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WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN, IT'S . . .

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HOMECOMING

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HEN the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
When the guys and dolls have gethered all around the festive board,
And the campus is a-bulgin' from this happy, joyous hoard,
Then it's A & I's Homecomin' which has rolled around this year,
When a body greets a body with sich good and harty cheer.
O, it sets yer hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!



A few of A & I's alumni watch the birdie for dear ole Alma Mater.



Mrs. Phynetta Nellis
National President of the
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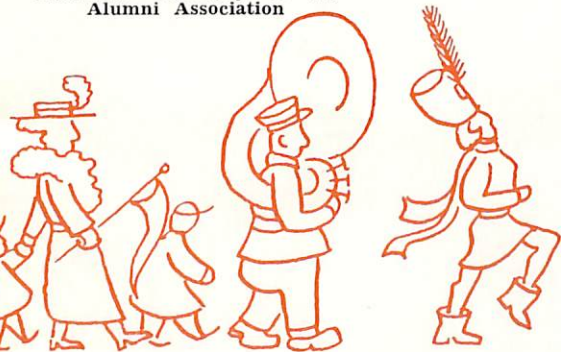
Mrs. Henrietta McCallister
President of the Nashville Chapter of the
Alumni Association



ALUMNI



Miss Modestine Young
Executive Secretary of the
Alumni Association



The alumni all are present with theyr banner's wavin' high;
Fer to miss this grand occasun they would simply rather die.
They have come from many places: from the north, east, south and west,
Come by plane and train and auto jest to be our special guest.
They's allus something joyful-like about the atmusfere
With Ayeni's sons and daughters round, a-spreadin' theyr good cheer.
They have worked and toiled and struggled in theyr jobs both here and there
And today, on this Thanksgivin', they have come to shed a care.
We're mighty glad to have 'em and to know they love us so—
Hope theyr days are filled with plenty, wheresoever they may go.
We got time to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-endearin' flock—
'Cause the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

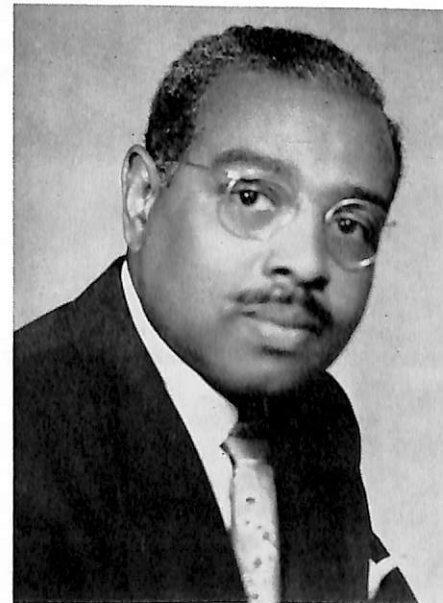




A & I's First Family, Son Ivan and Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis extend hearty holiday greetings to you.



Dr. A. V. Boswell, Vice President of Tennessee A & I State University.



Dr. Carl M. Hill, Chairman of the Athletics Committee of Tennessee A & I State University.

THE PRESIDENT

W E L C O M E S Y O U



The prexy and his missus bid you welcome on this day;
And grant, that in yer wishes, you will surely have yer way.
That yer day will be excitin', and yer horn of plenty filled;
With yer cares and woes subsided and yer worst anxieties stilled.
That yer barns are overflowing and yer reaper's in the shed
And yer tables overloaded and yer stock content and fed.



THE
STUDENT
 BRING CHEERS



O, it's then's the time the students are a-feelin' at their best,
 Fer they know the team out yonder will win o'er all the rest.
 And they, too, get in the spirit of the struttin' turkey-cock
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!



The beauty of the changing seasons
 calls the co-eds.



The crisp November days are mighty
 exhilarating.



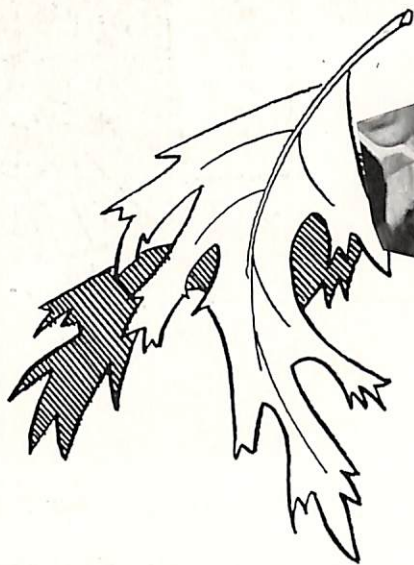
Anticipation of the holidays
 renews the spirit.

What can you do when you're outnumbered?

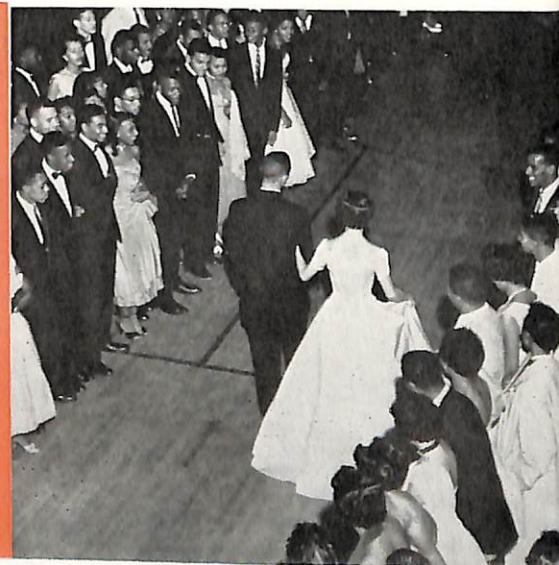


The Queen and her court in all their regal glory are (from l to r) in the rear: Miss Lucille Watson, sophomore; Miss Tennessee State, Doris Campbell, senior; Miss Mexie Bowman, freshman; In the front: Miss Helen Youngblood, senior; and Miss Betty Isom, junior.

And the lady who's a-reignin' over all this happy day:
Is the lovely Doris Campbell with her quiet, winsome way.



PRESENTING OUR



Queen Doris strolls down the aisle flanked by her admiring subjects as she begins the Grand March.

Queen Doris begins her happy journey to culminate with her acceptance of the regal accoutrements of her position as First Co-ed of Tennessee A & I State University.

QUEEN

AND HER COURT



Miss Tennessee State of 1954, surrounded by her Court, graciously accepts the homage of her subjects during the highlight of her reign, the long-anticipated Coronation.





O U R

COACH



First "Tiger" All-American Center Forrest Strange (extreme right) gives out with his perennial wishes for "Tiger" triumph to Coaches Gentry and Coffee, as they prepare to fly to one of their three gridiron battles away.

Coach Henry Arthur Kean and family extend greetings on behalf of the University family to all who will share in the Homecoming festivities.

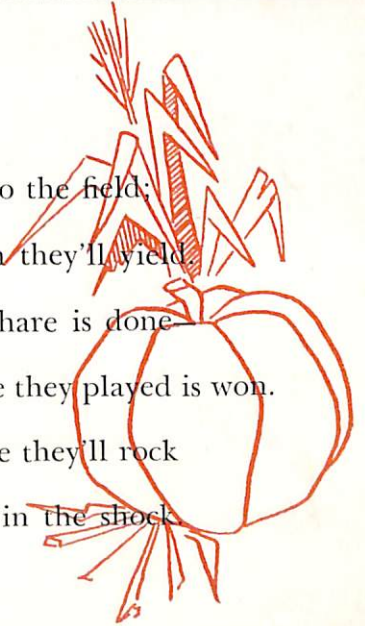


AND HIS STAFF

The roaring "Tigers" competent coaching staff consist of (from left to right) in the rear: Forrest Strange, Lawrence Simmons, J. C. Coffee; and in front: Shannon Little, Head Coach Kean and Howard Gentry.



But the coaches get a-flutter when the team takes to the field;
Get upset 'cause they's a-fearin', to the other team they'll yield.
So they don't enjoy the battle 'til the work they share is done
'Til the crowds have all been scattered and the game they played is won.
Then they, too, get in the spirit and the chances are they'll rock
Thinkin' of the frost and punkin and the fodder in the shock.



It's gotta be a first down!!!



PIGSKIN

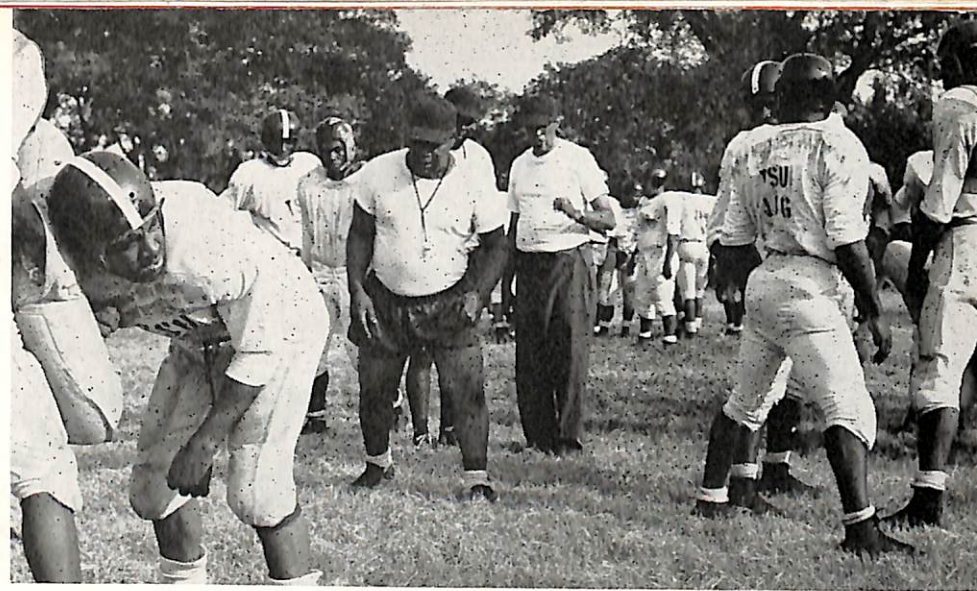
HIGHLIGHTS AT TENNESSEE STAT

Can we—we must—we will!!!



SCHEDULE

Lincoln University	September 18
Virginia State College	September 25
Langston University	October 1
Allen University	October 9
Paul Quinn College	October 16
Central State College	October 23
North Carolina State College	October 29
Texas Southern University	November 6
Kentucky State College	November 13
Bluefield State Teachers College	November 25

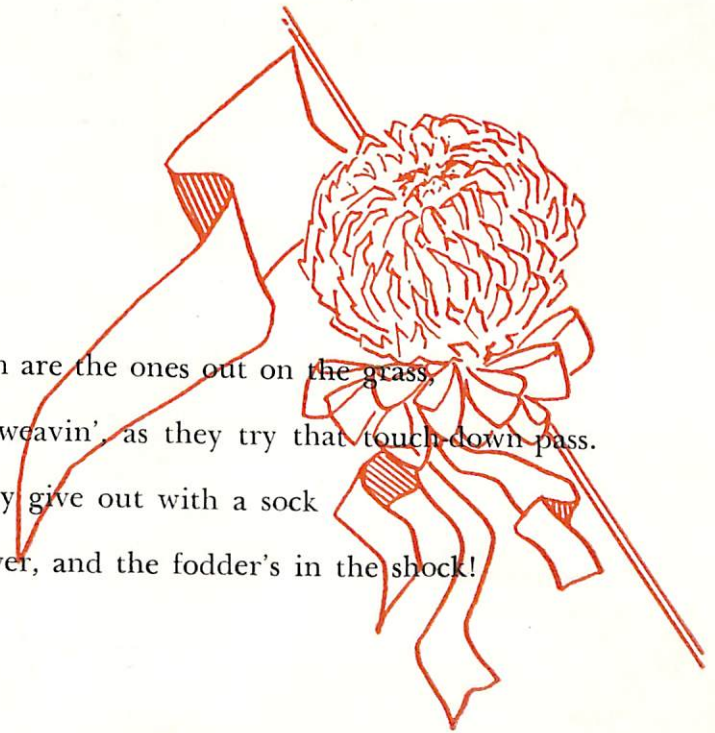


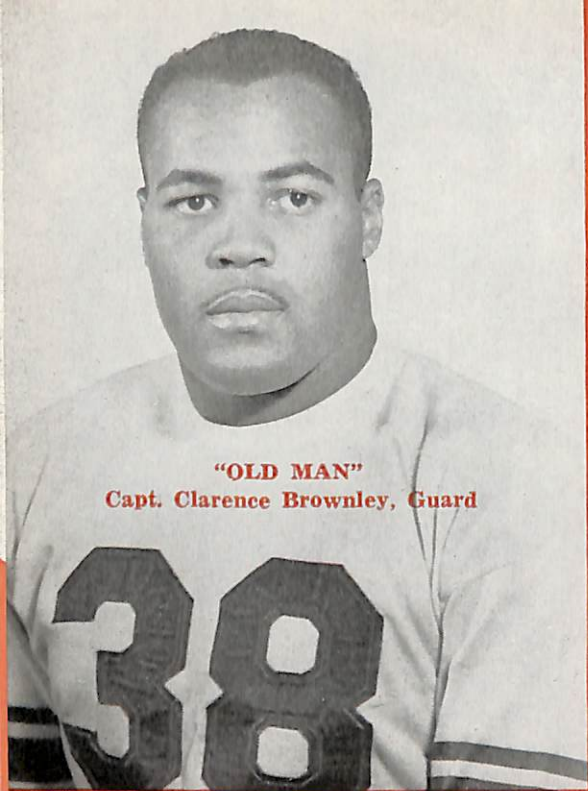
All right man, eliminate him—you're as big as he is.



This is the way you take 'em out—low but sure!!!

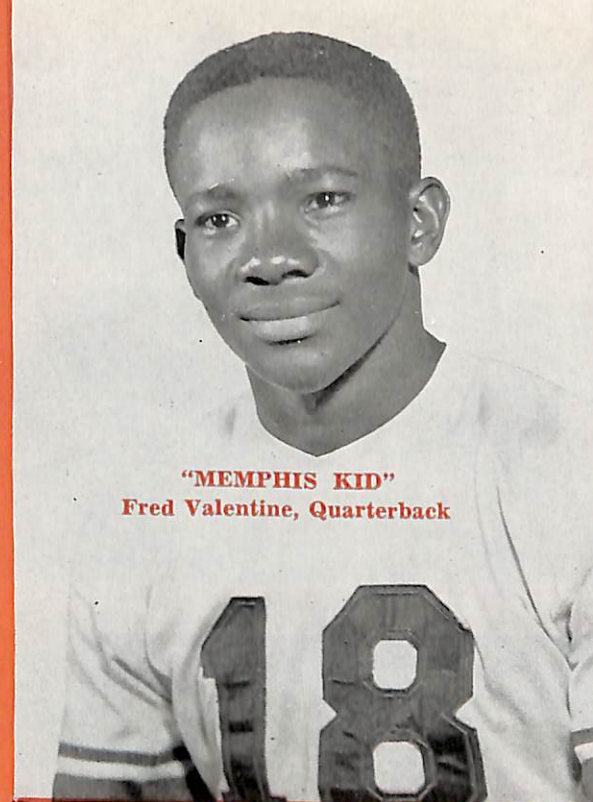
But the guys who really wow 'em are the ones out on the grass,
 With their wobblin', bobblin', weavin', as they try that touch-down pass.
 So today they are excited, as they give out with a sock
 'Cause they know the season's over, and the fodder's in the shock!



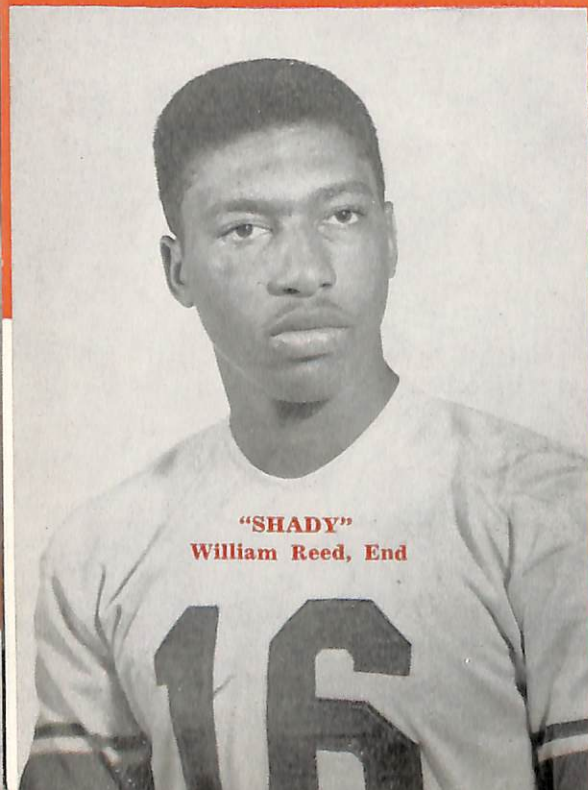


"OLD MAN"
Capt. Clarence Brownley, Guard

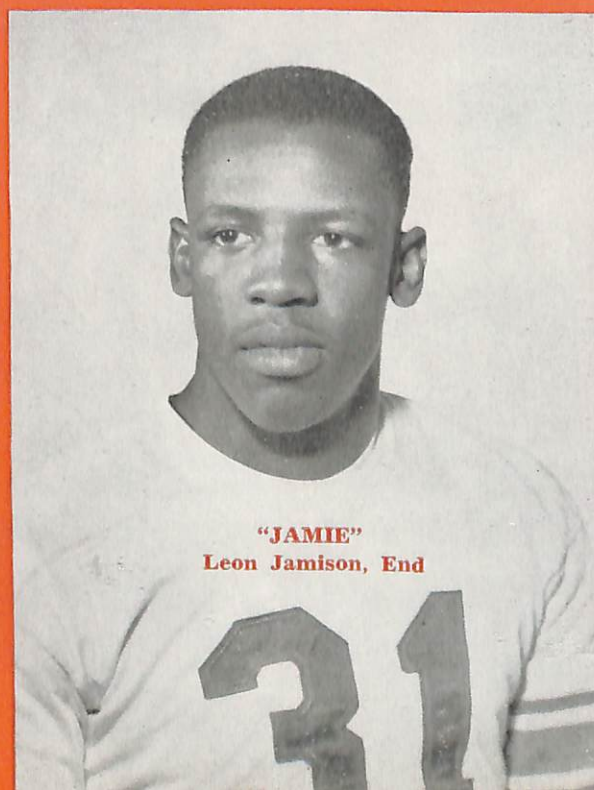
STARS



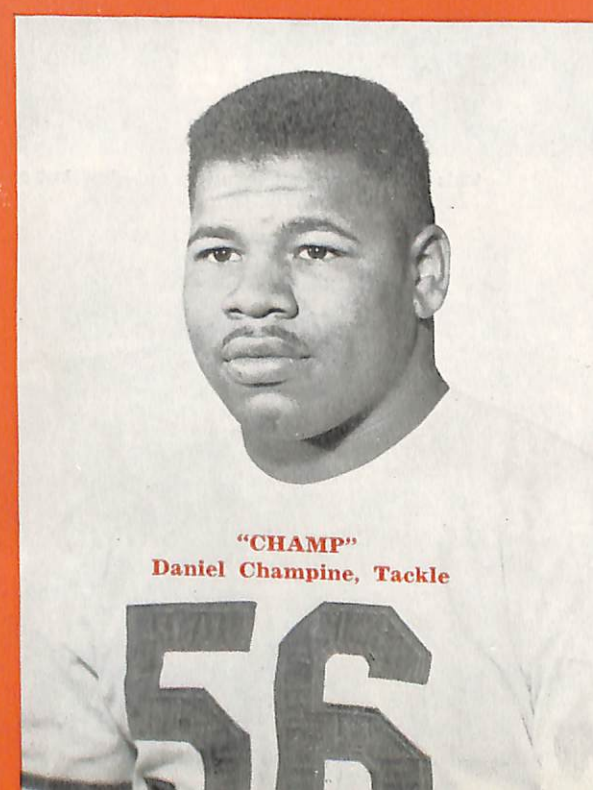
"MEMPHIS KID"
Fred Valentine, Quarterback



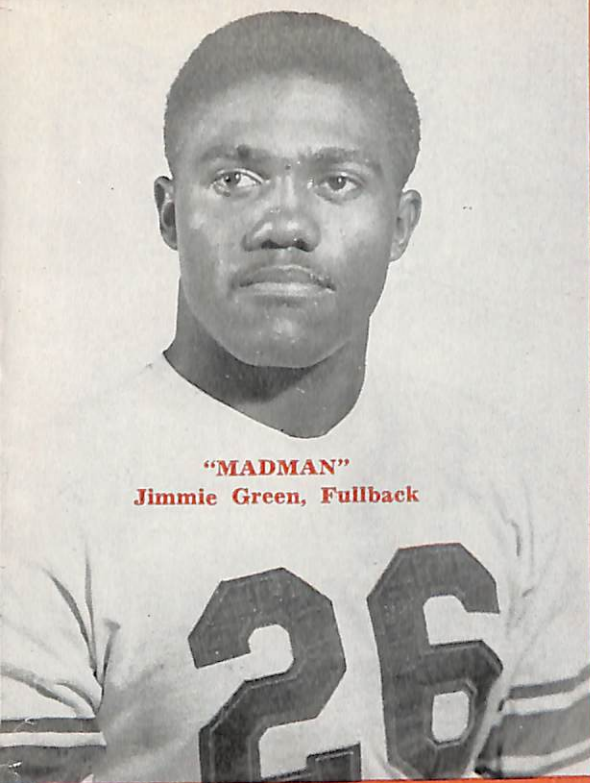
"SHADY"
William Reed, End



"JAMIE"
Leon Jamison, End



"CHAMP"
Daniel Champine, Tackle



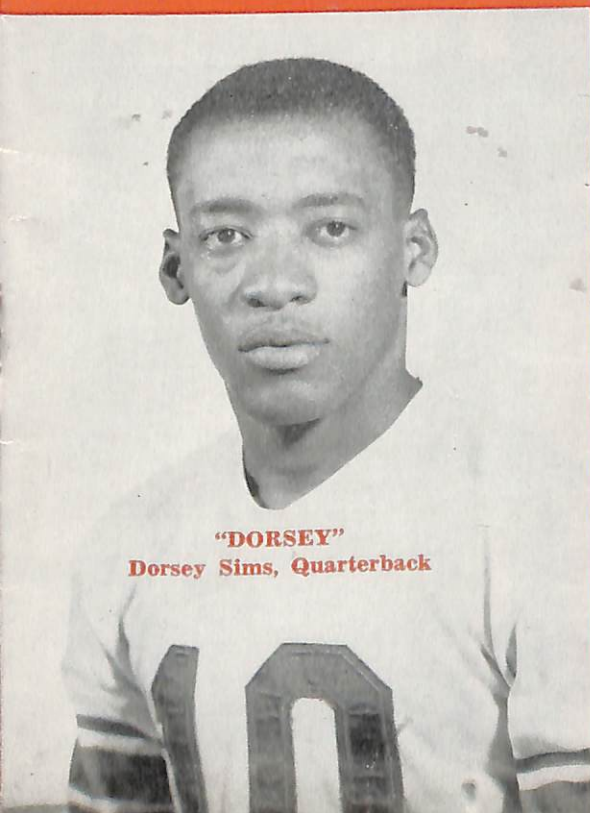
"MADMAN"
Jimmie Green, Fullback

They were some who were outstandin' as they played from game to game,

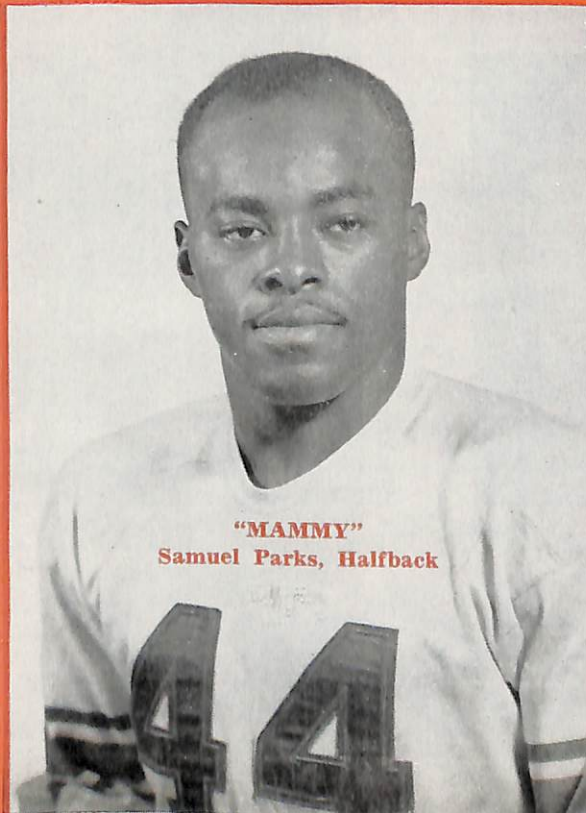
Winnin' over all opponents as they snatched from them their fame.

They's a husky, kind o' rusty note amongst 'em on the squad;

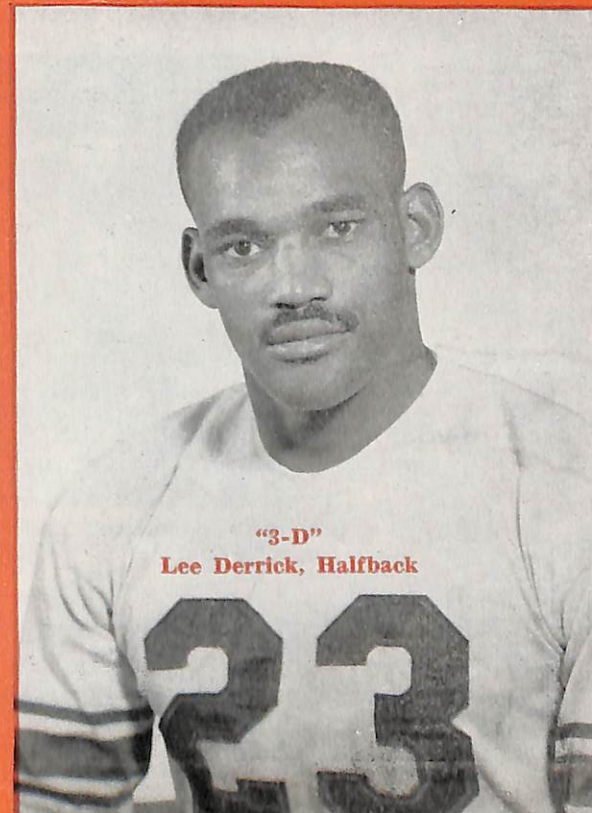
Yet, they's humble as the tangled leaves a-lyin' on the sod.



"DORSEY"
Dorsey Sims, Quarterback



"MAMMY"
Samuel Parks, Halfback

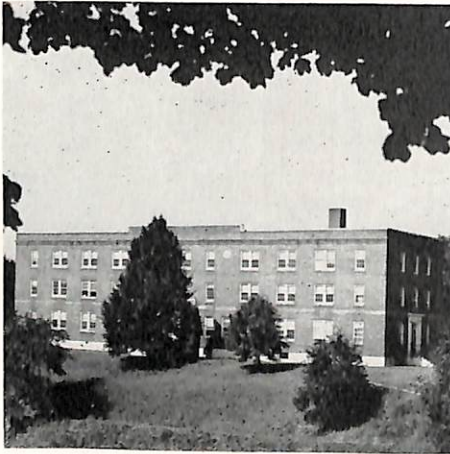


"3-D"
Lee Derrick, Halfback

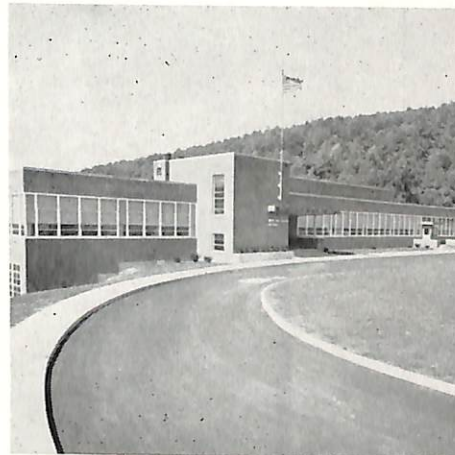
PRESENTING

VIEWS OF

BLUEFIELD STATE TEACHERS
COLLEGE



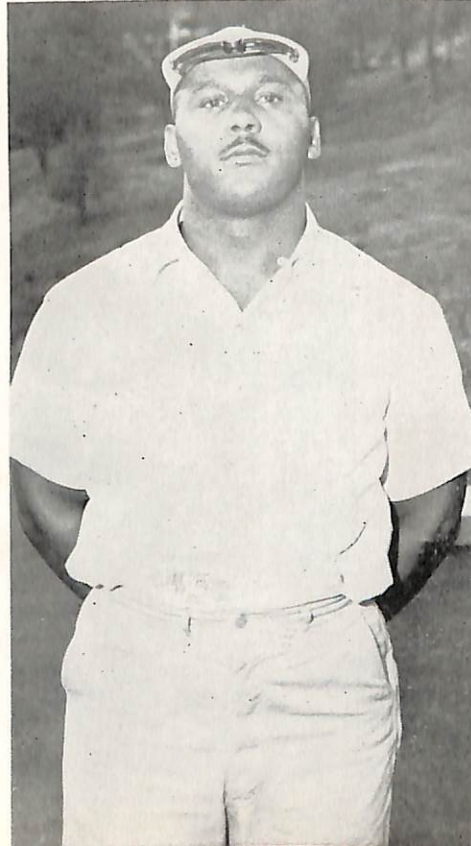
Those frantic bull sessions are the usual happenings in Payne Hall Dormitory.



It's not difficult to express one's creativity in such as the Arts and Crafts Building.



The academicians hub-bub of activity is centered in Conley Hall.



Now this school from over yonder, known as lovely Bluefield State
Is a college with a record and a school that's sure to rate.
Set amid some lovely mountains, with their peaks a-towerin' high
Is a pictur' worth the viewing; it will leave you with a sigh.

Such a school is surely welcome to the land of Tennessee
And we hope they's all a-ready for the mad festivity.
As the "Big Blues" say their farewells, all the everluvin' flock
May they soon return to Nashville—when the fodder's in the shock.

Bluefield's No. 1-V.I.P. directing the teacher college activity is President S. J. Wright.
Skull practice sessions are headed by Coach and Athletic Director Sam B. Taylor.
Assisting in the training of the "Big Blues" is John T. Flippen.

"MISS BLUEFIELD STATE"

1954-55

Comely Miss Emma Lou Barron

T H E

QUEEN



"THE QUEEN AND HER COURT"

Miss Barron is supported by (from l to r) Maid of Honor Ophelia Thompson
Miss Elinor J. Warren and Miss Marian M. Robinson.

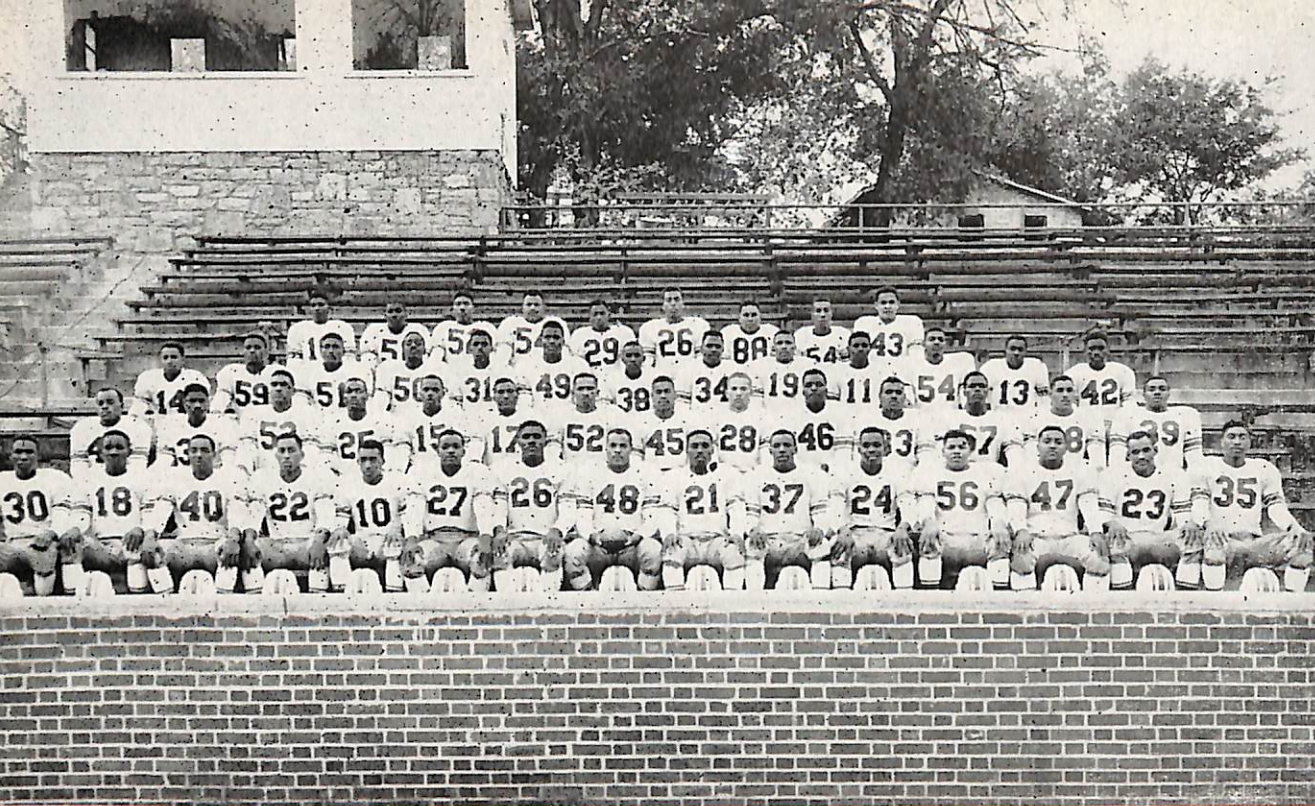


A T B L U E F I E L D



The sun-kissed Bluefield Belles are Elinor Warren, Ophelia Thompson, Queen Emma Lou Barron and Marian Robinson.

Here to aid in celebratin' is Miss Bluefield and her crew
Just as crisp and fresh and lilting as the airy autumn dew.
Oh, I don't know how to tell it—how to say: We're glad she came.
Course her team will be defeated; hope she'll love us just the same.
Hope her court is just as comfy and enjoying all they see
Hope the air is appertizin' 'nough to fill theyr harts with glee.
And when the fight is over, all around them we will flock
Cause we love these sun-kissed Bluefield belles—like fodder in the shock.



TENNESSEE A & I STATE UNIVERSITY

Jersey No.	Name	Position	Jersey No.	Name	Position
10	Dorsey Sims	Quarterback	37	Leon Jamison	End
11	Percy Hines	Halfback	38	John Moss	Quarterback
14	James Player	Halfback	39	Val Gene Johnson	Tackle
15	Marshall Washington	End	40	Lyndell Massingale	Center
17	Dave Smith	Quarterback	42	Hezekiah Foreman	End
18	Fred Valentine	Quarterback	44	Samuel Parks	Halfback
19	William Griffith	Fullback	45	Levi Davis	End
21	Roy Kimble	Halfback	46	Fay Mitchell	Halfback
22	Charles Patton	Guard	47	James Releford	Guard
23	Lee Derrick	Halfback	48	Clarence Brownley	Guard
24	Roy Williams	Guard	49	Burrell Lee	Tackle
25	Carrington Thomas	Halfback	50	Earvin Brox	Tackle
26	James Green	Fullback	51	Willie Cooley	Tackle
28	Sidney Cummings	Halfback	52	Clarence Howard	Tackle
30	Ulysses Holliman	End	53	Charles Gavin	Center
31	Robert Crawford	Quarterback	54	Gerald Ellis	Guard
33	Claud E. Martin	Fullback	56	Daniel Champine	Tackle
34	William Estelle	Halfback	57	Robert Williams	Guard
35	William Reed	End	58	James Buford	Guard
36	Clarence Jones	Center	59	Napoleon Holmes	End

Illegal Use of Hands and Arms



Offside



Incomplete Forward Pass, Penalty Declined, No Play or No Score



Forward Pass or Kick Catching Interference



Delay of Game



Time Out





Start the Clock



Safety



Intentional Grounding



Roughness and Piling On



Touchdown or Field Goal



Illegal Motion or Shift

BLUEFIELD STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

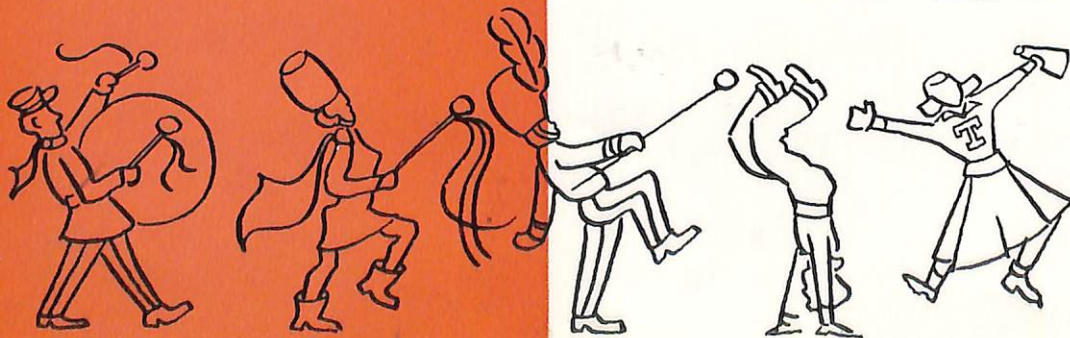
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23	William Burris	Back	41	Phillip Horton	Back
24	James Hamilton	Back	42	Tommy Cuberson	Tackle
25	Clarence Starling	Back	43	Rudolph DeVaughn	Back
26	Cody Brock	Back	44	David Saunders	Back
27	Wesley Wicher	Center	45	James Stewart	Back
28	John Johnson	End	46	Moses Woody	Guard
29	Clifford Thompson	End	50	Randolph Scott	End
30	Thomas Harris	Back	51	Joseph Lewis	Tackle
32	Robert Watkins	Back	52	Johnny Hoover	Back
33	Louis Leonard	Back	54	Robert Crews	Back
34	Herschel Ross	Tackle	55	Benjamin Johnston	Guard
35	George Ricks	End	56	James Clemmons	Tackle
36	Fred Parks	Back	57	Eugene Hannah	Tackle
37	Joseph Harrison	Guard	58	Preston Harrison	End
38	James Witherspoon	Center	59	Frank Parks	Guard
39	Edmond Bivens	End	60	Larkin Rucker	Center
40	Irving Taylor	Tackle			





The mighty pulchritudinous Majorette line smilingly applaud the drumming of their sisters.

THE MAJORETTES





Yea team, take it down the field! Yea team, take it down the field!!

In the midst of celebratin' on this glorious gobbler day
Come the majorettes and pep squad makin' merry on theyr way.



I can play it pretty as you—you know it and I
know it, too.

CHEERLEADERS AND MUSIC-MAKERS



Is this trip necessary?



T H E **CO-EDS**

A T T E N N E S S E E A & I

The pitter-patter of the rain on an umbrella makes a wonderful tune.



Baby, it's cold out here!!

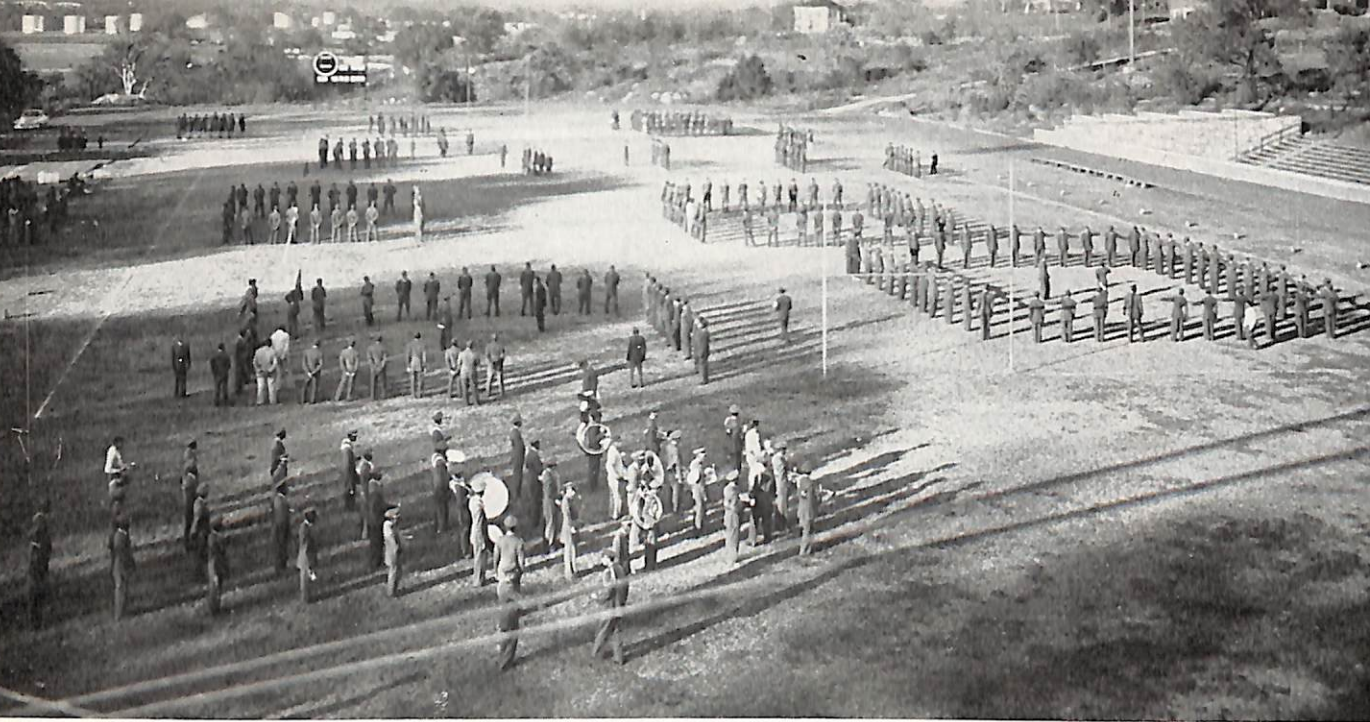
Twenty-five pepsters frolicking as one.



A deuce of belles in the moody mood for reverie.



Those co-eds, you oughta see 'em 'mongst the damp and shimmerin' leaves,
As they strut and play and frolick like a ripple in the breeze.
It's a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—
When they's dolls and frost and punkins and fodder in the shock.



A & I's AF-ROTC Unit at their military sharpest.

AF-ROTC Cadet Brass strategize for perfection-wise.



Know your rifle well and know that it WILL kick back.

T H E



R.O.T.C.



Somebody's gonna get "busted," I betcha, I betcha.

• And the guys, they too, get trainin'—in the R. O. T. C.—
 Makes you proud to see 'em drillin'; makes you happy jest to be.

Now the celebratin's over; Bless yer soul, we're glad you came.

Comes next year we will repeat: Another swell homecomin' game.

Then yer apples will be gethered, and the ones a feller keeps

Is poured around the cellar-floor in red and yeller heaps;

And the cider-makin's over, and yer wimmern-folks is through

With theyr mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too!

Come on back to Alma Mater in the year of fifty-five

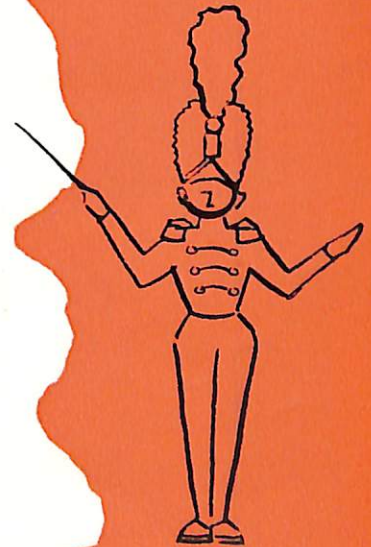
So's to be at our homecomin' when the frost will then arrive.

We'll be waitin' fer to greet ya' in the good ole-fashioned way

You'll find joy in bein' with us and much pleasure in yer stay.

On the doors of Alma Mater you will surely find no lock—

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.



Best Wishes



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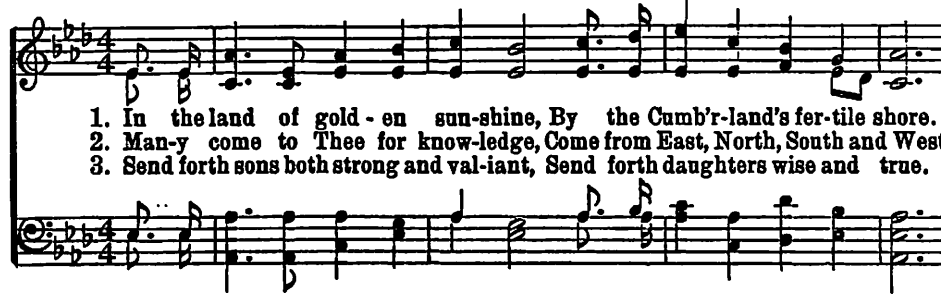
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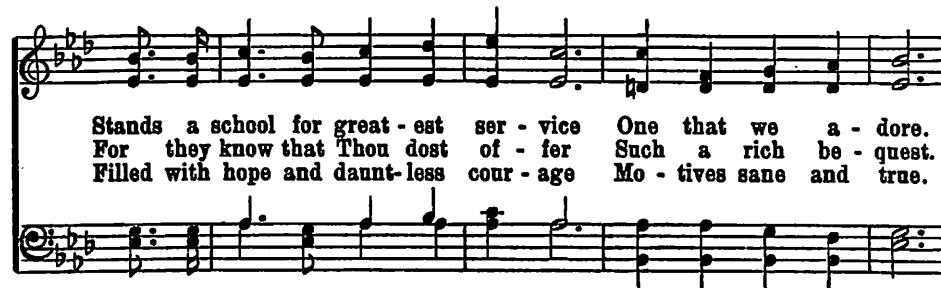
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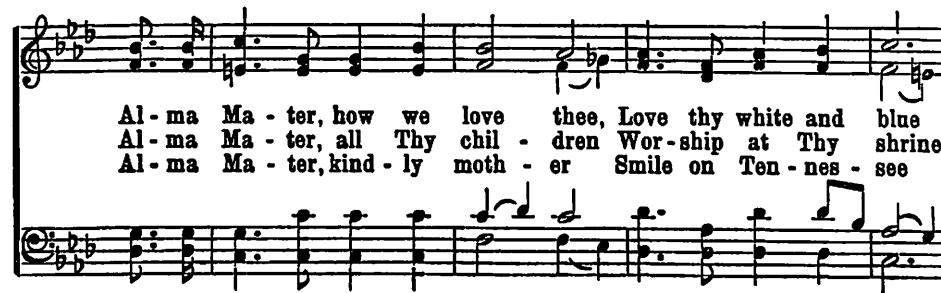
Clarence Hayden Wilson



1. In the land of gold - en sun - shine, By the Cumb'r - land's fer - tile shore.
2. Man - y come to Thee for know - ledge, Come from East, North, South and West.
3. Send forth sons both strong and val - iant, Send forth daughters wise and true.



Stands a school for great - est ser - vice One that we a - dore.
For they know that Thou dost of - fer Such a rich be - quest.
Filled with hope and daunt - less cour - age Mo - tives sane and true.



Al - ma Ma - ter, how we love thee, Love thy white and blue
Al - ma Ma - ter, all Thy chil - dren Wor - ship at Thy shrine;
Al - ma Ma - ter, kind - ly moth - er Smile on Ten - nes - see



May we strive to meet Thy man - dates With faith that's true.
May the God of na - tions bless thee With gifts di - vine.
May she lift her head toward heav - en Honor Country, God and Thee.

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