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Left to right, Mr. Gibson instructs art students Donna Jensen and Paul David Roe in silicon bronze casting. This sculpture 2 class is for second semester sculpture majors.

Historical views air on Cable 22

By TOM MEREDITH
Sidelines Staff Writer

A series of taped interviews with Middle Tennesseans who have contributed to the history of Tennessee and the nation began airing on MTSU Cable Channel 22 Monday.

The series, "Recollections: The Middle Tennessee Voices of Their Times Series," will air each Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m..

Hosted by MTSU professor of history education, Bob Bullen, the interviews are designed to capture a personal and historical aspect of the interviewing.

"Participants in the series will be Middle Tennesseans who have witnessed or participated in the history of our region, state and nation," Bullen said.

"We hope to preserve the reflections of these important people for

the benefit of future generations who will undoubtedly be investigating their heritage," Bullen said.

"The purpose of this series is to develop a videotape library or archives on the MTSU campus which will be available for use by public schools, civic organizations and future researchers," Bullen said.

"I am not worried about getting the exact facts and dates from the people I interview, but rather their personal view point from being there," he explained. "I want their personal recollections and feelings of what it was like at that time."

The tapes, which amount to over 20 at this time, include interviews with former United States Senator Albert Gore Sr., Sutton Gribble, a World War I combat veteran and prisoner of war; Fred Russell, former sports writer and vice president of the Nashville Banner; 96

year old Judge Albert Williams of Murfreesboro, a cabinet member under three governors and involved in prosecution of defendants in the World War II Japanese War Crime Trials; and former FBI agent W.E. "Bud" Hopton who captured "Pretty Boy" Floyd and later organized the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Also included among the tapes are sports interviews with retired MTSU Football Coach and Athletic Director Charles "Bub" Murphy and former major league pitchers Jim Turner and Charles "Red" Lucas.

Last Monday's interview was Part One of a segment on Gen. Leonard Fielding Chapman, a retired Marine Corps Commander who served during the Vietnam War. Part Two on Chapman will be aired this up coming Monday.

German course offered this Spring

By Liz Williams
Sidelines Staff Reporter

Erroneous assumptions concerning Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich are muddling the public's view of German history as a whole, according to Dr. Nancy Rupprecht, an MTSU history faculty member.

The university's Curriculum Committee has approved the addition of a course beginning in the spring and taught by Rupprecht on 20th-century Germany. The course, "German History since 1914," will focus on the two world wars, their catalytic effect on European affairs as well as their devastating social repercussions on post-war and women's history.

"People come into the classroom with a lot of notions that simply aren't true. You just have

to deal with this when it comes up, but I don't try to debunk them right off the bat," Rupprecht explained.

While World War I and World War II are intriguing "cult periods," Rupprecht put part of the blame for the onslaught of misinformation on film makers.

"It has been such a fascinating period of history for Hollywood. This whole generation has been bombarded by how the media sees it," she said.

"Underground," "I Married a Nazi," "The Lion has Wings," "Casablanca," and "The Mortal Holocaust" are just a few of the memorable projects produced concerning Germany or the Third Reich during the war-time periods.

Although the public has been

overexposed to the negative aspects of German history, there is a lesson that can still be learned from an in-depth survey of those past events, according to Rupprecht.

"When we stop and look at the catastrophic...genocide and barbaric inhumanity, it forces us to re-examine our notions that history is constantly improving and bringing us to perfection," she explained.

Rupprecht joined the history department this fall. She received her doctorate in history, specializing in German history, from the University of Michigan.

"German History after 1914" will be taught beginning in the spring unless its addition is rejected by the university's Graduate Committee, which meets in November.

Apartheid protest today

By CHRIS BELL
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Various anti-apartheid groups have designated Friday the National Day of Protest Against Apartheid and to commemorate this, a march will be held in Nashville Friday afternoon.

Various groups will leave from Fisk, Tennessee, and Vanderbilt universities at 2 p.m. Around 3:30 p.m. these groups will meet at the corner of Charlotte and 16th Avenues and proceed to the downtown Legislative Plaza.

Once there, several speakers will address the crowd, literature will be handed out, and street performers will act.

"The main purpose of the march is to let people know that there are groups that exist which let people's views on apartheid be heard," said a representative of U.S. Out of Africa, one of the groups involved in the march.

USOCA had its first campus meeting Wednesday night.

"A teaching volunteer organization dedicated to the struggle of the

people in South Africa," is how USOSA coordinator Calief Snelling described the organization.

The group is in the process of becoming recognized as an official campus group and plans future activities on campus to inform people about apartheid, the series of South African laws designed to restrict the rights of black South Africans.

Snelling said that the group's goal was to develop a strong south-eastern lobby and to encourage legislation that would help end apartheid.

Instructor competes in triathlon

By CHRIS BELL
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Lee Allsbrook, an assistant professor in the H.P.E.R. department, is one of a select group that will be competing in the World Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii on October 26.

The Ironman triathlon consists of a 2 4/10-mile swim, an 112-mile bike race, and a 26 2/10-mile marathon, all within 17 hours. Competitors in the Ironman are among the most physically fit people in the world.

Allsbrook began running marathons several years ago reading a book on them. "I guess that I compete in a marathon about every eight weeks," he said.

The triathlon was the next step for him in competition. Allsbrook decided, and he has competed in about 30 of them.

Races of this type may seem grueling, but Allsbrook says that he enjoys them. "Racing to finish, not racing to win, and the experience of meeting new people," are reasons Allsbrook gave for racing.

He works summers with the President's Council on Physical Fitness. This job takes him to 35 states a year, mostly on the east and west

coasts, and gives him the opportunity to compete all over the country.

A fourth-place finish in a "half-Ironman" in Kentucky qualified him for the World Ironman, "which surprised me," Allsbrook said. "It feels like a dream," is how he described the rare chance to compete in the World Ironman.

Training, of course, is a very important part of preparing for such a demanding race and Allsbrook's training routine is up to the task.

"I usually run 10 miles a day, swim one or two miles a day, and bike 100 miles every three days," Allsbrook said.

As the World Triathlon approaches, he has been increasing his workout, especially in biking and swimming, but "the risk of injury increases with the amount of preparation," Allsbrook said.

Diet is another important factor in training, he said. "Once I ate 100 chocolate chip cookies in one day while racing, amazing the other runners," Allsbrook said. He also said he eats many bananas during the race, perhaps as many as 30,

since they are easy to digest and offer much needed energy.

Allsbrook says he has also been building his spirit in preparation for the race. He has been reading poetry and listening to music while training, noting that "the theme from 'St. Elmo's Fire' has inspired me for both its music and the story behind it," Allsbrook said.

Unexpected difficulties have led to many interesting experiences, Allsbrook said. While swimming in Los Angeles he noticed that the sea lions were attracted by the swimmers' brightly colored uniforms and were swimming with them.

"Once my tire and the spare blew during a race in Kentucky," he said, "and I rode the final 21 miles on the tire rims so I could complete the race."

Allsbrook says he feels ready for the Hawaii race and is thankful for the support that the university has given him. There is another goal he says he is working toward, however. In a few years he hopes to compete in the Double Ironman, a race of twice the distance, run in 36 hours.

Senate meets approves study

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The ASB Senate approved a resolution during a meeting Wednesday requesting that the university discontinue the use of JR's Wrecker Service.

The resolution, sponsored by Mark O'Conner and Ralph Thomas, notes that "there have been numerous complaints about the business practices used by JR's service." The resolution calls for a "study made by university officials about the possible discontinuance of JR's Wrecker Service."

The dean of students, the director of public safety, and an ASB official to be named by the ASB president will conduct the study, according to the bill.

In other business:

- The senate passed a resolution calling for a feasibility study on placing kitchenette facilities in residence halls currently without them.
- A bill requesting that a crosswalk be painted on "C" street was tabled until the next senate meeting.

- New officers—Teddy Gregory, chief of staff; Lisa Davis, public defender; and Amy Minton, attorney general—were all sworn by unanimous vote and will be confirmed as senate officers at the next meeting.

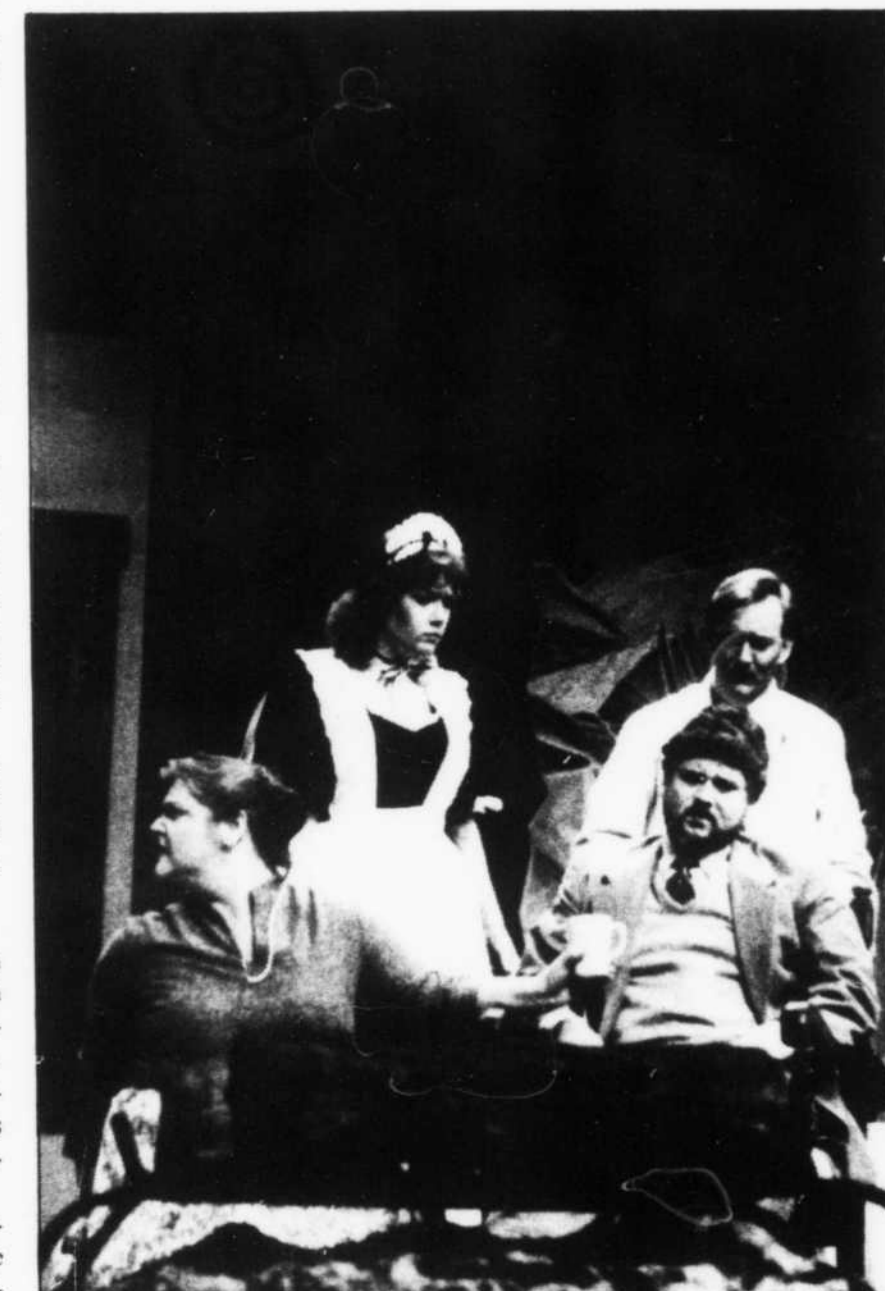


Photo by Wayne Cartwright

The theatrical production "The skin of our teeth" was performed by MTSU speech and theatre students last night at the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The play will run through Oct. 12.

Coming up in Sidelines . . .

NOVEMBER: Sidelines' fall fashion issue featuring fashions from local stores modeled by MTSU students.

OCTOBER: A series on the United Students Association.

DECEMBER: A special series of reports on study tips for final exams.

Campus Capsule

NOTICES

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC. will celebrate "A Decade of Distinction," Oct. 18 - 20. The event will recognize 10 years of service by the Kappa Xi chapter. Among the list of activities include the chapters annual "ALPHA EXTRAVAGANZA," Oct. 18. at the Holiday Inn-Interstate 24.

APPLICATIONS FOR WHO'S WHO Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are now available in the ASB Office, Room 304 of the University Center. Any Junior, Senior or Graduate student with at least a 2.8 GPA may apply. Applications must be turned in by Oct. 18.

THE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM will sponsor its Field Placement Agency Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 16, in Room 322 of the University Center from 1 - 3 p.m.

THE HONORS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION'S October Film Fest, featuring acclaimed Scottish director Bill Forsythe's films "Local Hero," "Gregory's Girl," and "Comfort and Joy," will be Thursday, Oct. 17 in Peck Hall Room 108 at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

STUDENT TEACHING APPLICATIONS for the Spring semester 1986 must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching Office, Jones Hall, Room 106 no later than Oct. 11.

SATURDAY

MTSU FAMILY DAY is Saturday, Oct. 12. Family Day activities include a tour of the campus by Student Ambassadors, departmental and organizational displays in the Learning Resource Center and University Center and lunch at Highrise cafeteria.

SUNDAY

MTSU's FLYING CLUB will sponsor airplane rides Sunday, Oct. 13, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport. Cost is seven cents per pound, per person. Minimum cost of \$7.00 and maximum of \$15.00. Rides will last about 20 minutes and tour the local area — **three people per flight maximum.** Proceeds go to support the Flying Raiders' Flight Team in intercollegiate competition.

Calendar of events HOMECOMING 85

"Glory Days" — the theme for this year's homecoming at MTSU. Oct. 14 - 19 promises to be full of glorious, fun-filled activities for all at MTSU. The Alumni is especially welcomed to share in celebrating Homecoming '85.

MONDAY, Oct. 14 POSTER CONTEST

POSTER CONTEST - Organizations will enter poster collaborating the Homecoming theme of "Glory Days". The posters will be displayed on the track of Murphy Center at 10 a.m. Posters will be judged at 3:30 p.m. with the winner receiving 100 spirit-points. Entering posters can not be three-dimensional.

TUESDAY, Oct. 15 FIGHT SONG COMPETITION

FIGHT SONG COMPETITION - This year's fight song competition will be held in the courtyard in front of the University Center at 4 p.m. Groups that entered the competition will be judged on the originality and deliverance of the song that is also played at MTSU sporting events. Winners receive 100 spirit-points. Participation from Greek organizations as well as dorms is expected, according to ASB Homecoming chairperson Annette Zellmer.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16 ACTIVITIES DAY

Activities planned for Activities Day include obstacle courses, relay races, games and a "MYSTERY EVENT," according to Zellmer. Actions starts at 2 p.m. on the lawn between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building. Ribbons and 100 spirit-points will be awarded.

8 p.m. The Homecoming dance will be in the Tennessee Room. Autumn will provide the music with an admission of \$1.

THURSDAY, Oct. 17 CHILI COOKOFF

The Big Chili Cookoff will be at Fox Run grounds. Judges for the chili cookoff will be WTVF-TV's Harry Chapman of "Talk of the Town," Dr. Sam Ingram and Murfreesboro's Mayor Joe Jackson. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the cookoff. The event is sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association with proceeds benefiting M.D. Entering chili cookers should have their two gallons of chili at the site at 3 p.m. The cookoff will be open to the public at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, Oct. 18 BONFIRE/PEP RALLY

All work on floats entering the Homecoming parade must be finished by 6 p.m. Friday. The Homecoming committee will check floats at their designated locations.

6:30 The Spirit Caravan will meet in front of the fraternity houses on Maple Street. Each organization participating in Homecoming Week may enter one [1] vehicle.

7 p.m. The MTSU cheerleaders and Ole Blue will preside over the Bonfire/Pepp Rally at the south end of Cummings Hall.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON will have a party at their fraternity house on East Main for all participants of Homecoming Week.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA fraternity will have their annual ALPHA EXTRAVAGANZA at Holiday Inn-Interstate-24 for students and the community.

SATURDAY, Oct. 19 PARADE/FOOTBALL GAME

Line up for the parade will be at 7:45 a.m. in the Greenland Drive parking lot. The parade begins at 9 a.m. and will travel down Tennessee Boulevard and down Main Street. It will also be televised by Channel 39. Grand Marshals for the parade will be Congressman Bart Gordon and Herbert McCullough, commissioner of Finance and Administration for Tennessee.

1:30 p.m. The undefeated MTSU Blue Raiders take on Murray State. Homecoming queen will be crowned and winner of the Homecoming competition will be announced.

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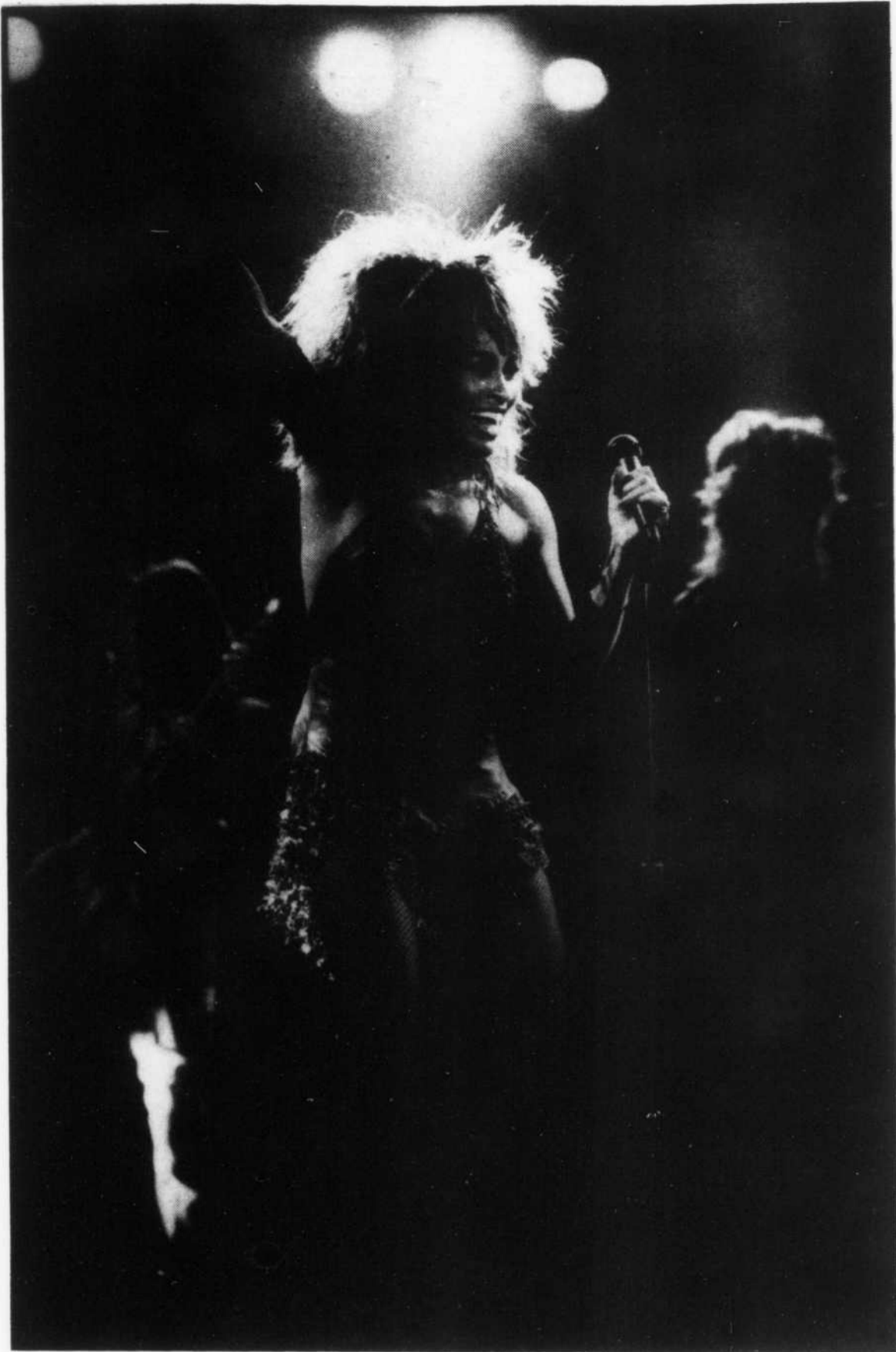
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Editorial

MTSU pluses

Editor's note: The following editorial represents the collective opinions of the Sidelines editorial staff. This is the first in a series that will reflect the consensus of staff on a variety of issues. We encourage ideas, replies, and comments. Please address correspondence to Editorial Editor.

It is the custom of students attending a particular college or university to see many of the negative things, and to criticize the perceived weaknesses. While there is justifiable grounds for this in many cases, the bad things often seem to overwhelm the good. We felt it would be refreshing to accentuate the positive for a change, so we put our minds together and came up with a list of what we felt were noteworthy aspects of MTSU.

- While it may not be possible to get a nickel cup of coffee anymore, you certainly can get a great one at the grill! Dovie Petty has been making the java there for 8 years, and every cup is robust and fresh. Her secret? "I add love," she says with a smile.
- MTSU is one of the lowest priced schools in the South, and we think one of the best.
- Murphy Center is absolutely one of the finest multi-purpose recreational centers to be found. Many activities are free:
 - Indoor track, volleyball, running
 - Weightroom and new Nautilus equipment for use in January
 - Two auxiliary gyms for basketball
 - Racketball courts and 16 tennis courts just outside
- Other campus rec activities include an Olympic-sized pool, Jones Field track, and plenty of space for casual football games, soccer, or rugby
- Special Events Committee: who else has pulled in the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Hank Williams Jr., Rod Stewart, Billy Joel, Foreigner, Elton John, Journey, Oak Ridge Boys, Chicago, and is bringing Amy Grant, the Beach Boys, and the incomparable Tina Turner? We commend the SEC!
- Free films from the Fine Arts Committee, free lectures by the Honors Committee and Women's Study Council
- The Computer Center is state of the arts
- The beautiful campus is something people tend to overlook. The flower beds are colorful, creative, and add an air of class and charm to our campus
- Nashville is a terrific city, with music, theater, restaurants, and shopping comparable to any urban area. MTSU's closeness is an asset
- Channel 22 offers a unique opportunity for students to hold authoritative positions such as producers, directors, and anchor persons. Also script writing, camera usage, and on-air experience.

These are by no means the only things we feel MTSU has to offer, but they are noteworthy, indeed. So the next time you hear someone griping about the negatives or see someone drowning in apathy, you may want to mention one of these.



Letters to the Editor

Panty reply

Concerning the "Letter to the Editor," *Sidelines*, October 1st concerning panty raids...though my initial reaction was a nonprintable verbal assault against the author, time and thoughtful reevaluation have enabled me to develop a more logical opinion of the author's work. I feel it was poorly thought out in that it used the weak guise of "trying to correct social flaws" as an opportunity to attack and insult a

sizable group of fellow residents (namely those who, in any way, to any degree, enjoy panty raids).

The author suggests a "panty raid by mail" to avoid disturbing those residents who are trying to study. I am left wondering if this suggestion was meant only as a cute way to end a vicious article or offered as a sincere solution. If sincere, it should have been developed throughout the article, not tacked on to a list of degrading remarks.

In case anyone missed the original article, panty raid participants were described as juvenile, too poor to afford "real entertainment," having IQs too weak to facilitate thinking of anything better, or "socially outcast." It was inferred that participants never study, possibly spending free time "modeling their trophies."

Though I did not participate in the most recent panty raid, I was able to view one segment of it fairly closely. Many of the participants I proudly call my peers and my personal friends. I know these people to be far from dull or juvenile in their own personal lives. These students, for the most part, study at a highly pressured pace. Should they be denied the occasional mental and physical release of a panty raid? I believe not.

After all, it is not like these raids happen every week (or month, for that matter). By the way, if panty raids were the only form of entertainment we "imbecilic juveniles" could think of, they would probably occur more often.

Regarding financial situations, as it pertains to involvement in panty raids, [it] was not nice. No one thinks, "I'm poor, so I guess I can only enjoy myself with the other broke people at the panty raid."

When someone shouts, "Panty raid!", I don't feel finances are considered. It's an event for the affluent, as well as non-affluent. The article seemed to define "lack of funds" as a negative quality, compared to being juvenile or a social outcast. I'll say right now that there are a lot of people with more money

than myself; none of them are better than me because of it!

I don't think panty raid participants are a collection of "social outcasts." If they were, would women throw their undergarments? Possibly out of pity, but I doubt it. I won't even comment on whether or not men "model" their prizes. It's too sad a statement to be addressed seriously.

In conclusion, I feel an occasional panty raid is a positive release of college tensions, which should continue as long as there are students who feel so inclined.

FERREL SMITH
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Teach them-there boys that it's cool to punch someone's lights out, that one doesn't go to jail for such an offense, but rather to the conference room.

Let them all grow up to replace their Daddies as wife-beating pillars of the community. God bless cultural continuity!

Gag me, fellas, big time. It's so gratifying to be contributing to your salaries.

KATHY BRADY
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Pro-con

To the editor:

Charles Hayes' cartoon of Oct. 4 (as usual) hit the mark—and he couldn't have invented a better target.

Thor Sadler and Dwight Irons are so caught up in their embarrassingly petty personal disputes that they don't even realize they are making total fools of themselves.

Fire these bums! Run a page of cartoons and horoscopes if you have to—just don't subject your readers to any more of this pathetic crap!

We don't want to read it, and if you have any respect for journalism—if in only the barest sense of the word, show these clowns the door.

TIM SELBY
Box 5569

foyo info

All the world loves a winner—but sometimes it loves a loser, too.

Take Gen. George Custer, who died with 226 7th calvarymen in 1876 at the battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana.

The Custer Battlefield National Monument there is popular. Attendance this year is up 20 percent.

Custer charged into 5,000 fighting Indians with half a regiment of horse soldiers—foolhardy but heroic.

The people that love Rambo love Custer.

Dating rituals begin anew

By BEVERLY KEEL
Sidelines Columnist

Now that the school year is into full swing, new couples are popping up everywhere. It is always obvious which of the couples have just recently begun to date. One quick glance around the Grill is all that is needed to determine the length of time they have been together.

The couple sitting all alone in the corner, for instance, have just recently started dating. His arm around her is a dead giveaway. In a long-term relationship, the only time he puts his arm around her is to wave at a friend or get his drink. The affection and attentiveness usually end after 30 days.

Another sign is the way she is dressed. If she is dressed nicely, heels and all, it must be the first date. It slowly progresses to jeans, faded jeans, her sweats, and then his sweats. For some mysterious reason, girls take over their boyfriends' wardrobes, mainly large shirts such as football jerseys. MTSU football sweatshirts are especially in demand this time of year.

If the tables are turned, however, the status usually differs. That is, if he wears her clothes, the couple must be new because it's a sure bet

that this won't last long!

Boys remain clean-shaven for only a short while. A ruler, used to measure the length of the whiskers, can determine the length of the relationship. The longer the stubble, the longer the romance.

A close examination of the food bought will tell you quite easily. A girl whose plate consists of salads, fruits and diet sodas is definitely involved in a new relationship. The girl eating normally, french fries and dessert included, has been dating him for some time. At the beginning, her other half will refrain from ordering anything messy which could embarrass him. Barbecue ribs are not ordered until a month or so has passed.

If eavesdropping is your specialty, you'll have no trouble sliding into the next booth to listen to their conversation. If one tells a joke and the other laughs hysterically, despite the joke being terrible, the couple has not dated long. If the other one says, "I've heard it before," they've been around awhile.

Many females find it necessary to lie about their weight. As the relationship progresses, she'll slowly add pounds to her weight. Perhaps her boyfriend finds it peculiar how she begins to weigh

more, but has not gotten any larger. I guess a sign of true love is his knowing her actual weight!

The newer couple tends to act as if they are superhuman, not requiring any sleep or time alone. If one calls in the middle of the night, the other actually sounds excited, quite the opposite of how he really feels. Class attendance drops quite rapidly. It is not impressive to admit that you cannot afford to miss class. If one has a break between classes but the other doesn't, the other takes one anyway!

The longer-dating couple has settled into a routine, so to speak. They usually do not forsake studying the night before a test to go out because there is always another night. Grades might even improve a little bit, resulting from better attendance.

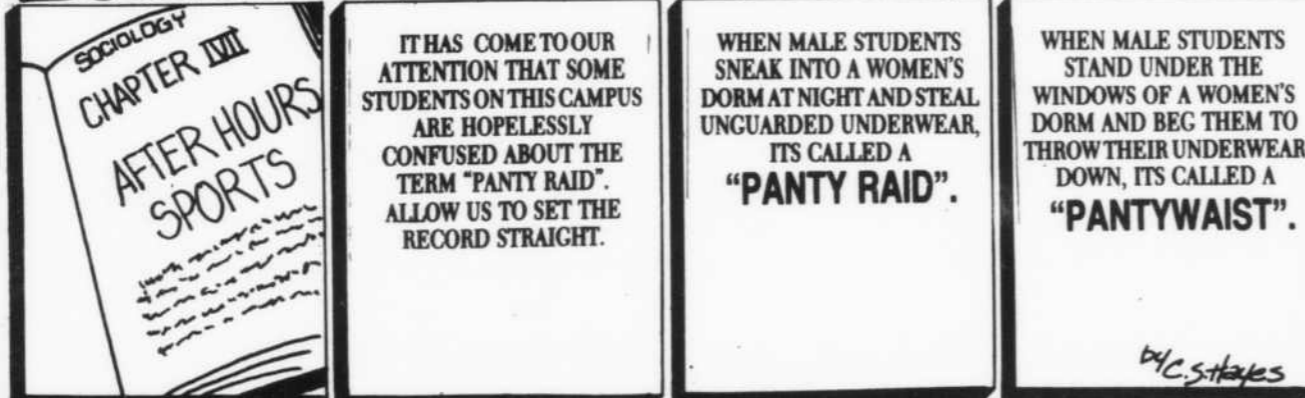
The next time you see someone you want to go out with on a date with someone else, use these signs to tell you how long they've been together. Your best bet is to make your move during that in-between stage, after the newness has worn off, but before the routine has set in. Although the couples act differently, almost everyone at one time goes through this. Even though it seems silly, it's kind of fun!

by Berke Breathed

BLOOM COUNTY



Doodles "A FRESHMAN GUIDE TO CAMPUS LIFE"



Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space.

All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. Telephone numbers will not be printed and are for verification purposes only. When warranted, requests to withhold names will be honored.

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Features/Entertainment

Harris aids handicapped students at MTSU

By KELLY D. COX
Sidelines Staff Writer

John Harris, director of the MTSU Handicapped Student Services, has a quick smile, a firm handshake, a great sense of humor and is ready to help disabled students on campus.

He's also blind.

Harris became the first full-time director of the handicapped services office in April. He says he has adapted well and become accepted as a result of familiarity with the program.

"I think they [disabled students] have accepted me very well. I believe that the reason is because I had been in the program before I became director," Harris said.

Harris came to MTSU in 1975 and graduated with a degree in psychology in 1979. He is currently working toward his master's degree as well as serving as director. Harris is assisted by a graduate student and a student worker who work 10 hours per week.

"My goal is to try and make everything available to handicapped students," Harris said. He also in-

tends to recruit more disabled students to attend MTSU and to continue working on campus accessibility for wheelchair students.

As full-time director, Harris provides services to 75 disabled students with 15 different disabilities. Some students are visually impaired, a few are hearing impaired and a majority are physically impaired with muscular dystrophy, spina bifida or paralysis.

Harris explained that the office of handicapped services provides preregistration, counseling, re-

cruitment of readers for blind students and attendants for wheelchair-bound students.

He is also developing a recreational program which provides sports such as goal ball (a game for the blind that is akin to kick ball) and wheelchair basketball.

Harris fully believes in an open-door policy at the handicapped student services office. He encourages disabled students to visit him if they have problems, need attendants or just want to talk.

"Students who want to see me can come in anytime," Harris said.

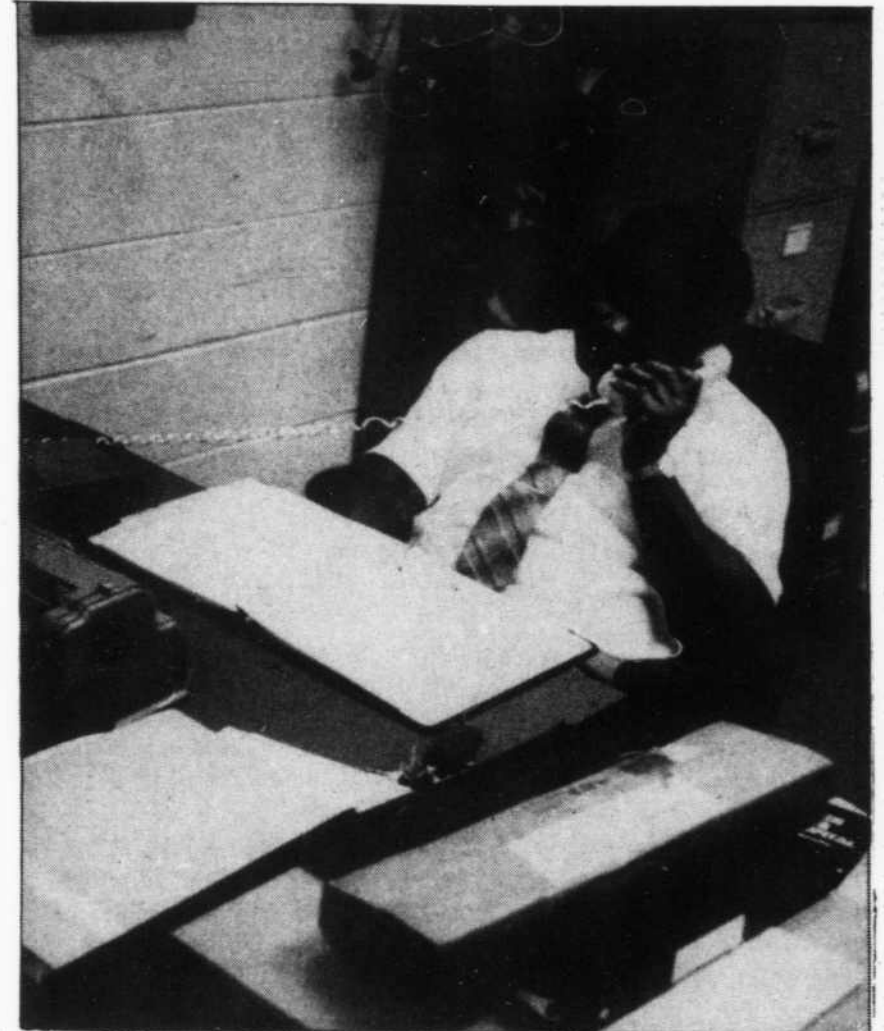


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John Harris, director of Handicapped Student Services at MTSU, takes a call in his office.

Main Street to host comedy shows

By DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

Beginning Monday, Oct. 14, Mainstreet Music Emporium will present Comedy Night. The weekly event will feature comedians, some of whom have appeared on "Showtime," "Star Search," "David Letterman," "The Tonight Show" and "The Merv Griffin Show."

Les McCurdy, who will emcee the shows each week, is a comedian himself. His show is a high energy blend of satire, character imitations and musical parody.

McCurdy has opened for Henny Youngman, Jerry Reed, Gabe Kaplan, Styx, Leon Redbone and the Atlanta Rhythm Section. He has also performed with the Amazing Rhythm Aces and Jimmy Buffet.

McCurdy has appeared on "P.M. Magazine" and has won two comedy laugh-offs, one of them sponsored by the Playboy Club. He has performed his act at more than 40 comedy clubs and universities across the country.

The opening act Monday will feature Ken Sons, who has performed in over twenty comedy clubs across the nation and has won

several comedy laugh-offs himself. Sons will be followed by the headliner, James Gregory, who is purported to be "the funniest man in the U.S."

Gregory has performed at over 100 engagements, including Zanies and the Grand Ole Opry. He has performed with Emmy Lou Harris and Louise Mandrell, appeared on "Nashville Now" and has won awards for two television commercials.

In 1982, Gregory was named Comedian of the Year and set a world record for longest stage performance—30 hours.

Unlike other comedians, Gregory does not embarrass or harass his audiences.

The Rev. Jimmy Snow told Gregory, "You should be proud of yourself. . . You're not only funny but you're clean. It's so refreshing to see an entertainer with so much respect for his audience."

Comedy Night at Main Street will debut at 8:30 p.m. with a new comedian every Monday night.



Comedian Les McCurdy will emcee Comedy Night regularly at Main Street.

Fall concert calendar '85

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Features/Entertainment

New bands rising rapidly with 60s sound



Lloyd Cole and the Commotions Rattlesnakes Polydor

By JOE MONTGOMERY
Sidelines Album Critic

Across the fields of heather and the fog-laden moors, a new pop spirit is emerging. Lloyd Cole & the Commotions have created a new source of melodic, earnest pop music from the unlikely locale of Scotland.

On their debut album *Rattlesnakes*, Lloyd and the boys create an interesting mixture of jangly, driving folk rock juxtaposed with Cole's cynical lyrics about adolescent emotions, ideals and icons.

The album opens with "Perfect Skin," a song possessing an upbeat melody and breathless vocals which tell a confused account of the singer's futile attempts at an unapproachable girl.

After a jumbled stream of phrases, the singer ends on the unusual lines:

"It seems the moral of this song must be There never has been one."

On "Speedboat," the Commotions create a moody atmosphere reminiscent of Booker T. and the M.G.'s "Green Onions." By utilizing a spooky organ and shimmering

guitars, the song evokes a murky, early 60s ambience.

On the title track, driving drums and beautiful orchestration are the backdrop for Cole's observation about a confused girl in a modern world, of which he sings:

"She looks like Eva Marie-Saint in 'On the Waterfront' As she reads Simone de Beauvoir and her American circumstance."

"Down on Mission Street" and "Forest Fire" are both strong songs that, while stylistically different, evoke the same bittersweet feelings of rejection and sadness.

"Charlotte Street" shows both the impassioned and indifferent aspects of a couple's initial reactions to each other as evident in lines such as:

"She said, 'Would you like to go to Heaven or would you rather not be saved

Here comes my train. . . .'" A sweeping melody and gentle accordion help translate feelings of love and sexual tension, mixed with fear and ambivalence.

One of the album's highlights is "2cv," a simple song with only acoustic guitars as its backdrop. In this cut, Cole sings of the emptiness of a shallow relationship:

"We were never close if the truth were told All we ever shared was a taste in clothers."

The singer sums up these melancholy feelings by stating:

"We were simply wasting precious time."

"Four Flights Up," a fast, country-influenced tune, describes a confused, unhappy relationship in lines like:

"Must you tell me all your secrets when it's hard enough to love you knowing nothing."

Rattlesnakes ends with "Are You

Ready to be Heartbroken?" An acoustic guitar and slight keyboards disguise the song's bitter message of rejection:

"What would it take to wipe that smile off your face. . . are you ready to bleed?"

Although Cole does seem to be preoccupied with romance, his views on the subject are so vast and varied that each observation comes across as fresh and honest.



Guadalcanal Diary Walking in the Shadow of the Big Man DB

By DANIEL PACE
Sidelines Album Critic

Of all the local rock scenes around the country, perhaps the only one which consistently produces successful groups is the Atlanta/Athens area.

The B-52s and R.E.M. are two good examples and there is an excellent chance that they will soon be joined by Guadalcanal Diary, a group from Marietta, Ga.

Their biggest asset is found in the band's perfect chemistry. John Poe, drummer, is the backbone of the band, providing not only a strong backbeat but a drive which

serves as a catalyst for each song.

Walking in the Shadow of the Big Man opens with "Trail of Tears," an energetic song which perfectly displays their talents. Murray Attaway's strong vocals along with a sharp guitar provide a strong complement to the anti-war theme of the cut.

"Ghost on the Road" ends side one impressively. The frenzied song, with its slashing guitars and unrelenting drums, unleashes the band's fury in the verses, then slows to an eerie crawl during the chorus.

"Watusi Rodeo" begins side two with a rush. Like the title suggests, this song exhibits the group's range of styles, from soul to country.

"Why do the Heathen Rage?" is perhaps the best cut on the album. The band slows the tempo, adds a bit of folk and takes a sarcastic but well conceived look at religion.

"Bless me for my righteous ways" pretty much sums up the theme of "Why do the Heathen Rage?" in that it takes a serious look at Southern religion without coming across as arrogant and without punishing those they attack

The title cut is a slow, dark instrumental with its fuzzy guitars and leisurely drums. The ominous feelings from this song offer a distinct contrast from the rest of the album.

Guadalcanal Diary does an interesting version of "Kumbayah." The cut starts at a slow pace but ends in a frantic outburst of guitars and drums.

It's hard to believe Guadalcanal Diary is such a relatively new band. They already play with such proficiency that it's unlikely to imagine what their next album could possibly have that *Walking in the Shadow of the Big Man* does not.



The Del Fuegos The Longest Day Slash

By DANIEL PACE
Sidelines Album Critic

The Del Fuegos are a Boston quartet with one of the most distinctive sounds today. They combine the fun of 50s rock'n'roll with power pop, Southern country-rock and boy/girl relationships to form a rousing album.

"Nervous and Shakey" is the first cut on *The Longest Day* and has an energetic, roots-rock sound. The song is effective because of its polished sound, although the group retains its amateur feeling.

"Backseat Nothing" is a cut straight from the 60s. Its pop melody complements the theme of 'teenage romance gone wrong.' The Del Fuegos garage/trashy sound gives the song a contemporary aura

with its sharp, cutting guitars, relentless drumming and especially Dan Zane's sneering vocals.

"Anything You Want" is a country-rock ballad which sounds a lot like Jason and the Scorchers. The melodramatic song, which sounds like a 50s love ballad, is the story of a man pleading with his lost love. The slow, emotional guitars set the perfect mood for this song.

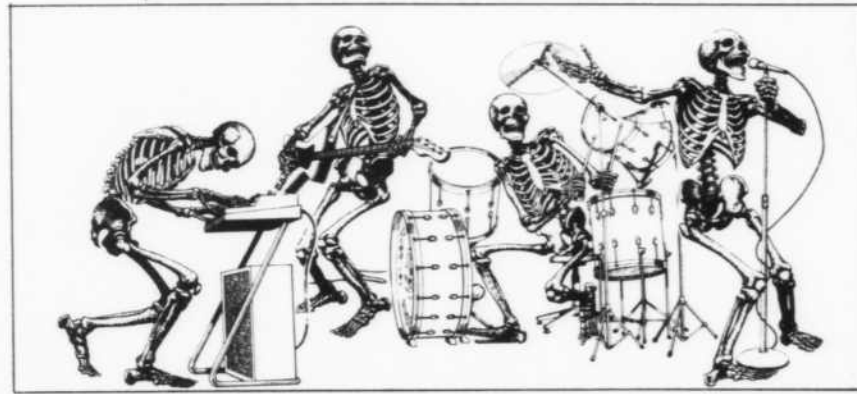
Side two strays a bit from the reckless, youthful spirit of side one. "Call My Name" is a tough, menacing song. The organ is used to perfection as it hovers over a slow, pounding drumbeat.

"Out For a Ride" sounds a lot like the Rolling Stones in their early blues/rock days with its emotional vocals and tight acoustic guitars.

The Del Fuegos are among an elite in the underground scene and they are capable of gathering large audiences across the nation.

However, their sound is so amateurish that the cult following they already have is not likely to forsake them.

The band, made somewhat famous already by a beer commercial, is very tight musically. Every member of the Del Fuegos plays loud and enthusiastically, causing the album to sound as if a bunch of teenagers were getting together to form their first band.



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Sports



Raiders set for clash with Eastern

Murfreesboro—Maintaining an unblemished Ohio Valley Conference record is the prize for the winner Saturday as the MTSU Blue Raiders host Eastern Kentucky.

Seventeenth ranked Eastern comes into the game at 3-0 in OVC play, only half a game ahead of Murray State at 2-0. MTSU is still another half a game back at 1-0.

"Traditional" is not the term that properly applies to the Raider/Col-

onel match-up, but it is close. In recent seasons, the battles between the two powers have become one of the most watched and talked about collisions in the OVC and around the nation.

Last season, the two nationally ranked powers clashed twice, with MTSU winning both games, 22-10 in the regular season and 27-10 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Despite the regular season lost to the Blue Raiders, EKV edged the boys in blue out for the conference title and the automatic play-off berth that goes with it, while MTSU was forced to settle for an at-large berth.

This Saturday's battle poses the possibility of a sell-out or near-sell-out crowd for the Blue Raiders 15,000-seat Jones Field.

"We have two major problems

getting ready for Eastern Kentucky," Blue Raider head coach Boots Donnelly said, "One is their offense and the other is their defense."

Eastern started the season with apparent offensive problems of their own, not moving the ball nearly as well as they would have liked in dumping Akron 16-6 and then losing to top-ten power Marshall in a non-conference battle, 7-13.

The Colonels have attempted to put their attack back on track, first squeezing by Youngstown State, 36-29 and edging by Austin Peay, 20-10.

Mike Whitaker, quarterback for the Colonels, has grown and matured in recent weeks to boost the Colonel attack.

He was 17-of-23 for 225 yards and a touchdown in the win over Youngstown. For the season, he is 39-of-71 for 478 yards and two TD's while being intercepted only three

times.

His top receiver has been Alvin Blount, with 20 catches for 248 yards and one touchdown. The top two rushers for the Colonels are both tailbacks.

James Crawford has 404 yards in 87 carries while teammate Elroy Harris has 318 yards in 47 carries for four TDs.

The Eastern defense has not been a question mark in years, always leading the conference in one or more categories.

It is led by linebacker Fred Harvey, who has a total of 59 tackles for the season, and another Colonel linebacker, Anthony Harper, with 46 total hits.

The Blue Raiders have been something of a 'big-play' team offensively so far this season, a condition not entirely to Donnelly's liking, especially against a team like Eastern Kentucky.

"Eastern doesn't give up many

big plays," Donnelly said, "they never have. We need to be more consistent."

The Raiders have been primarily a running team behind tailbacks Gerald Anderson (382 yards and four touchdowns), Dwight Stone (320 yards and six touchdowns) and quarterback Marvin Collier (195 yards and four touchdowns), along with fullback Tony Burse (174 yards and two touchdowns).

Collier's passing shows 26 completions in 42 passes for 309 yards and three touchdowns.

Defensively the Blue Raiders are led by linebacker Roosevelt Colvard, end John Garrett, linebacker Michael Davis, end Vince Johnson and safety Don Griffith.

MTSU enters the game in a three-way tie for the number three slot in the NCAA Div. I-AA top-twenty poll along with Idaho and William and Mary.

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Rec football winds down

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
 Sidelines Sports Co-Editor

The MTSU Campus Recreation flag football regular season came to an end yesterday on the fields behind Cummings hall with several teams looking forward to continued action in the play-offs which begin Monday afternoon at 4 p.m..

Delta Tau Delta whipped past the Betas 12-8 to put them in a three-way tie in the Greek 'B' Division with Kappa Sig II, and Kappa Alpha II.

Tailback Scott Lewis was the workhorse for the Deltas yesterday playing both offense and defense and throughout most of the game.

"Scott really worked for us," Delta coach Darrell Dambush said. "His speed was really a factor."

The Delta scoring was handled by Gavin Adlock, who put the ball over the goal line twice

against the Betas.

"Gavin did a great job for us," Dambush said. "He is really a big part of our attack."

The Delta defense was led by centerfielder Scott Terry who had two interceptions in the game.

The top seed will be the team with the most victories over any of the others in this three-way tie. If no margin is set then total points scored throughout the season will settle the tie. All three will be in the play-offs, however, due to the fact that four teams from each division will see action.

In other action, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon team beat Sigma Chi, 13-6.

Newcomer quarterback Bill White led his team to the victory with two touchdown passes to Johnny Baggett to put the SAEs over a tough Sigma Chi team.

In the dorm league, Smith II tight-end Matt Fisher, a freshman from Manchester, was knocked unconscious during their game today with Tonic Rubok.

Fisher, who took a blow to the head while attempting to receive a pass, was transported to Middle Tennessee Medical Center and was released.

The play-off schedule will be announced today (Friday) at 3 p.m.

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By MICHAEL FREEMAN
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The Moosemen of MTSU, also known as the Rugby Club, may very soon have some competition for the rugby hearts of the MTSU community.

The competition is in the way of a women's rugby team, and they are well on their way to playing their first match in competition.

Team organizer Dana Sommer is trying to form a team to represent MTSU in the Mid-South Rugby Association, the governing league for rugby in this area.

"We need 15 people to have a team," Sommer said. "So far we only have five, and we need to sign

more girls to compete in the spring season, which begins in February."

The rules, according to Sommer, are very similar to those of men's rugby, only that the women are less violent.

"It's almost like a social club, actually," Sommer said. "We play the match and then afterwards we sit around and drink beer and talk; it's really nice."

Many people have the idea that rugby is a 'killer' sport, and that is simply false, according to Sommer.

"Anyone can play, and it's a lot safer than football," Sommer said. "We don't wear pads, so we are naturally more cautious."

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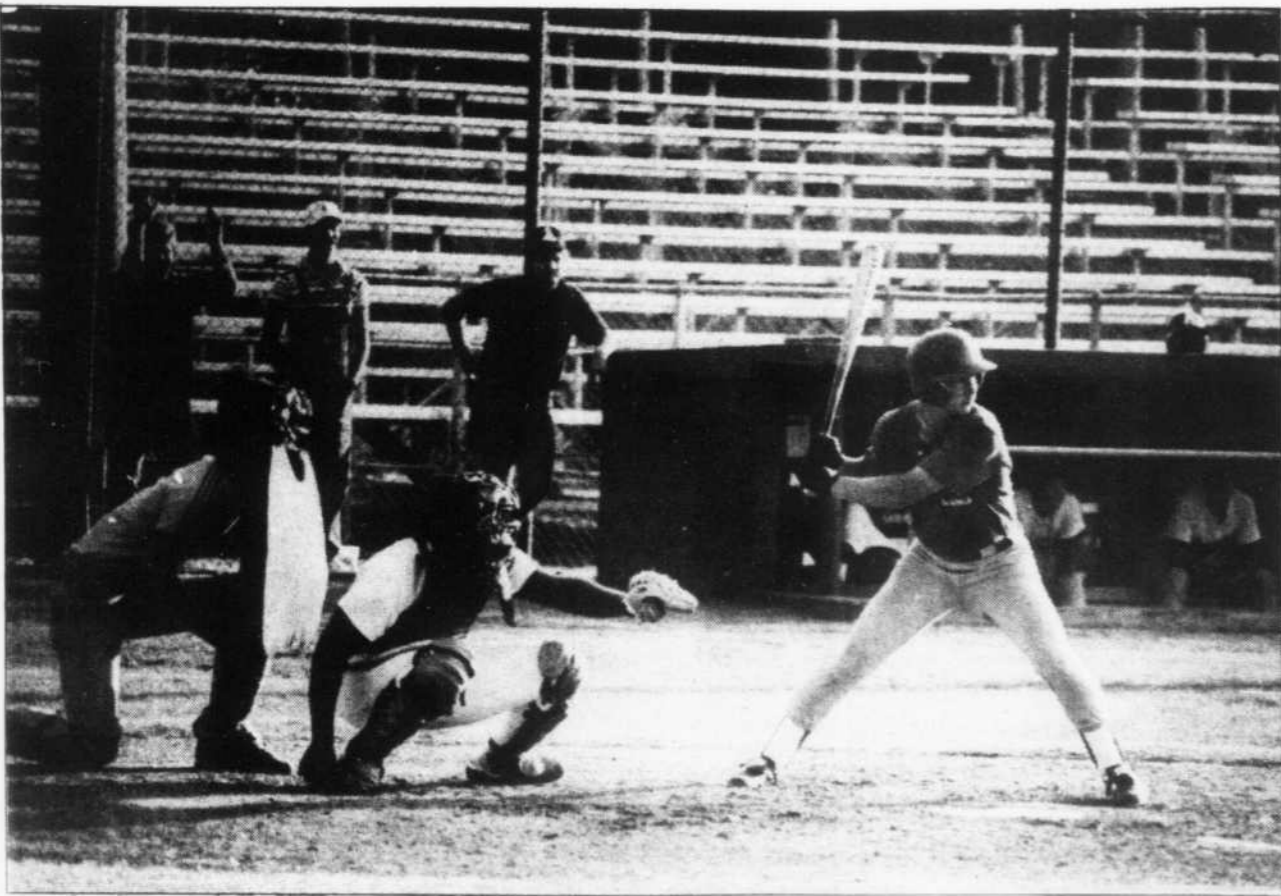
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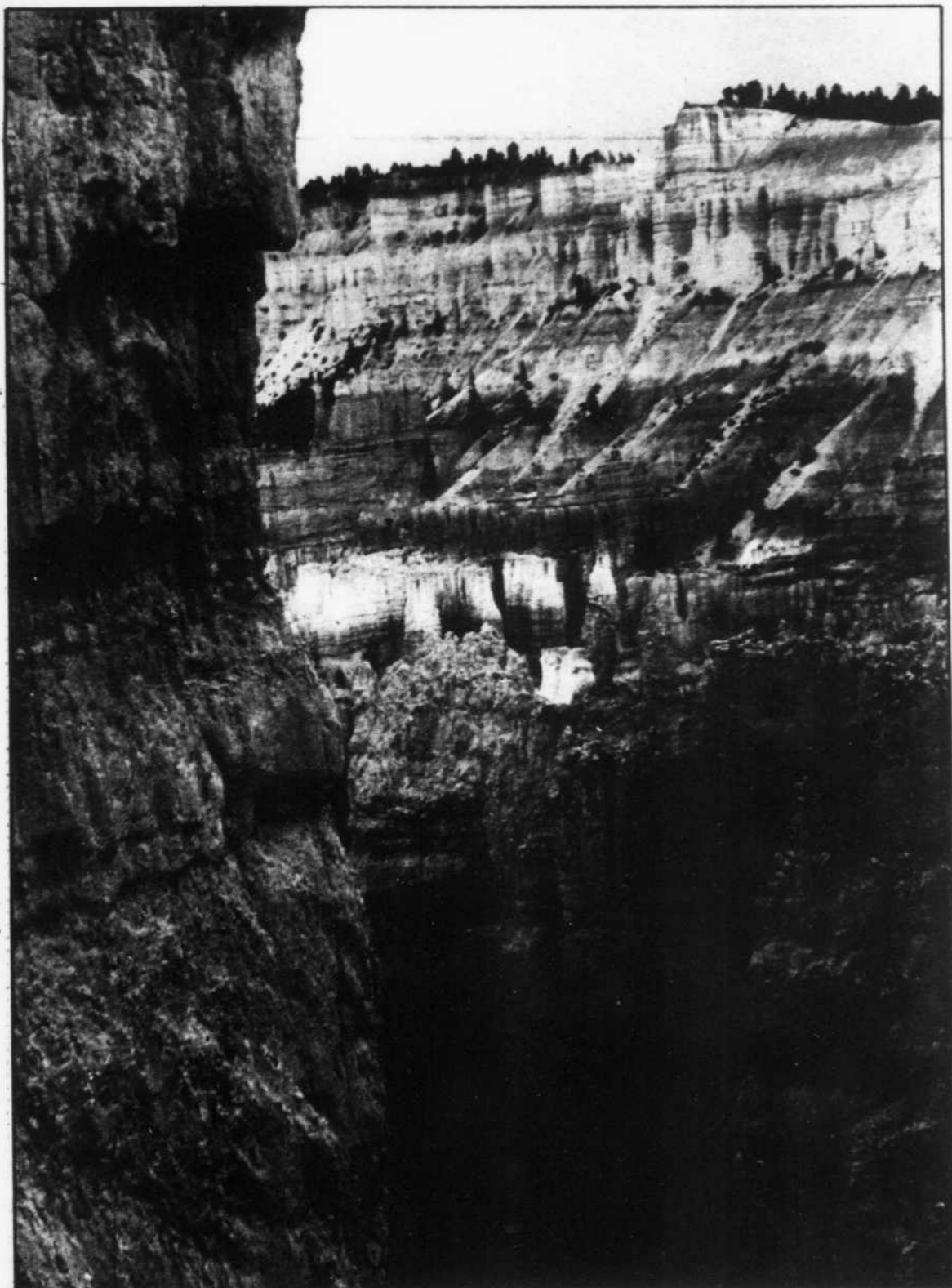
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(above) While hiking down the Kaibab, a main trail on the south rim of the Grand Canyon, Dr. Kohland and MTSU students view a rock avalanche caused by erosion forces.
 (left) James Morrison, a graduate assistant, and Perry Kelso, a geology major, unload the van in preparation for camp at Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah.

Photos by Melissa Givens



(above) Geology students discover Pentacrinites fossils outside of Zion Canyon National Park, Utah.
 (left) The enchanting forms of Bryce Canyon have been carved out of the wasatch formation by the forces of erosion due to wind and water.
 (right) Dr. Kohland, Professor of geology, examines a rock of ancient worm tracks, also known as fucoidal structures.



By MELISSA GIVENS
 Special to Sidelines

It's an early May morning, six a.m., when 11 MTSU students and two faculty members anxiously arrive at the Kirksey Old Main parking lot to load their gear in preparation for the anticipated 18 day geological excursion.

These adventurous students set out on a westward trek during this past spring intersession, that took them through the magnificent Grand Canyons, Bryce and Zion Canyons, The Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park, The Black Hills, Badlands, the Great Salt Lake and much more as they journeyed into what is known as America's greatest western discovery!

The days began in the frosty pre-dawn chill, with packing and loading of our gear back into the van. The daily activities included, among others, backpacking in the canyons. Several of these expeditions were laborious and physically strenuous, but anyone with average health would not have difficulty participating. Many routes consisted of dangerous steep grades and loose rocks. In some cases they were visited for several miles of switchbacks, a common trait of the canyon trails. During the descent, winds in excess of 45 mph were often encountered.

The trip brought the students into contact with many varieties and examples of processes and

forces that have taken place throughout geological time to give the earth its present form.

Lee Mitchell, a geology major, explains, "You really have to think about what you're doing and how it relates to the classroom. It is real work."

The entire trip, however, was not all work. Many interesting sites were visited such as Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse monument, the Mormon Tabernacle, and the Old Faithful Geyser of Yellowstone National Park. Many meals were eaten in unique restaurants. For example, at one the students were given the opportunity to sample fried rattlesnake, buffalo

burgers and mountain oysters. Realizing the importance for preliminary field training, Dr. William F. Kohland, a professor from the MTSU Geology department, introduced the idea in 1972. Before that time there were no departmental field trips. Kohland felt the trips were necessary and should be required of all geology students.

"It shows examples in the field that they learn in class and they acquire hands-on experience," Kohland said.

The field trips during spring intersessions are open to other students for upper level credit. For more information call the MTSU Geology department, extension 2730.

Students place in muscle show

By Michael Freeman
Sidelines Sports Co-Editor

Three Middle Tennessee State University students placed in the top ten of the Mid-South Body Builders competition held recently in Chattanooga, according to Troy Hicks, owner of Troy's Gym here in Murfreesboro.

Brian Gardner, Chris Davis and Thomas Whorley, all regulars at Troy's, represented the gym at the competition.

Gardner placed eighth in the novice division, a category for beginners who are older than the teen-age contestants.

Davis, a junior, captured second place in the 18-19-year-old category.

Davis, who has been lifting for four years, is a newcomer to competitive body-building, this being only his second show.

"I placed second in the Mr. Teen-age Tennessee last year," Davis said.

Whorley placed first in the seventeen-and-under category in the competition.

Whorley also took first place in last year's Mr. Teen-age Tennessee contest.

"I like body-building," Whorley said. "I hope to make my living as a body-builder."

The others agreed that to compete nationally would be the high point of their career.

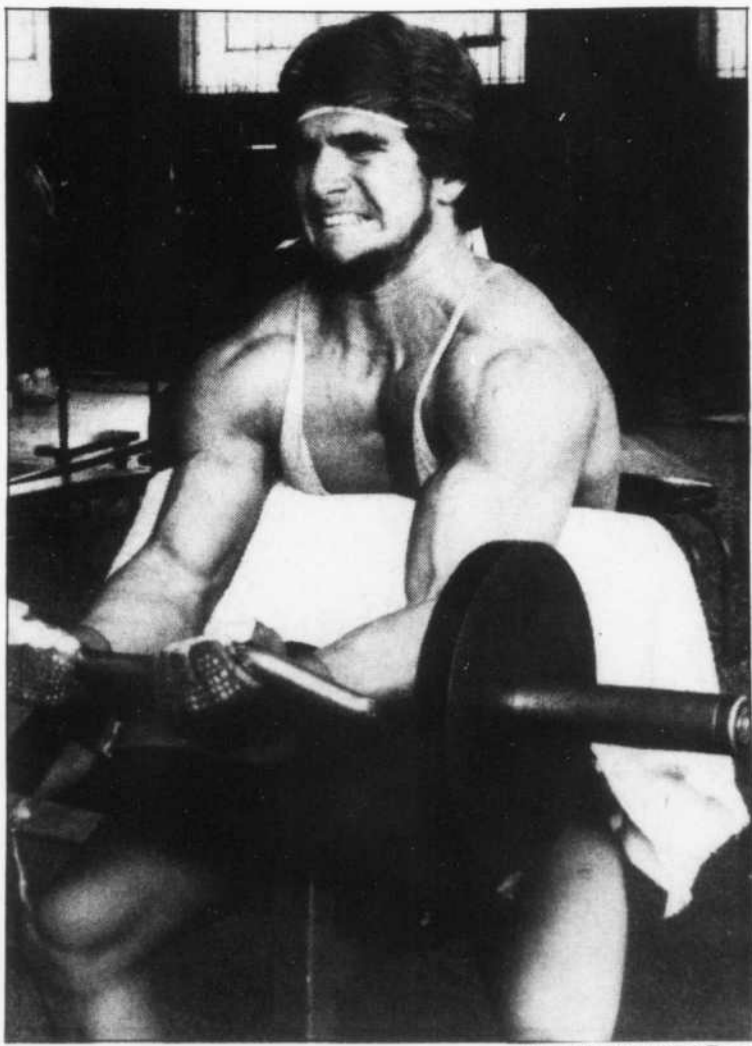


Photo by Howard Ross

Tom Whorley, one of three body builders to place in a competition in Chattanooga recently, works his body at Troy's Gym.

"After college, I hope to move on in my competition," Gardner added. "I need to establish myself

in business and take care of my family first, but competing is in my future.



Volley a Ride?

This 1986 Ford Bronco outside the Alumni Gymnasium is the official vehical of the Ford Volleyball Classic, an intramural volleyball tournament to be held later this semester. A sign-up meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14 at the Alumni Gym.

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