

STATE BOARD APPROVES SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT MTSU PROPOSALS

Basic ROTC To Remain Mandatory

The Tennessee State Board of Education last week refused to grant permission to MTSU and Memphis State University to change military science programs at the two institutions from a compulsory to a voluntary basis.

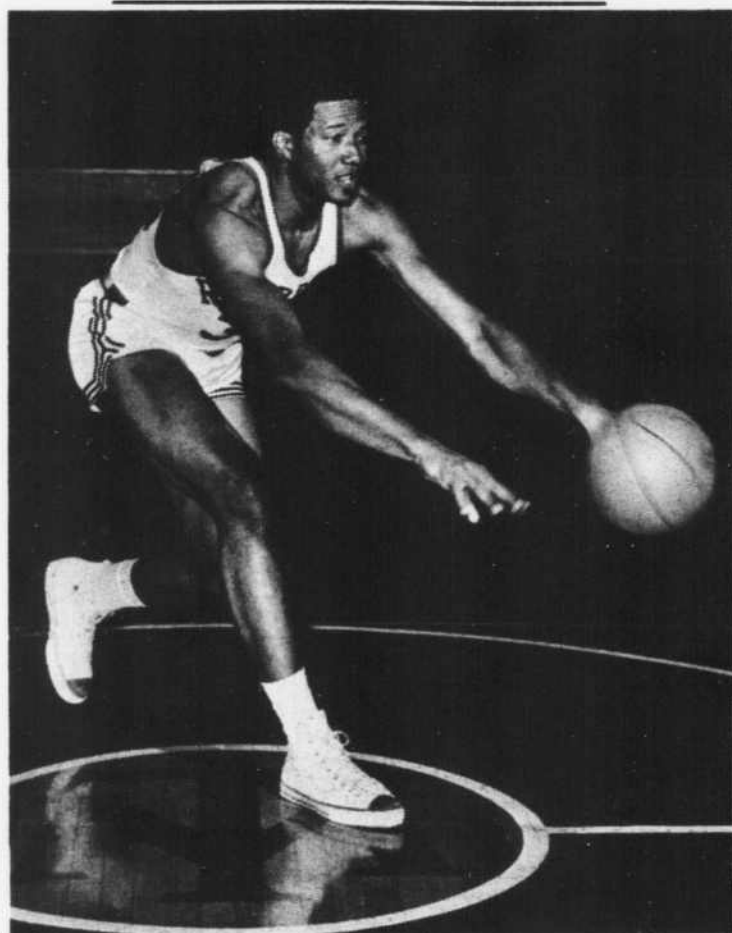
The board accepted a recommendation from a special subcommittee appointed to study the total ROTC picture in the regional universities after action on the MTSU proposal had been deferred by the board in late August.

Van Martin, ASB president, will deliver a statement on the action of the State Board of Education in refusing to accept the proposal which would have created voluntary ROTC here, at a press conference to be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the University Center Theatre.

Martin stated, "The movement for a voluntary ROTC program originated within our student government; therefore upon the defeat of this proposal by the State Board it is the obligation of the ASB to speak out on the Board's action."

The recommendation from the subcommittee stated that all institutions presently having compulsory ROTC will continue the compulsory program for a

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... KEN RILEY

Blue Opens At Home

Ken Riley, a 6-5 forward, is slated to start tonight as the rip-roaring Blue Raiders, under the tutelage of new head coach Jimmy Earle and assistants Butch Clifton and Don Newman, open their home season against a strong Bethel College team.

Riley, who missed last year due to a knee injury, was a

starter his freshman year and must show the same type play tonight if the Raiders are to offset a tall Bethel team.

The action is slated to begin at 7:45, with the freshmen playing host to David Lipscomb in the opener at 5:45. Art Polk, freshman coach and a co-captain on the squad last year, will also be out to win his opener.

Aerospace Expansion, Doctorate Get Priority

Seven out of eight MTSU proposals including the granting of a doctor of education degree, bachelor of science degree in aerospace, and a master's degree in aerospace education received approval from the Tennessee State Board of Education last week in Nashville.

Michael Goforth
Editor-in-Chief

The three degree proposals called for MTSU to offer a doctor of education degree to prepare college teachers and an expanded aviation and aerospace program here.

The aerospace proposals include the bachelor of science degree in aerospace technology or administration. This program is to prepare students for careers as pilots, aeronautics experts, and in technical and administrative positions such as airport managers and air craft controllers.

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Administration Restructure Creates Job

John Weems, presently dean of admissions, has been appointed to the new position of dean of administration created in reorganization of the MTSU administration, which was approved last week by the State Board of Education.

The restructuring of the administration will affect those areas not in the academic or student personnel divisions. The dean of students, dean of faculty and the new dean of administration will report directly to the President instead of some 15 or 16 other individuals in the administrative offices in the new structure. They include the director of university relations, admissions and records, superintendent of buildings and grounds, personnel officer, director of computer center, director of security, business manager, internal auditor and athletic director.

The major changes in the structure have been the transfer of the director of the security and food services from the dean of students to the dean of administration and the bringing of the university farm into the fiscal administrative structure of the business office.

The new structure will call for the addition of two new positions which would be needed within several years as the university expands. One would be in admissions and records and the other would be an assistant business manager.

Harry Wagner, assistant to the president, presented the reorganization plan to members of the administration last Monday. The new structure is to become effective immediately.

Also a master's degree in aerospace education is to be offered to prepare teachers in aviation, aeronautics and aerospace in elementary and secondary schools.

Consultants from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission will review the new degree proposals and report back to the commission which will make the final decision on approval or rejection of the degrees.

President M. G. Scarlett termed the proposals "the most significant academic developments in the history of the institution."

"Both will provide very badly needed educational services," he added.

"In addition I think being able to carry on these programs here will give MTSU the prestige and recognition it deserves because of the kind of programs offered."

"MTSU is still a regional university, but it will now have some national significance," said Scarlett.

Other proposals approved by the State Board include the granting of an easement to the city of Murfreesboro to provide a right turn lane on Baird Lane into East Main Street. Harry Wagner, assistant to the president, said MTSU owns all but 60 feet of the property on the west side of Baird Lane, (continued on pg. 2)

9/14—Luckiest Day Since 1942

Sept. 14 is the lucky number this year. Or is it?

It is the first number drawn in the first lottery system of inducting young men into the armed forces since 1942. This lottery affects every man registered with the draft system between the ages of 19 and 26 who has not served in the military. eligible draftees, men classified 1-A or 1-AO, will be called in the order in which their birthdays were drawn in the Monday night lottery. All men with number 001 who don't have any deferment will be inducted into the military before any man with number 002 is taken.

Men whose birthdays were drawn in the last third of the lottery can feel almost certain to be free of the draft. Those in the first third can rest assured that they will be drafted, unless deferred or exempted. For those in the middle group, there will be a year of uncertainty.

Those draftees whose numbers are not reached by the end of next year -- at which time

By John Dunnivant

this lottery will have no effect on those not deferred or exempted -- will be entirely free of the draft except in case of a national emergency.

Those people who have deferments or exemptions will not be affected until their deferment or exemption runs out. At that time he will be placed in the number category that affected him for one year unless he has surpassed the age of 26.

For example, John Die has a four-year college deferment and wishes to maintain it since he is 19 and was drawn 054, Aug. 5, in Monday night's drawing. When his four-year deferment expires, he will be placed in the 054 number category for one year starting when the next lottery is put in effect. He will remain in that category for one year, standing the chance of being chosen first in the D-class of the 054 category (since his name started with a D.)

Four-year deferments are usually given for college students but some job deferments are given for teachers and a few other occupations.

The capsules were drawn out of a large glass bowl in the auditorium of the Selective Service System's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Members of the Selective Service System's youth advisory committees drew all of the capsules except the first one which was drawn by Rep. Alexander Pirnie of Utica, N.Y.

After the drawing of the dates, the letters of the alphabet were drawn to determine the order of selection within a given birthday number. These are in accordance with a man's last name first and then his first name if necessary.

According to Bill Torrence, a graduate student, who was picked No. 001, "It wasn't my fault I was born on an unlucky day. There isn't much I can do about it anyway. I'll just have to wait and see."

\$1.7 Million Anticipated For New Gym

Harry Wagner, assistant to the president, announced Tuesday that the School Bond Authority will release \$1.7 million to MTSU for the construction of the new gymnasium.

The School Bond Authority stated that it would release the funds at the earliest possible date after the beginning of the new year.

Wagner stated that the construction of the new facility would proceed sooner than expected since the freeze on school bond about three months ago has been lifted.

He also said that the proposed Learning Resources Center would probably be started at an earlier date than originally planned.

The new athletic complex will be financed through student fees, capital funds provided by the state and school bonds, according to Wagner.

Elaborate Learning Center Planned Here

By Terry Horn

Plans for an elaborate new student learning center at MTSU were temporarily bogged down because of financial difficulties, according to Harry Wagner, assistant to the President.

The center will be entirely unique, he stated, employing the latest advancements in education, such as audio visual teaching aids.

Closed-circuit television had initially been planned, he said, but will not exist to the extent hoped, although there will be some studios for production.

The new center will be located just east of the University Center, explained Wagner who stressed that the center would be used by all departments of the university.

Wagner said that the computer center and radio station would not be located in the new center as rumored.

The presidential assistant further commented that he did not know where the program now stands, but preliminary plans

have already been drawn up for two buildings of the six-building complex.

The project, estimated at a cost of \$1.5 million, was expected to begin by early winter but was delayed because the state had not released any funds for its construction.

This new concept in teaching is rapidly spreading across the country, Wagner said, with the University of Tennessee recently installing such a program.

A committee has been appointed to visit areas where the program has been installed, so as to get an idea of its effect, Wagner added.

Seniors who will graduate in January and who want a copy of this year's Midlander should come by the Alumni Office in the Administration Building to make reservations as soon as possible.

State Board . .

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and that the city will take about 166 feet to widen the street at intersection with East Main.

The installation of a "centrex" telephone system at MTSU also received approval from the board. The new system is scheduled to become operative in the fall of 1971. It will provide a direct line telephone system day or night.

MTSU also received the authority to use part of a \$3,600 grant from the State Aeronautics Commission to hire the Yearwood and Johnson firm of architects to develop preliminary plans for an aerospace building.

And permission was granted

to restructure the administrative organization of MTSU with the appointment of John Weems, present dean of admissions, to the newly created post of dean of administration.

The proposal to change compulsory ROTC to a voluntary basis was the only MTSU proposal which did not receive the approval of the board.

In other action the Board of Education approved programs which would allow Tennessee Technological University to grant a doctorate degree in engineering and East Tennessee State University to grant a doctorate in education providing the Higher Education Commission approves them.

CANDID CAMPUS

Last week the Tennessee State Board of Education turned down a proposal to phase out the mandatory ROTC program at MTSU.

MTSU students were asked, "What is your opinion of the Board of Education's action and what should be done about it?"



Matheny

Darrell Matheny, McMinnville sophomore - "There's nothing MTSU students can do about it. They could protest, but nothing has been done yet. I go along with the action. I think the ROTC program is a good program because it gives men an idea of the Army."



Sawyer

Duane Sawyer, Lawrenceburg sophomore - "The State Board of Education certainly must have had reasons for the decision. Unfortunately they neglected to publicize them. I'm still waiting to be convinced."



Peters

Bill Peters, Winchester graduate student - "As far as I can determine, the State Board has not explained the reasons for continuing a compulsory ROTC program on the state campuses. I feel that college students across the state at least deserve some sort of explanation regarding such a decision. I would imagine that the indecisiveness of last year's referendum on ROTC at MTSU might be considered as one factor influencing the board's decision."



Fedak

Mike Fedak, Murfreesboro sophomore - "Take mature responsible actions toward correcting this deceptively simple situation. Students should not confuse 'Sitting upon one's base of operations' with mature, responsible action."



Andrews

Betty Andrews, Lebanon freshman - "I don't think ROTC should be mandatory. It doesn't do anyone any good if they don't want to go."

Mona Collins, Chapel Hill freshman, "I think if the ROTC is going to be mandatory then the guys should have a couple of months cut off the time they serve when drafted. It seems like the State Board of Education either doesn't know or is ignoring the feelings of these students. I guess we could all petition the Board to drop it, but I doubt that it would do any good."



Collins

David Allen Dowell, Murfreesboro freshman - "The Tennessee State Board of Education's decision to continue mandatory two year ROTC programs at MTSU and ETSU was, in my opinion, regrettable. To have upwards of 2000 enrollees in a program which graduates under 30 each year is economically disastrous. Equally unfortunate is the technique of teaching which is mainly a coarse, often vulgar, emotional appeal. It is, however, reassuring to think that man still must be taught before he knows of killing and war."



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another year and that the committee would continue its study, according to Harry Wagner, assistant to the president.

Concerning the effect the board action will have on the MTSU plans to change ROTC to a voluntary program, Wagner said, "I don't think it is going to thwart the entire proposal, but it may delay it."

The MTSU phase-out plan for compulsory ROTC would have begun the fall semester of 1970 with incoming freshmen not being required to take military science.

"ROTC is the only issue brought up by student government that was not acted favorably on," President M. G. Scarlett said in noting the role of the ASB in influencing the proposals.

There are four regional universities in Tennessee which are currently operating a compulsory ROTC program -- Tennessee Technological University, East Tennessee State University, Memphis State University and MTSU.

MTSU's Female Cadet Sets A Precedent

Cadet Carolyn Carroll says unless a person has tried something, he can't knock it.

Miss Carroll, who enrolled in the MTSU ROTC program at the beginning of fall semester, established a precedent by becoming the first coed enrolled in the program's 150-year all-male history.

She admits that the first few weeks in this male world were the strangest, but now says that she is an accepted member of the campus seventh platoon.

Colonel Vern Reaugh, ROTC department head here, praises her for her initiative and sincerity and wishes for more students of her quality. And Clarence R. Sanders, Miss Carroll's instructor, predicts that she will be in the top five percent of the freshman class.

Sanders, who says that new perspective is added to his classes by her presence, said he was surprised to find a young woman who cares so much about the United States and her role in serving the country. His general reaction

is that, girls or not, he would like to see more such capable and sincere students.

Miss Carroll said she plans to complete the four-year program here. Like her male counterparts, she will attend a military summer camp between her junior and senior years. But her summer instruction will be at the Women's Army Corps camp in Ft. McCellan, Ala.

Participants in summer camp sign a contract with the Army, she explained, stipulating that they will enlist in the WAC's officer corps upon graduation from college. After this, the MTSU coed will receive a housing allotment for living off base and will be paid during her senior year.

After a little over half a semester as the only woman in the ROTC department, Miss Carroll is thoroughly satisfied with the studies there. And she says that she hopes more women all over the state will actively participate in the ROTC programs next year.

What's Up

THURSDAY, Dec. 4

4 p.m.--Pi Gamma Mu, 322 UC
5 p.m.--Fellowship Club, 324-ABC, UC
5:30 p.m.--Tau Sigma, 324 UC
6:30 p.m.--Senate, 308 UC
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.--Little International, Tool Shed by the Stock Barn

FRIDAY, Dec. 5

Home Economics Career Day
1:30 p.m.--Van Martin Press Conference, UC Theater
6:30 p.m.--Delta Omicron, SUB Room B
7:30 p.m.-- Economics and Finance Club

SUNDAY, Dec. 7

1 p.m.--Auto-Cross Blue Raider Sports Car Club, Bell St. Parking Lot
3:30 p.m.--Choir Concert, Tennessee Room SUB

National Publication Features Peppermint Players, Drama Group

The MTSU Drama Department children's theatre group, the Peppermint Players, was recently featured in an article in the 1969 Playbill, annual magazine of Alpha Psi Omega, national college dramatic fraternity.

In the article by Dorethe Tucker, MTSU drama professor, the student group was praised for the quality of organization and execution in its first two productions, THE DANCING DONKEY and HANSEL AND GRETEL. The article

also presented the entire MTSU drama program to a national audience.

The Peppermint Players was organized in the summer of 1968 to provide university students with specialized education in the specific techniques of children's theatre. More importantly, the productions were to be presented to local children.

The Players' third production, THE PIED PIPER, is now in rehearsal.

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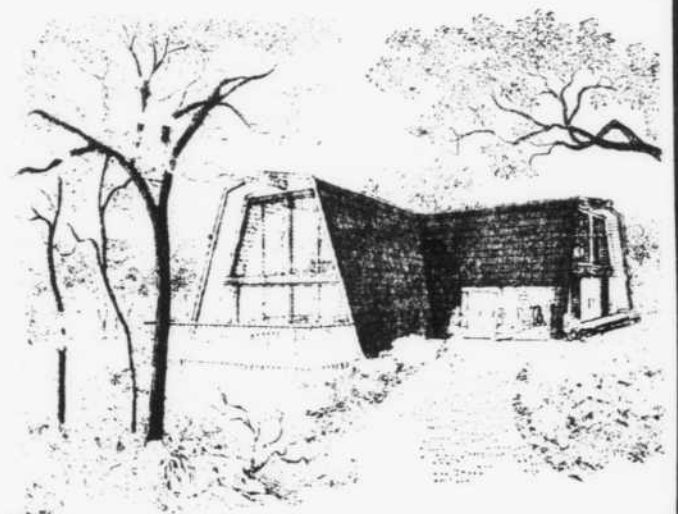
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MTSU's Debate Team Continues To Win Matches At 3 to 2 Ratio

The Debate Squad is MTSU's only consistently winning team with victories in two-thirds of their matches, according to M.A. Norman, squad member.

Teams defeated by MTSU include the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest, Notre Dame, the University of Houston, Indiana University, Boston College, the University of Florida, Emory University,

By Dinah Gregory

Florida State University, Davidson College, the University of Virginia, Southern Methodist University, and Vanderbilt University (for three consecutive years).

The 10-man squad's victorious season can be partially attributed to the return of last year's headliners, the Lee

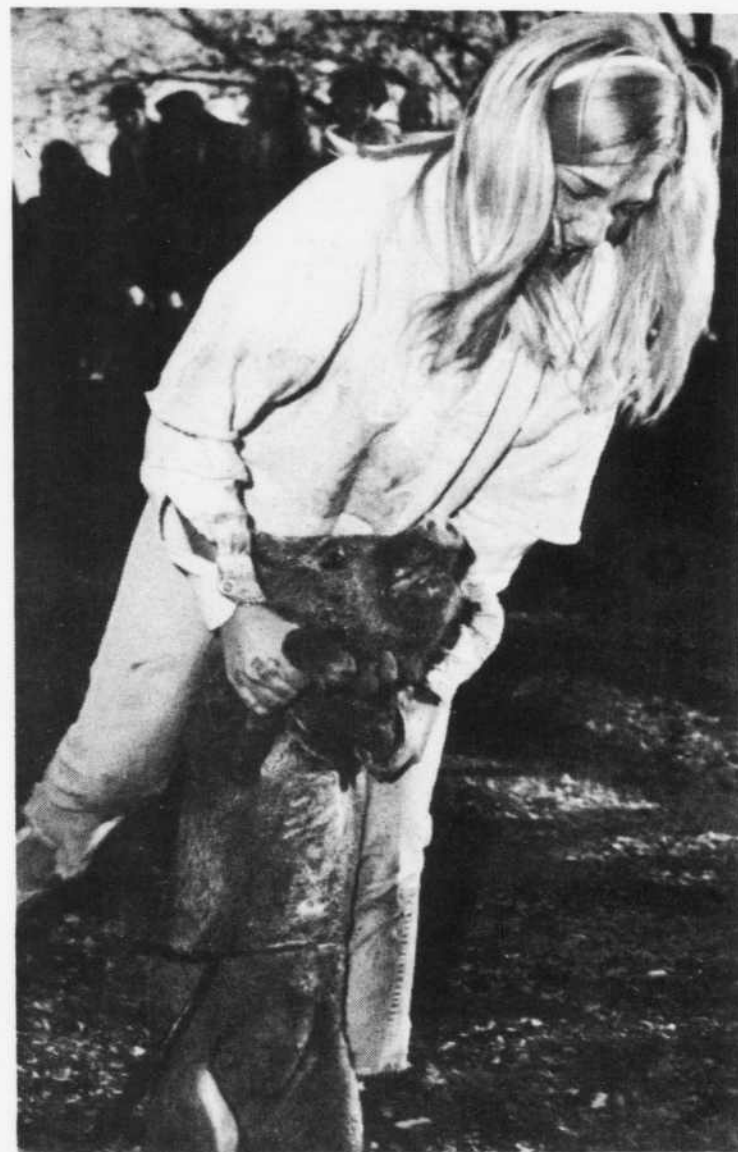
Greer-Fred McLean and Ken Darrell-M.A. Norman duos.

The Darrell-Norman team placed first at the University of Florida tournament. They were fourth out of 86 participating schools in the junior division of the debate tournament conducted at Texas Christian University.

One of the inherent aspects of inter-collegiate debating is the extensive traveling done by members of the squad. For example, in two consecutive weekends, squad members travelled more than 2,400 miles. One weekend the team of Norman and Darrell was in Florida while the McLean-Greer duo was in Michigan. According to Greer, he and McLean travelled over 10,000 miles last year to compete in the south, northeast, and mid-west areas of America.

Debating gained initial importance at MTSU in 1952, and according to David Walker, MTSU director of debate, the squad is hoping to qualify for the District 6 tournament, "an important step toward national competition."

"The District 6 tournament," stated Walker, "is only for the best southeastern schools, and this contest determines which schools are allowed to go into national competition."



Sarah Smith struggled to drag her pig to the finish line during the pig-chasing contest at last year's Little International. Pigs, goats, colored ribbons marking Greek organizations and a lot of mud characterize the day's events.

Midnight Cowboy Comes To Town

"Midnight Cowboy," strictly speaking, adapted from James Leo Herlihy's colorful novel, isn't about homosexuality. It's about Joe Buck from Texas who comes to New York to

By Ike Wright

make his fortune as a hustler. Actually, Joe played by newcomer Jon Voight, figures that the ladies of the city need his services as a first-class stud because all the available men are "tutti-frutti."

Joe meets another loser, a creep named Ratso Rizzo, played by Dustin Hoffman, and it's plain that the two misfits deserve each other. Who else would have them? Neither is a homosexual, of course, but love is love no matter how it grows, and adversity (plus sheer stupidity) ties them together. The rest is soap opera.

Both Hoffman and Voight produce laudable performances worthy of possible Academy recognition. Hoffman's sensitive portrayal of Ratso Rizzo eclipses his "Graduate" role with only slight reminiscence. In fact, he so accurately captures the pimp's loveable

vulgarity that his agents rushed him into a new heterosexual film ("John and Mary") before the American public could stereotype him. Voight's interpretation of the cowboy creates a most sympathetic role, lacking the colorfulness of the pimp but complementing him with his clumsiness.

Both actors weave well the unique friendship creating a tenderness which the silver screen has heretofore reserved for only the male/female relationship. Each allows the other to gain dominance in the necessary places. Each fulfills the other's momentary needs. Thus the two stand as one against the very graphic New York inferno.

Superficially, "Midnight Cowboy" has a lot to offer and is fun to watch. Probably no other major film has exposed the tawdry 42nd Street hustling-and-sex scene as frankly as this one. But for all its expertise and the high quality of acting the film itself fails, as the novel did, in imagination and artistic vision. Both are laudable attempts to describe a human condition shared by many Americans today and to touch on valid themes.

ROTC, ASB Sponsor Blood Drive Dec. 9

There will be no ROTC leadership laboratory on Dec. 9 in order that cadets may participate in the Red Cross Blood Drive to be held here on that date.

Red Cross units will be set up on the third floor of the University Center from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday to receive the blood donations.

There will be awards given to campus organizations composed of 25 or more members which have the highest percentage of their membership donating blood.

Those merchants donating awards include The Men's Shop, Fisher's Store for Men and Boys, Firestone, Goodyear, Haynes Hardware, Home Furniture, Southern Furniture, Osborne-Harrel-Hoover Hardware, Paschel Brothers and Penny's.

Block and Bridle Sponsors Little International Today

The third annual Block and Bridle Club Little International is being held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today on the school farm by the Block Barn.

A combination rodeo and carnival for MTSU students, Little International activities include such sports as fraternity and sorority contests for chasing greased pigs, milking goats, catching and wrestling goats and tugs-of-war.

Trucks and a wagon pulled by a tractor will drive around campus about every 15 minutes today to pick up students who need rides to the show, according to Bill Cannon, Block and Bridle treasurer. For those who wish to drive there themselves, he said, the farm is on a dirt road that can be reached by driving straight past the Hi-Rise dorms away from campus.

"We have expanded the Little International this year to include booths set up by several campus organizations and all the fraternities and sororities," explained Cannon. "We hope that this will make the event more enjoyable for all students."

With the expanded program, Cannon anticipates a crowd approaching 1000 during the day. About 400 students came for the first Little International two years ago, he said. And from 200 to 300 showed up in the rain last year.

This year the traditional cattle shows and animal-catching contests for Greeks will be backed up with dunking machines, dart-throwing contests, pie-throwing booths, palm-reading and handwriting analysis booths and other attractions that lend a more carnival-like air to the day's festivities.

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded the winners in each of the four classes of cattle judging and in the fraternity and sorority contests. There will also be awards for the top booths set up.

John Rudolph, secretary of the Tennessee Angus Association, will judge the cattle showmanship classes. And Robert Alexander, head of the agriculture department, will act as judge for other events.

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Hopes For Aviation Programs Soaring

By Carl Chapman

Randall Wood, professor of the MTSU aviation program, has high hopes that the new proposed aviation program will be flying high by the fall semester of 1970.

The expansion program has gone through the various committees at the university and has been approved by the State Board of Education last week. Final approval will have to come from the Higher Education Commission when it meets in December.

"All indications," Wood said, "are favorable for the passage of the expansion program."

In the new proposal projected for next fall, two option majors are offered in a four year Bachelor of Science Degree. One of the options, Wood explained, is Aerospace Administration, which will deal mainly with people who want to be a pilot and have a background in the administration field of aviation. The required minor may be selected from business, economics, or psychology.

The other major is Aerospace Technology. The student will specialize in the technical aspects of piloting and the aerospace industry. The required minor for this major may be science or math.

These majors, explained Wood, will prepare the individual for careers with airlines, general aviation, or the aerospace industry, meaning the student will be able to be both pilot and a holder of an administrative or technical position, according to which option the student chooses.

Wood is very proud of the present Special Aviation Pro-

gram now being offered as a minor, using, as Wood referred to it, "the airplane as a laboratory."

This semester 58 students are majoring in aviation with over 60 or more taking aviation courses.

In order to obtain a private, commercial, instructor, or an instrument license the students receive their flying time at the local airport with training provided by the Mid-state Flight School. Students may take 14 credit hours of ground courses consisting of aviation, weather, flying regulations, theory of flight, and navigation and radio aids.

Wood and Robert Phillips, a graduate assistant, are not only proud of the present program and the new expansion proposal, but also the fact that MTSU is the only college in Tennessee that offers an aviation program.

New Miss MTSU To Be Selected January 7 and 8

The second Miss MTSU will be chosen on Jan. 7 and 8 in the annual pageant sponsored by the Circle K Club.

The young lady selected on the basis of talent, beauty and poise will be judged in swimsuit competition, evening gowns and during a talent exposition. Finalists in the contest will be asked to respond to questions from the judges.



Over 1500 high school students visited the campus as guests on Nov. 8. As a part of the administration's new high school visitation days program, the students were treated to a luncheon, toured the campus and watched the football game with Western Kentucky. Some of those attending from Trousdale High School are (from left) Jim Free, admissions counselor, Myrtle Jones, Mrs. Ed Shirley, ebbie Reed, Larry Robinson, Darlene Graham, Jerry Scruggs, Martha Storey and Ann Gore.

Ensor, Snyder, Word Seek SIDELINES Jobs

Two applications for the position of editor-in-chief and one application for the position of business manager for the SIDELINES have been received for the Spring semester according to Anne Nunamaker, SIDELINES advisor.

Each of the applicants are members and officers of Alpha Phi Gamma, national journalism fraternity.

Miss Ensor served in the capacity of feature editor in the spring of last year but was moved up to managing editor when the post was vacated by the resignation of the previous managing editor.

Besides her work with the SIDELINES, Miss Ensor has worked with The Oak Ridger, daily newspaper for Oak Ridge. She served as society editor and city reporter.

Word served as assistant sports editor and general reporter for the SIDELINES last year. During the summer he worked for the Wabash Plain Dealer, Wabash, Ind.

Word was sports editor for the Plain Dealer, a daily publication.

Snyder served the SIDELINES as business coordinator during the spring semester of last year.

Each application will be presented to the Communication Committee today and final decision on the positions will be made on Dec. 18.

Those applying for the top position on the editorial staff are Wanda Ensor, Oak Ridge sophomore, and David Word, Memphis junior. Chuck Snyder, Murfreesboro sophomore, was the only applicant for the position of business manager.

Miss Ensor and Word are now serving as managing editors for the SIDELINES. Snyder is currently working with the production staff.

Honor Societies Offering Free Tutorial Aid

Students experiencing grade problems can now receive assistance through free individual tutoring services sponsored jointly by Tau Omicron women's honor society and Sigma Club men's honor society.

Those students requesting help will be assigned to a member who is majoring or minoring in the area in which the student is experiencing difficulty. Tutoring sessions can be arranged at any time convenient for both the student and the tutor.

Vicki Hill, chairman of the Tau Omicron tutoring committee, requests that any student wishing to take advantage of

this service contact her at Box 4767, campus mail, for assignment to a Tau Omicron or Sigma Club tutor.

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Editorials

State Board of Education ROTC Action Questionable

Few people really know what went on in the closed door sessions of the special subcommittee appointed by the Tennessee State Board of Education to study ROTC in the regional universities. We do know that the board accepted the subcommittee's recommendation to keep ROTC mandatory at four universities for another year.

We can only assume why the State Board made the decision it did.

First, the decision makers obviously failed to examine the "Report of the Special Committee on ROTC to the Secretary of Defense" published in September of this year.

The report states, "As a reminder to the academic world, attention is called to the fact that no advanced ROTC programs are compulsory; that no university is required to maintain a compulsory program and less than 20 percent of ROTC units have compulsory basic programs."

Also stated in the report, "In recent years most institutions discontinued compulsory enrollment in favor of a voluntary basis. As a result, the total number of students enrolled has decreased, but this decrease has not affected the numbers selected for the third and fourth years of the program. It is from the latter select group that the officers candidates have always come."

If the board had read this document it would have learned that a voluntary program would not affect, to any great extent, the number of commissioned officers coming through the ROTC programs at the four universities.

It would have also learned that Tennessee is behind the national trend in changing ROTC to a voluntary basis.

Secondly, we may assume the board received pressure from the other two universities involved in the regional university ROTC picture. With only MTSU and Memphis State University requesting the change, Tennessee Technological University and East Tennessee State University were not prepared for such a change of policy.

If this is the case then the State Board of Education is holding up the progress of two universities while the other two catch up.

And finally, the ugly picture of politics may have had some influence in the decision. With the State elections a year away the public officials may have felt that in this time of Americanism and moratoriums it would be beneficial to delay such a decision for a year until after elections.

The students concerned over the ROTC decision do have grounds for concern. The SIDELINES urges these students who wish to make their concern known to use maturity and good judgment. If they elect to show their disapproval of the decision we advise them to use the proper channels such as petitions and letters to the board members. For there is no reason to damage our reputation as a university proud of its record of proper student involvement.

Rat-Infested Ghetto At MTSU

Several weeks ago we made reference in an editorial to rat infested ghettos in American cities. It has rather unpleasantly come to the attention of the SIDELINES staff that we work in "a rat infested ghetto" here at MTSU.

The basement of the old Student Union Building which houses a freshman cafeteria and the SIDELINES office is the home of a roach farm in the men's rest room, a water fountain sanctuary for a dozen or more varieties of bugs, and finally a small grey mouse which this week has visited the SIDELINES office nightly.

We strongly feel that this center of student activity which also contains a food service center should be cleaned up by the University for obvious health reasons.

By Michael Gelfand

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



Lerner: Quality of Justice

Haynsworth Rejection Sharp Rebuff To Nixon

BY MAX LERNER

The Senate's rejection of Judge Clement Haynsworth, by the surprisingly ample margin of 55-45, was a sharp rebuff to President Nixon, especially since it showed he could not hold his own Republican moderates. True, it was not an unqualified loss for him, since he showed the South that he has fought and bled for it, and -- along with Spiro Agnew's activism -- this will leave a good deposit in the Southern vote bank. Yet, on balance, it was a setback for Mr. Nixon's basic method of operation.

The method was too cynical to be effective. The President wanted a Southerner and a conservative, which was his privilege. But his staff work in investigating the judge's financial entanglements was sloppy. He also picked a judge whose decisions on the crucial question of desegregation were simply not responsive to the whole trend of judicial thought.

Having blundered, he stuck to his blunder and then expected his party's senators to bail him out, under pain of his displeasure.

They didn't, and the pressure didn't work. Somewhere in this story there is a moral worth thinking about, by the President and rest of us.

I find no absolutes in the whole episode. Judge Haynsworth is a decent man who has been through a harsh ordeal that none of us would have wished on him to start with. But he got caught between high Nixon political strategy and the mood of the Senate and the nation. The fault is less his than that of the men who tried to use the judiciary to score a political victory with the South.

There was also the business of nailing down a safe vote on the Supreme Court. Unlike the quality of mercy, the quality of justice is often strained. It droppeth not like the gentle dew from heaven, and it is rarely blessed, either by the giver or the receiver.

Justice is hard to come by: often you have to sweat for it. But the power to dispense justice is an important power, especially at the tip of the judicial pyramid. Which is why there was a tug-of-war over the Haynsworth appointment.

It was too blandly a way of insuring a safe pro-Nixon vote in the newly emerging court and too cynically a way of advancing the "Southern strategy" in election contests. The Senate might still have let them get by, both the blandness and the cynicism, if the Haynsworth civil rights record had not been quite so bleak and if the

judge's financial entanglements with his decisions had not formed quite the kind of "pattern" that Sen. John Williams (R-Del.) pointed out -- and Williams, himself a conservative, has always acted as the financial "conscience" of the Senate.

It was the combination that defeated Haynsworth in the end. Some senators were moved by the bleak civil rights record, others (like Sen. Robert Griffin, the Republican whip) by the injustice of applying a double standard to Haynsworth after the Abe Fortas case. Doubtless, a number of senators of urban states preferred not to antagonize the Negro vote when their own election campaigns came around. But I suspect that the real climate of the Haynsworth defeat had been created by the Administration itself, which couldn't believe that even the Senate Republicans had limits of pride and independence beyond which claims of party loyalty could not push them.

During the press debate I jibed a bit at several of my conservative fellow commentators on the double-standard issue. In the case of Bill Buckley, I did the man an injustice, for which I apologize: it turned out that he had not taken a position against Fortas, so he could defend Haynsworth in good conscience. John Chamberlain wrote that he had never written about either man. James Kilpatrick

tried to distinguish sharply between the two cases, somewhat lamely in my view. But I think it has done all of us some good, senators and commentators alike, to think through the great questions about judicial sickness that the Fortas and Haynsworth episodes have posed for us.

You can't hope for an absolute quality of justice from any court or judge. You can hope for standards of independence and ethical sensitivity beyond the run of the market place. No one can ask the judges to be either monks in their estheticism or angels in their virtue, and no one can ask them (as Chief Justice Warren Burger has put it) to withdraw from life.

But one can ask them to remember that those who sit in judgment on others must themselves expect to be judged. And if they turn out to have been foolish, careless or insensitive men, the quality of their judgments and of the justice they will dispense comes into question.

The Pinkville Cure

BY ARTHUR HOPPE

"Just make yourself comfortable on the couch. Fine. Now what seems to be troubling you, ja?"

"It's this Pinkville Massacre, Doctor. I can't seem to get it off my mind."

"Ah, yes, a very bad thing. You have, perhaps, feelings of guilt?"

"I... Yes, I guess that's it. I feel guilty."

"You were there?"

"No. Oh, no. But it was Americans who did it. Not Nazis or Huns or Boche -- no offense, Doctor -- but Americans like me. My taxes helped buy the guns and bullets that killed those women and children in cold blood."

"Jawohl, I see. To be rid of these feelings of guilt is simple. You need only justify what has occurred."

"Can you help me, Doctor?"

"You have come to the right man. Now, first, you must ask yourself: did you know what was going on?"

"Oh, no, Doctor, I swear it. I didn't know what was going on. Oh, I realized that women and children were getting killed over there. But I thought only with bombs and rockets. I mean these things happen in war."

"Very good. These things happen in war. You must remember that. Now, about your taxes. You paid your taxes because you were ordered to do so, ja?"

"Yes, that's right, Doctor. I was only following orders."

"It is the duty of a good American to pay his taxes, ja?"

"Yes, and I'm a good American, Doctor. I've always been proud to be an American. At least until this happened. Now..."

"But ah, you Americans are in this war for the noblest of motives, ja?"

"Oh, yes, we're trying to save these people from Communism. I mean if we pulled out now there'd be a terrible blood bath. The Communists would kill women and children in cold... Oh, it's so confusing."

"Tut, tut, let us not probe too deeply. Now about these people who were killed. I believe you refer to them as 'gooks'?"

"Well, I don't, Doctor. But our soldiers do. It's true they were just Asian peasants. I mean life is pretty cheap over there."

"Very good, very good. Keep in mind that these people who were eliminated were members of an inferior race. Now this boy from Terre Haute who admitted his part in the killings, he, too, was a good American?"

"He certainly sounded like one, Doctor, just a typical American kid, following orders. A good soldier. I guess it's this war. Our leaders are wrong to keep on fighting it when all hope of victory's gone."

"Ah, now we have it. I have made here a little list. Listen. 'I didn't know what was going on. These things happen in war. I was only following orders as a good American. Our soldiers are good American boys. The war is to save the world from Communism. Our leaders were wrong. The unfortunate victims were members of an inferior race.' Now you must take the list and repeat it word for word three times each day, ja."

"Thank you, Doctor. Will that make me a little more proud to be an American again?"

"Not for a generation. But you will despise us Germans a little less. Next."

Edwards And Fox Reply To Half Million Question

Editor:

There seems to be some confusion over a statement we made concerning the number of people participating in the March on Washington. Our figure of 500,000 is compiled from the estimates of the Washington Police Department, the New Mobilization officials, and the NEW YORKER magazine. (Due to an unfortunate oversight, we neglected to check the estimates of US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.)

The Chief of Police in Washington first estimated the crowd at 250,000 and described it as a modest figure. He later revised the figure to 300,000 and

still said that it was a modest estimate.

March officials said that there were at least 800,000 marchers.

The NEW YORKER magazine, noting that the police usually estimated the numbers at peace marches on the low side, put the crowd between half a million and a million.

While the number of marchers is noteworthy, far more important are the marchers themselves, their spirit, their hopes, and their determination.

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"ONE SHOULD NOT SWIM ALONE."

National Officials Chargeable With Giving Aid And Comfort to Enemy

Editor:

If the cock-eyed, crackpot criterion of "aid and comfort to the enemy" proposed by Mr. Phil Harper were the ultimate standard of people's words and actions, not only millions of average American citizens but also most of our top national officials would be chargeable with treason.

Let us begin with President Nixon. By the Harper test, when the President announced, at a nationally televised press conference some time ago that he hoped to beat former Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford's deadline for the removal of all American combat troops from Vietnam by the end of 1970, he gave "aid and comfort to the enemy." And every announcement the President makes of troop withdrawals, whether large or small, gives "aid and comfort to the enemy."

Or let us take what has been said within the past few days by our national leaders about the My Lai Massacre. When that stalwart hawk, Senator John Stennis of Mississippi, pledged himself via all the news media to a full and thorough investigation of all that happened at My Lai, he thereby gave "aid and comfort to the enemy"; and that investigation, in which many high government officials and many ordinary Americans will of course participate, holds untold potential for giving "aid and comfort to the enemy." When Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird said, through all the news media, that he was "shocked and sick" about what happened at My Lai, he thereby gave most welcome "aid and comfort to the enemy."

And when President Nixon authorized his press secretary to tell the whole listening world that what happened at My Lai was "abhorrent" to the United States government, he thereby gave "aid and comfort to the enemy" that might well have set Hanoi's propagandists dancing in the streets. Had not our own national officials confirmed what Hanoi's propagandists had been saying all along about American soldiers in South Vietnam?

Whether all of this "aid and comfort to the enemy" (and much more that could be cited but for lack of space here) on the part of our national leaders is "by intention or by stupidity," I leave

Mr. Harper to figure out by his own accounting methods -- though I would suggest that he not use his students' class time to impose his answer on them.

Least any of our freshmen should be unduly impressed with Mr. Harper's Alice in Wonderland way of making words mean whatever he wants them to mean, let me point out here that giving "aid and comfort" to the enemy (CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S. III, 3, 1), in the Constitutional sense of the term, has always carried the quite simple, literal meaning of supplying the enemies of the United States, in a time of war, with food, clothing, shelter, weapons, etc. Such wild, hot-eyed, McCarthyite enemies of liberty (for all but themselves) as Mr. Harper notwithstanding, this term has no valid application whatsoever to the exercise by citizens, individually or in groups, of their Constitutional rights -- or to any possible, probable, or actual reaction of the enemy to the exercise of those rights.

By his letter Mr. Harper, who is so ready to attribute stupidity to others, proves himself too dense to understand -- or too callous to care -- that the kind of liberty he seems to think cannot "be tolerated much longer" is the very kind of liberty that Americans have cherished and exercised freely ever since 1776 and American men have fought and died to defend in wars throughout our history. I write as one who has served our country in the Armed Forces overseas in war time in defense of every American's right to exercise that liberty -- without apology to Mr. Harper, whether he has or not.

Indeed, it is a shocking shame to Middle Tennessee State University to have on its teaching staff a man who is such a notoriously slow learner that he has not yet grasped the most elementary lesson of liberty in "the land of the free and the home of the brave": that our free society in this country can survive only if we as citizens both TOLERATE and DEFEND the right of all our fellow citizens to exercise their Constitutional liberties -- quite regardless of whether we agree with them or not.

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Scarlett Expresses Hopes Of Having Doctorial Soon

M.G. Scarlett, MTSU's president, expressed hope recently that the School of Education could extend its graduate school program to the doctoral level by September 1970. The State Board of Education approved Scarlett's recommendation last Wednesday that a Doctor of Education in College Teaching be offered here.

However, review of the proposed program by two visitation consultants and final ratification of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission will be necessary before the degree may be offered. A similar program was approved for East Tennessee State University.

"The Doctor of Education in College Teaching will fill the need for training teachers for the rapidly expanding community colleges, junior colleges and undergraduate fields in the senior colleges," Scarlett said in expressing his pleasure at the approved proposal.

"As outlined in the brief to be

submitted to the Higher Education Commission, three academic disciplines -- English, History, Health and Physical Education -- will be the areas in which such teachers may seek to major," Scarlett added.

The proposed program concentrates on providing a body of advanced professional training of 21 hours while concurrently providing graduate study for an equal number of hours in the discipline for which the candidates wish to teach on the college level.

The degree will be awarded to those who successfully complete 48 hours, including six hours for a dissertation, beyond the master's degree, according to Robert Aden, dean of the MTSU graduate school.

In support of his request that MTSU be permitted to grant the Ed.D. in college teaching, Scarlett pointed out the four departments involved had a combined total of 64 professors with earn-

ed doctorates -- 29 in education, 14 in English, 11 in history and 10 in health, physical education and recreation.

The physical facilities and the library at MTSU meet the requirements for offering a doctoral program and the demand is evidenced by a survey in which some 1,100 persons in the University area of service evidenced interest in such a degree program.

There is no other specific program like the proposed Ed.D. degree in college teaching in Tennessee. The curriculum for the proposed Ed.D. will offer a wide selection of graduate courses for each of the areas of concentration.

There will be four required courses requiring 12 semester hours and nine hours to be selected from nine other available courses.

The department of English will offer a selection of 26 courses listed in the 600 range and four listed in the 700 category, two of which must be elected by the candidate concentrating in that area. A total of 23 courses are available in HPER, of which six are in the seventh year area. History will offer a choice from among 23 courses of which six are listed in the 700 range.



.... Sam and Dave

Tickets Still Available For Sam and Dave Show

The singing duo - Sam and Dave - will present their show here Dec. 9 in Memorial Gym. The ASB, sponsoring organization for the program, is now selling tickets for the show in the basement of the University Center.

Sam and Dave have been performing together as a team since 1961. In the six years they have been together, they have created a remarkable reputation as the most exciting two-some on the soul music scene.

Billed as the "Double Dynamite" duo, they have thrilled fans throughout the world with their fast and furious in-person act, and they have secured their hold on their followers with hit after hit recording on the Memphis-based Stax label.

Sam Moore and Dave Foster both made it the hard way, working since they were youngsters as professional entertainers in the world of soul music. Sam Moore from Miami, Dave from Ocilla, Ga., but today they both call Miami home.

Stax Records issued Sam & Dave's first record in 1965, a driving item called, "It Was So Nice While It Lasted." That first record was an R&B hit, and their subsequent hits, "I Take What I Want," "Ain't No Big Thing Baby," "A Place Nobody Can Find," "You Don't Know Like I Know," "Said I Wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody" and the smash, "Hold On I'm Coming," brought them to the attention of pop fans as well.

Their first gold record was earned in the fall of 1967 with the sensational hit "Soul Man." This record leaped to the top of the trade paper charts in a few short weeks, and sold over one million copies. Their follow-up album, "Soul Man," quickly burst into the best-selling classification after it was issued in October of 1967.

In the spring of 1967, Sam & Dave played in England and the Continent as stars of the Stax-Volt Revue, along with such top acts as Otis Redding, Carla Thomas, Booker T. & the MG's, Eddie Floyd and the Mar-Keys.

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Their decorated car held the characterization of the beloved traditional "Father Christmas" as well as the small black-robed man who brings switches to naughty children. And completing the Christmas scene were several children of MTSU faculty members who consented to be "Frenchmen" for the night.

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Haynes Recieves Red Cross Award Of Appreciation

Joe Black Hayes, associate professor of health and physical education at Middle Tennessee State University was awarded the Red Cross "certificate of appreciation" at a recent regional meeting in Memphis recognizing 15 years "outstanding activities in first aid, small craft and water safety" programs. The award was issued by A.B. Murphy, national director of safety services in Washington, D.C. Nov. 15.

The award was accompanied by the following citation:

"Joe Black Hayes is a faculty member at Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro. He is currently first aid chairman for the Rutherford County Chapter. Continuously authorized since his initial First Aid training in 1949, he was appointed an Instructor Trainer in 1965."

"His teaching over the years has resulted in a total of 2410 certificates issued. Of this number 312 were Instructors."

"This record is self explanatory and Joe Black is certainly most worthy of this recognition."



Recently elected sponsors of the ROTC units at MTSU are these pretty misses. From left, center, Janis Turner, brigade sponsor from Chattanooga; Second row: Susan Duke, battalion sponsor from Woodbury; Brenda Thompson, battalion sponsor, Lawrenceburg; and Barbara Jo Somers, battalion sponsor, Murfreesboro. Third row: Norma Sanders, company sponsor, Lebanon; Gail

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Sociology Class Views NYC Role

By Becky Freeman

Twenty-six students in Gwen-olyn Aseltine's Social Problems classes have been able to fulfill a portion of their class requirements this fall by working with enrollees in the Murfreesboro Neighborhood Youth Corps.

This is the third year MTSU students have participated in the NYC which is a program sponsored by the Department of Labor. The program is designed for the unemployed school dropout from 16 to 18 years of age whose average family income is below the poverty line.

The young people are given educational and training assistance including literacy and occupational training and counseling. They are also provided with a salaried job and required to attend school six hours a week.

The university students met with Cliff Brazel, director of the Murfreesboro NYC in the first week of October. At that time they met their enrollees and conducted them on a tour of the campus. It was the first time for many of the enrollees to visit the campus, according to Brazel.

The sociology students worked on a one-to-one basis with the enrollees. Each student was asked to find out some basic information about his enrollee; attempt to determine the factors which brought about his present situation and estimate his chances for future success.

Later when left to their own resources, the students visited their enrollees at work and in the home; took them to dinner; talked to their former teachers and generally tried to begin a friendship with them.

Martha Carroll, a student

at the McFadden Community Center previously, said, "From the experience this fall I saw how lucky I am, and I learned

how to do some social research. I think the NYC has helped my enrollee at least as far as getting her a job."

volunteer, commented on her experiences, "I learned people must want to help themselves before you can help them." Betty Johns, who had worked

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Food, fun, praise, and glory were the order for the night at the annual football banquet honoring the 1969 gridiron squads. Going through the buffet line, it made all the frustrations, pains, and worries of the past season disappear--momentarily, that is.

Sitting back after a plate full of such delights as roast beef, ham, turkey, salads, and a wide variety of delicatessens, this writer had the opportunity to witness a football player as humans not as machines. They look different without their mouthpieces with intermingled blood, or their helmets to protect from skull fractures.

It's a good feeling to see that they are like others -- they breath, walk, and smile -- actually smile, mind you -- just like other men who only watch them perform.

But this night wasn't all food, for jokes were passed around freely, some aimed at guests, while others found their target in the hearts of the hard-working coaching staff.

Each coach introduced their lettermen, which totaled 44 for the year, to the crowd of some 200 players, guests, staff, and radio, press-, and TV-men. Don Fuoss, who possessed the ability to make others laugh, but rarely used it during the season, let it all unwind as he made uncanny remarks about every walking thing there Tues-

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Stewart Scores Tally In 'Rival Bowl'



Tech Prevails Thanksgiving Day

Tennessee Tech unleashed two yearlings against Middle Tennessee State Thanksgiving Day and won the annual "Rival Bowl" as the Golden Eagles took a 21-7 victory, their second straight triumph against a Blue Raider team.

Freshman running back Roger Hill, substituting for the injured Larry Schreiber, rushed for 132 yards in 31

carries and scored a touchdown, while frosh signal-caller Steve Ailey threw two scoring tallies to Jim Bishop to further rub salt into the already burning wounds of the Raiders.

Middle Tennessee got on the score board first, something they have done only once all year -- against Austin Peay -- on a David Stewart pass from Bill Griffith covering 26 yards.

Kevin Tucker kicked the extra point and it looked like the fighting Blue would reclaim Harvey, the symbol of victory between these two teams.

Throughout the first quarter David Duvall and Company kept the Tech offense in line, but the Eagles began clicking and it was all over.

Booming back in the second stanza, Tech got scoring tallies on a 10-yard Ailey to Bishop pass, and a 12-yard run by Hill and took the halfway-point lead.

A trademark of the Raiders shone in the third period, that of fighting, and fighting, and fighting still harder. Holding the Eagles' offense in check again, the Raiders looked like the team that beat Murray homecoming, and lost a heart-breaker to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in their first home game.

It looked quite the same in the final period, but the Tech offense finally got warmed up and scored again on a Ailey to Bishop pass.

Middle Tennessee finished the season with a 1-9 record, while Tech was 5-5 for the year.

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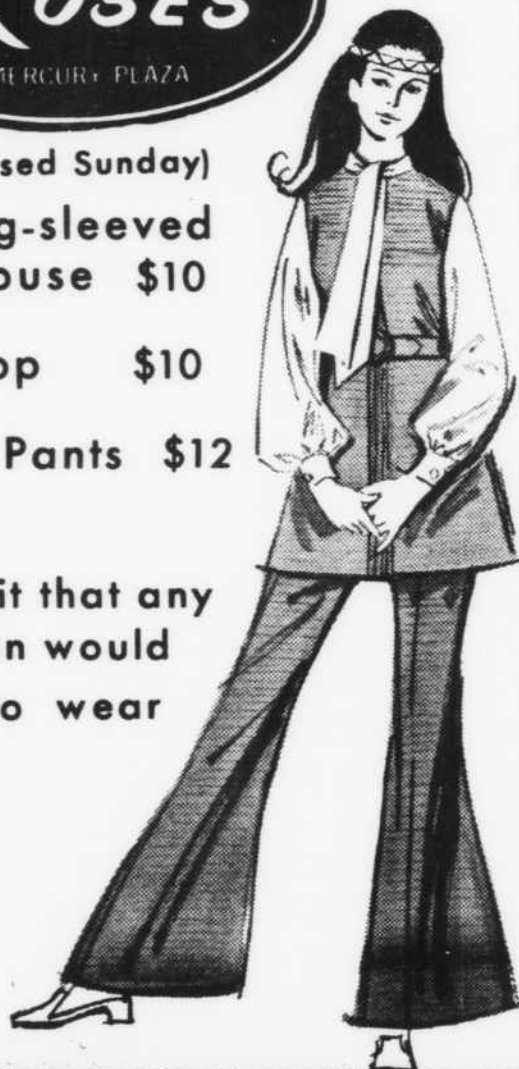
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Bethel College, MTSU's opponent tonight in the Blue Raiders' 1969-70 debut, is not widely known as a basketball power, at least not in the Ohio Valley Conference circles. But Wildcat head coach Doug Hines hopes to change all of that, beginning tonight.

Coach Hines has gone out and beaten the bushes and assembled what has to be one of the toughest college division teams in this area. The Wildcats are big, strong, good shooters, and are well-coached.

Leading the way is 6-9, 255-pound Don Stanford who is a real horse on the boards, and is currently leading the team in scoring with 21 points per game. Stanford will be at center, and will be flanked by 6-8 James Penn, who got 28 points against the Raiders last season, and 6-7 freshman Joe Reeves, the No. 2 scorer in Tennessee high school totals last season with Boliver Industrial.

In the backcourt will be 5-11 Ken Booher, a transfer from Murray State who played the past four years in the army. Booher was named the Most Valuable Player in the All-Army tournament in 1966, and copped the same honor in the Southern States Tournament in Williamsburg, Ky. last weekend. He is averaging 20 points per game.

The other guard is J.C. Poppelwell, a starter last season. On the bench tonight will be three starters off of last season's team, including All-VSAC guard Leonard Powell. To put it mildly, the Raiders

will have their hands full tonight.

Bethel has a 3-2 record, having lost to Carson-Newman (66-64) and Austin Peay (98-97). The team was suffering from a virus the day of the

C-N game, and was still feeling the effect at Clarksville Monday night. Raider assistant coach, who scouted the game, said Bethel was three times as good as Austin Peay.

"They tipped the ball 11

times on one occasion," noted Clifton. "It finally bounced off of Reeves' shoulder into the basket. They look like they are playing ping-pong on their offensive board."

Attempting to halt the rough,

tough Wildcats will be what Raider fans hope will be one of MTSU's best teams in years.

Tonight's clash is the head coaching debut of Jimmy Earle, the popular Raider mentor who was an assistant here for four seasons.

Whatever else is lost among the years
Let us keep Christmas-
Its meaning never ends...
Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears-
Let us hold close this day-
remembering friends



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The Apparently Happy Coaches And The Uncertain Players



1969-70 BLUE RAIDERS: This is the team head coach Jimmy Earle will send on the court tonight as the rip-roaring Blue Raiders tangle with Bethel in whaz looks to be a rebounding battle. Sitting from left are Coach Jimmy Earle, Ray Dennis, Stan Sumrell, Jim Drew, Don Lockridge, Brad Wilson,

Steve McElhaney, Terry Scott, and Herman Sikes. Standing are Assistant Coach Don Newman, Darryl Bentson, Terry Johnson, Roger Fisher, Tommy Legg, Booker Brown, Joe Barclay, Bubba Yarborough, Ken Riley, and Assistant Coach Butch Clifton.

MTSU TO OPEN AGAINST BETHEL

Basketball weather is here -- the kind where its too cold to go out and to warm to stay in -- and Middle Tennessee State knows it as they begin their home season tonight against Bethel College, while the freshmen squad will play host to a determined David Lipscomb College in the opener.

Blue Raider basketball is something that isn't seen, it's felt. The noise, the screams, and the

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fierce competition make it one of the University's more popular sports and for just reasons.

This year squad will be a different one according to new head coach Jimmy Earle, who moved

up to the head role after Ken Trickey moved to Oral Roberts University.

"For the past few years MTSU has been in the bottom of the standings in shooting percentage and team defense, and we're going to change it," he stated earlier in the year. "If we'll quit losing these one and

two point games."

Lots of experience will be a factor entering into this year's squad, which appears to lack a competent shooter at the moment. Booker Brown, the seven-foot center and also a starter last year, is hustling and really showing a desire to play, something he appeared to lack last year. In speed drills, he is showing a speed not usually exhibited, and also the board-control he possessed last year in leading the team in rebounds and also finishing in the top 10 in the nation in this department.

Terry Scott and Ken Riley, the starting forwards, possess the ability to do the right thing at the right moment. Scott, who ran a leg on the mile-relay team that placed seventh in the nation last year, has the speed, the spring, and the ability to be one of the real greats in Raider history -- if he wants to.

With the graduation of Art Polk, who is coaching the freshmen squad, and Willie Brown, a graduate assistant under Trickey at ORU, the team lacks a potent scoring threat and Scott is counted on heavily to pick up the slack.

Riley, who missed last season due to a knee injury, hasn't showed the desire and hustle he possessed his freshman year in which he ended the year as a starter. Believed to be favoring his new injury-free knee, Riley is another player that must produce in a big way if the Blue are to be title contenders.

The 6-5 Riley did everything his frosh year. He could shoot, dribble, rebound, and hustle and these abilities must sprout again if the Raiders are to win.

Two Chattanooga boys will start at the guard positions and they too must show past talents

to win. Steve McElhaney, an all-stater in high school, showed the quarterback-type style last year as a starter. He has the uncanny ability to bring the ball down and get an otherwise loose-playing offense to settle down and get the ball in the basket.

McElhaney, on any given night, could produce the points the team needs, but a suffering of chronic bronchitis may hinder his play in some of the

games this season.

Stan Sumrell, a starter his frosh year also, sit out the campaign last year but is back in full force this season. Possessing the height, at 6-3, Sumrell will add another quality the Raiders have lacked in the past--steadiness. He handles the ball well, and he, too, on any given night, can hit in a big way from the outside, a position where past teams have lacked.

The Peeled Eye

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day night. But hidden deep within these jokes were words of praise, well deserved praise.

Andy Thompson Night

And then the glory. After a while it seemed to be "Andy Thompson night," as the bruising All-OVC performer received the Most Valuable Player award, and the Outstanding Offensive Player Award.

But things took an aboutface (I learned that in ROTC) as David Duvall was named a co-captain for the year's work, along with Johnny Beene, and also was presented a trophy as the Best Defensive Player. The Husky linebacker exhibited a smile no opponent has seen this year as he listened to words of praise from his coaches.

Danny Buck, who drilled as a demonstration man for six weeks due to a broken arm collected in fall practice, got the Hustle Award for his breaking into the lineup after overcoming great odds. The Ray Neal Memorial Award was given to safety Larry Hayes, who has exhibited the most improvement over the past four-year span. His dad, Joe Black, incidentally, gave the award last year so this one had special meaning.

High School Guests

But the food, fun, praise, and glory weren't all directed at Blue Raiders, as some of the top prospects in the state high schools were on hand to see what this school was all about. The guest list ran something like this:

Walter Overton and Jack Armstrong of Nashville Pearl, one of the top NIL teams this year with a 10-0 mark; Jesse Carter and Melvin Daniels, the speedy duo backfield of local Central; Donelson end Larry Vantrese; Smyrna linebacker Billy Merritt, who made some of the present players crane their necks to see him; Franklin County tackle Larry Sawyer, described as "one of those Franklin County boys" by Fuoss, and Madison's Rick Mosier and William Jenkins, both tall, strong-looking boys. Some of these have already signed contracts for next year. (A list of these players will be given in its entirety at a later date).

Fun, praise, glory, and (burp), excuse me, food, and not necessarily in that order.

SIDELINES ALL-OVC TEAM

Offensive Squad

SE Red Roberts	APSU JR.
TE Jack Wolf	Murray JR.
T Andy Thompson	MTSU SR.
T Darryl Sadowski	Morehead JR.
G Bill Swaggerty	Tech JR.
G Don Williams	Murray SR.
C John Walton	ETSU SR.
QB Johnny Vance	Western SR.
RB Larry Schreiber	Tech SR.
RB Jim Brooks	Eastern SO.
FLB John High	Morehead SO.

Defensive Squad

E Lawrence Brame	Western JR.
E Ron Mendeim	ETSU SR.
T Dave Haverdick	Morehead SR.
T Frank Patterson	ETSU SR.
MG Teddy Taylor	Eastern SR.
LB Doug Linebarger	ETSU SR.
LB David Duvall	MTSU JR.
B Bill Casey	ETSU SO.
B Bill Green	Western JR.
B Joe Mulvihill	Tech SR.
B Al Guy	ETSU SR.

SIDELINES' Team

Identical To League

Just as the sports department was afraid of, the All-OVC team we selected is identical to the one released by the league's coaches. Our paper is coming out later than our area papers, so we're sorry; we had it ready, but circumstances prevailed.