

Sidelines

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In these photographs, as in life, there's more to the scene than meets the eye; [left] Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake is seen here talking to fraternity man Tom Wells during yesterday's Interfraternity Council beer blast. In the second photo [right] we see Ivan's secret—the well concealed beer. Don't worry Ivan, we won't tell.

by John Pitts

PLAYBOY SELECTS MTSU IN SEX SURVEY

Playboy magazine, in its newly-released October issue, has ranked MTSU 13th in a survey of 25 randomly-selected national colleges and universities as part of a feature written to "clue you in on the best schools for majoring in getting laid."

The University of California at Los Angeles ranked first in the survey, based on questionnaires sent to student and administrative leaders of the campuses listed in the spring.

According to senior editor Robert Shea, contacted by phone in Chicago, the magazine maintains a "college market research" department which selected the campuses as being "representative of all campuses across the country."

"After we selected the schools, we sent questionnaires to the representatives of the schools to determine what the life on their

campus is really like," Shea said.

In the October issue, Middle Tennessee and the other 24 schools are included in a "Campus Action Chart '76," with each school depicted according to undergraduate population, campus ambiance (environment) and descriptions of the typical campus male, campus female and extracurricular activities.

For this school, the typical campus male is described as being "New South" and states they are concerned with "Charlie Daniels, dope and upward mobility," while the MTSU female is typified as being the "Southern belle starting to swing a little." Off campus activities mentioned in the brief description of the university includes "Opryland...Music City USA...talkin' about Nashville."

Playboy made special note of last year's homecoming here, specific-

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Campus Calendar

Today
Gamma Beta Phi Society Meeting:
6:30 p.m.; LRC

Movie: "Harrad Summer," 3:30, 6
8 p.m., UC Theatre

Dance Committee Dance: 8 p.m.,
Tennessee Room, SUB

Tomorrow
Movie: "Blazing Saddles," 3:30, 6,
8 p.m., UC Theatre

ASB Club Night: 4:30-7:30 p.m.,
Front of UC

Thursday
House Meeting: 4:30 p.m., room
320, UC

Faculty/Press Luncheon: 12 noon,
Tennessee Room SUB

Sorority Rush Orientation: 1-10
p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Movie: "Blazing Saddles," 3:30, 6,
8 p.m., UC Theatre

NORML, 7:30, UC 320

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Tenure policy causes women faculty concern

by Janet Basse

Members of a faculty women's group "are greatly concerned about the effect a new tenure and promotion policy will apparently have on the faculty population of women on this campus," according to group chairperson June Anderson.

"We are disturbed because it will effect more women than men," said Anderson, representing the Study Group on Concerns of Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW).

Under the new policy, persons holding the rank of instructor cannot be granted tenure, while another university policy provides

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for no leave of absence unless a person is granted tenure, according to Anderson.

In addition, a person cannot earn the rank of assistant professor without an earned doctorate.

"These policies make it extremely difficult for instructors to earn a promotion," she said.

A 1975-76 study of the status of women on campus prepared by CFAW last May reveals that 29.3 percent of the faculty population of women on campus holds the rank of instructor, while 5.9 percent men hold the same rank.

"We have already lost one fine woman specialist on this campus because she was caught in this web," Anderson said. "She has taken another job where her specialization is recognized without a Ph.D."

The 1975-76 CFAW study which

**Reports requested
by Dean MacLean**

All MTSU clubs and organizations are requested to submit the organizational information report which has been mailed to the advisers/or the student presidents, according to Student Services Dean Robert MacLean.

The deadline to submit the report is Sept. 22. Any group whose adviser has been changed or has questions should contact MacLean's office for additional information.

During the spring semester, three forms were due, but a number of groups have not yet submitted these required reports. These forms must be completed, MacLean added.



Staff photo by Jack Ross

Children of residents in Married Student Housing now have a school bus to take them to school—thus

avoiding a potentially dangerous intersection for pedestrian students near campus.

"demonstrates a strikingly consistent pattern" of discrimination against women employees at MTSU is currently in the office of Justice Department lawyer George Schneider, following his request for the report earlier this year.

"I have not heard from Schneider since June," said Anderson. "So, as far as I know, the situation reported in our study is currently under investigation by the Department of Justice."

CFAW is "still concerned over the status of Affirmative Action on campus, and we feel a definite need for a more effective affirmative

action officer," Anderson said.

Affirmative Action Officer Linnel Gentry, who serves as Director of Institutional Research and Projects, made no comment on Anderson's remarks.

According to Anderson, CFAW plans for the year include:

--Establishing a Talent Bank, an accumulation of the records and avilities of faculty and administrative women, to be used in an effort to urge the women to apply for national committees, grants, etc.

--Establishing a Women's Center on campus, where information on women's issues will be available to

the university population.

--Raising the level of consciousness at MTSU.

--Preparing a follow-up study to the 1975-76 study on the status of faculty and administrative women at MTSU.

"Our group has made definable improvements in the attitudes and actions of the administration, but we have a long way to go before reaching full equalization," Anderson concluded.

CFAW will meet Monday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Student Union Building.

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ASB candidates qualify

Two candidates have qualified for ASB Speaker of the House and 12 have qualified for the five freshman senator posts in the Sept. 21-22 elections.

Tom Wells, House parliamentarian and acting speaker in the wake of the recent shake-up in the ASB, and former election commissioner-designate Butch Burns, have qualified for the Speaker post.

Wells has twice been a candidate for student body office, placing second in both last year's presidential race and in the contest for House Speaker in 1975. He is a three-year-veteran of the House.

Burns served one year in the Senate before being named election commissioner by President Richard Langford, but resigned the post to run for Speaker.

The position of Speaker of the House was opened early this month when Jeff Combos, who had been re-elected to a second term, resigned.

Candidates for the five freshman senator posts in the order they will

appear on the ballot are: Cheryl Saggese, Rick Buford, Tom Patronis, James Francis, Mark Eaton, Gwyne Ellis, Roy Derryberry, John Dotson, George Knox, Ricky Beasley, Hugh Sharber and Kent Syler.

Absentee ballots will be available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today through Friday in the ASB office on the third floor of the University Center, according to election commissioner Danny Dunkleberger.

Polls will be open in the University Center and the Student Union Building 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 21-22.



Murfreesboro Police got a free car wash Saturday from Sigma Chi fraternity in order to promote "better relations" between the fraternity and the law. All police cars and several other vehicles were washed—along with a number of brothers and little sisters.

Smokers finalize fraternity rush activities

"Smokers," formal meetings by fraternities with interested rushees, dominate the final week of fraternity rush activities beginning tonight.

"During smokers, rushees are encouraged to visit all the houses

and get to know as many of these people as well as they can," explained Assistant Dean of Students David Bragg, fraternity adviser.

"There will be no alcoholic beverages at these meetings, and rushees are encouraged to engage in serious discussions with members about the advantages of their fraternities, and begin to establish their choices for fraternities they might like to join," Bragg added.

Delta Tau Delta will begin the smokers tonight at 7, with Pi Kappa Phi at 8 and Alpha Tau Omega at 9. Tomorrow night, Pi Kappa Alpha will hold their smoker at 6, Omega Psi Phi will conduct theirs at 7, with Kappa Alpha at 8 and Kappa Sigma at 9.

On the last night of smokers, Sigma Nu will meet with rushees at 6, Sigma Chi at 7, Sigma Alpha Epsilon at 8 and Alpha Gamma Rho at 9.

Preference parties for the fraternities will be conducted Saturday night after the UT Martin football game, with rushees encouraged to attend parties at fraternities they would be interested

ed in receiving a bid from, Bragg said.

Fraternities will conduct bid sessions on Sunday, and rushees will be able to pick up bids Tuesday afternoon in the conference room on the first floor of the UC, Bragg said.

Forum to discuss seat belt usage

The continuing battle between the proper role of government and rights of the individual will be the highlight of the regular campus forum Sept. 22 when Dr. Robert Sanders and State Rep. John Bragg discuss the mandatory use of seat belts.

Both Sanders, head of the Rutherford County Health Department, and Bragg, a Murfreesboro Democrat, have pushed for mandatory seat belt laws in Tennessee, according to forum sponsor Jim Brooks.

The forum will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in the University Center, room 222.



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ally the 12-foot-long "joint" sponsored by the MTSU chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws [NORML]. The NORML float, painted red, white and blue and inscribed "Fire Up Big Blue," caused an uproar when at least one local city councilman termed it "a disgrace to the city of Murfreesboro."

Other universities listed in the ranking include the University of Alabama (No. 10) where the campus males and females are described as "Rhett Butler with a joint" and "Scarlett O'Hara with a pop top;" Reed College of Portland Oregon (No. 2) where "a 50-foot geodesic dome appeared one night" in the middle of the campus and New Mexico State (No. 24) where "the administration has reluctantly decided to let married students live together."

For UCLA (No. 1 in the survey) the chart says the campus males are "eyeing the future with a bloodshot gaze" and terms the females "the best looking on the West Coast; really."

In addition to the "campus action chart," the magazine included a student poll based on results compiled from questionnaires sent to more than 20,000 college students across the nation.

Shea commented that the magazine received returns of nearly 30 per cent on the research, which was conducted by editors at the magazine, students at the University of Chicago and an independent



NORML float, mentioned in Playboy, as seen in last year's Homecoming parade.

research organization.

In the attitudes survey, students listed environmental affairs, inflation, unemployment and crime as

their primary concerns. On gun control, 70 per cent of the students polled agreed that stricter laws on guns should reduce violent crimes.

On women's affairs, 94 per cent expressed support for equal rights economic and political rights for women, and 79 per cent favored no laws restricting a woman's right to an abortion.

The survey found a dramatic increase in the numbers of students who have tried marijuana over the last six years. In 1970 47 per cent of the students had tried the substance, while this year 70 per cent acknowledged that they have sampled marijuana. Specifically 74 per cent of males and 66 per cent of women said they had used the drug at least once.

In another part of the poll, Playboy found that only 26 per cent of females questioned claimed to be virgins, as opposed to 49 per cent in 1970. However, male virgins have apparently increased in the past six years, from 18 per cent to 26 per cent this year.

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Magazine's college survey raises interesting questions

A survey of social and political issues by *Playboy* magazine of several thousand college students has produced some interesting results and some surprises.

For instance, while the number of females claiming to be virgins has dropped 23 percent in six years, the number of alleged male virgins had increased by eight percent. And, of the 26 percent that say they are female virgins, only 14 percent say they are waiting for marriage.

Sexual oddities aside, the students reflected some unusual political beliefs, many of them running counter to what is felt to be the prevailing mood of the nation.

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For instance, while candidates from Jimmy Carter to Elmer Fudpucker are running on an anti-government platform, the students say they want more government intervention (90 percent favor strict controls on air and water pollution.)

Students, according to the survey, favor gun control by 70 percent, the death penalty by more than half, and favor stricter punishments against hard drug users, and heavily favor no laws preventing abortion.

Despite the progressive student attitudes, a person must reflect on whether the revolution in attitudes and emotions has reached MTSU.

A cautious but educated guess is that it hasn't.

The university sometimes seems to exist in a kind of time continuum, still somewhere between bobby sox and the Beatles, still getting its thrills spilling down a beer or two and going back to the dorm to sleep it off.

After all, it would be hard to make a serious beachhead on the new morality in the midst of the buckle of the bible belt.

It would be unfair to say that a certain resistance to the new hedonism is a bad thing; after all, there are still those students who want to get married and have children and like to open doors for women (or have doors opened for them) and can't really appreciate all the so-called advancements of the modern age.

I DIDN'T
KNOW THERE
WERE
WINNERS OR
LOSERS IN
THE SEXUAL
REVOLUTION.

COME ON DOWN!!



It would be interesting to know how this university really stacks up against school in the North; considering that dorm visitation is still limited and alcohol is not allowed on campus at all, the revolution may have reached a temporary setback.

Then again, who is to say what really goes on behind those newly-closed dorm doors?

Students, in the *Playboy* poll at least, seem to demonstrate an amazing capacity to make non-traditional choices in terms of seeking their own happiness.

Only the future, and perhaps some letters from interested students, will tell whether the revolution's theme has been taken up by the student here, or whether they are marching to a different drummer.

Old Blue Eyes is back, or name that tune

by Bill Mason and John Pitts
Are you ready?

As you must know by now (perhaps you don't) "Old Blue Eyes," Frank Sinatra himself, will make his first appearance ever here at Murphy Center in October.

Many think that Sinatra's reason for coming is to put on a concert. But we know better.

Sinatra: "Chicago, Chicago, that toddlin' town."

D.R.T.C.: "Well, that's great, sir. What are your feelings going into this concert?"

Sinatra: "We've got high hopes, yes we've got high hopes."

D.R.T.C.: We see. What prompt-

ed you to choose Murfreesboro as a concert site?

Sinatra: "The tender trap."

D.R.T.C.: We're looking forward to seeing you. On another subject, we understand you plan to "meet up" with an old friend, band director Joe Smith, when you come

to this city. How did you first contact our old friend Joe?

Sinatra: "Love and marriage."

D.R.T.C.: Is that so? Isn't that an unusual medium?

Sinatra: "Call me irresponsible."

D.R.T.C.: We understand you're upset with Joe. What were his last words to you?

Sinatra: "Hey jealous lover."

D.R.T.C.: Word has it you will send some of your "legitimate business associates" to "visit" Joe while you're here. Just who are you sending to see him?

Sinatra: "Strangers in the night."

D.R.T.C.: This sounds serious. Just what did he do to you?

Sinatra: "Something stupid."

D.R.T.C.: How far do you intend to go to show your displeasure with him?

Sinatra: "All the way."

D.R.T.C.: This sort of makes you out as a no-nonsense tough guy. Does that worry you at all?

Sinatra: "Everybody's twisted."

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**DON'T READ
THIS COLUMN**

It has been rumored over the past few years that Sinatra has certain underworld connections.

We don't know how many dead people he corresponds with, but we feel pretty sure he has some pretty good friends of the thug variety.

With the help of one of our inside sources, we recently endeavored to contact Sinatra, and were surprised to succeed. Here is a transcript of our conversation with Mr. Sinatra:

D.R.T.C.: Mr. Sinatra, it was really nice of you to grant us an interview. Where are you calling from?

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Economic policies differ among major parties

by Van West

In the hue and cry of this year's Presidential campaign, one of the main divergent issues to appear between the Republicans and Democrats has been the economy.

If one listens to President Ford, he would think that our national economy is just about at a boom period. The Republicans look upon the economic situation as rosy, all the while trying to forget the present 7.9 per cent unemployment rate and a wildly inconsistent inflation rate.



*Come on Van;
it's not easy
for elephants
to get jobs
nowadays.*

compensation and a loss of more than \$200 billion in goods and services. They rightly maintain that our nation cannot accept the present Republican levels of unemployment.

However, if one agrees with the Democratic contention that Republican economic policy has failed, he should naturally look toward the Democrats for an answer to our long-suffering economic problems.

The Democrats have presented an answer: one supported by both their platform and Mr. Carter called either the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1976 or the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill.

Yet, in this case, the Democratic proposal is no answer at all. In fact, the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill constitutes a severe threat to our

economic order, and adds another chapter to the continued conspiracy to undermine our American way of life.

Right off the bat, the goals that the legislation sets are unrealistic.

The traditional measurement of full employment has been 3.4-4 per cent unemployment. This bill would make it **mandatory** for the government, **through public spending**, to reach a yearly 3 per cent goal of unemployment.

This legislation adds two more layers of bureaucracy to the federal government at a time when most observers agree that the present bureaucratic jungle needs to be cleared out.

The bill further proposes to undermine the independence of the Federal Reserve Board.

However, the most dangerous parts

of the legislation are those turning our economic system into a near-socialist system. When nationwide economic goals, production levels and output of goods and services are decided by the federal government and then forced upon businesses nationwide, our present free-enterprise system will disappear.

Even the liberal economic establishment sees more harm than good in the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill. They point out that to reach 3 per cent unemployment by 1980, government spending would have to be increased so much as to increase inflation to a yearly 15 per cent rate.

They agree that much more can be done to reduce unemployment, but the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill would only compound and not solve the problem.

Thus, in dealing with one of the major issues of 1976, the American people are faced with a dilemma.

The Republicans want to take a snail-pace to economic recovery, but the Democrats want to change our entire economic system while not solving, but compounding the problem. I am not enraptured with the Republican economic policies, but I definitely oppose the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill because it is **unuseful, wasteful and tyrannical.**

AND WEST IS WEST

Early economic optimism by Ford has left the Republicans open to justified attacks on the economic policy failures by the Democrats.

The Democrats cite that even the most positive Republican predictions place unemployment at a 7 per cent level by the end of this year, and at 5 per cent by 1980.

The Democrats point out that this means there will be 6,650,000 unemployed nationwide in our bicentennial year, and that the cost of this unemployment will be \$20 billion a year for unemployment

Don't read this either

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D.R.T.C: We don't mean to interfere, but we'd hate to see dear old Joe done in. When will hope run out for him?

Sinatra: "The second time around."

D.R.T.C: But in the meantime, your boys still mean to "make a point with him?"

Sinatra: "That's life."

D.R.T.C: The last time you had a situation like this, how was it handled?

Sinatra: "I did it my way."

D.R.T.C: Well, sir, we appreciate this little talk. Is there any way we can get in touch with you again?

Sinatra: "That old black magic."

D.R.T.C: Thank you, sir, and good night.

So there you have it. The true facts straight from the horse's mouth.

We suggest you don't miss Frank's show. He probably knows who you are.

MTSU MERRY-GO-ROUND

Former professors Anis Salib and Sun Ho Kim have gone into business together, opening a men's toiletries store. The name of the new enterprise is "Anis Ho..."

We're happy to see that the intramural department has expanded its events this year. Among contests planned are a special dorm push for members of I Dorm and Sigma Chi, the "free style basketball court access" in which 10 teams of five compete for a night's use of a Murphy Center gym one night in mid-December, and finally the (Intramural Director) Joe Ruffner toss in which the team which throws him the farthest gets the all-campus sports trophy if they can find it...

And now news about the Sigma Nu's gnu which they imported from Africa to keep their lawn mowed...

That's the way it is. So long until next week.

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ARA-Slater foods seek to satisfy students

ARA-Slater food service, which replaced Saga food service at the start of this semester is "going to serve food that appeals to local tastes," according to Will Potts, a regional manager for the company.

"Our company has just finished serving the Olympics," explained regional sales director Terry Crump, who along with Potts and company vice-president Vall Smith, are on campus to coordinate ARA's first two weeks on campus.

"We want to hear your problems with the food immediately," Chuck Kelley, assistant dining director said. "We'll try to get the problems settled then instead of waiting a few weeks."

"ARA had served this campus for more than 18 years until 1973 when Saga received the contract," Potts explained. "We are student oriented and many of our people are familiar with the campus." ARA managers at 12 institutions in the mid-south are graduates of the MTSU ARA program, Potts said.



Students wait in an ever-lengthening line outside Hi-Rise cafeteria during a typical lunchtime.

ARA received the MTSU contract after a three-year absence because of "a personal interest" on the part of many ARA officials, including Smith, who served as manager of the MTSU food service himself for four years.

ARA will employ at least 40

students in the food service process, but they hope to employ even more, since the campus has "more than the average number of serving locations," Smith explained.

ARA representatives met with the university food committee upon arriving on campus, and one result of the meeting was the addition of pizza to the menu in the grill.

"We want to give the students the best possible product for the money they are spending," Kelley said. "We don't want anyone who buys a meal ticket to feel gypped."

ARA plans several new programs such as monthly "adventures in dining," weekly "monotony breakers" and special events during exams, Kelley said.

Tentative plans are being made for a series of cookouts in the dorm areas, Kelley said. Residence hall programming and ARA will split the cost evenly.

"However, the meal ticket holders are our primary interest," Kelley said.

Quality-wise, ARA is serving good products, Kelley said. "For example, we are using all 100 percent Grade A choice beef,"

Woodmore and High Rise cafeterias are operating on an "unlimited second" basis. Costs for non-meal ticket holders are breakfast—\$1, lunch—\$1.45, and dinner—\$1.75.

To help control waste, line servers control the size and items of portions, Kelley said. "But we encourage people to come back for seconds as much as they want."

Cafeteria managers will wear name tags and will be available during meal hours. Cafeteria managers are: Jim McGraft—Woodmore, Vera McPherson—Grill, Lillian Smothers—SUB, and Kelley—High Rise. Doug McCallie will be ARA campus director.

The Grill and SUB operate on an ala carte basis, although meal cards are honored in the SUB.

"We want to be on a people-to-people basis," the director said. "We want to emphasize communication with the students."

"We're never afraid for the students to walk back in the kitchen because we don't operate behind closed doors," he said.

'Unnatural' writers sought by Collage

Collage, the university creative magazine, is seeking contributions for the upcoming issue, editor Jan Ellis said yesterday.

Oct. 3 is the deadline for "fiction, features, art, equations, non-fiction, music, photography, scientific principles, cartoons and anything else that is crude and unnatural," he commented.

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Drop in enrollment to spur recruiting

by Laura Lewis

Unanticipated drops in this fall's enrollment will spur more vigorous recruiting policies in the future, according to Cliff Gillespie, MTSU dean of admissions and records.

Gillespie said there were unofficially about 10,200 students registered for this fall, as compared to 10,563 students—the highest enrollment in MTSU history—at this time last year.

Abolishment of out-of-state tuition at Western Kentucky and Northern Alabama, lack of off-campus housing and less emphasis on getting a college education were cited by Gillespie as the main

reasons for the decline in enrollment this fall.

"Other states are just beating us to death," Gillespie said of the new tuition drop by the two universities for certain Tennessee counties bordering on their state lines.

"Western Kentucky has done away with out-of-state tuition for Sumner and Robertson counties," Gillespie explained, adding that the traditional number of freshmen entering MTSU from those counties has dropped from 53 last year to 13 this year.

Likewise, the enrollment rate at MTSU from Lawrence County, which borders on the Alabama line and which is now exempt from

out-of-state tuition at Northern Alabama, has fallen to 10, as compared to 39 last year.

Gillespie also explained that the availability of off-campus housing is becoming scarce and is another reason for the enrollment drop.

"High school graduating classes are getting smaller," Gillespie further stated. "There has also been some unjust criticism about the quality of college education in general," he continued, adding that this could affect college enrollment.

At MTSU, the rate of incoming freshmen dropped eight percent and transfer students dropped

seven percent. He said that he would have a total drop-rate soon.

In order to remedy the enrollment decline, Gillespie said that plans are being made to improve MTSU recruiting procedures.

"Our office will talk to the faculty, and we'll start having them go with us to high schools," he said.

Another plan will be to hold an on-campus workshop for high school guidance counselors sometime this year so they can better inform high school students about the fields of study available at MTSU.

Tests available for students

A wide variety of tests are available for MTSU students in the Guidance and Counseling Center under the direction of James Martin.

The center located on the third floor of the University Center is responsible for the College Level Examination Program, the Graduate Entrance tests, Residual ACT testing, and National Teacher Examinations General Educational Development.

The center also administers correspondence course examinations if requested to do so.

Suggestion box now available

The ASB has recently placed a suggestion box across from the book store in the University Center basement.

The suggestion box is designed to give the students a chance to give ideas or make complaints to the ASB, according to ASB cabinet member, Art Swary.

Swary requested that the student sign his name and box number to receive final answers to his suggestions.

Plans have been made for two additional suggestion boxes to be placed at different locations on campus, he said.

The boxes will be opened once or twice a week and the suggestions will be read, Swary said.

The staff can help the student collect information about his interests, aptitudes and abilities and relate this information to fields of work.

Not everyone takes the same tests since they are fitted to meet the student's needs, he added. Some of the tests are written, while some of them are based on actual performance.

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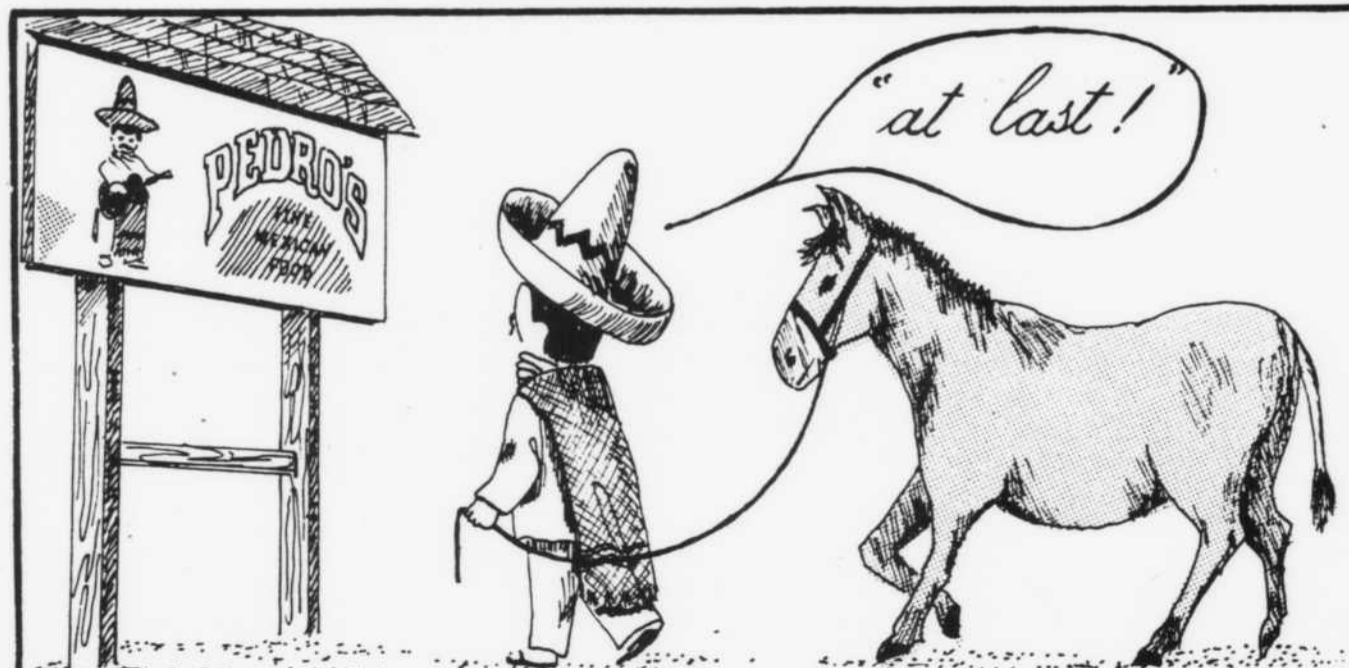
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Gene Cotton and Billy O'Dare

Gene Cotton turns on 'atmosphere'

by Tom Wood

There was something definitely missing from Sunday night's mini-concert with Gene Cotton at the UC Theatre.

It had nothing to do with Cotton's music nor with the audience; the music was great and so was the small but vocal crowd on hand.

But there was something missing, nevertheless.

Energy flowed back and forth from Cotton and the audience freely, and it was a total, one-to-one communication between the two forces—much like you would see in a little, back-alley coffee house or greasy spoon cafe.

There's the answer right there. It was the atmosphere that was lacking.

"I really dig doing these type of shows," Cotton said during and after the show. "The atmosphere is just so much better at these type of

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concerts, and it's just so much more intimate," added Cotton.

Cotton's songs, for the most part, bordered on the slim line between rock and country ballad.

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Later in the show, he pulled out an instrument called a Chordarama, and told the audience, "This is going to freak y'all out, man."

After demonstrating how it worked (you stick in a 8-track instrumental tape and sing your heart out), Cotton asked for a volunteer from the audience to come up and give it a try.

"I'm Matt Davenport from Nashville," said the volunteer as he stepped onto the stage in front of the cheering audience. "You're going to be a fool in a minute," Cotton responded.

Laughter on both Cotton's and the audience's part kept the show

running smoothly, and while some pertained to his songs, it never came during the songs.

A good example of this was Cotton's song "When You're Pushing Six." Seriously, the tone of the song claimed the hardest part of anyone's life was as you turn six, and parents tell you everything to do. Cotton then told the story of how his son has flushed, or tried to, anyway, Cotton's robe down the toilet.

"He was trying to get back at me for an incident that had happened a few months earlier," Cotton said. "I took him on tour with me, and in Atlanta airport, Chris pulled a number two. Something had to be done, it was stinking so bad," Cotton laughed, "and I didn't want people thinking it was me, so I flushed his underpants down the toilet, and he was just getting even."

Cotton is a prolific songwriter as well as a singer (he wrote "Let Your Love Flow" for the Bellamy Brothers) and he is worth catching.

Hit & run...

'Death Race' hones skills

by Steve Huhman

First, there was Pong. Then came electronic hockey and basketball games. Branching off from sports, we got Road Race and Tank.

Now, the latest electronic quarter eater is called Death Race, and I think it is the best of all. Death Race's object is simple: You try to

run down as many people with your car as you can in 99 seconds.

Of course, to placate the usual citizens' outrage groups, the doomed figures are called gremlins. But we all know what they really represent.

I'd searched for this game since late last spring, when I read about it in a newspaper interview with the president of the company that makes electronic games.

He said at that time that the game had outgrossed by a large margin any other electronic game during an equal, short, period subsequent to its introduction.

Anyway, I finally found one in Panama City Beach, Fla., over Labor Day weekend, and started dropping quarters.

There are two figures constantly running across the screen like hyper-active penguins, arms and legs pumping double time. They change direction almost as if they really could see your car.

As you run one down, a piercing shriek is heard and a grave appears on the spot. Another gremlin appears elsewhere on the screen. Graves are impassable by your car and the gremlins alike, adding an extra dimension to the game as more victims are squashed.

There are also two out of bounds areas on either side of the screen where the gremlins can retreat for temporary safety.

Anyone who always wanted to try his hand at hit-and-run, but feared petty retaliation by the police, now can have his cake and eat it, too.



Manuel Barrueco

Midstate concert calendar

Thurs., Oct. 21

FRANK SINATRA makes his first appearance ever at MTSU, his second in the mid-state area this year, for one show at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, mail order for \$12.50, \$10 and \$5. A block of tickets are available to MTSU students, faculty and staff in the Student Programming Office, third floor, University Center. Students will receive a \$1 discount with the first two tickets purchased. Mail order available through: Sinatra Tickets, Sound Seventy Productions, 1719 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 37203. Enclose check or money order along with stamped, self-addressed envelope, plus \$.50 for handling charges.

Famed classical guitarist, Manuel Barrueco, will perform Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the Learning Resources Center of Middle Tennessee at 8 p.m. Barrueco is being presented by the Fine Arts Committee. Admission is free.

Tickets may be picked up in Student Programming on the third floor of the U.C.

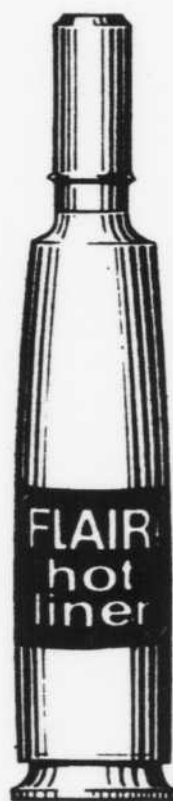
Sat., Sept. 25

Those Texas rock 'n' rollers, ZZ Top will appear in conjunction with the State Fair as part of their World Wide Texas Tour. Over 30,000 were on hand for their last Nashville appearance. Ticket prices are \$8 by mail order and \$10 the day of the show. Send mail orders in care of Sound Seventy in Nashville, 1719 West End Ave., 37203. Enclose check or money order, plus stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$.50 for handling.

Sunday, Nov. 21

Last year's CMA Entertainer of the Year John Denver will appear Sunday, November 21 at the Opry House for two shows, one at 2:30 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Starland Vocal Band, purveyors of "Afternoon Delight," will also appear on the bill. Both shows are sold out.

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Regrouping Raiders crush Eagle ambush

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

JEFFERSON CITY — Bullish Middle Tennessee State rammed a hungry paw into a swarming hornets' here Saturday night and did not get stung...Not even once.

The underdog Blue Raiders, who rolled up 435 yards in total offense, demolished the revenge-minded Carson-Newman team, who wanted to open the season with a victory.

MTSU swamped the Eagles, 35-20, behind the awesome multiple look Veer T offense.

Hard running sophomore John Dukes took advantage of the Eagle

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defense aimed primarily at stopping fullback Mike Moore and quarterback Mike Robinson and accounted for 136 yards on 17 tries.

The MTSU win was the lone victory recorded in the Ohio Valley Conference Saturday as six conference teams fell while Western Kentucky scrambled for a tie. Morehead was idle.

"We did as good a job moving the football as I have ever seen," said elated coach Ben Hurt after his first win of the season against one defeat.

"As long as you have the potential to score against an opponent, you have a chance to beat them. This win gave us a big shot of confidence," Hurt offered.

A wormburner Eagle snap from center set up the first Raider TD, a mere three minutes into the game.



OPTION LOOK—MTSU quarterback Mike Robinson sets to throw under excellent protection from the Blue Raider line against Carson-Newman Saturday night. MTSU won handily, 35-20

Safety John Diefenbach rushed in from the right side of the defensive line and pounced on the ball at the Carson-Newman five.

Three rushes into the right side of the line by Mike Moore, 1975 OVC Offensive Player of the Year, produced a 7-0 Blue Raider lead before most of the 4,550 at Burke-Tarr Stadium were settled.

Carson-Newman countered with a TD when Doug Belk crashed in from seven-yards out to cap a 10-play scoring drive.

MTSU began an effective option passing attack in the second quarter and took the lead for a good 11 minutes before halftime.

Nifty quarterback Mike Robinson, who hit on 11 of 23 passes for 216 yards, directed the

go-ahead drive with quick dump passes to tight-ends Jack Fuqua (30 yards), Vincent Harris (20) and flanker Gary Burchfield (13).

The Raiders' covered 84-yards in 11 plays, capped when Moore thundered off right tackle for the final two yards.

An unheralded but stingy MTSU defense, consistently making the big plays when Carson-Newman threatened, shut down an Eagle drive at the MTSU five for four consecutive plays midway into the second quarter.

The Eagles' missed a 21-yard field goal, after a 19 play drive which began on the CN 10, a turning point which Eagle coach Johnny Wike said was one of the most critical in the contest.

"We needed to pull at least within four points before the half," Wike moaned afterwards. "That play cut our momentum. It's hard to recover after driving nearly the length of the field and coming up empty handed."

But the 14-7 deficit was as close as Carson-Newman was to get.

Robinson, provided with perhaps the best pass protection of his MTSU career, began picking the Carson-Newman defense to shreds in the second half.

Early in the third quarter, Robinson spotted Burchfield in the right flat, as MTSU flooded two receivers into an area with only one defensive back, and the Maryville senior hauled in the pass and raced 52-yards with the third MTSU touchdown.

Just minutes later, Robinson spotted freshman walkon Vincent Harris alone in the end zone and tossed a seven-yard scoring strike to push the Blue Raider margin to 28-14 with 3:52 to play in the third quarter.

Moving consistently on gains by Dukes, Middle Tennessee scored with the first possession of the fourth quarter.

Robinson went the final four yards, soaring through the air and landing head first, with 10:49 to play in the game on a drive that saw MTSU churn up 75 yards in 12 plays.

Though middle linebacker Jim Dunster violently disagreed, Carson-Newman quarterback Tony Linginfelter ended the scoring on a fourth down sneak from one-yard with 3:32 to play.

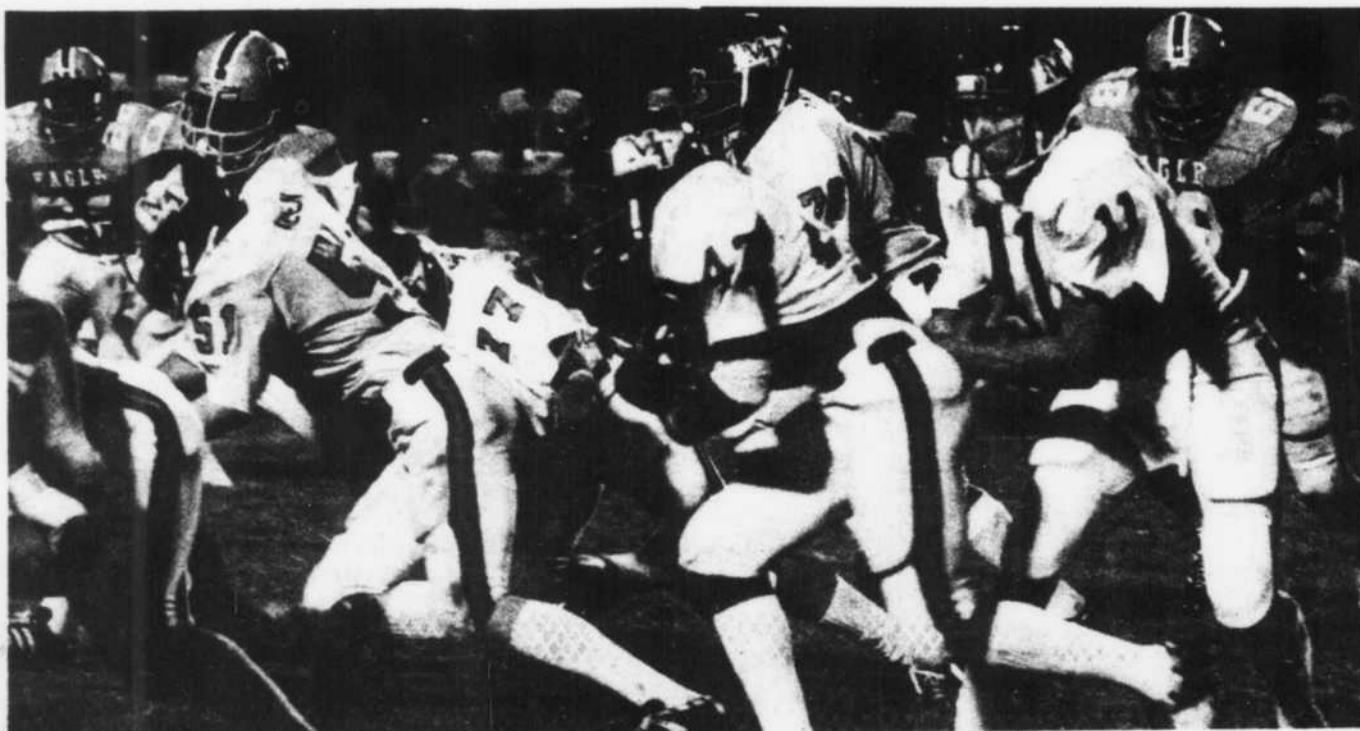
Linebackers Tony Buck and Andra Bullock paced the Raider tacklers.

Buck dropped Eagle runners 10 times with individual hits and added two assists. Bullock had nine solo stops and two assists.

stat sheet

Carson-Newman— 7 0 7 6—20
Middle Tennessee—7 7 14 7—35

	CN	MT
FIRST DOWNS	20	21
YARDS RUSHING	127	219
YARDS PASSING	171	216
TOTAL OFFENSE	298	435
PUNTING AVERAGE	44.6	35.3
PENALTIES	30	94



DUCKIN' DUKES—Quick-footed John Dukes lowers his shoulder heading into the path cleared by the

offensive line. Dukes led all rushers with 136 yards in 17 carries against Carson-Newman.

Staff photo by Thom Coombs

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IM softball returns!

Outdoorsmen await season openers

by Gary Pryor

Over \$3,000 worth of prizes will be awarded at the National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration at Old Hickory Dam on Sept. 25.

The Wildlife Resources Agency and Corps of Engineers are sponsoring various outdoor contests which require no entry fees.

Contests in casting, duck calling, boat sculling, canoe racing, boat poling, crazy quail clay pigeon shooting, muzzle loader shooting and pioneer dress will highlight the activities.

Youngsters 16 and under will compete in the junior fishing rodeo and junior wildlife artist contest. There will also be junior divisions for casting, duck calling and canoe racing.

The contests will begin at 8 a.m. on the 25th and continue all day.

Hunting has started full swing in Tennessee, and many outdoorsmen are taking advantage of the lengthy squirrel and dove seasons.

Teal duck season opens Sept. 18 with shooting hours set at one hour after sunrise, continuing until a half hour before sunset.

A major opener many hunters have been waiting for is deer-archery season which begins Sept. 25 until Oct. 31. Two deer of either sex can be bagged except in East Tennessee sections D and E.

Squirrel hunting seems to be good, probably due to the good mast crop this fall. Dove gunners enjoyed success early, but the cool nights beginning with Labor Day weekend slowed things up.

Percy Priest Lake's Elm Hill Dock will be the site of the final Poor Boy Bass Club Tournament on Oct. 9. Drawing of fishing partners will be at the Jack Spence Motor

Hotel on 821 Murfreesboro Rd. at 8 p.m.

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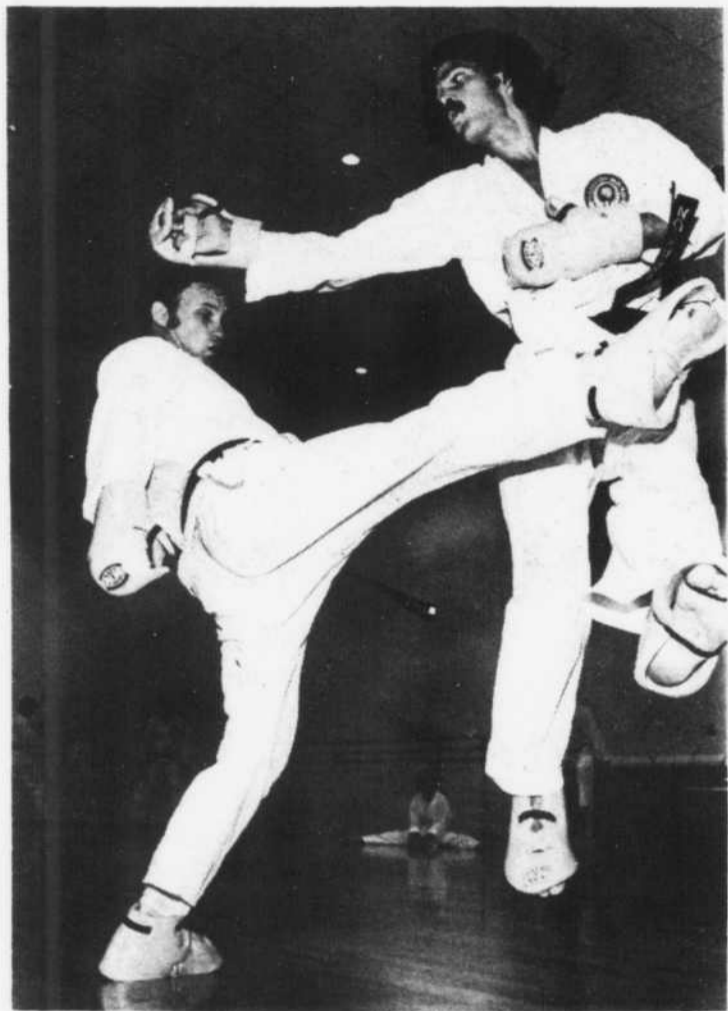
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SE karate champs David Deaton (r) and Bill Day

MTSU students cop coveted Karate titles

by Gary Pryor

Karate black belt holders David Deaton and Bill Day won the Free Fighting Division light and heavy weight division titles, respectively, in the Southeastern Karate Championship held in Chattanooga Saturday.

Deaton, an MTSU physical education instructor, is the director of the 30 member Japanese-style Wado Karate Club on campus.

"We are a regional team sanctioned by the U.S. Karate Association," said Deaton, who has taught karate for eight years. "We also belong to the U.S. Eastern Wado-Kai Federation, who certify our belt ranking."

The tournament had teams from all over the Southeast, including Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Alabama.

"On the overall national scale, there is better competition in the Southeast, and it prepares us for the national tournaments," Deaton said.

Starting in October, there will be national tournaments in St. Louis, New Orleans and Atlanta.

The light weight class runs up to 150 pounds, middle weight from 151-164, light middle 165 to 175 and heavy weight 176 and over.

"We welcome new members at any time," Deaton said. "Bill Day teaches the beginner class, which meets an hour at a time. After the basic skill movements are learned, you move into the other class which meets for two hours."

In the English language, Wado means a "way of peace," Deaton said.

"We emphasize the mental as well as the physical control of the body in Wado. And another thing, we teach real karate, not that crap others are teaching."

The grading system of karate extends from the lowest belt, white, up the scale through yellow, blue, green and progresses higher to brown and finally black.

The karate class meets on Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Murphy Center in Dance Studio B.

FCA meeting

There will not be a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting tomorrow night.

The meeting, scheduled for 8:30 in the University Center, has been postponed, wrestling coach Gordon Connell said last night.

Open to all MTSU athletes, the meeting was postponed due to contradictions in the schedule of speaker Steve Robinson, the regional FCA director.

Connell said the meeting has been reset for next week.

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Rookie sensation Fidrych 'not that crazy'

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

The late Dizzy Dean would have been proud of Mark Fidrych. Maybe jealous.

Ol' Diz would probably tell you that no other rookie has ever created such an uproar in the history of professional sports.

Fidrych, of course, is the high spirited pitcher for the Detroit Tigers in baseball's American League. He has won the hearts of millions of baseball fans worldwide.

When Fidrych takes the mound, the concession stands don't do much business. Even the hot dog vendors turn and watch.

He talks out loud on the mound, often motioning to the batter while staring at the ball. Sometimes he gets on his hands and knees just smoothing the mound surface and he always cheers a good play by his teammates.

"I started talking to myself out loud back in the Little League," Fidrych revealed last week over the

"The big crowds really pump me up. I pitch so much better before 30,000."

phone from Boston, where the Tigers were playing the Red Sox.

"It helps me get in a groove and keeps me in the game. Some pitchers sit in front of their lockers and stare for 30 minutes before a game.

"I'm out there telling myself where I want to make a pitch, what I will do if the ball is hit back to me. It enables me to make quick-quick, snap-snap plays," Fidrych said.

Two years ago the 22-year-old was taking 13-hour bus rides in the Southern League. Last July he was the starting pitcher for the American League in the All-Star Game.

"It was an honor just to make the all-star team," Fidrych said while a Yes album played in the background.

"I was in complete amazement. I was the king. It would have been better if I had pitched great (he gave up two first inning runs and was the losing pitcher), but that was my first real all-star game. I would have been elated just to be the waterboy," he added.

Why does he talk to himself on the mound?

"You have to be your best when you are pitching. It's a war, right? They are trying to burn me, to take my head off if they can. I talk to

myself to stay in the game. To be at my best for the kind of battle I have to face," Fidrych surmised.

Until Sunday, it had been a long last month of the season for Fidrych. He had lost four in a row going into a double-header with the homestanding New York Yankees.

Fidrych, 16-8 with the lowest ERA for an American League

CHUCK WAGON

starter (2.30), stopped the Yankees in the opener, 6-0. He was happy again.

"I was going good, but I had kind of taken a dive," Fidrych revealed. "I wasn't happy."

In order for Fidrych to win, he has to "get the weaker hitters out. The key to pitching in the big leagues is keeping those weaker hitters in the dugout.

"You have to figure the .300 hitters are going to get you. That's why they are hitting so well. You just hope the good hitters get to you with nobody on base," the Foxboro, Mass., native said.

Mark said several sportswriters have "misinterpreted what I do on the mound. I don't talk to the ball. The writers made something out of that. No one thought what I did was unusual in the other leagues (Babe Ruth, etc.). But here they always ask why do you do it? If you don't answer, they try and put words in your mouth."

The only player who has caught Fidrych in the American League doesn't think the Rookie-of-the-Year shoo-in is all that unusual.

"I started talking to myself out loud back in the Little League."

Bruce Kimm, Fidrych's catcher, doesn't think Mark Fidrych is a crazy. Not at all.

"He's a little bit intense, I guess," Kimm said last week. "But he is that way because he wants to win so bad. He goes out and gives every bit of energy possible to win. He is a team player," Kimm said.

Fidrych nearly echoed Kimm's words:

"Now, the print is cooling down some. A lot of people are getting used to me and I haven't been going so good lately. But I am out there for one purpose—that's to win."

He doesn't count the one-run defeats "because a loss is a loss



Mark "The Bird" Fidrych

anyway you look at it," but Fidrych has had "some bad luck this season."

On August 29, his ERA was 2.08, lowest in the majors. That night he suffered a 2-1, 12-inning setback to the Oakland A's. That was his fourth one-run loss, and two of the others have been in extra innings.

"For a while I guess I was a candidate for the Cy Young award," Fidrych explained. "But Jim Palmer (Baltimore Orioles) really deserves it. I think it's super just to be considered for Rookie-of-the-Year," he added.

Much has been said about Fidrych's salary, which is the minimum offered in the major leagues (\$16,800) and has remained the same despite all the glory. Why?

"Why change something when it is going good. I make more money than my father right now. All that contract stuff was just talk anyway. Nobody walked up to me and said, 'Do you want a raise?'"

Fidrych said the change in his life this year "has left little time to be alone or just be a normal person again."

He can't go to the corner grocery without drawing a crowd. Going into bars and sipping a beer is out, he said. It's so bad he is going to move "into a maximum security apartment next year.

"Do I feel like a celebrity? I really don't know. Everything has happened so fast. It's weird the way my life has changed. I can't go to the bathroom without a crowd following me in," Fidrych said with a laugh.

Fidrych loves big crowds, like the kind in Detroit earlier this season that stood and cheered for 10 minutes before he returned and waved to the 50,000 fans, who usually would have been battling the traffic home.

"The big crowds really pump me up. I pitch so much better before 30,000. They make you want to make the key play just to hear everybody cheer."

"When the crowds are behind me, I get comfortable and

"It was an honor just to make the all-star team. I was in complete amazement."

everything seems to flow smoother when the stands are full," he said.

Fidrych has definite plans for the off season.

"I'm going into hibernation. I'm tired. I need to get my head together for next season. I just need to relax so I can have a good year next season. I don't ever want to return to the minors," Fidrych offered.

How does he describe himself?

"I'm lean 6-2 with brown curly hair. I like to goof around a lot. I can't stay in one place very long. I love to travel and party. I like pretty girls, riding motorcycles and working on cars."

"I like to stay happy and make others smile," Fidrych described.

You know, Bruce Kimm is right. Mark Fidrych doesn't seem that crazy to me either. What do you think?

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