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Put out the fire: Kaye Holbrook, an MTSU student, and Bill Truesdell, with Fire Stop, Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. operate a fire extinguisher as a part of a fire safety awareness demonstration held at Cummings Hall.

Campus alters fire plan

SUSAN NORMAND
News Writer

Proposed modifications to the university fire safety plan will make the campus safer, according to school officials.

As part of the modification process, the Murfreesboro Fire Department recently completed the preplanning for Peck and Jones halls. While following previously drawn up floor plans, fire department personnel located and examined the buildings' offices, janitorial closets, and storage and mechanical rooms.

Fire hydrants also were located, and ventilation, emergency lights, fire exits and fire signs were inspected.

After they were examined, the information was then compiled into a computer at the fire department.

"Preplanning is done every few years in order to update the

fire department on the modeling of buildings on campus," said MTSU Safety Officer Terry Logan. "A tree at Corlew Hall was recently sawed down because preplanning of the building indicated an interference with the snorkeler."

Logan also mentioned that future plans are being made to reconstruct the fire lane at Lyon Hall. The present fire lane limits the snorkelers' access to certain parts of the building.

According to Logan, fire safety awareness is going through the planning stages. "Some meetings and demonstrations have already been scheduled at residence halls," he said.

At a seminar held at Judd Hall, Logan discussed the three components of a fire—fuel, oxygen and the ignition

source—and demonstrated how the fire could be extinguished by breaking up the combination.

Logan offered statistics such as the percentage of fires caused from cigarettes, the number of people affected by fire within a period of a lifetime, and the hours most fires occur.

Recently at Cummings Hall, Fire Stop, Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. demonstrated the proper use of a fire extinguisher, what type to use, and circumstances for which one should be used. Residents were allowed to operate the extinguisher to experience the actual feeling of extinguishing a fire.

After the demonstration by Fire Stop Inc., the fire department demonstrated how

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Senior to compete for Mr. USA title

BARBARA KLEMT
Copy Editor

Although Jim Candella does not expect to win, the Middle Tennessee State senior leaves Thursday for the Mr. USA competition in Kansas City.

Candella, named Mr. Tennessee during the summer, will compete Saturday in the preliminary round of the event and Sunday if he advances to the final.

"I don't really expect to make the top 10," said Candella, whose mother and sister will attend the competition. "I'm just planning on going and having a good time. Maybe I'll meet someone who will help me in my field (marketing)."

Candella said he isn't nervous now, but he said, "I will be when I get up there."



Jim Candella

Since being named Mr. Tennessee, Candella has been a bit busier than before, yet he said his life has not changed that much.

"The biggest change is that I

get picked on more by my friends," said Candella, last year's Mr. MTSU runner-up. "But it's pretty cool."

"I travel a little more, and I make more money modeling," he added.

Candella has been modeling more than a year for a Nashville-based company. "I just started doing it more seriously," he said, noting that the Mr. Tennessee title has created more opportunities.

About every other week, Candella said, he has been modeling in advertisements for companies, such as Service Merchandise, and for magazines. And he has been auditioning for television commercials.

Because he has been so busy with school and work — he also

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Raiders, fans have happy Homecoming

Homecoming '91 got clear weather and a clean victory on a Saturday filled with festivities.

The Blue Raiders hammered Southeast Missouri 52-0 to the delight of students, fans and alumni alike.

The day started early as bystanders gathered along the streets of Murfreesboro to watch the parade. Beta Theta Pi received top honors in the float competition while Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the Spirit Award for the overall Homecoming performance.

Football was the next venue of the day as thousands

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Terika Singh

1991 Homecoming Queen

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Gripe the smart way! Use a round table discussion to air conflicting views.

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Blue Raiders slaughter SEMO Indians in MTSU's Homecoming Day massacre!

Campus Capsule

RIM Writers, an association of student songwriters, will hold an organizational/song critiquing meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29 in a seminar room in the Mass Communications Building. Prospective members from any major are encouraged to attend. Bring a tape and lyric sheet and get constructive feedback from your peers.

The **MTSU Fine Arts, Special Events, and Ideas and Issues Committees** present "Days of Our Lives" stars Peggy McCray (Caroline Brady) and Michael Sabatino (Lawrence Alamain) at 12 noon on Nov. 2 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Tickets for the three hour event (including lunch) are \$20.00 to the public and \$15.00 for MTSU students. For more information and ticket reservations, call the MTSU Concert Ticket Office at 2551.

The **Panhellenic Council** invites you to bring your children to Tick or Treat down "sorority row" at 6 p.m. on Oct. 30 on the ground floor of Cummings Hall. Wear a costume and bring a bag for

candy!

The **MTSU Special Events Committee** presents The Artie Shaw Orchestra directed by Dick Johnson in concert at 8 p.m. on October 29 in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. The performance is FREE but you must have a ticket to reserve a seat. Tickets may be picked up in the Office of Student Programming in Keathley University Center room 308. Any tickets remaining will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis. For more information please, call 898-2551.

The **MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee** presents Suzi Landolphi's provocative and zany celebration of safer sex at 8 p.m. Oct. 28, in the Learning Resource Center's Multi Media Room. Hot, Sexy, and Safer is an audience-participatory presentation dedicated to AIDS and safer sex education and awareness. The program is FREE and OPEN to the public.

Phi Beta Lambda will have a

caramel apple sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 30 & 31 in the lobby of the Keathley University Center.

Nurses Career Day will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Nov. 4 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Representatives from approximately forty hospitals will be present to talk with nursing students or other students interested in health occupations. Students are invited to visit with these recruiters.

"Application for **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges** are now available in the SGA Office, Keathley University Center Room 304. Deadline for applications is Nov. 7.

The **Student Government Association** will be sponsoring an **SGA Luncheon Forum** from 11:50 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Oct. 30 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. There will be a buffet for students and faculty for \$3. Students can use their meal cards at the luncheon.

Students do not have to eat to participate.

Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature applications are now available in the SGA office, room 304 of the Keathley University Center. TISL is a mock legislature which meets on capitol hill in Nashville in November. If you need more information call 2464.

There will be a **Joint Session Meeting** for all House and Senate members at 6 p.m. on Oct. 29 in the Learning Resource Center, Multi-Media Room. Attendance is mandatory, please attend.

The **Fall Honors Lecture Series** continues Oct. 28 when Deborah Anderson of Speech and Theatre speaks on Discovery and Creation of Character For the Actor.

If you enjoy playing soccer, join **MTSU's Soccer Club**. Practice is held at 6 p.m. every day behind Family Student Housing. For more information call Marvin Carson at 898-3039 or Fred Long at 898-3237.

MTSU Dance Club will meet from 6:40 - 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Dance Studio A in Murphy Center. Lisa Lewis will direct the club. No experience is necessary to participate.

The **Student Government Association** is accepting application for positions in the SGA. Pick up application in the SGA Office, Keathley University Center room 304.

The **Pre-Law Society** will be having a guest speaker at 6 p.m. on October 29 at Peck Hall room 208. All members are asked to attend and bring a friend.

The **NAACP** will meet at 6 p.m. every Monday in the Keathley University Center.

Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center will host a devotional followed by a Christian Fellowship at 7 p.m. every Monday.

Campus Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group meets at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and at 2 p.m. on Thursdays in Keathley University Center 312.

The **Blue Brigade Male Precision Drill Team** is looking for any interested males to join this semester. You do not have to be a member of ROTC to join. If interested, our meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. on every Monday and Thursday at Forrest Hall.

The **Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center** will host devotionals at 7 p.m. every Monday, and at 8 p.m. every Thursday. Please come! Everyone is welcome! We are located at 1105 E. Bell Street, directly across from Bell Street Parking lot.

The **White Beret Female Precision Drill Team** would like to invite you to enjoy their organization this semester. You do not have to be in ROTC to join. Meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Forest Hall.

Students for Environmental Action meet at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday night in the Keathley University Center room 305.

Join Worship at the **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** from 9 - 10 p.m. every Wednesday on 615 N. TN Blvd.

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Intervarsity Christian Fellowship would like you to join them at 5:30 p.m. on every Thursday at Keathley University Center room 313.

YWCA is sponsoring a support group for women of color. The group will deal with domestic violence problems at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 297-8833. Meetings are confidential.

Looking Forward, an on campus support group for the survivors of childhood sexual abuse and rape, will be meeting at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the Keathley University Center room 315. For further information call Jo Ann at 898-5989.

The **MTSU Student Catholic Center** is welcoming all Catholic students to join them for a question and answer session at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Catholic Student Center. There is also a mass at St. Rose Catholic church at 7 p.m. on Sunday. For details call: 896-6074.

Student Orientation Ambassadors needed. Apply now in Keathley University Center room 130. It's a great way to meet people, and be a part of an improved orientation program at MTSU. It's a great summer job!

Canna bulbs are available, starting October 28. The cost is \$7 per 5 gallon bucket. You must provide the bucket. Pay for the bulbs at the Phillips Bookstore jewelry counter and take the receipt to the Greenhouse for your bulbs between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Campus Capsule is a service provided by *Sidelines* for **non-profit campus groups**. Please submit typewritten or printed information to our office in the JUB, Room 310. **Deadlines are 11 a.m. Tuesday and Friday.**

Speaker discusses foreign opportunities

MARY RHUDY
News Writer

The future of the United States and its opportunities in Europe were the topics of a talk given by former US Ambassador to France, Joe M. Rodgers.

According to Rodgers, unlimited opportunities are open to young people interested in working in the international community if they are willing to go out and look for them.

Rodgers spoke of four main events in recent European politics that have created unique opportunities for the US.

He discussed the creation of the Fortress of Europe, which is the unification of the 12 main states of Europe; the reunification of Germany; the breakup of the Soviet Union; and the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe.

Rodgers said Europe will have to do away with economic borders if it is to have true

economic stability. The elimination of the borders will mean vastly increased opportunities for U.S. business concerns.

Ford Motor Company is already reducing the number of different models of cars it makes and imports to Europe from seven to one, which will be acceptable all over Europe.

Rodgers predicted that within the next 20 or so years, there will be three major trading blocs, Asia, Global and European.

Included in these changes will be common currency and banking systems and common specifications for production.

"There is a tremendous market in Europe for American goods. Europeans love to buy American made goods," Rodgers said, adding that there is already a trend for US businesses to open offices in the recently democratized Eastern European States.

The US has an enormous influence on vital aspects of industry, such as work ethic, specifications and, most importantly, the idea of capitalism, Rodgers said.

All of this means more and more opportunities for Americans who wish to work overseas.

The focus of Rodgers' talk was on the opportunities for those who wish to go into foreign service and wish to work in international business. He also suggested different agencies to which students can inquire as to job opportunities and requirements.

Rodgers is a native of Alabama and has been in foreign service for many years. His businesses have offices in Budapest, Hungary and Prague and Czech and Slovak Republic.

He served as US ambassador to France for four years and serves as a member of the Investment Policy Advisory Board to the United States Trade Representative and chairman of the President's Forum.

Rodgers is the current holder of the Jennings Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and was on campus as part of the Ambassador-on-Campus Day program.

Business to offer desktop course

When people overhear a conversation sprinkled with desktop publishing terms such as text block, tools, windows, files, and importing, they often feel left out.

They don't have to. The College of Business at Middle Tennessee State University is offering a class in desktop publishing beginning in the spring.

"Desktop publishing permits a person who has access to computer technology to put their reports and projects in good form without having to take them to the printer," said William C. Ford, associate professor of business and marketing education and office management.

Ford, who will teach the once-a-week course beginning in January, recommends that anyone signing up with the course be familiar with word processing programs such as Microsoft Word or Word Perfect and have good key-boarding

skills. He said calls from area teachers and business people interested in desktop publishing led to the new course.

"Sitting in front of a computer, business people can get their documents in first-class form. They will be able to do a better job preparing reports and manuals," Ford added.

For more information on the course, call Ford at 898-2030.

Women seek fair shake

TONYA MEEK
Special to *Sidelines*

The state Board of Regents' recommendations to improve women's positions at MTSU are beginning to take effect through an advisory committee called Status of Women.

The Status of Women was established after the board conducted a study of universities

and two-year institutions statewide to determine the concerns and positions of women. Dr. Sharon Smith of the journalism department is playing a prominent role in carrying forth the 94 recommendations of the TBR.

"Women make up more than half of MTSU's population and

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turned out to see the Blue Raiders roll. The Indians proved to be yet another Homecoming turkey as MTSU jumped to a 31-0 halftime lead.

During halftime, Terika Singh was announced 1991 Homecoming Queen. She was crowned by last year's Queen,

LaShawn Turner. Singh was chosen among the Homecoming Court of April Banks, Heather Brown, Keri Collins and Leola McClure.

The second half of the game was a near carbon copy of the first; a cakewalk. The remainder of the day included dinners, late night parties and inevitable hangovers.

Mr. Tennessee

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has jobs at two area country clubs — Candella said he has had trouble finding the time to prepare for the competition.

He said he has been working out in the gym about an hour daily and has been meeting with his interview coach, who will be attending the Mr. USA event.

He is focusing on the interview portion of the preliminary because it counts 50 percent of the judging. In addition to the interview, which is about 10 minutes, he will compete in swimsuit, formal and casual wear categories.

If Candella advances to the final 10, the interview will be much shorter because he will be asked just one question when on stage.

Besides the increase in work assignments resulting from the

Mr. Tennessee title, Candella has gained exposure through other means.

"I've gone to a couple pageants to judge," said Candella, who appeared in the Saturday's MTSU Homecoming parade and will be in the Nashville Christmas parade.

In addition, he has met several public figures, such as state senators and pageant winners, although the most notable celebrity he has met has been singer Arlene Mandrell. Candella said he met her when at a studio where her husband, a photographer, had a shoot.

Candella has not taken advantage of the round-trip airfare to anywhere in the country he received upon being named Mr. Tennessee, but he has spent the \$500 he got on a good cause — his education. "The school took that before I ever spent it," he said.

Fire Plan

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a telesquirt is operated. By connecting fire engine 1 to the fire hydrant and then relaying the water through to fire engine 2, the routine of the traditional or manually operated telesquirt was demonstrated.

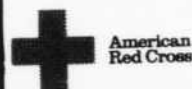
The new, state-of-the-art remote control telesquirt that the fire department now has was also seen in action.

"The precautions reviewed during National Fire Prevention Week should really be reviewed every day," Murfreesboro Fire Chief David Baxter said at the demonstration.

Through more planning and fire safety awareness, MTSU Campus Planning hopes to follow that philosophy.

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CRIMES OF THE BIZARRE

SAM GANNON
News Editor

Getting ready for Christmas? The hood ornament was stolen off Brian Reid's Cadillac Oct. 17 while it was parked in the Kirksey Old Main lot.

The case of the possessed car? Stacy Garland reported that when she returned to her vehicle Oct. 20 in Cummings Hall Lot, the passenger door was open. "We were scared to get in it," she said. Nothing was missing, but a coat hanger was found outside.

Fire starter? Playing with fire is a hobby that is definitely catching because a fire was put out Oct. 19 in Married Student Housing. The Murfreesboro Fire Department arrived on the scene to dampen the party. A cause for the fire is yet unknown.

The BB gun bandit strikes again! Kurt B. Faulkner reported that his Jeep had been shot at with a BB gun while it was parked on Raider Drive.

A car with a mind all its own! Greg Rogers reported that his vehicle had been stolen from where he parked it on Baird Lane. He later called back to say it had been located in the Jones Field lot. This incident has yet to be explained.

Note this: Just last week a student was noticed trying to scale the building next to the *Sidelines* office, Rutledge Hall. The act was quite unnecessary because it would not have gotten the person's name printed in the Crimes column. So, if you are this person, I'm really sorry, you'll have to try something else.

What do you want changed at MTSU?

- More parking?
- Better dorm conditions?
- The University Name Change?
- Fraternity Row?

Now is your chance to do something about it. On Wednesday, Oct. 30th, the SGA will hold a Luncheon Forum for all students to stand up and be heard. University administrators will be on hand to address any problems or concerns students may have. Don't continue to complain about all the things that need to be done on campus- take action.

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Women

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"Women make up more than half of MTSU's population and should be given the attention they deserve," Smith said. The recommendations will provide women with help in areas of safety and sexual harassment, the adult learner and faculty and staff development.

Sexual harassment is a problem for many campuses. Smith believes the charges should be settled at the departmental level because "when it goes to the president or the vice president it has gone too far."

Smith favors improvements that would adjust the seven and a half hour work day, allowing faculty and staff time to take courses during the day to further

their education.

"We want to see women promoted within, if they are qualified, whether they have administrative experience or not instead of men who are not even qualified," Smith said.

"Dr. Bene' Cox, executive assistant to the president, will be working closely with the Status of Women on implementing as many of the recommendations as the budget will allow over a period of years," Smith said.

"We have received a lot of support from President Walker and Vice President James Hindman [of Academic Affairs] as well as the other vice presidents," Smith said. So far, about one fourth of the recommendations have been put into effect, according to a May 1991 monitoring report.

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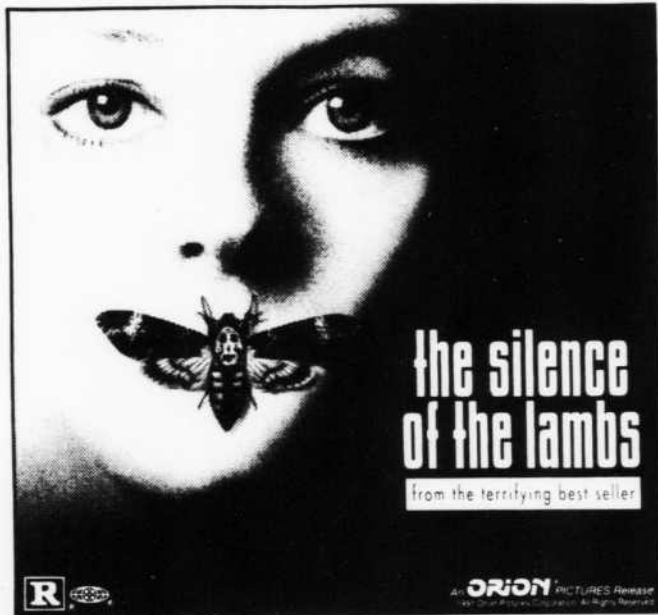
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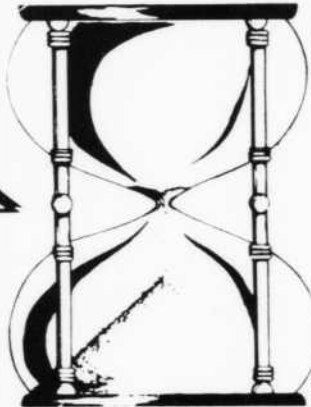
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'Round table' offers smart way to gripe

If gripes and complaints were priests and saints what a holy campus this would be.

The problems at MTSU are surpassed only by the relentless whining from students and faculty members who would rather cry than be heard. Parking, classroom space, the rising cost of tuition; you name it, it's being talked about.

Not that these things don't warrant concern. They do. Talking about the problems on our campus is a healthy start to solving them, but talk alone is cheap. Unless the complaints are directed through the proper channels and followed through with solutions, we're doing little more than jaw exercises.

The SGA has established a means by which you can express your views and air your gripes to the people who are in a position to make the necessary changes. They will be holding a round table discussion Wednesday whereby students, faculty and administrators will be allowed to openly discuss any campus concerns. These meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

These luncheons seem like a good first step to solving campus problems and improving communication between students, faculty and administration. If you have a concern or complaint, show up on Wednesday and let it be heard. You never know; it just might work.

Be there or be a whiner!

SIDELINES

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RUSSIA



S. AFRICA



U.S.A.

Letters to the Editor

Burgess, name change blasted

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Shawn Burgess concerning the name change of Middle Tennessee State University.

First, changing our name does not entitle us to any more money than any other school in Tennessee. As an education major, I know for a fact that funding from the state is based largely on the enrollment of a school - not the school's name! Mr. Burgess, do you think that there is some "hidden" treasure chest filled with money just waiting for MTSU to change its name to open up? I don't think so! The state legislature, who funds our school year-in and year-out, bases its funding formula on population in Tennessee. Therefore, MTSU is already getting more money every year despite major cutbacks in education. Remember, for every one student at MTSU the state legislature pays \$3818 per student, according to our Fall 1991 registration bills, and we, the students, only pay \$691 for registration fees per semester. Thus, the state is already paying a high percentage of our collegiate education, approximately 70%. I doubt they're going to pay much more with our name changing to UMT.

Secondly, Mr. Burgess, I am quite tired of your office having nothing better to do than have votes on changing the names of the student government and the school itself! I have talked to several other students who agree with me and feel that

all you are trying to do with the name-change business is leave your mark at this school after you have gone. You already changed the ASB TO SGA, and boy, that sure made a big difference in our student government! But now you want to change the name of our school! Please! Stop trying to make a name for yourself and build up your resume file. For the sake of this university, get over your EGO, and fast!!!

Third, although the vote passed by 63%, it was only approximately 10% of our student body. Well, that sure is an accurate view of what the students at our university feel about the issue. The people who voted in this election for the most part are probably the same ones who voted to change ASB to SGA and put most of the people in the SGA into office. Now, you're probably sitting back wondering why the majority of the students did not vote. Perhaps, it is because our student body as a whole is tired of these insignificant, childish, and silly issues; such as, playing the change-the-name game.

Fourth, you stated in SIDELINES that our university is viewed as a "small" school. Who perceives us as "small" school? You? The SGA? I doubt other state schools, the state legislature, businessmen and prospective students sit around all day pondering the thought that MTSU is a "small" school but that it would be bigger if the name changed. Mr. Burgess, when you say "they" or "them," to whom are you referring? State your sources! Do not just say "they." Who is

"they?" I, and most other students as well, want to know!!!

Fifth, people come to our school because of what we offer and how good our programs are. Students from all over the country and the world chose MTSU because of its top-notch programs like aerospace, mass communications and RIM. We are not the Harvard of the South, but we can be the best that we can be by concentrating our energies and time on more important issues such as more instructional buildings, more faculty, more parking, and extended hours at the library. Mr. Burgess, you said that many of our problems will be corrected with a name change and an increase of students. I beg to differ! MTSU stretches to handle over 15,000 students right now. What makes you think we need any more? It's great to be the fastest growing school in Tennessee as long as you are getting a good education in an appropriate collegiate environment. As of now, MTSU needs help meeting the needs it already has, so for now we need to focus in on our present problems and not create new ones!

Sixth, you have said that our school will become more prestigious with a name change. What statistics say this? What other schools agree with this statement? What makes a school prestigious is not the actual name of the university. Rather it is the programs offered, the faculty, the diversity of the student body, and how successful its alumni are. These factors, along with some

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Letters

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others, are what makes a school prestigious - not the actual name, itself!

Seventh, as for our administration and faculty, they have just as much right to express their opinions about this issue and others. Many of them not only work here but are students or alumni. Everyone has the right to express themselves, not just the students. The fact that we pay to go here gives us no special rights.

Finally, Mr. Burgess. Get a better outlook on your student body before you decide to open your mouth (and insert your foot). Do not tell the student body what you and your SGA want. Rather ask us through flyers, petitions, letters, phone calls and polls what we want. You do have a budget for which the student body paid as part of an activity fee, so use it to find out what we want. You were elected to represent us and our views - not yours! If you are considering going into politics, you are definitely on the right track - ignoring your constituents as a whole and lobbying and voting as you please!

Sean L. Morris
Box 1905

Football team congratulated

This letter is to commend our Blue Raider football team for a job well done. Last Saturday I had the privilege to be in attendance at the Florida State - MTSU contest. Like many fans I had the game predicted as a blow-out. I felt that the Raiders would receive the worst drubbing in its football history at the hands of the Seminoles. This was not the case, and I was taught a gladly accepted lesson. Never discount the underdog's desire to win.

I assumed that as MTSU has been playing weak its last few games coupled that Florida State has been playing national-championship type football that the game would be a farce. The game was far from the story the score would tell. The first half of play was as good as it gets in

college football. With the exception of some truly terrible calls and no-calls by the officials, we played a flawless first half. To this day, I don't know where they dug their officials from, but it was clear that they possessed perfect 20/20 Seminole vision.

The third quarter was also played very well, while the fourth quarter found the Raiders understandably out of gas. It is my opinion that at the level MTSU played last Saturday, we could have beaten almost any of the other top ranked Division-I teams.

I applaud the team for their heart and desire. They were not intimidated. The game was winnable for three quarters and showed that the Raiders are a quality team against ranked competition. After the game several Florida State fans we passed as we were leaving the stadium were very complimentary of MTSU's excellent performance. For the first time in three years I was actually excited to be a student at MTSU. This is not to say that this school doesn't do important things, I'm just saying that pride and college are two words that usually coincide with each other, and that pride is nonexistent at this school.

The game with Florida State was exciting and showed that MTSU does have the potential to compete against better quality teams. For MTSU's athletic purposes the OVC is outdated and non-rated. The move to the Southern Conference shouldn't even be a question but should be a necessity. The OVC commissioners found in their infinite wisdom to give MTSU, one of the perennial top teams in the OVC, only three home games. This should be the final

slap in the face.

Even though the Raiders lost, they gained the respect of the number one team in the nation and let them know they were in a good contest. From myself and all the MTSU fans out there congratulations to the football team for playing their hearts out. We didn't get the win on the scoreboard, but we won in every other facet of the sport.

Terry Bohannon
Box 2725

Bounce Gordon like his checks

To the editor:

Do you have to pay overdraft charges at your bank? Bart Gordon doesn't. Do you have to pay Social Security taxes? Bart Gordon doesn't. If you are an

employer, do you have to obey the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968? Bart Gordon doesn't. Do you have to pay \$12 for a haircut? Bart Gordon doesn't. No, Bart Gordon and 534 more congressmen and senators are not like you and me — they get benefits ordinary citizens never get, and they exempt themselves from the laws they impose on the rest of us.

Bart said that he wrote no bad checks, but the facts proved that an untruthful statement. He further compounds the falsehood by saying his four bad checks for over \$1,400 were "one mistake." Is it any wonder that we have multibillion dollar deficits when a congressman can't distinguish between a 1 and a 4? He certainly won't be able to balance his

checkbook with that little knowledge of simple arithmetic.

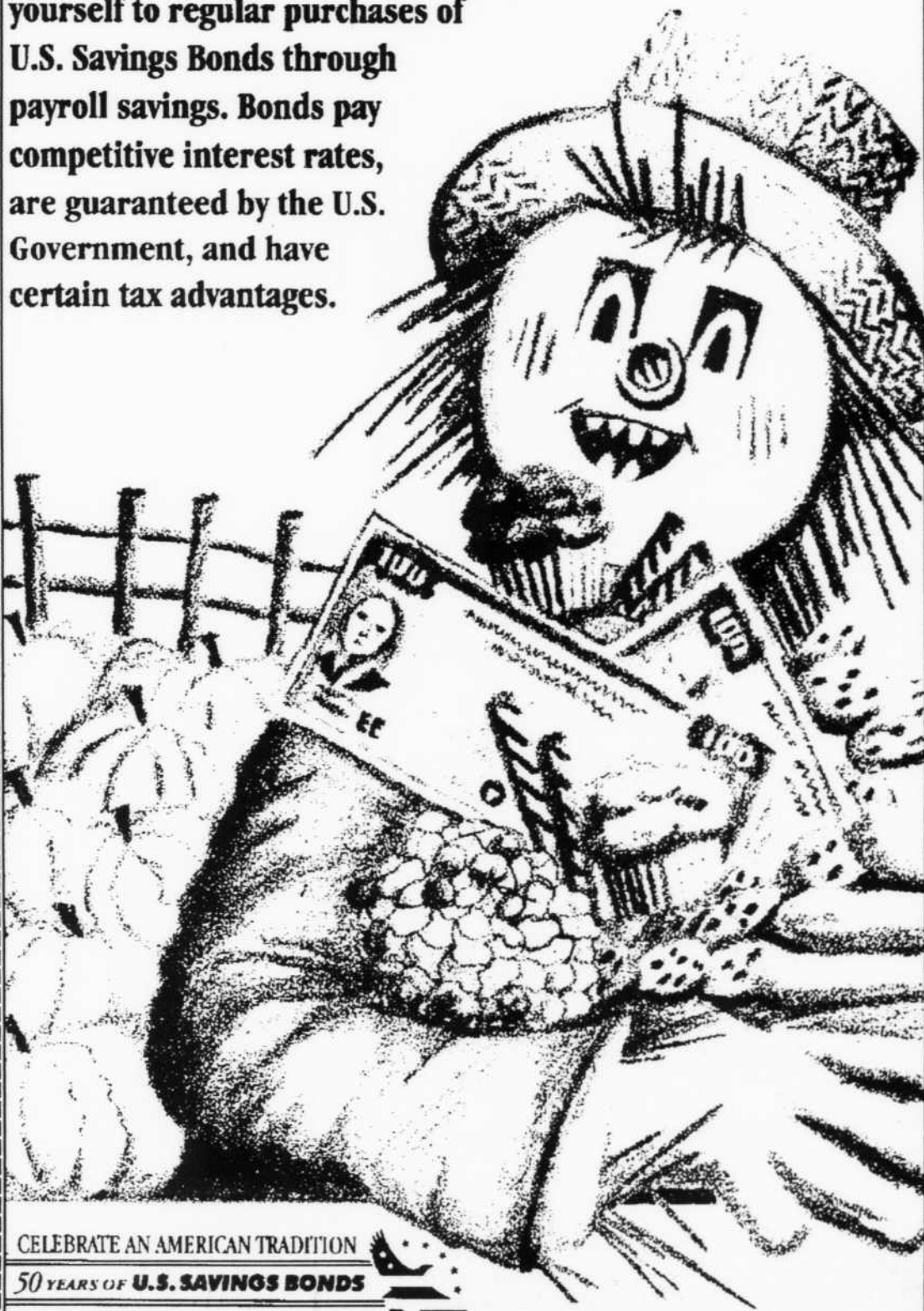
Bart knows he is misleading the public when he says that no taxpayer money was involved. Did the congressmen pay the salaries of the House bank employees or its utility bills? Did Bart and his cohorts buy the computers and other equipment used by the bank? Did they pay for the space it occupied? No, they didn't, and Bart knows it, but he says no taxpayer funds were involved.

The first step in cleaning a toilet is to flush it. Let's clean Congress by imposing term limitations on these prima donnas.

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Features

Mario Joyner performs for empty house

ERIC WALKUP

Comedy Review

Comedian Mario Joyner performed in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts' Tucker Theater to an unimpressively small crowd Thursday night, Oct. 24.

Mario's credits include all the obligatory late night talk shows (including his very own), opening act for numerous tours and concerts, host of the "Half-Hour Comedy Hour", guest VJ on MTV and the New Line Cinema feature film *Hangin' With the Homeboys*.

He is a very energetic and versatile performer with an appealing smile. One of eight children, he was considered the family clown and even though his mom did not approve of some of his "youthful" hard-headedness, she still encouraged his antics.

Joyner attended the University of Pittsburgh on a track scholarship and graduated in office systems management. He religiously attended comedy clubs, and decided that office work was not for him.

Level-headed and open-minded, this comedian/actor is a funny young man who is serious about his career. Mario grew up idolizing such talents as Richard Pryor, but wanted to do



something a little different, more intellectual. His comedy has a perceptive bent that questions the validity of everyday things, sort of an oddball observationalist humor.

"I swear, but compared to what's out there my show is definitely PG-13," Joyner says of his act.

Despite all of his credits in the entertainment world, the turnout that he received was shockingly small (around 40 persons) at the Tucker Theater. He was not a happy camper about the situation and told the *Sidelines* photographer to take a

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MAMMY JAMMIN': Murfreesboro rockers "Mammy Namms" bring their blend of rock and funk to Mainstreet. It, along with Mercy Street and Doin' Time will play 'Psycho Bash' Halloween night.

Mammy Namms to headline Mainstreet's 'Psycho Bash'

"Mammy Namms," Murfreesboro's grind-funk sensations, will headline the A.R.M.S. (Association of Recording Management Students) Psycho Bash at 527 Mainstreet on Thursday, Oct. 31st. Additional acts scheduled to appear are openers "Doin' Time" and "Mercy Sanction," a rock trio from Nashville.

The "Mammy Namms" are composed of singer Bryan Porter, guitarists Mike Crowe and Jeff

ERIC WALKUP

Music Review

Harmon, bassist Bobby McGlocklin and drummer Jim Tioflat, it describes its sound as "whatever moves you, emotionally or physically." The band has an imaginative mixture of early '70s hard rock and funk with detours into rap and whatever else the band can dream up. They have earned a devoted following throughout the southeast due mainly to its

incendiary, witty shows and skin-tight playing.

The band (known to many of their fans as "the Namms") began late in 1988 as the members each met through different bands in Murfreesboro. After a year of finding their groove, they sought to expand and began exploring each member's musical roots and preferences. This brought out an interest in rockin' soul from

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International Students Association makes home away from homes

"We want to do everything in the International Students' Association that the International Students Department office can't do," outlines Peter Steyn, president of the ISA.

Steyn, originally from South Africa, is sitting in the Grill with ISA's public relations officer, Vera Ong from Singapore. Shortly after, treasurer Thu Quach from South Korea and vice-president Wataru Momose, from Japan, join them.

The other officer, secretary Kevin Jannati, from Iran, is the only one not present.

Though the atmosphere they create is light, all five are serious about their task. Vera elaborates

BRIAN CONRAD
Special to Sidelines

on the reasoning behind creating the ISA.

"It's always refreshing to be in a new environment, but," she adds, "through the media, you get a different view. There is a ... culture shock."

Steyn points out that the ISA has been dormant until now.

Two days before, though, Kevin was in the International Students Services offices preparing pamphlets for ISA membership, which is free. The pamphlets also outlined some of ISA's goals for the international students on campus.

The goals are every bit as aggressive as their originators are committed.

International students are not eligible for financial aide in most programs. The ISA would like to raise funds to help members face emergencies that might occur. The ISA would also like to provide services for its members like discounts on auto insurance and group health insurance. It also plans to create a discount directory card like the University Savings Card.

Most international students won't be able to visit their families on Thanksgiving or Christmas because they lack time or money. The ISA, hoping to

raise spirits, wants to have a party in December for its members who can't go home to visit.

To cover the costs that undoubtedly will arise, the ISA will have a campus cookout on Thursday, October 31. From 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., five or six venues around MTSU will sell international dishes and desserts to all students.

Yet, the ISA's purpose is not to isolate "internationals," as Vera describes foreign students, but to "promote social interaction."

In November, ISA is planning a party for all MTSU students. Peter chuckles and says that it is "another party with three bands and all that good stuff for

the whole campus community." Wataru laughs at the diplomacy of Peter's answer.

Peter goes on to say that because of the large number of foreign students at MTSU, the ISA should prove to be an excellent service for the "internationals."

This year there are 350 foreign students from 41 different countries on campus. China, India, Iran, Japan, Laos, Nigeria, and Sa'udi Arabia sent the majority of students, reports Dr. Tech Wubneh, director of MTSU's International Students Services. Wubneh is a personable

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Hendrix to James Brown to Stevie Wonder.

Overall, it is a bit of an introverted bunch who prefer to "let the music do the talking" in a literal sense. Their reputation has begun to spread in the last year, resulting in showcases at Atlanta's New South Seminar '90, the Nashville Entertainment Association Extravaganza '91, and the South By Southwest Conference '91.

The show at Mainstreet will mark the first performance in Murfreesboro for "Mercy Sanction" since the release of "Major Potential '91", a compilation of middle Tennessee bands. They are represented with a version of their composition "Crash," a song that garnered considerable airplay on both 91 Rock WRVU and Lightning 100 WRLT.

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picture of "the crowd." Some of the reasons for this poor attendance could have included all of the following: The \$7-8 admission price, a rainy night, the World Series, or maybe the fact that he is not quite the star in other parts of the country that he is in New York City.



OH, MERCY: Mercy Sanction is one of three bands scheduled to appear at 'Psycho Bash' on Thursday night. The event will be held at Mainstreet in conjunction with the Association of Recording Management Students. It will be an 18 and over show. Admission is \$4 for ages 21 and over and \$5 for ages 18-20. The doors will open at 8 p.m.

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gentleman with a charming Ethiopian accent. The majority come from Asia, generalizes Wubneh, followed by the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

"There is a tremendous desire to learn from the West," explains Wubneh because of "the changing world events and democratization of countries."

At MTSU, there has been what Wubneh calls a "large influx" of foreign students.

But the ISA doesn't undermine the International Students Services offices efforts. Though it does provide services to international students, Wubneh explains that his main purpose is to "advise students." And most of these are Americans enquiring about information on exchange programs.

While there is nothing wrong with the services the International Student Services offices offers, they are more social than practical. When the new students arrived, there were parties and special groups and welcome sessions to help those students "acculturate." Friends were gained immediately. But the services that the ISA offers are more than social. They are desperately needed, realistic

programs that not only offer personal support, but financial aide.

In the grill, the mood is light. But at one table, it is more than light. It is optimistic and determined and bound to stir things up in MTSU's "melting pot."

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Garth Brooks' agents speak to recording industry students

The Association of Recording Management Students (ARMS) welcomed Pam Lewis of Noyle/Lewis Management and Joe Harris of Buddy Lee Attractions to their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Pam Lewis co-manages and is publicist for country superstar Garth Brooks. Pam's public relation company handles not only Garth Brooks, but also Great Plains, Mark Collie, Clinton Gregory and more. She spoke of her background, job

ERIC WALKUP Features Editor

duties and the present and future of Garth Brooks. Students at the meeting viewed his video collection, including a controversial song entitled "Thunder Rolls" that was banned by The Nashville Network(TNN) and Country Music Television(CMT).

Joe Harris is Vice President of Buddy Lee Attractions, which is a major booking agency in Nashville. Joe is the booking

agent for Garth Brooks, Great Plains, Trisha Yearwood, Ricky Van Shelton and others bringing the total to 43 artist on their roster.

The next ARMS event is the annual Halloween Concert (formerly called Psycho Bash) at Mainstreet on Oct. 31 at 8pm. Prizes to be given away for best costumes and live music to be provided by Mammy Namms, Mary Sanction and Doin' Time. Entry fee is \$4 for ages 21 and over and \$5 for under 21.

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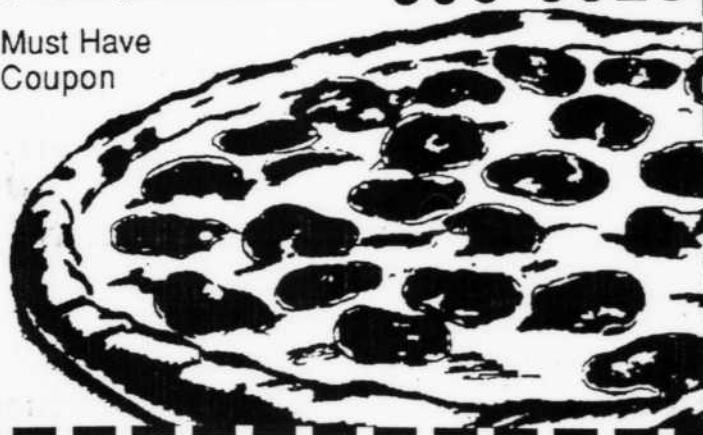
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Sports

SEMO (un)welcomed into OVC

Raiders not gracious host as Middle rolls to 52-0 homecoming victory

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Southeast Missouri may want to reconsider its admittance into the Ohio Valley Conference after Saturday's 52-0 thrashing by the Raiders.

SEMO, in its first year of OVC competition, proved to be little competition for the Big Blue as the Raiders pleased a Homecoming crowd of 13,000.

"I think this will show everybody that we can pull it together and play when we want to," MTSU tailback Joe Campbell said. "Hopefully, we can carry this thing on throughout the rest of the season."

Going in to Saturday's contest, people were concerned with how Middle (5-2) would perform after last week's loss to the No. 1 Florida State Seminoles. Also, fans wondered how well MTSU's secondary would do against the OVC's top ranked passing team.

All questions were answered with the shutout.

"I thought the defense did a good job because SEMO is a good throwing football team," MTSU coach Boots Donnelly said. "It was a matter of getting the points early and bringing in the defense to stop the short pass."

"A shutout is always valuable to the defense — that's the ultimate goal."

By the day's end, the defense limited the SEMO Indians to 248 yards total offense, a far cry from its 354 average.

MTSU, meanwhile, had no problems covering the 387-yard average it had amassed over the season. By the day's end, the Raiders tallied 535 yards, as 414 of those came from the rushing attack spearheaded by Campbell, who had 106 yards. Walter Dunson was also impressive with 92 yards and two touchdowns, while Kippy Bayless and Scott Dirksen saw plenty of action as well.

From the opening kickoff, it was clear that MTSU was ready to play because it quickly drove downfield and Garth Petrilli booted a 23-yard chip-shot field goal to put Middle on top for good.

Dunson and Campbell added to the lead as Campbell had a 2-yard touchdown run while Dunson used his speed to tally on runs from 29 and 65 yards out.

"We were just looking to pick up the first down," Dunson said about his 65-yard scamper. "I saw their cornerback was out of position, and I just broke to the right."

At the half, Middle led 31-0. The last touchdown brought the spectators to their feet, when Orlando Crenshaw took a punt and returned it 87

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Barbara Klemt/Photographer

FULL SPEED AHEAD: Middle Tennessee reserve tailback Kippy Bayless (41) looks ahead as teammate Bart Myers (32) is prepared to make a block during Saturday's Homecoming thrashing of Southeast Missouri. The Indians are in their first year of competition in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Lady Raiders unable to beat out EKU, men's track finishes fifth

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

Although MTSU's men's and women's cross country teams didn't run away with the Ohio Valley Conference championship titles, they did accomplish several other goals.

The Lady Raiders fought hard but were unable to break Eastern Kentucky's now 10-year string of OVC Championships. The women finished second with 44 points, which was the best team score and the best overall finish it has ever had in the OVC meet. The women finished behind the Wildcats and Murray State last year.

As far as individual performances, MTSU also had its lowest scores, as Kiya Thomas and senior Karen Barnes finished second (18:19) and fourth (18:32), the first time two Lady Raiders have finished in the top four.

Other competitive performances were given by Lea White, who finished 11th (19:18), senior Sharon Smith in 15th (19:47) and Linda Brewer in 33rd (21:35).

Although the Lady Raiders did want to win, coach Dean Hayes was pleased with the outcome and thinks it will be a good base to build on.

"Our biggest thing is that our distance runners are track oriented, whereas Eastern's aim is toward cross country, in which they also have more cross country scholarships available," Hayes said.

"In track we have two championships that we aim for and have won titles in both, as opposed to just focusing on one championship in cross country."

The Lady Raiders will compete in their last meet, the

MTSU
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Stverak proves to be volleyball serving ace

MARY RHUDY
Sports Writer

For those who have seen the Lady Raider volleyball team play, they know Stacy Stverak as the 6-foot-0 genius of the serve.

Through the Lady Raiders' first 23 games, Stverak was leading the team with 50 service aces. In addition, she was third in kills and fourth in digs.

Stverak, who is a native of Indiana, started playing volleyball in the sixth grade. She is an athlete with more than a passing interest in physical fitness, however.

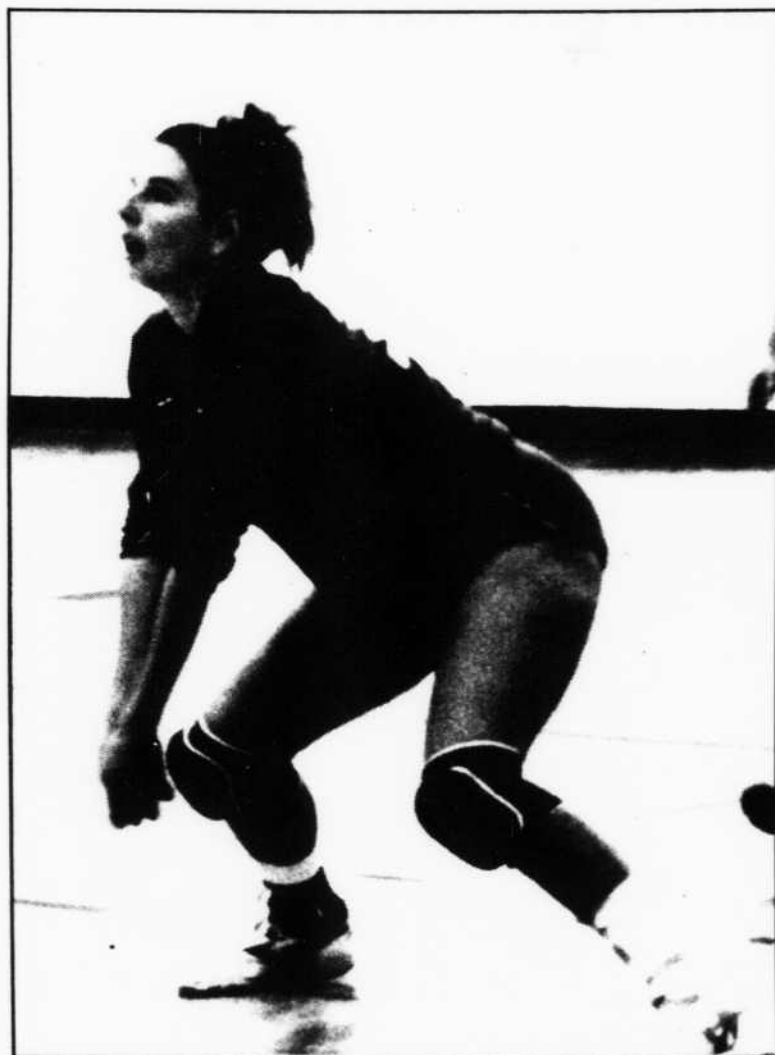
The wellness and fitness major has fairly clear plans as to her future.

"I would like to work at a wellness center," she said. "My dream is to own my own center some day."

Stverak thinks that the university is in for some big surprises from the volleyball squad.

"I think we've improved a

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Barbara Klemt/Photographer

Stacy Stverak

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Campus Rec Flag Football

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GREEK B: Kappa Alpha (5-0)

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a lot," she said. "The new freshmen that have come in have had a lot to do with it. Their attitude, their outlook has made the rest of us push harder.

"Our setter, Becky Tumblin from Louisville, has made the biggest difference. Her whole attitude has just made us come to life."

"I think, and I think Coach (Jim) Luna would tell you, that this year is the best for us in coming together and having the unity that we need to win."

Stverak said she has had to adjust to a new way of playing since coming to Tennessee.

"In Indiana, volleyball was much bigger, and the stands were always full," she said. "I guess I had the drive and the determination. But down here, I just got kind of burned out."

"Volleyball just isn't that big down here, and our volleyball up North was as big as women's basketball," Stverak said about the low support and attendance at Lady Raider games.

She said she would like to improve her game for the sand circuit but said she has no plans to go for anything bigger.

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MTSU subs steal the show

Bayless, Dirkson show promise

SCOTT HASSLER
Sports Writer

The Blue Raiders demolished Southeast Missouri in an Ohio Valley Conference match-up Saturday, but the team's starters were not the only ones contributing to the blowout.

With the blowout, in which MTSU gained 414 yards rushing and over 500 yards total offense, the Raiders called off the dogs early, as the reserves played most of the second half.

But contrary to usual results, the pain for Southeast Missouri was not relieved when the reserves entered the game because the second-stringers showed how they can play.

Senior receiver Orlando Crenshaw set up the entrance of his younger teammates as he closed the book on the first half with a thrilling punt return.

Crenshaw took the ball and 87 yards later, found himself in the endzone for a touchdown. However, at first the run was set up as a cautious return and was not designed for a big gainer.

"When I caught the ball I saw that I had all these blockers in front of me," Crenshaw said. "A couple of guys didn't tackle me good enough, so I took off."

And that he did, for he scampered the last 30 yards untouched.

Freshman tailback Kippy Bayless also had a big game as he scored touchdowns of three and 26 yards, respectively. Bayless finished the day with 85 yards rushing in one half of play.

"I've been waiting all season to get in the game and run the ball," Bayless said. "It meant a lot to me to do well once I got my chance and show some people what I could do. I love to play the game. That's what I practice through the week for."

In addition to Bayless, sophomore tailback Scott Dirkson also saw plenty of action and had several key runs throughout the second half.

The Smith County product carried the ball for 60 yards and was stopped one yard short of the goal line as time expired.



Barbara Klem/Photographer

GETTING HIS CHANCE: MTSU tailback Scott Dirkson had a rare opportunity to show his form in Saturday's 52-0 win. Dirkson, who has played sparingly this season, tallied 60 yards rushing in the second half of action. Teammate Kippy Bayless also saw action and scored two touchdowns for the Blue Raiders as they amassed over 400 yards rushing.

Junior quarterback Dino Stafford also saw quite a bit of action after Kelly Holcomb was pulled early in the third quarter. Although he did not pass the ball, Stafford led the Raiders down the field over and over again.

The Raiders only punted once and also fumbled once. Otherwise, they scored on every possession of the game.

For the reserves, the game was a chance to show the coaches what they can do in game situations and what the future for Raider football looks like.

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yards for the score.

Dunson set up the Raiders' next score by returning the second-half kickoff 52 yards. Shortly thereafter, quarterback Kelly Holcomb, who passed for 127 yards on the day, found Vince Parks for a 36-yard TD completion.

From that point on, the Raiders subs took center stage.

Bayless and Dirkson provided the fireworks as each showed plenty of potential for the future. Bayless had 85 yards and Dirkson amassed 60.

"I was glad to get in the second half and show people

what we could do," Dirkson said. "Kippy and I just tried to move the ball for a team that is getting better."

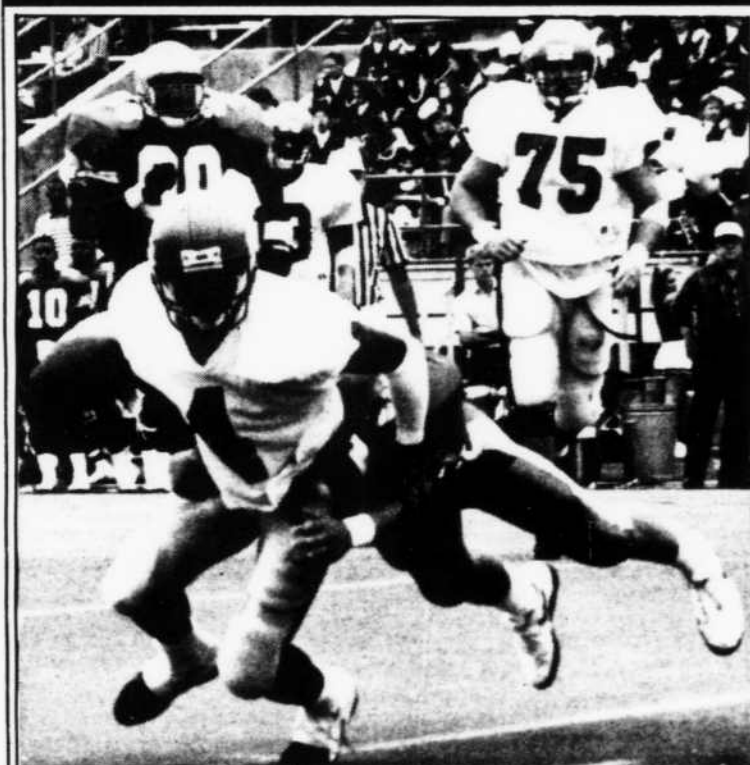
While Dirkson was racking up some yardage, it was Bayless who was racking up the points.

Bayless had touchdown runs of 3 and 26 yards before the massacre ended.

Middle scored on every possession until backup quarterback Dino Stafford fumbled with MTSU leading 38-0. Later in the contest, the Raiders were forced to punt once.

"We usually make one big mistake a game," Donnelly said, "but we didn't today. And the few times we had to make strikes, we did. That was pleasing."

BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

Halloween Night

Thursday, Sept. 31
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Jones Field

Track

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National Collegiate Athletic Association District Championships, Nov. 16 in Greenville, S.C.

MTSU's men's team also had a number of improvements in this season's OVC meet.

Last year the men placed sixth out of seven teams, yet this time they finished fifth out of eight teams. This was the highest team finish the men have had in a number of years.

Freshmen Jeff Lingwall led the pack of Blue Raiders with an 11th-place finish in 28:02 over

the 5-mile course, which was the highest individual finish the Raiders have had. Jason Welch finished 23rd in 29:17, while Steve Ryan and Marty Plott finished 33rd (32:06) and 34th (32:41), respectively. Mike Burkett (33:33), Terry Townsend (35:13) and Jay Neale (36:07) also placed within the top 50.

Hayes was pleased with the team's performance.

"The men are showing improvement and making good progress," Hayes said. "Individually, we ended up beating people we haven't beaten all year. We're a lot tougher, and that's a good way to end the season."

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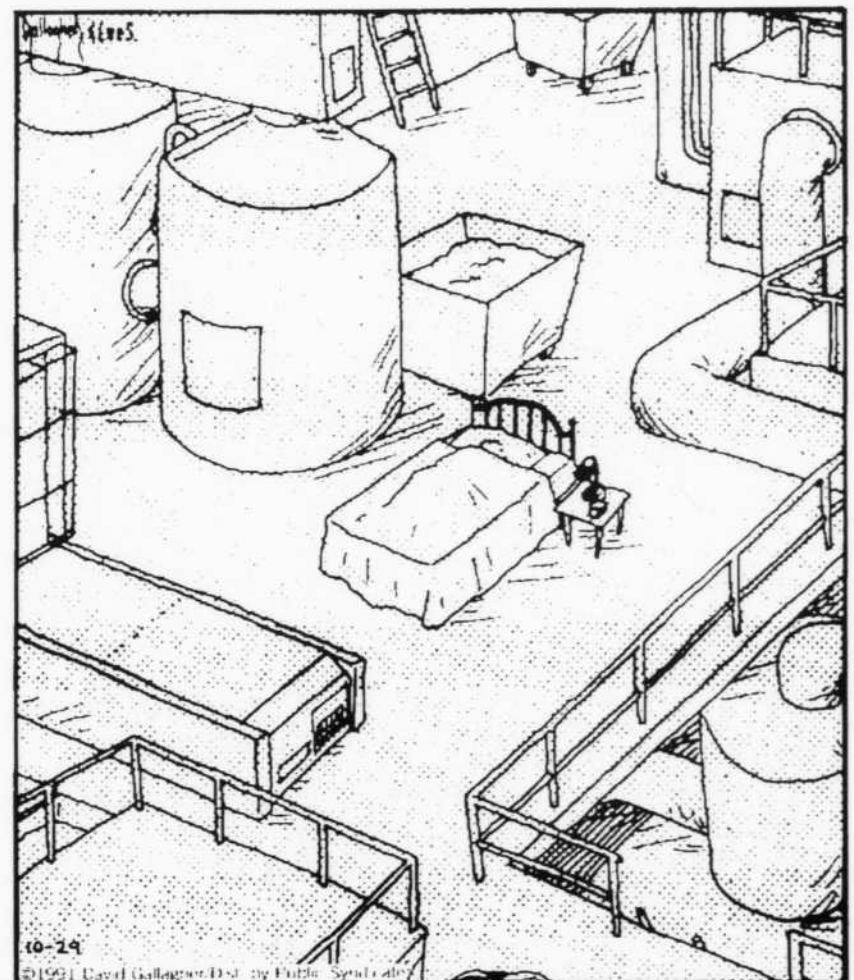


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