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Arab students support U.S. efforts

Students fear for their families while Hussein occupies Kuwait

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Fifty MTSU students come from countries in the Middle East, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, and Jordan and experience the same anguish that Americans feel for their loved ones effected by the crisis in the Middle East.

One Kuwaiti student, who does not want his name disclosed, has several brothers and cousins living in Kuwait.

"Things are unbelievable there (Kuwait). What we hear on the news is nothing like what we hear from home. We hear about torturing, like electric shocks and

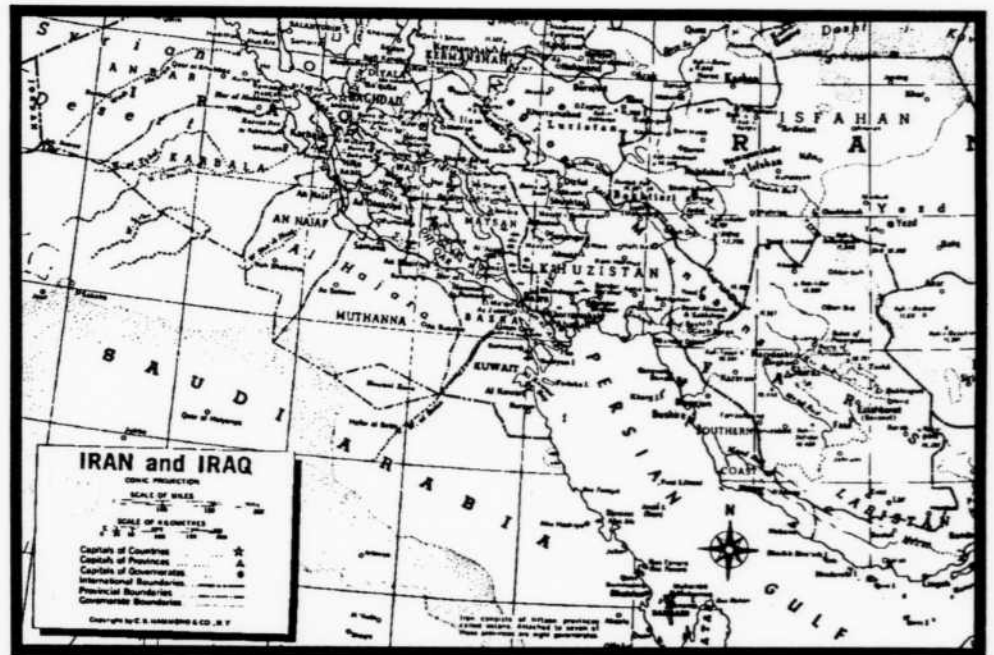
the pulling out of fingernails. People there are running out of everything, food, medicine, and everything," he said.

He has lived in the U.S. for the past 4 years and has worked toward a degree in business finance at MTSU for 2 years.

Fahad Al-Jarboe, a Saudi Arabian student who has lived in the U.S. for 5 years, was in the Middle East on August 2nd, the day Hussein's troops invaded Kuwait.

"When I heard the news, it was like a dream," Al-Jarboe said. "We helped him (Hussein) a lot with his war on Iran. We helped him a lot and he stabbed us in the back."

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH



'TIS THE SEASON: Christmas time is synonymous with the performance of G.F. Handel's Messiah. The Middle Tennessee Choral Society and the MTSU Chamber Choir performed the oratorio last week at Wright Music Hall.

Appreciation event planned for Prescott

Staff Reports

MTSU and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce have announced plans for a joint university-community reception to honor Dr. Wallace and Margaret Prescott. The event, which is open to the public, is slated for Tuesday evening, Dec. 11.

The reception planning committee, which is composed of MTSU and community leaders, expects attendance from all segments of the university and the community, especially students, faculty, administrators and staff.

"Reservations are not required," remarked chair Robert LaLance, MTSU vice president for Student Affairs. "Both Dr. and Mrs. Prescott have been extremely



supportive of students and their activities, endearing themselves to all of us. We want to let them know how much we have appreciated their being a part of the university family."

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Motlow State may offer classes at MTSU

Staff Reports

Motlow State Community College president, Frank Glass said he is "considering the possibility" of offering credit classes in Murfreesboro.

The change would effect about 42 Murfreesboro residents

who attend Motlow located in Tullahoma.

"If we were to offer classes in Murfreesboro, we wouldn't want to compete with MTSU, we'd want to complement what MTSU does. We don't have enough tax dollars to compete."

Rich Rhoda, Tennessee State Board of Regents vice chancellor for administration, said Motlow's possible move here is not related to a \$15 million, five-year plan that could merge Tennessee's two-year colleges with vocational-technical schools.

The proposal represents the biggest change in Tennessee higher education since the community college system was created in the 1960's.

Dr. Harry Wagner, executive vice chancellor of the Board of Regents, said consolidation

ultimately would save money while making post-secondary education more accessible and efficient.

The Board of Regents is to vote Dec. 7 on the plan.

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Both students wholeheartedly support the United States' actions in the Middle East.

"The U.S. is trying to help," said the Kuwaiti student. "The U.S. is doing a good job."

Al-Jarboe said, "The U.S. is there for defense acts. We want to thank them, and all Western countries, for their support."

According to Al-Jarboe, people from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq are hesitant to fight one another.

"Several hundred years ago the people from these countries lived a nomadic life style and were almost like one people. Many families have relatives and friends in other countries," he said.

The two students do not believe that the Iraqi people support Hussein's actions.

"More than 300 Iraqi officers have defected to Saudi Arabia because they got into a war they did not know about," remarked Al-Jarboe. "His (Hussein) people are against him."

The U.S. government is helping to subsidize the Kuwaiti student's expenses. Since the invasion, he has not been able to receive money from his family in Kuwait.

The Kuwaiti student was thankful for MTSU's support. "I got an exception from the bookstore," the student described. "I appreciate the support of my teachers and the president (Prescott)."

Both students wish more direct action had been taken by

now. Al-Jarboe stated, "Iraq has a lot of agriculture. They get help from Jordan and Iran. They (U.S. and Saudi Arabia) must close the borders completely and they (Iraq) will give up."

Al-Jarboe, who is majoring in computer science, does not believe that the crisis has hurt the Saudi Arabian economy very much. He believes that the increase in oil prices have offset the cost of stronger defense.

Both students hope for a quick and peaceful end to the Middle East situation, but do not think that Saddam Hussein will give up for fear of 'shaming' himself in the eyes of his people.

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Appraisals of Prescott's leadership have been numerous in recent weeks. Chancellor Otis Floyd, before presenting his recommendation of Dr. James Walker to the Board of Regents, paused to thank him for his "outstanding service as interim president."

"I can think of no other individual who could have come into the office of president and moved the university forward this year as he has," Floyd said.

James Neal, president of the Faculty Senate, characterized Prescott as "a person of incredible insight."

"I have never met a person who could more quickly appraise a situation, however complex, and then make the appropriate decision," he said. "He encouraged us to set high goals for ourselves and for the university, and then did everything he could to remove

obstacles for the realization of those goals."

The Prescott appreciation event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Holidome on Old Fort Parkway at I-24.

Care packages sent to Saudi

The Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America have not forgotten those who have been called to duty in the Middle East.

The chapter made care packages for the troops in Saudi Arabia. One of their members Stanley Trout is stationed with his Lewisburg unit in the Saudi desert.

Several area businesses contributed to the project including Kroger, Red Food, Roses, and Jr.'s Foodland.

The Collegiate FFA would like to encourage all organizations to show their gratitude to the people who are proudly representing our nation.

Notice

Thursday will be the last issue of *Sidelines* this semester. Any materials submitted for publication must in by Wednesday afternoon at 12:30. Publication will resume Jan. 10.



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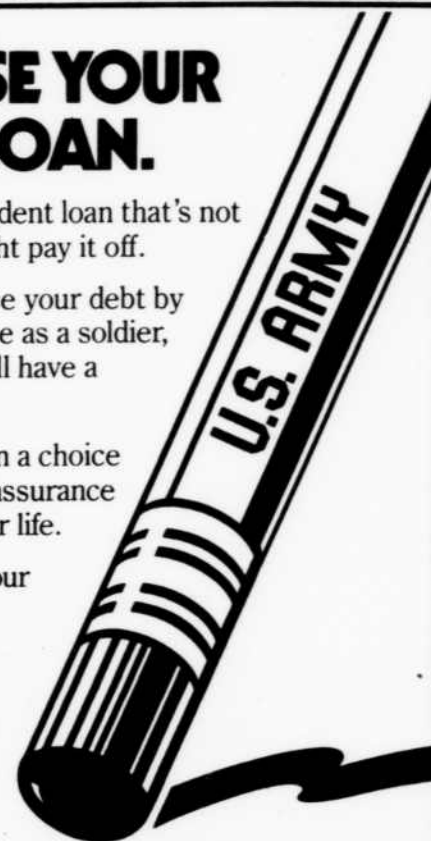
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Co-Op Jobs starting Spring, Summer, Fall, 1991. Opportunities include biology, physics, chemistry, geoscience, mathematics, computer and environmental science, and other related disciplines. U.S. Department of Energy has the following deadlines: Spring '91 - Oct. 20, 1990; Fall '91 - March 15, 1991. Support includes academic credit, \$200/week, housing, and travel reimbursement.

The Lambda Association of MTSU is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff, and their supporters. For more information write to: MTSU, Box 624.

AA Unity Group will meet Wednesdays at noon in KUC 311. This will be a regular weekly meeting.

Sidelines is looking for staff writers. If you are interested and have a good grasp of the English language, please apply. There are no prerequisites for these positions. For an application, come by James Union Building 310, or call 898-2337.

Christmas Festival Concert will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. Lawrence Hensel, music director of the Middle Tennessee Symphony will perform as a soloist along with Riverdale, Oakland, Laverne, and Smyrna High School choirs. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children.

Students for Environmental Action meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in KUC, 305. New members welcome.

Don't it make you mad? Void. Ya mon! Void. Oh my God! Giant purple things! Void. Trick-or-treating! Void. A Big Ole' Greasy Peanut Butter and mayonnaise sandwich! Void. What's your point? Void Where Prohibited. We're looking for a few good mindless corpses to work on our show! Void production meeting Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in LRC Radio-TV lobby. Come as you are... if you dare!

The campus rec department is looking for participants for a **wheelchair basketball team**. If you have any physical disability which limits your participation in sports, hurry and join the team. Practices will continue through December and intramural game competitions will begin in late January. To sign up, call Barton at 898-2104.

Come get involved with **MTSU's television station** all student programming. It lasts from 5 - 11 p.m., with local daily newscasts Monday-Friday at 5:30 p.m. Call 898-2218 for more information.

The **Murfreesboro Young People's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** has meetings every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at 601 Bell St. It is an open meeting and all interested in finding out about recovery from alcoholism are welcome. If you need additional information or a ride to the meeting, call Rick at 898-3190.

The **Panhellenic Council** invites all Greek women who have transferred to MTSU to stop by Dean Judy Smith's office and leave your name, number, and P.O. Box so the council may assist you.

Attention MTSU Catholics: Join us at the Catholic Center for fun and friends! Check our sign for activities through the week. We have Mass every Sunday at 7 p.m. Start something great at the center. 1023 N. Tenn. Blvd. 896-6074.

Please come for a visit to **MTSU FCA**. It meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the bleachers. Whether you come alone or bring a friend, you will feel very welcome. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 (leave message) for more information. You have nothing to lose and a life to gain.

The **9th Annual Rudolph's Red Nose Run** is Sunday at 1 p.m. There is a five mile run and one mile fun run. The event is sponsored by Nashville Gas. Race entry fee is \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the five mile run, \$8 for the mile fun run. All proceeds benefit the **Big Brothers of Nashville**, a non-profit organization. For more information, call Glenn West at (615)734-0734.

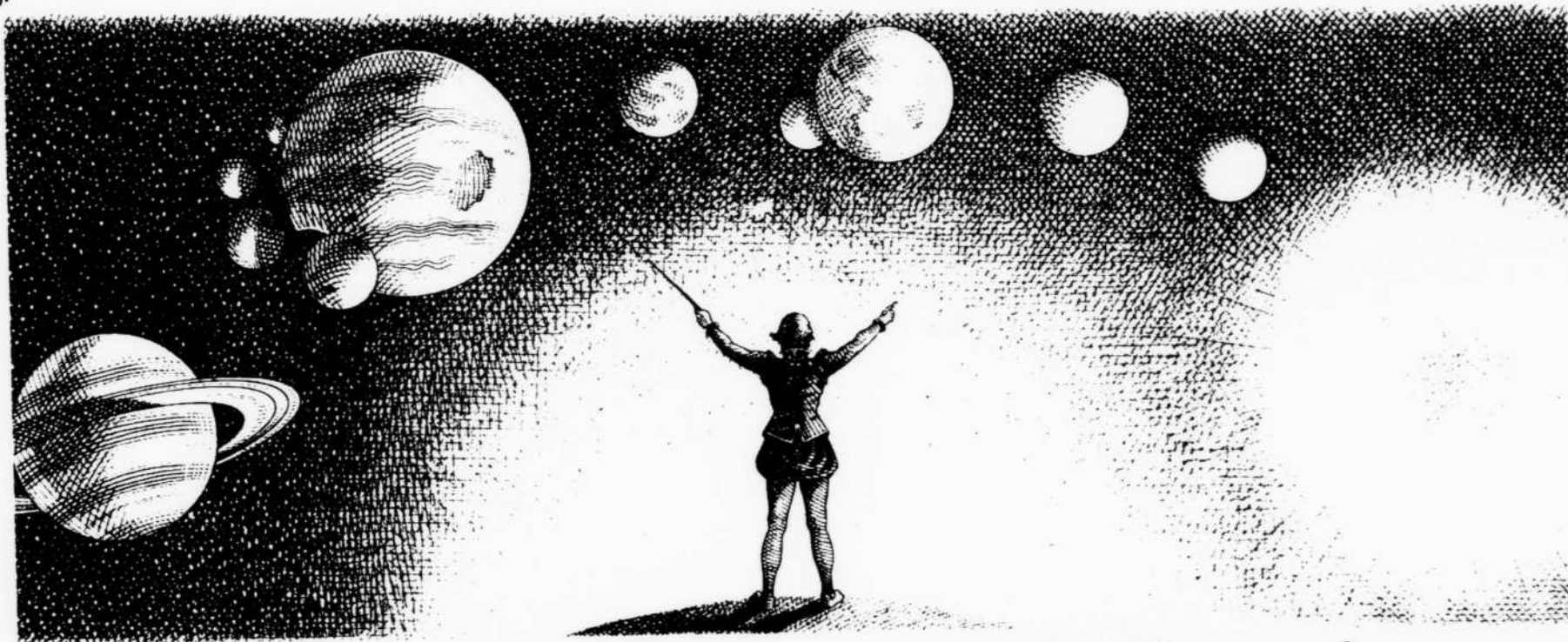
The sisters of **Alpha Delta Pi** would like to invite campus organizations to take part in "The

Womanless Beauty Review! Put up your most eligible (wo) man to compete in this fun-filled contest of gender deception. Categories include evening wear, talent competition and interviews. All proceeds go to the Nashville Ronald McDonald House. The contest will be Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. For more information or application, contact Tanya Johnson at 895-7588 or Box 8943.

Grades for Fall 1990 will be mailed to the permanent address of all students enrolled provided outstanding financial obligations to the University are cleared by 4 p.m. Dec. 14. Grade reports for those students after Dec. 14 will be held in the Records Office.

The **United Student Association** is sponsoring a **Mr. USA** pageant Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Tucker Theater. First place prize is \$200. For more information contact the ASB office (2464) in KUC Room 304.

The upcoming pre-season basketball tournament is Dec. 4-7. A sign-up meeting will be Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 219 of the AMG. The playing fee is \$10. For more information, call Tom in campus recreation at 898-2104.



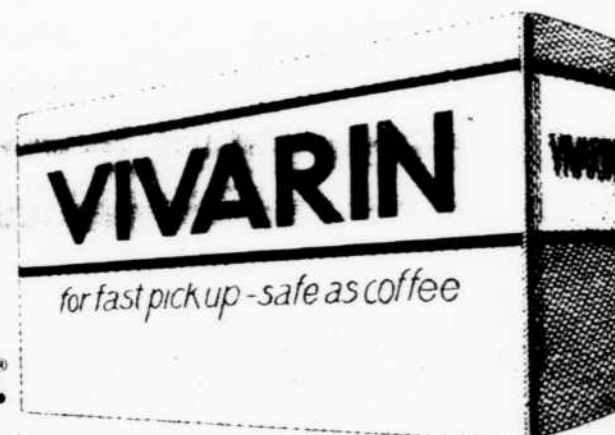
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Incident: Theft

On 11-14-90 Deana M. Helton reported her bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack at McHenry Hall.

Incident: Theft

On 11-14-90 Randy LeRoy reported that several pieces of music equipment had been stolen from the Wright Music Building.

Incident: Arrest

On 11-14-90 Wallace Grigsby, Robert Jackson and Samuel Petty were arrested for Trespassing and Failure to Stop for Stop and Frisk.

Incident: Theft

On 11-15-90 Wesley T. Spratlin reported several items were taken from his locker in the Alumni Gym while he was in class.

Incident: Larceny

On 11-15-90 Shari Thompson reported someone cut the chain on her bicycle and took the bicycle from the Lyon Hall bike rack.

Incident: Theft

On 11-15-90 Marvin Carson reported someone took the hood bra off his vehicle while it was parked at Clement Hall.

Incident: Vandalism

On 11-15-90 Scott Crooks reported finding one of the front doors of the JUB had been shattered. Entry was not gained into the building.

Incident: Theft

On 11-15-90 Patsy Wilson reported her bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack at Cummings Hall.

Incident: Burglary

On 11-15-90 Martin Peyton reported that money was taken from his wallet while it was locked in a locker in the men's locker room at the Alumni Gym.

Incident: Theft

On 11-16-90 Rodney J. Stutts reported his parking permit had been stolen from his vehicle.

Incident: Trespassing

On 11-17-90 Dionne E. Allison was issued a written trespass warning.

Incident: Burglary

On 11-17-90 Larry W. Forsythe reported that a set of speakers and an amplifier had been taken from his car while it was parked in the Judd/Smith lot.

Incident: Vandalism

On 11-18-90 Officers responded to a call of vandalism at the KUC. The fire alarm had been set off and a display had been knocked over.

Incident: Theft

On 11-19-90 Mavis Richardson reported that some time during the last of August her purse was stolen.

Incident: Burglary/Arrest

On 11-19-90 Jimmy Stokes reported three juveniles had broken into his vehicle while it was parked in the Bell Street lot. The three were apprehended and arrested for Burglary to Auto and issued Trespass warnings.

Incident: Arrest

On 11-19-90 Donald R. Johnson was arrested for Trespassing and Driving on Suspended.

Incident: Attempted Theft

On 11-19-90 Ken Turrentine reported a friend had witnessed a male attempt to take the hood bra off his car while it was parked in Ezell Hall lot.

Incident: Arrest

On 11-19-90 Daryl Scott Jackson was arrested for Trespassing.

Incident: Arrest

On 11-20-90 Fenton G. Hawk was arrested for two outstanding warrants of Aggravated Assault.

Incident: Vandalism

On 11-20-90 Donald Copp reported that someone had set paper on fire in the men's restroom on the third floor of the Library.

Incident: Theft/Arrest

On 11-20-90 officers witnessed Charles M. Bly, Watson B. Mahaffy and Teresa L. Crafton drive away from the gas pumps at the Kwik-Sak on Greenland Drive without paying. The three were arrested for Theft under 4500.00

Incident: Attempted Robbery

On 11-21-90 Harold Reynolds reported he was approached by three subjects at Saunders Fine Arts. They demanded money and tripped. He ran from the three and nothing was taken.

Incident: Larceny

On 11-21-90 Chip Clement reported his bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack at Woodmore Cafeteria.

Incident: Burglary

On 11-21-90 William Talbert and Kyle Thigpin reported that their room in Deere Hall had been burglarized. Taken was a VCR, typewriter, AM/FM CD cassette player, cordless telephone and a large number of CDs in a carrying case.

Incident: Vandalism

On 11-21-90 Samuel Aldridge reported his vehicle had been egged while it was parked on C Street at Gore Hall.

Incident: Burglary

On 11-26-90 Thomas Tandy and Shawn Sammons returned to their room in Gracy Hall to find a radar detector, a TV, a VCR, a 1990 class ring, a radio, a tuner, two speakers and an electric typewriter had been stolen.

Incident: Vandalism

On 11-26-90 Jeanne Hill reported that on two occasions since 11-20-90 her car has been scratched while it was parked in the KOM lot.

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Will Have Exams:

Saturday, December 8, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
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Collage
Fall 1990



Collage Thanks for your support!!!!

Collage has been out around campus for over a week; so if you have not seen a copy, look in the lobby of the library in front of the Sidelines stand.

If you submitted artwork or literature for consideration, please come by JUB 306 and pick it up at your convince.

Thanks once again, and please send us something for next semester. (You ain't seen nothing yet!)

Opinions

Editor answers Taylor's critics

This column is going to take a bit of a different turn from columns usually run in this space. This column is in response to P.M., K.P., and company.

Those of you involved in this little letter-writing campaign should read the second letter in this section from Shannon-Michelle Taylor. Your attacks on Ms. Taylor are absolutely uncalled for. Tell me something, does this type of self-expression make you people feel big? You continually tell people to GET A LIFE, but it seems odd to me that you yourselves have nothing better to do than to write petty, immature, irrational letters condemning people you do not know. To top it all off, you don't have the proverbial balls to sign your names to the trash you write.

But that's okay, because I know people of your so-called caliber, and this type of childish, illogical behavior is nothing that surprises me. Has it ever occurred to you all that if the only place you can socialize is the library, that you must have pretty dull lives yourself?

In your letters, you repeatedly miss the point. The library *should* be quiet, because it is the only building on campus where research and studying can be done. As people have continued to point out, there are places in the library where socializing can occur without disrupting others around you. Wouldn't you get hacked off if you were taking a test where you were unprepared for the test, and when you went to the library to try to access the information you needed for the test the night before, some loud-mouthed, obnoxious, totally clueless-to-life people were sitting behind you and would not shut up?

As a former library employee, I can tell you from experience with others that Shannon-Michelle Taylor and Tony Sheppard are not the only people whom you social insects bother. If you are so inconsiderate that you cannot have some type of respect for people around you, then stay home and socialize to your little heart's content, but don't bother other people because of your lack of courtesy.

To all of the others who have responded to the library controversy, both for and against, we thank you for your interest and attention to the paper, but the staff feels it is time to move onto different subjects.

And to P.M., K.P., etc. there is no need to respond to you the way you have responded to those with differing opinions from yours. Why? Because, unfortunately, there is no hope of you getting a life. (You will also notice that I'm not a chicken. I signed my name.)

KAY HILTON Opinions Editor

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Letters to the Editor

Taylor responds to attack

To the Editor:
In response to the second letter from P.M.

I'm sorry if you took my letter "as an angry cover" for my "sense of insecurities and self-doubt". I feel I'm simply stating my own opinion, which I'm entitled to as you are yours. Actually, I was not angry until I read your most recent letter. Anger was first, followed by hurt. I simply cannot comprehend how you can be so unfair in your assessment of my letter, so cutting and cruel?

I do not want this issue to be beaten into the ground as other issues sometimes are. This will be my last letter and I'll simply state my opinions here and now, leaving it at that.

As far as the purpose of my first letter, I intended to support Tony Sheppard in his opinion and perhaps clarify some of the points I felt were misunderstood or missed altogether. I also wanted to bring out the intentional unfeeling manner in which P.M. stated her opinion.

As far as your most recent letter P.M., I feel that I have no sense of self-doubt or insecurities proven by the fact that I have used my name when writing my letters. I also feel that, once again, you are asking those who want to study to not do it in the library so that you can socialize. By asking me to find a "private cubby hole" seems to suggest to me that you may need to become aware of the study room that allows group studying, socialization, discussions, and conversations. By telling me "this is where you will find other nerdy bookworms like yourself, who also seek the library as a place to simply study. who knows, you might find a date!" Perhaps I'm a bit naive in my thinking but I never imagined or have even come in contact with a

person who could be so callous, brutal, and vicious. This statement is to me spiteful and ugly, intended to only hurt and not to emphasize a point. Along with that statement can be added your infamous "GET A LIFE", and nerdy bookworm. You don't even know who I am and yet you're able to make such biting and ruthless statements.

As far as socializing in the library as was mentioned in my previous letter, I feel that I've been misunderstood. I agree that one must be skilled socially, our society does require it, it is important to have such skills for survival after college. I've never argued that point. The point I do wish to emphasize again is the fact that the library is not the place to gain social skills. The library should be the place to gain academic skills--save the social skills for the KUC, the Grill, the Sub, before and after class, and the Murfreesboro night life--but simply not the library. Observe all the opportunities/places available for one to socialize, excluding the library. Now consider what opportunities are available for a quiet study spot in which to research, study etc. It seems that one's opportunities/places to socialize are far greater than one's opportunity to study. My point again is simply this--socialize any place else but the library.

I don't mean to say that one should enter the library and never speak. Who knows who one may see, but if one notices that the conversation will be continuous or loud with laughing, etc., then the considerate thing to do would be to take the conversation someplace else or to cut it short. Is common courtesy too much to ask? Since there's so many private cubby holes, surely the conversationalists can find one to use or use the group study room, for which it is intended.

As you've also stated, I've visited the library recently, and

you're correct in saying that the noise level is not overwhelming or distracting enough to break concentration. But common courtesy might lead one to believe that to some, any noise is too much noise.

As I stated before, I will no longer write in and carry on this little song and dance. I only wish to state how cruel I feel P.M. has been in her statements and to clarify and perhaps simplify the true point in question: the library is not or rather should not be the building on campus designated for socializing.

Shannon-Michelle Taylor
Box 9146

Get your own life!

To the Editor:
In response to P.M.:

Ms. M, I have a life. When I want to socialize, I go to a place that has been designed for socializing. I go to a bar or club (too young?), my house (live on campus?) or the KUC. All of my friends are there and I won't get anything done. (Sound familiar?) I don't study in bars or clubs. Go figure!! I don't usually try to study at home; I'm a newlywed. Newlyweds don't often stick well to studying. Yet...Behold!...I am a student! And on my campus, we have a building with lots and lots of books and magazines organized and indexed for ease in research. Ooh, gee, I may have to think here, but maybe I can study in a building where there are lots of study materials? WOW! WHAT A CONCEPT!!

Ms. M, I have never been prevented from studying by you and your inconsiderate allies. But I have been disrupted and irritated, and I know of others who also choose to study in the library who feel the same way.

Ms. M., I have a life. I also have a place for that life. You refer

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to yourself and your equally obnoxious cohorts as "butterflies". Butterflies are pretty. You are not. Butterflies have a place in Nature's Scheme. So do I. You do not. You are displaced, dishonored, and unnecessary. You, Ms. M., need to find a more appropriate place for your inappropriate "LIFE" which is so nerdily confined to a library. Ms. M., **GET YOUR OWN LIFE!!**

Kimberly Hansing

Socialize elsewhere

To the Editor:

In regard to the latest letter by P.M.:

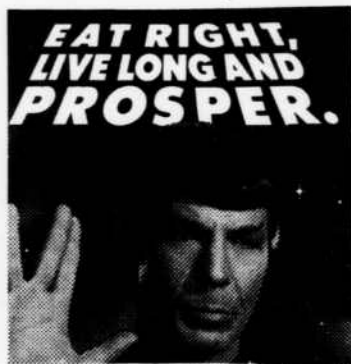
I find it rather ironic that you opened your letter about Ms. Taylor saying her "hostilities and anger are an obvious cover for ...insecurities and self-doubt" when both letters you have submitted to the *Sidelines* were full of hostility and derogatory comments, whereas Ms. Taylor politely asked for a little courtesy and respect.

Firstly, you stated "you don't have to be a nerdy bookworm to have common sense." Let me clue you, social butterflies have not cornered the market on common sense, as you have so aptly proven. Even you should realize the main purpose of the library is quiet study and research.

You suggested we nerdy bookworms who could not ignore all the noise should find a quiet cubby hole to study. That's not the point. Yes, there are rooms designated for complete silence, as there are rooms for group study, smoking and socializing. These activities are not intended for the main area of the library. If it were, the signs "Quiet Please" would not be posted.

Again, you "proudly stated 'Get a life!!!' " I proudly state: I have a life, thank you; and I don't appreciate you disrupting my valuable study time while you try to get one for yourself. My husband and I take turns coming to the library to study effectively while the other plays with, diapers, feeds, and eventually gets our one-year-old son to sleep. In a two-bedroom apartment with a baby, the only logical place to study is the library. "Again" all we nerdy bookworms are asking is a little common courtesy.

Since you have said you can study and socialize at the same time "killing two birds with one stone", let me offer a suggestion: Do your studying in the grill or in the den-like lobby of the KUC where your socializing doesn't interfere with other people's studying.

Wendy Ingram
Box 6040

School double standard?

To the Editor:

I'm confused. It may be a little late into football season to bring this up, but I think that as long as this issue is overlooked that something is very wrong.

As stated on pg. 34 of the MTSU Student Handbook, the policy set by the University Rules Committee concerning alcoholic beverages is defined thusly: "the use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on University-owned or controlled property." This obviously means that no one can have any alcohol anywhere on campus. I understand this rule fully, having formerly been a Resident Assistant on campus. I have written several people up for breaking this rule. Don't get me wrong, I'm not a drinker *but I am a student*. I'm not saying that this rule should be changed, only that the way this rule is enforced should be reassessed.

I'm curious about the tailgate parties on Saturday afternoons in the Greenland Dr. parking lot. Tailgate parties are a great way to attract fans and alumni. But is it possible that MTSU has a double standard for these pre-game parties just because they supply some of the big bucks for athletic support? Is the Greenland Drive lot not a "University-owned and controlled property"? Should the student body congregate on the big asphalt slab and throw one heck of a keg party or would the students be violating a state law? Maybe someone, (administration or student) should attempt to find out where the University really stands.

David L. White
Box A-767

Reader agrees with Taylor

To the Editor:

In response to P.M.'s letter: I have considered the issue and I side with Shannon-Michelle. I need total silence to get 100 percent productivity when I study, and our library does not provide silence. Needing silence to study does not make me insecure, stupid, or a bookworm. P.M. had no need to be so rude in her letter, she should learn some manners. If one can socialize in the library without disturbing others, fine; but when one person disturbs others they are invading their rights to get an education.

Le-Ellen Dayhill
Box 9120

All work and no brains makes Jack a dull boy

Picture this.

It's Monday night and you're watching the Monday Night football game between the San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants. It's the game of the year, the game you've been waiting for, between the two best teams in the nation. You're all set. You've got a keg of beer chilling in the fridge [to ensure a continuous flow of the quintessential food beverage], you've got your favorite *Frat* brothers over with your equally favorite staff of cheerleaders. The score is tied at 28 all, when all of a sudden, the screen fades to black, and returns with the sports fan's worst nightmare - **COMMERCIALS!!**

[Sometimes, however, commercials can be a sports fan's best friend. For example, when you've been drinking out of that keg all day, but that's a different story altogether].

Anyway, these aren't just any commercials, these are those crappy local cablevision commercials!

"Pony Express Pizza of Murfreesboro, Pony Express! Pony Express!" Followed by "Warren Mitsubih, Mistubuha, 'I still can't pronounce that name',

Below the Belt

by

Darryl 'Boom-Boom' Athans

Mitsubishi"

Your heart races, your face becomes red with anger, and then suddenly, without warning, those terrible little blurbs end just as quickly as they began. Back to the game.

This "annoyance" wouldn't be so bad if the commercials didn't begin and end halfway during a real, nationally advertised commercial.

Why can't they get it right? I don't know, do you?

Allow me to demonstrate this problem for you. A flag is thrown on the play, so the announcers use this time "to take a commercial break" [which means that they have to go to the bathroom too]. Then a "professional" beer jingle begins.

"For all you do, this Bud's for ..." Only to be cut-in by that, *oh no, not again*, cheapo, lamo, local commercial with that same-old, rotund man mumbling something about "Mitsubuthole,

Mitsuschitzu, [he still can't pronounce that damned name] Mitsubishi." Then the damned thing ends and cuts back into the "Bud" commercial.

This causes every viewer to shudder with pain because of an extreme case of embarrassment for the poor fool at cablevision that's in charge of editing these so-called "commercials", and the accuracy in which they replace the "Pro" commercials with local ones - *ahem*.

One good question that was raised by *Sidelines* Sports Editor, Tony J. [LOVE CHUNKS] Arnold, was Who is the guy that does the voice over-dubs on those commercials, and what's wrong with his voice?

That's a pretty good question Tony.

Who is this guy? Could he be the long lost little Eddie Munster? Maybe Emelia Earheart landed in Sweden and had a sex change operation? Has there been any Bigfoot sightings in the area? No, I've got it, it must be Gary Coleman, three-foot four, 195 pounds and balding. Have you seen that little bowling ball lately? [Of course it could be a former editor of *Sidelines*]

The mail bag from HELL

Right in the Cojones

by

Greg 'The Hammer' Adkins

Let's face it folks the world has gone nuts.

I just saw some of the dumbest mail, and flyers known to man. Why spend a summer in Milwaukee? One flyer in the James Union Building asks this all important question. The note claims there are great journalism internships to be had in Wisconsin. Well, I am sorry but the only thing I remember about Milwaukee is the bad smell and cold climate.

Another amazingly stupid application offers a scholarship for the food media. FOOD MEDIA, what is the food media? Who the hell works for the food media? Maybe they are a secret society of journalists who crave the Bonanza's Freshstastiks Foodbar or a cult of vegetable worshipping monks.

Tim Burton, director of "Batman" and "Beetlejuice", sent *Sidelines* a promo for his next

movie. Let me tell you, Edward Scissorhands looks like it could stunt your growth from sheer stupidity. Okay so Johnny Depp has been on the skids since "21 Jump Street" bit the dust, but what did Burton promise Depp to star in this weird movie. I know I am accusing the movie of being bad before even seeing it but come on. Can a movie about a guy with scissors for hands and becomes a hair stylist and a gardener really be good.

I must admit that the promo 20th Century Fox sent us was really great. if you want to see it come by the James Union Building, the promo is in the dumpster.

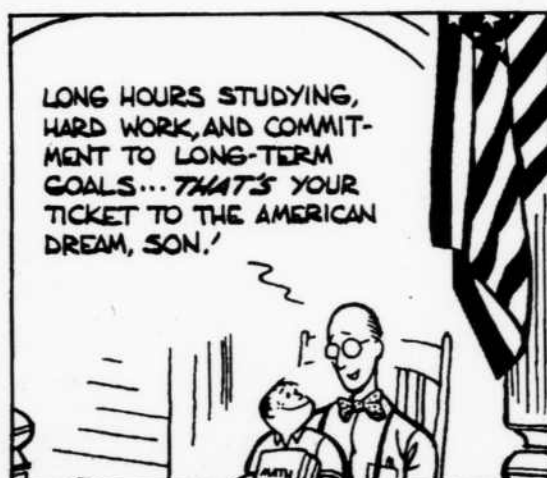
Zonkers Batman we got the "Rescuers Down Under" press pack. Yeah kiddies we can not

miss this cinematic milestone. I can not wait to hear the voices of Bob Newhart and Eva Gabor make love sounds on the big screen. Maybe they ought to drop the animation and rename the movie "Dick Loudon goes to Green Acres". The thought of Eva Gabor kissing Bob Newhart on the big screen makes me wish I had skipped the Mexican food at lunch.

Our sports editor, Tony J. [LOVE CHUNKS] Arnold, would like to thank the anonymous fan who pointed out that he is a bias Tennessee fan. Well let me tell you buddy he sure was proud to hear it. Tony has worn orange bloomers since he got the letter. Just to be recognized as a UT fan sent him into a state of euphoria that has not let up. Do not tell him but everyone at sidelines chipped in and got Tony a pair of UT overalls. Keep a look out at the Stark Agriculture Building, they could blind a person for life.

On the up and up Tony J. Arnold is the most loyal Blue Raider fan on campus. You may think your loyal, you may think you're a superfan, but if you cut Tony, he bleeds blue. The man has not missed a single MTSU basketball game in 9 years. Tony just tries to accommodate fans of UT and MTSU.

The moral of this story is, don't send us stupid mail, and if it is stupid do not put it up on a bulletin board.



Features

Racing a dream for MTSU senior

ANGELA BONDS
Special to Sidelines

It's a brisk fall afternoon. The wind blows steadily and the air is thick with anticipation. Fans anxiously await the action to come while drivers and their crews frantically add the final touches to their "dreams on wheels."

This is a typical scene on a racing day at Nashville Speedway. It's the gathering place for area racing fans. It's the spotlight for drivers, where dreams come true or smolder head-on into the wall.

And for Danny Gill, an MTSU senior, it's his classroom of life. Every lesson he learns here brings him closer to making his dream a reality.

Danny grew up at Nashville Speedway. His parents started bringing him to the race track when he was only 3. Racing has been a big part of his life ever since.

"It means a lot to be racing here now. I remember watching everybody when I was little, and now I'm down there on the track," Danny explains.

Since his first visit, Danny's love for racing has continued to grow. He began working on cars at 11 and soon after followed in his brother's tracks by climbing behind the wheel.

"When I was 15, I drove in my first race. It was at Highland Rim and I won," he proudly recalls. Driving regulations aren't as tough at Highland as they are at Nashville Speedway where drivers are required to be 16.

His victories at Nashville Speedway total three with his last claim to fame in 1988. Lately, he's been driving a 1990 Ford Thunderbird in the mini-modified division. This division enables drivers to gain experience before moving on to a professional level.

In this division most cars are owned by the drivers -- sponsors are hard to come by. The financial responsibility involved in keeping a car in racing condition can be astounding. Even the smallest repairs can be costly to the car owner and the smallest error in driving can cause a need for repairs.

"I trust Danny's driving ability. I know he'll get 100 percent out of the car without damaging it. And if something does go wrong, I know it was unavoidable," adds Herbie Gill, Danny's older brother and owner of the car.

Most drivers in this division are older than Gill who turns 22 this month.

"Racing at the professional level is a business. It has to be

run like a business," he explained.

Gill said he realizes the importance of college in making his dream come true. He recently sold his own race car to finish paying for school.

This business is also full of danger. It's always on the back of his mind.

"I can't worry about getting hurt. I just know if something goes wrong I will," he continues.

His family does worry, though.

"I know there are dangers involved with racing, and I get nervous watching Danny race. But I also know how much he loves it, and I would never try to stop him from it," explains Jane Gill, his mother and biggest fan.

**"When I was 15
I drove in my
first race"**
Danny Gill

Two years ago he did get hurt. During a race something went wrong with the car, and he ploughed head-on into the wall. He was lucky to sustain only a concussion and a few bruises.

When Danny, a member of Kappa Alpha Order, isn't living dangerously behind the wheel, you might find him under the hood. He spends endless hours building his own cars and engines.

Besides working for his brother and himself, Danny lends a hand to crews of other drivers. In the past year alone, he has worked for Winston Cup drivers Darrell Waltrip, Bobby Hamilton, Mike Alexander and Steve Grissom.

And all of this experience and hard work has paid off. Over the years he has been mentioned on local television, a national racing radio program and in various newspaper articles. He said he hopes this exposure, along with a degree, will give him the background he needs to build a successful career. He knows every hour spent on an engine and every lap made on the track is a valuable hands-on lesson.

And his next lesson is fast approaching as race time draws near. Fans are getting restless. The drivers are getting nervous. When Danny Gill drives his car into qualifying position, his own tension begins to mount.

He's preparing for his career by doing something he loves. Whether he wins or loses, this is a lesson that can't be learned from a book. It flows from behind the wheel.

READY TO RACE: Herbie Gill gives brother Danny, in right photo, last minute tips before he enters a recent race at the Nashville Speedway. Below, Danny poses next to the 1990 Thunderbird he is currently racing. The MTSU senior hopes to make race car driving his career but understands the importance of a degree.



Display shows 'photostroika'

A collection of photographs from the Soviet Union -- titled "Photostroika: New Photography from the Soviet Union and the Baltic Republics of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia" is currently on display at the Learning Resource Center in the Photographic Gallery through Wednesday.

The exhibit gives Americans an opportunity to peek into the Soviet Union and its history through the eyes of its cameramen.

Aperture publications collected the photographs, which have been traveling all over the country after a stint in New York City.

Spanning the years from the early 1940s through the '80s, the photographs show the slowly growing creative license photographers dared to attempt as glasnost evolves.

Photography professor Harold Baldwin said the exhibit shows a "startling departure from the gray sameness that has long been the West's image of the art

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and life in the Soviet Union and the Baltic Republics."

Interestingly, many of the photographs dating from the 1980s still portray that "gray sameness." One particular photograph of a round-faced school boy in 1988 shows a blank stare common in Soviet passport photos from the 1940s, also part of the exhibit.

While glasnost has allowed photographers to push the limits of the camera eye, many of the people's faces at the other end appear quite the same.

The only photographs showing smiles are from a series by Lyalya Kuznetsova on gypsies and one looking like it came straight out of "Sports Illustrated" with a girl in a bathing suit standing next to a body builder.

Other photographs show working conditions of the Soviet people in the late 1980s that look

like they come from Sinclair Lewis's "The Jungle" descriptions of working conditions in the United States during the first decade of this century.

Janis Lapans' series titled "My Country People" captures the mood and faces of the Soviet Union's citizens. Four photos in the exhibit, by Boris Savelev, are color shots of streets in Moscow.

Roman Pyatkov used some creativity in his hand-colored photographs from the series "Celebrations."

After examining conditions of Soviet convicts in the 1980s series "Young Prisoners" by Igor Gavrilov, one could think that if our prisons were the same there would be fewer prisoners.

One sign of change in the Soviet Union is the collection of nude photographs included in the exhibit. Of the 125 photos on tour, Baldwin put up 101 of them, excluding several of the more explicit nudes.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Music major gets chance

Staff Reports

Senior music major Christopher Gregory will spend his Christmas holidays preparing for the regional auditions for the Metropolitan Opera, an opportunity he said he is looking forward to.

Gregory, a tenor, was the first-place finalist in the National Council Middle Tennessee District auditions of the Midsouth region. Those auditions were held Nov. 17 at the Blair School of Music of Vanderbilt University.

"Yes, I'm looking forward to the audition...I've worked toward an opera career, and this is a wonderful opportunity," he said.

Gregory, is a voice student of Lawrence Hensel and is majoring in music education. A returning student, he earned an associates degree at Motlow State Community College in computer technology.

But singing was in his heart, and he decided to pursue that career at MTSU. The Tullahoma native is the only one in his family to pursue a career in music.

And since he began studying voice seriously, he said it has been a dream of his to compete in the Metropolitan Opera auditions.

"This is very prestigious and could be the start of a great

career," Gregory said of the auditions.

Gregory will next appear before Metropolitan Opera judges in the Memphis regionals which will be held sometime in late February.

Between now and the next auditions, Gregory said he will "work even harder to get prepared."

"The competition in Nashville was stiff, but this will be even stiffer, much more difficult to win," he explained.

To prepare for the competition, Gregory said he will average from one to two hours of actual singing each day. And there is studying to do as well, he said.

"The actual time singing each day varies because you don't want to strain your voice," he pointed out.

"If I have a singing engagement or other activities, I may not practice as much on one day as I do the next," he pointed out.

And as choir director of Central Christian Church here in Murfreesboro, he is now helping the choir prepare for its Christmas presentations as well as other singing opportunities that come about, he said.

Should Gregory win the Memphis auditions, he will go to New York to compete in the

national semifinals.

There he would be given a week of coaching under the guidance of the Metropolitan Opera, and would then present a concert before members of the Metropolitan Opera staff. He would also win a \$10,000 study grant.

Last fall, Gregory participated in the Indiana regionals of the prestigious Macallister Awards. He was the first-place finalist in the regional and placed 27th in the overall finals out of about 650 who auditioned.

Gregory is no stranger to local stages, appearing last fall as one of the soloists with the Middle Tennessee Choral Society in Bach's "Gloria in Excelsis" from Cantata 191. He also appeared as soloist with the Middle Tennessee symphony and in Alec Wilder's one-act opera "Sunday Excursion."

In March, Gregory will present his senior recital here and in May he will appear as Borsa in the Nashville Opera's production of Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto."

In addition to his studies and looking forward to an opera career, Gregory is also looking forward to being a father. He and his wife Sandra expect their first child in January.



TALKING IT OVER: Christopher Gregory, right, discusses his opportunity for an opera career with a voice instructor from UT-Martin following the National Council Middle Tennessee District auditions of the Midsouth region for the Metropolitan Opera. Gregory, a senior here, now prepares to compete in the regional competition in Memphis next spring.

New fraternity installed

The Delta Iota Chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa held installation services Friday evening in Dining Room B of the James Union Building.

The installation service featured the initiation of 35 members into the fraternity by Dr. J. Carl Bennett, of Manhattan College and national president of the fraternity. Joining Bennett was Dr. Clinton H. Strong, immediate past president from Indiana University, and Dr. Jeffrey S. Vessely, national

executive secretary from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

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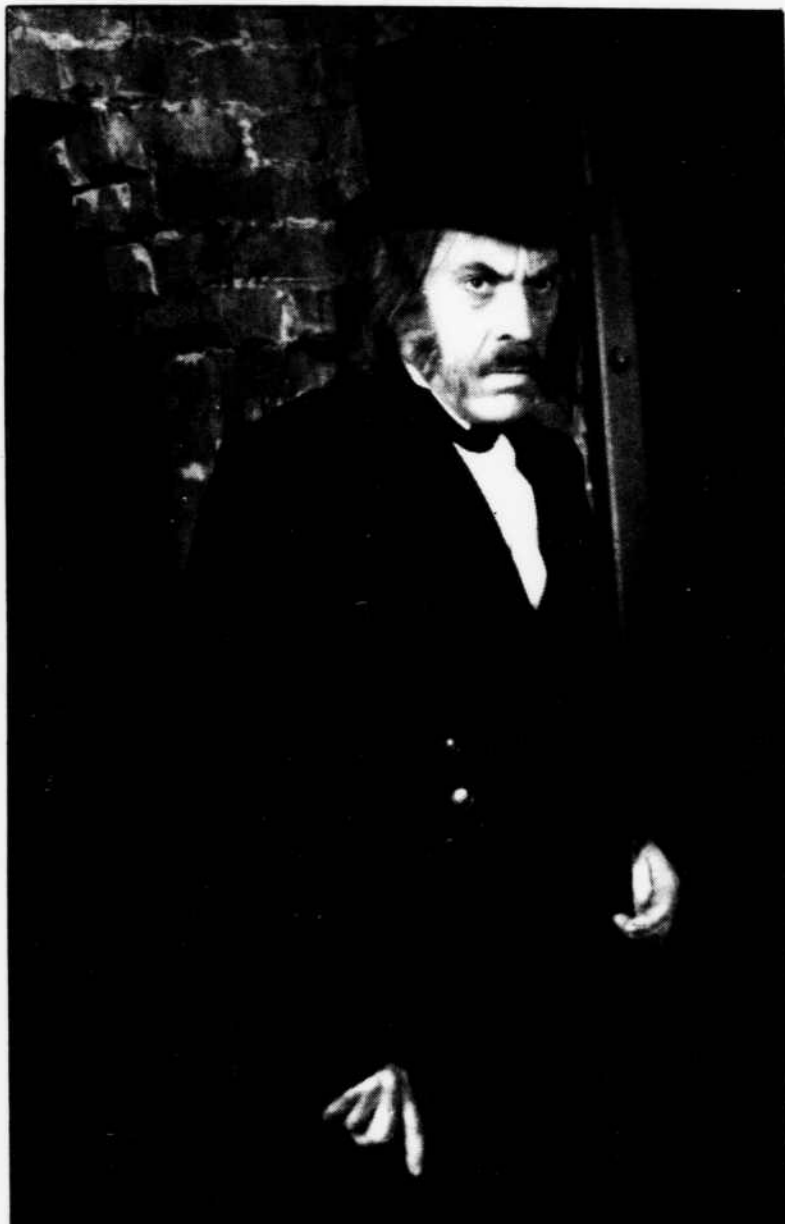
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What's Happening....



BAH HUMBUG! Crusty ole Ebenezer Scrooge gives a hearty "Bah Humbug" to the coming Christmas season in Tennessee Repertory Theatre's production of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." The family holiday favorite opens in TPAC's Polk Theater on Dec. 6 and runs for 14 festive performances through Dec. 23. Scrooge is portrayed by veteran Los Angeles actor William Hunt.

Concert tonight

The Middle Tennessee Symphony will present a Christmas festival concert at 8 p.m. today in the Tucker Theatre, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Baritone soloist Lawrence Hensel will be joined by the combined choirs of Riverdale, Oakland, La Vergne and Smyrna high schools.

Tickets at the door are: adults, \$7; senior citizens, \$6; children under 12, \$2; and students free with ID.

Mozart plays Friday

The music department will present an evening of Mozart Opera Scenes Friday at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building on campus.

The guest director for the scenes from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" is Sean McGinity.

McGinity has staged productions for the Tennessee Opera Theater of Nashville and Nashville Opera. He has also staged for various companies throughout the country, including the Michigan Opera, m Opera Pacific and the Opera Theatre of St. Louis.

Christine Isley of the MTSU voice faculty will direct the scenes from "The Magic Flute."

John Bridges, former music critic from the Tennessean and senior writer for the Nashville Scene and associate editor for Nostalgia magazine will give the introductory remarks and commentary.

Xmas concert set

"The Spirit of Christmas," a community band concert by the Tennessee Valley Winds (formerly the Murfreesboro Community Concert Band) will be presented Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Directed by Joseph T. Smith, founder and conductor of the band, the concert is dedicated to our men and women serving with the Armed Forces in the Middle East.

The program will include Christmas and patriotic music. Admission is free.

Gala presented

The Rutherford County and the Murfreesboro City schools will present a "Musical Christmas Gala" Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center.

More than 1,200 children will participate. Each school will perform one selection of their own and the combined group of students will perform "Felice Navidad" and "Sing Noel."

The program will conclude with all the students and parents singing Christmas carols. The public is invited and admission is free.

See Japanese tree

MTSU's Japan Center of Tennessee will sponsor an Origami Christmas tree in cooperation with the Metro Arts Commission. The tree will be in the Church Street display windows at the corner of Church and 5th through Jan. 1.

Toys on display

Japanese toys will be among those featured in the exhibit "Toys Are Art" at the Downtown Arts Gallery through Jan. 13.

Hagoita, kendama and a variety of wooden tops are included in the exhibit. The Japanese toys are on loan to the Metro Arts Commission from The Japan Center of Tennessee.

The Downtown Arts Gallery located in Church Street Centre is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday noon until 5 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

Marin exhibit set

For the first time Cheekwood's Fine Arts Center and Fisk University's Van Vechten Gallery are collaborating to present an exhibition drawn from each institution's permanent collection. Currently showing at the center is an exhibition of work by John Marin, one of America's foremost 20th century artists. The exhibition remains until Jan. 6. Minnie Miles, director of the Van Vechten Gallery, will give a gallery talk at The Fine Arts Center, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. The talk will focus on the works in the exhibition and the importance of Marin's art.

Cheekwood is located between Belle Meade Boulevard and Highway 100. Hours during December are: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon until 6 p.m. Gate fee: adults, \$4; senior citizens, \$3; students (3-17), \$1.

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Christmas activities. A highlight is "Holiday Magic Nights" (Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23) at the Knoxville Zoological Gardens featuring 75,000 lights, storytellers, carolers and other special Christmas activities. The Memphis Zoo will also be decorated for Winter Lights (through Dec. 30 except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) during which the zoo will be transformed into a Christmas fantasyland of lights and animal sculptures.

Smoky Mountain Winterfest (through Feb. 23) combines a range of special activities in the Smoky Mountain resort cities of Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and Sevierville. Highlights include the "Festival of Christmas Past" Dec. 18 at the Sugarlands Visitor Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Elizabethton and Roan Mountain's Winterfest Celebration (through January) includes parades, concerts, crafts, carolers, madrigal dinners, guided tours and a variety of other events and activities. One highlight is the Christmas Tree Exhibition (through Dec. 29) at the Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Another is the 18th century "Christmas at Carter Mansion" on Dec. 7.

At Jackson, special Christmas activities include Christmas at Carnegie (Dec. 4-9) with elaborate seasonal settings created by local designers and florists at the Carnegie Center for Arts and History.

Historic Celebrations
Christmas in Ole Jonesborough through Dec. 31 features old-fashioned Christmas decorations, street carolers, church cantatas and a progressive dinner tour (Dec 8-9) of many of the town's charming and historic homes.

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The Christmas season in Tennessee brings a wide variety of special events, unusual exhibits, spectacular displays, historic home tours and, of course, traditional Christmas parades and tree lightings in cities and towns throughout the state.

Super Celebrations
Dollywood, entertainer Dolly Parton's unique theme park at Pigeon Forge, celebrates a Smoky Mountain Christmas (through Dec. 13, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only). Highlights include an hour long "Christmas in the Smokies" holiday musical extravaganza, plus other musical shows. Dollywood's astounding variety of craftsmen will also be working during the park's first Christmas season.

A Country Christmas, through Dec. 25, at Nashville's Opryland Hotel features a wide

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variety of activities and events ranging from celebrity storytellers to a huge arts and crafts show and sale. Among the highlights are a major "Down Home Country Christmas" music and dinner stage show at the hotel, and a second full-scale Christmas production aboard the General Jackson Showboat (through Dec. 23) with two cruises daily.

Christmas in the City
Nashville's Country Holidays (though Dec. 31) is centered around the elaborate Christmas festivities and decorations at Opryland Hotel and Twitty City, but includes a wide variety of special activities and events throughout Middle Tennessee ranging from High Tea at the antebellum Carnton Mansion in Franklin (Dec. 8-9) to the impressive "Trees of Christmas" (through Dec. 27) at Nashville's Cheekwood Botanical Gardens.

Knoxville's Christmas in the City (through Jan. 1) offers a holiday blend of music, plays, decorations and traditional with costumed street carolers, living windows of historic characters, horse-drawn carriage rides and a "Scrooge Contest."

More Victorian Christmas elegance is offered at Victorian Village in Memphis, through Jan. 6.

Special Exhibits and Displays

Christmas at Twitty City through Jan. 6 offers some of Tennessee's most spectacular Christmas decorations with some 400,000 lights, 50 major displays and a variety of live entertainment.

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Sports

Noisy Boise too much for MTSU

Fake punt sparks BSU winning drive

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

All national title hopes came tumbling down as Boise State completely dominated, tricked and finessed the Blue Raiders in rout to their 20-13 playoff victory Saturday in Idaho.

After battling throughout the season making the big plays at the right times, the Raiders found the tables turned on themselves as a fired up Bronco club and pardison crowd of 15,849 fans watched as MTSU experienced an extra chill other than the already cold breeze.

"I thought that they made all the big plays today," MTSU mentor Boots Donnelly said. "We didn't make any of them."

Although there were numerous so called "Big Plays" in the contest, none had the impact of a fourth down call in the final quarter.

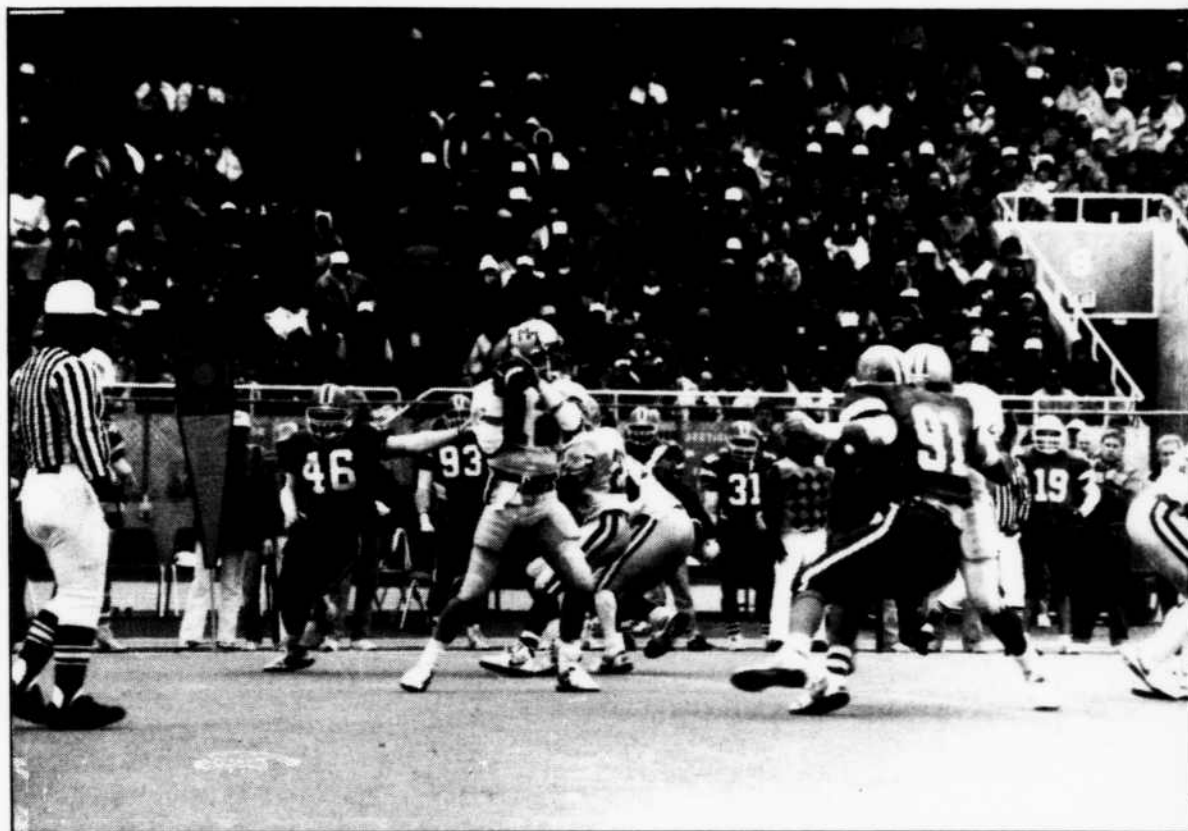
BSU was facing a fourth and two situation with 11 minutes, 30 seconds showing on the stadium

clock. Bronco punter Mike Black stepped back to take the snap from BSU's own 19-yard line with the score knotted at 13. However, instead of punting it, he threw an 18-yard pass to Elijah George for a first down.

The pass wasn't exactly on the money either. George had to leap into the air to barely snag the grab and hang on as he was crushed by Raider defenders who had smelt the rat too late. One more inch higher, or the slightest lack of concentration, and the outcome of the game could have easily gone the Raiders way.

"We had been watching films on MTSU all week and learned that they come after you when they have you pushed back like that," Bronco head coach Skipp Hall later explained. "When we talked about it, we felt that they were going to line up and come."

"If you want to win, you've got to take chances and we responded to the challenge today."



LOOKING FOR SOMEONE: MTSU third string quarterback Jeff Taylor was forced into action Saturday after OJ Smith injured his knee. Taylor guided the Raiders to 13 points but it wasn't enough as the Big Blue fell 20-13. The loss ended their season as they posted a 11-2 mark.

After the completion, the Broncos marched downfield and steamrolled the nations top rated defense. It took 12 plays and 63 yards, but with 5:37 remaining, running back Sean Sanders found

the endzone for the winning score.

Boise quarterback Mike Virden, who completed the day with 236 yards passing, later admitted that the punt call was

the motivation needed to spark his offense on the final drive.

"I was surprised," he said. "I was walking down the sideline

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Lady Raiders place second in tourney

TONY J. ARNOLD
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MTSU's Lady Raiders were able to extend their winning streak to two by winning a first round game before falling in a finals match-up in the Arkansas State Tournament this weekend.

MTSU looked impressive in their opening 63-44 victory over Wichita State Friday. The manner in which the Lady's won pleased head coach Lewis Bivens, who credited his squad with great defensive performance and referred to it as the most complete game his girls had played this season.

The Lady's jumped out of the blocks with a quick start and never peeked over their shoulders. At the half, MTSU found themselves ahead 27-15.

In the second half, the Raiders continued to pound the boards and make the baskets as they outscored WSU 36-29 for

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Blue Raiders go down to wire

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Middle Tennessee's men's basketball team hit the road for the first time this season and found life there a little rougher than at the friendly confines of Murphy Center.

After a perfect 2-0 start at home, the Raiders traveled first to South Carolina State where they lost a 12-point lead and fell 75-73.

However, they did manage to show that they learned from the experience and bounced back to take a nail-biting 80-77 victory over Georgia Southern.

In the opening road contest, the Raiders jumped out to an early lead and pumped it up to 12, only to see it begin to dwindle away in the closing minutes of the half. At the intermission it was 38-34.

Kelvin Hammonds was the Raiders spark plug as he pumped in 14 of his 16 points in the half.

In the final half, the Raiders continued to cling onto a small lead throughout most of the 20-minute period. However, a cold shooting spell combined with numerous fouls plagued the Big Blue and sealed their doom.

At the 4:59 mark, the Raiders held a 67-62 lead but went three-and-a-half minutes without a field goal, dropped the lead and found themselves trailing 73-67 with 1:30 left.

Sophomore guard Raymond Davis cut the lead to 75-73 with a 3-pointer with 18 seconds, setting up the possibility of closing- seconds dramatics that didn't occur.

Forced to foul, the Raiders sent SCS's Anthony Higginbotham to the line. They managed to get the break and get the rebound.

Davis was able to take the ball up-court but was unable to release a shot or find an open Raider under a blanket of defense before time expired.

"We just dribbled it out of bounds, and it was a case of playing soft tonight," MTSU coach Bruce Stewart said. "We have a lot of growing up to do, and the toughest team won tonight."

"Maybe we'll learn from it, you have to get your nose bloodied sometime, and we got ours bloodied tonight."

Stained uniforms and all, the Big Blue turned things around Saturday night in Statesboro. Instead of folding down the stretch, the Raiders played like pros as they came from behind to upend the talented Eagle team.

Trailing throughout most of the contest, including a 12-point deficit with less than 10 minutes left, the Raiders battled uphill to take their first lead of the game when Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor placed the ball in the net from 3-point range with 3:25 remaining.

Taylor connected on 4-7 treys on the night and had 18 points. He shared the team's high-point honor with Davis who was perfect from 3-point range in four attempts.

Warren Kidd, who was plagued with foul trouble, put MTSU ahead for good with a bucket with 20 seconds left to make the score 78-77.

Kidd then marched to the opposite end of the court and stole the ball back and Davis nailed two free throws with seven seconds left to lift the Big Blue's record to 3-1 on the young season.

Southern attempted a tying 3-pointer as time expired, which was unsuccessful and after this one was over, Stewart seemed much more pleased.

"It was a very, very gutty win. What you saw tonight was a young team grow up. We showed tonight the type potential we have."

MTSU will return home for a Tuesday night encounter with

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the final margin of victory.

Priscilla Robinson paced the Big Blue attack with 16 points and 11 rebounds while Stephanie Capley chipped in 13 and Sherrie Harris added 9 points along with 11 rebounds.

Things changed the following day, however, as the Raiders found themselves behind early and were never able to dig out of the hole as they fell 71-60 in the championship game to host Arkansas State.

Robinson once again led the team as she scored 14 points and cleared the boards with 21 rebounds.

Capley and Harris each chipped in 11 points and six rebounds.

"I thought we could win it, but we didn't play well," Bivens later commented.

The Lady's will take the court again Tuesday evening when they travel to play David Lipscomb in Nashville. Tip-off is slated for 7:30.



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and I turned around and saw Elijah catching the ball.

"At that point, we had so much adrenaline, we knew we were going to score."

Score or not, the decisive drive didn't go down without controversy. When the Broncos had the ball on the Raiders 9 yard line, Virden's pass was intercepted by MTSU's Marty Carter. Unfortunately, the interception was overruled because of a holding penalty which took place away from the actual action.

But, with all excuses aside, Donnelly admitted that his team had been beat.

"They completely dominated our line," Donnelly said. "We had what we wanted when we thought they were going to punt and they made a do or die call. It turned out to be a great call."

The contest remained nip and tuck throughout each quarter with BSU drawing the first blood with a 40 yard Mike Black field goal in the opening quarter. Black would later nail a 42 yarder to tie the score at 13.

Matt Crews kept the Raiders alive in the game with field goals from 29 and 37 yards out.

Touchdowns, other than the decisive score, from each team in opposite halves. The Broncos came as Virden hit Sheldon Forehand

from 8 yards out in the second quarter for the Broncos. Joe Campbell ran in the Raiders score to capitalize on a BSU fumble

and give the Raiders their only short-lived lead with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter.

Campbell's TD was also about one of the only Raiders successful runs on the day. Going into the game, MTSU's running attack was most feared by the Broncos. With starting QB Phil Ironside still sidelined, and in street clothes by a back injury, OJ Smith received his second start of the season.

Smith was known as a threat to open the running game wide open, but suffered a severe knee injury late in the first quarter, forcing third-string QB Jeff Taylor to enter the game.

Taylor was unable to move the ball and Ironside was forced to enter the locker room and dress out. However, Ironside never saw a down of action and as the game wore on, the Boise State fans became so loud that Taylor was unable to call plays.

"I've heard about their crowds and now I believe it," Donnelly said. "Boise State is fortunate to have the tremendous crowds they do."

MTSU's final hope was lost late in the final quarter when the Big Blue was trailing by a touchdown and found themselves staring at a fourth and one

situation at their own 36 yard line. With the clock reading 3:20, Donnelly sent his punting unit into the game and kicked the ball hoping that his defense could come up with the big play. It didn't and the Raiders completed the season with an unshabby 11-2 mark.

"We contemplated quite a bit and decided with the way we were moving it, it was a long yard," Donnelly reasoned. "As it worked out, it probably wasn't a good call."

Maybe it was and maybe it wasn't, but Blue Raider senior linebacker Anthony Coleman had his own opinion about his teams

defensive performance and attempted to take a portion of the blame.

"We didn't rise to the occasion," he said. "Our offense put enough points on the board for us to win the game, we just didn't perform."

Boise State will now advance into the semi-finals and play Nevada-Reno in Reno next weekend. The winner of that match-up will face the winner of the Georgia Southern - Central Florida game for the national championship.

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Grambling. This will be the first of two meetings between the two clubs this season as the Raiders will later travel to the Louisiana town on Jan. 9.

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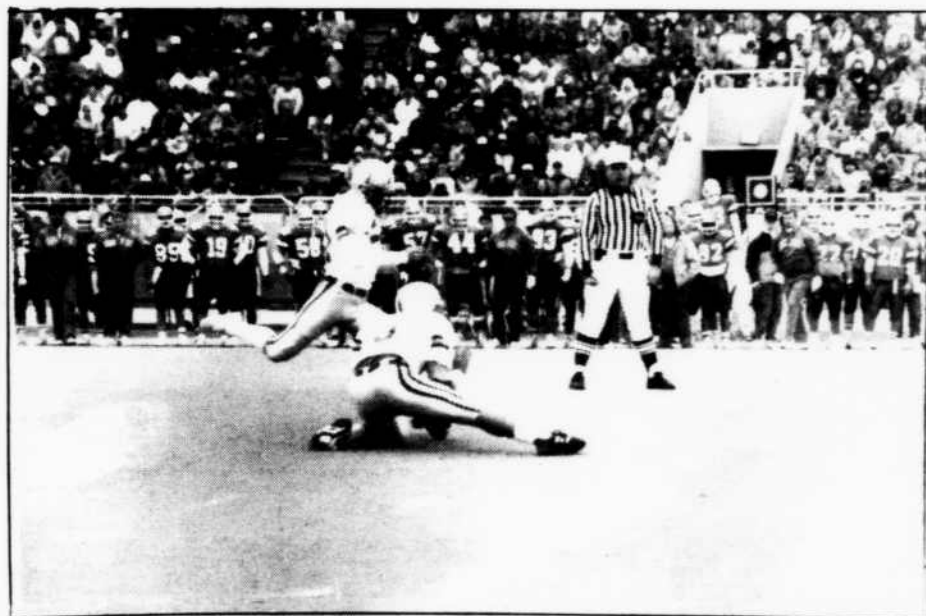
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A LONG DAY: MTSU cheerleader Tracy McCord tries to encourage the Big Blue in Saturday's loss (above). Walter Dunson (top right) starts to run back the kickoff. He returned the kick 71 yards. Matt Crews (bottom right) kicks one of his two field goals on the afternoon.



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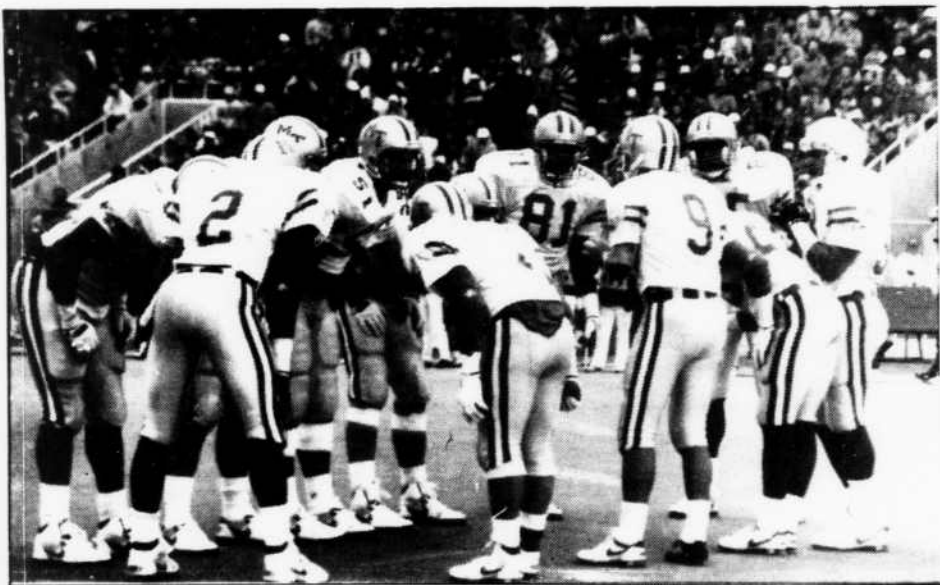
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BUT A GREAT YEAR: Blue Raider cheerleaders (above) let the Big Blue know that they were behind them. Joe Campbell (right) broke loose for some yardage against Jackson State. In the BSU game, he gained 102 yards on the ground. The Raiders huddle up before attempting a play (below) in Boise. A BSU player seems a little upset after he was leveled Jimmy McCamey in Saturdays loss (lower right).



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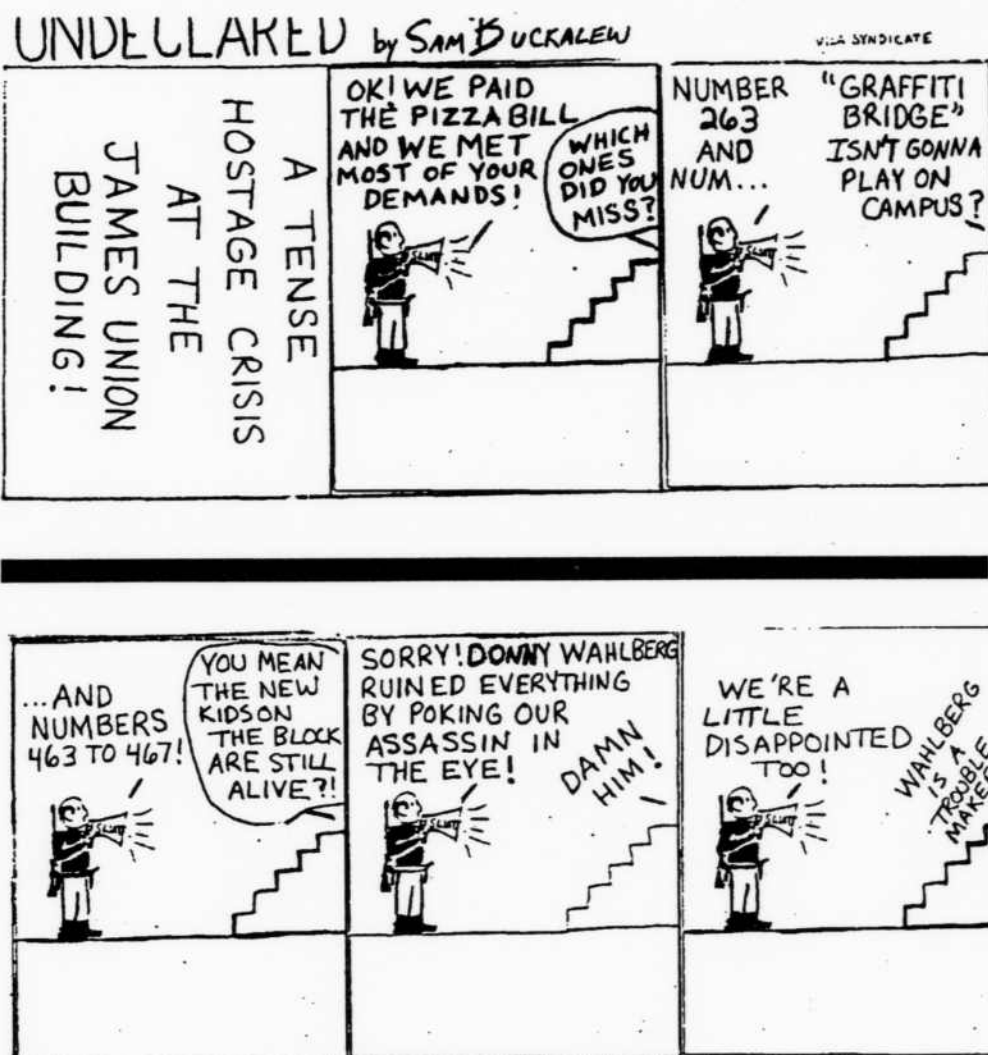


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