

# SIDELINES

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**STANDING UP.** Daphne Young and the women of Rutledge Hall march to the home of President Walker during Tuesday night's protest. Nancy Aiken, the second floor RA, waits outside the meeting after being relieved of her position (right).

## Rutledge residents protest new hall director's actions

**TINA HARVEY**  
Staff Writer

A meeting between Rutledge Hall residents and the Director of Housing culminated in a march to President Walker's doorstep Tuesday night.

Around midnight, approximately 92 outraged women congregated in the Rutledge Hall lobby to express their complaints about Rutledge Hall Director, Cheryl Cooley.

The dorm residents demanded a meeting with the Director of Housing to defend their RA's against what they feel is an unfair hall director.

"We only have three RA's, and two of them are moving out as we speak," said Tammy Lace, Rutledge resident.

"I think they are being asked to leave because they listened to our complaints about Cheryl and tried to do something about it," she said.

Nancy Aiken, a resident assistant, said she believes that a RA's job is to hear

complaints and then act as mediator between them and superiors within the housing department.

"When Cheryl found out people were complaining about her, I think she thought the RA's instigated the problem," said Aiken.

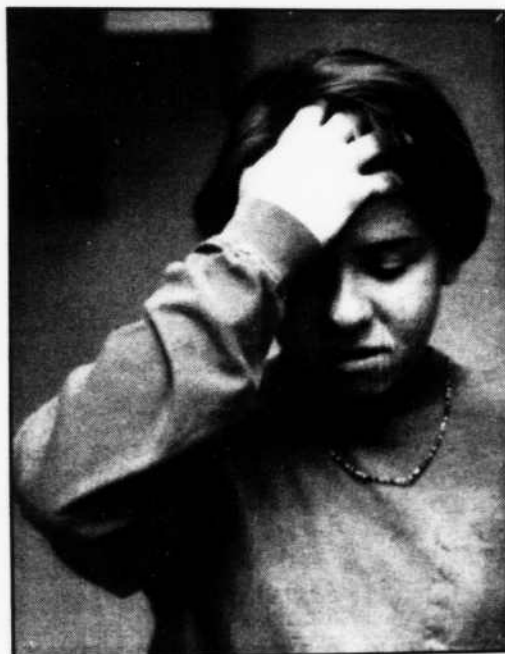
Some residents are accusing Cooley of breaking very serious rules.

"We couldn't find her for one hour and a half one day when she was supposed to be working," said Jennifer Carr, a dorm resident. "Even security was looking for her," Carr said.

"When I came back to my dorm room Monday from visiting my hometown for the weekend, my door was unlocked," said Lace.

"Cheryl told me she went in to shut my window. However, my window was still open and my alarm clock had been broken," Lace said.

"I've even seen Cheryl with her ear up against a girl's door-eavesdropping," said Amy Gross.



J.A. Hinton/Staff

This is Cooley's first semester to serve as Hall Director on campus, and she has had approximately 21 complaints filed against her.

When questioned regarding the situation, Cooley declined to comment.

Other troublesome incidents contributing to the complaints made against Cooley include the presence of her son in the dorm.

One resident said she went out with Cooley's son but after they broke up he

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## SGA strikes deal with Chamber of Commerce

**CORRIE CRON**

Assistant News Editor

Starting this spring students will be able to use their IDs to receive discounts at local businesses as part of "MTSU: Blue", a joint program of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and the Student Government Association.

"The university produces roughly \$250 million for the community," said Woody Ratterman, president of the SGA. "I feel the community owes the students something for that."

The "MTSU: Blue" program is one of many the University Relations Committee, a new committee in the Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring to encourage the community to become more involved in campus events.

The committee hosted a "Rally in the Alley" back in August where members of the community were encouraged to buy season tickets to Raider home games and attend other events.

"Our idea is to forge a strong town-and-gown relationship," said Ralph Vaughn, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. "We're doing this as a service to the community and to the students."

In January, students will receive a published list of businesses that offer a discount on their products and/or services. In addition, the "MTSU: Blue" decal in store windows or at cash registers indicates a participating merchandiser. Just showing their ID grants students, faculty and staff a 10-20 percent discount.

Using ID's eliminates the cost of printing extra cards for students to use. The Chamber is presently surveying businesses in hope they will be willing to give a discount.

The program is seen as a good merchandising opportunity for local business since those that

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**Charles Hogue/Staff**  
**SIGNS OF THE SEASON.** Rabon Brandon takes care of the extra leaves, which cover the campus grounds Tuesday.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sidelines wishes to thank Le Datta Grimes for a job well done as News Editor of *Sidelines*.. Le Datta will be starting a new job with the *Daily News Journal* on Monday. We wish her the best!

## SIDELINES

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## CAMPUS CAPSULE

### TODAY

**MTSU STUDENT AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS** are available in the Public Relations office, Cope Administration Building 205. Student Ambassadors serve as hosts and hostess for university activities. Students must have been on campus for at least one semester and have a GPA of 2.5. Deadline is November 15. Contact Gayle Robinson at 898-2919 for more information.

**THE ART BARN GALLERY PRESENTS "ACCOUNTS SOUTHEAST: YURIKO YAMAGUCHI"**, an exhibition of five sculptural installations organized by the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. The exhibit runs through Nov. 18 and hours are M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call 898-2455 for more details.

**THE PLACEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT CENTER IS SPONSORING CAREER PLACEMENT ORIENTATION** for the Adult Learner at 5 p.m. in Keathley University Center 328. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

**WOMEN'S POLITICAL ACTION GROUP** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at KUC Grill-Lounge. Issues to be discussed are an upcoming food drive for Thanksgiving and fund raisers. Contact Deborah Ray at 394-3151 for more information.

**THE SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** will meet at 4 p.m. in Peck Hall 212. Michael Umphres of Northern Telecom will be the guest speaker. Contact Gary Mobley at 896-5448 for more details.

**THE MTSU CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION/LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON** will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Don Rietdorf, a probation Officer from the Tennessee Department of Correction will be speaking. Contact Wyla M. Posey at 893-1502 for more details.

### MONDAY, NOV. 8

**GAMMA BETA PHI** will hold there induction for new members at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. New members as well as old members are asked to attend. There will be refreshments after the meeting. Contact Melissa Davenport at 898-4168 for more details.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 12

**THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFICE IS SPONSORING THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COFFEE HOUR** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the JUB. All are welcome. Contact George Pimentel at 898-2238 for more information.

**THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFICE IS SPONSORING THE FIRST ANNUAL STUDY ABROAD FAIR** for students and faculty interested in opportunities to study internationally. The fair runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB and is free and open to the public. Contact George Pimentel for more details.

**THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFICE IS SPONSORING "FACULTY FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS,"** a lecture on faculty opportunities in the Fulbright programs at 2 p.m. in JUB room 202. Dr. Rolater from the History Department will be the lecturer. Contact George Pimentel for more details.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 18

**PSY CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB** will be having their meeting from 4:30-6:00 in Peck Hall 201. The topic will be Admission to Graduate School with Warren Jones, Chairman of Psychology at UT, as the guest speaker.

### ONGOING

**DELTA PHI SIGMA** social sorority is accepting membership applications. For more information call 895-3413, 459-0421, 890-6574 or write MTSU Box 3117, Box A021 or Box

8709.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is held at 4:45 p.m. Thursday. Women's Bible study is held at 4:45 p.m. Mondays. Contact Michael at 898-3716 for more information.

**THE WOMEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM** is seeking managers/statisticians. Anyone interested should contact Coach Karen Green at 898-2450.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP** meets from 9 to 10 p.m. at the PSF House every Wednesday. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Hume at 849-3490.

**THE SGA SENATE** will be in session at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in KUC 316. Attendance is mandatory.

**THE BHAKTI-YOGA VEGETARIAN CLUB** meets from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in KUC 314. The meeting is open to all students. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

**STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION** meets every Monday at 7p.m. in KUC 305. New members are welcome. Call Andrew Welug at 890-5097 for more details.

**THE EQUESTRIAN TEAM** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Hannah Walker at 896-7839 for more details.

**THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS** meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at 5 p.m. in the Wiser Patton Science Building Room 201.

**A WOMEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** is meeting at the Camels Group, 1231 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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# Class size reduction may not be effective in helping students

**BRENT ANDREWS**  
Staff Writer

A twelve million dollar study sponsored by the Tennessee State Legislature has shown that class size reduction may not be the most effective way to improve education.

The study, Project STAR (Student/Teacher Achievement Ratio), reduced class size in grades K-3 across the state, from rural areas to inner-city schools.

For the most part, student improvement levels were not great enough to justify the huge amount of money needed for class reduction. Some feel that the money could be better spent elsewhere.

Former State Representative Steve Cobb suggests that the results of Project STAR show that class size reduction is not the key to better education in Tennessee. Instead, Cobb suggests other measures, such as extending the school year by one month and researching effective classroom teaching that is more cost-

effective for taxpayers.

Cobb introduced the project to the Tennessee Legislature in 1985, and the study was completed in 1989 and published in 1990.

The Andrew Jackson Institute, which researches and analyzes issues affecting Tennessee, commissioned Cobb to report the findings of project STAR.

"I think he [Steve Cobb] was surprised at what he found. He was a big supporter of class size reduction, and he expected greater improvement," said Nelson Griswold, president of the institute.

The study showed only a three percent improvement on the Stanford Standard Achievement test.

Reducing class size is a costly process. The twelve million dollars used to fund Project STAR was divided between actual class reduction and funds for research, with only two million going to the latter. The costs would obviously

increase if class size reduction were taken on a larger scale.

The results from project STAR seem to point in one direction: look for other ways to improve education. Even so, Governor McWherter's Better Education Plan enacted after the results from Project STAR were available, emphasizing class size reduction as a key means of better educating young Tennesseans.

"Class size reduction means more teachers, and others would benefit as well," Griswold said. "What Mr. Cobb's study focused on was the improvement in students and not how people with special interests would benefit. A study like this is obviously going to have its supporters and its naysayers."

Though the study was done on grades K-3 only, the results will effect students and institutions at all levels.

Developmental Studies is one of the largest departments at MTSU - proof that something must be done in education on a basic level.

## Arsonist sets fire to Schart Hall

**CORRIE CRON**  
Assistant News Editor

Campus authorities are investigating a fire that occurred Monday around 11:30 p.m. in the basement of Schardt Hall.

Charles Groves, hall director of Schardt, noticed smoke in the halls and pulled the fire alarm.

"It was just a little bit of smoke coming from the mattress as it was smoldering," Groves said. "It was nothing major."

Apparently someone set a mattress on fire which led to the evacuation of Schardt, Monohan and Reynolds Halls.

"We're investigating where it [the mattress] came from, but right now we know it didn't come from any of the rooms," said Reynolds' Hall Director Lavina Ganglani. "We've got some idea, but we're not saying who until we're sure."

Reynolds resident Jessimyn Baker was in the

process of getting ready for bed when the alarm went off.

"We thought it was just a drill but the RAs were going down the hall telling us it was a real fire and directing us outside," Baker said.

Fire trucks promptly arrived, dragged the mattress outside and put it out.

A search is presently underway for the individual responsible for the fire.

## Protest...

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continued to come around.

A few residents said they saw him walking in the dorm unescorted and sometimes carrying a set of master dorm keys.

This all began when the RA's

## Chamber...

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participate will be more frequented by students and faculty.

"What makes our program so good is that it doesn't cost the students or merchants [anything] except for the discount," said Vaughn.

University Savings Cards now cost \$24.95 for students and

held a meeting with Bernice Hughes, assistant hall director, to inform her of the students' complaints.

A few days after this meeting, Cooley filed a four page incident report to Ivan Shewmake, Director of Housing,

would be sold out of the SGA.

Ratterman contacted the Chamber for an alternate solution.

"I thought it wouldn't be in the best interests of the students. We're [the SGA] here to provide service, not make money," he said.

The idea for "MTSU: Blue" stemmed from a similar program the Chamber is involved in to

accusing the resident assistants of being inefficient.

During Tuesday's meeting Shewmake said, "The resident assistants and hall director just don't understand each other, but things should be cleared up by the third week in November."

promote education on the high school level.

They initiated the Excel Card for high school students who make good grades. Students received 10-20 percent off at nearly 200 locations. Five or six other counties across the state then adopted the program, as well as some counties in Alabama and South Carolina.

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4:30 Dancers

**Paramount Parks**

## The Student Publications Committee is now taking applications for the position of Sidelines Editor Spring 1994 Semester

### Qualified candidates must:

- be full-time undergraduate or graduate students currently registered for course work
- be registered for course work during semester of tenure
- have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and submit a copy of the transcript

Applications and copies of the newspaper's working papers are available from the Student Publications Department secretary, James Union Building 308, between 8 a.m. -4 p.m.

Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, a copy of their transcripts and three to five samples of their work.

**Deadline for filing applications is 4 p.m.  
Nov. 12 in JUB 308**



# Kappa Alpha Psi receives Ebony Achievement Award

**TINA HARVEY**  
Staff Writer

Kappa Alpha Psi was awarded the "Ebony Achievement Award for Fraternity of the Year" for the first time by the African American Student Association.

The award is given once a year to the fraternity meeting certain criteria based on academics, organization involvement and community service. Kappa Alpha Psi had the highest grade point average of all competitors.

"I'm just glad a fraternity has finally been recognized for educational and civic projects," said Quincy Birdsong, polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi. "Fraternities seem to have a reputation of focusing only on parties."

Joseph Carter, Jr. accepted the award at the banquet held at the Garden Plaza Hotel.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi are a service oriented organization, dedicated to promoting unity throughout the community and society. Throughout the year, the organization sponsors various programs in the community to promote brotherhood.

One project that won the

fraternity recognition was the "Guide Right" program. The program, which is for young African-American males, was designed to make the brothers available to younger males for guidance when needed.

"We go to different junior high and high schools to be available to any boy who may need quality guidance to try and help them get on the right track," said Birdsong.

MTSU President James Walker said, "As an alumni of Kappa Alpha Psi, I am very pleased they won the award. I encourage all fraternities and sororities on campus to engage in activities that would give them local or national recognition as well."

Rodney Bennett, alumni of Kappa Alpha Psi and assistant dean of students, said, "I think their setting a good example for other fraternities as well as sororities to first except change and to continue to be on the forefront of effective leadership by giving back to the university and community."

The fraternity is currently working on a project that would encourage students to attend church with the brothers at least one Sunday out of the month.



**AWARD WINNING SMILES:** Alpha Kappa Psi was dubbed "Fraternity of the Year" by the African American Students Association. President James Walker (center) is an alumni of the organization.

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## Wesley Foundation at MTSU presents The Fantasticks

The Wesley Players of the Wesley Foundation at MTSU will present the popular musical The Fantasticks November 3-7 1993 at the Wesley Foundation.

The lyrical style of The Fantasticks have made it the longest running musical in the world with over 10,000 off-Broadway performances. With a whimsical and poignant flair, it reveals the folly and fragility of young love, age and human nature - truly a musical for everyone as we recognize a bit of ourselves in its characters and situations.

"It is a delight - bewitching, bright and tasteful" says the New York Journal American. The Saturday Review commented: "A sophisticated story about innocence...the songs are distinguished and delightful."

Five performances (including one dinner theater) will be offered with all performances beginning at 8 p.m. with the exception of the Saturday dinner theater at 6:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. All performances will be held at the Wesley Foundation, 216 College Heights Ave., next to the MTSU campus.

The Fantasticks is directed by Jeff Gibson. He is a senior theatre major at MTSU and a native of Goodspring, Tenn.

Tickets are on sale now, \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$10 for the November 6th dinner theater performance. For more ticket information call the Wesley Foundation at 893-0469.

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# IN THE NEWS

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## Republicans check Democrats for mayoral and gubernatorial races

In races that were tight, tighter and not tight at all, Republicans swept up the three big prizes in off-year elections: mayor of New York, governor of New Jersey and governor of Virginia.

Rudolph Giuliani of New York, Christie Whitman of New Jersey and George Allen of Virginia did it by bucking trends on a day that was generally kind to Democrats and incumbents.

Among Tuesday's results, Californians soundly rejected a school voucher initiative that was generally backed by conservatives; incumbents won mayoral races in Seattle, Houston and Cleveland; and new Democratic mayors were elected in Boston and Pittsburgh, among other places.

Those votes all went as expected. But the New Jersey, New York and Virginia races trampled the conventional wisdom.

## Thousands of Southern California acres destroyed in wildfires

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Savage winds sent waves of fire raging over canyon ranches and seaside mansions in this celebrity hideaway, forcing thousands to load up their Jaguars and Jeeps and crowd onto gridlocked highways.

It was Southern California's seventh day of wildfires. Twice in a week, firestorms have gutted whole neighborhoods.

Two men were near death late

Tuesday. As many as 100 homes were destroyed, and 20,000 acres of rugged canyon, pricey homes and sprawling horse ranches were black.

Flame-topped palm trees dotted the heavy smoke as the fire raced out of control from Santa Monica Mountain canyons 12 miles inland, to the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

## Packwood prepares for court battle as Senate demands diaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a crushing defeat in the Senate, a defiant Sen. Bob Packwood is digging in for a court battle over shielding his diaries from lawmakers investigating alleged sexual misconduct and possible criminal wrongdoing.

A tortured two-day debate — during which one lawmaker urged the veteran Oregon Republican to "have the grace" to resign — culminated in a 94-6 Senate vote Tuesday night to force full disclosure of the diaries.

"I believe he has lost the grasp of what it means to be a U.S. senator," Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., told a Senate chamber ringing with echoes of the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings two years ago.

"None of us is without flaws," the former majority leader declared. "But when those flaws damage the institution of the Senate, it is time to have the grace to go."

## Airline industry to use companies for prevention of terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is going along with airline industry requests to ease airport security requirements during terrorist alerts such as those prompted by the Persian Gulf War and the World Trade Center bombing.

The proposed changes include allowing airports to use private security guards for some patrol activities now done by police and permitting curbside baggage check-ins, which generally are suspended during full alerts.

The Federal Aviation Administration promises to be more selective in ordering terrorist countermeasures that "would impose relatively high operational and economic burdens on airports and air carriers," according to a copy of the still-secret plan obtained by The Associated Press.

The FAA and the airline industry say the changes were proposed to save the industry money and cut red tape but won't affect passenger safety. "We are maintaining our ability to respond to any threat," said one official who requested anonymity.

## Two English eleven-year-olds tried for murder

PRESTON, England (AP) — For two 10-year-olds with a record for truancy, it began as an ordinary day — skipping school, hanging around a shopping mall, a bit of shoplifting.

It ended with the slow, painful murder of a 2-year-old, prosecutors say.

On Tuesday, the second day of their trial for the abduction and murder of James Bulger in Liverpool on Feb. 12, prosecutor Richard Henriques told of two friends' idle boredom turning to violence.

The pudgy dark-haired boys, now 11, are the youngest children to be charged in Britain with murder. The press is allowed to identify them only as Child A and Child B, though their names are used in court.

## Defeat of Jerusalem's mayor brings fears of greater tension

JERUSALEM (AP) — The defeat of Mayor Teddy Kollek, celebrated peacemaker and builder of modern Jerusalem, raised fears of a new era of conflict between Arabs and Jews and between religious and secular.

Ending Kollek's 28-year stewardship of the ancient city was Ehud Olmert, a 48-year-old conservative lawyer who opposes concessions to the Arabs in peace negotiations and made an election alliance with the ultra-religious United Torah Judaism.

With one-third of the vote counted today, Olmert had 54 percent to Kollek's 41 percent. Smaller parties divided the rest of the vote.

The mayor has no role in talks over the future status of Jerusalem but can set the tone for relations between Arabs and Israelis in a city with a hair-trigger temper when it comes to religion and politics.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 4

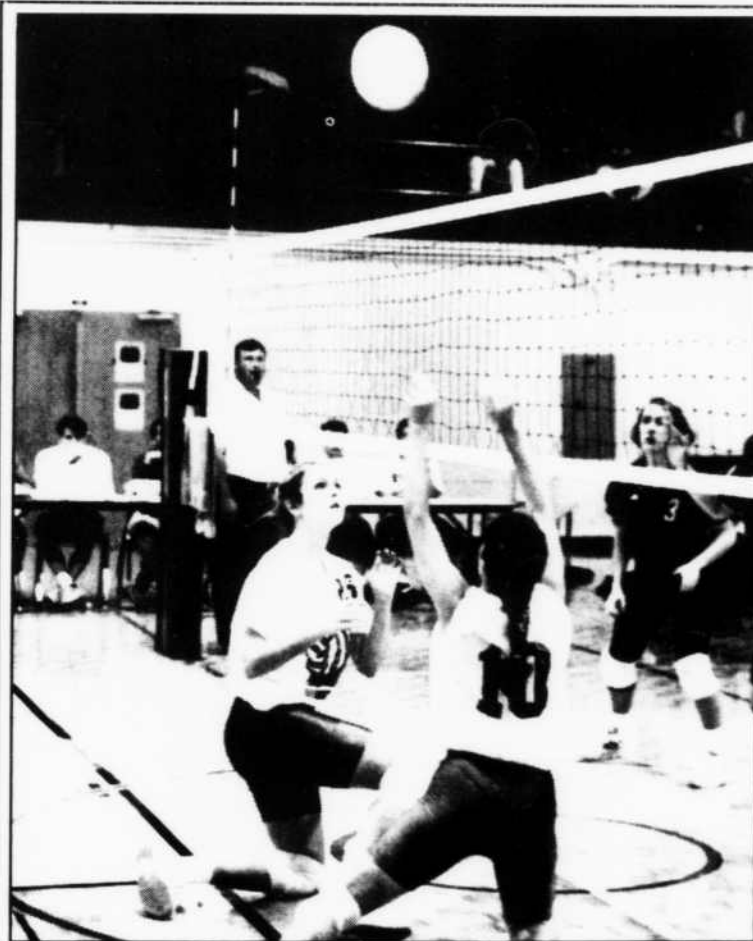
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SETTING THE PACE: Becky Tumblin sets the ball for Lady Raiders who defeated TSU 15-2, 15-1, 15-9 Tuesday.

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# MTSU ranks among top schools for black students

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

A national survey of colleges and universities cites Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee Tech among the best schools in the nation for black students.

Not listed were Tennessee State University and Fisk University, predominantly black schools in Nashville.

The survey is "The 100 Best Colleges for African-American Students," a college guide published by Plume, a division of Penguin Books.

The book salutes Tennessee Tech's scholarship, sports and Army and Air Force ROTC programs. The Cookeville school has 280 blacks in its enrollment of 8,160.

Angelo Volpe, Tennessee Tech's president, was delighted by the book's findings.

"Our faculty and staff have worked extremely hard to create an environment that would be attractive to African-American students," he said. "Inclusion this year in (the college guide) indicates that our efforts university-wide have not gone unnoticed."

Middle Tennessee State, in Murfreesboro, is commended for a healthy relationship between

**'Obviously we're honored to be among those institutions in the new college guide book.**

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majority and minority students and for administrative efforts to get students of all races involved in campus organizations.

Roughly 10 percent or 1,443 of MTSU's 15,691 students are black.

Said school president James Walker:

"Obviously we're honored to be among those institutions in the new college guide book. MTSU has long been pleased to have an excellent group of African-American students among its student body as well as some very excellent faculty."

Erlene Wilson, the book's author, mailed a survey to institutions that already had achieved top ranking for academics and educational value in other publications.

The book profiles 100 colleges and universities who completed the survey.

Fisk President Henry Ponder said the school did not make the list apparently because it did not participate in the survey.

"It's kind of like the Kentucky Derby," he said. "In order to have a chance to win, you have to have a horse in the race. We didn't have a horse in the race."

"I don't believe we've filled out any survey."

But he defended Fisk as among the very best schools in the country.

"Fisk is one of the best colleges for any student to attend," Ponder said. "We give a good liberal arts education. It's second to none."

Tennessee State president James Hefner did not return repeated phone calls for comment on the book.

## Local schools request new stadium

ROB NUNLEY  
Special to Sidelines

Riverdale and Oakland high school officials have stated that they would like to stop using Horace Jones field and Johnny (Red) Floyd stadium for their games and have their own home field as well as their own concessions when they host opponents.

In a proposal made during a meeting of the Rutherford County Commission, plans to build a new high school with a stadium was discussed.

The stadium would be used by all of the Murfreesboro area high schools.

Presently, Horace Jones field is used for all home games played by the Riverdale Warriors and Oakland Patriots, as well as Central Middle school's games.

While the schools do not harbor any ill feelings toward MTSU, they want a place they can use for all sports instead of just football. They would also like to be in the position to receive all of the money from ticket sales and concessions. At Jones field,

the university has control over the operation of the concession stands. However, the schools get 25 percent of the gross profit from the concessions.

"That's money that is just given to them," Blue Raider Athletic Association director Larry Counts said. "They don't have to do anything."

Both schools pay MTSU a fee to use the stadium. Riverdale has to pay over \$4,000 a year, and Oakland's principal estimates that the school pays at least \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year. These figures do not include fees for parking attendants, security, public address and announcers.

Another major cost in the use of Jones field for Riverdale and Oakland's games is transportation. The schools have to use busses to drive the team, band and cheerleaders to the stadium. If the schools had their own stadium their students could come to the games on their own.

The Cookeville Cavaliers are in a somewhat similar situation. For the past several years, they have used

Overall field on the campus of Tennessee Tech University for their home football games.

Tom Parker, a Cookeville principal, said that Putnam county is also planning to build a new high school and stadium for its football games, track meets and other events. But because their financial agreement with Tennessee Tech is slightly different, such as the operation of the concession stands by the high school band boosters, their move will be for different reasons.

"Basically, we just want our own," Parker said. "We feel like to build some pride and some ownership in the program we need our own facility."

Riverdale and Oakland have also had some problems with the university not allowing them to use the stadium for events other than football games, such as track meets. Parker said that his school has never had any problems of that nature with Tech, but a new stadium will allow the Cavaliers to use their field as much as they want.

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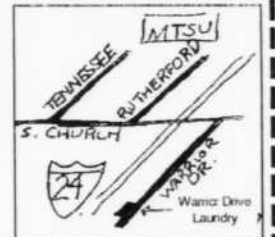
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A word from the Editor...

## All hail the weird

One need not be a genius to notice the weird of society. They are proclaimed on television shows, in books, and on the front pages of our newspapers. Elderly men that marry high school girls, transvestites, hookers, child abusers, and Satan worshippers are just a few of the topics so readily discussed on talk shows and in the local media.

The *Nashville Scene* in its Oct. 28 issue was no exception. Dominating the front page was a witch with arms outstretched and eyes looking up in a prayerful stare. The headline spouted, "Witching Hour: A night in a Nashville coven."

While I cannot say that those which choose to participate in such "alternative" or "strange" lifestyles do not have a right to do so, their coverage has desensitized American society. Since the 1960s, we have degenerated to such an extent that our very societal identity is quickly being lost, if it hasn't already.

It is very disturbing that this coverage has become so prevalent that the normal, non-transvestite, non-violent, family oriented church goer is more or less seen as out of the mainstream.

The press loves to cover those which spend their lives living in a perverted lifestyle. That's news; or so they say. However, if one tries to live their life with some semblance of moral decency, raise a family, work hard, send their kids to school, and all in all add to our society's moral fabric instead of burning it, they are conveniently looked over.

Were it not for the press granted to these perversions, most people would probably still view conservatives like myself as normal. Now I and my friends are seen as homophobic, narrow minded, and out of touch. We are the politically UNcorrect.

We are the weird.



## President's ineptness threatens Democrats

The first dominoes have begun to fall. Many more will follow as President Clinton's Administration acts as a catalyst to the defeat of his own party.

Buried on page nine of yesterday's *Tennessean*, was one of those stories of which one might say, "This is a sign of the times." "GOP wins three big races," the headline screamed with an air of premonition.

The article was in response to Democratic losses on Monday in three of the most closely watched races around the nation.

In Virginia, Republican George Allen won an easy victory against Mary Sue Terry, ending twelve straight years of Democratic rule in "Old Dominion's" governor's office.



JASON WHATLEY  
Editor

At the same time, Christie Whitman defeated incumbent Governor Jim Florio of New Jersey.

Still, by far the most watched race was in New York. Incumbent mayor David Dinkins lost to Republican Rudolph Giuliani after many constituents started viewing Mayor Dinkins as incompetent and unqualified for leading our nation's largest city. Outside of a quaint restaurant where Giuliani was savoring his victory, supporters started

chanting and sporting buttons proclaiming "Giuliani in '97."

These losses are just the birth pains of things to come for the Clinton Administration. With the ever increasing proof that our President is painfully inept for his position, many voters are already looking forward to 1996 when he leaves office. In fact, nationwide polls show that President Clinton commands the lowest approval rating of any first year President since Gallop started scientific polling some fifty years ago.

Why is this? The American people look for many things in a president. Charisma, intelligence, political savvy and a sense of morals that society can relate too and even observe as model are

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## Misunderstanding surrounds debate over hand guns

DANIEL G. PORTER  
Special to *Sidelines*

A recent article concerning handguns and the need to ban their manufacture, sale, importation, and possession startled me with its lack of research and logic. As a handgun owner, but not a gun fanatic, I will attempt to correct some of these falsehoods.

Handguns are used every year by many hunters to kill deer, wild boar, and yes, bears. This fact can be verified by contacting

the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, the organization that regulates hunting and hunters.

Many handguns are accurate enough to kill rabbits and other smaller animals. For a few dollars, a person wishing to research the subject can purchase any one of a number of magazines relating to hunting, which often contain articles related to hunting small game with a handgun.

Tragedy is the only word that describes the occurrence of the accidental death of a child with a

handgun. It is much easier to blame the instrument than any of the other facts involved in such incidents. Why was Daddy stupid enough to leave a loaded gun where his children could find it? Why weren't the children taught how dangerous a handgun can be? Why were the children unattended long enough to find and use the gun? In our society it is not fashionable to expect people to take responsibility for their actions, instead we blame an object and attempt to spare those really responsible.

The recent murder of a 16-year-old at an ATM by a "punk" with a gun can't be blamed on the gun. Who taught this person that \$20 is more valuable than a human life? Who did not teach him that a human life is worth more than \$20? None of my handguns killed her, none of my friends' handguns killed her. Someone who should forfeit his life for his cold-blooded actions did.

Home defense is the primary reason I own a handgun. If you want to wait on the police to

respond to your needs, go right ahead. They do the best they can, but they can't protect everyone every minute. A trained rottweiler is out of the question. I don't like a dog that has the ability to rip out my throat or maul my neighbor's children. A handgun doesn't eat as much as a rottweiler and I know it's not going to dig up my neighbor's flowers while I'm away. An alarm is a good idea; however, its presence only encourages criminals to by-pass your house

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ***Sidelines has spent enough space on the parking issue***

Once again the parking dilemma on MTSU's campus finds a place in *Sidelines*. This makes the third time in one semester. Haven't we dwindled away enough time and space on this issue?

In the Sept. 23 issue of the paper, Mr. Wakeland vented his frustration (for the second time) with the lack of available parking spots, primarily in reference to commuters. I am a commuter from Nashville and have experienced the inconvenience of having to walk an extra block or so, but what puzzles me is that I continue to see space given to such a "dead-horse" topic.

In one of the first *Sidelines* issues from this fall, the parking problem was addressed. It was a timely piece that was pertinent to the hustle and bustle of the start of a new semester. After all, by the time you complete registration and fee payments, stand in line for a photo i.d., and then decide on whether or not you want to pay \$10 for a black tag or \$25 for a green tag, the last thing you want to deal with is not being able to find a parking spot that you paid for. Seeing an article on this dilemma probably found a lot of readers exclaiming "AMEN!" But it's now almost Nov. 1 and it would be nice to think that we, as adult college students, would be able to focus our time more constructively on issues of a bit more depth. Like what, you ask? Like campus crimes such as rape and theft, the cost of rising tuition at the same time our classrooms are filled to capacity, student depression, a more effective job placement program for graduating seniors...and the list grows.

I am not saying that there isn't a parking problem at MTSU but until you

attend other campuses in the United States you will never realize just how fortunate we are. I have spoken with transfer students from Texas, Florida and Minnesota. Each tells me their experiences with MTSU's parking systems is far more pleasurable than what they experienced at their previous school. I transferred from the University of Iowa to MTSU two years ago. When I arrived on this campus I felt like I'd stepped into another world. The U. of I. is located in Iowa City, Iowa and if you've ever been there you soon find out that in order to get around you do one of three things: take the bus, ride a bike or walk. Parking there is a precious commodity. Most days it took me twenty minutes to find a parking spot and then an additional twenty to thirty minutes (depending on the class location) to get across the expansive campus to class. Parking permits at this college were one flat rate of \$25. You didn't have an alternate choice. And, once inside your designated lot, you had to plug a meter or end up with an \$8 fine. I guess MTSU isn't as bad as we thought. At least we have a choice between a \$10 tag or a \$25 one.

Mr. Wakeland, you have some alternatives to the problem which I must address. The first being, "make it illegal for freshmen living on campus to have automobiles." I take it from this statement you have successfully completed at least the first year of your undergraduate studies, for if you hadn't you most assuredly would not be pointing a finger at your own loss of freedom. Did you work off campus during your first year of college? If so, you probably know the importance of having your own transportation. Unlike Iowa City, Murfreesboro does not have a city transit

system that allows people without wheels a means of transport. If you don't believe me, ask a freshman.

Your second solution involved making more parking places. Have you ever heard the phrase, "You can't get blood out of a turnip?" Maybe the lot next to Family Housing could work but there are some that will argue for more available housing for the increasing numbers of students with families. As far as my eyes can decipher there just aren't many vacant lots waiting to be covered with asphalt for our parking pleasure. I suppose we could erect a parking ramp (being both an eye strain and pocketbook strain) but is this supposed to be a college or a mall?

Your final solution was to stop selling more permits than there are parking spaces. I thought about this but found some flaws. First of all, not every student attends class at the same hour or even the same day. Secondly, you must sell a permit to any student requesting one. Your plan would exclude someone. Obviously, it wouldn't be a freshmen because they are already excluded by your solution number one. Look out Sophomores!

My simple solutions do not require a brain surgeon to figure out, either. First, car pool. I know this isn't always easy but how many people actually try? I have seen only two ads this semester and it's going on Thanksgiving! Second, if you have a bicycle, use it. They are cheap, easy to park, and a great cardiovascular workout. And thirdly, something I learned after my very first day of freshman courses, four years ago—if you want to arrive to class on time but anticipate delays, leave early. If I've learned anything from the parking frenzy it's that you can let it be a pressing issue in your life or you can look at it as just another part of the college experience.

Remember, when we get into the "real world" we've got to cope with this parking problem all over again. Have you been to downtown Nashville lately? And life goes on.

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## ***Mr. Wakeland receives more criticism concerning gun control***

Quite frankly I don't know where to start in challenging Mr. Wakeland's "article" in the Oct. 20, 1993 issue of *Sidelines*.

You obviously have a Constitutional right to publish your opinion any where you can. As you are a staff writer you probably hold the First Amendment in very high regard.

Now that we've established your participation in the First Amendment, how can you use that to attack another Amendment? Does the word hypocrite ring any of your mental bells? Do the words "journalistic integrity" convey an oxymoron to you, Mr. Wakeland? Does the word "demagoguery" mean anything to you, Mr. Wakeland?

FYI there are a great deal of handgun hunters out there. They hunt everything from rabbit to deer and, yes, even Black bear. No, I am not a hunter. I do know to make inquiries before I write an article on something of which I know absolutely nothing about. Obviously you didn't do this.

Sure it's terrible when a young child gets killed by a handgun. In most cases it could have been prevented by a little caution and common sense on the parents part. But did you know that more young children die from drowning in swimming

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## Clinton's programs all Republicans need for victory in '96...

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some traits for which people search. Most of all, however, Americans want a leader. Unfortunately, President Clinton has shown very little leadership, in addition to his shortcomings on other fronts. Let's review his record.

The president started his tenure as our leader by bringing the issue of gays in the military to the forefront of the political agenda. This was during a time when as, in his own words, "our economy [was] the worst it [had] been since the Great Depression." While many claim that the media simply blew this issue into a huge furor, Clinton's own actions gave proof that he fully understood the situation. Even during his first day on the job, Clinton relieved a military school's band from marching in his inaugural parade and replaced it with a small army of AIDS activists proudly displaying the "AIDS quilt".

Next, President Clinton gave further hints of his disorganized staff and leadership inability by botching several of his appointees

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to attorney general and the supreme court. Supporters claim that the retracted appointments, and the number of federal judges and other positions that still go unfilled, are in their precarious state because the president is looking for the most qualified person for the job. Is that why Dee Dee Myers is his press secretary? Is his wife really the best person to design our nation's socialized health care system?

The president's budget, which passed by only one vote, speaks for itself. President Clinton could not even convince his own party that his plan was viable. In fact, many Democrats who finally voted for the plan made clear their reservations about its ability to reduce the deficit. Clinton proudly

proclaimed that someone had finally stopped the spendthrift mentality "of the last twelve years" and passed a bill which would contain genuine spending cuts and deficit reduction. Yet he conveniently forgot to mention that almost all of the PROPOSED cuts will not even be carried out until after the 1996 elections.

To his credit, on the health care forefront, the president has shown some leadership; though his wife has done most of the work. Unfortunately their plan, while admirable, does not make sense. While Canada's government, which is certainly not as indebted as ours, scrambles to pay for their socialized medicine, the Clintons act as though money is not an issue for our economy. When asked about

the owners of small businesses which will be eliminated due to the plan, Mrs. Clinton said that those unfortunate businessmen and women will "find work elsewhere." That's comforting to my father who spent his entire life building a business.

In addition, the Clinton's refuse to acknowledge many of the most obvious problems of today's health care system. For example, many people agree that one of the main reasons medical bills are so high is due to the insurance that doctors must carry to protect themselves. It is not that uncommon to hear of general practitioners carrying \$100,000 in malpractice insurance. We need tort reform. Sadly, since the National Trial Lawyers Association is a major supporter of the Clintons and Mrs. Clinton is also a lawyer, legal reform is out of the question.

Last, but certainly not least, the president's foreign policy is non-existent. Why do we continue to have troops in Somalia when not only are we not wanted there, but Americans are dying? Even the highly respected

Colon Powell suggested bringing the troops home yet Clinton did not listen. Not learning his lesson in Somalia, President Clinton is now wanting to commit American troops in Haiti. Also, in both Bosnia and Somalia, American forces are under control of non-American generals for the first time in United States history. What is he doing?

Our president seems to be doing everything in his power to assure his defeat in 1996. Even many Democrats are starting to realize that the failed socialistic policies of left will not work in our society. In both Maine and New York City, term limits were endorsed in a referendum by wide margins. Also, New Jersey's governor Jim Florio found that supporting tax hikes, like the ones proposed by Clinton, lead him to defeat.

Unless President Clinton changes his policies and his inept image before next November, more dominoes will fall as Republicans take advantage of a weak Democratic presidency. His domino may have already fallen.



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pools than firearms? (Re: Red Cross)

Do you know how many hundreds of young children are killed each year in car wrecks? Are we banning automobiles? No, in Tennessee we passed a law making child-carry seats required. Even with this law, how many times do you see young children jumping around the inside of a car? I see many every single day!

The key point here is parental responsibility. I realize responsibility is not a politically correct term these days. The reason all of those murderers and rapists and robbers turned to crime was because they didn't get that tricycle for Christmas when they were four. Not because they were responsible for their own actions!!!!

Washington D.C. has totally banned any ownership of any type of firearm whether it be a shotgun, rifle or pistol. It is also considered to be Murder City, USA.

The state of Florida passed a concealed carry (CCW) law for honest citizens to arm themselves. Do you know what the crime rate did after this passage, Mr. Wakeland? It went down!!! (Re: FL Dpt. Law Enforcement) Why do you think those hoodlums went after tourists? Could it be that they were afraid of honest citizens arming themselves? Hmmmmmmm.

You quote murder numbers from terrifically democratic countries like Iran and Iraq. Now there's some freedom examples for you. Way to show 'em Mr.

Wakeland!!!! If you think they're so safe, go live there and try to exercise the First Amendment criticizing the government. I believe they'll let you do it all you want. NOT!

And let's not forget our perfect society example shown by the Japanese. Did you know that they lead the world in suicide rates per capita? (Re: US News) Sounds like a people who've really gotten their act together to me.

I've lived in Japan and the reason there is little crime there is that the criminal courts hand out harsh sentences without parole. Have you lived there, Mr. Wakeland?

You quote statistics from HCI and the NRA. HCI has been caught in more lies than Joe Isuzu. I am a member of the NRA but yet I didn't use them for any source of information I've used. Do you get the point, Mr. Wakeland?

I took an oath many years ago to "Defend the Constitution" when I joined the Marines. This included all of the amendments, not just the ones I liked or didn't like. What have you done for your country, Mr. Wakeland?

Before you make up your narrow mind about pistols, go ask numerous successful women who've used pistols to defend themselves from rape and/or murder. If you don't know any come see me and I'll be happy to point them out to you.

I sell firearms for a living in addition to going to school. I can tell you it is impossible for a criminal to acquire a pistol through honest means.

I believe it was Thomas Jefferson who said, "Through freedom comes responsibility". Firearms ownership is not for everyone just as drinking and other activities are not for everyone.

Mr. Wakeland, if this article is an example of your journalistic abilities I strongly suggest another profession. And as to your claim to being a conservative, then God help us from others like you. Reality check, Mr. Wakeland.

BOB COLE  
GENERAL DELIVERY

## *God is not a liberal, gender specific or politically correct*

I was deeply disturbed by Lisa Morrison's article in the Oct. 28 issue which stated that the Bible "does indeed support and even blesses committed homosexual relationships."

First of all, there is no place in the Bible where it states or even implies this. In fact, Romans 1:27 states "And in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error." (NASB) By "responsibly" reading this entire chapter it is obvious that homosexuality is not "blessed." Further proof is found in Leviticus 18:22 "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination." and in I Corinthians 6:9: "Be ye not deceived. Neither fornicators...nor homosexuals...shall inherit

the kingdom of God." (NASB)

The Bible is not there for us to pick and choose what we want to believe. It is God's Divine Word, and you either believe it or you don't. By (extremely) loosely interpreting the Bible, as the ECLA has done, one could say that the Bible says whatever they want it to.

As to persecution between religious conservatives and gays, it goes both ways. But the final judgment is up to God alone. We do however know from the above passages of God's judgement upon homosexuals and therefore we have no need to judge them ourselves.

As to Ms. Morrison's comment referring to "God herself," God has no gender, he has no genitalia to define such! To bicker about whether he is male or female is foolish. He is referred to as "He" in the Bible simple for lack of the appropriate pronoun.

God is also not a "liberal" as she suggests. He has no political motives! By the way, conservatives are not all "white males." Conservatives do not advocate hatred across race and gender lines as do liberals who constantly plead for more separate representation from different radical and gender groups. Americans represent Americans.

I found this article stimulating, as its ridiculous statements forced me to question my own beliefs and to further back them up with Biblical proof. For that, Ms. Morrison, I thank you.

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# Ban would hurt the honest...

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who can't afford or doesn't have one. If everyone had an alarm, the criminals would become better skilled at defeating them. Then what? Bars over windows? Concertina wire? I own a small business in Murfreesboro. Although I seldom deal in cash, and almost never have over \$20 in my possession, someone may think I do. The police department cannot escort me to my car every night that I work late: they can't baby-sit me when I work late and alone. I realize that; consequently, I am armed at these times. Even if there were no guns, anyone can be overpowered and beaten to death. What means do you think criminals used before the invention of guns? A gun is a real equalizer.

Iran, Iraq, and other Middle Eastern countries have low crime rates, I agree. But don't these crime free societies consider women as chattel? Isn't "free speech" not-existent? I do not admire these qualities as some obviously do. I can't imagine forcing my wife to cover her face in public. What kind of person would? We make many concessions when we protect the rights of our citizens. Punishment can't be cruel or unusual, searches and seizures can't be unreasonable, bail can't be excessive. Unusual, unreasonable, excessive? These seem terribly subjective terms. However, the wording of the 2nd Amendment is clear and not open to interpretation: "...the right of

the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Not unreasonably, unusually or excessively...just not infringed.

The outrage of the Japanese "at the amount of violence in American society"? Who gives a damn? These are the same people who brought us Pearl Harbor, the "Rape of Nanking" and the execution of prisoners of war. Their much touted low crime rate can be attributed more to their lock step mentality and collective thought process and less to the absence of guns.

Knowing full well I have probably crossed the line of political correctness, I will now leap over the line and say had Reginald Denny been armed, he would not have a hole in his head right now, and suffer from the mental scars that go along with it. The only stores that weren't destroyed or burned in the L.A. riots were protected by their gun-toting owners. Being a white male, as long as a jury authorizes assault-with-a-brick on people like me by people unlike me, I will arm myself, my loved ones and fight any attempt to take that right away from me.

I have tried to keep my thoughts as impersonal as possible. This is not a personal attack on the author of the article previously printed. For whatever emotional, personal or psychological reasons, he opposed the possession of handguns and that is his right. It is also my right to disagree.

## Et Cetera, Et Cetera

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DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

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If you're Luther Vandross, you make a new music - one that stretches your own creativity and takes you to a new level of artistry. *Never Let Me Go*, the superstar's latest powerhouse album on Epic Records, reflects Luther's continual growth as a consummate contemporary artist truly in a league of his own.

"When I make a new album, I never have a particular approach in mind," says Vandross. "I simply trust my musical instincts, and each record is a continuation of my personal experience. Since recording *Power Of Love* [released 1991], I've been doing a lot of thinking. That's reflected in the songs I wrote and chose to do for this new album."

*Never Let Me Go* was produced by Luther Vandross and longtime collaborator Marcus Miller, with whom he wrote six of the album's ten tracks. Among the album's high points: the lyrically uplifting "Little Miracles (Happy Every Day)," the premiere single and video; the standout ballads "Too Far Down" and "Love Me Again"; and what can best be termed "vintage Vandross"-upbeat, infectious tunes like "Heaven Knows," "Love Is On The Way" and "Can't Be Doin' That Now." Vandross' voice - rich, smooth and silky - has simply never sounded better.

*Never Let Me Go* is also the debut release on LV Records, the new label created by Luther Vandross in partnership with Epic Records and Sony Music. "I'm very excited about having my own record company," says Vandross, who is president of the new imprint. "I'll be looking to develop new talent and also checking out established acts. I'll be producing some of the artists myself and supervising production on others."

No Luther Vandross collection would be complete without the artist adding his soulful touch to a classic tune or two. This time out, it's the BeeGees' 1977 #1 "How Deep Is Your Love" sequencing into an instrumental interlude of the Spinners' "Love Don't Love Nobody" and finally the new album's title song "Never Let Me Go." A Top Ten R&B hit for the late Johnny Ace in 1954, "Never Let Me Go" was recut in 1966 by the Van Dykes and again the next year by Aretha Franklin.

"I used to hear 'Never Let Me Go' at the amateur night talent shows at the Apollo Theater," Vandross recalls fondly. "There was a group who would sing each time they were on, and if you won four times - which they did - you got to do a whole week at the Apollo as an opening act

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Life! Editor

for a well-known artist.

"When we were doing the medley for the new album, Doc Powell was tuning up his guitar and playing some notes that reminded me of 'Never Let Me Go.' I started singing it, [keyboardist] Nat Adderly, Jr. started playing it, and Marcus Miller has the kind of ear that knows just where to take it. Nat added a super-viscous string arrangement, and by the end of the night we were all very happy with the result."

Unlike my previous albums, we

years at Taft High School, he thrilled to the music of Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, and Dionne Warwick. His first breakthrough in show business came in 1972 when his composition "Everybody Rejoice (A Brand New Day)" was included in the hit Broadway musical "The Wiz." Two years later, David Bowie asked Vandross to arrange and sing backgrounds on Bowie's *Young Americans* LP (which also included the Vandross song "Fascination") and for the subsequent tour. Through Bowie, Vandross met Bette Midler, he sang on her *Songs For The New Depression* and toured with "Miss M" as a backing vocalist.

Within a short time, Vandross was one of the industry's most in demand session

Epic Records and released his debut solo album "Never Too Much" - beginning a decade-plus run of chart-topping albums (double platinum and platinum) and hit singles. Over the past 12 years, Vandross has also produced and written hits for Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Dionne Warwick, Cheryl Lynn and Teddy Pendergrass, among others.

1990 was a banner year: The two-disc anthology *The Best of Luther Vandross*, *The Best Of Love* became the artist's seventh platinum album and spun off the #1 R&B/Top Ten pop single "Here and Now." This landmark ballad earned Vandross his first Grammy Award, for Best R&B Male Vocal Performance. The following year, Vandross' *Power Of Love* climbed the chart heights, spawning the R&B chart topper and Top 5 pop smash "Power Of Love/Love Power." The song brought Vandross two more Grammy Awards, for best R&B Song and Best R&B Male Vocal Performance.

In September 1991, Luther Vandross began a national tour with Lisa Fischer, Sounds Of Blackness and Sinbad as supporting acts. The tour came to a triumphant end in January 1992 after playing to a combined audience of more than 650,000 for a total box office gross of more than \$15 million, including four sold-out nights at New York's Madison Square Garden. Ultimately, all three musical artists on the "Power Of Love" tour were among the year's Grammy winners.

Over the course of the next eighteen months, Vandross co-hosted the "Soul Train" Music Awards and saw his duet with Janet Jackson, "The Best Things In Life Are Free," climb into the pop Top Ten and to #1 on the R&B charts as well as earning a 1992 Grammy nomination for Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal. Vandross will make his acting debut in the summer of '93 with the release of Robert Townsend's "Meteor Man", and will take his new music directly to the people with a spring tour of Europe, to be followed by a major U.S. tour beginning in the fall.

"When I write and record, it's an opportunity for me to express through music what I imagine to be the feelings of many people," says Vandross. "Of course, the songs on *Never Let Me Go* are about what I've experienced or would like to experience - from 'Too Far Down,' which is a word to the wise for people experiencing emotional adversity, to 'Little Miracles (Happen Every Day),' a song about hope for the future. But as much as I wrote these songs for myself, I also wrote them for my listeners to enjoy."

*Never Let Me Go* is a new chapter in the enduring legacy of one of the great artists of popular music: Luther Vandross.

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LUTHER VANDROSS

completed each song as we went along, and I purposely wrote new material that would be a real challenge vocally. Songs like 'Little Miracles,' 'Love Me Again' and 'Too Far Down' have a lot of dynamics" - here he smiles - "and a lot of high notes! I wanted to give all I had to each song because that's how I felt. And I'm very proud of how this album turned out."

Luther Vandross has every reason to be proud of his accomplished career. Born on New York's Lower East Side, Vandross began playing piano at age three; during his

vocalists and vocal arrangers. He sang backgrounds for everyone from the Average White Band to Barbara Streisand; he sang lead on a pair of disco classics ("The Glow of Love" by Change and "Hot Butterfly" by Bionic Boogie) as well as on a host of national advertising jingles for major corporate clients. In 1975, Vandross formed his own progressive R&B group called Luther, which recorded two albums for the Atlantic subsidiary label Cortillion Records.

In 1981, Luther Vandross signed with



# Lowen & Navarro 'break the moon' and reach for the stars

Yes, they are the odd pair on sight. But n' Jeff. Felix and Oscar...They've heard it all. They are the first to know how different they are, but when they come together musically, a special magic happens. *Broken Moon*, their latest effort (and debut release on Mercury Records' newly revived Parachute label), is a showcase of their remarkably distinctive vocal harmonies and acoustic-based arrangements.

Eric Lowen and Dan Navarro have written songs for the Bangles, David Lee Roth, Dave Edmunds, the Temptations and Four Tops among others. In fact, their success as a song writing pair resulted in the tune, "We Belong" which became a 15 hit single for Pat Benatar.

Eric and Dan met in Los Angeles about a decade ago when they were both songwriters, working in an entertainment restaurant as singing waiters. Eventually, a friendship grew out of a tentative pact. They formed a band called "The Times," named for a line in "We Belong," with Eric out front and Dan playing offstage, as they continued to collaborate on writing songs together.

"We didn't start writing songs to perform to people, we wrote for us," Eric says. "Other singers wanted them, so we decided 'let's get songs on records.' We sort of thought it would help us as artists, but it didn't do that. We were successful, but not satisfied."

So in 1988, Lowen & Navarro took a year residency as weekly mainstays at Breakaway in Venice, California, which became the genesis of an acoustic music scene that now stretches across Los Angeles from small clubs and coffee houses.

Dan explains, "When Eric and I started playing the Breakaway, we didn't have our music biz friends. This was a time when you couldn't give away a demo/songwriter -- now that whole environment's changed. We wanted to be

happy and as long as we couldn't get a deal, we figured we'd write songs for other people and at least have fun performing. We were pleased. Then all of a sudden, it changed. Next thing we knew, we made a deal for Chameleon."

*Walking On A Wire* was Lowen &

## Music Rewind

DANIELA GOPPERT  
Assistant Life! Editor



Navarro's debut album in 1990, garnering various rave reviews and establishing their sound -- two voices, tightly linked with the underpinning of acoustic guitar and bass, cello and drums.

The band found fans and supporters in all musical quarters, including Dan's cousin, guitarist David Navarro, then with Jane's Addiction.

"We had a mutual admiration society going on," Dan says. "We used to play their demos in our van and they used to play our demos in their tour bus, which is kind of funny because most people wouldn't expect that. Everybody in my family is pretty musical, so maybe it's heredity, but all the styles are individual."

Lowen & Navarro's style finds them writing and singing songs of experience, colored by emotional tides rising on a folk-rock flow, with steady supple rhythms all centered around their intertwined voices. "The first record's full of unabashed optimism," Dan says, "while this new one has a lot of dark sides." There are layers to the songs on *Broken Moon*, like "All Is Quiet" which could be about a couple not facing their own crumbling relationship or a city at odds with racial and economic tension. But there is hope as well, to comfort and uplift the spirit.

The album itself was cut in a matter of weeks. Comments Eric, "For this record, we could've sat and labored over everything we did, but we didn't give ourselves the time to overthink it."

Though they usually write together, Eric and Dan also find inspiration collaborating with others. None so unusual as a three-year-old boy who suggested the album's title track. "I wrote that with Rob Lamothe of The Riverdogs," Eric says. "One night he was in the car and his son was sitting on his lap looking out the window. While staring at the crescent moon he said, 'Look Daddy, the moon is broken.' We gave Josh a third of the writing credit; he's the youngest writer at BMI."

Virtually all the songs have little stories behind them, like "Dreams I Left

Behind." "I started that one while on tour in Baltimore," says Dan, "and we finished it in a stairwell in a hotel in Nashville." Other collaborations included "Constant as the Night," written with L.A. to Austin singer-songwriter Jerry Giddens and features a dancing mandolin solo by Phil Parlapiano, who can also be heard on Rod Stewart's recent *Unplugged* release. There's a soul-folk feeling "Just To See You" with its clip-clop rhythm, Dan describing the song as "Marvin Gaye meets Bill Monroe."

*Broken Moon* also features cameos from musicians that include Dan's cousin David, and former Plimsoul guitarist Eddie Munoz. Longtime friend Susanna Hoffs joins the duo to sing on the heartbreak of "I'll Set You Free," which she wrote with Eric and Dan and first recorded with the

Bangles. "We were heavily involved when they arranged their version, but we always wanted to record it too. It's our first three-part harmony," Dan says.

Remarkably soothing yet strong, Lowen & Navarro craft a stirring music, rich in melody and yearning. "People tell us it's awfully pretty, but we do what we want to do," Dan says. "That's how we've connected with people the last few years." And that's how they'll connect with you.

If you're fond of mellow, soothing, stirring adult contemporary music then you'll probably love Lowen & Navarro. I definitely recommend it to those of you out there that like to keep life easy and relaxed. Lowen & Navarro's music is great...so what if they look like Felix and Oscar!



LOWEN & NAVARRO

# Nashville Symphony plays hunchback music

It was a dark and stormy night. Sadly, it really was. There could be no better night than last Saturday for a showing of the 1923 silent film classic *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, complete with musical accompaniment by the Nashville Symphony.

For those of you unfamiliar with performances of this sort, a brief explanation is in order. Quite simply, the film is projected onto a large screen behind the orchestra, which in turn performs a musical score with all appropriate cues, moods, etc. The result might call it an overpriced night of movies - sans popcorn to boot. Sorry on you silly skeptics. It is so more!

Aside from the rare opportunity to see a first rate silent film on the silver

## Concert Review

FLETCHER MOORE  
Staff Writer

screen, one also gets to experience the unique qualities of a live performance. Thus the film is restored a certain measure of spontaneity. This effect is painfully absent in the slick, sugary environments provided by such venues as Fountain Square and that ilk, with its ridiculously over-wrought surround-sound systems, designed at an obscene expense to synthetically recreate, in immaculate detail, even the most banal and insipid film scores ever created.

The story of the *Hunchback* should be fairly well-known, but this being an age in which car chases constitute pivotal plot devices, it bears recounting.

The tale is penned by Victor Hugo. The story expresses the efforts of Quasimodo, a deformed bell ringer in Notre Dame cathedral of 15th century Paris, to intervene on behalf of two lovers. The lovers, the lowly Gypsy woman Esméralda and the Captain of the Guard of Louis XI, Phoebus, are plagued with a series of mortal difficulties stemming from their cross-class romance.

The film is by turns humorous, tragic and a little silly now and then. The exaggerated stage acting style does not play particularly well in cinema.

The score, which was compiled from many different sources by the gifted conductor Donald Hunsburger, reflected the moods of the film wonderfully. It was brilliant and

majestic without being manipulative and plaintive or tragic without spilling into a sea of sappy sentimentality.

The Nashville Symphony performed marvelously for two solid hours with one brief recess. They demonstrated once more their tirelessness to music, which is thrown into stark relief by the everpresent dearth of funding for their cause.

It is a pity that in a place called "Music City" an orchestra of this caliber receives only a feeble tattoo of applause from an audience already gushing out the back door into a battalion of BMWs, waiting to waft them back to Belle Meade homes filled with the blue glow of television sets, reeking of the putrescent humor of Saturday Night Live.



# Students given chance to experience Virtuality

## Press Release

Life! Editor

Imagine experiencing a multi-sensory event that is created inside a computer; a virtual experience, as distinguished from reality. Until lately, people could experience this exciting, new phenomenon at only a handful of permanent venues around the country. But now, the world's only traveling virtual reality experience is coming to us. Area students can experience it at a special installation Keathley University Center Lounge, 2nd floor KUC, on Monday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A choice of two virtual reality experiences await the participant. In "Dactyl Nightmare," two players duel each other from special platforms in space, while green pterodactyls threaten from above, creating excitement that is reported to be far more intense than what any other kind of computer game can provide. Veteran players describe it as total immersion in an elaborate, computer-generated space where "real" reality is absolutely blocked out and the players are virtually inside the computer in another reality.

What creates this other reality, in addition to the computers that

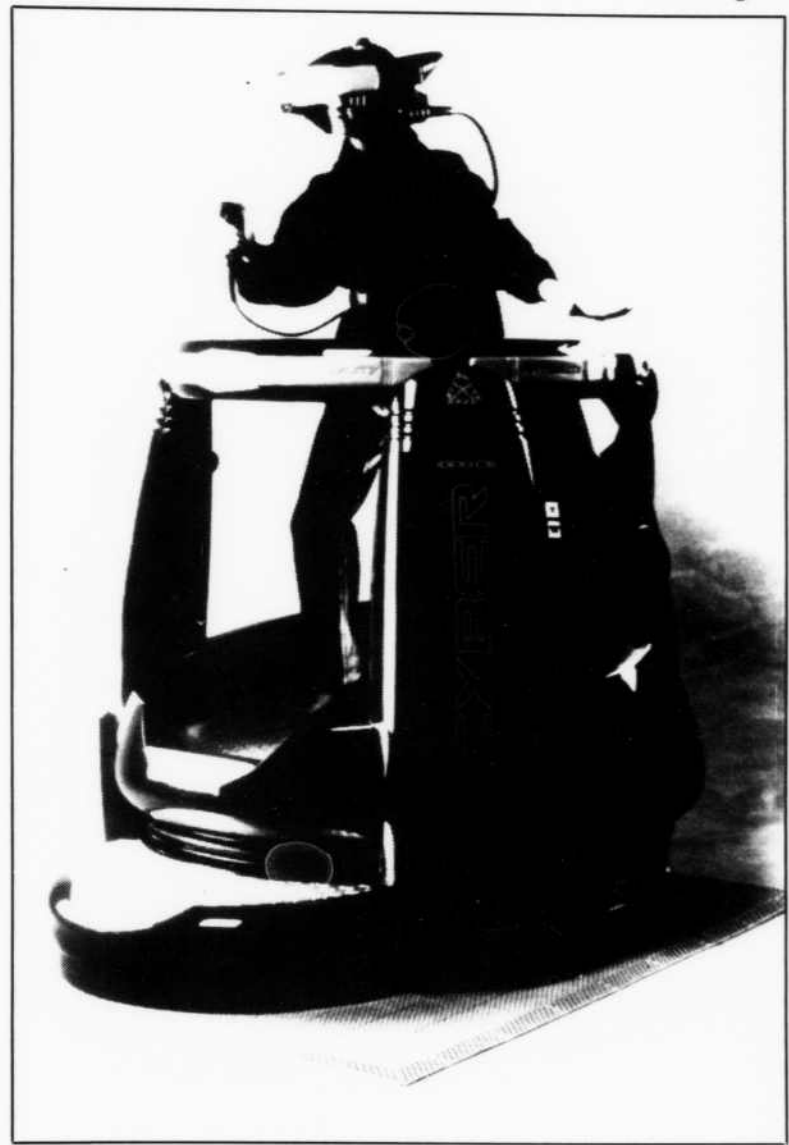
generate the images, are the exclusive headgear that each participant wears. Called "Visettes," they bathe the players in quadrophonic sound effects and cover their eyes with a pair of miniature TV screens which display a colorful, three-dimensional scene. The scene is altered according to the player's every movement, thereby creating for the player the illusion of being totally immersed in the visual aspects of the game environment. A press of a thumb-button on a "Spacestick" held by each player "moves" the player forward and upward in this "cyberspace," while a squeeze of a trigger launches a rocket grenade at an adversary - or at a pterodactyl, if it hasn't already snatched its victim. In addition to "Dactyl Nightmare," participants can choose "H.E.R.O.," an experience in which they navigate through four different "environments."

While players are immersed in virtual reality, people in line or nearby can observe monitors showing, in two-dimension, the action as the players are experiencing it in three-dimension.

The developers of virtual reality and other experts in the field of computer-generated imaging foresee a wide range of

applications for its concept in areas far beyond entertainment. For example, surgeons will be able to "voyage" inside the computer-replicated bodies of their patients, or perform otherwise risky, "what-if" procedures on them. Astronauts or space scientists will be able to explore the surfaces of other planets, however hostile the environments. Architects and engineers will be able to subject buildings and other structures to fire, violent winds, earthquakes or other potential disaster conditions to test the outer limits of their structures or materials. People will be able to take "virtual vacations," such as portrayed in the film "Total Recall," and "virtual relationships" are a distinct possibility as well.

The virtual reality experience, or "Virtuality," as it is called by its U.S. license, Edison Brothers Mall Entertainment, was developed in England by W. Industries. American Program Bureau, Inc., Newton, Massachusetts, is its national collegiate tour license. The price will be \$2 for the first game, and each winner will play continuously up to three games at no extra charge.



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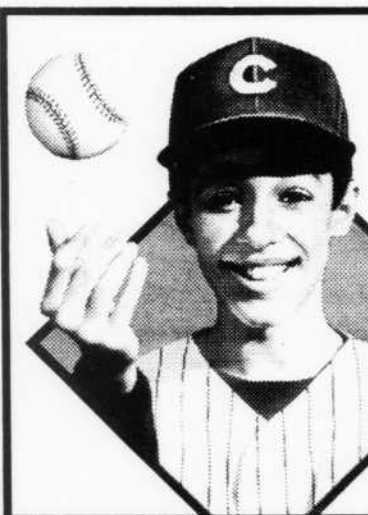
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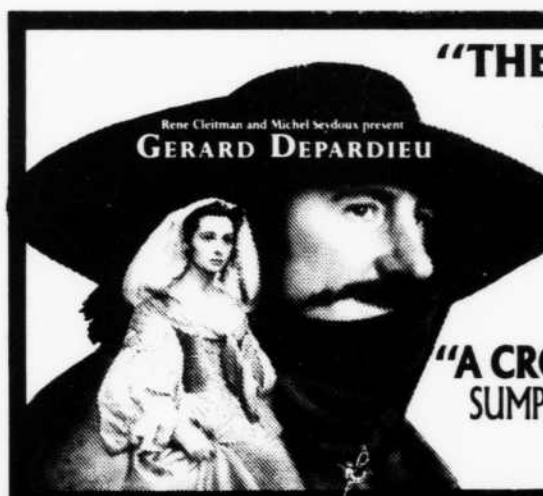
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**IN THE WRONG PLACE:** This Southeast Missouri defender made the mistake in getting in Kippy Bayless' path as he heads up field during his 190 yard performance two weeks ago.

## Make Way!

*Bayless bolting over opponents and into MTSU tailback fame*

TRAVIS MILLSAPS  
Sports Writer

When fans think of Middle Tennessee State University football under head coach Boots Donnelly, one of the first things to come to mind is the tradition of great running backs. From Vince Hall and Dwight Stone to Joe Campbell and Walter Dunson, MTSU's offense always features explosive backs.

This year is no exception as MTSU has the backfield combination of Kippy Bayless and Brigham Lyons. However, due to a knee injury that has slowed Lyons, it has fallen on the legs of Bayless to carry the majority of the load. And the 5'8" 185 pound junior has responded.

So far this year Bayless had gained 964 yards on 150 carries for an average of 6.4 yards per carry. He has also scored 11 touchdowns. Bayless is currently leading the Ohio Valley Conference in yards gained and

**'If somebody's in front of me and I can't go around them, I'm going to go through them. I do not like running out of bounds.'**

KIPPY BAYLESS

BLUE RAIDER TAILBACK

touchdowns.

With three games to go in the year, he is just 36 yards away from becoming just the tenth back at MTSU to rush for 1000 yards in a single season.

Bayless first gained the attention of football fans in Tennessee and colleges around the nation as a high school player at Knoxville Central. After his senior year he was named the McDonald's Player of the Year for Tennessee in AAA, an All-State selection, a finalist for Mr. Football (along with Lyons), and about every other award a player can receive.

While at Knoxville Central, Bayless also broke most of the school's rushing and touchdown records. The phenomenal thing

about that is the records he broke were set by Reggie Cobb, who currently is playing for the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I just hope I can make it the NFL like he did," said Bayless of breaking Cobb's records, "but it was great just to go to the same school he did and play football where he did."

In high school Bayless lettered in three sports. Besides football, he also ran track and was on the wrestling team. Bayless speaks highly of his experience with wrestling.

"That is the most difficult sport to condition for," said Bayless referring to it as "the hardest sport I ever played in my life."

See KIPPY, Page 1

## Warren Kidd to start for 76ers in opener

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LANCASTER, Pa. — There's a new Kidd in town for the Philadelphia 76ers, and coach Fred Carter is delighted.

Warren Kidd, who holds the Blue Raider record for rebounding in just three years of playing time, will start at power forward Friday when the Sixers take the floor in their season opener. The 6-foot-9 Kidd is the unexpected fifth man on a refurbished team dominated by 7-foot-6 newcomer Shawn Bradley.

Kidd "does something we need," Carter said.

"He's a dirty-work player," Carter said.

Kidd got the starting assignment by moving ahead of Tim Perry, a sixth-year pro, on the depth chart.

"I was real shocked," Kidd said. "I thought they'd start Tim Perry because he's a veteran, and I would have understood the situation."

Kidd was billed as a rebounder and floor-runner when he was signed. But as the exhibition season developed, he began bolstering the offense by accepting passes from Bradley at low post and getting off shots from decent range.

"I've been especially surprised I was given the freedom to shoot the jumper," Kidd said. "I'm confident in my shot, but I didn't know how much I'd be shooting."

Kidd shot 63 percent from the field last year at MTSU and was the leading rebounder in the NCAA's Division I.

He averaged 7.5 points and 8.6 rebounds in the preseason.

## Raiders try to rebound after Tulsa

*Boots' boys against wall, have little shot at making I-AA playoffs*

TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Boots Donnelly isn't a happy camper and for good reason. His Blue Raiders plummeted out of the Division I-AA poll this week after a 38-17 shellacking was given to the squad at Tulsa.

In that game, Tulsa rolled up 569 yards of total offense including 378 total yards through the air.

"Ray Charles can throw it and Stevie Wonder can catch it against our secondary," Donnelly told a local reporter following the game. "We knew coming in they would throw it, but our youth defensively just killed us - it killed us."

If the Raiders have any hopes of the playoffs they must start winning this weekend when the squad closes out the home season with a 1:30 showdown with Austin Peay. The Governors enter the game with a 1-8 mark, 0-6 in the OVC. Following that, the Raiders close out the season with league leading Eastern Kentucky and title contender Tennessee Tech.

"The Austin Peay game is an important game for us and our seniors," replied Donnelly. "We've got three

**'Ray Charles can throw it and Stevie Wonder can catch it against our secondary.'**

BOOTS DONNELLY

BLUE RAIDER HEAD COACH

games left and we can still do some damage in our conference.

"But these are three very difficult football games and we've got to get a lot straightened out with them."

Making an impact on the conference race may be the only way MTSU makes a fifth consecutive playoff appearance. With three wins, and a little help, MTSU could still conceivably, but not likely, tie for the OVC title and earn the conferences automatic bid to the playoffs.

Going into Saturday's game with division I-A Tulsa, the Raiders had hoped to play well enough to remain in the polls and they had their chances.

Three times Saturday, the Raiders drove the ball inside the Hurricane 20 only to come away with three points. Continuously this season, the offense has sparked but when it got to crunch time, it stalled.

"It's hard to tell what is going on," said Donnelly. "The majority of the

problem is inconsistency. We have failed inside the 20 this season. I don't know that.

"We'll jump off sides or we'll miss a blocking assignment. You name it we've done it."

On a bright spot, Kippy Bayless has been performing with consistency from his tailback slot.

Bayless enters Saturday's game with 964 yards rushing which leads the OVC. He needs only 36 yards to become the tenth Blue Raider to eclipse the 1,000 yard barrier in a season. Saturday, he had a 123 yard performance marking the sixth time in eight games he's surpassed the 100 yard mark.

"Kippy played another solid football game," said Donnelly. "The young man can run, but he also catches the ball and blocks well too."

"I think Kippy is playing solid football. I just wish our whole football team was right now."



# Buckeyes will end up on top come January

With a month left, it is still anyone's title. And every year we have a surprise national champion. This year it looks like Florida St. might hold on to No. 1 the whole year, but if everything went according to plan, Aidid would have been captured by now.

Florida St. has the toughest schedule down the road. Whether the Seminoles succeed or fail would have plenty of question marks on the contenders for the top spot. Granted, Florida St. has played a tough schedule, but the Seminoles go to South Bend Nov. 13, even with the cold home



**GREG HOENIE**  
Staff  
Writer

field advantage going against Florida St., the Seminoles will prevail. But do not overlook Florida, Florida St. has to travel to Gainesville and could be upset the last week. Nothing would make N. C. States season by beating the No. 1 team as it was recovering from Notre Dame and looking ahead to Florida.

If Notre Dame does get past Florida St., the only threat to worry the Irish is Boston College - what a threat. Though I would like to see the Irish teach football to Nebraska come bowl day.

Though Miami has lost to Florida St., the Hurricanes are in the driver seat should Florida St. falter. The only competition they face till January first is West Virginia. Ranked fourth, as of today, Miami could easily be national champions by the end of the year.

The Big Ten is about to go through the grind month, as all six ranked teams play each other.

Ohio State sits alone at the top of the division. The Buckeyes have five games that could make them national champions. The toughest games will be at Wisconsin and Michigan. But the Buckeyes could be overlooking Penn St. and Indiana. If the Buckeyes go undefeated in the Big Ten, a victory in the Rose Bowl could spell national champions. It only takes 25 years to do it.

With the starting quarterback kicked off the team, Penn State is overrated. Plus Penn St. even got an extra week off before they played Michigan and Ohio State,

how nice and easy of a schedule. But then the meat hits, playing Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan St., bye bye Penn. The rest of the Big Ten knocks each other off: untested Wisconsin and Indiana, and unpredictable Michigan St. and Illinois. Michigan is in big trouble, and will be hard pressed for victories facing any team with a defensive line able to shut down their running game.

Now that the Cornhuskers are done playing their preseason games, maybe they would like to play in the SEC for a season.

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## MTSU golfers tie for third at Classic

MTSU's golf team took third place this weekend at the James Madison Men's Golf Classic in Charlottesville, Va. The squad shot 107 and tied with Austin Peay.

Penn State and Princeton both shot scores of 300 and tied for the top spot of the event which was shortened a day due to snow.

Matt Lucchesi led MTSU with a score of 73. That score is the third best in the field as Matt David Reed shot a 76, Chris Peay a 77, Nick Shelton a 81 and Mike Chesser finished with a 82.

## Florida State will stymie Notre Dame's chances

Florida St. vs. Notre Dame.

Some sportswriters are already labeling it the game of the century, yeah right just like the Alabama vs. Miami game last year in the Sugar Bowl. People have come up and asked me what I think about Notre Dame's chance at winning the national championship, and I simply said what chance?

Florida State will absolutely blow those Yankees out of South Bend, even though there are current rumors circulating that Florida St QB Charlie Ward has been hampered because of tendonitis in the elbow and he is also nursing



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bruised ribs. Florida St. has the team in '93', although I still think some teams may just be better, including Tennessee (home state team, had to do it), these teams have just had worst luck. So Florida St. is definitely in the driving seat.

None of us are proclaimed prophets, but none of us have to be to see how the college

football national championship race will end up. It's really very simple, almost like taking candy from a baby. Here's my predictions on the way some of the top teams in the country will end the season with bowl games.

1. So Florida St. will win the national championship in the Orange Bowl where they will smash a very overrated Nebraska team.

2. Alabama will be in the Sugar Bowl, just because they don't have to face Tennessee again in the SEC Championship game, and they will beat a Miami team that is a lot weaker than people think.

3. The Cotton Bowl will feature the mighty Tennessee Vols against a lackluster Texas A&M team, in which the Vols will shred the Aggies in a hurry.

4. In a totally, "WHO CARES" game, the Ohio St. Buckeyes will travel to play Arizona in the Rose Bowl. Ooh! What a bunch of powerhouses! They will both be there because lack of schedule, or should I just say lack of conference strength.

5. In another barnburner, the lucky Florida Gators will play Notre Dame in a boring game at the Fiesta Bowl and the

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## Aly makes jump to first in 'Line' action

"I am the greatest."

That's all we could hear out of Charles Aly after he posted a 9-1 mark last week. Meanwhile, guest picker Dean Hayes went 6-4 allowing Aly to make up three games and move into a tie for first with the best.

"Most people like to gain a game back at a time. I like to bite off more than enough to chew on," Aly commented. "Look at (Tony) Arnold, still three back and without a chance. I'm taking this thing and winning."

Including this week, there are four weeks left. Arnold posted a 6-4 mark last week and has some ground to make up to defend his title.

"I like it this way," Arnold said. "When you think you've got something and you lose it at the last second, it's like a dagger in the heart."

Coley Jackson went 7-3 to gain a game and Tripp Ballard slipped with a 4-6 mark.

"I'm not going to let Tripp Ballard beat me," Jackson said. "He's a Vols fan so he can't have that much common sense."

Ballard's reply?

"He's looking up at me in the standings isn't he?"

MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford is the best this week.

### Line Standings

Name	Win	Loss	GB	Pct.
Charles Aly	61	29	-	.677
Guest Picker	61	29	-	.677
Tony Arnold	58	32	3	.644
Tripp Ballard	54	36	7	.599
Coley Jackson	53	37	8	.588

On The Line	Tony Arnold Starting to Sweat	Tripp Ballard Up to His Old Tricks	Coley Jackson Coming on Strong?	Charles Aly Unbelievable	John Stanford Stan the Man
Austin Peay at MTSU	MTSU 35-7 MT must win big for playoff hopes	MTSU 45-7 Big Blue Rolls	MTSU 40-0 Boots is Peay'd off	MTSU 35-0 Bathroom Humor	MTSU 52-7 Young players mature
Louisville at Tennessee	Vols 42-31 Cardinals can't fly that high	Vols 28-10 Vols still best around	Louis. 101-1 Vols get Cardinal poop in eye	Vols 28-13 Riflemen Down Cardinals	Vols 36-14 Phillip on a roll
Ohio State at Wisconsin	OSU 17-14 Badgers can't stop title drive	Wis. 14-10 Buckeyes get badgered	OSU 42-21 Badgers badgered	OSU 28-13 Headed for the Top	OSU 44-10 Buckeye power
Kentucky at Vanderbilt	UK 90-0 And that's a halftime score	UK 21-3 Vandy wants season to end	UK 100-0 Desperate Dinardo	UK 21-0 Vandy worse than Peay	UK 24-14 Kentucky Bowl hunting
Tenn. Tech at Tenn. State	TSU 14-10 Tigers banish Tech's title hopes	Tech 35-0 Tech still sucks	Tech 21-17 Tech OVC title bound?	Tech 17-13 Tigers play like kittens	TSU 21-20 Mild upset
Ole Miss at Memphis St.	State 24-21 Rebels mugged in Memphis	State 17-7 'Blues Brothers'	Miss 35-28 Rebels rally to beat lowly Tigers	State 27-19 Tigers upset	Miss 42-21 LSU rebound
Indiana at Penn State	Penn 35-17 Hoosiers hushed by PO'd Paterno	Penn 28-3 Ooh! Not the Hoosiers	Penn 42-7 Indiana's ranked in football?	Penn 35-31 Whoosiers?	Penn 36-7 No contest
UCLA at Wash. State	UCLA 35-21 Bruins bad to the bone	UCLA 14-3 Surfer boys!	UCLA 21-10 Offense is too awesome	UCLA 23-17 10-0 & I'm bound for Vegas	UCLA 35-21 Battle of the West
Clemson at N. Carolina	NC 24-10 N. Carolina has a football team?	NC 30-10 Clemson is horrible	NC 24-7 There's that orange again	NC 24-10 Tigers 1-2 this week	NC 17-14 Clemson stuck in Tar
California at Arizona St.	ASU 21-10 Where did these guys come from?	ASU 3-0 What is this?	ASU 35-21 Where did these guy's come from?	ASU 21-10 Tigers, er...Sun Devils win	ASU 24-13 Reggie Jackson's alma mater



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## Kippy a running Raider...

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After high school Bayless had to make the decision of at which school to continue his football career. "I was highly recruited by a lot of the top schools in I-A football," he said, "but right at the end most of them either wanted me to walk on or they would not give me a full scholarship."

His final choices came down to Furman, Appalachian State, Vanderbilt and MTSU with all offering full scholarships.

"I was on the phone with Coach Donnelly about four in the morning two days before the signing date," commented Bayless, "and he convinced me to come to MTSU. MTSU stayed with me the whole way through."

Prior to getting his chance to shine this year, Bayless had been a back-up to Joe Campbell and Walter Dunston. Even as a back-up in the 1992 season, Bayless gained 533 yards rushing.

Also that year Bayless had what he considers his best game at MTSU. With Dunston hurt, he stepped up to have a 135 yard rushing performance with a touchdown to lead MTSU to a 35-7 victory over Eastern Kentucky.

"I do not know what it was," he said, "but both sides of the ball played great and we came out with a victory."

Bayless' best game of the 1993 season so far came against Southeast Missouri on Homecoming. He had 190 yards rushing on 36 carries and scored two touchdowns. He also caught a pass for a two-point conversion in the 31-10 Blue Raider victory.

Bayless describes his running style as "slicing and dicing," he says, "if somebody's in front of me and I can't go around them, I'm going to go through them. I don't like running out of bounds. I just wanted to run the ball. Give it to me and I will run it for you."

So far this season Bayless is pleased with the way he has played. "I am catching the ball well, I am blocking well and I am following my assignments. Other than wanting to break some more tackles...there is not too many weak spots for me right now."

With an unusual name like Kippy, many may wonder how it came about the name. His given first name is Stephen and Kippy is a nickname he acquired when he was younger.

"When I was small, my family nickname was 'Baby.' My aunt, who stayed in Michigan, came home one time, noticed that and said 'You-all need to quit calling him Baby. We need to give him another nickname. After that they just started calling me Kippy. That is where it came from,'" admitted Bayless.

Like most football players, Bayless dreams of playing in the NFL after college. However, as an accounting major he is prepared for other things.

"Of course I want to go to the NFL," Bayless commented, "and if I get that opportunity it would be great, but I have a couple of things set up to where I will be doing some accounting work in Nashville (just in case)."

And with his senior year still ahead of him, Bayless is presently on track to add his name to the list of great running backs at MTSU as well.

## Buckeye Power...

From Page 17

Nebraska gets its first real tests; playing at Colorado and hosting Oklahoma, games that will be fatal for the Cornhuskers.

From the Pac 10 I do not see any national champions. But there are still some very good teams that ought to be mentioned, Arizona, UCLA, and surprising Arizona St.

I saved the best for last. The only national champion hopeful from the Southeastern Conference is Alabama. The Tide still has to play non-television Auburn. Auburn has

the defensive depth to shut down Alabama's "Mr. Offense" Palmer. I wonder what kind of defensive back he would make. Then Alabama has to play in the SEC championship, most likely Florida. Tennessee needed help and did not get it from Georgia. The Gators still will not win the SEC championship playing the Seminoles the week before Alabama could return as national champions if they play Florida St. bowl day and Ohio St. and Miami lose.

Even with all the predictions and hopefuls, I am going with Ohio State as my pick for the national championship.

## State all the way...

From Page 17

Gators will win just because they come from a real conference.

These are some of the major bowl games, and my predictions about how they will turn out. The other bowl games will involve mostly joke teams from the North and the West that play in circus conferences. So, I have chosen to pass up the chances to foresee the futures of such powerhouses like Wisconsin,

Oklahoma, UCLA, Virginia, Texas A&M, Auburn (Oh yeah, I forgot, they're illegal as hell), Penn State, etc. I could easily be wrong, and one of these, or other teams, could make it to one of the top bowls, but for New Year's Day's sake let's hope not. Final Top Five may look like this: 1) Florida St. 2) Ohio St. 3) Alabama 4) Tennessee 5) Florida. (As usual, the SEC proves itself the best conference in the country)



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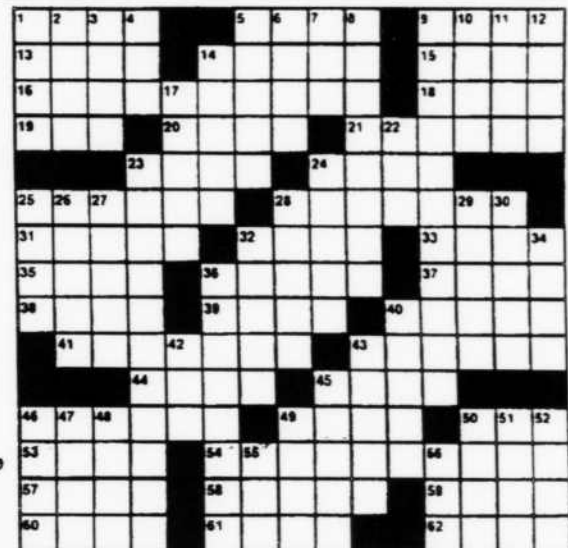
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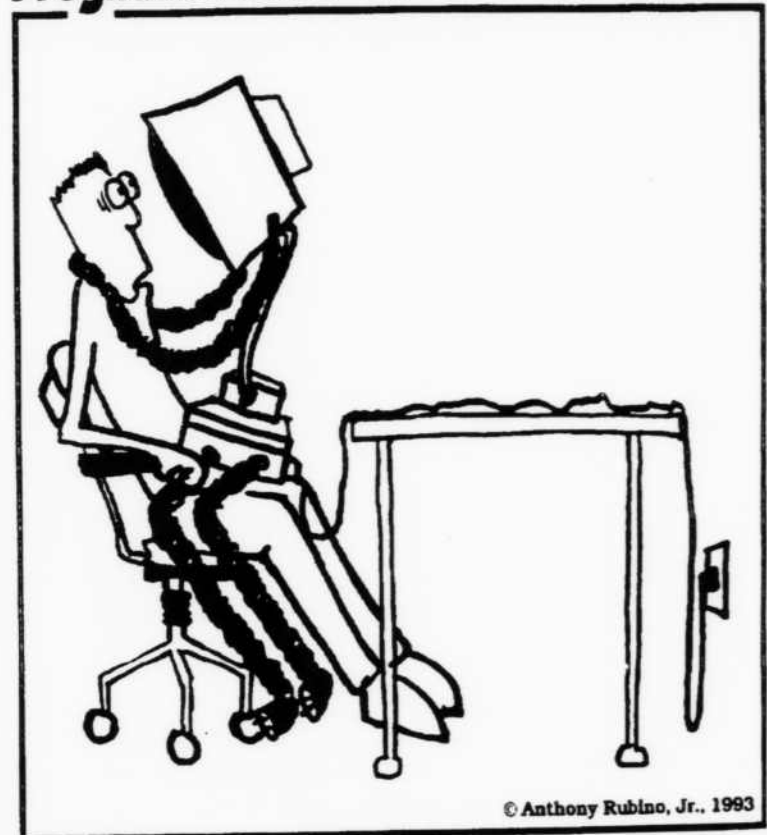


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