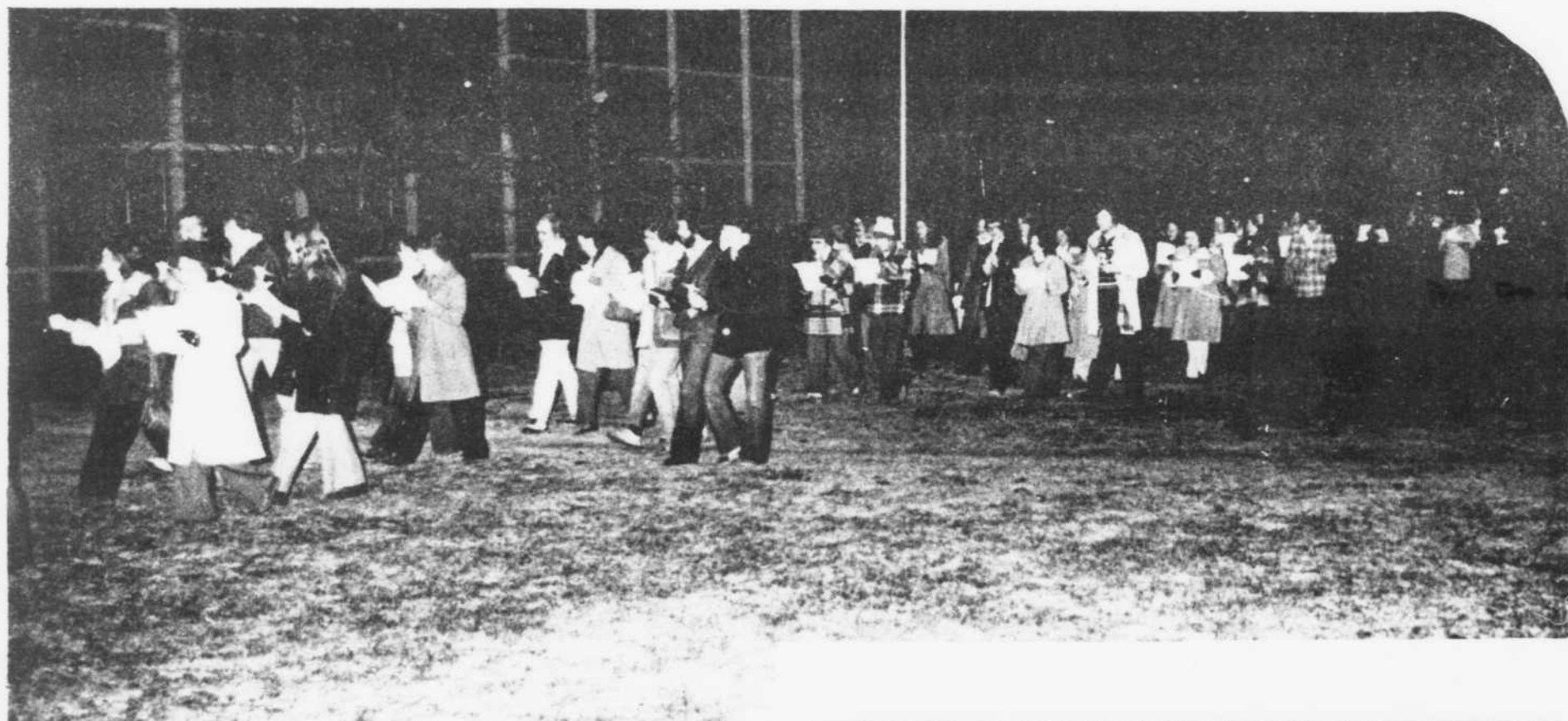


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Christmas spirit is here in many forms



Staff photos by Jack Ross

Yesterday was a good example that Christmas spirit can come in many forms. Last night, carolers from the Interfaith Council group walked across campus in a candlelit procession. Earlier that day, hard core crazies gathered at Monk's for a final pre-exam blast.

Enrollment drop slows progress--Scarlett

by Laura Lewis

Due to enrollment decline at MTSU this year, state funding for the university has dropped \$419,000 and will be "even lower next year," MTSU president M.G. Scarlett said Tuesday at a joint meeting of the ASB House of Representatives and Senate.

NEWS

Outlining the accomplishments of the ASB over the past eight years, Scarlett said, "We have lots of things to be proud of and also lots of problems."

Funds for state supported schools in Tennessee depend on a "head count" policy or the number of students enrolled in the school, Scarlett explained, adding that "our progress has slowed because of the enrollment decline."

Scarlett termed the decline "unique" and believes it to be a temporary drop.

"Enrollment here has grown every year," he asserted. "And this year we've had a drop of 300 as compared to last year."



M.G. Scarlett

Possible causes for the decline were cited by the president to be due more to a local rather than a national factor.

Abolishment of out-of-state tuition for certain Tennessee county residents at Western Kentucky and Northern Alabama as well as a \$200,000 appropriation in scholarship money for whites attending Tennessee State University in Nashville (under a new desegregation program) are probable factors

for the decline this year at MTSU, Scarlett said.

"I think we can get more students here next year," Scarlett added. "We'll need your help to get the enrollment back up."

When asked about the possibility of dropping out-of-state tuition for residents of surrounding states at MTSU Scarlett replied that it "wouldn't help because MTSU is located in the center of the state" and that "95 per cent of students attending MTSU live in Tennessee."

"It's not likely that the enrollment would increase substantially, because MTSU doesn't have a very large out-of-state population and because it is so centrally located," Scarlett explained.

Praising the ASB, Scarlett said, "I think that few people are aware

of all the things the ASB has gotten involved in over the past eight years. We've made a lot of progress."

"More new creative academic programs have been introduced at MTSU in five years than at any other university in Tennessee," he continued.

"We also have the highest percentage of PH.D's on our faculty—61 per cent," he said. "And that's respectable anywhere."

"Our facilities are as good as any other university in the Southeast, and our private fund foundation ranks second in the state," the president asserted.

"Next year we plan to provide scholarships for bright high school students with leadership ability," Scarlett added.

Campus Calendar

Today

Omega Psi Phi Greek Show: AM Gym, 7-10 p.m.

Sunday

University/Community Orchestra and Chorus: Christmas Cantata, DA Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

Mini Concert: "Bacon, Potter, and Gilbreth," UC Theatre, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Basketball: MTSU/Athens College, Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.

The Committee on Student Publications will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at NCB 305 to select the editor for the Spring Sidelines.

Six persons have filed applications for the position. They are: Jenny Tenpenny, Jimmy Simms, Paulette Parkhurst, C. Crouse Powell, Meg Garrett and Bonnie Vannatta.

Any interested persons may attend the meeting.

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Visitation increase approved for apartments

A tentative plan to allow 12-hour seven day a week visitation in J and K apartments was unanimously approved yesterday in a meeting of the University Rules Committee.

The apartments, which are classified as "Type E" housing under the present plan of differentiates, are now under a seven day a week visitation plan, but for only a maximum of eight hours per day.

In addition, the "Type E" housing limits on visitation would be extended under the proposed plan to 2 p.m. instead of the present midnight deadline.

The proposals of the committee must still pass a final approval by the committee next week, then approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Robert LaLance and university president M.G. Scarlett.

For at least the second year, there was some mention of 24 hour visitation for the apartments, in which students live in individual cubicles for two or four persons, but there was no formal proposal for such a plan this year. Last year, a motion to grant 24 hour visitation to the apartments failed by a vote decided by committee chairman Pat Sharber of the history department.

The J and K apartments are available to juniors, seniors and graduate students.

In addition, the committee made some changes in housing proposals for "Type D" housing, dorms with exterior hallways such as Gore and Gracy halls, among others.

In the plan approved unanimously by the committee, the residents

of the halls with exterior hallways would still maintain a maximum of four day a week visitation, with six hours allowable Sunday through Thursday nights, and eight hours allowable on Friday and Saturday nights, if those two nights are selected for visitation by members of the hall.

Also in "Type D," the hours during which the visitation hours can be chosen will remain the same Sunday through Thursday (noon until midnight) but on Friday and Saturday, the hours are increased for visitation to a maximum of eight hours per day.

In all cases, the precise hours for dorm visitation will be determined by the dorm residents themselves through their dorm governments at the beginning of the semester.

An exchange between two student deans during the proceedings questioned possible increases in expense as a result of the increased hours of visitation.

In all dorms, there are presently Head Residents and Resident Assistants (RA's) who regulate visitation in the dorms during visitation hours, and they are paid according to the number of hours they work during the period.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell questioned whether the present housing budgets could suffer the additional expense of more hours for the Resident Assistants to work.

Dean Judy Smith, who supervises residents in the women's dorms observed that by changing work schedules for some of the RA's, and "increasing the load on the Head Resident" that increased

expenses could be avoided.

Cantrell then observed that if the situation could be handled in the women's dorm "then I think it can be handled in K (a male apartment complex); I think we'll have to," Cantrell added.

A policy that would predicate visitation on the "consent of all occupants present in that room or apartment," a delineation of State Board of Regents policy included for the first time in university rules and regulations.

Alcohol tentatively approved

JACKSON-The Student Life Committee of the State Board of Regents, voting in a regularly scheduled session yesterday, approved a proposal to allow the non-commercial possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the dormitories of the campuses the Board governs.

Under the proposal, which must still pass the approval of the full Board today, the administrations of the individual institutions would determine whether alcohol would be allowed on their campuses.

At least one source close to the Regents, however, believes the proposal "probably won't" pass the approval of the Board of Regents, which met Nov. 19 with the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees supposedly to work out an alcohol proposal which could be approved at both sets of institutions.

The proposal is identical to one approved by an 8-7 margin by council of Regents school presidents earlier in the year. MTSU President M.G. Scarlett voted for the proposal at that time.

In the proposal, the alcohol possession would be limited to the dorm rooms on the campuses only.

A similar proposal, introduced by an alcohol "task force" commissioned by the Regents last year, would have left the determination of location for alcoholic consumption up to the individual presidents, but they refused the power in their own proposal. The task force proposal was rejected by the Board Sept. 23.

The proposal approved by the committee finds its beginnings in legislation proposed by the MTSU student government at state student meetings last year.

Schools affected by the rules change would include Memphis State, Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and MTSU.



Staff photos by Jack Rose

More than 600 retarded citizens were given a Christmas party yesterday at the Rutherford County Ag Center, with the help of the ASB.

For many of the people, it will be the only holiday celebration they will know

ASB gives nod to infirmary review committee

by Laura Lewis

Following lengthy discussion and debate, a resolution to form an ASB investigative and review committee of the campus infirmary was passed by unanimous vote at Tuesday's joint session of the ASB House of Representatives and ASB Senate.

Art club sale begins today

by Phyllis Skipper

"Deck the Halls" is the theme of MTSU's art club sale, which will be held in the art barn tomorrow from 7-9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

"We hope the sale will become an annual thing," Steve Rucker, president of the club said.

The sale will include paintings, drawings, prints (etchings, silk-screen, lithographs) photography, weaving, and pottery. "No sculptures will be included in the sale because sculptures are priced too outrageously for a Christmas sale," Rucker said.

"The sale was strictly open to art majors and minors and students with art interests," Rucker explained.

Students whose works will be on display were chosen by a screening committee made up of students adept in each field. The committee looked for originality and concept and neatness of presentation. "We screened students works because we wanted to keep out the craft-type things you buy in stores," Rucker said.

About 45 students have entries in the sale.

"Students set their own prices and the club takes 15 per cent of total sales to pay for materials used in setting up the show," said Rucker.

"The sale is not a money making event as much as it is an experience," Carol Alexander, vice-president commented.

Bank Americard, Master Charge, and personal checks will be accepted.

Members of the club will act as security.

"High-keyed interest has picked up this week as the sale grows near," Rucker said. "I am especially interested, because I usually enter the Readyville show to cover my expenses and this year I'm only going to enter in the sale here."

The sale is open to students and the general public.

"This is not a negative investigation," Floyd said. "We are looking at both the good and bad points of the infirmary."

Floyd explained that students with complaints about the infirmary should leave them in the ASB suggestion boxes on campus or with the ASB secretary.

"This resolution will give such a committee no legislative power whatsoever," explained House speaker pro-tem Mark Floyd, sponsor of the resolution. "However, I feel it's necessary for a committee to review infirmary situations before recommendations can be made to the ASB," he added.

"I've received enough complaints about the infirmary to warrant the formation of an investigative committee," Floyd continued. "Things like the dispensing of drugs over-the-counter and changing the instructions on medicinal dosages...With the adoption of this resolution, we

will establish a working committee between the administration, students and the infirmary."

"I think we have too many committees," said representative Gordon Snead, later adding that he works at the infirmary and believes



Mark Floyd

the infirmary works well enough, making the investigative committee unnecessary.

A motion to table the resolution was voted down by a majority vote.

"We're not questioning the

qualifications of the infirmary personnel," Floyd said. "But if an ASB-sponsored person went over there when there was a complaint, the infirmary would listen a lot more."

The resolution was then voted on a second time, this time passing unanimously.

Floyd was voted chairperson of the committee, to be aided by Hugh Sharber, Tom Patronis, Art Swary and Kent Syler.

In other action, ASB members:

— Passed a bill which will secure the placement of rubber mats at all staircases of all standard student housing as a safety measure, to be carried out before Jan. 4, 1977.

— Adopted a bill which prohibits the reservation of assigned parking spaces on campus except those painted black, red or white for off-campus visitors.

— Passed a bill recommending that campus maintenance paint lines with reflective paint at parking areas which currently are not separated by painted lines.

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A Sidelines carol- complete with our ghosts

by John Pitts

(With all due respect to Charles Dickens and the ghosts of Christmas, I offer this parable about this campus newspaper prior to the meeting of the board that supervises it.)

It was a cold, dreary and bleak day when the members of the Board of Student Publications met to choose a new editor of *Sidelines*. Huddling around a table in the Student Union Building looking bored and hungry, they all looked as if they would have rather been on another planet.

OPINION

"Today is the day we meet to choose the new editor," the committee chairman commented.

"Bah, humbug" the committee replied in unison.

Suddenly, the windows crashed open and inside the room the temperature suddenly dropped. The room turned dark and in the distance there was a rattling of chains. The committee members, understandably, were upset.

"Whooooooo are you?" the committee members asked. "I am the outgoing editor," the ghost-like figure replied. "Look what working all semester on the *Sidelines* has done to me. When I started this year, I weighed 175 pounds; today, the winter winds carry me from class to class. I used to have a full head of black hair, but look at it now," the figure exclaimed, pulling out a shock of graying hair from his head.

"You were a victim of your own idiocy," one of the board members commented. "You brought all of this on yourself..."

The comments were interrupted by another blast of chilling wind. "You may scoff at me now, but soon you will learn of the evils of your actions," the eerie figure commented as it faded into the wall.

"Ummm, well, let us proceed," the chairman said, seemingly ignoring the continuing dark around them, and the mysterious mist rising up about their feet. "Who is the first applicant?"

"I am," cried a swirling appellation rising from the mist. "I am the ghost of *Sidelines* past."

"Er, I see," said the chairman, trying to remain cool. "But you did not turn in an application, now did you?"

"That makes no difference. I have not come here to return to the editorship again, but to remind you from where I have come. Look here," the ghost said, and the image of a trashy and dark office appeared.

"Why I remember that place," one of the students on the board said. "That was the newspaper office in the old gym, where the hot water pipes use to bang away all night and make it almost impossible to think or breathe down there. Wow, they're a lot better off today," he said.

"Yes, my son, but that is not all. The newspaper was once censored by the university. Now it is not," the ghost said. "Beware, for the future will never be as bright as the past from which you have come." With those cryptic comments, the ghost was gone, and another in its place.

"I am the ghost of *Sidelines* present. Come see how the staff members are suffering, how they cannot afford to buy pencils and enough paper to make it until next week. Come see how they cannot afford to get their typewriters fixed. Come see how they work and work

and receive but a mere pittance for their unappreciated labors." the ghost angrily shrieked.

"Then look around campus. See the gleaming buildings and the new facilities. Look at the ASB, with its presidential scholarship and financial aid. Look at the athletic department, with their monies for students who play ball. Then look back, look back you fools, to the people who give a damn about the publications and see how they are getting ripped off," the ghost moaned.

"...But these are the fiscal realities," an administrator on the board said. "We can't afford to give the publications more money—the enrollment is down and everybody is going to have to bear the consequences..."

"...of your stupidity? No Mr. Administrator, the students should not have to suffer for your errors. You can easily cut your student pay, but I see you've bought a new Cadillac. How would you like to suffer a few budget cuts of your own?" The ghost retorted.

"But the worst is yet to come..." and with the hush of the winter's wind, the second ghost was gone.

"Now, you come see how it shall be," cried a stern and unforgiving voice.

And the scene they saw was not a pretty one. The top floor of the Student Union Building, filled with rusting machines and useless remnants of a once great newspaper.

"But what happened there?" one of the committee members asked in hushed tones.

"The place was simply ignored to death," the ghost said. "You will have your chance to provide an on campus printing facility, to give staff members some academic credit or better financial rewards and to provide them with the very best in up to date equipment. If you do not follow your duty, then all is lost."

The committee sat in stunned silence, then all turned as one to face the outside door. It opened slowly, the hinges emitting a squeaking noise. As one, the members of the committee, having seen all they could stand, dove for the windows and out into the winter's snow.

A bleary eyed student, hair to his shoulders peered into the classroom. "Anybody here know where my mass media class will be today?" he asked. The question, and many others, went unanswered in the swirling cold of the afternoon.

A great jock is gone

by C. Crouse Powell

Franklin is dead.

Not Franklin D. Roosevelt or Franklin Stein or even Franklin Sawyer, an old Negro who used to milk my father's cows.

B.S. AND BALDERDASH

The man in question is a man without a name. He is, or rather was--Franklin in the Morning--the morning disk jockey for WKDA FM.

Franklin had a very unique and special quality that made him the only announcer on KDA that didn't sound like he had just eaten two pounds of PCP and smoked a pound of oregano.

He had a real voice--it fluctuated, raised and lowered in pitch and intensity, and sounded like something an actual real living person would have attached to his body.

But Franklin is gone. Two weeks ago, Franklin got in a heated discussion with his superior officers and stormed out of the office without doing his production work. I know this because Steve Dickard told me. Steve Dickard goes to school here and does the news in the morning. Ho, hum.

Anyway, Franklin got fired. The man who replaced him has as much personality as a runaway sponge and does the horoscope with a lack of interest and enthusiasm that would make Ron Zeigler look like a talkshow host.

He makes me want to go back to bed when the bed is empty.

So anyway, Franklin is sleeping late these days. Another fellow Picean has been laid to rest by the buzzards at the Radio Station. Mindless confusion reigns again. Franklin apparently had an unlucky number.

The number? One-oh-three, of course.

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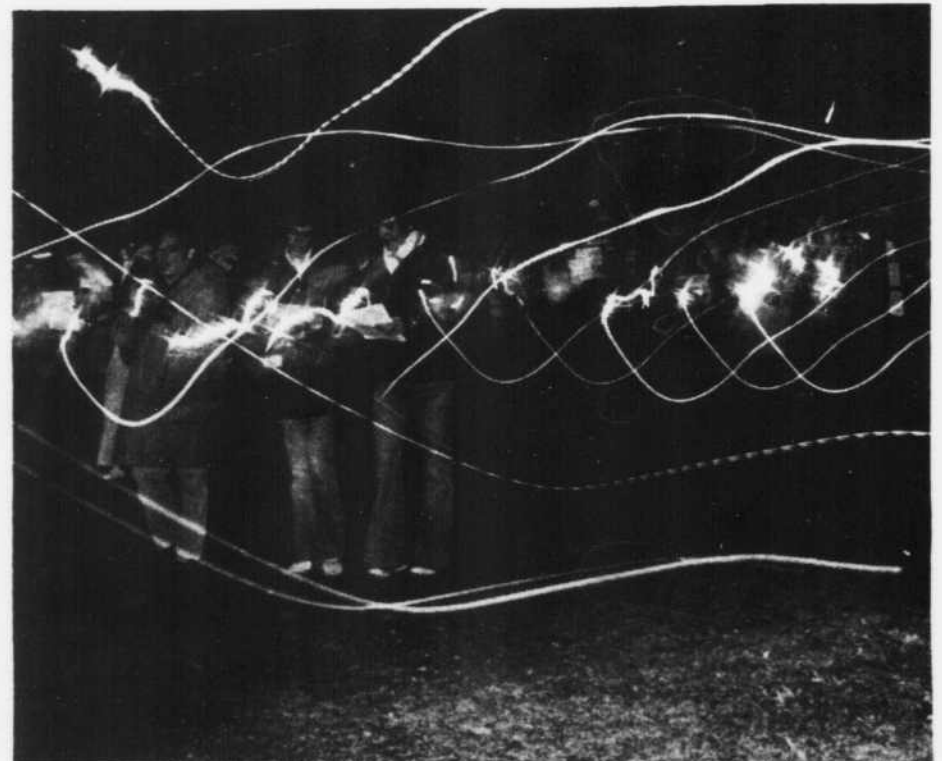
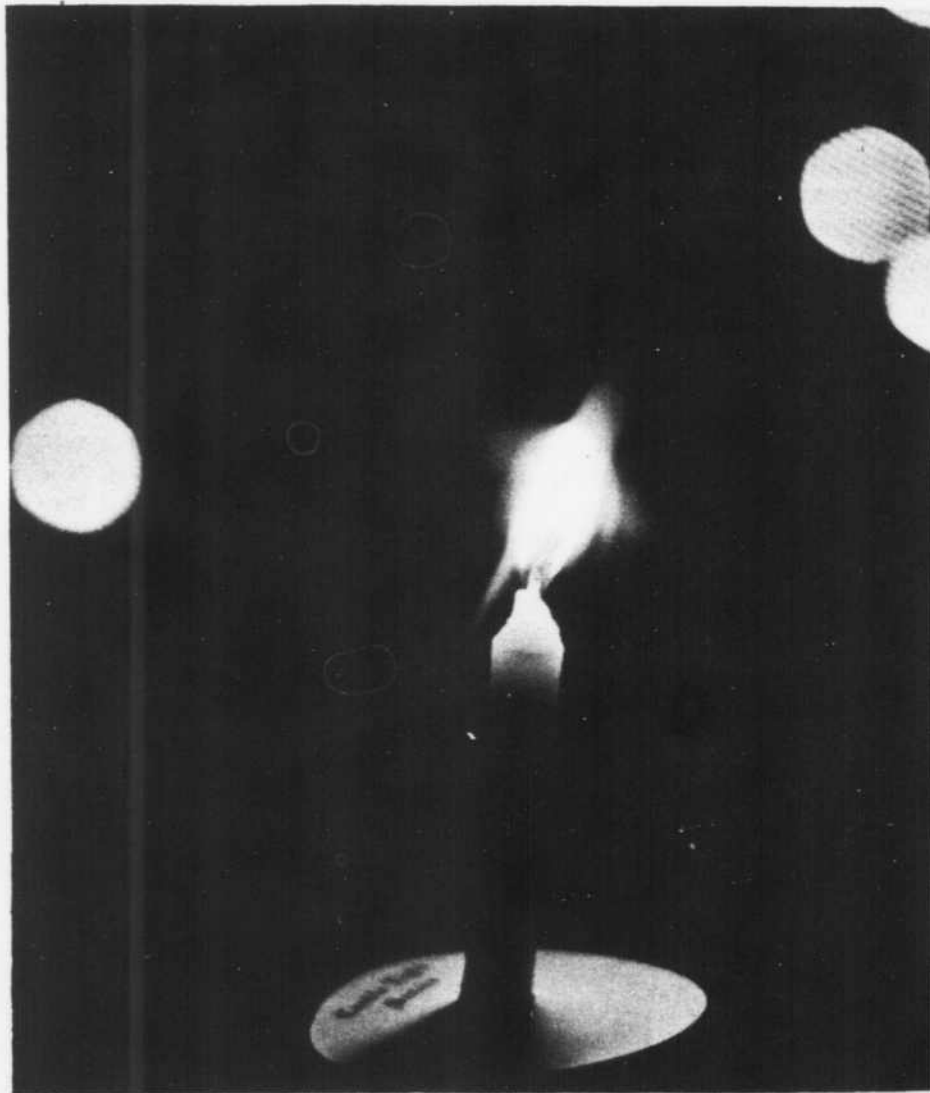
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Sing a song....

Interfaith carolers warm a cold winter night with their joyous noise



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Unless attendance improves

Galbraith, Potter & Bacon possibly last mini-concert

by Tom Wood

This fall's final mini-concert, and possibly the final one of the year depending on attendance at this one, will take place Sunday night at 8 and features the trio Galbraith, Potter and Bacon.

students," the source said, "and when only 100 or so, show up, we're bound to lose money. We can't keep this up forever."

The group for this semester's finale, Rob Galbraith, Don Potter and Michael Bacon, all started their musical careers together in

ENTERTAINMENT

Admission to the show is \$1, and tickets are to be sold at the door.

Sources in the Student Programming office have indicated a good deal of money has been lost on the three mini-concerts--Gene Cotton, Frankie Lee and Jericho Harp--this semester, and a general lack of interest by the student body has been of no help at all.

"These shows are for the

Nashville as Galbraith was signed as a writer/performer by RCA.

After Potter cut a demo for the company, the two teamed up with Bacon, a songwriter and musician from Philadelphia and an acquaintance of Galbraith's.

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Final-ly...

'Blues' taken care of with final exam party

by Tom Wood
Entertainment Editor

Everyone who has been a student knows what it is like right before the final exam period.

You constantly worry about "getting out" of the course, and know that when the parents back home see the report, it's "curtains." You have to get rid of that anxiety somehow, or you'll never be able to "study."

Yesterday you had a friend.

Monk's private club, out on Greenland Drive, had a final exam party to end all final exam parties, and if you missed it or still show that same tenseness, this next week is going to be really tough.

Beer for the afternoon was only five cents and on a couple of dollars, it was easy to get relaxed all the way up until Christmas. Push, made up of former Charlie Daniels Band members, provided the listening entertainment while the chugging, bikini, wet T-shirt and underwear contests provided the visual portion of the entertainment.

Tammy Davis was the only participant in the bikini contest, but she more than filled the bill as all the well-inebriated men in the crowd rushed to the stage for a closer look. She first looked a little frightened as the gathering horde pressed nearer, but the keg of beer received seemed to calm her nerves.

"Sweet" Sherry took top honors



Sherry (left) wins wet T-shirt competition

in a three-girl race in the wet T-shirt competition, and after winning, was urged by the male audience to "take it off, take it off."

The funniest contest, however, was the "wet jock" or underwear contest. Seven students entered the contest originally, but only six participated. The other, senior defensive linebacker Jim Dunster of the MTSU football team, merely shot a moon to the howling audience.

Three female judges (on what they based their decision will not be revealed) picked Lindell Hensen as the winner. Hensen, as well as "Sweet" Sherry, received a keg of beer for his efforts.

Despite the popularity of the event, there were a few minor problems. Although I didn't

actually taste one of the 50 cent hamburgers, I overheard four guys ranting about their taste. The individual exclaimed how it had turned his stomach and he couldn't enjoy the beer. Now that's a bummer.

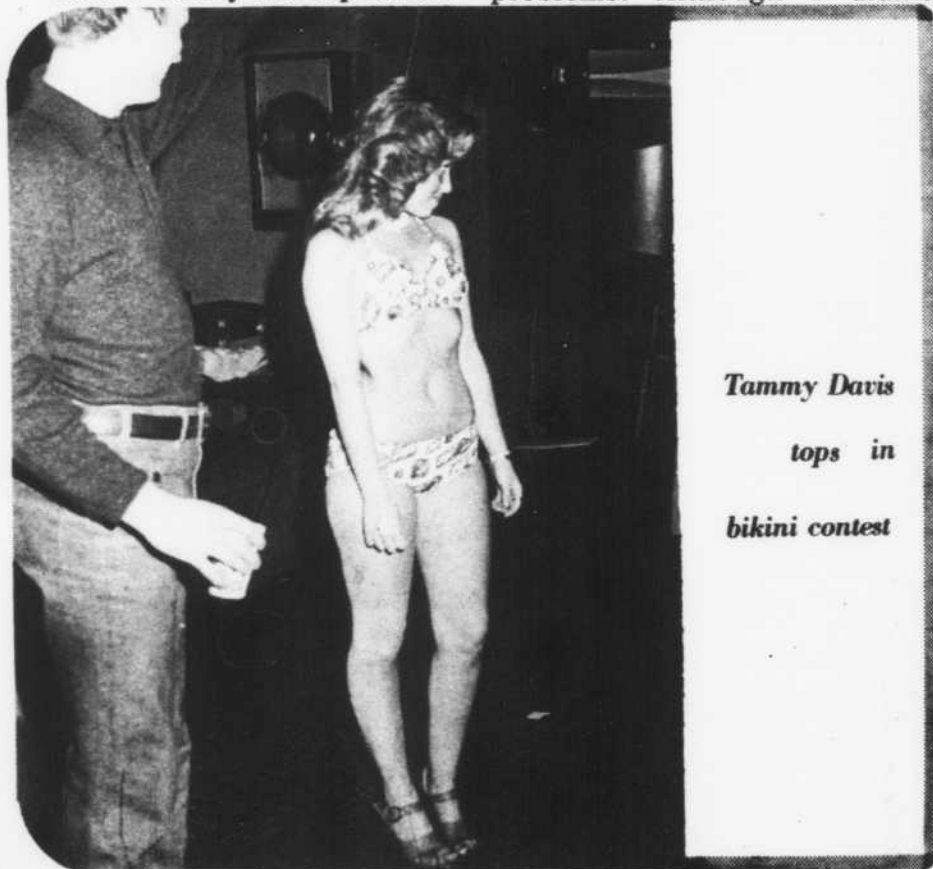
And Push, who played most of the afternoon, although they were somewhat above average, had their amps up way too loud.

It really is a shame, and perhaps it's a sign of the times, that more and more bands today are going for quantity and not quality.

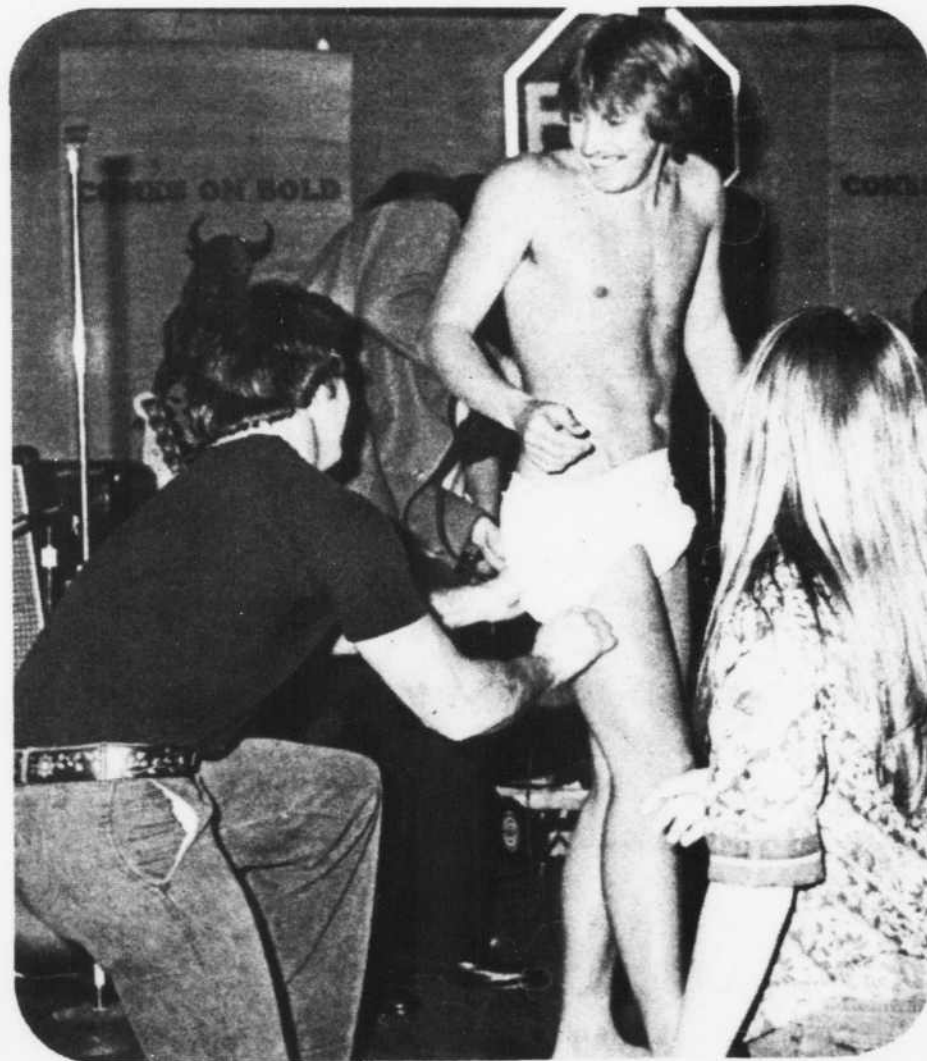
The music they were playing would have been much better if it had been toned down a few notches.

But overall, it was an excellent way to rid yourself of those "final exam blues."

Staff photos by Jack Ross



Tammy Davis
tops in
bikini contest



Near-fatal move for Lindell Hensen

Roxie Music 'excellent' but songs lacking

by Steve Huhman

Roxie Music—"Viva": Technically, this live album is excellent, both in performance quality and in recording clarity. Because of the strict structure of the group, though, these offerings don't generally add much to the studio versions of the same songs.

Further hampering the effort is the fact that most of the songs, although among the best Roxy songs, are not the ones that lend themselves best to live hyperactivity.

The eight songs are recorded over a two year period dating back to November, 1973. Unfortunately, no Eno. However, collectors will note the availability of "Pyjama-rama," not previously available in the United States, although it was a British top ten hit.

Basically, if you like Roxy Music, you'll want this album. Just don't expect to be mesmerized.

Caravan—"Blind Dog at St. Dunstan's": This record just sort of flows along innocuously. If you heard it at a party, you wouldn't remember it. There are no disruptive dynamics, but neither is it saccharine sweet. Pacing is

generally moderate.

It's very rare to find a record with these qualities that has much to offer. "Blind Dog" however, is a pleasurable exception.

Songs are just vehicles for some pleasant, relaxed instrumental stretchouts on a large variety of keyboards, guitars and saxophones, and a flute and a viola as well.

Vocals are little ditties that you have to listen to twice to catch the clever witticisms, although titles like "All the Way (With John Wayne's Single-Handed Liberation of Paris)" and "A Very Smelly, Grubby Little Oik" tend to put you on the alert. Also, the cover is a hoot.

Budgie—"If I Were Britannia, I'd Waive the Rules": From Wales, this power trio is the master of sludge. The vocals sound like they were sung from a block away, the guitar chugs laboriously, and the bass thunks along.

As the only plus point, I have to admit that they construct songs in strange manners that no one else does. Somebody must like them, because this is their fifth album that I know of, and there may be more. Footnote: fascinating cover!

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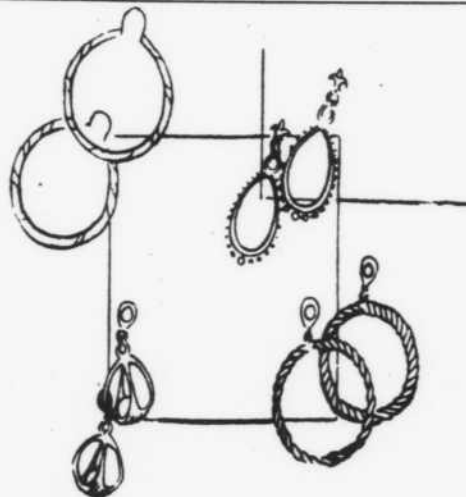
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'Twas the 12 days of Gatlinburg . . .

by Laura Lewis

This Christmas, put new words to an old song and ask your true love for the following:

12 Christmas parades,
11 dances at a Candlelight Ball,
10 Red Elf shopping spreees,
9 trips down the ski slopes,
8 Yuletide sing-a-longs,
7 musical concerts,
6 water ballet acts,
5 square dances,
4 country dinners,
3 candied apples,
2 scenic tours,
and a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee!

Better yet, just ask for the trip to Gatlinburg, because you can enjoy all the other things after you get there.

That's because, beginning Sunday, Dec. 12, Gatlinburg—the nation's "Gateway to the Smoky Mountains" and Tennessee's most popular tourist town—will kick off its contribution to the Christmas season with the opening of its first annual Yuletide festival—"The 12

Days of Christmas."

What could be more enticing than spending 12 days amid the Great Smoky Mountains, taking part in folk dancing, caroling, music concerts (from blue grass to sacred), toasting marshmallows, browsing through the town's abundant gift shops, burning the Yule log and, hopefully, playing in the snow?

But even if it doesn't snow, Gatlinburg Ski Lodge promises to be one site of great activity with its new "Astro-Turf"—an invention which has made year-round skiing possible on the lodge's slopes. Giant slalom and Alpine Slide

races, as well as ice skating shows and a torchlight ski parade, will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 21. And that evening, the lodge's "Old Heidelberg Castle" dining room will host a Christmas Feast.

If winter olympics isn't your thing, never fear. The residents of Gatlinburg are planning to have something for everybody.

Each day will be packed with a variety of activities, starting with the illumination of the city and the lighting of the great pine on Dec. 12, square dancing at the Mountain View Hotel on the 13th, a water ballet on the 15th and a candlelight ball by the Tommy Dorsey

Orchestra, directed by Murray McEachern, on the 17th.

In addition, each day will feature a Christmas parade, open houses at the city's various shopping malls, crafts and confections bazaars, fine arts exhibits, skiing and ice skating, tours of Cade's Cove and blue grass musical concerts.

Speaking of blue grass, Phil Campbell, son of "Hee Haw's" Archie Campbell, will sponsor a banjo pickin' marathon beginning Wednesday, Dec. 15. The banjoist who can strum the longest will be named as such in "Guinness Book of World Records."

And, Saturday night, Dec. 18, singer Ray Stevens will present a variety show at Gatlinburg Civic Auditorium. Tickets for his show and the Candlelight Ball are available by writing to the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce.

What spurred this all-out effort to present a Christmas festival by the town's residents?

It's an attempt to make Gatlinburg a "year-round tourist town—not just a summer spot," explains Ms. Craig Owen, coordinator of the 12-day event.

"Usually," Owen points out, "there's one big hole between Thanksgiving and Christmas here in Gatlinburg. We're trying to remedy that and hope to make the festival an annual event."

That event is going to cost the city about \$62,000, Owen predicts, for decorations, dances, brochures, awards, games, news releases and postage.

How successful does Owen think the celebration is going to be?

"I really can't say," Owen admits. "We have people calling all the time to find out more about the festival, but we have no idea how many people are really going to come."

Owen cited a similar celebration which is held each Christmas season in Williamsburg, Va.

"You can't get reservations there in the wintertime," she claimed, adding that this is the goal of Gatlinburg—to be as popular in the winter as it is in the summer. She believes that it will take about three years for the Gatlinburg event to "really take hold."

"We've got the hospitality and the talent in this town," she emphasized. "And the town has always been an ideal Christmas spot. But this is the first time anybody has ever attempted to tie a ribbon around it and give it as a present."

Sure beats a partridge in a pear tree.

DANCE TO DANCER Christmas Dance

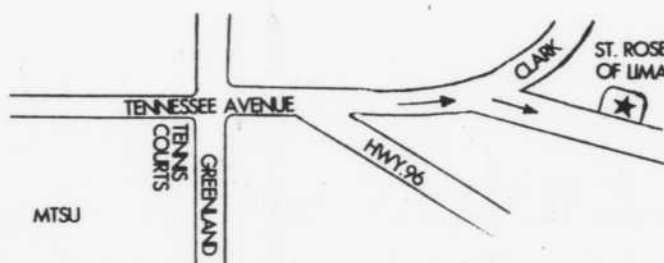
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Surprising Raiders roll past UA-LR

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Surprise, surprise, surprise. Scrapy Middle Tennessee State, borrowing a script from the antics of television's most famous Marine, Gomer Pyle, turned a possible toss up into a rout of astonished Arkansas Little Rock Wednesday night at Murphy Center.

SPORTS

The hustling Raiders, recently dubbed "the Running Runts" by coach Jimmy Earle, devoured the Trojans with a sticky multiple defense and an offense that consistently hit the open man for an 85-54 win.

"That was the best defensive

effort I have seen from any team inside Murphy Center. And Julius Brown gave the best individual defensive effort I have ever been associated with," Earle declared.

A mere 3800, the vast majority of which was students, responded with thunderous ovations time and again as the Raiders were never threatened, holding the lead from wire-to-wire.

UA-LR hit but 29 percent from the field, cashing in 20 of 69 floor attempts, against the tenacious MTSU defense, which often pushed the Trojan offensive patterns to mid-court.

Brown held Trojan Robert Griffin, who carried an 18 point per game average last season as a freshman and scored 33 against Western Kentucky Monday in a 75-73 'Topper win in Bowling Green, to seven points.



Lewis Mack
Single game assist record

Four of Griffin's came within 10 feet, one as a foul shot. Griffin hit

but three of 12 shots from the floor.

But it was the deft passing of guard Louie Mack, blossoming into the all-time MTSU assist leader in only two years, that pierced the perplexed Arkansas defense time and again.

Mack flicked 14 assists and finished with 10 points as each of the MTSU starting five each cracked the double-figure mark.

Brown led all scores with 18 points (nine of 16) followed by junior college transfers Bob Martin and Greg Joyner (16 each) and Sleepy Taylor (11).

A total of 11 players saw action, including freshmen LeRoy Coleman and 6-6 point Derek Render, who each scored their first career points (four apiece) and saw extensive playing time.

Despite the drubbing, MTSU led
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Past MTSU great gives helpful tips to Brown

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Betcha you thought George Sorrell was through winning basketball games for Middle Tennessee State, didn't you?

Well, you are wrong: Dead wrong. Just ask Julius Brown.

Brown held a foul-mouthed Robert Griffin, who entered the game averaging 33 a game, to

seven points. Four were within 10 feet. One came at the foul line. And Griffin made but three of 12 shots.

"He was talking to me alright," said Brown, who went to Sorrell, ex-MTSU all-time great, for advice on his defense.

"I showed him mainly about blocking out, and the basic body positions," Sorrell said last night. "He is an incredible jumper. Man, you give him two steps and he's gone."

Brown was one of three MTSU starters, on what coach Jimmy Earle terms the "Running Runts," who grabbed eight rebounds. Sleepy Taylor and Greg Joyner matched Brown's efforts.

Hustling Bob Martin was tops for MTSU, often sweeping the glass like he was fighting for spare change on the sidewalk, and led the team with 12.

Julius would have been hard-pressed to seek advice from a more worthy expert. Sorrell happens to be the only MTSU player to have his jersey retired (number 40). He is described as the "greatest basketball player in Middle Tennessee State history" and that's an apt description.

"But I'm used to guys talking during a game. I like it. Because then you can get him and out of his game," Brown said.

The 6-4 forward-guard transferred to MTSU after a year of

"unhappiness" at Georgia and a tremendous career at East Hall High in Gainesville, Ga.

Clemson, Florida State and MTSU heavily recruited Brown. His hometown (actually a suburb called Lula) was the same that houses Gainesville Junior College.

George Sorrell was playing there then.

Eventually Brown picked Georgia because of the notorious Babe McCarthy charm. McCarthy switched to a head job in ABA (Dallas) only two months after Julius signed a Bulldog grant.

Along with Tennessee's Ernie Grunfield and Auburn guard Eddie Johnson, Brown won a spot on the 1973-74 All-SEC freshman team. His big thrill came in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he scored 20 in a game 'Bama won in the final two minutes.

The coaching change didn't suit Julius.

"Look at all the talent they have and what kind of records they end up with, and I know I wasn't improving as a player. I started five games, but I just wasn't satisfied."

After all the print and near state high school titles he carried his team to the semifinals three times. Julius arrived at MTSU to find he was only half a player. He learned the other half.

Jimmy Earle calls it defense.

...Julius doesn't want headlines.

"I'm working on getting my game together. Some people said that was the best they have seen me play. Within myself I know I can do better. It will take time and working hard.

"My main purpose is not to score points. I want to play good ball together with the team. That means team defense with lots of effort. This team is like a family. If we can stick together we can have a good team," Julius said.



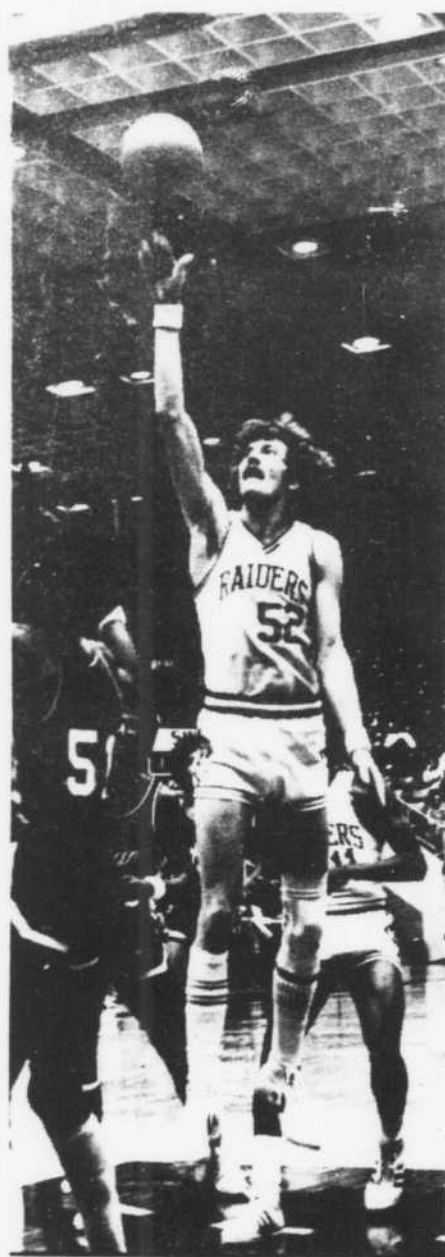
George Sorrell
Gives defensive tips



Julius Brown
Best 'D' in Murphy Center

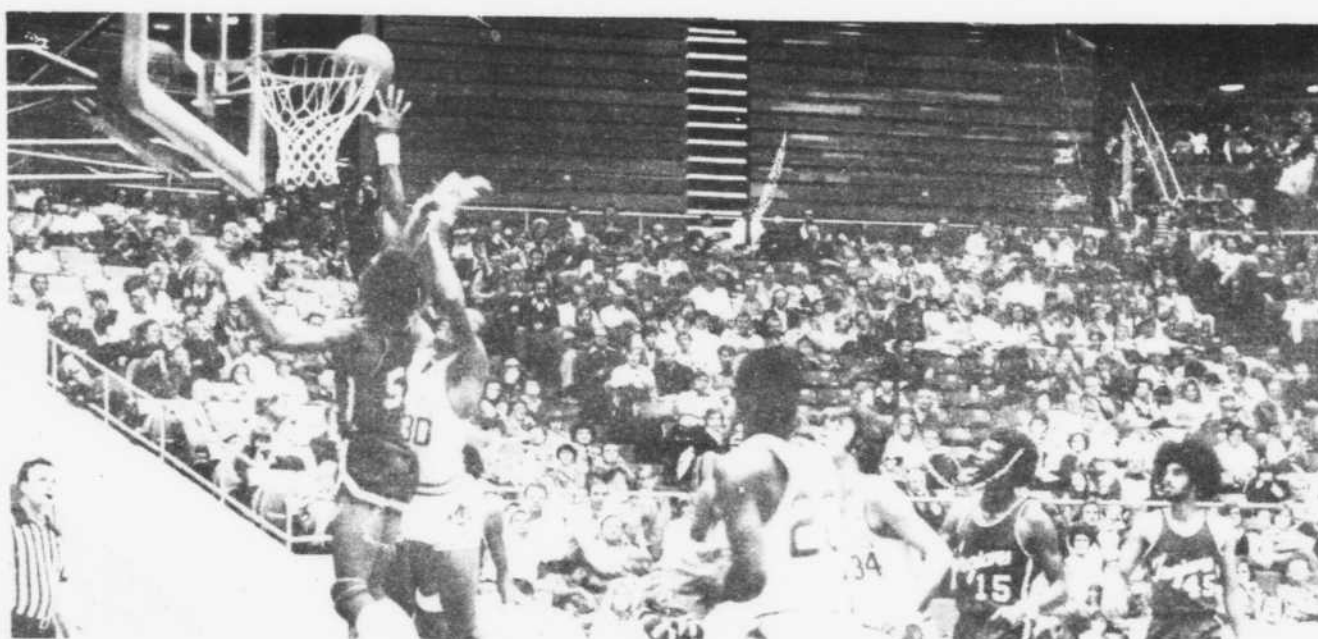
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by Jack Ross



Bob Martin

Two of his 16



Sleepy Taylor's (30) driving lay-up

Raiders revamp scoring record

by Frank Vickers
Assistant Sports Editor

Trivia quiz:

Which MTSU basketball team holds the school record for the largest margin of victory and when was it set?

ANSWER: The 1976-77 women's basketball team by virtue of a 91-26 romp over Vanderbilt Wednesday night.

The 65-point difference erased the record of 61 by which the Raiders defeated Lambuth College last year.

"I felt like we did an excellent job both offensively and defensively," coach Pat Jones said yesterday. "We did everything we should have done."

After racing to a 16-0 lead only four minutes into the contest, the Raiders were never threatened. By half-time the game had become a rout, MTSU leading the stunned Commodores 43-15.

Unable to crack the Raiders' tenacious man-to-man defense, Vanderbilt managed only 11 points in the second half. MTSU, meanwhile, destroyed the Vandy defense with 48 second-half points.

Playing much more aggressively, the Raiders scarcely resembled the team which lost to Shorter College 78-69 two weeks ago.

"We weren't ready the first game," Jones said, "but we were ready last night. We had real good hustle. The players gave a great effort."

Fifteen players saw action for MTSU. The balanced Raider scoring attack was led by Liz Hannah and Karen Carter who had 14 points each. Kathy Cunningham and Lynn Andrews each netted 6 to pace the Commodores.

Plagued by 37 turnovers as well as the sticky MTSU defense, Vanderbilt hit only 9 of 43 shots from the floor for a dismal 21 per cent. The Raiders connected on 41 of 89 field-goal attempts for 46 per cent.

MTSU grabbed 67 rebounds while the Commodores hauled in 40.

The Raiders will be back in action Monday when Maryville College will invade Murphy Center for a 5:15 p.m. game.

Raiders roll

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79-48 with 3:34 to play before Earle cleared the bench, Trojan coach Happy Mahfouz exited Murphy Center unconvinced of the Raider's defense prowess.

"Middle's defense wasn't that good. You just gotta hit those 15-20 footers. We didn't. We just weren't hitting at all the entire game. I am sure if we played again it would be quite a different story," Happy moaned.

"But don't get me wrong," Mahfouz said after considering the impact of his words. "They have a good ball club and three or four excellent shooters. They hustle all over the court. That's their biggest edge."

But Earle seemed to have more than Mahfouz' belief of an imaginary lid on the Trojan basket.

"I hope tonight sold our ball club on defense. Basketball coaches say for every high there is a low. Well,

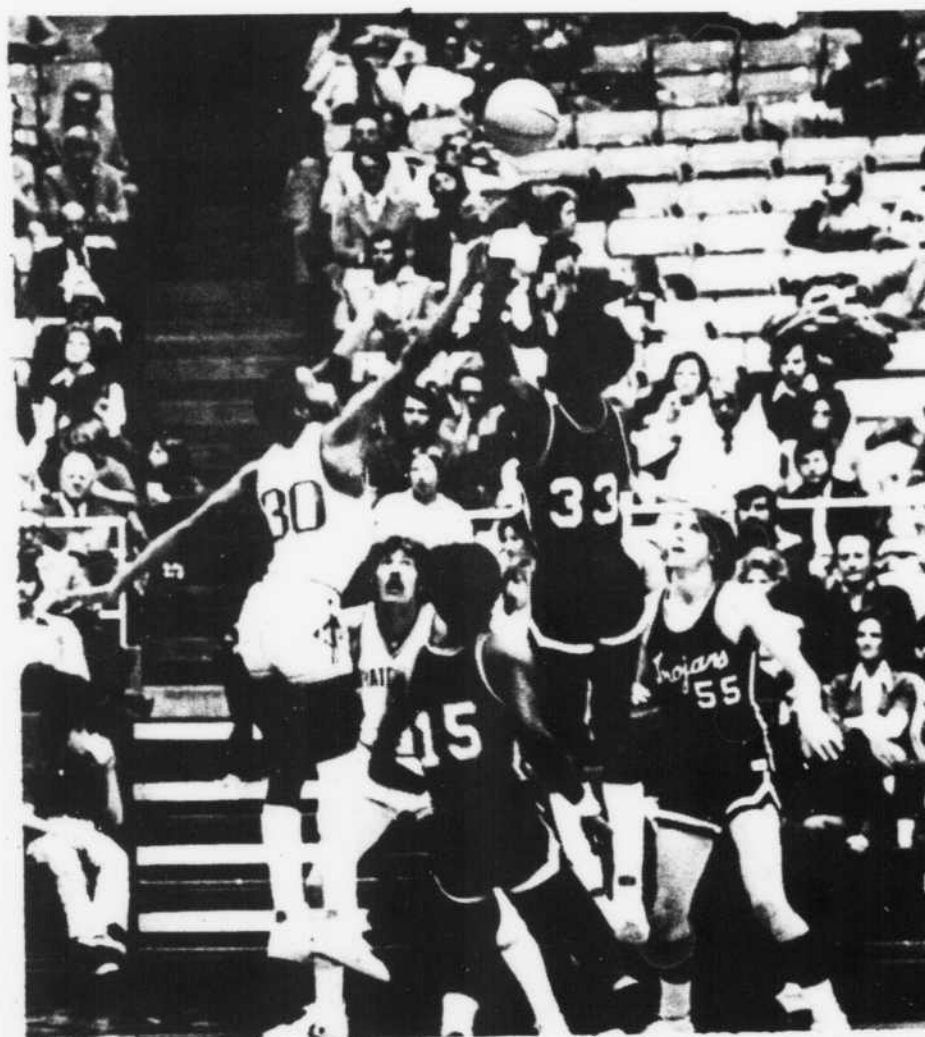
for this game we would have to hit rock bottom."

"We have to play defense aggressively like tonight just to play with most teams in the OVC. And we are small (the starting unit averages 6-5). But with this intensity and effort we won't be embarrassed by anybody," Earle said.

MTSU bolted to a 21-7 lead and coasted to the half-time edge of 39-21 with 14 of the Raiders' first-half buckets on lay-ups or tip-ins.

The MTSU lead was never less than 18 during the final 20 minutes. Griffin, who nearly applied for NBA's hardship draft this year, fouled out and promptly went to the bench to pout and flip finger signals to the MTSU student section.

"Julius just stayed all over him," Earle said. "Griffin seemed to get awkward and the team lost confidence in him after the first few minutes. Julius just took away his offense."



Battle for a loose ball

AGR, 'Whites take intramural championships

by John Bliven

Alpha Gamma Rho captured the fraternity-division championship, and the Above Average Whites took the independent division title, yesterday, and Beasley Hall and Newman Center will battle for the Campus-division crown at 3:30 p.m. today on the IM field.

Getting off to a slow start Alpha Gamma Rho overcame the stingy Sigma Chi defense as quarterback John Curtis hit Mike Adcock on a 30-yard scoring pass to give AGR a 6-0 lead. The conversion failed. The first half ended in what was primarily a defensive battle.

Midway through the second half Sigma Chi's Linton Hancock pulled a flag for a safety and Sigma Chi claimed the championship by a score of 8-0.

Capitalizing on pass inter-

ceptions and a good air attack, the Above Average Whites crushed the Haints 21-7, in what turned out to be, like AGR-Sigma Chi, a first-half defensive struggle. The teams were scoreless as the half ended.

The White offense came alive in the second half as Phil Travis caught a touchdown pass from quarterback David Smith. Bobby Fransecon intercepted an aerial from Haint quarterback Jerry King and ran it in for the score as the Whites took a 14-0 lead. King, under a strong pass rush, hit Mike Sullivan on a scoring pass to reduce the margin to 14-7. Keeping the ball in the air, the Whites added another TD in the final minutes as Smith hit Jim McLean on a scoring pass.

Beasley Hall edged ROTC 6-0 Wednesday afternoon in an

opening round flag football playoff game in the Campus Division.

The only touchdown of the game came in the second half when, after a Craig Casey interception, Beasley receiver Reggie Weaver caught an eight-yard scoring pass from quarterback Steve Hicks.

Weaver, the primary target of the scoring drive, previously had receptions of 15, 11 and 30 yards.

Late in the game ROTC runningback David Ogg broke loose for a 20-yard run and reached the one-yard line, but penalties and an unyielding Beasley defense stopped the ROTC eleven short of the goal.

ROTC threatened throughout the contest, but Beasley Hall's secondary, led by Steve Jacobs, stifled the drives with four interceptions. Jacobs had two.

IM scores

Fraternity
AGR 6
Pikes 0
Kappa Sig 0
Sigma Chi 1

Independent
Semifinals
Above Average Whites 25
Pouncers 12
Haints 14
Earls Pearls 6
Campus
Newman Center 26
MTCC 12
Wesley Foundation 6
Hobbies 2
Beasley Hall 6
ROTC 0

PICKS OF THE WEEK

Pro Football

Mark 'The Greek' picks 'em

by Mark Cavalaris
Sidelines Pro Football Expert

Baltimore at St. Louis
Buffalo at Miami
New Orleans at New England
Washington at N.Y. Jets
Houston at Cleveland
Tampa at Pittsburgh
Kansas City at Denver
San Francisco at San Diego
Dallas at Philadelphia
Detroit at N.Y. Giants
Chicago at Seattle
Green Bay at Minnesota
Los Angeles at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Oakland

Cardinals by 3
Dolphins by 14
Patriots by 10
Redskins by 17
Browns by 14
Steelers by 21
Broncos by 7
Cowboys by 17
Lions by 11
Bears by 18
Vikings by 12
Rams by 15
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'Buck night' set for the Athens game

Saturday night is "Buck Night" at Middle Tennessee State as Coach Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders play Athens College in the second game of the young season.

Everyone will be admitted for a dollar in a game that is sponsored by the Blue Raider Club of MTSU. All school children, through high school, will be admitted free, and all MTSU students will be able to

get in by showing their I.D. card.

There will be no reserved seats as all tickets are general admission.

"This will allow all families, no matter how large, to enjoy an evening of top quality entertainment for only \$2," said MTSU Athletic Director Charles (Bubber) Murphy.

The game was scheduled late,

and is not included in the regular season-ticket package

Athens will prove a worthy opponent. Raider fans recall the hair-raising 65-63 win at Athens last year when a Bear field goal attempt bounced off the rim at the final buzzer.

There will be no preliminary game.



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