

Old Blue Changes planned

By KIM HARRIS
Assistant News Editor

Suggestions have been made to "Raiderize" Old Blue, Middle Tennessee State University's present mascot.

In an effort to promote student attendance at football games, President Sam Ingram has appointed Dr. Donald Parente of the Mass Communications department to serve as a special assistant.

The time for change is now, Parente said, as the current mascot is "getting old."

Joey Jackson, the current mascot, has also suggested the need for a new costume, Parente said.

"The current one is getting old and looking a little beat-up," Parente said. "Furthermore, you can only see out of the mouth, and that makes it look unnatural when the mascot faces someone."

According to Parente, the biggest obstacle in "Raiderizing" Old Blue is change.

"It is virtually impossible to get people to agree," Parente said. "People are cynical. They don't like what they have now, and yet when offered a change, they don't like that either."

At the first joint session of the Associated Student Body, opinions were split, President Holly Lentz said.

Lentz said the new look will consist of a Raider hat, cape and sword. The overall result would be a unification of Old Blue and the Raider spirit, Lentz said.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell added that the change would incorporate the dog and add a "cavalier" style at the same time.

Ann Donnell of the Theatre department has been contacted to de-

sign the new costume, Parente said. The costume will be a reworking of Old Blue, with major changes on the head.

"First, it needed to tie-in with the current mascot. Second, if possible, it should tie-in with the school name, Blue Raiders. Third, it should look lovable so as to fit more in the line with some of the more successful mascots or costumed characters such as the 'Famous Chicken,'" Parente said.

Parente said the new costume, if accepted, will be produced at one-third retail costs.

"A number of companies were contacted, and the estimated cost to produce the costume was \$800 to \$1,200.

"Instead, Tom McClanahan, the general manger of Rax Restaurants, offered to produce it for \$375 — barely above cost. Mr. McClanahan is an alumnus and an enthusiastic booster of MTSU," Parente said.

One of the advantages of the current costume, Parente said, is that it provides flexibility in that it allows the mascot to act as both a human and an animal.

Lentz said she was concerned as to whether or not Old Blue would be able to flip and do stunts if the new costume is accepted.

Parente said the sword such as in the hat, cape and sword would be easily removed, so as not to interfere.

The general opinion of the MTSU community has been "favorable," Parente said.

"After receiving the sketch, several students took it to numerous students and boosters for their opinions. The general opinion was favorable," Parente said.



Nursing BA offered

By MARK FEARING
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee State University has changed the nursing program from a two-year study to a four-year study, Judith Wakim, chairman of the Nursing department said.

"The four year program was made possible because of two factors," Wakim said.

The program was changed to better serve area hospitals by offering a full four-year curriculum, and area hospitals are supporting this program.

Further support came from Harry Bradley who donated \$100,000 for a computer lab just for nursing.

"There is a desperate shortage of

nurses in many areas of the United States," she said.

Today, the percentage of nurses is down nine percent compared to 1985. That is why MTSU is trying to make students realize the possible opportunities in nursing, Wakim said.

"Other areas are bleeding nurses away from hospitals. Today graduates with nursing degrees can do a lot more in health care," [than merely work in hospitals], Wakim said.

MTSU will continue to have the associate degree in nursing, however, the bachelor's degree is expected to increase the number of students currently enrolled.

There are currently 50 freshman

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Campus cable TV service postponed

By REGINA BURTON
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee Cable Vision of Murfreesboro is awaiting final decisions from the State Board of Regents on negotiations to install cable television in all Middle Tennessee State University residence halls, Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake said.

After decisions are made, Shewmake said, it will take six to eight weeks to install the cable lines and control boxes.

"It's been a long, drawn-out process," Shewmake said.

Shewmake says he hopes the project will be completed by the 1988 spring semester.

Over 1,800 rooms on campus will receive cable television, Shewmake said.

The residence halls will "act like apartment complexes," he said.

Cable television will be available to all occupants of residence halls, but they will be responsible for calling Cable Vision and getting cable turned on in their rooms, Shewmake said.

Cable is optional for MTSU residents. Only those students wanting cable television will receive it.

The housing office plans to make improvements in the existing family housing cable reception, Shewmake said.

Shewmake predicts that the cost of housing will not increase with

the addition of cable, however, the students receiving cable television will be required to make monthly payments to Middle Tennessee Cable Vision.

Middle Tennessee Cable Vision will cover the cost of installation of the cable system on campus, therefore, this will aid in sustained housing costs, Shewmake said.

A total of 29 stations will be received. Cable television channel eight, however, will not be received at MTSU, Shewmake said.

Instead, the housing office will have a signal generating computer that will serve as a campus bulletin board to be broadcast on channel eight, Shewmake said. The bulletin board will contain such announcements as intramural scores, class and administrative information, lost and found items, etc.

The Associated Student Body has helped with much of the decision making.

According to Shewmake, the ASB has aided in the initial negotiations, in working out routes to dig cable trenches and with other concerns of installing the control boxes in each dorm room.

"Cable will add to the residence halls," Shewmake said.

Shewmake says he also hopes it will "increase occupancy" in the residence halls and "increase satisfaction within the residence halls."

Pilot's debut canned for Garbage Pail kids

By CHRIS BELL
Editorial Editor

Children love them on cards, posters, folders and T-shirts, but the Garbage Pail Kids won't be coming to television this fall.

CBS had announced plans for a Garbage Pail Kids cartoon to be shown this fall. Local affiliate WTVF (Channel 2), however, decided not to run the show, and this Tuesday, CBS pulled the program from their Saturday-morning lineup, just four days before its scheduled national premiere.

The Garbage Pail Kids, cartoons packaged like baseball cards, have been a major success for Topps Chewing Gum since their June 1985 introduction. Scalped Ralph, Warty Ward and Flushing Floyd are just three of the kids who can be found in markets all over the United States.

"CBS has been willing to take risks with children's programming with such shows as Hulk Hogan's

Rock Wrestling, Pryor's Place and Pee-Wee's Playhouse. But as with many projects, some just don't get on the air," CBS Publicist Janet Storm said.

Protests from "a variety of groups," were the reason for the cancellation of the animated "garbage gang."

"The entire premise is unacceptable," WTVF Programming Director Bill Jay said. "I'm not in the card business, but as a broadcaster, I have a responsibility to the audience."

The decision not to run the Garbage Pail Kids was made after WTVF General Manager Tom Irving saw plans for the show at a conference for CBS affiliates last May.

Public opinion has been in favor of the decision. Five letters concerning the cartoon came in Tuesday, according to Jay. Three supported the station and two, from viewers not aware of WTVF's deci-

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Sociology prof writes, sings folk songs

By JERRY OSBORNE
News Editor

Most students at Middle Tennessee State University know him as a professor in the sociology department, but Ben Austin also writes songs, sings, plays the guitar and occasionally performs locally at Tycoon's.

Although he's been writing since he was a child in Rutherford County, it wasn't until 10 years ago that Austin began calling himself a songwriter.

"The singing was just kinda natural," Austin said. "I always had a guitar around, so I snuck a chord. I wrote songs for years before letting anyone hear them."

"They were personal," he said. "To be perfectly honest about it, in our society there are limits placed

on us males in terms of how openly we can express our feelings," Austin said.

Austin first wrote poems. The poems later became songs, and with the help of the guitar, Austin found an outlet through which to speak his mind.

Austin says the first song he wrote was "The Lady With the Wild Rose in Her Hair."

The song tells about a lady with a smile that makes you wonder what she's thinking, Austin said. Her eyes are a mystery, and her voice is a melody. She's the lady with the wild rose in her hair...

"I write about human relationships," he said. "I grew up near nature. The human experience is part of the natural world — full of emo-

tions and feelings."

"Austin flows out of what he calls an 'overflow,'" he said.

"If the barrel isn't overflowing, I don't write," he said.

At times, five or six months roll along when Austin writes nothing. Then, the barrel gets to overflowing, and he writes five or six songs at a time.

He says he doesn't know where the songs come from, but from time to time he keeps notes when a "good thought" comes around.

Austin's students are well aware of his opinion that there is very little difference between country and black music. If you've heard Ray Charles do a Hank Williams, Sr. song, you possibly agree.

"I think country music is an off-

spring from Southern folk tradition," he said. "I write folk music." Austin said he advises those with musical talent to keep their eyes and ears open.

"Be a good listener and a good observer of the human condition," he said. "Keep your feelings open."

Austin and his wife Laura have a two sons, Joey, 4, and infant Daniel.

Austin's favorite song is one he wrote about his father, who died about 10 years ago. He has added verses about his mother, his wife and Joey.

As he glances at his youngest boy, he says "here goes another verse, I suppose."

Drugmand: passive resistance key when trying to escape attacker

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

When confronted with a possible sexual assault, one way to escape unharmed and alive is to passively resist, Middle Tennessee State University rape prevention officials said.

It is better not to put yourself in that position, Jack Drugmand, chief of Public Safety and Security, said.

"You need to be smart about personal safety," Drugmand said. "You should never walk alone across campus."

"I find it hard to see why it is difficult to find someone to walk across campus with you," he said.

"There are roommates, sweet-mates, and mates who can walk with you," Drugmand said. "If you can't find somebody call 2424."

Security will provide an escort for male and female students walking across campus during the nighttime hours, Drugmand said.

Drugmand said students wishing to learn more about rape prevention can pick up a copy of *Scream!*, the department's rape prevention

manual, at the Public Safety and Security, office.

"The best way to prevent a rape is to use common sense," Drugmand said.

Some "common sense safety rules to employ against molesters" found in *Scream!* are:

- Stay away from dark, unlighted areas — especially buildings, parking lots and alleys.
- Always walk away from bushes and hedges.
- Avoid shortcuts.
- Never talk to strangers.
- Always inform another person about your destination and expected time of return. This could save your life.
- Always walk with a friend.
- Maintain a secure grip on your purse.
- Do not, under any circumstances, accept a ride from a stranger.
- If you think you are being followed by a vehicle, try to get the car's description and license number, turn and walk in the opposite direction (the car will have to turn around to follow you) and run

to a lighted residence and phone security.

● If you think you are being followed by a person on foot, cross the street, change direction or vary your pace. If that person persists, go to a lighted area and call security.

● As much as possible, follow these same rules during daylight hours. Drugmand offered another option for handling someone following on foot.

"Turn around and scream 'get off my back.' If he is a good guy, he will just think you are a crazy lady. If not, you may have saved your life," he said.

Women have a good intuition about knowing when they are being followed, Drugmand said.

"They know when this jerk ain't right," Drugmand said.

But what should the person do when the rules don't work?

"The best thing to do is passively resist," he said. "You should scream, passively resist, scream and kick."

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Wayne Cartwright

Ben Austin, an MTSU sociology professor, takes time out to strum his guitar and talk about the complexities of the song writing industry.

Campus Capsule

Phi Beta Lambda will have its first monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 21, Room 202 Business Building, 4 p.m. All business majors are invited to attend.

The Honors Student Association will hold its first Faculty Fireside on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Interested students and faculty please stop by Room 106 Peck Hall for details.

Gamma Beta Phi is extending the turn in date for current sales to Sept. 29., instead of Sept. 22. Turn in sales in front of Phillips Bookstore on either date or call Clara Burnett at 898-2885.

Great American Singalong is having a garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cannonsburgh Marketplace in downtown Murfreesboro.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will have its first meeting on Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Dr. Glenn Himebaugh's, 713 E. Lytle St. Those interested contact Glenn Himebaugh at ext. 2205 or Kelly Anderson, 890-8137.

The House of Representatives will meet Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. in Room 322 Keathley University Center. All organizations need to be represented.

Career Day will be Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend. For additional information contact the Placement Office.

The Japan Center of Tennessee is presenting an art exhibit in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. There is also a display in the lobby of the Keathley University Center from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2 to 10 p.m. on Sunday for the month of September

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Lord High Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, who holds the oldest secular office in the British realm, will speak today at 10 a.m. in Murphy Athletic Center. A direct descendant of William Lytle, founder of Murfreesboro, he will speak on the relationship between the Magna Carta and the U.S. Constitution as part of the Constitutional Bicentennial Celebration. Admission is free, and the public is invited. All MTSU faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

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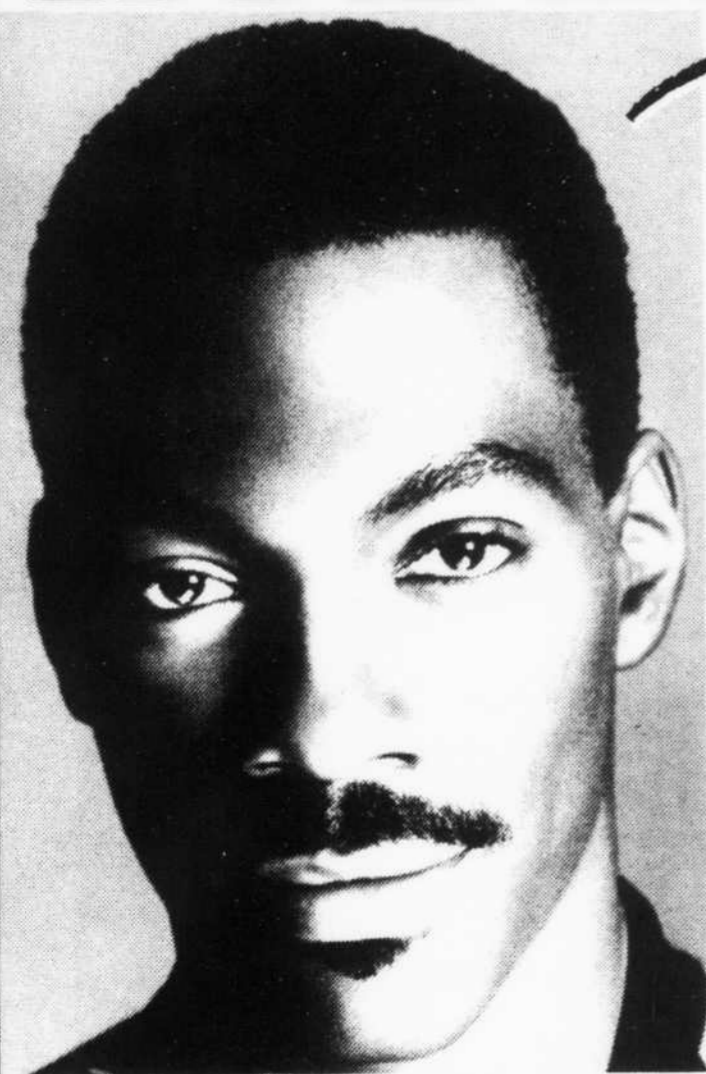
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Rape

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Drugmand discounts defense methods like karate and mace.

"You have to work at karate a lot before you are good at it, and you have to be good at it before it will work," he said.

"You have to get the mace out of your purse, make sure it is pointed in the right direction and aim it. Most of the time mace gets used on the victim instead of the attacker," he said.

A female can use items she carries with her all of the time as a weapon, he said.

"When walking to your car or around campus just carry your keys between you finger," he said explaining that not many attackers will continue after being slashed across the face with a car key.

Pens, pencils and a good kick are other defense methods Drugmand mentioned.

"Last year at four in the afternoon a female was accosted by a male who tried to pull her sweater up," Drugmand said. "She kicked him in the right place, and he ceased to accost."

Resisting and getting hurt is better than not resisting and getting hurt, Drugmand said.

"The rapist is out to hurt you," he said. "If you get hurt resisting, you would have gotten hurt anyway."

He said a rapist is not out for sex.

"An attacker is looking to control and dominate — not sex," Drugmand said.

Jeannette Heritage, an MTSU psychology professor, agreed with Drugmand's assessment of the motives of a rapist.

"Basically, we see a person with a very disruptive childhood," Heritage said. "They have a lot of rage in them. It's not just rage or hostility towards females, it is a desire to get back at society."

A rapist has "aggression and a desire for dominance and power as his motives," Heritage said. "They want to feel in control and to dominate. They are usually not motivated by sex."

Another motive for a rapist is to prove "he's a man," Heritage said.

"Rape proves [at least to the attacker] your a man, proves you are heterosexual."

"This [rape] becomes a way for the rapist to deal with insecurity about his sex role and sexuality."

According to Heritage, one method gives three general classes of rapists: rapists who want to humiliate, aggressive rapists and the psychotic.

"The psychotic rapist, which we believe is a small percentage of rapists, is out to hurt or seriously maim the victim," she said.

"The aggressive rapist wants to control the victim," Heritage explained. "The rapist in for humiliation wants the woman to cry and

weep, that's where he gets his kicks."

"In the psychotic case, the only chance of surviving is getting away," Heritage said.

Sometimes if a person is in a poor home environment where a family member abuses him, he can develop into a rapist, Heritage said.

"If a person is the victim of physical or sexual abuse in his childhood, he wants to get revenge," Heritage said. "If he can't get at the person, he takes it out on a whole class."

She mentioned serial rapists as one example of those who probably suffered through a disturbed childhood.

Nursing

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and 35 sophmores enrolled in the associate program, and 136 applications have been filed for enrollment next spring.

"We will apply for accreditation with the first graduating class of 1990, then we will apply for national accreditation," said Wakim.

"I am excited about the new bachelor's degree program and that it offers new students a broader range of career challenges," said Wakim.

As the program grows the department will grow and expand, she said. The current number of faculty is six, and they hope to add three or four more full time faculty.

"I am now working on increasing the budget," Wakim said.

With the increase of nursing students, the number of nursing courses will double. There is also an increase in non-nursing courses. Science courses, especially chemistry courses, are experiencing big increases, she said.

"Nurses need to have a broad education and need skills other than science to deal with people. Nurses need skills in psychology and sociology to fully understand patients," said Wakim.

Interested students can get more information about the nursing program by calling Wakim at extension 2446.

Garbage

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sion, protested the idea of a Garbage Pail Kids program. No letters in support of the show have been received.

The kids themselves seem to resemble mutant Cabbage Patch Kids. They resemble them so much Xavier Roberts, the creator of Cabbage Patch Kids, sued Topps last year. The suit was settled out of court, and while Topps will not discuss payments, the latest series of

Garbage Pail Kids looks less like the Cabbage Patchers than earlier cards.

"The basic idea behind the Garbage Pail Kids is not new," Norman Liss, Topps publicist, said. Davy Crocket cards were printed in the 1950s, Beatles cards in the 1960s and Star Wars cards in the 1970s. Wacky Packages, parody ads similar in style to the kids, were a major success for Topps more than 10 years ago. The name, Garbage Pail Kids, is derived from another previous Topps product, Garbage Pail Candy.

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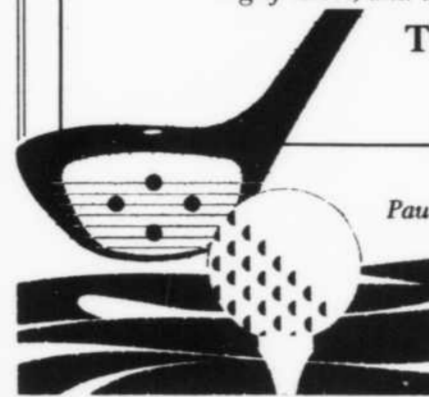
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University AIDS policy protects and educates

Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, is a subject that is currently on the minds of the university community. The consequences of the disease can be deadly and ignorance of it is a serious problem in itself.

Middle Tennessee State University has taken steps to cope with AIDS. A university policy, released in March of this year, sets guidelines for dealing with AIDS on our campus.

The university guidelines are as follows:

1. Routine screening for AIDS virus infection for University admission or employment is not warranted.
2. Members of high-risk groups shall not be excluded from admission to the University or from University housing or other services normally available to the academic community.
3. AIDS infected students and/or employees shall be allowed to attend classes and other University activities and work in an unrestricted setting.
4. AIDS infected students shall not be excluded as residents in University housing or from other services normally available to them.
5. AIDS is a reportable disease in the State of Tennessee. Health Services personnel will strictly observe public health reporting requirements for persons presenting with AIDS or AIDS related conditions.
6. Students with AIDS, AIDS Related Complex or a positive HTLV-III antibody test shall be given assistance, consistent with other illnesses, in obtaining appropriate medical care, education and accommodations by University Health Services.

7. Except for legally required reporting, as described in Section 5, the confidentiality of each known or suspected case of AIDS infection should be carefully maintained.

8. If an employee or student has concerns about the presence of a person with the AIDS virus, that individual should consult with the University physician or other personnel in the University Health Services.

9. Academic departments offering classes/laboratory experiments involving blood, blood products and body fluids shall take necessary steps to ensure the safety of participating individuals.

10. Students participating in field work experiences in community health care settings should be provided assurance by the training facility that it is in compliance with Tennessee Public Health guidelines for the handling of blood, blood products and bodily fluids.

11. University students, faculty and staff shall be made aware of the risks associated with sexual activity and I.V. drug abuse through the distribution of educational pamphlets and other materials and programs by University Health Services.

The staff of *Sidelines* applauds the university in its effort to eliminate prejudice towards AIDS victims and educate students, faculty and staff about the risks of intimate contact and intravenous drug use.

We would like to encourage you to educate yourself about AIDS. Steps can be taken to prevent the contraction of AIDS, and it is your responsibility to take those preventive measures.



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Parking shortage a problem for many MTSU commuters



Kate Lapczynski

According to Charles Pigg, the fact that there are 3,807 more registered automobiles than there are parking places on campus isn't an established "problem" yet. It certainly has proved to be a problem for me.

I commute from Tullahoma four days a week. After I drop my children off at school, I hit the road for my 50-minute drive to MTSU. Once on campus, I can count on an additional driving time of anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes while I cruise the campus looking for a place to park.

Today [Sept. 2] it was so difficult to find parking that, even though I had allowed myself what should have been ample time to park and hike to my first class, I was still five minutes late. I was not amused. I'm sure Dr. Mathis was not amused either.

Commuting is expensive. I do

not begrudge the cost of getting here from Tullahoma. I do begrudge the added cost of 20 to 30 additional driving minutes once I get here. When I purchased my parking permit, I made the obviously erroneous assumption that I would, in fact, be able to find a place to park. I don't insist on a spot close to central campus. I don't mind a bit of a walk. However, an automobile is not something you can tuck under your arm and carry with you. It must be left somewhere.

Mr. Pigg states that the roughly 6,200 parking places are "60 percent close to the average norm." That means that the average norm is about 10,300. Why then are there not at least 10,300 available parking places? In the best of times, over 4,000 students must be scrambling for a place to park. This semester is definitely not the best of times.

I am amazed that the university has the unmitigated gall to issue parking tickets. I am appalled by

the cavalier attitude the administration has towards its students and faculty. I am outraged that accommodations have not been made until this problem can be alleviated. Just what is so harmful about students parking on the grass near the Bell Street lot area, for instance?

MTSU needs to build a parking structure on campus. It would provide several times the area of any single lot and would release some of the valuable real estate that is at present being devoted to parking. I, for one, would not mind paying considerably more for parking privileges to help defray the cost. It would be worth a great amount to me to be able to eliminate some of the driving out of my already driving-riched day.

In the interim, I would like to suggest the establishment of a lot for commuters only. This would be a benefit for the people who live on campus as well — it would release parking spaces for their use close to their dorms.

Soap operas: a true Amercian art form



Tracy Miller

The one great American contribution to art isn't jazz, the comic strip or even that new poster of Vanna White. It's the soap opera. The basic format has been around forever; after all, what is *The Bible* except the longest soap in the world.

While the prime-time soap operas seem to be losing their suds, the form itself is just as strong as ever. The amazing thing is, all day-

time soaps seem to be the same. Or at least they all exist in a world drastically different from our own.

All soap operas are set in some town, usually a port, that's only a few hours from any major city in the country. It's big enough to have a hospital and lots of lawyers but small enough so everyone can have intimate relationships with everyone else. Plus the fate of the world usually hinges on the citizens

of this town, some of whom are former secret agents who just can't get away from international evil. Sure.

The town itself is dominated by a rich family with a real long name. They can be good, bad or both at the same time if the plots call for it. Even if they're bad, at least one of their sons or daughters is good. Of course you always have to watch out for that evil twin.

The good kids usually fall in love with some economically underprivileged child who's part of a clan the rich family is trying to destroy. Too bad Shakespeare is dead; he could be cleaning up in royalties.

Most of the women on soaps, at least the ones who aren't reformed hookers with hearts of gold, seem to follow the three B's: they look Beautiful, sleep around like Bimbos and are capable of true Bitchiness. They're not so beautiful as to be threatening, but you don't find women like this working in a Krystal restaurant. As far as the bitch aspect, it's not universal, but check out any woman wearing shoulder pads and you'll get the idea.

Most of the men are lacking in some basic character trait. Either they're smart but evil, good but wimpy, strong but insane, etc. ...

And the sex. Oh yes, the sex. The sex on soaps is the most graphic on T.V. In the age of AIDS, this may not be something to be proud of, but it pays the bills. There have been studies, however, that show women who read romance novels are more satisfied with their sex lives than other women. Hum...

The end result of sex — children — is a also a part of the scheme of things. But only as babies or teenagers. Babies are cute and can get kidnapped or switched, while teens can get in lots of trouble and even make babies of their own. But as far as kids from the age of 3-15, you just don't see them. They're usually just age 10 years in a matter of months. Suddenly a girl's mother looks more like her sister.

And the lives these people lead! Somebody always has amnesia or a fatal blood disease. Heck, why not? It's better than a real plot. Families go bankrupt every other week, and all teenagers either go to jail, get pregnant or deal drugs.

But maybe that's the key to the success of these shows. The plots are interesting enough to keep your attention and make our lives seem like fairy tales. These people may have more money, clothes and affairs than any of us, but they pay for it through the nose. Soap operas offer us the chance to live vicariously while confirming our moral beliefs.

But where do evil twins fit into all of this?

Football strike looms



Chuck Morris Sports Editor

The first weekend of the National Football League season has just been completed.

The second week is upcoming. Will week three be played?

The National Football League Players Association is planning to strike after the games of Sept. 20-21.

In my opinion, the only strikes in September should be by pitchers (though some throw illegal pitches), but that is the topic of another column.

NFL owners are planning to continue playing regardless of whether the players strike or not.

The owners propose to sign released players — as they are cut — to a contract with a \$1,000 bonus if they will play during a players' strike.

Negotiations between the players and owners have been going on for more than four months.

So what's the holdup?

Free agency.

The players are wanting free agency similar to major league baseball — a system allowing players to move from team to team without any kind of compensation or right of first refusal.

In a counter-proposal, issued by the players association on Tuesday,

the union withdrew its original bid for free agency and suggested that players who have not finished their fourth year should be subject to first refusal rights by his old club.

A veteran not under contract after his fourth year would be free to go to another team without compensation.

The owners are willing to liberalize the system, which requires a team signing a free agent to provide compensation. Just one player in 10 years has changed teams under that system.

The union also proposed that a drug program be adopted similar to that of the National Basketball Association, in which players are disciplined progressively for each violation. The union also wants a limit of 80 players at training camps, a regular season roster of 52 players and the removal of artificial turf from outdoor stadiums by the 1989 season.

If a decision to strike is weighing on the artificial turf issue, we may never see professional football again.

The main thing is for Commissioner Pete Rozelle to step in and have the strike resolved. Hundreds of Rotisserie Football Leagues across the nation would have to fold if there is a strike.

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SPORTS

MTSU faces two time I-AA champion Georgia Southern

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

Middle Tennessee State's football squad had just completed an hour and a half of their scheduled two-hour practice Monday afternoon when Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly called the entire team up, sent them to eat and rescheduled the entire practice for 7 p.m. that same evening.

The reason for the Monday night workout is simple. Donnelly did not feel that the team was accomplishing anything toward preparing for the Eagles of Georgia Southern.

"Coming out on a very important day, it is a short week and Monday doing absolutely nothing perturbed us and bothered us to the point where we had to come back and practice at night," Donnelly said.

At the beginning of the second practice Donnelly informed his team that they had just been ranked fifth in the country by the Associated Press for Division I-AA teams, a ranking of which Donnelly felt his team was undeserving.

"Basically, there are 84 teams in Division I-AA and all of us have to be ranked somewhere," Donnelly explained. "They just happened to pick us number five, as of the way we practiced Monday afternoon I certainly don't feel we are the number five team in the country."

Maybe not, but if the Raiders are expected to upend an excellent Georgia Southern football team, they are going to have to play as if they are one of the top teams in the country.

GSU comes into this season as the two-time defending national champions and they were ranked number one in the year's pre-season poll.

I-AA Poll

MISSION, Kan. (AP)—The top 20 teams in the 1987 NCAA Division I-AA football poll with records in parentheses.

1. Nevada-St. (1-0)
2. Holy Cross (1-0)
3. Murray State (2-0)
4. Northwestern St. (2-0)
5. MTSU (1-0)
6. Maine (2-0)
7. Appalachian St. (1-1)
8. NE Louisiana (1-0)
9. William & Mary (1-1)
10. Furman (2-0)
11. Tenn.-Chattanooga (1-0)
12. Northern Iowa (1-1)
13. North Texas St. (1-1)
14. Boston U. (1-0)
- (tie) E. Tennessee St. (2-0)
- (tie) Illinois St. (1-0)
17. Boise St. (2-0)
18. SW Missouri St. (2-0)
19. Pennsylvania (0-0)
20. So.-Baton Rouge (1-0)

Several factors also go into this game. It's a very lengthy road-trip for MTSU. They left for Statesboro on Thursday, making for a short week of full-contact practices.

Fortunately, for MTSU, an off week followed their Tennessee State game. The week off has given Blue Raider personnel the opportunity to shake off some injuries sustained in the 55-19 opening-game win over Tennessee State.

The open week also gave MTSU a chance to get some things straightened out on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"I think the open week came at a good time," Donnelly said. "I'm not big on open weeks early in the year, but I think because of our

age, our youth, it came at an excellent time."

It could very well be a game in which breaks and big plays determine the outcome.

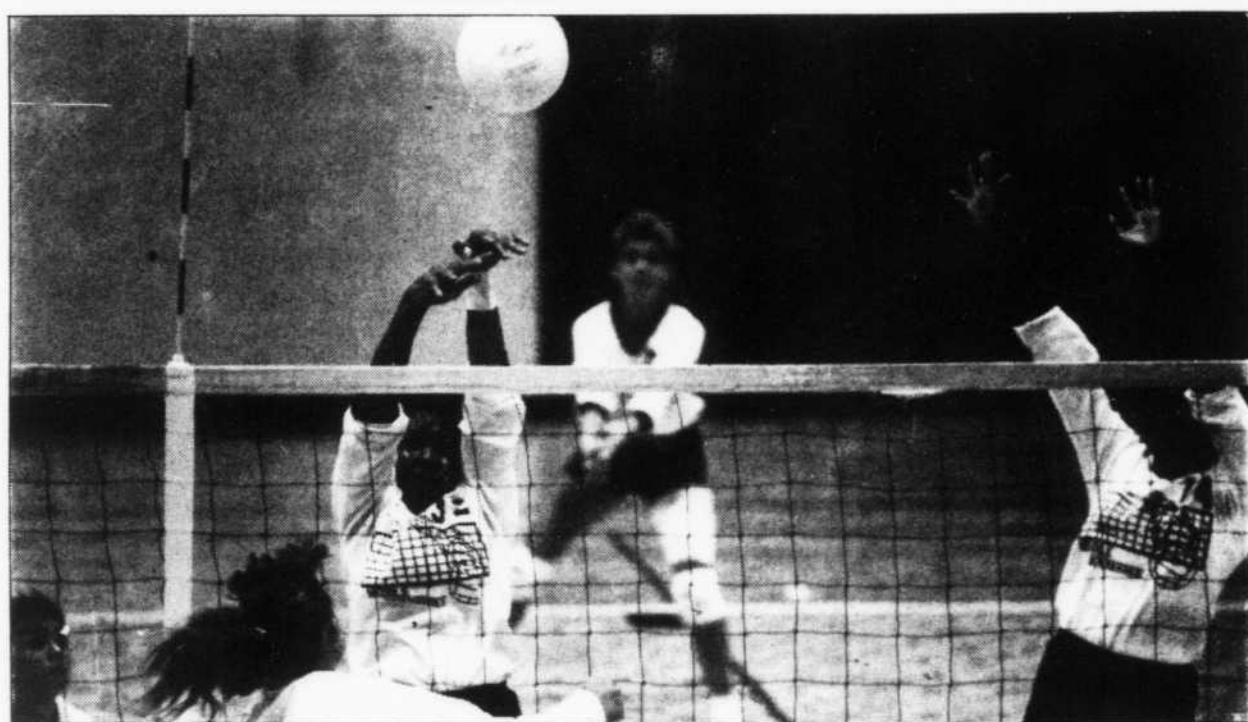
The MTSU-GSU rivalry, rapidly becoming the best in Division I-AA, stands all even at two wins apiece.

Every game thus far has been decided by breaks or big plays.

"Every time we've played them, it's been a wide-open, high scoring game for one side or the other, usually both," Donnelly said.

Another factor will be how well the Raiders perform against GSU, after such an emotional win over TSU. Hopefully, that game has

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Sophomore Wanda Johnson (32) returns the ball over the net Tuesday night in volleyball action against the University of North Alabama. Tyan Cook, left, Kyietia Benson (14) and Jackie Dale, background, looks on. The Lady Raiders fell to UNA 5-15, 3-15, 7-15.

Season opens Saturday against Ft. Campbell

By ERIC RANEY
Special to Sidelines

I have a confession to make: I am a rugby player. I love the game, the language, the lore, the thrill and the unequalled exhilaration of a high-speed, contact sport. And I assumed when I began playing two years ago that others would love it too. But, alas, the general public seems to view ruggers as little better than Neanderthals, and the game itself as little more than a brawl.

I hope, through this article, to clear up some of the confusion surrounding the game and the athletes that play it.

The Middle Tennessee State ruggers are simply students like any others, but we enjoy sports with a little more excitement than flag football.

The MTSU Rugby Club opens play tomorrow with a game against Fort Campbell at 1 p.m. at the rugby pitch next to Murphy Center.

Nitcher said, nor masochist, we ruggers do have teeth, do not wear pads and as of this date, none of our members have been convicted of any crimes. As for occasional burning and pillaging, well, boys will be boys.

As for the game — a rugby team is made up of 15 players, divided into eight forwards and seven backs. Players are responsible for both offense and defense and substitution is allowed only in the event of an injury.

While forwards can, and often do, run with the ball, their main responsibility is to gain control of the ball and relay it to the backs, who attempt to outmaneuver the opposing backs to score.

As in American football, the object of rugby is to advance the ball across the goal line to score. A player may run or kick the ball into the try zone [end zone] and then touch it down. This is why ruggers will often dive for the try line, as

simply running in will not count for the score.

A try [touchdown] is worth four points, and the kick-after is worth two. Also, points can be scored by kicking the ball through the uprights, much like a field goal. Penalty kicks and drop kicks are worth three points.

The game is started with a kickoff and play is continuous. It only stops when the ball is smothered in a pile of players, kicked out of bounds or in the event of a penalty.

For this reason, rugby is a much faster paced game than football. Play may run without pause for 15 to 20 minutes. A goal line stand may last an entire half. And one team could conceivably control the ball throughout the entire game.

When there is a stoppage of play, the game is resumed by means of a scrum. This is often the most confusing aspect of the game for the novice spectator.

In a scrum, the eight forwards for each team line up across from each other and perpendicular to the sideline. The ball is passed into the area between the players who leap

The front row is comprised of two props, who support the scrum, and a hooker who attempts to gain control of the ball with his feet. The second row consists of two lock forwards, who provide the drive and push for the scrum. Two break-away forwards and the number eight man assist in the push and break from the scrum to the sideline.

A tunnel is formed between the two packs into which the ball is rolled. The object is to drive the other team back while controlling the ball with the feet. The hooker will "heel the ball back" between the lock forwards, and it will exit through the feet of the number eight man. The scrum-half will then relay it to the awaiting backs.

When the ball goes out of bounds, or "pitches into touch," play is resumed by means of a line out.

In a line out, the forwards for each team line up across from each other and perpendicular to the sideline. The ball is passed into the area between the players who leap

high in the air to catch and control the ball.

The scrum and the line out are collectively referred to as the "set pieces."

When the ball comes to the ground between a group of opposing players, a ruck or loose scrum is formed.

In a ruck, players will form together as in a scrum, but without formal positioning.

Players "bind on" by wrapping arms tight around one another in order to drive forward as a unit and heel the ball back.

A maul occurs when a ball carrier is stripped, but not taken to the ground. His teammates will bind round him, and the ball is handed back from one player to another until cleared.

Rucks and mauls are referred to as "loose play."

The primary difference between rugby and American football, aside from pads, is that no forward passing is allowed — the ball must be

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Sports Briefs

Lady Raiders win CBC volleyball title

Middle Tennessee State University Lady Raider volleyball team won the Christian Brothers College Lady Bucs Invitational Championship last weekend at Memphis.

MTSU defeated Lambuth (15-3, 15-4), Maryville College of St. Louis (15-3, 15-2), Christian Brothers (11-15, 15-12, 15-14), Tennessee-Martin (15-13, 7-15, 15-5) and Henderson State (15-2, 15-7) on the way to the title.

The Lady Raiders are 6-2 on the season. They will entertain Western Kentucky Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Flag Football begins Monday with three important games

Campus Recreation's Flag Football League will begin play Monday afternoon at the intramural fields located near Deere Hall and Cummings Hall.

Defending campus champion Pi Kappa Alpha opens fraternity play against Kappa Sigma, a possible challenger to their reign. The game begins at 4 p.m. at Candlestick Park.

Open defending champion, Can't Stop the Nuts, face a stiff challenge from the Skidmarks Monday night at 7 p.m. at Busch Stadium.

In the sorority division, defending champ Alpha Delta Pi will be challenged by Delta Zeta Monday afternoon at Fenway Park for a 4 p.m. encounter.

Sidelines will run a complete analysis on this season's action in a later issue.

OVC Players of the week

The Ohio Valley Conference named Patrick Pope, Ron Jekel, Clark Richey, John Dowling and Chris Swartz as this week's players of the week.

Pope, a senior quarterback with Tennessee Tech, passed for 189 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 112 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles 43-23 win over Liberty University.

Jekel, a junior linebacker at Eastern Kentucky, compiled 10 tackles and 19 assists in his first collegiate start in the Colonels 10-0 loss to Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Richey, senior offensive lineman at Tennessee Tech, was named offensive lineman of the week. The Golden Eagle offense gained 485 total yards against Liberty.

Placekicker John Dowling of Youngstown State was named specialist of the week. Dowling kicked a 36 yard field goal with four seconds remaining to give the Penguins a 20-17 win over Bowling Green.

Morehead State's Swartz completed 11 of 20 passes for 133 yards and a touchdown in their 37-0 win over Kentucky State.

Raiders pound Aquinas 7-0 in fall action

Middle Tennessee pounded Aquinas Junior College 7-0 in fall baseball action Wednesday night.

Junior college transfer Scott Duff led off the bottom of the first with a home run off the scoreboard to give MTSU the only run they would need.

Newcomer Mike Young added a three-run shot in the seventh for the final margin.

Tony Martin, Jody Tripp, Larry Leaver and Duff combined on the shutout.

The Blue Raiders travel to Western Kentucky Saturday for a 12 p.m. game.

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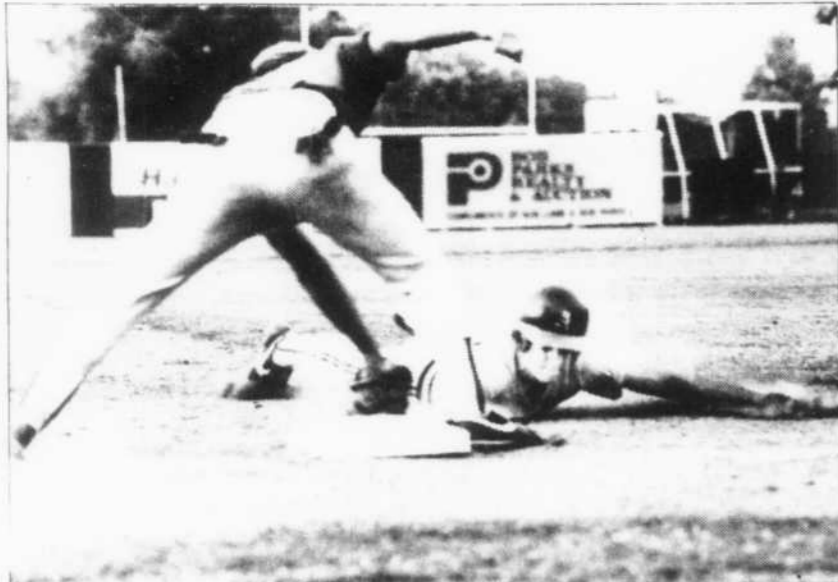
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PERSONALS

To Droopy,
Are you still dazed?
Love, Toast

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Frank Conley

An unidentified Aquinas baserunner attempts to steal third base during Wednesday's first game. MTSU third baseman Chris Whitehead applies the tag for the putout. The Raiders won 7-0.

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been put out of their mind.

"You have to have maturity to go along with being a good football player," Donnelly commented. "Maturity is when you get to enjoy your win on Sunday, then go back to work on Monday and prepare for the next game, that's where maturity comes in.

"Unfortunately, some players can't handle it and sometimes some teams can't handle it. We hope that when we go to Georgia Southern,

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passed back or laterally — and a player must release the ball when tackled.

Only the player carrying the ball may be tackled, and no blocking is allowed. No contact is allowed ex-

cept for tackles, rucks, scrums and line outs allowed.

we play with the same intensity as played with against TSU." Georgia Southern presents problems with an outstanding offense, one that rolled up 536 yards in total offense in last year's game and one of the top field-goal kickers in the nation.

Another factor will be the kicking game.

"They have a great field goal kicker in Tim Foley," Donnelly said. "Foley is certainly a great player, there is no question about that. He is the best in the country in our opinion. I hope that Joe Lisle

Obstructing an opposing player in any way is a major penalty, as are high tackling and tackling without wrapping the arms.

An example of a minor infraction would be forward passing or a

continues to kick well enough to offset their kicking game."

Lisle currently leads the Ohio Valley Conference in kick scoring with an average of 13 points per game.

The nemesis of Georgia Southern foes for the past several years, quarterback Tracy Ham, is gone, but the Eagles have a number of quality players left. Upset by Florida A&M, 17-14, last week, the Eagles will bring a 1-1 record into Saturday's game. MTSU is 1-0.

"Their loss is another thing that "knock-on." A "knock-on" occurs whenever a player fumbles the ball forward.

A major penalty results in a penalty kick; a minor infraction results in a scrumage.

Rugby does have set positions, and players have certain respon-

sibilities. Unlike American football, players must make many quick decisions on their own, and all players get to carry the ball.

There are various other tactics, rules and traditions to the sport of rugby, but this basic overview will get one through a game.

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