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Low scores force remedial courses on some students

By EVE WEST
Sidelines News Co-editor

Beginning with the fall semester, all institutions governed by the State Board of Regents will implement new programs in remedial and developmental studies, according to William Connelly, professor of English and director of the Office of Developmental Studies.

The programs are designed for students who are identified through testing and assessment as being unprepared to enter the regular college curriculum, Connelly said.

"About 900 students will be assessed this summer to determine whether a student will be placed in remedial or developmental courses," Connelly explained.

Dr. Milton Spann, from the Center for Developmental Education in North Carolina, recom-

mended these types of programs to the Board of Regents, Connelly said.

The state has invested \$12 million for remedial and developmental courses based on research from the center, according to Connelly.

"Other states that have made a financial investment in these programs have achieved better academic success," Connelly added.

"The programs were put into place here because only about one out of three students graduate. There is about a 66 percent college dropout rate statewide," Connelly said.

All new freshman enrolling in SBR institutions this fall who have a composite ACT score of 15 or below or who are 21 years of age or older are now required to take

placement exams.

"No new student with these scores will be accepted to the University in the fall unless they are assessed," Connelly said.

These students will take the Multiple Assessment Programs and Services Exam prepared by the Educational Testing Service, consisting of objective tests in logical reasoning, mathematics and reading, Connelly said.

Students' writing skills will be assessed by writing a sample essay, which will be evaluated by the faculty of the English department, Connelly said.

In addition to students with ACT composite scores of 15 or below, the English department is also requiring that all new students with composite scores of 16 or above but who have taken the essay portion

of the placement exam before they register in the fall. This may add as many as 250 students to the number who will be assessed during the summer, Connelly said.

Mathematics, computer science and elementary and special education will offer courses in reading improvement, Connelly said. The department of youth education and school personnel service will offer courses in study skills.

Enrollment in these courses will be limited in order to allow for highly personalized instruction, Connelly said, but although students will receive institutional credit for these courses, the credit will not count toward general studies requirements or toward the 132 hours required for graduation.

"The impetus behind the program is not negative but positive. It helps spot weaknesses early to ensure that more students successfully complete their college careers," Connelly stressed.



Photo by Bill McClary
DAYDREAMIN'—Retired MTSU maintenance worker Verge Floyd spends a reflective moment in front of the James Union Building.

Faculty efforts recruitment bring minorities to campus

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Amid statewide concern over integrating more black teachers into the predominantly white faculties of state funded schools, President Sam Ingram believes MTSU is well on its way to realizing its integrative goals.

Nine black teachers were hired during the summer to fill positions created in an effort to raise the number of minority teachers. This hiring brings the number to 17, Ingram said.

These hirings came at a strategic time because of a lawsuit against the state to force the hiring of more minorities, according to Ingram. However, he maintains teachers would have been hired if the suit did not exist.

"We have always practiced a pol-

icy of affirmative action," Ingram said. "This has been an extremely good year for our hiring practices."

Most of the new faculty come from predominantly black schools and all but a few have their doctorate, Ingram said, adding that the number of black teachers may change before the start of the fall semester in late August.

"It's not unusual for teachers that have been hired to not show up for some reason or the other. Therefore, we may hire more before the school year starts," Ingram said.

It is hard to say how many teachers there will be until they show up for classes, Ingram said.

The new faculty raises the ratio of minority students to minority students to 1 to 50, still short of the school's goal. By the year 1990,

the school has pledged to have to employed 22 black faculty members, Ingram said.

It is the belief of the MTSU biracial committee that most of the school's racial problems stem from the lack of more minority faculty members.

MTSU's black students make up only 8 percent of over 11,000 total students, Ingram said.

The new minority faculty are:

- Gloria Bonner—developmental studies
- Rosemary Owens—dean of continuing education
- Raphael Bundage—music
- Mary O'Banner—developmental studies
- Hubert Pulley—English
- Cheryl Ellis—HPERs
- Ibula Ntanta—mathematics
- Jaqueline Looney—psychology
- John Pleas—psychology
- Jaqueline Jackson—English



Photo by Bill McClary
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT—Flag girls from White County get some practice and advice at band camp this week.

Mass comm seeks support for scholarships

By LISA FLOWERS
Sidelines News Co-editor

There are three new scholarships in the mass communications department, according to Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, coordinator of the journalism sequence.

The new scholarships are memorial scholarships in memory of former *Sidelines* editor Elizabeth Porter; in honor of the former editorial editor of the *Nashville Banner*, Pickney Keel; and in memory of former state editor of *The Tennessean*, Herman Eskew, according to Himebaugh.

"The memorial scholarships are for \$500 each," Himebaugh said. The qualifications for these have not been firmly established.

"The Johnny Lovier/Jostens American Yearbook Student Publications Scholarship is also given by the department," Himebaugh said. This scholarship has been given for five years and has awarded up to \$750.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a second semester freshman, sophomore or junior in mass communications. The stu-

dent must be active on one of the three student publications—*Sidelines*, *Midlander* or *Collage*—and must retain a minimum GPA of 2.3. Other considerations for the award are leadership potential and financial need, Himebaugh added.

The mass communications department in conjunction with the MTSU Foundation is soliciting

alumni support for the funding of the four scholarships, Himebaugh said.

"The department sent out 881 letters to mass communications graduates asking for support, Himebaugh said. They can designate funds to any of the scholarships they wish, and the donations are tax deductible."

Maintenance worker dies of heart attack

By EVE WEST
Sidelines News Co-editor

An MTSU boiler operator collapsed on the job last Thursday and subsequently died of a heart attack at Middle Tennessee State Hospital, according to Dot Harrison, MTSU's director of public relations.

Roy Morgan, 51, of Readyville, a five-year employee here, was taken to MTSU's Health Services immediately after the collapse, where he was examined by clinic staff, Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs, said.

Morgan was transported from here to the Medical Center by county ambulance, according to

Health Services physician assistant, D.E. Young.

Morgan arrived at the Medical Center at 9:46 a.m. and was seen by Dr. Charles Auer, an emergency room physician, and Dr. George Hester, internist.

He was pronounced dead at 11:33 a.m. from myocardial infarction [heart attack], a hospital official said.

Correction

In last week's *Sidelines* correction notice, Family Day was reported to be Oct. 15. According to Dr. Rick Parrent, director of admissions, the correct day is Oct. 12. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

Systems major appeals grade to committee

By EVE WEST
Sidelines News Co-editor

An MTSU Information Systems major filed a grade appeal against Information Systems instructor Timothy J. Demonbreum.

Jeffrey Henson, a graduating senior originally filed a grade appeal last May with department chairman Dr. William Grasty.

Grasty upheld Demonbreum's grade finding.

Henson claims that Grasty did not investigate the complaint properly, "he didn't even ask to see my

class projects."

Henson filed a grade appeal this summer with the academic appeals committee because he feels he is "being discriminated against."

"I have taken Information Systems 479 three times at MTSU and have received an 'F' each time," Henson said.

He claims his programs produced correct outputs, but that Demonbreum graded them unfairly.

"There were only minor errors in my programs," Henson insists.

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Photo by Bill McClary

BRUSHIN' UP—Painters apply a fresh coat of paint around windows of Reynolds Hall.

Editorial

Censors dangerous to free people

"Knowledge," Daniel Webster said, "is the fact or condition of being aware of something; the range of one's understanding..."

One of the *aware* of events and motions around them, and given the chance to think, they will, for the most part, make true and just decisions. Given only one set of data, conclusions will be limited to a particular point of view—like the Soviet system. But when exposed to all possibilities, a conclusion will most likely reflect a merging of ideas, albeit a subjective one.

Assimilation, this is called. It is a precious condition that exists in few societies around the world.

Traditionally, education was supposed to provide this opportunity to those who had the desire to seek, to push the inside of the envelope out, to constantly question, challenge, grow.

Recently this very process is under dangerous attack by the forces of the New Right, as it is called. What is all the more frightening is how subtly and efficiently this is taking place. School boards and educational institutions across the nation are under relentless attack by those who would, at the very

least, re-define all values to their Victorian morals and beliefs.

I am speaking particularly of Jerry Falwell and his Moral Majority, and Longview, Texas, couple Mel and Norma Gabler, self-appointed textbook censors and keepers of the truth.

The basic goals of such groups are to eliminate freedom of choice for the public and to force schools to teach only what is approved by them, according to their notion of patriotism, morality, and social concerns.

There is another name for this—Censorship, the restriction of ideas, thought and fact.

What is available is what they think is truth. Rest assured that will be the traditional, conservative point of view. These people see no need for dialogue, for inquiry, for investigation. They want schools to bring up children who do not think, but obey; who do not assess, but recite. And all this based on religious motivation, preferably Christian/Protestant.

They have their sacred cows, of course, among which are abortion, school bussing and the watershed issue, creationism. Not that any free-thinking individual is against someone believing that

the world, universe and all that we see in nature began instantly, but these folks want everyone else to think that way, too. If the Moral Majority had their way, we'd all think like the Middle Ages, and probably dress that way, too.

Look, I have religious beliefs that are an integral part of my life, but I can't imagine anything so boring as to have everyone else think like I do. (Even if the world might be a better place.)

Never mind that creationism cannot hold-up to even one test of scientific investigation, that one must already have pre-conceived notions before entering into it. The fact is, it's religious belief, period. And that's okay, but you must throw out all empirical knowledge and applied science, all the rules, and I, for one, with problem with that.

But something more dangerous than even this is the banning of books.

I am not talking about using discretion or taste, like the classic situation where a teacher finds a copy of *Playboy* in some student's desk and confiscates it (although the parents should be contacted and have the ultimate option). I mean the outright removal of books and materials that simply do not fall into line

with the highly narrow and uninformed views of these conservative watchdogs. Too often these are simply books that the fundamentalists don't like, and have not even read!

Everyone knows that *Franny and Zooey* is a controversial book, but the books the Moral Majority want black-listed is beyond belief; *Letters From the Earth* by Mark Twain, *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, and works by such various authors as Steinbeck, Conrad, Hawthorne, Poe, Vonnegut, Judy Blume and even Homer! Good-bye, *Iliad*, farewell, *Odyssey*.

But as the defenders of such ignorance say, these works contain naughty words and controversy like divorce, race relations, teen pregnancy, et al.

Of course, these groups do all in the name of patriotic, Christian Americans who are concerned. Well, this isn't the America I envision. It sounds chillingly like another chapter in recent history that banned books, the press and all ideas that opposed a single point of view. Our present censors should find a history book of World War II and read it.

If they haven't burned it already.

Nick Reed

NCAA tightens scholastic requirements for athletes

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

For the past few years, something that has been going on in college athletics has become known by many people.

Student athletes, at the high school and collegiate levels often miss classes and do poorly with their school work, but are still handed diplomas and degrees at the end of their term of eligibility in athletics. As the public becomes more and more aware of this practice, the demand for something to be done continues to increase.

But the correcting process has been slow because everybody involved is pointing fingers at others who they feel are responsible, and none have accepted the blame themselves.

Players blame school officials, school officials blame coaches, coaches blame teachers, teachers blame players. A full-circle argument goes round and round...

Well, with NCAA Proposition 48 going into effect next year, the turntable is coming to a stop.

The new rule states that the student-athlete must score a 700 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT, and take 11 college preparatory classes while maintaining a 2.0 grade point average through high school.

The NCAA met in New Orleans for its annual meeting last month and laid down even more stringent restrictions to see that the proposition is carried out and student-athletes earn their degrees.

So the finger-pointing is going to stop. Players are going to have to

attend class and follow the same guidelines as regular students. As hard as it is to imagine, the fact remains—academics will come first, athletics second.

School officials are going to have to better prepare their coaches and work with them in helping athletes get their school work done. Officials may have to come up with the funds to pay tutors for those athletes in need of academic help. Coaches are going to have to put more of the burden on the athlete and make provisions for their school work to get done first—before practices, team meetings and even games!

Teachers must understand the pressures athletes are faced with,

and work with them, not give in and dismiss assignments, but keep an open line of communication with them and make sure they understand what is required from them, and then stick to those requirements.

Cedrick Henderson, a standout freshman basketball player at the University of Georgia did not attend one class meeting during the past basketball season. The NCAA has taken his eligibility away and a great number of people have been embarrassed by the incident.

With the cooperation of all those involved, such embarrassment may never happen again.

Reactionary column lacks historical facts, tact

By DWIGHT IRONS
Sidelines Columnist

In response to last week's feculent and reactionary column by Mr. Freeman condemning aid to foreign students, I believe it is necessary to point out a number of fallacies central to his argument.

First, Freeman's naive claim that "Freeman history, we have helped the world" is only indicative of his ignorance of foreign and international affairs, as well as American history in general. He obviously has read nothing of the history of American involvement in Central America.

If he had, perhaps he would have been a bit more tempered in his assault on aid to foreign students.

He would be aware of our historic tendency to invade small, weak, defenseless countries, undermining their sovereignty and imposing our will, as well as government regimes of our liking on their people. We have done this in Cuba, Nicaragua and El Salvador, just to name a few. Freeman can possibly be so misinformed to believe that there was ever any "peace" to "keep" when President Reagan sent the Marines to Lebanon in the first place. In fact, the primary aggressor in that crisis was an American ally—Israel. They invaded southern Lebanon and supported such terrorist groups as the "Democratic Christian" militia, which entered refugee camps to slaughter innocent civilians, elderly and babies! Is Freeman so naive to believe that American interest in the Mideast is primarily concerned with anything other than the flow of oil?

Furthermore, the suggestion that students come to the U.S. to learn espionage strikes this reader as being absolutely ludicrous! If this is indeed the case, when do classes

begin? How do I enroll? Is it possible for me to obtain classified, sensitive information on CIA activity in Central America to aid my comrades in Nicaragua in their efforts to ward off terrorist strikes on civilian targets by CIA-created contra groups? I'd like to believe this is true but, considering the source, I am extremely skeptical.

Ever since I've been alive, my country has been at war with some nebulous concept called "communism." It wasn't until twenty years later that I had an opportunity to investigate what this concept actually was.

At the time of the Bolshevik revolution, America and Russia were allies in WWI. At that time, communism was viewed as merely an alternative socio-economic political system that allowed poorer nations than ourself to better effectively manage their resources in a way most equitable to the greatest number.

Then came the "Red Scare," led by Senator Joseph McCarthy, who

distorted the truth to gain power and throw the nation into a state of

hysteria. He libeled and slandered political opponents for his own personal ends. Unfortunately, there is a considerable amount of residual "McCarthyism" left, particularly in the Southeast (as is evident by the editorial of Freeman).

Freeman's article is demonstrative of the old, paranoid line of reasoning. In his short-sighted, narrow-minded perspective, he fails to realize, or even understand the opportunity foreign students on campus provides us with.

We have a chance to learn, side by side, from one another and together, despite the differences in cultural heritage or political ideology. Indeed it demonstrates that we are more alike than we are different. Regardless of the political ideology of our respective governments, we are all humans with the same qualities, characteristics, desires and despairs.

It is certainly not wise to close any door to greater knowledge. Foreign exchange programs provide us with an opportunity to learn the realities of other peoples with-

out being blinded by the propagandist dogma of politicians!

Freeman also seems appalled at the idea of a foreign exchange student planning to work for a U.S. embassy upon graduation. "The embassy!" he declares, as if diplomacy was a dirty word and less desirable than war. Perhaps by learning from and with one another, we can discover that our differences are minuscule when compared to what we share in common. Maybe this will aid us in preventing the gruesome horrors of war. Certainly, closing this door of opportunity will not enhance our chances of doing that.

In essence, Freeman personifies the backwards, paranoid, reactionary bigotry of the south, which I look forward to leaving behind when I graduate and move west.

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withhold names will be honored.

Address all letters and inquiries to: *Sidelines*, Box 42, or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building.

If you have a question or complaint about news coverage or editorial policy, call Gary Frazier, editor in chief, ext. 2337, or Glenn Himelbaugh, student publications adviser, ext. 2205.

Foreign students earn respect hard way

Dear Sir:

I read with interest Mr. Michael Freeman's editorial in the July 18 issue of *Sidelines* regarding Communist students who are allegedly learning espionage at U.S. expense. Since I am the individual who is primarily responsible for the fact that foreign students are on our campus, this matter is of some concern to me, especially because Mr. Freeman used an MTSU student as an example in support of his allegation.

This student identified herself to me as the subject of this editorial, and she is someone that I know quite well. She left her country three years ago when a military coup brought about a change of

government there. She is presently working two jobs trying to support herself and save enough money to bring her family to the United States. Because of close ties that have existed between her family and Americans in the past, she would like to work for the American embassy in her home country if her attempts to bring her family to the United States ultimately prove unsuccessful. This student is, by the way, a legal permanent resident of the United States. If she had the backing and support of the present government in her country, as Mr. Freeman says she does, she would not have to work 40 hours a week and try to carry a full course of study.

If Mr. Freeman wants to be taken seriously as a journalist, he should learn to get his facts straight. The fact that a country accepts aid from Eastern bloc nations does not necessarily mean that either the government or the people of that country are Communist. Developing and/or Third World countries will usually avail themselves of assistance from either Russia or the United States, simply because they need it. Contrary to Mr. Freeman's opinion, the fact that a prospective student travels overseas to study may have little or nothing to do with the person's political persuasions, particularly if the student receives no support from the home govern-

ment. Mr. Freeman should also be advised that American Embassy staff are selected and employed by the U.S. Department of State, not by the government in which the embassy is located. If the American Embassy should choose to employ Andre Sakharov's children in the future, they would be working for the United States, not for the U.S.S.R.

Finally, if a student were to come to the United States to acquire training in espionage, MTSU would be one of the last places I would recommend, since I doubt that our faculty is educated in that particular discipline.

Elizabeth Perez-Reilly
International Student Services Director



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PMRC asks for lyrics on LP covers

[Editor's note: This is the second installment of an in-depth series investigating Tipper Gore's crusade for self-restraint by artists and producers in the music industry.]

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

Parent's Music Resource Center, developed primarily by Tipper Gore, wife of Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), in addition to moving for a rating system, would also like to see the record industry agree to the printing of lyrics of each album cut on the album cover or jacket.

If an album carries an X-rating and the disc-jockey is able to read the lyrics of such a song before airing it, "most radio stations would drop the worst offenders," Mrs. Gore said in an interview with David Gergen in May's *U.S. News & World Report*.

Also joining in on the fight against "unsuitable music for children" is the Parent Teacher's Association. Last year, the PTA wrote letters to 32 different record companies asking that those albums containing sexual content or profanity be labeled as a warning for children and broadcasters. The group also, more recently, sent letters to the same companies requesting that both sides meet in New York May 30 and discuss the situation.

PTA spokesperson Tari Marshall reported in the May issue of *Variety* that the companies ignored both of her letters.

Other responses to these requests have been varied. The National Association of Broadcasters has given a favorable reply and thrown some support toward the two lobbying groups, while the record industry, for the most part, has either continued to ignore the proposals or given a negative response.

NAB President Edward Fitts has already written a letter to 48 recording companies urging them to accept the proposed rating system and to begin printing lyrics on or

within album covers immediately.

"We think that this is a reasonable approach to the problem," Fitts said in June's *Billboard*.

The PMRC would rather see all those involved in the situation volunteer self-restraint, but the group has threatened legislative action if it is forced to take it. And with Sen. Gore's wife leading the charge, legislation is a realistic threat.

Despite such a threat, the record industries have continued to refuse comment on the proposals.

"I cannot respond to those proposals specifically," Trish Heiners, a spokesperson for the Recording Industry Association of America, said.

In an article from the *Chattanooga Times*, she did say "the concerns of the parents have to be taken seriously. I think record companies will be taking a close look at this."

Record industries may be taking a closer look at this issue and the NAB is evidently already making a push for tighter restrictions, but local radio programmers in the Nashville area seem to not be concerned. The threat of legislation does not appear to bother them.

"This is the least of my worries right now," Bill Pugh, program director of WKDF/Nashville, said.

"Look, if a song says f * * k all the way through it, over and over, then we won't play it. But if it's just a couple of bad words or something somebody considers to have a subliminal meaning to it or something, then we're not going to worry about it," Pugh said.

"All artists know that if you're going to put a single out nowadays and expect it to be a hit, then it better be acceptable to most people," Pugh added.

He is frustrated with government officials who are paying any attention to groups like the PMRC, though.

"I think we've got a lot bigger things to be concerned with right now. I think this ratings deal is just a bunch of overpaid politicians with nothing better to do," Pugh added.



Tipper Gore asks self-restraint from some of the rock groups whose albums are displayed here.

Another Program Director, Jay Hastings from WWKX/Gallatin, said his station has a policy of going along with the rules and regulations laid down by the Federal Communications Commission.

"The FCC has pretty well defined guidelines on what is obscene. They have loosened up considerably here lately, but we're still not going to air anything obscene or dirty," Hastings said. "We always try to screen our music before it goes on the air."

According to FCC spokesperson Sally Lawrence, the commission has no regulations over what kind of music or language may be aired.

"We have no regulations whatsoever. We have never said you cannot have this," Lawrence said.

"We may get a complaint about obscenity on a certain station, and we may launch an investigation, but such obscenities are not in violation of our current regulations," she said.

In 1970, the commission did issue an order (18 U.S.C.A. § 1464) prohibiting seven "filthy words" which it considered to be harmful to children who may hear them.

Since that time, the commission has steadily loosened its control, Lawrence said.

Hastings replied in a later interview that he knew the FCC had lifted its control and added, "we just

go by what our listeners want to hear as long as we don't consider it unsuitable."

Another local station, WZKS/Murfreesboro, blatantly disapproves of the proposed rating system but favors the idea of sending the lyrics of each song to the stations.

Program director Larry Martino called the move for a rating system a "foolish one." He said, "hit songs don't actually describe sex acts like you see it in an R-rated movie. There's no similarities here."

The PMRC is successful in getting the lyrics printed, Martino added, but does not believe this is a move of prior restraint.

"Printing the words will let people know ahead of time what they're getting. And it will help us to know what we are fixing to put on the air. I don't believe this is curtailing speech in any way," Martino said.

Some stations in other parts of the nation have been less than more readily accepted the PMRC's requests.

At WMMR/Philadelphia, an AOR outlet, Program Director Ted Utz said, "I think it would help a number of stations that are concerned, and I would say most radio stations are open to most lyrics as is the FCC."

Campus Capsule

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any student who wishes to keep his/her name, address, phone number or classification from being given out by the U.C. office should come by Room 208 of the U.C. to fill out a Non-Release of Information Form. A new request must be made each semester.

Graduate students enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the next semester following graduation must notify the post office by Thursday, Aug. 1, of their desire to retain their present post office box.

The JSA Foundation is currently taking scholarship applications for the Fall semester. Forms are available at the MTSU Student Financial Aid Office in Room 212 of the Cope Administration Building or in the WIRC Office, Room 206 of the James Union Building. Women students who are at least 23 years of age are eligible for JSA scholarships. Completed applications are due July 28.

Typing exams for those students who wish to take MC 171 in the fall and who have not taken BDOM 131, Typewriting Fundamentals, this semester or earlier will be offered at the following times in the JUB, Room 204: Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. This exam comprises 10 minutes of straight typing on an IBM Selectric typewriter. To pass, you must type at least 35 wpm with five or fewer errors. For more information contact: Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, JUB 303, 898-2205

TODAY

Tennessee Education Association banquet, Tennessee Room, JUB, 6-10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Tennessee Education Association conference ends at 12 noon.

SUNDAY

Continuing Education Elderhostel, Peck Hall 109, (July 28-Aug. 3), 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; dance studio B, Murphy Center (July 29), 7 p.m.

Continuing Education UCA Cheerleaders (July 28-31), Murphy Center.

Basketball Camp for young boys (July 29-Aug. 2), AM Gym.

Music Department Band Camp (July 28-Aug. 2), JUB, DA Aud., and Saudners Fine Arts, begins at 1 p.m. on July 28.

Continuing Education registration for Kung Fu Camp, KUC Lobby, 2-5 p.m.

Optimist Club State Tournament dinner, Woodmore Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

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Demonbreun declined to comment to *Sidelines* about Henson's allegations saying that he would wait to comment next week after the academic appeals committee reaches a decision.

Henson has since successfully completed the required course at UT-Chattanooga earlier this summer, and he said the transfer is currently in process.

"The prior failures of INFS 479

have postponed graduation for me, plus I'm having to take additional courses to pull up my previous database courses grade averages," Henson said.

"If I win the appeal, then the department will drop the 'F's' and I will be able to graduate in August."

Anna M. Burford, chairperson of the academic appeals committee said the committee is in recess and declined further comment on the case.

A special message from Alex Haley for minorities about careers in journalism

My career as a journalist began in my spare time with lots of desire and no formal training. Minority news professionals were scarce then and getting into the news business was tough.

Things have changed some, but not enough. There are still far too few members of racial minorities pursuing news careers or being given a fair chance to do so.

If you have talent as a writer, cartoonist, graphic artist or photographer and you're interested in a career in the news business, call this number toll free: 1(800) 331-1750. Ask for Operator 128. In Nebraska call 1(800) 343-4300. You'll get free information from the Society of Professional Journalists. Remember, journalism needs minorities, and minorities need journalism.



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Features

Jogging, sensible diet increases energy, physical fitness

By BRIAN KNOX
Sidelines Features/Entertainment Writer

The day is hot, 97 degrees Fahrenheit to be exact. The sun beats relentlessly onto the brick-red surface of the track at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium. Above the track, air contorts and blurs as wave after wave of heat radiates upward. The wind does not blow and the track lies warm and silent.

Suddenly a lone figure appears, breathing rhythmically, asking for no attention except to break the silence created by the scorching mid-day sun.

The figure goes by several names—runner, jogger or just plain

walker. He or she is often joined by several others who journey to MTSU's outdoor track for many different reasons.

Bob Bullen, a professor in the youth education department here, began running in 1969. "there was not a lot of people out here," he said.

"Today you find a wide variety of people dressed in different kinds of costumes," Bullen joked. "I think a lot of people come out here just to relax and socialize."

Many people from the Murfreesboro community use the track, as well as students and faculty.

"I saw a guy lose over 100 pounds

in a year by dieting and walking around this track," Bullen said.

Beginning runners need to "get a good pair of running shoes and go according to the speed your body tells you to."

Senior accounting major Mike Billings finds running a mile everyday a benefit to his health.

"I run because it helps me to control my weight and increase my energy. The thick track helps to cushion my knees and alleviate some of the pain I've felt when running on hard surfaces in the past," Billings explained.

Billings also prefers jogging in the evening because it is cooler, and advises beginning runners to "stretch the leg muscles well" before running.

Former MTSU student Dr. Jack Whiteman of Franklin also shared some advice on running and walking.

"There is no statistical evidence that says running is any better for you than walking, but there is evidence that says if you do some form of exercise on a regular basis your chances for living longer are greatly increased," Whiteman said.

Those who choose to exercise during extremely warm weather should take in large amounts of fluid both before and after exercise, Whiteman added.

"Too many people wait until they have suffered heat exhaustion or heatstroke before they realize they should have drank more water to replenish the fluid lost during the period of their workout," Whiteman said.

"The track here at MTSU is an extremely nice one," Whiteman said. "I bring my family here on my days off and we all run together.

My two-year-old daughter Leah loves to run, and this track is a wonderful place to do it"

By KATHY BARNES
Sidelines Feature/Entertainment Editor

So you want to lose weight. And you think you're going to do it by purchasing Grapefruit 45 or some similar product that promises a loss of 10 pounds in just one week.

Or maybe you'll choose the most common route—get up three out of seven mornings for two weeks, do 15 sit-ups and eight knee-bends and wake up one morning with the body of Venus.

Heh, heh, heh. Boy are you in for a surprise. First of all, think about it. Did you splurge on cake Tuesday, pizza Thursday, booze on Saturday and wake up Monday morning suddenly 10 or 20 pounds overweight?

Of course you didn't. What happened was you blew your diet (or maybe you just didn't care) for six months straight or possibly even 22 years.

Then, one day you are in Cain Sloan trying on a bathing suit and discover not one, but 16 slightly bulges that a few sit-ups just won't get rid of.

What are you going to do? Simple logic will tell you that since it takes a long time before those fat deposits accumulate so as to become noticeable, causing embarrassment and insecurity, that it will take possibly twice as long to remove it (However, it can be done in less than 22 years).

Another thing people do not realize is that when they do lose those unwanted, unsightly pounds that exercise is a must in obtaining the final phase—a firm body.

I can hear the moans and groans already.

"What?" you ask, as if you misunderstand. "You mean I have to exercise in order to firm up?"

Well, if you don't you'll be a



Photo by Bill McClary

Tony Tidwell runs ahead of Greg Ferran and Michelle Lowe at the football track.

skinny person with fat bags hanging from your posterior instead of a fat person with fat bags hanging from the same appendage.

If you are not willing to exercise in your weight loss scheme, don't even diet at all. At least an obese person has the proper elements in tact.

Now that I've persuaded you to exercise, you're wondering what type of activity to take part in.

Well, what do you like to do? Swim, skate, walk, run, dance, calisthenics, jump-rope, aerobics?

Do what you like, and you'll like what you do. And more important, you'll like yourself.

Now what about the consump-

tion part of your diet? I'll tell you what to do, but I have a hunch you already know. All you have to do is eat a balanced diet from the four food groups.

Is it all coming back now? Remember health class from the fourth grade? So now that you've ignored it for a major part of your life, why not give it a try?

Better yet, forego the meat and substitute beans for a protein source. A balanced diet sure beats any greasy meal the Grill serves.

And you'll feel better knowing that all the little minerals and vitamins your body needs are being properly distributed throughout the inner workings of your body.

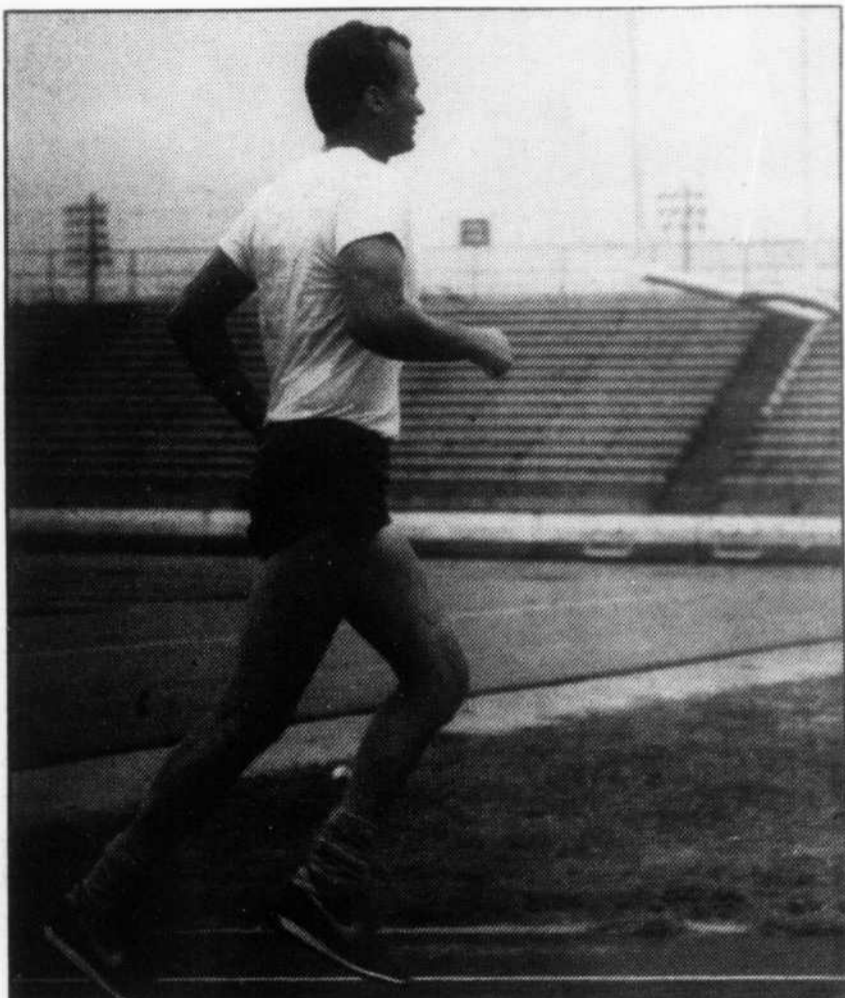
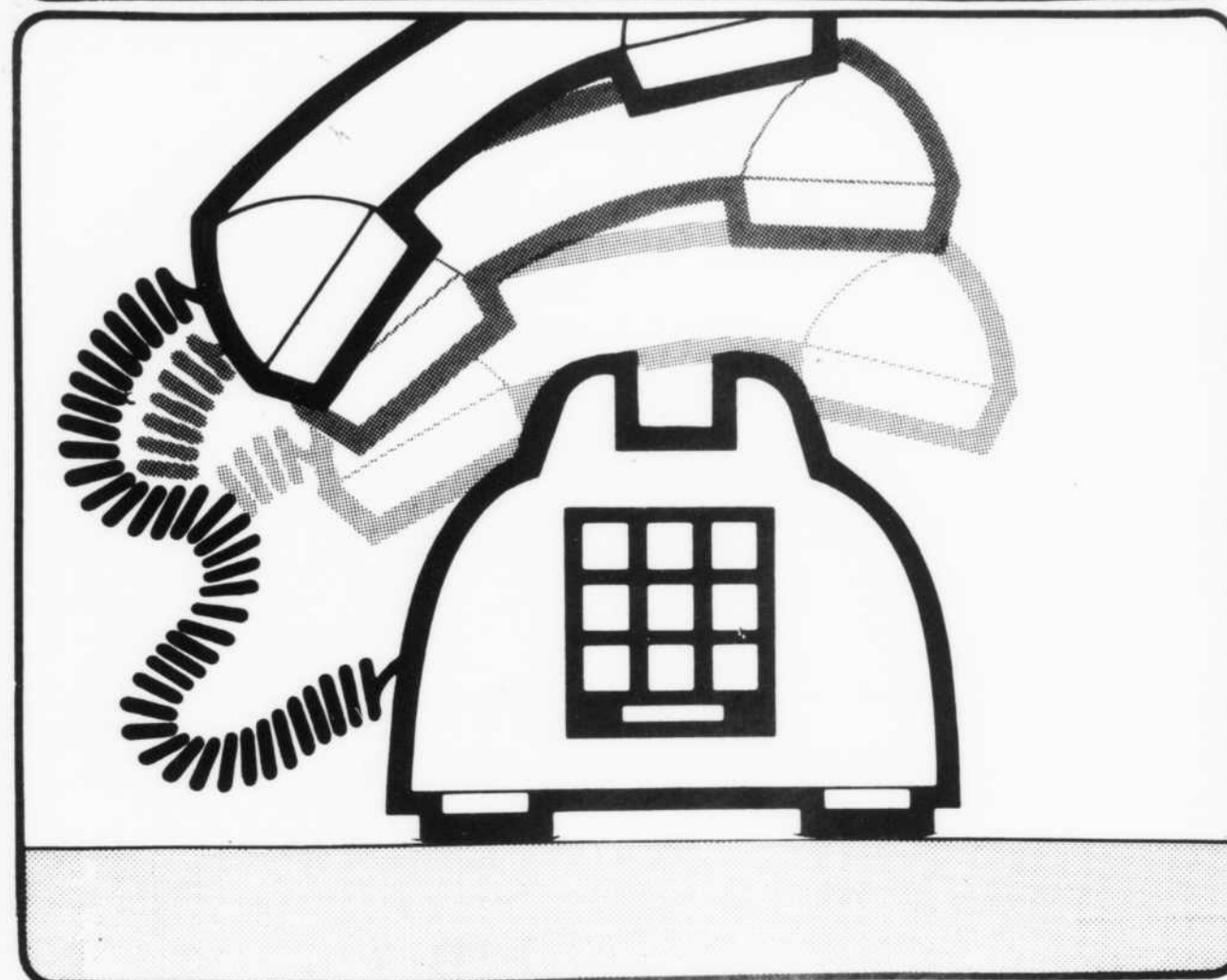
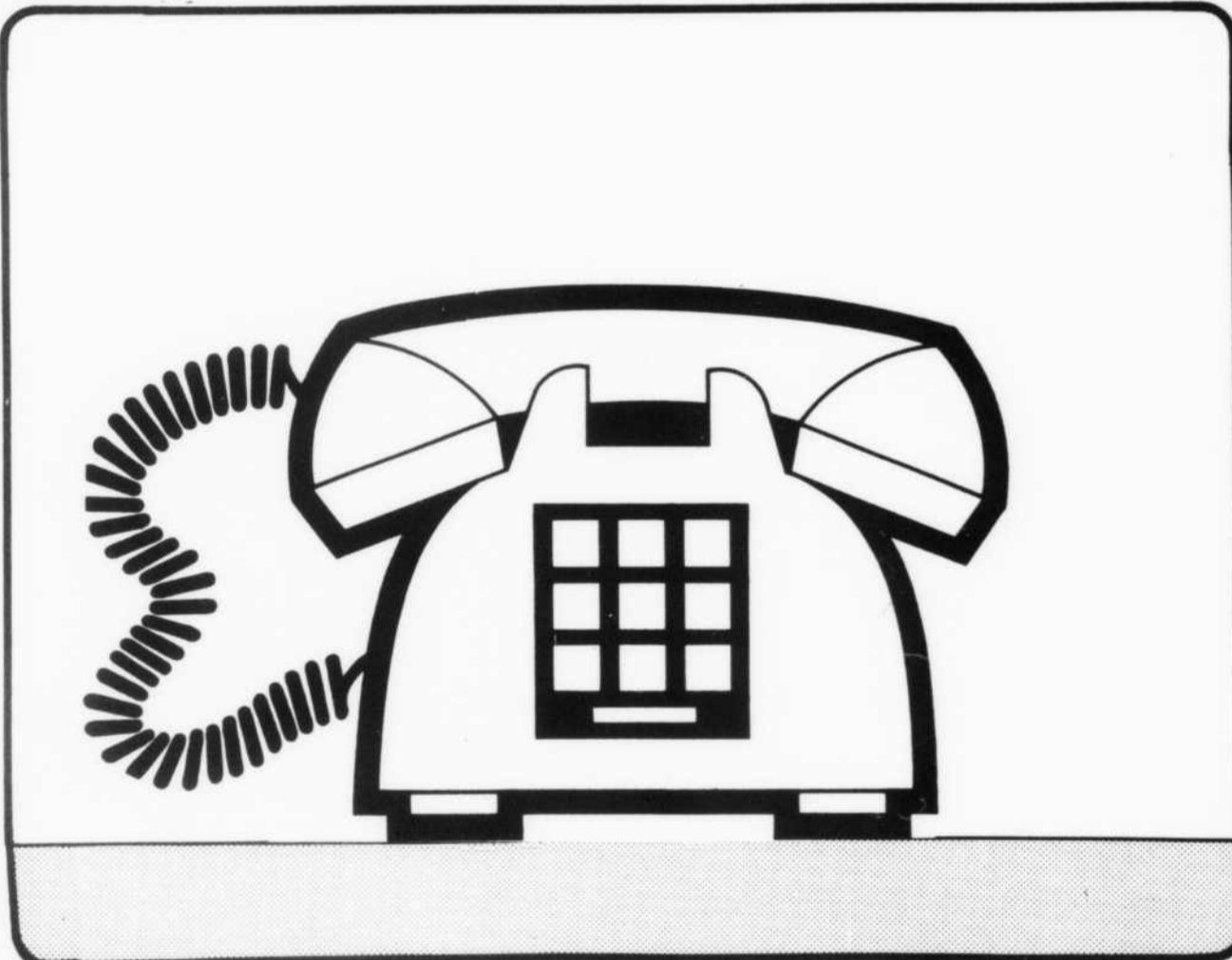
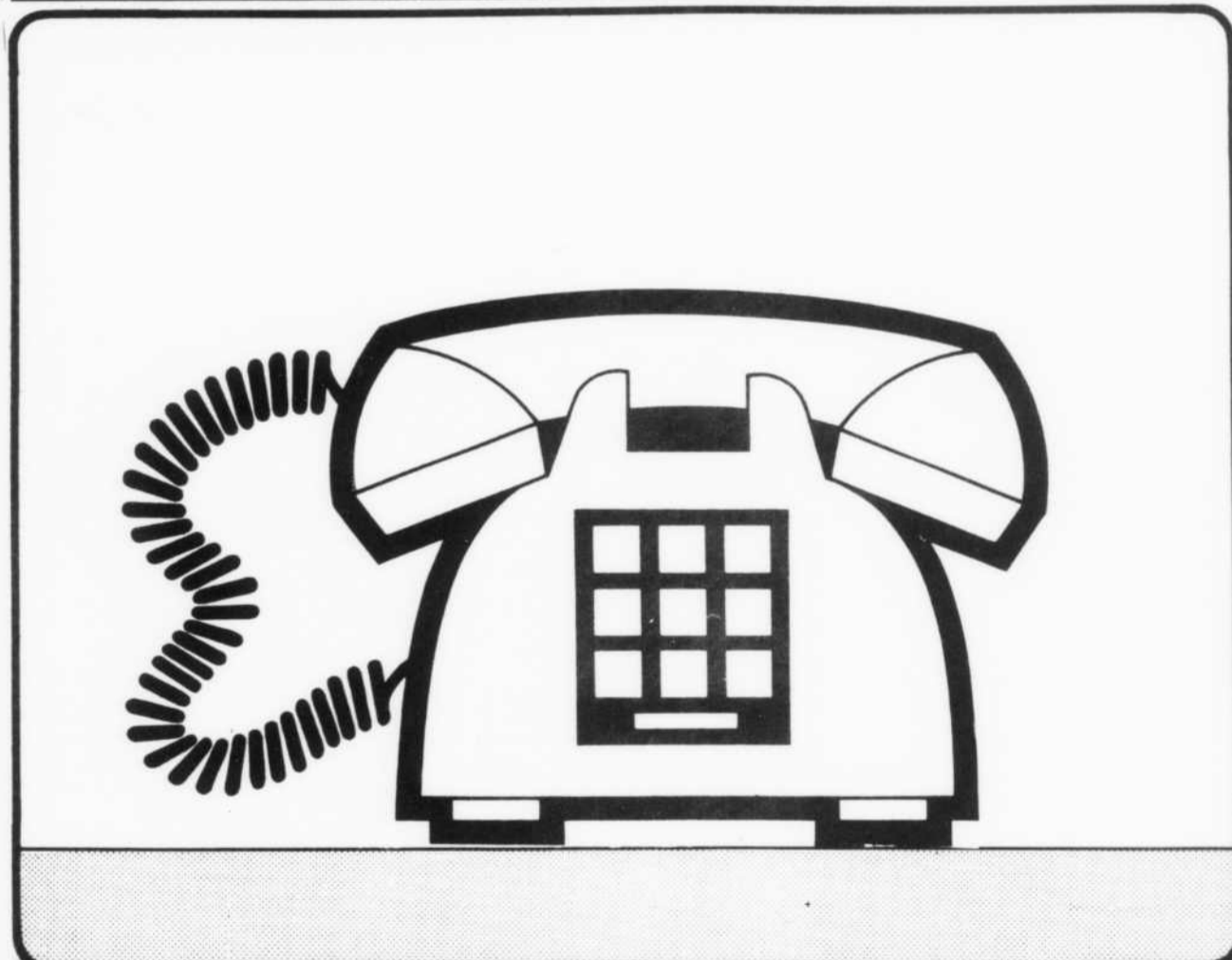


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Bill Prather jogs at the MTSU football track.



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New releases prove powerful, energetic

[Editor's note: We at Sidelines decided to deviate from the movies and review some albums for a change.]



Bob Dylan— Empire Burlesque Columbia

Bob Dylan is back with a hot new album, *Empire Burlesque*, which is critically considered by some to be his best since *Blood on the Tracks*. It is decidedly more "electrified," merely indicative of the inevitable influence of the "techno-pop" sound.

This album features "Tight Connection to my Heart (has anybody seen my love)" and "When the Night Comes Falling from the Sky," which are sometimes heard on area pop/rock radio stations.

Formerly with Bob Marley and the Wailers, Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakes, reappear on the album. Despite their presence, there is no reggae influence detectable.

Dylan brilliantly demonstrates that he hasn't lost his way with words since the '60s, when each new record he released was anxiously awaited with anticipation. He was considered a poet and a prophet.

On *Empire Burlesque*, Dylan poignantly illustrates his concern for social problems in songs like "Clean Cut Kid," about a young suicide victim. In his nasal like voice, he sings:

*"They took a clean cut kid,
And made a killer out of him—
That's what they did."*

"Seeing the Real You at Last" provides a funky, danceable, bluesy tune to an already highly charged album.

In contrast, it is followed by a slower, mellow tune, "I'll Remember You," almost reminiscent of the southern, black spiritual hymn. It also features singer Madelyn Quebec. Together they provide a nice harmony which tempts the listener to join in and sing.

Rolling Stones guitarist Ron Wood accompanies Dylan on "Clean Cut Kid," which is a biting social commentary.

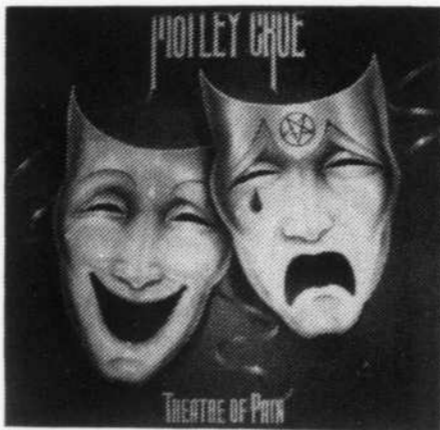
"Trust Yourself" kicks off the second side of the album in which Dylan encourages us to be self-reliant and not to be deceived by others, as he sings:

*"Don't trust me to show you the truth,
When the truth may only be
ashes and dust"*

*If you want somebody to trust,
Trust yourself"*

The dark ends of my favorite song, "Dark Eyes." On it, Dylan sings and plays the guitar and harmonica unaccompanied, somewhat reminiscent of Dylan's early songs.

Empire Burlesque offers a blend and balance between appealing contrasts. The more I listen to it, the more I like it. Right now I would rate it a three on a scale of one to five. But after I listen to it more I may look at this as an under-rating. **DWIGHT IRONS**



Motley Crue— Theatre of Pain Elektra/Asylum

They call it *Theatre of Pain*—and they're not lying. The new Elektra/Asylum release from Motley Crue is for hardcore metal fans only. From the gut-wrenching "City Boy Blues" to the Brownsville Station cover of "Smokin' in the Boys Room" (the first single release), this album bites hard.

Front man Nikki Sixx, responsible for most of the music and lyrics, is unrelentingly harsh on the bass, reinforced by the powerful, crunching drumming of Tommy Lee. Lead guitarist Mick Mars literally burns the fret board of his ax, decimating the senses during each of his solos. Vince Neil's soaring vocals are piercing, yet melodic, like each tune on the LP.

There is considerable talent here, at least instrumentally, but if you are looking for brilliant lyrics, you picked up the wrong album.

The Crue were made famous by controversial, sex-related songs from their first two LPs, *Too Fast For Love* and *Shout at the Devil*—songs like "Live Wire" and "Ten Seconds for Love." They make little effort to change that style and image on this new effort.

The songs are at once crude, rude, vicious and almost to the point of vulgar, destined to become hits.

About the only thing that has changed is the boys' costumes. Whereas they previously paraded around in the typical heavy metal, leather-look, they now prance around in gawdy lace, grossly reminiscent of Boy George.

The Crue do try to ease up a little on the ballad, "Home Sweet Home," but Neil's vocals ruin the whole thing.

If you're still looking for a message, and can't find one by playing the record backwards, take heed of the Crue's dedication on the lyric sheet inside the LP cover: "If and/or when you drink—Don't take the wheel. Live and learn—so we can all [bleep] rock our [bleep] off together for a long, long time to come."

GARY FRAZIER



Sting— The Dream of the Blue Turtles A&M

*"How can I save my little boy,
From Oppenheimer's deadly
toy?"*
*There is no monopoly of common
sense*

On either side of the political fence.

*We share the same biology,
Regardless of ideology.
Believe me when I say to you,
I hope the Russians love their
children, too!"*

This is a verse from the ominous song "Russians" on Sting's new solo album titled, *The Dream of the Blue Turtles*. It begins with a metronomic ticking suggestive of a time bomb, unintelligible news broadcasts in the background and is representative of the political overtones of the album. Sting expresses a sensitivity to the growing hysteria and mounting tensions in East-West relations.

A particularly popular cut, frequently heard on the radio, is "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free." It seems to set the tempo for the rest of the album. The song is highly polished and has an interesting arrangement of percussion instruments in the background, seemingly more interesting than other current songs of its genre, and provides a refreshing, new tune for the pop/rock charts.

This song is followed by a spiritually inspiring piece, decorated with Latin reggae rhythms titled, "Love is the Seventh Wave." While it has been said that some of the Police songs were "reggae-sounding," this song seems to be much more influenced by the reggae genre than any Police song.

As the song fades out, Sting mimics a Police tune:

*"Every breath you take,
Every move you make,
Every cake you bake,
Every leg you break."*

The record is laced with thoughtful political and social statements. In "We Work the Black Seam," Sting investigates the hazards of nu-

clear energy and radiation as seen from the point of view of nuclear power plant workers.

In "Russians," he declares, "There is no such thing as a winnable war."

The last song, "Fortress Around Your Heart," provides an intense melodic crescendo to the album and makes for an excellent finish.

This is an exciting new album, well-produced and recorded to allow Sting, a classically trained musician, to demonstrate his talent for composition in an enlightened manner. It combines originality with insight and a sense of social justice. It is a state-of-the-art production that is well worth the buy. On a scale from one to five, I'd give it a four.

DWIGHT IRONS

Sound Seventy presents end of summer blowouts

By KATHY BARNES

Sidelines Feature/Entertainment Editor

Just when we thought somebody upstairs had given up on us, Sound Seventy comes through with two killer concerts to close the summer with.

Former Eagle Don Henley will perform Monday at the Grande Ole Opry House.

Now for the big news! Internationally renowned artists Dire Straits will be tearing down the house at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center August 11.

They will include in their performance their cuts from their latest LP, *Brothers in Arms*, and may prove to be the hottest show to hit Nashville in a very long time.

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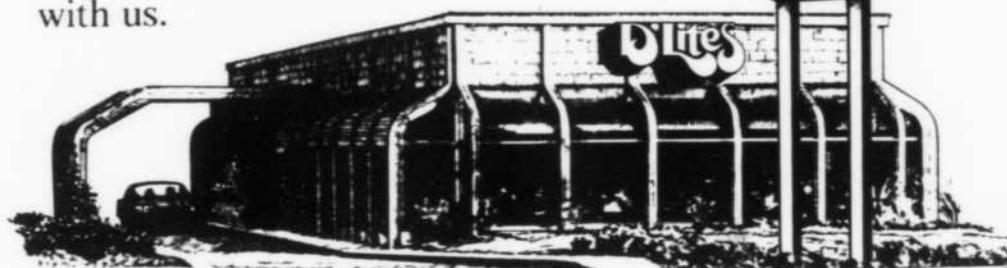
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Sports

Gators favored in tight race for SEC crown



MIKE ORGAN

Viewpoint

The Southeastern Football Conference is unique. Throughout most of this country, football is fun—it's a game. But in the southeast, the game is a way of life. And that way of life is about to kick-off once again.

The SEC is loaded with its usual talent and expected to live up to its billing as the most powerful conference in the country.

•Florida won the SEC crown last year for the first time ever and then six months later, conference officials stripped the Gators of the title due to 59 NCAA violations. Well, if Florida stops its pouting and decides to stay in the SEC, and it will, look for them to win their first ever SEC crown once again.

The Gators are tough despite the shake up they have suffered. This team finished with a 9-1-1 record last year and ranked third in the Associated Press final poll. Without a doubt, some would say the Gators were the best in the nation at the end of last season.

Florida will have 13 returning starters including a very impressive backfield led by young quarterback Kerwin Bell (184/98, 7 int., 16 TD's, 1,614 yds.) and tailback Neal Anderson (916 yds., 5.8 avg., 7 TD's). If this group can do what it did last year, without cheating, then call them the Sugar Gators.

•Auburn will be a very close second with its new 1 formation backfield led by Heisman trophy candidate Bo Jackson. The War Eagles will be tough on both lines, offense and defense. Defensive end Gerald Robinson will lead a tough defense as a whole. The only question mark will be if Pat Washington (171/77, 9 int., 4 TD's, 1,202 yds.) can improve as quarterback.

Auburn finished with a respectable 8-4 record last year after facing probably the toughest schedule in the nation. The '85 slate is much more tolerable.

•Louisiana State is led by probably the best quarterback in the conference, Jeff Wickersham, who amassed 2,165 yards passing last year while complet-

ing 57 percent of his attempts. When Wickersham doesn't take the air route he'll be able to count on tailback Dalton Hillard who picked up 1,268 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground in '84. Cornerback Kevin Guidry will help the defense hold its own.

The Bengal-tigers face a fairly easy schedule which does include a game with Notre Dame, but they should still come away with no more than three losses.

•Alabama is on its way back up. Or at least it better be if Ray Perkins hopes to keep his job. Simple improvements on last year's terrible (terrible for the Tide) 5-6 record is a must and Perkins knows this. The third-year coach has taken some giant steps in the off-season toward improvement. Alabama boasts the best recruiting season in the south. These top-rated newcomers will team with linebacker Cornelius Bennett, defensive tackle John Hand and quarterback Mike Shula (110/47, 6 int., 6 TD's, 516 yds.) and the Tide should turn. A healthy return of Kerry Goode at tailback is essential or the Bama offense may end up near the bottom like it did last season averaging only 298.6 yards per game.

Their schedule won't be a cake-walk but the Tide should be able to manage eight wins.

•Georgia's hope for a shot at a spot in the top four in the conference hinges on Vince Dooley's decision of whether or not to run for the Senate. Georgia will not be great in any case, nor will they be terrible. Standouts like cornerback John Little and offensive tackle Peter Anderson will help the Bulldogs to a respectable season.

A tough schedule will hamper Georgia and make it difficult for the team to get more than seven victories.

•Tennessee, admittedly, will have one of the most productive offenses in the SEC—but, what about the defense. The Vols are in trouble here. The Big Orange may rack up 30 points every game, but its opponents will probably manage 35 or more. Returning All-SEC quarterback Tony Robinson (253/156, 9 int., 14 TD's, 1,963 yds.) and wide receiver Tim Magee (54 rec. 809 yds., 6 TD's) will pace the powerful offense. Defensive back Charles Davis and linebacker Dale Jones will hope their young defensive teammates can catch on quick.

Unlike the past two years, Tennessee's schedule will be tough. The Vols face the likely possibility of being 1-3 at mid-season after taking on Auburn, Florida and UCLA right off the bat. If things go as normal, UT will lose another game, maybe two down the road which it was expected to win. This will give Johnny Major's group another mediocre record.

•Kentucky has made some vast improvement on the gridiron in the past two years thanks to Jerry

Predictions

Here are the *Sidelines* SEC predictions for the 1985 season.

1. FLORIDA
2. AUBURN
3. LSU
4. ALABAMA
5. GEORGIA
6. TENNESSEE
7. KENTUCKY
8. OLE MISS
9. VANDERBILT
10. MISSISSIPPI STATE

Claiborne. But the improvement has probably leveled off and the Wildcats are as good as they're going to get.

Kentucky lost one of the best running backs in the nation in George Adams last year, but the ground game will be salvaged being left in the worthy hands of returnees Mark Higgs (476 yds., 5 TD's) and Mark Logan (400 yds., 3 TD's). The defense will not be left in such shape after the graduation of six starters. Jon Dumbauld will be aggressive at defensive end, but the Cats have some big holes to fill on this side of the ball.

Playing one of the easiest schedules in the conference will help Kentucky to a third straight bowl.

•Mississippi can hardly make excuses for not winning with a quarterback like Kent Austin (302/177, 8 int., 8 TD's, 1,859 yds.). A defense might help. The de-

fense was fair last year but with the exit of Freddie Joe Nunn and a few others the Rebels will suffer.

Austin will be able to go to one of his favorite targets again this year, Tim Moffett (33 rec. 486 yds., 4 TD's). Coach Billy Brewer calls his offense "explosive" but doesn't have much to say about the defense.

Ole Miss will tackle probably the toughest schedule in the conference thus keeping them from winning more than four games.

•Vanderbilt suffered a big shake up in the off-season which it did not need. The anabolic steroid bust. As if things weren't bad enough in Nashville, now the Commodores are hit with another handicap. Like it or not, steroids are a part of collegiate sports, with one exception, Vanderbilt. While the drugs run rampant through so many other teams, Vandy will be clean.

The departure of quarterback Kurt Page has left Coach George MacIntyre's pass-oriented offense in a grey area. Mark Wretcher will try to take over the reigns but frankly might not be able to cut it. Running backs Carl Woods (688 yds., 3.6 avg., 4 TD's) and Everett Crawford (434 yds., 5.2 avg., 3 TD's) will have to help fill the void.

Other standouts like offensive tackle Will Wolford, All-SEC tight end Jim Popp (29 rec. 278 yds., 0 TD's) and cornerback Kermit Sykes will try to help keep the Does out of the cellar.

Vanderbilt cannot complain about their schedule and may be able to manage five wins.

•Mississippi State came up with only one SEC win last year and will strive to win as many this year. Probable All-SEC defensive tackle Pat Swoopes will be a bright spot on Coach Billy Brewer's squad.

State's agenda has some very worthy opponents on it which should keep the Bulldogs below the five win mark.

Academic advisers added for fall

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Writer

An academic adviser program will be implemented this fall for the MTSU Athletic Department, according to Athletic Director Jimmy Earle.

Instructors from the various schools have been assigned a certain number of student athletes to counsel in academics and on the rules of eligibility of the NCAA. This will be in addition to their regular workload of teaching and ad-

vising, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of Administration and Records.

"Two faculty members from each school have been chosen to fill the slots," Gillespie said. "I wish we had the money to put toward hiring someone to take this responsibility. The larger schools in the area, schools like UT-Knoxville and even Eastern Kentucky have already hired someone in this capacity. The money is simply not there for us at this time."

It is believe! that this new program will place an undue burden on the teachers involved. But Earle said he believed that the program is the only way for MTSU to conform with a new NCAA ruling.

That ruling came about earlier this year at an NCAA rules meeting in New Orleans. The NCAA ruled that member schools must increase the number of graduating athletes and toughened the eligibility rules.

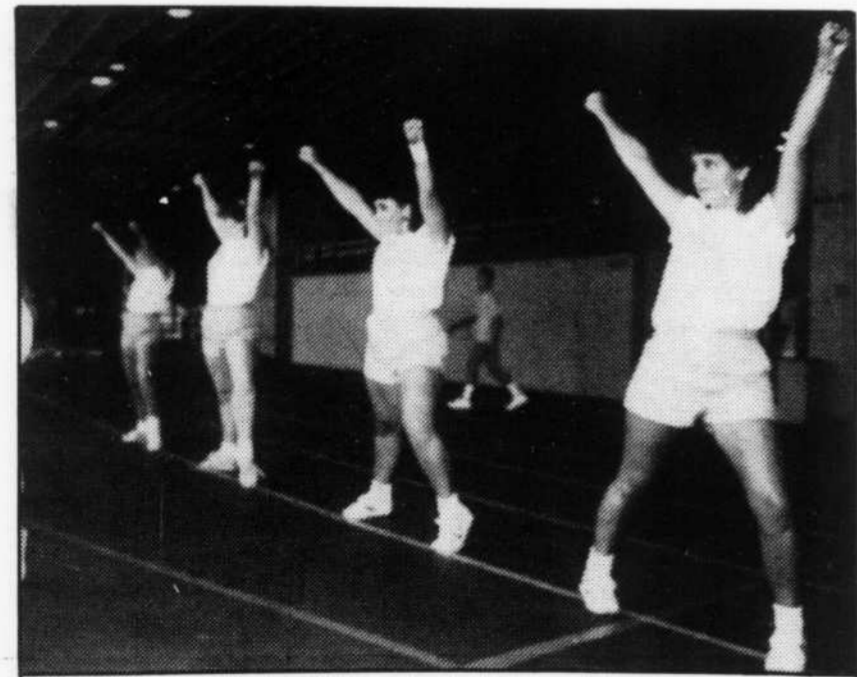


Photo by Bill McClary

Cheerleaders learn new techniques at the Universal Cheerleading Camp being held in Murphy Center.

Second cheering camp hits MTSU

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into Murphy Center without the danger of getting your ear drums burst, yet another cheerleader camp has begun.

One week after the National Cheerleaders Association ended its camp at MTSU, the Universal Cheerleading Association began a similar camp. The UCA began one session Sunday and ended it yesterday and will begin a second one today scheduled to wrap up Sunday afternoon.

Twenty-eight high school and junior high squads participated in the two sessions, according to Mike Bowers, head instructor.

"We really have a lot of squads here and we're real happy about that," Bowers, who is a former Ohio State cheerleader, said.

While the NCA camp stressed preparing squads for cheering competitions such as state contests, Bowers said the UCA leans more toward safety and "an overall learn-

ing experience at our camps."

"We have a completely different attitude and philosophy toward cheerleading from that of the NCA. We work on style and method of incorporation for sidelines and on field cheering, but we continue to stress a great deal of safety," Bowers added.

Candy Hale, an MTSU cheerleader, is an instructor at the camp. Hale echoed Bowers' thoughts about safety and pointed out that a camp like the UCA's is helpful for individuals to learn about cheering because "a pretty face and a good figure isn't enough to get you a spot on a squad anymore."

"There is so much more to cheerleading now," Hale said. "We try to teach all the different facets of cheering. That includes tumbling, gymnastics, climbing, stunts, there's just a lot to it today."

The UCA staff for the MTSU camp has ten members who are cheerleaders or former cheerleaders at colleges and universities across the nation.

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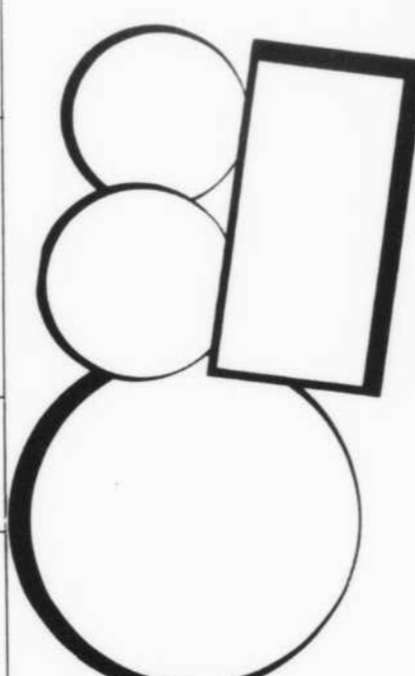
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