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## Week remembered King's vision

### Skits close activities around 250 at event

By MELISSA JONES  
Staff Writer

Black students of the 1980s are not as unified as those in the 1960s, a series of skits portraying "Black Students on Predominately White College Campuses" showed last night in the Learning Resources Center.

Nearly 250 students learned what it meant to be a black college student in the 1960s compared to such students today in a series of skits presented by the MTSU Minority Affairs Office.

"To be black in the '60s was to be displayed, delayed and lonely," one actor said. "To be a black student in the '80s is to maintain racial consciousness, being in the middle and not knowing what world, and keeping the King's dream alive."

The names of the actors were not identified.

Another set of skits demonstrated how the blacks today are pulling apart instead of uniting.

An example of the separation is how black Greeks tend to feel they dominate the campus, the skits showed.

"That's why white people think of us as they do," one actor said during the skit while pointing to another actor who said, "Yes, I'm loud and I'm proud to be black. At least I don't think I'm a dark-skinned white person."

The skits also showed the different situations black students were thrust into during the '60s versus the '80s.

"In the '60s, they were defined as negroes, their textbooks were made up of white philosophy, there were no black instructors and they

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were at a disadvantage before they ever took a seat in the classroom," an actor said.

"In the '80s, it seems relevant to read white philosophy and there are more black instructors and it's normal to share the classroom with white students," another actor said.

Black students in the '80s are a diverse group compared to the '60s, the skits showed.

In the '60s, black students walked across the campus in groups because there were very few blacks. In the '80s, some will walk by without "even acknowledging their fellow brother or sister."

Stimulating thought and debate about the development of the civil rights movement was the main purpose of the skits, said Ted White, director of Minority Affairs.

This generation of students is basically removed from the civil rights movement of the '60s," said White, who organized the Martin Luther King activities.

Last night's event was the finale of the Martin Luther King Jr. Week activities celebrating the slain civil rights leader's birth, White said. King would have been 59 Jan. 15.

Approximately 3,500 civil rights activists, including band members from Whites Creek High School in Nashville, gathered on the Legislative Plaza in the Music City Monday to mark the 59th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr. The crowd raised their hands while singing "I Want to be Like Martin."

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## Precautions could have saved 190 lives: official

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

By observing a few simple "universal precautions," 190 Tennesseans could have avoided death, according to area acquired immune

deficiency syndrome experts.

In Tennessee, 344 people have been infected with the human immunodeficiency virus — the cause of AIDS — since the epidemic began," said Bernie Ellis, coordinator for AIDS surveillance in Tennessee.

Of these, 190 have died, Ellis, who works for the state health department, said.

However, if those 344 people who tested positive would have practiced some "universal precautions" they would not have been infected, said Dr. Gene Copello, director of the Vanderbilt AIDS Project.

"Of the new AIDS cases, 99.9 percent are caused by sex and drugs," Copello said.

"Always use a condom unless you are sure your partner is not infected," he said.

"Unless you have been in a monogamous relationship for five or more years and are sure your

of condom used can make a drastic difference.

"The semen and AIDS virus can seep through animal skin," Copello said. "Also, if you use a lubricant use a water-, not oil-, based lubricant. Oil will eat through the condom, making it ineffective."

Such precautions are necessary because most people in the United States "have premarital sex," Copello said.

"If so, you should do some heavy thinking about it," he added. "Perhaps, for some people, it is best

that they remain celibate until they find a monogamous relationship."

Another precaution is sterilizing drug needles before using them, Copello said.

"It would be great if everybody stopped using drugs," he said, "but a lot of people can't. If so they must do either one of two things."

Either use your needles and do not share, or sterilize someone else's needle before use, he explained.

"If people would be careful about sharing needles and about

their sexual partners, they would run a much lower risk of catching AIDS," said Elaine Baldwin, a public affairs specialist for the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

For hospital workers to insure they do not become infected with the AIDS virus, Copello said they should wear gloves, masks and goggles as the case dictates.

"If you must come into contact with the bodily fluids of someone with AIDS wear gloves," he said.

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Most "AIDS cases are caused by sex and drugs"

AIDS official

deficiency syndrome experts.

partner is faithful, use a barrier — a condom — during intercourse," U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett

Coop recommends.

However, just using a barrier is not enough, Copello said. The type

## Seigenthaler symposium set

By KIM HARRIS  
Senior Staff Writer

The second Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence entitled "The Media and Privacy" will be scheduled March 1 in Room 221 of the Learning Resource Center from 1:30 to 3:00p.m.

The list of panel members for this symposium are as follows: Jill Wine-Banks, executive director of the American Bar Association; Jack

Corn, director of photography for the *Chicago Tribune*; Wallace Westfeldt, executive producer for Paradine Television in Washington and former executive producer for NBC Nightly News; Barbara Reynolds, editorial board of *USA Today* and author of *Jesse Jackson: America's David*; and Don Pember, professor of the College of Communication in Washington. Moderating the symposium will

be John Seigenthaler, the chairman, publisher and editor of *The Tennessean*.

Coordinator Ed Kimbrell, an MTSU mass communications professor, said the symposium will deal with the ongoing controversy over "just how far has the media gone?"

"I think that it couldn't have been more timely," Kimbrell said.

"There's the argument of Gary

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## Newest Hart scandal could torpedo campaign

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

and M.A. Brown  
Editorial Editor

Since officially announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president last year, former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart has found his life fraught with problems.

Hart, 50, received the latest blow to his struggling campaign this week when the *Miami Herald* reported that his 1984 presidential campaign had been illegally subsidized by a California home-video producer.

The *Herald*, which also delivered the first blow to Hart's campaign last fall, revealed in their Wednesday edition that Stuart Karl had spent \$15,802 paying expenses for the Hart campaign before the Democratic National Convention held in San Francisco in the summer of 1984.

In the 1988 campaign, Karl has reportedly paid a \$3,000 a month salary to current Hart staffer Dennis Walto.

According to Federal Election laws, individuals cannot donate or

lend a campaign more than \$1,000. Donations of corporate funds, goods or services is strictly prohibited.

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In a statement to the Associated Press, Hart, who was campaigning in New Hampshire, said he had no knowledge that his campaign had been receiving illegal aid.

"Obviously a candidate cannot know every detail," he added.

The newest revelation of a scandal comes at a time when Hart is attempting to convince the Democratic Party and the American people that his re-entry into the presidential fray was justified. Hart had been forced to withdraw from the fracas last fall after reports of an affair with Miami model Donna Rice.

Hart re-entered in December saying he was doing so because other Democratic candidates were not articulating new ideas.

However, the former senator, who left the race as the Democratic front-runner, did not regain all of the support he had before his withdrawal.

"He has lost about half of the people who had voiced support for his campaign and said they would vote for him," said MTSU political science professor Mario Perez-Reilly.

Perez-Reilly said Hart had about 60 percent of the Democratic vote before his withdrawal, but currently he only has approximately 30 percent of the support of Democrats.

Hart also faces financial woes left over from his failed 1984 presidential bid.

The '84 run left Hart with a debt in excess of \$1 million. Presently, several court cases are pending concerning the Hart campaign deficit.

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"Catsye," an MTSU student who wishes to use her stage name, enacts medieval scenes near Murphy Center yesterday. She is a member of Citizen of Creative Anachronism, a group which portrays such scenes on a regular basis.

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The unity of black students in the 1960s is portrayed during skits last night in the Learning Resources Center. The skits showed the differences between students in the 1960s and the 1980s.

## Center advocates health: director

By ANDREA AKINS  
Staff Writer

Now in its third month of operation the computerized MTSU Wellness Center is growing in "clients" as well as advocating a healthy lifestyle, according to Richard LaLance, assistant professor for health, physical education, recreation, and safety.

"We're trying to provide an outlet for all our students, faculty and staff to adopt a healthy lifestyle through a battery of tests and other information," center supervisor LaLance said. The service tests are "routine checks for overall health analysis and diagnosis."

The center, located in room 152 in the Alumni Gym, was a long-time plan of LaLance's and HPER's de-

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Hart entering the presidential race and the whole question of preachers [like the situations] with Falwell and the Bakkers," he said.

"There's the question of just how far the media has gone," he said. "Has it gone too far?"

In reference to his remarks, Kimbrell said the argument is a matter of public trust vs. right to privacy.

"Does a person who runs for the Presidency have a right to privacy at all? Here is a man [who], if elected, will be the most powerful man in the free world," Kimbrell said.

"There's no one on earth who enjoys mixing it up more than Seigenthaler. It delights him," Kimbrell said.

### Hart

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Federal officials are also currently debating whether or not Hart can use federal matching funds he qualified for to pay some of this debt.

All of this leaves Hart in the delicate situation of trying to turn the focus on his campaign away from personal problems and towards campaign issues.

Hart must resolve this problem if he hopes to become a serious candidate. If he cannot, he will probably just be remembered as 1988's version of George McGovern.

partment chairman Guy Penny. It was not developed to compete with the three other fitness centers in Murfreesboro, but to provide "organized activities for people to become organized with exercises," LaLance and Penny said. "That's our basic thrust," LaLance said.

One of the unique qualities of the center is its computerized health-risk appraisal, skin fold and functional treadmill tests, Penny said.

The health-risk appraisal test is a routine check for cholesterol levels and blood analysis, he said. The skin fold test measures the percentage of body fat and prescribes an ideal weight for the testee.

The functional treadmill test evaluates and prescribes an exercise plan for individuals, Penny said. The computer, known as LIFE, surveys and assesses on a 10-page printout one's health status. This includes an analysis of the heart, rise of accidents, nutritional status and overall health status.

There are two structured health programs available to appraise and prescribe what the client needs to

improve his health, according to Penny.

The first program, PLAN I, "establishes routine activities" which include the health-risk appraisal and exercise prescription, he said.

Also available is the exercise room and all equipment, aerobic classes and seminars related to one's health, Penny said.

Attached to this package is a \$12 per month fee, he said. The client may participate on a monthly basis, but must commit to a six month plan.

But because many students are only here for five months instead of six, a five month commitment is permitted, Penny said.

PLAN II is "a more comprehensive approach for one to arrive" at his desired mode of exercise and improved health, LaLance said. This package is \$15 monthly with a minimum six month commitment (five months for students).

Charging fees is a necessary way of maintaining the expenses for equipment, Penny added. Fees also cover repairs of equipment, readings of EKG's, supplies, tests, and employees that work at the center.

## Black education left out of schools: prof

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

Education of blacks in the United States has left out, to a large extent, the role of the Afro-American in history, a Tennessee State University psychology professor said.

"What is still missing, to a large extent, in the education of blacks is a reflection of the Afro Americans," Dorothy Granberry told about 50 people at a Wednesday panel discussion celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Week.

Education needs to look at what Afro-Americans do and how they have shaped the world and the United States for the country, Granberry said. ... needs to look at black people as Afro-Americans."

Most people tend to look at education in a narrow context, only focusing on reading, writing and arithmetic, Granberry said.

"Schools should encourage mental development and moral development," she said. "Education and culture are intimately linked in any social education program."

"If we look at the progress of blacks in education there has been tremendous progress in the last 123 years," she said.

About 80 percent of the Afro-Americans from 15 to 25 years old have graduated from high school, Granberry explained.

But this progress can be deceiving if looked at from a different perspective, she said.

"A large number of the graduates from high school are uneducated

in the narrow sense of the word," she said. "They are unprepared for college."

"Nearly 50 percent of the freshmen entering college have to take at least one remedial or developmental studies course," Granberry said, adding that this includes whites as well as blacks.

In addition to Granberry's talk on black progress in education, Ray Winbush, director of the Johnson Black Cultural Center at Vanderbilt University, called for more responsibility in dealing with police shootings.

Roy Campbell, MTSU criminal justice professor, and Debra Holman, director of public services at the Tennessee State University school of business, also took part in the discussion.

## King remembered Monday night

By M.A. Brown  
Editorial Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. Day should help to remind MTSU students and administration to work to "create an institution that can boast of its fairness, lack of bigotry and desegregation," according to Robert LaLance, MTSU vice-president of student affairs.

LaLance and other campus and university leaders gathered with a crowd of approximately 300 in the Keathley University Center Theatre Monday night for a service commemorating the slain civil rights leader.

Murfreesboro vice-mayor Robert Scales opened the ceremony by telling of the influence

King had on his life and encouraging the students in the audience to continue the movement.

MTSU director of minority affairs, Ted White, then spoke on the "new consciousness" that students of the university possess on racial issues.

MTSU students have "a unified consciousness that knows 'a house divided cannot stand,'" he said.

MTSU student Vincent Windrow brought the crowd to its feet with a rousing speech on King's importance to the American civil rights movement.

"If not for Martin Luther King, justice would be unrealistic [and] injustice would be realistic," he said.

Following a musical selection presented by the Baptist Student Union Choir, Murfreesboro NAACP vice-president Rev. Dwight Ogleton concluded the ceremony with a speech concerning racial problems in Murfreesboro.

Ogleton called for the audience to "send a message to the power structure in Murfreesboro" that the black community wants equal representation in the city council, a black principal and head athletic coach at either of the new high schools being built in Smyrna and LaVergne and black history curriculum installed in the Rutherford School System.

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# Automated library bids being taken

By STARLENE ROCHELLE  
Entertainment Editor

Bids are currently being taken for the \$550,000 computerized retrieval system for MTSU's Todd Library, library director Donald Craig said.

Contractors wishing to install the system, designed to allow greater ease in finding material in the library, must have bids submitted by Feb. 1, 1988, Craig said.

The library began the move towards automation in 1973 and conducted a demonstration of the system in November, he said.

"I don't think it took long for the president [MTSU President Sam Ingram] to decide to automate the library," Craig said.

Recently there has been a surge of positive response by MTSU faculty and students for automation. Many students signed a petition at

the circulation desk, and both faculty and students sent personal requests to Ingram.

On a recent trip to the University of Tennessee's Knoxville campus, Ingram visited their new library facilities and admitted he surprised himself with the ease and convenience he experienced when testing their system.

"It was neat," Ingram said. "UT's system, along with the sys-

grated hardware/software solution designed, installed and supported by one vendor, according to a pamphlet on the implementation of automation at Todd Library. Installation of the system will take place in three phases.

Once the contract with a vendor is signed, it will take approximately three years to install the system and train personnel, the pamphlet stated. There are four main components

"It was neat"

## MTSU President Sam Ingram

tems of the four other Tennessee universities, has been studied by the library's Automation Committee, said automation librarian David Robinson.

The system that the library is interested in purchasing is referred to as a turnkey system, Craig said.

A turnkey system is an inter-

ested hardware/software solution designed, installed and supported by one vendor, according to a pamphlet on the implementation of automation at Todd Library. Installation of the system will take place in three phases.

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# Ruling will not affect colleges: officials

From Staff Reports

Last week's ruling on the Hazelwood case by the Supreme Court would not appear to have a direct impact on college newspapers across the country, local media officials said.

The Supreme Court ruled that public school officials would have the right to censor student newspapers on the high school level. The ruling made no mention of university papers.

"If you accept the language of the opinion, it seems quite clearly to separate college newspapers from high school papers," John Seigenthaler, editor/publisher of *The Tennessean*, editorial director of *USA Today* and first chair holder of the Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies at MTSU, said.

According to Ed Kimbrell, professor of mass communications at MTSU and WSMV Channel-4 commentator, the decision does not impact college and university newspapers at "first blush."

"It has the capacity to grow and expand," Kimbrell said. "University administrators will cite nothing they will use it to chill the independence and enthusiasm of student journalists at the college or university level."

The Supreme Court ruled 5-3

that the principal of a Hazelwood, Mo. high school did not violate students' free speech rights when he demanded that two pages be extracted from the student-produced, school-sponsored newspaper.

Seigenthaler disagrees with the ruling and believes that many public school officials will use the case to limit discussion in classrooms as well as in newspapers.

"It doesn't make sense for an 18-year-old high school journalist, who can vote for the president of the United States and may in a few months be fighting to defend the Constitution, to be denied the right of free expression," Seigenthaler said. "And if it can happen in the newspaper it also can happen in the classroom."

According to Kimbrell, the Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies was established in 1986 to make the public and students aware of the importance of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

"What the First Amendment guarantees is important and misunderstood," Kimbrell said. "The chair of excellence is committed to exploring and explaining what it guarantees."

"The Supreme Court has battered the First Amendment, its spirit and philosophy," Kimbrell said. Educators in strong departments have a moral obligation to rise up and embrace their brethren. We have to let our students know that it is a worthy cause, and we're with them."

## AIDS from page 1

"If you are doing a procedure which involves the splashing of blood, wear goggles and a mask."

Pregnant women with the AIDS virus must realize there is a 50 percent chance their child will catch the disease, Copello said.

"They must then make the decision whether to abort," the doctor said. "AIDS victims wishing to bear children should delay pregnancy until there is a cure."

AIDS is usually transmitted by sexual intercourse, sharing drug needles, passing from mother to child and from contaminated blood, said Charles Ebel, publications director of the American Social Health Association.

"Anal sex is the highest AIDS risk" because of the bleeding which occurs, Ebel said.

"Getting AIDS from contaminated blood or blood products used to constitute a fairly large number of new cases — but the statistics show it continuing to go down," he said.

"It is almost impossible to get AIDS through a blood transfusion

because of the blood screening now being done," Ebel said.

Only seven health care workers world-wide have caught AIDS from patients, Copello said, but none caught the virus in New York or San Francisco, the cities with the largest AIDS populations.

In addition, Ebel said some researchers feel there is a relation between the amount of HIV which enters the body and the chance of catching AIDS or ARC, AIDS-related condition. ARC is a milder form of AIDS.

"We really just don't know why some people are more susceptible," Ebel said. "Logically, it could be the amount of virus present. Some may have better natural defenses and catching AIDS has been linked to alcohol and drug use."

In fact, AIDS is very hard to catch, Copello said.

"AIDS is much less infectious than hepatitis," he explained.

"[The fact] that a mosquito can transmit AIDS is untrue," Baldwin said.

"Only through direct, intimate contact can you become infected with the AIDS virus," Ebel said.



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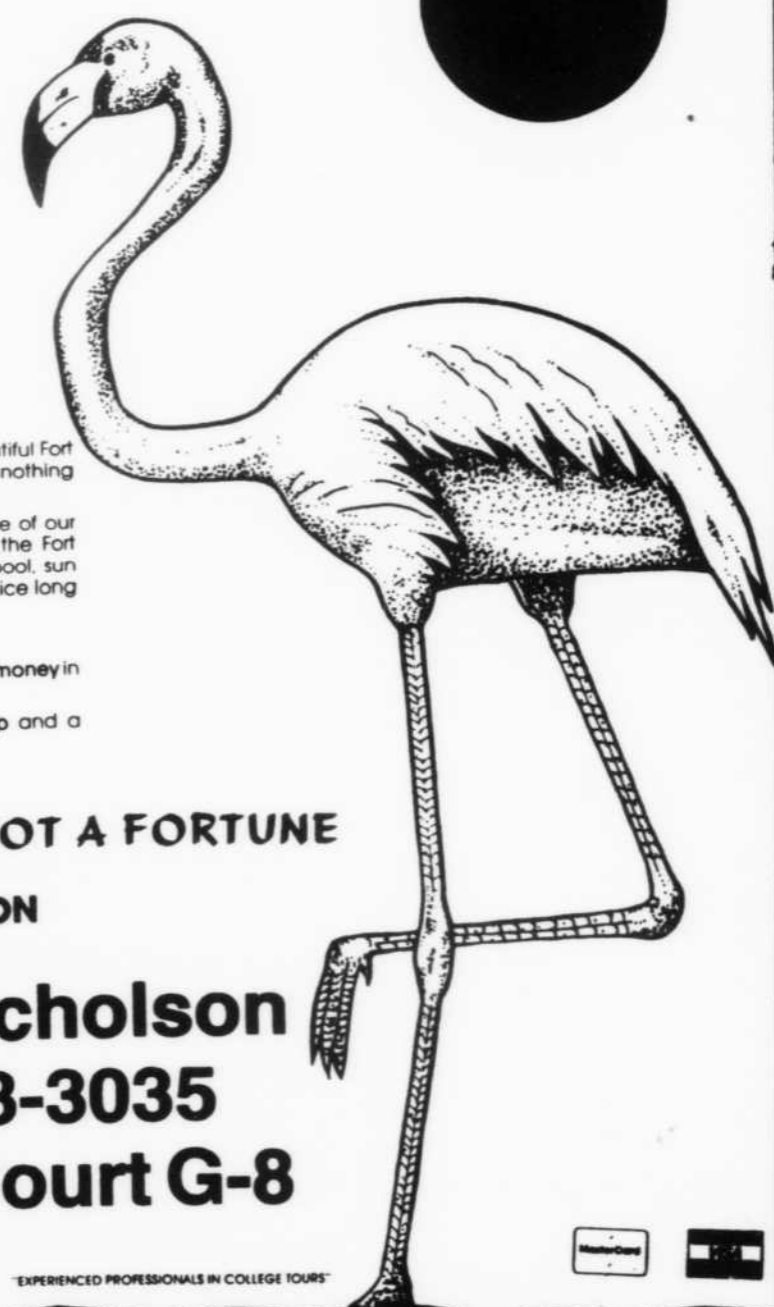
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Student Organizations desiring to make applications for activity fee funds for Spring Semester of 1988 may secure applications in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center. Deadline for completing and returning applications is Jan. 29, 1988.

The Associated Student Body will hold a joint session of the ASB Congress on January 26 at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. Any legislation to be proposed should be turned into the ASB Office no later than Jan. 20.

The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for new students and graduate students on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend this orientation.

The Raiders' Soccer Club will meet Tuesday, January 26, at 3 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 315.

The Raider's Soccer Club will meet Thursday, January 28, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 315. Elections will be held to elect officers for the calendar year.

The Sigma Delta Chi, will have its first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 4:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 305. Mike Pyrtle, from the *Daily News Journal* and Channel 2's Bill Loyd will be speaking on coporate ownership of the media. Please attend. Non-members are welcome.

A Creative Expressions panel program will be presented by students in the Public Relations Student Society of America at MTSU on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center.

# EDITORIALS

## With liberty and justice for all?

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'"

King, Jr. nearly 20 years ago as he stood before a throng of followers and told of his visions for race relations in the United States.

As we celebrated the birth of King this week, we, as a nation, reflected on the realization of his dreams. In some areas, we have almost achieved the goals set for us by King. In other areas, we have fallen far short.

In 1987, most black Americans have the opportunity to gain a university education, vote for the candidate of their choice, hold public office and get a decent job, all without fear of racial discrimination.

However, in some areas, the United States is still far from a desegregated nation.

Many blacks find themselves trapped in inner-city ghettos, held down by the yoke of welfare, unwanted children or

drugs. Many young blacks find themselves unable to obtain adequate employment because of a lack of education.

In Murfreesboro, members of the black community feel they are being left out of the city government. They feel this way because there is only one black city councilman, there are no black high school principals or head coaches and there is no black history taught in the Rutherford County school system.

The city government and county school board should sit down with black leaders and address these issues, whether or not they agree or disagree on them.

Only through cooperation will these and other national racial issues ever be corrected. Only if all Americans, no matter what race, are willing to forget their bigotries against their fellow countrymen and work towards a society without racial barriers will we ever truly be able to say that "all men are created equal" in the United States. Only then will King's work be complete.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

## Injustice for Americans celebrates anniversary



Roger Allen  
Columnist

Fifteen years ago today, the Supreme Court handed down the decision which is perhaps the most controversial in its history.

This landmark is known to the public as *Roe v. Wade*.

*Roe* and its companion case, *Doe v. Bolton* have been the subject of more public debate and popular resistance than any controversy the court has adjudicated, with the possible exception of *Dred Scott v. Sanford*, which proved to be a key factor in the outbreak of the Civil War.

Analyzing the similarities of *Roe* and *Scott* are noteworthy.

In *Roe*, the right of privacy, as discovered by the court in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, and as is perceived to be found in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, is the freedom being protected.

In *Scott*, the right of personal property, as it related to the power of a slaveholder to control his slaves is at issue.

Both uphold the right of one to enforce their will upon another. Further, in both cases the court defines when a state may act in a constitutional manner on behalf of the parties on which the will of the other is enforced.

In *Roe*, this point is reached in

the third trimester of pregnancy. In *Scott*, this point is reached at the time of the ratification of the Articles of Confederation (if one was free-born at that time).

While many other similarities and concurrent themes may be pointed out, these two similarities are sufficient intellectual fuel to ask this question.

How may a judicial tribunal, unelected and unanswerable to anyone, make decisions concerning the nature of human life and determine by means of their legal expertise

the answer to questions that many philosophers, theologians and medical practitioners have not been able to answer?

The obvious answer is that such matters simply lie outside of the court's power to adjudicate.

However, from a legal standpoint, even a greater difficulty arises from *Roe*.

In *Roe*, the language of the decision, as delivered by Justice Harry Blackmun, is riddled with inconsistencies and contradictions.

For example, Blackmun states,

"We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins...the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

Yet, he also says that the "states important and legitimate interest in potential life, the 'compelling' point is at viability." He then goes on to explain that essential viability, as it relates to the states power to protect the fetus, is in the beginning of the third trimester of pregnancy.

Which is it? May the court determine the point at which human life is viable or not? Blackmun's answer is no, the court may not, and yes, the court may, by its highly questionable method of trimester divisions.

It seems clear from these statements alone that *Roe* is simply bad law. Any congressional statute or executive enactment with such flawed language would surely be struck down by the court. Yet the right of self-contradiction seems to be inherent in this supra-legislative body.

How may this problem be resolved? Perhaps the current court, if given a case with similar issues, might actually reconsider the *Roe* decision. This would be difficult for the court to manage, but there are at stake a number of civil liberties not addressed in *Roe*.

Perhaps the court might reconsider such an ill-conceived and potentially dangerous position as *Roe* assumes and turn this critical area

of decision-making back to the states where it belongs under the 10th Amendment. That would allow freedom of choice (at the state legislative level) for all concerned. All groups, both pro and con, could make their voices heard in a manner more akin to the democratic process.

This would give millions of free American citizens the same right of free expression and the power to shape public policy as is presently enjoyed by the pro-abortion camp.

On this day, which is the anniversary of the *Roe* decision, all Americans should consider the relative trade-offs that occur when freedoms are given to one group at the expense of another.

## Poetic justice for a fascist driver



Mike Reed  
Columnist

I know that another column on the parking situation is like flogging a dead horse. There is another side to the story, however, that I take particular pride in telling.

I was strolling around campus the other day trying to figure out why no one ever buys a 'Y' on "Wheel of Fortune," when I noticed someone had parked their brand new Camaro in the middle of two spaces.

I was appalled. What kind of person would do something so horrid and against the wishes of humankind as parking in two spots?

I gave this long and considerable thought (OK I lied, I'm making this up as I go along) and decided it was a person I would not want to associate with. If one lets one's imagination go, one can find incredible flaws in the characters of people never met.

For instance, I saw an arrogant egotistical, pompous, self-centered jerk deciding to park his car here

because his car is better than any other car in this particular section of the parking lot. I can see the joy in his face when he finds two spots right next to each other. And, after considerable backing and forwarding and re-aligning and whatever other things such jerks do, he pulled his Camaro into the exact center of the two spaces.

I sat there and stared at this abomination for a while. It occurred to me that people were talking to me so I moved on. As I walked by the car, I noticed that someone had done some amateur pinstripping with a set of car keys. I nearly fell onto the pavement laughing. I think justice was served.

But let us get back to our imaginary jerk. After he parks and checks to make sure he is geographically in the center of the spaces, he gets out opening his door all the way with a good two feet to spare. He goes around to the passenger side and checks the clearance on that door. Doing that, he sets off to buy his text books or whatever.

While he is gone, some student drives up in his 1967 Beetle, sees what has happened, gets his trusty car keys and writes a warning note

on the passenger side door. Satisfied with the job he has done, he leaves to share the experience with his drinking partners.

The fascist Camaro driver comes back to his car with a smile on his face and a copy of *Car and Driver* and *Road and Track* under his arm. He sees his door and the message written there and drops his copy of *Auto Digest* that he keeps in his back pocket. Immediately, he phones security. A half-hour later they are filling out a report and giving him dirty looks because of his parking situation. Does this person feel a great injustice has befallen him? He is so self-centered that he probably does.

Mind you, I wasn't around for any of this but I did find a tear-stained copy of *Wheels and Deals* on the ground when I returned.

So what conclusions can we draw from this boys and girls? We should all buy compact cars and live a pastoral existence with nature.

### LETTERS POLICY

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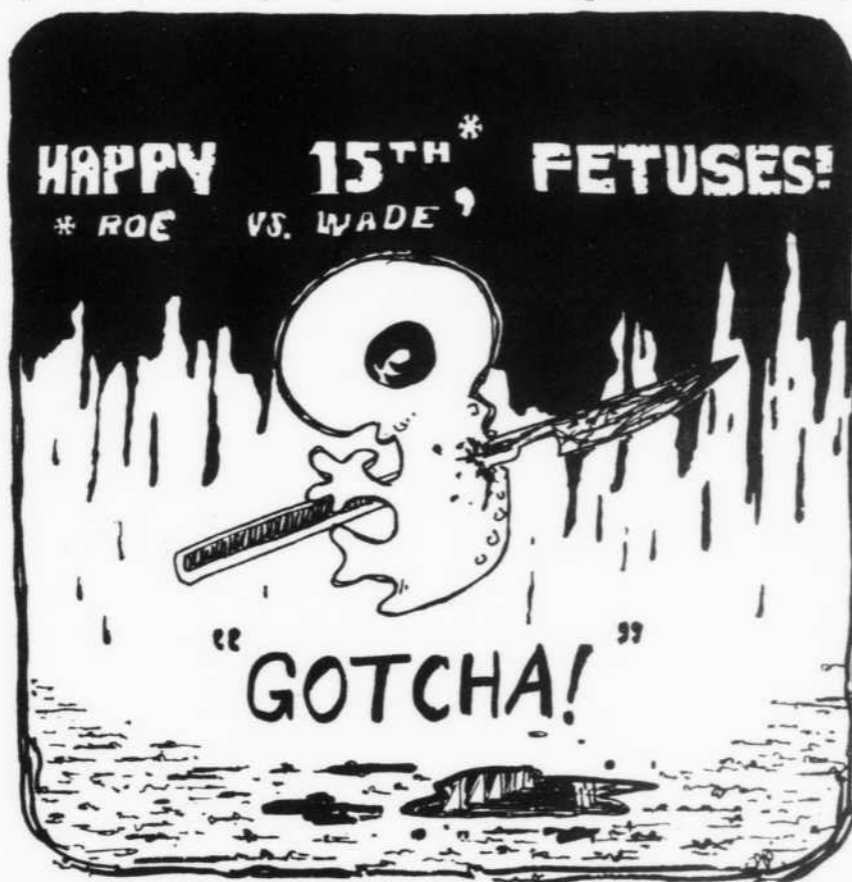
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## MTSU abuses its 'step-children'



Kate Lapczynski  
Columnist

I have often suspected that commuters are the university's step-children. Nothing has served to reinforce that suspicion more than the handling of this semester's registration.

In the face of the worst blizzard in 20 years, MTSU refused to postpone its registration. This callous disregard for the safety, the wishes and the convenience of students who must travel a distance to attend this university should not be allowed to pass without comment.

When eight inches of snow fell on our area, everything except MTSU ground to a halt. People were being urged to stay. People were being urged to halt. People were being urged to halt. People were being urged to halt.

healthy portion of its student body on the road against advice.

A number of commuters braved the snow and showed up for registration. The university should thank its lucky stars that they got here and back safely. It should not delude itself, however, that the effort was "no problem" for the people who made it.

Others chose to let discretion be the better part of valor and opted to register late. Even so, road conditions were not optimal even the following Monday.

Once here, they were subjected to the day-long fiasco that was jokingly referred to as late registration, an exercise that was not only tedious and frustrating to the students but had to have been expensive, time-consuming and inconvenient for all involved departments.

The "we never close" philosophy of this university needs to be modified to accommodate physical facts. No one is to blame for a bliz-

zard. No one, then, acts, should be penalized when acts of nature throw a curve into the narrow, linear plans of schedulers. Even if only 10 percent of all MTSU students are commuters, we are still talking about a sizable body of people, people who are at extraordinary risk in time of inclement weather.

That being the case, it is my belief that some sort of Commuter's Lobby should be formed with the aim of influencing university decisions regarding closings in extraordinary circumstances. Consideration during times of particularly bad weather is only one of many special needs of commuters, but it is the most pressing, and commuters need a forum for making those needs known and appreciated.

MTSU takes pride in never closing its doors. However, there comes a time when a point of pride becomes an obstacle to sensitive, sensible thinking. That point came this semester.

## STEVE BEAT — By KENT WHITAKER



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# The man who would be king

## A View From The Left

Tommy Williams  
Columnist

Gary Hart is back? The senator from Colorado in recent weeks has attempted to prove to himself and the American public that the press should stay out of his private life.

The outlying theory is that the public should be concerned only with his talents and abilities of public administration, and not his valiant attempt at a little monkey business.

Gary Hart is far from innocent, yet as a faithful Democrat and an accused liberal I can only pity him. I do admire his courage and persistence.

Hart is a very capable individual, but with three weeks to go until the Iowa primary, he has fallen short in proving to the Democrats that he has come clean.

The issues surrounding Hart are primarily personality and public image issues. His morality is in question.

Gary Hart has proven to be a productive candidate in the past and has again come out strong on certain issues, but, for lack of a better word, the monkey is still riding his back.

It is easy to believe his claim that the dull image of the other candidates forced him back into the campaign, although I do feel his judgment has proven him wrong especially in moments of passion.

We could label his return as an idealistic attempt to prove that the American people do have a voice. This could offend many voters. Who wants their interests to be represented by a man who has a tarnished reputation? Offending voters is a political death.

My major concern is for the party. I want a Democratic president in 1988 and could really care less what he does in his private life.

The Democratic Party has the ability to select from the cream of public personalities the most productive president this nation has ever seen. The party has the knowledge that will enable them to judge a person not by his personal misfortunes, but by his capabilities as a public official.

Hart's problems and set-backs will surface during the convention in Atlanta. The party was embarrassed and hurt by Hart's actions. However, we are forgiving people, but we will not nominate an individual just to prove our forgiveness.

Hart has a lot of opposition, but as a great Tennessee Democrat once said, "opposition only

comes dangerous when it solidifies in one person."

Today, Hart is considered an outsider by the other candidates. This could prove to be productive when the convention arrives, but could prove detrimental if the voters have closed their minds before a Hart resurrection.



## A View From The Right

Let's face it. Gary Hart is not running for president of the United States. Gary Hart is trying to become the first king of the United States.

First of all, Hart runs up a debt in excess of \$1 million in his unsuccessful presidential campaign in 1984. Then he refuses to pay the

people he owes. This brought about the need for federal marshals to seize the money from a fund-raiser Hart held in 1987 to pay back some of this debt.

Then came Hart's fling with Miami model Donna Rice last year which necessitated Hart's withdrawal from the 1988 presidential run.

This was not the first time that Hart had been unfaithful to his wife, Lee. It was well known among most press people that Hart had been sleeping with other women for some time. In fact, he reportedly spent time with a woman in the Washington home of Bob Woodward.

Hart dared the press to tell the public about these events. When they did, Hart screamed that the press stepped out of line and invaded his privacy.

Hart obviously feels he is above the law and the opinions of the people.

Contrary to Hart's belief, the Constitution set up a free press in this country. The main purpose of the press is to be the watchdog of the government. This watchdog function also includes watching these officials when they are out of the public eye.

Hart also argued that the fact that he cheats on his wife has nothing to do with his personal integrity or qualifications for president.

I have to disagree. The oath a



M.A. Brown  
Editorial Editor

man and woman take when they marry is one of the most sacred commitments a human can make. If a man has no respect for that commitment, then would he think about breaking the laws of his country as it's chief executive?

A king, not a president, is above the laws of his country. Hart has shown that he feels he is above the laws of the United States.

Hart now tells us that he is back in the presidential race because the other democratic candidates show a lack of new ideas. Hart feels that he is the new man who can give this country new ideas, but the only ideas Hart has are very old ones.

Hart's main idea is that he is all-powerful. He can do whatever he wants and the people of this country have no right to question him.

This is the same idea that Thomas Hobbes formulated centuries ago, and tyrants have used since to justify their cruel reigns.

Hart's ideas are by no means new, and they are definitely not the kinds of ideas we need in the White House.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation for the outstanding support you gave us at the Tennessee Tech basketball game on Wednesday night, Jan. 13.

We worked extra hard in attempting to raise crowd response (at games) and will continue to do so.

If you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to contact any of us.

Thanks again and keep cheering. See ya' at the next game.

MTSU Cheerleaders

To the Editor:

I would like to ask the administration of MTSU one question which I feel is very important. Why do we celebrate Martin Luther King Day by taking a day off from class, but we do not celebrate Veteran's Day in the same way.

Don't get me wrong, I think King did a lot for the country and we should celebrate his birth. However, I feel the men who have laid

their lives on the line for this country deserve a little respect, too.

This fall, when Veteran's Day rolled around, I wondered if the school administration even knew the holiday existed.

Other than a rather disappointing fireworks show at that weekends football game, there was no celebration at MTSU. Even *Sidelines* could only find it in their hearts to run a small article on page

two about the holiday (or non-holiday, as the case seems to be.)

The time is far past due for this campus to give veterans the respect they have earned. I know of several students here who have served their country honorably, and I feel

it is about time we told them thank you.

If we can find time in our schedules to take a day off for Martin Luther King, a man who fought for freedom in the United States, we should be able to give the men

who have fought to preserve our freedom in other places the holiday they deserve.

Nigel Moore  
General Delivery

To the Editor:

Since I entered MTSU in the fall of 1984, the ROTC building has been renovated and the old alumni gym has been renovated. I think the next project should be a renovation of the pool.

As a lifeguard for Campus Recreation, I constantly hear comments about the pool's condition. The walls surrounding the pool are green with mildew and several of the pipes above the pool continue to rust and lose their coat of paint.

Of course, as the lifeguard on duty, swimmers gripe and complain to me as if I can really do something about it.

I guess my main motivation for writing this letter is to see what kind of response it gets. I know that the people who swim regularly at the pool are concerned about its deteriorating condition, but I would like to know many other students are concerned.

Paul Harvey says that swimming is the best exercise for your heart, and I fully agree. You don't have to worry about torn ligaments or knee injuries when you swim. It is definitely a much safer sport than football or basketball.

I fully realize that the cost of renovating the pool would be great, but I think MTSU is behind the times in this area. Other schools across the nation have swimming teams, but MTSU's current pool is not even large enough to hold swim meets if we did have a team.

Our pool also does not have a diving board. It was taken out in May due to a new state regulation about the depth of the water. MTSU's pool is only nine feet deep and the regulation calls for ten feet.

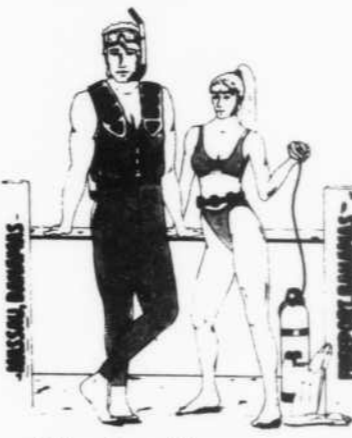
To all those complainers, I did my part. Tell President Ingram about it if you're really concerned.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Good Morning, Vietnam' witty drama

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used to judge all reviews. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★★★

By JONATHAN PINKERTON  
Entertainment Critic

The latest entry in the seemingly-endless barrage of Vietnam-themed movies — "Good Morning, Vietnam," — has the potential to be one of the best.

While this film is no comparison to such shock-value blood battles as portrayed in "Platoon" or "Hamburger Hill," the point of the absurdity of war is just as evident.

The film begins with members of the Saigon-based Armed Forces Radio Network readying the base for the arrival of disc-jockey Adrian Cronauer, who is played by Robin Williams.

As soon as Cronauer arrives, he begins to change the way things are done at the station. One of the first

things Cronauer changes is the approved play list. Cronauer replaces such sedate artists as Lawrence Welk and Percy Faith with the likes of the Motown sounds of Martha and the Vandellas. When his superiors hear the format changes, they threaten to fire him as quickly as they hired him.

Thanks to popularity with the soldiers, Cronauer is allowed to remain on the air. But Cronauer's format then changes to involve political humor — such as altering a speech made by Richard Nixon. After this stunt, Cronauer is once again removed from the air. And, thanks to the popularity from his fans, he is reluctantly asked to continue his program.

It is at this point, almost halfway through the film, that the reality of war is actually brought to the attention of the audience. When Cronauer is being driven back to the base, he is caught in a military roadblock behind a truck full of service men. When the driver, try-

ing to convince Cronauer to return, announces to the men that he is transporting the D.J., Cronauer is greeted with cheers and smiles. Williams rises out of the Jeep and returns their greeting with his character's trademark morning greeting, "Good Morning, Vietnam!" When the men hear this, they cheer their hero once more.

After this, Cronauer begins an impromptu question and answer session until the roadblock is clear and the men pass Cronauer and wave goodbye. At this point, Cronauer and the audience, realizes that these men are actually going off to fight.

In an effort to not give too much away, I'll just say that throughout the remainder of the movie, the audience is bombarded with laughter and tears simultaneously.

Although this movie is being labeled a "comedy-drama," don't get the wrong idea. This is a serious look at a serious subject as seen through the experiences of a fantastically-talented comedian.



Morale booster disc jockey Adrian Cronauer, played by Robin Williams, bolsters troops in "Good Morning, Vietnam."

## Alternative album reflects quest for success

★★★★

By MIKE VAUGHAN  
Entertainment Critic

Tom Waits is the undisputed Lord of the Barflies. He stalks the lush urban jungles of sidewalks and alleyways with deft insight and a killer instinct for conjuring an image in the mind of the listener.

Waits' songs are vignettes in which his complex characters are usually burdened by heavy emotions. Shattered dreams, forgotten promises, false hopes, melancholy, longing and desire fly through Waits' music like shards of glass in a barroom brawl. In fact, he has found enough drama in the dimly-

lit nightlife of the inner-city to sustain his 15-year recording career.

This latest album, *Frank's 1987 Years-Un Operachi Romantico in Two Acts*, follows a down-and-out boozier named Frank on a quest for success and self-affirmation. Frank first appeared on Waits' 1983

### Review

*Swordfishtrambones*, when he torched his house and hit the bricks. Waits and his wife, Kathleen Brennan, have developed this idea into a stage play, and this is a recording of the play's score.

The setting is Rainville. It is nowhere, yet everyone has been

there. It is a "good place to dream yourself away from." One night Frank Frank says up his accordian and says, "Blow wind blow wherever you may go." The story follows Frank on his journey to the Los Vegas big-time and back again.

This is a powerful tale of two-bit dreams and harsh realizations.

Waits' strength is as a lyricist, but anyone familiar with the growling, whiskey-rasp of his voice knows that the words are difficult to understand. Fortunately, lyrics are included.

The music is rather unusual. It is striking and unnerving. Waits adds an air of authenticity by using

arrangements of accordian (featuring Los Lobos' David Hidalgo), pump organ, bass and horns in a variety of drunken waltzes, chesey-nightclub blues and run-down carnival cacophonies.

The result is something like Billie Holiday meets the Salvation Army Band. Some tracks are poignant and beautiful ("Frank's Theme" and "Innocent When You Dream"), but never without the bleary-eyed mentality that is Waits' stock and trade.

On "I'll Take New York," Waits' voice is most powerful, unleashing a drunken wail in a parody of Sinatra's standard "New York, New

York." The final cut, "Train Song," does not offer Frank the happy resolution that we wish for him. Instead, he learns a profound, yet devastating lesson — there is no harm in dreaming the harm comes from chasing those dreams.

If you enjoy an engaging, in-

depth album, try this one. If you find that you usually enjoy only pop/commercial music, pass this one by. It definitely won't be getting any airplay.



## Rooney rants, raves in 'Word for Word'

★★★

By STARLENE ROCHELLE  
Entertainment Editor

Andy Rooney's *Word for Word* is a delightful exploration and examination of life's perks as only Rooney and his shoulder-be-patented cynical wit can deliver.

Rooney, who may be most familiar for his award-winning spots on "60 Minutes," has earned a reputation for his witty and irreverent commentary. For some reason, people listen to this person who is so presumptuous to think that they care about what he has to say.

Why? Because Rooney's got the guts to make fun of people, and he does it so well that they enjoy laughing and sneering at themselves.

Rooney admits in the preface of the book that boundaries were needed in order for him to have a starting point for *Word for Word*. Within the limitations he set for

himself in writing a series of short essays, this book with its nine chapters containing 130 short essays is sheer bliss to read.

*Word for Word* isn't your typical book in the sense that the reader doesn't have to begin at page one, or in this case page seven where the first essay begins, and read continuously through page 306. Rather, this is a collection of

Rooney's morsels that may be best enjoyed in small doses instead of all at once.

Along these same lines, readers might want to tackle *Word for Word* in an unorthodox manner. Suggestion: Randomly select essays. Open the book and read the essay that begins on that particular page. Do this three or four times until the less-than-reverent mood passes. Reasoning: Even the most die-hard Rooney fan can only take so much at one sitting. What about re-reading the same piece with this method? So what? They make more sense the more you read them.

Rooney's writing of his vignettes the very essence of his views. His unique examples and descriptions of the things that drive us crazy, make us happy and make us human make *Word for Word* light and entertaining reading.

Aside from the fact that it's 306 pages of Rooney cynicism, *Word*

for *Word* evokes within its readers a renewed awareness for both the pleasures and frustrations of day-to-day life.

### Reminder

Jan. 26 is the deadline for this month's entry of the Mr. and Ms. Month contest.

Applications can be obtained from Kathy Slager in the James Union Building, Room 310.



Rooney

### What's Up MTSU?

Saturday, Jan. 23: MTSU vs. Murray State at Murphy Center. The women's game will begin at 5 p.m. and the men will close out the double-header at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 25: MTSU vs. Austin Peay. Times for both games are the same as above.

Campus Recreation will hold wheelchair basketball sign-ups for the upcoming intramural season.

Monday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 26: The MTSU Films Committee will be showing the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" which is rated R.

Show time at the Keathley University Center on both nights is 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. There will be a special late show at 10:30 p.m.

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