# Comptroller's office to release audit

Results of the regular state audit of the university's funds is expected to be released by the state comptroller's office within the next week.

"The university is currently in good financial condition," President M. G. Scarlett stated. This was the regular audit conducted by the comptroller's office on all state agencies and not a special audit just at MTSU, stated the president.

The audit is expected to clear some of the recent charges that

By David Page Editor-in-Chief

the university is not on sound financial ground.

MTSU is now in as sound a financial situation as any of the state universities, according to Scarlett. The school had a surplus budget last year and is expected to have one again this year, he added.

Representatives from the state comptroller's office were on campus for approximately eight

months, according to Dean John Weems, dean of administration. It was the first audit taken at MTSU since 1968, he explained.

Originally when the auditors came for the most recent audit, they were prepared to make an examination of university departmental accounts for the last one and one-half years. However, Business Manager Jimmy Jack-son requested that the audit cover a two year period.

The financial stability of MTSU was questioned in December following a statement by Scarlett that all MTSU department budgets would be subject to a 15 percent cut for the remainder of the school year.

This cut in departmental budgets should enable the school to end the year in good financial condition and re-establish full adequate reserve funds, the president maintains.

There have been no fiscal irregularities at MTSU this year or last year, the president stressed.

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### To decide new constitution's fate

### Gordon announces election

Students will be able to accept or reject the proposed Student Government Association Constitution in a referendum to be held Feb. 4 at 10:45 a.m. in the University Center Theatre, according to ASB President Bart

Identification and registration cards will be checked prior to the secret ballot voting, Gordon explained.

The constitution, which has passed two readings of both the Associated Student Body House and Senate, includes a number of alterations in MTSU student By Jill Woodworth News Editor

government, particularly in the change from bi-cameral to unicameral legislative structure.

The new constitution proposes that administrative positions be modified to the extent that the presidential office would be maintained, with vice presidential positions divided into adand legislative ministrative jurisdictions.

The legislative vice president will serve as speaker of the tive vice president will coordinate all Student Government Association committees, according to the proposed constitution.

Qualifications for these top three administrative positiont are to include a 2.3 cumulative grade point average, at least junior classification, and completion of two consecutive semesters as a full-time student. During term of office, the constitution provides that administrative office holders may be part-time students. Cabinet positions remain the same.

Another major change that the new form of government offers is in election procedures. Rather than being elected by classes (as under the present ASB system) members of the SGA will be elected according to schools and place of residence.

Representation in the SGA will be determined so that nine upper classmen and three freshmen will be chosen from each of the three schools: Arts and Sciences, Education and Business and Indus-

Additionally, two members will be chosen to represent the graduate school as well as three upper classmen and one freshman from each residential classifica-(Continued on Pg. 2)



'Little Mary'

Little Mary Sunshine (Susan Glass, Nashville senior) and Capt. 'Big Jim' Warington (Ken Polk, Nashville freshman) optimistically look for a "sky of blue" in the musical satire "Little Mary Sunshine."

### Lee may be contender for state cabinet post

elect Winfield Dunn suggested Saturday that M SU associate professor of psychology J. Frank Lee may be the top contender for the state corrections commissioner.

Although the Memphis Republican had earlier indicated that he might go out of state to find a qualified director for Tennessee's prison system, the sources informed the Nashville Tennessean that the 33-year-old professor has the necessary background for the position.

Lee was designated last summer by MTSU President M. G. Scarlett to act as director of the Crime, Law Enforcement, and Corrections Center. The cen-

### SIDELINES ends fall publication

This is the last edition of the SIDELINES for the fall semester. The next edition will be published on Friday, Jan. 29, the second day of classes in the spring semester. Deadlines for this issue will be the normal times for a Friday edition of the SIDELINES. The SIDE-LINES will continue to publish every Tuesday and Friday during the spring semester.

ter was established this fall for the purpose of operating a program leading to the Associate of Arts degree in Law Enforcement, the immediate establishment of a Juvenile D. agnostic Center and "other programs which may develop in these areas," according to Scarlett's authorization.

Set up according to a plan submitted by Director Lee in April of last year, the center is composed of three sections -the academic program, the Diagnostic Center, and the research and training phase.

Lee preferred to withhold comment on the reported appoint-ment, "until later in the week."

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Lee received his B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama.

### Glass to star in 'Little Mary Sunshine'

Susan Glass, Nashville senior, plays the title role in the mus-ical satire "Little Mary Sun-shine," which will be presented The Applied Speech class is presenting the O'Brien as Yellow Feather, and

drama in the arena theatre.

Other members of the cast include Nashville freshman Ken Polk as Capt. "Big Jim" War-ington, Old Hickory junior Tom Nashville freshman John Justice as Chief Brown Bear.

Playing the roles of the young ladies from Eastchester Fit., shing School are: Katie Werner, (Continued on Pg. 2)

### 'Outstanding Teacher' ballots due Jan. 14

The deadline for nominations for the most outstanding teacher award is Jan. 14. This award set up by the MTSU Foundation is given to three worthy teachers each year.

This will be the fifth year such awards have been provided. Recipients of the \$1000 awards in the past years have been the following: Jack Arters, Dalton Drannan, and John Patten for 1969-70; Ortrun Gilbert, James K. Huhta, and Norman Parks, 1968-69; Boyd Evans, Barton McCash, and Frances Stubblefield for the 1967-68 school year; Parchment, Harold Gerald Spraker, and William Windham for the 1966-67 school year. Previous winners of these awards are not eligible for this year's selection.

Dean Howard Kirksey has announced that the procedure for the selection of the outstanding teachers will involve three steps: nomination, elimination and final selection. The nominations will

be made by MTSU students, alumni and the faculty.

All faculty members who have completed three years at MTSU are eligible for nomination.

Nominations for the Outstanding Teachers may be sent to the SIDELINES, Box 42.

The alumni publication, Mid-Stater, will have a ballot printed in one issue. A committee representing the Foundation, alumni, ASB, administration and

the faculty will choose the finalists from those nominated.

Final selection will be made when the group of finalists are rated by their students and tenured colleagues during the spring semester. The final tabulations are made by computer. The results of the evaluations will be announced at the alumni banquet

A committee of the Foundation will meet soon to decide whether to recommend the continued funding of this program.

### Students to make Broadway tour

open to the public, would include the cost of the round trip

While many students head south April 3-10 for the Spring va-cation, 25 to 30 students will make their second trip on a New York Theatre Tour.

Three broadway and one off-broadway shows will be seen by the group, indicated Mary Bronder, instructor in the Speech and Theatre department. Mrs. Bronder commented that the tour,

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jet flight, five nights at the Taft Hotel, gratuities, and tickets for Mrs. Bronder indicated that if six more people could be enlisted to make the trip the cost of the tour would be reduced

person. One semester hour credit is offered to those that take the course in applied speech. Last year the group saw "Dames at Sea," "Butterflies Are Free."

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"Forty Karats," and "Minnie's Boys." They also toured a costume house, a lightings manu-facturer, and Lincoln Center while on the trip.

This year, theatre students, members of the Buchanan Players, faculty and non-theatre students planning to make the New York Theatre tour intend to "see the sights" and generally make the most of this opportunity to experience the American theatre.

Mrs. Bronder concluded that interested people should contact her for additional information.

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#### WMOT to air scrapbook of the '60's

WMOT will represent a scrapbook of the decade beginning tonight at 8p.m. and running at this time through Jan. 14. This record of the big news events of the past decade titled "I Can Hear It Now/The Sixties" is narrated by Walter Cronkite and covers the happenings of the 1960's from President Kennedy's inaugural address to President Nixon's comments on the moon

#### Fun Night to feature 'Rain'

MTSU's dance committee is sponsoring a Fun Night Wednesday night at 8 in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building. "The Rain" will be featured at the dance.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park will be the site of a mid-winter

The Baptist Student Union is providing information on the retreat

retreat sponsored by the Baptist Student Union on Jan. 29-31. The retreat will feature Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville.

'Free love' to serve as discussion topic

"Free love" will be the topic of a rap session to be held Thursday night at 7:30 in Room 312 of the University Center, The session is sponsored by the Canterbury Association.

The rap session will include a tape recording of the panel discussion of "free love" aired on WMOT Sunday and which was moderated by Tom Markley, a theology student in St. Luke's Seminary at Sewanee.

(Continued from Pg. 1) tion: students living on campus, commuters from Rutherford County, and commuters from outside Rutherford County.

The constitution states that the president of MTSU "shall retain a final veto power over student legislation or any

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part thereof." Vetoes are limited, however, to five days after the legislature presents it to the president for his signature.

The SGA president has veto power in the new system. Congress can override the veto with a two-thirds vote.

Copies of the constitution will be made available at the ASB office for interested student prior to the end of this semester, Gordon stated.

A student may also write to Box 1, Campus Mail, to request that the eight-page document be sent to his campus mail box.

#### Little Mary . . .

(Continued from Pg. 1) Nashville treshman; Sheri Pike, Murfreesboro freshman; Pam Smotherman, Christiana freshman; Melody Derington, McMinnville freshman; and Janie McNeal, Spring City freshman.

Acting as the U.S. Forest Rangers are Mike McMullen, Antioch freshman; Dale Gordon, Lyles freshman; Bobby Simms, Mt. Juliet freshman; Paul Finholt, Goodlettsville freshman; and Tony Pendergrass, Murfreesboro graduate student.

This play by Rick Besoyan was first presented in 1959 at the Orpheum Theatre, New York

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# Interfaith Council to co-ordinate campus religious activity

The University Interfaith Council has been established in an effort "to coordinate campus religious activities," revealed the Rev. Richard Shriver, head of the Wesley Foundation on campus.

The new council will replace the Student Christian Union, dissolved due to "flaws involved in its structure," Shriver said. To

### Campus to serve as testing center

MTSU has been designated as a test center for administering the National Teacher Examinations on Jan. 30, according to James Martin, director of guidance and counseling.

College seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems which encourage or require applicants to submit their scores on the National Teacher Examinations along with their other credentials are eligible to take the tests. Last year more than 105,000 candidates took the examinations which are prepared and administered by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J.

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most students, the SCU had become a conflicting organization"just another meeting," Shriver

The UIC has issued announcements to all religious groups on campus, inviting them to join.

The entire function of the UIC will be to resolve conflicting programs of the religious organizations already on campus, who choose to become members.

For example, Shriver explained that early this semester the Methodists showed a movie about a Presbyterian minister on the same night the Presbyterians

viewed a movie obtained from the Methodist Publishing House.

Receiving approval from administration officials, the next step of the UIC will be to set up a constitution and by-laws.

Shriver stated that he expects the groups to have one voting student representative, and one non-voting adult counsellor.

"Meetings will be called only when necessary," advised Shriver, in order to avoid additional conflicts.

The UIC materialized through the suggestions of five new religious counselors on campus. Rev. Shriver held two luncheons for the men and the UIC grew out of their suggestions.

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They were Ircell Harrison with the Baptist Student Union; Charles Geiser, representing seven Presbyterian churches in Rutherford County; David Matheke, working with First Methodist Church; Jerry Hollis, a student director, working with the Church

of Christ; and Father Vincent Kaufman, working with the Newman Club for the Catholic Church.

Shriver is hopeful about the efforts of the group and says he "hasn't talked to any campus group that isn't very receptive to the idea."

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# New constitution will provide 'less bad government'

The new proposed constitution passed by the present two-house Associated Student Body congress will probably, if implemented, not provide a better form of government for the student body but will only provide a case of less bad government.

Although the new constitution passed the required two readings in both houses of the ASB congress it still must be put to a vote at a student assembly on Feb. 4 and receive two-thirds of the votes of students present at the assembly.

The main strength of this change seems to be that of doing away with the present bi-cameral system and especially the present house of representatives. The workings of the house has long been blamed for much of the lack of efficiency within the ASB.

To rid the ASB of the unwanted house, a committee appointed by the ASB came up with a plan where the student body congress will consist of one house of 50 members. The members of the proposed house are chosen by a complicated

system which takes into consideration such items as the academic school of an individual, if a student lives in a dorm, if a student does not live in a dorm but still lives in Rutherford County, if a student lives outside of Rutherford County, and the classification of a student.

One other proposal to change the ASB to a uni-cameral legislature was presented in the spring semester of 1969. This plan included a very similar make-up in its congress and also passed two readings in both houses. The 1969 proposal however was defeated in the student assembly.

Although there are several other important changes in the proposed constitution the main strength as far as the present ASB is concerned still seems to be the uni-cameral legislature which will replace the house, the current scapegoat of the ASB.

It will be interesting to see if the new constitution passes in the student assembly but more interesting to see what the new scapegoat of the ASB will be if it does pass.

#### National Perspective

# High tensions, protests evolve from trial of Jews

Heightened tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union have resulted from incidents of protest in reaction to the trial of Soviet Jews accused of attempting to hijack a plane.

Initial protest became strong when several of the Jews were sentenced to death. Although their sentences were commuted, protest by American Jewish groups continued against persecution of Soviet Jews.

Last week, a bomb exploded at the Soviet Cultural building in Washington, and the police received an anonymous call from a woman which was reported to have stated, "The Soviet Cultural building on 18th street has been bombed. This is a sample of things to come. Let our people go. Never again."

"Never again."

"Never again" is the slogan of the Jewish Defense League, a militant Jewish group which has threatened to intimidate all Russian diplomats until proper treatment is given to Russian Jews.

Reports from Russia indicate that there has been several incidents of harassment of Americans by Russian thugs in the Soviet Union, and that for the first time since the Seven Day War, there was a demonstration at the American embassy in Moscow in protest of the treatment of Russians in the U.S.

To totally fault either side in this controversy would be an injustice, but on a general level, these actions are merely examples of a growing use of diplomatic blackmail within the international arena.

Once confined to the southern hemisphere with political kidnappings in Brazil, Uruguary and other South American nations, it has spread to Quebec in Canada, and perhaps, now to the United States. By Jim Leonhirth

Such incidents as harassment and bombings do little but incense feelings while peaceful protest can be instrumental in bringing world opinion to bear on an injustice or inequity.

In Canada, the kidnapping and murder of English diplomats resulted in a state of emergency and almost the dissolution of civil rights.

United States-Soviet relations are usually tenuous at best and, it is evident that these acts of lawlessness will be detrimental to relations even if just to provide excuses for Russian abuse of Americans and Soviet Jews.

What should stand at issue is the primacy of diplomatic sanctity and immunity. If nations are going to conduct their relation with any semblance of normality and reason, there should be no interference from extraneous factors, Russian thugs or American Jewish militants.

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#### BIII Mauldin



### Land of ASBoth creates own ills

And there was in the land at that time a generous and noble king, the Lord of Bicamera; for he brought together the two peoples of the region; the Independent Republic and the Greecian States, and they lived together in co-existence and prospered.

And happy were the people for they had never enjoyed such Freedom and Progress; they were lifted from their darkness and the Light of MTSU shined them illuminating their upon

The Lord of Bicamera saw that it was good and encouraged the people that they might take responsibility for their ways, so that, the Light would shine even brighter.

And Ali sent his prophet Skarlet who guided and directed the Chosen Ones, so that, they would become mighty in the eyes of surrounding nations.

And the surrounding nations sent their envoys to the free and wealthy nation of ASBoth under the Lord of Bicamera, so that, they might see the many accomplishments of the peoples of Independenia and Greecia and be schooled in their ways. And so it was done.

And it came to pass that while the people of ASBoth prospered, they expanded their sphere of influence and came to know the Lord of Unicamerius. And the Lord of Unicamerius came from the north Driving disease and pestilence before him; and the people were struck with insensitiveness, and they were plunged into the apathetic plague. But there were those among the people of ASBoth who were not afflicted with the plague and rose up to lead the people. But some were schooled in the ways of Unicamerius; evil and corrupt, among them Rogere and GorDone of Bar. They fell in with Unicamerius, for they had no direction, planning to relieve the people of ASBoth of their voice and freedom.

Seeing that Unicamerius had spare many of the people under an oath of their allegiance to him, there arose in the South of ASBoth

those who were courageous and valiant, and they proceeded to plan for war against the traitor ASBothians.

They made Bicamera their standard, and they consulted the Book of Robert, so that, they might fight with honor wielding the swords of Democratio and Parlementare.

But Rogere was not schooled in the Book of Robert and wrote his own book with which to fight with the Unicamerians against his people of ASBoth.

Moving with rapidity and strength of numbers, with Unicamerius as their standard, illegality their steeds, and unconstitutia their lances, Rogere and GorDone of Bar smote those of the Standard of Bicamera; subjugating them and silencing their voices at Representius Housia.

Although they were silenced, the defeated ASBothians of the Standard of Bicamera still spoke. And they met and began to plan

And in the East the Light broke through the darkness, and the plague began to recede from the people, and they began to regain their strength, and they joined with the small number of Bi-

And they spoke of new and terrible weapons with which to assault the fortresses of Unicamerius; so terrible, that the followers of Unicamerius tremb-

led at their approach.
And the followers of Unicamerius saw the Light breaking in the East, and they saw the Direction and Strength of the Lord of Bicamera.

The hard lines of toil were seen in their labor, and the followers of Unicamerius saw the error of their ways and realized the Lord of Unicamerius had not worked for them as he had told them.

And they saw the fruit of the Lord of Bicamera, which was Free Voice. And the Voice in the East grumbled against Rogere and GorDone of Bar for their illicit actions.

Nolan Sharbel

### Letters to the editor

## The readers write

### Constitution needs changes

To the Editor:

last issue of the SIDEincorporated an article concerning the passing of the proposed new constitution by the ASB senate and house of representatives.

Some active members of the committee which drew up the new legislative section of the new pro-

In order to propose this amend-

ment it was necessary to draw it up; therefore it was moved that the bill be tabled.

At this time Bart Gordon stated that tabling would effectively defeat the proposal because of upcoming ASB elections. I would like to know how tabling for two weeks (till the first week of Febconstitution wanted to amend the ruary) would interfere with ASB elections which are not held until March.

Had the proposal been tabled it

would have passed the first week in February. Two weeks later the student assembly for final approval would have been held. This would have been in the middle of February and would leave one month from the time of approval until the time of election.

This would leave plenty of time for election procedures to be approved and finalized.

J. Jackson Sidebottom



#### Our Man Hoppe

The press has all the answers

Complaints have been growing that the President should hold more press conferences so the public will be better informed of his thinking on the issues of the day. In a brilliant maneuver last week Mr. Nixon effectively silenced such criticism:

He held one.

The problem with Presidential press conferences these televised days is that the President is thoroughly briefed by his press staff in advance. This way, he knows all the questions that will be asked.

On the other hand, it's quite obvious to anyone who's observed these affairs over the years that Washington reporters, being the most important

people in the world, know all the answers.

With the President knowing all the questions and the press knowing all the answers, it seems clear that their roles have somehow become mixed up -- which is not unusual in Washington.

To put these press conferences back on the track, then, all that is needed is a slight change

Each reporter should rise and deliver a long, erudite, ego-satisfying answer. The President would then reply with a direct, hard-hitting question. If the question fit the answer, all the better. But traditionally this has never been required at Presidential press conferences. A proposed transcript follows.

A -- (Mr. Lipton of the Post) I understand it is your understanding that President Johnson understood there was an understanding with Hanoi in which they understood we'd bomb the bejab-bers out of them if they didn't behave.

Q -- How have I manged to at last develop a clear-cut, decisive policy in Vietnam? Next

answer, please.

A -- (Miss Tillamook of the Globe) Though you have often been asked over the years, what

#### By Arthur Hoppe

you think of J. Edgar Hoover, I am informed you still feel he has rendered a very great service to the country and you generally approve of the actions he's been taking lately.

Q -- Am I afraid of J. Edgar Hoover? Next? A -- (Mr. Karp of NBC) Let me answer the second part of your forthcoming question first and, thusly, the first part second, Yes and no.

Q -- Let me be quite candid as to what I ask about this. Is the economy in as bad shape as it looks and do I think I'll ever find a husband for Tricia? Or perhaps it's the other way around.

A -- (Mr. Wickley of the Times) Yes.

Q -- I'm glad you answered that answer. Do I want to make one thing perfectly clear. I think we have time for one more answer. Yes?

A -- (Mr. Curmudgeon of the Blade) You keep talking about keeping the public informed but this is your first press conference in five months. It's obvious to me you think they're a waste of time and won't hold another until we force you

Q -- As dean of the Washington President's Corps, I will wrap this up with the traditional words, "Thank you, gentlemen." Have a nice summer vacation if we don't run into each other before then.

As you can see, a format like this is not only more intriguing, but it still allows both the President and the press to display their brilliance in fielding questions and answers -which, of course, is the main purpose of these

True, the public won't be any better informed. But, then, it won't be any worse.

# Earle's pearls take to the road before coming home for UTC game

lt\*s going to be a long winding road for Jimmy Earle and his Blue Raiders before they return to the 'friendly atmosphere' of Alumni Gymnasium and a home encounter against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on Jan. 28.

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They will meet an always rugged Tennessee Wesleyan team the 14th in Athens and it could be a good one. Wesleyan has always given the Raiders trouble, but will be coming off one of their worst years in a long time. Six lettermen return from last year's team that went 11-18, and a UT transfer student, Donald Dodgen, give Dwain Farmer and his staff some material for

a doosey against MTSU.

Austin Peay will be one of the real 'musts' for Earle and his traveling Blue, as they need to win this league encounter to stay from the bottom of the pile with Morehead and APSU.

Peay is playing without the services of Howard Wright, the

#### Bids taken on new turf

Bids on the artificial turf, which will be laid on the football field sometime in the spring and completed by July of this year, are being taken and an answer should be reached soon as to this progress. The lowest bidder at this time, according to sources, seems to be the AstroTurf.

Work on the new gymnasium could begin this week, weather permitting, according to reliable sources received Monday after-

tough just the same, according three time All-OVC guard. But they've come through with another superstar in Greg Kinman, who is one of the OVC's best as a sophomore. He is ranked in the top ten in the nation in the rebounding department and pulled down 17 against Tennessee Tech in their close 81-79 loss.

> In that game, Kinman got 21 points, but two other players were also in double figures for Austin Peay. Tennessee Tech beat MTSU earlier in the year by 16 points in the first conference game for both teams.

Atlanta is the next stop for the Blue, as they take on Georgia State under the tutorage of Frank Davis. The Panthers had an 8-14 year last season and are playing only their second season in NCAA basketball.

They began the season with only two returning starters and could be easy bait for the Raiders.

And then the squad returns home for a game against the Moccasins of UTC. They have been fast and strong all year and could be one of the best Chattanooga squads in years. They are lead by the rugged Steve Elsner and some top notch guards in Greg Andrews and Tom Losh. It could be a thriller.

The long winding road could tie a noose around the basketball efforts of MTSU, but with the fire they are capable of lighting, it could be a good road trip.—Gary Davenport.

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High-leaping Terry Johnson has been put in a position that may prove hard to fill, but the athlete from Shelbyville should get the job done. Johnson has been fighting for the starter's spot all year, but now has earned the spot, due mostly to the dropping from the squad of Percy Hairston for disciplinary reasons.

# Riley gets 20 points as Raiders take victory

Ken Riley tipped in an errant Derry Cochran foul shot with 24 seconds left in the game Saturday night to give Jimmy Earle's Blue Raider basketball squad its first Ohio Valley Conference victory of the season as the Blue dropped Morehead State 71-69 before a yelling, enthusiastic crowd. MTSU now stands 4-2 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

The Eagles came to Memorial gymnasium with only two wins to their credit and a nine game losing streak. They had battled, however, East Tennessee State to the wire before losing by two points, a team the Blue lost to by eight points.

Earle had his fighting Raiders at the controls of the ballgame all night until late in the second half when the Eagles caught fire and MTSU made some mental errors.

But the fighting Raiders pulled it out with some last minute heroics and some turnovers by the All-OVC Jim Day.

With 2:14 left in the game, Riley got a tip in to give the Blue a tie they had lost min-utes earlier. Three seconds later, Morehead took a time-out, but Terry Johnson fouled Day moments later and his two shots were accurate and the Blue were down again by two.

Cochran, the most consistent player on the squad, along with guard Stan Sumrell, according to Earle, got a chance at tying it up but failed on three straight tip-in shots.

He was fouled, however, and sank the first shot, but missed the second shot, setting up Riley's By Gary Davenport

go-ahead tip-in that gave Earle's chargers the lead for keeps.

With 12 seconds left, Sumrell went to the foul line after Day had lost the ball out-of-bounds, and got a clinching shot that set the winning margin.

Morehead came down court with the ball again, with a chance to tie it up, but lost it again and the crowd went wild.

Middle Tennessee, playing without starters Percy Hairston and Jim Drew, and without assistant coach Don Newman, who resigned earlier in the year, led by a many as nine points several times throughout the course of the encounter.

High point man for the Blue was Riley with 20 points, fol-lowed by Herman Sykes 19 netters, and Sumrell's 18 points.

Cochran had eight tallies and Johnson had six to close out the scoring.

Riley pulled down 15 rebounds to pave the way, while Morehead's top scorer was Day with 22. He came into the game as the league's highest scorer, behind Jim McDaniels of Western Ken-

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### It's all over for me

The SIDELINES is publishing its last paper of the fall semester today and to myself and some of the other staff members, it's a time of reminiscing some of the semester's past experiences and stories of interest. All of us have some things we would like to forget, some stories we'd like to redo, or, perhaps, even some stories we'd like to have time to write that we had to bypass for lack of sufficient staff members or the old excuse of time.

For me, it's been a good year. It's been one of letters in the mail by my readers, it's been one of a phone call from a football coach that caught me on the wrong day and had to pay for it, and one of the usual deadlines and late minute stories that had to be written with an editor by the name of David Page and the deadly Jims, Lynch and Leonhirth, wanting me to take two pages when I knew full well that I didn't have but a couple of stories and couldn't fill them.

But everything seemed to work out. Like the time when photographer John St. Clair, who is a good buddy of mine, shot some basketball shots that didn't come out just right and I had him shoot a game the night before a paper came out. He had some late night printing and processing to do but the readers saw only the picture of Ken Riley bringing down a rebound and Chester Brown getting the opening tip.

And then there's the time when I took my girlfriend to homecoming and ended up getting soaked -- all for the paper and a good time. Her hair ended up soaking wet and my nerves were unwinding, so we left right after the half and I ended up writing the story on just the first half. Of course, we clobbered Austin Peay so I didn't have much to write about in the first place. It also meant a good look at B. J. Thomas and a sorry show. (But Cecil and Anne had a good time, even though Terry and I had to go to work afterwards, so it was worthwhile.)

Come to think of it, it was a good semester to unwind and do some writing I've been wanting to do for sometime, cutting down my Notre Dame friends (and them cutting down in return), embarrassing some of my friends like Susan and St. Clair, and some controversial stuff about the football team and some of the players.

It meant predicting some wins and them not coming true, and it meant getting some letters from my lrish friends because of these predictions.

The story I enjoyed doing most was the one about the coming of basketball and the going out of football. I got some good comments on it, so that's why I liked it, but it's always fun to try and explain and analyze a season and figure out the why's and how's of an upcoming basketball campaign.

This is getting boring, and it's causing me to start crying and a grown man shouldn't shed tears over his work. Let's just say it's been a lot of fun and so long, have a good semester and go wild Charlie Wilson and Barry McClure.

Before the semester is over, I want to do a story on the two black cheerleaders the students of Middle Tennessee State elected the first of December. (Before any of you jump out of your seats and send me letters, sit back down a minute.) I don't want to take the stand of right and wrong, simply good and bad. And Myles Ridley and Ernestine Covington are definitely good--real good.

Ernestine and Myles have done more for the spirit of the basketball fans here than all the white cheerleaders have ever done so far. I base my limited facts only on what I've seen at the ballgames this year and what I've seen at other schools.

Consider this: Last year, when we were playing such teams at UTC, APSU, and Tennessee Tech, some of the smaller teams we play each year that are always tough, close games, there was very little yelling and screaming by the students. All they wanted to do was sit back and enjoy the game and who cares about whether the boys thought we were behind them.

Sure, there are instances where the spirit (yelling) was tremendous, like the first half of the Western game when we led by as many as eight at one time and the fans were yelling so loud John Hood couldn't even hear to announce the scorer's name. And there was the time when Sigma Alpha Epsilon went to Tennessee Tech in full force and yelled the Tech fans out of the gymnasium in our upset win in Cookeville.

But, let's look at this year. We opened the season against Tusculum College and a rather sparse Blue Raider squad. The game was rather dull, because of the competition, but the yelling by the students was far from what it is now. At the Troy State game, the black cheerleaders, Myles and Ernestine, came on the scene and got the gym on fire. The black and white students alike yelled together, against each other, and for themselves. But the yelling, or noise, of the gymnasium was outstanding.

I took my girlfriend and another friend over to the other end of the gym, in front of the reserved seats and next to the section the blacks sit in, and watched them and liked what I saw. They started cheers of their own, and before the game was over, the whole gym was yelling with them and at them and for them and it was very exciting. And that's something I haven't gotten in some time at the cheerleading save the looking at some of the good looking girls on the squad.

The Biue came home against Morehead Saturday night and the yelling was outstanding again. "Section Number Seven" finally got on the scene and before it's over there might be 15 or 16 'sections' yelling for Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders. But it took that first section to get it going and I hope it keeps going.

it keeps going.

Myles and Ernestine are having their problems, however. For one, Ernestine is a little bigger than Myles and he's having trouble doing some of the cheers with her. I could almost feel the black students on the edge of their seats that first game as the two did their first cheer. When it was over, all of them got a cheer, black and white. And that's cool.

Twelve cheerleaders, 10 white and two black. It's cool and it will keep getting cooler. It's been a good semester.

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Middle Tennessee entertained Eastern Kentucky in the Alumni Gymnasium here last night and ran into a team that proved too much for Jimmy Earle\*s Blue Raiders as the Colonels played one of their best games of the year and dropped the Blue by an 88-64 count.

The loss dropped the Blue into a 1-3 Ohio Valley Conference record and a poor 4-3 seasonal mark.

The game proved exciting in the opening minutes as the Raiders played inspired ball, but fell into trouble handling the ball and committed numerous turn-

> Dan Argabright EK Jerry Wanstrath AP

Maury Schwegman TT Ron Johnson MU overs throughout the course of the encounter.

Within minutes, a close game turned into a slow, methodical slaughter at the hands of the Colonels as they continued in their ways, one that has established them as one of the best squads in the conference save Murray State and the powerful Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

Turnovers proved the crusher to the Raiders, as Earle's team couldn't do anything right. They had a total of 38 mistakes that could be counted and seemed to be running in circles most of the time.

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Jim Day MO	10	277	27.7
George Bryant EK	10	269	26.9
Larry Noble AP	9	203	22.6
Herman Sykes MT	5	95	19.0
Jim Rose WK	11	202	18.4
Wayne Pack TT	9	161	17.9
Greg Kinman AP	9	157	17.4
Jerry Stephenson AP		155	17.2
Al Lewis TT	9	154	17.1
Jim Young MU	9	150	16.7
Ken Riley MT	5	83	16.6
Jerry Dunn WK	11	183	16.6
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Jim Day MO	10	148	14.8
Carl Greenfield EK	10	138	13.8
Clarence Glover WK	11	131	11.9
Jerry Hueseman MO	10	106	10.6
Ken Riley MT	5	53	10.6
Chester Brown MT	5	49	9.8
Les Taylor MU	9	87	9.7
Jerry Dunn WK	11	102	9.3

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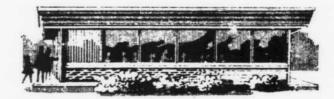
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