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Manufacturing Chair enstated

From Staff Reports

The Robert E. and Georgianna West Russell Chair of Manufacturing Excellence, MTSU's fourth chair of excellence, was formally announced Monday.

The announcement was made at the formal acceptance by Chancellor Thomas Garland for the State Board of Regents.

"All of Tennessee can meet the future head on with the help of people like the Russells," Garland said.

"Tennessee stands in the midst of the greatest economic opportunities in the state's history...We are very much aware of the role Robert [Russell] has played in Tennessee's economic boom," Bill Stair, assistant for policy to Governor Ned McWherter, said.

"It is my hope the Russell Chair will develop and

Please see Chair page 4

The Right to Vote is Our Power to Change Our World.

— Approximately 50 percent of the 18-24 age group voted when the national voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 in 1972. The percentage dropped as low as 39 percent in 1980.

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Sidelines agrees with these opinions and facts which came to our office from the National Student Conference on Voter Participation in Washington, D.C.



Helen Comer • Staff

This Pontiac Motors balloon was the only hot air balloon to go up in Saturday's "Hot Air Balloon Extravaganza" held at Outlets Limited Mall. See related photo page on page 12.

Debate to feature apartheid views

*By DEANNA KALAS
Staff Writer*

Two native South Africans with opposing viewpoints on apartheid will be featured in a debate Thursday night.

Mark Mathabane and Stuart Pringle will discuss the discrimination between human beings and the conflict between blacks and whites in South Africa.

Mathabane spent the first 18 years of his life in a one-square-mile black ghetto in the suburbs of Johannesburg. He is the author of the best-seller *KAFFIR BOY: THE TRUE STORY OF A BLACK YOUTH'S COMING OF AGE IN APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA*.

Kaffir Boy is the story of a South African black family's deprivation and humiliation living in the midst of strict racial segregation and of Mathabane's going against the odds to win a tennis scholarship to an American university.

"Without an education, you will always believe, or be inclined to believe, what other people say you are," Mathabane said.

In 1987, his book won the Christopher Award for asserting the highest honor in Germany, Sweden, France, Denmark, Norway and all the Commonwealth countries.

Pringle is a 13th generation South African. His ancestor, Thomas Pringle, became the father of the free press in the country.

Pringle joined the South African Broadcasting Corporation in 1974, in order to report and document his concern about race segregation in the country. He made repeated proposals to the SABC to use television to ease racial tensions.

His proposals were ignored and additional work of his was banned from national broadcasting.

For the past 10 years, Pringle has been in exile, living all over the world and studying social evolution. For five years, he has traveled to Turkey, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan and Thailand.

In 1980, he worked in a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand.

Pringle said he feels that "each great house of man must have the opportunity to experience a pride in its own flowering before true harmony can come to our home planet."

MTSU's Ideas and Issues Committee is presenting the discussion, free and open to the public, at 8 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center.

Stop the presses?

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, such as a power surge in the typesetter, *Sidelines* was unable to print Sunday night. As you can see, the repairman came in yesterday and fixed the machine. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you, the reader.

Students attend AIDS seminar focused on black community

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

"AIDS-As It Relates to the Black Community" was the key topic covered in a conference in Nashville last week attended by eight MTSU students and the director of minority affairs.

"There is a need to inform and educate the black community concerning the AIDS epidemic," Ted White, director of minority affairs, said.

"There is much public information about AIDS, many times not being distributed to the black community," White said. "This convention helped to put together culturally sensitive AIDS literature attractive to the black community."

The conference, sponsored by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, was open to delegations from schools statewide.

The conference was planned because "the state believed through education, student leaders across the state could disseminate information throughout the

black community," White said.

Thomas Woolridge, a doctor with the department of mental health and mental retardation, spoke at the convention giving data concerning AIDS, concentrating on the black community.

According to White, Woolridge said that black females have a 13 to 1 chance of contracting the AIDS virus compared to white females. Woolridge also said a black child has a 15 to 1 chance of getting AIDS before a white child would.

"There are lots of misconceptions concerning AIDS and how it is spread, and Woolridge went into detail about how it is really spread," White said.

One misconception that White said Woolridge quickly denounced is that most reported cases of AIDS are in Africa.

At the World Conference on AIDS, every country sent reports on the numbers of reported cases. When the numbers were

put together, over 75 percent of the cases reported were in the United States, White said.

Rossi Turner, coordinator of the AIDS Outreach Program with the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, conducted a seminar statewide on each campus.

Each student who showed interest in the seminar at MTSU was invited to attend the conference in Nashville.

MTSU sent the largest delegation in the state.

Over \$2 million unavailable for Mass comm renovation

By SEAN STEPHENSON
Assistant News Editor

MTSU was denied approximately \$2.5 million for improvements within the Mass Communications department, according to President Sam Ingram.

"Three years ago, John Bragg [the Democratic representative to the Tennessee House] and I asked the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to grant us \$4.7 million for state of the art equipment for the future Mass Communications building," Ingram said.

"Two years ago when we went back before the commission to check on the money, we found out we were not high enough on the legislature's list," Ingram said.

"Last year, the commission granted us approximately \$2.6 million for the Mass Comm up-grade," Ingram said. "But since then, the amount of money needed for equipment has increased."

"After the increase, Bragg and I went to the commission Friday and

asked for the increased amount, but they turned us down," Ingram added.

The commission said they will continue to refuse funds until Ingram spends the \$8.5 million he has in reserves.

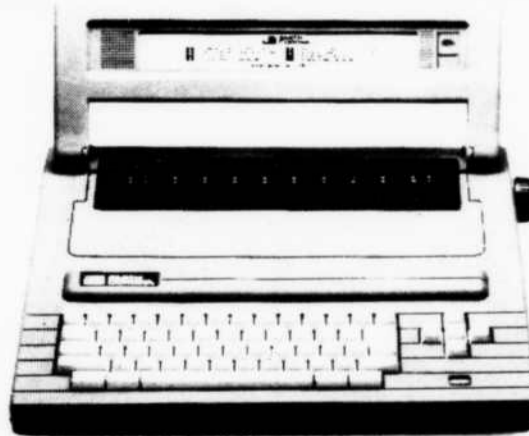
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Murfreesboro mini-con successful: president

By SEAN STEPHENSON
Assistant News Editor

Saturday's Murfreesboro Mini-Convention, sponsored by MTSU and Gamma Psi Phi, the science fiction and fantasy club of MTSU, was a success, according to Rod Willis,

Gamma Psi Phi's newsletter editor.

"Over 80 persons showed for our first convention," Willis said. "Even though we expected around 100 people, the turn-out was really good. Most people seemed to be really enjoy-

ing themselves.

"There were 10 dealers from around the Middle Tennessee area displaying and selling various items of interest to comic and fantasy fans. Items ranged from comic books and gaming items to swords and chainmail," he said.

"The art show was a success, thanks to a surprise guest," Willis also said. "Joe Phillips, the penciller from the comic book *Speed Racer* showed up and displayed some of his original art work. Phillips attracted a large crowd."

"The gaming room, run by Billy Harper, an MTSU student, had a very good turn-out," Willis said. "They played *Robo Tech*, and from the noise level, they seemed to have been having a really good time."

"As you already knew, we had Martin Powell as our special guest." Powell is the writer of *The Verdict*, the *Scarlett and Gaslight* mini-series and the soon to be released *Frankenstein*, all from Eternity comics.

"All of the panels had a good crowd, though not as large as expected," Willis said. "Martin Powell's panel even lasted longer than expected with topics ranging from Golden Age comic



Helen Comer-Staff

A wide variety of comics and comic materials were displayed and sold at the Mini-Con. Part of the Great Escape's display is pictured above.



Comics collector Tom Boughan looks through a box of comics during the Mini-Con. Boughan has been collecting since the mid-60's and has a collection of over 1,000 comics.

Chair from page 1

prosper. It is my hope that someday the chair will thrive as a symbol of what the government and the university together can do for Tennessee," Stair said.

The Russell Chair of Excellence will provide a person with expertise in important emerging manufacturing concepts to MTSU.

The chairholder will return to private industry after completing a limited term. A new chairholder will then be found.

Russell, a 1956 MTSU alumnus with a degree in industrial arts, is a LaVergne industrialist.

He founded Quality Industries, Inc., in 1966.

"We had three part-time employees and old house. Things were meager," Russell said.

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"What I hope to accomplish with this chair is to build a bridge between the practical work place and the academic world," he said.

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Student magazine Collage out today

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

MTSU's student magazine, *Collage*, will be available on Election Day this semester and will display art, photography, short stories and poetry submitted by students.

As a feature article, there will be an interview with Senator Albert Gore, Jr.

"Collage has a special section covering the political process which is different from anything done in a long time," Jacqueline Solomon, student publications coordinator, said.

"We wanted to give something else to the magazine to make people pick it up," Rebecca Powell, Collage editor, said.

"We are trying to show people that we [MTSU] are not apathetic. We have opinions and ideas and Collage is the perfect forum to express that.

"We didn't take anything away from Collage. I think what we added will get more people involved," she said.

"This year's staff did a great job in organizing and getting the book out early," Solomon said. "And the artists and writers featured are phenomenal."

"My only regret is that we could not publish more work," Solomon said.

"I want to thank the art students for their involvement. I also want to encourage photography students to become more involved in Collage."

"I had the best staff for the magazine," Powell said. "Their willingness to work and work together was great."

The staff of Collage will also be conducting a special night to honor the artists, writers and photographers featured in this semester's issue of Collage. "COLLAGE: IN PERSON" will be on Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

"The goal is to get more recognition for the artists, writers and photographers and to get the campus as a whole more involved with the magazine," Powell said.

Copies of Collage will be available in Peck Hall, the Art Barn, Bragg Graphic Arts Building, Keathley University Center and the James Union Building.

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The Society for Creative Anachronism meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Patterson Community center. For more information, contact Kelley Hale at 896-9356.

The Association of Non-Traditional Students will have a business meeting at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 17, Room 313 KUC. At 7:30 p.m., guest speaker Dr. Caroline Hopper will speak on study skills and preparation for final exams. All are welcome.

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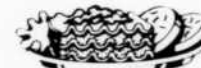
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EDITORIAL

'Dukakis Republican' worried

By JIM MITCHELL
Staff Columnist

Several weeks ago, I was speaking to a young college student about the upcoming presidential election. As a "Dukakis Republican," I mentioned that I felt as Americans we have lost several personal freedoms during the past eight years. What she said made me feel uneasy. Her words: "Did you stop and think that maybe we don't need so many freedoms?" Scary, huh!

As an older college student and former journalist, I have observed a peculiar mindset among many of the young MTSU college Republicans concerning their choice for president this election year.

Most of these students were in grade school or junior high when the Reagan/Bush administration took over. All they have ever known is a Republican president. Their understanding of politics is not one of issues or past records, but of how "one looks" or how "fashionable one is."

What I'm seeing is something I experienced for eight years as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army. You're brain-washed!!

As a soldier many of my basic decisions were taken away from me. I was told when to eat, when to sleep, how to do this and how to do that. I lived this way because everyone else I was associated with lived this way. Heaven help the man or woman who thought any different.

As young adults, a high number of you from well-to-do Republican families, have been "force-fed" Reagan-Bush doctrine by your parents. The tradition of, "By God, grandfather was a Republican, father was a Republican, and I'm a Republican," dictates how you will make your decision. You ban together in fraternities, sororities, religious groups and other organizations to hear the same thing. You dress

alike, you look alike, you even say the same things. Heaven help the man or woman who thinks any different.

Instead of analyzing the issues and true past records by reading and informing yourselves, you've decided to vote Republican based on 30-second sound bites, because your family and friends tell you to vote Republican or because it's fashionable to associate yourselves with something rich. There is nothing wrong with being rich, as long as you have a social conscience to go with it.

At the beginning of the Republican administration, President Reagan created something called "trickle down." The idea was if the rich were given tax breaks, the private

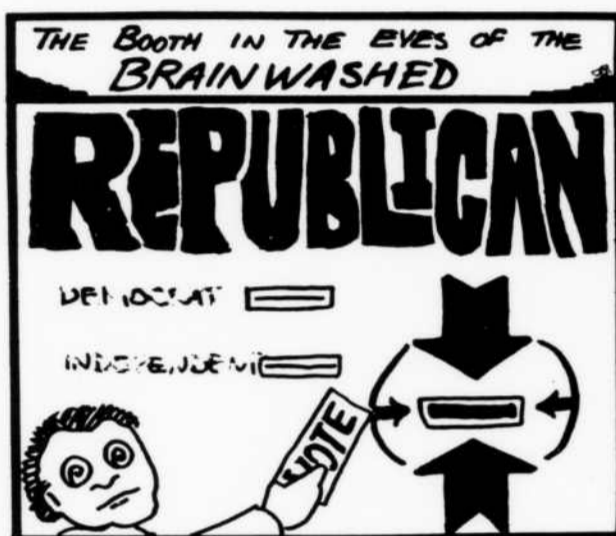
sector, would take care of the poor. Guess what, folks? Your well-to-do parents failed in their responsibilities. Instead they decided to buy that second BMW (a boost to the German economy) or take that vacation in Jamaica. Now the Republicans are saying, "Oh well, not our fault."

After eight Republican years we have approximately 3million homeless "Fellow Americans." I ask you, isn't there something fundamentally wrong about a Presidential administration that advocates spending billions of dollars on high-tech weapons that don't work while Americans are dying of disease, malnutrition, and ignorance. Ronald Reagan and George Bush say there are no "homeless." I just wish they would open their eyes, step out of their ivory tower and visit these "Americans."

Many of you have never seen these people because of your "ivory towers." These people live all over our country, some just down the road. They're not people just waiting to rip off the welfare system, they're people who just want a chance to improve their quality of life. Many of you will say, "Open the classified page, there are plenty of jobs."

As a future potential employer, are you going to hire a man or woman who has no place to live, no phone, or no transportation? Do you see the problems they face? Christians, wasn't it the policy of Jesus Christ to take care of the poor instead of building weapons? I'm not saying that Michael Dukakis has all of the answers, but the policies that Ronald Reagan and George Bush advocate are not working. I think it's time for change.

Unfortunately, it seems this system of Republican government is about to be given another four years of approval under the guise of patriotism and traditional values. Which just goes to show you, "You can fool most of the people all of the time."



Students voice opinion today's national election



"The campaign has been too 'down and dirty.' They've concentrated more on image than issues and both sides have been a little unfair. I'm voting for Dukakis because I vote for the Democratic Party most of the time."

Lindsay Gunter, 25
History major



"I think Bush will win in a landslide. He represents the beliefs of the country at this time. I feel Bush is more qualified because he has been vice president."

Ken Snell, 21
Public relations major



"I think both of them are putting each other down instead of talking about the positive things they can do for the country. Both candidates have done bad things in the past, but they should be telling us what they will do in the future instead of what the other one has done in the past. I'm voting for Dukakis and plan to vote Democratic down the line."

Reggie Johnson, 20
Criminal justice major



"The personal aspects of the candidates have been emphasized more than the issues. I think the things about Quayle and the others are funny, but it's not relevant. I'm voting for Dukakis because I believe that the Democrats work for the working people and the Republicans are money-hungry."

Pam VanDyck, 19
Pre-law major



"Compared to other campaigns, this has been a fair one. That's still not saying much. I'm voting for Dukakis since I have always voted Democratic. I absolutely think we'll win."

Carol Perkins, 24
Radio-TV Production major



"I'm voting for Bush. Things are fine as they are and I don't see why we should change. I don't believe it would be a terrible thing if Dukakis was elected, but I'd rather see Bush become president."

Bryan Bookhart, 19
Pre-engineering major

Letter to the Editor

Bush column 'blather'

To the Editor:

You can't imagine how relieved I was to see that the reading public was spared from Doug Stults' "editorial" drivel in the Nov. 3 *Sidelines*.

There have been several times when I've felt compelled to reply to some absurd rambling of his but then refrained because in the words of someone wiser than myself, "when you argue with a fool no one will no the difference." I respect Mr. Stults' right to express his opinion on gun control or George Bush's ability (or lack of it) to run the country, but his method disturbs me.

The polls indicate that most of us are quite tired of the tactics used by the candidates in this presidential campaign, so we don't need to be subjected to more of the same in Stults' editorials. I fail to see how Dan Quayle's choice of a marriage partner (Oct. 31)

would be a legitimate issue in determining whether or not someone should vote for Mr. Bush. I certainly can't believe that the *Sidelines* views this irresponsible blather as a reflection of its policy and political attitudes. (I assume that since he is Editorial Editor Stults' editorials are intended to reflect the policies and attitudes of *Sidelines*.)

As stated in a previous edition, the editorial page is supposed to be a public forum for relevant issues affecting the MTSU community. I don't see how acting as a sounding board for Stults' egotistical screeds serves this purpose. It seems to me that Stults' psychotic raving are guided not by any sense of fairness or accuracy, but by the question "How can I sound like P.J. O'Rourke?"

This form over function attitude of Stults' does nothing to enhance the *Sidelines*' credibility as a legitimate, journalistically

responsible publication; it would be more appropriate for the Letterman show. Stults' discourses are not cute, clever or funny and I speak for a lot of people when I say I wish he would grow up and write something of actual substance. If he can't handle that, he should give up and get a job in a factory.

Sincerely,

Mike Broerman
Box 7729

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By **DARRELL IVIE**
Guest Columnist

One of the greatest problems America has today is the lack of voter participation on election days.

As a result, special interest groups are getting their candidates into an office of government. In return, the candidates are not interested in representing the whole public, just the special interest groups.

The general population's failure to vote clearly indicates a lack of interest in how our government leaders represent us.

An incentive is required to get more people to vote. For example, the government could award a new automobile to a lucky voter.

People are busy today, and voting is often viewed as a time-consuming expression. Many people feel there is no personal gain in voting. To them, it's just a waste of time.

This "what's-in-it-for-me" attitude was demonstrated in the elections held in this county on last August 6. Only 21 percent of those registered turned out to vote, according to Amy Williams, registrar of the Rutherford County Election Commission.

In the 1986 election, there were 46,658 registered voters in Rutherford County. Yet only 22,235 voters turned out to vote in that election, according to county records.

Also, even in national elections, only a little more than 50 percent of the registered voters in the U.S. make their way to the polls.

In a poll I conducted at a local business, James Block and Brick, 10 of the 14 workers who answered the poll would be more likely to vote if the possibility of winning an automobile existed. The remainder that voted "no" were already registered and voted in the recent elections.

The possibility of winning a new automobile by just turning out to vote would bring a feeling of personal gain closer to home and increase the turnout.

Awarding a prize to a voter would be a "simple matter," according to Williams. Upon entering the voting booth, a voter must first have his or her name checked against a

"poll list" of registered voters. These names are put into a computer to confirm if a registered voter actually voted. If a prize was to be offered, the computer could then run a list of actual voters from which one could be randomly drawn.

Some may question the cost of such a program. But car dealerships would probably be willing to accept some of the costs in return for advertisements. Radio stations, which cover the elections locally, could also carry the promotion as a news-interest item.

In addition, the county already spends in excess of \$4,000 on newspaper notices for each election in notifying the public of "where," "when," and "how" the election is taking place, Williams says. It would be simple to add a "prize notice" to such advertisements.

Political parties have been aware of the lack of voter turnout for years. The Democratic Party, for instance, spends thousands of dollars in which "65 to 75 percent" goes to "phone banks" and "media" designed to get people to register to vote, according to Kent Syler, Administrative Assistant to Rep. Bart Gordon.

But politicians and their parties are usually held in suspect of "soliciting votes" when they encourage voter turnout, Syler adds.

If all political parties concerned donated a specified amount of money to the cost of a car, however, they might be less suspect.

The awarding of a new automobile to a voter is a solution to the "lack of voter turnout" problem. And although some may compare the solution to a sweepstakes or lottery or say that it does not solve the unwillingness of voters to understand the issues behind an election, it is still a simple and effective way of increasing voter turnout.

Vote in prez race

By **DAVID ROBINSON**

Presbyterian Student Fellowship Campus Pastor

According to the October 31 issue of *Newsweek*, "the electorate is fed up with this year's presidential campaign and the candidates." The *Newsweek* poll (and who isn't sick of the 'polls') reveal that two-thirds would prefer to vote for someone besides Bush or Dukakis.

Though I am certainly no political analyst, I see several dangerous trends in American politics on the national and local levels:

An Either/Or Labeling Mentality: There has been a very effective device used in this campaign, that of "labeling." There are many varieties of conservatives and liberals. But many uncritical voters would prefer others to do the thinking for them. The blind acceptance of simplistic labels happens the world around, fueling the fires of racism, violence, hatred and a host of other human problems.

TV and Media Age Politics: Thanks to the media age, it is next to impossible to get elected to the Oval Office without catering to the camera. One political analyst, after the second debate, thought Bush won because he "looked more presidential." Tell me, what does a president look like? Taft, weighing in close to 300 pounds, would not have stood a chance in today's campaign.

Apathy: I've heard several students tell me, "I'm not going to vote." Yes, in a free society, we all have the right not to vote. But at what price? Over half of the world's population has no voice in the public arena. Meanwhile, we stay home from the voting booths taking for granted those basic human rights, simply because we don't like either of the candidates. This is folly.

And voting is the easy part. The Bible challenges us to be actively involved in the public arena, to submit to the governing authorities and to pray for those who are in authority. (See Romans 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:1,2.)

Regardless of who enters the Oval Office in January, God calls us out of our apathy, into active, creative involvement in our country and the world. And a great place to start is on your knees.


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SPORTS

Austin Peay stuns TSU;
records first OVC win

CLARKSVILLE (AP) — Jason Jackson returned a blocked punt 24 yards for a touchdown and Larry Scott ran 3 yards for another score as Austin Peay held off Tennessee State 16-12 in an Ohio Valley Conference game Saturday.

The victory was Austin Peay's first win since it defeated Kentucky State in the season opener.

The Gobs are now 2-7, 1-3 in the OVC, while the Tigers fall to 3-6-1 overall and 2-4 in the conference after the teams' first meeting ever.

Austin Peay scored all its points in the second and third quarters, leading 3-0 at the half on Tom McMillan's 42-yard field goal. The Governors increased their lead to 10-0 when Jackson returned a block punt 24 yards for the touchdown, followed by an extra point kicked in by McMillan.

Scott added his scoring run later in the quarter.

Tennessee State attempted a comeback in the final quarter, scoring on a 6-yard run by Tim Cross, but failed on a two-point conversion attempt when quarterback Ben Brown slipped on the wet grass while attempting the conversion.

The Tigers scored again when Steve Studdard scored on a 15-yard pass from Brown, but Tennessee State again failed on its conversion attempt.

Morehead

State.....20

Tennessee Tech.....3

COOKEVILLE (AP) — Chris Swartz passed for 244 yards and one touchdown Saturday to lead Morehead State to a 20-3 victory over Tennessee Tech in OVC action.

The victory allowed Morehead State to improve to 3-7 overall and 2-3 in the OVC, while Tennessee Tech fell to 1-8 and 1-3.

After a scoreless first quarter, Monty McIntyre got Morehead State started when he returned a Tech punt 77 yards for a touchdown with 12:43 remaining in the opening half.



•Special

Blue Raider quarterback Marvin Collier looks over the troops while turning in his finest performance against the Colonels completing 15 of 26 passes for 187 yards.

Blue Raiders fall

27-14 loss damages championship hopes

From Staff Reports

RICHMOND, Ky. — Eastern Kentucky clinched a share of the OVC championship with a convincing 27-14 thrashing of MTSU Saturday night, putting them in the OVC driver's seat with a 5-0 conference mark.

MTSU fell to 6-3 overall and 3-1 in the OVC, while the Colonels improved to 7-2 overall with only two games remaining for both teams.

Eastern will close out their conference slate at home against Morehead State in two weeks, after stepping out of league play to host Central Florida next weekend.

"We've got the conference title closed up, EKV defensive tackle Bernard Rhodes said. "I can say that. If Morehead State comes in here and beats us I'll have to eat my shoe."

MTSU has two conference games remaining. The Blue Raiders will travel to Murray State next weekend and close out the regular season at home against rival Tennessee Tech in two weeks.

The Blue Raiders must win both remaining games to have an outside shot at an at-large bid into the Division I-AA national championship playoffs.

"We are not thinking playoffs right now, we are only worried about getting things worked out and going to Murray next week," MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly said.

The Blue Raiders entered the game with the nation's top defense, but one would have had a tough time believing it after watching Colonel tailback Elroy Harris slice through the MTSU defensive line and secondary at will.

Harris, the nation's top rusher in Division I-AA, carried 27 times for 170 yards and two touchdowns. His performance gave him 1,219 yards on the season.

Teammate Tim Lester had equally impressive numbers on the ground, rushed 25 times for 134 yards and a touchdown.

While MTSU brought the nation's toughest defense to Richmond, the Colonels had the second best defense in

the OVC, second only to the Blue Raiders.

However, on a wet, cold and windy evening, it was the Eastern Kentucky defense that was far more impressive, limiting the Blue Raiders to only 84 yards on the ground.

MTSU freshman tailback Joe Campbell carried the ball only six times, for 60 yards. Campbell had three carries in each half.

Blue Raider quarterback Marvin Collier turned in his finest performance of the season, completing 15-of-26 passes for 187 yards and threw for one touchdown.

Eastern rolled up 372 yards on the ground, against an MTSU team which had allowed only 134 yards per game coming into the conference showdown.

"We just got whipped, offensively and defensively, by a better football team," Donnelly said. "A much better football team."

Eastern struck early in the game, taking their first possession and driving 54 yards in five plays to get their first touchdown.

Harris accounted for most of the yards on the drive with runs of 26 and 15 yards to put the Colonels in scoring position.

On their next possession Eastern Kentucky recorded the same results, about as easily, with Lester doing the damage.

Harris and Lester rushed the ball eight times, going 65 yards for the score. Lester ran in from 16-yards out to put the Colonels on top 14-0.

The Blue Raiders pulled to within 14-7 when Brad Cowan blocked an EKV punt with 4:20 remaining in the second quarter, and Marty Euverard pounced on the ball in the end zone for the score.

It was as close as MTSU would come. Their only other score came late in the game when Collier found a wide open Vince Parks in the back of the end zone for the Raider score.



•Special

Coach Boots Donnelly can only hope for an at-large bid into the Division I-AA championship playoffs.

New member added to team

By ANNE CLAIBORNE
Special to Sidelines

Babies and football are similar in a funny kind of way.

Both take months to mature, are supported by a group of people and require a lot of time.

No one knows this any better than MTSU senior Don Thomas.

Don, MTSU linebacker, and wife, Linda, added to the Thomas roster a daughter, Morgan Lindsey, on Oct. 5 and have found that both Morgan and football require a lot of the same things — patience, drive and time.

Thomas, a native of Flintville, Tn., is living with Linda and Morgan in married student housing and they're coping as best they can.

"Linda gets up when she cries in the middle of the night to feed her so I can rest before games," said Thomas. "I take care of her in between classes and practice, and when I get home, we share."

Thomas' schedule is a hectic one, but he seems to always find time for daddy's little girl.

"When I get home from class, I take a nap, and Morgan lays right next to me," Thomas said. "But if she's not tired, we'll find something else to do."

His wife Linda agrees that Don is a busy man but is quick to point out that he is always there when she needs him.

"I was afraid that I would be at a ballgame or Don would be at practice when she decided to come into the world," Linda explained. "Thank God Don was around when she was born. He stayed calm and helped me right through it."

But Thomas isn't the only one helping someone in the family. Little Morgan has helped her daddy grow in more ways than one.

"He changes her diapers, and he said he'd never do that," Linda laughed. "He helps feed her and bathe her too. In fact, Don's the only person I trust her with. He's a good daddy."

Thomas feels like his daughter has helped him on the field as well as at home.

"I feel like the baby has helped me to mature on the field and in the classroom setting."

have more self-discipline than I had before and that helps in football. My record this year shows that I've improved, and I think getting married and having a child gave me that maturity and self-discipline to make me a better player."

Thomas, a pre-season All-OVC pick, hopes to graduate in spring and get

a job coaching on the high school level. Linda lacks only two semesters and a semester of student teaching before she receives her diploma, but she has taken a break from school to take care of Morgan.

Linda admits it's not always easy running around like Don does, but sometimes it's the little things

that help them both make it through tough times.

"Sometimes you think you are going to run out of steam," Linda said, as she looks at the little baby asleep in her arms. "But somehow you find the energy through little things."

Proud papa Thomas has found that energy in Morgan.



Helen Comer/Staff

MTSU senior linebacker, Don Thomas, and wife Linda, show off the newest member to the Raider family Morgan Lindsey.

Lady Raider's strive; Record to be broken

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raider's Basketball Team will attempt to break the all-time OVC attendance record for a women's basketball game Dec. 3 during the Shoney's Classic.

MTSU will host Clemson, Florida and Mississippi College in the Shoney's sponsored tournament.

The attendance record, set at Tennessee Tech on Jan. 6, 1986, against the Lady Raiders, stands at 4,746.

Tickets for this tourna-

ment are \$4 per person, \$2 for students. One ticket will be good for both nights.

The group that buys the most tickets before noon on Thurs., Dec. 1, will win a keg of their favorite beverage at The 'Boro.

The 'Boro will be hosting a post-game party with a live band in conjunction with the tournament.

Student showing ticket stubs from the games will receive \$2 off admission at the 'Boro Sat. night.

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MTSU players pre-season All-OVC

By CECIL JOYCE
Sports Writer

Three MTSU players were picked on the pre-season All-OVC men's team and three Lady Raiders were picked to the women's team.

Guard Chris Rainey and Center Randy Henry were picked on the first-team, while Kerry Hammonds was picked to the honorable mention team for the Raiders.

Tawanya Mucker was picked to the first-team in the women's poll, while Randy Brown and Lianne Beck were named to the second team.

Henry, a senior, averaged 14 points a game last year, while pulling down over eight rebounds per contest. His best game last year was against Boston College when he scored 34 points.

He is expected to be an inside force for the Blue Raiders this season and is a very good clutch player.

Rainey, also a senior, averaged 16.6 points per game last year and proved to be one of the top 3-point shooters in the OVC, averaging 47 percent from the field three-land.

He also led the team in assists last year and is an excellent all-around athlete. He is expected to be MTSU's leading scorer this season.

Hammonds sat out last season due to an injury, but is expected to be a key figure in the Raider's quest for the OVC title this year.

He has a career average of 12 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per contest. He is expected to be an added force inside, whether as a starter or coming off the bench. He is also a good free throw shooter for a big man (over 70 percent).

Mucker, a senior center, led the Lady Raiders last year with a 23.1 ppg. average and 9.2 rebounds per game. She is also an All-American candidate.

She is an all-around

athlete and can play every part of the game very well. She is expected to be the prime force behind the Lady Raiders' quest for another OVC title.

Beck, a senior guard/forward who is also an academic All-American, led the team in assists, field goal percentage, and free-throw percentage last season.

She averaged 11.7 points per contest and had 128 assists on the year.

Brown, also a senior, was second on the team in scoring last year with a 15.7 ppg. average. She averaged more minutes per game than anyone on the squad last season and will get her share of playing time this year.

• In a related story, the OVC women are in danger of losing their automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

Jon Verner said the NCAA has already sent OVC Commissioner Jim Delaney two watch letters

and a warning letter stating that the NCAA will keep a watch on the progress of the OVC women's teams this season.

The reason for this is that

OVC women's teams have not fared well enough in post-season tournaments, prompting the NCAA to consider the option of taking away their bid.

"Our bid for 1988-89 is already secure, but our success in this year's tournament could determine our future in the NCAA bids," Verner said.

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LIFESTYLES



Phil Glebe, a 13-year professional balloonist, was the only one who attempted to hoist a balloon at Saturday's "Hot Air Balloon Extravaganza," held at Outlets Limited Mall. Four to ten people assisted Glebe in lifting the cameron Pontiac Motors balloon. The approaching storm cut the balloon ride short.

Weather hampers air extravaganza

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

What do you do when the weather just does not cooperate with you and your hot air balloon?

Well, if you're Mike Kirck, you go fly a kite.

Saturday afternoon at Outlets Limited Mall was originally billed as a "Hot Air Balloon Extravaganza." Sponsored by the mall and 103-KDF radio, the event was to showcase 35 hot air balloons in two separate races.

Well, Mother Nature just did not come through with a calm, sunny day. Instead, she tore through Murfreesboro with a thunderstorm accompanied by heavy winds that knocked out all hope for the balloon races.

These storms, however, did not stop a few faithful balloonists at the event, as they tried to give the crowd at the mall at least something to watch.

Phil Glebe, a professional balloon pilot from Brighton, Michigan, was the only one who attempted to put up his balloon in the

gusting winds between thunderstorms. On the first try, the balloon was inflated.

This did not last long as the approaching storm made Glebe and his helper take it down just as soon as it was up.

Mike Kirck, however, made the best of the stormy weather.

Kirck, a balloonist from Shelbyville, KY., passed the time by flying his "team kite." A team kite is made for flying in extremely windy conditions, and can travel up to 100 mph in the air.

Kirck explained that he flies his kite on days that it is too windy to fly the balloon. He added that the kite does not conduct electricity, so it can be flown in a thunderstorm.

Kirck said he and his friends take their kites out on the beach and play "follow the leader" with them. The kites are controlled by two cables made of kevlar, which enables them to fly even when tangled together.



Future balloonist?

Left: The only other alternative to ballooning — flying a kite. Right: Mike Kirck, from Shelbyville, Kentucky, flies his "team kite" into the gusty wind. These kites are especially equipped to fly in high winds, reaching speeds of 100 mph.

Photos by Helen Comer

Acrobats perform at Tucker

By DAVID DARK
Staff Writer

It was nothing less than amazing.

What was expected to be a fairly boring evening turned out to be a startling physical thriller. The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Magicians of Taipei, which performed at Tucker Theatre on Tuesday evening, left me dumbfounded.

As a student, I felt rather out of place. The audience consisted mostly of young children with their parents and a surprisingly large number of elderly people.

They were all "trigger-happy" in regard to their applause and eager to be pleased by the troupe. The crowd at Tucker Theatre was in for a treat.

The show opened with a quaint oriental setting. After establishing a mood of tranquility, five young men destroyed the peacefulness as they danced onto the stage. Above their heads they carried what an audience member near me called "that dragon thing."

Having seen this ritual performed on television a number of times, it was a lot of fun to see it in real life.

The excitement picked up as the performers used pottery in their act. One ac-

robat would take huge pieces of pottery and hurl them in the air. As they fell, he would catch them on various parts of his body. He then proceeded to spin the pottery above his head and shoulders in a manner similar to that of the Harlem Globetrotters.

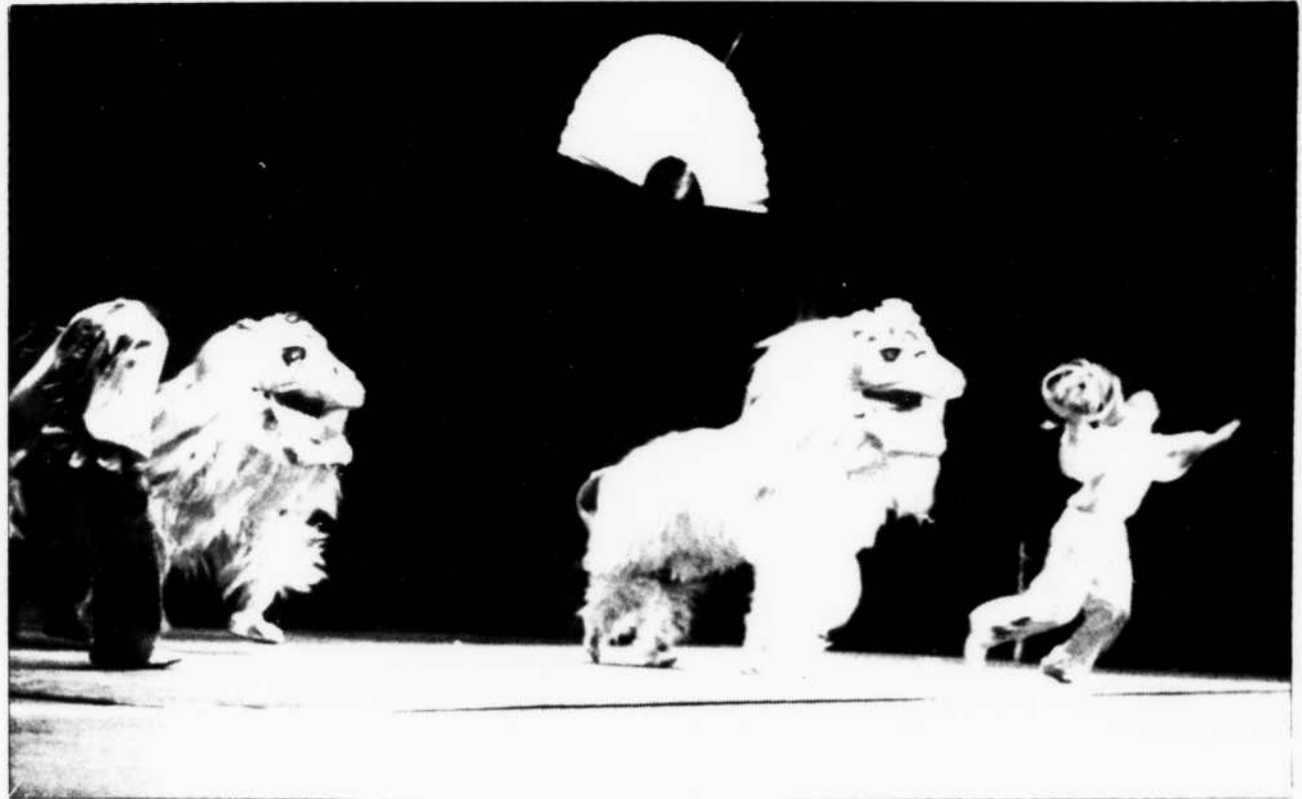
The next scene was entitled *Cycling Wizardry*, which proved to live up to its name.

The lead performer began riding a unicycle and then placed a knife in his mouth and balanced a sword on the end of it. He then threw oranges in the air and caught them on the knife. He then got a pellet gun and did some target practice on some small objects shooting behind his back.

The next scene was truly dangerous. It involved three hexagonal rings with daggers on the inside pointing inward. Four acrobats then leaped gracefully through the rings. As if this were not enough, the rings were then ignited, and the acrobats leaped undaunted through the fire.

This act hit a climax when one performer was blindfolded and jumped

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The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Magicians of Taipei

Helen Comer • Staff

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The MTSU Honors Lecture Series continues this Wednesday, November 9, in Peck Hall room 107. The topic this week is "The Use of Home Monitoring Devices," and will be given by Dr. Lance Selva, of the MTSU Criminal Justice Dept. The lecture is free and open to the public, and will begin at 3:30 p.m. The lecture is a part of a series called "Government as Big Brother," which will continue throughout the year.

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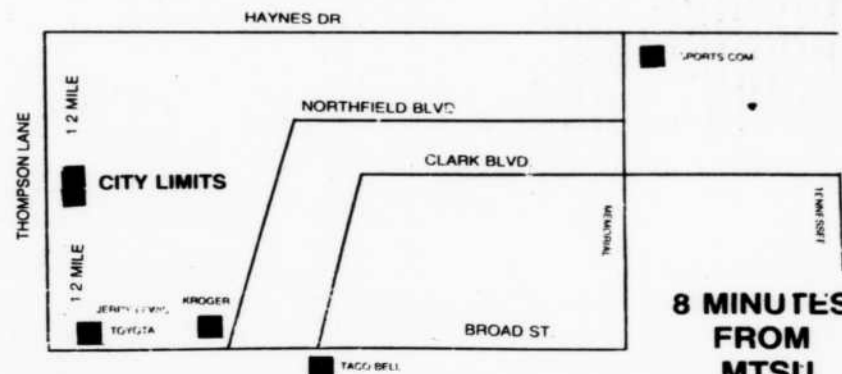
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BMI contest open to composers

From staff reports

All you budding composers out there, take note — the 37th annual Broadcast Music, Inc., (BMI) Awards to Student Composers competition is underway.

A total of \$15,000 in prize money will be awarded. The competition began in 1951 as a way to make young composers aware of concert music and to help their musical education with cash prizes for their work.

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The compositions submitted are considered by a preliminary panel before going to the final panel.

For official rules, contact Barbara A. Peterson, Director, BMI Awards to Student Composers, 320 W. 57th St. NY, NY, 10019.

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through the gauntlet of fire and daggers. This was a truly amazing portion of the show.

The excitement just kept building from there as the next scene involved four bottles being strategically placed on a table. A daring young acrobat placed a four-legged wooden chair on the bottles and performed a handstand. This earned a round of applause.

He then proceeded to place, one on top of the other, five more chairs on his ladder. Members of the audience shrieked as he stood inches away from the ceiling at Tucker Theatre.

As he performed a series of handstands, the audience became reluctant to applaud in fear of making him fall. While balanced on the fifth chair, he placed it at a ridiculous angle. One young woman in the audience pleaded aloud, "Get off there, you're crazy!"

As if to almost spite her, the young man then balanced his entire body with one hand on the stack of chairs. After the painstaking process of climbing down the stack of chairs, the acrobat received a standing ovation.

The next act involved a magician and eleven acrobats. The tricks were

well-performed and the feats were incredible. Highlights included a human jump-rope and seven people simultaneously riding a bicycle.

The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Magicians of Taipei are to be commended for an evening of fine entertainment.

The show was impressive, and was a perfect example of family entertainment. Although I felt out of place walking into Tucker Theatre, I left knowing I had seen a great show and wondering how many times I miss this sort of fine entertainment on campus.

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Quaid stars in football flick

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Two critically-acclaimed actors and one actress bring their talents to the silver screen in a new film which chronicles the life of a three friends.

Dennis Quaid, Timothy Hutton and Jessica Lange come together to star in *Everybody's All-American*, a new film released by Warner Brothers.

Everybody's All-American spans the lifetime of three close friends from the mid-1950's to the 1980's.

Quaid stars as running back Gavin Grey, known as "The Grey Ghost." Gavin, the All-American from Louisiana, has a girlfriend named Babs Rogers, played

by Jessica Lange.

Rogers has been crowned "Magnolia Queen," and together, Gavin and Rogers are the "perfect couple."

Hutton plays Gavin's nephew, Donnie, whose biggest wish in life is to be accepted by this popular couple. His longing for acceptance turns into an obsession which will last for the next 25 years.

Gavin and Rogers are married, and the football jock and the southern belle promise to make "the perfect marriage." Rogers keeps her traditional belle image and stays at home while Gavin's promising professional football career begins to take flight.

Gavin's football career soon fades, however, as the athletic prowess and skill that made him "The Grey Ghost" leave him.

He continues to battle, however, in the rough-and-tumble world of professional football of the 1960's and 70's. He refuses to face the truth until his physical skills fail him and he is forced into a sudden retirement.

As Gavin's star is falling, Babs discovers an inner-strength she never knew she had. She takes on the task of supporting a family and going out on her own and getting a job in the competitive business world.

Far from the southern belle image from the 1950's, the 1980 Rogers is forced to be an independent woman as the only thing remaining of the legendary "Grey Ghost" are long-lost memories.

A 1981 college reunion provides the stage for the climactic scene of the play, as the three relive memories and share remembrances of the last 25 years of their relationship.

The idea of *Everybody's All-American* was actually born six years ago when screenwriter Tom Rickman adapted the screenplay from a Frank Deford novel. Deford is well-known for his sports commentary in *Sports Illustrated* and on NBC Sports.

In 1987, after several writes and re-writes, the project was named "one of the ten best unproduced screenplays of all time" by "American Film."

Taylor Hackford produced and directed the film, and is well-known for his work on such films as *An Officer and a Gentleman*, and *Against All Odds*. Hackford was very pleased with the way that Rickford presents the characters.

"One of the chief elements that attracted me was the way Rickman truly loved these characters," Hackford said. "He celebrates them, shows you their flaws, as well as their triumphs, and lets you intimately see their tragedy."

Rickman said that many people will know the characters in the film. "A lot of people will recognize figures they know in this film, familiar family members who have sustained long marriages through many difficulties," Rickford said. "This is predominately a love story, but we didn't want it to be sugar-coated."

The producers placed special emphasis on the filming of the football game scenes in *Everybody's All-American*. Some scenes were filmed in regular 35mm, while some were filmed in the gritty 16mm to bring a different feel to the scene. There is also actual NFL footage included of the Denver Broncos for added realism.



Gavin "The Grey Ghost" Grey is carried triumphantly by his teammates after winning the 1956 Louisiana Sugar Bowl game in "Everybody's All-American."

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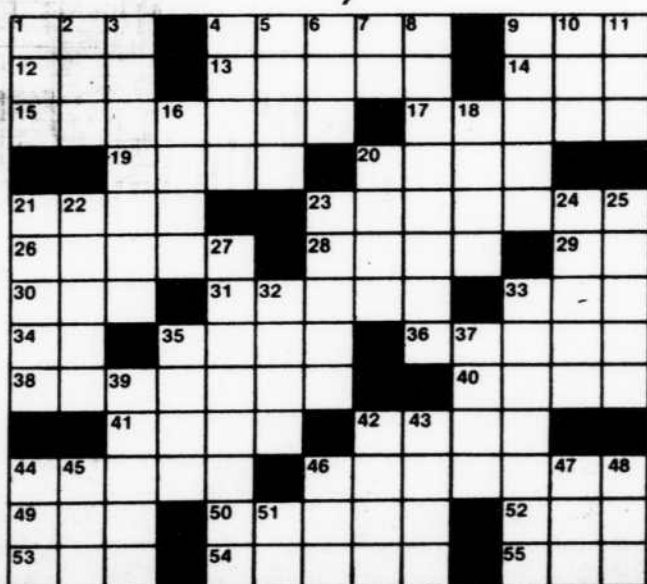
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ACROSS

1. Bones maker
4. Make happy
9. Smart
12. Make a mistake
13. Those poisoned with locoweed
14. Born
15. Over 12 and under 20
17. Habit
19. Walking stick
20. Taver
21. Against
23. Embroidered design
26. Screwdrivers, for example
28. Braid
29. Concerning
30. Rocks on top of hill
31. Throw out
33. Dry, as in wine
34. Equals
35. Spit (p.t.)
36. Put in office
38. Let go
40. Inside
41. 43,560 sq. feet
42. Loch
44. Claus
46. Arrest
49. Bow, curve
50. Edges
52. Fish eggs
53. Prepare golf ball
54. Rub out
55. Deviate from course

DOWN

1. Wager
2. Before (poetic)
3. Building set
4. Dash
5. Theater box
6. High card
7. Near
8. Calculate
9. Growl
10. Hawaiian garland
11. A this time
16. Pointed piece of metal
18. Receipt (abbr.)
20. Powder
21. Fragrant oil
22. Rope
23. Malignant ill will
24. Build
25. Right-hand page of book
27. Cut away from
32. Flower receptacle
33. Pertaining to the senses
35. Religious body
37. Itemize
39. Thrusting weapon
42. Numbers (abbr.)
43. Feminine suffix
44. Day of week (abbr.)
45. Is (p.t.)
46. Government spy (abbr.)
47. Not alive upon arrival (abbr.)
48. Evergreen tree
51. Railroad (abbr.)

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