

Economy, Tax Base Lag As Costs Rise

John Folger, director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, told delegates to the Tennessee Universities Student Government Association meeting held here Friday and Saturday that "the needs of higher education are growing faster than the economy and the tax base can expand to support the need."

Folger was speaking on the topic of "Funding of Higher Education" and pointed out the steady increase in enrollment and costs in the field of higher education. Folger declared that a 15 percent increase was necessary in the budget of higher education "just to keep up with enrollment and rising costs."

By Bobby Sands

The Commission Director pointed out that there was a five and one-half percent increase in the budget of higher education totaling 12 million dollars - inflation of five percent nullified any major gain.

Folger pointed out that Tennessee ranks 11th among 14 Southern states in per capita expenditures for higher education.

"No matter how you measure it, Tennessee is in the lower half of the Southern States in the support of higher education and our needs are growing rapidly," Folger declared.

Folger pointed out that there were three likely ways to secure additional funds to finance higher education - the levying of new taxes, the increase of existing taxes, or to get more of the present tax budget.

Folger speculated that problems in health, environmental pollution, prison reform, elementary and secondary education needs will make it impossible that an additional share of the tax budget will be given to higher education.

"The higher education commission is not endorsing a plan that students pay more tuition, which some sources are pushing," Folger stated.

"We must be careful in pricing tuition fees not to price the student out of the market - for Tennessee's percentage of young people going to college

is below the national average," Folger stated.

The Commission director pointed out that Tennessee's taxes are some of the lowest in the South and the nation. Folger added that "The prospects of new taxes are not very good. This is an election year and legislators want to expand services but not to the point that it would mean new taxes."

Confusing Campus Unrest Has Reasons, Seigenthaler

By Keel Hunt

The "confusing" student turmoil on American campuses stems from their bewilderment by a "violent society" and lack of involvement in university decision-making, Tennessee's student leaders were told here Friday.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Keel Hunt, editor-in-chief of the SIDELINES during the spring 1969, is a staff writer for The Nashville Tennessean.

John L. Seigenthaler, editor of The Nashville Tennessean, said those causes of student unrest join with the mounting pressures on university faculty

members to threaten the possibility that "quality education again will suffer."

He said many members of the American press have viewed the nation's education system and found most large universities to be "factories," offering "assembly-line education."

"But then you begin to realize that it is not simply the 'factory,'" he said. "There are outbreaks at Brandeis, too, and Loyola and institutions that you've never heard of with enrollments of 2,000 and 3,000. 'So you think it must be something deeper, and you look closer,'" he said.

"And you see that in too many instances, there has been no student and faculty involvement in decision-making," Seigenthaler said.

Seigenthaler said. "Pressures on the faculty to 'publish or perish' have pushed the teachers to less and less interest in teaching."

For the students, he said, there is a "new awareness . . . a new feeling that their role is not the traditional role of the student, but it goes beyond the classroom into a new participation."

"Many able professors and scholars are prompted to leave, then . . . simply because they're confused at what they see happening."

"So the possibility is that quality education again will suffer," he said.

Seigenthaler, who has studied at Peabody College and at Harvard University as a Neman Fellow, was on the MTSU campus to keynote the statewide convention of the Tennessee Universities Student Government Association. Some 125 students attended the two-day conference.

The editor said there is "a very basic conflict" at work in nearly all university communities, "not between personalities nor between faculty and administration."

Rather, it is a conflict between the "concepts of the traditional understanding of what education was and the understanding of a new generation that is bright, able, on the move, aware of their own present . . . and their motivation to bring about a change."

He said young Americans are perplexed at the society's ability to understand the most complex problems of space and science, "and still we don't know how to cope with the human problems that confront us."

Young people are upset and fed up and distressed . . . with the ignorance of the older generation in its race to pollute the environment," Seigenthaler said.

"Suddenly, all this confronts the student, and the student's reaction confronts the adults who have seen these protests for too many years already," he said.

Seigenthaler said the United States has become a "violent society," a nation that would assassinate its President, a candidate for President and a sincere civil rights leader.

He said that perhaps the popular reaction today against youthful protests represents a "swinging of the pendulum away from violence and protest" and also a "bending of the concepts of institutions of higher learning."

"It seems to me," he said, "that the reaction that causes the protests is also the reaction that's building the society."

Hopefully the society will become "more attractive to the young people who are voicing their protests today," he said.

"Those in the campus climate today," he said, "understand perhaps more than anyone that the world is made for people."

Tennessee SUSGA Convention Brings Speakers, MTSU Visitors

Southern Universities Student Government Association of Tennessee held the annual state conference here Friday and Saturday. Joey Livesay, Nashville junior, serves as chairman of Tennessee SUSGA.

Austin Peay University, Bethel College, Carson Newman, Cleveland State, Columbia State, East Tennessee State, Memphis State, MTSU, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee Wesleyan, and U. T. Martin were represented by delegates of their student governments.

President M. G. Scarlett and ASB President Van Martin welcomed

the delegates at the banquet opening the conference on Friday night in the Tennessee Room. The keynote address of the convention was delivered by John Seigenthaler, editor of the Nashville Tennessean on the subject "Contemporary Student Problems As Viewed by an Editor."

Following the banquet there were meetings of special interest groups such as ASB presidents, advisors, vice presidents, judicial systems, school editors, and SUSGA Coordinators.

On Saturday discussion

groups were held among the delegates on such topics as "Funding of Higher Education", "Legal Rights", "Minority Groups", "Women's Affairs", and curriculum.

Although a discussion of ROTC programs was not included on the agenda, delegates talked about the controversial Military Science programs extensively in their free time and in the discussion groups.

Delegates from East Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, and Memphis State were especially

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WMOT - FM Qualifies For Grant

WMOT-FM recently became Tennessee's third educational radio station to qualify for a yearly grant of \$7,000 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

This qualification for corporation grants also enables WMOT to receive without cost the National Public Radio Network, which is scheduled to begin broadcasting out of Washington D. C. July 1.

The money from the grant will be used to provide additional personnel for the MTSU campus radio station, according to Douglas Vernier, faculty advisor.

The new personnel and the additional programs furnished by NPR should greatly improve the station's service to its campus community, he believes. (continued on page 2)



Miss MTSU and Court

Miss MTSU 1970, Pat Hunt (center) smiles along with her court after her coronation as the winner of the coveted title Thursday night. From left:

Joanne Kiser, Nancy Beard, Connie O'Connell - Miss MTSU 1969, - Pat Hunt, Cathy Bess and Elaine Lannon. See Story and Pictures on Pg. 3.

MTSU Students Attend Pollution Meeting

Three MTSU students recently attended the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration meeting of the southeast region in Atlanta, Ga.

The purpose of the meeting was to form a Student Council on Pollution and Environment (SCOPE).

The MTSU Student Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America was represented by Odes Hamilton, Herby Lester and Maurice Burgess.

According to Lester, the purpose of SCOPE is to provide the framework around which college students can release their energies and ideas for restoring streams, lakes and estuaries. Although SCOPE will concentrate on water problems, it will focus on the problems as part of the overall environment.

At student seminars, such as the one held in Atlanta, scientists and other agents of the federal and state government provide up-to-date information on the environmental problems facing the country.

With this information, the students can exchange their ideas and determine the actions and paths their permanent advisory groups should take.

"Before I went to the Atlanta meeting, I was not aware of the extent of pollution in America," said Lester, "but for years we have been heading for a water quality crisis. Lake after lake is sick or in danger. Our rivers have been turned into open sewers for municipal, industrial and agricultural wastes.

"Even the water that is taken from Stones River, for consumption in Murfreesboro, is contaminated.

"The municipal sewage of Murfreesboro includes virtually everything that goes down the drain of the community into its sewer system.

"Industrial wastes include the acids, chemicals and animal and vegetable matter that are produced by the paper, meat-processing and other industries.

"One thing that I learned from the meeting was that pollution is a concern of everyone from the hopped-up hippie to the sophisticated politician," said Lester. "Everyone has a stake in clean water."

Wake Forest Takes First In Invitational Debate

The Wake Forest Debate Team of Winston Salem, N.C., placed first in the MTSU Invitational Junior Debate Tournament held Friday and Saturday.

The University of Florida B team of Paul Rosenthal and Phil Schwartz and the Wake Forest team of Ann Wood and Rusty Stout met in the finals with Wake Forest winning by a 3-0 decision.

MTSU's only participating team of Windon Ringer of Chattanooga and Don O'Guinn of

Nashville had earlier beaten the University of Florida team but because they were the host team they were not eligible for the trophies.

Fourteen schools with 27 teams attended the meet and debated the subject: "Resolved: that the federal government should grant annually a specific percentage of its tax revenues to the state governments."

In the quarter-finals the University of Florida's B team went against Bellarmine--Ursuline College with Florida winning. Vanderbilt defeated University of Florida's A team; Wake Forest University defeated Emory University and Miami Dade Jr. College defeated Shaw University.

The semi-finals saw Florida's B team defeat Vanderbilt and Wake Forest defeating Miami Dade. Thus leaving Wake Forest to defeat Florida's B team in the finals.

WMOT Grant . . .

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The other two Tennessee educational radio stations qualifying for these benefits are WUOT at the University of Tennessee and WPLN, the Nashville Public Library station.

According to Vernier, only 73 educational stations out of over 400 in the United States have met qualifications for the grant. And WMOT, he points out, has only been in operation for about nine months with a newly trained student staff.

"WMOT-FM is growing in leaps and bounds," he explained. "It services to the public continue to grow as does its staff and community support. The station has become a community service station seeking to fill the communication needs in Rutherford County."

The station now spends over 40 percent of its broadcast week presenting informational, educational and cultural programming. Student staff work-

ers keep WMOT on the air more than eight hours per day and seven days per week.

Adding the programs of the NPR should help the campus broadcasting station to extend air time and provide the surrounding area with live programs of national origin, Vernier said.

Vernier was one of the radio managers from qualifying radio stations who attended a meeting to decide the characteristics of the upcoming NPR in December.

He gave a special appeal that the NPR be concerned with the young adult, an element, he said, "which truly deserves a better understanding of the world and a group now being entirely missed by almost all educational broadcasters."

Programs with the NPR network will begin July 1 and will be heard in combination with other similar and locally oriented programming on the local station.

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interested in the efforts of the MTSU ASB to change Military Science from compulsory to a voluntary program.

Delegates from these schools were high in their praise of Van Martin's press conference held on Dec. 5 in which Martin challenged the action of the State Board of Education in rejecting an MTSU proposal concerning Military Science here.

Delegates from Tennessee Tech, East Tennessee State, and Memphis State stated that they felt that the schools affected by the state Board's position on military science should conduct a co-ordinated effort to secure a change in position by the State Board. Most of the delegates expressed the opinion that resentment and opposition to compulsory Military Science would increase on their campuses in the months ahead.

Tom Marshall, SUSGA president from Carson-Newman, addressed the conference delegates on Saturday afternoon. Marshall criticized radical student groups because they do not accomplish anything. The Association President called for student involvement and responsibility.

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***** Pat Hunt Wins Beauty Title *****

Miss Pat Hunt, a Nashville sophomore, was crowned Miss MTSU for 1970 Thursday night climaxing a two-night pageant which took some unusual turns--such as a stage backdrop falling, and Connie O'Connell the 1969 Miss MTSU falling off the stage into the orchestra pit.

Miss Connie O'Connell, the retiring Miss MTSU crowned the new Miss MTSU amid cries of congratulations from fellow contestants, tears, smiles, and screams of excited partisans.

Pat Hunt's crowning, and walk down the ramp highlighted two evenings of quick wardrobe changes, talent exhibitions, evening gown, and swimsuit competition for the 23 contestants.

Miss Hunt will represent MTSU in the annual Miss Tennessee pageant held during July in Jackson.

From the 23 original contestants, ten were chosen as semi-finalists for the final night of competition. From the ten chosen as semi-finalists, five were chosen as finalists.

Cathy Bess, Rock Island sophomore, placed as first runner-up; Elaine Lannon, Murfreesboro freshman, was second runner-up; Joanne Kiser, Clinton sophomore, was third runner-up; and Nancy Beard, Castalian Springs sophomore, placed as fourth runner-up.

Miss Claudia Waller, Nashville junior, was chosen as Miss Congeniality by the votes of the 23 contestants.

Other contestants chosen as finalists included Claudia Waller, Nashville junior; Linda Keyt, Springfield sophomore; Carole Thorton, Nashville junior; Jeanne Riggan, Santa Fe sophomore; and Sharon Tucker, Nashville junior.

Miss Hunt is a five foot six inch, red-haired, green-eyed beauty who delivered an original

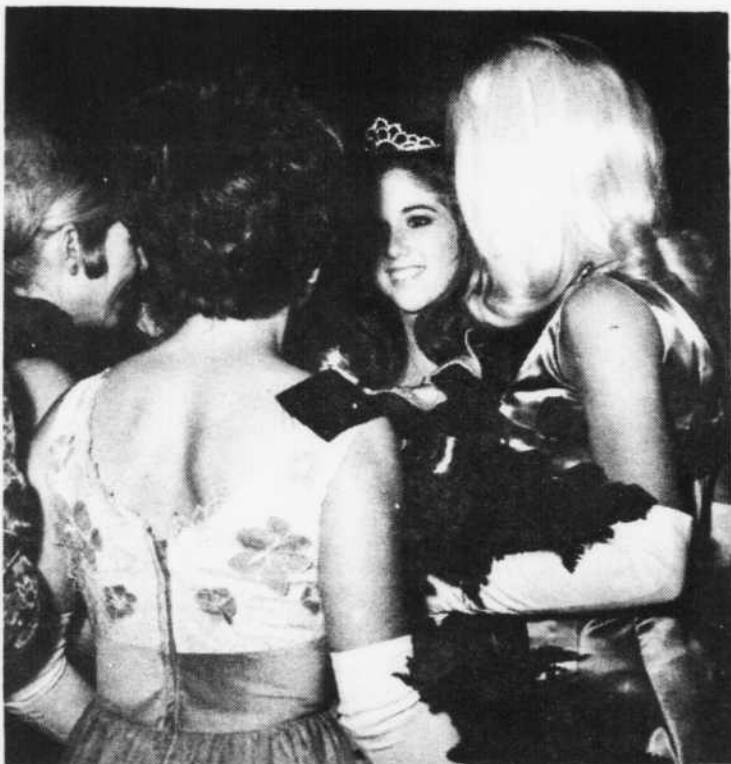
monologue and modeled clothes of her own creation in the talent division.

Shortly after being crowned, the new Miss MTSU happily exclaimed, "I never knew ordinary people won these things."

The retiring Miss MTSU stated that the most memorable event of her reign "would have to be falling off the ramp Wednesday night."

Miss O'Connell, while singing during a break in the show on Wednesday night, stepped off the stage into the orchestra pit. The vibrant beauty jumped up to say "I'm okay, folks" and then continued to sing standing in the orchestra pit. To this performance Miss O'Connell was given a standing ovation.

Miss Hunt was sponsored by the Home Economics Club. She is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and is a member of the Home Economics Honor Society.



A happy queen receives the congratulations of her court after weeks of work and practice by all the contestants.



The highlight of the pageant arrives Thursday night as Connie does the honors and Pat begins her reign.



Pat Hunt, the newly crowned Miss MTSU beams as she takes her first walk as the reigning Miss MTSU.

Sociology Dept. Establishes Clayton James Award

The Clayton James award for an outstanding student in sociology at MTSU has been announced by Herschel E. Aseltine, chairman of that department. "This award arose out of Professor James' nomination in the spring of 1969 as one of the outstanding teachers at the university. The award will consist of a few basis classical volumes in sociology," according to the announcement in the NEWSLETTER of the sociology department.

James served as superintendent of schools at Lebanon from 1929-37; as high school visitor for the Middle Tennessee area in 1937-38 and has been on the staff of MTSU since that time. Currently a professor of sociology, he served as dean of students at the university for many years.

This award will be presented for academic excellence, according to Aseltine. The department presents three other

awards designated as "The Timothean" to a senior sociology major preparing for a church-related vocation and the Joe Ramsey Leatherman award to a senior sociology major who is a veteran and "reflects the traditional American ideals". It memorializes Joe Ramsey Leatherman, a native of Shelbyville who died during his senior year at MTSU.

The Philathea and Timothean awards are in the amount of \$300 each and may be awarded to one student or divided among students who have demonstrated "a commitment to serving church related vocations and who have demonstrated above average academic ability and motivation."

The Leatherman award is the interest from a \$5,000 insurance policy the Shelbyville sociology major had provided through an insurance policy to provide a "needy recipient who is interested in humanity."

Bookstore Benefits Students

By Dennis Phillips

"By taking an extra five minutes to sell your used textbooks you will be saving yourself and fellow students money," said Frank Glass, textbook manager of the MTSU bookstore.

According to Glass, students should sell their books back to the bookstore as soon as they are through with them. If the students keep their books they might not be able to sell them at the end of the year, Glass stated.

"It will be very easy to get your books sold this year," he said. "We have plans to hire enough people to give the students the best and fastest service. Last year an additional 15 people were hired to give speedy service."

Glass found 190 used books, which are sold at reduced rates, on a recent book-buying trip. The bookstore already had 180 new books of this type. So he returned the new books and bought the used ones, thus saving \$370.

At times the bookstore is unable to buy used books from students because a new edition has been published or an edition is out of print. Also a department may stop using a book, or the bookstore may become over-stocked on a particular edition.

The bookstore does not decide which books are used. Each department determines when a change in textbook will be made, and when a new edition comes out, students aren't able to sell their books back at half price.

When a book cannot be rebought at half price, the bookstore will give the student the wholesale price--usually two dollars--instead. The bookstore will then send the book to the wholesaler to be repaid the two dollars.

According to Glass, no profit is made on the sale of wholesale books.

The people at the bookstore



MTSU's bookstore was the recent subject of an article in the Austin Peay campus newspaper in which the writer expressed his amazement that Playboy magazine was sold here.

know the problems of the students because all of the higher administrative people are alumni of MTSU.

They have a personal interest in the school," said Charles Phillips, manager of the bookstore. "They are trying to give

the students the best service they can."

Phillips said that he could get rid of some equipment and not deal in used books, but he would rather make less profit and give the students better service.

Around exam time all students should be careful that their books are not stolen. Glass said that there are controls to catch book thieves. When a person comes in to sell a book the number is listed on a voucher. The person who sells the book has to sign the voucher.

Glass ended by saying, "The bookstore is interested in the students and we try to save the students' money. We are here for you."



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Scouts Organize College Chapter

MTSU recently became the first university in Tennessee to have its very own Girl Scout troop.

"Campus Scouts is a new idea in the Girl Scout organization," said Mrs. James Christzberg, physical education instructor and the group's co-sponsor. "College troops are designed to bridge the gap between Senior Scouting and the adult leadership of scout troops."

Already the newly-chartered troop's 16 coeds are planning a workshop for new adult leaders which will be initiated by an all-day cookout in February.

Other objectives of the group are to provide services to Girl Scout troops in Murfreesboro to help with council-wide events in Middle Tennessee, and to participate in other Scouting activities.

Other faculty members involved in the campus troop are

Mrs. Don Fuoss, home economics instructor and co-sponsor, and Frederic Carroll, local association chairman for Rutherford and Cannon Counties.

State Education Seminars To Be Programmed Here

School board members, school superintendents, principals, teachers, non-professional school workers, county court members, and other business and civic leaders in Bedford, Cannon, Rutherford, and Wilson Counties have been invited to attend and to participate in 14 two-hour seminars to be held on campus beginning Jan. 15 and continuing to June 25.

The university has been notified that the State Agency (University of Tennessee) for Title I (Community Service and Continuing Education Programs) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, had approved the project. The project title is "Seminars to Increase the Leadership Ability of Selected School Boards in Middle Tennessee."

Free Coffee

The University Center Grill will provide free coffee and hot chocolate for students during exams from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. each evening beginning Sunday, January 18 to Wednesday, January 21.

Circle K Loses Money On 1970 Beauty Pageant

The Circle K club is a non-profit service organization which sponsors annually the Miss MTSU pageant. On the financial aspects of the 1970 Miss MTSU pageant the club lost several hundred dollars.

Gary Hall, Circle K vice-president and pageant director, stated that the club had expenditures of about \$1300, yet netted only \$900 from ticket sales.

Supposedly there was to be a ticket sales contest among fraternities sponsored by the Circle K for which an expensive trophy was to be awarded to the Greek organization selling the most tickets. Only one fraternity sold a significant number of tickets, with only three fraternities selling any tickets.

Twenty three established campus organizations had representatives in the pageant whose winner represents MTSU in the Miss Tennessee pageant.

Attendance for the Wednesday night show was estimated at about 300 while the final night of the pageant drew about 400 persons.

Hall stated, "We hope that the poor attendance can be attributed to the inclement weather - but we were very disappointed that the campus community did not support this program better than it did."

"It is extremely difficult for our club to absorb a loss of \$400 when we have no way of raising funds," Hall concluded.

Computerized

New Equipment Installed

A new key punch machine and two mini computers have recently been installed in the mathematics department, according to Paul Hutcheson, administrative head of computer center.

Each of these machines, Hutcheson said, were obtained to give first hand experience to students in computer science.

"We feel students should have some hand-on experience; they learn a lot this way that we can't teach them," Hutcheson stated.

The mini computers are "mini" in size as well as price, he explained. The basic machine has a retail value of \$10,000, compared to the slower Honeywell Central Processor valued at \$156,000.

According to Hutcheson, this reduction in price has enabled the students to use these new facilities.

Another key punch machine is on order, he said, and will arrive this month. This will be one more key punch machine for student use, raising their number from three to five.

Currently there are over 250 students enrolled in computer courses. Many other students who have operated computers but are not taking any courses pertaining to them are also using the computers.

In classes, Hutcheson explained that students are taught what a computer is and what it will do. They are required to write programs giving the computer jobs. But problems soon become very sophisticated, Hutcheson indicated.

Many questions cannot be solved because man does not have the time and endurance for solving them, the instructor stated. With the computer, man's job is reduced to collecting the data and posing the question. The data reduction prob-

lem is handled by the machine.

Much computation work for dissertations has aided teachers to obtain their advanced degrees, Hutcheson said, for the computer allows them to work toward this goal and teach at the same time.

Hutcheson further commented that since its installation in

November of 1962, the MTSU computer program has emphasized teaching students and aiding faculty professional growth.

The three new installations and the one key punch on order, according to Hutcheson, will serve to enhance the student-centered computer program.

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A Comparison Seigenthaler, Scarlett

John Seigenthaler's, editor of The Nashville Tennessean, speech to TUSGA representatives here Friday night brings back memories of a similar speech made here last Spring by President M. G. Scarlett.

The President's inaugural address was concerned with the problems and his theories of higher education. It is interesting to note that although Seigenthaler's comments on student unrest did present many student problems he had observed throughout the world, MTSU is now in a different situation.

For example, Seigenthaler said universities have become "factories" offering "assembly-line education."

Scarlett said, concerning this type of education, "If the university is to give effective service to a rapidly changing society and rapidly changing students and deal with a rapidly increasing body of knowledge, it will have to be a dynamic, flexible and responsible institution." This the President has accomplished in his first year at MTSU with the introduction of new programs, policy changes, off campus services, etc.

Seigenthaler said, there is a conflict between the "concepts of the traditional understanding of what education was and the understanding of a new generation that is bright, able, on the move, aware of their own present... and their motivation to bring about a change."

"Administration and faculty should listen when students ask for relevance in the program. If students say the general graduation requirements should be built around the critical student and societal issues of the day, serious consideration should be given to their proposal," said Scarlett. This is in planning stages with a committee to be appointed to study general education requirements at the request of the ASB.

And finally Seigenthaler pointed to a "lack of involvement in university decision-making" by students and faculty.

Scarlett said, "such an institution would provide students with avenues for participation in academic decision-making. Students would then be considered partners with faculty and administration in the educational enterprise." This has also come about with students and faculty serving on all university committees.

Although MTSU still has many problems in its curriculum and student rights, the channels have been established for changes to be made.

They Just Don't Care

The United States along with the rest of the world is facing a serious situation, and it will be the young generation of today that will initiate the change that will eventually bring about a totally new society.

There are many injustices facing modern America and students recognize these problems and are currently working to change or to buck the system. They do so not because they are intent on destroying everything society holds so dear but because they want a world free from adult hypocrisy and violence.

This world will come not through force but through people becoming more open-minded and educated, not an education of fact assimilation but of an education covering problems, ideas and attitudes of the people.

Hypocrisy and injustice are inheritance the adults have left the young.

GOVERNMENT

We spend billions of dollars to kill in Vietnam while millions of people are starving at home.

Democracy, the most perfect form of government, has to be forced upon other countries throughout the world.

The Vice President and Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission imply a form of censorship to the media while the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press.

The government outlaws marijuana while government officials get high on alcohol.

The government passes civil rights legislation then attempts to seat a racist Supreme Court judge.

SOCIETY

The people deplore violence in the Civil Rights movement when this country was built on violence from the East to the West.

We imprison prostitutes and drug addicts and release them into a society that rejects them and then wonders why they return to their original ways.

We preach Christianity, then hate people who are not white even though they are God's children whether their skin is black, red, yellow or white. We also forget God said "Thou shall not kill."

EDUCATION

Our schools teach in the classroom about the problems of the "lower class," the people of poverty when within a few miles of the campus people are living in these conditions but the students never see them, much less to put to use the things learned in the class.

History and political science teach of the peoples' rights according to law while many institutions disregard students' rights completely.

Our institutions of higher education teach facts and neglect to put these facts into perspective of how they will affect the student when he enters the world.

And the list could go on and on sighting the injustices and hypocrisy of our society.

Elliot Ness in the 1930's, the age of crime in America, when asked "Why do people get away with these crimes?" said, "Perhaps it is the times that breed this sort of thing: PEOPLE JUST DON'T CARE!"

By Michael Goforth

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Letter From The Editor:

In leaving the office of Editor-in-Chief, I am extremely proud of the continuing improvement of the MTSU campus newspaper. We have attempted to carry on a tradition started in 1968. This tradition was a change in policy of the SIDELINES which started an era of in-depth reporting of campus news--not just the what but the why.

The success of the SIDELINES stems from the fact that although we are a student newspaper, we try to be professional in our approach to reporting and analyzing the campus news. Also we use only local coverage unless something out of Murfreesboro is related to MTSU. In these two factors lies the success of the SIDELINES.

Credit must be given where credit is due. The improvement of the SIDELINES is a result of an increased energetic staff, an excellent production staff and two advisors who are very concerned about the progress of the newspaper. My special thanks goes to these people, without whom the success of the SIDELINES would not have been possible.

As I leave this position I sincerely believe that the SIDELINES is one of the best student newspapers in the state. And I leave the new editor and the staff with the challenge of making the SIDELINES the number one student newspaper in Tennessee. I know they can do it.

In closing I offer my sincere thanks for the effort extended by all those involved with the SIDELINES. And I wish Miss Wanda Ensor, the new editor, and the entire staff the best of luck in the semester to come.

Michael Goforth

Michael Goforth
Editor-in-Chief

Meanwhile With Lynch

Apathyman Struck MTSU

BY JIM LYNCH

Let us now turn our eyes toward the heavens, where that instigator of disinterest, protector of narrowmindedness, and promoter of the general confusion, "APATHYMAN", roams the skies in his quest to rot the minds of young America.

Chapter one finds our hero along with his side-kick Leon high in the skies over Murfreesboro.

"Say, Leon, isn't that the little southern university that we warped several years ago?"

"Yes, sir, Middle Tennessee State."

"Ah, yes, I remember it well. The students were so receptive, the effort was hardly a challenge."

"If that's the case, have you ever had to do any follow-up work?" questioned Leon.

"Not really," APATHYMAN answered, "they seem to be able to generate enough confusion, disinterest, and narrowmindedness to satisfy my meager wishes."

"For instance?"

"Well, hardly any of the students attend the sporting functions anymore because, if you remember, I instilled the thought in them that mere athletics was far below their superior status."

"Sort of smidgin of false arrogance, right?" questioned Leon.

"Right, also if you'll notice, there is never more than a few students at school on the weekend. I've made them believe that they are not old enough yet to spend more than five days in a row away from mommy and daddy."

"They seem to rationalize it by saying that there is nothing to do at school on the weekends," commented Leon.

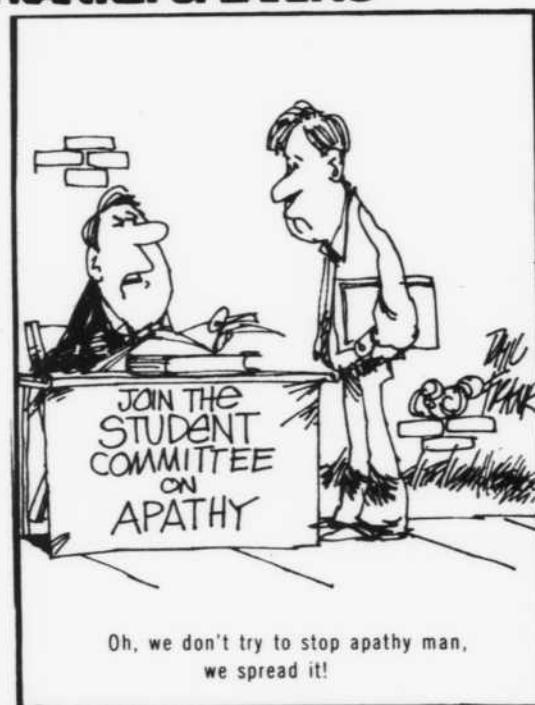
"That's true. They forget that it is they themselves who are responsible to make things happen. Leon, we are definitely accomplishing our mission here. These students really believe that they are 'the chosen few' for whom the world waits."

"Well, master, since we're here, is there anything else we can do to disrupt activities further?"

"No, Leon, they seem to be doing pretty well on their own."

So "APATHYMAN" and Leon continue onward to their goal of ruination of the world, leaving MTSU in it's present state of disinterest and confusion. Far below, outside the NC building a faint voice is heard to mutter, "If I don't pull at least a 2.5 this semester, my ass is in the army." And thus stated is the philosophy of too many of our students.

FRANKLY SPEAKING



Our Man Hoppe

Gabriel & Landlord Discuss Man's Black Magic

BY ARTHUR HOPPE

Scene: The Heavenly Real Estate Office. The Landlord, thoughtfully stroking his long white beard, is listening to the annual year-end report from his collection agent, Mr. Gabriel.

Gabriel: . . . and the exploding novae in Sector 4782 now seem under control, but that runaway galaxy in the 534th Quadrant still requires your attention, sir.

The Landlord (wearily): It isn't easy keeping a billion trillion stars in their courses. Is that all, Gabriel?

Gabriel: No, sir. I still have the special report on that tiny planet you love so.

The Landlord (pleased): Ah, yes, Earth, my little blue-green jewel. (frowning) Are the tenants still gouging up my mountain meadows, burning holes in my forested cartets and befouling my blue seas and crystalline air?

Gabriel: Yes, sir. And they're still brawling, fighting and killing each other off. (hopefully raising his trumpet) Shall I sound the eviction notice now, sir?

The Landlord: Wait, Gabriel. There is one thing I don't understand. Don't they know they are

all children of God?

Gabriel: Yes, sir, they all know that.

The Landlord: Then how can a child of God bring himself to maim or kill another child of God?

Gabriel: Oh, he doesn't sir. First he performs a magic rite changing his enemy into something less than human. Then, when his enemy is no longer a child of God, he maims or kills him in good conscience.

The Landlord: What an awesome power! How do they manage this incredibly complex transformation?

Gabriel: Very simply. Look down there, sir. Can you see through that blanket of smog? Now take those two fine men in blue. . .

The Landlord: Ah, yes, two stalwart officers of the law sworn to protect their fellow man. But who are those crowding around them?

Gabriel: Young idealists, sir, dedicated to social justice. Now, listen. Hear what they're shouting? "Pigs! Pigs! Pigs!"

The Landlord (aghast): And they're throwing bricks at those two policemen -- trying to maim those two children of God!

Gabriel: Oh, no, sir. Not children of God. Pigs. The demonstrators have transformed them into

pigs and can now maim them in good conscience. The Landlord: I see. And that big soldier over there in Vietnam shooting at a fleeing old woman? Has he changed her into a pig, too?

Gabriel: No, sir. He changed her into a gook, a dink or a slope. It was easy. She didn't speak his language. Nor was she familiar with his customs. That always makes the magic easier. The Landlord (sadly): Transforming the children of God into pigs and gooks. How tragic! Gabriel: Oh, not only pigs and gooks, sir, but nips and wops and krauts and chinks. For example, they can never lynch a fellow man until they have turned him into a nigger or a coon.

The Landlord (shaking his head): It's blasphemous. Gabriel (gleefully raising his trumpet): Shall I blow, sir, and wipe these scum from the face of your earth?

The Landlord (his brow darkening): These what, Gabriel?

Gabriel (ranting): Those rats! That trash! These sc. . . (suddenly lowering his trumpet, crestfallen) Oh, forgive me, sir. I'm no better than they.

The Landlord (in a voice of thunder): Never forget, Gabriel, that he who would transform a child of God into something less than human is an accessory to murder.

Letters

Eble Questions Martin Statement

Martin Replies To Conduct, MTSU Justice Charges

To the Editor:

I was surprised to see Mr. Van Martin's comments concerning the party raids in the Jan. 8 SIDELINES, since he had the pleasure of starting as well as leading one of these raids. I might add that two deans of this university stood by and did nothing while Mr. Martin urged the male students on.

True, this was to be a raid on the ROTC Building. But when the mob got to the building, they went on to the High-Rise and the ASB President should have known this. It would seem that as long as you belong to some student office, then it's OK to start a mob action. But if you are only some ordinary student, then you just might have a flying tackle thrown on you by one of our more impulsive deans.

Another remark that I thought was a little too far out was the one about the raids abusing

the constitutional rights of some students. Surely any student that has been at this university for more than a month knows that the only rights the student has are the ones the administration so generously gives us, such as the right to pay double and triple on books at the "non-profit" bookstore or be treated like a child "to be seen but never heard."

As a member of the men's Inter-Dorm Council, I have seen just what rights the students have. The council has been told in so many words to crack down on these students or there might not be a council next year. This is blackmail in the worst sense of the word when a judicial body of this university is faced with this threat. Students at MTSU, this is the kind of justice you now have.

Douglas Eble
Box 5961

Pat Jones Comments On Hoppe, Bible

Editor:

In the last issue of the SIDELINES, Arthur Hoppe had an article entitled "Hottest Book in Sex Education." He began the article by saying, "The forward-looking Southern Baptists, meeting in Nashville, have voted to give sex education courses in their churches based on a sound Biblical approach." What followed was a dialogue of a "typical happy eager Sunday School Sex Education Class."

Since Mr. Hoppe chooses the Bible as his source, I assume he accepts its validity. Mr. Hoppe, I ask you, does it seem strange for a man 187 years old to have children when the Bible also records a virgin birth?

Mr. Hoppe mentioned wife swapping and refers the reader

to Genesis 12:15. Mr. Hoppe, had you read the entire chapter instead of taking one verse out of context, I don't think you would refer to this as wife swapping. This occurs again in Genesis, Chapter 20, when Abraham, fearful for his life, presents Sarah as his sister.

Mr. Hoppe, there are many institutions in the world today; however, only two were divinely established, the home and the church. It is significant that God established the home first. Mr. Hoppe, when the Southern Baptists decided to have sex education courses in their churches, it was decided to base them on God's plan for marriage and family life--not on the utter selfishness of men and women.

Patrick H. Jones
Box 1447

Editor:

I was quite surprised and bewildered by Mr. Eble's letter to the editor concerning my conduct, several hundred students' conduct, two deans' conduct, and more importantly "the kind of justice you have here at Middle Tennessee State University." I feel it important that these misunderstandings be clarified immediately.

The incident to which Mr. Eble refers is one which happened a week before the Christmas holidays. That Thursday night, several of the ASB officials met in Gore Hall to discuss the upcoming Friday meeting with Commissioner of Education J. H. Warf.

While meeting, we heard a great volume of shouting, yelling and fireworks which seemed to indicate that a party raid was imminent. Because we felt that this might lead to stiff punishment being levied upon some of these students, several of us proceeded to the midst of the commotion.

At this time, we intercepted the group and talked to them. Because they proved themselves more interested in progressive change than in "pursuit of silk," the group moved to the ROTC building rather than to the girls' dorm. At no time did more than a handful near the High-Rise.

Upon reaching the ROTC building, we again talked briefly to the men, who conducted themselves in an orderly manner. There was no reason at any time for a "flying tackle" to be thrown on anyone by a dean. I can assure you that if I had acted in a manner which warranted disciplinary action, I would receive a great deal more than a tackle.

The question of abuse of Constitutional rights in relation to raids is actually a simple but very serious one. Since the women's dorms and their rooms are private living areas, the entry and disturbance of these

areas are an abuse of the women's privacy. The mere yelling outside the dorms is not disturbing as having men run up and down the halls. Some of the women think it funny; some are very frightened. Some of the women even write letters to very important people outside the university complaining about such action.

I've been a student at this university for three and one half years, which is considerably "more than a month" and I've witnessed this school progress and surpass all other institutions of comparable size and

age. The progress has not only been in buildings and population but in the attitudes of members of our university.

Our administration does not "give us rights"; it recognizes those rights given us by the U.S. Constitution. It is true that we must continuously strive for more recognition with equal emphasis on responsibility, but

still the changes of the last few years are unprecedented. In response to the accusation that the administration treats

us like a child "to be seen but never heard" can be disproved by merely going to the administration building and counting the hundreds of times various ASB officials meet with deans and the President.

It is our sincere desire that students of MTSU understand the functioning of all phases of your university. There are many shortcomings and all of us make mistakes. Yet unparalleled progress has been made and equal efforts will continue to

be made. It is up to the individual student, however, to carry a share of the lead of progress. Concern and questioning are essential. But truth is the most essential of all.

Van Martin
ASB President

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5:30 p.m. -- Supreme Court 322A, UC
7 p.m. -- CUBE, UC Theatre
7:30 p.m. -- SNEA, 322 UC
7:30 p.m. -- Alpha Kappa Psi, 308 UC
8 p.m. -- Young Democrats, 324C, UC

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"Granny" Title, Youthful Ways Characterize Mrs. St. Clair

"Some people like dogs, cats, or horses," says Mrs. John St. Clair, secretary to the MTSU director of security. "I don't like cats or dogs, and I'm afraid of horses, but I like people--especially kids." And her love of people is the main reason why Mrs. St. Clair thinks she has the most interesting non-faculty job on campus.

Mrs. St. Clair is affectionately called "Granny" by her co-workers and friends because she is a proud grandmother and also because her size and mannerisms resemble that of the TV character, Granny Clampett. "Some people think I should be offended by the nickname," she said. However, she carries books of matches with "Granny" engraved on the covers.

Granny leads a very active life by being an actress, model, and artist in addition to her job.

"I'm a ham," said Mrs. St. Clair in regard to her acting. "I have been in one play and I hope to be in more." Last summer, in her first role as an actress, she played an 86-year-old grandmother in the Little Theatre's production of "The Sandbox."

Mrs. St. Clair, mother of four, is also noted for her modeling ability. Recently she served as a model for the sorority of which she is a member. Commenting on her avocation as a model, she said, "I get to wear groovy clothes; I like youthful styles."

Although she has had no art lessons, Mrs. St. Clair is quite adept at painting and drawing. "I paint merely for my own enjoyment," she said. She considers her two best works to be a pastel portrait of her son, John, and a portrait of her daughter which is not yet finished.

As secretary to the director of security, Mrs. St. Clair's duties include registration and identification of cars on cam-



MRS. JOHN ST. CLAIR

pus, keeping work schedules for the campus police, and keeping balance sheets for budgets; however, the part of her job which Mrs. St. Clair finds most interesting is the chance to work with the students.

Being involved in Girl Scout work for 29 years previous to her job here, Mrs. St. Clair is no novice at working with young people. She states, "Being a mother has also helped me with this job. I try to listen to the students who come to me with understanding as their own mothers would. Some people don't try to understand youth today. It's like they can't remember being young once themselves."

However, Mrs. St. Clair is

distressed by some of the rash things young people do. She calls this the "affluent generation" because kids today have more money than ever before. In her capacity, Mrs. St. Clair often deals with students who have received parking tickets on campus. She says, "With the money they have, some of the kids don't even give thought to paying a fine. We have record of one boy who received 37 tickets in one academic year. We all should learn to abide by rules."

Mrs. St. Clair says that the students' relationship with the security department is better than it has ever been since she was hired as secretary three years ago. She says, "The campus cops are not bad fellows."

Most of us who work in this department have college-aged children and we're all on your side. We are here to help you."

A warm and outgoing person, Mrs. St. Clair or "Granny" is very interested in helping young people and, in fact, claims that she has "adopted a student body."

Applications Open On SIDELINES

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Greek System - Young, But Rapid in Growth

By Charmagne Prince

During the past decade many changes took place on our campus that made a college into an university. One of the greatest steps taken was the initiation of a Greek system. Although they first took form early in the decade, they were not recognized until the fall of 1968.

In 1961 a dozen students under the leadership of Dick Barnes, met and discussed plans for a local fraternity. They thought that a fraternity would help keep students interested enough to stay at school during the week-ends.

This group later became the charter members of Phi Epsilon, the first local fraternity on our campus.

During the next five years, however, they were not able to gain recognition from the administration. Their meetings had to be secret, and many of the members were warned at various times by the late President Quill E. Cope of possible suspension from school. The exact reason for his choosing not to recognize the fraternity was not completely determined.

Chester Burns, who was the dean of men at this time, drew up a paper on fraternities in August of 1965. This was done upon the request of Cope. Dean Burns came to MTSU from Ohio State University where he was dean of men.

University status brought more requests for fraternities. More students with a need for a wider range of activities, and also more available meeting space enforced arguments for a Greek system.

In the fall of 1965, Cope asked Dean Burns and Dean MacLean to take a survey of parents, alumni, faculty and student attitudes on a fraternity system.

Parents and alumni expressed no real preference. The faculty expressed a desire for a Greek system with an 81 percent vote. Of all the students voting, one fifth wanted a Greek system.

In the spring of 1966, Cope appointed a committee of four faculty members, three students and three personnel deans. Ed Howard Baker, chairman; Robert MacLean; Chester Burns; Martha Hampton; June Anderson; Wade Gilbert; Roscoe Strickland; Pat Graham;

Bill Boner and Larry Blick made up this committee on fraternities.

By a unanimous vote the committee recommended that MTSU adopt a policy by which social fraternities and sororities be recognized as a part of the student organizational program, with the provision that the question, together with all regulatory provisions, be subject to review after a probationary period of three years.

Upon the request of Cope, guidelines were drawn up for the fraternity system. These included the housing, rushing and pledging, control of hazing, racial or religious discrimination, finances, qualifications and standards of conduct.

University approved fraternities and sororities were to be local and unaffiliated at the end of the three year period. When the fraternity-sorority system should be subject to total review.

During the fall of 1965 a group assembled to plan another local fraternity. They became known as Sigma Tau Omega. In the summer of 1966 a group of students from the Murfreesboro area formed another local fraternity which became known to the campus as Chi Alpha Pi, and in the fall of 1966 Lambda Psi was formed.

Sigma Delta Zeta was founded during the spring of 1967.

At the High Lake ASB Retreat during September of 1966, Cope announced that he would accept petitions after Oct. 3, 1966. Ten persons were needed for a petition. During the next year the school accepted the petitions of five fraternities and five sororities.

The sororities were Alpha

Gamma Phi, Delta Pi Delta, Delta Phi Gamma, Kappa Tau Delta and Phi Theta Psi.

There are now three national fraternities and four that are nationally affiliated. The national fraternities are Kappa

Alpha, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Chi Alpha Pi is affiliated with Sigma Chi national fraternity. The Sigma Nu Colony, the Pi Kappa Alpha Colony and the Alpha Tau Omega Colony are working to-

ward national affiliation. All the sororities became national during the spring of 1969. Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, and Kappa Delta make up the sorority system.

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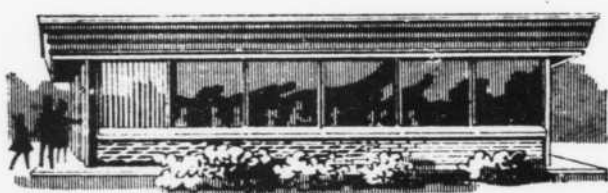
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Middle Tennessee State University's freshmen, off to their fastest start in four years with a 5-2 mark, hit the road for the first time this season after seven straight games at home.

The first road game will be a rematch with Cumberland Junior College in Lebanon tonight. Cumberland is one of the two teams to defeat the Baby Blue, gaining a 97-93 win in a real thriller.

The next game is against nationally ranked Martin Junior College at Pulaski on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Martin is one of the toughest teams in the area, and will be one of the strongest quintets that MTSU will face all season.

Following this rugged two-game trip, the young Raiders return to Murfreesboro to meet the yearlings of UT Chattanooga Thursday, Jan. 15, in a preliminary to a varsity game between the two schools.

Leading the frosh are forward Nick Prater, a 6-3 sharpshooter from McMinnville, and 6-10 Chester Brown, a rebounding whiz from Clanton, Ala.

Prater is averaging 19.8 points per game, 11.4 rebounds, and is hitting on 43 percent of his shots from the floor. His high game was 30 points in the loss to Cumberland.

Brown is rated the best big man that MTSU has ever had on its freshman team. He is hauling in errant shots at the phenomenal rate of 20.8 per game. He pulled off 31 last Saturday night as the Baby Blue dumped previously undefeated East Tennessee, 81-69.

Other members of the frosh include forward Mike McDermott (14.3 ppg, 11.1 rpg), guard Steve Anderson (14.8 ppg) and guard Bobby Bowers (9.4 ppg). Anderson and Bowers are from Nashville, while McDermott is from Metropolis, Ill.

Wilson, Arrington

Get Grant - In - Aids

Two more highly-sought prep football stars have signed Ohio Valley Conference grant-in-aids with Middle Tennessee State University.

Johnny Wilson, a 6-0, 200-pound all-conference fullback and defensive end from Auburn-dale, Fla., and Archie Arrington, a 6-1, 230-pound tackle from Tennessee Military Institute, have inked with the Blue Raiders.

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Blue Raiders Defeated Again; Fall By 21 To Morehead State

Middle Tennessee State's basketball squad went on the road for its first double-away ballgame of the season Saturday night and ran into a red-hot Morehead State unit. The end result was a 88-67 defeat for the Blue Raiders, their sixth in ten outings for the still young campaign.

But now Jimmy Earle and Company must remain in the basketball capital of the South, Kentucky. Thursday night the Raiders will return to friendly, but so far, haunting home grounds where they will play the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, before going on the road again for a game with Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens, Tennessee.

by Gary Davenport
Sports Editor

Things didn't turn out right Saturday, as the defense, which had led the league in that department prior to this game, allowed the Morehead squad 88 points.

But Eastern won't have any pity either.

Possessing a 2-1 record in the conference and a 4-4 overall mark, Eastern has some stellar ball players that will be tough to handle.

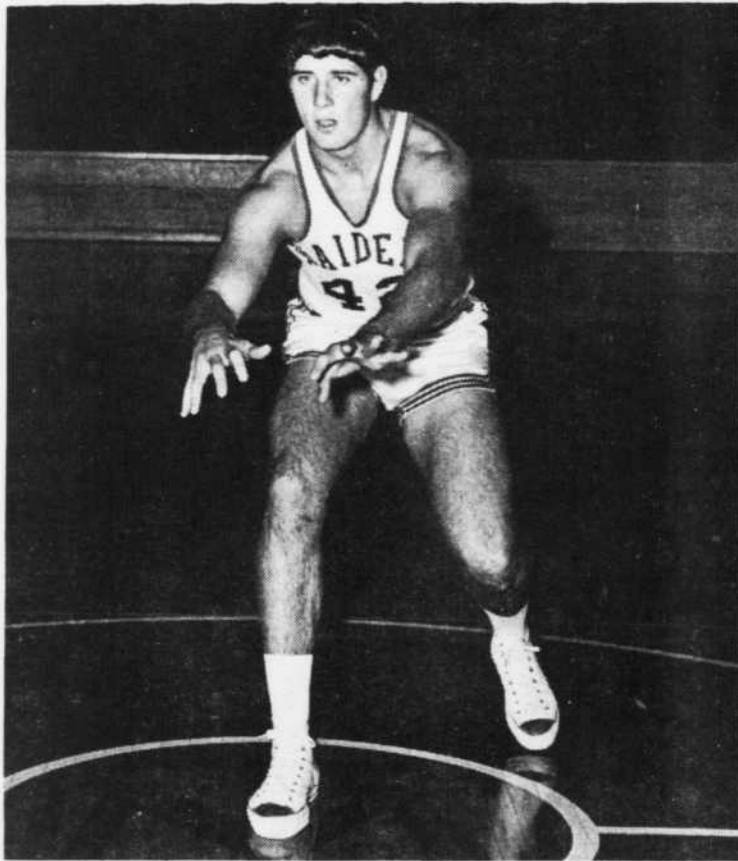
Boyd Lynch, their best player, is averaging 22.1 points a game and has hit 71-of-131 shots attempted for a 54.2 field goal percentage. He is fourth in the league in scoring, behind Western's Jim McDaniels, and is second behind the same McDaniels in percentage.

Backing up Lynch in the scoring department is Willie Woods, with a 16.4 average, and Carl Greenfield, 14.8. Greenfield is hitting 50.5 per cent of his shots, while Woods has made 47.0 per cent.

league--and Lynch has 11.5 per outing--fourth in the league. Not far behind is Woods with 10.4, eighth in the conference.

As a team, Eastern has averaged 86.3 points a game while holding the opponents to 81.8. It has hit 46.7 of its shots attempted from the field and averages 52.5 rebounds per game.

These same three are the leading rebounders on the team and are well up there in the league standings. Greenfield has 12 per game--third in the



SOPHOMORE TOMMY LEGG

Fan Supports Hardwood Squad

Dear Coach Earle and Staff:

While many people are beginning to criticize the efforts put forward by yourselves, I wanted to write this letter letting you know of my support and that of other avid Blue Raider basketball followers.

Some fail to realize the fantastic job you and your staff, Butch Clifton and Don Newman, have done with the boys. For years, they have been at the bottom of the league in defense, but this season they are atop the Ohio Valley Conference with a 65.0 average. This is quite a tribute. For a coach to make such an abrupt change is something quite fantastic.

And while the team isn't playing as well as it should, I wanted to let you know again of my support of your efforts. The squad doesn't have a capable shooter, and when MTSU does hold the opposition to as much as 30 points below their average, we are having trouble getting even that total to win the game.

But again, Coach Earle, as a follower of Middle Tennessee State basketball, I wanted you to know of my support of your efforts in trying to mold the team you have dreamed about since taking over the helm of the Raiders.

Perhaps you're wondering why I have gone to the trouble of writing this letter to the basketball staff. MTSU definitely has a top-notch ball club, they just haven't gotten it all together yet. When and if they do is a question only players can answer, but you're doing your job and I wanted you to know that we, the fans, knew it. Criticism will come from varied angles, but don't let it bother you. You've been around this school with assistant coaching and baseball for a long time and we know of your coaching talent. It's the combined effort that will prevail. The staff is doing its part, but it's likewise hard to produce a shooter if there isn't one.

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Dixie: What Does It Mean?

Women, And Joe Willie

It just wasn't the same. While Sunday's Super Bowl was what any American Football League follower, lover, and admirer thought it would be, the old, established, bearded worshipers of the fast-moving out National Football League have something to be proud of--it could have been worse.

It's rather ironic that the dynasty the Packers built four years ago, winning two NFL titles and two straight Super Sunday games over the now Kansas City and Oakland, came tumbling down. And with it came the NFL.

It wasn't the same. AFL followers have delighted at the antics of Broadway Super Joe "Willie" Namath and the colorful but brilliant way he dropped the Baltimore Colts last year for the first AFL victory in three games. It was beautiful. Many call him a boozier (which he hardly agrees to) and others call him a woman chaser (which only causes him to smile rather



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widely), but whatever one thinks of him, they have to admire his remarkable talent on the gridiron. Len Dawson must have had Broadway on his mind Sunday when he badly beat the Vikings 23-7. Joe Willie got the AFL where it is today and this is what this column is all about. Joe Willie and the progress of the AFL.

They've truly come a long way since those dark, dismal days in the beginning. The AFL was looked at by many as an easy league, one that was vulnerable to the pass, run, and even the crawl--better known as the quarterback sneak.

And it was. Every pass that went up seemed to be caught. Every run seemed to be long, and even the managers run to the field during the timeout seemed spectacular.

And then along came Joe Willie, the glamor boy from Beaver Hills, Pennsylvania, who couldn't pass the test to grasp entrance to Maryland and eventually went to Crimson Tide land, much to the delight of Bear Bryant, and followers such as my roommate Lennie Stone. (Don't nothing get by the 'Rock'.)

Come A Long Ways

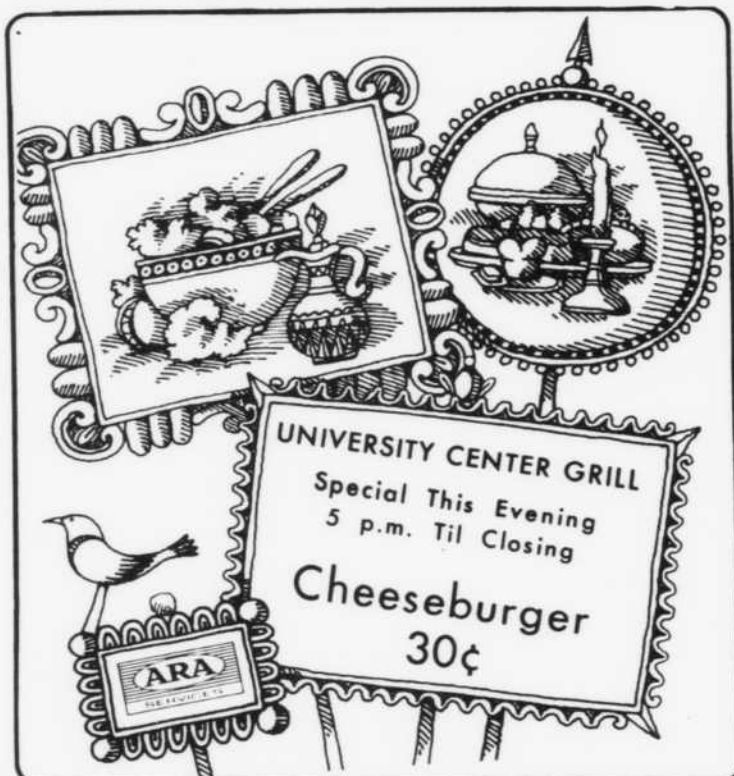
Broadway earned the love and respect of every South fans and woman. His charm off the field and on seemed to spread, and it continued to increase when he was drafted by the then Do-nothing Jets and Sonny Werblin.

Then the AFL began its move to the top of the tower. Its defense became more rugged (due mostly to trying to halt Joe), and the offenses got sharper (trying to outscore Broadway).

And while the Pack made a temporary obstacle in the first Super Bowls, the Jets and you-know-who? finally stopped the dominance of the established foes and won the world championship. And now Dawson and Company have done it again.

Next year the two leagues will merge, so there will be no more Super Bowls as they are known now. And another ironic point is the series tie of 2-2 between these two leagues.

It'll never be the same--thanks to Joe Willie and followers.



Alumni Offered Position

An alumni of this university, reliable sources report, has been offered a position on the coaching staff of Texas A & M. Ben Hurt, a student here in the mid-50's, is now serving as the head defensive coach at the University of Houston.

Houston, sports followers will remember, has been one of the real power-houses in the South for the last few years. Numerous times they have led the nation in offensive and defensive departments, but were put on probation for recruiting reasons.

It is not known at this time whether Hurt will accept the position offered, but it is widely known that Texas A & M is undergoing a coaching change. (One similar to that at the University of Tennessee.)

Thanks To Great People

Another semester is nearly over, and with the closing of these periods, the staff of this paper will likewise close--and undergo some changes. One change is my stepping down as the sports editor of this paper. While my successor hasn't yet been named, my luck goes with him--he'll be working with some great people.

It makes one feel good to walk down the halls of the gym and hear those celebrated head mentors say, "hello, Gary." And to call them on the phone and hear a "glad-to-talk-to-you" voice is also a pleasure. Coach Fuoss, Jim Freeman, Coach Murphy, Dean Hayes, Buck Bouldin, and those fine secretaries in the athletic office, thanks for making it easier.

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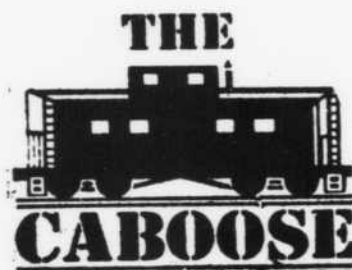
is a 5 ft. 6 in., 21 yr. old senior from Nashville, Tenn. Our January Femme Fatale is majoring in elementary education and after graduation in June will be a women's director for the YWCA in Nashville. Connie has been busy in school activities, being a cheerleader, class officer and ROTC sponsor. She enjoys swimming, skiing and painting to round out her active life at MTSU. Connie is modeling a Garland see through blouse with a bolero top and slacks.

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