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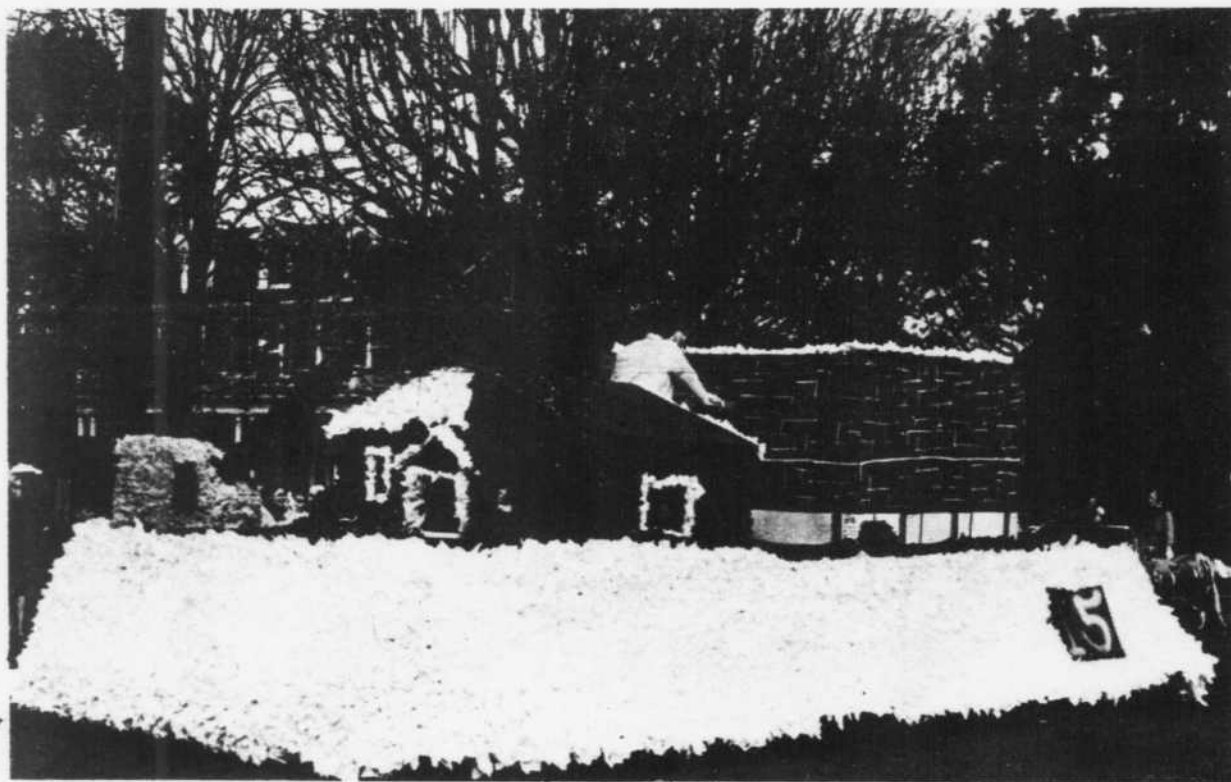
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ASB President Paul Womack adds the crowning touch to Tricia Duncan's reign as homecoming queen.



Phi Epsilon 3rd Place Float



Phi Mu Alpha copped first place honors in the float competition.

Homecoming 'Time of Change' For Hilltoppers

The Raider Victory over the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers highlighted a weekend full of Homecoming activities for Middle Tennessee State. The 16-14 upset knocked Western from the number one slot in the OVC.

The unexpected win was not the only excitement Saturday. The crowning of Queen Patricia Duncan at half-time and the announcement of the winners of the decoration competitions were also needed to make Homecoming complete.

Phi Mu Alpha Wins Float Competition

Winners of the float competition were; first place, Phi Mu Alpha; second place, the Junior class; third place, Phi Epsilon.

In the automobile competition the German Club took first honors; Kappa Tau Delta, second; and Pi Sigma Epsilon was third.

Monohan Hall won the dorm decoration title for women's dorms for the second year in a row. Clement Hall won the competition for the men's dorms. Phi Alpha Pi won the fraternity house honors.

Alumni Hold Reunions

Emphasis was on the alumni as they toured the expanding campus, played bridge and golf, viewed both the basketball preview and the football game, and enjoyed the big name entertainment provided by the Jenkins'.

Special reunions for the Classes of 1939, 1949, and 1959 took place in addition to the various teas and dances that were planned.

The final event for the weekend was the traditional Homecoming Dance. Music this year was provided by the Inclines from Chattanooga. Said one student, "the band sure sounded good, but I couldn't see them for all the people."

This successful weekend was the first two-day Homecoming ever attempted by MTSU, according to Dr. Homer Pittard, secretary of Alumni Relations.

Automobile Accident Claims MTSU Senior



Paul Britt

Paul Britt, Chattanooga senior, was fatally injured in an automobile accident early Saturday morning, Nov. 4. Britt

was enroute from Columbia, Tennessee, to Middle Tennessee State University when his vehicle was struck when he failed to stop at a stop sign.

Britt, a music major, was doing his practice teaching in Columbia this semester prior to his graduation in January.

During his four years at MTSU, Britt was a member of the Band of Blue; Phi Mu Alpha, of which he was formerly the Executive Alumni Secretary; and various musical ensembles.

His father, Leo Britt, is Juvenile Court Judge in Chattanooga.



Junior Class 2nd Place Float

The Anatomy Of An 'Outstanding Student'

In a previous edition of the SIDELINES, the makings of an outstanding professor were discussed. Perhaps, it would be advantageous to also examine the "whys and wherefores" of an outstanding student.

Goes That Extra Mile

It is evident, of course, that an outstanding student works "above and beyond the call of duty." He contributes his share in class discussions, etc., etc. Why? What causes a student to read more outside sources than are required or to do an extra paper?

Emphasizes Concepts

The main motivation for these "extras" is simply the desire to learn — not just knowledge to pass a course or to get an "A" to boost the accumulative, but knowledge which may be applied to life and be of benefit in the future. To group concepts rather than a roster of facts is the aim of the sincere student.

Sees the Challenge

Outstanding students look for the challenges courses might offer. They see beyond the ideas presented in lectures and texts. They formulate their own theories and ideas, examining all aspects of particular situation. Therefore, the mind is used analytically and not just for purposes of memorization.

Does Not Limit Knowledge

To be an outstanding student, one must be, not isolated in one's major field; but be interested in all areas of knowledge. An outstanding student tries to accomplish something new.

Knows His Capabilities

To recognize one's limitations is not easy. An outstanding student tries to acknowledge his limitations, and, having done so, meet these bounds.

What conditions do offer challenge to this kind of student? This topic is to be explored in the following issue.

From the Editor's Point of View

By Cheryl Allen

The subject under editorial consideration at this point is that of the outstanding student, his actions and motivations. I know no truly outstanding students. I know few people who value what they might learn over what grade they might receive.

Why should one's grade or the amount of effort a course demands maintain a place of higher regard than does the benefit a particular course might offer?

Perhaps, in this day and age, the emphasis on success is too great. The pressure to excel is exerted from various sources. The problem arises in the definition of "success" — or rather who defines it.

The tendency is to let society define "success" for each individual, rather than allowing each individual to determine the meaning of this work for himself.

This is a rather sad state of affairs. Will a 4.0 average necessarily make one a better nurse or engineer or teacher? There must be present the quality or striving to do one's best. This quality may be developed by realizing the ultimate aims of an education — not to have all persons graduate with "A" averages, but to have all people think and cultivate new thoughts independent of the influence of "success" or "failure."

The Dixon Line

By SuEllen Dixon

According to science fiction, on some dreaded tomorrow the human race will be dominated by the machines it has created. Unfortunately, too many people take such stories lightly.

It is obvious that these laughing folks have never visited one of the many refreshment machines that abound on campus. To them I say, "What may look like an average milk machine is in reality a fifth-columnist working for the REVOLT OF THE COKE MACHINE!"

The trouble began when the milk machine became distressed by the abuse it was forced to take from its patrons. Some people insulted its intelligence by simply using derogatory names, like "dumb" machine; others, trusting in its inherent lack of intelligence, merely robbed it blind.

Since curse and kicks seemed to be its fate, it became outraged and began swallowing all monies put into it without bothering to reciprocate by giving milk.

In secret conferences with the Coke machine it was discovered that that machine had similar grievances. Together they mapped out a campaign of retaliation which included total withholding of change, total withholding of liquid refreshment, and devilishly clever stunts like dispensing a full complement of Coke and no cup.

Luckily this unhappy state of affairs was not to continue. One day the Coke machine indulged in a wild display of protest by spraying the entire machine area with a vile combination of Coke and Sprite.

Alarmed by this violent display of radicalism, the milk machine began to have its misgivings about its former colleague (who by this time was literally foaming at the mouth). In an attempt to reinstate itself into the good graces of the humans it served, the milk machine began granting favors (five cartons of chocolate milk for a nickel).

The damage was done, however; for the candy machine, who until this time had merely performed its duties with a quiet air of respectability, became aware of the problem and immediately joined in the revolution and started the practice of refusing to grant correct change.

The Coke machine, by this time mad with the desire of lifting the place of the machines to a more elevated role, began to question the favor-giving policies of the milk machine. Was it not, in fact, betraying the Cause? Should it not be eliminated as a dangerous element? Were there not Red markings upon the milk cartons?

Night brought uneasy quiet. No human dared to enter "No-Man's Land."

At the time I realized that the dreaded tomorrow was almost at hand. By using a policy of economic coercion the machines were able to strike fear in the hearts of humans and pain in their pocketbooks.

We are able to receive reimbursement for our expenditures by demanding retribution from the business office. Unfortunately, too many people don't want to hike to the New Administration building just to reclaim a dime.

However, it has become imperative that student do make this trip, for only by a continued complaint system will it become possible to develop a more effective means of correcting the grievances of both machines and patrons.

If some corrective measures are not taken, the machines may attack and dominate the world. If you think you may feel silly demanding payment of a ten cent loss, just imagine how ridiculous you will feel when you have to salute your record player every morning.

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Cunningim Chosen Judging Chairman

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Dr. Margaret Cunningham, dean of women at Vanderbilt University, will be chairman of the 1968 Maid of Cotton judging committee.

The cotton industry's new fashion and good will ambassadress will be selected at finals in Memphis December 28-29.

Dr. Cunningham, who will preside over a panel of six judges, is a native of Nashville and former dean of women at the University of Tennessee. She received her bachelor of arts degree at Duke University, her master's at Columbia University, and her doctorate at Northwestern.

Her first teaching post was at Alabama College in Montealegre, where she was an art instructor. Later, she was dean of women at Ripon (Wisc.) College, assistant art professor at Hockaday Junior College in Dallas, and dean of women at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville. She is af-

filiated with the American Association of University Women, the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and a number of honorary societies. He was named to Who's Who in America in 1965-66.

Other judges in the Maid of Cotton selection will be: Mrs. Charles M. Jacob, Jr., Pittsburgh, the former Jennie Erle Cox who was 1945 Maid of Cotton; W. J. Erwin, Danville, Va., board chairman of Dan River Mills and past president of American Textile Manufacturers Association; Rice B. Ober, Los Angeles, president of American Cotton Shippers Association; S. Toof Brown, president of Memphis Cotton Carnival Association; Charles H. Schneider, editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar; and Ed Lipscomb, sales promotion counselor of the National Cotton Council, Memphis.



Two Tullahoma students attending Middle Tennessee State University have recently been awarded scholarships. As Business Administration majors, Jackie Warren, left, and Charles Dale, center, received the awards from Lannom Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$250 each. They are shown discussing their program at MTSU with Dr. Fowler Todd, head of the Business Administration Department.

Photo by Jerry Underwood



MARTHA SUE PLUNK

Martha Plunk Reigns As Circle K Beauty

Martha Sue Plunk, a freshman from Lawrence County, was chosen Circle K Sweetheart on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Miss Plunk will represent the Circle K in the Miss Midlander contest and in the statewide Circle K meeting to be held this spring in Nashville.

Since she is only a freshman, Miss Plunk said that she was "quite surprised" to find that she was elected. She added that the Circle K is a "wonderful group and a bunch of real nice people."

Miss Plunk, who was elected Miss Lawrence County during her senior year in high school, has also been selected as a freshman class beauty. At MTSU, she is a majorette with the Band of Blue.

She graduated fourth in her class at Lawrenceburg High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, the Math Club, and a majorette.

Sandy Santiago, Bronx, New York; and Beverly Ring, Manchester, were selected as 1967-'68 Circle K court members.

It's Getting 'Drafty' Here

Impact of the new draft law may have a major bearing on graduate programs at Middle Tennessee State University next year, according to an analysis prepared by the American Council of Education's Commission of Federal Relations.

"Unless changes are made by amending either the statute or the regulations governing Selective Service, enrollment in the first two years of graduate and professional schools next fall will be limited to women, veterans, men physically disqualified and those over 25 years of age," according to the statement prepared by John F. Morse, director of the Commission.

Dr. Ralph Kirkman, dean of the Graduate School at MTSU, stated that he was personally hopeful

that the national policy will be revised. The Council of Graduate Schools of the United States, to which MTSU was admitted this year, has referred this matter to the Committee on Selective Service and Educational Deferrals which takes the position that all fields of graduate study are equally critical and that deferments based on disciplinary priorities are not in the national interest, Dr. Kirkman explained.

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Blue Raiders Top Hilltoppers

The forces of sheer determination, spectator and team spirit, and undying courage led the Big Blue to their greatest victory of the year thus far. Coach Charles "Bubber" Murphy stated after the game that he hated to knock Western out of a tie with Eastern for 1st place but was none the less thrilled over the victory. Western's Coach Nick Denes agreed with Murphy but had positions been reversed, he would gladly have welcomed the win.

The Raiders won the toss and chose to kick with the wind. However, Western lost no time in forging out a quick 7-0 lead. Dickie Moore, Western's "Flying Flash," scored on a 2-yard run.

The score was set up on a series of passes to Jim Old from Mike Egan. Tom Atwood, Western's kicking specialist, converted the extra point, kicking into the teeth of a gale-like wind.

The Raiders started a drive but stalled at their own 40-yard line. "Jelly Bean" Green, Western's defensive half, set up the "Toppers"

second touchdown when he returned Billy Walker's booming punt from their 15 to the Raider's 40. Dickie Moore continued his quest of the OVC rushing record by going over, around, and through the Big Blue secondary for 38 yards and a TD again. Atwood booted the extra point.

A scant 90 seconds after Western's second strike, MTSU got on the scoreboard for the first time. Sam Pearson, fielding another Walker punt, found himself smashed in his own end zone by Ralph Overton and Ken Caplenor. The two-point safety was the turning point of the game.

The safety caused Western to punt from their 20-yard line into the strong, ice-cold wind. Jamie Jamison returned the ball to the Western 41. The Hilltoppers stiffened and pushed the Blue back to the 47. Walker then turned on the radar and found Jamison, who scrambled to the Western 20.

Walker added substance to the contest by tossing a pay-off pitch to Larry Hayes, who was standing alone in the end zone. Mike Townsend converted perfectly. The scoreboard at the end of the first period showed Western in the lead 14-9.

The final score was tallied in the fourth quarter by Herbert Owenby on a Walker aerial. The play covered 12 yards of the hardest, most bruising space on the field, and the score was questioned by Western's Coach Denes, but affirmed by field judge Joe Russell.

Not enough can be said for the tremendous defense led by Bobby Langford, Frank Victory, Rodney Hayes, and Phil Watts. A major factor in the win was the bruising running of Dickie Moore.

The win gave the Big Blue a 2-3-0 record and a tie for third place in the Ohio Valley Conference.



With only the referee and a gale-wind behind him, Larry Hayes, with a Billy Walker pass, rambles into the end zone. The touchdown lessened Western's 14 point lead to 14-9. In the background is part of the 9,000 freezing fans who stare on in shock.

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