

# Middle Tennessee State University Sidelines

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## STATE MAY LOSE 'GENERAL'

By Michael Goforth  
Staff Correspondent

CHATTANOOGA---After losing the first court battle for possession of the famed Civil War locomotive "The General," it appears that this East Tennessee city will lose the little engine to the state of Georgia. U.S. District Judge Frank Wilson ruled Jan. 4 in Chattanooga that the city had no legal right to possession of the locomotive.

The long legal battle to get a legal title for possession of the "General" began in September, 1967. Then mayor of Chattanooga, Ralph Kelley, led a group of city and county officials in a raid to capture the "General" as it passed through Chattanooga on its way to Kennesaw, Ga., where it was to find a permanent resting place.

At that time City Chancellor Ray Brock ruled that the L & N Railroad had awarded the "General" to Chattanooga as a "charitable trust" since it had been in the city for more than 70 years.

By virtue of Brock's ruling the "General" was impounded in Chattanooga and placed under city and county guard. Judge Wilson ordered the "General" to be placed in the L & N yards in Louisville, Ky., until the final court decision was reached. The engine has remained there since the order in 1967.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad rented the Western &

Atlantic Railroad line and all rolling stock from the state of Georgia at the end of the 19th century.

The W & A ran between Chattanooga and Atlanta during second half of the 1800's and was very important during the Civil War, as it carried men and supplies to the Confederate armies in Georgia and Tennessee.

In 1891 the "General" was spotted resting on a side track in Georgia by L & N officials. Because of its historic importance, it was placed in the Union Depot in Chattanooga, where it remained for more than 70 years.

On June 7, 1961, the "General" was taken to Louisville by the L & N. There it was renovated for a re-enactment of the "Great Locomotive Chase" which occurred April 12, 1862. The "General" toured the country during the Civil War Centennial.

On Feb. 4, 1967, the president of the L & N announced that the "General" was going to be given to the state of Georgia. The L & N's lease on the Western & Atlantic Railroad ran out in 1969, and the L & N's gift of the "General" to Georgia almost assured the railroad of a renewal of the lease by the Georgia state legislature.

The L & N, competing with Southern Railroad, won renewal of the lease, and the "General"

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### Tribute To Andrews' Raiders

The monument in Chattanooga National Cemetery in honor of Andrews Raiders who captured the 'General' on April 12, 1862. On the other side of the hill behind the monument is the L&N track that the General used time after time entering and leaving Chattanooga.

## Quarters Have Good Points ; Semesters Are Here To Stay

By Wanda Ensor

The battle of the quarter system supporter versus the semester advocate has long been waged on the college campus. At MTSU, though, it seems as if the pro-semester arguers have taken precedence for good. There are pros and cons which have been aired for each of the systems, but at most other state universities in this area the quarter system has been adopted.

"We are sitting in a hot-bed of quarter systems. The quarter is the academic unit of time at colleges such as U.T., Tech, Austin Peay," explained Dr. John E. Weems, dean of admissions. "Actually," he said, "more than 80 percent of the colleges in this country are on the semester system, and the current trend is definitely toward the semester."

Why do so many other area colleges choose the quarter system?

There are several factors. One is that the quarter provides the student with opportunity for taking a greater variety of courses than the semester. This is because the four year college period may be broken into 12 quarters but only eight

semesters.

Another reason many people favor the quarter is that such a division ends prior to Christmas vacation. The idea of a longer holiday without semester finals looming in the future appeals to a good number of students.

The main advantage of the old quarter system, according to Weems, goes back to the time when our economy was mainly agricultural. School officials had to schedule class sections around the times when most students had to be off for the necessary crop harvesting and planting. It was easier with a shorter teaching division such as the quarter to make sure the student could complete one unit of college before he had to withdraw one quarter for farm chores. Because of this working around the home responsibilities of students, MTSU at one time operated with a session beginning in mid-April and ending in mid June.

Those who have been hoping that MTSU will soon "see the light" and switch to the quarter system may as well forget it, according to Weems. A relatively new user of the semester, MTSU was the first state

university to switch to the division in 1958.

One of the reasons MTSU officials favor the semester, Weems said, is because it is much easier on students and faculty alike to register twice yearly instead of three times. But this isn't a major factor in decision making, he stressed.

"I feel that a student will get a little more out of a course by living with it for 16 weeks instead of only 10 weeks," he explained. "I'm certain that you can't teach any course in six weeks--as we must in summer session--and make it as valuable to the students as it would be even in the quarter."

Weems repeated in confirmation that he would not argue for the semester merely because of the registration convenience. His position is that the average student is a little better off to receive more detailed instruction in fewer subjects than he would be to take a larger number of subjects and learn very little about any of them.

One of the main fallacies in thinking, Weems warned, is the assumption that a student has more class instruction time on the quarter system than he does

on the semester system. "This just is not true," Weems emphasized. Regardless of whether it is divided two times or three times, the nine-month school year contains the same number of days. What the question comes down to is whether the student would rather receive less instruction in many classes or more extensive training in a few.

Originally," he continued, "the quarter allowed each student to take only four four-hour courses and gave him a greater time to study each. In order to get in more courses, they had to cut the others. Now the question I ask of those who support the quarter system is 'Can you get what you need out of the course in ten weeks--just 33 hours?'"

Of course, there are problems with the system. Many of the beginning freshmen experience problems when they try to attend summer sessions after high school graduation. The metro schools aren't yet out for the summer when MTSU sessions begin; and the rural schools start before summer sessions end.

"I sincerely hope that there will be no effort by the state

to make its universities' systems uniform," mused Weems. His reasoning is that the administrators at any given college should understand the problems of that institution better than state officials. One system might work better at one university, while another school requires another academic division altogether.

"Middle Tennessee," he summed up, "has been able to do some things on the present system that none of the other universities have been able to do." For instance, this is the only state college conquering the huge problem of registration by using a computer and only one card per student.

This is quite an accomplishment and speeds up the whole process considerably. Other schools are currently registering with a bundle of cards per student and mass confusion.

One of those universities which has taken note of our registration system is the University of Tennessee. With one of the state's largest number of registrants, U.T. is counseling with MTSU officials, and will adopt our registration procedures in the near future.



# As I See It

## Notes On MTSU

By David Mathis

Editor-in-Chief

### Pres. Scarlet

A new president entered as the leading character at the time when a president of his outlook was so badly needed. Dr. M. G. Scarlett's first words at MTSU echoed his staunch belief in the student and concern for student welfare.

Pres. Scarlett is certainly a leader, just as we noted was Pres. Quill E. Cope. His willingness and desire to hear, evaluate, and act upon student concern is certainly a heartwarming trait to all the changing generation's personell. With such an open-ear policy, concerned young people can have opportunity to be heard and possibly make alterations in the University's program.

Being only one person representing only one area of the growing university's branches, I can speak only for myself. But somehow I feel such groups as the Band of Blue (through Scarlett's refusal to censor their repertoire) and the Greeks (through his withdrawal of their trial period before national affiliation) will join with me in my praise of a fair and open-minded gentleman.

### ASB

Being the major official organ of student wishes and demands, I feel to omit this group from my comments would be an injustice. Even though the Associated Student Body has been the brunt of comments in recent columns and editorials in the SIDELINES, I find myself feeling a bit optimistic by this body's apparently sincere efforts at becoming a true governing body with influence. Perhaps our faith and desire for a successful ASB is the reason why we urge this particular ASB, with its potential, to act.

Surely we have already witnessed a movement toward a responsible student government and one that is attempting to examine antiquated policies of this university. With renewed strength and continued constructive criticism (such as relieving this body from big name entertainment responsibilities and a move toward a unicameral system, we will be reflecting on a successful ASB at the end of the spring semester.

### The Campus Atmosphere

All in all, we have witnessed a semester unlike any other in MTSU's history. Probably even the most unconcerned commuter could sense this air of change.

Of course the student named Apathy is still enrolled here, but his popularity is gradually dwindling. It is not just a few so-called student leaders that have brought about this change, but the student body as a whole.

The realization that much can be gotten from one's college experience in addition to textbook knowledge seems to have swept over us. We now explore into the depths of matters that will have little effect upon our immediate college existence, but instead will affect the future student that may now still linger behind the sheltered walls of Tennessee high schools.

I am proud that in my senior year at MTSU I can notice these changes.

### SIDELINES

In a column of reflections, is it not proper to reflect upon one's own particular interests? Neither has this publication stood as the proprietor to the ways of yesteryear. In the next and last "As I See It", I shall attempt to evaluate our role in MTSU's gradual revolution.

## Sidelines

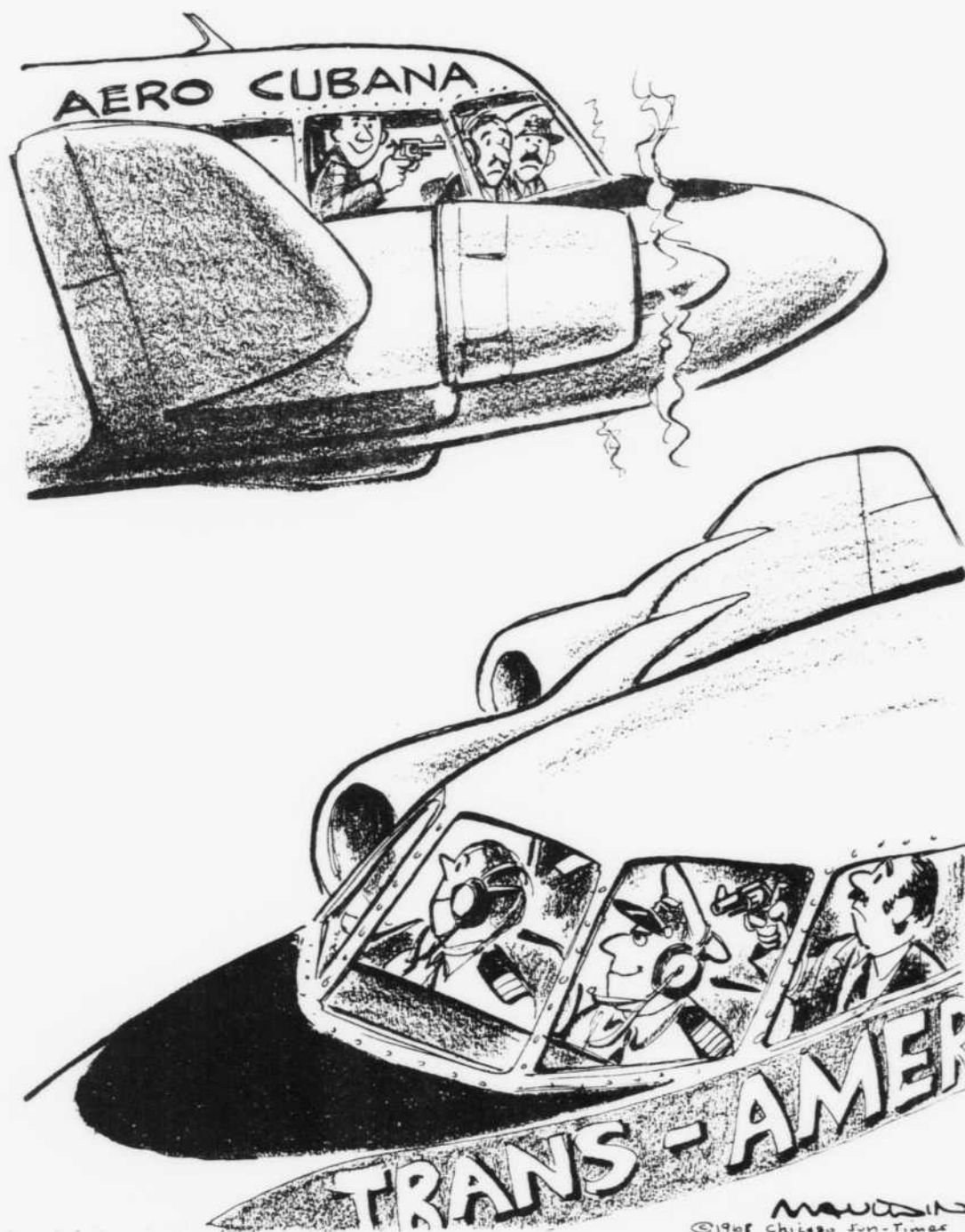
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## What Kind of World?

Robert Hutchins



Governor Ronald Reagan of California is quoted as saying that the state colleges will open after the holiday and function as normal educational institutions even if he has to ring them with police.

The notion that an educational institution can be thought of as functioning normally when it is ringed with police is a trifle bizarre. An educational institution cannot be said to function normally if it is kept in order by a show of force. A college in a state of siege may be a quiet place, but it can hardly deserve the name of a college. That title should be reserved for intellectual communities in which the members, teachers and students, are working peacefully together not because they are afraid but because they want to learn.

Gov. Reagan's policy can at best produce sham educational institutions, not "normal" ones. And there is no evidence that it can do even that. On the contrary, the evidence is that reliance on force will simply broaden and prolong the disturbances. This has been the history of student protests all over the world. Student extremists, eager to close down an institution or to overthrow the social order, gain mass support

when, instead of discussing student demands, the administrations call in the police.

Reliance on the police is a way of evading the issues that have got to be met. The California state colleges are in need of some fundamental overhauling. They have for a long time been in bad shape administratively, financially, educationally and politically. The most current disorders are symptoms of the pervasive confusion that infects every aspect of the life of the colleges.

The political status of the colleges is enough to prevent them from achieving any worthwhile goals. The governor and the other politicians on the Board of Trustees, together with the Legislature, which has a wholly unwarranted degree of control over the colleges, seem more concerned about exploiting them for their own political purposes than about helping them become creditable educational institutions.

In this situation, to call the cops and suggest that when they have appeared in sufficient force to restore order all will be well is to propagate an illusion. All will not be well until there has been an elaborate, protracted, comprehensive ef-

fort to work out with all concerned the organization, purpose and constitution of the state colleges. The necessity of this step can only be obscured by the cry for law and order.

The discussion I insist is indispensable would have to involve a serious attempt, which has not yet been made, to sort out and pass upon the claims of the black students. This is not as simple as it looks. For example, it is generally thought ridiculous that the blacks should want all blacks admitted, even those who cannot meet the requirements.

But black students know the reason all blacks cannot meet the requirements is that they have been forced to live in places and go to schools that have prevented them from getting the preparation they need. It is not outrageous, though it may be impractical, for them to suggest that the state colleges give them special help in overcoming the disadvantages they have suffered through no fault of their own. How this can be done, and where, should be the subject of intensive study.

Calling for the cops, and more cops, will get us nowhere.



**Michael Goforth**

# Notes On Losing the 'GENERAL'

## Chattanooga's Original Choo-Choo

I am proud to be a Chattanooga, and I am proud of the historical importance of my city. One very small part of Chattanooga is about to be taken away forever. That part is the original "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," the little engine "General."

The federal courts say the "General" does not belong to Chattanooga but to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, who has given it to the state of Georgia.

### An Opinion

as a gift in order to get the franchise to operate in Georgia.

Chattanooga may not legally own the "General," but it is as much a part of the city as Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Moccasin Bend.

A picture of the "General" can be found on every car from Chattanooga in the form of the city auto sticker. The "General" is on every official document from city hall as it appears on the seal of the city of Chattanooga. And the "General" will always remain in the hearts of Chattanoogaans no matter

where it finally resides. Taking the "General" to Georgia would be like leveling Lookout Mountain and carrying the dirt and rocks that make up the mountain to Georgia.

As a child I remember some of my happiest times were spent playing in the cab of the "General." I remember ringing the big brass bell and playing with the old levers that the engineers used over 100 years ago to carry supplies and men to the gray clad Army of the Confederacy. I can remember feeling waking up on June 7, 1961 to learn the "General" was gone. And I'll never forget the terrible feeling I had waiting for the "General" to return to Chattanooga running under its own power and listening to its lonesome wailing whistle as it came around the bend and into view. These are the things that the "General" means to me.

The Chattanooga City Commission has vowed to carry the legal battle to the end, but in reality the city cannot show any legal proof that the engine is theirs. The whole case is based on the broken promises by the L&N and the fact that the "General" was in Chatt-

anooga for more than 70 years.

Two plans to solve the problem have been offered. One is a movement by the north Georgia legislators to have the "General" placed in Chickamauga National Military Park. This way the locomotive would be in Georgia but close enough to Chattanooga to be considered a part of the city. The other plan is to take the "Texas," the pursuing engine in "The Great Locomotive Chase", out of the Atlanta Cyclorama, and to alternate the "General" and the "Texas" between Chattanooga and Kennesaw, Ga. every two or three years.

If the state legislators of Georgia are fair-minded, one of these plans will be used. If not the Western and Atlantic's little engine number three will be gone from Chattanooga forever.

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### Problems And Answers

## Fire Finds Boys Cool

To the Editor:

At very few instances have I been sickened by the apathy of my generation as I was in the early hours of Friday morning. I had been attempting to research a term paper due the next day and was up rather late. Suddenly, I heard shouts coming from Judd Hall, across from Gracy Hall, yelling "Fire!"

I got up, dressed and walked over to Judd to find that half the dorm was watching the flames of a fire which was merrily licking at a doorway of the second and third floor of Gracy.

Someone had set afire two trash cans and one had been knocked over, spewing the flaming debris all over the landing. Although everyone seemed to be enjoying the show, no one made any motion to put the fire out.

I walked over to try to put it out by myself, but I could not find any fire extinguishers at Gracy. I was forced to go to Beasley next door to find one and was about to leave with it when one of the students residing in Beasley told me not to take it because their dorm would be charged for the refilling.

I ignored this imbecile and went back to the fire. But the extinguisher that I had gotten was only half full so I was forced to find another one. I used the one from Smith but this proved almost ineffectual as it wasn't

charged properly. There was a bracket for another one at Beasley but the extinguisher was missing.

On my way to the fire originally, I passed two Gracy Hall residents who walked right past the fires and went into their rooms. For all the shouting that went on, the roomers of Gracy were all sound asleep and thus were safe from involvement and the investigation that followed.

It is an inexcusable situation when the student body will not react for the mutual benefit and health of the rest of us. The fire was not out of control nor was it very large. It might not have spread. And anyway, all these buildings are "fireproof."

This article is being written in the sincere desire that it might disturb enough of the students of this overripe high school to think not of just their little lives but of everyone.

It's a pretty sad state of affairs when people can watch a murder and think that maybe someone else will do something. It has happened elsewhere. It can happen here.

I might further suggest that the fire extinguishing equipment be checked regularly to see that where there should be extinguishers, there are, and that they be charged.

William Lord  
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# Last Rites For Dr. Quill E. Cope, Former MTSU President, Held Today

## Sidelines Represented In New York Conference

By Chuck Snyder

More than 1,790 North can college students — 13 from MTSU — attended annual conference of associated Collegiate Press tional Council of College tions Advisors last week York.

The four-day seminar w in the famed Waldorf-Hotel.

Representing the SID WERE: David Mathis, senior; David Page, sophomore; Jonelle I Murfreesboro senior; Ket Nashville sophomore; Car Milton sophomore.

Jackie Crownover, Mur boro junior; Linda Vines, land, Fla. senior; Charle

Dr. Quill E. Cope, 58, teacher emeritus, died Jan. 10. He was buried in Springfield, Mo.

Open Column

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## 'Dixie': What Does It Mean?

by Sylvester Patrick Brooks

PRESENT GRADING SYSTEM



Why is it you wave your Confederate flags? Why is it you sing your song, "Dixie"? Why do you pay homage to General Nathan Bedford Forrest? All these things are remnants of a very old South, and have no meaningful place in the new South that so many people are working so hard for. You cannot seek a newer world while clinging passionately to the relics of days long given to the past. One cannot

## "Go National" Signal Given MTSU Greeks

MTSU's fraternities and sororities which were probationary affiliation

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## Required Courses Questioned

By Carla Neal

Approximately 40% of the total student credit hours generated during the spring semester will be in fields normally considered general education, said John Weems, dean of admissions, Tuesday.

However, a sampling of eight department heads and deans connected with the general education program at MTSU reveals that most of them feel the program to be failing in some aspects.

Reasons for its failure have fallen into these three categories: 1) many of the courses are not being taught as general education courses 2) the courses are being used as a screening device to weed out the weaker students 3) many of the courses

## Nixon Scores Primary Victory Over Opponents

Editorial

Richard Nixon and his GOP wing-mate, Spiro Agnew, eked a slight win over third party candidate George Wallace yesterday during MTSU's first identical primary.

Nixon—with 671 students—received 40.6% of the ca

## Fill The Rice Bowl To Save Annual Event

Grantland Rice Bowl has the potential of being as exciting a football game as has ever played on Jones Field. Why? .....

of the finest teams selected from a field more than 100 colleges from 10 states will compete: Akron University and Louisiana

## Ends Coaching, Becomes Athletic Director: Murphy

Coach Charles (Bubber) Murphy, coach of the Blue Raiders for 22 years, announced Friday that he is retiring from as head football coach on to serve as athletic director.

by President Scarlett to remain on as Athletic Director.

To help decide who will fill Murphy's position, is a committee whose task it will be to screen applicants and advise the selection.

James Nelson Leonard, 29, assistant professor history at MTSU, was killed late Tuesday afternoon, police said, when his truck struck a concrete abutment near Bell Road.

## Mandatory ROTC Violates Freedoms: Temple

The ROTC program at MTSU is a violation of the freedoms of the First Amendment, said Temple University professor of political science, Dr. Robert Womack, president of the senate.

## 'Little Me' Held Over; 'Stand By' Explained

The Buchanan Players' production of "Little Me" by Neil Simon has been held over two

theater of the Dramatic Arts building at 8 p.m.

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## Three Vie For Homecoming

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## Fouts Questioned Again On Election

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## Faculty Senate Reviews Grading System

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## What's The Answer?

# DIXIE AWARDS

MTSU vs. ETSU

# In Battle Of OVC Losers

The annual ASB from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the Tennessee Room of the fraternities, a

**MTSU Students Suspended After Vandalism Incident**

Michael Goforth

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# Suspended andalism Incident

By Michael Goforth

Three MSTU students were suspended this week after six buildings at Austin Peay State University were vandalized from two weeks ago, it was learned from the president's office yesterday.

The suspensions resulted from an estimated \$1,000 to \$1,200 damage inflicted shortly before the MTSU-APSU grid classic.

Austin Peay officials said this week that six university structures and the campus entrance marker were defaced with paint.

Charles Boeh...

...andalism Incident

newspaper, as saying:

"In general, we are not holding the Middle Tennessee State administration or student body responsible. It was the work of individuals and there is absolutely no evidence of any group conspiracy."

It is reported that the vandalism took place at approximately 2 a.m. Friday morning during a football game.

# Problems And Answers

And Answer

ASB Much More Than  
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at school functions, the  
faculty Senate has not returned  
decision to the president.

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"It involves the dignity of man.

*"Motherhood,  
apple pie  
and ROTC,"*

The judges will be the presidents of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, the ASB president, Jim Free; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Ronnie Owens. The class presidents are: Lee Webb (sophomore) Chattanooga; William Christie, (junior), Shelbyville; and Billy Joe Wiley, (senior) Fayetteville.

# TWO HOLIDAYS ADDED

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## Saturday Schedules Will Not Be Altered: Scarlett



## BSU Students Present 2 Plays

Two plays will be presented by students of the Baptist Student Union Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The free performances will be held in the University Center theatre.

The two plays, "A Thing of Beauty" and "Faith Hawker" are under the direction of Ginger Brooks, Chattanooga junior and all the cast draws from the local BSU. "Faith Hawker" was presented earlier by the same students at the State Baptist Union Convention held in October at First Baptist Church.

Starring in the Faith Hawker are: Roger Traugh, Carolyn Stalnaker, Yvonne Meaker, and Lewis Badwin. Narrator will be Doug Gaither.

Leading roles in the second play are played by Carolyn Wilson, Lela Varner, Randy Brown, Baldwin, David Dukes, and Miss Stalnaker. Narrator for "A Thing of Beauty" is Elliot Dawson.

At intermission folk music will be presented by Gaither, Traugh, and Miss Brooks.



Roger Traugh and Yvonne Meaker rehearse for "Faith Hawker"—one of two plays to be presented by the Baptist Student Union in the University Center theatre Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to everyone.

## Journalism Scholarships Announced

A number of \$50 scholarships will be made available to journalism students here for the summer and fall 1969 semesters, announced John Windhauser, journalism instructor, Thursday.

A newly formed journalism scholarship fund initiated by Windhauser will provide funds necessary to award scholarships to representatives from each of the four classes, said Windhauser.

Written applications should be submitted to Windhauser. The only specification is that the applicant be working on a major or minor in journalism, according to Windhauser.

Winners will be announced at the publications banquet in April, he said.

"The main purpose in setting up this fund is to help students interested in a journalism career," said Windhauser.

He added that there will be no specification as to how the money is to be spent except that it must apply to student's education.

Windhauser said that the scholarships will be received after the students have paid their fees and enrolled in classes for that semester.

Applicants will be selected by the faculty, Windhauser said. The faculty will co-ordinate all fund-raising activities with the director of development and the director of student aid.

No name has as yet been selected for the fund. However, one will be selected and announced this spring.

## MTSU Launches MBA Program

MTSU will begin course work for the recently authorized Master of Business Administration degree with the opening of the spring semester January 25-27, according to Dr. Firman Cunningham, dean of the School of Business and Industry.

Dr. Fowler Todd, head of the Department of Business Administration at MTSU, stated that an attractive Saturday and evening schedule had been provided for this semester. Some eight or ten required courses will be available this spring with a full program being provided for the summer. Only Memphis State, the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State Universities offer the MBA degree.

"The Master of Business Administration courses of study provide for professional education in the development of students for managerial positions in business and government or to provide for additional graduate study," Dr. Todd stated. The program was under preparation at MTSU for three years and was authorized by the Commission on Higher Education in November of 1968.

Admission to the M.B.A. program is open to all graduates with above average scholastic records from accredited colleges or universities who pass the Miller Analogy and Co-operative English Achievement

tests. Students who have a baccalaureate degree in business administration may complete the degree requirements in one calendar year. Those lacking a significant background in business and economics will need an additional year to earn the degree.

Among the courses that will be available during the spring semester are Saturday courses in Advanced Computer Finance, Marketing Theories and Problems, Developing of Marketing Thought, Comparative Economics Systems, Research Methods in Economics. Other evening courses offered during the spring semester will be Organization Theory (Monday nights); Advanced Economic Analysis II (Tuesday nights); Organizational Behavior (Thursday nights).

The majority of these night classes meet from six until eight o'clock. Saturday classes are scheduled at three different two hour periods. Other Graduate Courses will be available in both Business Administration and Economics during the regular weekly schedule with a full program being scheduled for the summer, Dr. Todd said.

## February Draft Set at 33,700

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The Department of Defense has requested the Selective Service System to provide 33,700 inductees in February 1969. Of this total, 32,200 will be assigned to the Army and 1,500 to the Marine Corps.

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## MTSU Placement Office Stresses Registration

If the start of the Spring semester is also the start of your senior year, and you want some help in locating employment, Mrs. Martha Turner of the MTSU Placement Office advises that you should register with her office as soon as classes start.

"Students should register at the first of their senior year in order to have a complete 'file' with us," said Mrs. Turner.

This "file" is kept permanently and includes the student's personal data sheet, faculty recommendations, student teaching evaluation (when applicable) and an unofficial transcript of credits. It is available to prospective employers upon request.

Asked to describe exactly what the placement office is, Mrs. Turner replied: "The placement office operates as a service to the students and graduates of MTSU. It offers the seniors an opportunity to explore the various career fields and meet the recruiters from business, education and government, who visit our campus each year."

The peak months of the recruiting season being November, February and March; over 100 recruiters from business and government and 70 in the field of education will actually be on campus this year.

Some agencies don't actually send an interviewer, but notify the office of their needs by other means. Last year the office was notified of 38,000 teaching positions open in 35 states, ranging from Vermont to California.

Not all students use the free placement service though. Of 640 graduates in 1965, 362 seniors availed the service.

In 1968, 565 seniors out of 894 applied, raising the percentage from 1965 to 1968 from 56% to 63%.

Mrs. Turner said she doesn't think enough of the students use the service. "I feel like we should have 90-100% of registration."

One of the main reasons not everyone takes advantage of the service is that it isn't required. "And some just don't want it or need it," Mrs. Turner explained.

The office also advises not to take jobs on a first-come, first served basis. Students are told to "shop around."

## 'Midlander' Releases Schedule

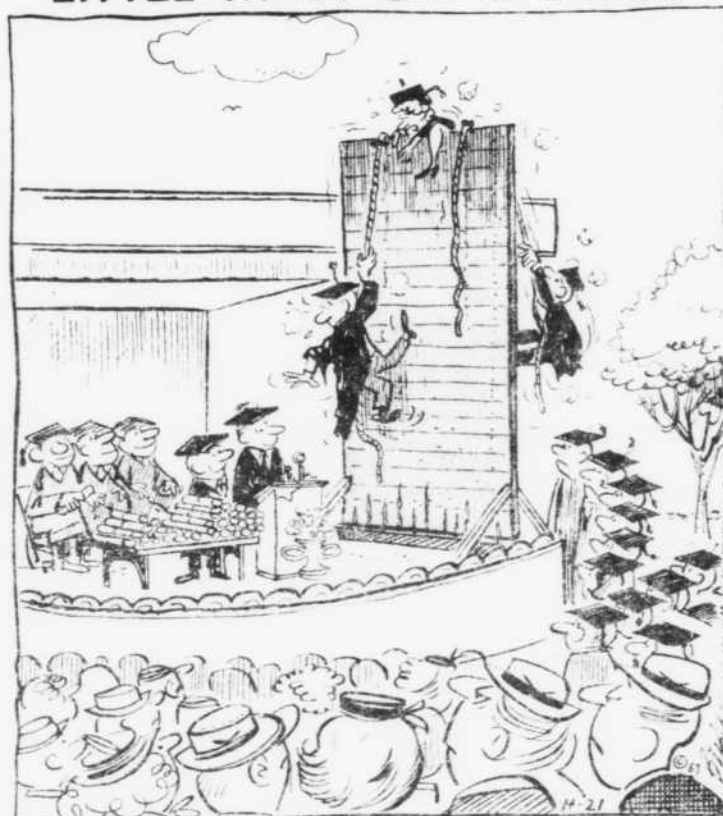
Picture schedule for Midlander club pictures.

Mon. Jan. 13  
D.A. Arena theater  
6:30 SNEA-1st group  
6:50 U.E. Club  
7:00 Tau Sigma  
7:10 T Club  
7:20 SNEA-2nd group  
7:30 Sp. Club  
7:40 Fr. Club

Tues. Jan. 14  
D.A. theater  
6:30 Buchanan Players  
U.C. theater  
6:50 SNEA 3rd group  
7:00 Home Ec. Club  
7:10 SNEA 4th group

All clubs interested in being in the Midlander who have not notified the Midlander Office, do so by Jan. 14.

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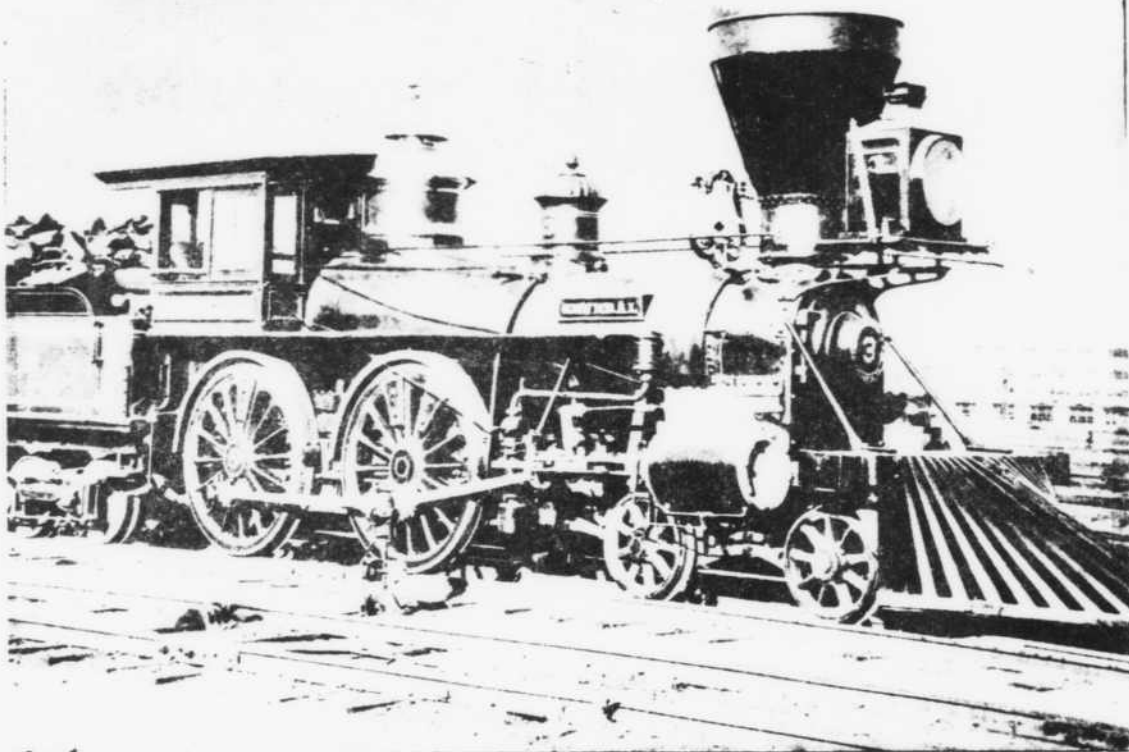
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This is the "General" as it appeared before the L & N renovated it for the Civil War Centennial. The little wood-burning engine stayed in Chattanooga for more than 70 years and now is the center of a long battle for its possession.

## The 'General' In Court Battle

(Continued from page 1)

was scheduled for permanent display at Kennesaw, Ga.

As the train carrying the "General" passed through Chattanooga, Mayor Kelley captured the train and the legal battle began.

Judge Wilson's ruling came after 16 months of Federal Court proceedings.

Chattanooga's case was based on the L & N's allegedly promising to return the "General" to the city, and pamphlets published by the L & N stating that Chattanooga was the "General's" permanent resting place.

City Attorney Eugene Collins said it was apparent that the case would be appealed since it would cost less than \$500. The City Commission unofficially vowed to "go all the way" to get a legal title to the engine.

The Commission is waiting to make an official statement while Collins studies the recent ruling.

Fire and Police Commissioner James B. Turner even suggested the possibility of cancelling the L & N franchise in Chattanooga if the engine isn't returned to the city "as promised."

Mayor A. L. Bender said the City Commission may change the official Chattanooga seal if the city loses the General because the engine is a prominent part of the seal.

Meanwhile some of the North Georgia state legislators have started a campaign to have the "General" located in Chickamauga Military Park in Georgia, nine miles south of Chattanooga. This plan has been editorially endorsed by both the CHAT-

TANOOGA NEWS FREE PRESS and the CHATTANOOGA TIMES.

William N. Spears, L & N lawyer said, "We've told them (city officials) that we will put the General anywhere in the world that they and the state of Georgia can agree on."

The "General" gained its fame in an episode of the Civil War on April 12, 1862, which has become known as "The Great Locomotive Chase."

On this date, James J. Andrews led a raid to destroy the railroad line between Atlanta and Chattanooga. Had his plan worked Chattanooga, the crossroads of the South's railroad system, would have been defenseless against an invasion by Union armies.

Andrews and his men boarded the "General" at Big Shanty (now Kennesaw), Ga., and began the trip north to Chattanooga. Captain William A. Fuller, conductor, led a party to capture their stolen train.

Fuller put so much pressure on the Andrews Raiders by use of a hand car and the

engine, "Texas," that their mission was not a success. Fuller and the pursuing men overtook the "General" outside of Ringgold, Ga., as it ran out of fuel.

Andrews and his men were captured and hanged in Atlanta. They were buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

## Snyder Offers Credit in Rome

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

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

this program.

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

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

## Notice

The Business Office will not cash checks during the last week of this semester or the period between semesters.

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## Sports Comment

## Raiders Edge Morehead In OVC Thriller

By Gary Davenport

The only word to describe the MTSU 93-88 overtime victory over Morehead Saturday night is sheer desire. They wanted to win, and as one spectator remarked following the game, "they played their hearts out."

Going into the game, the Raiders had dropped four games, three of them were on the road during the holidays, and now they were returning home with a game against the high-scoring Morehead team.

Booker Brown got the Blue started on the right path as he sunk the first shot of the game, but State came right back with one of their own and the tempo of the game was set.

But where Willie left off, Art Polk picked up as he put on a shooting, passing, and rebounding exhibition that made one person reply that "he played the best game of his life." Polk went into the dressing room at halftime with 12 points on six field goals. The Blue Raiders were behind, however, 42-38, and the game had just begun.

The second half started out in a bang, and it was all Art Polk. In the first 49 seconds of the game, he scored six points to push the Raiders to a two point lead, but Morehead State wasn't to be denied. They tied it up immediately and during the second half the score was knotted eight times.

Willie Brown, who came back on the court for the second half of action, collected his fifth foul with 13:29 left in the game

and minutes later, Booker Brown committed his last foul to leave the game with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Willie hit for 13 points and five rebounds before leaving.

As the game got into the final minutes, neither team had a commanding lead. The Raiders were behind as much as seven points in the latter stage but kept battling back. As the game ended, the score was deadlocked at 79-79 and the game went into a five minute overtime period.

The Raiders were never behind as Polk collected six points in the period and Tommy Brown and Steve McElhaney handed the ball superbly in handing Morehead its first Ohio Valley Conference loss and making the initial first win in the conference for the Raiders.

Polk closed out the game with 34 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to easily take top honors in both departments. He hit on 14-24 from the field and 6-10 from the free-throw line.

Terry Scott, playing one of his better games, hit for 12 points and got 10 rebounds. McElhaney got seven points, two from the field and three from the charity line, and T. Brown got 6 points. Derry Cochran pumped in 4, both from the field.

The freshmen won its seventh game in twelve outings as they trampled over Sewart Air Force Base 80-51 after building up a 58-18 halftime lead. Joe Barclay got 20 points, and did Tommy Legg. Sam McCaney and Jim Drew also hit in double figures

as they got 12 and 14 respectively.

With 1:07 seven left in the game Saturday night against Morehead State, MTSU called a time-out. Terry Scott had just taken a hard spill after trying to grab a rebound off the offensive boards. Seconds later, when time resumed, Scott hobbled onto the court with his ankle wrapped in tape, to finish the game.

This example showed just how much the Blue Raiders wanted to win the game. But did they win the battle off the field? The MTSU fans showed the worst sportsmanship that has ever been displayed in this winning effort for the team. But it was not a complete win because of their actions.

As every student knows, part of winning and losing is showing respect for the other team, their players and coaches. Many times during the game, the fraternities and fans in the MTSU side of the visitors end, threw paper cups and one time, during a time out, one male student threw a small basketball thrown into the stands by the cheerleaders at the visiting team while consulting with their coach.

The Blue Raiders have shown that they can win just about anybody at home, but on the road going has been a little rough.

My congratulations to Art Polk! Following the overtime win, Art was on the opponent's end of the gym, and the first step he made, following the buzzer, was toward the Morehead bench to congratulate the coach on a good game. Why can't we take his example?



Susan Heller, a Columbia junior, left, is seen here receiving the sweater and blouse that she won by naming the Sigma Nu snake. Seen with her is Mrs. Loyd, owner of The Cotton Patch, from whom the winning prize came.

## Greek Snake Gets Name

Sigma Nu Collony announced the winners of the "Name the Snake" Contest that was held Dec. 2-4th. The winners are Susan Heller, a junior from Columbia and Michael Moss, a senior from Greenville, Penn.

Miss Heller's winning entry was "Julius Squeezor." For her winning effort, Miss Heller received a blouse and sweater from The Cotton Patch.

Moss's entry was the winning male entry out of 625 ballots entered. His winning monicker was Boawinkle. His winning entry won Moss a shirt, tie, and sweater from The Men's Shop.

"Some of the names were very unique and showed originality, but were not suited for mixed company," laughed George Brown, contest chairman.



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## First Semester Freshmen React To Coming Exams

By Donna Hanvy

Apathy reigned in replies given to queries on final exams. "Big deal" was the popular reaction. However, I managed to reach a few conclusions from the stirring response.

There is general agreement that the terror tales about exams that everybody hears before entering college are gross exaggerations, except as pertains to two or three teachers that I have. Also, the idea of chapter tests in lieu of a super-comprehensive exam is much favored.

The cramming method was commonly supported as an efficient tool. As one freshman stated, "Even if you study all along, you need to cram right before the exam. Unless your memory bank is just something fantastic, you can't recall all those notes that seethe and crawl with detail."

One excellent point was expressed in regard to the percentage count of an exam. Sometimes a student can be making fairly good grades and see his semester average annihilated by a poor exam grade.

Many felt the percentage proportion was unfair and amazingly destructive.

But alas, we must retain our cheer, although relatives and others are confident of nervous collapse during exam week. Why, the other night when I walked into the infirmary with a jammed finger, the nurse took my temperature and asked if I were worried about exams. She seemed to believe that had something to do with my swollen finger.

Despair not, friends. Remember that this too shall pass even if you don't.

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