

# SIDELINES

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**CHECKING OUT THE CANDIDATES?:** Two students look over the nominees for Homecoming Queen. Elections were held Wednesday to elect Homecoming Queen, decide whether MTSU undergo a name change and to decide upon the Grill's smoking policy.

## Fraternities see record high number of rushees

*210 pledge compared to 124 in 1990*

**GREG ADKINS**  
Editor

University officials cannot explain why almost twice as many students pledged in this fall's fraternity rush than did in the 1990 rush.

Rushees pledging numbered 210, compared with 124 in 1990, said Dean of Students Paul Cantrell. Rush was held Sept. 16 to 26.

About 250 people received rush packets, and 335 bids were offered by fraternities, Cantrell said. The numbers are unequal because some students received more than one bid.

"I wish I knew why it

happened," Cantrell said. "We haven't done any survey research yet."

In the past five years the number of pledges has consistently stayed between 125 and 150, Cantrell said.

"Fraternities' commitment to non-hazing practices has got to be a big factor," Cantrell said.

MTSU's numbers are not concurrent with national numbers, Cantrell said. Most other universities are experiencing a lower number of pledges.

"National declines are the trend now because fraternities are kind of unpopular," Associate Dean of Students David Hays

said. "MTSU's numbers were a pleasant surprise."

The increase in MTSU's overall enrollment could have something to do with the rise in fraternity membership, Hays said.

"It [the increase] probably happened because the rush was held later in the fall," Interfraternity Council Vice President Steven Patterson said. "Freshmen had longer to find out about the Greek organizations."

Sorority pledge numbers were not as good as fraternity numbers, Patterson said.

"I'm hoping next year's will be just as big as this year's," Patterson said.

## WNAR readies for broadcast

**SAM GANNON**  
News Editor

Now that WNAR (We Need A Radio) has been recognized as a campus organization, it is getting prepared for the next semester.

WNAR will begin interviewing soon for radio positions in technical areas and radio personalities. A 15-member staff is eventually needed.

"We want their name, the type of music they like and their experience they have," said Reza Bakhtar, president of WNAR.

The station will soon occupy a room at the Learning Resource Center adjacent to WMOT, said Dr. Elliot Pood, R-TV department head.

After the move the group hopes to begin working on its professionalism by making some tapes.

The group has been getting organized despite not receiving any Student Government Association's funds, which were recently allocated.

"They didn't get their registration in in time for SGA

funds," Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

Within two years the group hopes to have its license and be on the radio airwaves rather than the television airways, where it will have its beginnings next semester.

"We're serious. This is the first time this (a student-run radio station) has gone through. Nothing is going to stop us," Bakhtar said.

Next week the group will be in the Keathley University Center gathering information from students.

"We're going to set up a booth in the KUC for petitions on what kind of music they'd (students) like to have," Bakhtar said.

Surveys will be distributed Monday through Wednesday downstairs in the KUC, Bakhtar said.

"We want their name, box, and the type of music they like," Bakhtar said. "We'll program our radio station from that. We've got to play what they want to hear."

## Students support proposals

Students voted almost two to one in favor of the school's name change and nearly three to one for the new Grill smoking policy in yesterday's SGA referendum.

Despite the strong show of support for the name change, the election results must go through other channels before a final decision is made.

"The election was part of the process," SGA president Shawn Burgess said. "Now we will survey the alumni, it may have to go to the Board of Regents and own to the state legislature for final approval."

The proposal to change the

school's name to the University of Middle Tennessee drew 1,080 votes in favor (63 percent) to 637 votes opposed (37 percent). The proposal to switch the smoking and non-smoking sections of the Grill saw 1,211 for (73 percent) to 446 against (27 percent).

On the other ballots, Michael Barry became the new sophomore SGA Senator and Leann Smith became the new graduate SGA senator. Both ran unopposed.

The Homecoming Court will be announced at the Queen's Tea on Saturday, Oct. 20 and the Homecoming Queen will be revealed at halftime of the game, Oct. 26.

Homecoming, insert

Need a Homecoming schedule? Well, we've got a great insert for you!!!!

Sports, page 11

Blue Raiders prepare to scalp the Florida State Seminoles in Saturday rally.

# Campus Capsule

The **Vegetarian Society of MTSU** invites everyone to an introductory sign-up meeting, on Monday, Oct. 21 from 12:00 - 1:00, Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 2:00 - 3:00, or Thursday, Oct. 24 from 4:00 - 5:00 in Keathley University Center room 312. For more information, contact Nicole Sikora at 898-4274.

As part of the Homecoming activities, there will be a **Canned Food Drive** on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Picnic Pavilion next to Murphy Center. All MTSU students, faculty, and staff, as well as the community, are encouraged to give in order to make this food drive successful. All canned goods will go to the Rutherford County and Smyrna - Laverne Food Banks. For more information, contact the SGA office at 898-2464.

Students for Environmental Action meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center room 305.

The **Society for Human Resource Management** will be holding its next meeting on Oct. 22, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in Peck Hall

room 313. The guest speaker will be John Brandon, the Director of Salary, Staffing, and Development from Textron Aerostructures in Nashville. The topic area will be "The Changing of the Workforce." Everyone is encouraged to attend our meeting.

The **Blue Brigade Male Precision Drill Team** is looking for any interested males to join this semester. You do not have to be a member of ROTC to join. If interested, our meetings are every Monday and Thursday at 3:30 at Forrest Hall.

**Phi Beta Lambda** will hold its next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 20, 1991, at 6:30 p.m. at Tapper's Restaurant. Any student interested in a business-related career is invited to attend.

**Phi Beta Lambda** will have a caramel apple sale on Oct. 30 & 31 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Keathley University Center.

A.S.C.E. (Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees) will be having their meeting Monday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

at Demos. Our main speakers for the evening will be Dr. Patrick Doyle discussing the Bonnie McHenry Scholarship and Lin Kemp speaking on the Challenge Program. Also our cookbooks have arrived and can be picked up in Claire Mobley's office, JH 323 or call 2855. Price is \$7.00. We will also sell the Cookbooks, Oct. 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the Keathley University Center. Some of the proceeds will go towards the scholarship fund. We urge all members to attend. If you need further information call 2855.

**Nurses Career Day** will be held on Monday, Nov. 4, 1991 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Representatives from approximately forty hospitals will be present to talk with nursing students or other students interested in health occupations. Students are invited to visit with these recruiters.

The **Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center** will host devotionals every Monday at 7:00 p.m., and every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Please come! Everyone is

welcome! We are located at 1105 E. Bell Street, directly across from Bell Street Parking lot.

The **Habitat for Humanity** meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center room 312.

"Application for **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges** are now available in the SGA Office, Keathley University Center Room 304. Deadline for applications is November 7, 1991.

**Campus Recreation** will be sponsoring **Billiards in the KUC** Game room Oct. 23-24. The cost is \$3.00 per participant. The deadline sign-up meeting will be Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. For more information call Campus Rec at 898-2104.

The **Student Government Association** will be sponsoring an **SGA Luncheon Forum** on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 11:50-1:00 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

**Haunted Hayride** September 27 thru Halloween Night Fri. - Sat. - Sun. Starting at dusk. Weekdays on request. Adults - \$5.00, children under 12 and over 60 - \$3.00. For further information call (615)-896-1338.

"**Your Job Search**" Orientation for those unable to attend the Sept. meetings will be Thurs. Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m. in the

Keathley University Center Room 324.

The "**Great Bowls of Fire**" Chili cook-off will be held Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door and will be available in the SGA office of the Keathley University Center. A table will also be in the bottom of the KUC Oct. 18, 21, and 22 for anyone interested in buying tickets before the cook-off.

Everybody get ready for **Timex Fitness Week** Oct. 21 - 26. Campus Recreation will be sponsoring **Water Volleyball** on Oct. 21, an **Aerobic Danceathon** Tues. Oct. 22, and a free **Aerobics class** on Thurs. Oct. 24. Prizes will be given out!! For more information call Campus Rec at 898-2104

Campus Recreation will be sponsoring a **Mountain Bike Trip** Oct. 19-20. The trip is limited to 10 participants. The cost is \$15 for faculty, staff, and students and \$20 for others. There will be a sign-up meeting Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 219 of the Alumni Memorial Gym. For more information call 898-2104.

**Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature** applications are now available in the SGA office, room 304 of the Keathley University Center. TISL is a mock legislature which meets on capitol hill in Nashville in Nov. If you need more info call 2464.

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## Capsule

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There will be a **Joint Session Meeting** for all House and Senate members on Oct. 29. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center, Multi-Media Room. Attendance is mandatory, please attend.

On Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20, the **Buchanan Players of Middle Tennessee State University** will present *The Firebugs* by Max Frish. Tickets are \$4 for general admission and free with a valid MTSU ID. Show time is 8:00 p.m. for Oct. 15-19 shows, and 2:00 p.m. for the Oct. 20 show. All shows are in the BDA, Tucker Theatre. For more information contact the theatre box office at 898-2716.

The **University Rules Committee** will have another open meeting for concerned students and faculty at 3:15 p.m. on Oct. 17 in Keathley University Center room 210 to deal with all university rules other than housing.

MTSU's **Lambda Association** will be meeting on Oct. 22. Anyone interested in attending any of these meetings should contact MTSU P.O. 624 for further information.

**Nursing students** planning to enroll in Junior year nursing courses in spring of 1992 will be receiving information about the ACT-COMP and math proficiency examination in the mail. If you think you are ready for spring admission and do not receive the information by October 15, 1991, please contact the nursing department.

**Looking Forward**, an on campus support group for the survivors of childhood sexual abuse and rape, will be meeting every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Keathley University Center room 315. For further information call Jo Ann at 898-5989.

The **MTSU Student Catholic Center** is welcoming all Catholic students to join them for a question and answer session Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Student Center. There is also a mass at St. Rose Catholic church on Sunday at 7 p.m. For details call: 896-6074.

The **Fall Honors Lecture Series** continues Oct. 21 when Jackie Jackson of English speaks on *The Harlem Renaissance*.

**Campus Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group** meets Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Keathley University Center 312.

The **Seventh Day Adventist** fellowship welcomes students to campus and invites anyone interested in seeking a well rounded education that provides not only spiritual needs but also health needs, to contact call the fellowship president Eugene Rankins at 898-3924 (wk) or 890-7452 (hm) or Frank Michello at 898-2491 (wk) or 898-3896 (hm).

If you enjoy playing soccer, join **MTSU's Soccer Club**. Practice is held at 6 p.m. every day behind Family Student Housing. For more information call Marvin Carson at 898-3039 or Fred Long at 898-3237.

**Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center** will host a devotional followed by a Christian Fellowship every Monday at 7 p.m.

Join College Worship at the **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 p.m. on 615 N. TN Blvd.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will meet every Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the home side bleachers of the football field. For more information call John at 3051 or write to FCA box 20.

**MTSU Dance Club** will meet Tuesdays from 6:40-9:30 p.m. in Dance Studio A in Murphy Center. Lisa Lewis will direct the club. No experience is necessary to participate.

**YWCA** is sponsoring a support group for women of color. The group will deal with domestic violence problems. Thursdays at 6 p.m. For more information call 297-8833. Meetings are confidential.

**Intervarsity Christian Fellowship** would like you to join them Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Keathley University Center room 313.

The **White Beret Female Precision Drill Team** would like

to invite you to enjoy their organization this semester. You do not have to be in ROTC to join. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 in Forest Hall.

The **Student Government Association** is accepting application for positions in the SGA. Pick up application in the SGA Office, Keathley University Center room 304.

The **NAACP** will meet every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Keathley University Center.

**Campus Capsule** is a service provided by *Sidelines* for non-profit campus groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in *Campus Capsule*, please submit typewritten or printed information to our office in the James Union Building, Room 310. Items must be received by Tuesday at noon for Thursday's publication and noon Friday for Monday's publication. Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on available space.

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## Honors series continues Monday

Jackie Jackson is convinced that one of the intents of Negro authors during the Harlem Renaissance was to destroy some of the negative images of the Negro created through literature during slavery and Reconstruction.

But with the new images presented by Renaissance writers came problems of self-definition and cultural dualism, which Jackson, an assistant professor of

English at Middle Tennessee State University, will discuss at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 21 in 107 Peck Hall.

The lecture, which is part of the Fall Honors Lecture Series "Creation and Discovery," is free and open to the public.

For more information on the Honors program or the lecture series, call the honors program office at 898-2152.

## Ice machines to be installed

Ice Machines will be installed this semester in Deere and Corlew Halls according to SGA President Shawn Burgess.

"The ice machines are just an added service for the students," Burgess said. "It will add to the effect of students staying on campus over the weekend."

A student brought up the idea of ice machines last spring at an open forum held by the SGA.

The idea recently passed SGA legislation and then was presented to the Housing department.

"Putting the ice machines in these two dorms is a trial," said Dan Sinclair, Associate Director of Housing. "We will be looking at the cost of maintaining the machines and so on."

If cost effective, the ice machines may be placed in other dorms.



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**How well do you know your wardrobe?** Alex Robbins sure knows his. On the 10th he reported that exactly 17 Duck Head brand shirts had been removed from his room in Gore Hall.

**Burning down the Grill?** The Grill's night manager reported a small electrical fire on the 10th. The Murfreesboro Fire Department came and put it out.

**In other burning news...** Mark Mosier reported a small metal trash can was blazing at Sims Hall on the 14th. The Murfreesboro Fire Department was also employed in tackling this problem.

**Have you seen his shoes?** Kevin Burke reported that his

car was broken into on the 14th while it was parked in the Bell Street lot. A stereo, speakers, and two pairs of shoes were taken.

**Friendly fire?** On the 1st Terra Holcombe reported that a BB was shot at her through the open window of her room in Wood Hall.

**Just looking for spare change?** Mary Ann Thurman reported that her car had been broken into and the glove compartment's contents were thrown all over the car.

**Naked aggression???** A male was reported to have exposed himself Sept. 26 to a female student in the Greenland Drive lot.

--compiled by News Editor, Sam Gannon

## Report challenges myths

(CPS) Science has come a long way, baby, but the publishers of American Health Magazine found that its credibility may not stretch quite as far.

The magazine's October issue lists 10 medical myths that persist despite scientific evidence that proves them false. Here are a few of them:

- Bundle up to avoid catching a cold. People who stay inside are just as likely to catch a cold as those who would prefer to stand outside naked and shivering.

- Chocolate causes pimples.

- Milk is good for ulcers. Actually, milk stimulates acid production in the stomach which irritates an ulcer.

- Fasting will shrink your stomach. Fasting shrinks your stomach as much as it shrinks your mouth.

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## New program recognizes clericals

compiled from reports by  
**SAM GANNON**  
News Editor

Plans are in the final stages for a recognition program to honor secretarial/clerical employees at Middle Tennessee State University, according to Martha Turner, chair of a committee to design the program.

"I don't know when we'll get started," said Linda Kemp, director of Personnel. "We must first get the monetary award. We're still trying to identify sources for the funds."

"We are confident that we will receive funds but don't yet know source," Kemp said.

The committee, working at the request of President James Walker, has recommended that a plaque and a monetary award be presented to a secretarial/clerical employee at the annual National Alumni Banquet at the same time awards are presented to faculty for outstanding teaching, public service, research and creative achievement.

In addition, a plaque will be awarded quarterly to the individual selected from nominations to be made by any

MTSU student or employee. The annual recipient will be selected from the four quarterly recipients.

"The idea for these awards grew out of discussions with the secretarial/clerical group with which I meet," Walker said. "I'm pleased to see it develop into a very appropriate way to recognize members of our staff who are so crucial to the success of this university. I expect these awards to enjoy prestige similar to that according to faculty awards."

Any recipient must have been a full-time employee for at least one year in a secretarial/clerical job classification at MTSU and must be employed at MTSU in such a position at the time the award is presented. Other criteria include:

- Demonstrated job skills
- Demonstrated written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated enthusiasm and initiative in job performance
- Pursuit of professional development
- Projection of a positive image of MTSU and the secretarial/clerical profession

Nomination forms will be available from the MTSU Personnel Office. Those submitted during the first month of a calendar quarter (January, April, July, October) will be considered during the quarter, and those not selected for the award will remain in the pool until the annual award is presented.

The calendar for award presentations will begin April 1 and conclude March 31. The four quarterly award recipients, who will be honored during Secretaries' Week, will be considered for the annual award.

The first nominations should be taken during this month, Kemp said. "We'll modify our time frame, accepting applications until the end of November," Kemp said.

Persons nominated will be notified and asked to accept or decline the nomination. All who accept the nomination will receive certificates of recognition suitable for framing, Turner said.

Members of the committee appointed by the president are, in addition to Turner, Gloria Jordan, Frances Anthony, Connie Shirley, Dorothy Harrison, Cornelia Wills, and Lin Kemp (ex officio).

## TV12 survives renovations

**MARY RHUDY**  
Staff Writer

The TV12 news program has undergone some major renovations, News Director Mary Parker said.

TV12, the university's student-run television channel, has made several dramatic changes in its news programs this fall.

Included in the changes are increases in the number of staff

and additions to the program.

"We have 12 anchors this semester, two more than we had last," Parker said. "We also have the biggest reporting staff we've ever had. We have a core group of 10, and we get submissions from volunteers."

Improvements are being made in the weather segment of the show as well.

"Weather is going to have full-color maps and a five-day

forecast," Parker said.

In addition, news updates will be broadcast throughout the day for those who miss the news broadcasts.

The station has a new segment this semester called "Community Billboard," which features news of campus and community activities and other public service announcements.

Parker said people who want to have their activity announced on "Community Billboard" can call the newsroom, 898-2218, and give word to Parker or the producers.

One change, in particular, that should prove helpful to those who have night classes or work is the addition of two broadcasts of the night news.

The news will be broadcast live at 5:30 p.m. and rebroadcast at 8:00 and 10:30 p.m.

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# Opinions

## Consensus

### Good luck Raiders; we're gonna need it

The big game is finally here. On Saturday, our Blue Raider football team will travel south to play Florida State University.

Never mind that they are the undisputed number one team in the nation. Ignore the fact that they are Division 1-A while we are only Division 1-AA. Leave out the part about it being their homecoming game, and you've got the makings for a real barn-burner.

Folks, we don't like to sound negative or unpatriotic but this is the mismatch of the year. We have a great football team among schools our size, but Florida State is one of those schools where it's football first, everything else last. They should be playing the L.A. Raiders, not the MTSU Blue Raiders.

So why are we playing them? Simple, it's money. Our school will make approximately \$200,000 just for showing up. It sounds like the average guy who says, "I'd fight Mike Tyson for that kind of money," and then Mike takes him up on it. The money is good, but the experience will be less than pleasant.

At least our team is taking it in stride. Coach Donnelly compares us to a mule running in the Kentucky Derby who knows he's not supposed to be there but enjoys the recognition. He's even stated that if we take the lead at any point in the game someone should take a photo of the scoreboard and frame it.

We'd like to be all "rah-rah" and give our boys a big win-one-for-the-Gipper speech, but the reality of the situation is bleak. Just play them hard, let them know they were in a game, and let the country know that there's a little school with a big heart in Murfreesboro, TN.



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#### Student questions actions of SGA, name change

Dear Editor:

As a transfer student to MTSU, I am quite puzzled by the direction in which our student government is heading. What is the purpose of all these name changes the SGA president keeps proposing? First, the student body had the opportunity in the "decision making process" to vote to change the name of our student government from ASB to SGA. Wow. The campus's excitement was out of control over that issue. Who cares about parking and the cutting of the budget? Let's change that name!

Now, Mr. Burgess wants to change the name of our university from Middle Tennessee State University to University of Middle Tennessee. Boy, he sure likes controversy, doesn't he? Again, who cares? What will this accomplish? "National prominence, ...more research funds...." will come, according to our president. From where do these facts come? National recognition will come with better graduates and better faculty - nothing more, nothing less. All a name change will do is facilitate confusion and laughter from the academic community.

More energy should be spent on achieving academic excellence and on recruiting. These are some constructive areas our student government could be working, rather than focusing on frivolous issues.

Trevin Bernarding.  
Box 4540

#### Athletics, not name change, will help school

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the issue of the proposed name change. If I understand it, the name change would "produce an image" this university supposedly needs. First, a name title does not "give" a university a better image. What gives a university an image is substance, like in athletics, academics, etc. If this university wants an image change, they need to rally around the proposed change from the weak, unappealing OVC to the strong Southern Conference. The Southern Conference would take this university in a heartbeat, yet the issue around here seems dead (like our 3 lousy home football games this year). Our basketball and football teams deserve more than the lackluster OVC. If an image change is needed, this is the way to do it. You can change to any name you want, but you will still be playing UT-Martin and SE Missouri something-or-other. Second, what MTSU needs is better housing, improved heating and air conditioning in every classroom and more space for the increase in students every semester. You can be UMT or whatever, but the image won't change for the people who count—the students and staff of MTSU! Hey, Shawn Burgess, do you want a suggestion on a name change that fits this school? How about MTSCU - Middle Tennessee Suit Case University! Let's get our priorities straight!

P.S. You better print this.  
Jim Gaither.  
MTSU General Delivery

#### Snobs run Computer Technology Show

To the Editor:

The Computer Technology Show, is it really for students? After seeing the show myself, I have come to the conclusion that it is designed for business people in suits. While I am sure that the people who ran the show meant well, my personal experience with it was awful.

I went to the show just to look around and to find out more about the computer market. What I found out was how stuck up and unconcerned some of the representatives were. Out of all the companies there, only one company, Hewlett Packard, would show a interest in my questions.

After visiting the Zenith Company, I was so mad I could have slapped the hell out of somebody. I walked over to their table, looked around, picked up some pamphlets, and no one would even acknowledge my presence. I just could not believe what was happening. The representative was standing right there. So, finally, I asked him, "Does this do math problems?" I was referring to one of the lap top units. His reply was, "Yes," and he said it fast and in a way that said, "Don't bother me." Then I asked him, "How much does this unit cost?" He says "The prices

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## SIDELINES

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are listed right there." Then he turned around and started talking to another representative from another company about relationships. I was baffled. I could not believe what this man was doing. He was talking nonsense to another representative while I was standing there trying to learn something about his product.

The other companies would

just stand there with what seemed like a marked lack of enthusiasm or interest in people like myself. It was the people in suits and older people that seemed to have gotten the information and attention. Most of them were teachers. My thanks go out to the representatives from Hewlett Packard. They were doing their job. Companies like Zenith had no business being there.

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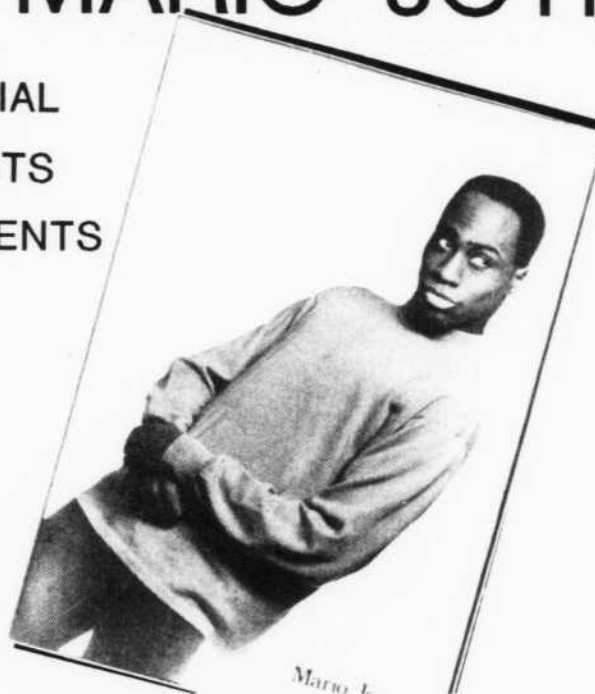
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# Features

## New fashions make fall exciting

**SHANNON ROBERTSON**  
Special to Sidelines

When you see a woman wearing a red and black plaid suit with red tights and short suede boots, she's as fashionable as fashion gets this Fall.

Regardless of whether you decide to follow them, this year has lots of exciting, new trends. We have many new trends that are either new this fall or replays of previous hits, and they involve everything from hair to heels.

This season, the proof is in the print. If you are not fond of plaid, too bad. It is so hot this Fall it's smoking. We see everything from plaid skirts to plaid socks.

We've borrowed this look from our Scottish friends. The prints remind you of something you would see on a girl's uniform at a boarding school.

Tweed and houndstooth also are strong hitters this Fall. A houndstooth blazer can be worn with a variety of things, such as stirrup pants, jeans or a favorite skirt.

The ideal skirt length this Fall ranges anywhere from 22 inches up. The stitched-down pleat skirt is very popular. As far as women's suits go, short skirts and fitted jeans are the ticket.

We have definitely seen a change in prints this Fall as opposed to last.

"We are seeing fewer animal prints," indicates Michelle Sharp, an assistant to one of the buyers for McClure's of Nashville. Even so, you still might be able to find that perfect outfit in a leopard

print.

Transitions have come about not only in prints, but also in colors.

Colors are very bold, and shades of purple are more than acceptable this Fall. Last Fall, earth tones were very popular, but this year fewer of those are being worn.

Color blocking, a spin-off of the sixties, is stylish. The sixties are playing an important role in what is currently considered fashionable.

All that glitters this season is gold. This is a wonderful color for evening wear. We can't forget the gold pumps, and maybe a glittering pair of gold tights.

Lots and lots of color on the legs. Colored tights are being matched up with every outfit. Stirrup pants and leggings are still

very hip.

The catsuit has arrived in a



big way. This is a tight bodysuit that can be worn with such things as sweaters and coats.

"Coats are swinging more than ever," confirms Linda Thompson, a dress buyer for

Jamie of Nashville. The swing coat is fitted at the top and fuller at the bottom.

Leather remains popular in the coat family. The ultimate in cool right now is the black leather motorcycle jacket.

Enough about leather. Let's talk suede. A suede shoe at this point in the game could be nothing but a hit. When properly cared for, a pair of suede shoes will look good and last forever.

Patent leather can still be worn and considered stylish. The hottest craze in shoes has to be the shoe boot, which is quite flattering with a pair of stirrup pants or leggings.

We can't forget our mules, and I don't mean the four-legged stubborn kind. This is a slip-on shoe with a closed and open back. Mules are available in flats or pumps.

Accessories are still an important part of the complete outfit, and this season bigger is not better. Smaller accessories are much more popular.

"We are seeing more medium size earrings as opposed to shoulder dusters which were big

last Fall," emphasizes Harriet Estes, an assistant professor in the fashion merchandising department at MTSU.

A woman also may use her hair to make a fashion statement. Blond hair is very popular right now.

"The permed look is out," explains Teresa Finch, owner of Coiffures beauty salon of Nashville. Women are putting their hair up more, especially when wearing nice evening wear.

We are seeing a lot more height in hair around the crown of the head: mid-length hair is less popular.

Short hair was very big last Fall and still is because it's simple to maintain, but don't feel out of style if your hair is long.

When it comes to long hair, a natural wave is very popular.

Fashion is like beauty. It is in the eye of the beholder. Each woman has her own idea of style.

The question in many minds is: What is not stylish? Some people choose not to conform to the latest trends in fashion.

It is important that we have some guidelines to follow when dealing with fashion. Just imagine what would happen if we did not.

The nice thing about these guidelines is the fact that you may take them or reject them if you wish.

Fortunately, we have a variety of styles to accommodate a variety of people. So when you see that woman in the black and red plaid suit, you will know she is just making a fashion statement.

## Players present *Firebugs*

**GARRY ESTEP**  
Play Review

Every once in a while it's a good idea to ask ourselves what we would do if some type of evil penetrated into our lives and tried to take over. I'm not talking about demons or voodoo. I'm asking you to consider things like apathy, tyranny, even loss of concern for your fellow human beings. A very common reaction is to nervously shrug it off and try to pretend everything is okay, and hope it will go away on its own. You know what I mean.

This is the issue addressed in the "The Firebugs" by German playwright Max Frisch being produced by the Buchannon Players this week. Gottlieb Biedermann is a philistine living in a time and place preoccupied with fire and arson. What is his reaction to two arsonists moving in on him? How does this effect

the other members of his household? What is it that makes a person deny himself and everything he believes in in order not to face reality? I won't give you the answers. You need to see the play and find the answers for yourself.

As you enter the theatre, take a moment to look over the displays set up in the lobby. They give a lot of good background on the playwright and his reasons for writing "The Firebugs." There is also an explanation of expressionism and how it relates to the technical aspects of the production.

Speaking of technical, the first thing you see as you enter

the house is the set. When I first looked at it, the words 'hell' and 'fire' came to mind. D. Tracy Smith did an excellent job designing an expressionist setting for the play with lots of severe but interesting angles and distorted shapes everywhere. (By the way, take note of the portrait hanging above the set.) The colors are predominantly red, orange and yellow - the colors of fire. Lighting designer Todd Seage complimented the set quite nicely; lights come in at some rather odd angles. There are a few dark areas on stage, but you can still see everything. I have to mention the costumes by Virginia A. Donnell because they remind me of a combination of "A Clockwork Orange" and a punk

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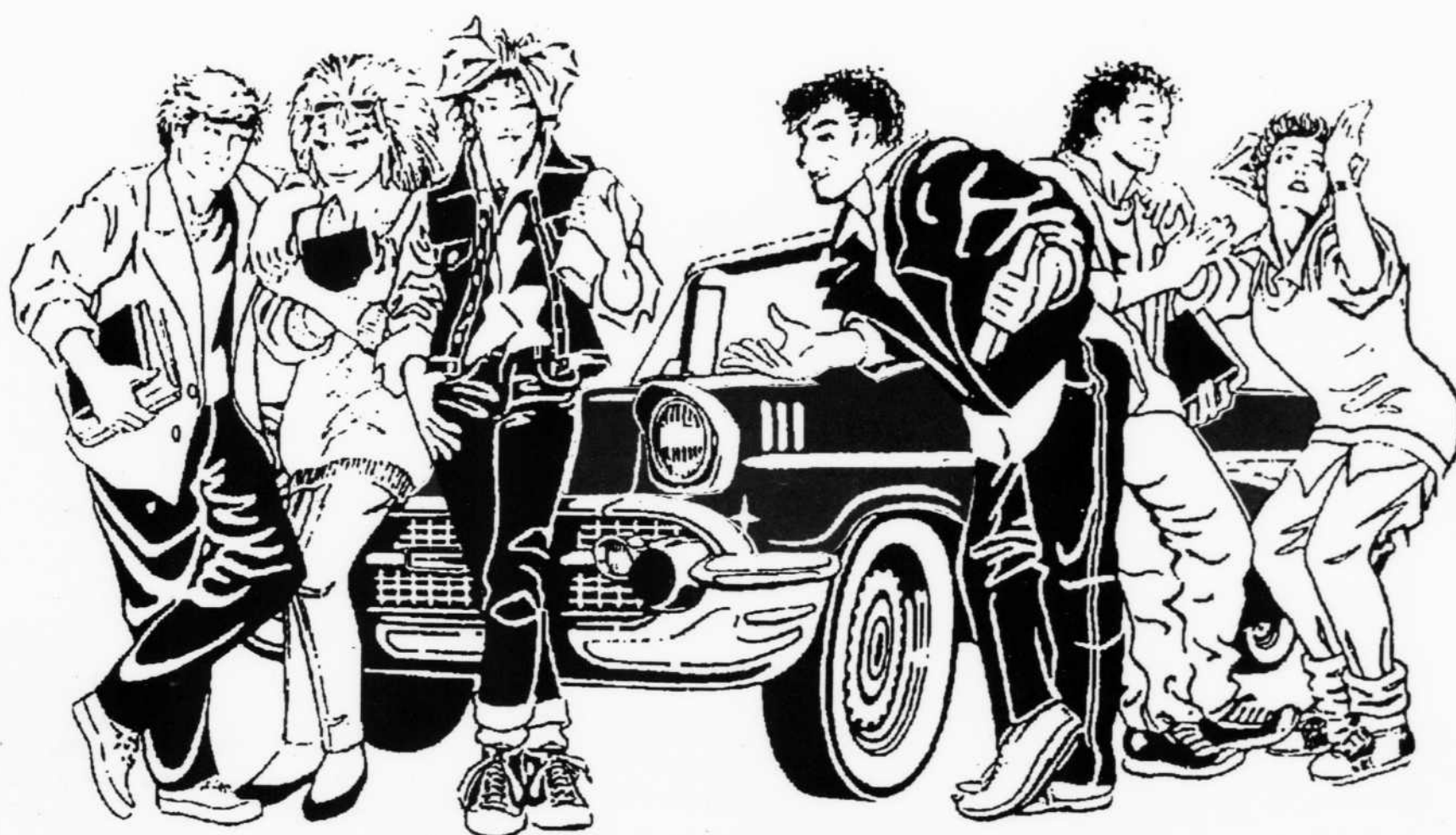
**LOOKING SKYWARD:** David O'Flaherty as Mr. Biedermann in MTSU's presentation of *The Firebugs*.



# Homecoming '91

53rd Annual Homecoming Celebration October 20-26

Memories of the *Fifties*



# Homecoming Schedule

**Sunday, Oct. 20**  
**2 p.m.**

Queen's Tea  
(invitation only)  
Alumni Center

**Monday, Oct. 21**  
**10 a.m.**

T-Shirt Competition  
**3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
Fight Song Competition  
KUC Courtyard  
**5 p.m.**  
Deadline to complete  
window decoration

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**  
**10 a.m.**

Window decoration  
judging  
**3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
Scavenger Hunt  
Intramural Field near  
Cummings Hall

**Wednesday, Oct. 23**  
**1 p.m.**

Walkathon  
Greenland Drive  
parking lot.  
**6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**  
Chili-Cookoff  
"Great Bowls of Fire"  
Livestock Pavilion

**Thursday, Oct. 24**  
**8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Can Food Drive  
Picnic Pavilion near  
Murphy Center  
**7 p.m. to 11 p.m.**  
Sock Hop  
JUB Tennessee Room

**Friday, Oct. 25**  
**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

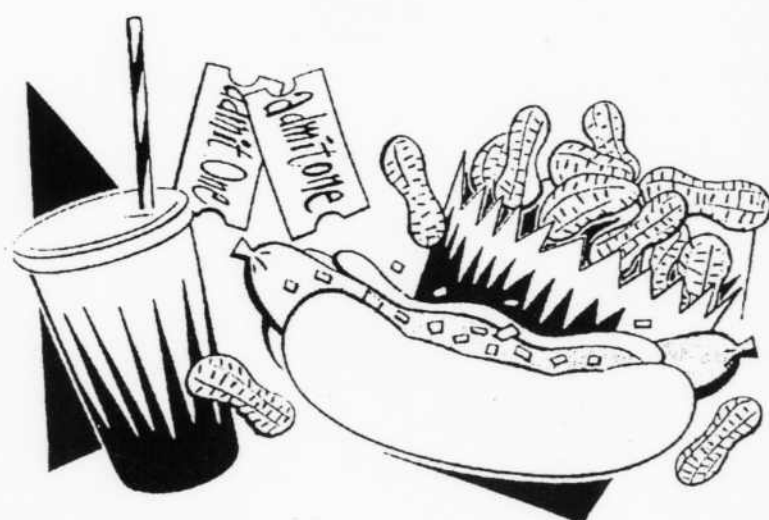
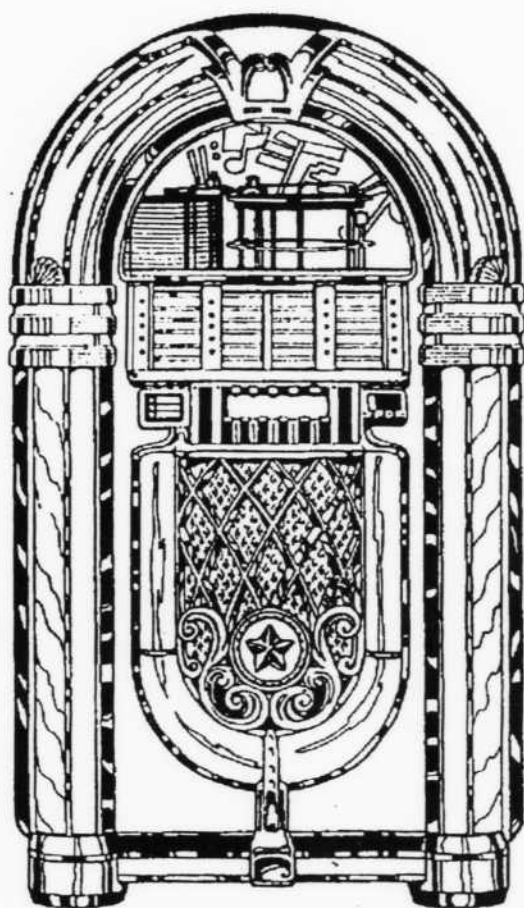
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**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
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Parade Line-up  
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### HOMECOMING PARADE

The 1991 Homecoming theme will be "Memories of the Fifties." The 'Roaring Fifties' parade will consist of the competing floats and the MTSU Marching Band. "Band participation is very low this Homecoming," states Cindy Fagan, Parade Director for this year's Homecoming parade.

1950 - Flavol Ragan Hatcher  
1951 - Linda Ledford  
1953 - Neuva Sharp Sears  
1954 - Ruth Page Johns  
1958 - Frances Jackson Cranford  
1959 - Amelia Hinds Jernigan

These ladies will also be announced during the half-time presentation of the game

Carol Miller of the Second Harvest Food Bank, this is the first time that a university has sponsored a canned food drive. The goods received will go to the Rutherford County and Smyrna-Lavergne food banks.

Channel 2 News will be covering the event. The Second Harvest Food Bank will make announcements in the Tennessean and Nashville Banner. The winner of the food drive will receive a plaque and extra news coverage by the Second Harvest Bank.

The food drive will be held at the Picnic Pavilion near Murphy Center from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For anyone interested in donating small quantities of goods, there will be a barrel located in KUC on the first floor.

Anyone interested in additional information about the Second Harvest Food Bank may pick up material in the SGA office or at the picnic pavilion during the canned food drive.

The Second Harvest Food Bank will present a plaque to the organization who has donated the most canned food on Nov. 6 at 11:00 a.m.

A plaque will also be presented to the SGA in appreciation of their sponsorship.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Special Olympics Bowling Tournament will be held on Friday, Oct. 25, at the Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes.

"Homecoming traditionally tends to leave handicapped students out," said Homecoming Director Shaundra Woodmore. "However, for the last several years this tournament has been offered in an effort to change that."

The bowling times will be divided into two sessions. The first session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The second will start at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m.

School age bowlers will bowl in the first session. The second session is designated for adult bowlers only.

This event is sponsored by the MTSU Handicap Services.

They would appreciate anyone who can come to the bowling lanes to support and encourage the participants.

### FIGHT SONG COMPETITION

The Fight Song Competition will be held Monday, Oct. 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the KUC Courtyard.

This competition allows participants to show their school spirit by singing the university's fight song, Blue Raiders Ride.

Participants are judged on the basis of creativity, enthusiasm, costume appearance, and clarity of words.



In the event of bad weather, the Fight Song Competition will be held at the James Union Building in the Tennessee Room.

### QUEEN'S TEA

The 1991 Queen's Tea will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. in the Alumni Center.

All of the nominees for Homecoming Queen will attend the tea where the final five contestants will be announced. One of the five women will be crowned Queen at half-time of the Homecoming game on Oct. 26.

The Homecoming Queens from the 50's are also invited to attend the tea.

Students may vote for Homecoming Queen on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the KUC from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Peck Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

### WINDOW DECORATION

The Window Decoration Contest serves as a method to spark the interest for community involvement in Homecoming Week.

In keeping with the theme, participants decorate windows of businesses in the Murfreesboro area.

The deadline for decoration completion is Monday, Oct. 21 at

5:00 p.m. The judging will take place at 10:00 a.m. on the following day.

### SCAVENGER HUNT

The Scavenger Hunt is a traditional event of Homecoming Week which will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the intramural field near Cummings Hall.

Participants are given two hours to go out and collect specified items listed on a sheet to be handed out five minutes before the hunt begins.

The group or organization which collects the most items in the 2-hour limit wins the competition.

Only members of the group or organization can compete.

### CHILI COOK-OFF

The "Great Bowls of Fire" Championship Chili Cook Off will begin at 6:00 p.m., Oct. 23, in the Livestock Pavilion and will conclude at 10:00 p.m.

This year the entertainment for the cook off will be provided by Tall Paul.

Judging will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. and the winners will be announced at 9:00 p.m.

Judges for the contest include:

Dan Whittle, reporter of the Murfreesboro Daily News Journal;

Ann Eadon, president of the MTSU Alumni Center; and

Bryant Milesaps, secretary of state.

Tickets for the contest are available and are \$4 in advance. These will be sold on Oct. 18, 21, and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the basement of the KUC.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 on the day of the contest.



The parade promises excitement, with the judging of the float competition during the parade. Five judges have been chosen by Marie Kirk, representative of the Alumni Association of MTSU. The judges are Ms. Dewry, Holly Lintz Hays, Monte Hale, Jr., Fran Hughes and Leslie Windrom.

The parade will move from downtown, out East Main St., to Nth. Tennessee Blvd., and finish at Greenland Dr. parking lot. The length of the course is about 1 mile.

The 1991 Homecoming Parade will be Saturday, October 26. The parade begins in front of the First City Bank on South Church Street at 9:00 a.m. Line up is 7:45 a.m. - no later than 8:00 a.m.

### QUEEN'S OF THE 50'S

In keeping with the homecoming theme, 'Memories of the Fifties,' MTSU homecoming queens from the fifties will be returning to their alma mater to participate in the parade and the half-time presentation of the game.

"This is the first year we've made an effort to get the alumni involved in homecoming week," Shaundra Woodmore, SGA Homecoming Director said.

The queens who will be present to represent their year include:

Saturday, October 26.

### WALK-A-THON

One of the two new events to homecoming week this year is the Walk-a-thon which will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 1:00 p.m.

The route begins at Greenland Drive parking lot and is approximately 3.9 miles.

According to Shaundra Woodmore, SGA Homecoming Director, all proceeds from this event go to the Crisis Intervention Center. The center is a United Way agency located here in Murfreesboro.

The center provides 24-hour telephone counseling for those who need someone to talk to about suicide, pregnancy, or any other problems they may be facing.

The route will go from Greenland Drive to Northfield Drive. It will continue on the New Lascassas Road, turn on to Tennessee Blvd., return to Greenland Drive.

For further information, contact Shaundra Woodmore at the SGA office - 898-2464.

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

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**JAMMING:** J.R. Sloan (right), a history major, and Richard Fererro, a math major, lip sink to an AC/DC tune at Fun Flicks, a mobile video recording studio, which set-up in the KUC Monday.

## Players

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ci-fi film. The wigs and make-up were too appropriate. Add to this some distorted sound effects and "vaudeville" style captions and you have what turned out to be the perfect setting for "The Firebugs". I applaud you all.

David O'Flaherty played the lead role of Gottlieb Biedermann, a pompous, foolish, repugnant upper-class hair tonic tycoon with absolutely no social conscience. Mr. O'Flaherty presented a very stylized character with some quite interesting, almost clownish facial expressions. Under O'Flaherty's skillful portrayal, Biedermann became one of those characters you just have to shake your head at, and hope that you aren't like that. He gave us a good mixture of the pitiful and the comic.

Bill Griffith played Joseph Schmidt, is a barbaric, uncouth "wrestler" who moves in on Biedermann and turns out to be an arsonist. Mr. Griffith made Schmidt into the typical crude, rude and socially unacceptable person we all fear to meet. Bill Williams played Willi Eisenring, another craftier arsonist. Williams does a great job portraying the obsessed, semi-psychotic ex-con who is, nonetheless, a very sly person. These were definitely two characters I would not want to have in my house.

Jen Wood was the stereotype saucy, harried servant. Her sharp tongue and tendency to 'standup' to Schmidt offered some good comic moments. Biedermann's

wife, Babette, was performed by Candace Blackstock. Ms. Blackstock was the perfect parody of a nervous, intimidated housewife.

The only other characters I would like to mention are the "Greek chorus" of firemen. I don't want to ruin the play for you, but they were hysterical. And their commentary, while abstract, did provide some good insights into what was going on in the play. The choreography and antiphony were very well done, and my congratulations go to chorus leader Bob Harris and his crew.

I highly recommend that you

go and see "The Firebugs." It is a very entertaining and thought provoking play. On the chance that you are already under the grip of apathy, you really do need to see this play.

"The Firebugs" continues evenings at 8:00 p.m. until Saturday, and closes Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free to students with a valid I.D., but you need to make reservations. The box office phone number is 898-2716.

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Joe Pesci

# Pesci stars in *The Super*

Picture this: After repeatedly being charged with housing code violations, which he flagrantly ignores, landlord Louie Kritski is sentenced to house arrest by a judge who orders him to live in one of his own decrepit buildings until acceptable repairs are made. After the tenants discover who he is, they gleefully show him no mercy.

As he gets to know the tenants in this building and sees how he has made them live, Louis the Super gradually undergoes a transformation from slumlord to human being.

Largo Entertainment presents "The Super," an original screenplay by Sam Simon, the executive producer, creative supervisor and writer on Fox's "The Simpsons," and the Emmy Award winning writer/producer of "Taxi," "Cheers," and "The Tracy Ullman Show." Directed by Ron Daniel and produced by Charles A. Gordon, "The Super" stars Joe Pesci as Louie Kritski and Vincent Gardenia as Big Lou, Louie's devoutly bigoted slumlord father who made his son what he is today.

Madolyn Smith Osborne is Naomi Bensinger, the Housing Authority lawyer pursuing justice for Kritski's tenants, and Ruben Blades is Marlan, a crafty street hustler who keeps dreaming up new ways to scam Kritski.

"The Super" gives Pesci his

## TAMELA WORKMAN Movie Preview

first leading role following his acclaimed performances in Fox's "Home Alone" and Martin Scorsese's "Good Fella's," for which Pesci won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

Producer Charles Gordon is delighted by the casting of Vincent Gardenia and Joe Pesci as father and son.

"I think Joe is one of the few actors who can pull off playing someone who is racist by birth and loveable at the same time. And Joe and Vince can do anything together—they're just brilliant actors," Gordon said in a statement released from his office.

The movie was filmed at several locations in New York City. According to Gordon, New York City was the only place to film "The Super" because of the authentic production value.

"The city is like a character in the script," Gordon says. "New York has a real 'have' and 'have not' situation. We never wavered about where to shoot."

Locations were selected all over the city: a Harlem courtroom was secured for Kritski's conviction scenes, two days of exteriors were filmed in Bushwick, and the remainder of the shoot took place on a block in the East Village that they could dress up and dress down as the script dictated. The location was also close to a playground where Pesci's and Blade's characters play a decisive game of basketball. Most importantly, the block's residents were willing to play host to a film company for six weeks.

The location department began work three months prior to production by meeting with the

Community Board, canvassing neighbors door-to-door and holding tenants' meetings to organize the meshing of the film company with the residents. Much of the interior shooting took place in an occupied building where tenants learned to be flexible around the shooting schedule. Over 75 members of the neighborhood were hired by the production to help with location security and traffic control and assist in the set dressing and departments.

In late fall of 1990, crew members went to work tearing down one building and completely renovating a neighboring building for late scenes. Community members were enlisted to spray-paint graffiti on false building front windows were cinder-blocked and building surfaces were sprayed with a dirt-and-water mixture.

Gordon emphasized from the outset the philosophy of working with and, whenever possible, improving the neighborhood. Ron Frazier says, "The only order got from Chuck was 'make sure you leave the block better than when you came.' To get that kind of direction from the top made me feel really good."

Frazier and production manager Steven Felder attended month's worth of meetings about the building's final restoration and the production opened an escrow account for repainting wrought iron work and other building repairs. A full-scale renovation took place this spring.

In a press release from Largo Entertainment, Ruben Blades commented: "I think it's great that at the end of the shoot, the building we've been using is going to be renovated and given back to the people who live in it. You make the point not only in the film but also in reality."

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# Sports

## 'Raiders Believe'

*Don't tell MTSU players they can't hang with Florida State*

TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Florida State originated it, the Atlanta Braves stole it and the Blue Raiders don't want to see it Saturday.

It is the famed Florida State war song and chop that the Seminoles usually perform when they are walking over their opponents. This weekend that opponent will be the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee.

But MTSU isn't ready to be walked over quite yet.

The seventh ranked Division I-AA Blue Raiders (4-1) are prepared to face the No. 1 ranked Seminoles (6-0) in Tallahassee Saturday before an expected Homecoming crowd of 60,000 war-happy fans.

"We'll never have a better opportunity to see how we stack up with some of the best talent in college football, so it's our chance to let it all hang out," MTSU All-American tailback Joe Campbell said. "We're just going to go down their and play just like any other game and whatever happens happens."

The possibilities of what might happen have many Raider fans concerned. Florida State has had little problems destroying teams it has faced this season, whether it be at home or on the road.

"We're very similar to the mule running in the Kentucky Derby," Raider coach Boots Donnelly said. "He knows he has no business being there, but just the association with those prime horses might do him some good."

Blue Raider Walter Dunson agrees with MTSU's coach.

"We're just going to go out, play the best we can and play hard and who knows what can happen," he said. "A game like Florida State can't hurt us — it can only help us."

Playing such a team as the Seminoles certainly will be a learning experience for the Raiders, and although they do believe they can hold their ground against FSU, they also have great respect for them.

"They are great, the best in the country," MTSU cornerback Jamie Redmond said. "I'm excited about it and I'm not going down there trying to keep it close or not get hurt."

"I'm going down there trying to win, and the best thing of all is I

get to see first-hand how I stack up with the best."

The best have marched through their schedule, with the exception of a 33-20 win over Virginia Tech, and aren't expecting much competition from their opposition until a Nov. 16 date with Miami.

"I don't think you can play a Auburn or Michigan or Florida every week," Seminole coach Bobby Bowden said. "You just can't do it and survive. You've got to have somebody on your schedule that your superior to."

"When we play someone like Middle Tennessee, I don't dwell that much on them. I don't want to tell our guys that Alabama is coming in here and wearing Middle Tennessee jerseys because that's not correct."

I just dwell on our guys playing our best, executing our best. It's all mental attitude."

And Middle Tennessee's mental attitude is fearless.

"We go out playing to win every time we step on the field and Florida State will be no exception," All-American tackle Steve McAdoo said. "Everybody on the team is anxious to play and see how we stack up against a team that has more potential All-Americans than any team in the nation. It's going to be a challenge, but I never think that I'm not good enough to play."

Campbell and McAdoo will lead the Raider rushing attack, for McAdoo clears the open way for Campbell to run. Campbell leads the OVC with a 117 yard average.

Defensively, linebacker Scott Boykin, who leads the Raiders in tackles, and tackle Bryan Faulkner will have their hands full trying to stop FSU quarterback Casey Weldon.

"If he's hot, we may never touch one of his passes," Donnelly said of Bowden's potential Heisman Trophy candidate. "He throws out routes it would take us relays to get there."

Yet perhaps the most impressive FSU performer of all is junior cornerback Terrell Buckley, who is considered to be one of the premier defensive backs in the nation.

Buckley has a knack for the ball and has already intercepted his

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### Blue Bits

## Blue, Lady Raiders hit hardcourts

Middle Tennessee State University's men's and women's basketball teams went to the courts Tuesday as practice officially began.

The Blue Raiders men's squad will have to adjust to a new coaching staff, headed by David Farrar, who has been head coach at Hutchinson Community College for the past five years.

The Raiders have an experienced squad, with 11 of 12 lettermen returning from last year's 21-9 squad.

"We do experience on this team," Farrar said, "but we don't have experience at playing together with different roles and expectations."

"A more difficult schedule than last year and the coaching change create some anxieties. But on the positive side, this team seems to be blessed with some strong leaders. The players all seem to look to Quincy (Vance) and Warren (Kidd) for direction and, so far, they've done a great job."

"Any time you single out individual players," Farrar said, "you risk offending the

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## Raider tennis squads know all about tough competition

TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Editor

If the MTSU football players and coaches want to know what it's like playing a national powerhouse like Florida State, maybe they should go see Raider tennis coach Dale Short.

"We play teams that are as good if not better in comparison every weekend," Short said after a weekend full of men's and women's action.

The men played at the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga., against several of the toughest teams the South has to offer.

Although none of the Raiders were victorious in finals action, that didn't keep them, especially Paul Goebel, from looking impressive.

"After a slow start, Paul is

showing signs that he can play with anybody," Short said after Goebel's win over Georgia's Wade McGwire, who was ranked in the nation's Top 20.

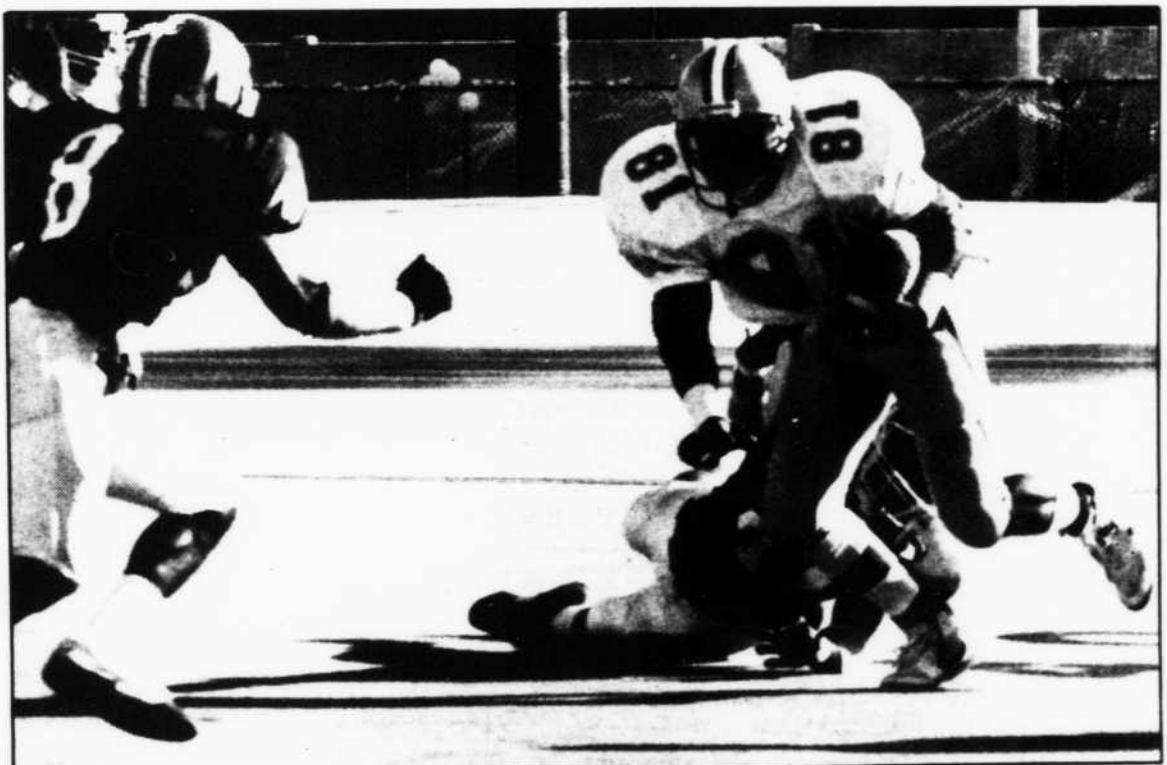
Despite some promise shown, there were also areas that needed improvement in the eyes of Short.

"We're looking pretty good in doubles, but we still need to improve in singles play. We've been playing the toughest competition by far that we ever have, so it's not like we're playing OVC tennis. We're playing Top 20 level tennis."

And that is where Short plans taking his team.

"My goal is to be a Top 25 team. Right now, we're knocking on the door, but we can't knock down the door. We're going to keep knocking until something

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Barbara Klemt/Photographer

**FULL SPEED AHEAD:** MTSU tight end Steve Dark (81) turns upfield looking for a place to run during Saturday's win at Austin Peay. Dark and his teammates will need to play the game of their life this weekend when they play the No. 1 ranked Seminoles of Florida State.

# FSU Seminoles are everyone's favorite in weekend action

This "is" the week.

There is no question that when MTSU walks on the field this weekend, it will be facing the most talented team it ever has.

Although all of us here at Sidelines have faith in the Blue Raiders, none of us expect to see an upset this Saturday. In fact, we'll feel like we accomplished something if the Big Blue can come within 30 points of the No. 1 ranked Florida State Seminoles.

Therefore, it's not surprising that everyone picked FSU over the Raiders and big at that.

"I've always believed in the Raiders, and there isn't a game that I didn't think they could win," I said to the others. "However, FSU is too much.

"I told everyone all year that I would pick an MTSU upset, but I expected to be four games ahead of Sturm in the standings instead of four games back."

Speaking of Dan Sturm, he continues to roll along despite a off week last week.

Sturm had his worst week by going 7-4, yet I couldn't gain ground out of my second-place spot with a disappointing 6-5 mark.

Greg Adkins remained in last as he too went 6-5 while Terry Massey nearly leaped into second place. Massey's Vanderbilt Commodores came inches shy of an upset win over Auburn.

## Tony J. Arnold On the Line

"The 'Dores almost slammed on you guys," Massey said. "One of these day's, you'll all learn. Maybe when I'm in first place, you'll all open your ears and eyes."

This one could be another rough one for the staff records with games like Alabama at Tennessee, Washington at California and Georgia at Vanderbilt?

Oh, well. Perhaps Sturm will slip a little and allow the rest of us to get back in the race.

Here is what the OVC has to offer this weekend.

### MTSU at FSU

Folks, it won't be pretty by any means.

I never thought I'd see the day MTSU didn't stand a chance to win, yet that day has finally come.

Florida State has marched through everyone it has faced including a most impressive win at Michigan. The Seminoles "are" the best team in the nation hands down.

MTSU may be a highly respected I-AA team, but it has been playing rather poorly in recent weeks. At Western

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Sidelines staff picks winners

TONY ARNOLD Sports Editor FSU - No please No!	GREG ADKINS Editor-in-Chief Still an Atlanta guy	TERRY MASSEY Opinions Editor Still a Vandy guy	DAN STURM Sports Writer In 1st and knows it
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## Lady Raiders drop tough match to Tennessee Tech in volleyball action

MARY RHUDY  
Sports Writer

In volleyball action this week, MTSU lost to Tennessee Tech in five games, dropping the Lady Raiders' record to 5-16.

The Lady Raiders lost three straight games after gaining the lead early — 15-11, 16-14, 14-16, 4-15 and 12-15.

In the first game, Lady Raider Kelly Pupke scored five of the 15 points, while Becky Tumblin scored nine of the team's 14 points in the third game.

Coach Jim Luna attributed the loss to a mental lapse.

"I told the girls when we

were up 12-9 in the third game, that you play to 15 and to keep up the intensity," he said.

"There were a lot of mental lapses, and we lost our intensity during the match. We thought we had them beat, but they made a great comeback."

MTSU is now 3-4 in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Thus far, the team leaders in kills are Lisa White with 205 and Priscilla Robinson with 182.

Becky Tumblin and Lisa White lead in digs with 283 and 274, respectively.

Stacy Stervak continues to lead in service aces with 43 while Kelly Pupke has 36.

Barbara Klemt/Photographer

**ON THE LOOSE:** MTSU freshman quarterback Kelly Holcomb (12) will have his hands full with the Florida State defense Saturday. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. and will be televised locally on Channel 4.

Kentucky, the Raiders barely survived on a last-second field goal. At Austin Peay, they held off a revived squad that had dreams of an upset all afternoon.

At Florida State, they'll have to play the game of their life to even stay close.

If they play like they have over the past two weeks, it could be 100-0.

Yes, 100-0, and I'm not kidding. I'm scared to death.

FSU 72 MTSU 10

**APSU at TN. Tech**

Austin Peay was impressive last weekend in its loss to the Blue Raiders. Tennessee Tech was not impressive in its loss to Southeast Missouri.

Tech has a better team that its 0-6 record reflects, but it has lost so many now that spirits are at an all-time low. It's hard to get the ball rolling after such a start and expect Head Coach Jim Ragland to be on the hot seat unless he turns things around dramatically.

On the other hand, Austin Peay has been a loser over the past few years, and now it has a 3-2 mark. First-year head coach Roy Gregory has his kids believing they can win and with that attitude, they can beat anybody - including Tech this Saturday.

APSU 28 Tech 14

**Morehead at Murray**

Both of these OVC squads have hit the skids and show no signs of getting back on track soon.

Morehead had several key returners from a squad that closed out last season with an impressive win at Eastern Kentucky. This year it has got one win under its belt and a lot of empty space that was once filled with expectation.

Murray has two wins to its credit, including a 40-34 win over UT-Martin last weekend. Its

offensive attack found its groove, and it hopes to stay on track this weekend.

Home field won't be much of a factor since no one really cares to come out and witness these two anyway. Murray, though, seems to have the edge anyway

Southeast Missouri is riding high after earning its first OVC win ever with a 34-31 Homecoming victory over Tennessee Tech last weekend.

Tennessee State is also riding high after its first win of the season two weeks ago. After an

off week last week, the Tigers are looking for some fresh prey, and SEMO may be just what they need.

TSU will travel to SEMO, which could be a factor, and the Tigers have a more talented squad so they're going to

with last week's performance, and look for the Racers to win big.

Murray 34 Morehead 10

TSU at SEMO

win, right? Wrong.

I just don't have faith in Tigers and expect them to be tamed by the Indians this weekend.

SEMO 24 TSU 21

### On the Line Staff Standings

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Tony Arnold	40	16	4	.714
Terry Massey	39	17	5	.696
Greg Adkins	33	23	11	.589

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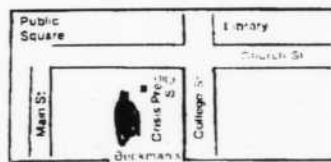
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## Blue Raiders Ranked 7th

MTSU's football team is ranked seventh in the recent Division I-AA poll. Nevada Reno remains the on top while OVC foe Eastern Kentucky is second.

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## FSU

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opponents several times. Once he intercepts the ball, he's also very capable of taking it to his opponent's end zone for the score.

"He's the best offensive player we've got on defense," Bowden said.

The contest is slated to begin at 1 p.m. and will be televised live on Nashville's Channel 4.

The station is picking up a feed from the Sunshine Sports Network, which regularly televises Florida State contest. The game will be replayed on SportSouth at 8 p.m. Oct. 21.

"Go to church and pray for anyone on this football team you know personally," Donnelly said. "We need all the help we can get."

If it makes Donnelly any happier though, MTSU stands to make \$200,000 off the game.

## Court

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group. But in addition to those two, Robert Taylor and Mike Buck have helped create a good atmosphere for conditioning. Because of the work ethic we've witnessed and the leadership, we have every reason to feel optimistic."

Kidd was an All-Ohio Valley Conference performer last season as a sophomore, averaging 13.4 points and 12.3 rebounds per game. His .700 percentage on the field goal attempts was the second-best in the nation and the eighth highest mark ever for NCAA Division I.

Taylor, a 6-5 guard-forward, led last year's team in scoring with 15.3 points per game as a sophomore.

Lewis Bivens starts his fifth year at the helm of the Lady

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With eight of the 10 roster players from last year's squad returning, the chances of replacing Capley and Gibson should be eased somewhat.

The question at point guard could lie with how quickly 5-10 freshman Sherry Tucker adapts to the college game after a brilliant career at Memphis' Kirby High School.

"We think Sherry has all the tools to do the job for us," Bivens said, "and her height at that position is something we haven't had in recent years."

"But we have to remember that she is a freshman, and it's going to take some time for her to adjust — she'll have some dues

to pay."

The returning Lady Raiders are led by 5-10 sophomore Priscilla Robinson, last year's outstanding freshman player in the OVC, with averages of 17.4 points and 8.1 rebounds.

The return of Kristi Brown, the squad's top 3-point shooter, is also a plus.

The men's season begins at Arkansas State on Nov. 23. The women open the season against Georgia State at home on Nov. 24.

## Tough

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breaks."

Short's women are also facing the tough competition.

"I'm putting them through a tougher schedule than they've been through, but they're taking it well," Short said. "They realize the competition and its caliber, and I'm proud of their effort."

Jenny Oliveria was the big winner for the Lady Raiders because she defeated Georgia Tech's No. 3 player in the tournament they competed in at Furman this past weekend.

"Right now we're struggling to keep up with some of the bigger teams, but we're losing a lot of close matches, so I think we're going to be all right."

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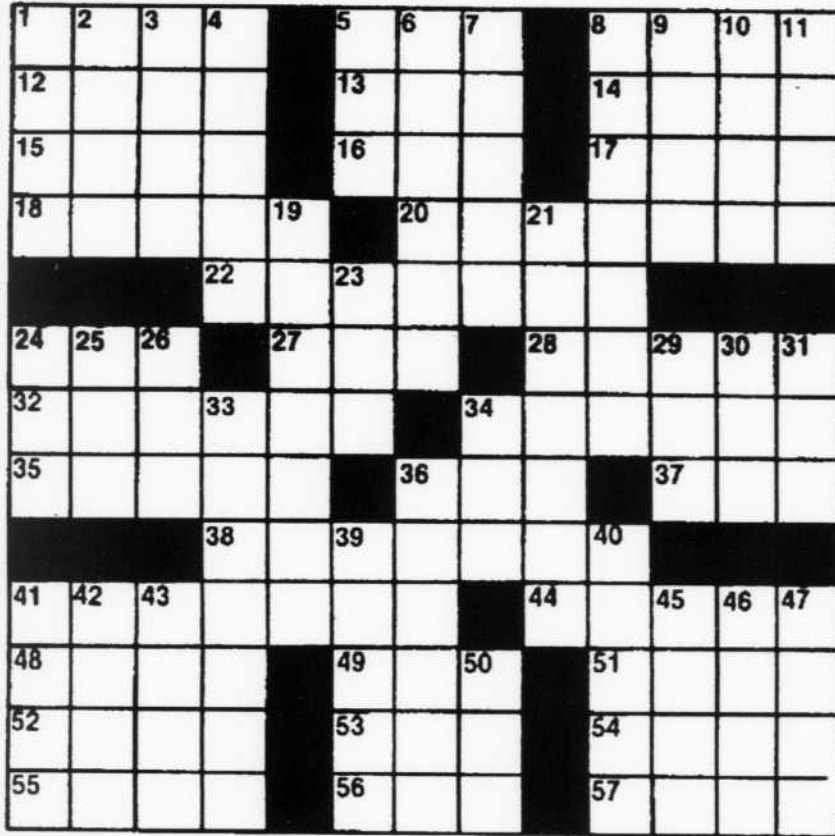
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16. High card
17. Atmosphere (prefix)
18. Frozen rain
20. Person who rows
22. Caused by heat
24. Monkey
27. Employ
28. Reddish wood tree
32. Not manifest
34. Near
35. African antelope
36. Edge
37. Tap gently
38. Scoffs
41. Covered
44. Say
48. Passageway
49. Lemon drink
51. God of war
52. Tradition
53. Layer
54. Vault
55. Done with great effort
56. Look
57. Simple

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3. Surface level of ocean
4. Assault
6. Green vegetable
6. Repeat
7. Water vapor
8. Childhood disease
9. Elementary (abbr.)
10. Sarah (var.)
11. At another time
19. Rumbling sound
21. Clusters of grapes
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24. Brewed drink
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26. Seventh Gr. letter
29. Plunge
30. Town in Oklahoma
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