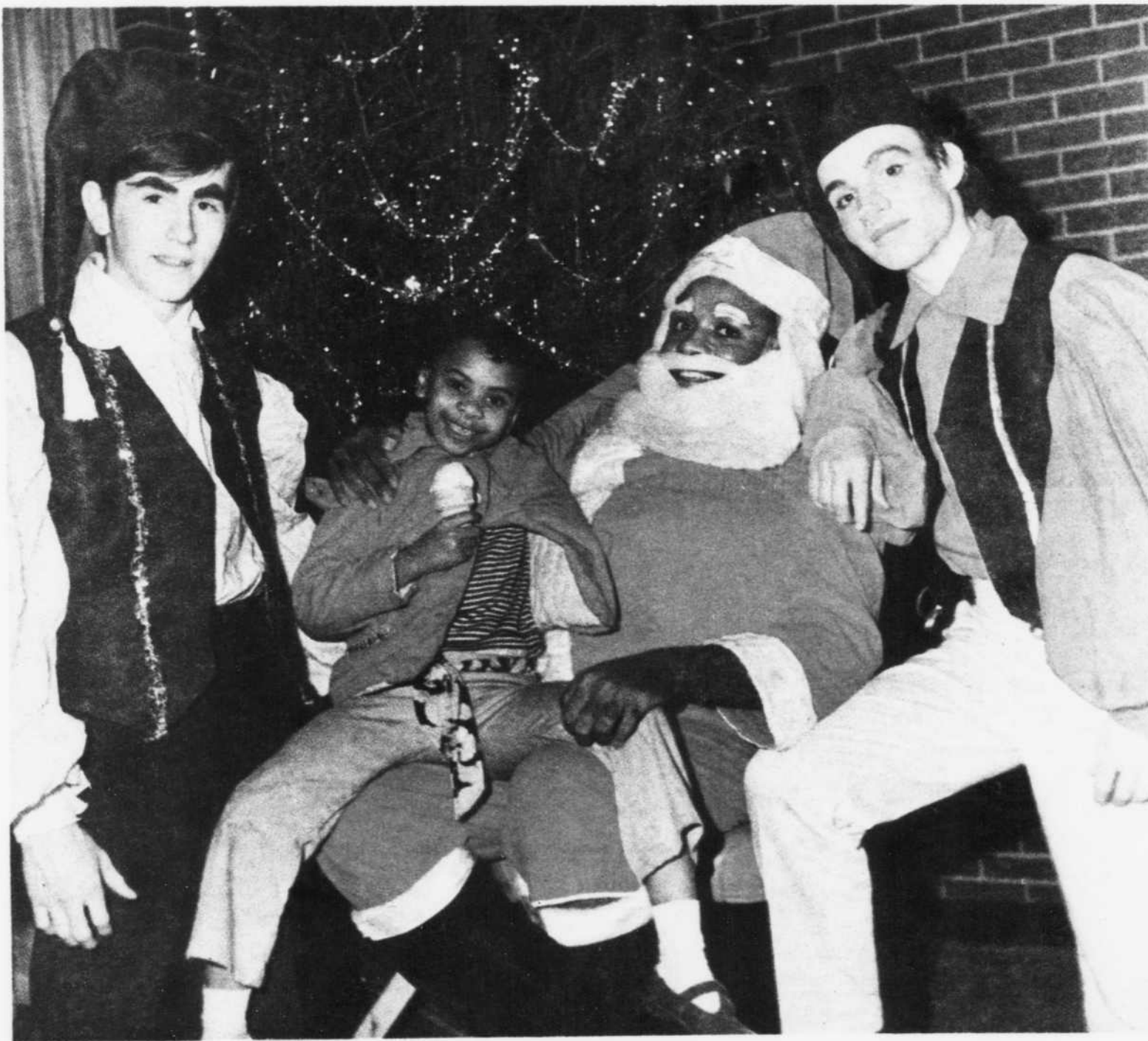


MERRY CHRISTMAS



Santa And Elves Visit ASB Christmas Party

Little faces turned toward new friends, laughed into the eyes of prancing "reindeer," gazed with wonder at brightly colored pinatas, smiled delightfully at the sight of sparkling new presents.

Woodmore Cafeteria was bulging at the seams Wednesday night for the ASB's annual Christmas party. Christmas lights and decorations sparked everywhere.

But the most obvious, the most appealing aspect of all were the faces of Murfreesboro's children.

Their names chosen from the long lists of the city's welfare families, the children were "adopted" for the night by a sponsoring campus organization.

MTSU students furnished the transportation to the campus, the companionship, the presents. But

the children furnished the beaming faces -- the real Christmas spirit.

Over 40 pairs of eyes danced as Santa's elves (Clark Tucker and Ronnie Barnes) capered around in the crowd. And later the legs danced too, when Santa and his reindeer, wearing white tights and little red skirts, lead an all-party frolic to the singing of Christmas carols.

Children were introduced to foreign customs at the beginning of the party, when two pinatas were brought out and hung in the center of the room. Armed with a large stick, each child was given one "whack" at the pinata; and the finally successful stroke was greeted with scrambling for falling candy and balloons.

After singing, dancing and pinata punching the kids got down to the real pleasers -- the presents. Excited laughter and wide eyes expressed the thanks of children delighted at seeing Santa early -- for some the only visit from the jolly old saint. And shouts of "Hey, look at this . . ." told that the old fellow had pretty good taste in choosing children's presents.

Students were tired but happy as they delivered their new little friends to their respective homes after the party.

And the children, also very tired and very happy and very full of details from their night's adventures, tumbled from the cars and ran ahead of students porting presents, yelling, "Mama, just come look . . ."

ACLU Plans Suit To Challenge ROTC

The governing board of the Tennessee affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union has unanimously adopted a resolution approving initiation of a suit against the State Board of Education and Commissioner Howard Warf concerning mandatory ROTC, according to Norman Parks, professor of political science and member of the ACLU.

The suit, explained Parks, will ask Federal Court to enjoin the enforcement of compulsory ROTC on the grounds that requiring students here to take the program but exempting students from Austin Peay and UT is a denial of the equal protection under the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.

"In other words," Parks said, "we want an injunction to prohibit them from enforcing a student to take it (ROTC)."

Parks stressed that the only action which has been taken is the approval of the suit; it has

not been initiated yet. Attorneys for the ACLU are presently studying the bill.

If it is made, the suit will be made in the name and on behalf of two students from MTSU plus students from East Tennessee State University and Memphis State University. The students themselves will not be required to appear in court.

Representing the students will probably be attorneys from Nashville, Atlanta and New York.

Parks added that "I don't think the suit would be valid if the state required everyone in Tennessee state colleges to take ROTC; but since only four colleges are required, it is a denial of the Fourteenth Amendment."

Along with the action concerning ROTC, the governing board endorsed another suit to be brought against the Memphis Board of Education for compulsory ROTC in the high schools.

War Dissentors Sing For Peace

The MTSU Vietnam Moratorium Committee will sponsor a "Caroling For Peace," tonight

at 7:30. The theme of the carols will be "Peace on Earth, Good Will to all Men."

The carolers will meet at 7:15 in the grill and then will go to some of the dorms and to shopping centers.

Before the caroling, the Committee will show a film about Vietnam entitled, "Vietnam -- How did we get in? How can we get out?" The film will be narrated by David Schoenbrun,

a noted specialist on Vietnam and author of a book by the same name.

In the film Schoenbrun will relate the history of Vietnam from the Second World War through the Johnson administration. The film will be shown at 6 in the University Center Theatre.

The Committee also has plans for Christmas Eve. Bruce Mulkey, community chairman, said that they are going to hand-out material relating to Vietnam at the shopping centers and on the square.

Candid Campus

Poll Indicates March Willingness

By Dennis Phillips

The question posed to MTSU students was, "Would you participate in a peaceful anti-ROTC demonstration? Why or why not?"

Billy Maupin, Franklin -- "Yes. ROTC has surpassed its need as a mandatory subject, especially with the new lottery where you know far enough ahead of time whether or not you need to take it. If officials refuse to listen to us, action must be taken to bring our views before the public. A squeaky door gets oiled."



MAUPIN

Mickey Gibson, Nashville, freshman -- "Yes. Today with the lottery system a person knows ahead of time whether or not he will need ROTC. The two-year mandatory system doesn't do anyone any good, even if they're going into the service. You have to take all four years before it will do any good. I believe if ROTC was voluntary the people in it would be more sincere in their efforts and this would make for a better ROTC program."



GIBSON

Bob Nelms, Nashville freshman -- "Yes. If you want in the Army then you should be able to take ROTC, but if you don't then you should not have to take ROTC in college. You don't get enough credit for it because it takes a lot of time. Demonstrations are the only thing that we have left to let people know the way we feel about ROTC."



NELMS

James Stepp, Nashville freshman -- "Yes. I am against ROTC mainly because it is mandatory for the first two years. I believe that if it was on a voluntary basis the program would be better because the officers would then have the men that really wanted to make the Army their life."



STEPP

Berry Correll, Chattanooga freshman -- "I'm against ROTC because I think we should have a choice. I think that the students should protest ROTC to stand up for their rights and the rights of the students who will be here after us."



CORRELL

Steve McClure, Chattanooga sophomore -- "Yes. I think ROTC should be changed from a mandatory course. I feel I am old enough and wise enough to know what is best for me and I don't believe I will benefit from the ROTC program on this campus."



MCCLURE

ASB Developing University Center Board

A plan for a better program of extracurricular activities here is now in the developing stages under an ad hoc committee, according to Dallas Biggers, head of the University Center.

A University Center Board,

composed of students and faculty, will replace the ASB in handling all entertainment programs, he stated.

Biggers, explaining that the plan had not yet been completely drawn up, declined comment on what any of the details might be.

He added, however, that a steering committee was presently working on the plan and that it should be finished in two or three weeks.

All major universities employ such a plan and MTSU is becoming so large now that it would be wise for this university to do the same, he said.

The UC head noted that there had been no difficulties in making the change from ASB to the Board Plan and that President Scarlett was very

much in favor of such a plan. "In fact," Biggers said, "the ASB is glad to get rid of the responsibility this sort of thing requires."

Student government matters have become so stressing, Biggers explained, that the ASB simply doesn't have the time or the budget for such activities.

I think the students will notice an overall improvement in student activities, he stated, noting that an adequate budget would be available to finance an improved entertainment program.

At the same time, Biggers added, the program will allow more students to become involved in campus activities.

The reason for this increased involvement is the formation of committees for each individual student activity, he said.

For instance, he explained, there will be a film committee for the introduction of new films to the campus, a committee for "big name" entertainment, etc.

A tremendous contributing factor to the plan will be the construction of the new field house which will accommodate more students therefore can charge less money for the programs presented, Biggers added.

This will be the last issue of the SIDELINES until after the holidays. The staff will resume its own normal publishing schedule Thursday, Jan. 8.

EAST MAIN MARKET

Mon. thru Sat.
8:30 A.M. 10:00 P.M.

Your favorite
beverage
always available

MTSU students
welcome!

A DIAMOND TO REMEMBER!



DIAMOND SOLITAIRE \$189.95
In 14K Gold Mounting

Lay-A-Way Now for Christmas.
Student Accounts Welcomed



RONI

Buy With
104 E. Side Square

Jewelers
Confidence
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

House of Koscot Boutique



Jackson Heights Plaza
for Christmas
Gifts

Murfreesboro Federal Savings and Loan Association

114 W. College

893-2174

Insured Savings

Home Loans

This Year's Homecoming Inadequate: Clinard

Insufficient class funds and inadequate preparation time for co-ordinating activities stifled the successful 1969 Homecoming, according to John Clinard, chairman, who is presently evaluating the fall event.

"This year's homecoming, Oct. 18, was too early," Clinard stated Tuesday. And classes didn't have enough time to raise money."

"Classes need a stable system to obtain money for homecoming," added Bobby Sands, sophomore president. For example, he illustrated, "We Sophomores sponsored a profitable Fun Night before homecoming and then we had to loan the Juniors and Seniors money for their floats."

"Fun Nights are about the only means we have of obtaining money for homecoming," Clinard, senior president explained, "therefore, classes, not clubs, should have priority for fund raising projects prior to homecoming."

A solution for the unbalanced budgets for homecoming, according to Roger Hardaway, junior senator, could be distribution of equal amounts of money to the classes by the Associated Student Body.

A resolution of this effect, Hardaway added has been passed by the senate, vetoed by the house of representatives, but has now gone to President M.G. Scarlett for approval.

If the resolution is passed, the senator explained, the ASB will sponsor projects prior to homecoming and then divide the profits among the classes.

In regard to the '70 celebration, Sands spoke of a need for continuity among homecoming committees from year to year.

He also expressed a desire for a more elaborate celebration with more bands and a bigger parade in '70.

"No one thinks about homecoming until October," the sophomore president continued.

"The ASB needs a definite committee to work on homecoming year round," he further added.

In support, Clinard is presently writing a report of the '69 celebration, which will include many aspects, such as last-minute details.

"By having this information available," Clinard stated, "each homecoming should become progressively improved."

ROTC Students Receive Real Look At Vietnam War

Sophomore ROTC students received a first-hand insight into the real fighting world of Vietnam yesterday when Captain Carrett Cowsert, Vietnam veteran and guest speaker of the ROTC department here, described the land, the people who live there and the war he knew. Color slides illustrated the captain's lively presentation.

The audience became part of a platoon's "search and clear" mission. While in Vietnam, the infantry captain said he conducted some 100 combat missions.

Cowsert described the daily life of an infantry soldier in the field. Thirty percent of one's time is spent at a fire base. A fire base, he said, furnishes communications, supply station, and home base for a platoon.

Seventy percent of one's time he said is spent in "search and clear" missions, which is to search for the enemy and clear the area of enemy soldiers.

He also described the more pleasant aspects to the war.



COWSERT

While at a fire base, the soldier receives three hot meals a day (the food was compared to cafeteria food), first run movies that were not even playing here in the States, mail, baths, and showers.

Cowsert emphasized that most ROTC trained men be-

come platoon leaders. The leader is responsible for between 15 and 30 men's lives at all times. He said it is hard to call in artillery, gun ships, or air strikes so close to the platoon's line of defense. The training the ROTC gives a man, he stated, will enable him to make the decisions.

The biggest problem Cowsert found in Vietnam was not morale but getting his men to perform tasks which would save their lives. Building bunkers, he emphasized, and stretching barbed wire are tasks no one wants to do.

A question and answer session ended the presentation. All answers were the captain's personal viewpoint. Cowsert is a member of 30 Army speakers. These speakers, he said, are allowed to say anything they wish about their Vietnam tours.

Captain Cowsert is qualified to speak about an infantryman's life because he has completed two tours in Vietnam.

His military award include the Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts.

Students Patronize Merchants

The Christmas season is here and merchants in Murfreesboro have noticed a large increase in MTSU student buying.

J.R. Smith, manager of Sullivan's, says he has noted about 20 percent increase in the number of students buying from his store over last year.

Smith says many of the students "come from small towns and the small towns just don't have the variety" available in Murfreesboro.

"Since the students don't get out of school until late," the manager added, "there isn't much left at home to choose from."

"Young people spend more money than older people," Smith said, "My wife may buy one dress a year where my daughter will buy 10!"

Sullivan's manager said about 70 percent of the students paid cash or wrote checks for their purchases. "Some parents open charge accounts for their children," he added.

The manager said many of the shoppers ride the "free bus" which makes four trips each night from the university to Jackson Heights Shopping Center. Merchants in the center sponsor the bus trips.

"Most of the shoppers on the bus are girls," said Smith, who estimates between 300 and 400 students use the bus daily. "We started the bus two years ago, and now Mercury Plaza has followed," he said.

Larry Bohan, manager of Clark's Discount House, says he is certain there is an increase in students buying from his store, but he couldn't tell how much. "A lot of students

By Marshall Anderson

shop here and we do appreciate their coming in," he said.

A clerk at Gibson's Discount Center, Mrs. Ailene Bilibrey, says the nights are the busiest times for her. "I know of at least three college girls

coming in last week whom I had to get boxes to put their gifts in."

It appears the steady increase in enrollment on the MTSU campus is helping the merchants in the Murfreesboro area, and many of these students are taking advantage of the shopping here to avoid the rush at home.

Goldstein's
MURFREESBORO'S FINEST
DEPARTMENT STORE

THE "MACH II" SHIRT
by ➤Arrow➤

The look of tomorrow . . . today!
Body shaped contours; longer,
wider, higher collar; two-button
cuffs . . . a new concept in
fashion that will appeal to
every male, prep school to
past-forty. Black, tanbark,
loden and gold. \$8



FLOWERS FOR ALL
OCCASIONS —

Call

RION

FLOWER SHOP

107 W. College

Phone 893-7134

Night

893-7973-893-4607

DRAKE'S BARBER SHOP

1603 MEMORIAL BLVD.

MURFREESBORO, TENN. 37130

Robert Drake

Kenneth Ayers

Nathan Thomas

Danny Lattermore

Ronnie Ross

Sidelines

Box 42 Ext. 475 Office 100 SUB

Editorials

MICHAEL GOFORTH
Editor-in-Chief

JACKIE CROWNOVER
Business Manager

The SIDELINES is published every Monday and Thursday during the fall and spring semesters by the students of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Entered as second class mail matter at the Post Office at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Under act of congress, March 3, 1897. Represented for national advertising by the National Advertising Service, Inc.

Students Exhibited True Christmas Spirit

Too often MTSU organizations conduct what is commonly called "civic projects" only to gain recognition and free publicity. It has been the policy of the SIDELINES this semester not to grant this free publicity for those token jesters.

But this week several things have occurred that merit mention. Three organizations have sponsored Christmas parties for those children who without outside help would not get to enjoy the Christmas season.

CUBE, the Christian Center's "Project Love" and last night the ASB brought a little Christmas joy to several hundred children who other wise would not have had a chance to have a holiday.

It was in the true spirit of Christmas that these students took their time and energy to make these events possible.

Also the University Dining Service and several Murfreesboro merchants donated items for these parties too numerous to mention.

To all the people who participated in these events we extend our congratulations for a needed service well done.

A Case Of Courage, Desire

It is not very common for an editorial column to be devoted to athletics, but there is a case at MTSU that merits special attention.

Steve McElhaney of the Blue Raider basketball team has gained the attention of many MTSU sports fans in the last few weeks. Steve was hospitalized twice before the season started, and since that time has been the victim of chronic bronchitis and an injured back sustained in the first home game against Bethel College.

There are some who think he is the finest basketball player to ever wear a Blue Raider uniform and certainly he is the most hustling Raider in recent years.

He has a job to do, and he intends to get it done even when gasping for air. His job is to win, and Steve McElhaney apparently wants to win more than any other player.

The SIDELINES salutes "Mac" on his courage and desire not to mention his fine talent.

Our Man Hoppe

Administration Is Out To Get Tinker Bell

BY ARTHUR HOPPE

I went to visit my sick friend, the stock market, in the hospital and I fear for the worst. The poor dear's never looked so wan.

Most people, of course, think of the stock market as an awesome, uncontrollable beast -- half bull, half bear. That's not true a whit. Actually, she's a frail, ethereal, cooperative sprite and her name's Tinker Bell.

The chart at the foot of her bed told the sad tale: a black line in ominous descent interspersed with only a few lackluster rallies.

"Well, well," I said heartily in my best sick room manner, "and how do we feel today?"

"Terribly depressed," said Tinker Bell in a voice so faint I had to lean forward to hear. "When I fell through the mystic figure of 800, I thought the end was near. I doubt I shall ever see 850 again."

"Nonsense," I said. "You must soar skyward once more to enrich the millions of widows and orphans who have faith in you."

"In the old days I might have," said Tinker Bell, shaking her head. "But now I cannot." She glanced this way and that nervously. "You see," she whispered, "the Administration is out to get me!"

"Oh, come now," I said, "no decent American Administration would ever wish you ill after all you've done for your country."

"Alas, it's true," she said, wringing her hands. "Each time I gather my strength for a rally, they say mean things. 'The economy is in trouble,' they say. Or, 'We are looking forward to a blah financial year.' They want everyone to think

I'm at death's door."

"There, there, what do you care what people

think?"

Tinker Bell was shocked. "But don't you know the magical spell I'm under. I can do only what people think I'll do. If most people think I'll recover, they'll bid me up and I'll recover. If most people think I'll decline, they'll sell me short and I'll decline. I invariably do precisely what most people think I'll do."

"Wait, then, I have the cure!" I cried. "We'll appeal to all those who believe in Tinker Bell to clap. Their united faith will send you soaring above 1000 and we'll all be on Easy Street."

"You'll all be in the poor house," said Tinker Bell gloomily. "As the President himself has pointed out, the more money you have, the higher prices will rise. And thus the richer you are, the poorer you'll be."

I had to admit to myself that this certainly made sense. No wonder the President wants higher taxes, lower Social Security payments and more unemployment. Then prosperity will be just around the corner.

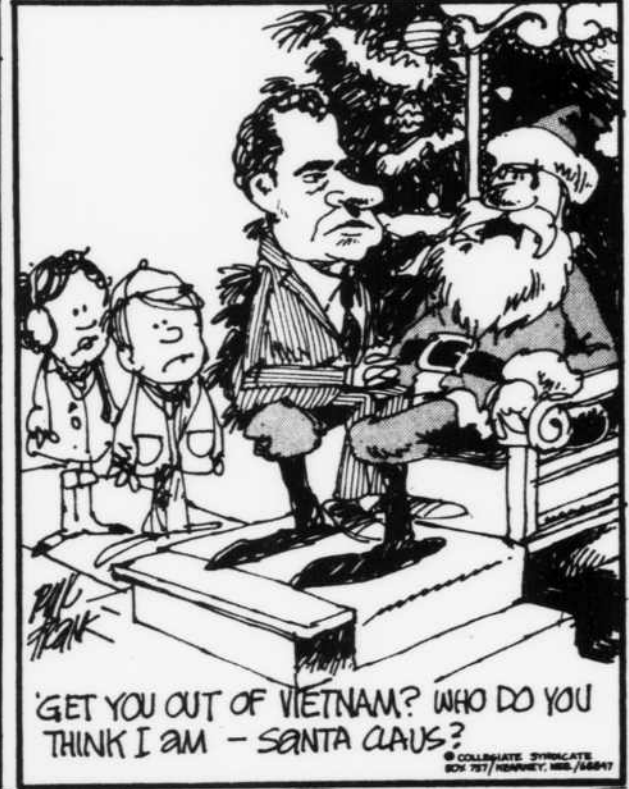
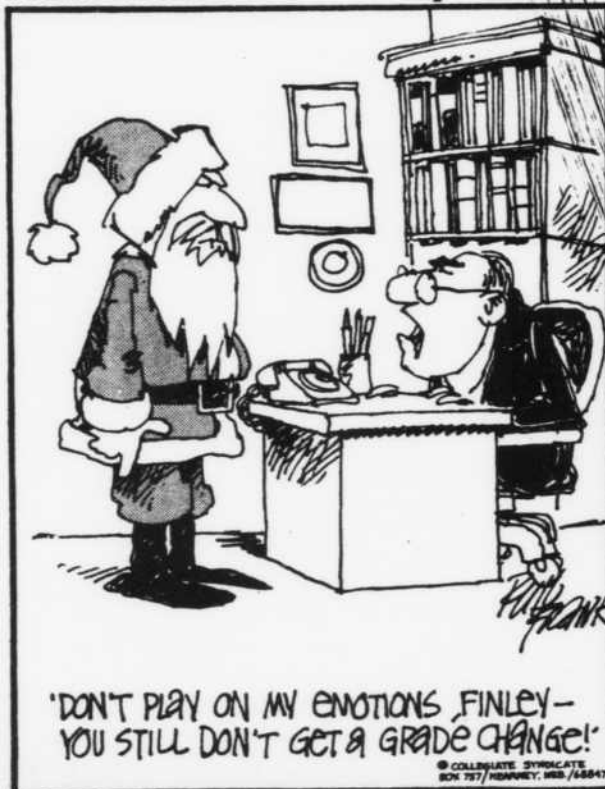
"How can I ever hope to dance in the 900's again," said Tinker Bell, sobbing into her pillow as I tiptoed quietly out, "knowing that I'll only impoverish those widows and orphans who trust in me?"

Now that I understand the economy, I have a new cure. Will all those who believe in the Administration's plan to drive the stock market down, please clap?

It may seem heartless. But if we can just show our united lack of faith in Tinker Bell, her bottom will fall out and we'll all be rolling in money.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



Foreign Students Compare Native Christmas With Us

Christmas is a happy and busy time of year all over the world. Foreign students at MTSU will be comparing native Christmas customs with American traditions.

Most foreign students will remain in the U.S. during the holidays. Some, such as Reza Balakhani of Iran, will use the vacation for travel to other parts of the U.S. Others may spend Christmas with a Murfreesboro family at the family's invitation.

"Families are not solicited," said Reza Ordoubadian, supervisor of MTSU's foreign students. This would be a "mistake," according to Ordoubadian. He stated that several families do express a wish to help the students feel more at home by housing them during the holidays.

As for customs in different lands, gift-giving is practically universal. This tradition began in memory of the gifts of the Wise Men to the Christ child.

Iranians celebrate Christmas on Jan. 5, the day the Wise Men (who were Iranians) are said to have reached the Holy Child. "In Iran, Christmas is a time of gift-giving and being merry," said Ordoubadian, who is Iranian.

By Donna Locke

He and Reza Balakhani, an Iranian student, agree that Christmas is more commercialized and glamorized in this country.

Iranians have Christmas trees (originated by the Germans), but the decorations are homemade. The tree is also adorned with scented candles and fruits.

For the first 24 days of December, Christians in Iran eat no meat, milk, or eggs. Fasting is also common in other Asian countries.

Italians observe Christmas with more "religious feeling" than Americans. On Christmas Eve families hold a ceremony around the "Prespio," a miniature scene of Bethlehem and holy figures.

Italy and Spain reserve the season for fishing celebrations, a memorial to times when much of their livelihood depended on the sea.

Nery Mejicano, a Guatemalan student, described the fiesta of the Spanish Christmas season. A custom native to Spanish-speaking countries, he said, was the breaking of the pinata. The

children are blindfolded and try to break the gaily decorated crock of goodies which hangs from the ceiling.

Most children in South America believe the Wise Men bring them gifts.

Reza Balakhani said the Santa Claus of Iran is known as "Papa Noel." In Italy, according to legend, "La Befana," a kind of aged fairy queen, comes down the chimney.

The idea of Santa Claus originated with the Dutch, who chose Saint Nicholas as the patron saint of children. Saint Nicholas served as bishop in Asia Minor in the A.D. 300's and was famous for his generosity.

Whatever he is called, children throughout the world recognize Santa Claus as the kindly symbol of Christmas.

Christmas joy takes many forms around the world; but for all, as Reza Ordoubadian said, "It is a time for burying old animosities and being happy."

Orchestra Gives Concert For 1,000 Youngsters

Over 1,000 fifth-grade students from Murfreesboro and Rutherford County attended a concert Wednesday presented by the Community Orchestra. The concert is part of the regular series conducted by the orchestra. According to Earl Hinton, conductor of the orchestra, the program consisted of "standard symphonic works suitable for children."

Hinton feels that it is beneficial that potential students should attend free events such as educational concerts on campus, and states that it is hoped that a second concert can be held in the spring.

CUBE, Project Love Hold Yule Parties

The CUBE tutoring program took on a seasonal air Tuesday when a Christmas party was held for CUBE tutees and their parents. Over 175 guests attended the party at the First Methodist Church, along with over 100 tutors, CUBE members and faculty members.

The children were treated to games, refreshments, carol singing, and a visit from not one, but two, Santa Clauses.

The Rev. Franklin Ferguson and Doug Gleaves of St. Paul's Episcopal Church led the caroling, and various tutors directed the children in games.

Door prizes were presented to both parents and tutees. The parents were given cakes donated by the home economic department, and the children were given individual gifts. Santa Claus gave each child a basket of fruit and a present.

The ingredients of the refreshments, the presents and the prizes were all contributed by individuals and community organizations and merchants.

"I would like to thank all those who made contributions," stated Erskine Smith, "but they are too numerous."

"The administrators of the program now know that the people of the community are interested in helping the children and are willing to sacrifice money and time to help those that are less fortunate."

Over 90 children attended the Project Love Christmas party held at the East Main Church of Christ Saturday morning.

Project Love is an organization composed primarily of MTSU students sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Christian Center which works with underprivileged children in the Murfreesboro area.

The children, ranging in age from pre-school through the fifth grade, participated in a variety of holiday activities.



Terry Denniston, backbone of this year's ASB Christmas party, looks delighted as the party comes to a close. Miss Denniston's delight must stem from the fact that she did an outstanding job in making several Murfreesboro children happy -- if for no longer than no night. Miss Denniston organized this year's party, handed out gifts, emceed the program and seemed to be at the right spot at the right time last night.

They made ornaments and trimmed a tree with their own creations. They also made gifts for their parents.

Following these activities, the children received gifts from the traditional Christmas visitor -- Santa Claus.

ASB Losing Money On Entertainment

"The ASB is losing money on the shows they sponsor in the way of big name entertainment," states Bob Thomson, treasurer of the ASB.

The ASB started the year off with a \$1400 deficit. They did overcome this and were ahead \$1200 by the end of November. This was through fun nights and other events sponsored by the ASB. Participation was above average on the whole for these events.

Then came Homecoming and the Vogues, which set the ASB back another \$600. The interest and participation by students was average for this show partially because it was the big event of the fall.

Sam and Dave were the next entertainers slated to come, and so they did. The ASB lost about \$4200 on this show.

"How does this happen?" you ask. The answer is the lack of student interest and participation in the way of big-name entertainment. These shows are sponsored for the student body at the lowest possible cost based on a majority attending.

The Vogues cost the ASB \$6000 for which they sold only \$6002.50 in tickets. This covered their cost but did not begin to cover other expenses such as a sound system, lighting, and other expenses which totaled over \$600.

Sam and Dave cost the ASB \$5500. Including the other expenses of the show, the ASB lost over \$4200.

"We (the ASB) try to break even and if we do, we are satisfied," stated Bob Thomson.

The ASB has slated the Sweetwater show in February which plays at most of the pop musical festivals across the country, but the outcome is yet to be seen financial-wise. Other shows are in the making. The Blood, Sweat, and Tears are a probability for May. The Buckinghams have also asked to play at MTSU sometime during the year.

The problem of student participation and interest is throwing grave doubts on the situation. Last year the ASB lost over \$7500 in the way of big name entertainment. What will the outcome be this year?

THE SMOKE HOUSE
REAL HICKORY PIT
BAR-B-Q

MEXICAN FOOD

Your favorite beverage on tap

Come As You Are

Dial 896-9904

Pizzas

NEW NASHVILLE HWY.

Bell

JEWELERS

China Silver

Diamonds

Crystal Watches

8 N. Side Square

893-9162

MTSU Students WELCOME

The SIGMA NU Colony
at MTSU extends to everyone

wishes for

a very merry Christmas
and a happy New Year



MURFREESBORO
BANK & TRUST CO.

"The Raider Bank"

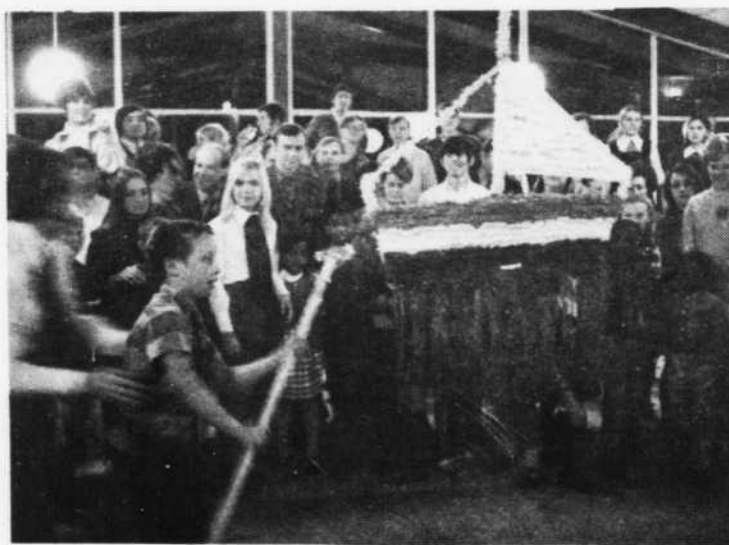
Since 1911



The opening of gifts -- the highlight of any ASB Christmas party.



The President's Christmas party at MTSU.



The breaking of the pinata brings 'goodies' to the children at the ASB Christmas party.

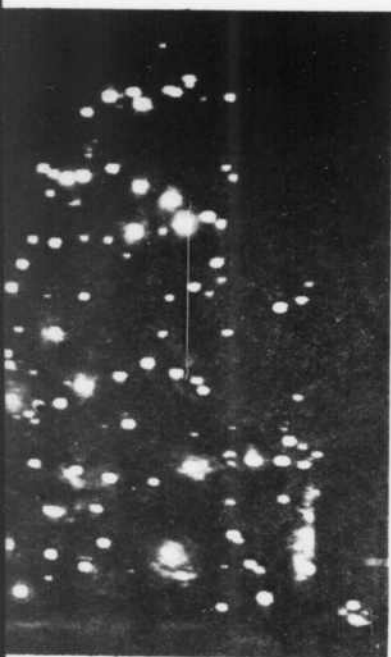


Charles Galbreath, Ronnie Burns, and others are the "Piper of Hamelin" as a Christmas present.



The Kappa Sigs traditionally serenade coeds each Christmas with favorite carols.

CHRISTMAS



Tree lighting marks the beginning of



Jolly ol' Santa brought joy to children at the CUBE Christmas party.



Susan Potts are just three of the Peppermint elementary schools this week presenting "The Pied" to the children of Rutherford County.



The Orchesis dancers presented their Christmas carol-dance program Tuesday night.



Christmas dinner -- ARA Slater style

TIME AT MTSU

The Peeled Eye

with Gary Davenport

Rudeness Must Be Halted

One of the hardest jobs of a sportswriter and a coach is to criticize, especially when it pertains to immediate friends and followers. But in the case I am about to mention, coaches and writers alike have expressed concern.

During the ballgame Monday night against Appalachian State, a number of events took place that have put a black mark not only on our players, but also on the coaching staff, the fans, and especially on the school itself.

Papercups were tossed onto the basketball court at the officials, and also the visiting teams' coaches and players. These actions were uncalled for.

Head basketball coach Jimmy Earle stated it appropriately when he said, "I like for the spectators to show their support and yell, but throwing things and making remarks to the officials to the extent that we receive a technical foul is uncalled for."

Athletic Director Charles Murphy also stated similar remarks, as did assistants Butch Clifton and Don Newman. They all agree -- it was not necessary.

What happened is now history, but for those that weren't there, I'll attempt to present in a capsule what happened. With but a few minutes left in the game, a foul was called on Stan Sumrell. A fan thought otherwise and went stomping up to the referee, jumping and throwing paper to the floor as he confronted the official at the corner of the court for his call.

Immediately a technical was called against the Raiders, one that could have cost us the game. Later in the game, the visiting coaches got mad over some "questionable" calls and went stomping onto the court -- an action uncalled for by a coach in the first place. Before the game was over, another technical was called, this time against Appalachian State, but the biggest problem was the fans throwing cups at the visitors.

John Hood made the announcement that such action will result in a technical foul against the home team, but the home team refused to observe such statements. They failed to realize that what he said was true, and that in this game a "free foul" could have cost us the ballgame.

Jimmy Earle, Don Newman, Butch Clifton, John Hood, Jim Freeman, Charles Murphy and myself all ask the fans to restrain themselves in the future or other methods will be used. It was uncalled for in the first place.

Raiders Get Hard-Fought Win As Mac, Bentson Sink Shots

By Gary Davenport
Sports Editor

Playing a torrid 'homemade' defense, and hustling throughout the night, Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders fell behind early but fought back to tie the game and take a hard-fought 53-50 victory over Appalachian State Monday night before some 2,800 screaming fans.

Hailing from Boone, North Carolina, the Mountaineers brought to town three starters off last year's squad and nearly pulled a medium-sized upset in a game marred by two personal fouls.

With seconds remaining, Appalachian State's coach, Bob Light, spent some time at the mid-court line as a result of what he called "some questionable calls" by the officials. Steve McElhaney, who led both teams with 17 points, made good the free shots, along with one by Jim Drew, and the hard-fighting Raidermen went over the .500 mark for the still early season with a 3-2 record.

It looked dim for the home crowd as the Mountaineers sunk an easy layup to take the early lead, and eventually widened the margin to a 9-4 count before Earle's crew began their machine.

MTSU played one of its more inspired games of the year, operating out of what seemed an uncrushable defense designed at stopping the Mountaineers guns. It did the job most of the night, but was sparked by the hustling play of guard Steve McElhaney and forward Daryl Bentson, who earned the starting position after his hot-handed play in the Bellarmine game.

Prophecy Of What To Come

The first half of action prophesied what was to come, as Appalachian and Middle Tennessee swapped the lead until, with 32 seconds left in the half, it was knotted up at 25-25. ASU scored a field goal with eight seconds left, however, and took a dressing room margin of one field goal.

In a half where everything seemed to happen that shouldn't, the second stanza of play saw the score knotted up four times. But with 3:37 left to play, Appalachian got its machine to running and built up a 48-42 lead.

McElhaney sunk a 15-footer from the right of the circle to cut the gap to only four points, but for the minute all eyes were to fall on Daryl Bentson.

The Wildman sunk a basket to further cut the gap, but was fouled with 1:36 left and also made this one to make the score 48-47.

Gymnasium Was Rocking

Memorial Gymnasium was rocking, amid the cries of "Go Raiders Go" led by head cheerleader Carole Moore and Company. Fifteen seconds later Bentson dribbled the ball across the midcourt line but was hacked on the arm and went to the charity line in a one-and-one situation -- he could send the home team ahead.

He dribbled the ball, stretched his arms above his head to loosen his muscles, and nonchalantly made both shots to send the Raiders ahead by one with 1:21 left.

The visitors came down court and sunk a lay-up, but Ken Riley, who played one of his better defensive games, sunk a bucket and the Blue led by one with 17 seconds left on the clock.

Appalachian took a time out, but the alert Butch Clifton noticed that they didn't have one left and a technical foul was called against the visitors.

Mac went to the line and sunk the charity toss, and threw the ball in bounds to Drew, who was fouled in an attempt to stop the clock and give the Mountaineers a shot at winning the game.

Drew made the shot with six seconds left, and McElhaney finished the game with still another free throw for the final margin of victory.

Riley finished the night with 11 points on five-of-10 from the field and one charity toss. Coming in close behind was Bentson with nine, Booker Brown with eight, Stan Sumrell with five, and Brad Wilson closing out the scoring with one point.

Booker Brown led the team with 10 rebounds, while Riley had eight and the high-leaping Terry Johnson, playing his first game as a Blue Raider, had six.

MTSU hit 34.5 percent of its shots from the field and 62.5 from the charity line, while ASU hit an identical 34.5 from the field but made a remarkable 81.3 from the free throw line. The difference was team rebounds, with the Blue taking a 41-32 advantage.

Blue Will Travel Over Holiday

While the average student will spend the upcoming Christmas holiday at home, much of this time will be spent by the student of basketball in the gym getting ready for the Ohio Valley Conference games coming the first of the year.

While the average student will spend the upcoming Christmas holiday at home, much of this time will be spent by the student of basketball in the gym getting ready for the Ohio Valley Conference games coming the first of the year.

Middle Tennessee State basketball players will get a slight break around the 25th, but it will be back to the hardwood for most of them as MTSU will host the University of Tennessee at Martin Dec. 30, and open a two-game stand against league foes East Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

ETSU will bring a young, rebuilding ball club to Memorial Gymnasium the third of January, but will have ALL-OVC performer Mike Kretzer to lead them in their attempts at dropping the Blue.

Jan. 5 finds arch-rival Tech coming to town with a team that

could go as its sophomores go. Richard Stone and Ernie Hemmerly must come through in flying fashion if the Golden Eagles are going to make a run at the title.

After these two games, the Raiders will go on the road for games against Morehead and Eastern Kentucky before returning for an encounter with UT-Chattanooga.

Guepe Issues Rule**Stating No Drums****In League Games**

Information coming from the athletic office via the Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference, Art Gurpe, states that such items as drums or bells cannot be used during a league game.

Since the Blue Raiders will open the OVC schedule at the beginning of the new year, the athletic office wants to make this clear.

"A band or orchestra group are permitted to play instruments during basketball games, but drums, etc., will not be used. It is a violation of OVC rules," athletic director Charles Murphy states.

Students are asked to observe these regulations when the league games begin or the school will have to suffer the consequences.

**DON'T
SEARCH**
for art supplies or
wall coverings

See us FIRST! Save Time!

Save Money! We have a complete line of famous name wallpapers and wallcoverings in every price range.

**SHERWIN-
WILLIAMS**



No. 14 Jackson Heights Plaza 896-0609

OPEN A CHARGE ACCOUNT...WE DELIVER

**The Little Store
With The Big
Welcome**

19 SOUTH SIDE SQUARE

Mullins Jewelry

GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

893-8403

Don's Kitchen Korner

Menu Varied
Fresh vegetables daily

Fish Special Friday, Saturday

Open

5am - 7pm

125 N. Maple

The End Of A Decade

SIDELINES

TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS AT MTSU



The late Frank Clement, former governor of Tennessee, signs the bill changing MTSC into MTSU. J. Howard Warf, Commissioner of Education; Quill E. Cope, MTSC president; John Bragg, state rep; Whitney Stegall, state senator and James Cummings, speaker of the House of Representatives; look on.

★★★★

MTSC-MTSU

Highlights

1960's Decade

By a special legislative act, Middle Tennessee State College became Middle Tennessee State University in 1965, thus capping a 54 year history of outstanding excellence in the field of higher education.

Founded in 1911 as Middle Tennessee State Normal School, its purpose was to provide this area with a center of learning. In 1925, the General Assembly provided for three teachers' colleges, one in East Tennessee, one in Middle Tennessee, and one in West Tennessee. As a result, Middle Tennessee State Teachers College evolved, with the power to grant the Bachelor of Science degree to its graduates.

In 1929 the name was changed to State Teachers College, Murfreesboro, and then to Middle Tennessee State College in 1943. In 1947, MTSC began to offer the Bachelor of Arts degree, and 1951 saw the first master's degree. University status was received in 1965, the highlight of its history.

The past ten years have seen the physical aspect of the university almost triple, enrollment more than triple, and curriculum reach new heights.

But growth will not stop with today. In the planning stages are a new sports complex, learning resource center, a doctoral program and aerospace program. Enrollment has been predicted to reach nearly 12,000 by 1980. Middle Tennessee State University, from a humble beginning in 1911, to one of the largest universities in Tennessee.

Editorial

Reflections & Projections

Perhaps no other decade has had quite the impact on MTSU as the 1960's have had.

Under the leadership of two outstanding educators this university has experienced innumerable change. It was during this decade that Middle Tennessee State Teachers College became the dynamic Middle Tennessee State University.

We have been most fortunate to have the type of leadership the times demanded.

First came the late Quill E. Cope. The former President served MTSU during a time when more and more people were enrolling in colleges due to the post war baby boom and our complex environment demanding that individuals be educated. Cope was a former State Commissioner of Education so he knew the situation facing the state in this education boom.

It was during his administration that the campus began to expand toward the East. In fact most of the new buildings on campus were built during this time. It was also during his administration that MTSC became MTSU.

Quill E. Cope was responsible for the construction of buildings we have today and for starting the campus expansion MTSU is still experiencing.

Then last year M.G. Scarlett came to MTSU as the new President. It was time for another kind of educator to continue the work Cope started and to develop new programs and policy. In the last year students have been given a voice on all University committees and have become actually involved in the making of MTSU policy.

Scarlett's new ideas on the administration of higher education have made MTSU a pacesetter in the development of modern policy in Tennessee.

Also since the coming of the new president MTSU has the possibility of becoming nationally recognized as a center of aerospace and aviation education. And this institution may soon offer a doctorate degree for the preparation of college teachers, a badly needed educational service.

In summary, the last ten years have produced two leaders. One developed buildings and the other developed programs and policy to fill those buildings.

The future of MTSU looks bright with three major buildings in the planning stages. Now the campus growth will certainly continue. With all the acreage to the East the campus will continue to spread. Future plans call for a new gymnasium, a learning resource center, an aerospace building and a fraternity row plus other housing structures.

With the ASB presently studying a plan to bring students and faculty closer together in the government of the University and Scarlett's prediction of more student involvement, we see a greater role being played by the student body in determining MTSU policy.

The SIDELINES looks forward to the day when MTSU is considered to be the third major state university in Tennessee, and with the continuing efforts of President Scarlett this will surely come within the next ten years.

By Michael Goforth

Scarlett Predicts Continued Growth

In looking toward the next ten years, President M.G. Scarlett predicts a more efficient use of funds, more student involvement, continued growth of the University and more advances in the learning process.

By Michael Goforth
Editor-in-Chief

With the financial problems higher education in the state is facing, Scarlett feels the most important change in the future will be a much more efficient program in using funds to increase the opportunity for a better education for students.

Even with the funding problems in Tennessee, Scarlett said, "I do expect this institution to become one of the outstanding Universities in the state."

The factors leading Scarlett to have such hopes are

a continuing growth, better facilities and MTSU boasting the best campus in the state -- including all university campuses in Tennessee -- according to the President.

With construction to begin soon on the new athletic center and the learning resource center, he believes MTSU will have the two most spectacular buildings in the state.

Student Involvement

Concerning the increase in student involvement in University affairs, Scarlett predicts a move to develop a partnership between higher education and students with the students being junior partners.

"More student involvement in a significant way is a must in the future of this institution."

"Students more and more will be given the responsibility for their own conduct, and the institution will become less a policeman and more an advisor," said Scarlett.

"The University is going to have tremendous progress in curricular and extracurricular programs which will involve students in grappling with the issues of the day and the future."

The President feels that the increased student involvement was the most significant accomplishment of his first year at MTSU.

Academic Areas

In the academic areas Scarlett foresees tremendous changes in the teaching learning process. Including fact assimilation relative to machines and more individual study by students which will help the student's conception of facts and his use of knowledge more effectively.

For example, in the years to come a student may walk into a science lab and play a taped recording of step-by-step instructions on how to conduct a certain experiment. The student may learn basic facts on his own by the use of recordings and consultation with an instructor. Then in more advanced courses the student will work with a group of others under the supervision of an instructor.

Also in the future Scarlett predicts more attention being given to continuation of the learning process for adults. Knowledge is changing so rapidly it is hard for an individual to keep up to date in his field.

MTSU will offer wide spread program with much depth from the associate in arts degree to the doctorate in education, according to Scarlett.

1960--Those Were The Days My Friend

The year was 1960, and there were just over 2,000 of us. We all lived in the relative discomfort of places like Jones Hall (for the boys), and across the campus Lyon Hall (for the girls). Incidentally, some of us still do!

By Jim Lynch

Ah, those were the days. Classes in the antiquated Ad building, old Murfree Hall, with its open pipe ceilings, dresses to the mid-calf, and white socks were the biggy features of the year. We did the "chicken" and the "bop", (that is, when the administration let us) and said things like "daddy-o", "kookie" and "cool", (the latter being the only one to survive the test of time).

Well, we grew and we matured. A little more staff, a few more buildings, and another student put us on the move. Gone was the "bop" and in was the "twist". (Chubby Checker had the whole nation in his hands.)

There was no "middle-of-the-road" for hair styles then, boys either had 40 pounds of tresses mixed with two quarts of Vitalis and combed into a greasy mass of confusion with a "ducktail" in the back, or they had none, (i.e., the butch, flattop, or mohawk.) Girls went from an average height of 5'5" to 6'7" with the introduction of the "Bouffant" or "bubble". They were strange times.

Then came "yeah, yeah, yeah" and with it a sensation that has lasted 'til now. The Beatles, the Dave Clark Five, and the Rolling Stones brought us the rock sound to go along with our already established folk music. The results: guitar sales increased 246 percent, and 3,068 barbers went bankrupt. MTSC was doing the "jerk" to the anglo-american sounds of folk-rock.

We began to "dig it", things got "groovy", and the world was "out of sight". Freshman girls had to be in at 9:30. They couldn't wear shorts on campus.

1966. Some more buildings, new faculty, and a whole slew of kids. We changed our name last year. (Didn't change our co-ed policies though). Hem-

lines went up (not here) and the hair went down. "Wipe-out" and "hang ten" were audible sounds uttered around campus. Dylan went electric and the world went nuts. The country was under the evils of the sexual revolution (not here) and Timothy Leary was a strong possibility for Man of the Year. (not here). A demonstration on Dr. Cope's lawn gave us fraternities. We elected a pig "May Queen."

Then it happened. The liberation of the MTSU co-ed. For the first time in over 50 years, a bare thigh was seen on campus. . . . and nobody really noticed. We had a new leader and things began to hop.

We got new buildings, new students, (almost 7,000) and new policies. Co-ed codes, student voice in university decisions, and the song "Dixie" were the major points of interest. The MTSU student began to place more importance on knowledge and its values than he ever had before. The sophisticated administration began to breed a more sophisticated student.

What's Up

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

- 4:30 p.m. -- Circle K, 322-C
- 5 p.m. -- Fellowship Club, 324-ABC UC
- 5 p.m. -- Senior Class, UC Theatre
- 6 p.m. -- Accounting Society Banquet, first floor lobby, SUB
- 6:30 p.m. -- Senate, 308 UC

There will be a meeting of all faculty and students interested in forming a local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 323 of Old Main.



The 1960 cheerleaders contrast the general appearance of students at the beginning of the decade with the students of today.

MTSU Experiences 270 Percent Enrollment Increase In Decade

MTSU is approximately 200 students ahead of the projected enrollment estimated by a long-range planning committee appointed by former President Quill Cope. The committee made its report in 1967.

It was estimated by the committee that MTSU should have 7,095 for this year. There are nearly 7,300 students currently enrolled here.

According to the report MTSU should not reach the 10,000 student enrollment plateau until the 1973 school year. However, that number could be reached by the 1971 school year if the current trend in enrollment continues.

In the first school year of this decade, MTSC supported a student population of 2,740 students, of which 900 were freshmen. This constitutes a growth of 270 percent since 1950.

When MTSU made the transition from a college to a university there were a total of 4,609 students enrolled in school. MTSU gained the university status in 1965.

MTSU, along with its fantastic growth in student enrollment, has experienced an equally fantastic growth in building facilities. At the turn of the current decade, at MTSC there were 14 permanent buildings on campus and 11 portable or semi-permanent buildings.

For the women there were only three resident halls -- Rutledge, Monohan and Lyon. The three dormitories housed only 364 women. Smith and Jones resident halls, the only two on campus for men, housed 530 men students.

MTSU has known two presidents in the past decade. Quill Cope, fourth president of the school, was in his second year in 1950. Cope announced his resignation in 1968 and the present head of the school, M.G. Scarlett, was appointed by the State Board of Education. Scarlett officially took office in February of last year.

When Scarlett took office the physical worth of the university was estimated at \$20 million.

By the time MTSU reaches a student population of 10,000 the physical worth of the University should reach \$30 million, according to current projections.

Eight New Tennis Courts Being Built

MTSU will have eight new tennis courts by late spring, weather permitting, according to Charles Pigg, head of the plant planning department. The project, which will cost almost \$37,000 from state funds, will be engineered by Road Builders Inc. of Nashville, Pigg said.

"This is not actually part of the new sports complex," the engineer stated, "but rather a necessity because the old courts will be covered by the new gym."

Pigg also added that the new courts will be geared for inter-collegiate competition because they will include the popular Laydold surface, but they will still be open to the students when not in use by the tennis team.

The new courts will be located adjacent to the asphalt courts just off Tennessee Boulevard and will be fully lighted.

COMMERCE UNION BANK

Member F.D.I.C.

"That's My Bank"



Sunday

All the chicken
you can eat
\$1.25

GIANT TEXTBURGER 49¢

**Monday &
Thursday**
Roast Beef
Sandwich

49¢

College Students Special KEEN KLEANERS

Mon. - Tues. - Wed. - Each Week

PANTS
SWEATERS
SKIRTS
SLACKS

3 Pr. for \$1.30
Mix or Match

Alterations
1 Day Laundry Service

Located 1/2 block from campus
at

College Hgts. Shopping Center 1511 E. Main

Henry Drug Co.

1529 E. Main St.
- Just Off Campus -

"Complete Drug
Service"

COSMETICS
Phone 893-7783

AUTO INSURANCE MTSU STUDENTS

SINGLE - Age 16 to 18 - \$240; Age 19 to 21 - \$230; Age 22 to 24 - \$220.

MARRIED - Age 21 - \$83 Age 22 - \$79; Age 23 - \$74; Age 24 - \$68; Age 25 - \$49.

3-6-8 Months to Pay.

PHONE SMYRNA 459-2722 SHELLEY INSURANCE AGENCY



Two eras of MTSU Presidents marked the 1960's. Quill E. Cope came to MTSU in 1958. It was during his administration that MTSU grew from a small teachers college into MTSU. M.G. Scarlett followed Cope in 1968. The new president who is seen

at his inauguration has continued the growth started by Cope and has initiated new policy reforms and programs that have made MTSU a leader in higher education in the state.

MTSU's Student Media Grows Along With University

MTSU's image has emerged as a progressive university with progressive ideas and students deeply involved in campus expansion. Over the years, the university's advances may almost be paralleled with the organs of student communication -- the media which inform students and create student interest.

Ten years ago, in 1959, the SIDELINES was printed only twice monthly, the Midlander was a much smaller annual, and Collage and WMOT were unheard of. Today all are thriving, making plans for further expansion and improvement. And a campus television broadcasting facility is in the planning stages.

The years have brought many changes with increased student activity and increased enrollment necessitating accelerated processing of student communications.

Now those in the communication media are trying to turn the tables; they realize that effective utilization of the media can point to areas which need reform.

Instead of allowing the media to remain a child of change, student workers are trying to accept their role as a catalyst in the university's transformation.

Ten years ago, under the direction of Gene Sloan (nowhead of the public relations department), the SIDELINES was published once every two weeks on regular newspaper-sized sheets. Publications picked up with two editions during the summer of 1962.

After reducing the size format from standard to tabloid (the present printing shape), SIDELINES production became weekly about five years ago.

As the school mushroomed from a teachers college into a well-rounded university, newspaper publication also picked up a more professional air.

Under the advisement of John Windhauser, 1967-69, the SIDELINES became a bi-weekly newspaper with paid staff positions and production facilities of its own.

A journalism minor is now

available with classes adding to experience with working for the newspaper. Staff now includes editorial positions, advertising salesmen, typists, reporters and cartoonists.

The physical site has been changed from the basement of Old Main to the ground floor of the Student Union Building (the old bookstore area), where there is a classroom, a typesetting room and office area.

Teaching staff in the journalism department now numbers two -- Mrs. Anne W. Nunamaker and Rosalind Elston.

During the last year, color has come into more extensive use and several special editions have been published. Future plans include the installment of an Associated Press wire service and increasing the publication frequency to three times a week.

The Midlander, too, has increased its use of color in the last 10 years. According to staff members, one of the biggest changes has come in the number of students working on the school annual.

Ten years ago the entire responsibility rested upon about four workers, they said. Now 25 to 30 is a conservative estimate. And so the quality of work has understandably improved.

According to editor Vicki Hill, Collage was not even found as a dictionary listing 10 years ago. Three years ago Collage had little meaning for the average MTSU student. But now the student magazine is endeavoring to become a literary voice of the students -- a vehicle for expressing emotions and ideas in art, poetry and prose forms.

The magazine staff is now fully organized and even has an office of its own -- even if it is only a corner that was once the garage of the Security Building. Publication frequency of the magazine has increased to once monthly and the only aspect lacking now, Miss Hill says, is an under-abundance of student contributors outside the Collage staff.

The newest aspect of the media on campus is WMOT-FM. WMOT was developed over a

period of two years and began broadcasting April 9. A committee was appointed in June 1967 to study the possibility of operating a student radio station. Doug Vernier was hired in September 1968 to develop a broadcasting minor in the department of speech and theater

and to organize the station.

Originally the station was allocated one classroom, but it now consists of a second classroom, a recording room, a

transmitter room, two studios, a record library, a news room and office space.

Martin Starts Today

National General Pictures Presents

LEE VAN CLEEF

"DAY OF ANGER"

Technicolor® Techniscope®

A National General Pictures Release



JERRY GROSS AND NICHOLAS DEMETROULES PRESENT
ELIA KAZAN'S PRODUCTION OF TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' CLASSIC!



Princess Starts Today

**Marbro Drive-In
Starts Today**

Edgar Allen Poe Ramal

"Tomb of Ligeia" "Tales of Terror"

"Masque of Red Death"



PALACE BARBER SHOP

111 East Main Street 893-7653

8 a.m.—5 p.m. Tuesday—Saturday

Total Barber Service

hairstyling razor cutting false:

mustaches goatees sideburns hairpieces

5 barbers W.C. Batey George Gatewood

Charles A. Pitts Kenneth Hirth P.W. Carter



Sevierville's Bill Robertson, kneeling at left, was alternate captain of the 1966 Blue Raider football team, while Larry Dodson, kneeling at right, was the captain of the squad that finished

the year with a 5-5 record. At center is Charles "Bubber" Murphy, then in his 21st year as head coach. He now resides as athletic director.

Records And More Records Set By Steady Blue Raider Athletes

Teddy Morris, Billy Walker, George Claxton. All names most students in this school year haven't even heard of, but all have done something to draw praise and glory not only to themselves, but to Middle Tennessee State.

The past decade has been a very prosperous one for Blue Raider athletes. Their feats will long live in the minds of those that witnessed them, but today we, in a small and inadequate way, try to relive and rekindle some of their records that have ceased to burn.

In the sport of football, since the year 1960, 19 MTSU boys have been named to the All-OVC team, with Joe Windham and Larry Puryear setting the pace in '60 while David Duvall and Andy Thompson made the squad this year.

During this time the names of Morris, Claxton, Walker, Ron Taylor, Jack Armstrong, Jerry Smith, Keith Atchley, George Dykes, and Mike Matheny were added to the team along with a numerous amount of others.

Walker and Morris, both quarterbacks, established some league records that still are in the record books, while the defensive players hit some licks

and made some tackles so bruising that they still echo in the minds of many that saw them do them.

Basketball saw the likes of Art Polk and Willie Brown, in recent years, along with Steve McElhaney and Booker Brown, set records and score baskets that still cause the nets to switch.

While this sport hasn't received recognition as nationwide as others, Coach Murphy stated that "basketball has come a long ways since I've been here. The boys are playing with more power and control, where in earlier years they lacked the speed and shooting ability they possess now."

Coming a long way due to excellent coaching from Buck Bouldin and Dean Hayes, tennis and track respectively have received nation-wide acclaim.

Bouldin's tennis teams, a sport that didn't "arrive" until the middle '60's when Bouldin took over, have won some major area tournaments over the past few seasons. Mike Albano was the number one singles player last year and was backed up by some fine players like Chick Fuller and Lee Mayo. Both are back.

Track, under Hayes recent guidance, has produced some national contenders over the past few years in the form of Jerry Singleton, Dave Wyatt, Terry Scott, and Dennis Bandy. This group, making up the mile relay team last year, finished seventh in the nation, a true picture of the type of program track is producing.

While baseball is but one of the major spring sports, it has received support over the years under the guidance of Ken Trickey, Jimmy Earle, and now Butch Clifton.

In 1968, MTSU won the league championship and had Greg Cunningham win the MVP of the league. This sport, too, has come a long way over the past decade.

E.K. Patty, the golf coach, has been here ever since Murphy has -- and that's a long time as a coach -- and his golf teams have won so many major tournaments in this area and had so many outstanding performers it would be impossible to mention them all. But these talented boys only point out the greatness of their coach, a coach that has been named the league's Coach of the Year five times since 1962, all but three times.

Middle Tennessee has had the league's individual champion two times over this period, while many have finished in the top five spot.

MTSU sports. It's come a long way since 1960, but as far as it's come in those years and the records that Blue Raiders have set will only be broken and rebroken by bigger and better boys and programs. Truly, MTSU is a university.

Coaches Fade Away But Murphy Lives On

To try and bear upon the many events during the last decade the athletic department has ventured upon would be virtually impossible to do in a few paragraphs or even pages. The bulk of the triumphs and defeats, what few there were, however, have fallen upon the shoulders of the head coach and athletic director Charles Murphy.

Ending a 23-year career as head coach, Coach Murphy stepped down last year for Don Fuoss, who came to MTSU from Purdue, where he was an assistant. With him Fuoss brought some of the most energetic, hardworking, young coaches this school has ever seen. Their work, under the guidance of Fuoss and Murphy, has already sown some seed and reaped some plentiful harvests in the year they've been here.

These men, Bill Wise, George Catavoles, Jim Finley and Bill Peck joined forces with Gary Whaley and Charles Butler, who served under Murphy, to build and shape a rebuilding freshman squad that ended the season with the ability to beat anyone on any given Saturday.

Other great assistants, such as Joe Black Hayes, Don Lear, and Terry Sweeney have come and gone, but the ageless Murphy lives on. But while much of the change has come in the football department, some big changes and events have occurred in other sports as well.

Biddle, Stokes, Trickey, And Earle

Basketball saw Ken Trickey, who played here in the mid-fifties, take over the head basketball position after Bill Stokes and Ed Biddle, Jr. had served the positions between 1957-1965. During the years under Stokes, 1962-1965, the Raiders build themselves up slowly, despite failing to field a winning season during this period. Trickey took over the post, while serving as assistant under Stokes, and after three years the Blue had a 15-9 season, and last year were 13-13 for the year. He moved on to Oral Roberts and his assistant Jimmy Earle was named as head mentor.

With the young Earle came some more of these hard-working assistants, Butch Clifton and Don Newman. Both had had outstanding records at their former coaching positions and seemed to fit the mold Earle had set before them.

Tennis took a turn for the good as Buck Bouldin came into the scene in 1963 and track became a major sport, also, after Dean Hayes came around this time. Both have accomplished much in the way of nation-wide recognition over the past few years.

The assistant basketball coach has been the baseball coach for some time and it too has come a long way. They have won the league title many times under the guidance of Trickey, Earle and now new coach Clifton.

With the coming of new coaches and techniques also came another factor that enters into the picture when one talks of bigger and better teams. Scholarships. Increasing over the number given in 1960, football now gives 60 compared to only 40 before.

Basketball has remained at 20 per year, but golf has increased from six to eight, track has jumped from 10 to 14, and baseball increased from 10 to 12. The better recruits the better the team will be, and as a result the better the crowds will be. -- Gary Davenport.

Post-Season Bowl Picks

By Gary Davenport

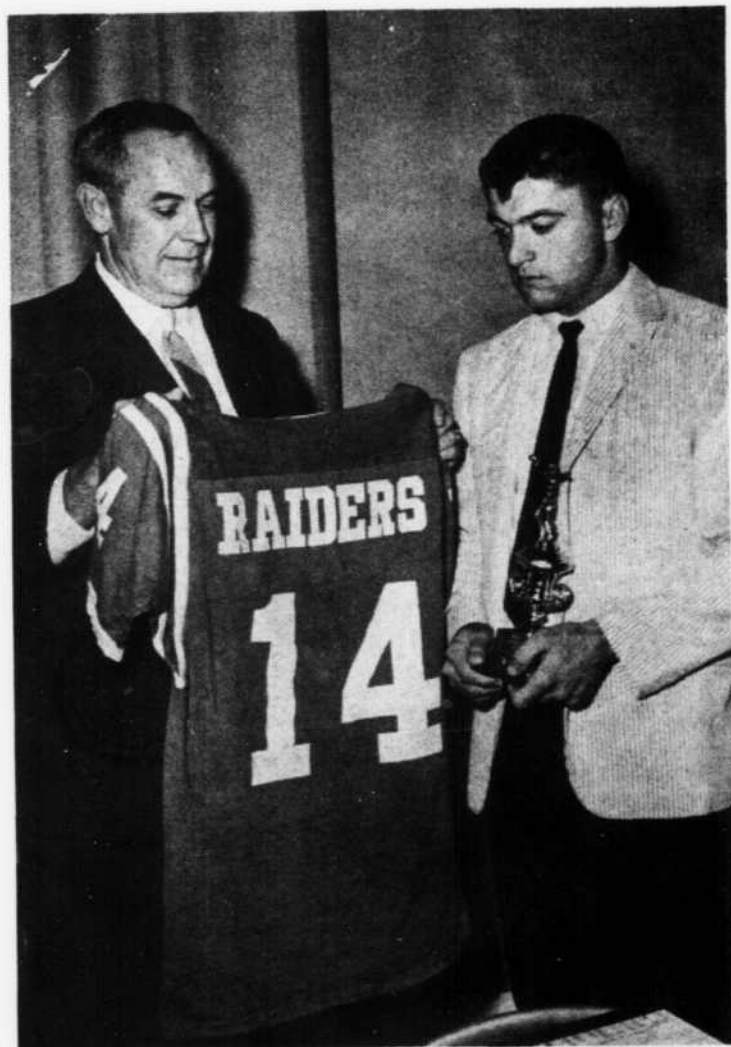
Going along with the Christmas tradition and the upcoming bowl games, the sports department will make some picks in these post-season games. While I'm not too confident with some of them, there could be some giant sized upsets in these colorful classics.

Florida's passing should outshine the Tennessee defense, on the basis of the other games the Vols have played and I have to pick an upset here. The Gator Bowl crowd should eat up the Big Orange.

Other picks are: Michigan over Southern California, Texas easing by Notre Dame in what should be a real thriller, Missouri over an unbeaten Penn State on the basis of Missouri's post-season game against Alabama last year, Houston over Auburn, Arkansas beating Mississippi, and Nebraska whaling the daylight out of a lifeless Georgia Bulldog squad.

Three upsets in these seven big games we're picking, and another could be in the making if Archie Manning isn't man-handled by Arkansas. They could have their hands full with the red-head.

It all depends on how the ball bounces at a given time in a given instance.



Head Coach and Athletic Director holds up Number 14, the jersey worn by Teddy Morris, standing at right, before it was to be retired. Morris was All-OVC in 1965 for MTSU and finished in the 1,250 club twice while setting three league records still standing.