

Friday's 'Sidelines' object of sabotage

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
and LIZ THOMPSON
Sidelines Editors

Evidence indicates that Friday's *Sidelines* was deliberately tampered with by persons familiar with graphic design and makeup, which resulted in a number of damaging errors, according to authorities on printing and press law.

The inordinate number of errors in headlines, news stories, columns and advertisements were carefully planted by persons proficient in the mechanics of composition, according to Donald Hill, assistant professor of mass

communications and graphics.

Sidelines staffers said the copy had been checked and approved without discernible errors before it was sent to be printed at 5:15 a.m.

City police are investigating the situation, and legal action is under consideration.

"THIS ACTION is particularly damaging not only because it garbled the meaning of several news items, but because it changed the sense of an important clarification," David Badger, coordinator of student publications, said.

"Whoever did this may have maliciously damaged the newspaper and its staff and may

have committed a serious act warranting legal action," Badger added.

After examining the cutboards on which the newspaper's layout was pasted, Hill verified 13 of the 17 items that staff members suspected were altered.

THREE SMUDGES were found on the cutboards, and they have been sent to the state police laboratory in Nashville "to be processed for latent prints," according to Detective Sgt. David Dinkins of the Murfreesboro City Police.

Hill estimated that it would have taken approximately 30 to 40 minutes to make the

alterations that were done on the eight pages of the paper.

Production Manager Kevin Lowder said he took the cutboards as usual to the *Daily News Journal* for printing Friday morning and propped the layout pages behind the door at 5:15 a.m.

John Wade, camera operator for the *DNJ*, said he checked for the cutboards at 5:30 a.m., but they were not there. He reported he found them lying on the porch floor at 6:15 a.m.

"THIS IS the first time that it has ever been laid flat on the floor," Wade said.

According to Hill, "it would be quite possible for someone to

take it somewhere else. It has got to be [rearranged on] a flat surface, and it looks like it was cut with a razor blade. Whoever did it would also need plenty of light."

Carol A. Stuart, *Sidelines* sports editor, found some of the missing lines of copy that had been cut and taken from the pages on the back of the boards.

"Someone has really messed it up," Hill commented.

"It is not likely someone was just walking by and said, 'Let's cut this zero off this ad,'" Hill said. "It was done by someone who knew what he was doing. It would be safe to say he was

familiar with mechanical art—newspaper art, primarily."

He commented it was a crudely done job adding he had to know professional newspaper paste up, but it was not a professional job.

HILL VERIFIED the following errors as sabotage:

- Don Harris and Lisa Gwin's photo credits were removed from their front-page photos;
- Dennis Myers' story about *Show Me* had been cut apart in two or three places with a razor blade and a dull X-acto knife;
- the Dr. John Duke clarification had been cut and moved;

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Totem pole Harvey kidnapped

Wreck Tech Week has started early for Harvey, the totem pole.

Harvey found himself kidnapped from the University Bookstore early Saturday morning at approximately 8:30 a.m. by two students who are believed to be from Tennessee Tech.

Richard Lawson, an employee of the bookstore, reported the theft to the University Police at 8:50 a.m. Two of the cashiers, Junita Perry and Phyllis Arney, were witnesses to the theft.

The police report stated that

two white males stole the pole from the bookstore. One man had blond hair and both were of average height and build. Both men had on MTSU shirts with Snoopy on them.

"There were more people than usual in the store that morning," Arney recalled. "I saw them [the two thieves] when they got in front of the book-drops, and they were carrying it [the pole's case] out the door. I think more people were in on it."

Arney said she was fairly positive that the men who stole the totem pole were from Tennessee Tech.

"Junita said a boy and girl said they had dropped change behind the case and asked to pick it out," Arney explained. "She said, 'Yes, just don't break the glass.'"

Two men then picked up the totem pole and carried it out.

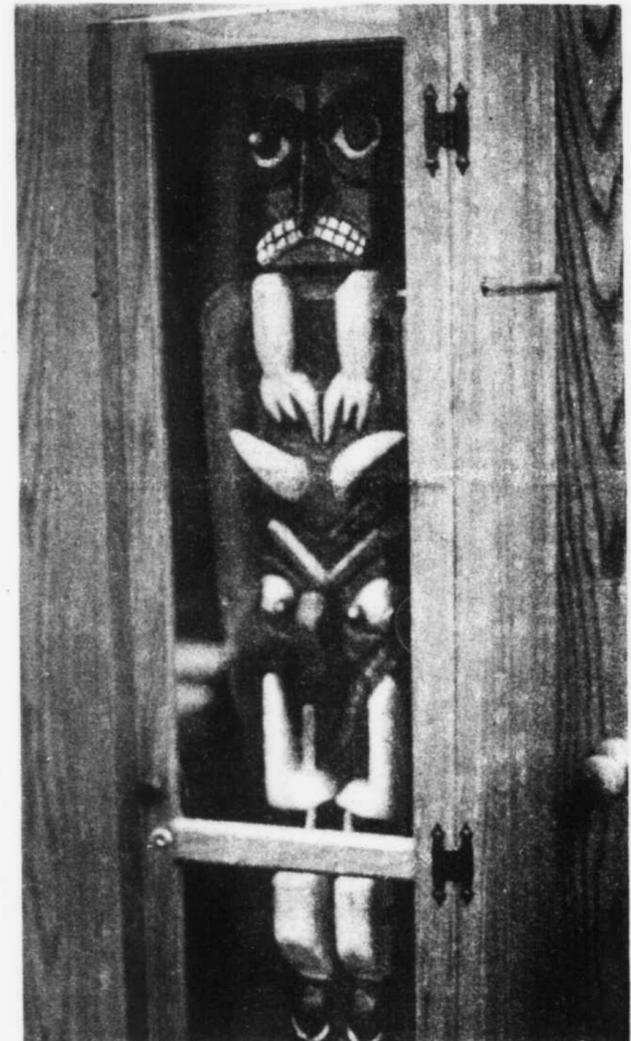
Arney added that no one made an attempt to stop the men from taking the pole. The three women at the cash registers claimed they could not leave their posts.

"I looked back toward the book department to see if any men were back there," Arney

claimed. "Several people ran out of the store, but I think some of the ones who ran out were with them [the thieves]."

It is traditional to let the winner of the MTSU-Tech game each year to keep Harvey as a trophy until the next year. From 1974 to 1979, the totem pole resided on the Tech campus. Last year, after winning the football game 17-14, MTSU was graced with Harvey's presence once more.

The wooden and glass case was bolted to the post near the cash registers at the front of the bookstore.



Harvey, the totem pole which symbolizes MTSU's victory over the Tennessee Tech football team, was stolen from his home inside the bookstore Saturday morning by two men believed to be Tech students.

Censure on 'Show Me' ended at last

In last Friday's edition of *Sidelines*, Dennis Myers story on the book "Show Me" was tampered with. The story is being run again exactly as it should have appeared in that edition to clarify any questions on the part of our readers.

By DENNIS MYERS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Sidelines has learned from a highly reliable source close to both the Mass Communications Department and the University Bookstore that the controversial book *Show Me* will be on the bookstore shelf within the week.

Show Me, a supplemental textbook ordered by Alan Mussehl, assistant professor of mass communications, has been

kept off the University Bookstore shelf for over one year.

This revelation ends a lengthy struggle between the Mass Communications Department and the bookstore which at times has seen both parties locked in bitter controversy.

Today's report elated Mussehl, who told *Sidelines*, "There is no doubt that Mr. [Earl] Harris [manager of the book department] is a fine man with firm convictions. I wish that this issue could have been resolved sooner, but the solution is very satisfactory."

"Academic freedom is an important issue," Mussehl continued, "and the decision made by the campus store is an

important one. It shows that men of very firm personal convictions can appreciate the need for this type of freedom on a university campus.

"*Sidelines* is to be commended for giving this issue its full attention. The paper truly showed its devotion to a free press," Mussehl concluded.

The *Show Me* controversy was first uncovered by *Sidelines* staff writer Debi Hollingsworth over one year ago. Since that time there have been many developments in the matter.

The need to get *Show Me* on the shelf was raised in the first staff meeting of the Mass Communications Department this past August. *Sidelines*

reported in its Sept. 4 issue that the controversy was on its way to being resolved but that certain circumstances arose which prevented this.

The censoring of the book appeared to have been halted after this meeting. *Sidelines* learned later, however, that the matter had not been resolved and that the book was still being censored by Harris.

Sidelines learned that high-level negotiations were under way with the bookstore as recently as yesterday. The result of these negotiations was the placing of the book on the shelf.

University Bookstore Director Charles Phillips refused all comment on the matter when reached late last night by phone.

MTSU personnel director submits his resignation

Robert Arnett, MTSU's director of personnel for 10 years, has submitted his resignation effective at the end of the month.

"It is just time for a job change," Arnett stated last week, adding that he has no definite plans as yet for the future.

"I'm looking forward to having a couple of weeks off right now," he said.

William F. Greene, administrative assistant to the president, said that the university will begin taking applications for the position of personnel director soon.

"We are working with the affirmative action officer to get a job description ready," Green stated.

Clarification

On Sept. 26, in "Minimum Wage," a column in *Sidelines*, a reference was made to Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, who is seen as Uncle Duke in the "Doonesbury" comic strip. In discussing these two names, he was inadvertently referred to as "Dr. Duke." This was in no way a reference to Dr. John Duke, associate professor of music at MTSU.

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Barry Manilow sang, danced and entertained for a near-capacity crowd Saturday night at MTSU's Murphy Center. See the review on page 3.



photo by Stuart Marshall

Sidelights

Homecoming court elections slated

Elections will be held next Monday and Tuesday for the homecoming queen and court, two graduate, one senior and five freshmen senators. Polling places will be located upstairs in the University Center and on the first floor of Peck Hall. Polls will be open both days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Carter for president meeting today

Students for Carter will hold an organizational meeting today at 8 p.m. in 324 UC.

Campus rec. sets sign-up deadlines

Sign-up for the Campus Recreation backgammon tournament will be open through Oct. 21 for play beginning Oct. 23.

The campus rec office also is organizing a volleyball league this month. The divisions will be dorm, greek, campus and open. A minimum of six players per team is required with no maximum limit. A representative of the team must come by the campus rec office to sign up by Oct. 20. Play begins Oct. 22.

Students may come by the Campus Recreation Office, Room 203 of the Alumni Memorial Gym, to sign up for these events.

Campus up for homecoming

By DON WELCH
Sidelines Staff Writer

"A Down Home Good Time," the theme of this year's homecoming celebration, will be reflected in all activities leading up to MTSU's gridiron clash Oct. 25 with Austin Peay State University.

Students may vote for the homecoming court on Monday and Tuesday in the University Center and Peck Hall, according

to Jeff Ellis, homecoming director.

"Fifty girls—a record number—have been entered in this year's race for homecoming queen," Ellis said yesterday. "Their pictures and a short description of each will be on display in the University Center."

This year, organizations will vie for points during the week of activities in competition for the

MTSU "Spirit Award."

Groups competing Monday afternoon in the "Fight Song Contest" will sing "Blue Raiders Ride," MTSU's fight song, in male, female and mixed choruses.

Tuesday night, the five members of the homecoming court will be announced. The homecoming queen, who will be chosen from the court, will be named during halftime of Saturday's football game.

Activities Day, Wednesday, Oct. 22, will feature competition between organizations in such categories as tobacco spitting, a four-legged race, a Jello slurp, the keg run-around, and a mystery event.

Wednesday will be topped off with the Homecoming Dance at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. The music group, Riders in the Sky, will entertain with "Western-style dance music," and special guest Johnny Gimbel, one of the

original Texas Playboys, will appear.

Dorm decorations and spirit posters will go on display Thursday across campus, and activities will culminate with the Blue Raider Blast at Benchmark Farms. A bluegrass band will perform.

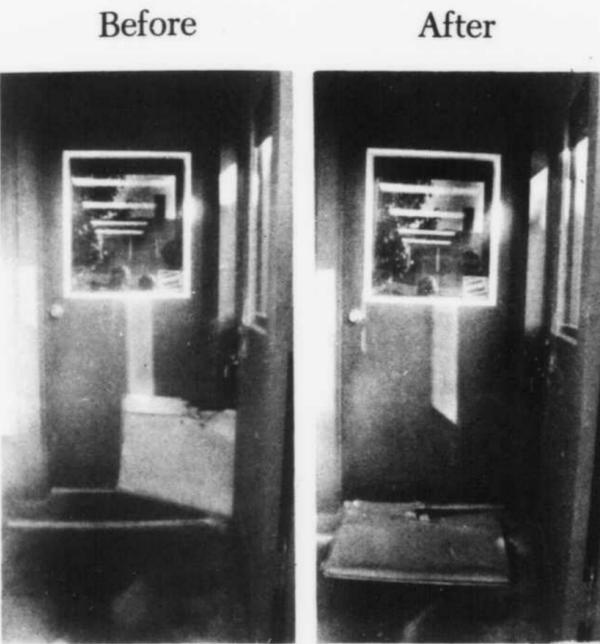
A pep rally will be held in front of the University Center at 1 p.m. on Friday, and there will be a bonfire behind Cummings Hall later that evening.

Homecoming Day will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, with the traditional homecoming parade.

"This year's parade will include a record 14 floats and several bands," Ellis said.

Pre-game festivities will include the announcement of the winners of the float competition and the spirit awards.

MTSU's homecoming celebration will conclude with a Kenny Rogers concert in Murphy Center at 8 p.m.



photos by Don Harris

Sidelines' cutboards were placed propped in an upright position behind the first door at the Daily News Journal at 5:15 a.m. Friday. At 6:15 a.m., the layouts were found by a DNJ camera operator lying flat on the porch as in this photo re-enactment.

sensitive news stories, you may find yourself in legal hot water," Wyatt said. "This dastardly act seems to infringe First Amendment rights of reporters and editors on Sidelines."

He added that this act may be cause for civil action on grounds of possible malicious destruction.

Lowder said precautions are now being taken to prevent

further alterations after Sidelines has been pasted up.

"I have talked to Neil Jorgensen, president of the Mid-South Printing Company, and new arrangements have been made for delivery of the cutboards to help prevent any further malicious acts," Lowder explained.

Sabotage

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- the expiration date on the Pizza Inn advertisement was removed;
- the third line of the blood drive story headline had been taken off;
- the continuation of the Carter story on page three had been cut and moved;
- the rule underneath the junior vanderleeds story had been repeated over the final line of copy;
- the spelling of Steve Spann's name on the editorial page was altered;
- the University Bookstore advertisement had an expiration date removed;
- paragraphs were rearranged in Bill Ward's movie review on page six;
- "Ward's Weekend Winners" had been switched to match college teams with pros;
- a zero was cut out of the Mainstreet Emporium advertisement.

OTHER POSSIBLE tamperings suspected by the staff but not verified by Hill include paragraphs switched in the front-page Carter story; the figure "1" removed from a Toyota advertisement that was supposed to read "15 percent"; phone numbers dropped from a Miller Beer advertisement; and the last line removed from Spann's John Anderson endorsement.

Ed Kimbrell, chairman of the Mass Communications Department, said that a newspaper "is more than any one writer, editor or person. It is

a collective work, and to see any collective work as important as a newspaper tampered with is a very, very sad matter.

"I'm sure Mr. Hill is right," Kimbrell added. "It definitely was tampered with. I'm not sure it was done as a joke or as an embarrassment; it has embarrassed a very fine staff—the people who work for the paper. It has also offended the readers and the advertisers who depend on the paper."

"We will pursue the matter as far as we can. But unless there was an eyewitness we do not know about, or the person comes forward and confesses, there is not much we can do," Kimbrell stated.

ANOTHER MEMBER of the department who examined the paste-ups, Associate Professor Robert Wyatt, claimed that it is "more than just a college prank" to tamper with the press.

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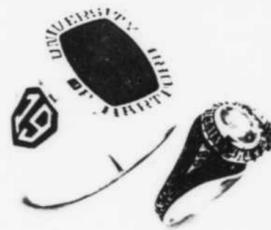
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from the editor

Sabotage: *tampering more than just a prank*

When it comes to working on a student newspaper, it is more than fun and games—it is a valuable experience.

But this experience has been turned into an unfortunate turn of events when someone tampered with the finished product last Friday before the paper was published.

It may seem to many to be just a college prank aimed at the staff members. But what happened last Friday morning goes beyond that. It not only hurts all the members of a fine staff, but also hurts the advertisers, the members of the staff who had stories tampered with and you, the readers.

There were 13 discrepancies verified as tamperings by Donald Hill, assistant professor of mass communications.

The worst part of the intentional tampering is that there is really nothing the paper can do.

As Ed Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman, said, unless there is an eyewitness we do not know about or the person who made the changes to the paper comes out in the open and confesses, not much can be done.

Hopefully with the police department's cooperation in this matter, we will find out who did this.

Precautions are now being taken to prevent this from happening in the future. There is no way to avoid this. In all of the years of the *Sidelines* existence, nothing of this nature has ever happened.

If the person who tampered with the paper has a personal vendetta against the staff or members on the staff, then they should have enough courage to come out in the open and state their complaint instead of hurting people that are not responsible for their grievances.

Harvey: *Stolen totem pole must be returned*

Poor Harvey's nightmare has started again.

Saturday morning he was kidnapped by people suspected to be Tennessee Tech students.

Each year our friendly "rival" competes on the football field with our mighty Blue Raiders.

Last year, that was the only game we won. The score was 17-14.

Because we succeeded in defeating their team, we also received the privilege of having Harvey, the totem pole, reside on campus until they win him back.

He had been on the Tech campus since 1974. Harvey waited a long time to come home to MTSU.

Now these moral outcasts called "students", have kidnapped him in a blatant act of aggression.

Perhaps Tech students realize that the only way they will get Harvey back is through the sort of immature escapade that was carried out this weekend.

The student body in Cookeville has obviously come to the realization that it will be impossible to win Harvey back on the football field, so they have resorted to the actions of a child who has given away a favorite toy, only to realize that it's gone forever, unless they steal it back.

Unless the thieves return him within the next two weeks, severe repercussions will surely be in order.

This inhumane action could only be the deliberate and calculating scheme of Tennessee Tech students deprived of any significant social activity for months in lonely Cookeville.

If not, then our own students would be suspect. That would be a degradation beyond words alone.

WE WANT HARVEY BACK!

Sidelines

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We reserve the right to edit all copy for space, grammar and libelous content. *Sidelines* will give priority to those letters which are in disagreement with our stated opinions.

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Viewpoints

THE PAPER CAPER...



criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

Why Anderson can win

MY LAST three columns in *Sidelines* have concentrated on reviewing the existence (or absence) of the relative merits of the three major candidates for president.

The last of these columns appeared in Friday's edition, and it concluded my review of the candidates with an endorsement of Independent John Anderson.

Many people seem to agree with Anderson's ideas and principles but shy away from the commitment of a vote for him on Nov. 4.

Why are possible Anderson voters reluctant to follow their instincts in this election year?

Because—they feel that a vote for the Anderson *difference* will be a "wasted" one. This seems to be the main argument made against his campaign for the White House, and my efforts in this column will be directed toward removing voters' doubts about the possibility of an Anderson win next month.

It would be ludicrous to suggest that the odds favor an Anderson win; they obviously don't. But it is equally absurd for any potential Anderson supporter to give up the cause.

THE FACT IS that Anderson can win, but, in order to do so, his supporters must be firm in their conviction to vote for him.

Consider how far Anderson has come so far. He has overcome firm opposition from the



Democratic National Committee to get on the ballot in all 50 states. He has sustained a campaign to rival Carter's or Reagan's, despite the fact that he was denied federal funds for most of the summer. He also maintained public attention throughout a summer in which the two major parties received free publicity by way of television coverage of the conventions.

Now the Anderson campaign should be on the rise, as the Illinois congressman riding high after the televised debate with Reagan, which was seen by 53 million people. He performed admirably well in that encounter, as a Harris poll showed that, by 36 to 30, likely voters who watched the debate thought Anderson outperformed Reagan. Another 17 percent felt the debate was a draw.

ANDERSON'S financial position has also improved, as the Federal Election Commission has ruled that if he attracts more than 5 percent of the vote in November, he will be entitled to reimbursements of campaign expenses. This guarantee will be used as collateral for necessary bank loans.

Private contributions are coming in at about \$500,000 a week, and with bank loans

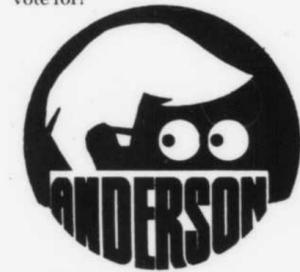
Anderson can mount an advertising campaign equal to those of the other candidates.

So, Anderson's financial position should be sufficient to erase some doubts about the possibility for a win. With more money come more ads, and, by making himself known, he can attract supporters.

But money alone does not win elections. How do voters view Anderson's chances for the presidency?

In those polls that ask voters how Anderson stands in a straight match-up against Carter or Reagan, John's chances look slim. These polls reveal Reagan and Carter to have close to 37 percent of the vote, with Anderson at 15.

But Lou Harris and some other pollsters have gone beyond such straight match-up questions and have asked: "Now, suppose the polls showed that John Anderson had a real chance of winning the presidential election in November...who would you vote for?"



INSTEAD OF 15 or 17 percent, Harris found that Anderson moved up to 26 points nationally, with 32 for Carter and 39 for Reagan. That's well within striking distance.

Regionally, the Harris poll results are even more significant. In the East, Anderson actually leads with 34 percent, with 32 for Reagan and 30 for Carter. The Midwest reveals 34 for Reagan, 32 for Carter and 31 for Anderson. Only in the South is Anderson not competitive. But,

outside the South, the composite results are 35 for Reagan, 31 for Anderson and 31 for Carter.

This poll, from one of the most widely respected national pollsters (Harris) in the country, reveals that Anderson does indeed stand a good chance of being elected president.

His chances look even better when another aspect of the poll is examined. In the eight largest states in the country, which contain 216 of the 270 electoral votes necessary to be elected, Anderson leads with 34 percent to 33 for Reagan and 29 for Carter.

Also, consider state polls which ask the same "what if..." question. In California, the respected Field poll asked that and found Anderson leading in Reagan's home state with 36 percent, to Reagan's 31 and Carter's 20. A *New York Post* poll had Anderson with 33, Carter with 22 and Reagan with 21 upon asking the "what if..." question.

The Harris poll shows Anderson leading among the 18- to 29-year-old age group, college graduates, professional people and proprietors of business.

ALL THESE NUMBERS are based on the postulate that Anderson supporters will continue in their support. Harris's poll shows that if people think Anderson has a chance at winning—then he has a chance; if they don't, then he doesn't.

If you are dissatisfied with the two major party candidates, impressed with a campaigning of ideas in face of the mudslinging of others, or if you simply feel the Independent Party has the best program for the country, then support and vote for John Anderson.

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Perspective

guest column

by Annette Cantrell

Concern is gone; few mourn its passing

A FLURRY OF articles and letters appeared in *Sidelines* after the Morehead and MTSU football game. The articles published exhibited a variety of points of view concerning the incident. But the most important aspect of the incident was overlooked by all.

Before anyone assumes that I hate football, I'll explain that I am an avid football fan of the high school, college and professional ranks. My oldest brother was an offensive lineman on the varsity football team, and my youngest brother plays cornerback and tight end on his high school team. My parents are also avid fans.

So, I know a lot about

and so it goes

Ron's last movie: white hats in murky water

A motion picture that Ronald Reagan always wanted to forget was his last one, "The Killers." He made it as a favor to a friend, and in it, for the only time in his movie career, he played the bad guy.

"It was a mistake," Ron says, making it clear that in real life he prefers to wear a white hat.

This one insight provides an interesting perception of the man who might soon become our next president. Reagan might be the last bastion of American decency. If so, can we unleash such an immoral country as ours upon him?

There can be no doubt that Reagan has strong convictions on certain issues, but why are

retrospect

MTSU coach tongue-lashes columnist

QUITE A BIT of controversy surrounded my article of Sept. 30, entitled "Weekend Battles: Winners and Losers." The *Sidelines* office received a substantial amount of mail both pro and con on the subject; even those letters which defended the football team, however, admitted that the action that took place on the football field was deplorable.

The recent penalties levied by OVC Commissioner Jim Delany substantiate the case I laid out in that article.

MTSU received the brunt of the commissioner's action, receiving a total of 16 player/game-day suspensions while Morehead received only four player/game-day suspensions. This proved the officials on the field correct in discharging four MTSU players from the game while discharging only one Morehead player.

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, I was told by *Sidelines* Editorial Editor Steve Spann that Coach Boots Donnelly had invited me to his office to view the game film. On Thursday, Oct. 2, I reported to Donnelly's office expecting to see the film.

When I arrived at Donnelly's office I was told that the film had just been sent to the OVC commissioner's office. However, Donnelly wasted no time in jumping up and closing the door to begin what soon turned into an attack on my personal integrity.

DONNELLY BRAZENLY touched all his statements in what is termed "Have you ever . . ." questions. You know the type, when someone asks a question like, "Why do you wrestle alligators?" and the only response one can come up with

football, but I readily admit that I am not an expert.

"The incident was unfortunate." That is a ready-made statement that has been said an untold number of times by well-meaning people who are afraid to say that it was an unexcusable beating of another player.

That is the point of view subscribed to by the majority of students, players and (unfortunately) the administration. Irregardless of how the incident began, it is inexcusable.

A civilized society does not condone mugging and beating. If the same incident had occurred on the street, the police would

have been able to arrest several players on both teams.

THE INCIDENT was a brutal, unmitigated attack on a defenseless (at the time) football player. Some of the letters that have appeared in *Sidelines* said that a Morehead player attacked an MTSU coach. SO WHAT! Is that supposed to justify mugging the Morehead player?

The suggestion that the mugging was a reaction to a coach being hit is merely an excuse for a brutal act, and a poor one at that.

It appears that the students and faculty of this institution have become passive to violence and brutality. It is hard to believe that the students made

no widespread public outcry against the performance of the football team. Granted, some students are appalled and concerned about the event. But, students on the whole are not.

This sort of apathy is unbelievable. The students at this university are apathetic towards most issues, but, one would imagine that violence and brutality of this kind would warrant some sort of response.

However, there has been no significant student response, and probably won't be.

Annette Cantrell is a sophomore chemistry major from Huntsville, Ala. This is her first column for *Sidelines*.

by Jeff Bauer

"You proceed from the viewpoint that the treaties will be observed to the letter, and I can understand your doing so. I, on the other hand, take into consideration the fact that back through history no treaty has ever been observed if it suited a nation's interest to break it."

On equal rights: "I support equal rights for all people and believe there are still some areas of discrimination where women are concerned that could stand correcting. I'm concerned, though, about the Equal Rights Amendment. Where there is something that needs correcting, let's correct it by a specific law and not a constitutional amendment."

On morality: "We should not make legal that which is patently immoral." Again on morality: "You can't turn two people loose in bed and expect them to portray the rapture of a wedding night anywhere near as well as the audience will do it for themselves in their own imagination given just a stimulant."

I can't help but notice a touch of grey in Reagan's white hat. But, then, I've never had the opportunity to see myself in a white hat.

Jeff Bauer is a junior computer science major from White House. He composes his columns in a bat cave on Spring St.

by Dennis Myers

manner, it is no wonder that this reprehensible action occurs when they make it to the professional ranks.

Donnelly defended his players' actions by saying they were only defending themselves.

"What would you do if someone hit you first?" Donnelly asked. "You would hit them back. It's human nature."

"I don't condone kicking, but if the film were here for you to view, you wouldn't see all that kicking everyone said was going on."

Obviously, Commissioner Delany saw quite a bit of kicking, since he was quoted in his press release as saying, "For the unsportsmanlike conduct as was directed toward Morehead State player Charles Franklin [the one on the ground]—which was the probable cause for the larger altercation which ensued—both Lonnie Burch and Joe Boyd are publicly reprimanded and suspended for the next four football games."

The irony of Donnelly's position on this matter is that he should have been the one to suspend those players so that the commissioner's action would have been unnecessary. By not doing so, this writer believes there is something seriously wrong with Donnelly's coaching methods.

In Donnelly's meeting with me on Oct. 2, he mentioned that my article was reminiscent of the controversy which surrounded his decision to make Beasley Hall the football team's dormitory. He implied that the students who were upset over that were just blowing things out of proportion.

I HAVE NO qualms over Donnelly's insistence that he have a separate dorm for the

football players, but it would have been nice had he proved that the players were deserving of it.

I think both of these incidents are indicative of a coach who wants the best—but doesn't want to work for it. This type of coach is not what is needed at the college level.

What is needed is a coach who proves, on the field as well as off, that he and his players are deserving of anything they ask.

Why Donnelly has refused to tell the press that he doesn't condone unsportsmanlike conduct, and that he will take steps to stop it, is beyond the comprehension of many ex-MTSU football fans.

When I stated in *Sidelines* on Sept. 30 that it would be fitting for football players to pay for their own football pads and pay their own way to and from the games, I was way off base and I apologize.

WHAT I SHOULD have stated is that the administration should look for a new coach, one who understands the concept of good sportsmanship and one who cares what the community thinks of his program.

Donnelly's recent action—or lack thereof—has proven he is unworthy of the position of head coach. The administration shouldn't be tied to a man whose personal convictions allow for the continuance of on- or off-the-football field.

Dennis Myers is a senior political science major and an ex-member of the nationally ranked Missouri Tigers football team.

as i see it by Chuck Keller

Pain of the month

THIS COLUMN was going to be about that loathsome self-proclaimed entertainer John Davidson. But upon considering my feelings toward this person (and the possibility of a civil suit), I decided that it would be for the best if I left that subject untouched.

But fear not, for within this gray-matter, lies a story that should and will be told.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you, the reading public, The Chuck Keller Pain in the Lower Regions Award. It can also be referred to as The Pain of the Month Award. Briefly, here are the rules and requirements for the award:

(1) The person(s) receiving the award shall be in the public eye.

(2) Only those who perform some unnecessary task shall be considered for the honor of being The Pain of the Month.

(3) No cash awards or prizes shall be awarded. You may enter as many times as you wish, the decision of the judges are final, and this offer void where prohibited by law.

The Pain of the Month Award for September goes to all of my loving and dear friends at the State Commissioner of Safety's Office.

You see, this was the year I was supposed to receive my new operator license. I should have known there was going to be trouble when I failed to receive the necessary forms for license renewal. With my birthday and my license expiration date drawing near, I decided to write the commissioner's office, asking for the much and desperately needed forms.

I was sent a form-letter reply insuring me that everything was operating within the proper time span and that there was no need for alarm.

Ten days before my birthday, I still had not received those almighty forms. So, I called and voiced my complaint to some unknown person and it worked. Within five days, I was mailed my new Tennessee Operator License. It will expire on March 5th, 1982.

In my jubilation, I failed to notice the address on my newly acquired license. As a matter of fact, I failed to notice the mistake for nearly two months and probably would not have noticed it if it hadn't been for being stopped by a state trooper.

The address given on my license wasn't where I lived. It wasn't even close!

That same day I sat down and wrote a letter explaining my situation and giving my correct address. It seems that the letter, which was very neatly handwritten, was not enough to bring about the proper course of action.

Governmental red tape had to be filled out and waded through before I could receive the corrected version of my license. I was sent the proper forms (sounds familiar doesn't it?), filled them out and returned them within a week's time.

THAT WAS FIVE months ago. I still haven't gotten my "legal" license yet. But it's not that I haven't tried. I have written two letters to the Department of Safety but this time I haven't been sent any response. I keep trying and they keep forgetting. It will probably take an act of Congress to get things straightened out.

But the wrong address isn't the only problem. Trying to cash a check is nearly "The Impossible Dream." With one address on the check and another on my license, I receive suspicious stares and glances from store clerks.

Also, whenever we meet to discuss business, police officers question the address, not to mention the overall validity of the license. Do you know how it feels to be suspected of stealing your very own car?

I anxiously await the day when I will open my mail box and find the new license. After all, what's wrong with waiting for over half a year to get the thing?

So to all of the people at the Dept. of Safety who have had anything to do with my plight, I give them my congratulations on their winning the first Pain of the Month Award.

Chuck Keller is a Criminal Justice Administration major. He is a mysterious, slender columnist who only writes on weekends and scraps of paper.

Campus parking situation horrendous

To the editor:

I believe that everyone knows the parking situation at MTSU is awful, except for the administration. They have now cut down on the amount of parking spaces for on-campus residents, by allowing us to park only in the green areas.

Last year we could park in either the blue or the green areas.

This may not sound like such a big problem to many people, but

on-campus residents know what I mean.

If they don't now, they will when they find a few tickets on their windshield. There are not enough green parking spaces behind my dorm to hold half of what we need.

I hope the administration will please be considerate enough to drop this stupid new regulation.

Cathy Nolen
Box 3075

'The Rivals'

Restoration comedy lives on

The MTSU University Theatre will present "The Rivals," a comedy of manners, Oct. 16-18 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The play, written by Richard Sheridan, will be directed by Dorethe Tucker with assistance by Denise Schmidt.

Since its first presentation in 1775, "The Rivals" has remained popular not only for its humor and fascinating characters, but also for its crisp dialogue.

The lighthearted plot concerns a girl so drenched in foolish romanticism that her beau must disguise himself to convince her she isn't making a match her elders would approve of.

David Cummings will play Captain Jack Absolute, who pretends to be a poor ensign named Beverley, rather than the son of the wealthy Sir Anthony Absolute (Martin McGeachy), in order to win the heart of the lovely Lydia Languish (Pat Anderson), who has read too many romantic novels about elopements with poor young men.

When her aunt Mrs. Malaprop (Laura Leopard) and Sir Anthony insist that Lydia marry Captain Absolute, the girl refuses, preferring to defy her elders and wed Beverley. What no one knows is that Lydia's "poor, beloved Beverley" is actually the same

young captain her aunt has chosen for her!

Other major characters include Jack's friend Faulkland (Barclay Randall), who shows exaggerated jealousy for his fiancée Julia (Valerie Galloway); the fortune hunting Sir Lucius O'Trigger (David Armitage), who traps the timid Bob Acres (Allen Barlow) into a duel with the non-existent Beverley; and Lucy (Linda Connolly), Lydia's conniving, note-passing maid.

The cast also includes Terry Randolph, Kevin Guinn, Gerald Dunn and Jim Null.

Reservations may be made starting Oct. 8. MTSU students receive free tickets with ID's.



In this scene from "The Rivals," the sentimental Lydia Languish (Pat Anderson) thinks she is in love with a poor ensign Beverly, who is actually the wealthy Captain Absolute (David Cummings). The production will be shown Oct. 16-18 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. Admission is \$3 and MTSU students are admitted free with ID's.

Minister returns to alma mater

"The buck stops here," according to a sign that sits on Middle Tennessee Christian Center's campus minister's desk. Gary Davenport put the sign there last year when he left a career in journalism and became a campus minister.

Davenport said he took the job because he likes doing things that will affect lives forever.

"The reason I do this is because it is rewarding, challenging and because every day is different," Davenport said. "I had a journalism interest since my junior year in high school. Pressure and time don't bother me."

As a sports writer for the "News-Free Press" in Chattanooga, Gary had an exciting career. He interviewed Rager Staubach and Bear Bryant. He

started working there the Monday after he graduated from MTSU. While in college Gary worked on the *Sidelines* News-Free Press during high school.

His qualifications for the job of campus minister were not the usual degrees from a Church of Christ college. He worked as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War. This involved working with Chattanooga Christian Childrens home and other Christian organizations. He was the educational director of a local congregation and a songleader.

Davenport said his goal at MTCC is to "honestly look at young people and realize if they are seeking what is right then I'll try to be available to help them find it.

Part of doing this, Davenport explained, is to see if the religionis "mother and daddy" to the student.

Davenport said he doesn't try to lay guilt trips on students.

"Anytime they're here, it is appreciated," he added, "even if it's just to play pool."

The students who live in the three MTCC houses, however, are expected to take personal responsibility for the center, said Davenport, who lived at the center during his college days.

Davenport was president of MTCC during his junior year and was married to his wife Terry in the living room of the main house during his senior year.

Davenport describes the philosophy of his life with other

signs on his desk. One sign says,

"Lord Grant Me Patience, But Horry," and another says, "God is bigger than any problem I have."

This year Davenport and the students at MTCC have two devotionals planned, one on campus and one at MTCC: a Bible study in H-Hall for men and a class for women taught by Terry at the Davenport's house.

The center will also offer a Bible class for college credit this spring.

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Syler was actively involved in the 1976 Carter/Mondale campaign and is presently serving on the State Board of Regents.

"I look forward to working for

the re-election of President Carter," Syler said. "It is important that young people get involved in the democratic process and make their voices heard."

Syler heads local campaign

Former ASB President Kent Syler has been chosen to organize and lead the youth campaign in Tennessee for the Carter/Mondale re-election effort.

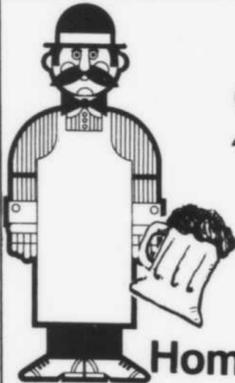
According to Jim Hall, statewide campaign coordinator, Syler will be in charge of initiating campaign programs on Tennessee's college campuses.

"We are very excited about having Kent Syler join the Carter campaign," Hall said. "Kent will work closely with student leaders statewide."

The MTSU alumnae will also be involved with statewide campaign chairmen Sen. Jim Sasser, House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter and state Democratic Party Chairman Bill Farris.

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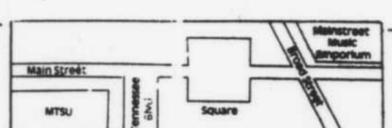
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Raiders' 'sky' falls to EKU

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Sometimes you've gotta wonder if Blue Raider football coach Boots Donnelly doesn't feel a lot like Chicken Little.

After all, his teams here at MTSU have only won one game in 15 tries in the two years he's been coaching here, so who would blame him for running around hollering "the sky is falling"?

But Donnelly seemed to be taking a different approach as he spoke from the dressing room in Richmond, Ky., after Eastern Kentucky had blanked his Raiders 24-0.

"Hey, I'd like to scream. I'd like to sit down and cry somewhere, but that's not the answer," Donnelly said. "The answer is that we've got to just keep on working. The more work we do and the more

preparation we give 'em the luckier we're gonna be on down the road."

MTSU looked very well prepared for three quarters as they went into the fourth and final period down only 10-0, but that's when EKU got their offense in gear and made two time-consuming drives for scores which put the game out of reach.

THE COLONELS first score

came with 1:17 to go in the first quarter on a drive that started on their own 27-yard line. Twice they converted on key third down plays, but the big blow came on a Chris Isaac to Jerry Parrish pass for 25 yards that put Eastern on Middle's four. From there Anthony Braxton carried it in, and the point after try was good.

The Blue Raiders had a couple of good chances blow away in the brisk wind that would play havoc with passes and kicks all day as they took the opening kick off from their own 20 all the way to the EKU 29 before being stopped on downs. In any other circumstance Donnelly would have called on place kicker Gerald Robinson for a field goal with the Raiders on the 29, but

the wind forced the change in strategy.

MTSU's other first quarter break came on a fumble recovery by Tim Dickerson after defensive end Emanuel Toles had sacked Isaac on Eastern's 36-yard line, but the Raiders failed to move the ball and had to kick it away.

"WE JUST CAN'T move the ball at all after we make two or three first downs in a row," Donnelly said. "Somebody's gonna make a mistake. I guess it's our lack of maturity because we get so excited about making a few first downs that we lose our composure.

"Somebody will hit the wrong hole or drop the ball on a simple route or jump offsides, but we gotta do something to stop our drive. And one thing we're not gonna be able to do until we mature is sustain a drive. Right now we just can't take it 60 or 70 yards on somebody."

MTSU missed capitalizing on another EKU error when a fumble recovery by James Griffin after a ferocious hit by Albert Lane on Eastern's Nicky Yeast gave the Raiders the ball on EKU's 46. They carried it to the 27 before the drive stalled and Robinson was called on to kick but missed wide to the right.

EASTERN ADDED a 23-yard field goal by Lovett with 10:29 to go in the third period but that was all the scoring in that quarter. Their first score in the fourth period came with 11:00 minutes to go as they brought the ball all the way from their own 10-yard line for the touchdown. Another Isaac-to-Parrish pass was the key play in this drive as they hooked up for a 27-yarder before Tron Armstrong scored on a reverse from eleven yards out.



photos by Mark Holland

MTSU safety Dennix Mix (21) nails a Colonel ball carrier in Saturday's 24-0 loss to Eastern Kentucky.

Middle got a golden opportunity with 7:55 to go when Eastern's George Floyd fumbled a fair catch of a Glenn Heath punt and Kolas Elion recovered on EKU's 31. But quarterback Brown Sanford was promptly sacked twice for seven yard losses each time and on third and 24 Leroy Pugh got only three yards on a draw play.

"We came up here flat today," Donnelly continued. "We had the chances but our mistakes killed us. The key is maturity, and we just haven't got a lot of it. We came on the road to Eastern Kentucky with a lot of young people who thought that all they had up here was a bunch of racehorses walking up and down the street... but they found out different."

THE SCORING FOR the day ended after EKU second-string quarterback Gary Woolum engineered a 75-yard drive in which he hit on five of seven passes and then scored himself on a five-yard keeper.

For the game Eastern had 22 first downs to 12 for MTSU, and in total yards it was EKU with a big edge, 402-150. The quarterback combination of Isaac and Woolum were 12 of 18 with one interception while Sanford was seven of 19 with two interceptions.

Alvin Miller was the top rusher in the game with 87 yards on 15 carries while Paul Carter led MTSU with 49 yards on 11 carries. MTSU's Dickerson led both teams in tackles coming up with 14 and three assists.

OF COURSE the big controversy still hanging over the Raider football team is the fight which occurred in the Morehead game and the suspensions of several players. Donnelly still is not at liberty to comment on the situation, but he did say that the whole thing has gotten "ridiculous."

"There are a lot of people around here who are really shocked, and I know that personally I'm bewildered."



Blue Raider center Mark McKinnon (50) protects Brown Sanford (12) as the MTSU quarterback prepares to throw. Eastern Kentucky shutout the winless Blue Raiders 24-0 in Richmond, Ky. Saturday.

Sports Lady netters trip UTM

Baseball in mid-season

By RONALD ROBERTS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Fall is in the air, and World Series fever is beginning to strike.

However, at MTSU the Blue Raider baseball team has other things on their minds. The Blue Raiders are in the thick of their fall "practice" season, which has proved to be a successful one thus far with a 14-6 record.

Head coach John Stanford says that this year's squad has plenty of depth. In fact, Stanford has yet to pick a starting line-up.

"This team is so deep that there are two people battling it out for every position on the team," the veteran coach said.

The pitching staff is one example of the strength of this year's team. There are presently 14 pitchers on the squad. Stanford said that he needs eight or nine pitchers that will be in his starting rotation when the spring season starts, and with the staff he has this year, he

should have no problem finding the starters.

"Sophomore Mark Novack and freshman Marty Smith are both having great fall seasons," Stanford said.

The team's main problem with hitting so far this fall has been inconsistency. According to Stanford, in some games the Raider bats will be explosive and in others the hitting attack appears to be lackluster.

"Our centerfielder Kenny Gerhart and Steve Charbonneau, a freshman third baseman, have had good seasons hitting the ball, though," Stanford added.

The MTSU baseball coach said that the main reason for the inconsistency in the team's hitting attack is youth. Stanford stated that when the team learns to play together then their hitting will improve.

The Blue Raider's defense has been "pretty good this season" according to the coach. Mike Norment, the senior catcher,

and centerfielder Gerhart have played a major role in the sound MTSU defense.

The Blue Raiders have four games this week, starting with Cumberland College here tomorrow.

Provide 'backbone'

Simms, Johnson lead pack

By PAM CRABTREE
Sidelines Sports Writer

Sometimes it's hard to say just who is the backbone of a team—the coaches or the athletes. In the case of the MTSU women's cross country team, Jane Simms and Sharon Johnson are the chief vertebrates.

Simms, a junior from Mt. Juliet, runs both cross-country and track while majoring in medical technology.

Johnson, a sophomore from Gallatin who majors in commercial art, will be running track as well as cross-country.

Both Simms and Johnson ran for MTSU last year, but due to an automobile accident Simms was sidelined early in the season. Johnson continued to run for the Lady Raiders where she led the squad to one championship and one runner-up.

Thus far, Simms has pulled her 2-mile time down to 13:37, while Johnson holds the top 3-mile time at 20:51.

Coach Kathy Moore feels that both Simms and Johnson have brought down their times considerably this season.

"Jane's best meet was probably the MTSU Invitational where she placed ninth," Moore said. "Sharon did a real good job for us at Sewanee when she placed fifth with a 20:51.

"I really think that the girls have done an excellent job leading the team in both competition and spirit," the coach added.

Spirit and team togetherness seem to be an important aspect of the squad, according to the running duo.

"We really stick together," Simms said. "We try to psyche each other up before each meet."

"The track team is close, too," Johnson said in

Middle Tennessee's women's tennis team downed UT-Martin 6-3 in a "fall" match here Saturday.

Australian newcomer Carolyn Newgreen led the winning efforts with her number two singles 6-0, 6-0 shutout of Lady Pacer Julie Vinson. Lady Raiders Tarja Ojala, Diana Myers and Lynn Swindell also scored singles wins in the number 3, 4 and 5 spots, respectively.

"They are working hard, and doing real well in the singles," MTSU coach Sandy Neal said. "Some are doing good on some days, and others do good on other days. I'm looking forward to when we can put it all together sometime."

Leigh Morel dropped the number one singles

match, 6-1, 6-1, to UTM's Marci Veitch, and Teresa Stafford was defeated, 6-2, 6-1, at the number six spot.

MTSU's doubles teams of Myers-Morel and Newgreen-Ojala notched two match victories out of the three doubles decisions.

"Our doubles didn't look bad at all," Neal said. "They are starting to work together. They are all new teams—none of them have played together before—and they all have to get used to each other."

MTSU, now sporting a 1-1 record for the fall season, hosts Tennessee Tech Thursday and plays two matches with Western Kentucky and Murray State this weekend.



photo by Gene Brahm

Catcher Mike Norment has been a big defensive factor in MTSU's 14-6 fall baseball record so far.



Jane Simms

Sharon Johnson

WKU, Murray unbeaten

Murray State and Western Kentucky remain undefeated thus far in the season and continue to stand atop the OVC football standings even after non-conference games Saturday.

Murray, 6-0 overall, drubbed UT-Martin 20-6 while Western posted a 42-17 crushing of OVC newcomer Youngstown State. Both teams hang on to a 2-0 record in the OVC for the league lead, with little or no effects coming from Saturday's results.

In head-to-head OVC matchups, Austin Peay edged by Morehead 23-21 for its first conference win and Eastern Kentucky shutout Middle Tennessee 24-0 to move within a half game of the leaders.

Tennessee Tech dropped a 7-3 non-conference contest to Jacksonville State, and Akron got a homecoming victory over Eastern Michigan 21-10.

Currently the nation's number one I-AA team, Murray State's defense continued to dominate the opposition, limiting UT-Martin to just 187 yards total offense and only 58 yards rushing on 40 carries.

The Racers wrapped up the contest early, taking a 17-0 lead in the first quarter on a 34-yard run by quarterback Gino Gibbs, a field goal by David Tuck and a nine-yard Lindsey Hudspeth

OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Murray	2-0-0	6-0-0
Western	2-0-0	5-0-0
Eastern	2-1-0	4-1-0
Akron	1-1-1	3-2-1
Austin Peay	1-1-1	2-3-0
Morehead	1-2-0	2-3-0
Tenn. Tech	0-1-0	3-2-0
MTSU	0-2-0	0-5-0
*Youngstown	0-0-0	0-4-1

*Ineligible for title

touchdown run. Tuck booted the third period to protect Murray's sixth seasonal win and 14th consecutive regular season victory.

UT-Martin, whose record is 1-5, got its only score on a two-yard run by quarterback Tommy Overton for a touchdown with less than three minutes left in the game. The six-pointer was only the second touchdown Murray has allowed this season.

Western Kentucky's Davlin Mullen returned the opening kickoff for a 98-yard touchdown run, but fullback Troy Snardon led the Hilltoppers past visiting Youngstown 42-17. Snardon

rolled up 159 yards rushing in 12 carries, scoring touchdowns on 75 and 54 yards for Western.

The Hilltoppers scored 21 points in the first and third periods in routing winless Youngstown. The Penguins came close to a comeback, narrowing the lead to 28-14, before the Hilltoppers broke it open in the third.

The Youngstown-Western Kentucky game did not count in the OVC standings since the Penguins are not yet eligible for conference competition. Last year's Division II runner-up, Youngstown, has been beaten by Western, Murray and Eastern this season.

MTSU rugby club falls

By BILLY PUGH
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's new rugby club dropped its second scrimmage of the year Thursday night at Vanderbilt, 15-4.

Vanderbilt, which has had a team for eight years and played only six first year men, won the decision in a come-from-behind victory. MTSU initiated the scoring when Dwayne West ran

70 yards for a four point try.

"We played superlatively both halves, but the lack of practice and experience showed more and more as the game wore on," MTSU coach Bart Butler said.

Vanderbilt managed to score late in the first half to tie the score. From there on, the Commodores' experience dominated the rest of the game

and they scored 11 more points.

"Everyone played 101 percent, with Eddie Deeb and Bruce Bryant, who played second row on the scrum, and Ron Amodeo needing to be specifically noticed for their effort," Butler said. "Most importantly I feel that Vanderbilt should have beaten us by 40 points and we did so well. Now all we need is to get the football out of them."

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3	WZTV, Nashville [17]	IND.
4	WSM, Nashville [4]	NBC
5	WTVF, Nashville [5]	CBS
6	WDCN, Nashville [8]	PBS
7	Home Box Office [HBO]	Movies*
8	News/Weather/Time/Information	Local
9	KTVU, Oakland [2]	IND.
10	Christian Broadcast Network [CBN], Daytime Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, Nighttime and all weekend.	Specialty
11	WTBS, Atlanta (17)	Atlanta
12	Educational — Government Access	Local
13	Nickelodeon [Children's Channel]	Specialty

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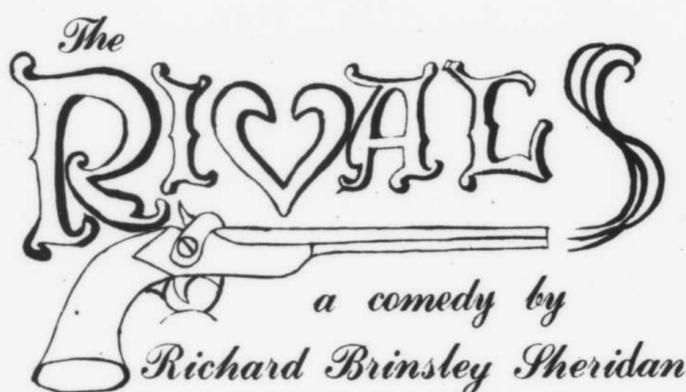
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