Christmas--a day of Christian faith

by Doug Cole

For the next three weeks the majority of people of this country will be looking for the coming of a man in a red suit and will accompany these actions with the singing of "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night."

Many people tend to overlook the fact that Christmas is a product of the Christian faith, and that not everyone follows those beliefs.

"When we were little my parents didn't want us growing up without knowing about Christmas and Santa Claus," Larry Lipman, a member of the Jewish faith, said.

"They had a Christmas tree with all the decorations and things like that. However, we would also celebrate Hanukkah," he said.

His family would exchange small gifts on the first and last day of Hanukkah, and on Christmas Day they get together and exchange gifts.

"Christmas is not looked upon as a religious holiday for us, it's just when we celebrate and give our gifts for Hanukkah," Lipman said. He went on to add that some Jewish families are beginning to bring their children up so that they are not familiar with Christmas, even though it is hard to ignore Christmas since this society is predominately Christian.

Other religions that do not celebrate the Yuletide are often found in the Middle East, where the influence of western traditions was as prevalent. Asoon Vafaie is a member of the Baha'i religion and her roommate Mahnaz Najimi is a Moslem.

Both students said they would be going out of town during the winter break to visit either family or friends but neither had plans to celebrate Christmas. Najimi said that at the beginning of their new year, which comes around the end of March, they have a special celebration during which the older persons give gifts to the younger

ones.

The holiday is also a time when each family visits other members of the family, she added.

In the Baha'i religion they have a two-week period that comes around the time of MTSU's spring break. It's called the Now-rauz, Vafaie said. It's something like your Christmas," she added.

Often overlooked are those who espouse no belief in any religion. One ahteist student who wished to remain anonymous, said that he did celebrate Christmas.

"I don't recognize it as a religious holiday," he said. "But to me it is a time to give."



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Cable T.V. on campus; dorms not yet considered

by Jerry Williamson

Cable television is expected to be installed at MTSU in the March April time frame, Don Shuler, director of Murfreesboro Cable Television, said.

"We are now in the building process, but when we get to MTSU we will have a direct time so it can program anything filmed back to us. Then we can send it out to the customers of Murfreesboro," he said.

Programs will be able to be filmed at MTSU studios and then sent to the cable service during which they will program it to the schools or to the public.

Pertaining to installation of cable in the dorms, Shuler said, "The area of the dorms is kind of gray at the moment. I'm just waiting of the new President (Sam Ingram) to see what he wants."

"If they had the dorms wired we could tie in the system and send this to the customers on campus just like we do our other customers," Shuler said.

"We could put the plays, sports

and class programs into the cable," he said.

Channels available through the cable service is WNGE, Nashville (2); WZTV, Nashville (17); WSM, Nashville (4); WTVF, Nashville (5); WTCG, Atlanta (17); Home Box Office; WDCN, Nashville (8); Time and Temperature; Religious Programming; News-Sports; Educational and Government access; and Murfreesboro Cable.

Shuler said that the biggest reason for having cable television is "variety." Cable television will provide 24-hour programming which will include news, weather, movies, sports, childrens shows and home box office.

Home box office, a station that shows an average of eight first-run movies each month, is expected to be the major reason for students wishes to have it installed on campus.

"We've had a lot of phone calls from the students in the dorms, fraternities, and off campus students wanting cable installation," Shuler said.

Valuable items--take them home

"Everyone should take home any valuable merchandise they own—stereos, speakers, etc.," warns Chief Matthew Royal, campus police, about the upcoming Christmas holidays.

Royal also advises each student to record the serial number of all valuable items for possible identification purposes in case of theft.

According to Royal, emphasis will be placed on watching the dorms this holiday season as has been the practice for the last four years. This practice has kept vandalism and theft to a minimum.

Royal said that police routine will run relatively the same as it is now.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Dorm windows twinkle with lights and some people have already finished their Christmas shopping. Above, Wesley Foundation members decorate a tree for the UC second floor. See related story and photo on page 5. [Robin Rudd photo]

ASB House not living up to potential--Floyd

by Janet Hyatt

The house, which has the "greatest potential" of any body in the ASB, isn't living up to that potential, Speaker Mark Floyd told the 11 members who were present at Tuesday's meeting.

Floyd suggested the possibility of presenting legislation that would enforce attendance requirements already set up in the by-laws for the

"If reprsentatives do not regularly attend they would appear before the screening committee and have

their charter revoked if they can't give just cause for not having representation," Floyd said.

If an organization is going to be recognized by the university, they ought to take some responsibility, he added.

"It's like the state and nation," Floyd explained. "If the state is going to be part of the nation, it has to share the responsibility.'

Floyd said a revisement of the university standing rules, if the house members see fit, should be a last resort.

"A drive for membership," which would include written communication as well as personal visits to the 140 university recog-nized organizations listed in the Rescue Handbook, was a suggestion to combat low attendance.

Floyd said a revisement of the university standing rules, if the house members see fit, should be a

"It may be that organizations are not aware that they have the right to have representation. If so, maybe we can get attendance up by informing them," he said.

Floyd said that some organizations are hard to get in touch with since many do not have post office boxes and some only meet once a

The campus police's new radar

gun went into use Monday, accord-

ing to Matthew Royal, chief of

university police. The 25 mph limit

on campus and 15 mph limit in

parking lots will be strictly en-

that can be placed in any of the

security vehicles. However, only

one patrolman per shift will be

There is one portable radar unit

"If attendance hasn't picked up in January, I would be in favor of considering legislation to enforce attendance," Floyd said.

Floyd said the ASB affects the university and the university affects organizations, so they should be involved in policy making.

Floyd also said he was not satisfied with what the house has done this semester.

Internal fighting has caused the ASB to lose sight ot their major concern-the student," he said. "We were beating our own drums and we couldn't hear the students. It threw us four steps backwards."

Floyd added, "The house hasn't been the source of the internal bickering, it's just that the house had to deal with it."

Speed strictly enforced with radar



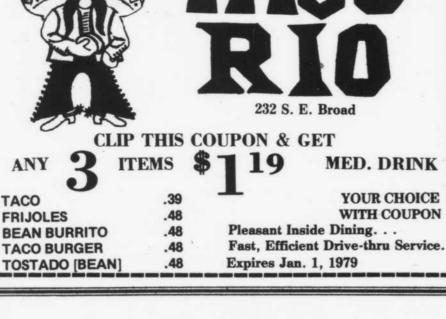
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equipped with the mechanism.

Even though the radar locations

will be constantly changing, a close watch will be placed on such high speed and accident areas as the street by the Learning Resources Center, married housing and the loop in front of Old Main.

According to Royal, any visitors guilty of speeding on campus will receive a city citation and will be required to either pay the fine or appear before Murfreesboro City Court.





Prison reform and funerals subjects of Mitford's books

by Lisa Human

Ask Jessica Mitford why she decided to start writing, and she will likely answer "because it sounded like a good idea at the time."

At least that is what she told a group of MTSU students in her lecture Tuesday night in the LRC.

Her books, including A Kind and Unusual Punishment, and The American Way of Death, deal with such controversial subjects as prison reforms and funeral prices.

Mitford was raised by eccentric English parents who did not believe in giving women formal education. "Some of my family were friends of Hitler and advocates to the cause," Mitford said, "but I took the other direction and began saving money for a 'running away account' at an early age."

After running away to the Spanish Civil War at age 19, Mitford took various jobs such as bartenders assistant and typist. In the late 1940's she went to California and worked as a local secretary of the civil rights Congress.

"I was consistently subpoenaed by the house for doing un-American activities," she said, adding that when the civil rights Congress fell through, she found herself middle aged with no education and no job.

Then she stepped into a writing career and made a success of it.

The American Civil Liberties Union asked Mitford to write some articles on civil rights of prisoners. "I first approached a criminologist who told me to turn in a blank sheet of paper on criminals rights, for they have none," she said.

As Mitford got more involved with her interviews, she found herself inside the prison walls of the Washington, D.C., women's lockup for 10 days. "Everyone knew I was not really a prisoner," she said. She found out some interesting facts during this esca-

MTSU employees given awards

At an awards presentation in the president's dining room Wednesday morning, 56 MTSU administrators, faculty members and employees received recognition for their years of service to the state.

Pres. M.G. Scarlett presented the awards and 10-, 15- and 20-year service pins.

Receiving the 20-year recognition awards were June Anderson of the science department, Jack Deere of HPERS and James Snider of custodial services.

Scarlett was among the recipients of the 10-year award. "When I came here I was 47. Now I am leaving at age 67. This job has aged me 20 years and yet I only received the 10 year pin," he laughed.

pade, which she incorporated in her book on prison reforms, A Kind and Unusual Punishment.

She found that prisoners were not allowed to see certain radical magazines, although they were supposed to be able to receive any magazine a person on the outside could purchase.

She also discovered that many prison officials had not even seen a rule book.

After discussing important aspects of her books, which many people in the audience brought along with them for autographs, Mitford answered questions on her attitudes toward prisons and funerals



Final projects are not always that bad. This one looks like fun. Mickie Green helps her mother Cindy set the table for her final photography project. [Larry McCormack photo]



"Sure, join our study group, we're doing a case history."

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College life one-of-a-kind

"Your college years are the best years of your life," a one-year alumni told me this week. "Stay in school, don't graduate."

Great, I thought, if this is the best then the rest is really going to be pathetic. But then, I realized my friend may have a point: we'll never live like this again.

Take money, for instance. It's perfectly alright for college students to be broke; in fact, a rich college student is pretty suspicious. We save nickels for supper at the City Cafe, we scrape up pennies to pay the Armondo's person and we feel rich when we discover that forgotten \$5 bill.

EDITORIAL

Some of us deal with checks, not cash. We can manipulate Harvey Wallbanker's buttons with astonishing speed and have developed our own brand of shorthand writing checks when there's eight people waiting in line behind.

College students are also unique for attitudes toward food. Now just stop and think about—when was the last time you sat down and ate a home-cooked meal like you used to at home? Probably the last time was the last time you went home, right? We're famous for existing on hastily-grabbed hamburgers and stale coffee.

We operate on strange hours, too. Can you see yourself five years from now, staying up til 3 a.m. and getting up at 7:30? What about those days you eat breakfast after everyone else ate lunch? No way you can get away with that in the real world.

And think about all the risks we take: finishing term papers three minutes before they're due, letting overdue library books accumulate under the bed and ignoring the no-booze university rule. What if the police found out about every illegal thing you've ever done on campus? Scary, right?

So to all you reluctant souls who will be walking up the stage at Murphy Center in your black robes—good luck with the cold, cruel world. You'll never have it this good again. $-Cathy\ Wood$

Spirit award not necessary

Through the winning seasons of recent years, Blue Raider basketball has become a rallying point for the MTSU student body. This season Blue Raider basketball has been billed as the show of shows, a billing the event generally lives up to. The team, the band, the facility and the fans make Blue Raider basketball a first class act.

This season also brings about the first annual spirit award. The award goes to the campus organization that displays the most spirit at MTSU games throughout the season.

The spirit award is being offered in good faith by the athletic department in order to make Blue Raider basketball even more appealing. However, the award will most likely serve to sectionalize the Raider rooters.

Instead of coming together as a student body, many Raider fans are coming as groups within that body. The once-gathering point then becomes divided and loses some of it's appeal.

The point is not a critical one, and undoubtedly there are many concerns with greater bearing on the lives of MTSU students. The point is made in attempt to preserve a popular gathering place, one of the few on campus, for what it should be.

If a group award is given for spirit (mind you, spirit is an overworked and undefinable word anyway) let's all join what might be called the 'non-descript club' and claim the trophy for everyone who supports the "Blue."

—Henry Fennell

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House attendance is poor

The house is the largest body of the ASB and is designed to represent the students of this campus. However, less than half the full membership has attended most of the house meetings this semester.

The house meetings should be attended by one representative from every university recognized organization. There are 140 organizations listed in the Rescue handbook. Two meetings this semester were dismissed because of the 25 members required for a quota were not present. In the most recent meeting only 11 members were present.

Everyone is quick to criticize the campus and university, yet most of the organizations that are given the right of representation refuse to take advantage of it.

Attendance has been encouraged through correspondence as well as personal visits from the speaker, but to no avail.

Now the members of the house who do show up are talking about legislation that will force attendance.

These organizations reap all the benefits of being recognized by the university, yet they refuse to share the responsibility of the workload which comes with the running of a large school.

The ASB has done very little for the students this semester. This partially can be attributed to the total lack of involvement of most members of the main functioning body.

It will be a sad state of affairs if the house has to pass legislation forcing attendance, but in this case force is necessary. —Janet Hyatt

Madrigal dinner a success

To the Editor:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who helped us to create the madrigal dinner last Friday evening: the speech and theatre departments; the singers and musicians whose excellent performances throughout the evening were much lauded and appreciated, the herald, the minstrel, the juggler, the gymnasts and the Shakespeare players—all of whom helped to make the dinner a festive occasion.

A very special word of gratitude goes to ail the people on ARA Food Services who worked very hard to make the evening a success. Their spirit of cooperation and equanimity in meeting our unusual requests ("Do you mind if we have those who will be serving in costume?" "We would like to have people seated on one side of the table only." "Now for an appetizer, we would like to serve gourd soup.") made our jobs easier, and their preparation of the 15th century food from authentic recipes of the period was an extraordinary effort. Our thanks to all of you.

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Please send all letters and comments to SIDELINES, Box 42.



Santa's helpers look on as Santa gives Bill another policeman kit at the "E" quad Christmas party. The traditional excitement of celebrating Christmas early shows on the faces of Jay Colley, Bill Lane, Steve Johnson and Joey Rutter. [Larry McCormack photo]

Christmas spirits aglow as quad celebrates early

by Larry McCormack

I wonder what I'm going to get this year? The package is too small to be a toy shaving kit—what I've gotten for the past two years.

All the guys are staggering, I mean, filled with the Christmas spirit.

This is the start of the third annual Joey "E" Rutter and friends Christmas party. Flashing lights in the window, gifts under the tree and the fresh scent of the real pine tree fills the air with memories of Christmas past.

This story really started two years ago when I was just a young freshman. The quad had always been close, so we decided to exchange gag gifts for an early Christmas.

We cut down our own tree, decorated it with homemade ornaments and sloppily wrapped gifts with leftover newspapers that we had neglected to read.

Presents ranged anywhere from a water pistol and badge for Bill, a criminal justice major, to, like I said, a toy shaving kit for the youngest member of the quad, me.

After opening the gifts and playing with our toys, we decided to share our enthusiasm with others around the campus by going carolling. Joey dressed up in a Santa suit with cotton for a beard, filled his Santa sack with candy for all the girls and guys and set out across campus.

As Santa and his helpers walked across campus, we were stopped by the campus police, but this didn't dampen the spirits of Santa and his jolly followers.

Santa strolled over to the officers and with a hearty "Ho Ho Ho" and wished them a Merry Christmas. Now who in their right mind would arrest Santa?

Suddenly I'm brought back from memories of Christmas past by the entrance of Joey carrying plenty of holiday spirits.

The party has expanded quite a bit. Twenty guys crowded around the tiny dorm room passing around pretzels and yelling to "get Santa another beer. It's not Christmas unless you really tear up the paper," Joey said as he passed out presents.

Tim got a yoyo, several guys got guns, Jay got an obscene present and I, well, I regressed from a toy shaving kit to ...a baby pacifier!

Reporter's dreams shattered by a filled space

by David Pierce

I was sitting in the Sidelines office yesterday around 8 a.m., racking my brain out trying to think of a story when Roger Minolta, our photographer, raced into the office.

"Haven't you heard?" he shouted.

"About what?"

"Come on, you've got to see it to believe it," he said as he clutched my arm and literally dragged me out the door.

"Will you just slow down and tell me where you're taking me?" I begged.

"Only to the biggest story you'll ever see on this campus," he boasted. "Look! I knew it!" he shouted a second later. "A crowd has already gathered."

We waded through the barage of onlookers and there it was. If I weren't such a rational reporter, I'd have sworn that there was even a small, radiant glow emanating from it.

This is it, folks! The big ones, I thought. And I'm going to get to cover it! In all my years of reporting on the MTSU campus, I had never seen anything like this. Oh yes, there was a rumor of such a thing years ago, further investigation proved it to be just a rumor.

But this time it was for real. Here it was and here I was. I pinched and slapped myself to make sure that I really was there. Then I checked my watch against others who were witnessing this phenomena. It was exactly 8:01 a.m. and there, before all these hundreds of witnesses, lay an empty parking place.

I snatched Roger's camera off of his neck. "Go interview someone! I shouted at him.

"Who?" he shouted back hopelessly.

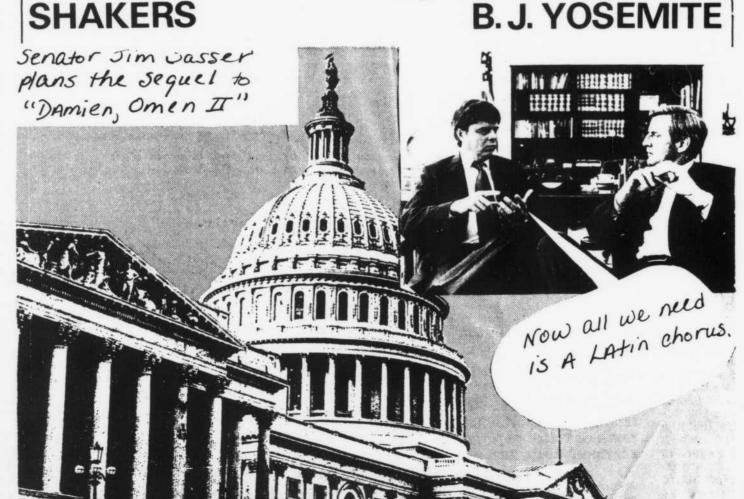
"I don't know," I said. "Try the

hospital and see if this is under quarantine or something. Then try the police department and see if they've had any cases of mass car theft in the last 24 hours. Just find out why this space is empty at 8:01 on a Thursday morning.'

BEEP! BEEP!

A green Pinto was making its

way through the crowd like Orca the killer whale through the sea. I tried to sight the camera once again, but the attempt was futile. Just as I snapped the shutter, that Pinto was already half-way into the once-empty space. As the spectacle ended, the crowd silently dimished.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY

Recruiting: Marines; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC basement

Senior Recital: Music department; 8 p.m., UC theatre

SATURDAY

ACT Examination: 8 a.m.-noon, Tennessee Room, JUB Sigma Phi Epsilon Workshop: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 322 Christmas party: Employees of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Company; 6:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB

MONDAY

Vocational Rehabilitation Workshop: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 305 Women's Basketball: MTSU vs. Vanderbilt; 5:45 p.m. Murphy Center

Basketball: MTSU vs. Tennessee State; 8 p.m., Murphy Center

When your roommate is having the annual Christmas party and you need a quiet place to study for finals, head for the library. Besides offering solitude, it's a shelter from winter rain and one of MTSU's few social centers. [Linda Ward Corley photo]

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Hearing postponed for MTSU professor

A General Sessions Court hearing in the case of the State vs. Robert Scollon, MTSU associate professor of psychology, scheduled for 1 p.m. yesterday, was postponed by special prosecutor's request until 1 p.m., Dec. 14.

Scollon was arrested Nov. 11 in connection with the shooting of his son-in-law, Muhummad El-Malah, following a "domestic squabble," according to police.

In another General Sessions court hearing yesterday, former student Tom Robinson, of Lenoir City, was bound over to the grand jury for fraudulent breach of trust.

That charge stemmed from a November search of Robinson's apartment on 606 Lillard Rd. that resulted in the recovery of 14 books from the university library.

"We really don't know what we're going to do about that case," assistant district attorney Jeff Henry said. "He returned the books and paid up the fines. We're going to have to decide how we want to present it to the grand jury."

Robinson was also charged with receiving and concealing stolen property as a result of an incident this summer. On June 12 police found a stereo turntable taken from a Kentucky residence in his possession. That charge was dismissed yesterday.

Jonestown incident opened America's eyes

by Lisa Human

You receive an invitation to a free dinner anytime next week to discuss ways of "creating a more caring society."

As you walk into the house, soft music is playing, people are friendly and warm and you listen to them talk about a wonderful society where everyone loves one another. As the night goes on you are invited on a weekend trip. Overcome by their hospitality, you agree to go. Why not?

You are hauled in a bus with other "brothers and sisters" (everyone is so close) and you sing songs together and talk about love. You have a wonderful weekend of loving companionship.

Now you are asked to sign up for a week-long retreat. Sounds good, doesn't it? Pretty soon you start committing yourself to your brothers and sisters, and before you know it, they want you're income and total commitment.

This is an example of how people may get tricked into joining cults and become brainwashed, according to Harold Whiteside, a social psychologist and instructor at MTSU.

In a speech yesterday afternoon sponsored by Psi Chi society, Whiteside claimed that the Jonestown incident opened up America's

1979 field trips slated by dept.

Field trips to the western United States, Mexico and the British Isles have been planned for the spring and summer sessions of 1979 by the department of geography and earth sciences.

During the spring break, the trip to Mexico is expected to visit sites such as the National Museum of Anthropology-Archeology, the Castle of Chapultepec and the Tiatelco settlement site. Total cost for this trip is \$459 for a double room and \$439 for a triple.

The canyon lands of Utah, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and the Rocky Mountains will be among the sites explored during the 19 day trip to the western United States. Cost for this trip, expected to begin June 10, is \$205.

A trip to the British Isles is expected to take place during the second term of summer school. The trip will cover the areas of England, Scotland and Wales. Details concerning this trip are not yet complete.

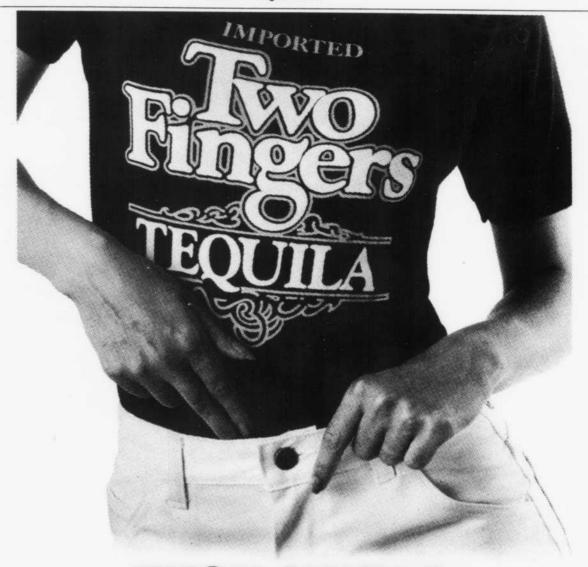
Each trip carries three hours credit in geology, earth science or geography and is open to all interested persons. Registration is also available on a non-credit basis.

For more information, interested persons should contact MTSU department of geography and earth science, 898-2726, or the office of continuing education, 898-2462.

eyes to something that has been going on for years, not only with groups such as the Manson family, the SLA and the Moonies, but with groups that society approves of as well.

"There is a place in our society where young girls are taken at an early age, their hair is cut off and they are taught to believe a certain way. This place is generally known as a convent," Whiteside said.

The Marines and even parents brain wash people but don't force people to keep certain beliefs, Whiteside explained. "Brainwashing only really becomes harmful when the people involved are not allowed to leave," he said. "As long as you have the door open, it's fine, but when you try to start shutting people out, (or in) that's where the trouble starts."



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Hurt resignation, ASB, faculty, admir

by Jane Mier

The resignation and replacement of head football coach Ben Hurt along with several conflicts within

the ASB and in the faculty and administration highlight the list of MTSU's news events this semester. Hurt resigned Nov. 6, after



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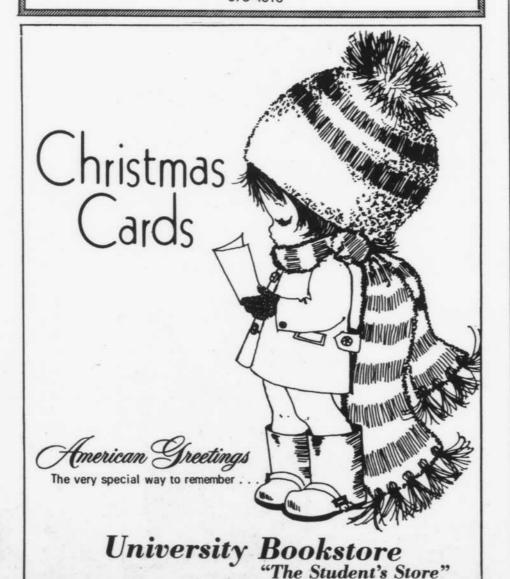
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failing in a four-year effort to revive the Raiders' sagging program. Several players had quit the team, claiming politics had cost MTSU several games. Hurt finished the 1978 season with 1-9-1 record.

James "Boots" Donnelly was named MTSU's new head football coach. Donnelly, who is leaving his head coaching position at Austin Peay was selected out of the 37 applicants for the job by the athletic

Outgoing university president M.G. Scarlett attended many banquets and received numerous awards during his last semester at MTSU, including The Outstanding Leadership Award from Omega Psi



President-elect Sam Ingram, wh was chosen at MTSU's sixth pres dent last June, has said that he is the learning stage and has not y made any plans for change. He w assume the presidency on Jan. 1

In the first ASB meeting of th year, the senate rejected three Pres. Mike McDonad's appointed to cabinet positions. Byron Wes who was to be confirmed as election commissioner, met opposition when it was revealed that he did n meet the number of require semester hours. A question impeachment was raised but We later resigned. Freshmen senatori elections were held Sept. 26 and 2

James Lotochinski, freshma senate candidate, was investigate in response to complaints that h had violated various campaig regulations including over-spend ing his budget and was formal charged. The charges were late dropped in a closed session of th ASB Supreme Court on the ground that the election commission ha not approved spending limits prid to the election and therefore th elections could be ruled invalid.

Senator Cheryl Saggese, Joh Paffrath and Dennis Poly sponsore an impeachment resolution, claim ing that Chief Justice Ricky More head and Attorney General Eddi

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members who felt the administration was ignoring them.

•Support was slow from individual faculty members on a lawsuit organized by Lee Sikes of history and Phil Harper of accounting. The lawsuit is against the state board of regents and MTSU for taking parking fines from faculty paychecks without consent.

•Released statistics in October showed that approximately 8,670 parking decals had been issued compared to the 4,676 available parking spaces.

•The NCB was renamed Peck Hall in honor of Richard C. and Virginia L. Peck, retired MTSU English professors.

•A gubernatorial and senatorial straw poll held on campus resulted in the defeat of Jake Butcher by Lamar Alexander and in the victory of Howard Baker over Jane Eskind. These mock victories became actualities on Nov. 7 when Alexander became Tennessee's new governor by carrying 55 percent of the votes. Baker also defeated Eskind with 55 percent. Democrat Keith Bissell

won the race for public service commissioner with 57 percent of the votes.

•"Raider Fever" hit the campus in the guise of a parade, a dance, Activities Day, parties and reunions for the 1979 homecoming. The Raiders lost to Austin Peay 28-17. Barbara Gibson won the homecoming queen election.

•Tennis courts and a laundromat were two construction projects for the year. Total cost was approximately \$100,000. The construction will be finished next semester.

The state board of regents approved more than \$3 million for capital improvements. Some of the money will be allocated for the renovation of Jones Hall, the renovation of the heating/air conditioning systems in Old Main, reroofing the JUB and replacing the stagelighting control in the DA Auditorium.

•Several eminent speakers highlighted the special events committee programming. Sir Geoffrey deFreitas, a member of the English parliament, was here Sept. 22;



Timothy Leary spoke on philosophy and the future on Sept. 28 and Kreskin filled the DA Auditorium Oct. 24. On Nov. 15, Frederick Storaska lectured on his new book, "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive." Jessica Mitford, famous radical and author of "Kind and Unusual Punishment," spoke on prison business from her view inside the walls on Dec. 6.





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Disabled veterans who may need special facilities in their home, such as wheelchair accommodations, can now obtain up to \$30,000 as compared to the previous \$25,000 maximum last year.

Eligibility requirements in the act include 90 consecutive days of active duty. Only one of those days must have been during the period of Aug. 5, 1964 through May 7,

Before this act, and since Jan. 31, 1955, the veteran needed 181 consecutive days of active duty in order to be eligible.

Under the act, the Veterans Administration can guarantee loans for energy-related home improvements, such as installing solar heat and cooling. Loans may also be granted for purchasing condominiums and the term for a mobile home loan, a maximum of \$17,500, has been extended from 12 years to 15 years.

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Saturday, December 9, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 9, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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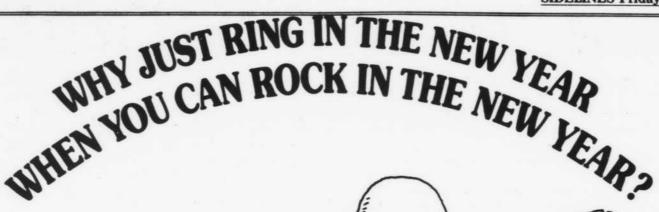
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Donnelly brings staff with him

by Doyle Parham

When Coach 'Boots' Donnelly moved to MTSU, he brought everything, including all of his assistants, that he had at Austin Peay with him.

SIDELINES SPORTS

Ed Bunio, defensive coordinator; Duke Shackelford, defensive backfield; Bubba Hooker, offensive backfield, John Jennings, offensive line, Joe Sanders, defensive end and Tom Fiveash, defensive line coach were the staff that Coach Donnelly chose to help the coaching chores for the '79 season.

Bunio shares a characteristic with Donnelly—he shared a part of the Ohio Valley Conference championship last year. Bunio served on the Austin Peay coaching staff for six years before deciding to come to MTSU. The year that the Govs won the OVC title four of the Gov's defenders were named All-OVC

and one player was selected OVC defensive player of the year. Defense is what Bunio will be working with at MTSU.

Shackelford, a former member of the New York Yankees ball club, will chiefly be concerned with the defensive backfield. Before going to Austin Peay, he served as head coach and athletic director for two years at Slidell High School in Louisiana.

Hooker, a fond member of Donnelly's staff worked with Donnelly at Vanderbilt, before moving to Austin Peay. He has served on the staffs of William and Mary, North Carolina State and Wichita State.

Jennings, another member of the shared OVC championship with Donnelly will also be aiding in the coaching staff at MTSU. In 1971, Jennings started on the University of Georgia team that won the Southeastern Conference championship and played in the Gator Bowl. He also served on the coaching staff at Vanderbilt, Georgia and also at Clarke Central High School in Athens, Ga.

Sanders, graduate assistant until the past year, will find the job challenging—he has not coached but one year on the college level. Before coming to MTSU he served as graduate assistant at Austin Peay for two years before he was selected as defensive end coach for the 1978 season. He coached a freshman team at Troy College in 1975.

Fiveash, an MTSU alumni,



Ed Bunio

played on the MTSU team in the early sixties along with Donnelly. He played during the time that MTSU won the OVC championship two times. Before being hired on the Austin Peay staff, he coached at several high schools as head football coach.

Coach Donnelly and his staff will meet with the MTSU team next week.



Bubba Hooker

Roundballers defeat Pikeville 84-74

by Henry Fennell

MTSU's Blue Raiders bounced back from a disappointing loss to Alabama with an 84-74 win over a scrappy Pikeville College team.

The game was much closer than most people anticipated. The Pikeville team stayed close to the Raider's until midway through the second half. "After you win, people just take it for granted that you will win the games you're supposed to win, but sometimes it's just not that easy," said coach Jimmy Earle.

The crowd of nearly 4,000

seemed to be waiting for the Raiders to break the game open. "There wasn't an air of enthusiasm tonight," said Earle. "We need the support of the crowd, especially the student body."

Leroy Coleman led all scorers in the game with 23 points. Coleman hit on 10 of 16 shots from the field and three of four from the free throw line. Seventeen of the Raider forward's points came in the first half. Coleman was also the team's second leading rebounder in the game with ten. "Leroy has worked hard all fall and I expect him to be a double figure scorer for us during the Ohio Valley Conference schedule," Earle said.

Greg Joyner had only two points in the first half, but came on strong in the final period to finish with twelve. What Joyner lacked in offense, he made up for playing defense and rebounding. The six foot seven inch senior had a season high of 15 rebounds, raising his season average to a healthy 10.5 rebounds per game.

While not starting, Freshman Chris Harris had 15 points and 9 rebounds in the game. Most of Harris' field goals came from in close. The six foot, five inch forward-center continues to show some needed muscle under the boards.

MTSU opened strong on some flashy defensive play by Leroy Coleman. Coleman had two early steals as the Raiders ran up a 10-4 lead in the first three and a half hours of the game. Pikeville pulled to within two points only minutes later and the early blow-out was lost.

The offense got going again mid-way through the half on the outside shooting of Coleman and the inside play of Harris, rolling up a 14 point halftime lead.

Pikeville got as close as six points down in the second half. With 10:27 left in the game, the Raider's lead had been cut to 60-54. MTSU then reeled off 12 unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

Pikeville guard Rick Nolan led the Bears in scoring with 19, followed by forward Larry West with 15.

Three Raider starters are still suffering from a virus. Joyner, Coleman and guard Curtis Fitts played despite the illness, with Fitts having his best scoring night of the season. The Hendersonville sophomore had 14 points and eight rebounds.

Greg Armstrong had 12 points, Mike Frost five, Jimmy Riley two, and Raymond Martin two, to complete the Raider scoring.

Coach Earle called the first half defensive performance "the best of the year." Pikeville shot only 33 percent in the first period.

Earle was still concerned about the teams consistency. "We still haven't put together 40 minutes of consistent play. We're also lacking a killer instinct," the coach added

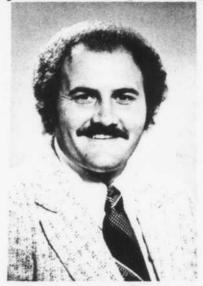
The Raiders will be in Starkville, Mississippi Saturday to play Mississippi State, one of the pre-season favorites in the Southeastern conference. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Sophomore guard Curtis Fitts goes up for two of his 14 points in last night's game. The Raiders upped their season record to 3-1 by beating Pikeville College 84-74. [Linda Ward Corley photo]

Lady Raiders prepare for Mississippi tourney

MTSU's Lady Raiders will attempt to break a five game losing



Coach Larry Inman

streak at home Saturday night against Vanderbilt University.

The Lady Commodores will bring a 2-4 season record and an injury riddled team to Murphy Center. Vanderbilt's injury problems began

before the season started and have since worsened. Missing is former all state high school performer Sheila Johanson, who will miss the entire season with an injured knee, and starting center Cindy Freeman, who has a broken bone in her foot.

"The injuries have been critical ones but we'll just have to buckle down and play harder," Vandy coach Joe Pepper said.

Vanderbilt features a well balanced scoring attack with 5-10 forward Sissy Maddox leading the way with an 11.5 point average. Guards Ann Morrow and Karen McGuinn are averaging 10.8 and 9.3 points respectively.

Following Vanderbilt, the Lady Raiders will travel to Columbus, Mississippi to play in the Mississippi University for Women's Christmas Tournament. The tournament features some of the best women's teams in the country. Number one Tennessee along with nationally ranked Bell Haven, Ohio State, Stephen F. Austin and Valdosta State are among the 12 teams invited to the tourna-

MTSU will open against the University of Mississippi at 9 a.m. Dec. 14. The MUW tournament is a double elimination tournament. the finals to be held on Dec. 16.

Intramural basketball to begin

There will be an organizational meeting Jan. 9 for all persons interested in participating in intramural basketball next semester.

The meeting will be held in the Alumni Gym on the balcony at 7 p.m. A representative for each club, fraternity, sorority and residence halls must be present. There will also be one category for open

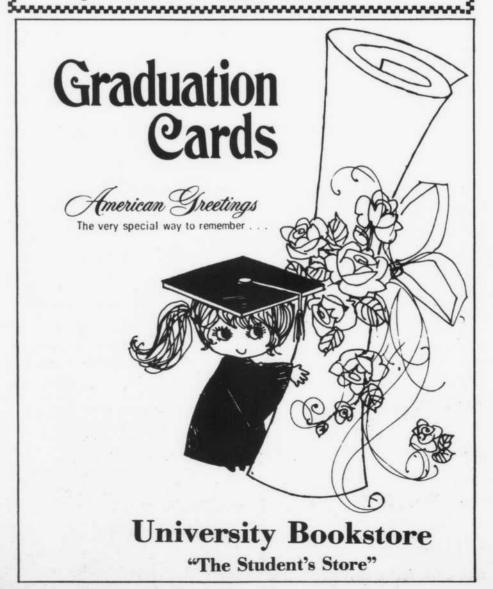
categorized in female and male teams, and the different groups.

"When you come to the meeting be prepared to tell what group you represent and if you have any conflicts," recreation director Joe Ruffner said. "Each team can have on conflict but that is it, because once the schedule has been made, it will not be changed," he added.

No late entries will be accepted The basketball teams will be because play will begin Jan. 11.

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Wrestling team downed by Kentucky

"We did much better than the score indicates. I think that the team as a whole will agree that it was our best performance this year," head coach Gordon Connell said of his team after their efforts to beat high-ranked Kentucky State University.

Although sophomore Michael Kennedy didn't "beat the fire out of his opponent" as he earlier indicated he planned to do, he did, according to Connell, "do an outstanding job even though he lost the match. The guy he wrestled is one of the best in the country in the 118 lb. division," Connell said.

Senior Dave Buck beat his oppo-

nent 10-8 in 158 lb. weight division. One of the most pleasing wins came when sophomore Tony Rowland "beat the fire out of his opponent," 22-12 in the 150 lb. class.

Assistant Coach Brian Dunning felt that the team has reasons for being optimistic. "We have shown some glimpses of brilliance. We are weak in a lot of areas, but that may come from being such a young team," Dunning said. "We looked better at Kentucky than we've looked all year. The team is really yearning for improvement. We hope to see improvement after the holidays because we have a critical part of the season coming up," Dunning added.

Buck was not as pleased with his performance as he hoped to be but he is optimistic about the future of the team as a whole. "I gave a rather weak performance. I should have beat him worse than I did," Buck said. "I feel that as a team we have gotten a slow start because we are not nearly at our potential. We have a very well-rounded team," he added.

Freshman James Jaboley felt like the match in Kentucky gave the team the incentive they needed to work harder. "We have picked up this semester from where we began. We gave Kentucky a good fight, and earned some respect as we did," Jaboley said. "We're now aware of our capability and are ready to get down to work next semester and really go for it," he added. Jaboley was pinned in his weight class of 118 lb.

"The team as a whole wrestled with inspiration. We have reasons to feel good," Connell said. "Although we didn't win, we did well and that is a good way to end the semester. We left on an optimistic note," he added.

Bowling Club receives honors

MTSU's Bowling Club, made up of faculty, staff and students, have accomplished many high honors this semester, and have participated in a recent tournament.

Presently, the club is engaged in intercollegiate competition as well as local competition. All intercollegiate participants are selected by league averages during local competition. On Nov. 11 and 12, 15 members competed in the Western Kentucky University Coca-Cola tournament. Six teams participated in the tournament: Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, Murray, Middle Tennessee and Western. In the men's division, team no. 1 placed fourth and MTSU's no. 2 team placed ninth.

Joe Fisher represented MTSU by taking five first place honors in the men's all-events category and took third in the men's single event competiton. He had a series of 573 in three games.

In the women's division, there were five positions. The women's team placed second in the overall competition with Pam Snodgrass taking third in the women's all-

The club currently consists of 45 members, but in the spring semester new members are encouraged to join.



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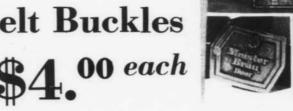
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Bama breaks perfect mark for MTS

by Richard Layhew

The Blue Raider basketball team went to Birmingham to play the Crimson Tide. However, the team battled more than another team Tuesday night at the B.J. Civic

It appeared that MTSU was playing against the referees instead of the Alabama basketball team, and if they did, they got the worst end of the deal.

Just one minute and 23 seconds into the game, MTSU center Mike Frost drew his third foul for bumping charges under the bucket.

By halftime, five Blue Raiders went into the dressing room in foul trouble and Alabama ended up winning the game 88-66.

The Blue Raiders are familiar with playing with two referees although there were three in Tuesday nights contest, where the Southeastern Conference has recently adopted the three referee

MTSU head basketball coach Jimmy Earle said, "I think they made the game 50 percent worse.' Earle drew his first technical foul of the season in protest of the referees

Earle's strongest lashing of the referees came when one of the officials came over to the Raider bench and jumped on center Mike Frost for cheering his team.

"I think that's bull," Earle said. "They come in here and think they're God.'

"The referee thought that I was shouting at him instead of the team," Frost said. "Coach Earle told him that if he had anything to say to one of his men he could say it to him, it's his job to discipline his men.'

"The third referee makes the game 33 and one third percent worse," Earle said. "Although they did not cost us the game. 'Bama outmatched us in every position with the exception of Greg Joyner."

Joyner, a 6-7 forward, held his own in the game as he was the lone Raider to score in double figures. Joyner pumped in a season high of 25 points and collected eight rebounds.

"We were not good defensively," Earle said. "I'll tell you why, we're sick." Leroy Coleman, Greg Joyner and Raymond Martin are all down with the flu. "I don't know whether Coleman should have played or not," Earle said.

Coleman did not participate in the pre-game practice prior to Tuesday nights contest but played

'Our ball club made some mistakes but then again a lot of teams are going to make mistakes against Alabama," Earle said. "They have a fine ball club. They were as good on the offensive boards as anyone I've seen."

Bama out rebounded the Raiders

"We have made some progress and as soon as this team gets healthy you're going to see some good basketball," Earle said.

The Blue Raiders travel to Mississippi State Saturday night to play the Bulldogs who were 18-9 last season.

"We thought that Alabama was physical but this Mississippi team is as good or better," assistant coach Stan Simpson said. "We have our work cut out for us this weekend.'

"They have three possible All-



Greg Joyner

Americans on their roster," Simpson said, "Ricky Brown, a 6-10 center, Wiley Peck, a 6-9 forward and Ray White, a 6-5 guard."

Brown, who was slowed down with an eye injury, averaged 13.4

points and 6.9 rebounds last season, Peck specialized in rebounding last season, 8.4 per game while hitting 57.3 percent of his shots along with White who was the leading scorer.

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