

Boards and tape cover holes left in the glass over the main doors leading into the front of the University Center. Vandals also broke the glass out of two of the doors under these windows.

Pre-Holiday Frolick Ends In UC Damage

Damages inflicted to the main entrance of the University Center the night of Dec. 18 will cost in excess of \$200 for broken glass doors and panels, according to estimates by Dallas Biggers University Center director.

Four to six inch concrete blocks were thrown through the doors and panel. Other panels were struck by smaller rocks from the nearby shrubbery beds.

Scarlett Renounces Vandalism

President M.G. Scarlett issued a statement yesterday deploring the recent acts of vandalism to the University Center which will cost the University several hundred dollars to repair.

The statement is as follows: "During the year and a half that I have been at Middle Tennessee State University, I have been most proud of the general mature and constructive attitude and conduct of the MTSU student body, which has gained us recognition throughout the state. I feel that this hard won renown has been jeopardized by the irresponsible conduct of a few who have wantonly damaged University property.

Because my pride in the reputation of our students and in the University facilities, and because of my legal responsibility for the facilities, I must point out that Tennessee law considers it a felony for an assemblage to breach the peace and damage University property.

I deplore, and MTSU will not tolerate, riotous action and senseless property damage."

"Two people were seen by one of our student employees but they have not been identified as of yet -- I am sure that some action will be taken toward these people and on any others who destroy or steal university property," Biggers stated.

Since the University Center was opened in March of 1968 it has had seven glass fixtures broken by accident, but others have been broken by vandals. The UC has spent over \$350 for these glass fixtures this year, according to Biggers.

"The destruction of university is a deplorable act which is sadly disappointing and angers the ASB officials and all other responsible students. If we desire to maintain our good name and improve our university, we must stop any further acts of this nature," stated Van Martin, ASB president.

"We of the ASB condemn such destruction and ask that all students join with us to prevent any other detrimental action," Martin added. "When one student destroys university property he deprives other students of their privileges."

MTSU To Host TUSGA Convention This Weekend

Delegates from TUSGA -- Tennessee Universities Student Government Association -- will meet Jan. 9-11 on campus at the Student Union Building to discuss problems common to each of the participating schools.

According to Joey Livesay, state chairman of the association, TUSGA provides a channel of communication between the Tennessee member schools so they may profit from each others experiences.

MacLean Issues Warning On Campus Disturbances

As a result of recent party raid episodes and additional campus disturbances, including the destruction of four plate glass windows in the University Center prior to the Christmas holidays, Robert MacLean, dean of students, has issued a memorandum which was distributed to the supervisors of the men's dormitories. It was placed on residence hall information bulletin boards and discussed at individual dorm meetings held Jan. 4.

The memorandum, which quotes the MTSU Student Handbook regulations regarding "inciting, participating in, or becoming involved in any manner in a riot, mob action or destructive action, including so-called party-raids," has also been distributed to women's residence halls to be posted on bulletin boards.

MacLean stated "we have the rights of others to consider," and explained that while the right of assembly should be honored, the rights of private domain must also be observed." He pointed out that a small percentage of people seem to be involved compared to the percentage disturbed by recent actions.

MacLean delineated that while such pursuits may begin as harmless pranks, they can easily evolve into incidents which may end tragically. He cited as example a snowball fight which occurred a few years ago at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville which grew into a fatal shooting.

"I am very much concerned with the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities of all students on this campus," he stated. MacLean suggested that if the bulk of the students let it be known that these activities are

Miss MTSU Is Selected Tonight

Miss MTSU 1970 will be chosen tonight from ten semifinalists. Twenty-three contestants modeled swim suits, evening gowns and gave talent exhibitions to the delight of a small audience of about 250 persons who braved the bitter cold to attend the annual pageant.

The pageant was delayed by a falling stage drop. The show was stopped while the stage crew remedied the situation. The delay made it impossible for the names of the semi-finalists chosen late last night to appear in this issue of the SIDELINES.

Talent exhibitions included original monologue, dramatic readings, modern dance, baton twirling, songs and piano renditions.

The young lady chosen in tonight's competition will represent MTSU in the annual Miss Tennessee pageant held annually each July in Jackson.

The pageant is sponsored annually by the Circle K Club.

By Jill Woodworth

considered inappropriate and immature, perhaps peer group pressure might dissuade future participants from becoming involved in similar incidents.

On two separate occasions this semester women's dormitory residences have been invaded. The first such occurrence took place Wednesday, Dec. 17, at approximately 3 a.m. Reports vary in minor details, but apparently three or four male intruders entered Jones Hall and proceeded to run up and down the halls on the second and third floors, knocking on doors, screaming, and attempting to instigate a party raid.

In some cases, reportedly,

they entered dormitory rooms divesting bureau drawers of their contents and taking underwear when they found it. The intrusion lasted a very short time, however, and the boys were observed fleeing through one of the panic exits.

The most recent incident occurred at Schardt Hall on Sunday, Jan. 4, between 3:30 and 4 a.m. A group of boys began disturbing girls at their windows on the basement floor. They were asked by a student hostess to leave, and eventually departed. Later, about four boys entered Schardt -- apparently through the equipment room entrance and ascended to

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Ensor, Snyder Fill Key Sidelines Posts

Wanda Ensor and Chuck Snyder have been selected by the University Communications Committee to fill the two key positions on the SIDELINES. Miss Ensor will serve as editor-in-chief and Snyder will be business manager for the spring semester.

Two key positions on the SIDELINES have been filled for the spring semester.

Wanda Ensor, a second-semester sophomore from Oak Ridge was selected by the university publications committee to serve as editor-in-chief.

Miss Ensor, who was a 1968 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, has three years experience working on high school publications. In her sophomore year, she wrote for the student newspaper - The Oak Leaf - which was unique in that one issue was distributed at school while another was published in the local paper.

In her junior year, she was page editor of The Oak Leaf, and assistant editor of The

Other Road, the student literary publication.

In her senior year she was editor of The Oak Leaf and co-editor of The Wildcat Wire, the student telephone directory for two years.

Last fall Miss Ensor served as feature editor of the SIDELINES. She began the 1969 spring semester as feature editor, but changed to managing editor, a position she has held this semester.

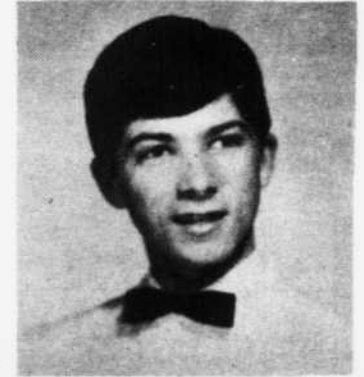
Since 1966 Miss Ensor has worked part time for The Oak Ridger, her hometown local paper. She is an English major and is minoring in journalism and education. Currently she serves as secretary of Alpha Phi Gamma, the honorary journalism fraternity.

Miss Ensor stated, "I don't have any big changes to make in the newspaper's format. We simply hope to provide timely and accurate stories in order to give the students continued good news service."

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WANDA ENSOR



CHUCK SNYDER

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What's Up

THURSDAY, JAN. 8
 5 p.m. -- Fellowship Club, 324-ABC, UC
 6:30 p.m. -- ASB House, 322-ABC, UC
 6:30 p.m. -- ASB Senate, 308, UC
 7:30 p.m. -- Miss MTSU Pageant, DA Auditorium

FRIDAY, JAN. 9
 8 a.m. -- Debate Tournament, UC Theatre

SATURDAY, JAN. 10
 4 p.m. -- TUSGA, UC Theatre
 7:30 p.m. -- MTSU vs. Morehead, There

Warning . . .

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the third floor -- where they began knocking on doors, shouting and running up and down the halls. In a few minutes they departed. Dorm superintendent, monitors, and hostesses calmed frightened residents, investigated and secured entrances. At approximately 4:40 a.m., the boys again broke in and repeated their former actions. This time, cutting off the lights and electricity on the third floor and again escaping through a downstairs service door. The boys were reportedly later observed returning as if to enter the equipment room entrance, however, no further invasions resulted.

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Special interest groups will meet after the banquet, Livesay continues. Among the problems to be discussed throughout the weekend will be curriculum modification, minority group complaints, and the student's legal rights.

Cliff Gillespie, MTSU speaker of the House, will head the vice presidents from the various universities in their group discussions. And Larry Ledford, MTSU chief justice of the supreme court and lieutenant governor of TISL (Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature), will direct the judicial representatives, stated Livesay.

According to Livesay, numerous speakers will appear before the TUSGA delegation. John Seigenthaler, editor of the Nashville Tennessean newspaper since 1961, will be the key speaker. Seigenthaler's speech topic has not been disclosed.

James Neal, prominent Nashville attorney, will inform the representatives to TUSGA about student legal rights and how they may exercise them, Livesay said.

John E. Weems, MTSU dean of admissions, will speak on university administration and curriculum. Floyd Kephart from the MTSU political science department will also address the assembly.

Another speaker, John K. Folger, executive director of the Higher Education Commission, will speak on the commission's allocating funds to the state universities and how these funds may be better utilized and increased.

According to Livesay, a topic very relevant to MTSU government expansion will be introduced by Barbara Ruffin, a coed from Mississippi State College for Women. Miss Ruff-

fin will present the idea of the division of government for women students.

States all over the western hemisphere hear about TUSGA and the 13 other state members of TUSGA and want to join, Livesay said.

SIDELINES . . .

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"I think Michael Goforth has done a terrific job as editor and it's going to take some work to top previous editions. Of course, the potential of a newspaper lies -- not just in the editor.

"I think the students working in the entire staff and in the staff's ability to work together on the newspaper are very capable and good workers. The SIDELINES is one of the top university newspapers in the state, and with cooperation of the staff and student body, it can become even better during the coming semester."

Chuck Snyder, Murfreesboro sophomore, will serve as business manager.

Snyder's experience includes work on Murfreesboro Centrals' newspaper, Hi-Lights.

For two years, he sold ads and in the 1967-68 school year, he was advertising manager.

Presently a production assistant, Snyder has previously served as SIDELINES advertising manager. He is a business administration major and has a minor in journalism.

"Each year the hardest part of the business manager's job is finding enough capable salesmen," commented Snyder.

"I will be recruiting this semester for dependable salesmen who would be willing to sell outside Murfreesboro. Mileage benefits will be given for these salesmen as well as normal commission (10 percent).

"I have also proposed that the SIDELINES accept the printing of other student publications. This will include such things as fraternity rush papers and club pamphlets," he said.

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Humanity Students, Professors Enter 'Realm of Self-Expression'

"The Interdisciplinary Humanities Seminar is an adventure for 13 students and 10 faculty members into the realm of self-expression," said June Martin, foreign language professor and coordinator of the seminar which was initiated at MTSU this fall as a three-credit course.

Mrs. Martin said that the goal of the seminar is to seek an understanding of the individual in society, the student's self-realization of his potential and the interrelating of the separate chunks of knowledge that a student gains in his years at college.

According to Mrs. Martin, all seniors with a 3.5 average were invited to participate.

This semester the seminar has consisted of a series of 10 presentations by faculty members which dealt with the general theme of "The Individual and Society." Each professor spoke to the group of faculty and students on a specific topic from his particular field. For instance, David LeDoux, art professor, spoke on "Art in a Non-Linear Society" while, on the other end of the academic spectrum, Bill Patrick of the Math department presented "The Computer and Society."

Student reading material related to the lectures was drawn from literature, history, philosophy, the sciences, art and from other relevant areas "in order to help the student form a broader concern for and awareness of today's problems."

Those professors participating in the course volunteer their time and effort and do

not receive faculty teaching credit. In addition to June Martin, David LeDoux and Bill Patrick, Bart McCash, William Windham and James Huhta from the history department; Mars-ha Zwier, formerly with the psychology department. Reza Ordoubadian and Curtis Whittington from the English department; and Roy Clark from the chemistry department participate in the seminar.

Seminar members met one night a week from 7-10 p.m. at Dining Room A of the old SUB. Both students and faculty were told to dress "however they felt at ease." Thus an informal person-to-person atmosphere was established.

The evening class began with a faculty member's presentation. After a talk of less than an hour, the floor was opened to general discussion. Roy Clark of the chemistry department said "At first everyone was talking but no one was listening to each other. In later meetings people were beginning to communicate and interrelate their fields."

About 8:30 p.m. the seminar broke into individual groups for a coffee break. Then in about 10 minutes general discussion resumed. "What I found most stimulating about the discussion was that the faculty listened to what the students had to say," said Vicki Hill, Dalton, Ga., senior. "Perhaps this was because both students and professors were learning and attempting to relate to the other members of the group."

Students began their presentations Monday. According to Vicki Hill, presentations varied from one involving poetry and photography to dance interpretations.

Applications for the spring semester humanities course are now available. Those students interested in participating are requested to obtain applications from June Martin (DA Building, 300), the secretary of the department of foreign languages or any participating professors. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 14.

Exam Schedule

Classes meeting at:

Will have exam on:

12:00 MWF
2:00 MWF
10:00 MWF
4:30 TTh
7:25 TTh
11:00 MWF
3:05 TTh
12:15 TTh
4:25 MW
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9:50 SAT
11:50 SAT
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3:00 MWF
1:40 TTh
6:00 MW
9:25 TTh
10:50 TTh
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6:00 TTh
8:00 MWF
1:00 MWF
7:25 MW

Thursday, Jan. 15, 8:00-10:00
Thursday, Jan. 15, 10:30-12:30
Thursday, Jan. 15, 1:30-3:30
Thursday, Jan. 15, 4:00-6:00
Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:00-8:00
Friday, Jan. 16, 8:00-10:00
Friday, Jan. 16, 10:30-12:30
Friday, Jan. 16, 1:30-3:30
Friday, Jan. 16, 4:00-6:00
Saturday, Jan. 17, 8:00-10:00
Saturday, Jan. 17, 10:00-12:00
Saturday, Jan. 17, 12:30-2:30
Monday, Jan. 19, 8:00-10:00
Monday, Jan. 19, 10:30-12:30
Monday, Jan. 19, 1:30-3:30
Monday, Jan. 19, 6:00-8:00
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8:00-10:00
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10:30-12:30
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1:30-3:30
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:00-8:00
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 8:00-10:00
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1:30-3:30
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7:00-9:00



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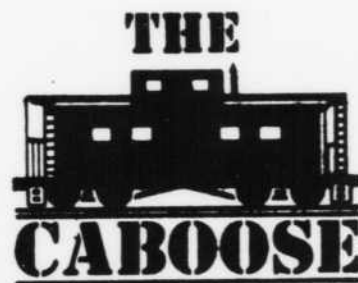
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Editorial

Vandals Have Abused Basic Student Rights

The senseless panty raids which have occurred on an almost regular basis throughout this semester have resulted in actions which concern all MTSU students.

The raids which began several weeks ago as harmless college pranks have grown until they have resulted in several hundred dollars worth of damage to the University Center and have infringed upon the rights of other students.

The immature night raiders have abused a basic right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. That is the freedom of peaceable assembly. When individuals abuse certain freedoms and infringe upon others' rights it is time for action.

When the raiders entered two dormitories they violated those students' rights of privacy. But far more damage to the entire student body was done when rocks were thrown through the UC windows.

With state legislators taking a closer look at college campuses it becomes hard to justify a \$4-5 million gymnasium which will have the upper half glass plates when we can't even keep windows safe in the students' own building.

Also this action has already resulted in statewide news coverage which blemishes a proud record of student behavior at MTSU.

The campus security force, the administration and the ASB are investigating the situation and we are confident that the guilty students will be caught. They should upon proof of their guilt be responsible for the cost of the damage and be suspended from this institution.

The SIDELINES urges any student who has information concerning the identity of the individuals responsible for the damage to inform the proper authorities.

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Meanwhile With Lynch

Of Pigs And Pornography

BY JIM LYNCH

That time of the year has arrived again kiddies, the annual presentation of the coveted "Yxtlp" (i.e. small statue resembling an Oscar, only made of aluminum foil). Once a year a yxtlp is presented to the one organization and one individual who best exemplifies the overall protection of our tender morals.

This year's award for the organization goes to the American Farm Bureau Federation for its adoption of a resolution geared to the support of all legislation to ban all dirty films, magazines, books and other forms of corruption that is leading our young astray. Lets hear it for the AFBF.

Recently in Washington at their Golden Anniversary Celebration our guardians of the soil got the idea that this was simply not enough to guard and came up with the hypothesis that, and I quote, "the increasing dissemination of obscene materials, programs, and motion picture films contributes to immorality and delinquency."

Well, son-of-a-gun. So that's

what has been causing all our immorality and delinquency: the naked bod. All this time I thought it centered around violence, both on the screen and in reality, and the general uneasiness of the world that our forefathers have so kindly left us.

But who would have thought that the answer was in such a simple thing as sex. My, my, it is gratifying to know that our elders have perceived the existence of the problem and have found the answer in a mere picture. Simplicity kid, keep things simple.

The recipient of our individual yxtlp goes to Mr. Murray

Miles of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, author of the article published last Sunday in the Murfreesboro Daily News Journal from which the preceding information has been drawn. Way 't go Murray, baby.

Murray tells us that if you go to any of the four large cities in Tennessee all you can find are these obscene "R" and "X" rated movies, nasty books strewn all over the newsstands, and other assorted filth common to the big city.

Good news! The forward-looking Southern Baptists, meeting in Nashville, have voted to give sex education courses in their churches based on "a sound Biblical approach."

This is a wise step. There is certainly no better textbook for a sex education course than the Bible. We'll pass over the Song of Solomon here, mainly because we can't reprint the text in a family newspaper. But let us envision a typical happy, eager Sunday School Sex Education Class.

MISS PRIMM: Now that we all understand begetting, (cq) are there any questions, children?
JOHNNY: How old was Methuselah when he begat Lamech?

Well, Murray ole man, as the saying goes, "if you don't dig apple pie, you don't have to eat it." But then you're not concerned with whether or not you like apple pie, you have decided that since you don't, no one else can either. Once again let me thank my elders for the fine concern over my well being, but as God once said to Oral Roberts, "please, I'd rather do it myself."

Murray says, "it is good to know that farm families are taking a stand against such filth. Now is the time for all citizens to get involved, and the place to begin is at the local movie house and magazine stand."

Wrong Murray. The place to start is by leaving each to his own. Pornography like beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, and your immorality and delinquency is the result of something far greater than this, something tragic and awful and eventually may lead to the downfall of us all -- narrow-mindedness. So Murray, you and your self-righteous farmers tend to your pigs and leave me to my filth.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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Miss Primm: He was 187, Johnny.
JOHNNY: Wow! What's next, Miss Primm?
MISS PRIMM: Wife swapping, Johnny. Let us turn to Genesis 12:15 and read how Abram swapped his wife, Sarai, (cq) who "was very fair," to the Pharaoh of Egypt.
BILLIE: Did the Pharaoh give him his wife in return?
MISS PRIMM: No, Billie, he gave Abram "sheep and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses and camels."
BILLIE: Man, what a groovy deal I'm going to get married when I grow up.
MISS PRIMM (pleased): I'm so glad, Billie. One thing we want you to learn in Sunday school is the values of matrimony.
BILLIE (nodding enthusiastically): It sure beats swapping bubble-gum cards.
Miss Primm: And the other is the values of having a family. Now if you'll all turn to Genesis 19:8 we'll read about how Lot and his two beautiful daughters were surrounded in their house in Sodom by a mob of angry sex fiends.
MILLICENT: Ooooo, Miss Primm, what did poor Lot do?
MISS PRIMM: Why he bravely stepped out the door and addressed them, saying -- let's see here -- "Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes."
JOHNNY: You mean what's good in a sex fiend's eyes? Boy, that's socko, Miss Primm. What's next?
MISS PRIMM: Incest, Johnny. You see, Lot and his daughters escape to a cave and the older daughter says to the younger: (Genesis 19:32): "Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the seed of our father." Now you can read the lurid details yourselves. The story ends: "Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father." That's all for today, class.
BILLIE: Gosh, Miss Primm, what will we study next week?
MISS PRIMM: Mass orgies. We'll begin with Numbers 31:8-42 which describes how Moses and the Israelites defeated the Midianites, slew all the men, gave the women gynecological examinations and kept 32,000 virgins for their sport.
JOHNNIE: Man o' man, Miss Primm, Sunday school sure is fun!

So hats off, I say, to the Southern Baptists for coming up with a brand new textbook on sex education only several thousand years old.

Of course, there will be some prudes who'll content that such material has no place in our Nation's churches. Let's pray the Baptists don't get themselves arrested.

Carrolls Publish Population Article

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Carroll, instructors in the sociology department, will have an article in the February issue of the International Review of History and Political Science.

The article, entitled "The Human Bomb," was concerned with the effects of rapid population growth.

"The article deals with nature of demographic transition in recent history and both the coming and probable future effects of exploding population both in terms of economic frustrations and cultural and social changes," according to Carroll.

The magazine, which has its headquarters in Meerut, India, has a worldwide circulation.

Library Size Doubled

The new year has brought an attractive and functional addition to the MTSU campus -- the new wing of the Andrew L. Todd Library.

The \$1.4 million structure with its imposing granite facade doubles the size of the previous building adding 603,000 square feet of floor space on three levels.

The basement includes a book stack area, curriculum library and library service. The main floor with its moss green carpet and walnut-colored furniture is comprised

of a processing area, circulation desk and reading and reference center. Presently there are also book stacks on this floor. The second floor is utilized for periodicals and book stacks.

John Charles Wheeler and Associates of Nashville were the architects and the Cartwright Construction Company of Shelbyville, the contractors.

The work which has been progressing steadily since August 1968 will be concluded with the completion of renovations in the older part of the library.

MTSU Soccer Team Joins Tenn. Soccer Association

The MTSU soccer team has recently joined the Tennessee Intercollegiate Soccer Association.

TISA was formed this fall after soccer's apparent success in the state last year. The 11 schools in the association joined together so they could set-up a scheduled season and advertise games in advance.

The teams include in the western half - George Peabody College, University of the South, Covenant College, Tennessee Temple College, Bryan College and MTSU; in the eastern half -

Tennessee Tech, UT, Tusculum College, Carson Newman and Kings College.

According to Richard Gonce, team publicity chairman, the squad is presently made up of juniors and seniors.

Therefore more freshman and sophomore players are needed to continue the team's strength. Gonce requested that anyone interested in soccer contact him at Box 4731.

The team's next scheduled game is Covenant College, Lookout Mt., Feb. 28.

MTSU Business Program Gets Favorable Comment

A consultant from the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business has commented favorably on MTSU's business program, according to Firman J. Cunningham, dean of business and industry.

Gaines Rogers, an inspector with the AACSB, visited MTSU in December to advise Cunningham on the accreditation of the university's business program. Cunningham stated

that MTSU will apply for accreditation within a year.

"At present," he said, "we are at or close to basic requirements in all areas."

The standards set by the AACSB encompass the number of faculty doctorates, the number of specified curriculum hours, office and classroom space, library requirements, administrative procedure and creativity within the business curriculum.

Relative to these specifications, Rogers, who is a past chairman of the AACSB standards committee, "was quite impressed with MTSU's facilities," according to Cunningham.

The dean however acknowledged the need for more business instructors with doctorates. Presently 40 percent of the business faculty hold doctorates.

He stressed that the accrediting agency has a quality program rather than a minimum standard program. Only 14 percent of the colleges having schools of business have been accredited, according to the AACSB's annual brochure. The University of Tennessee has the only business school accredited in Tennessee.

WMOT Starts New Program

A new program that includes live questions and comments from the listeners will begin at 8 p.m. tonight on WMOT-FM, the campus radio station.

"Talk Back Telephone" will begin tonight with a discussion on the use of marijuana. Several students in favor of legalization of the drug will be guests to present their views and answer questions called in by the listening audience.

Pat Jones, program director, and Doug Vernier, faculty advisor, will host the program, which is scheduled to present similar controversial topics each Thursday.

ASB Sells Directories

Student Directories are now on sale in the Post Office area of the University Center at 25¢ each by the ASB. The Directories include administrative, faculty and club listings along with the student listings. The sales will continue through Friday.



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Those two holiday weeks were great for the sports fan. But Oh, that pain. The longer one sat in front of the television the worse it got and the smaller the eyeballs grew.

But while I sat there watching such warmup games as the North-South Shrine game, with Terry Bradshaw showing all the pro scouts his talents, or the game between Nebraska and Georgia, in which every Southeastern Conference fan had to hide his face to save face, this writer couldn't help but walk with easy steps. Why? Some of those predictions I made before we went home were beginning to haunt me.

But while the 'ol backend kept getting worse and worse, and the eyeballs got smaller and smaller, my head got bigger and bigger. Why should I feel such sudden acclaim? At one time I was 4-0, you know.

They went according to prediction. Georgia showed the lack-lustre they exhibited all year against Tennessee and Ole Miss as Nebraska ran roughshod over them. I don't even remember the final score, it was so bad.

And then came the Houston-Auburn encounter, and it, too, lived up to form. Houston, playing before a home crowd, turned loose its horses and likewise ran roughshod over the usually rough and tough Auburn defense. At the outset of the game even Alabama fans were rooting for them, but when it got so bad, they wanted it to get worse and worse. Bear still loves 'em though.

The longer I sat there the better I felt. And more was to come.

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The new year brought hard times to Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders. Colder weather, Ohio Valley Conference opponents, and as a combination of the two, sick, tired ballplayers. It took its toll Saturday night as Middle Tennessee State fell at the hands of a surprisingly strong East Tennessee squad by a 54-51 margin, and again Monday night when the Raiders were dropped by arch-rival Tennessee Tech 57-51.

By Gary Davenport
Sports Editor

The name of the game is offense in this fast-moving sports world, and at the moment Earle has yet to find the shooter he needs to complement the fine defensive machine he has molded.

Coming in the form of a hustling Steve McElhaney, Earle had a shooting guard capable of hitting in double figures until he received an injury in the Tennessee-Martin game over the

holidays, one they won by a slight margin.

But a later examination found

Mac's ankle broken and he is lost for the season. And here comes the league opposition.

East Tennessee came to town with a record similar to our own, losing some tough ones early by a slim margin. But they had the shooter in the form of Mike Kretzer, an ALL-OVC performer last season and averaging in the mid-20's this year.

But Earle quickly offset that weapon with his hard-working defense, something he vowed to mold when he took over the head mentor position. It worked and Kretzer got only 10 points for the game. (By the way, he got 30 the other night against Western Kentucky and Jim McDaniels.)

The Buccaneers turned into a very close opponent, as the two

teams locked horns all night. It was a good game and belonged to no one.

Middle Tennessee scored first and midway into the first half had a two point lead. But the Bucs kept hacking away and with 9:33 left in the half took the lead for the first time. They never lost it.

The fighting Blue cut the margin numerous times, but never regained the lead. And true to form, with a team possessing a torrid defense and lacking a scoring threat, MTSU was close enough at the end of the game to win but couldn't quite get it going. It's become a trademark for the 1969-70 team -- real good but not quite good enough yet to take the close ones.

With 3:14 left to play, the Bucs had a three-point lead, but Terry Scott and Brad Wilson sunk a field goal apiece and the game was in for a typical Blue Raider inish.

ETSU's hard-running guards sunk a free throw each to widen the margin to 52-49. Forced to foul to get the ball, Middle Tennessee had to 'give' them two more from the charity line in an attempt to score themselves.

The Bucs made both of them and Scott finished the game with one second left with a field goal to make the up-teen hundredth game the Raiders have lost by this small but seemingly unconquerable margin in the past years.

Booker Brown finished high-point-man for the Blue with 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Brad Wilson finished with nine points. Tommy Legg, who had 24 points against Martin, and Ken Riley finished with eight tallies apiece, while the high-leaping Riley led the team with 14 rebounds.

Scott, who also got eight points, had four rebounds, and Daryl Bentson, who scored the first four points of the game, finished with that total.

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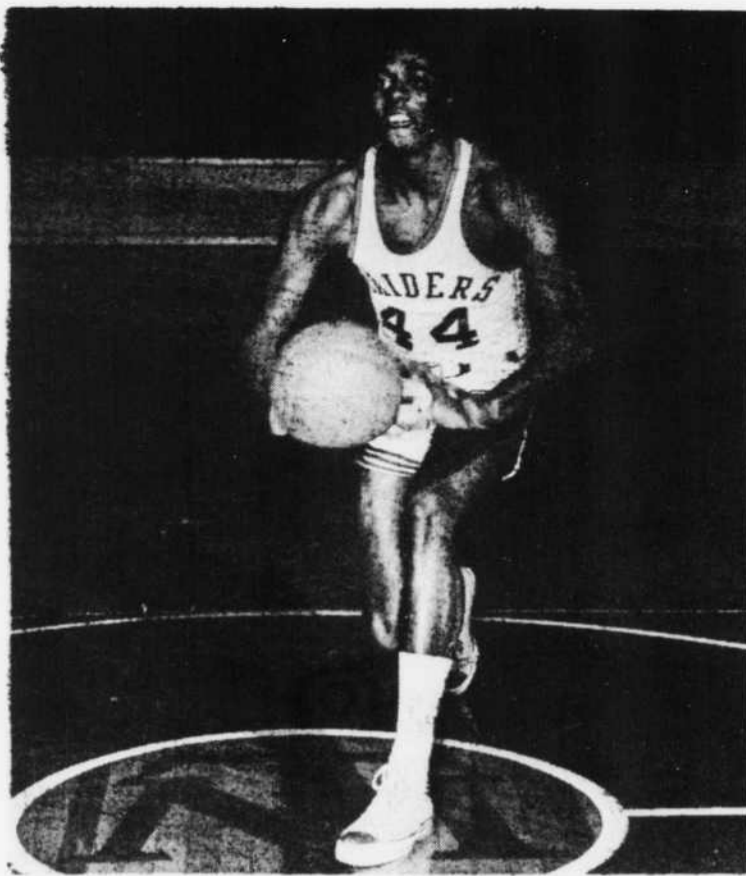
What can be said of the Tech game that everyone that witnessed it hasn't already said? Both teams hit a poor percentage, made numerous turnovers, and committed a lot of fouls. It all boiled down to the point where the team with the fewest amount of mistakes would take the victory home.

The first half was terrible-- for both teams. Tech was seemingly tight and the Blue Raiders had three men playing with a virus, one that had forced them to spend the day in the infirmary eating chicken noodle soup.

Tech ended the half with a one point lead, but the score was only 22-21. Middle Tennessee had committed 14 turnovers and made only six shots. (It's hard to score if one can't shoot.) But Tech didn't do any better as it committed nine turnovers and attempted only 10 shots.

It couldn't get much worse, fans were mumbling as they filed into the halls for refreshments amid the music of The Man. And it didn't. Tech finished with a six-point win, but Middle Tennessee had shots they couldn't hit behind a screen to determine the reason.

For totals, MTSU finished with six turnovers the second half and the game with a poor 25 percent of its shots made from the field. Scott and Brown had nine points, Riley had seven, and Wilson, Legg, and Drew finished with six netters. Riley led the team with 15 rebounds, while Scott was second with 13 and Brown third with 11.



Terry Scott

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Next on the schedule was the Tennessee-Florida game, and while I was yelling my brains out for the Big Orange (Steve Carroll did live down the street from me, you know), they couldn't get their offense to clicking and suffered a one-point defeat. Bill Young and Company held Carlos Alvarez to his second lowest output of the season and Steve Kiner and Jack Reynolds kept Reaves in check all afternoon. But Oh, that Big Orange offense.

Here I was with a 3-0 record and Texas behind by 10 points. I felt terrible. But the number one team in the nation lived up to its billing and eased by Notre Dame (didn't I tell you?) by three points. Four wins and no losses. Ah, it felt refreshing.

Archie Manning turned the tables on me and left splinters from head to toe, but they were the best feeling wounds I've ever suffered. Archie who? turned on the magic charm he seems to show against the big opponents and took a well-deserved 27-22 win over the mighty Arkansas Razorbacks. They called the hogs all day but they didn't show up to expectations.

And then it happened. Michigan failed to show the talents it did against Ohio State and was beaten by the steady-playing Southern California team (O.J. Simpson was on the sidelines) and Missouri couldn't complete a pass against the Penn State junior high team and also lost.

And while I finished with a 4-3 prediction sheet, it sure felt good. I was gung-ho Ole Miss anyway. But Oh, my backend was hurting as I rounded the holidays out by watching Bob Lanier and St. Bonaventure against Rick Mount and Purdue, Dallas and Cleveland, Milwaukee pitted against New York, Minnesota and Los Angeles, and...



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