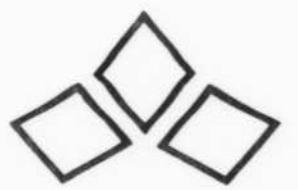


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Caroline Holland/Staff

The yearbook workshop, sponsored by Jostens American Yearbook Co., is one of the many summer workshops that bring funds to the university

## Summer workshops help university add to treasury

by CONNIE CASS  
Sidelines News Editor

Summer workshops keep fall and spring housing rates down by as much as 5% and provide thousands of dollars to the general university fund, officials said yesterday.

Last year's residential summer workshops grossed about \$193,000 for the university housing budget, said Ivan Shewmake, director of housing. The cost of staff salaries, utilities and wear on the halls make the actual profit lower than this, Shewmake said, but the exact profit cannot be calculated.

The daily rate for workshop participants living on campus was raised 50 cents this summer to \$8, he said. The weekly rate was raised by \$3 to \$35, \$5.20 more than regularly enrolled students pay.

Shewmake said he "keys everything to holding the regularly scheduled students' rates down," and that by raising charges for workshop residents he could hold down the fall and spring rates.

"The more we make on them, the less the regularly enrolled students have to pay for rent," Shewmake explained, "and that's our top priority."

Approximately 48 workshops will use campus housing this summer, and Shewmake estimated that these workshops would gross more than \$200,000 for housing.

"Workshops are the hardest thing in the world to predict," he added. "You always have to guess about how many will come and how long they will stay, and often they change their minds."

Shewmake said that workshops are "an immense amount of extra work for the staff," but added "I cherish them for the money they bring in."

About 30 summer workshops, some residential and some commuter, are scheduled through the continuing education office, according to Rosemary Owens of continuing education.

"We don't charge them a fee for being on campus," Owens said. "We just charge them for materials, advertising and similar services that we provide. We also charge them for registration for continuing education hours."

Continuing education hours do not count toward high school or college credit, but they do certify completion of courses, she explained.

Summer workshops handled by the office earned about \$75,000 for the general university fund last year, said Owens.

"We're hoping it will go up this summer," she said. "It looks like it might."

A typical summer activity sponsored by continuing education is "Serendipity," a day camp for children. The continuing education office plans the activities, hires teachers and arranges lunches for the children. They charge each participant \$60 for the week-long camp.

They also coordinate institutes, conferences and seminars for adults, and the rates vary according to the services provided by the office.

"We are mainly a public service arm of MTSU," Owens explained. "We are trying to open the university up to any taxpayer."

The athletic and music departments also sponsor summer workshops that make money for the university.

The music department hosts approximately 20 high school bands during the four-week band camp season beginning in July, according to Dorothy McCormick, secretary of the music department.

May take two years

## Asbestos removal progresses in halls

by PAMELA BRADEN  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Sixty-one of the 81 campus buildings contain asbestos, but it is unlikely the asbestos could pose a health threat, said Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

At least five resident halls contain asbestos, including Smith, Beasley, Sims, and J and K apartments, said Ivan Shewmake, director of housing. The asbestos is used for insulation around plumbing and sewage pipes and as a coating on ceilings, Shewmake said.

"I've been assured the residents are in no danger," Shewmake said.

Cancer risk can occur if asbestos deteriorates and a significant number of asbestos particles are released into a building's air supply, said Pigg. The possibility of this happening here is unlikely, he added, because the campus buildings are new enough that the asbestos should not be corroded.

Housing plans to remove the asbestos "gradually over the course of a couple of years," Mark Ross, coordinator of Area V, said.

Asbestos will be removed from individual halls as renovation work is done on those halls, Shewmake explained. Housing is currently renovating bathrooms in Smith Hall. While new toilets and shower doors are added, the asbestos, which is located on a water tank in the mechanical room, will be removed. Asbestos was removed from Monahan last summer during bathroom renovation there, he said.

The renovation of Smith Hall will take about 100 days, said Ross, and the asbestos removal will take two of those days.

A contractor trained in asbestos removal will do the job, Shewmake said. The renovation and asbestos removal together will cost about \$200,000, he said.

Next summer Sims and Beasley are scheduled for bathroom renovation and asbestos removal, said Shewmake.

Also, self-closing doors are being installed on all residence hall rooms on campus to meet safety codes set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, he said. Housing is also improving fire exits and making other safety improvements.

"There are always changes in the safety codes every year," Shewmake added. "We are constantly running safety upgrades."



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Work is constantly being done to improve campus safety standards and upgrade residence halls. As the halls are renovated, asbestos is being removed where needed.

## 350 to lose Pell Grants; many others to be affected

By OWEN BOLTON  
Sidelines Staff Writer

About 350 MTSU students will lose their Pell Grants next fall because of cuts in federal programs dictated by the Gramm-Rudman Act, Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid, said.

Wrenn predicted that all students seeking financial aid next fall would be affected. He projected an average reduction of \$20 in all grants awarded by the Pell program.

A 4.4 percent across-the-board cut in federal programs will result in a loss of approximately \$344,000 in Pell Grant funds to MTSU students, Wrenn said.

Approximately 2,343 MTSU students received Pell Grants last year. The grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and can cover up to half of the cost of tuition, Wrenn said.

"It's difficult to tell how students will deal with this," Wrenn said. "Every individual is going to make up their own mind."

Wrenn said most of these students would probably apply for the Guaranteed Student Loan program. Many will also compensate by cutting the number of hours they take to allow them more time to work part-time jobs, he added.

"The collective impact is not that bad," Wrenn said. "But the individual impact is terrible. I've talked to some students that will be devastated."

Cassie Fennell, an MTSU senior, said she is "angry" about possibly losing her grant because she "feels the money is out there somewhere."

"The worst that can happen is that I'll have to drop out, and I'm on my last year here," Fennell said. "I've borrowed my limit on Guaranteed Student Loans. When my husband and I graduate, we are going to be \$10,000 in debt."

## ACT takers prefer MTSU

by OWEN BOLTON  
Sidelines Staff Writer

High school students taking the American College Test forward their scores to MTSU more than to any other college or university in Middle Tennessee, according to an ACT study.

Findings of the study were announced to faculty and administrators at a recruitment workshop sponsored by the ACT Friday, according to Dot Harrison, director of public relations.

The study also said MTSU recruitment is weakest in West Tennessee, where most students choose to attend Memphis State University.

The University of Tennessee is MTSU's primary recruitment competition, according to the survey. This came as a surprise to many people, Harrison said, because many administrators had considered Western Kentucky University to be MTSU's main competitor in recruiting new students.

An equal number of Davidson County high school seniors send their scores to UT and MTSU, the study said.

The university participated in the ACT service to gain understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the school's recruitment efforts, said Harrison.

## Collegiate Intelligence Report

The Senate Finance Committee's tax proposal would affect college students whose parents give them monetary gifts and working students, whose parents claim them as a tax exemption, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

Currently, income generated by trust funds set up by a student's parents is taxed at the student's lower tax rate. If the new bill is approved as proposed, however, gifts from parents to children over 14 would be taxed at the parents' top tax rate.

A student who has a summer or after-school job can currently claim a personal exemption and be claimed as a dependent by his or her parents. Under the Senate proposal, individuals who are eligible to be claimed as dependents on another taxpayer's return would not be allowed to claim a personal exemption themselves.

As reported by *The Wall Street Journal*

A University of Tennessee internal investigation has recommended that football coach Johnny Majors be publicly reprimanded and said two players face possible NCAA sanctions.

According to the committee's report, Majors was aware that quarterback Tony Robinson was driving a car owned by a prominent Knoxville and using that man's credit cards—violations of NCAA rules—but failed to report it to the athletic director.

Carlos Reveiz, placekicker, and Kelly Ziegler, starting linebacker, have been declared automatically ineligible to play because they violated NCAA rules by improperly distributing free passes during the last football season.

The internal investigation found six substantiated violations of NCAA rules. As reported in *The Tennessean*

Jesse Jackson attacked the court-approved goal of 50 percent white enrollment at Tennessee State University by 1993, calling it a "cruel hoax," while he was in Nashville last week.

Jackson said TSU should be allowed to continue its role as a "historically black institution that accepts the mission of educating black and poor students."

Jackson cited a steep decline in black students in higher education, and said the desegregation goal, if met, would lead to fewer blacks getting a higher education.

As reported in *The Tennessean*



# Floyd accepts TSU position

by LINDA STOVER  
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU Vice president Otis Floyd has been chosen as Tennessee State University's interim president and is currently working with the TSU staff to become familiar with the campus and its activities.

Floyd will be officially taking the interim position on June 16. At that time, Floyd will be taken off the MTSU payroll and transferred onto the TSU payroll, MTSU President Sam Ingram said.

Floyd was appointed to this position by the Board of Regents. He was chosen for the position because of his qualifications and experience in the education system, Floyd said.

However, Floyd will not be considered for the permanent position of TSU president because Board of Regents regulations prohibit an interim to fill a permanent position. The president's position is expected to be filled in August, and Floyd said he would remain until the position is filled.

Floyd has been working with the outgoing TSU interim president Roy Peterson. Peterson replaced Frederick Humphries who served as the last permanent president of TSU. Floyd has been working with

Peterson in order to become more familiar with the TSU campus, cycles and budget. His duties at TSU will consist of regular duties of any university president.

Floyd was aware that he would be taking the interim position at TSU and finalized all his pertinent duties at MTSU, Ingram said.

Ingram will be responsible for Floyd's duties in Floyd's absence.

"I have mixed feelings about Dr. Floyd leaving. On one hand, I am proud that he is able to use his administrative knowledge and abilities. Whereas on the other hand I am not looking forward to Dr. Floyd's absence and being without his fine administrative skills here at MTSU," Ingram said.

If Floyd does not return in August, Floyd's duties will be evaluated and an administrative assistant would be assigned if the workload becomes too cumbersome, Ingram said.

At MTSU, Floyd supervises the directors of Institutional Research, Campus Planning, Development, Public Relations, Alumni Relations, Personnel, Operational Services, Women's Information and Referral Center, Athletics and Public Safety and Security.

# Student issued citation

From Staff Reports

An MTSU senior was issued a citation for solicitation for prostitution by Metro-Nashville park rangers at Cedar Hill Park last weekend, Metro Parks Director Jim Fyke said.

Carlton Winfrey, a former editor in chief of *Sidelines*, was one of seven men issued a citation

by an undercover male park ranger, Fyke said.

One plain-clothes ranger in an unmarked van talked to the men while another ranger videotaped the conversations, Fyke said.

The charge is a misdemeanor and the trial date was set for July 25.

Winfrey's lawyer could not be reached for comment.

# THE BLOTTER

The Blotter is a record of incidents investigated by the MTSU Department of Public Safety and Security and submitted to *Sidelines* by that office.

## Incident: DUI

Defendant was observed operating his vehicle for some distance with a flat tire. He exited the vehicle, staggered around it and urinated on the flat tire. He then proceeded to lie in the urine to change the tire. He was arrested for DUI after failing field sobriety tests. This was his second offense.

## Incident: Trespass Warnings Issued to Two Juveniles

On 5-4-86 two subjects were observed urinating on the grass between Loop Drive and North East corner of Peck Hall. The two were transported to DPSS where their parents were notified to come get them and they were issued trespass warnings.

## Incident: Vandalism

Several areas on campus were observed during routine patrol by an officer to have been vandalized. Vandalism consisted of red spray painted messages.

## Incident: Burglary to Auto

Victim parked his vehicle on the loop between the library and Peck Hall on 6-4-86. While he was in the library briefly, someone broke into his vehicle and took a radar detector and his brief case.

## Incident: Larceny

Victim stated on 5-14-86 someone

removed his bicycle from the K Apartments bike rack. The front wheel was not taken.

## Incident: Larceny

On 5-24-86 at 2:20 a.m., complainant observed four males leaving MSH on bicycles going towards J and K apartments. One of the subjects left a bicycle between E and F building, and the other three fled on the bicycles. The bicycle that had been left belonged to a resident of MSH. The four subjects were not found.

## Incident: Larceny

The victim left her room to go to the bathroom (Felder Hall). When she returned, her purse was gone. She observed a suspect in the hallway of Felder. The suspect was not found. The purse was recovered at the Wesley Foundation with only the money missing.

## Incident: Larceny

Victim stated that on 5-20-86 someone removed the gas caps from his two vehicles while they were parked outside of Family Housing.

## Incident: Larceny

Victim reported that in the past several days he and his wife had had two gas caps stolen off of their vehicles while they were in Family

Housing. While the officer was taking their report, a student patrol officer found several gas caps in the fence row by Family Housing. Several residents claimed the gas caps. Unclaimed gas caps were returned to DPSS.

## Incident: Larceny

Victim stated she chained her bike to the railing on the north end bleachers at Jones Field on 5-15-86. When she returned to her bike an hour later, it was gone.

## Incident: Larceny

Victim stated she parked her vehicle near I Building of MSH on 5-15-86. When she returned to her car on 5-16-86, she found the gas cap and approximately one-half of a tank of gas missing.

## Incident: Larceny of Bicycle

Victim stated he parked his bicycle at the bike rack at the Alumni Gym on 5-29-86. When he returned two hours later, he found the unsecured bicycle was missing

## Incident: Larceny

Victim stated he left his bicycle locked to the stairwell just outside his apartment in Family Housing on 5-9-86. When he returned to his bicycle three hours later, the bike was missing.

## Incident: B & E

Victim stated he left his residence

in Family Housing on 5-9-86. When he returned three hours later, he found the screen to his window had been knocked down. He discovered his 19" black and white TV missing.

## Incident: DUI

Defendant was arrested on 5-11-86 after being observed operating his vehicle in a careless manner. Upon stopping the subject, an odor associated with alcoholic beverages was detected. Also, upon checking his driving history, it was discovered he was driving on a suspended license.

## Incident: Arrest

On 5-6-86 officers observed Charles Lillard and another subject, Tony C. Marable, walking suspiciously throughout campus. Upon stopping the two subjects, Lillard was arrested for trespassing (having previously been issued a trespass warning), and Marable was issued a trespass warning.

## Incident: Larceny to Auto

Campus officer observed two subjects as they appeared to be looking for something or someone as they walked through Bell Street lot on 5-4-86. He observed the subjects as they bent over a Corvette. Later, upon discovering the Corvette had had a cover taken from it, the subjects were stopped and arrested for petit larceny.

# Campus Capsule

A Summer Outdoor Pops Concert by the University Community Symphony Orchestra featuring conductor Laurence Harvin June 10 at 6 p.m. at Old Fort Park. The concert is free and open to the public, so don't forget to bring a chair or blanket.

The Wee Care Day Care Center will hold a fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. on June 21 at the Ramada Inn in Murfreesboro. The main speaker will be gubernatorial candidate Jane Eskind. The event will include dinner, dancing and a fashion show. A \$12 donation is requested.


Applications for the Mentor Program should be returned to the office of minority affairs as soon as possible. Mentors are faculty members or students who serve as a friend and helper to incoming freshmen. Anyone interested in the program should call Phyllis Hickerson at 898-2987.

Free Prenatal Classes at the Rutherford County Health Department, starts June 25 at 2 p.m. If you are a mother or father-to-be and would like to attend, call 898-4422 for more information.

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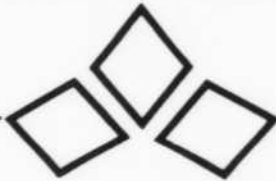
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# Editorial/Forum



## New law will save lives

A study of 28,000 traffic accidents revealed that for all seat belt users involved in an accident with a crash speed of 60 miles per hour or less there were no fatalities, while speeds as low as 12 mph resulted in death among unbelted passengers and drivers.

Statistics such as these make you wonder why anybody would not wear a seat belt. It has been proven in numerous scientific studies that seat belts save lives. It is no longer a voluntary act to wear a seat belt — it is law.

### Editorial

On April 21, 1986, Governor Lamar Alexander signed the mandatory safety belt legislation that was passed during this session of the Tennessee General Assembly. The law states that all persons four and older must wear their safety belts while they are riding in a car. (Children under four are covered under the 1977 child safety seat law).

Opponents of the law say it is an invasion of your rights to force you to take care of yourself. That may be true, however, your life may be saved by wearing a seat belt. The law also contains several exemptions from mandatory usage. If you are a person with a doctor's statement that you have a physically disabling condition, a rural letter carrier on duty, a utility worker or a water, gas or electric meter reader on duty, a newspaper delivery person, on the job, a salesper-

son or mechanic employed by an automobile dealer who test drives 50 or more cars a day within one mile of the dealership, or a back seat passenger you do not have to wear the seat belt.

In addition, the law also states an officer cannot pull you over just because he believes you are not wearing a seat belt. The offender is to be pulled over for a separate violation. That means you must be putting yourself in danger before you can receive a citation for not wearing your seat belt. That is a very fair law.

Another fair provision in the law is that fines for the violation may not be handed out until January 1, 1987. Until then officers will only issue warning citations. And after Jan. 1, the first violation will not carry a fine. The offender will only receive a warning. An offender will not receive a fine until the second violation. All other violations after the second will also carry a fine.

The maximum fine will be \$50, and the law also states that the money collected from the fines will be used only by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to assist handicapped people severely injured in automobile accidents.

The mandatory safety belt law is a good one. Statistics show that one in every seven persons will be involved in a serious accident in their lives. Every year in Tennessee over 1,000 people are killed and 50,000 injured in car accidents. The seat belt law will help make sure that you do not become a statistic.



## Free press is a responsibility



**R & R**  
By Laura Rader  
Editor-in-Chief

I am at last getting the opportunity to sit down and write this column. If the first issue is any indication (and I think it is) I am going to enjoy being the editor-in-chief of *Sidelines*. Having any number of people continually needing help, advice, inspiration or a decision from me can be a heady experience, and I must admit that I enjoy it. It is also an awesome responsibility.

*Sidelines* has a reputation for printing stories which are often infuriating to various university departments. For example, the story about MTSU's policy (or lack thereof) for disposing of locator cards was not printed for controversial value. It is an issue about which many people honestly feel very strongly, and it is an issue that *Sidelines* intends to follow up on until a positive change is made.

Some stories that are printed are done so with the foreknowledge that the ramifications of doing so will not be pleasant. Knowing that people may feel angry or attacked does not cause a journalist to anti-

cipate a good night's sleep. On the other hand, how responsible would it be to overlook an issue that needs to be publicized? As the newspaper of the MTSU community, *Sidelines* can call for changes for the good of the entire community. This is the kind of responsibility I am talking about.

Readers also have a responsibility. It is imperative that readers learn when to make their own judgments about stories, and when no judgment is needed. It is up to the reader to decide whether he/she thinks that changes need to be made in housing rules, or whether a different interpretation is all that's needed. The reader also needs to keep in mind that a news article is just as often intended to be nothing more than informative, and does not provide enough information to allow a reader to make a value judgment.

Some issues, many readers feel, are beaten to death. The question of U.S. aid to contras, for example, is one on which a popular agree-

ment will never be reached. However, it is an issue about which many readers feel very strongly and consequently, *Sidelines* received many letters on the subject. Other issues that received lots of attention in the form of letters to the editor were panty raids and the Greek system (i.e. fraternities and sororities).

These may seem to be opposite ends of the spectrum of serious issues, but we received lots of letters about these issues, so these are the issues that we must assume are important to the readers.

Believe it or not, *Sidelines* does not fabricate news. We can only print what we know. Citizens of the MTSU community have a responsibility to their community to speak out on any and all issues about which they feel strongly. *Sidelines* prints almost all the letters we receive, and it is the best way to cover several varied issues and viewpoints. We also welcome guest columnists and editorials.

Much has been written about the function of the press as a watchdog of the government, but the public has to act as the watchdog of the press. Even more than that a free press is the voice of the people. Exercise that voice! Make it stronger! Remember how fortunate you are to have it.

## TSU addition will benefit OVC



**INSIGHTS**  
By Brian Conley  
Editorial Editor

The addition of Tennessee State University to the Ohio Valley Conference is a giant boost in the arm to Blue Raider Athletics.

It will bring much needed media attention to the OVC. Face it, TSU received more television attention as an independent than all of the schools in the OVC combined. Because of the Nashville media's love for TSU, its league will receive more extensive coverage. This will

help recruitment and bring in some revenue for the athletic programs.

Another benefit that the addition of TSU will bring is that the OVC will be a tougher conference. Not only will the conference have MTSU, Eastern Kentucky and Murray State as contenders, but now Tennessee State will be added to the list of conference powerhouses.

TSU and MTSU will also develop

a strong rivalry. TSU's football program has traditionally been one of the best in the nation, and their basketball program is also very strong. Also, the close proximity of TSU to MTSU will help to strengthen a rivalry. The rivalry will help to improve the teams of both schools.

TSU has a long, proud tradition as an athletic powerhouse. Their addition to the OVC is one that has been long overdue. The pride and excellence of their programs can only rub off on the rest of the OVC member schools. They will bring with them much needed media coverage and publicity. It will hopefully be a long-lasting relationship.

## Letters to the Editor

### Intellectuals

To the Editor,

In my few months at Middle Tennessee State University, I have been granted the pleasure of encountering a fantastic entourage of extremely inspiring people. The group of which I speak so enthusiastically is the campus intellectuals, truly informed, aware individuals and people who cause the rest of us students to wonder why we are here at all.

I first encountered the intellectuals during my second week at school when I decided to lay down a little extra cash and eat at the Grill. Little did I know that when I passed the section adjacent to the fraternities and next to the working cigarette machine that I was actually cruising the cultural center of our university.

After stopping in the Grill awhile, watching and listening every now and then, I learned that there are certain common characteristics common to all intellectuals. These I share with you as guidelines for improvement and in the hope that one day, God willing, humbler lesser types like us may become intellectuals too.

First of all, the MTSU intellectual must spend plenty of time at the Grill. This is where he or she discusses important relevant things with other intellectuals. The intellectual in discussion usually sips coffee and smokes cigarettes with

long names like "Vantage Ultra Smooth Light 100's." Many of them sport Army jackets while they talk.

What important things does an intellectual talk about? Politics, religion, society, and how nice it feels to be an intellectual are popular topics. Lots of them have been to New York so they talk about that, too.

All intellectuals despise the President, no matter who is in office, because the majority of the people in this country are not intellectuals and always vote for the wrong candidate. The intellectual knows that any problem effecting anyone can be solved within weeks by a new, experimental, government-funded program, and that tax increases can never be justified.

Intellectuals doubt there is a God but have strong belief "There is something out there." The intellectual hates organized religion and evangelists, especially Jerry Falwell.

Intellectuals like to talk about how they are amused by the different types of people they come across on campus. They love to laugh at trendy people, hippies (although some intellectuals resemble them), punks, fraternity types, and especially athletes. Intellectuals belong to no particular clique but do take great pride in being acquainted with plenty of these people — only because they are interested in primitive behavior from an intellectual standpoint. Intellectuals do not drive American cars.

Intellectuals attend lectures in their spare time.

Intellectuals have a distinct look. It is not a style but more an anti-fashion statement. Intellectuals are not extremely well-groomed because their time is too valuable to be wasted on hygiene. It would take time away from that spent at the Grill. Many intellectual men have receding hairlines (a result of mental stress) and many times wear a beard or have that scruffy look (no time for shaving). The women do not wear much make-up. Bras are optional.

Intellectuals always refer to their instructors by their first names, watch Public Broadcasting, and can quote famous, important intellec-

tual figures. Contrary to popular belief, not all intellectuals wear glasses. Some have extended wear contact lenses. Intellectuals do hold the nation's future in their hands. The population of Middle Tennessee should be grateful to have an abundance of these fascinating people at our school, and we can only hope to imitate their example.

Tony Manginelli  
P.O. Box 5943

### Parking

To the Editor,

As a longtime student, I am concerned about the parking situation

at MTSU. However I am taking the opposite side from the typical student opinion.

As I stated before, I've been a student at MTSU for the last three years. In the past, I've battled for parking spots just like everyone else. However, now I see a different view of the situation. I live off campus, but within walking distance. I see our university as one of the most beautiful schools in Tennessee. This beauty will end if we continue replacing the grassy green fields with pavement.

I walk across Greenland Drive parking lot every day. I have not yet

seen it full. What I have seen is more fields being destroyed for something we do not need. We need to preserve the beauty of the university, not cover it up. The parking areas we have now are not being used — why should we pave more?

We are the envy of most schools in the OVC. I am proud of being a student of the most attractive school in Tennessee. This pride fails as I watch bulldozers destroying our campus.

Janet Faust  
P.O. Box 2881

### Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space.

All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. Telephone numbers will not be printed and are for verification purposes only. When warranted, requests to withhold names will be honored.

We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and space.

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# Features/Entertainment

## Soaps flood television's daytime airwaves



Photo By Wayne Cartwright

Wendy Harris, an MTSU sophomore, enjoys watching the popular soap opera "Days of Our Lives." When she works, Wendy, a true soap enthusiast, videotapes the day's segment to watch at a later time.

### 'Top Gun' captures attention with danger

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used to judge these films. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

By JAN HEISE  
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

When someone mentions the name Tom Cruise, "Risky Business" usually comes to mind. Not just because it is the title of a successful movie in which he stars but because all of his films seem to deal with danger, chances and risks. "Top Gun" is no exception.

In this movie, Cruise is an outstanding fighter pilot in the U.S. Navy known by the codename "Maverick." The origin of this name becomes evident in the opening scene of the film as Cruise is shown flying at high speeds taking risks in a crazy but confident manner.

This the first example of Maverick's creative flying and proof

that he possesses an inner desire to do things his own way.

Maverick is reprimanded on several occasions for his unique tactics and reminded of the seriousness of his missions. Despite the discretionary efforts of his superiors, Maverick remains untamed in flight and it is this quality that leads

Just as Maverick appears to have all he ever wanted, his world falls apart and he almost allows himself to lose everything for which he has worked so intensely. He realizes, however, that he must face reality and continue with his life and career.

After more hard work and rough times, Maverick gets back on his feet and becomes a winner once again, both in flight and in love.

"Top Gun" is an enjoyable movie and captured my attention from beginning to end.

It includes some very sad and emotionally intense scenes which are balanced out by those containing lighter, more comical material.

Of course, all of this is enhanced by good music, a good plot and Tom Cruise. This film should turn out to be another success for him to add to his list of achievements.

"Top Gun" is rated PG and is currently showing at the Martin Four in Murfreesboro.

#### Review

him into Top Gun, the most elite school for fighter pilots in the Navy.

Soon after Maverick arrives at the school he begins a light and enjoyable relationship with the film's co-star, Kelly McGillis, who just happens to be his instructor.

There is an undeniable attraction between them that becomes quite humorous as it develops and must be hidden from everyone within Top Gun.

#### What's Going On?

June 25, 1986 The heavy metal rock group DIO performs with Accept at the Municipal Auditorium. Showtime is at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at all CentraTik outlets for \$12.50.

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By DIANE GRIFFIN  
Sidelines Feature Writer

Will John regain his memory? Can Jennifer make it through a whole semester of detention hall? Will Shane ever forgive Kimberly for that one night with Victor? Who cares, right?

Wrong. Lots of people care. They have made "Days of our Lives," on which these questions are based, and the 17 other soap operas that currently flood the airwaves enormously popular.

Check out the lounge of virtually any dorm on campus at 3 p.m. on a weekday, and you'll see evidence of the soap opera's broad appeal.

Stephanie Ratcliff, a journalism major who regularly tunes in to four soaps, feels that once you start watching these shows, it becomes hard to stop. She explains, "You just get so involved. You feel like the characters are real people, and you want to know what happens to them."

This is true for many soap fans. One may even know someone who screams words of warning to characters about to meet their doom and label them "stupid" if they ignore their advice. In these people's eyes the characters are real.

Dr. Larry Burriss of the mass communications department explains that the soap opera's appeal stems partly from "the way the shows are produced. There is very little action, and they hook you at the end. If you want to satisfy your curiosity you have to watch it the next day."

Francine Boisvert, an English major, proposes another reason for their appeal: "Even though the soaps are often far-fetched and ridiculous, I think the students enjoy watching them because they are a way to temporarily escape the pressures of college."

The soap opera has long been a

method of escape. It dates back to 1932 when the radio soaps helped the bored American housewife escape her ritualistic duties to dream about the trials and tribulations of fictional people.

The first daytime radio serial, "Just Plain Bill," came on the air in 1932. The plot centered on the grief and worry of a small-town barber in the Mid-West.

With Bill's success and the support of soap companies, the soap opera was born. More 15-minute serials followed: "Stella Dallas," "Valiant Widows," "Interned Nurse," "John's Other Wife," "Willie and Winnie" and "Ma Perkins," to name a few.

All developed fanatically loyal audiences. Surveys indicate that 55 percent of the nation's housewives of the 30s and 40s listened regularly.

These old-time soaps were much different than the ones you see today. Most were based on religious and moral issues. If one were a fan of those radio serials, Sally's cold would be the problem, not an abortion.

Then came television. The first TV soap "A Woman to Remember" aired in 1947. Many others followed, most being transplanted from radio.

The only soap that began on radio which is still in existence is "Guiding Light." After hitting the radio waves in 1937, it moved to television in June of 1952.

In the 60s, there was an entirely new group of television watchers, less conventional than the radio generation. Soap writers spawned new material and younger characters. "Days of our Lives" aired in 1965 and "All My Children" in 1970.

Today, we have not only daytime serials but primetime soaps as well. However, the primetime soap is not as modern as one might think.

"Peyton Place" was a very popular nighttime soap during the 60s.

Both primetime and daytime soaps operate around a formula. Writers have found that certain elements work well in this genre of programming.

First, there is the cliffhanger, one of the most effective ways to hook audiences. The most famous, of course, was "Who Shot J.R.?" Eighty-eight million people watched the conclusion to this famous episode.

Next, on most soaps there is a Mafia-type figure who controls the whole town and has access to unlimited information and wealth. On "Dallas," that would be J.R. Ewing, on "Dynasty," Blake Carrington, and on "Days of Our Lives," Victor Kiriakis.

Finally, there must be suffering and lots of it. On "Days of Our Lives," Marlena Brady's husband falls off a cliff and "dies," her next boyfriend is shot and killed, her baby twins are kidnapped and taken to Mexico and her twin sister is murdered by the Salem Strangler. Yes, suffering is in order on the soap opera.

These are some of the common elements on modern-day soaps, but with these shows anything is possible. If you see something that looks new, it probably happened first on a soap opera.

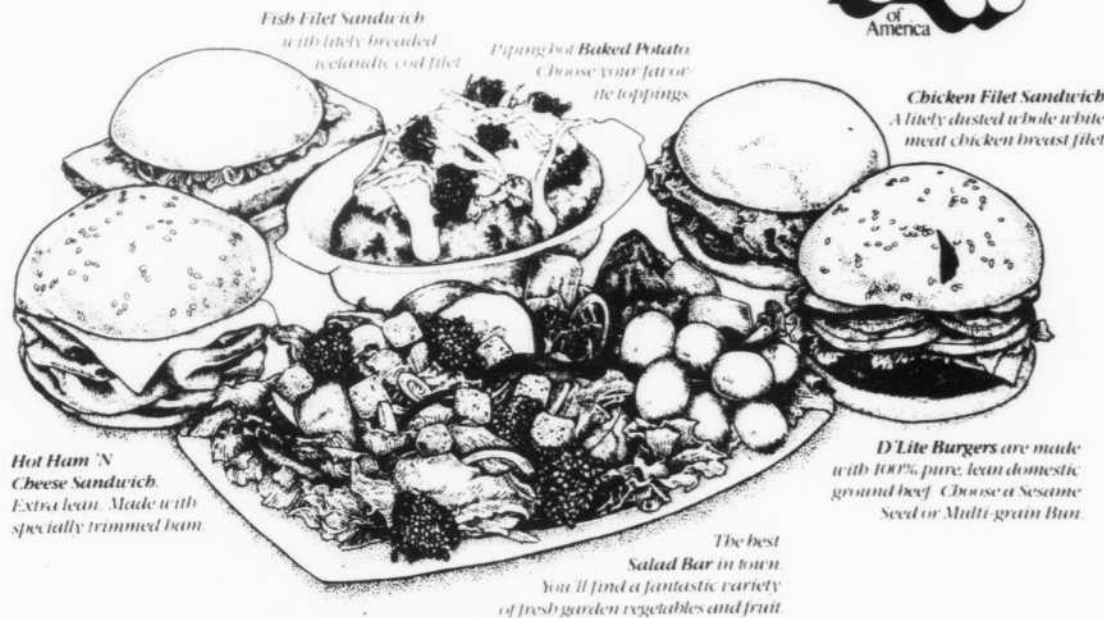
And soaps are more popular than ever. More than 65 million Americans tune in to them every day, making the suds of screenland the most lucrative segment of television programming.

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Sports

MTSU takes OVC All-Sports titles

By BRIAN CONLEY  
Sidelines Sports Editor

1985-86 was the year for MTSU athletics.

Blue Raider teams did not finish below third place in any one sport as they out-classed the rest of the OVC to take the OVC Mens All-Sports title for the first time since 1976-77 and for only the second time in MTSU history.

MTSU out-distanced second place Murray State by a decisive 18 points. Eastern Kentucky was a close third as they trailed Murray by 4½ points. Tennessee Tech was

a distant sixth as they were a whopping 70 points below league leading MTSU.

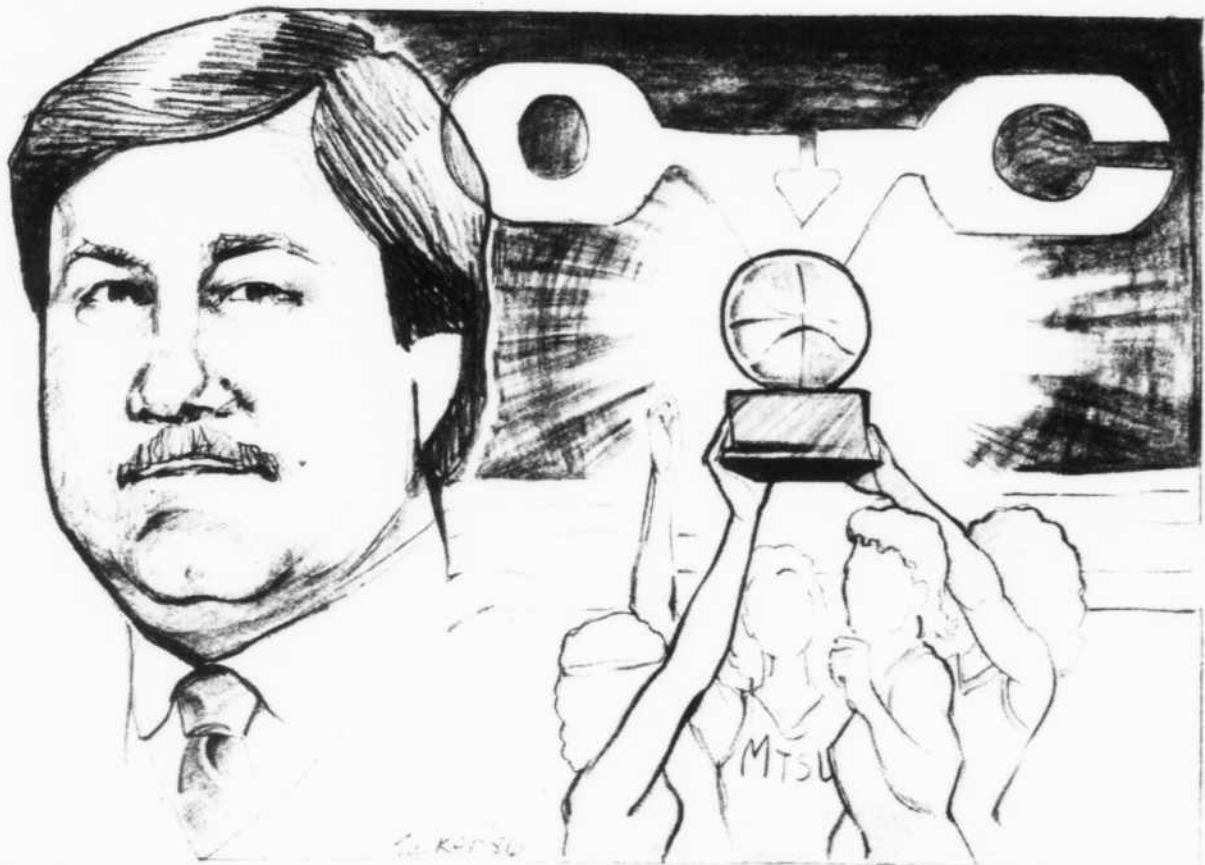
The Blue Raider teams either won or shared five of the eight league championship sports titles. Football, indoor track, outdoor track, basketball and baseball (Southern Division) were all dominated by MTSU. The basketball and baseball teams both placed second in their respective conference tourneys while the golf and tennis teams finished third in their championships.

The Lady Raiders also dominated the OVC in winning the

Womens All-Sports Championship. They defeated runner-up Eastern Kentucky by 12 and third place finisher Murray by 14 to claim the title.

The Lady Raiders rode to victory with a first place finish in both the regular season basketball race and in the basketball tournament. The tennis team added a second place finish in their tourney to clinch the title.

This is the second time the Lady Raiders have captured the All-Sports title. The only other time the Lady Raiders won the title was in 1982.



Shake-up

Tennessee State joins OVC

From Staff Reports

Tennessee State University has been admitted to the Ohio Valley Conference by a unanimous vote of the schools' presidents.

"I think it will be a mutually beneficial relationship," James Delaney, OVC commissioner, said to the *Daily News Journal*. "I was very pleased with the attitude of the TSU family and the OVC family over the last few months."

"TSU will bring a lot of Nashville Media exposure with them into the OVC," Jimmy Earle, MTSU Athletic Director said. "I think that a strong rivalry will develop between MTSU and TSU over the years."

The rivalry will stem from the closeness of TSU to MTSU, Earle added. "TSU has excellent football and basketball programs. Our basketball teams played them some good close games and when we

played TSU in the 70's there were some real good games."

"TSU will have to upgrade their spring programs," Earle said. "But they have a good tradition in athletics. It should be a successful addition to the OVC."

"I am a firm believer that it is a very good idea for TSU to be in the OVC," Dr. Otis Floyd, TSU interim President, said. "This will help both TSU and the OVC with the added press coverage from Nashville and the good quality of the sports programs TSU will bring into the OVC."

"The addition of TSU will be financially beneficial to the two schools [MTSU and TSU] because even in the 70's the two schools' football games had crowds of 20 to 30 thousand people," Floyd said.

TSU and MTSU will be playing a football game this fall, Earle said. "I do not know the date of the game

as of yet. It will be played at Vanderbilt and they will announce when the game will be later on this week."

Tennessee State will be gradually added to the OVC, Earle said. They will have a one year adjustment period so they can become used to the different rules and regulations of the OVC.

The OVC presidents formally accepted Akron's withdrawal from the conference after the next academic year and approved a measure to allow membership to be withdrawn from a school.

The OVC presidents tabled a motion from former member Western Kentucky to become an associate member to compete in football, the *DNJ* reported. Western is currently a member of the Sun Belt Conference which does not compete in football.

Former UT stars indicted

Former UT Quarterback Tony Robinson has been named on a 26 count indictment that could send Robinson to jail for a minimum of ten years, according to a report in the *Tennessean*.

The Knox County Grand Jury also named Robinson's roommate, ex-Vol running back Kenneth Cooper, in the indictment. Both Robinson and Cooper are charged with 16 conspiracy counts which include charges of conspiracy to sell, conspiracy to deliver, conspiracy to possess with the intent to sell and conspiracy to sell with the intent to deliver, the *Tennessean* reported.

They were also charged with seven counts of selling Cocaine and three counts of cocaine possession.

Under Tennessee law, the sale of over 30 grams of cocaine is a Class X felony and carries a possible sentence, if convicted, of 10 years to life.

The *Tennessean* reported that Robinson's attorneys said the district attorney was trying to "balloon" the indictment by using the alleged conspiracy. The Knox County Sheriff's department had originally charged Robinson with only three counts of sale and delivery of cocaine and Cooper with

five counts of the same offense.

"The counsel for Mr. Robinson are shocked that the prosecution would take the same transactions expressed in three prior warrants and balloon them into 26 counts," Bob Ritchie, Robinson's attorney, told the *Tennessean*.

Cooper's attorney, Donald Coffey, was more direct in his comments after the hearing.

"I think the indictment sucks," Coffey said.

The trial date has been set for Nov. 11, and July 24 has been set as a date to hear motions for the accused.

America's best amateur roundballers to play at Smith field

From Staff Reports

The United States Olympic baseball team will play against Webb's Floor Covering at MTSU's Reese Field June 24 at 7:30 pm.

Webb's Floor Covering won the National Amateur Baseball Congress championship last season. The team comes from Nashville.

The Olympic team has the best college players in the country, John

Stanford, MTSU baseball coach, said to the *Daily News Journal*. "Nearly all of these guys are number one draft choices. They come from Maine, California, Louisiana and the rest of the country."

The Olympic team has also been scheduled to play all-star teams from Cuba, Korea, Japan and the Netherlands.

They will also be in Saskatchewan, Canada to appear in the Pacific Cup Series.

The home base for the Olympians is in Millington, Tennessee which is located just outside Memphis. After playing a few games at Millington, they will play one exhibition game here before leaving to play a few games in California. They will then finish their 50 game

schedule on the international circuit.

Their last stop will be against the Cuban All-Stars.

Now that the college world series is concluded, they will practice for a few weeks in Millington and then start touring, Stanford told the *DNJ*.

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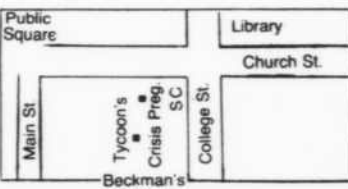
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American League

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	38	19	.666	—
Baltimore	33	22	.600	4
New York	33	23	.589	4
Milwaukee	30	26	.536	7½
Cleveland	25	28	.500	10
Toronto	28	30	.483	10½
Detroit	25	28	.472	10½

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	31	25	.554	—
California	28	28	.500	3
Kansas City	28	28	.500	3
Oakland	25	34	.431	7½
Chicago	23	32	.418	7½
Minnesota	23	34	.404	8½
Seattle	21	37	.362	11

National League

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	37	16	.698	—
Montreal	30	24	.555	7½
Philadelphia	26	27	.491	11
Pittsburgh	23	30	.434	14
Chicago	23	32	.418	15
St. Louis	22	32	.407	15½

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	32	23	.582	—
San Fran	30	25	.545	2
Atlanta	28	27	.509	4
San Diego	27	29	.482	5½
Los Angeles	27	31	.466	6½
Cincinnati	22	31	.415	9

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