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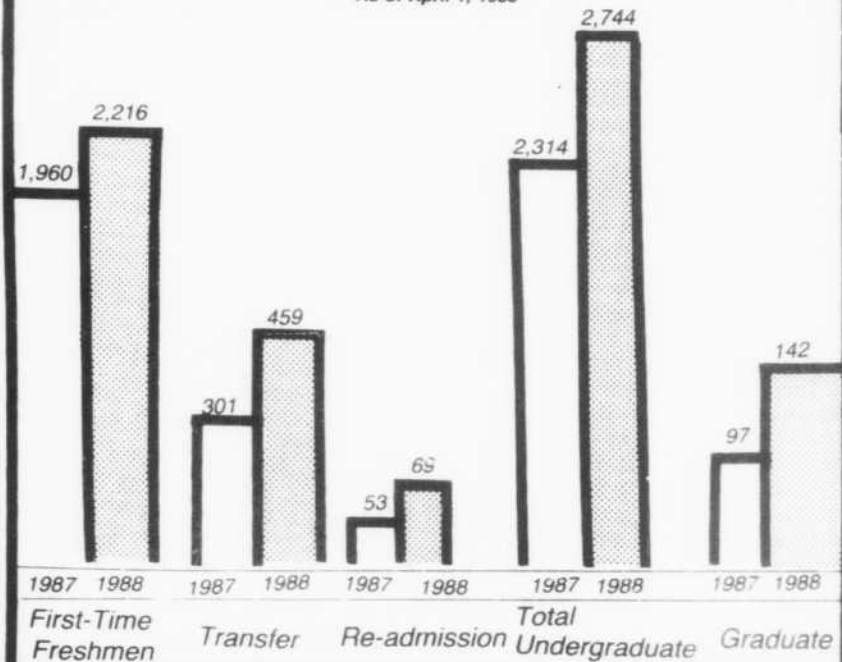
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Admissions Applications Filed

As of April 1, 1988



The above graph compares last year's admissions applications to this year's. Undergraduate applications have risen 18 percent.

For undergraduates

Admissions up 15 percent

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Senior Staff Writer

About 18 percent more people have applied for first-time undergraduate admission to MTSU this year than last year, as of the April 1 reporting date, officials said.

"The biggest reason for the increase is MTSU continues to have a good reputation surrounding schools," said Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

"This is shown by the recent survey which acknowledged we are second only to UT and Vanderbilt in academic reputation in the region," Gillespie said.

As of April 1, 1,960 first-time freshmen applied to MTSU. This year 2,216 have applied — an increase of 256 people or 13 percent.

The number of transfer applications rose from 301 in 1987 to 459 this year — an increase of 52.5 percent.

Total undergraduate applications, which includes first-time freshmen, transfers and readmissions, increased from 2,314 to 2,744, an increase of 18.6 percent.

Graduate applications have risen 46.4 percent from 97 to 142.

All figures compare the number of applications received by April 1 for the Fall semester.

Gillespie said a number of reasons contributed to the increases.

"We have done a good job in going to the schools," he said. "And,

as I tell everyone every year, we have a good location and a good curriculum.

"Plus, we are relatively inexpensive," Gillespie said, mentioning MTSU is one of the five less expensive schools in the nation.

Despite the higher-than-usual increases, Gillespie said there shouldn't be too many problems accommodating the students.

"Housing has a definite end," Gillespie said. "It's only so big. We have 3,500 beds and we don't plan on building any more."

An additional parking lot planned for the new access road to Rutherford Boulevard behind Cummings Hall should alleviate

parking problems.

But students might have a problem getting the classes they want at certain times, according to Gillespie.

"We always have a problem with classes closing," Gillespie said. "Some people will have to take classes at an inconvenient time."

"We are adding new faculty to take care of the increase," he added.

Gillespie projected a total of about 3,500 new freshman students this year compared to 3,329 last year. Total undergraduates should be around 6,400 compared to 5,937 in 1987.

Plant improves productivity; eliminates five positions

By KIM HARRIS
News Editor

Due to the Educational Corporation of America's recommendations, five positions within MTSU's physical plant will be eliminated along with efforts to improve plant operations, Director William Smotherman said Wednesday.

"We feel like we can continue to maintain the same productivity," Smotherman said.

Smotherman would not eliminate the positions that are to be eliminated, as employees have not yet been notified of the plan.

Two positions in the heating unit and three in general maintenance are to be terminated, Linda Kemp, director of the Personnel Office said.

"The elimination of those positions was based on a study of the workload necessary to do the work and the number of employees necessary to do it," Smotherman said. "The ECA felt we were over-staffed after studying the situation."

All physical plant employees met at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Keathley University Center to listen to the following ECA recommendations: better management, training, quality inspections and time stan-

dards and productivity.

"These recommendations were made to the president and he accepted their report," Smotherman said.

The reason for the initial study and the resulting recommendations, he said, was administrative interest in the physical plant's productivity and economic feasibility.

"We have developed a work control manual that incorporates many of the recommendations," Smotherman said.

The recommendations will not affect employees, he said, adding that the supervisors will be reviewing the work manual before speaking to employees.

"There are no major effects on their [the employees'] situation."

"We're attempting to do a better job scheduling work orders and seeing that we have enough materials to work with," Smotherman said.

Located adjacent to Campus Security, the physical plant houses maintenance, custodial services, grounds and flow work and motor pool reservations.

"The physical plant's responsibility is to provide building maintenance and building services, as well as taking care of the grounds,"

Smotherman said.

"We do some special projects such as small renovations."

Bills pass at ASB meeting

From Staff Reports

Resolutions commending MTSU's basketball teams and coaches and creating another cabinet position were passed during a joint session of the Associated Student Body legislature Wednesday night.

Senate Bill Two, which established the Chili Cook-off director as "a full cabinet position," according to the bill, was passed by the combined legislature. The bill, sponsored in the senate by Jim Barnes and in the house by Rujena Beaty, also supercedes previous legislation pertaining to the Chili Cook-off director.

House Resolution Three, passed by the senate and house, commends the Blue Raider Basketball Team, who "tied a school record for the number of wins in a season, and...downed arch-rival Tennessee and defeated another SEC team, Georgia," according to the resolution.

House Resolution Four, also passed by the combined legislature, commends the Lady Raider Basketball Team, who "won the OVC championship and advanced to the NCAA tournament," according to the resolution.

Both resolutions were sponsored by house member Ralph Swindler, who, along with Leslie Gardner, was nominated for outstanding legislator in the house.

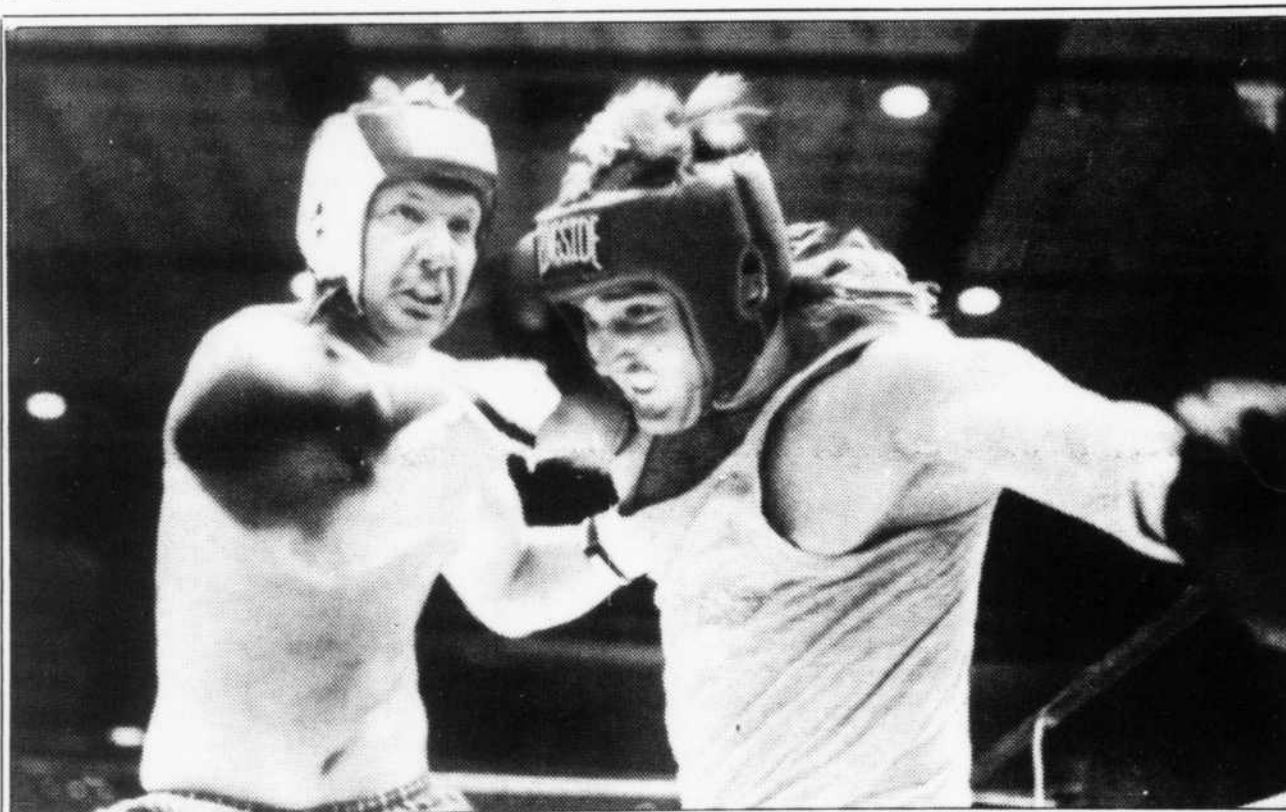
Blues scholar to speak

From Staff Reports

Paul Oliver, an internationally-recognized authority on the blues, will give a public lecture this Monday at MTSU.

Oliver's speech, "Blues in Retrospect," will take place April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in room 318 of the Keathley University Center, according to The Center for Popular Music, sponsor of his appearance.

In the lecture, Oliver will reconsider field recordings he made nearly 30 years ago in light of desegregation and social change in the United States. The relevance of blues in black communities in comparison with other forms of oral



Frank Conley/Staff

Hit me with your best shot

John Blackwell and Wayne Walker trade punches at Wednesday's Pike Fight Night. Both were thrown out of the ring after they disregarded a referee's instructions to "break it up."

Walking Horse ruling eased; judge hands matter to USDA

By KIM HARRIS
News Editor

and the Associated Press Wire

Last month, a federal district judge banned the continued use of padded shoes to alter the gaits of Tennessee Walking Horses; however, the same judge relaxed his position Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch has turned the matter over to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, allowing them to implement more flexible rules until new rules can be made.

The original ruling, handed down on March 21 in Washington D.C., has caused a shutdown of Walking Horse shows nationwide.

Although Walking Horse shows are prevalent across the country, Tennessee, the heart of the indus-

try, may stand to lose the most.

"It's really hurt the industry with the start of the season," Leah Boyd, secretary for Murfreesboro's Walking Horse Owners Association (WFOA) said yesterday. Twenty-three-year-old Boyd is also an MTSU graduate with a bachelor's in industrial psychology.

"The ban canceled one of the major shows right in the middle of it — that was in Decatur, Ala. on March 25th," Boyd said.

"They [USDA] took the court order to Decatur. The show manager thought it would be in the best interest to attend the show because they didn't want to break the law."

WFOA is one of the three main affiliated organizations in the South, the other two being the National Horse Show Regulatory Committee of Shelbyville and the Heart of America Walking Horse Association of Missouri.

These organizations are responsible for organizing shows, licensing judges and providing Designated Qualified Persons (DQPs).

The DQPs serve to enforce the 1970 Horse Protection Act at smaller shows, while the USDA checks the larger shows such as The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and The International Grand Championships.

All three organizations have agreed to cancel upcoming shows until a decision is made concerning the ban, Boyd said.

"We have tried to push for motions in the courts to get the judge to overturn the ruling or give a stay of order," she said.

"The judge threw out all the motions. We were really upset because we thought we were in trouble. Yesterday [Wednesday], he turned it over to the USDA."

The economical factor of the ban is two-fold.

Not only will the affiliated organizations and show towns lose large profits, but the local civic clubs that benefit from the horse shows also stand to lose, Boyd said.

"The shows benefit little organizations such as the Rotary Club and the Jaycees," she said. "For some of them, the shows could be their only major fund-raiser for the year."

The industry's largest show, Shelbyville's annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, if cancelled, will cost the Shelbyville economy about \$35 million.

The USDA will issue interim rules for the industry, Boyd said, until major studies and new rules are formulated and implemented. If these rules are followed, the affiliations will be able to "salvage this month's shows."

"It's possible if they get back to the old ways, if they [USDA] see fit," Boyd said, "but we may not."

"We don't know what they [USDA] will do. We should find out in the next week or two. They are going to try to speed things up."

MTSU will host the second largest show in the industry, the International Grand Championships, tentatively set for the first part of August in the new MTSU Livestock Pavilion.



Mr. GQ of MTSU Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Randy Banks, sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha, casually walked away with the Mr. MTSU title Tuesday night. Banks competed with 20 other contestants, among them Ole Blue.

Campus Briefs

National Mathematics Awareness Week

From Staff Reports
National Mathematics Awareness Week will be celebrated at MTSU with a series of movies dealing with mathematical topics on April 26.

"Donald Duck in Mathmagic Land," "Flatland," and "The Seven Bridges of Konigsberg," will be shown in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center, said David Sutherland of the MTSU Mathematics Department.

The films will start at 6:30 p.m. and will last until 7:30, Sutherland said, adding the Mathematics Organization of MTSU is sponsoring the event. Sutherland is a faculty adviser for the group.

"I saw the Duck flick in high school and it was pretty trippin'," said math club president Brian Conley. "From what I can remember and from what Dr. Sutherland has said, it deals with math on a light hearted level.

"I haven't seen Flatland, but the book was real good," Conley said. "It was written in the 19th century and chronicles a two-dimensional person who finds himself thrust into our three-dimensional world."

The last film, only four minutes long, deals with a famous mathematical problem, Conley said.

"You will just have to come see the movie to find out what the problem is," he added.

Following the meeting, the math organization will hold an election of officers, Sutherland said.

Spraker nominated for fellowship

From Staff Reports
MTSU graduate Mark Spraker has been awarded a \$500 Honorable Mention prize for graduate study by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Spraker was nominated by the

MTSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and was one of 30 selected for honorable mention from a group of 183 of the nation's outstanding 1988 college graduates.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Spraker of Murfreesboro, Spraker has double majors in physics and mathematics with a minor in computer science. He has maintained a 4.0 average through his four years of study.

He is a member of the MTSU Sigma Club and serves as 1987-88 president. The honor student plans

Phi Beta Lambda wins ten top honors at state competition

From Staff Reports

MTSU's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for future business leaders, earned ten top awards at the State Leadership Conference and Competition in Memphis, April 8-10.

Approximately 12 colleges and universities across Tennessee participated in the competition.

First and Second place winners will have the opportunity to com-

pete at the national level.

Phi Beta Lambda's membership is open to students who are either majoring or minoring in business or who demonstrate an interest in business.

Political Cartoon Exhibit

By DOUG STULTS

Political cartoons will be on exhibit in the Learning Resources Center Photo Gallery through May 5.

Two unique cartoons are being displayed.

The first one is composed of original artwork that focuses on divergent First Amendment interpretation and other free speech issues.

The other exhibit consists of historical cartoons from the collection of Ohio State University, including a newly unearthed drawing by the famous 19th century cartoonist Thomas Nast. It is on public display for the first time.

Scheduled hours for the LRC Photo Gallery are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday; and 6 to 10 p.m., Sunday evenings.

Campus Capsule

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program helps elderly, handicapped, non-English-speaking and other taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax assistance. IRS-trained volunteers will be at the Murfreesboro Senior Citizens Center, Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m. and the Murfreesboro Linebaugh Library, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Campus Recreation Whitewater Canoe Trip sign-up date is April 18; trip date is April 22-23.

The MTSU Cheerleaders have openings for two male cheerleaders, one being an alternate position. Interested students should call Dean Paul Cantrell at 2750.

The MTSU Observatory will be open to the public two more nights this semester on April 19 and 21. If the weather is clear it will be open from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call Dr. Roy Clark at 898-2077.

The Foreign and Domestic Teachers Organization needs teacher applicants

in all fields from Kindergarten through College to fill over 600 teaching vacancies both at home and abroad.

The MTSU Center for Historic Preservation will sponsor a workshop on "Historic Interiors" which will be held at the Ramada Inn, Bypass 45 at 1-40, in Jackson April 26-27. Sessions will focus on researching the interior of older buildings, choosing and working with architects, applying appropriate paint, wallpaper and stenciling.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring an Ocoee Raft Trip scheduled for April 30-May 1. The sign-up date for this

event is April 25th. The sign-up meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in Room 219 of the Alumni Memorial Gym. For more information call Campus Recreation at 898-2104.

B.F. Goodrich Pigskin Pig-Out Be a part of MTSU Spring Football Game, The World's Largest All-Night Disco, Showmanship, Hog-Calling Contest, Family Barbecue, and meet MTSU Pro Athletes. The barbecue competition will be held on Raider Drive adjacent to the MTSU Football Stadium. The event will take place April 16th at 2:00 p.m. For more information call Scott Woodburn at 898-2450.

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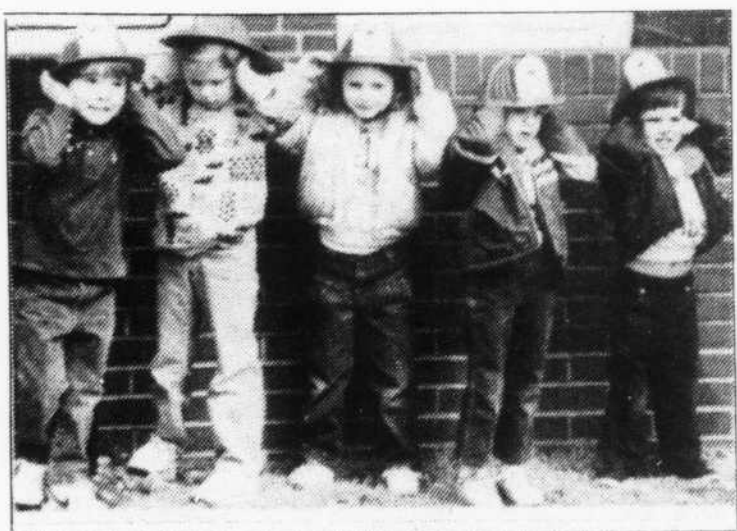
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ENTERTAINMENT

Grade of A for "A...My Name is Alice"

By **CHRISTOPHER BELL**
Managing Editor

"A...My Name is Alice," the current production from MTSU's Buchanan Players, could be called a feminist musical.

All cast members are women and the musical's subject matter may hit a little close to home for some men.

But don't be fooled by a label. The honesty of the writing combined with the players' solid work makes this enjoyable for anyone.

"Alice" is a collection of songs and sketches dealing with women (men only appear in two segments and are played by the female cast members in an anti-matter-Monty Python style). Since a number of people contributed to the writing of the original revue, the end results vary in quality from fantastic to well-meaning but dull.

However, any stage production lives or dies by the strength of the cast. Thankfully, in this case the actresses are as good as, if not better than, the material they are working with.

While onstage the least of any cast member, Daphne Hiers still manages to make a strong impression with her crystalline singing voice.

Sisters Shannon Parnell and Shauna Parnell are also very good. While I was only able to tell them apart with a program (either they're twins or an incredible genetic long shot), they both performed well, especially on the more sensitive songs.

The two actresses who stand out the most, however, are Dawana Gudger and Jenny Alexander.

Gudger dominates the stage from her first lines in the first song. She definitely possesses strong stage presence.

Alexander's appeal lies in her ability to act, that is, to be convincing as several characters. And while it is a cliché to say she is ice to Gudger's fire, it's true.

The two share the stage during the funniest song, "Honeypot," where Gudger plays a blues singer visiting a therapist, played by Alexander. It's impossible to describe on paper, but think of Janis Joplin visiting Dr. Ruth and you'll begin to have some idea of how hysterically funny this is.

REVIEW

Credit should also go to Deborah Anderson's direction. The show is clean and simple, allowing the actresses and the musical to speak for themselves.

The show's only major problem was the band's tendency to overpower the singers, especially during the opening and closing numbers. And, while it's beside the point, the stage's purple and white color scheme reminded me of the biggest box of Good and Plenty in the universe.

The show's adult advisory is probably the result of what my mom likes to call "clinical language" in the aforementioned "Honeypot." Otherwise, the rest could comfort-



Frank Conley/Staff

Shauna Parnell longs for her life to be "Trash" in a number from the Buchanan Players' production of "A...My Name is Alice." The musical will be performed tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Tucker Theater.

ably fit in on "Saturday Night Live." It should be noted that, due to deadlines, this review was written after seeing a dress rehearsal. Certain problems may have been cleared up for the actual performances.

Performances continue tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Tucker Theater, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. Admission is free for MTSU students with a valid ID and \$3.50 for general admission. To reserve a seat call the box office between 12 noon and 5 p.m. at 898-2716.

And remember, that's free for MTSU students. A great cheap date that could lead to some interesting conversations afterwards.

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Application deadline is April 15 at noon.

For more information, contact Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2338

Academy Awards hold no surprises but still entertain

By **CHRIS AYERS**
Entertainment Writer

OK boys and girls, it's time for a pop quiz. I hope you studied. Here we go.

What has more stars than a bowl of Alpha Bits? A longer run than "Dirty Dancing" at the Cinema Twin? Awards for the Best Use of Short Subject Documentary?

That's right, it's the 60th Annual Academy Awards Show. Monday night all of Hollywood gathered to honor the best achievements in the motion picture arts and sciences from the past year.

Hosted again by Chevy Chase, this year's show was only slightly more entertaining due to the fact that there was no set script for the writer's strike.

In terms of winners and losers, there really were no surprises. Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Last Emperor" walked away with 9 Oscars, including the "Big Two" of Best Picture and Best Director.

Michael Douglas won the Best Actor Oscar for his role as Gordon Gekko in Oliver Stone's "Wall Street." Cher, much to no one's sur-

prise, won Best Actress for "Moonstruck."

Olympia Dukakis and Sean Connery won Best Supporting Actress and Best Supporting Actor, respectively. Dukakis won for her portrayal of the loving, but tough, mother in "Moonstruck." Connery earned his Oscar playing a tough Chicago cop in Brian DePalma's "The Untouchables."

"The Time of My Life" from "Dirty Dancing" took honors as Best Song.

Technically, the presentation of the awards was about the same as in previous years. There were audible background noises, stumbling attempts at humor by presenters, and the standard amateurish look and feel of live television. But some of the evening's best moments came from the presenters themselves. Like Sean Connery opening the show by introducing himself as "Connery, Sean Connery" just like he used to do as Bond. James Bond.

Then there was Marlee Matlin, the deaf actress who won last year's Best Actress Oscar for "Children of a Lesser God," speaking on camera for the very first time in her career to present the Best Actor Oscar.

That in itself was a very brave and moving gesture.

It must be noted that some of the evening's worst moments also came from the presenters, like Pee Wee Herman's ridiculous sketch with Robocop, or Daryl Hannah proving that public speaking was still one of her weak points. Imagine Little Richard belting out Bob Seger's "Shakedown" in the medley of Best Song nominees.

But overall, the high points far outweighed the lows. It's pretty hard to have a totally awful show when you've got talent like Chevy Chase, Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, John Candy, Eddie Murphy, Tom Selleck and even Mickey Mouse on hand to give out the film industry's highest awards.

With the Academy Awards finally given out, it's come time for this column to end for the semester. I've tried to give you, the readers, my honest opinion on the movies to see. It's been a lot of fun trying to inform and entertain the MTSU community.

I hope I never came across as too "smug." Until we meet again, somewhere just below the Bottom Line, Vaya con Dios and Keep the Faith.

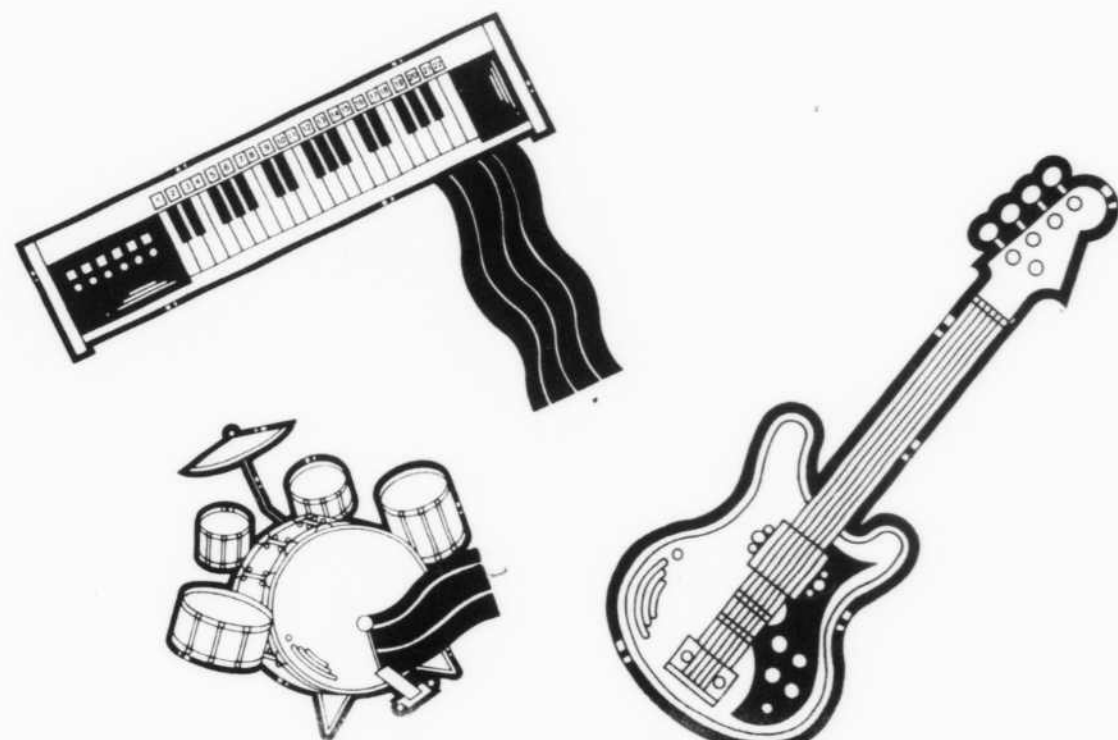
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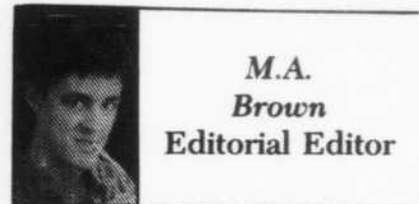
In this one and one-half hour lecture, field recordings made by Mr. Oliver nearly 30 years ago in Mississippi, Texas, and Tennessee, and in such cities as Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis, are reconsidered in the light of desegregation and social change in the United States. The relevance of blues in black communities is compared with that of other forms of oral popular culture.

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EDITORIALS



Reagan must tie arms agreements to vast reductions in Soviet troops



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

There are many ... who are aware that communism is an evil and a menace to the world, but who have nevertheless failed to grasp its implacable nature. And such individuals, in their capacities as policy advisers and political leaders, are even now committing fresh blunders which will inevitably have lethal repercussions in the future."

So wrote Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn in his book "The Mortal Danger," published in 1980.

Oh, how these words ring true today.

After spending his first few years in office in a continual rhetorical battle between himself and then Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, Ronald Reagan has made an about-face in his view of the Soviet Union and decided he has a friend in Moscow.

The man who once referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire," now considers the head of that country's regime to be "a capitalist at heart," and in stark contrast to Andropov's bitter words about the the Reagan Administration, General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev seems to find the president to be a perfectly amiable man.

Reagan and Gorbachev have become such good pals they have decided the time has come to move past the outdated theories of de-

tente and into a new age of Soviet-American relations highlighted by unprecedented strides in arms control.

Somewhere in the emotion of December's INF summit and talk of an upcoming START summit in Moscow, reality has been lost in the shuffle.

Somewhere along the way, the Reagan Administration and a vast number of Americans have lost sight of the fact that we are dealing with a Communist controlled, anti-democratic conglomerate known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Somehow a misconception has arisen in this country that Gorbachev is some sort of friendly god sent from the heavens to free the people now oppressed by the Soviet government and rid the free world of the threat presented to it by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I'm sorry to rudely awaken these people from their dream, but this is simply just not the case.

The Soviet Union is still controlled exclusively by the Communist Party, and Gorbachev is basically the titular head of that party. For the most part, he cannot go against the wishes of the party leadership or he will find himself in big trouble. Just ask Nikita Krushchev.

Secondly, Gorbachev would never have been allowed to rise to his current position if he did not hold to the prevailing theories and attitudes of the party leadership.

The point I am trying to make is this, if the Reagan Administration follows its present course and jumps headlong into arms agreements with the Soviets, it will severely imperil the future of Western Europe and the United States.

The Soviets have never been willing to seriously negotiate any treaty unless they could gain some advantage through it.

By reducing the nuclear deterrent of NATO and the United States through the INF treaty and the proposed START agreement respectively, the Soviet Union would subjugate Western Europe through the threat imposed by the massive superiority of its troops stationed in Eastern Europe over those NATO has positioned in Western Europe.

While these arms control agreements seemingly increase world security by decreasing the threat of nuclear war, they greatly increase the threat of conventional war in Europe by eliminating any real way the West can deter the Soviets from initiating such a conflict.

If President Reagan is determined to go through with a START agreement, it is imperative that he tie such an agreement to a substantial reduction in Soviet conventional forces.

If the Soviets refuse to do so, then Reagan should forget the whole idea.

If Reagan decides to do neither, and signs an agreement anyway, the Western world will truly find itself in mortal danger.

by Berke Breathed

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Lane, Campus Security respond professionally, promptly to calls



Tony Stinnett
Editor-in-Chief

Friday, April 8, an article ran in *Sidelines*, about a man who collapsed on the track level of Murphy Center from an apparent heart attack. The man died hours later at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

I sympathize with the family of the deceased man, and I hate to belabor the issue, however I am concerned with the views of one particular student who was at the scene — a student who felt MTSU's Campus Security did not respond promptly or properly to the emergency.

Stuart Miller, who was working on the Miss MTSU Pageant at the time, said the Campus Security was slow to respond.

I must disagree with Miller. Unfortunately, I was at the scene of the emergency and I can honestly say that Campus Security

acted in a very prompt and professional manner.

My attention was called to the emergency when I saw the ambulance pull up to Murphy Center. The paramedics got out of the ambulance and ran up to Murphy Center, while the ambulance pulled around the ramp.

When I got to the track level of Murphy Center, MTSU security officer James Lane was already there.

Security records show the office was notified four minutes prior to the arrival of officer Lane.

Lane did everything that he could do to assist in trying to save the life of the man.

At one point Lane was administering CPR, while the paramedics were getting set up to give the man treatment.

Miller also said that Campus Security showed up after the city police.

Again, I have to disagree with Mr. Miller. When I arrived at Murphy Center, Lane was there before the city police.

By the way, Lane was active in trying to help in any way he could.

The city police just showed up. They really didn't do anything beneficial.

Most importantly, one must remember that it is easy to make assumptions and it is easy to talk out against others, but one must examine the circumstances and realize what he is talking about before making harsh statements.

I don't call people liars, but Miller was wrong. Campus Security acted in a professional manner and officer Lane deserves credit for the job that he did.

But, what Lane did was nothing special, it was simply along the line of duty.

I think it safe to say that the university community can be proud of the job that Campus Security does.

Our campus officers don't get the credit they deserve. The instance with the man collapsing at Murphy Center is only one example.

In my opinion, Miller's statements were not concise. Lane and Campus Security did a notable job and we should appreciate that, not belittle it.

A love and marriage test for people suffering from a case of spring love



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Maybe it's the warm sun. Maybe it's the sight of newness everywhere. Maybe it's the fragrance and beauty of flowers or perhaps the courting songs of birds in the trees.

I don't know for sure, but I do know that spring is the season when people start pairing off and begin to think about love, romance and marriage.

I've spoken with a number of students just in the past few weeks who have told me that they are engaged and plan on getting married soon.

I can speak from my own experience. It was during the spring of 1980 that I was wrestling with those big questions, "Is she the one? So do I really love her? Am I really ready for married life?" and so on.

It was on April 20, to be exact, when I gathered up my courage and asked Trina to be my wife and life-long traveling companion.

I remember that day very clearly, because it was the day before Trina's 22nd birthday, and she had asked me to write her a 22-line poem for her birthday.

The last two lines were "Big Proposal." I can remember my excitement, my nervousness and the thought "What I am doing today will radically change the entire course of life," and it has.

Marriage is hard work. Marriage is not glamorous. As Bruce Springsteen wrote in his song "Tunnel of Love,"

It ought to be easy, ought to be

simple enough,

Man meets woman and they fall in love,

But the house is haunted and the ride gets rough,

you've got to learn to live with what you can't rise above,

if you want to ride on down this Tunnel of Love.

Learning to communicate and get along with another imperfect human being on an intimate, day-to-day basis is a great challenge.

And I married a refreshing, no-nonsense, wise and beautiful woman who is very well-suited to who I am.

I sometimes think how much harder it is for those who are not very well matched or ready to be married but find themselves on the other side of the altar and wonder if they did the right thing. Marriage is certainly nothing to rush into.

So how can I know when I'm ready to be married? How can I prepare myself for that time? As I did the other evening in a "Love and Marriage" seminar at High Rise, let me put before you five tests of marriage readiness.

In your relationships with people, especially with people of the opposite sex, ask yourself these questions:

1.) Communication Test. How well do I share myself with others? How completely do I communicate my feelings and inner self? How vulnerable am I willing to become to another? How honest can I be with my weaknesses and problems?

2.) Conflict Test. How do I handle conflict with another person? Am I able to fight fairly? How do I express my anger and frustrations? Am I able to see another's point of view while in the midst of an argument? Have I learned to

forgive and ask for forgiveness?

3.) Time Test. How long have I known this person? Have we seen each other in ups and downs, in good times and bad times? Have we "Summered and Wintered" together?

4.) Maturity Test. Am I ready to leave Mom and Dad and start a new home, a new family? How am I at handling my personal finances? Am I ready to be a parent? Do I feel I am able to make wise decisions concerning the use of time, money, careers, values and such?

5.) Friendship Test. What kind of a friend am I? Can people trust me, rely on me to be there for them? What kind of friendships do I have right now? Can I trust this person I've been dating? Could I imagine him or her as a parent to my kids? Do I feel this person cares about me, understands me, believes in me for who I am?

Maybe you noticed I don't believe that sex is a test of love or marriage readiness.

For the 12 percent of you who have not yet lost your virginity ["Students Respond to Sex Survey," *Sidelines*, April 8, 1988] don't think that you are somehow behind in your race toward marriage readiness.

Great marriages are not built on great sexual performance, but rather on those same qualities which go into great friendships: communication, trust, loyalty, forgiveness and commitment.

As you enjoy your spring this year, develop your friendships and you'll be preparing yourself to become someone's life-long best friend in marriage.

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SPORTS

Collier to lead Raiders into spring game

By TONY STINNETT
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Head football coach Boots Donnelly will try to have some questions answered tomorrow when the B.F. Goodrich Blue-White spring football game kicks off at 2 p.m. at Horace Jones Field.

The Raiders are coming off back-to-back 6-5 seasons after an 11-0 OVC championship season in 1985, and as an end result the Blue Raider mentor has gone back to the basics.

This spring the Raiders have gone through full contact drills for the duration of the spring practice period. In the words of Donnelly, it has been a spring season to find out, "who wants to play."

The spring game will give Donnelly an indication of who will be in the number one positions depth-wise heading into the fall.

The team will be split into two separate teams for the spring game. One team will don the white, as

opposed to the opposite team, which will comprise the blue squad. Donnelly has indicated that he will divide the teams as evenly as possible for tomorrow's game.

"We are not sure yet whether we'll team the number one offensive team with the number two defensive unit against the number two offense and the number one defense, or whether we'll try to divide the squad by individuals," Donnelly said. "We want both teams to have a chance to win, and at the same time, provide an enjoyable game for our fans."

Regardless of how the teams are split, senior-to-be quarterback Marvin Collier will lead the number one offensive unit. Collier is a starter for his fourth season as a leader.

The multi-talented Collier, the OVC's Player of the Year in 1985, is behind off his best spring ever. Behind Collier will be Phillip Ironside, who has stepped into the

Raider program as a transfer from the University of Tennessee, and worked his way into the number two quarterback position.

The loss of receivers Robert Alford and Mike Pittman should not be a factor this season if Micheal Gordon and Kenny Donaldson play up to their potential.

Gordon and Donaldson have had an impressive spring and lead a talented corps of receivers.

Van Dangler, who moved to the flanker position after playing as the number two quarterback behind

Collier and starting several games as quarterback, should be a valuable asset to the receiving crew.

Orlando Crenshaw, Greg James, Billy Marsh and Tracy Shaw have also had an impressive spring.

Defensive pacemakers to be defensive end Kenny Tippins (All-OVC last fall), linebackers Don Thomas and Andre Dyer and safetyman Tommy Barnes.

Matt Crews and Joe Lisle have been pushing each other for the place-kicking honors throughout the spring.

Chuck Daniel will handle the punting chores with Vic Swain replacing for the number two team.

In addition to the spring game, there will be a barbecue competition beginning at 6 p.m. tonight.

"The World's Largest Dish Party" will begin at 8 a.m. and run until 12 p.m. The world famous Leisure Brothers are the featured guests.

The judging of the barbecue will take place Saturday morning at 8

a.m. and last until 10 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m. fans will have a chance to meet MTSU's athletes now playing in the professional ranks.

A hog-calling contest, a drawing for a Mini-Porsche racer provided by B.F. Goodrich and the presentation of awards in the cooking competition highlight the half-time festivities.

Tickets for the game and barbecue supper to follow are \$5.



Howard Ross/Staff

(Above) MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier drops back for a pass in Thursday's practice. Collier will lead the offensive unit in tomorrow's spring game. (Right) Quarterback coach Alex Robins explains to tailback Tony Pearson (left) how to run a play as Melvin James looks on.



Zimmerman leads MTSU past WKU, 6-2

From Staff Reports

The MTSU baseball team gave pitcher George Zimmerman an early lead Tuesday night against Western Kentucky, and that proved to be all he would need.

The big left-hander from Nashville pitched a complete game victory, scattering seven hits as MTSU downed the Hilltoppers, 6-2, in Bowling Green, Ky.

MTSU jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after one inning of play.

Speedy Mike Young led off with an infield single.

Shortstop Ed Pye followed with a walk to put runners on first and second.

Young scored on a single by third baseman Chris Whitehead, giving Whitehead 23 RBI's on the season.

Two outs later, Zimmerman helped his own cause by driving in Pye with a base hit.

The Blue Raiders added another run in the third while the Hilltoppers countered with a run of their own in the fourth.

This time, Zimmerman did not help his own cause.

Western Kentucky first baseman Gary Mueller singled with two out. He then advanced to second and third on two balks by Zimmerman.

Zimmerman walked the next batter, and Gerald Ingram followed with a single, scoring Mueller.

In the fifth, the Raiders added two more runs. Whitehead continued his hot hitting with a double and was hot hitting with first baseman Mike Messerly, who connected for an opposite field home run, his 13th round tripper of the season.

MTSU tallied an insurance run in the eighth and the Hilltoppers added a meaningless home run in the bottom of the ninth to complete the scoring.

With the win, MTSU upped their record to 20-18-1. Western Kentucky fell to 28-15.

The Blue Raiders get back to Ohio Valley Conference Southern Division play this weekend when they travel to Tennessee State to take on the Tigers in a three game series.



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(Right) Nautilus and free weight workouts give Bart the power to race to a national record in the 60-meter sprint and the endurance to compete in the grueling 26 mile marathon. Assistant Darrien Thomas watches as Bart works the shoulder area. (Lower right) Bart takes time to joke between repetitions. Bart works out in the Murphy Center weight room twice a week, in addition to free weight training at his home.

Fund-raiser to be held for Dodson; Monday, Tuesday

Money for Paralympic athlete Bart Dodson will be collected by the MTSU Performing Arts Co. and the MTSU Rugby Club on Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, in the K.U.C. lobby from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All students are asked to donate one dollar to help Bart reach his goal and bring home the gold.



Profile: Bart Dodson, Olympic competitor pushing toward Seoul

When the 1988 Paralympics open in October in Seoul, Korea, Tennessee's sole representative will be Bart Dodson, a senior majoring in recreation at MTSU.

Bart has been a member of the U.S.A. wheelchair team since 1981 and participated in the 1984 Paralympics in England.

Left paralyzed from the shoulders down in a swimming accident when he was 16, Bart began competing in 1979 and quickly rose through the ranks. He currently holds national records in the 60, 100, 200, 400 and 800 meter distances.

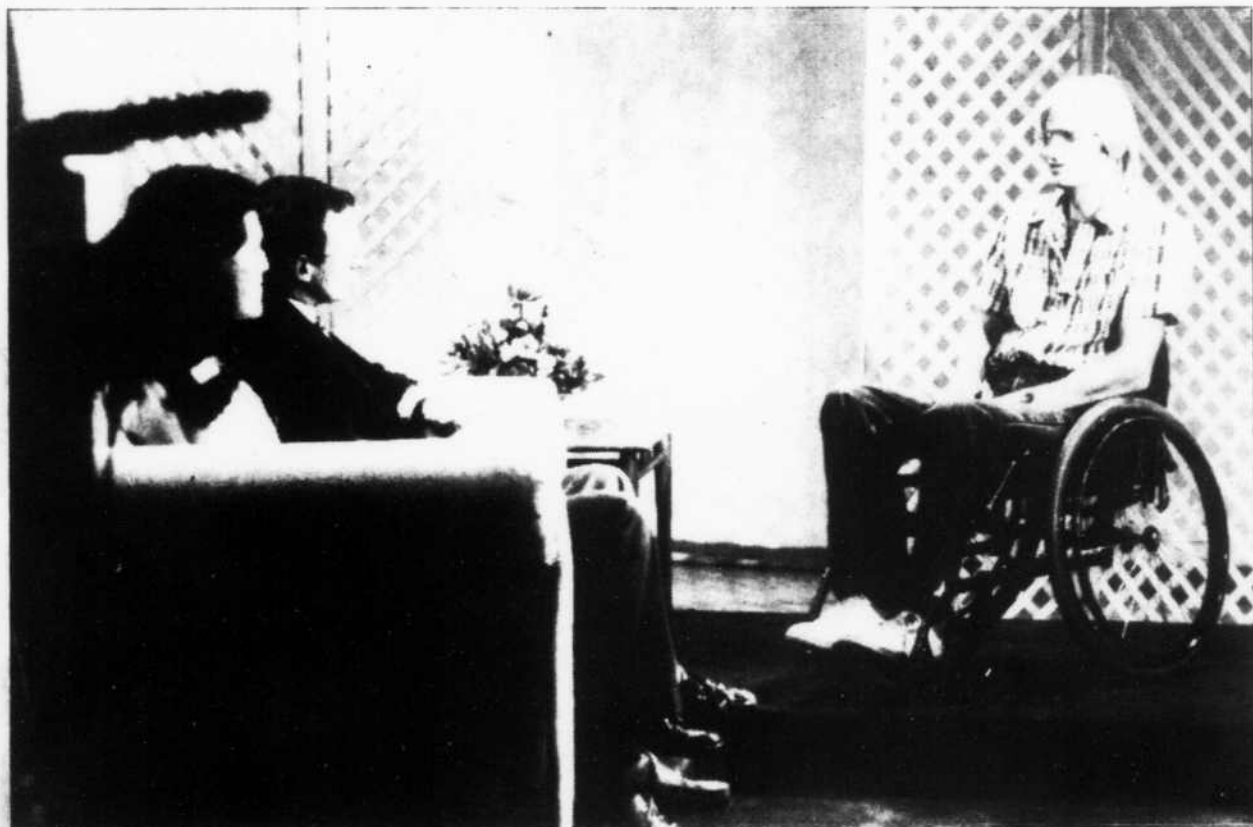
Bart trains 20 hours a week to keep his world class form, alternating roadwork and weight training. A typical workout will see him cover

15-20 miles in under three hours—a pace that would grind most people into the ground.

When not training or competing, Bart stays busy as director of recreation at Handicapped Student Services, working with a handicapped weightlifting group and coaching the Nashville Wheelcats basketball team.

Although he has the desire and the ability, one problem must yet be overcome: funding. Bart is not sponsored and must rely on private donations to finance his trip.

So far, Bart has received less than \$100, but he remains optimistic. "The last time I went I didn't get much help," says Bart. "But this time a lot of people have really gotten behind me."



(Left) Bart works as director of recreation at Handicapped Student Services, coaches the Nashville Wheelcats basketball team and still finds time to spend with his fiancée Jan Schlafer. Bart and Jan will be married May 14. They plan to honeymoon in the Bahamas.

(Above) Bart makes frequent appearances at area schools and was recently interviewed by members of MTSU's channel 28. (Right) The long road to Seoul begins here in Murfreesboro for Bart with nearly 60 miles a week in road work. Bart has traveled from Pennsylvania to Hawaii in national competition.

