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SMYRNA — A plan by the Nashville Airport Authority to upgrade and repair taxi lanes at Smyrna Airport has been received with mixed emotions by some local officials.

The plan would call for operational control of the airport to be turned over to Rutherford County. Miller Lanier, the county's only representative on the airport authority, said he is unsure if this should be done.

"Before the airport authority would give up operational control, I am sure we will need to see a comprehensive plan of what local officials could achieve," he said.

Airport officials announced that the upgrading work would begin this fall. Officials said the \$105,000 taxi/apron repair project had been in the works for two years.

In the wake of new landfill guidelines proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday, one Rutherford County official said he is more concerned about groundwater safety than the cost of protection.

"The worst thing that could happen would be not to monitor," county commissioner Grant Kelly said Thursday.

Under the new EPA guidelines for protecting the environment from possible landfill contamination, the Rutherford County landfill will come under strict monitoring requirements.

The new guidelines which take effect in 1991 could cost the county a considerable amount of money, Kelly said, adding that he is more concerned with preserving groundwater.

SMYRNA (AP) — Nissan officials are talking about increasing the manufacturer's number of vehicle lines, which would double the size of the company's Smyrna plant, a Nissan official said Friday.

"In Smyrna it means that by the early 1990s — 1994 or 1995 — we will probably be producing one or two more car lines with a volume of 400,000 to 500,000," Jerry L. Benefield, president and chief executive officer of Nissan Motor Corp.'s American manufacturing subsidiary, said.

Benefield said he knew of no studies to determine how many new jobs any such expansion would create.

Currently the plant employs 3,200 people and has 3.4 million square feet on 782 acres. It made 220,000 light trucks and Sentra cars last year.

PULASKI (AP) — About 50 residents were allowed to return home Sunday after they were evacuated the night before when a bulldozer ruptured a nearby pipeline that carried a flammable liquid solvent, authorities said.

WEATHER (AP) — Mostly cloudy with rain and scattered thunderstorms over state Monday and in the east Monday night and the extreme east Tuesday. High Monday low and mid 80s. Low Monday night mostly 60s. High Tuesday upper 70s and 80s.

Bush to speak today

By M.A. BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

Marking the second Middle Tennessee appearance of a presidential candidate in two weeks, Vice-president George Bush will be in Murfreesboro today to deliver a speech from the MTSU campus.

Bush will land at the Nashville International Airport at approximately 2:45 with an entourage of campaign workers and national media.

He is scheduled to arrive at MTSU at 4:30 p.m. The

Vice-president will begin his visit to the school with a tour of the ROTC department to observe military exercises.

Upon completion of the

"This visit will give us [MTSU] immediate national attention," school President Sam Ingram said. "I think it represents a rare opportunity for students,

port, Bush chose MTSU as the site for his visit because of the university's central location in the state.

"His campaign decided to stop here because of the school's location. We hope to have a number of people from the mid-state in attendance," Davanport said.

Ingram said that he also expects a large crowd for the vice-president's speech. He added that he will be very disappointed if a majority of the school's students do not attend.

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Bush itinerary:

4:30 p.m. — tour Forrest Hall

5:00 p.m. — rally at Kirksey Old Main

tour, Bush will be escorted by ROTC cadets to the Kirksey Old Main building where he will deliver a speech concerning national defense.

faculty and the community to be a participant in a great political process."

According to Tennessee College Republicans Vice-chairman Mark C. Davan-



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Students work on their schedules as a registration worker marks yet another class closed. Almost 12,400 students enrolled at MTSU during the three days of registration. This figure is a university record.

Record number enrolls

By CHRIS BELL
Staff Writer

MTSU saw its largest registration increase and the largest student body in its history this week, reporting 12,353 students as of Thursday afternoon.

"We were expecting an increase, but not this much of an increase," Dean of Admission and Records Cliff Gillespie said. "We had expected about half of this."

Since late registration continues until next Thursday, an additional 800 to 900 students are expected, bringing the final enrollment to more than 13,000, Gillespie said. The admissions office had predicted a total of 12,500 students for the fall.

"I was not totally surprised by the numbers, though I was mildly surprised," MTSU President Sam Ingram said. "Cliff had shown me some predictions based on the increases in the past few years. The same thing has happened as in the past. The numbers

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just jumped a little this year." said, since a similar downward turn several years ago did not have a noticeable impact on the university.

The area showing the largest increase was transfer students, up 39 percent over last year. While Gillespie had no specific reason, he said transfers from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville had also grown dramatically this fall.

Growth occurred in most other categories as well, with re-enrollees [students who had attended MTSU in the past, but not in the past two semesters] up 15 percent over last year, returning students [students who had attended MTSU during the last two semesters] up 10.7 percent and first time freshmen up 10 percent.

"Students need a pat on the back," Gillespie said. The best recruitment comes from students going home and telling others of the education they receive here, he said.

A contributing factor to the increase here is that MTSU is one of the least expensive in the country, Gillespie said. Another factor is the growth in the Nashville area.

While high school enrollment is expected in peak in 1989, then decline, this may not affect MTSU, Gillespie

The school has taken steps to cope with its increased population, including hiring an additional 37 teachers for this fall, the creation of the new School of Mass Communication and approval of the new mass communication building. However, if this type of growth continues, additional steps will be necessary.

"The next area we work on will need to be the service areas," Gillespie said. "We may need more police officers, more people in the business office, more housing space..."

There were no computer breakdowns this week, a problem which had plagued past registrations, Gillespie said.

On Thursday alone, 5,879 students were registered, an "incredible number of people." This averages 12 students per minute or one student every 4.5 seconds.

"This was the smoothest I can remember in 19 years," Gillespie said. "Every year we get better at it."

LaLance named state director for the second time since 1981

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

Robert LaLance, vice-president for student affairs, has been named the state director for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

LaLance said that as state director, he is going to be "encouraging membership from people in Tennessee that are in the business [student affairs] who don't belong [to NASPA] and conducting a conference in the fall, focusing on issues of interest to Tennesseans."

The conference will key in on ethnic minority concerns, women's issues and AIDS.

The NASPA organization is the principle organization in the country for people who are in student personnel work.

The goal of the organization is "basically to support those of us who are practitioners and make our jobs easier because of the services and information they provide," La-

Lance explained.

He has been involved in NASPA for 19 years. This is the second time LaLance has served as state director. He served in this capacity in 1981.

LaLance received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and his master's degree from the University of Tennessee. He earned his doctorate at MTSU in 1974.

LaLance has been at MTSU for 25 years. He has served as vice-president for student affairs since 1975.

He was dean of students for five years and dean of men for a year and a half. He has also served as an assistant professor of health and physical education here.

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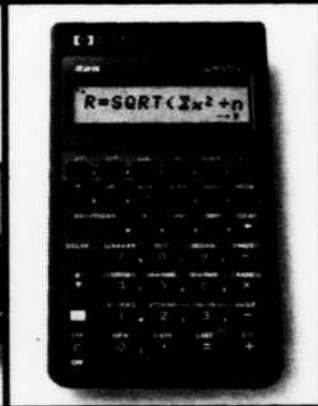
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"This is a great thing for all our students," he said. "It's not often that you get to listen to a major presidential candidate in person."

The university has made no plans to cancel afternoon classes, Ingram said. Students should contact their professors if they intend to miss class to attend the rally.

An advance team consisting of Bush campaign staffers and special agents has been on campus several times since Friday. They have been working closely with university and local officials in preparation for the candidate's visit.

Davenport, a senior international relations major at MTSU, has been employed by this team to help in coordinating the event.

"I'm their trouble shooter," he said. "They tell me what they want done and I carry it out to the best of my ability."

Campus security and local police officers were also involved in a security check run of several campus buildings Friday afternoon.

South Central Bell and the MTSU Computer Services and Telecommunications department installed 30 temporary telephone jacks in Kirksey Old Main

and Forrest Hall Saturday to accommodate the national media and Bush's campaign staff.

"They're mostly for the press, but others will be used by the advance team and security," MTSU Director of Computer Services and Telecommunications said.

The staff and faculty parking lots behind KOM, Jones Hall and Todd Library have been closed, along with the lot between KOM and the Saunders Fine Arts Building. Temporary lots are open behind the Art Barn Annex and under the baseball field stands.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Securing the area...

Secret Service agents and local and university police officers plan a security check of the Kirksey Old Main Building in preparation for Vice-president George Bush's visit. Bush will speak today at 4 p.m.

New lot unused: Drugmand

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

According to Chief of Campus Security Jack Drugmand, there are adequate parking spaces with the addition of the new 400-space lot, if people would park and walk across campus.

Drugmand said he drove around the lot behind Cummings Hall Friday and there was "not a car in it."

There is also the lot near

the blue pavilion to be used for overflow which is not being used to its full capacity.

The lot behind Cummings Hall, open to faculty and students, was created this summer. Although the lot wasn't paved Friday, it was open for use.

The lot should be paved this weekend, Drugmand said.

Campus security began towing cars Wednesday, and mainly cars parked on

the grass around the loop and those parked in front of dumpsters are being towed.

Drugmand said campus security is "presently trying to move cars to maintain traffic flow."

Jr's Wrecker Service, which has a contract with the university, charges towing fees of \$32.50 from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. and \$38.50 from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.

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We are also now taking applications for the salaried position of Photography Editor. For more information contact Jackie Solomon, Ken Salter, or Tanja Forte at ext. 2478.

Sixty percent vote to unionize

Maintenance workers to legalize

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

MTSU maintenance workers plan to meet with an attorney Tuesday night in the final step of legalizing a local union.

At 60 percent, worker support has surpassed the legal 51 percent needed to establish a union.

Since May, administrators and employees have been in labor disputes over recommendations from a professional efficiency report. Twenty-five employees were laid off as a result of the recommendations. While administrators maintained that workers were informed of the report, workers said they had little or no knowledge of the recommendations.

The officers for the proposed MTSU Employees Local Union are as follows: Eddie Richardson, president; Dallas Rankins, vice-president; Linda Blackman, secretary; Sylvia Batts, Treasurer and Kenneth Buggs, public relations.

"In my opinion, they [MTSU administrators] did not want it [the union]," Richardson said.

"We will let what we have stand at this time," he said.

"It's a free country," MTSU President Sam Ingram said. "If they would be happier, that's fine."

Physical Plant Director Bill Smotherman offered no opinion concerning the pending unionization of maintenance workers, except to say that he would be glad to meet with representatives of the group at anytime.

Richardson voiced concern over the current promotion policy.

"We have not had the opportunity to enjoy any [available] promotions...every time we were turned down," Richardson said.

"People were led to believe that they had received the job, when the university had hired someone from the outside," he said.

Ingram and Smotherman had said earlier this summer that available positions were not contingent upon seniority, but to those best qualified to fill those positions.

In addition, Ingram said Friday union membership as well would not guarantee a promotion.

"If their expectations are unrealistic, joining a union will not help them solve their problems," he said.

In August, Blackman wrote letters to Governor McWherter, Senator Jim Sasser and Congressman Bart Gordon asking for support of the union. Both McWherter and Sasser responded by letter stating that MTSU President Sam Ingram and Physical Plant Director Bill Smotherman were making efforts to improve employee relations.

Gordon's response was the same, except for the following statement, "Dr. Ingram informs me that he has no plans to replace current maintenance employees with contract labor."

Maintenance employees are currently dissatisfied with the procedure that was taken in signing and receiving the MTSU Classified Employee Handbook.

"Employees were under the impression that we were signing only to receive the handbook. We later found out that we were agreeing to be governed by policies we knew nothing about," reads a statement in a printed information sheet provided to *Sidelines* by a member of the proposed union.

"Even employees that could not read were told to sign without knowing what they were signing for," the information sheet continued.

Ingram labeled the complaint as "petty little stuff."

"This is the type we could sit down and talk about and avoid," he said.

Ingram also said employees were not forced to sign an Acknowledgement of Receipt Classified Employee Handbook. The measure was taken, he said, to insure employees did indeed receive the handbook and familiarize themselves with campus policy.

"It was to keep the administration and the university free from accusations that we hide the policies from them [the workers]," Ingram said.

The meeting will take place Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Allen Chapel AME Church located at 224 S. Maney St.

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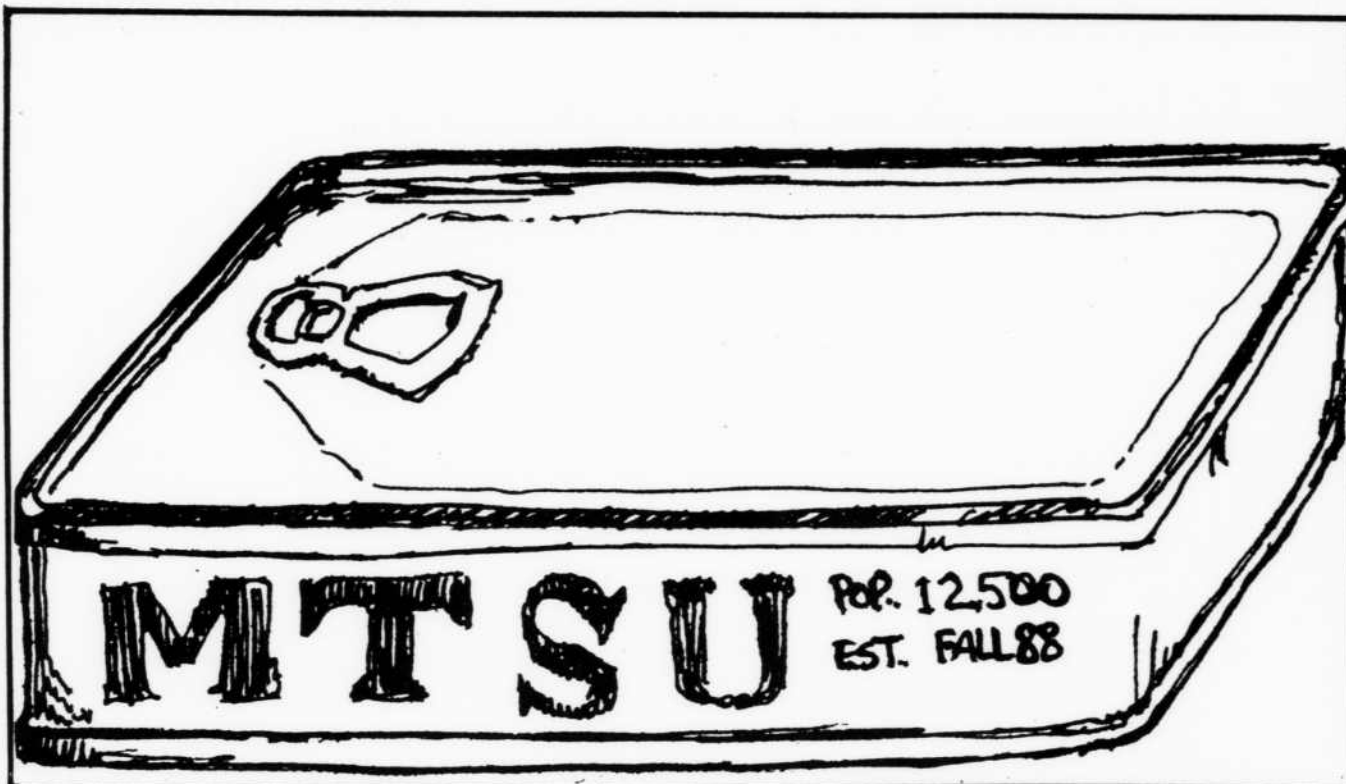


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EDITORIAL



MTSU grows, campus doesn't

In keeping the ongoing trend, MTSU's fall enrollment rose again this year. When the red tape settles there will likely be 13,000 warm bodies roving the campus every week.

As usual the admissions office went beserk with glee, happily announcing that they had beat their old attendance record by 12 percent or thereabouts.

Why is there so much pressure to raise enrollment? The folks in and around admissions seem more interested in punching up the body count than certain American generals in Vietnam.

Sure, MTSU gets more recognition for having more people laying around, but recognition for what? If the university just wants to trumpet its size, we should just convert to a correspondence school and send out entry blanks to every mailing address in the country.

If only the head honchos that run this place would be as enthusiastic about telling us how many of us 13,000 students-to-be drop out, then we would *really* know how much the university is growing.

MTSU grows but the campus does not.

Take the traffic problem, for example. Drivers get upset because there are too many pedestrians to weave around. Pedestrians get miffed because there are too many cars for them to dodge.

And then there's ye olde Parking Problem. According to the "Public Eye," the school's public relations bulletin, the 57 parking spaces that students lost to faculty were "reassigned." Yeah, reassigned to the outer reaches of town, not too far from the little signs that tell everyone they are entering the city limits.

If the school was adequately prepared for the influx of new students, the congestion might be more acceptable. Wishful thinking.

These are minor gripes, more or less, but the problems will grow much faster than the university ever could.

Readers gauge success of paper

BY M.A. BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

As surely as the sun rises each morning, semesters begin and *Sidelines* editors come and go.

Each editor has a different opinion of the purpose of the paper and attempts to put a little of his or her own unique aspects into it.

When the Student Publications Committee chooses an editor, they hand this person the responsibility of providing MTSU with a top-notch newspaper.

This is a responsibility which neither I nor any of my predecessors have taken lightly.

Immediately upon my selection as editor, I set out to assemble a staff of people who were dedicated to the task of making the fall 1988 edition of *Sidelines* the best this campus has ever seen. I feel that I have done this.

Our photo editor, Wayne Cartwright, and his staff are probably the most experienced group of photojournalists ever put together at this paper. Our readers should look forward to visual touches these photographers will add to *Sidelines*.

Lisa Newton will be returning as head of the news section after producing an excellent section over the summer. Lisa is an editor with a fine eye for news, and with the usual hectic fall schedule, the news section should be very strong.

The editorial section will be run by this summer's enter-

tainment editor, Doug Stults. Doug brings to this section an unusually strong sense of important issues, a biting wit and a vocabulary that rivals William F. Buckley, Jr. in its scope. As you know, MTSU is filled with varying opinions, and our editorial section will be a true forum for them all this semester.

Our biggest change for the fall will be in the lifestyles section. In the past, this section has been known as entertainment, but this time out we have decided to open the scope of the section a little to include more features on the culture in which we live. We want to provide our readers with a taste of everything — greek activities, the campus arts and other snippets of life in Middle Tennessee.

In order to achieve this goal we brought in two new staffers, Gary Buchanan and Marla Cartwright, as lifestyles editor and assistant editor, respectively. As a team, they bring a wide range of interests and a great deal of enthusiasm to this section.

Jackie Solomon, our publications coordinator, has also put together production and ad staffs which are hard to beat.

However, the ultimate decision on the success or failure of this paper lies in the hands of our readers. If you feel that *Sidelines* has failed in any way, then we have. But let me assure you, we have no intention of failing in our task.

Amnesty Int'l needs you

By RON BOMBARDI
Guest Columnist

It is not uncommon, during the first days of a new semester, before the agreements we made at registration have made many real demands on our intellectual energies, for students and faculty alike to reflect on broad ideas — the idea of the university itself often being chief among them.

Such reflections sometimes focus on those elements of a university education which do not appear in specific syllabi, which are uncatalogued in the curriculum, and about which the bookstore carries no required titles. Perhaps we come to wonder how simply living in the environment of a university — with its varied schools, its specialized courses, its opportunities for conceptual growth and personal fulfillment — tends to liberate us from our parochial interests and somehow connect us with people we have never met throughout the world.

That feeling of connection, however vital to the spirit of a university, is fragile; unsustained, it easily withers among the minutiae of our daily academic and social concerns. How shall we sustain it in the weeks and months ahead?

For those of us whose sense of connection with the world includes an awareness of

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the urgent need for effective international protection of fundamental human rights, one means of sustaining our universal connectedness with other human beings is to contribute to the ongoing work of Amnesty International.

There is a local chapter of Amnesty International here at MTSU, and, as in all local chapters, its members are committed to the fundamental belief that the only presently workable machinery for an effective, international protection of human rights is the force of awakened world opinion.

Amnesty International was founded in 1961: the organization grew from an appeal sponsored by British lawyer Peter Benenson to organize practical help for people imprisoned for their political and religious beliefs or because of racial or linguistic prejudice. Within a month of the publication of his appeal, Benenson had received over a thousand offers of support to collect information on cases, to publicize them and approach governments. Within five months, representatives from five countries had established the beginnings of an international movement.

With more than 100,000 members in 78 countries, Amnesty International now handles over 5,000 cases of human rights violations each year regardless of the ideology of either the victims or the governments concerned.

In 1977 Amnesty International was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to promote global observances of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Within the broad spectrum of human rights work Amnesty International plays a very specific role. It is worldwide, voluntary, and entirely independent of any government, political faction or religious creed. It works primarily for the release of "prisoners of conscience" — men and women imprisoned anywhere for their beliefs, color, language, ethnic origin or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence.

Furthermore, Amnesty International opposes torture and the death penalty in all cases and without reservation.

The great attraction of Amnesty International's approach has been to promote the implementation of universal principles not only at the level of governments and international organizations, but through the concerted action of committed individuals in small local groups — working for the release of prisoners of conscience, for the protection of their families from hardship and for improved international standards in the treatment of prisoners and detainees.

The local chapter of Amnesty International here at MTSU was founded in the spring of 1986.

After achieving status as an active University Organization, the group initiated its participation in Amnesty International's Urgent Action Network — a fully international structure designed to intervene rapidly in cases of torture, threat of execution, deteriorating health conditions and impending trial without due process.

Writing letters in response to Urgent Action appeals has been one of the MTSU chapter's most rewarding activities.

In addition to its letter-writing campaigns, the group has circulated a variety of petitions calling for an end to human rights abuses in other countries (it should be noted that Amnesty International helps to maintain its strict political impartiality by restricting members from working on cases within their own nation.)

With the generous support of a number of area bands, the MTSU chapter has also promoted two benefit concerts since its inception.

Amnesty International: MTSU will be holding a semester initiation and organizational meeting in the Grill (northeast corner) on Tuesday evening, September 20th: all interested students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to become more involved in the group's activities can also contact the following people: Margo Conley (895-6718) or Jim Veale (893-3812).

Ron Bombardi, an associate professor in the philosophy department, is the faculty adviser for the MTSU chapter of Amnesty International.

How to tell geeks from greeks

By G. HUNTER BROWN
Staff Columnist

Returning to MTSU is tough. Leaving a life of leisure or the financial rewards of summer employment in exchange for hours of studying inane material appeals to few.

Yet, we know what to expect. What of the freshmen, the transfers and the returning students? These are the brave thrusting themselves into a beauracracy rivaled only by the U.S. government.

Armed with only a day or two of an orientation procedure reminiscent of a summer camp for fourth graders, they are expected to be acclimated to campus life (and able to spell Murfreesboro).

Knowing just how insurmountable the odds are against them (and well aware of the dangers associated with a first week of school faux pas) the following is offered as a guideline for spotting and identifying certain campus social orders.

Granted stereotyping is dangerous, but I believe the gravity of the situation warrants it. If this article saves one freshman from asking a sorority president if she has the

new Butthole Surfers album, who could find fault with it.

Football players: Dress to expose lots of flesh, rarely show up to class, only thing larger than their biceps are their egos.

Freshmen: Wander around campus aimlessly, look confused, show up late to class, dressed by their mother.

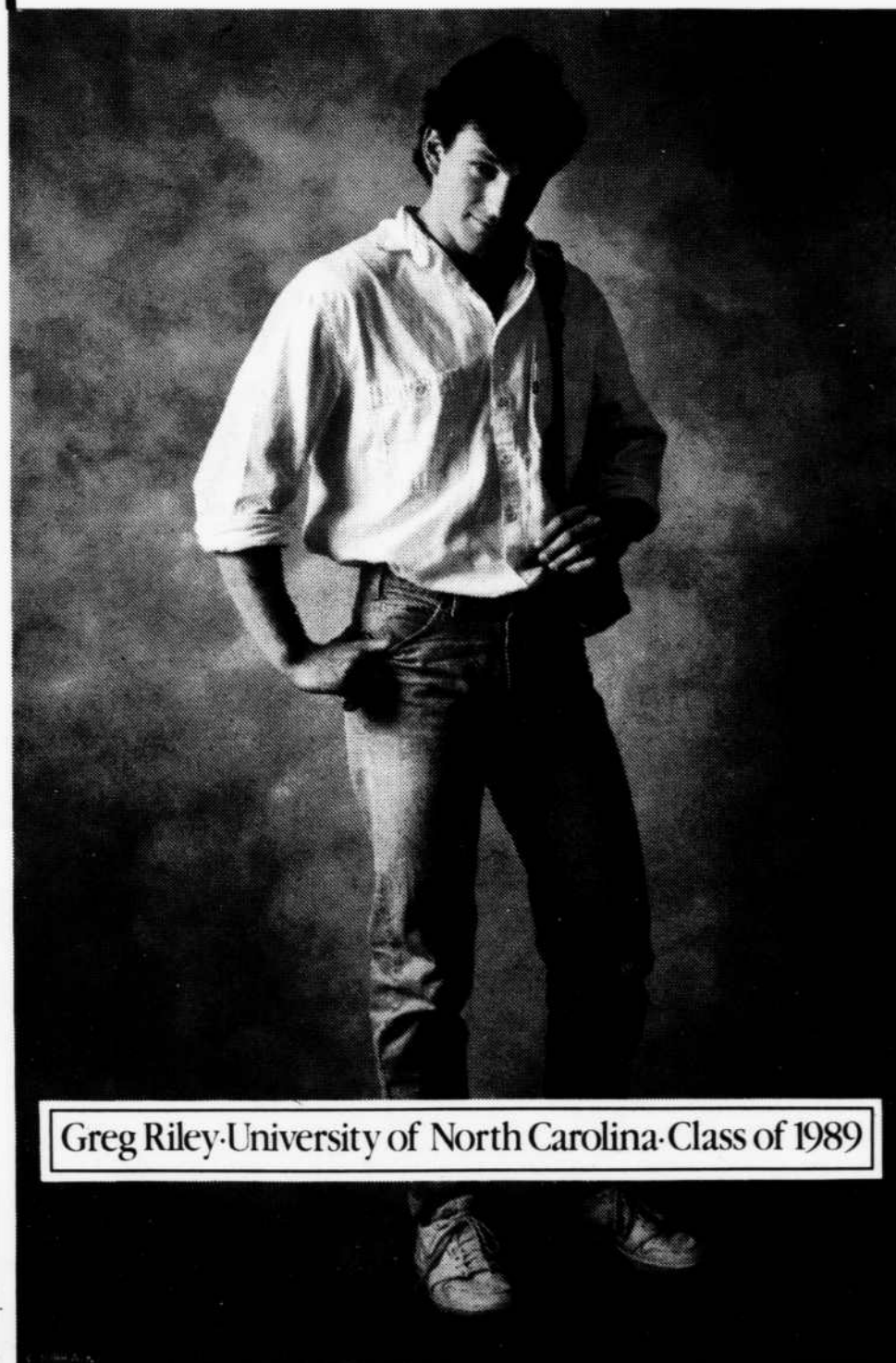
Basketball Players: (don't worry about it, they won't be here till next semester).

Professors: Wander around campus aimlessly, confused look on face, show up late to class, dressed by their mother.

Greeks: Put limes in beer, drive Suzuki Samurai, dress silly (but consistently), monopolize grill tables during peak chow hours (while not publicly endorsing the use of illegal drugs, they would love to find a dealer that takes American Express).

RIM majors: Big hair, big earrings, big egos, show up early for class (eg. Monday at 1:00 for a 2:40, Tuesday class), wear tattered clothing, ask lots of questions, publicly endorse the use of illegal drugs (yet would gladly exchange them for just one night with an American Express card).

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SPORTS

First OVC test of 1988**Raiders prepare for TSU***From Staff Reports*

When MTSU opens the 1988 football season against Tennessee State in Vanderbilt Stadium Saturday night, it will mark the first time since 1981 and only the second time in the past 35 years that the Blue Raiders have ushered in a new season with a conference game.

It isn't that the Raiders haven't been facing the TSU Tigers. In fact, MTSU has opened the season against TSU eight times in the past 16 years.

But Tennessee State joined the Ohio Valley Conference just last year and this is the first season the Tigers have contended for the OVC football title.

"I have a lot of misgivings — or maybe I should call them mixed emotions — about playing an OVC game the first crack out of the box," Blue Raider head

coach Boots Donnelly said.

"The TSU opener has been good, for the most part, because it brings a lot of media attention and has grown into something of a traditional rivalry in a hurry," he continued. "But the fact that you risk a conference loss before you even know what kind of team you have makes it sort of scary."

"TSU runs the same kind of risk, of course, but it could put one of us at a disadvantage, as far as the rest of the league is concerned."

The schedule bears out Donnelly's view. Each of the other five OVC teams will have at least three non-conference games behind them before having to face their first league opponent.

The first OVC games after the MTSU-TSU clash will not be played until Oct. 1, when TSU takes on Eastern Kentucky at Richmond

and Tennessee Tech plays at Murray State.

The Blue Raiders ended two-a-day drills with the beginning of classes Friday.

"Expect for what has happened in past years," Donnelly said. "We don't know much about what to expect from TSU and I guess they're the same way in trying to prepare for us. About all you can do in a season opener is try to do what you plan to do to the best of your ability and hope that takes care of what your opponent throws at you."

"Most often, the team that makes the fewest mistakes wins. Maybe that's even more the case in the first game of a season."

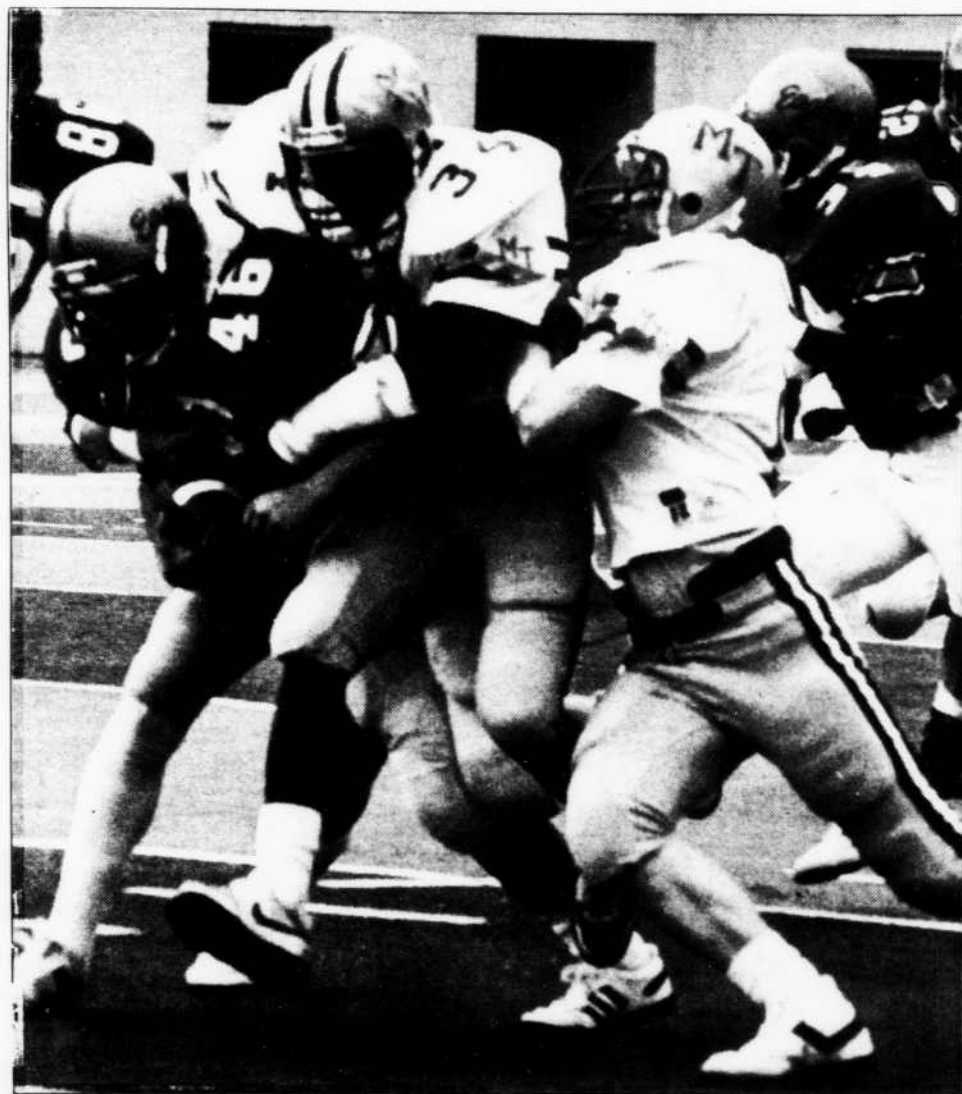
Tickets for the game are available at Room 309 Keathley University Center and the ticket office in the northeast corner of Murphy Center.



Frank Conley●Staff

Straining for yardage...

An unidentified MTSU footballer struggles for an extra yard during a recent scrimmage. The Blue Raiders have been preparing for their season opener against OVC opponent TSU Saturday at Vanderbilt.



Wayne Cartwright●Staff

Rope that doggie...

The MTSU defense, shown above in action last year against Morehead State, will play a big part in the Blue Raiders hopes of returning the OVC football crown to Murfreesboro. Coach Boots Donnelly and his squad will open their season against OVC foe Tennessee State Saturday at Vandy.

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Attendance for Celebration still high

From Staff Reports
SHELBYVILLE, TN — Over 30,000 fans attended the first 3 nights of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, dispelling the fears of some that the industry's recent

battles with the United States Department of Agriculture would effect the success of the event.

A crowd in excess of 5,000 attended the first night of the show Thursday. More than 7,000 attended

Friday, and an estimated crowd of 18,000 was on hand Saturday night.

Dandy Don took top honors in the Owner-Amateur Junior Riders on Walking Geldings, Riders 11 Years and Under class

for the third straight year Friday.

Dandy Don, owned by Alicia and Bryan Blackmon of Rayle, Ga., was ridden to the blue ribbon by John Allan Callaway, also of Rayle.

In the 2-Year-Old Walking Geldings class, heavy favorite Coy, ridden by Ronnie Spears of Tullahoma, took top honors.

Saturday's crowd got an early surprise when Flashy Pride entered the show—ring in the Walking Stallion, Over 15.2 hands class.

The horse, ridden by renowned trainer Bud Seaton, had been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Art Barnes of Chickamauga, Ga. and they had planned on Vicki Self showing the sorrell stallion.

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) received a standing ovation from Saturday night's crowd for his work in obtaining a compromise with the USDA over the proper training methods for the show horses.

The pride of Tennessee...



Frank Conley ● Staff

These photos show action from this year's International Horse Show held at the MTSU Pavilion recently. The show was a preparatory exhibition for the National Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration held in Shelbyville this week.

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Now listen to me...

Diane Cummings, shown above in action last season, will be leaving the Lady Raiders volleyball team to become a full-time assistant coach with the Lady Raiders basketball squad. She will be replaced at the volleyball helm by former Trevecca coach Jim Luna.

OVC Athletes of Year chosen

From Staff Reports

NASHVILLE, TN — Basketball standout Jeff Martin of Murray State and track All-American Jackie Humphrey of Eastern Kentucky were chosen 1987-88 Ohio Valley Conference Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Voting was conducted among the conference's eight athletic directors.

Martin, a 6-5 junior from Cherry Valley, Ark., led Murray State to one of its most successful basketball seasons in the school's history.

Martin was second in the OVC in scoring with a 26 points per game average.

He led the Racers to the league regular season championship with a 13-1 record.

He was named Most Valuable Player of the OVC men's Basketball Tournament which was also won by the Racers.

The junior topped all MSU scorers in the NCAA Tournament upset of North Carolina State and the Racers loss to eventual national champion Kansas.

Martin's closest competition came from Eastern Kentucky football player Aaron Jones and Youngstown State's All-OVC quarterback Trenton Lykes. Martin tallied 51

points to 44 points for Jones and 37 points for Lykes.

Second-team academic All-America and football player Todd Jackson was MTSU's highest finisher in the male vote with 22 points.

Humphrey, a senior from Jacksonville, N.C., earned All-America honors at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track Championships in the hurdles, placing among the top six finishers in the hurdles competition at both championships.

Academic All-America and MTSU basketball Lianne Beck finished fourth with 33 votes.

Cummings quits volleyball

By KEN SALTER
Staff Writer

After six years at the helm of the Middle Tennessee State University Lady Raiders volleyball team, Diane Cummings has resigned to become a full-time assistant for the women's basketball team.

Cummings, who posted a record of 71-97 as the Lady Raiders' coach, said she had mixed feelings about leaving the team.

"It's hard to leave because I recruited all of the girls, but hiring someone to just coach volleyball is a great move for the program

in the long run," she said.

Cummings' replacement as volleyball coach will be Jim Luna.

Luna's previous positions include being head coach of Trevecca College's volleyball squad.

In addition to coaching at Trevecca, Luna also spent three and one-half years as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for the city of McMinnville and seven years as supervisor of recreation facilities and programs in the U.S. Air Force.

"We're very glad to have found someone of Jim's character and ability to han-

dle our women's volleyball program," MTSU athletic director John Stanford said.

Cummings has served as an assistant basketball coach with the Lady Raiders for several years, including her stint last year as assistant to head coach Lewis Bivens.

"Diane has done an outstanding job in the past," Stanford said. "Her basketball duties, though, have become increasingly demanding in terms of time and we feel we're making a move in the right direction."

The MTSU Bowling Team will be holding tryouts for the 1988-89 team starting Wednesday Sept. 31, 8 p.m. at Murfreesboro Lanes. Men and Women of all ages invited.

For more information contact Kelly Marlin at 896-4512 or Ken Salter 895-3289.

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LIFESTYLES

New students taste college life

By MARLA
CARTWRIGHT

Assistant Lifestyles Editor
New Student Week, Aug. 22-27, started freshmen and returning students out right with the theme "The Color of Success."

Included were special events, group activities and avid audience participation designed to create an enthusiastic college community spirit.

The celebration began on the steps of Kirksey Old Main Monday night with the Nashville band, "The Wizard of Boz." They rocked students with their renditions of popular cover songs like "Fishnet," along with Robert Palmer and Prince tunes.

Although Tuesday began with orientation and advisement, the afternoon was more relaxed with a casual dinner at the High Rise Patio.

And who says children's games are just for kids? Entertainment with Bob Schaffer, "Mr. Simon Sez," proved that anyone with imagination can enjoy

themselves.

Later that night comedian Tom DeLucca entertained and amazed students in the Tucker Theater. His act was split in two performances, comedy and "imaginationism."

DeLucca began by stirring up the audience, commenting on home states and majors. He then proceeded to successfully predict the sum of three numbers.

First, DeLucca handed a young man on the front row a sealed manila envelope. Then he passed a pad around and asked the audience to write down a number.

Each number was contributed by a different member of the audience. Also, the sum, 1,843, was computed by an audience member to ensure credibility. He then asked the young man to open the envelope. The totals matched.

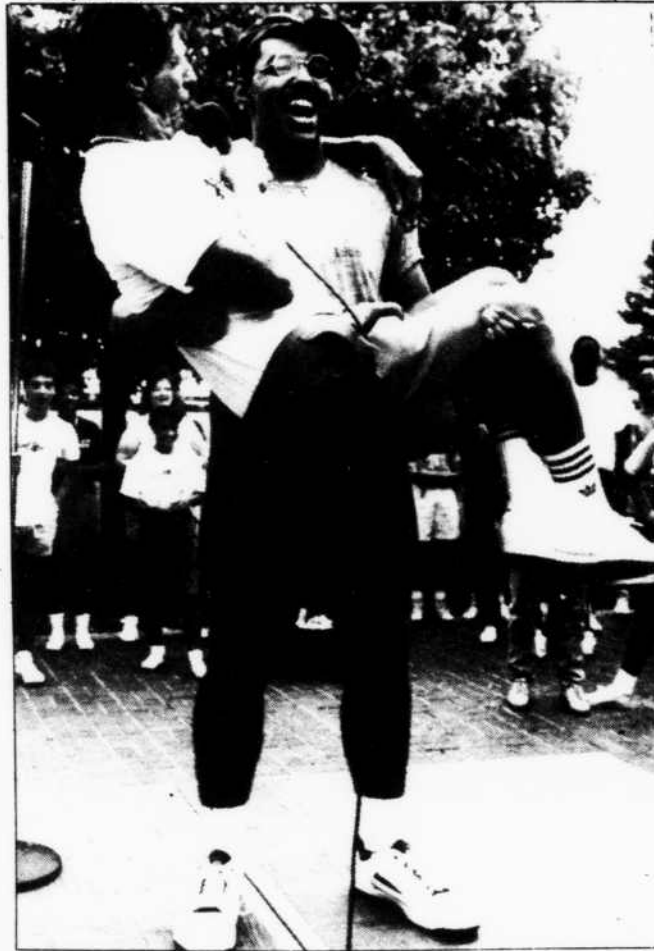
DeLucca dispelled the audience silence by joking about what a "swatch guard" does.

"Why do you wear one? Do you expect it to deflect

bullets or something?" asked DeLucca.

However, DeLucca's

most impressive performance came in the second act, the hypnotism.



Michael Johnson/Staff

Bob Schaffer, "Mr. Simon Says," gets a helping hand from Orlando Martin, a freshman from Nashville.

He took volunteers from the audience, reassuring them that he holds both a B.A. and a M.A. degree in psychology. After getting them to relax and breathe deeply with feet flat on the floor, DeLucca took them into a trance.

Audience skepticism turned to audience belief as he convinced his volunteers that they were hot, cold, enjoying a vacation, seeing mice, young children again, and seeing the audience nude with X-ray vision.

When DeLucca pulled them out of the trance, none of the participants thought they had been hypnotized. They all thought they had been onstage for a short time, although in actuality they had been onstage for nearly two hours.

Wednesday's activities began with registration from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Later, a dynamic stage show at Tucker Theater by "1964 . . . as The Beatles" provided a tour down memory lane. The band performed early Beatles class-

ics, complete with authentic costuming, mannerisms and accents.

Although audience participation was a little subdued at the onset, during "Twist and Shout", everyone got loose and danced in the aisle. And they kept it up for the rest of the show.

Thursday's activities included watermelon cutting sponsored by university housing. A student talent show at Tucker Theater provided entertainment later that night. The show included solo singers, a comedian, an interpretive actress, a dance duo and several instrumental performers.

First place went to Kim Jordan of Chattanooga who sang Anita Baker's "Sweet Love," second place to Michelle Pearson of Mt. Juliet for her interpretation of the gospel song "Doubly Good to You" and third place went to Jackie Biggerstaff of Chattanooga for her performance of Micky Howard's "Imagination".

"Attraction" heads up fall films

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Have you seen any good movies lately?

The MTSU Student Programming Committee is serving up a bevy of fine entertainment for the fall film series at the Keathly University Center Cinema.

The first of these films is the 1987 blockbuster "Fatal Attraction," which stars Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, and is directed by Adrian Lyne. Lyne, known for such steamy films as "Flashdance" and "9 1/2 Weeks," holds nothing back as he chronicles the adulterous fling between Douglas and Close that ends in tragedy.

Douglas stars as Dan Gallagher, a yuppieified New York lawyer, who has a weekend fling stand with Alex Forrest, a disturbed book editor played by Close. When Dan's wife, played by the lovely Anne

Archer, returns to town, he would like to forget the entire affair. Not so, says Alex, as she protests Dan's attempt to "love 'em and leave 'em."

She begins to badger Dan with phone calls, visits to his wife and coming to his office. The plot thickens when Alex discovers she is pregnant, and wants Dan to "carry out his obligation," while her obsession of him continues to grow.

When Dan attempts to shut her out of his life completely by not returning her calls and changing his phone number, Alex takes more drastic measures by vandalizing his Volvo, kidnapping his daughter, and making her version of "rabbit stew" out of the family pet. It is at this point that we see this sympathetic woman turn into a complete psychopath in her attempt to be with Dan.

This obsession continues to grow until it climaxes

with a cliffhanger ending guaranteed to make you jump out of your seat.

"Fatal Attraction" is filled with some fine acting, including a stellar performance by Close, playing the femme fatale who longs for more than just a one-night stand.

It is refreshing to see Close play this type of role, which is a far cry from the conservative lawyer in "Jagged Edge," or the Robert Redford's love interest in "The Natural." For her performance, Close was nominated for an Academy Award.

"Fatal Attraction" runs at the Cinema located in the KUC Monday and Tuesday, with shows at 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Admission for the shows are \$1.00, \$1.50, and \$2.00 respectively.

So, treat yourself to some good entertainment this fall, right here on the MTSU campus.

Campus Corner

An exhibit of new works by artists Jane Dillon, Janet Higgins and Marisa Recchia will open at The Barn Gallery/88 on Monday, Aug. 29 and run through Sept. 29. An opening reception will be held on the 29th from 4 to 6 p.m.

MTSU Films Committee Fall 1988 Schedule

August 29, 30 Fatal Attraction — R
August 31, September 1 Good Morning Vietnam — R
September 7, 8 The Running Man — R
September 12, 13 Pink Floyd, The Wall — R
September 14, 15 Wall Street — R
September 19, 20 Planes, Trains and Automobiles
September 21, 22 Throw Momma From the Train — R
September 26, 27 Moonstruck — PG
September 28, 29 Overboard — PG
October 3, 4 Eddie Murphy Raw — R
October 5, 6 Wise Guys — R
October 10, 11 Crimes of Passion — R
October 12, 13 Full Metal Jacket — R
October 17, 18 Blue Velvet — R
October 19, 20 Broadcast News — R
October 26, 27 Flowers in the Attic — R
November 2, 3 TBA
November 9, 10 Hellraiser — R
November 16, 17 TBA



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Champion Mike Swearington displays expert form during Nashville's Longhorn Rodeo held Aug. 12-14 at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium.

Rodeos — home in the arena

By MARLA CARTWRIGHT

Assistant Lifestyles Editor

[Editor's note: The following article deals with the Longhorn National Rodeo held Aug. 12-14 at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium.]

Flying dirt kicked up from the heels of an angry, raging animal accompany cheers from an onlooking crowd.

They watch a lone man hold onto dear life with one hand clutching a single rope. The only things to guide him are years of experience and intuition.

Over 60 percent of the spectators choose bull riding as their favorite competition. Although this event has been voted the most dangerous sporting event in America by the nation's sportswriters, it continues to draw more contestants than any other.

What goes into making an action-packed but safe rodeo? J.C. Casey knows.

She's responsible for organizing the Longhorn Rodeo in Nashville along

with Bruce Lehrke, Longhorn Rodeo president.

Set-up time normally takes two days to hang banners, assemble chutes and pour enough dirt onto the floor of Municipal Auditorium to create an 8 inch surface.

Organization is also essential to the business end. In addition to the \$1,000 guarantee, each contestant pays an entry fee of \$60. Therefore, the more entrants, the higher the purse for the winner.

Another crowd-pleasing event of the rodeo is the barrel racing which is open to women only. However, all other events are open to both men and women.

Charla Hartness, who has been around horses since she was 5 years old, is now competing in the barrel racing. Looking at her past record, Charla is a consistent, good performer.

Charla travels all over the U.S., competing in 80-100 rodeos per year.

One of the disadvantages of traveling so extensively is expenses. The best way to

solve that problem, Charla says, is to buy a camper rather than rent hotel rooms and travel with other competitors to split costs.

In addition to expenses, another disadvantage of rodeo life is the danger of injury.

Mike Swearington, former national champion, specializes in bull riding. He has been competing for 17 years, including 8 years of professional competition.

Swearington has suffered numerous injuries from bull riding including a broken ankle, 9 broken ribs, dislocated shoulders, and numerous pulled muscles.

The only real safety measures for any rodeo rider in the ring are the pick-up men and the clowns.

Although the clowns provide entertainment, they are usually ex-riders whose main responsibility is to distract the bull.

This allows the cowboy returns to safety after either successfully completing a ride or being thrown.

"Nightmare 4" a bad dream

By DEREK WHITTAKER
Staff Writer

A foreboding old house, a helpless teenager and a deranged lunatic are the timeless elements used in countless slasher films.

However, Wes Craven's "Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984) turned the tables on us. A maniacal Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) terrorized the children of Elm Street, killing them through their dreams.

Neat concept, huh? So neat, in fact, that Freddy returned in parts 2, 3 and now in "Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master."

With "Elm Street 4," I found myself not so much terrified as I was amazed at the special effects. But, it's not what the package looks like, it's what's inside it that counts, right?

This chapter in the continuing saga begins where part 3 left off. Kristen (Tuesday Knight), one of the surviving Dream Warriors of part 3, is once again battling nightmares haunted by the ghoulish Krueger.

Kristen warns her friends, including a repressed young student named Alice (Lisa Wilcox), that Freddy is back with a vengeance.

Naturally, no one be-



lieves Kristen until one by one, she and various other teens are brutally slaughtered, but not before Kristen can recruit Alice for help in the unconscious.

Alice begins to dream of Freddy, and she unwittingly pulls her friends into her dream world.

"How sweet, fresh meat!" Freddy snarls as he murders them.

Thus begin the adventures of Alice in Slumberland.

Without the directorial or writing talents of Craven, the film fails in its true purpose.

It stupifies the viewer with countless bizarre, hellish nightmares. It amazes with its almost flawless special effects. It even amuses us with a wisecracking Freddy quipping a quick pun prior to slashing a teen.

What the film lacks, however, is the ability to scare.

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Beatles music lives in '80s band

By MARLA
CARTWRIGHT
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

"We're awfully glad to be here tonight," a young voice in a Cockney accent says to an excited crowd at Tucker Theater.

Wearing their dark suits and shaking their long straight hair, these four performers are strongly reminiscent of a famous group from Liverpool. How could anyone not enjoy a performance this authentic? Also, the music itself is sure to please. After all, this is music which indelibly changed a generation.

How did these four men of the band '1964... as the Beatles' get together? They not only resemble the Beatles but also play, sing and speak like the Fab Four.

According to Mark Benson who performed as John Lennon, the four met and formed a band to play original songs.

However the lack of audience reaction and several disappointments in getting a recording contract forced them to consider a new direction.

That new direction was the Beatles.

Benson says they feel the Beatles had an enormous impact on music and the lifestyles of the 60's generation. The overwhelming reaction of Wednesday night's crowd is a testament to the band's generation-spanning popularity.

How do these four men successfully carry off a believable imitation of a band so widely known?

Benson explains they study old video and audio tapes to recreate authentic inflections and English phrasing.

Why did they choose a name like '1964... as the

Beatles'? Benson says they chose 1964 because it marked the Beatles' first visit to the United States.

Although their format is now early Beatles, the band is working on a new show which highlights the Sgt. Pepper's period.

They plan to use college orchestras to attract classical music lovers.



Shake it up, baby...

ABOVE: Paul (Gary Grimes) and John (Mark Benson) team up their vocal talents during their performance Wednesday. LEFT: Paul and John are joined by George (Bob Miller) and Ringo (Greg George).


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LEFT: Frustration sets in as Stacye Langston, a junior, works out her class schedule. ABOVE: Glen and Wanda Taylor lend a helping hand to their daughter Tammy Lyle as she moves on-campus this fall. BELOW: Murphy Center, the calm before the storm, was the site of MTSU's record enrollment of over 12,000.



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New students experience MTSU



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ABOVE: Hypnotist Tom DeLuca performs for freshmen and returning students at Tucker Theater. RIGHT: Volunteers for DeLuca's hypnosis session experience intense emotion as he tells them they feel the temperature drop to "freezing."



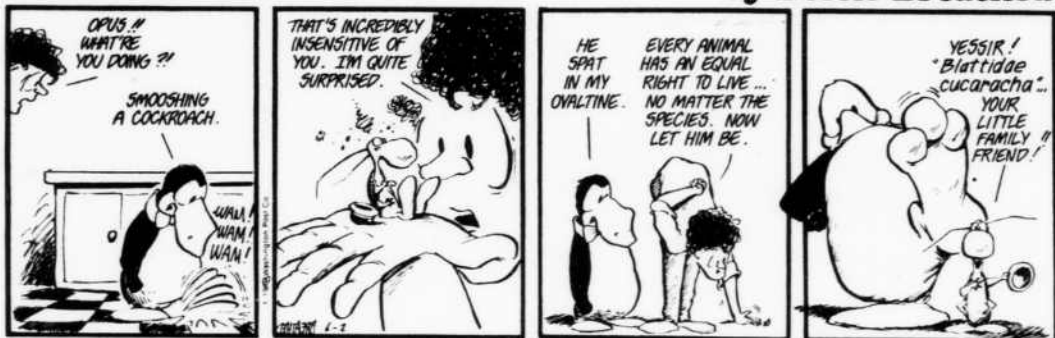
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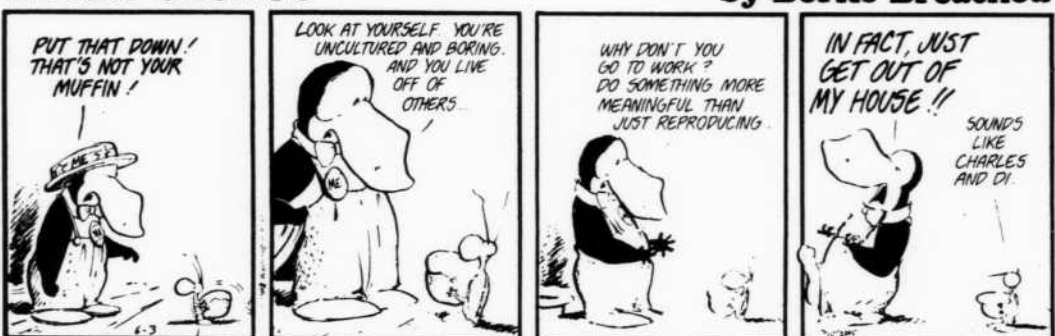
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Editor's note:

As a new twist to the usual *Sidelines* content, we will be running a comics and crossword puzzle page in each issue this fall. This page will consist of three original strips by campus cartoonists along with usual number of "Bloom County" strips.

Unfortunately, our crossword puzzles have yet to arrive. However, we will begin running them as soon as we have them. So, all you crossword fans can wait with bated breath.

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