

# Sidelines

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by Frank Vickers  
Assistant Sports Editor

## POOL MAGICIAN PROVIDES THRILLS

At age six he began playing pool in the recreation hall of the Lutheran church where his father was pastor. He had to stand on a coke crate to reach the table.

At age seven he won his first tournament. He became the Indiana state champion at 16 and turned pro at 21.

Paul Gerni, who is now a top touring professional and one of the leading trick-shot artists in the world, appeared at the packed UC games room Wednesday for a trick-shot exhibition and a challenge match with Dallas West, current U.S. Open champion.

Gerni kept the amazed audience entertained by making numerous "impossible" shots, including one in which he sank twelve balls in a single shot.

In another shot Gerni placed six balls in the center of the table and with one shot, knocked them into six different pockets.

He also performed several shots from the movie "The Hustler."

According to Gerni there are about 120 basic trick shots with many variations. His personal bag of tricks, which contains about 150 shots, has brought Gerni championships in the 1974 national United States trick shot competition and the 1975 and 1976 World Trick and Fancy Shot competition.

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## Flag theft raises accusation of frat involvement

An apparent theft of a giant American flag from the Sword of the Lord foundation building here has brought charges from an official of the group that the thief might be a member of a college fraternity.

### NEWS

A reward of \$150 is being offered by the foundation and the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans for information which would lead to the "safe return" of the flag by the person or persons involved in the theft.

Alvin Byers, the treasurer and business manager of the foundation, said yesterday that the disappearance of the 20 feet by 30 feet flag on Sept. 5 from a flagpole in front of the building could be attributed to the persons who left a beer can at the bottom of the pole after the nighttime incident.

An advertisement run in the Murfreesboro newspaper states "there is reason to believe that a number of individuals have infor-

mation that would lead to the flag's safe return."

The ad further calls the alleged theft "despicable" and says it "denounces every great principle for which our United States flag stands."

"Under cover of darkness," the ad says, "the guilty parties aligned themselves with every draft dodger, traitor and communist element who would see this great nation crumble."

In addition, the ad states "the hands that stripped this flag from its lofty perch denied both God and country," and added that the flag

was now "enslaved by the grips of immorality."

Byers said the flag was purchased, along with a companion Christian flag, for the Bicentennial celebration. The cost of the American flag was put at \$291.50.

The flags had flown day and night since being first run up the poles, and a witness said he saw the flags in the early morning on Sept. 5. Later, when Sword officials came to the office, the flag was missing, and the beer can was found at the base of the pole.

Byers said that "only two kinds of people" would be drinking beer

at that time of night (approximated to be around 4 a.m.). He said that those two kinds of persons were servicemen and fraternity members.

He explained that the idea that a fraternity person might be involved in the theft was "basically a supposition," and he later explained that there were no leads on the case at the time.

Byers also denied published reports that he had scheduled a meeting with "fraternity officials" about the theft. "I don't even know who on the campus is in charge of those things."

## Swine flu vaccine to arrive next week

The initial supply of swine flu vaccine for Rutherford County will be available to the public within one week, according to Dr. Robert S. Sanders, Director of the Rutherford County Public Health Department.

Sanders said that the vaccine would be distributed to the individual counties according to population. "We think there will be

enough available here for everyone who wants to be vaccinated."

The three types of vaccine available are the bivalent type for high-risk adults over 65, the monovalent strain for adults 18-65, and a half-strength, bivalent strain for high risk children from 3-18. The "high-risk" category includes those who suffer from chronic kidney and respiratory diseases.

Sanders said that the vaccination would insure an 85 per cent chance of protection from the swine flu. Side effects should include soreness in the arm and minimal fever.

"The vaccine will arrive at regular intervals until Dec. 31," Sanders said. "It will be dispensed, free of charge, daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Public Health Department."

## Minor problems seen in dorm conversions

by Laura Lewis

With only a few minor drawbacks to report, this year's "conversion of the sexes" between Smith and Gracy residence halls has worked well, according to the head residents of the two dormitories.

"It's taken a little time to adjust," said Pam McLean, head resident of Gracy Hall, a former male dormitory which is now housing females. "But I believe that the girls are satisfied for the most part. The University has been great about giving us almost anything we've asked for."

Complaints about a lack of privacy in the bathrooms and an inadequately furnished lobby by Gracy residents have since been remedied with the installation of shower curtains and new drapes and a television set for the lobby, McLean added.

Complaints by male residents at Smith Hall, which previously housed females, were termed "minor" by head resident David Bragg.

Bragg explained that facilities at

Smith, which was originally a male dormitory, were modified for female use when it became a women's residence hall in 1970.

"And now that it's a male dormitory again, those modifications remain," Bragg said. "For one thing, the showers are still adjusted for use by girls, and the spray of water hits the guys right in the middle of the stomach. They've got the cleanest navels in town."

"The guys' dorms have stuff like Winnie the Poo and a little girl and boy kissing painted on the outside," Bragg said. "And two guys are living in a room where, according to their door, 'Cindy and Ruth Ann' are supposed to live."

Other than these complaints, Bragg said the situation at Smith is "just fine."

Judy Smith, MTSU dean of women, explained that the dormitory changes were made due to the addition of the new "type D" differentiated housing, which permits visitation by members of the opposite sex four nights a week.

"This type of housing is allowed only for dormitories that have

exterior corridors," Smith said. "And there were no girls"



Unneeded facilities in Gracy hall make good planters, as seen in one example of a female student's ingenuity.

dormitories like that, other than the apartments. We chose to convert Gracy (which has exterior corridors) into a female dormitory mainly because of its size."

A small American flag flies where once a large version flew.

## Early debates continue today

The 10th Annual Earlybird Varsity Invitational Debate Tournament began yesterday as teams from over 40 colleges arrived.

The debates will continue through Saturday when the final round will begin at 5 p.m.

MTSU's debate team is serving as host to the tournament and will not be eligible for elimination rounds on Saturday.



## Dorm awards to spur 'friendly competition'

by Jenny Tenpenny

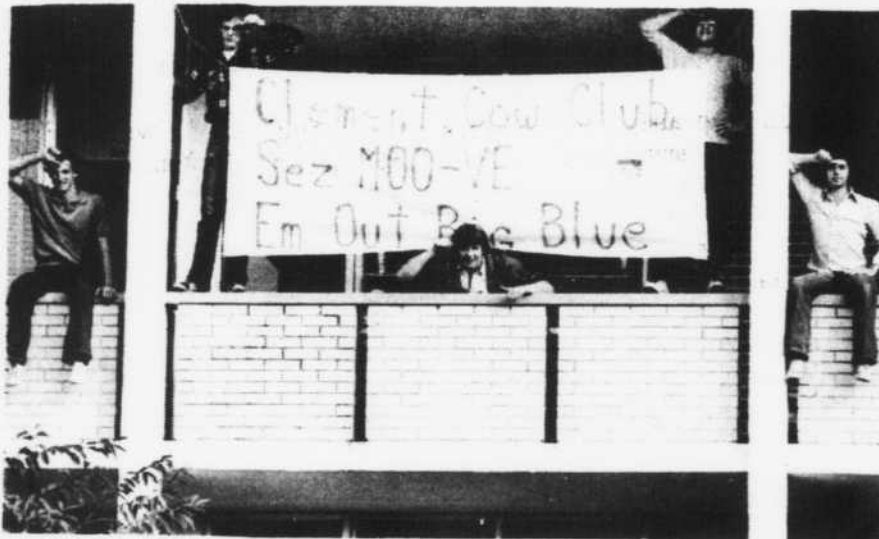
Which residence halls will become the first to win the Best Women's Dorm and the Best Men's Dorm competition?

Residents of each dorm will have the opportunity to compete against other dorm residents this year in various activities sponsored by Residence Hall Programming, according to Randy Sides and Emily Ruffner, programming directors.

At the end of the year, the men's dorm and the women's dorm with the highest total points will be awarded a plaque or trophy which will be given on a rotating basis from year to year. "We are also working with ARA food service on the possibility of having a steak dinner for the winners," said Sides.

Competition will include a variety of individual and group activities. Each activity will carry a specific number of points for the winners, but dorms will also receive points for each individual or team competing.

The largest area of competition, intramural games, will follow the



Examples of school spirit are one criterion of the upcoming dorm competitions on campus.

same rules and guidelines set by the intramural office.

Dorms will receive 10 points for each team entering intramural competition and remaining in competition, with 10 points given for each team reaching the playoffs. The dorm team which ranks the highest at the end of the playoffs will receive 15 points, with 10 points, five points and three points given to descending teams in rank.

Points will also be given for spirit at pep-rallies, with 10 points given for each sign or poster sported by dorms at games. In addition, dorms will receive points for participation in programs sponsored by Residence Hall Programming, such as the Quiz Bowl, with dorms even receiving points for end-of-the-year grade point averages.

In the quiz bowl competition," Sides said, "if the winning team should be a dorm team, a 10 points bonus will be awarded to that team."

In individual competition, each person entering will be awarded a point for his dorm, and for each victory, he will win two points. If a person forfeits a game, no points will be awarded. Ten points will be awarded to the dorm for the individual ranking the highest at the end of the competition, with seven points for second place, five for third and three for fourth place.

In intramural competition, dorms and their representatives will be competing against fraternities and other organizations.

"A dorm may finish third in the overall competition," Sides explain-

ed, "but it may be the highest ranking dorm and receive points for first place in our competition. He added that an individual could only participate on one team.

"The competition covers all aspects of dorm life," Sides emphasized, "and is set up to involve dorm students in a little friendly competition."

A meeting was held Wednesday night for the dorm vice presidents to explain the contest and the point system, but "only five representatives came," Sides said.

"This year's Residence Hall Programming is going 75 per cent of the way to help the students who live here—the students will have to go the other 25 per cent," said Ted Helberg, men's programming assistant.

Helberg added, "The dorm representatives' presence at these meetings is not only requested, but it is demanded by the obligations of the office which they chose to seek and which they were selected to serve."

## Times editor to speak Monday

New York Times associate editor and syndicated columnist Tom Wicker will speak at Columbia State Monday night.

Wicker's remarks will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Student Center.

## Date set for stunt night

The deadline for interested clubs and groups to enter Stunt Night is October 1, according to Biology Club faculty advisor Dr. Patrick Doyle.

Stunt Night will be held on Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., in the D.A. auditorium.

The event is sponsored by the Biology Club and is open to all recognized campus clubs. Competing for prizes, the clubs perform skits and routines.

There will be no entry fee this year, but there will be \$1 admission. Profits are used by the Biology Club for student scholarships and loans.

"Stunt Night has always been popular with the students", said Dr. Doyle. "We want to sell 600 tickets, so I'm urging everybody to come out and have a good time."

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## No winner emerging from Presidential debate

by Van West

The first Presidential debate of 1976 is now history. Who won? In viewing the answers and images given to the American people by the two candidates, this writer dares to say that the first clash between the donkey and the elephant was a draw.

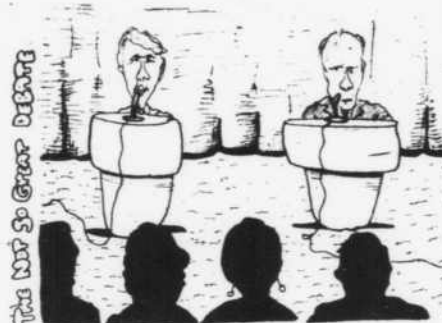
### OPINION

In toto, Mr. Carter's and Mr. Ford's performances were a direct opposite. Carter began visibly nervous, but after 15 minutes he had loosened up and finished the evening strong. Mr. Ford was impressive and dignified at the start of the debates, but after missing numerous chances to entrap his opponent, Ford became hesitant by the end of the broadcast.

As for the projected images, I believe both candidates came out

well. Mr. Ford appeared "Presidential." He succeeded in neither falling over his podium, spilling his glass of water, sticking his pen into his hand, nor calling Mr. Carter the former governor of Missouri. Carter seemed to wipe away his image among many Northerners of being a hick, born-again Georgia redneck. Carter's overall personal appearance could have been a little neater, but I feel he did not suffer significantly from a tossed haircut and crooked tie.

In the "meat" of the debates—the issues discussed—Carter emerged a bit ahead of President Ford mainly because he had the most to gain or lose in that area. Carter probably succeeded in this main goal for this first debate: to end the speculation and charges that he is fuzzy on the issues and not bright enough to be the President. I was frankly surprised at Carter's issue performance. He



even answered more questions correctly than President Ford. Ford, unfortunately, brought out two examples (the AP-tax reform interview and Gov. Busby's testimony) to contradict Carter that had no substantial factual basis. The main outcome of the first debate for the American people was that Carter could be specific on the issues.



However, in praising Mr. Carter's performance issue-wise, I mean not to downgrade Mr. Ford's. If the President's goal was to illustrate that he had good control over and knowledge about the mass amounts of information at his disposal, he was successful. Ford succeeded masterfully at explaining away the Nixon pardon, so much so as to seem to convince even Carter of his intentions. Yet,



Carter was probably wise at not berating the President on his colossal Nixon pardon mistake. In my opinion, Watergate is no longer an issue by which a candidate can score significant points. Ford attacked Carter where the former governor is weakest—his economic policies—and scored a significant point by pointing out that Carter refused to specifically endorse the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill while the former governor was supporting its policy goals in his debate remarks.

Thus, the American people will not be able to decide who the best candidate for President is after this first debate as they did in 1960. In the 1960 debates, the issues and personalities were defined clearly after the first debate. So far the debates have yet to be that decisive, but the next subject matter of foreign policy should prove very interesting. The first debate found no winner, but at this time I would lay odds on the President to emerge the winner in debate number two.

## Food service has improved

To the Editor:

It is beyond me how anyone can complain about the food in the cafeterias after last year. The food has improved one-hundred per cent over last year and last summer. I personally think the food is excellent.

I noticed the complaint in the Sept. 28 edition of *Sidelines* was

## Columnist steps in 'a pile of disgust'

To the Editor:

I make my comments to C. Crouse Powell.

You've finally done it. In your last so-called article, you tried to make a joke about an attempted rape. There is a boundary between sarcasm and disgust and you stepped into a pile of disgust.

Tell me, did you become concerned when you heard about child abuse or did you make dead-baby jokes? Did you feel any type of emotion when the Mai Lai incident became public or did you joke about the lack of personal graves?

Believe me, if you want to joke about something, try reading your last few articles. But don't insult co-eds by joking about rape. There is nothing funny about it at all.

Cindy Skelton  
Box 7344

from a freshman. If you had been here last year, I doubt you would be complaining. Of course, some people would not be happy if they served steak and baked potatoes every night.

It is impossible to please everybody all the time but I think the MTSU cafeterias do a great job. Compared to other school cafeterias, most people find our food superior. The food service here is great—hope they keep up the good job!

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## Campus needs

### 'tic toc man'

To the Editor:

Why can't this university afford anyone to keep the clocks on campus with the correct time? I'm getting tired of playing "Guess my time," each time I walk in the grill or in the halls of the NCB.

Surely the third largest university in Tennessee can hire a tic-toc man. Maybe he could straighten this mess out and return just a little bit of sanity to my life.

Chuck Cavalaris  
Box 5471



## Policeman sheds light on campus parking

To the Editor:

The MTSU Police Department has been swamped with complaints concerning the parking situation on campus since the first day of classes. As the Captain of this department, it is my duty to make recommendations to the Chief in regard to the parking problem.

My initial thought was that there may not be enough physical space allotted for parking to accommodate all the vehicles that are authorized, by virtue of a decal, to park on MTSU property. With this thought in mind, our department conducted a survey of all the parking lots on campus in an effort to determine exactly which parking areas were overcrowded and why. We conducted this survey for two weeks, twice a day Monday through Friday, once during the morning hours and once during the afternoon hours. The results of the surveys are as follows: (1) ALL parking areas on campus are full except for two lots—Greenland parking lot and High Rise East parking lot. The above mentioned

parking areas have averaged between 260-300 empty parking spaces per day during the "peak hours" when most parking citations are issued. (2) The parking ticket issued more than any other ticket is for parking in an unassigned area. Three of every four tickets issued are for vehicles parked in the wrong color-coded area.

As I stated earlier, our survey was intended to find answers to two questions—(1) Which parking areas were overcrowded? (2) Why?

I have answered the first question. The second question is a little more involved. I have talked with numerous students, faculty members, and staff about the parking difficulties they experience on campus. Listed in descending order of occurrence are the following reasons given to this office by students, faculty and staff as to why they parked illegally:

1. I only had five minutes to find a space or I would have been late to class.
2. I just couldn't find a space anywhere else.

3. A student car was in my space, so I had to park by the yellow curb.

4. It was raining and I didn't want to walk from that other parking lot.

5. I only went inside the building for a minute.

6. I didn't know about the color code parking.

7. I didn't see the sign that said 'no parking.'

8. That's too far to walk!

9. Other cars were parked on the grass, so I thought it was O.K.

Generally speaking, everyone who parks a vehicle on this campus has the same desire....to park as close as possible to his destination. However, there are not enough parking spaces for everyone to park near the main classroom buildings. This is the reason parking spaces nearest the buildings are designated for faculty and staff members. There is sufficient parking in these areas for those people with the proper decal ONLY if people with decals of another color do not park in those spaces.

I have managed to backtrack the chain of events which lead up to a phone call to my office from an administrative official asking me why a citation was issued to his/her vehicle for parking illegally. (Yes, we also write administrative officials citations!) The administrative vehicle was parked by a yellow curb because a faculty member was parked in the administrative space. The faculty member parked illegally because a student or staff member was parked in the faculty space. The staff member parked illegally because a student was in the staff parking space. The student parked illegally because....well, choose any one of the aforementioned reasons. The strange aspect of all this illegal parking is that Greenland parking lot and High Rise East parking lot still are not full. Those two parking lots are waiting patiently for someone to park in them.

I can guarantee everyone who parks on this campus a legal parking space, but I cannot guarantee that it will be "Beach-Front" property...at least not until the winter rains come!

Cap. Arthur Bynum

## Caffeine junkie desires less expensive 'fix'

To the Editor:

Everyone loves coffee, right? Well, so do I. As a matter of fact, I have a strong suspicion that addiction is lurking around my corner. Why, then, cannot our modern, progressive Grill help me out with my habit and provide me with the necessary refills I absolutely crave?

"Ah," you say, "they do provide refills for you disgusting caffeine addicts." (smirk)

Yes, but at 15 cents (plus tax yet) a cup?!!?? That's so ridiculous I can't believe it. What self-respecting 20th century food service stoops low enough to charge full price for a measly refill on coffee? I can't believe it. Ridiculous.

It is for this very reason that I am forced to walk around in a fog all morning, lethargic and miserable until 12 noon finally rolls around. It is for this reason that I shake

uncontrollably when I'm expected to answer a question that I didn't even hear. It is for this reason that my brain screams for mercy, begging for another 15 cent fix.

I'm not rich! Neither is the Grill exactly poor.

I rest my case.

Lani Mahr  
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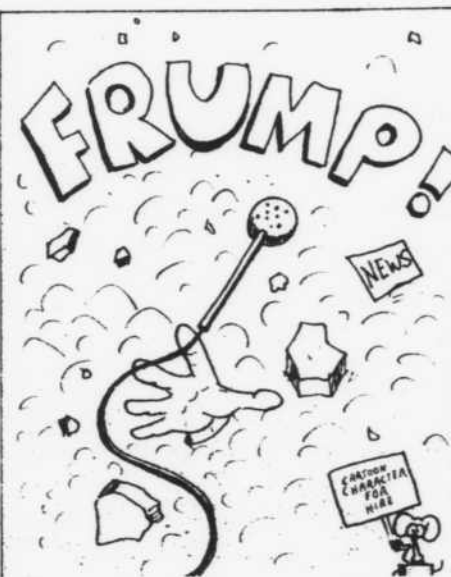
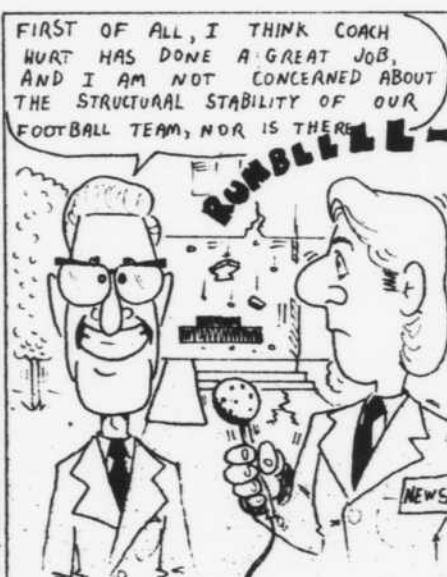
## Rape; not funny

To the 'Editor:

In regard to Crouse Powell's "B.S..." column in the Sept. 24. Sidelines: Rape is not funny! It is a sickening crime which should never be made light of.

Denise Veasey  
ASB

## DATELINE: MTSU



## Environmental lab offers unique educational experience

by Paulette Parkhurst

As students sank into their seats, music and color filled the room, and the drama "The Search of Victory--Agony of Defeat" unfolded before them.

No, these students were not in the UC Theatre; rather, they were in class, studying the life of Napoleon. The elaborate program going on before them was the result of approximately 200 man hours of work to put together a slide program for the Western Civilization classes in the Environmental Simulation Lab in the LRC.

Dr. Ronald Messier of the History Department was the mastermind behind the production, which contained over 200 slides of maps, documents, battle scenes and portraits of the Napoleon era.

As 3,000 slides flash before the students to impress the days of Napoleon more vividly into their minds even the atmosphere around them changed to reflect what they saw on the screen. As the screen revealed a city burning, students were conscious of a rise in the



Ronald Messier watches while LRC personnel adjust lab controls

humidity. Later, as winter dropped on Napoleon, students were aware of a chill in the air around them.

In the Environmental Simulation Lab are nine projection stations with two slide projectors to recreate a variety of scenes. Four standard environmental factors can be recreated in a classroom setting,

with changes in temperature, humidity, air flow and odor.

The ESL has the capacity for temperature change from 40 to 90 degrees, with an additional range from 30 to 110 degrees in the works. Temperature can change as much as 20 degrees in the span of seven minutes, and even has the

capacity for rain to fall from the ceiling.

This production on Napoleon was the first major project for the ESL and was planned by Dr. Messier, but the lab is available for MTSU instructors as an addition to their regular classroom work. The advantage in this type presentation, relates Dr. Messier, is the change in attitude displayed by students. Napoleon took on new dimension for them and their interest in history was sparked. While actual statistics have not been determined as to students' grade improvements, Dr. Messier reports there was a definite positive change in students' attitude.

Approximately 40 hours were involved in producing the sound track of the Napoleon production; another three weeks was spent writing the text, with six months devoted to collecting slides, Messier explained. This presentation of Napoleon, with the sound track, various images and environmental changes was no ordinary commercial educational movie.

## Campus Calendar

### Today

Workshop-Education Department, "The Montessori Method": UC Theatre, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tenth Annual MTSU Earlybird Varsity Invitational Debate Tournament: Selected rooms - UC, NCB, DA, and MS, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Biology Department Picnic: Picnic Area, 4:30-9 p.m.

Sorority Theme Parties: University Center, 5-10 p.m.

### Tomorrow

Workshop-Education Department, "The Montessori Method": UC Theatre, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tenth Annual MTSU Earlybird Varsity Invitational Debate Tournament: Tennessee Room, SUB, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

University Relations-Parent's Council Dinner: Dining Room B, SUB, 5:30 p.m.

MTSU—University of Chattanooga football, Jones Field, 7:30 p.m.

Omega Psi Phi Dance; Elks Club, after football game

### Monday

"Business Chapel": sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi, OM, room 222, 4 p.m.

A meeting of students interested in tryouts for freshman cheerleader will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in UC 305. The tryouts will be held Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

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## Things to look for in 'Tunnelvision'

There are three very important facts which should be placed in the back of the mind when one goes to see "Tunnelvision."

First of all, you want to disregard the ads you see billing Chevy Chase, Rick Hurst and everybody else under the sun as the stars of the movie. Actually, Chase and Hurst only make 30 second cameo appearances.

**SCREEN SCENE**  
by Tom Wood

Secondly, do not go into the theatre expecting another "Groove Tube," a 1974 film along the same lines as "Tunnelvision." While the two are similar, "Tunnelvision" has a central plot and is put together much better, technically.

And finally, this movie is made solely for your (this is my favorite phrase) drunken, perverted, drug-crazed college hippie-type—if there really is such a thing.

The year is 1985; the scene is a Congressional hearing. A panel of congressmen are trying to get Tunnelvision, the people's network, taken off the air because everyone is staying home from work to watch the station.

In order to give the panel some idea of what the station is all about,

a day of programming is condensed into an hour.

Programming includes shows such as "Remember When," the show that brings up everything in your past; "Police Comic," where criminals are told jokes until they give up and "Marie," where a simple kiss turns into slightly less than a mini-orgy.

The news segments are similar to Weekend News on NBC's "Saturday Night," but the commercials are by far the strangest.

Chevy Chase does a commercial on mental health while Hurst advertises the zap gun, which "can knock out a screaming child or nagging wife for five minutes."

The strangest commercials, however, are the first ones about the Columbia School of Proctology and the one where a rabbi becomes a naked woman followed by the message, "The church is changing."

Ace Trucking Company and Fireside Theatre give excellent performances in this hour-and-a-half movie. And if you come out of this movie without feeling that you may be going insane because you liked "Tunnelvision"—you may be right.



Charlie Daniels

## 'Jam' flick premieres on Oct. 14

"Volunteer Jam," the first full length Southern rock motion picture, will premiere at Nashville's Belcourt Cinema Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Filmed before an advance sell-out crowd of 13,000 at Middle Tennessee State University, "Volunteer Jam" captures The Charlie Daniels Band's homecoming performance, and unannounced, spontaneous appearances by such Southern music superstars as the Marshall Tucker Band, Allman Brothers Band members, Dickey Betts and Chuck Leavell, Wet Willie's Jimmy Hall, and from Grinderswitch, Dru Lombar.

Also featured are Mylon Lefevre, Grand Ole Opry star Ronnie Stoneman, Paul Hornsby and others. Hornsby also supervised the sixteen track recording for the film's stereo sound track and album.

"Volunteer Jam" film producers, Joseph Sullivan and Roger Grod announced that The Charlie Daniels Band, as well as executives from Epic and Capricorn Records, and as many of the featured musicians as touring schedules permit, will attend the premier showing.

Following the Oct. 14 premiere, "Volunteer Jam" will open in Martin Theaters in Tennessee and Kentucky and other southeastern states.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### TV's dark side exposed?

by Merry Lynn Starling

**THE NETWORK JUNGLE.** By David Levy. Major Books. 336 pages. \$1.95.

David Levy has combined the fiction of a fourth television network with the facts of the existing three to create a fascinating novel with all the expected elements—scandal, power struggles, government investigations, glamorous starlets, faltering marriages.

### Book beat

But the outcome of these elements, "The Network Jungle," is not a shoddy imitation of a grade-B movie. "The Network Jungle" is top-rate and delves into the workings of networks through the main character in this novel, Steve Lane, president of Federal Broadcasting Company's Network television.

The desperation of networks to stay on top in the ratings game is clearly brought out in this novel as David Levy illustrates the lengths federal will go to conceal their

hungry grab for ratings from a Senate investigating committee on television violence. Through subtle maneuverings, the network exploits sex, violence and perversity into seemingly harmless TV programs, all for the almighty "ratings."

When it seems the Senate committee has passed over Federal's actions, incidents come to light which force closer scrutiny by the committee and a complete shakedown at Federal.

With this shakedown, Steve, as president of the TV network, decides to reveal all his information to the committee, how he was continually frustrated in his attempts to develop quality television programming, and more importantly, who was responsible.

But again he is frustrated, this time by a "headline hungry" senator who alone holds the power to make public the sordid information Steve has given him.

The power struggle between network executives, government officials and the men in the middle finally results in a showdown—and TV viewers lose again.

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## Earthquake's music shakes critic with heavy sounds

by Steve Huhman

Earthquake is a group you probably haven't heard of despite their being around for a while. The main reason is because they record for Beserkley Records, a hustling west coast independent.

You might imply from the group cognomen that they play heavy metal. Well, they do on occasion, but a better description of their overall approach would be hard rock, bordering on heavy metal, but not quite there.

With me, the group got off on the right foot, because I strongly

suspect that band member Gary Phillips is the same person as Gary Philippet, member of the ill-fated band, Copperhead, whose sole album reigns as a member of my personal all-time top ten.

Enough digression. Anyway, their latest album, "8.5" shows both strong playing and composing techniques.

While all members are very good at their respective tasks, none have the flash to obtain personal followings a la Robert Plant or Jeff Beck. Recognizing this, the concept of group music in its most balanced

sense is emphasized, and the riff becomes very important as an attention grabber, persuading you to listen to the interplaying subtleties.

Yet they have the knack of continually achieving riffs that are excellent hooks, still offer an angle that hasn't been overused, and satisfy the musical quality standard of the critic's soul.

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Also, although the riff may make or break the song, it isn't the whole song. Themes are well developed outside the framework of the guiding riff.

Robbie Dunbar and Phillips provide a strong two-guitar background for above average lead vocalist John Doukas. Bassist Stan Miller and drummer Steve Nelson, while not obvious about it, provide points of interest you won't find from your average rock rhythm section.

Perhaps "Savin' My Love" signifies a typical Earthquake tune, showing their strong points. A hypnotic drum intro leads into a

catchy metal riff, with spots acoustic lead guitar overlay. Vocal and harmony take over, with an interplay of electric lead behind the lyrics. Then, a descending piano sequence drops us into non-solo instrumental section complete with a Kaukonen-esque psychedelic guitar.

A rising bridge gradually works up to an emotional peak, from which the song concludes.

Unfortunately, the album does contain a few dead spots, notably "And He Likes to Hurt You."

This offering probably won't blow you over the head, but given the chance could really grow on you.

### Mini review

**Burning Spear**—"Man in the Hills": Burning Spear is from Ethiopia, but unfortunately, they are singing that Jamaican folk music, reggae.

If you like low-key music, it's impossible to get any lower than this. It sounds like it was recorded after the musicians were forced to stay awake for 50 hours.

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## Chattanooga miracle act invades MTSU

by Chuck Cavalaris  
Sports Editor

Former New York Giants half-back Joe Morrison is working his magic again. Just stop anyone on the street in Chattanooga. He'll tell you football is alive again.

Morrison is in his fourth year as head man over the UT-Chattanooga football program, taking the floundering UT-C fortunes and returning respectability to Chattanooga football.

### SPORTS

Saturday he sends the Moccasins, as physical as the brother schools in Martin (remember 38-3?) and Knoxville, against Middle Tennessee at Horace Jones Field.

The weatherman says you can leave the umbrella at home. The rain is supposed to vanish tonight, leaving clear skies with temperatures in the mid-60s for the 7:30 kickoff.

"Middle Tennessee has an explosive team, a multi-look team, capable of scoring from anywhere on the field," the 14-year veteran of the National Football League said.

Morrison mentioned MTSU's outstanding backfield duo of Mike Robinson and Mike Moore, who together accounted for 396 yards against Morehead. It will be a semi-Homecoming for Moore, who is from Chattanooga.

Chattanooga's 2-1 record is easy to explain, Morrison said last night. "We played well the first and third



Mike Moore

games, but we had a letdown or something in our home opener.

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Illinois State, 24-0, the "letdown" came against Western Kentucky when the Mocs failed to score after moving 80 yards for a touchdown after the opening kickoff.

Last week Chattanooga downed Western Carolina, 28-14.

What is the strength of the Chattanooga attack?

"Well, our strong point is our kicking game and defense," Morrison related.

Freshman Greg Cater handles the punting chores, booting the ball for a 45.8 yard average in 20 kicks.

Against Western Carolina, Cater boomed punts of 57, 59 and 64 yards, all of which either went in the end zone or were fair caught.

The UT-C attack revolves around the punishing running of Allen Johnson, who is averaging seven yards per carry and fullback Harry McCall who is used primarily as a blocker.

Quarterback Doug Elstead has thrown but 24 passes, connecting on 15, but four fell into enemy hands. Elstead is a senior, three-year starter who directed the Mocs' 27-10 win over MTSU in Chattanooga last year.

The Chattanooga offensive line will be without the services of star tight end Mitch Gravitt, who is out with a bruised knee. The UT-C line includes Roy King (6-1, 265) and All-American hopeful Pete Pullara (6-3, 255).

All-American candidate Tim Collins leads the Chattanooga defenders from his linebacker position.

"I don't think the game will be a mismatch," Morrison said artfully handling a stacked question. "Middle Tennessee has as explosive of an offense as we will face this year. It should be a very good game."

## Vincent Harris depends on 'psych'

by Gary Pryor

To Vincent Harris, mental preparation is 90 per cent of a football game.

"You have to be mentally alert," the 6-3, 198-pound tight end said. "You have to know what you're doing and know your assignments."

Harris has hauled in 12 passes this season good for 262 yards and one TD.

He played tight end for Lebanon High and became a starter for the Blue Raiders after Jack Fuqua

broke his foot in the third game of the season. Prior to the injury, the two shared playing time.

While his grid career has been remarkably injury-free, Harris has avoided injury except for a little problem with a knee in the sixth grade.

"Something was wrong with the bone in my knee," Harris said. "It was growing too fast or something, and one doctor said I might not be able to play any more sports."

But Vincent couldn't accept those bitter words. "I went to another doctor, and he said that with exercise, and keeping the knee taped up, that it would probably be all right."

Vincent's interest in other sports led him to drop football in his junior year. "I lost interest in football, and wanted to concentrate on basketball," he said. "I was recruited for basketball by several colleges, but Tennessee State and Middle Tennessee were the only schools interested in my football skills."

Harris took the football scholarship at MTSU.

"I think tight end is the toughest position, because you have to block, catch passes and then be able to run with the ball," he said.

A tight end has to be versatile because he is playing several positions in one. He blocks on a double team on the outside veer, "and other than that it's a downfield blocking."

Vincent is optimistic. "I feel we can pass on anybody," he said.



Vincent Harris

"Because we can run the ball good, and when the run works, the pass will work."

Harris didn't have much trouble adjusting to college ball. He said there was more running involved, and the players have more skill which means you have to play harder.

The veer offense adds a new dimension to Harris' game. "The Raiders keep hacking away with the veer's potent running attack, and then suddenly you catch the defense off guard with a pass," Harris said.

## Feix respects Moccasins

Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix has described his Hilltoppers' 10-7 win over UT-Chattanooga two weeks ago as an "early season upset."

"Chattanooga has a tremendous football team, but we kind of feel like they overlooked us. If they had not let down we would have been in trouble," Feix said of the Mocs' home opening loss.

UTC took the opening kickoff and promptly drove 80 yards in 12 plays for a 7-0 lead. "They were simply manhandling us," Feix said yesterday over the phone.

"We slipped in and beat an awfully fine football team, one that is certainly as good as any team in the Ohio Valley Conference," Feix summarized.

"Defense is their strength," Feix said, "and their quarterback is in the same class as Mike Robinson. They have a strong pass rush and stunted quite a bit."

"But I don't know if they will stunt quite so much against Middle Tennessee because the offense is so explosive, but UT-Chattanooga is definitely a team to be reckoned with. If they stay healthy, they will beat a lot of good football teams."

Feix will travel to East Tennessee as the Hilltoppers tangle with East Tennessee.

In other OVC matchups, Austin Peay hosts Eastern Kentucky, Murray State travels to Morehead State and Nebraska-Omaha invades Cookeville for a date with Tennessee Tech.



## Paul Gerni talks with magic pool cue

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Gerni presently does about 150 exhibitions a year, performing mostly at colleges and shopping malls and has also appeared on television several times.

In six years as a professional he has won 11 tournaments, but prefers to do trick-shot exhibitions.

"I only competed in two tournaments last year and I miss the competition," he said, "but I'm making more than twice as much than

even the biggest of winners."

The main objective of Gerni's tours is to change the stereotype of the professional pool player. He holds degrees in both Marketing and Economics from Purdue University and often wears a tuxedo to his exhibitions. Gerni plays with a \$460 pool cue.

"I'm trying to show people that billiards is a gentleman's game," he says. "Our prize money is larger and our tournaments are getting bigger and are no longer played in bar rooms, but in hotel ballrooms."

Gerni is considered one of the game's top promoters, and anyone who attends one of his exhibitions can easily understand why. During a performance he talks informally with his audience, keeping them entertained with one-line jokes between shots.

Because of his personable style and his genuine concern for giving the audience its money's worth he is well received wherever he performs.

In addition to being entertaining, Gerni's performances are also informative. He relates facts to his audience about the history of pocket billiards, and gives pointers on how to make various trick-shots.

Dallas West, who defeated Gerni in the Wednesday night match, has won 50 tournaments in 15 years as a professional. He has made as many as 150 consecutive shots without a miss in tournament competition.

In practice West once made 420 balls in less than two hours without a miss. He finished the Wednesday night match by sinking 100 straight shots. Gerni has made as many as 152 straight balls in tournament play.

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Ch. 5: 11 a.m.—TSU Football  
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#### Sunday

Ch. 2: 11 p.m.—The Ben Hurt Show  
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11 a.m.—Grandstand

#### Monday

Ch. 2: 9 a.m.—NFL Football: Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota  
11 a.m.—College Highlights  
12:30 p.m.—Notre Dame Highlights



## Raider stars continue taking back seat

by Chuck Cavalaris  
Sports Editor

A funny thing happened after Middle Tennessee's best game of the season against Morehead State Saturday. The Blue Raiders were almost shutout by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Though quarterback Mike Robinson was awarded the top offensive performer in the conference after the 21-0 win last week, several deserving MTSU players were left in the cold, overshadowed by less spectacular efforts.



"It does make me upset," MTSU coach Ben Hurt said yesterday.

Robinson earned offensive player of the week honors after hitting 7 of 15 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns. Robinson also ran for a nine-yard TD.

But Mike Moore, the 1975 offensive player of the year in the conference, couldn't make honorable mention after the best rushing effort in the OVC this year.

Moore plowed his way to 202 yards in 22 carries, including one burst off tackle for 51 yards.

FACT: Eastern fullback Steve Streight made the honorable mention chart for gaining 71 yards in 19 carries.

FACT: East Tennessee receiver

Dennis Law did make the list after catching a mere two passes for 63 yards.

Something isn't rotten in Denmark. It's afoul in Lexington, Ky., cite of the conference headquarters. But there is more.

Linebacker Jim Dunster received a slap on the back for making six solo tackles, batting down two passes and sacking the quarterback once.

But safety Ronnie Cecil, in on 10 initial stops and three assists, was strangely absent from the defense honorable mention list. Chris Roberts (Eastern Kentucky) and Keith Tandy (Western Kentucky) tied for top honor.

These players are wise to tell you



needs to find out why.

The cookie needs to crumble elsewhere for a while.

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This same "ragtime" defense has stopped opponents to nearly 100 fewer yards per game this year than last. Much of the improvement is up front where Eddie Wright, Kim Bankston, Mo Bell and Reggie Bell are letting opposing rushers smell the turf and feel the crunch quicker than in recent years.

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Moore is the OVC's only rusher above 100 yards per game (107) and is the top scorer with 18 points. Stan Murphy leads in interceptions with three and Vincent Harris and Jeff Schokley are among the league's top receivers.

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MTSU captains for tomorrow's clash will be Moore and senior guard Tom Wright on offense and Murphy and Johnny Carver, both defensive backs, representing the defense.

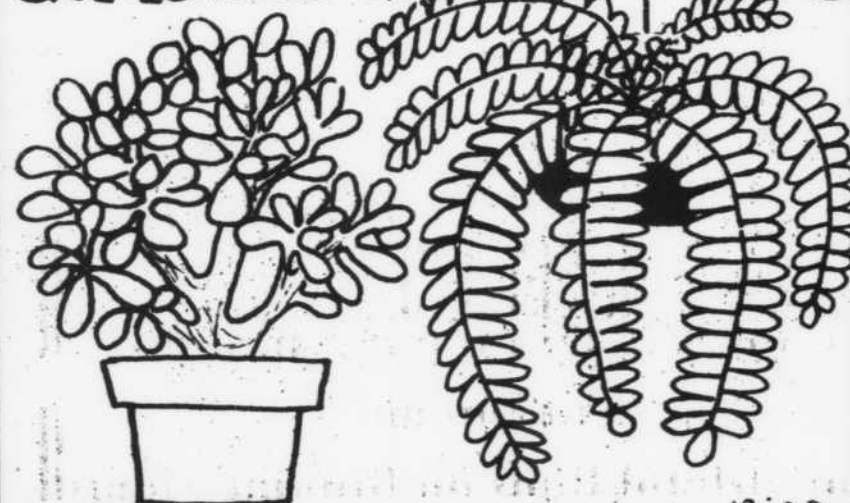
that the main reward is kept on a scoreboard and this is a team, not individual sport.

But the truth is this is not the first time Middle Tennessee players have been ignored while equally undeserved awards were passed out elsewhere. Somebody

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