

Scarlett Questions Governing Boards

President M.G. Scarlett, commenting on the Higher Education Commission's proposal to strip the State Board of Education of control over the state regional universities and community colleges, said this week, "I cannot support it until it is more thoroughly explained."

The proposal which would create two new boards to control the regional universities and the community colleges was released last week by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. It was immediately met with disapproval from members of the Board of Education, J. Howard Warf, commissioner of education, and two of the regional university presidents.

By Michael Goforth
Editor-in-Chief

Scarlett questioned the structure of the new system and the authority of the head of a regional university board would have.

Scarlett stated that if the two new boards were to submit proposals to Higher Education Commission, it would be the same two step system that is now in operation with the state board passing many proposals on to the commission.

The MTSU President also questioned the authority the head of the staff of the regional board would have.

He stated there were two possibilities the commission could take. One would be an executive director who would study proposals and make recommendations to the commission and the other would be in the form of a chancellor who

would have complete control over the universities.

Scarlett said one would protect the autonomy of the universities, and the other would create a super president with university presidents acting as deans.

Another area of concern to Scarlett was the financing of the new system. He said the cost of staffing the new structure would be approximately \$500-750,000.

He pointed out the needs of new programs in higher education and how this money could be used to finance such programs.

"I think they would do something about the needed programs," said Scarlett.

That when the state has more funds for higher education the new structure might become operational, he added.

Warf To Visit Campus, Discuss ROTC Reasoning

By David Word

J. Howard Warf, State Commissioner of Education, will be on the MTSU campus Friday morning to meet with President M.G. Scarlett. Warf indicated last night that he would meet with student leaders to discuss the recent State Board's decision to keep ROTC compulsory on four state supported campuses.

"My information is that maybe they (the MTSU students) want to know some things about the decision," Warf said. "And if they (student leaders) want me to talk with them, I will."

Van Martin stated last night that he does "definitely want to meet with Mr. Warf."

The State Board released a committee resolution yesterday which explained the Board's reasons for retaining ROTC here and at Memphis State, East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech.

The resolution called for the "retention of compulsory military education for qualified male freshmen and sophomores at those institutions where ROTC programs are still required for graduation for a period of one year."

This follows Martin's press conference Dec. 5 calling for an



COMMISSIONER WARF

explanation by the State Board on their decision. At the time of the decision to continue the present form of ROTC at the four state institutions, no formal explanation was issued by the State Board.

Martin's press conference was covered by two Nashville television stations and several area newspapers, including the Nashville Tennessean.

The resolution presented by the State Board Committee stated four reasons for the continuation of the ROTC program as it is now structured.

The resolution stated that ROTC has been the nation's "source of professional regular and reserve officers for the military services of our nation since 1916 and continues to provide over 20,000 officers per year; thus creating within each institution a professional aca-

demie program for the procurement and preparation of military officers for the military service similar to professional education of lawyers, doctors and teachers."

The second reason stated in the resolution was that the leadership qualities which identify elements of military command are part of the training offered cadets enrolled in ROTC and these same qualities mark not only the successful career officer but also provide the leadership capabilities necessary in all walks of life."

Another reason cited by the committee was that the first two years of ROTC "has a direct bearing on and relation with general education programs in providing better understanding of and sympathy with the history, objectives and concept of a citizen's Army of the United States and the heritage of civilian control of the military."

The fourth reason stated in the resolution was that ROTC programs can be improved to better meet the needs of the students and the program.

"It is evident from the release by the State Board that they did not fully use their investigatory powers," Martin stated.

The introduction to the resolution stated that the Committee on ROTC met with the six presidents from the senior institutions under the control of the State Board and the professors of ROTC at each of the five institutions having ROTC at their respective institutions.

The introduction further states, "After considerable discussion of the essential need (continued on page 3)

Bloodmobile Collects 468 Pints In Second Largest MTSU Drive

Four hundred and sixty-eight pints of blood were donated here Tuesday during the Red Cross blood drive.

The drive, co-sponsored by the ASB and Track and Sabre Club, brought in 331 pints less than the record-breaking drive last year, which brought in 799 pints and gave blanket coverage for all of Rutherford County. But this was the university's second largest drive.

A second bloodmobile visit this year will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

As a part of the two blood drives, grand prizes are

given to organizations with the highest percentage of donating members and individual prizes will be given.

Pershing Rifles was the winner this time in the fraternity, sorority and club division competition, with 76 percent of their members giving blood. Chi Alpha Pi fraternity followed with 73.07 percent and Kappa Alpha fraternity came in third with 54 percent. The leading sorority was Chi Omega with 36 percent.

A total of 536 people, primarily students and faculty members, lined up Tuesday to

take a series of tests to make sure they were eligible donors.

Cookies, coffee and cokes were distributed to donors by Red Cross volunteers aided by ROTC sponsors.

Cadet Commander Steve Mathias, co-chairman of the event, explained that giving blood not only helps a worthy cause but provides free blood for the donor and his immediate relatives for one year, should any emergency arise. He added that giving eight pints of blood qualifies that donor as a life member and entitles him and his relatives for life coverage.

But students had their own reasons for donating blood.

Sam McMurray, a senior majoring in agriculture, said that the needle doesn't hurt much at all and the blood may help someone later on. This was McMurray's fourth contribution.

Gisels Blackburn, Tullahoma junior, said that she only wanted to help others who are in need.

Andy Kirsch, a senior graduating in January, has a somewhat different reason for donating blood.

Kirsch's blood type is "B" negative, a type which occurs in only about one out of 1000 persons. Because of its rarity, this blood type has become much more expensive than others. But Kirsch is guarding against the future for himself and his family by striving to become a life member and thus receive full free coverage.

ROTC Plans Reduction In Class Hours Next Fall

Sophomore ROTC students will have a change in curriculum next fall, according to Colonel Vern Reaugh, head of the ROTC department.

In a recent proposal to Ferman Cunningham, dean of the School of Business and Industry, Reaugh requested a reduction in time spent on military history, tactics, and operations to 24 classroom periods and reduction of leadership laboratory to six classroom periods. The changes will become effective next September, he said.

At the present time, sophomore students (MS II) meet twice a week for one classroom period of military history and

one classroom period for leadership laboratory. Reaugh said the total classroom time is about 1500 minutes, with 1225 minutes for laboratory. The change will reduce the time spent in ROTC classes by one-third.

The plan is on a test basis, said Reaugh. Proposed changes for junior (MS III) and senior (MS IV) programs have not been approved as yet. No change is proposed for freshmen students.

The ROTC department is continually evaluating its program, stated Reaugh, and changing the program to best train young men to be officers.

December Moratorium Stresses Home Peace

The National Vietnam Moratorium Committee has announced that one of its major efforts in December will be activity by students in their home towns during Christmas vacation.

MTSU's Vietnam Moratorium steering committee has recommended that students follow the lead of the national committee and work in their hometowns.

They have also tentatively scheduled a "Sing for Peace" on Thursday, Dec. 18. This will take the form of Christmas caroling on campus.

Sam Brown, coordinator of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee said, "It would indeed be a tragedy to miss the opportunity to carry the anti-war movement from our university communities to our hometowns. The work necessary to end the war in Vietnam cannot be restricted to the areas where we have already been active. We must 'Take the Moratorium Home for Christmas.'"

Moratorium days for this month are Dec. 12, 13 and 24.

On Dec. 12 and 13, canvassing and leafletting will take place in many cities and towns across the nation. In addition, town meetings are being held in some localities to discuss the effect of defense and military spending upon local needs.

Others are planning to visit the district office of their congressman to discuss his position on the war and to make clear that support in the 1970 election will be assured only if the congressman opposes the war.

On Dec. 24, activities centering on the Christmas theme of "Peace on Earth" are planned. A group of prominent clergymen is being organized to relate the Moratorium to normal Christmas religious activities.

Among the events which will take place are vigils, processions preceding church services, caroling which will emphasize "Peace on Earth," and special church services.

Ambassadors Carry MTSU's Message To Metro Schools

The message of MTSU-'69 will be carried to three Nashville high schools today by the ASB's Student Ambassador Program.

The Ambassadors will visit Hillsboro, Overton, and Cameron high schools. Folksingers Larry Wilson, Murfreesboro graduate student and Sharlena Phillips, Nashville senior will be the featured entertainers.

The Ambassador Program is under the direction of Bobby Sands, sophomore class president, and is channeled through the MTSU Public Relations department headed by Gene Sloan.

The theme of the program has been "to communicate to prospective college students that MTSU is a dynamic, growing university with something for everyone," according to Sands. "We emphasize that MTSU no longer exists, and that progressive, positive changes are taking place here," Sands added.

Don Cleveland, president of the Black Students Union, who is a graduate of Cameron High, will accompany the Ambassadors, along with Joey Livesay, State Chairman of Tenn. University Student Government Associations and a graduate of

Overton, and Jenx Demetross, president of Cho Omega sorority and a graduate of Hillsboro.

MTSU Student Loses Life In Accident

Benny Bryson, 22-year-old Florida senior, was fatally injured Friday night when the car he was driving left the pavement and hit a bridge abutment at Overall Creek on the Nashville Highway. The victim was driving toward Murfreesboro at the time of the accident.

Bryson was a son of Carl and Lee Bryson of Lehigh Acres, Florida. He was born in Fort Bragg, N.C. and had attended Edison College in Ft. Myers, Fla., before transferring to MTSU.

He was a member of the Baptist Church. At MTSU he was a member of Pi Sigma political science fraternity.

Funeral services were held for Bryson Tuesday at Farley Funeral Home in Lehigh, Florida.



Basketball Team Supports Infirmary Fund

Members of the Blue Raider basketball team present a check for \$200 for the University Infirmary Building Fund to MTSU Dean of Students Robert MacLean. The gift was derived from pro-

ceeds of the recent Blue-White basketball scrimmage game. Pictured from left, are Brad Wilson, Booker Brown, MacLean, Terry Scott and Darryl Bentson. (Photo by Gary Hall.)

MTSU's Lambda Psi Becomes Sigma Alpha Epsilon Dec. 13

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will return to Murfreesboro, the site of its fifth chapter (Union College) and the first national convention, Dec. 13 when Lambda Psi fraternity will be installed as the Tennessee Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mayor W.H. Westbrooks has proclaimed Dec. 8 thru Dec. 14, Sigma Alpha Epsilon week in Murfreesboro.

"Dec. 13 will be the culmination of three years of intense effort by the brothers of Lambda Psi," stated Jerry Boyd, president. "We are extremely proud

that we were able to bring a national fraternity of the calibre of Sigma Alpha Epsilon into the Greek system here at MTSU, and we are even more proud to be an active part of that organization," he continued.

Representatives from Sigma Alpha Epsilon national headquarters and collegiate chapters across the nation will be present for the week-end of activities. Heading the list of dignitaries will be the Eminent Supreme Archon, Paul B. Jacob, Jr., from Mississippi State University. Others include Roy L. Miller and Rex A. Smith,

immediate past Supreme Archons; Jack R. Hotaling, Eminent Supreme Recorder; William A. Benson, Jr., Province Archon; and John H. Baugh, Jr., chapter consultant.

There will be an orientation in the University Center Theatre on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Members of the Supreme Council, province officers, and collegiate officers will speak at the orientation.

Lambda Psi alumni and SAE Murfreesboro alumni will meet at 10 a.m. in the University Center on Saturday, Dec. 13. The installation will be at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A banquet will be held in the Tennessee Room at 7 p.m., Saturday. Jacobs will be the guest speaker. C.V. McGeary, president of the Murfreesboro Alumni Association will be toastmaster. All chapter officers will be installed and the fraternity will be presented with their charter.

"To realize that so much has been accomplished in such a relatively short time is a credit of the brothers and to our brotherhood," concluded Boyd.

WMOT To Air Program Dealing With 4 Problems

WMOT-FM will sponsor a half hour program tonight dealing with four MTSU problems.

The program to be aired at 8 p.m. will deal with library hours, freshman meal tickets, student and community relations and MTSU as a suitcase college.

WMOT news director Dennis Adamson will produce and host the program.

The staff of the campus radio station will also attempt to offer solutions to the four problems.

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Peppermint Players Present Pied Piper

By Bill Swain

The Peppermint Players will present THE PIED PIPER OF HAMLIN -- a case study of how the city of Hamlin deals with its rat problems -- Monday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the DA Auditorium.

The play should be a stimulating performance for any student interested in the problems of filth and decay in our American cities. Municipal government students are advised to attend the Monday performance.

On another level university students can easily relate to the Piper's frustrating attempts to deal with an unmoving establishment. However, they will be pleased to discover that the Piper cops out with all of the Hamlin youth in the end and thus bridges the city's generation gap forever.

Of course, the Pied Piper, which is adapted from a poem by Robert Browning, is being produced primarily for children as a fairy tale. Any social message is left up to the

adult imagination. Dorethe Tucker, MTSU drama professor, said, "We are doing this show as a Christmas gift for the Rutherford County children. The students worked very hard so that we could provide THE PIED PIPER to the children free of charge."

Tuesday morning the show hits the road for a three-day circuit of seven county schools. The production's schedule for their first through sixth grade audiences is so tight that they had to build two sets so that while they are performing at one school they can be setting-up for their next performance.

Peppermint players cast in PIED PIPER are: Bob Trebing as Dekker, Cindy McGuire as Madam Dekker, Nancy Clendenin as Anna, Ron Burns as Holst, Susan Potts as Madam Holst, Charles Galbreath as Hendrix, Joyce Anderson as Tilli, Clay Tucker as Dirk and Tom O'Brien as the Piper.

Mary Skilba directs the production.

Commuting Presents Challenge, Even To The Hardest Student

By Donna Hanvy

Commuting is a challenge even for the hardest. A moment of silence, please, for that heretofore unsung hero -- the commuting student.

Possibly commuting for fun or profit is on the increase as youth attempts to balance responsibilities that loom earlier than for past generations.

Thus all this spawns all sorts of reasons affecting a college student's choice of on- or off-campus residence. There may be marriage or job responsibilities, a possibility for saving money, or a distaste for dorm living. Then, of course, there might be a "Strange One" who is considering race-car driving as a career after graduation and wants to get in a little practice.

Warf. .

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ROTC fulfills in furnishing officers for the military services and the general education function of ROTC instruction at the freshman and sophomore level, the committee agreed" that ROTC should be kept on a compulsory basis.

The report did not indicate that any student from any of the four institutions with compulsory ROTC were interviewed, nor did it indicate that the proposal that ROTC be made voluntary presented by MTSU to the State Board was taken into consideration.

"This statement is an insult. It has nothing to do with the question at hand," Martin stated.

"The proposal is only defending ROTC and completely avoids the issue," he added. "It does not differentiate compulsory ROTC from mandatory ROTC."

Martin said in his press conference Friday that the student government "undertook a self examination to determine how our total university felt about this issue (mandatory versus compulsory ROTC)." After this study it was determined that the university could physically and financially adopt a voluntary program and actually improve the quality of the program, according to Martin.

C's are parking in "unauthorized areas," as there are no authorized areas.

Many students are forced to park distances from the campus and jog back and forth all day exchanging loads of books. An astonishing feat it is to juggle books and umbrella while trying to unlock your car door as a Volkswagen is about to run you down.

In the evening, if he's fortunate enough not to have a flat tire from the glass in the parking lot, the commuter goes home to revitalize, re-energize, and pray a lot.

So, you see, commuting is like opening Pandora's box. Why not be kind to a commuter this week? If he seems tired at 9 a.m., understand. Take his mind off "Thunder Road." Tell him he's got soul. And keep the faith 'cause it isn't the earth's pale end yet.

Spring Enrollment Should Equal Fall Enrollment

MTSU's spring enrollment will nearly equal the fall enrollment this year, according to Dean of Admissions John Weems.

The difference in spring and fall enrollment in the past five years has been as much as 13 percent. However, Weems said now the admissions policies are such that the difference has been reduced to about three and one-half percent.

This spring, he said, there will probably be a net drop of about 300 students, and there may be nearly 400 students sus-

pending at the end of the semester for poor work.

Weems commented that whether or not a student makes it or not is mostly a matter of emotional security.

The reason many students fail the fall semester, he said, isn't because the work is hard, but because they don't approach it right.

Weems said the students who enter in the spring usually do better work because they are more eager, even though their grades were too poor to enter in the fall semester.

Most of the difference in spring and fall enrollment is made up by new freshmen who couldn't get admitted in the fall, and transfer students.

Last spring MTSU had 16 new transfers from University of Tennessee and five from Memphis State.

Weems said that almost anyone who wants a chance in college can have the opportunity by attending in the spring.

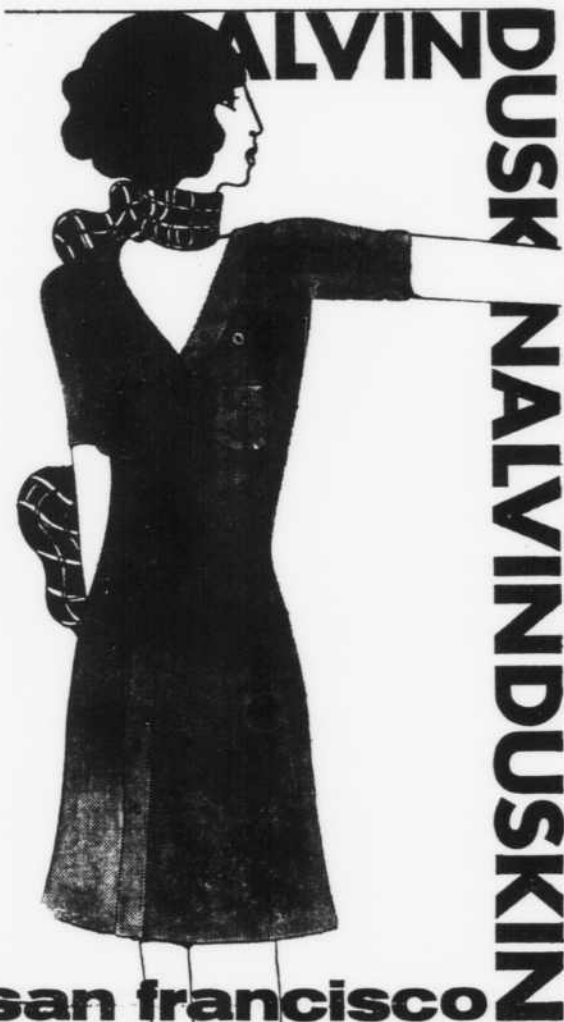
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6:30 p.m. -- House Meeting, 322 UC

6:30 p.m. -- Senate, 308 UC

6:30 p.m. -- Campus Girl Scouts, 324 UC

7:30 p.m. -- KS Hard core, Grill

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7:30 p.m. -- Skindiving Club, 324-A UC

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Editorials

The Great Problem Of Higher Education

Tennessee colleges and universities face a serious situation in the years ahead.

Where will the funds for financing higher education in the state come from?

The Tennessee State Legislature has failed to take action on the needs facing the growing colleges and universities. The fact that our state ranks far below the average for the Southeastern states has not seemed to have an effect on the policy makers on Capitol Hill.

The fact is Tennessee has for the 1969-70 year a per capita appropriation to higher education of \$22.06 while the Southeastern average is \$30.66.

This year 12.9 percent of the general state revenue is going for higher education. By the 1974-75 year a need for a 19.6 is projected.

According to John Folger, executive director of the Higher Education Commission, there are three alternatives the state can take in acquiring the funds for the needed increase.

One is aid from the federal government, which is very unlikely. Another is an increase in tuition. And finally is increasing the state tax base.

Increasing tuition would be very unpopular with the students and their parents and raising the tax base would be very unpopular with the state legislators because this is an election year. And we all know that politicians don't raise taxes just before an election.

A state-wide student campaign to present this problem to the 1970 General Assembly is being organized. If this session of the legislature fails to act on the needs of higher education, then it will certainly become an election issue.

'Double Dynamite' Explodes Before Disappointing Crowd

The "Double Dynamite" show of Sam and Dave exploded Tuesday night before a small but very enthusiastic crowd. As usual those who attended the program went away well pleased.

But the sad fact remains that the ASB lost about \$4,000 on this "big name entertainment" production.

A new system for programming is currently in an ad hoc committee, and it is hoped that the new system will be operational by next year. The new system will allow for better planned programming, and a larger entertainment budget, and over all better programming.

But until this system becomes effective, students must support the present ASB programming because each event depends on the success of the one preceeding it.

By Michael Goforth

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



Meanwhile With Lynch

John And Terry Die For A Democracy

BY JIM LYNCH

"Hit the beaches men, 'T' Company cover the left flank." Long range artillery shells soar over the heads of "U" Company as they slough through the mud toward their objective. Two brave young warriors fall victims of enemy mortar fire as "M" Company has become pinned behind bunkers approximately a quarter mile from the enemy stronghold (objective A.B.).

"T" Co. has roared forward on the left flank far enough to surprise and create havoc on a smaller enemy force unprepared for the size of the left flank advance company. Results: 17 enemy dead, 27 wounded, the rest in confused retreat.

"T" Co., wild with anticipation of being the first to hit "A.B." pours onward only to be cut to ribbons seconds later by enemy "bouncing Betty" mine placements thick as ants. All but seven are dead or wounded.

"M" Co., meanwhile has received reinforcements from "S" Company's "rough raiders" (special forces group) and has slowly advanced on the power of small artillery fire.

As can best be calculated for the day: 43 enemy dead, over 70 wounded or dead, no time to check for sure

John, son of an attorney from Corpus Christi, Tex., watches the sun disappear and chews a piece of dried beef and some bread from his ration kit. He turns to his companion Terry, an orphan from Pulaski, Tenn.

"Do you understand all this?"

"I think so."

"You do?"

"I said I think so."

"Well for God sake, explain it to me."

Terry turns away as medics carry the bodies of two compatriots past.

"What it is man, is that we have been lied to, misinformed, treated like idiots, and in general,

simply not been given the right to decide for ourselves what we think is best for us."

"But why did it result in this?"

"Man, we tried! We petitioned, we debated, we argued, we went through all the proper channels, but to no avail. All we got was a pat on the head and a directive to return to our sandboxes."

"But it was such a small matter really, I mean, a couple of hours a week for a couple of years, so what?"

"Yeah, I know it sounds trivial in that sense, but how long can free men continue to call themselves free if they aren't given answers, or reasons, or explanations for the things that happen around them. This is why we attacked George III 200 years ago. We're suppose to be a democracy, right?"

"I guess so I hope so."

Two days later both were dead and all that remained of the battle scene were several hundred bodies (the war had moved northwestward toward Capitol City rotting in the warm sun, and part of a brick wall. In the upper right hand corner of this wall was a half melted bronze plaque of a confederate cavalryman who had once been the symbol of the battlefield.



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Our Man Hoppe

Ugulas Savage Strange Sex Rites

BY ARTHUR HOPPE

Herewith is another chapter from that classic work in anthropology, "Strange Sex Rites among the Ugulas Savages." Unfortunately, it deals not so much with sex as with a weird lottery system evolved over the centuries by this primitive tribe.

One of the strangest customs of the Ugulas, (the chapter begins) is the drawing held each fall by the High Priests of Draff (cq) -- the deity who the superstitious natives believe protects them from a vague evil known only as "The Red Terror."

Weeks before the drawing, the priests pass among the villages selling tickets on the lottery. These are palm fronds bearing cabalistic signs and the legend in Ugulas, "You need not be present to win."

The only natives eligible to purchase tickets are young men who have reached the mystical age of 18 1/2. And they vie to purchase as many as possible, thereby increasing their chances of winning.

The drawing itself is a festive affair. Amid an air of gay expectancy, a blind-folded priest reaches into a giant coconut shell to draw forth the names of the lucky winners.

As each name is announced, the fortunate young savage leaps for joy. Friends and relatives crowd around to congratulate him. He is the envy of all. (The losers are consoled with a year's subscription to the Reader's Digest -- a thousand such having been donated to the tribe by a missionary society.)

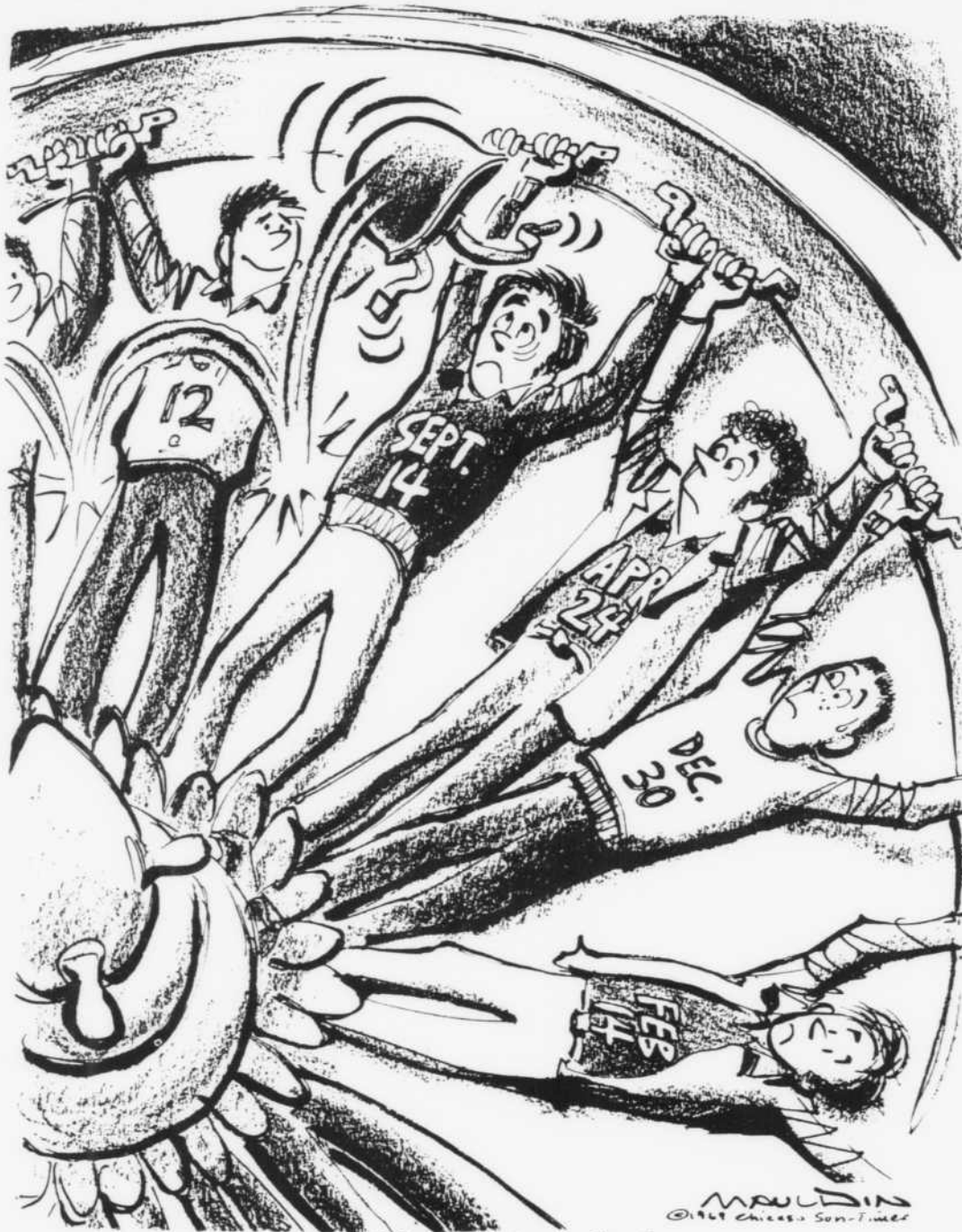
The winners are then inducted into the service of Draff. The primitive ceremony consists of each taking one step forward with right hand raised to indicate his willingness.

From that point on, nothing is too good for the winners. They are honored and feted wherever they go. The best tid-bits of food are pressed upon them. They are plied with the finest of native brews night and day. And the fairest maidens beg to bestow their favors upon them.

After two years of this idyllic existence, the youths, now sated and weary, are garbed in special uniforms and again brought before the priests.

"We have given you the highest honors, the greatest glory and the most generous rewards that lie in the power of a grateful nation to bestow," says the High Priest. At this, the Ugulas give three cheers and crowd around the youths.

Then they kill them.



AMERICAN ROULETTE

Lerner: The Lottery

Lottery Should Be Only Beginning Of Draft Reform

BY MAX LERNER

It is a game in which a third of the players are bound to lose, another third to win and the in-between third sentenced for a spell to uncertainty. I am speaking of the lottery drawing which pulled all 366 possible birthdays out of a big jar in a random sequence that decided the draft future of over 800,000 young Americans.

Think of the tension in the households linked with the outcome of every date drawn, the dismay at the early dates if they struck home, the mounting hope as the birthdate you cared about remained still undrawn, the dashing or fulfillment of the hope as the drawing went on.

It is no fun to have the luck of your natal day loom so important and decide your future. How many of these young men and their families, I wondered, believed in astrology and the voices of prophecy and the Book of I Ching and all the rest of the "New Time Religion" that holds sway among a growing segment of the young?

Could the astrologers foresee, from the confluence of the planets, that the young men born on a certain day were destined to be decimated half-way around the world, while those born on the day next to it would live out their lives for better or worse on their home soil?

We go through life on the assumption that it makes some sort of rational sense, but constantly we have to face the element of the absurd in it. To all the absurdities of the human condition the young men must now add this wild absurdity of having their fate decided by a random drawing of a birthdate which was accidental to start with. While the random method doesn't make much sense, all the others make even less. At least there is a democracy of life and death here, based on the probabilities theory.

Or maybe what is happening is that with all our vaunted civilization we are going back more and more to the primitive view of luck and chance and magic. Primitive men lived out their lives in a supernatural dream of how they might stay on the good side of natural forces. After all the centuries of reason and science we have come back to the sheer chance of the lottery as a way of deciding the order of military duties in a demo-

cracy. I couldn't help thinking of Shirley Jackson's terrifying short story, "The Lottery," and of the community that picked its victim thus to be stoned to death by the rest.

The best thing to be said for the lottery method in the draft is that it reduces the uncertainty and channels the frustrations. After the drawing is done, you know more or less where you stand, and the bitterness of the losers has to be taken out against an impersonal, whimsical lot. It also reduces the sense of class bitterness: Those who have college or other deferments will have to take their place with their birthdate sequence after their deferment has ended.

There is a tradition in American thought which goes back to John C. Calhoun, which sees "a regular draft from the body of the people" as a democratic measure, while a volunteer army ("from the dregs of society," said Calhoun) has been seen as dangerous. But the Vietnam experience has shifted our thinking on that.

Thanks to the Burke Marshall Commission, Sen. Edward Kennedy, President Kingman Brewster of Yale and the young men whose outlook they have tried to express, the best thinking today would rely for future war manpower on a volunteer force, supplemented in time of need by a draft lottery for 19-year-olds which would expose young men to the rigors of chance for a year only, and then let them get on with their careers and lives.

American soldiers have fought well, but an army of draftees has not turned out to be an army with high morale, and the home front has had far less. A volunteer army would have fewer problems, especially at home.

The lottery should be only the beginning of real draft reform. America must revamp its volunteer structure. If it can pay a billion dollars to keep a Thai division in the field in Vietnam, and the Thai government happy, it might use the money more effectively in the future in making the career of the U.S. armed forces more attractive, remunerative and fruitful, and keep young Americans of draft age if not happy, then less bitter than they have been.

Understandably, our cultural advisors to the Ugulas have strenuously sought to stamp out this barbaric practice. Indeed, our military advisor, Colonel Gritley (cq) Grommet, hopes to convert this crude lottery into a fair and civilized system of military conscription based on the U.S. model.

"Is your system fun?" inquired the High Priest.

"Well, not exactly," said Colonel Grommet.

"Are the winners joyful and the losers unhappy?" asked the High Priest.

"It's more the other way around," said Colonel Grommet.

"Are those to be sacrifices given every honor in the power of a grateful nation to bestow?" asked the High Priest.

"Oh, yes," said Colonel Grommet. "After they're dead."

Since then the Colonel has been known among the natives as "Coo-coohead Grommet" and his influence has waned. Some days, he almost gives up hopes of ever leading these backward savages into the ways of the 20th century.

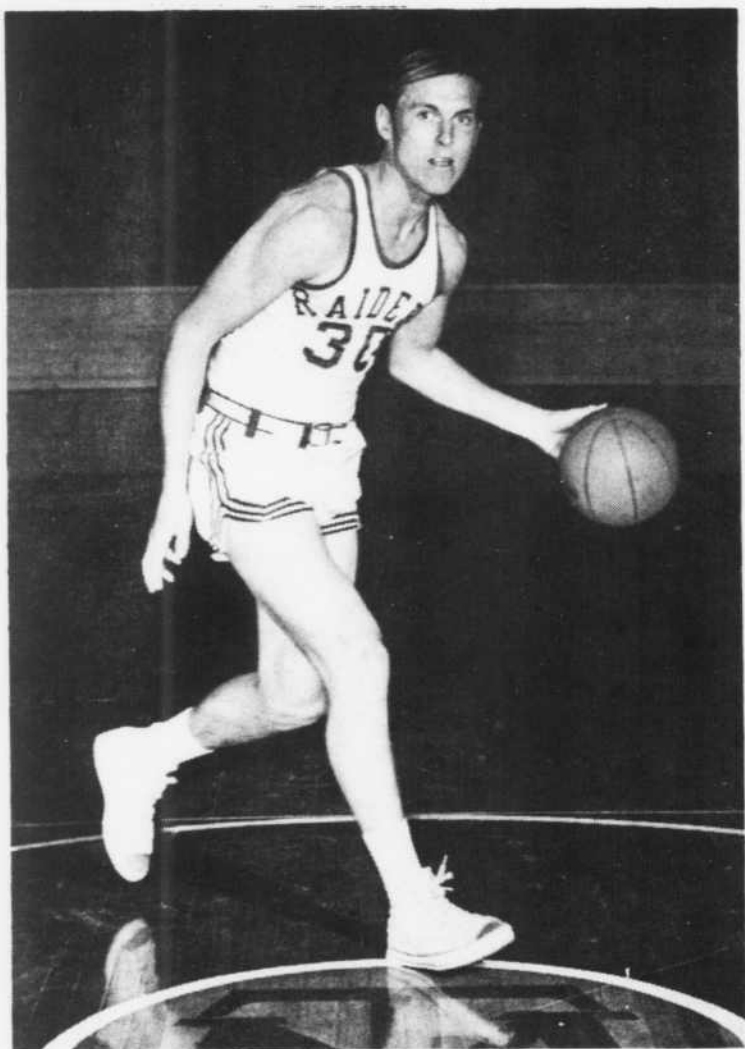
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JIM DREW

Drew Scores 24 Points As Raiders Take Belmont Win

Running its record to 2-1 for the still-early season, the Jim Drew led Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders hit a hot percentage for the first time this year and dropped Belmont College in Nashville Monday night by a 89 to 71 margin. Drew, who came off the bench early in the half, rallied for 24 points, the highest for either team and the largest output by a Blue Raider this season.

After looking remarkably good in the Bethel game, which they lost by two points in the final second, and coming back to ease by Tennessee Wesleyan last Saturday night, Jimmy Earle's Raiders got their talents together for the first time.

Starter Ken Riley, who had failed to exhibit preseason promises in the first two encounters, came to life in this game, however, and banged in 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds from his forward position.

Those who saw this player, who missed last season due to a knee injury but had not lost touch of his talents exhibited during his freshman year, couldn't help but think that "Riley had come home."

Terry Scott, who had trouble with his ankle during both openers, failed to see action, as did guard Steve McElhaney, injured after a fall during the Bethel game.

But reserves came through -- like good reserves should -- as Joe Barclay, getting in the game due to starter and seven-foot

center Booker Brown -- limited to only one point -- into foul trouble and left the game for good early in the second half, pumped in 14 points from the center spot.

Barclay, possessing the uncanny ability to be in the right spot in the right time for the freshman team last year, has learned the tricks of varsity ball and showed it.

Another former reserve, Roger Fisher, also came through in flying fashion Monday night with 15 points. Gaining the starting position opposite Stan Sumrell when McElhaney was injured, Fisher has shown himself a more than adequate player. His points came on five field goals and five-for-five free throws from the charity line.

Sumrell, another hotshot who missed last year's season, again showed the quarterback traits both he and "Mac" possess and got eight points. He was two-for-two from the charity line.

As a team, MTSU hit 31 of 67 shots from the field for 46 per cent, its highest for the year, but was beaten on the boards, mainly due to the ab-

sence of the high-leaping Scott and Brown, 37-32.



BARCLAY



FISHER

Another aspect of the Raiders game improved, that shots made at the charity line. They hit 27-of-36 this game, something that they lacked in the first two encounters.

Middle Tennessee State will play host to Bellarmine Saturday night, beginning at 7:45, while the freshman team will host a strong Vanderbilt squad at 5:45.

MTSU Tennis

Team Loses To Alabama

Middle Tennessee State's table tennis team played its first intercollegiate match last Saturday Dec. 6, with the University of Alabama and were defeated by a 34-16 total match score.

Playing against a much more experienced, stronger Crimsen Tide team, the newly formed MTSU squad couldn't get the "ball bouncing."

Nares Choobua, one of the Raiders top players, split the matches, taking five wins and dropping five games. Jim Campbell won seven matches and only lost three to finish, the top Raider player.

Entry Forms For Women's Events Due By Dec. 17

Table tennis and badminton are the upcoming women's intramurals events, according to director Miss Carol Landreth. Scheduled for Jan. 6, 7, 12 and 14, competition will include women's singles and doubles.

All entries must be in no later than Dec. 17, and the name, box number, event entered and partner's name must be on the entry blank, which should be sent to Miss Landreth, Box 392, Campus mail.

She also points out that if the response for table tennis is poor, it will be dropped, and also reminds those interested that a girl may enter both events as they will run on separate nights.

The tournament will consist of a single elimination, and tournament draw times will be posted on the wall next to the equipment room Jan. 5.

Those entering the competition and are members of sororities are asked to make this known on the entry forms.

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Former Middle Tennessee State great Art Polk, co-captain of the Blue Raiders last season, is shown kneeling before his strong squad that will play host to a Vanderbilt team Saturday night. Shown from left to right are manager Tommy Mallonee, Bob Bowers, Steve Anderson, Wally Sudduth, Brian Throneberry, Chester Brown, Bill Williamson, Nick Prater, Mike McDermon, Jackie Booher, Ernest Abercrombie and manager Steve Hendrix.

Freshmen Squad Hosts Vandy

Head freshman basketball coach Art Polk and Company will entertain one of the toughest teams in this area Saturday night as the Vanderbilt freshmen come to the Memorial Gymnasium for their encounter scheduled to begin at 5:45.

The Baby Commodores have established a reputation around this University, as those who

watched them last season, as being quick, aggressive team. The calibre of ball they play can best be described by the 1968-69 team.

Steve Turner, the 7-4 sophomore center now starting for the Vanderbilt varsity, was the center on that squad. While he only scored eight points in the first game, his size and

ability were well recognized. His strength on the boards was limited also by the presence of MTSU's Tommy Legg and Sam McCamey, all players last year.

Jimmy Conn and Tom Arnholt, both of whom are starters for the Commodore varsity also, were also on that '68-69 team. Conn scored in the high

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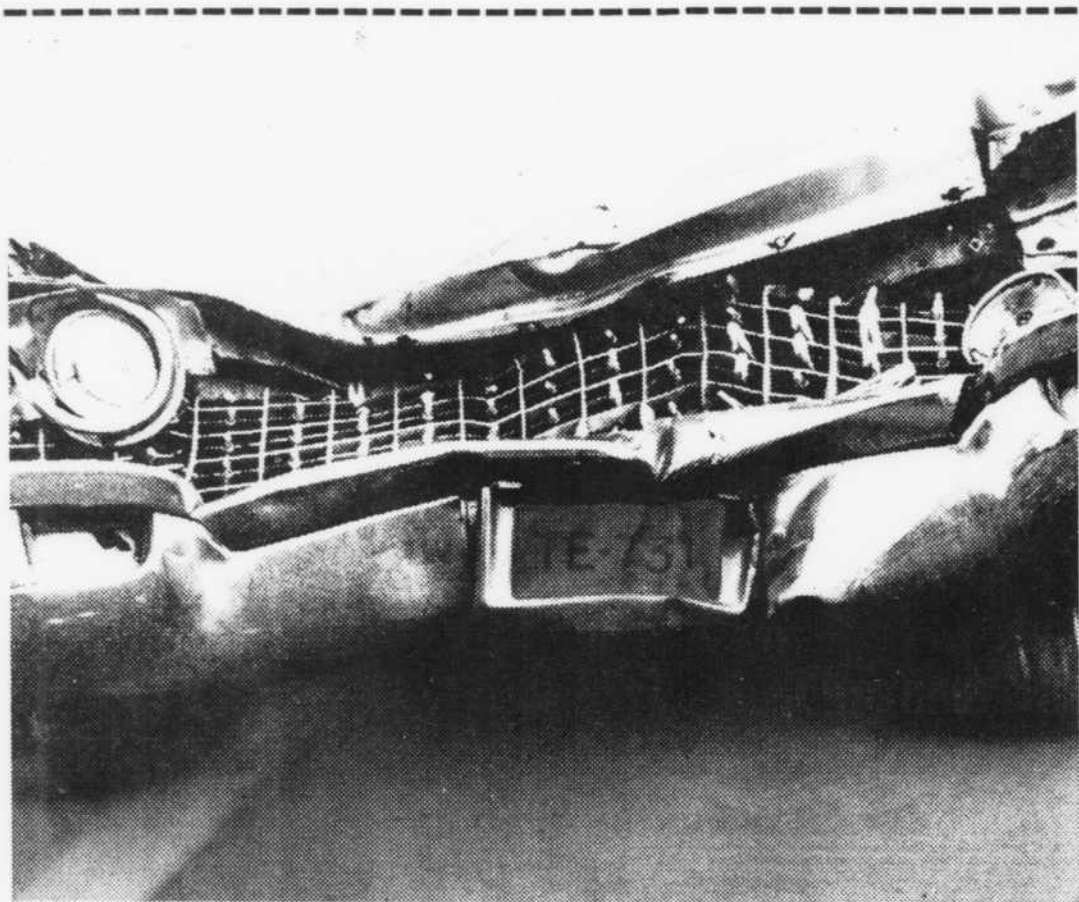
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The Peeled Eye



with Gary Davenport

Art Polk: The Player and Coach

Freshman basketball teams have established a reputation around Middle Tennessee State University as being both well-coached and very good. Much of the credit for both these attributes goes to the remarkably good coaching job done with these incoming high school players.

Of course, at first thought one immediately thinks of Jimmy Earle, the present varsity coach. His teams have finished with creditable seasons for sometime. Such stars as Jim Drew, Stan Sumrell, Terry Scott and others have graduated from this squad and are now making the headlines in area papers as real stars of the rip-roaring Blue Raiders.

But one person, in particular, has left his mark in the imprint of Raider basketball and is now doing it as a coach. And like the freshman coach before him this person is already showing fans in Murfreesboro and Nashville that freshman basketball's winning record is here to stay. His name -- Art Polk.

Art does something to the sport of basketball. It's for people like himself -- in the opinion of this writer -- that it was invented those many years ago.

As a player, Art was one of those rare ones that could do everything, and did it in such a way that despite the fact that he made it look easy.

His freshman year, he saw action in 25 games and averaged nearly 10 points per game. The next year he was a starter and averaged 12.3 points, and his senior year, which all will remember that witnessed his play, was by far the best. Last year he averaged 14.8 points a game, making 385 points in 26 games, hit a team high of .402 per cent from the field, making 145 of 361 shots attempted.

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His style of play was best shown in the Morehead game of last year. At the time, they were one of the country's top scoring ball clubs, and came to Memorial Gymnasium as one of the few Ohio Valley Conference teams unbeaten.

Willie Brown, MTSU's All-OVC guard and one of the league's leading scorers at the time, fouled out early in the game and it looked dim for Blue Raiders fans.

But Art picked up the slack, and led the team to an overtime win in the tightly contested game. He finished his night's work with 20 rebounds and 34 points, his greatest output for the season.

Another event took place in this game which brought out another facet of Art's style. During the waning moments, Morehead took a timeout. While they were huddled around their coach, one of the fans threw a cup and a rubber basketball at them. Other such actions occurred throughout the game -- a show of poor sportsmanship and a lack of courtesy.

As the buzzer sounded, Art went directly to the Morehead bench and congratulated their coach on a game well played and coached. He put out on the court, and now he did it off the court as well.

The Big Blue have won convincing victories over David Lipscomb and Sewart Air Force Base, standing new with a 2-0 record. Much of the credit goes to their coach -- Art Polk.

Orchesis Interprets Christmas With Traditional Carol-Dances

Christmas caroling has not always been just singing," said campus choreographer, Mrs. Anne Holland. Actually Renaissance Christians considered caroling to be a form of choral dancing to joyfully ex-

press their religious feelings."

In accordance with caroling's Renaissance connotation, Orchesis, the modern dance club, will present a Christmas dance production on the walks between the UC and the George Davis Science Bldg, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 8:20 p.m. The dancers will interpret several well-known songs including "Deck the Halls" and "Ave Maria." Everybody is invited.

According to Mrs. Holland, the carol originally referred to "dancing in a circle." The term can be traced back to the Dionysian Rites which were the origin of Greek drama. In the Seventh Century caroling came to mean, in the eyes of the Church, something tenebrous and evil or an exercise of the devil. But the people continued in their practice of the carol despite the Church.

Second grade children from the Campus School will appear with the University students

performing their own choreography of "Away In a Manger." They will also be featured in a medley with one of the modern dance classes.

Caroling will conclude with a candlelight procession in honor of the Nativity.

Vandy Game . . .

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20's in the first game here, while Arnholt exploded for 53 points when our Blue traveled to the Vandy gym.

This year's team is unique with the presence of Chester Brown. He is one of the taller players to ever perform on a Raider freshman team and has the potential to be one of the best. For the first two games, of which they are unbeaten, Brown has scored 18 points, four of them coming in the second game against Sewart Air Force Base in which he only played sparingly, and controlled the boards by grabbing 42 rebounds.

Nick Prater, former McMinnville star who was noted for some fantastic shooting, has warmed up his arm and pumped in 37 points in these two games.

Steve Anderson is the second highest scorer thus far with 31 points, while Mile McDearmon has connected for 26 tallies. McDearmon is also noted for his aggressiveness on the boards, having grabbed 30 in the two games.

The other starter is Ernest Abercrombie, a jumping jack that stands around 6-0. While his shooting isn't the hottest thing in town, his ability with handling the ball makes the others vanish.

Bob Bowers, one of the tougher reserves, has scored 25 points in these two games and also has a hot shot.

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