

Anti ROTC Rally

By Bobby Sands

Van Martin, ASB president, told some 300 MTSU male students who were participants in an anti-ROTC rally Thursday night, Dec. 11, that "even if Mr. Warf turns us away in our Friday meeting, we will carry on the fight for a voluntary ROTC program."

The students, whose intent had been to conduct a panty raid, suddenly changed the meeting which originated at about 11 p.m. around Gracy Hall into an anti-mandatory ROTC excursion.

The crowd proceeded to Forrest Hall chanting "We want a choice", "Boycott Drill", with some of the participants adding "Left, Left, Left, Right, Left". At Forrest Hall the crowd milled about clapping, chanting, and shouting while the

campus police watched the proceedings along with Dean of Men Robert LaLance, who was joined by Dean Sam Maclean, director of housing.

Cliff Gillespie, speaker of the ASB House, told the crowd at Forrest Hall that they should support Van Martin in his efforts to obtain a voluntary program. Gillespie stated "You may be assured that the ASB will see this thing out for you."

The crowd then proceeded to the Quill E. Cope Administration Building, where they assembled at the main entrance. The protestors continued their chanting and began singing Christmas carols.

Martin, who lives off campus, had been at a meeting preparing for the confrontation with Warf on Friday when he and other ASB officials heard

the noise and went to the crowd.

The students fell quiet as Martin spoke from the steps of the administration building. He asked the students if he could interpret their meeting as an indication of their desire for a voluntary ROTC program. Martin's question was greeted with thunderous, extended applause and shouts.

He then told the audience, "You may rest assured that we will tell Mr. Warf this." Martin encouraged the students to "tell Nashville how we feel--let them know that we are dissatisfied." The ASB president told the crowd "You must become involved in this effort and get others interested also."

Martin exhorted the crowd to "go home and talk to your legislators and friends of in-

fluence so that they might join us in telling Mr. Warf that MTSU needs and deserves a voluntary ROTC program. For what the State Board has done is to override this university's administration's recommendation and I believe our administration knows what is best for this institution," Martin declared.

Martin concluded his remarks with a request that the students refrain from "going outside the system in seeking a solution to the problem" and a plea not to do anything which might discredit responsible student efforts here. He then asked the crowd to disperse, and the demonstrators complied after singing "Silent Night" and ending the rally with one last burst of enthusiasm.

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Orchesis dancers, in a Nativity Scene pose, prepare for their Christmas carol-dance Program scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 8:20 p.m. Dancers, pictured, include Joy Eudaily, Juanita Allen, Bill Swain, Joanna Brown, Mary Holland and Jane Gilliam. The Program will be presented on the walks between the Science Bldg. and the U.C.

Warf Promises New Meetings On ROTC

Commissioner of Education J. Howard Warf promised ASB officials last week that he would call a special meeting of the special ROTC subcommittee at which time they would be allowed to present the MTSU student point of view concerning the military science question.

Warf told Van Martin and Cliff Gillespie, "I can arrange a meeting sometime after the first of the year, and allow you to appear before the subcommittee."

The Commissioner said that in the original hearings, "The University was given ample opportunity to express the MTSU reasoning behind the proposal."

"Dr. Scarlett strongly recommended that it be made permissive," Warf added.

Both the presidents and professors of military science at each of the Universities with compulsory ROTC testified before the subcommittee.

Warf stated that the committee had considered the ROTC question in a state wide picture rather than at two universities (MTSU and Memphis State University).

"I think they (the committee) were sincere in dealing with the facts they had," said Warf.

The commissioner strongly emphasized that the State Board of Education's actions on the ROTC proposal was not an "unequivocal turn down", but it delays in for a year while the committees studied other factors relating to the ROTC question in the state.

Martin said after the meeting, "We are much more optimistic than we were before."

Warf was scheduled to meet the student leaders on campus Friday, but due to other developments, he requested they come to his office in Nashville.

TISL May Lobby For ROTC, Educational Changes

More funds for education and adoption of voluntary ROTC may be two issues the MTSU delegates will propose at the upcoming meeting of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, according to Larry Ledford, lieutenant governor to TISL.

Ledford will head the comparatively large MTSU delegation of 10 representatives at TISL which is an organization of students concerned with timely bills pertinent to the citizens of Tennessee.

Although a definite date has not been set for the next session, Ledford said he hoped it would convene on a Friday through Sunday in February, after the dismissal of the regular Monday through Thursday legislature.

In Tennessee there is a need for more money for education

especially on the college level said Ledford. Tennessee, in some areas, ranks 48 in the 50 states and in the lower level in all other education areas concerning funds.

Ledford, along with Joey Livsey, president of SUSGA - Southern Universities Student Government Association - has worked in co-ordination with Van Martin, MTSU's ASB president, and study body officers from other universities concerning the need for more funds for education on the university level.

"I personally hope to see legislation concerning the allocation of more funds passed by TISL in this session and I will make it one of my primary goals to see that such legislation is discussed by young people in Tennessee at TISL," Ledford commented.

Ledford also expressed hope

that the state board would act on the request issued on Dec. 5 by Van Martin concerning voluntary ROTC without further controversy.

"I don't seek change for the sake of change; I seek change when change is necessary. Personally, I'm in favor of voluntary ROTC and if it is necessary, it will be another goal -- that it be discussed at TISL," Ledford said.

Not every university represented in TISL would be affected by legislation on ROTC because many have the voluntary program. According to Ledford, a senior political science major, other Tennessee schools are aware of the problems of the four universities with mandatory programs and will be more than interested in any legislation concerning it. Legislation to be discussed

is printed and distributed to each TISL representative so he can be well informed on the forthcoming issues, Ledford said.

Legislation of how to treat the possession of marijuana may be brought up. Ledford, not being fully acquainted with the structure of this bill, felt he needed more information before he could discuss the issue. However, he thinks that Vanderbilt University will be the proponent of this bill if it is considered. Other possible issues for the forthcoming session are the regulation of insurance rates in Tennessee and the regulation of motor vehicle inspection.

TISL, as a three year old program, according to Ledford, has been a very effective one. It is representative of the views of people 21 years old or nearly 21 -- the new voters.

Pageant Tickets

Miss MTSU pageant tickets will go on sale today in the post office area of the University Center. The tickets are priced \$1.25 for one night tickets and \$2.25 for a ticket good for both the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions of the pageant.

Twenty-one contestants have been entered in the pageant by various clubs and classes according to Gary Hall, Circle K vice-president.

The pageant is slated for the nights of Jan. 7 and 8 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. Dave Overton, of WSM will be the master of ceremonies for the event.

All tickets are general admission with no reserved seats.



MTSU debaters--M. A. Norman, Fred McLean, David Walker, director of debate, Lee Greer, and Windon Ringer--stand before the trophies well as the traveling trophy. The awards include the sweepstakes trophy as the squad brought home from the Birmingham Invitational Tournament at Sanford University.

Ambassadors Visit Three High Schools

The Message of MTSU '69 was carried to three Nashville high schools last Thursday. Sharlena Phillips, Nashville senior, and Larry Wilson, Murfreesboro graduate student were the featured entertainers.

For the first time the ambassadors visited an all-black high school, and were accorded

an enthusiastic reception by the students of Cameron High, according to Bobby Sands, Program Director.

The program also visited Hillsboro and Overton high schools and were accorded warm receptions there, according to Sands.

"I enjoyed the show at Cameron more than any school

where I have visited this year with the program," commented

Sharlena Phillips. Gerald Edwards and Alfred Wilkerson of Chattanooga introduced the

Ambassadors at Cameron. Jenx Demetress, an alumni of Hillsboro also accompanied the Program.

Debate Team Continues For Junior Tournament

In the wake of the recent debate meet at the University of Sanford where MTSU placed first and brought home five trophies, the team continues its activity with preparation for the junior tournament which will be hosted by MTSU during the first part of January.

Jim Brooks, assistant head of debate, says that approximately 50 schools from all over the Southwest will be represented. Debators now in their first and second year of debate may participate in the meet.

Seven junior debators will consider whether the federal government should grant annually a specific percentage of its tax revenues to the state governments.

Debating for MTSU will be the team of Ken Darrell, Nashville, and M.A. Norman of Chattanooga; and the team of Windon Ringer, of Chattanooga and Don O'Guinn, of Nashville.

The meet will be judged by the coaches of each team represented. It is expected that the activities will take place in the Dramatic Arts Building and the University Center.

Based on their mid-season standings, chances look favorable for the MTSU debators.

Now at mid-season, Fred McLean and Lee Greer hold a record of 82 wins and 42 losses. According to David Walker, head of debate, they are expected to surpass the school record of 110 seasonal wins sometime next semester.

The junior team of M.A. Norman and Ken Darrell and the team of Windon Ringer and Don O'Guinn hold mid-season records of 31 wins and 16 losses and 8 wins and 7 losses respectively.

In individual competition, Fred McLean received honorable mention at Auburn. M.A. Norman who is as of now a junior debator, was a third place debator at Birmingham.

Lee Greer placed fourth in Detroit, second as a debator and won first place in impromptu (a type of speaking where the debator is given 10 minutes to prepare his topic) in Birmingham.

Debates planned for next semester include Jan. 23 and 24 -

Vanderbilt; Jan. 30, 31 - Tulane; and in February - the state meet at the University of Tennessee where the team of McLean and Greer are defending champions.

Other debates will include Harvard, a possible trip to Dartmouth, and the regionals which will be held at Middle Tennessee this year.

What's Up

MONDAY, DEC. 15

- 5 p.m. - Fellowship Club, 324-ABC UC
- 5 p.m. - Freshman Class, 322-B UC
- 6 p.m. - Fellowship Club, 322-C UC
- 6:30 p.m. - Home Economics, Ellington Home Ec Bldg.
- 6:30 p.m. - Biology Club, New Science 100
- 7 p.m. - "Pied Piper", D.A. Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. - Film Series, UC Theatre

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

- 10:30 a.m. - MTSU Orchestra Children's Concert, DA Theater
- 1:30 p.m. - MTSU Orchestra Children's Concert, DA Theater
- 4 p.m. - Freshman Class, UC Theatre
- 5:30 p.m. - Supreme Court, 310 UC
- 7:30 p.m. - Bahai Faith, 322-C UC
- 8 p.m. - Young Democrats, 324-C, UC
- 8:20 p.m. - Dance/Carol Production, Between UC and Sci. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

- 5 p.m. - Christian Science, 324-A UC
- 5:30 p.m. - Dorm Council, 308 UC
- 6 p.m. - Lutherans, 324-C, UC
- 6 p.m. - Presley Student Foundation, 312 UC
- 7 p.m. - Weightlifting Club, 322-BC UC
- 7 p.m. - Psychology Club, 322 UC
- 7 p.m. - Pi Sigma, 324-B UC
- 7:30 p.m. - I.F.C., 310 UC
- 7:30 p.m. - Circle K, 312 UC



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*Candid Campus***Martin's Statement On ROTC**

Concerning the State Board's action on ROTC, Van Martin has stated that it was disappointing to see such action or lack of action taken without a word of explanation. MTSU students were asked, "Do you agree with Van Martin's statement on the State Board of Education's action concerning ROTC? Why or why not."



GILLEY

Marsha Gilley, Oak Ridge sophomore - "I agree with Van that violence won't accomplish anything constructive. I also think that we as responsible students deserve to be told the reasons behind the decision in order to establish better communication between youth and the state officials."

Susan Mitchell, Nashville freshman - "I disagree with him because if it is not compulsory then enough people will not take it and the country's military power will go down."

Chuck Fann, Nolensville freshman - "I agree with Van because I feel that if ROTC were made voluntary less people would object, and more effort would be put into the program to make it a much better one."

Myles Ridley, Nashville freshman - "I agree with Van because if there are people who won't be in the Army then ROTC will not do them any good. It just is a waste of time and if you do not approve of it you do not use your abilities in the best way and you don't accomplish anything."

Dinah Gregory, Lafayette freshman - "The people most directly involved with ROTC should be the ones to make the ultimate decision. The administration, student body, and military science department of MTSU are certainly more closely connected with the facts. And since these people are generally against mandatory ROTC, it should be converted into a voluntary program immediately."

Bob Knight, South Pittsburg sophomore - "I do agree that the State Board should have given an explanation concerning its decision on the matter. The ruling goes against the recommendation of the ASB, which expressed the wishes of the majority on campus. The Board would be failing to meet its responsibilities if it does not explain the action that it took. This is too important an issue for the Board to turn its back on and leave unanswered. If good relations are to be maintained with the student body, the Board should explain itself."

Bob Stamey, Nashville junior - "Yes, I agree with him, because this is something that affects more than a thousand students here, and we have a right to know the reasons behind what is done concerning us."



MITCHELL



RIDLEY



KNIGHT



FANN



GREGORY



STAMEY

**SAE Returns To M'boro;
Lambda Psi Is Chartered**

By Charmagne Prince

Sigma Alpha Epsilon returned to Murfreesboro after a 100 years absence when 88 new brothers joined the 140,000 SAE's in our nation as Lambda Psi was installed as Tennessee Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon on Dec. 13.

The installation took place at 2:30 p.m. at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro following a Lambda Psi alumni and Murfreesboro SAE alumni meeting Saturday morning.

The installation banquet was held in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building at 7 p.m. Paul Jacob Jr., Eminent Supreme Archon, was guest speaker for the event. C. V. McGeary, president of the Murfreesboro Alumni Association served as toastmaster.

Representatives from SAE national headquarters and collegiate chapters across the nation were recognized. Among these representatives were Roy Miller and Rex Smith, immediate past Supreme Archons; Jack Hotelling, Eminent Supreme Recorder; William Benson Jr., Province Archon; and John Baugh Jr., chapter consultant.

Other guests included Mrs. Quill Cope, Martha Hampton, Dean of Women; Robert MacLean, Dean of Students; Robert LaLance, Dean of Men; Van Martin, ASB president; Sara Smith, speaker of the senate; Michael Goforth, editor of the SIDELINES; Lynn Womack, Midlander editor; Jan Williams, president of the Panhellenic Council; and representatives from the fraternities and sororities on campus.

Jacobs presented the charter to Jerry Boyd, Eminent Archon.

Following the presentation all the officers of Tennessee Beta were installed into their new positions.

After the installation remarks were made by MacLean and LaLance who welcomed the new fraternity and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Presentation of gifts were made by Benson. Boyd was presented his Eminent Archon badge which was named for David Brandon, a Lambda Psi alumni serving in Vietnam. Mark Draper, an SAE from Tennessee Tech presented Boyd with various gifts from the province.

Following the presentation of gifts, Jacobs addressed the banquet. He congratulated the fraternity on their hard and dedicated work and challenged the fraternity to keep their charter for many years to come.

The banquet ended as brothers, parents, honored guests, and "Little Sisters" all joined in to sing Sigma Alpha Epsilon songs.

Polution Seminar

Opens Dec. 29

ATLANTA, Ga.---The Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, Southeast Region, is making plans for a one-day water pollution control seminar for college and high school students during the Christmas holidays.

The seminar---to be held Monday, Dec. 29 in Atlanta---is one of nine such seminars FWPCA is sponsoring throughout the country.

Martin Presents ASB Restructure

Van Martin, ASB president presented a plan for a change in the structure of the ASB to a meeting of the steering committee of the faculty senate Thursday night.

Martin stated that everyone agrees there needs to be some kind of change which would bring the administration, faculty, and students together.

The plan Martin proposes is to have the University Senate, ASB, and Extra-Curricular Committee on the same level. Martin said this would allow each group to take care of its own specific business, pass proposals and send them to President Scarlett for approval.

He commented that this would be much better than the present system in which the ASB proposes a bill, sends it to the President, who appoints a committee to study and vote on it, and then the President approves it.

Martin explained that this would allow each group to be more specific, therefore calling for more members and getting more people involved, while taking pressure from other people.

He continued that the advantages of this system are to help increase communication between faculty, administration, and students, to increase the number of students and faculty members involved, and to get a faster, more efficient system into operation.

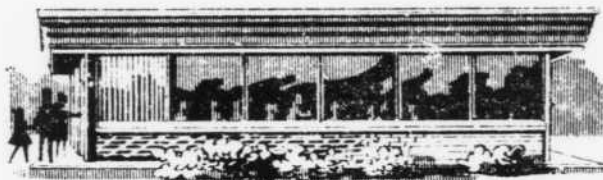
This system "requires open-mindedness and a lot of maturity,"

Martin said. Most of the northern schools that have strong governments use systems similar to this one, he added.

There could be some kind of change before next year,

he said, hopefully before the March elections.

Martin concluded that there seems to be a general agreement that there needs to be some kind of change, but just what that should be has not been decided yet.

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Editorial

Meeting With Warf Brings New Hope For ROTC

Last week in Nashville the Commissioner of Education, J. Howard Warf, explained some of the reasoning behind the recent decision concerning mandatory ROTC in Tennessee.

His statements didn't actually justify the decision, but they did explain that all is not lost. The action by the State Board of Education is not final since the special subcommittee will continue its study on ROTC.

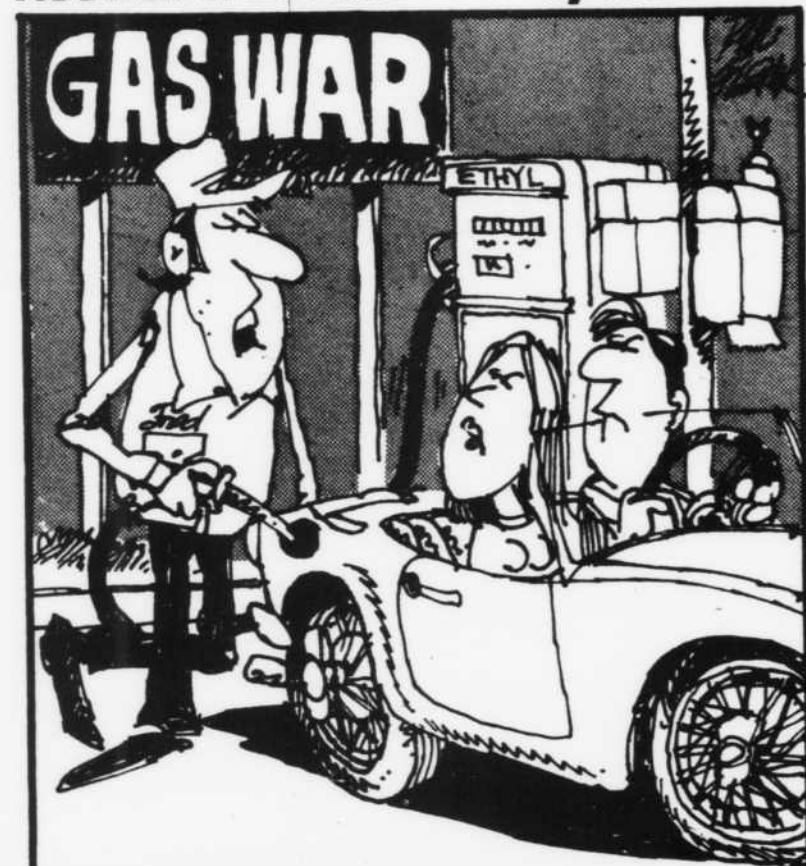
One of the factors involved in the study is the serious financial situation the state is in at the present time. With the increased building rate on the state campuses, a list of priorities must be established. Both MTSU and Memphis State University are in the process of building new physical education facilities which play an important role in developing voluntary ROTC. After these priorities have been decided upon, it will be much easier to predict the future of ROTC in Tennessee.

The promise of another meeting of the ROTC committee does bring new hope into voluntary ROTC proposal at MTSU.

By Michael Goforth

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



'OH--THERE'S A WAR ON ALL RIGHT, BUT IT'S STATION OWNERS AGAINST STUDENTS!!'

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"TAKE THAT! AND THAT! AND THAT!"

Lerner:

This Is A Two War World

BY MAX LERNER

We sometimes forget that this a two-war world and not a one-war world. Not only Vietnamese and Americans are dying every day, but also Egyptians, Jordanians, Syrians and Israelis. State Secretary William Rogers seems convinced, after renewed meetings between Soviet and American diplomats, that the Russians are not panting for peace.

My own feeling is that they want neither war nor peace. They wouldn't be happy if a full-scale war in the Middle East faced them with the question of escalation. But they would be clearly unhappy if the present Arab war of attrition against Israel were to end, with all the dividends it yields for Russia.

There has been a recent flareup of debate about the two wars, especially among Jewish organizations in the United States. The debate has been simmering ever since Lyndon Johnson, during his Presidency, gave a group of Jewish organizational leaders a dressing-down for their failure to support the Vietnamese war. He didn't seem to understand that Jewish opinion has been no less split on the war than the rest of American opinion.

President Nixon has been more apolitic in his remarks, and Prime Minister Golda Meir--in her sympathetic message after the President's Vietnam speech--seemed careful not to endorse the whole American involvement in Vietnam, but only the spirit of the President's effort to end it.

The debate on the two wars has not been confined to the Jewish communities, but takes in the whole spectrum of American opinion of all shades, from all the major ethnic and religious groups.

On the far-out right you get some pretty wild anti-Jewish talk, about how the Jews want America to fight and bleed for Israel at the same time that they are working for a cut-and-run withdrawal from Vietnam. But way out in the other direction you get the other kind of Maoist attack which apes the wildest Arab line about an American-Israeli colonial-imperialist plot to suppress the Arab revolutionary nationalisms.

I am not concerned here with these extremist views, but with broader sweep of moderate and liberal American opinion. The problem there is, I think, how to reconcile a desire to end the war in Vietnam quickly and without chaos, with a sympathetic concern not to abandon Israel in its beleaguered position.

Is this a consistent position? To hold it, one must be clear about two things. One is that the two situations--in Vietnam and in the Middle East--are not the same and not even roughly comparable.

The Israelis are not a military-Saigon regime, but an independent civilian democracy, strong and

alert, which has given a good account of itself against successive Arab assaults and has called for no foreign troops--not even for "advisers" like the Russian technicians and military advisers of Nasser.

Nor are the Arab regimes--still largely futile and oil-revenue dominated--like the Viet Cong. Nor is there any civil war going on inside the Middle East regimes as inside Vietnam. Thus, the whole extreme-left thesis about Israel is poppycock, whether held in Peking, Moscow, Berkeley or Cambridge.

The second thing to get clear is that no future American policies should be based on absolutisms. I call it an absolutism when I hear from the committed hard-liners that America must resist Communist expansionism everywhere. This would involve America in embroilments around the globe, without stint or limit. Even if America had the military power to carry out such commitments, which it doesn't, it couldn't get its people to go along on the home front.

But I call it equally an absolutism when I hear that America must never again--anywhere, at any time--get involved in anything, even when it may feel that action is necessary for its own interest and for a humanist concern about world peace. Such an absolutist isolationism could paralyze American policy for generations to come and leave everything wide open for governments that have no such inhibitions.

The problem is to keep reasonable and humanist options open. The trouble in the Vietnamese war even after the original mistake of entering was that the options were closed down after tonkin Gulf. Disaster followed. The Middle East is far more an area for genuine American concern than Vietnam ever was.

Thus far, American policy, sympathetic to Israel's need for buying arms, has been nowhere as all-out as Soviet policy on the side of Egypt and Syria. Nor has Israel at any time asked for American intervention. It fears that the Middle East may become an arena for Great Power diplomacy and then for Great Power war.

The best American policy is to continue to deal with the concrete realities of each situation and not foreclose the future. In Vietnam, this calls for a speedy and orderly withdrawal. In the Middle East, it calls for continuing a policy aimed at preventing a Great Power confrontation, but also at keeping the only genuine and gallantly self-reliant democracy in the whole area from being pushed into the sea, before the passions can be cooled down. The two policies are not only consistent. They are part of the same humanist spirit.

Instant Garbage' May Save World

BY ARTHUR HOPPE

With the American land mass in danger of vanishing beneath an ever-growing mound of garbage, scientists have been working around the clock to meet the threat head-on.

At long last, it can now be reported, a brilliant technological breakthrough offers new hope of stemming the tide of swill.

The development is the work of a research team at the West Newton Institute of Technology, headed by Dr. Russell Zimmerman. It employs a freeze-dry technique similar to that now used to condense coffee and tea.

In laboratory experiments, Dr. Zimmerman was able to reduce 1.3 metric tons of garbage to a 16-ounce jar of shimmering crystals. He calls the resultant product, logically enough, "Instant Garbage."

At first glance, the demand for Instant Garbage would appear minimal. But a two-year study by the Passaic Center for Peace & War Research foresees "unlimited possibilities in an ever-expanding world market."

As the center's report points out, "Americans today enjoy the highest per capita rate of garbage production (3285 pounds annually) of any nation on earth. Measured either by weight or by volume, the yearly U.S. production of garbage far exceeds that of automobiles, field crops and non-ferrous metals combined.

"Garbage," the report states flatly, "is by far and away the number one product of our free enterprise system. It must be shared with the less fortunate abroad.

"In country after country, we find a direct and unvarying correlation between the standard of living and the amount of garbage available -- the less garbage, the lower the standard of living. From these statistics, it is obvious that only by increasing garbage pro-

duction can the underprivileged nations ever hope to reach the economic takeoff point.

"What has prevented us in the past from sending this bountiful fruit from our horn of plenty to our needy friends overseas has been the high shipping costs. Instant Garbage," concludes the report, "provides the answer."

One 16-ounce jar of Instant Garbage, when mixed with water, the report notes, would supply the average Asian or African with enough top-quality American garbage to last him a year.

"Surely this is a more practical and humanitarian goal for our Foreign Aid Program," says the report, "than sending him bullets and bombs."

While the report does not go into the military uses of Instant Garbage, it is known the Pentagon has the matter under study. Dropped in the enemy's rivers and streams, Instant Garbage would create instant pollution. Scattered on the enemy's land area prior to a rainfall, the crystals might well undermine his will to resist.

"There is every possibility," says one General in R&D (cq) hopefully, "that we may be able to stem the tide of world communism with 100-per-cent American garbage."

Experts have warned, however, that at present the U.S. lacks the garbage capacity for both military and peaceful uses. They estimate production would have to double before America could hope to cover the entire planet in even a minimum blanket of garbage.

But most observers feel that given American know-how and the ingrained American determination to scatter garbage, this is a feasible goal to include in the American dream of making the world more like America.

Meanwhile With Lynch

Santa's Problem Is M'boro's Also

BY JIM LYNCH

WINTERTIME: Snowball fights, snowmen, sleighrides through the town, (fear not group, it's coming) and peace, good will toward men. Christmas is almost here and with it all the joy and happiness of the yuletide season.

MAYBE

Last week I piled on my flying carpet Phyllis and headed for North Pole for the annual SIDELINES interview with jolly ole Saint Nick. Greeted at the landing strip by a delegation of diplomatic elves, I was whisked away to Santa's office where he was conducting a refresher course in flight training for the eight reindeer.

"HO, HO, HO, Jim," he said, "good to see you again." (He always talks that way.)

"How's it been going this year, S.C.?" I asked.

"Rough man, really rough. Had the child labor people all over me in June--thought my elves were kids--and last month the A.F. of L.-C.I.O. folks came up here and unionized my reindeer. It's been hard."

"I assume that you still plan to make your run on the 24th?"

"Oh, yeah, definitely. Got to keep up the image, you know."

"Well, Santa, about what time can I tell my readers to expect you in Murfreesboro?"

"Jim, I've been meaning to get around to that. A problem has developed that I'm sure you're aware of."

"What?"

"The smog man, the smog. I was in Murfreesboro three weeks ago to check on little Wes and little Bill, and nearly choked to death. Jackson Heights Plaza was under a dismal gray blanket of burning Taystee breadwrapper smoke, and the courthouse was barely visible from the highway. Seems some nut burns his garbage at night, right there in the middle of town."

"It's the City, sir."

"You're kidding!"

"No, sir."

"The City of Murfreesboro?"

"Yes, sir."

"Jim, do you realize what this means?"

"Sir?"

"Section 374-14B of the reindeer union contract states that no hazardous duties can be performed by union members."

"What do you mean hazardous duties?"

"Like trying to land through all that smog."

"But what about Rudolph, he could get you through, couldn't he?"

"Too risky. His nose is only geared for blizzards, not all that crud you've got floating around in the sky."

"Then...surely you don't mean..."

"Afraid so, Jim. There just isn't any way I can stop in Murfreesboro."

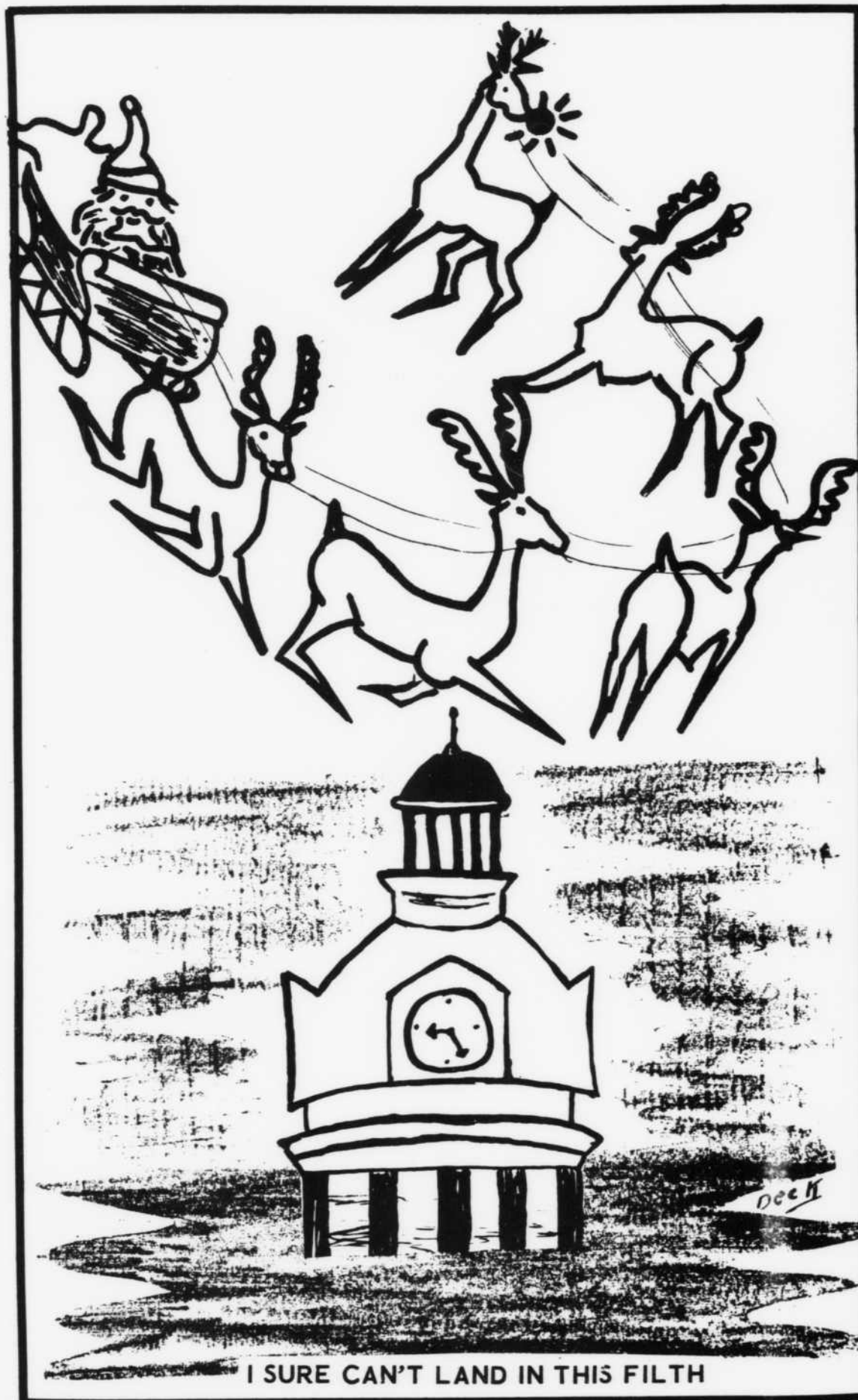
"But what about all the kids. They need you."

"That's the breaks of the game, babes. The best I could do is leave all of the Murfreesboro kids' toys in Smyrna, and it would be up to the children's parents to go pick them up."

"It just wouldn't be the same."

"I know, but then maybe you could talk to the City before Christmas and get things cleaned up."

WHAT ABOUT IT, CITY?



I SURE CAN'T LAND IN THIS FILTH

BLUE FALLS BUT 'MAC' SPARKLES

Raiders Lose, 79-75

As the some 2,500 Blue Raider basketball fans filed into Memorial Gymnasium Saturday night, they saw 29 Bellarmine enthusiasts dressed in assorted costumes highlighting its team color -- red. They cheered, banged on their drums, and blew their trumpets and the visiting Knights took home a hard-fought but well earned 79-75 victory to even their season at 2-2, the identical mark of the Blue Raiders.

By Gary Davenport
Sports Editor

Jimmy Earle's rip-roaring Raiders jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, but Bellarmine used its sharp shooting and hustling board control to take the squeaker, one Earle wasn't looking forward to Friday afternoon when this writer talked with him.

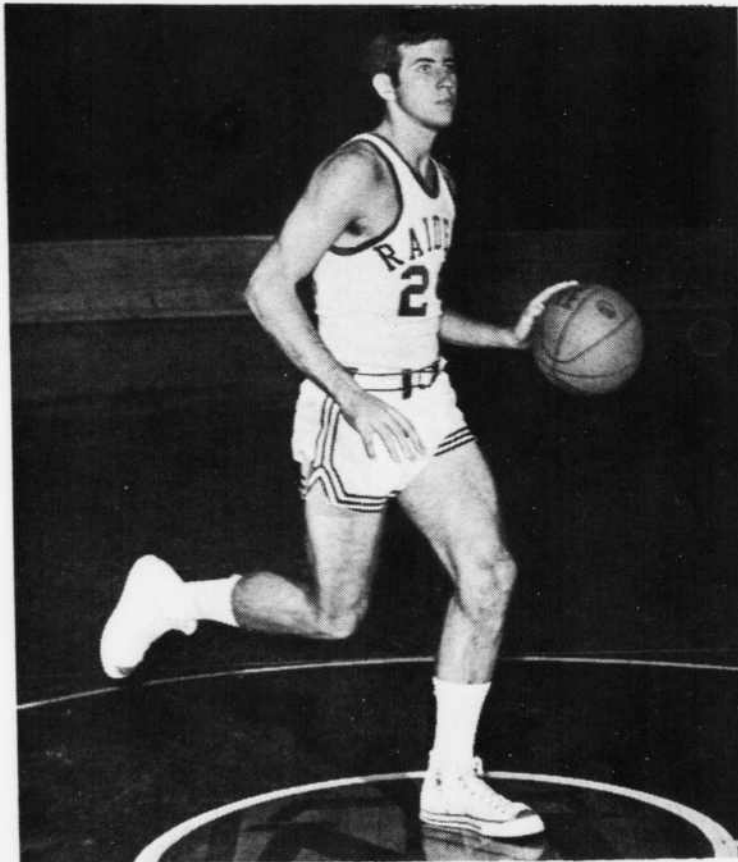
"If we can get by Bellarmine I think we'll be alright for a while." They didn't do it, however, and Earle must get to the blackboards with his assistants Don Newman and Butch Clifton and devise a new technique designed at producing a shooter.

"We're hurting for a consistent shooter, and we've got to get

one in a hurry," Earle exclaimed.

His prayers were almost answered against Bellarmine, coming in the form of a hurting, aching 6-0 guard suffering from a chronic case of bronchitis. Steve McElhaney. 'Mac' did everything that windy, cold night. He finished the game with a team high of 20 points, connecting on eight of 13 shots from the field and making four-of-four from the charity line.

But his shooting performance wasn't the only characteristic he exhibited that night, making the fans leave with his name on their lips. He stole numerous amount of balls from the opposition to convert valuable layups, and showed a remarkable hustle (continued on page 7)



STEVE McELHANEY

Hustling McElhaney Makes Believers Of Doubting Blue Fans

The courage, the remarkable will to win and the hustling traits exhibited by guard Steve McElhaney forced Blue Raider fans to leave the gym, not talking about the four-point loss to visiting Bellarmine Saturday night, but smiling and even shedding a few tingling tears.

His performance sent electricity to the ceiling that night, and the some 2,500 fans assembled for the game received a tingling sensation watching his 110 percent effort. Mac wanted to win so badly he risked his own personal health in efforts to do so.

Suffering from chronic bronchitis, a sickness that could strike any minute, the gutty guard was forced to leave the game many times to gain a breath, and one time was forced into the dressing room with trainer George Camp for treatment. He wanted to win so bad, however, that when that much-sought-after breath returned, he would trot over to the officials table to re-enter the game, spurred on by the cheering, standing crowd.

Mac stole the ball many times, making the big plays late in the game to keep the team in the ballgame. His hustling play, despite having to reach down deep within his chests for air during the timeouts, sparked the team over and over.

A special gleam shone in Coach Earle's eyes when Mac finally left the game. He rubbed his head and gave him the consoling pat, forcing chills up the spine of all who witnessed it. But he didn't stay out long, for it was Mac who scored the final points with four-seconds left in the game.

He kept asking to go in, and how could a coach turn such a determined player down?

Jimmy Earle has described McElhaney as the best prospect Blue Raiders will ever see, and many have begun mentioning him as the most all-around, outstanding player in the school's history.

Coach Earle and assistants Don Newman and Butch Clifton have been looking for a hustler all year, as well as a shooter. They've found their hustler, in the form of the gutty Steve McElhaney.

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Wyatt, Poole Elected 1970 Track Captains

David Wyatt and Lonell Poole have been named captains of Middle Tennessee State University's 1969-70 track team.

Wyatt is a senior from Alton, Illinois and Poole is a senior from Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Wyatt is a member of numerous record-setting relay teams at MTSU, including last season's mile relay team which won in the OVC meet and finished seventh in the nation in the NCAA finals in Knoxville last spring.

Wyatt is a Physical Education major, and hopes to coach Track & Field. Poole was the 1966 Illinois 180 low hurdles champion, and still holds the record of 18.9 seconds. He holds the school record in the high hurdles (14.5) and indoor marks in the highs, lows, and 60-yard highs.

Like Wyatt, Poole is majoring in physical education and hopes to teach and coach.



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The Peeled Eye



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Chester Outshone Maddux

Running its record to 3-0 for the still young season, Art Polk's freshmen squad played a determined, hustling game Saturday to drop Vanderbilt's yearlings, 72-69, before an unforgivable sparse crowd. The game was one of the most exciting encounters for the frosh, who have dropped David Lipscomb and Sewart Air Force Base already this season.

The tallest member of the team and one of the more dominant players to play on a freshman team is the 6-10 center Chester Brown, and he played one of his best games against the 6-8 Vandy center Ray Maddux, considered last year to be the most outstanding prospect to come out of this state.

Playing with his leg wrapped from ankle to upper-thigh, Brown controlled the offensive and defensive boards against the determined Maddux, and clearly showed himself to be the better of the two.

At one particular time during the contest, Brown was injured and went to the bench for some treatment from trainer George Camp. We were leading by 11 points at the time, but Vanderbilt's guards started going to the new-freer middle -- particularly to Maddux.

During the six minutes of the game time Brown was on the bench, Maddux got seven points and got almost every rebound coming off the boards. Then suddenly Brown checked into the game and the course of the game changed.

Charging down the court, Vanderbilt flipped a pass to Maddux, who dribbled and went up for a 13-foot jump shot. Brown, who played him close all night, blocked the ball, which went straight up into the air. Maddux grabbed the ball as it descended to the court before going up again for another shot. Brown went high into the air and blocked the shot for the second time, but this time it went to one of the Vanderbilt forwards, who shot the ball and missed. Guess who got the ball and started a fast break down the court?

Coach Polk has gathered and coached a very fine team, one worthy of the support of the student body. It's pathetic that the so-called Blue Raider fans can't come a little early and watch some of the finest ball they'll see.

The fans that came early to catch the last few minutes of the game Saturday night found themselves on their feet most of the time, and gave the team a standing ovation as they left the court. They saw the team, and they'll agree -- it's worthwhile going early to watch the unbeaten Blue Raider freshman team.



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Knights Take Squeaker.....

(continued from page 6)
that has come to be his trademark.

The clock showed 4:18 left in the game and the Knight had an eight point lead, but Joe Barclay, who saw action at center and played one of his better games, made a field goal to cut the gap.

But Bellarmine came back with a goal of its won and with 3:22 had the eight-point lead again. The Blue brought the ball down with a determined look on their faces which were immediately radiant as Barclay made still another gap-closing shot with 3:09 left and 32-seconds later connected on another goal to cut the gap to 71-67.

The Knight sunk another clutch basket, but again Barclay made a bucket and the Raiders

were behind by four points. "Wildman" Daryl Bentson came into the game and hit two long 25-footers, both of them cutting the lead to only two-points, but Bellarmine hit a

field goal and sunk two free throws with 27 and 10 seconds left to lead by seven, a gap cut further by McElhane with four seconds left for what proved the final margin of victory.



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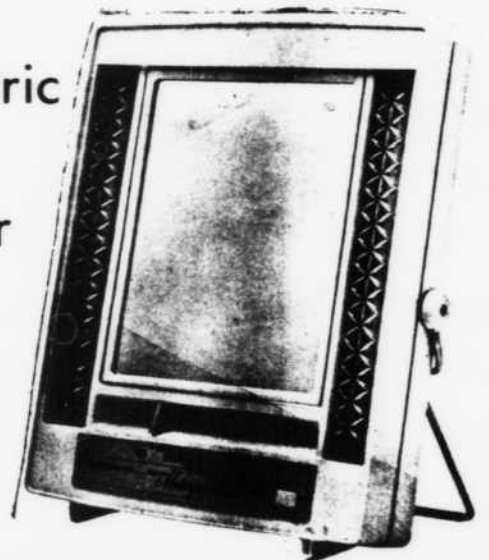
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MTSU Will Begin Offering Aerospace Degree In '70

MTSU will begin offering three degree programs in Aerospace in 1970, according to M.G. Scarlett, president of the University. The first course offering on the graduate level will be available for the summer session, beginning June 6, 1970.

The two undergraduate degrees, with majors in either aerospace technology or aerospace administration, will be in operation for the opening of the 1970 fall semester in September.

These are the first such programs to be offered in the

southeastern United States.

This three-fold program, authorized by the State Board of Education and ratified by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission is the climax of more than a year of study. The undergraduate syllabi were prepared by Randy Woods, retired Air Force major, who heads the MTSU flight training program. Bealer Smotherman prepared the course of study for the Master of Education with a major in Aerospace.

Milner Lanier, who founded the MTSU flight training program in 1948, and is cur-

rently the chairman of the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, expressed his pleasure at the expeditious manner with which the programs were initiated by Scarlett. "The demand for trained personnel in both aerospace technology and aerospace administration is staggering", Lanier said. "The introduction of the Master's degree will enable the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission to implement the plan to have aerospace science in all the major high schools of the state by 1972."

Edwin Voorhies, chairman of

the department of industrial arts and technology and Fowler Todd, chairman of the department of Business Administration, have acted as consultants in co-ordinating the work of the academic disciplines with the aviation-aerospace offerings for the undergraduate degrees. Robert Aden, dean of the graduate school and Ralph White, chairman of the MTSU education department have been consultants with Smotherman on the graduate degree curriculum.

The Master of Education degree with a major in Aero-

space Education will embrace 32 semester hours of class work and will necessitate the candidate completing both the "regular" and "advanced" Aerospace Workshops which have been conducted for the past 16 years on the MTSU campus. By election the candidate may earn an additional six semester hours by participating in the annual International Aerospace Seminar requiring a month study-tour of European countries. Ten clock hours in Aerospace must be supplemented by a bloc of 20 hours in graduate education courses.

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