

# MTSU SIDELINE



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Children wait by the curb on Main Street in anticipation of Murfreesboro's Christmas Parade to begin.

## Four year B.S. degree offered

*From Staff Reports*

"New and improved" is one of the most over-used terms of the 80's; however, that term is a perfect definition for the MTSU nursing department.

The nursing department has gone from a two-year to a four-year program, offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

"Because of increased technological changes and professional responsibilities that are presented today in the field of nursing, we were basically forced to go to a four-year program," Iris Grim, nurse recruiter for the MTSU nursing department, said.

One of the major advantages of the new program, according to Grim, is its flexibility for students and its availability at a "state-supported" university.

Nurses that graduate from the new program will have a four-year professional degree and an excellent career, since nurses are in high demand, Judith Wakim, chairperson of the MTSU nursing department, said.

Wakim believes accessibility is a big plus for the new program. "We can meet the needs of a larger number of people desiring to enter the nursing curriculum wanting a baccalaureate degree."

General education and additional clinical nursing classes have been added as part of the change in the program's status. Additional time to spend with patients and a wider variety of clinical areas are other changes under the new program.

Grim pointed out that the nursing profession is in step with the trends toward computerization. The MTSU program has its own computer, laboratory and it

addresses areas of health care.

A common misconception regarding the nursing profession is that nurses compete with doctors.

"The nurse is not in an adversary role," Grim said. "I've always felt nurses and physicians should complement each other. In order to provide holistic care for patients, the nursing and medical professions need to work together to achieve excellence."

MTSU has two Chairs of Excellence that go hand in hand with the nursing program; the National Health Corps Chair of Excellence in Nursing and the Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Services, chaired by Ruth Elliot, Ed.D., past president of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and a registered nurse. The National Health Corps Chair has not yet been filled.

The two goals of the Adams Chair, in addition to increasing health services to the area, according to Wakim, are to investigate the expansion of the nursing curriculum at MTSU and to set up computerized field testing sites for the registered nurse licensing exam.

The first class of the four-year nursing program will graduate in 1990.

"In order to go into nursing, you have to know what you're doing and love to be with people. That's the bottom line."

"Nursing is head, hands and heart. You must be willing to put the patient's needs first and be willing to acquire the education to take care of them safely. The rewards in nursing are not just monetary gains. The reward is working and achieving things with other human beings," she said.

## MTSU collects over \$50,000 a year from parking fines: Business Office

By DEANNA KALAS  
Staff Writer

MTSU has collected more than \$57,400 from parking violations from July through November, according to Business Office records.

Financial Director Bob Adams noted that last year, at the end of November, more than \$75,400 had been collected, a difference of about \$18,000.

Those owing for parking tickets at MTSU pay an average of \$136,000 into the university's educational and general fund each year, records show, and this fiscal year, the amount is expected to be in around the same vicinity.

"...We've budgeted \$45,000 at this point," Adams said.

In the fiscal year 1987-88, the Business Office collected over \$149,600 in parking fines—about \$2000

more than fiscal 1986-87, according to Adams.

In the fiscal 1985-86, MTSU collected almost \$153,800. In 1984-85, only about \$104,700 was collected.

Jack Drugmand, director of campus security, listed several reasons why tickets are given. The majority of the tickets are given to

space," Drugmand said. "Such as a yellow curb or a handicapped space."

The first four tickets given to an individual during one semester usually costs \$4, the fifth ticket, and any ticket written thereafter, costs \$32.

Staff members are allowed to park at curbs painted black, while re-

that everyone wants to park as close to campus as possible," Drugmand explained, adding that there are always spaces available farther away from academic buildings.

The problem with parking may not be easy to solve. "There just isn't at this point a conscience of opinion," Drugmand said.

However, the campus security director has a possible solution. His idea is gating particular lots, with priority parking. This means that the closer to campus a person wishes to park, the more he or she must pay.

According to Drugmand, Memphis State University has adopted this system. Although it has received negative feedback in MSU's newspaper, Drugmand said the system has been effective.

**Our greatest problem is that everyone wants to park as close to campus as possible.**

**—Chief of Campus Security, Jack Drugmand**

those who have no campus parking permit. Drugmand said that the permit, which costs \$5, "does not guarantee a place to park but gives authority to park on campus."

Another major reason includes vehicles illegally parked in an unassigned

served spaces for teachers and administration are white.

However, Adams said MTSU faculty have more freedom to park. "The faculty can park anywhere that is a legal parking area — black, green or white."

Our greatest problem is



Helen Comer/Staff

MTSU President Sam Ingram is shown here, introducing Vice President George Bush during his visit on campus, will be leaving his office in 1990, after 11 years of service.

## Ingram leaves post after 11 years

By SEAN STEPHENSON  
News Editor  
and

*The Daily News Journal*

MTSU President Sam Ingram will be leaving his post after 11 years of dutiful service to pursue over endeavors.

During the quarterly meeting of the state Board of Regents in Memphis, Ingram announced that he would be leaving his office in 1990. This will give board members 12 months to find a replacement.

Ingram will be leaving office the first month of 1990, "This will give the board and the campus a complete year to do a search job and avoid a lengthy interim period," Ingram said.

Ingram stated that it was time for a change at MTSU, after 11 years of the same person as president.

Ingram also stated that he was proud enrollment was up. "We've had a fairly steady growth over the past few years and I have tried

to operate the university more efficiently in non-educational areas to provide more money for education."

Ingram has also served as assistant professor of educational administration at Memphis State University,

holds a degree from MSU, Bethel College and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Ingram also served as Dean of MTSU's School of Education before taking a job as President of

Motlow State Community College in Tullahoma.

Ingram was appointed president in 1979 after served as commissioner of state Department of Education.

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## Coors offers scholarships

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"This is the best way we can thank veterans who have helped America," said Peter Coors, Brewing Division president. "This program consistently receives a high number of applications and we hope 1989 is no different."

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be 22 years of age or younger as of March 15, 1989, and already be enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year institution of higher education in the United States or an accredited two-year program leading to a four-year undergraduate degree.

Additionally, they must have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale and be the son or daughter of one of the following: an

Honorably Discharged American veteran, Active Duty military, Guard or Reserve military (minimum of six years or called to Active Duty), or American service person Killed in Action, Missing in Action or who has Died in the Line of

Duty.

Scholarship applications are available at college and university financial aid offices, by calling 1-800-49COORS. Deadline for completed applications is March 15, 1989.

The Biology Club presents John Tobin's Summer Adventure in Alaska: Federal Government Research with Alaskan Salmon. The presentation will be held on Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 P. M. in room 121 at the PSB.

All-Campus Caroling will meet Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:45 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 619 N. Tennessee (across from Alumni Gym). We will be caroling across campus for an hour. Sponsored by MTSU Ministries.

Midlander portraits of undergraduates will be taken in the KUC lounge this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

## Greek Rush to be in Spring

By SEAN STEPHENSON  
News Editor

Spring Rush will be Jan. 5-20.

Rush is a two week

period during the beginning of each semester that is designed to give men who are interested in fraternities a chance to gain knowledge about the fraternity system

and Greek life.

Rush cards, necessary to participate in Rush, are \$5 and can be bought from the Inter-Fraternity Council.

## New MTSU black alumni society approved: White

By DEANNA KALAS  
Staff Writer

The MTSU National Alumni Association has given approval to the MTSU Black Alumni Society to circulate functions for black alumni.

"I think the thing that made the Black Alumni Society (BAS) a reality is when we saw that there was enough concern to form a special group," Connie Landers, president of the National Alumni Association, said. "Due to that special interest, we could likewise broaden our National Alumni Society interests."

A major objective of the society is to attract more blacks into the national association, according to

Mike McDonald, BAS coordinator and member of the Alumni Association Board.

The society has four goals. One is to set up a scholarship and endowment program for black students and potential students.

Secondly, the society wants to form a Minority Mentor/Networking program.

A third goal is to provide activities that are aimed toward black alumni as a special interest group.

In addition, the society would like to have a black alumni reunion weekend to bring black alumni together for symposiums and workshops.

"As a black alumnus, you

owe it to yourself to be able to make a contribution to those students who come after you," Forrest Toms, coordinator of the society and assistant professor of psychology.

People responsible for opening a leeway for the organization are Landers, Toms, McDonald, Ted White, director of minority affairs and student organizations; and Marie Kirk, director of alumni relations.

For more information on the BAS, contact Marie Kirk at 898-2922, Forrest Toms in the psychology department, or Mike McDonald at P.O. Box 2551 VA Station; Nashville, TN 37219.

## You are invited to attend an OPEN MEETING

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## Holding Christmas Past in your hand

This unusual float was featured near the end of the Christmas Parade in Murfreesboro yesterday

*He who laughs last has not yet heard the bad news...*

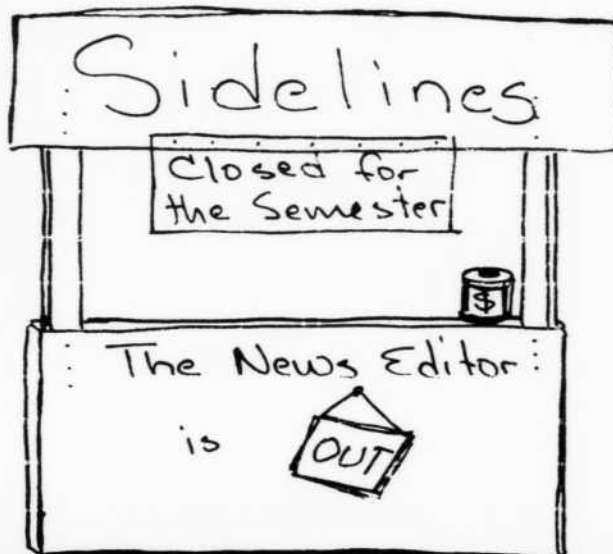
Ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls, since MTSU is an equal opportunity, non-racially identifiable, educational institution which does not discriminate against the handicapped, I must address this to everyone, but since this paper only has a circulation of 6000, I'm only talking to half the campus, so you other halves, just bug-off.

I'm usually humorous, but I'm not really able to put it into print. So what I'm going to do is just give

my thank you list (yes, it's boring, but it's late and it's finally over).

The semester has finally come to an end here at *Sidelines*, and I, for one, am a very happy camper because I can now start the school work I have neglected for the past two months.

When I became news editor two months ago, I didn't know what I was getting into, but now I do. It's a tough job with a lot of stress, but it can be overcome. (But it will wear you down like you have never been worn down before.)



I'm not saying being news editor is a bad job, because it's not. But being news editor and only being able to type approximately 12 words a minute and being an atrocious speller does not quicken this job, but that is why I am greatly appreciative to the production workers up here. Thank you Dee Dee, Jill, Lisa, Lisa, Michael, Neal, Paige, Sundi and even *Captain Chris 6-Pack*. Thank you all very much, and I'm sorry I kept all of you up here 'till 2:30 that morning.

Do you know how hard it is to produce a paper without news stories?

I also owe a great deal of thanks to my two writers, Lucas and Deanna. This would have been an empty paper without the two of you.

Helen...Frank, thank you for the photographs. Even the ones of Hart I couldn't run. This would of been a dull paper without you two.

I would like to thank Kim, Jackie, and Lisa for their continous support and help, and if it weren't for the two of them, I wouldn't be typing this in today.

No, I didn't forget you,

the reader. If it weren't for you, there would not be people to read this paper.

Last, but not least, would like to thank Bill and Opus for their humor and continous and constar company both here and in my dorm (sorry I pushed you off the top of double bunk, Opus...)

I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas (or any other religious holiday of your preference) and a happy New Year. Don't drink and drive and I'll see you in '89.

God Bless,

*Sean*  
Sean Stephenson

P.S. I won't be news editor next semester, so I wish you luck in getting along with next semester's news editor.

P.P.S I have two inches of space left, a common dilemma for writers, that I must fill, and I'm not going to use a P.S.A., so here I go...

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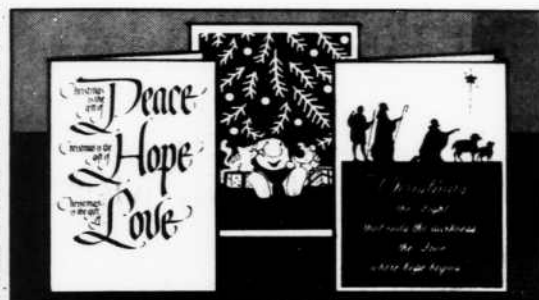
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## EDITORIAL

# Gift suggestions for all

By AMOS and ANDY  
Holiday Writers

With Xmas a mere three weeks away, gift suggestions for the campus and national community are in order. Accordingly, here follows a list of gift ideas for prominent figures and institutions:

**Sam Ingram** — a serious cooling-off period before he assumes the presidency of a university where the students are privileged to have bathroom doors.

**Captain 6-Pack** — a good lay.

**Campus Security** — new "Cool Hand Luke" glasses, fuzzy covers for their steering wheels and some semblance of authority.

**University Housing** — small shelters for all the homeless roaches that couldn't fit into the roach motels, furniture that *postdates* the Peloponnesian Wars and, if possible, demolition.

**ARA Food Services** — a leveraged buy-out by Taco Bell.

**Al Nagy, Dean of the School of Mass Communication** — he already got accreditation, what more does he want?

**Sociology prof Dan McMurry** — we would like to get him that job at the Union Rescue Mission he's been begging for, but, gosh, we forgot there are no homeless so odds are they're not hiring.

**Dan Quayle** — golf clubs with a social conscience and reddened eyes so he can feign sorrow at the funerals of foreign heads of state.

**Geraldo Rivera** — interviews with loveslaves Jimmy Hoffa and Aleister Crowley, in order to get pistol-whipped by professionals.

**Davidson County Sheriff Fate Thomas** — Ray Blanton's lawyer.

**The new wave of anti-abortion activists** — a thank you note from the Society of Wire Hanger Manufacturers.

**Mike Dukakis** — cremation.

**Yassir Arafat** — a road trip across mid-America courtesy of the KGB Airlines frequent flyer program.

**The Pentagon** — their own damn space shuttle so they can quit leeching off NASA.

**Mikhail Gorbachev** — all of Nancy's "borrowed" clothes to give to Raisa, and the new unabridged edition of Joe Stalin's *I'm Okay and You're Dead: How to Deal with Unruly Subjects*.

**Bruce Springsteen** — another backup singer to have an affair with.

**Sam Kinison** — AIDS.

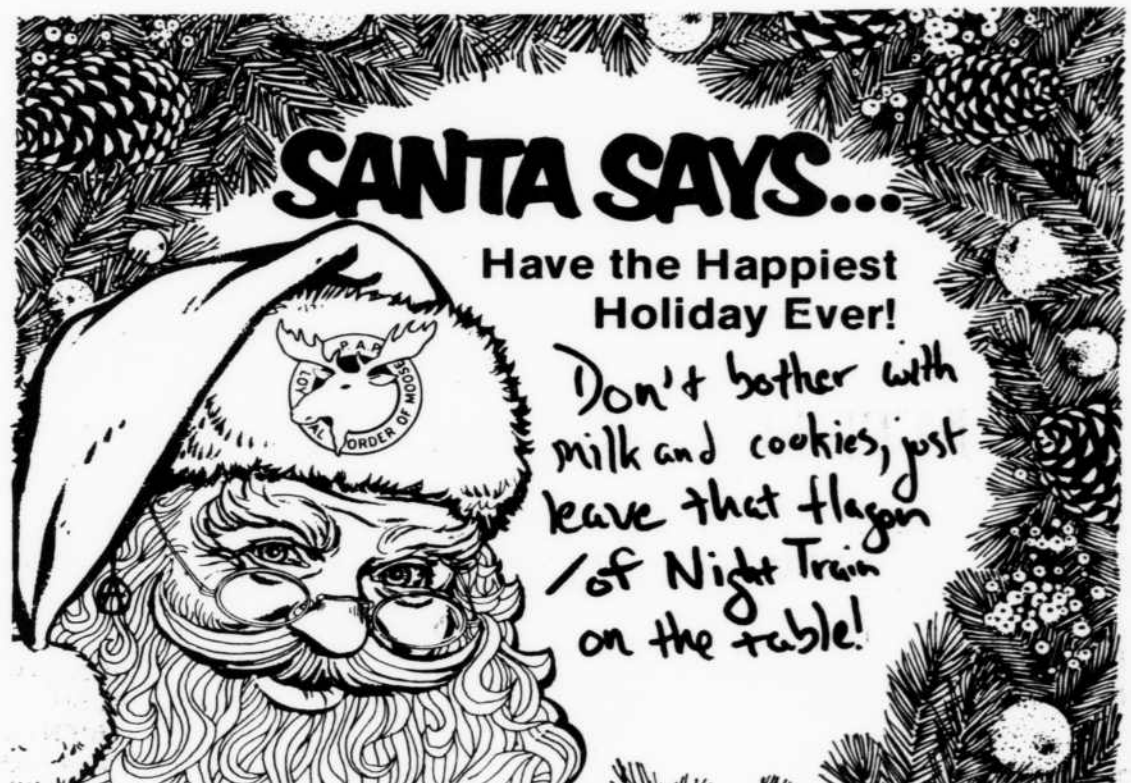
**Jessica Hahn** — a date with Sam after he opens his present.

**Murfreesboro** — even more skatepunks.

**Ollie North** — the Jamaican embassy's *Official Handbook on Getting Your White Butt Through Our Country With Really Bad Drugs* and a spot on "Miami Vice" with G. Gordon Liddy and truckloads of Stinger missiles.

**Secretary of State appointee James Baker III** — Ollie North's insightful "novel," *How to Run a Shadow Government on a Dollar a Day*.

**Amos and Andy** — biofeedback treatment, electroshock therapy and welfare.



## Talk shows have educational value

By Kris Trolinger  
Guest Columnist

Television talkshows have recently taken a bad rap for being too sensational. Although these shows are sensational at times, the critics tend to focus all of their attention on this fault.

No one seems to ever draw attention to the positive effects these shows have. Talkshows offer a unique form of education.

At MTSU, certain classes often use tapes of the Phil Donahue, Sally Jessy Raphael and Oprah Winfrey shows for educational purposes.

For example, in Dr. Jeannette Heritage's Psychosexual Adjustment class, students are able to witness personality disorders in action by viewing talkshow interviews with homosexuals, transvestites, child molesters and rapists. These tapes serve as a vital learning tool since it would be most impossible for the teacher to bring in a live example. Likewise, one abnormal psychology class uses talkshows that deal with murder, child abuse, satanism, multiple

personalities and various other problems to illustrate the psychological aspect of the individual's problem.

These tapes are valuable because this sort of confusing behavior could ordinarily only be viewed in prisons or institutions. Most students would be unwilling to take a field trip to such a place.

In addition, talkshows present a reality that many people do not see. For instance, many college students lead a sheltered life. Therefore, some students rarely see the consequences of satanism, transsexuality or terrorism. These shows may let the student view the activity that takes place outside of their reality.

Television talkshows also stimulate curiosity. Thus, the viewer develops an opinion and will probably give some thought to their stance. When something like a talkshow can stimulate thought, it is somewhat educational.

Critics of talkshows need to stop adhering to such rigidly narrow viewpoints. Adverse criticism aimed at sensationalism is fine, but credit also needs to be given where credit is due.

## SIDELINES

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# Politics something to be avoided

By DOUG STULTS  
Editorial Editor

As the transitional phase of the forthcoming Bush presidency proceeds, we should pause, take a deep breath, and violently hack and cough our way to safety. 'Cos it's not just the Commander-in-Chief himself we need to keep a close eye on, but the whole durned system itself. If the past election was as hopelessly mired in dung heaps of rhetoric and ridicule as everybody claims; and, if the conventional wisdomer's prognostications of decline sounds like a good bet to you, then just what the screw we supposed to do about it? Hell if I know.

Luckily, Lee Brandenburg, majority author of the recently released *The Captive American*, has got some answers.

Why listen to him? Secondly, he's at least pretending to be genuinely interested in all the big, bad problems confronting us.

And first of all, the book was sent here free.

Brandenburg has come to conclusion, shared by many, that the Democratic and Republican parties have lapsed to patrons of self-interest that serve politicians first and the public last.

This is caused by:

Lifetime politicians — members of Congress and other officeholders whose primary effort is focused on accepting campaign money and seeking re-election (In Murfreesboro, this known as Bart Gordon Syndrome).

False view of the economy (we've had this one before).

Refusing to replace militarism with diplomacy, a problem attributed to the current administration's fascination with the CIA and lobbying by defense contractors.

Concurrently, Brandenburg also pushes the notion of a National Service program to fill open slots in understaffed organizations. If installed, this program would compel every 18-year-old to join one of the Armed Services, the Peace Corps or another "worthy" cause.

As the author phrases it, the "undisciplined rabble" that comprise much of today's youth could be transformed into beneficial, "cheap labor." At the same time, these teenage rascals could be instilled with the "kind of values that made the United States possible in the first place."

No doubt, Brandenburg's scheme (also proposed, in various forms, by others) would be productive. But his you-serf, me-lord sales pitch makes him sound like just another general kicking back while the kids are drafted to do the dirty work for him.

He would do better to stick to his basic gripes about

the system, but even then he is ignoring the basic truth of all political systems — that they are fueled on conflict.

No one agrees with all tenets of a particular ideology. Therefore, they bitch among themselves, and, eventually, throw blunt objects.

Competing parties, for their very survival, always work harder at destroying the opposition than honestly setting out their aims. Witness any election.

Siding with a particular party might be a means to a further end, but it is only a temporary measure. Avoid all parties and work for specific goals instead.

## Defense cutback great move

By PORTER McCORMICK  
Staff Columnist

Well, here it is — the beginning of December, and yet another year is almost over. Christmas is almost here and the presidential election has been over for almost a month.

For some reason about this time each year I start to wonder where I am headed personally, and it would probably be a good idea for the entire nation to start doing the same.

After eight years with Ronald Reagan as the head of our country, we now find ourselves faced with a change of our chief executive.

A lot of people are probably expecting little if any change under George Bush, but even though the vice president was extremely loyal to Reagan during his term and relied heavily on the president's record during his campaign, the Bush administration will most likely not be "Ronald Reagan — The Sequel."

First of all, even though he underwent somewhat of a conversion to "The New Right" as vice president, Bush is, and always has been, much more moderate than Reagan.

Evidence of this is Bush's recent announcement that he would look into cutting \$3 to \$4 million from the Pentagon's

budget. Reagan would have never even considered this, or at least wouldn't have admitted in public that he considered it.

This is a good direction for Bush to move in. The time for the massive military build-up initiated by Reagan and then Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger is over. With our country trillions of dollars in debt, the time has come for spending cuts across the board. Although we never want to endanger national security, we can't continue to hold the Pentagon above the knife while other programs suffer. Just ask Mikhail Gorbachev what that policy does to a country in the long run.

In fact, Bush could begin to shut down some of the fifty or so domestic military bases in this country, which offer little or nothing to our defense. We could save quite a bit of money, and strengthen our military by shipping the men and equipment at these bases somewhere where they would be of more use.

I'm sure that most conservatives reading this column are now calling Bush and I traitors, but a good New Year's resolution for most of these people would be to wake up and smell the coffee. A little pragmatism would only serve to help some of our more hawkish brethren.

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### MTSU Fraternity Rush - Spring 1989

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8 Houses Closed	9 Houses Closed Classes Begin BASKETBALL TSU - Home 7:30 p.m.	10 THEME PARTY Sigma Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chi Delta Tau Delta Kappa Sigma	11 THEME PARTY Pi Kappa Alpha Alpha Gamma Rho Sigma Phi Epsilon Beta Theta Pi Kappa Alpha	12 THEME PARTY All Fraternities	13 Houses Closed	14 Houses Closed
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# So long, farewell

By KIM HARRIS  
Editor

Neither twice-broken typesetter, nor smashed processor, screw-ups by printers, or marked reduction of staff shall stop the publication of this paper.

God, how true. There was even a time, this semester, when Jackie, the infamous student publications coordinator, and I tried processing the copy in trays. Needless to say, this didn't work; we were fortunate enough that Publications and Graphics had an old processor tucked away that we could use.

It has been the tradition for editors of old to write an "I have failed" column as their final farewell. I am not going to do that. The staff and I have managed to get the paper out, against all odds, twice a week through this semester from hell and that is an accomplishment.

It is also an accomplishment that our back-page editor has not rendered us with a lawsuit from the Pikes with the various cartoons he has run. Whether or not Jai (did I spell that right?) will be found, in one piece, at the end of this semester remains to be seen.

Judging from the comments I've heard, directly and indirectly, the paper, for the most part, broke new ground in news coverage and editorial and entertained in a timely fashion with lifestyles and sports. We've provoked thought and response, while trying to inform you of the basic goings-on of this campus. Admittedly, the administration and public relations office hasn't been too happy about some of the things (ie. the "h-word" story and team "spirits"), but that has been within our rights as a student newspaper.

Within our rights, however, we have carried responsibility. For those of you who may have thought *Sidelines* will print anything, think again. I have managed to offend several staff members, by pulling what I have considered inappropriateness off the page. For clarity's sake, censorship is that which is done by government officials, guys.

In addition, to the person or persons who have vandalized our office throughout the semester with graffiti, a

broken candy machine and a box of *Midlanders* thrown out the third floor of the JUB, I hope you have released your anger and sexual frustration. You've certainly added to the excitement of this semester.

It hasn't been easy. If you ever want to test a relationship, get a job here. Thanks, Chuck, for not throwing your hands up in the air and walking away. I know you'll never get in this business, after listening to me.

Speaking of which, after pulling a one of many all-nighter, my advertising teacher advised me to get out of the newspaper business, before it killed me. Nice way of telling someone you look like death-warmed-over. After three-o'clock-in-the-morning deadline nights, we all looked that way.

Special thanks to the production workers — Paige, Lisa R., Lisa N. (decided production paid more than news, smarter than the rest of us), Neal, Chris, and DeeDee. They've all stayed until the last page of the paper was put in the box. Thanks to Jackie, who unlike the rest of us, did not touch a single drop of alcohol to cope with this semester. She also took up the slack for nervous breakdowns, while I geared up for the next. Also, thanks to Gary, Michelle, Doug, Sean and Helen — the section editors — for staying and for doing a damn good job. For the most part, these people and myself have worked not only this job, but another — as well as going to school full-time. Thanks to Jai, Chris and Neal for their artwork. And, last but not least, thanks to the writers (most of whom I never saw) who kept our pages full.

*Mama, take this badge off of me  
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It's getting dark, to dark to see...  
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— Dylan  
Good luck, Brian.*

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Well, y'all, I guess you folks at MTSU upped and kicked them commies' asses right through the roof of the gym. What say? Just goes to show you that pinko pros ain't match for good ole American country boys (and a few fellers.)

It was worth sneaking in and dodging the \$10 admission just to experience the headrush of a lifetime. Best I've had since Nuclear Nigel beat Ike, the Day-Glo A and Nikolai Szechwan/Igor Propenski (The Hammer and Sickle Tag Team) for the WWW Championship.

Yeeeee-haaaaah! campers, and welcome to red, white and blue domination of international basketball.

So, listen up, Arvidas, Igor, Rimus and whatever else yo mama named youse: Ya can't whip Americans with God, guns, guts, black dudes, biased officiating and a cool with a good perm.

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## SPORTS

# Lady Raiders victorious in Classic

By MICHELLE  
GALLOWAY  
Sports Editor

There were not any OVC attendance records set Saturday night, but the

Lady Raiders didn't mind as they won their own Classic with a 69-64 victory over Clemson.

It was a second-half comeback led by Most Valuable

Player, Sandy Brown, who bombed in 27 points, including five 3-pointers which downed the Lady Tigers.

"The offense we were

running got me open a lot and the wings were making good passes," Brown said. "When we came out in the second half and were behind, we just didn't let up. We didn't let the fact that they were ahead intimidate us."

Clemson Head Coach Jim Davis and Lady Raider Coach Lewis Bivens have been long-time friends and coaching rivals.

"We've been butting heads for a long time," Bivens said. "But this is the first time we met in Divi-

sion I basketball. We beat a really good program. There's no team better coached than a Jim Davis team."

"They out-toughed us in the first half," Bivens added. "But we sucked it up and played physical together with them in the second half."

Davis held the Lady Raider coaching position prior to Bivens and complimented him on the victory.

"He had a good game plan," Davis said. "Unfortu-

nately, Sandy Brown made it too good. There aren't many nights when you face a player who can shoot the ball like that."

All-American hopeful Tawanya Mucker led the Lady Raider inside game with 24 points.

The Lady Raiders defeated Mississippi College on Friday night to play in the title-game.

Florida defeated Mississippi College Saturday night to win third place in the Shoney's Inn Classic.



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Lianne Beck, a guard for the Lady Raider's Basketball team, carries the ball down the court during the second game in this weekend's OVC Shoney's Classic tournament.

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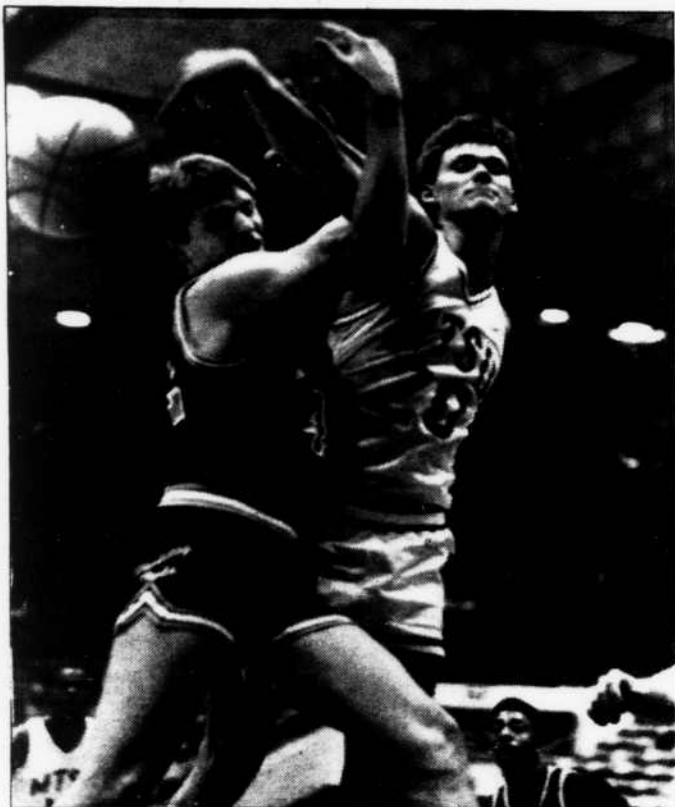
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Mike Buck, forward for the Blue Raider Men's Basketball team blocks a shot from a Kennesaw player.

# Raiders lose to Wright State

## Final score: 88-71

### From Staff Reports

After a stunning victory over the Russian Olympic team last week, the Blue Raiders couldn't even find the hoop on Saturday night in a humiliating 88-71 defeat at the hands of Wright State.

The Blue Raiders connected on 28-of-80 shots, leaving them with a 35 percent shooting night from the floor.

"We stunk," Blue Raider Head Coach Bruce Stewart said. "We got whipped in every single phase of the game."

"They outplayed us from the start," he said. "They outthrustled us up the floor, they outrebounded us — and if that happens, you are

going to get clobbered."

The Blue Raiders led only once in the game, in the first few minutes.

Blue Raider Kerry Hammond tied his career-high 24 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, but that was about the only positive thing that the Raiders had.

Senior forward Randy Henry was completely shut-out during the contest, only attempting three shots.

"It was the worst night of my career," Henry said.

Stewart agreed Henry's performance was less than average.

"He wasn't in the game emotionally," Stewart said. "He missed a few shots. He wasn't aggressive. He was soft and got pushed all

around."

Senior point guard Chris Rainey managed to hit 15 points, after only four points in the first half.

"We could have possibly been overconfident," Stewart said. "And if we were, then I did a poor job of preparing them. We can't play poor one night and great the next."

Wright State won its 11th straight season opener under the direction of Head Coach Ralph Underhill.

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## Heisman awarded Sanders wins

By The Associated Press

Barry Sanders' campaign on behalf of quarterbacks Rodney Peete and Troy Aikman ended in failure Saturday night when Oklahoma State's record-breaking tailback won the Heisman Trophy as the nation's top college football player.

When the announcement was made, Sanders was in Tokyo, where Oklahoma State played its final regular-season game against Texas Tech a few hours later.

"I'd like to thank God for putting me in this position," Sanders said. "I couldn't have done it without Him. I also would like to thank my offensive line and my fullback, Gary Limbrick. They've done such a great job. I couldn't ask for a greater season from these guys."

Sanders went into the game needing 47 yards to break the NCAA single-season rushing record of 2,342 yards by Southern Cal's Marcus Allen en route to the 1981 Heisman.

The 5-foot-8, 197-pound junior already set 18

NCAA, 13 Big Eight Conference and nine school records this season. Sanders is the eighth junior to win the Heisman.

In his first 10 games, Sanders set NCAA records of 35 touchdowns and if he fails to gain a single yard rushing, receiving or returning kicks he will still break the oldest record in the book — 246.3 all-purpose yards a game by Colorado's Byron White in 1937.

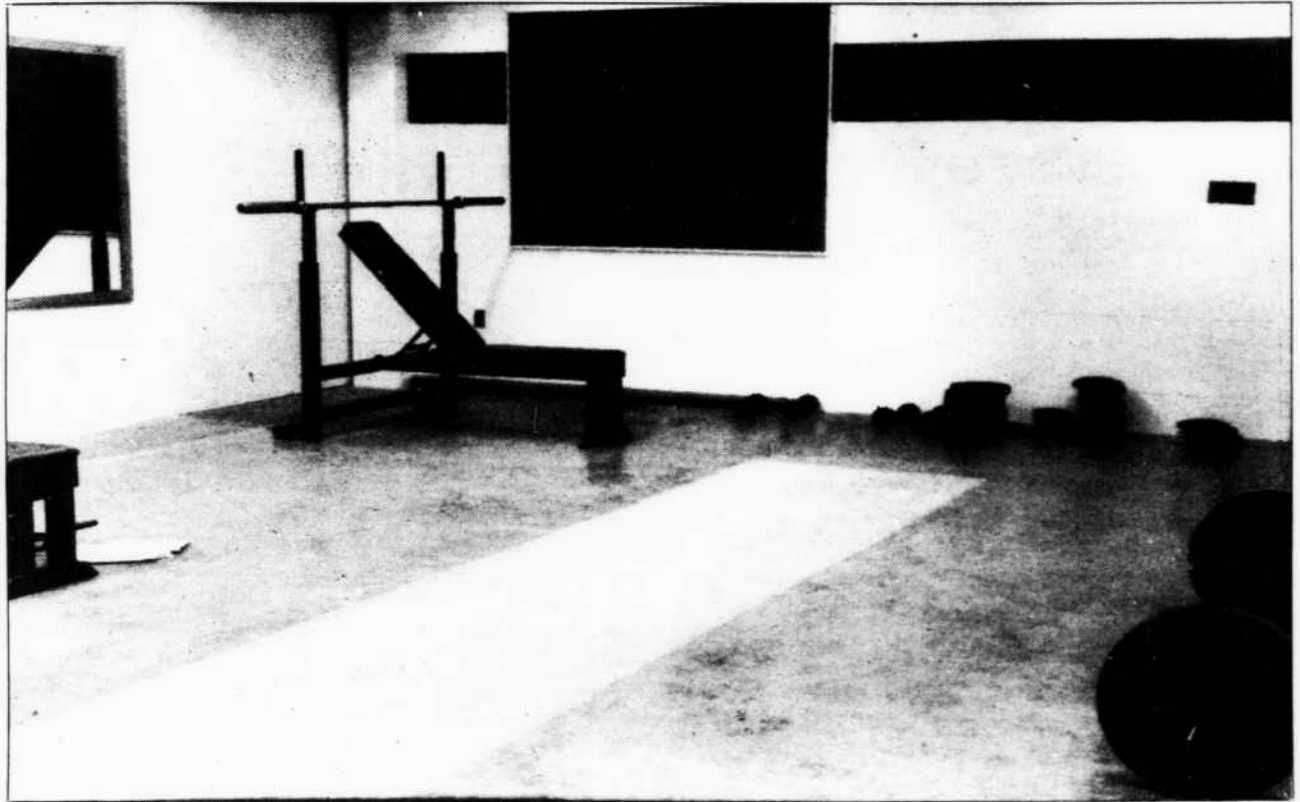
Sanders was an easy winner over quarterbacks Rodney Peete of Southern Cal and Troy Aikman of UCLA.

Sanders said earlier the two quarterbacks were more deserving of the award.

Sanders carried each of the nation's six Heisman voting regions. Sanders received 559 first-place votes, 77 second-place votes and 47 third place, for a total of 1,878 points.

The voting is done on a 3-2-1 basis.

Peete received 70 firsts, 264 seconds and 174 thirds for 912 points. Aikman's totals were 31-149-191 — 582 points.



For a new look, the Lady Raiders opened a recently built weight room in Murphy Center.

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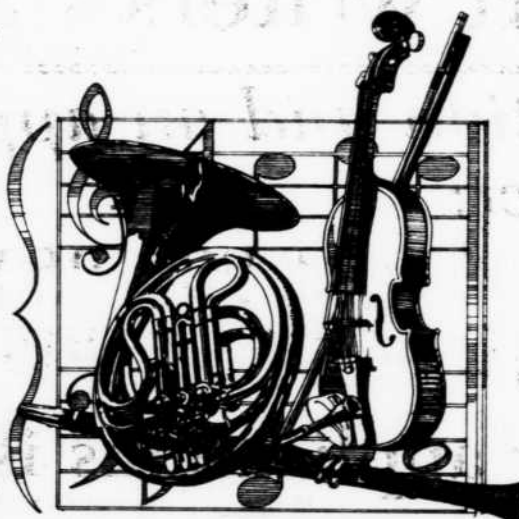
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# LIFESTYLES

## Tennessee Repertory Theatre presents holiday showcase

### From Staff Reports

The Tennessee Repertory Theatre will deck the halls with the Christmas spirit from Dec. 7 - 11 with a show entitled "Christmas Memories."

The show will take place in the Polk Theatre in the

Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) in Nashville.

The family-oriented show will feature a combination of singing and acting during the show.

The Tennessee Repertory

Theatre has put together a 21-piece choral group and orchestra to lead the audience through a series of holiday tunes and Christmas carols.

Seven songs were written especially for the occasion, including the group's musical adaption of the classic tune, "Twas The Night Before Christmas."

A family photo of Christmas pasts will be the subject of the skits and sketches performed by the group's 13-member acting ensemble.

Tickets for "Christmas Memories" are available through Ticketmaster and Centratik outlets.

For group sales and additional information, call 244-4878.



Members of the Tennessee Repertory Theatre trim the tree in preparation of "Christmas Memories."

## Pet Shop Boys release album

By NEAL EATON  
Staff Writer

The Pet Shop Boys have had their fair share of success here in the states on the Top-40 chart, but nothing like their success on the dance charts.

Their new album, *Introspective*, is an album that shows why they are so popular on the dance floor. Granted, it is nothing but 1980's disco, but it is new and fresh enough to hold its own against the sighs of disgust most people have for disco.

The six songs of this record really pack a punch.

● "Left To My Own Devices" — This materialism put to music. "Maybe if you're with me, we could do some shopping."

● "I Want A Dog" — "I want a dog. A chihuahua. When I get home to my small flat, I want to hear somebody bark." Need I say more?

● "Domino Dancing" — In heavy rotation on MTV, this will probably break the Top-40 soon. It has a great drum solo sample in this song.

● "I'm Not Scared" — This is a good song, and the ending is awesome.

● "You Are Always On My Mind/In My House" — Yes, this is a remake of the

Brenda Lee, Elvis, Willie Nelson, et. al., song, and is getting heavy play on MTV. It came out this summer and was remixed for the album.

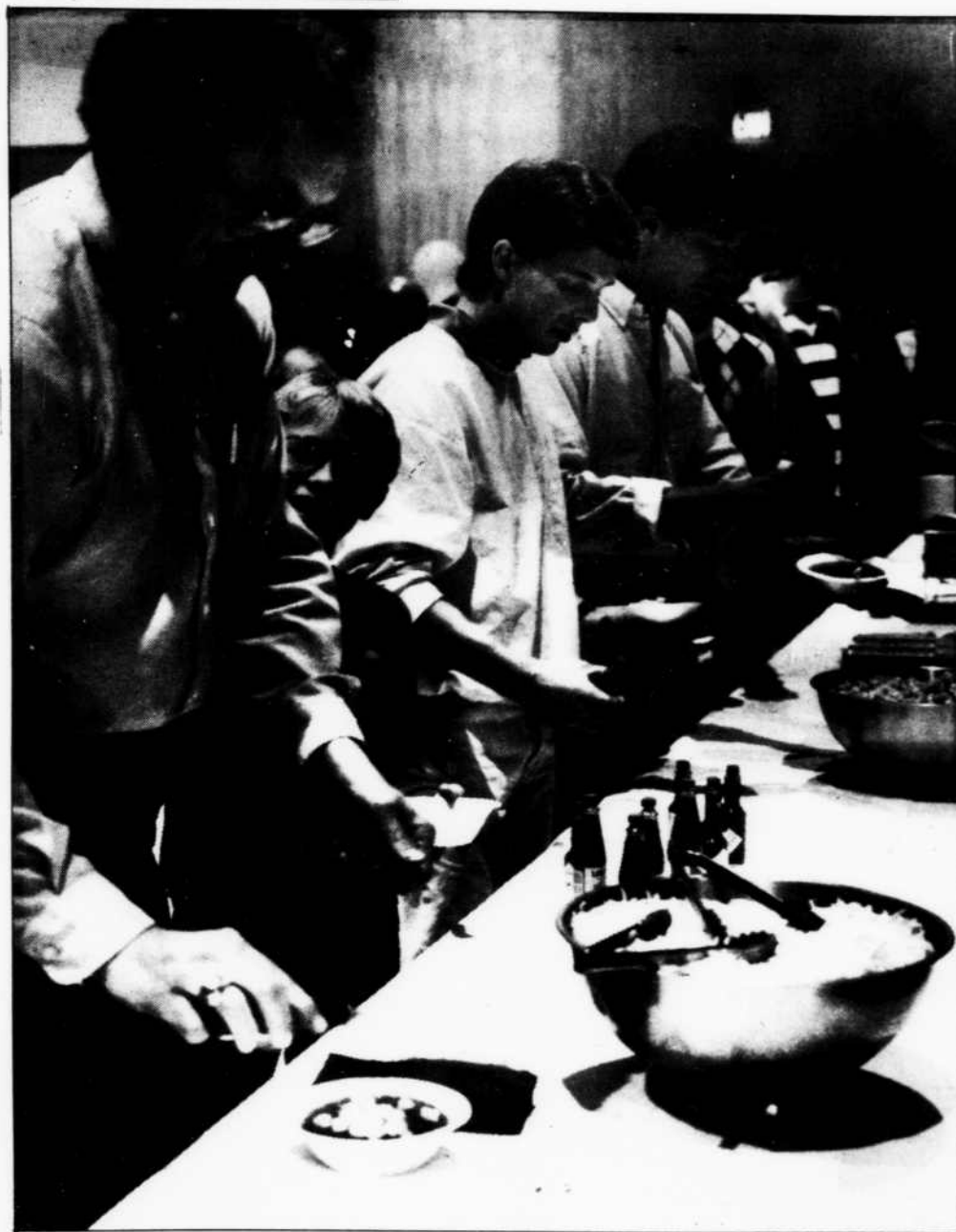
● "It's Alright" — This sounds like "house music." It has great harmonizing in the beginning of the song and makes it strong.

Overall, this album makes you want to dance

till ya' puke.

Buy the CD if you have a player, because this is a fully digital recording, and the dynamics and stereo on the disc are phenomenal.

If you liked any of their earlier songs or bought either of their albums on the their first remix album, *Disco*, buy this one — it's great.



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Some of the crowd that chowed down at the last Wednesday's Kappa Delta sorority chili supper. Proceeds from the event went to aid in the prevention of child abuse.

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# Stephen King writes book that shows early writing style

By **ANDY WINFORD**  
Staff Writer

In 1978, with the simultaneous publication of *The Stand*, Stephen King released *The Gunslinger* to the Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction.

The short story was but a small part in a continuing epic about the post-apocalypse Earth and a gunslinger in search of his "Holy Grail," The Dark Tower. Since that time, King has written other stories to tie into *The Gunslinger*.

In 1982, these stories were released in limited hardback edition, now a collector's item. Recently, however, the stories were released in mass paperback sales to the general public. Once more, Stephen King has a best-seller on his hands.

*The Dark Tower*, *The Gunslinger* was written over a period of 12 years. Basically, whenever King suffered writer's block

while working on other projects, he would escape into the Gunslinger's world.

The Gunslinger, Roland, is journeying across the wasteland in a post-apocalypse Earth, an Earth that has averted back to an "Old West" motif with bits and pieces of our world dropped in.

For example, the familiar piano player in the saloons of the old west might play a rendition of "Old Susanna," while in King's novel he plays "Hey Jude."

The Gunslinger is following "the man in black" who holds the secrets to Roland's quest, The Dark Tower. Along the way, Roland meets up with Alice, the friendly barkeeper, and Jake, a young kid from our modern-day Earth.

The reader also get a glimpse of Roland's mysterious past and what has led him to seek out The Dark Tower.

Roland begins to think about Cort, the one who taught him to shoot. He knew black from white and it is this that Roland is searching for in a world of chaos. Through his skill with a gun in a world where death is the only certainty,

3,000 pages long. Stephen King fans can get an idea of this by thinking of the length of King's *It*, and doubling it.

The entire epic will run into 25 interlocking short stories and as King states in the afterword of the book,

## THE GUNSLINGER

Roland begins to realize the purpose of his quest.

Before the deep meanings of *The Dark Tower* become set in our minds, however, the novel comes to an end. Well, not necessarily.

King estimates that the entire epic of *The Dark Tower* will run in excess of

"At the speed which the work entire has progressed so far, I would have to live approximately 300 years to complete the tale of the Tower..."

The novel is genuine King for sure. It does, however, lack some of the King

trademarks that his fans have grown to love.

This is, in part because the first draft of *The Gunslinger* was written while King was still in college.

If you read a lot of King books, as I have, you'll begin to find yourself analyzing the work instead of enjoying it. You'll begin to notice things that just don't belong on a page written by Stephen King, but as a whole, you'll enjoy it.

The novel begins interestingly enough to keep your attention, but then becomes dream-like. It rambles some, especially when Roland flashes back to his childhood and the storyline becomes difficult to follow.

Those are the only drawbacks of the novel.

Some might say that is enough to ruin a book, but Stephen King saves this novel with his expertise in putting together a story that

is interesting, frightening and awe inspiring enough to compel you to keep up with the story.

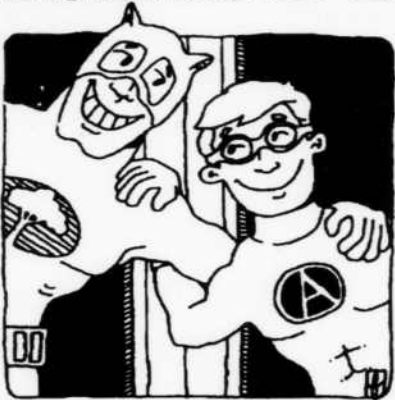
As far as King's rambling with Roland's flashbacks, he ties it in together in the end.

True Stephen King fans will analyze it, but love it. Science fiction fans will enjoy it as well as western buffs, because it takes two "written out" genres and adds a new twist.

The novel is not as tastefully written as other best-selling authors, but hey, this is Stephen King. If you can't handle it, read something else, because by now most people know King's style and what to expect. You can expect raw King in *The Dark Tower*. *The Gunslinger*.

Incidentally, the next part of the epic has been partially written and is expected to reach bookstores by March, 1989.

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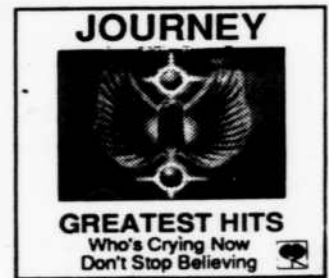
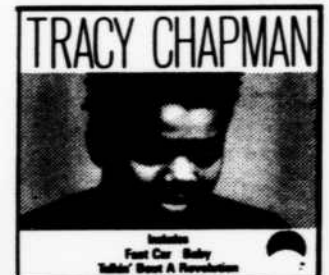
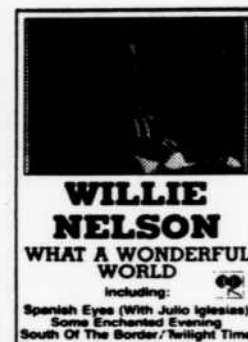
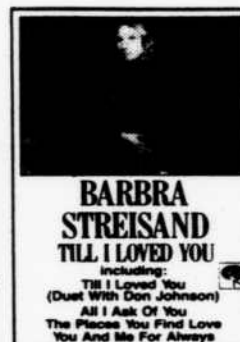


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# So long — recollections of a 'Sidelines' Lifestyles editor

By GARY BUCHANAN  
*Outgoing Lifestyles Editor*  
"Well now, the end is near, and so I face my final curtain..."

OK, I may be the first Lifestyles Editor in the nation to use "Old Blue Eyes" and Elvis for a lead, but this is the last issue, so I guess it's all right.

During my first semester in a full time editorship position here at *Sidelines*, I have learned a great deal about the newspaper business and its operation. That's what it's here for — to learn.

Throughout a very hectic semester which included several staff changes and shakeups, the staff finally

found a group that wants the paper to go somewhere. And now it's over.

As any other person would, I had several goals at the first of the semester to achieve in my time as Lifestyles Editor, and through the many problems and turmoil that constantly surrounds your bi-weekly campus newspaper, I have accomplished these goals the best I could. My initial goals in my section were to:

- Bring more campus news to *Sidelines*.
- Bring more MTSU area news to *Sidelines*.
- Continue to report entertainment news.
- Bring more Greek news to *Sidelines*.

Though these goals were difficult, I felt that with my voice on the staff and my different tastes and interests, the Lifestyles section could reach them.

Campus News — The pages were filled every week with stories about plays, concerts, recitals, and special events on the MTSU campus. We had stories about interesting students and several of the campus ministries and the services they provide.

MTSU Area News — We had stories of interest about off-campus plays, concerts and other places of interest

in and around Murfreesboro.

Entertainment — Movie previews, reviews and record reviews continued the tradition of fine entertainment news in *Sidelines*. A new twist was added by previewing movies and events in the K.U.C. Cinema.

Greek News — As a part of the Greek community, I see the advantages of the Greek life and the many good things we do. As the only Greek on the staff in several years, I felt it was important to voice my views and publicize the many newsworthy and service oriented activities that

Greeks do.

With the amount of negative press that Greeks receive, reporting the good news is an important part of *Sidelines*. I felt I have done my best in giving the system the coverage it deserves.

Stories concerning sorority and fraternity rush, the flag football league, food drives, chili suppers, benefits and Greek service projects were a vital part of Lifestyles. I also co-wrote a story spotlighting the many good things the Greeks do, interviewing Greek representatives and campus leaders.

In the process of the semester, I've tried to fill my pages with interesting news for the entire campus — for different people and different tastes.

After a rough start, that goal, in my opinion, has been achieved. But there is still a way to go. This the campus' newspaper — the entire campus' newspaper. I hope that next semester's staff will continue to cover the entire campus, and its different activities.

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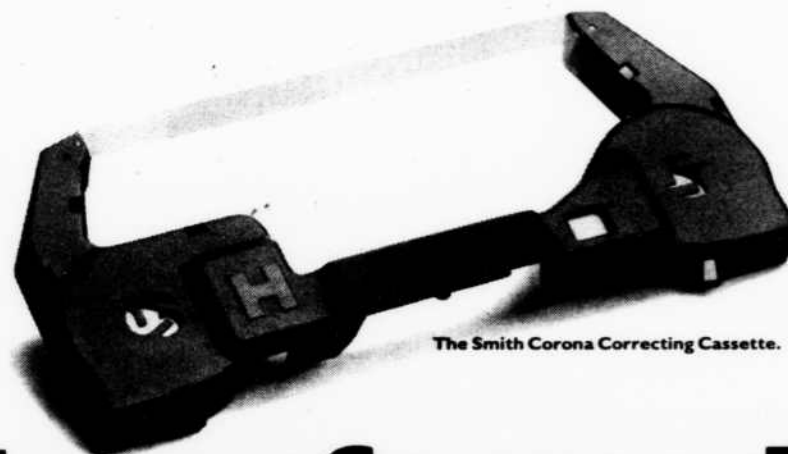
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Editor from page 14.

This semester has been a learning experience, and there has been more than one time that I've wanted to pull my hair out. Come to think of it, I have pulled my hair out at times. But now that it's over, I look back and see it all as a val-

uable experience.

I had a great staff of regular staff writers, and their time and effort made my job a lot easier. So, many thanks to Dave Chandler, Jake Mall, David Dark, Chris Parks, Andy Winford, Amanda Cantrell, Glenn Pruter and Michael Crawford for their weekly stories.

So now I'm off into the

proverbial wild blue yonder, and next semester I'll be working at WTVF Channel 5 in Nashville. So I leave *Sidelines* with an expanded view of the world of the newsroom, and a little less hair. But that's all a part of it.

For everyone, have a very Merry Christmas, and God Bless Us, Everyone.

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# What's in the future for 1989?

By DAVE CHANDLER and GARY BUCHANAN

### Staff Writers

With the end of 1988, and the beginning of 1989, everyone is holding their breath to see what the future will hold. Well, you can rest easy. We are here to let you in on a little bit of what will happen in the world of music. These tidbits were compiled with the help of staff starwatcher Captain 6-Pack, and reflect the opinions of the authors only.

● Tom Keifer of "Cinderella" will cough up his vocal chords while singing a rousing rendition of "Don't Know What You Got 'Till It's Gone."

● The romance between Bruce Springsteen and back-up singer Patty Scalfia will end and "The Boss" will elope with sax player Clarence Clemons.

● Prince will release an album that has absolutely nothing to do with sex.

● Brett Michaels of "Poison" will be arrested and charged with a "202" — impersonating teen sex idol Jon Bon Jovi.

● Ad Rose will be elected to Congress and Sammy Davis Jr. will take his place in "Guns-N-Roses." "Welcome to the jungle, and I mean that babe..."

● Kenny Loggins will have a hit that's NOT on a soundtrack.

● "Metallica" will play the inauguration ball for George Bush.

● "R.E.M." will release a song where you have no trouble whatsoever understanding the words.

● After Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of "KISS" appear on his show, Geraldo Rivera joins the group "just to get chicks."

● "U2's" Bono will team up with shopping mall popster Tiffany and release a cover of Debbie Boone's "You Light Up My Life."

And on a local note...

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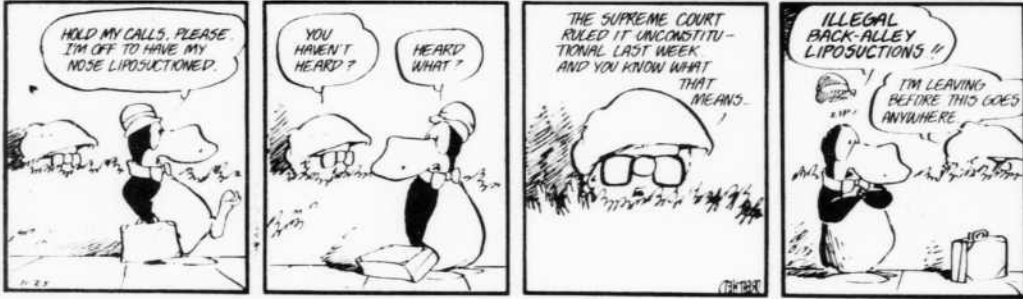


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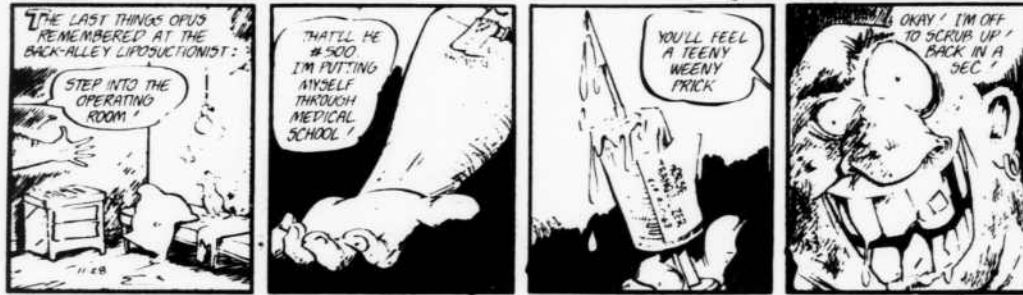
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So the semester saga comes to a close. Pierre — the sad story of an individual trapped on the campus of a small, obscure, regional institution, with parking to match. An individual with no hope of escape, caught between the low income tax bracket and a Datsun B-210.



An individual with no personal life and an immature attraction to the small, black-haired, pale-skinned variety of skirts which can only be found with no proper identification late-nights at The Boro, Jabbs or the eastern portion of Camp MTSU!



A bit hazy from smoking Capris he bought two for one at Davis Market, a bit dazed from White Crosses washed down with warm grape-Mad Dog 20/20 and several quarts of Schaefer, and a bit queezy from Baby Raider Burgers (he has a definite appreciation for the finer things in life), he sees a sign post up ahead.



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