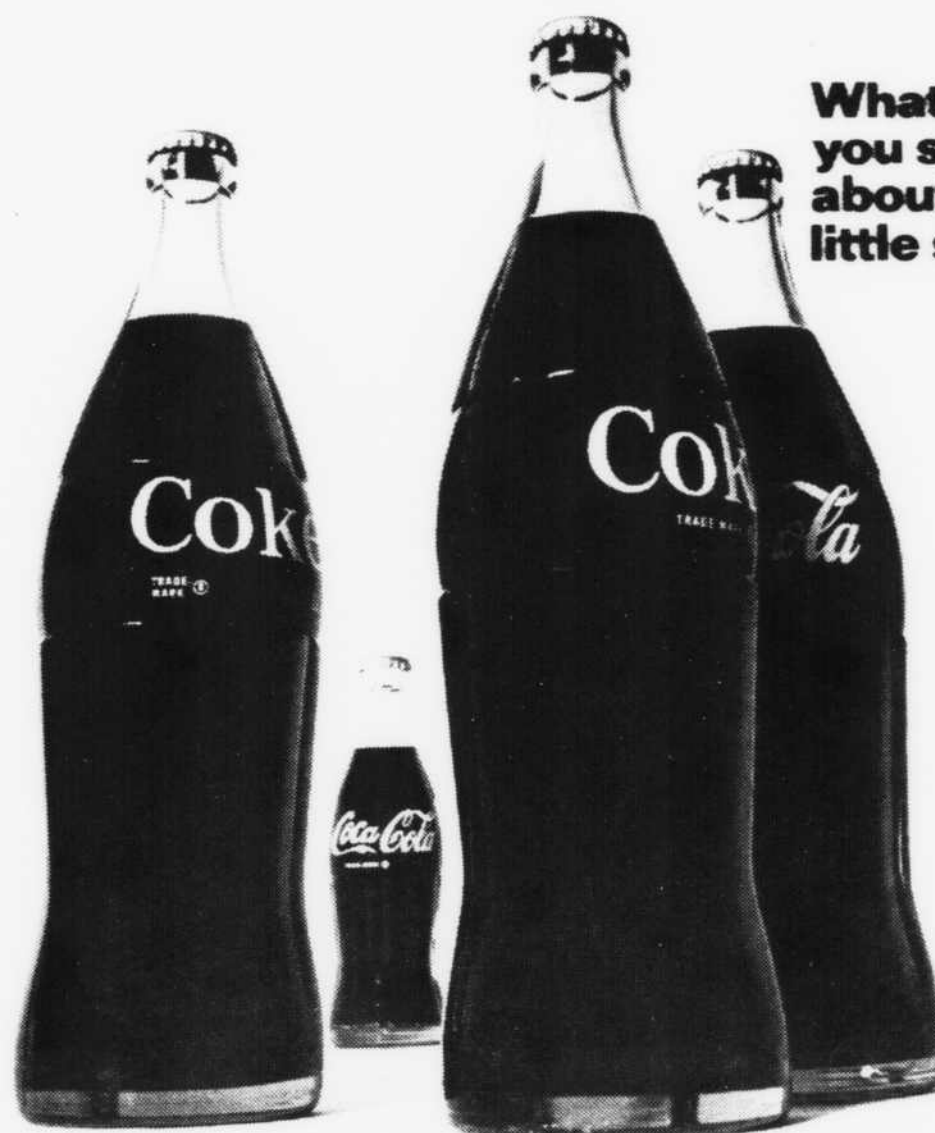
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Connie Shines In Lively 'Little Me'

By Jonelle Parsley

Without a doubt, newcomer Connie O'Connell gives a polished performance and is the brightest star of the Buchanan Player's lively musical, "Little Me."

As a whole, talented John Gilpen's title role portrayal runs a somewhat poor second to his minor role characterizations, particularly his miserly, delightful Pinchley.

In the demanding role of the young Belle, Phyllis Murphy fails to develop as fully as is anticipated after a promising early performance.

George Clinton, in the male supporting role, is excellent. His ability as both singer and actor is beyond question.

The minor roles are very effectively played, especially the contrasting mother-roles of Pam Owen and Donna Walker.

The musical numbers are well staged and exciting. The lighting effects of Val du Val's "Boom Boom" and the consistently good singing and dancing of the minor role performers and the leads are noteworthy.

As a whole "Little Me" is a light, happy show which the audience can find both entertaining and successful.

Sorority Rush

The Intersorority Council announced the dates for the formal rushing period for the fall semester this week.

Formal orientation will be held at 7:30 p.m. February 6 in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building. The parties scheduled for rush will be held during the week of Feb. 15-22.

Bids from the various sororities are being distributed February 23.

All girls who are interested in participating in formal rush should go by the office of the dean of women between Jan. 6 and 10 to fill out the necessary forms.

The five campus sororities that will participate in spring rush and their presidents are Alpha Delta Pi colony, Jenny Jones; Alpha Gamma Delta colony, Beebe Bryant; Chi Omega colony, Barbara Gentry; Delta Phi Gamma, Beth Calahan; and Kappa Delta colony, Ruth Salisbury.

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Subjects Sought for Historical Series

WASHINGTON (AP)—The office of the U.S. Army chief of information is seeking the names of men and women associated with the Army who have made historical contributions to their country.

The Army is compiling a list of names to present to

"AMERICAN HERITAGE" magazine as possible subjects for the magazine's new interview series, called "Before the Colors Fade."

The articles will feature famous military people, but particular attention will be focused on relatively unknown people.

Willie Brown's 24 Points Lead Raiders Over CN

The Blue Raiders jumped to an early lead but had to fight for their lives as they scrambled to a 78-70 victory over Carson-Newman last night after the freshmen team fell at the hands of the Vanderbilt freshmen, 79-77.

Willie Brown was hot in the first half, getting 18 points, and the Blue Raiders led by 1-0 before the Eagles could get on the scoreboard. The Blue led by as much as 21 points during the early goings of the first half and going into the dressing room they were riding a 47-24 lead.

The second half was a little different as the Big Blue were decisively out-played and with 3:12 left in the game, they led by only 71-62. Willie hit a long jump shot and Derry Cochran tipped in a bucket and the Raiders were never in any real trouble as they rolled to their sixth win in seven outings.

The "Baby Blue" were at their best, with Joe Barclay dumping in 25 points and grabbing 7 rebounds. Tommy Legg, fouling out early in the second half, netted 14.

Steve Turner, the 7-2 giant for the Vandy freshmen, was held to only 9 points due to foul trouble.

Willie Brown led the scoring for the varsity with 24 points, two over his average. Steve McEthaney, who calmed down the team and, along with Tommy Brown, who got 13, hit on 7 foul shots and dumped in 4 field goals to collect 15 points.

Booker Brown tossed in 9 points and grabbed 14 rebounds before fouling out with 7:45 left in the game. Terry Scott, recuperating from the flu, got 8 points and Art Poik and Derry Cochran got 4 and 3 respectively.

The Blue Raiders next game will be on Saturday, Dec. 21, in Edinburg, Texas, against Pan American. The freshmen will play David Lipscomb at home on January 2.

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