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# Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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## MTSU's Homecoming proves successful



Photo by Bill McClary  
Rhonda McKinley, the 1985 Homecoming Queen, right, is escorted by Lonnie Thompson, ASB President Bobby Hopkins and last year's Queen Leslie Windram crowned Ms. McKinley during Saturday's game.

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Middle Tennessee State University experienced a festive Homecoming from start to finish last Saturday.

The theme for this year's Homecoming was 'Glory Days'. Saturday's activities began with the Homecoming parade which started at 9:00 A.M. in the Greenland parking lot, according to Annette Zellmer, ASB's chairman of Homecoming week.

Jones Field for the 1:30 kick off of the game.

The Blue Raiders fought a give and take game with Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State.

The 5-0 Raiders had to go into two overtimes to defeat the Racers 31-24 and moved their record to 6-0.

With all the excitement of the

is Rhonda McKinley, 1st runner up, Karen Willmore; 2nd runner up, Candy Hale and 4th runner up is Stacey Sisk.

McKinley is a senior from Nashville majoring in Fashion Merchandising and minoring in Public Relations. She is a member of the United Student Association which sponsored her for Homecoming. She is also president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

"It still hasn't hit me yet," McKinley said. "I was so excited that my feet could hardly move."

"I look forward to representing MTSU's students and honoring MTSU in the highest and most respectful manner. I'm really grateful to all the students who supported me," McKinley said.

Kappa Sigma and Chi Omega were the winners of the float competition. Second place went to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Delta Pi.

*It still hasn't hit me yet. I was so excited that my feet could hardly move. - Rhonda McKinley, MTSU Homecoming Queen 1985.*

"There were a record number of entries for the parade this year," Zellmer said. "There were 60 entries."

Congressman Bart Gordon served as Grand Marshal of the parade which was broadcast live on Channel 39.

After the parade, more than 13,000 Blue Raider and Murray State fans gathered at Horace

victory, exhilarated fans tore down the North end goal post.

The goal post will be replaced Friday and will cost approximately \$495.00, according to Paul Cantrell, dean of students.

During half time the Homecoming Queen, runners up and the winning float from the parade were announced.

Homecoming Queen for 1985

## Enrollment down, funds may decrease

By LIZ WILLIAMS  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Enrollment at Middle Tennessee State University is expected to decrease in the next five years, but officials here see no need to fear cuts in student-based state funding because of the decline.

MTSU's current enrollment is 11,293 students with a full time student equivalency of 9,854, according to school records. That figure is 20 students less than the University base enrollment which determines how much state funding is received.

If enrollment decreases by 5 percent of that base or 500 students, subsidies will be cut back.

"I don't think we'll go down near 500," Dr. Cliff Gillespie, MTSU Dean of admissions, records, and information systems said.

The projected decrease that officials do foresee is being blamed on the fewer number of students graduating from area high schools and the more aggressive recruiting

practices of the other state educational institutions. Both factors have affected first-time freshman enrollment, Gillespie said.

Although funding can be decreased if enrollment drops, there is no provision for state funds increases in the university's student population surpasses the base by that same five percent — a factor upsetting to MTSU president Sam Ingram.

"It's foolish to argue that it cost as much money to educate 5,000 [students] as it does 7,000," Ingram said. "Whatever that base is, if [there are] more students, then [there should be] more money."

If MTSU enrollment did drop below the five percent range, Ingram said it would only be fair that state funds be lost, how ever Bill Greene, MTSU vice president for business and finance, said the circumstances would call for changes.

"We still have to heat and cool buildings," Greene said. "We would be advocating any changes [in the funding formula] that would basi-

cally protect our base funding because of that fixed element."

"Unless we had a significant decrease in students, we're not going to close Peck Hall, for example," Greene said.

The enrollment based formula, according to Ingram, does not need to be changed, but the president said he would like to see some revisions.

Currently, the state of Tennessee bears approximately 70 percent of the academic costs per year while students are paying the remaining 30 percent. That translates, Ingram said, into proportional tuition hikes for the student whenever state support is increased.

"Increases have been so dramatic in the past few years," Ingram said, "that we are fast approaching the time when students will not be able to go to college because of a lack of financial resources."

"In spite of the many arguments for changing, we have not yet come up with a [funding] system more fair," Ingram said.

## LaLance back, "feeling fine"



Dr. Robert LaLance

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Robert C. LaLance, Vice President of Student Affairs, was discharged from St. Thomas Hospital Wednesday, after undergoing a series of tests.

LaLance was admitted to the hospital after suffering a mysterious attack Saturday October 12. While enroute to a hunting spot, LaLance began to feel ill.

"I felt a tightening in my chest. Then I began to feel short of breath," LaLance said.

LaLance was admitted to Middle Tennessee Medical Center, and later transferred to St. Thomas.

A battery of tests, including an EEG and a CAT scan, failed to determine a definite cause for the attacks, according to LaLance.

"The tests did show that my heart is in pretty good shape," LaLance said.

LaLance returned to work Friday October 18, and played in a golf tournament over the weekend.

"I feel fine and I'm very happy to be back at work," LaLance said.

### Correction

In last Friday's issue of *Sidelines* it was reported that Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma had been placed on probation prohibiting either fraternity from participating in school sponsored athletic events. The probation does not prohibit the fraternities from participating in school sponsored athletic events but is a message deeming the fraternities conduct to be unacceptable. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

## Alpha Phi Alphas treat kids

By CHRIS BELL  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

A group of children who might otherwise not have been able to attend MTSU's homecoming game last Saturday were there due to the efforts of the members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Alonzo Jarrett, chairman of the fraternity's community project committee, called Laura Jose, a Rutherford County Youth Services officer, and proposed the idea of taking the children to a game. This was an idea that "I was definitely pleased with," Jose said.

"We [Alphas] wanted to provide a positive role model for these kids that come in contact with juvenile court," Jarrett said. "By being ex-

posed to a positive environment, you can make a choice. If you're living in a negative environment then that is all you know. Especially in this day and time with drugs and alcohol are rampant in our society, these kids really need us and groups like us to give them encouragement and a helping hand."

The youngsters who went to the game were children, "referred to us by the court. They are in need of father figures," Jose said. What the fraternity did is similar to what the big brother and big sister groups do, Jose said.

"A lot of us had parents to take us to games and other functions such as this, and these kids just don't have that chance," Alpha Phi Alpha

president Lee Johnson said. "We want these kids to know that there is some good in the world and that some one cares."

There are eight university students currently working as volunteers with the organizations, Jose said. "College students are good volunteers," Jose said.

"The kids enjoyed the game very much. We plan on keeping this as a project during basketball season also," Jarrett said. "A lot of credit and thanks should be extended to our athletic director Jimmy Earle for his help in getting this project rolling. We hope to expand this project by getting area businesses involved like theaters and restaurants."

## MTSU observes Higher Education

By CARLTON WINFREY  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Oct. 19 - 26 is National Higher Education Week and Middle Tennessee State University is observing the week along with about 2,000 other colleges and universities across the country.

Dr. Sam Ingram, president of the university, Murfreesboro mayor Joe B. Jackson and John Makin, Rutherford County Executive signed a proclamation declaring Higher Education Week in Murfreesboro.

The theme for the week is "Honor Thy Faculty." The purpose of Higher Education Week, first observed in 1981 is to increase the public's knowledge of the value of higher education and the contributions it makes to all factors of American life, according to the proclamation.

"During national Higher Education Week, it seems appropriate to take a look at what the self-study revealed about the members of three MTSU faculty, their concerns

and their visions for the future," Dr. June McCash, professor of French and chairman of the department of Foreign Languages at MTSU said.

The faculty at MTSU will be honored at a coffee Wednesday and WMOT will be conducting faculty commentaries throughout the week.

The study showed that the faculty to a whole is hard-working, loyal to the university and supportive of its activities, McCash said.



Photo by Bill McClary

MTSU students overjoyed by the sudden death victory over Murray State last Saturday, charge down the field carrying the upright from the North goal post.

# Campus Capsule

## TUESDAY

**THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** representing the home economics department would like to announce the student faculty form Oct. 22 from 9:30-10:30 in room 106 of the Ellington Home Economics Building.

**MTSU CAMPUS MINISTREY** will join together for an Ecumenical Peace With Justice Worship Service on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship Center at 7:30 p.m. The service is sponsored by the Wesley Foundation.

## WEDNESDAY

**HONORS SERIES LECTURES** will present "The Psychology of Humor," with Dr. Carl Freitag, professor of psychology, Oct. 23, in Room 107 of Peck Hall at 3:30 p.m.

**MAYO TAYLOR, DIRECTOR** of the Tennessee Environmental Council, will be in Murfreesboro on Oct. 23 to discuss the long term effects of the Department of Energy's proposal to store nuclear waste in Tennessee. As this proposal could affect this and all future generations of Tennesseans everyone is encouraged to attend. The presentation will be Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Davis Science Building, Room 100, on the MTSU campus. This talk is being sponsored by

the MTSU Biology Department, is free and is open to the public.

Call Patrick Doyle, 898-2069, the Biology Department, 898-2847, or Mayo Taylor, 351-5075, for additional information.

**TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND** will perform classic calypso, reggae and contemporary music, Wednesday, Oct. 23 at noon in the University Center Theatre. The event is sponsored by the MTSU Special Events Committee and is free and open to the public.

## THURSDAY

**DR. CORAMAE MANN**, assistant professor of criminology, Florida State University and the author of "Female Crime and Delinquency," will give a lecture entitled, "Women Criminals: Nuts, Sluts, or Guts?," Thursday, October 24 at 3:00 p.m. in room 109A in Peck Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice Administration.

## MONDAY, OCT. 28

**ARTIST LANA TACKETT** will lecture on science illustrations Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m. in room 130 of the Davis Science Building.

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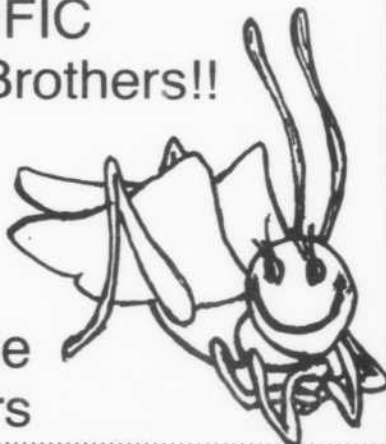
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Cadet Angela D. Watkins is an MTSU senior from Chattanooga, Tennessee, majoring in Elementary Education. She attended the 1985 ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. Angela was awarded a two-year ROTC scholarship last year which is paying for her books and tuition. The total worth of her scholarship is in excess of \$4,000.

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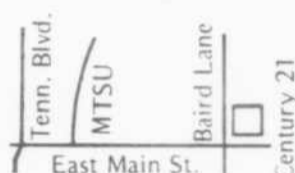
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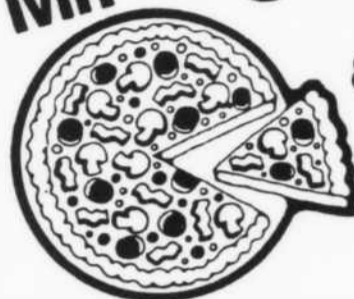
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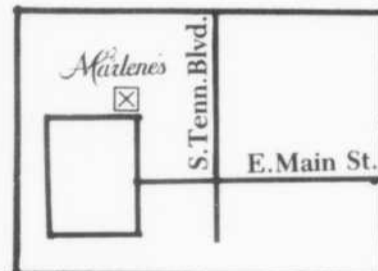
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## Sweetness

Sugar sells for about four cents a pound on the world market. The shelf price here in the United States is approximately 36 cents a pound—and Americans have the Congress and President Reagan to thank for it.

In 1981, Congress voted to enact subsidies that would provide a "safety net" for domestic sugar growers who were being hurt by fluctuating prices and foreign competition. The bill set a base price of 17 cents per pound that farmers could expect to get from the government—if they couldn't get a better price elsewhere.

President Reagan, who considers himself a champion of free-market enterprise, played politics in 1981 and became a backer of protectionism. He said he would back the sugar bill if Southern democrats would vote for his budget.

Reagan went a step further in 1982 by restricting sugar imports for the first time since 1974.

So the U.S. sugar industry has spent the last several years operating under an unrealistic price structure, and Third World countries that depend on sugar exports have been crippled financially by U.S. quotas.

Moreover, the sugar industry has been hurt by the increasing use of alternative sweeteners such as aspartame and saccharine. Health-conscious Americans have discarded sugar jars, replacing them with low-calorie sweeteners. And protectionist policies have caused many food and beverage companies

to use corn syrup as a cheaper form of sweetener.

There is no good reason for the American consumer and the American taxpayer to put up billions in order to save our sugar industry. Sugar is not a strategic material. National security does not depend upon protecting our sweet tooth from deprivation in case of war. If our foreign supplies of sugar are cut off, we can simply do without. Sugar can be produced more cheaply in Third World countries in the tropics. And it can give such countries a good start toward industrialization, because it is efficient to process the sugar where the cane is grown.

It is in the selfish interest of we consumers and taxpayers to end subsidies and quotas so that we can buy our sweeteners at the world price.

And it is in the best interest of this country that we help Third World countries develop those industries which are most suitable for them, in order that they may be able to raise themselves economically by their own bootstraps.

## Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service is worried about its image. It should be.

For more than 60 years Americans considered the IRS efficient, ruthless perhaps, but efficient—a government service that made sure every tax-payer paid his or her fair share.

But this year the IRS has had problems. It has lost tax returns,

sent taxpayers conflicting notices and has been months behind with refunds.

The IRS is not entirely to blame for these boo-boos. In the past five years its staff has been cut by 5,000, despite an ever-growing workload.

A loss in IRS personnel and efficiency can lead to significant increases in tax cheating. About 20 percent of the population admits in polls on the subject that it cheats—perhaps as much as \$120 billion annually. And yet, the IRS reports it must reduce the number of audits it conducts to 12 per 1000 taxpayers this year down from 14 per 1000 in 1984 because of manpower shortages.

The IRS obviously doesn't have enough help. Each year, the tax processing becomes more complicated and demanding. Taxpayers write 200,000 letters per day. They have to be read, researched and answered. Each change in the tax code requires that an agent be schooled to interpret the change.

If the tax work is to be accomplished quickly and efficiently it stands to reason that the IRS is going to have to add personnel. We may end with more IRS auditors than taxpayers.

Clearly, it's time for a change. Tax returns have become so complicated and tax laws are so full of loopholes for those with the means to find them that there is little wonder that Americans are losing faith.

The process must be simplified. It must be made fair and workable for all tax brackets. If Congress doesn't pass tax reform soon, cheating will be difficult to control.

# Helms bans the devil

By BARBARA CELIA  
Sidelines Columnist

The U.S. Senate with the guiding hand of Senator Jesse Helms, Republican representative of North Carolina has thrust American governmental policies into the dark ages.

The Senate voted Thursday to deny tax exemptions to any cult promoting Satanism or witchcraft. Such a decision is obviously based on morality of the issue than on the rights stated in the Constitution. Remarks from Helms placed in the Congressional Record state Helms saying, "I cannot believe that Congress ever intended...the Internal Revenue Code to be used to promote witchcraft or other cult-related activities through the granting of tax exemptions." This is quite a hypocritical remark that contradicts the First Amendment of the Constitution, which reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." I feel that the people that supported this action are closing their eyes to the reality of the situation. Like it or not, many people participate in Satan-worshipping as an organized religious activity.

The tax code exempts any entity "that is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes." As a concious policy decision, the code and the applicable Treasury regulations do not attempt to define what religious purposes are. Neither do I, I just feel that one must tolerate others activities, as long as they do not pose a threat to the general society. That is part of the freedom we experience.

Senator Jesse Helms seems to want to curb general opinion and activities that he personally does not agree with. Senator Helms has previously gained notoriety for supporting the well-known Jerry Falwell.

He seems to be impassioned with religion and the way he feels it should be conducted, or as with Satan-worshipping not conducted. It is apparent that this piece of legislation is dealing with majority consent and moralism that he and his followers feel are appropriate for everyone else. The people that line up with Senator Helms need to realize or remember, whichever is easier for them, that the U.S. government was formed on the basis of tolerating others for the privileged of everyone being free, to do as they please.

This is not a new thought, but goes just a few years. If I recall my 201 history class correctly, one of the reasons that the "wild, new land" was tamed was to escape religious persecution. One would think that after all these years we would have progressed beyond this point.

The denial of these rights could be the first in Senator Helms' ride on the bandwagon of self-proclaimed righteousness, but assuredly not the last. As stated by Rev. Barry Lynn, spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union, "You cannot link the tax-exempt status to the popularity of the religious belief that is promoted. You cannot distinguish between religions when you are granting this kind of preferential status." Sorry, Senator Helms, you cannot contradict the Constitution to fit your own personal beliefs. If one person tries to inhibit the rights of freedom, by imposing one's own personal beliefs on others, well, just take me to ole' Mother Russia.

As uncommon as I feel to Satan-worshipping is to the American society, I do not think that it should be singled out on the basis of its different doctrines. If it falls in the legal category of "organized religious activities", grin and bear it guys.

# MTSU profs excel

Sometimes our society tends to put people in boxes. We have doctor boxes, lawyer boxes, secretary boxes, realtor boxes, banker boxes, politician boxes, merchant boxes, preacher boxes, and teacher boxes.

During Higher Education Week we're paying special attention to the people in the teacher boxes. And we're recognizing the contributions they make to society in general and to Murfreesboro and Rutherford County in particular. Obviously, college teachers make significant contributions through their influence on their students. But if we credit them only for those contributions we may be guilty of a sort of tunnel vision.

A college education is a broadening experience, and those who are at college lecterns are also on the soccer field, in the planning commission meetings, in the community theatre or on the arts council, in the churches, the political arena, and wherever else people are working to enrich and enhance all our lives.

Sometimes the things they do are an extension of their professional activity. Ed Kimbrell expands our vision of the media with his weekly commentaries on Channel 4's 6 o'clock newscasts. Bob Wyatt moonlights as Book Editor for *The Tennessean*. Glenn Himebaugh, Gray Cox, and other contribute opinion columns for various publications.

Charles Wolfe had become one of the foremost authorities on folklore and country music. Linnell Gentry, too, is an acknowledged country music buff.

Mack Thweatt's off-campus loves Little League baseball and ham radios, and Faye Johnson calls herself a "soccer mother." Horace Beasley and Joe Nunley, who switched from faculty to administration as Alumni Director, are moving forces in work with and for the retarded.

Wymer Wiser serves on the new County Beautification Commission. Tom Harris is directing the next production at Murfreesboro Little Theater, with Ollie Fancher designing the set. After that, June and Bart McCash will direct. Others contribute their dramatic and artistic talents to that endeavor from time to time.

Deborah Anderson and Crosby Hunt are writing and directing a new play based on the Sam Davis story to be staged nnext summer in Pulaski. Ann Holland, who toured Japan last summer with Tennessee on Tour, which she choreographed, is in rehearsal with that group now for a second planned tour. Lee Allsbrook, who serves on the President's Council for Physical Fitness and consults with the Boy Scouts of America on the same subject, is a superb example himself as he trains for a Triathlon which will attract athletes from all over the world.

Without the tenacity and perseverance of the late Bob Prytula, Murfreesboro would very likely have no Crisis and Rape Center, and without Lon Nuell's work there might be no Arts and Humanities Council.

The lobbying efforts of Patrick Doyle, King Jamison and others earned salary increases for faculty

in public colleges and universities across Tennessee, Jim Huhta is nationally respected as a pioneer in historic preservation, and Hans Mueller and Kiyoshi Kawahito enjoy international reputations as experts in the steel industry. Norman Ferris presides over a national association of university professors. Bob Herring looks forward to the filming of his first novel while he pens others, and Bob Womack was one of the moving forces in bringing the increasingly popular Walking Horse Owners Association's show to Murfreesboro.

In short, faculty members write, lecture, do research, and share their time and expertise with business, industry, and individuals. Some of their contributions are well-known; others are made quietly with the only recognition being the satisfaction of a job well-done.

Some speak at civic clubs; others submit frequently to radio or television interviews. More than 500 have skills, talents, and ideas to share, and most of them do so generously.

It is fitting during this week, whose theme is "Honor Thy Faculty," that we do so. And though time and space (and the knowledge of what they do, for they are, in addition to being energetic, a relatively modest lot) do not permit mention of all their contributions, they are nonetheless appreciated for the richness and variety they give to their boxes in which we all live.

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# Features/Entertainment

## Education majors work with Campus School

By BETH BLOCKER  
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's Campus School, located on Tennessee Boulevard between Lytle and Bell streets, provides both a teacher training lab for education majors and a superb elementary education for its students.

Every university offers its elementary education majors methods classes—such as reading and math. For actual teaching experience, however, most students must rely on city schools.

MTSU is one of the few universities fortunate enough to have an elementary school on campus specifically geared towards providing hands-on teaching experience.

According to Dr. Mary Tom Berry, chairman of the elementary and special education department, this gives education majors a maximum amount of lab work.

"A typical education major will have 200 hours working with children prior to student teaching," Berry said. "An elementary education major will acquire 300 hours."

This experience is invaluable, ac-

ording to Dr. Ron Towery, principal of Campus School.

"Schools across the state have told us that our education majors know what they're doing when they begin working," Towery said. "The concept of a campus lab school produces a superior teacher on the whole."

Classroom schedule is very flexible to adapt to the needs of the university students. However, this does not detract from the quality of education, Towery said.

Actually, the varied schedule keeps the students from becoming bored with the same routine.

"Most good elementary teachers restructure their schedules anyway," Towery stated.

All Campus School professors teach a university class along with their elementary class. The children are taught by a graduate assistant, who is a certified teacher, while the professor teaches a methods class.

Seventeen university classes are taught in Campus School.

Quality education for its students

is Campus School's primary goal. Because of its affiliation with MTSU, students have access to a wide variety of materials and enrichment experiences. The pupils also benefit from frequent individual or small group instruction.

"In classes, our students are achieving above the national norm," Towery said, "and as individuals, we feel like our children are reaching their potential."

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 370 children currently attending Campus School with another 180 on a waiting list. A child must be three years old before he or she can be added to the list.

Since its founding in 1928, the school has provided Murfreesboro with quality education for elementary and university students.

With special programs such as computer training and continued experience in tutoring and teaching for education majors here, Campus School is an invaluable asset to MTSU.



Photo by Howard Ross

MTSU education majors wait for class at MTSU's Campus School where they will participate in observation and tutoring of students there.



"Jagged Edge" stars Glenn Close, Robert Loggia and Jeff Bridges are shown here in a courtroom scene.

## Christian Student Center offers weekly activities for students

By KELLEY ANDERSON  
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Church of Christ fellowship house, known as the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center, is unique because its facilities include housing for Middle Tennessee State University students.

"The goal was to provide low-cost housing for Christian students," explained Rob Mossack, director of the center. "Plus it gives us 20 or so people to live here who are around all the time."

Besides student housing, the Christian center offers several planned weekly activities for students.

On Monday nights a time for Bible study and devotions, called "Koinonia," is held at 7 p.m. On Wednesdays at 12 p.m. there is a

time for eating and fellowship called "Bread Break." The last main weekly activity, "Harmony," emphasizes singing and is held at 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Not only are there weekly events that students can participate in, but there are many monthly activities which are planned by the officers and members of the center.

On Thursday, Oct. 24, a cookout is planned. Later this month, on the 27th, the center will attend a Church of Christ in Smyrna. And at 6 p.m. the following day a potluck dinner will be held.

Last, but not least, on Oct. 31 a Halloween party is scheduled.

Although there is an advisory board, a director and an associate director at the center, the officers

and members are responsible for making most of the decisions.

However, the officers work very closely with the staff in coordinating activities for the center. The officers are: Les Dyer, president; Mark Harrel, vice president; Dianna Fugate, vice president; Beth Ridings, secretary; Sandra Ashby, treasurer; and Bobby Hendren, ASB representative.

One goal of the center that will soon be realized is when Mossack teaches Bible 211 there. This class will allow MTSU students the opportunity to receive college credit while learning about the life of Christ.

Another goal the center hopes to achieve is campus outreach.



Photo by Bill McClary

Students at the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center gather around the piano for an afternoon tune they are from left to right: Rodney Key, Alice Dickerson, Eddie Mize and Michele Sanders and playing the piano is Bobby Hendren.

## 'Jagged Edge' plot mystifies

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

### Jagged Edge

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BY DAVID LEE GREGOR  
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

"Jagged Edge" may very well garner the award for Best Picture of the Year, earn Glenn Close an award for Best Actress and Jeff Bridges an award for Best Actor.

Millionaire heiress Paige Forrester is brutally slain, along with her maid, at their expensive beachfront home.

Her husband, Jack Forrester (Bridges), an editorial editor for *The San Francisco Times* and candidate for the state Senate, is found unconscious at the scene of the crime with his wife's blood smeared on his clothing. He is implicated in the murders, and later arrested.

District Attorney Thomas Krasny (Peter Coyote) immediately launches himself into the compilation of what eventually proves to be a less-than air-tight case against Forrester. Forrester, on the other hand, turns to his corporate lawyers for legal assistance, and discovers Teddy Barnes (Close), who formerly worked for Krasny as a criminal prosecutor. Fortunately for Jack, she has a perfect record: she has never lost a case.

After some deliberation, Barnes takes Forrester's case, and is immediately set at odds with Krasny. Forrester then easily passes a lie detector test. A leading criminal psychologist bolsters Barnes' case by stating that Forrester is absolutely incapable of "that blood-bath."

Meanwhile, Barnes looks up a crusty old gumshoe by the name of Sam Ransom (Robert Loggia, *The Godfather*) with whom she used to work with several years previous. They work together in Forrester's defense in spite of a nagging conviction on Ransom's part that Forrester is guilty.

As this kind of story goes, Barnes begins to spend lots of time with Forrester, working only on the professional level at first, of course. But in this case familiarity does not breed contempt and the two become attracted to each other.

Enamoured with her new paramour, Barnes proceeds to energetically and completely destroy the credibility of all of Krasny's witnesses. But then Krasny lowers the boom.

He subpoenas Forrester's former mistress (Diane Erickson), and Paige Forrester's current lover, a country club playboy by the very becoming name of Bobby Slade (Marshall Colt). Krasny uses them to produce some very damaging testimony against Forrester. But for Forrester, the testimony wreaks worse results yet.

Having clearly allowed herself to become too emotionally involved with her client and in his defense, Barnes is emotionally destroyed by the discovery of Forrester's ex-mistress. She threatens to drop the case, and even goes as far as meeting with Judge Carrigan (John Dehner) to discuss the possibility of doing so. But Barnes sticks with the ease.

With a renewed energy fired by her fury with herself and Forrester, she proceeds to destroy the credibility of Slade and his previous testimony, and even implicates Slade as a possible suspect in the murders. She goes on to get Krasny in trouble with Judge Carrigan as a result of a possible breach of the ethical code of Law on Krasny's part.

The movie is excellent, and is probably the best film to come out in years. The screenplay is excellent, and the musical score is an outstanding blend of the intense and the tender. The plot is outstanding, keeping the viewer off-guard and mystified until the final moment of the film.

The film features the best combination of acting to come along since *The Big Chill*, another Glenn Close film. When such movie giants as Close, Bridges, Loggia, Coyote and Dehner get together, one knows that the product of their teamwork will be simply outstanding.

This five-star film is rated 'R', and is now showing at the Cinema Twin in Murfreesboro.

## 'American Ninja' disaster film

### American Ninja

★ ★

BY DAVID LEE GREGOR  
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

Nin-Jitsu is the oriental art of assassination. It is practiced only in the Far East. In order to insure that that's where it stays, those who practice the deadly art have imposed an unquestionable penalty of death on anyone who dares teach it to anyone in the west. But someone in the west has learned it, and the deadliest art of the orient is now in the hands of an American.

Michael Dudikoff stars as Joe, a withdrawn, loner type and new recruit in the U.S. Army stationed somewhere in the Philippine Islands.

The convoy Joe is driving in is hijacked by Philippine rebels, but, inspired by Joe, the G.I.s overtake the rebels and enter the Ninjas.

Clad in black, they come down out of the hills, and proceed to mercilessly slaughter the G.I.s. Joe saves the Colonel's airhead daughter (Judie Aronson, *Wierd Science*).

The Colonel, angry at Joe for causing the deaths of his comrades in the field, initiates court-martial proceedings against Joe, who stays

in the doghouse throughout most of the movie.

Unfortunately for Joe, trouble follows him around like a lost puppy. After mopping up the base's martial arts instructor (Steven James), whom he later makes friends with, Joe accidentally discovers the Colonel and his first assistant, Sergeant Renaldo, are scheming with the rebels and their leader, Victor Ortega (Don Stewart), in selling weapons to foreign governments.

Joe has several run-ins with Ortega's private army of Ninjas, and of course makes them all look like bumbling fools.

This film is just another low-grade martial arts movie, and is a sad attempt at reviving the martial arts fervor of the late 1970s. The plot is predictable from the beginning to the end of the film, and the acting is simply terrible.

This two-star film is rated 'R', and is now showing at the Cinema Twin in Murfreesboro.



# Entertainment



## Personality Profile: Ricky Scaggs

By NICK REED  
Sidelines Editorial Editor

In the homogeneous, pop-influenced world of modern country music, Ricky Scaggs is a breath of fresh air.

His clean, bluegrass-oriented music is hailed as "purist," and his musical proficiency has earned him the reputation of being the "musician's musician."

The Cordell, Ky. native began his musical career at the tender age of five when his father brought home a mandolin. Within two weeks he

had taught himself the basic chords and was singing and playing progressions. Later, he mastered the guitar, violin, telecaster and mandocaster (a five-stringed electric mandolin).

From singing in church and local fairs, Scaggs eventually formed his own group, Boone Creek. Along with J.D. Crowe and The New South, these early musicians were experimenting with ways to cross-breed country and bluegrass with jazz, folk and rock.

During this period he met Em-

mylou Harris, who asked him to join her band in 1977 and in 1980 he wrote the arrangements for her critically acclaimed album, *Roses In The Snow*.

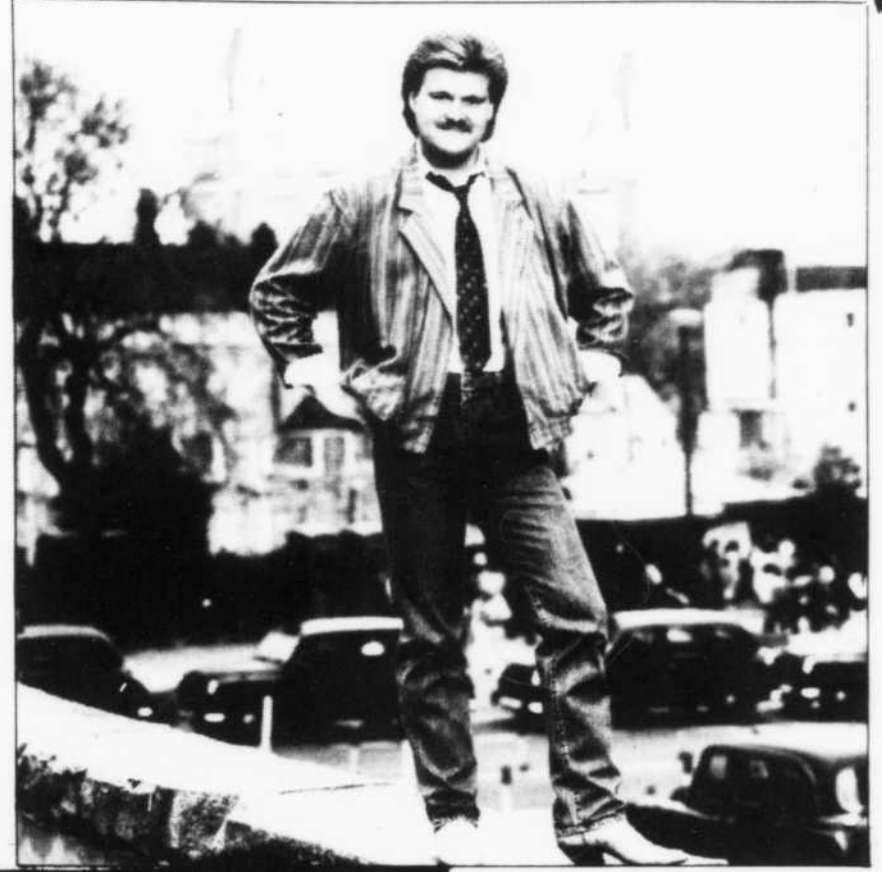
Among his many influences in music are the diverse works of artists such as the Beatles, Rolling Stones, George Jones and bluegrass legend Bill Monroe. Scaggs has fused these with his own remarkable talent into one of the major acts on the country music scene today.

Many of his albums have gone gold and platinum, such as *High-*

*ways and Heartaches* and *Waiting For The Sun To Shine*.

In 1982 Scaggs was named Male Vocalist of the Year by the Country Music Association, in 1983 by Instrumental Group of the Year and finally received Grammy awards in 1984 and 1985 successively for Best Country Instrumentalist.

This year at the CMA awards, Scaggs received the honor of Entertainer of the Year.



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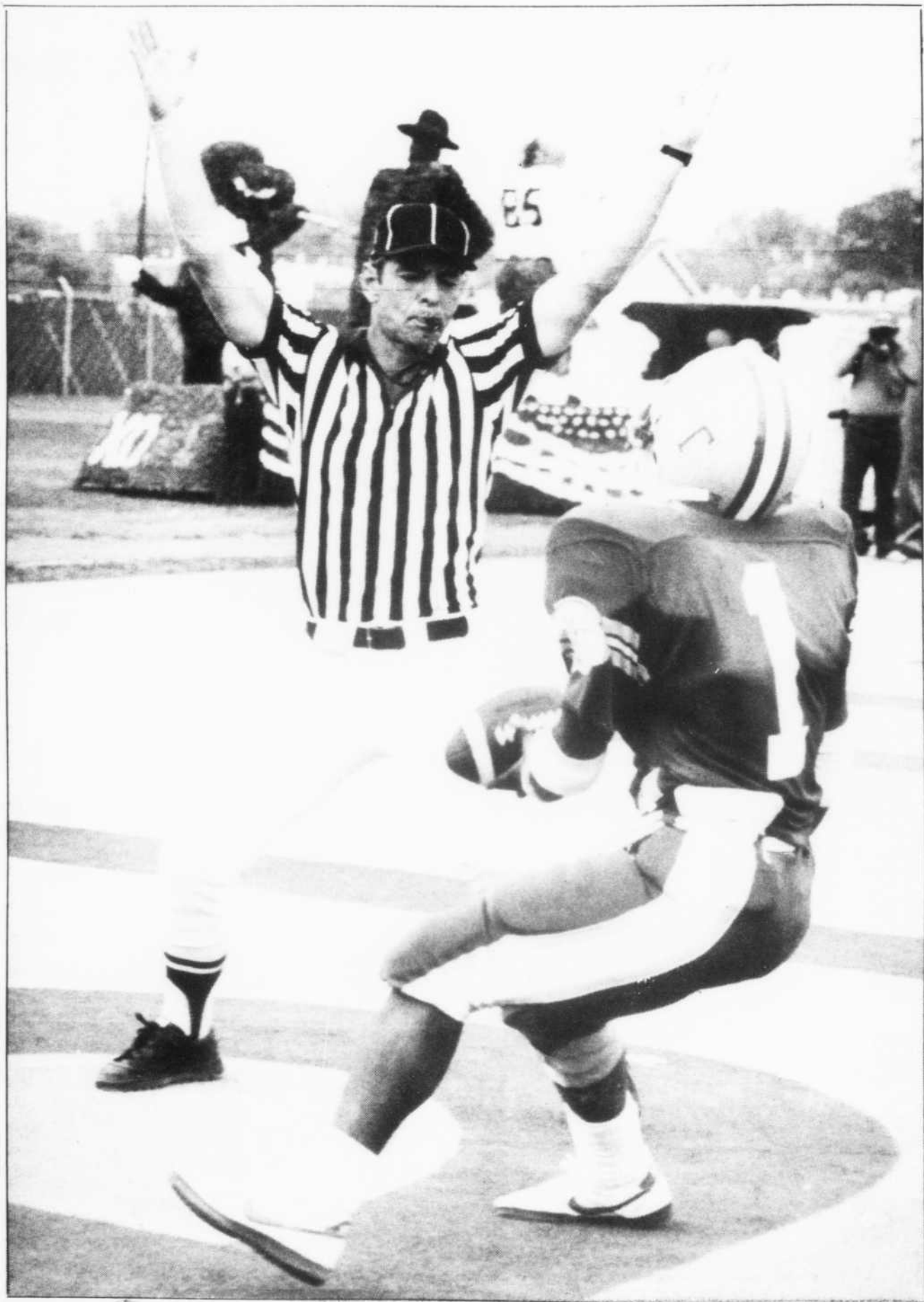
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# 'Glory Days' 1985



By WAYNE CARTWRIGHT  
Sidelines Staff Photographer

It was a week that started with friendly competition among the various organizations on campus and ended with MTSU winning an exciting football victory over Murray State on Saturday.

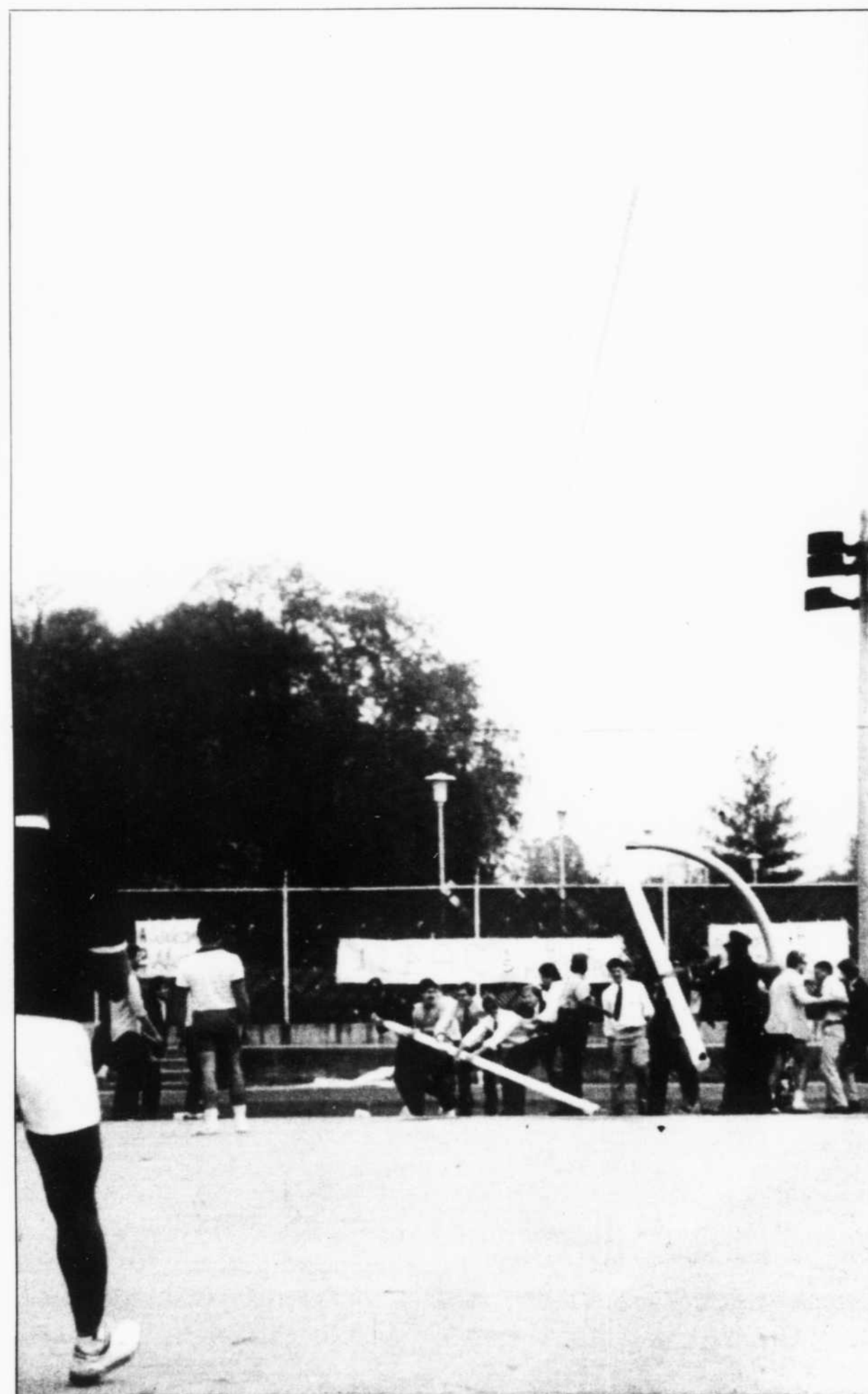
The week was full of activities such as the fight song competition, the chili cook-off, and the bonfire pep rally. There were events that tested the athletic abilities of the different organizations — not to mention their school spirit.

Saturday, the school became united as it participated in the parade that celebrated its homecoming. Later in the day, students and faculty cheered the football team to victory in a game that went into overtime play. The homecoming celebration gave students, parents, faculty, and alumni the opportunity to show their support for MTSU and to share an experience that all could enjoy.

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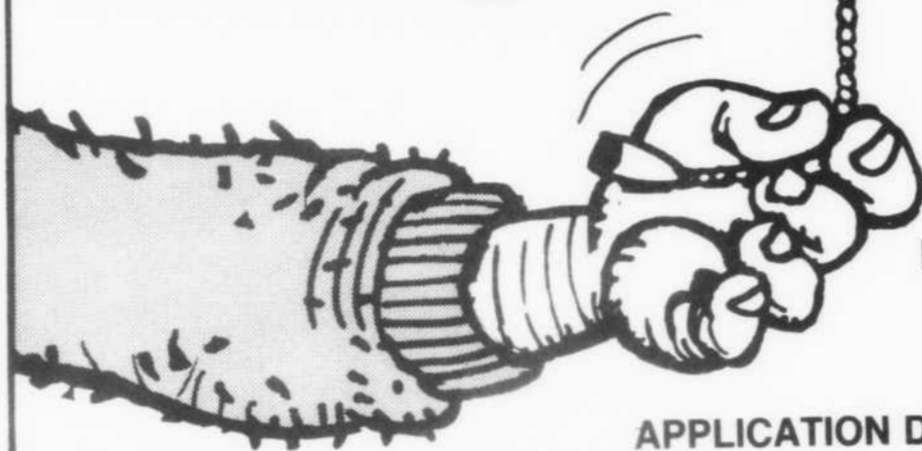


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# Sports

## Raiders rally in double OT, 31-24

By HANK WALKER  
Sidelines Sports Co-Editor

The MTSU Blue Raiders thrilled a homecoming crowd of 13,300 by defeating a tough Murray State University team 31-24 in double overtime.

Bend but don't break is the philosophical attitude every MTSU defense player has. That attitude was challenged severely Saturday by the Racer.

On the last play of the double overtime period, linebacker Michael Davis jolted Murray State tailback Rodney Payne on the one-foot line causing a fumble. MTSU's defensive tackle Kenny McDaniel recovered the fumble to preserve the victory.

In the second overtime, sophomore Michael Pittman scored the go-ahead touchdown a 25-yard scoring strike from freshman quarterback Marvin Collier.

MTSU's fate was left in the hands of a pride-stricken defense that would not give in to the Racers. A disputed pass interference call on fourth down gave Murray State

a second life and a chance to tie the game with a first down on the Blue Raider one-yard line.

The first play came up short, but the next play left the fumble recovery in McDaniel's arms and a close victory to the Blue Raiders.

"The ball was just lying there under the back's leg and I dove on it," McDaniel said, who is a junior from McGavock high school in Nashville.

Davis, a sophomore from Nashville East gave partial credit to senior defensive end John Garrett.

"Garrett forced the tailback (Payne) back inside to me. I hit him as hard as I could. The ball squirted loose and I saw Kenny jump up with the ball. It was a joy," Davis said.

Coach Boots Donnelly commended the entire defensive unit and said the offense had a hard time getting cranked up.

"The defense won the game for us. They gave us everything we wanted in the game. The defense stayed till they made it. We played

poorly for 60 minutes we felt fortunate they gave us extra time to play," said a relieved Donnelly.

The win kept nationally ranked MTSU's record unblemished at 6-0 heading into this Saturday's contest with archrival Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. The Blue Raiders stay atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings with a 3-0 mark.

The offense, stalled for the first 50 minutes of the contest, finally came to life after Murray State placekicker Paul Hickert booted a 34-yard field goal to give the Racers a 17-10 lead.

The field goal was just what the offense needed to get back on track.

"Collier played very timid early in the game. He finally turned it loose and started playing," Donnelly said.

Collier completed 15 of 25 passes for 204-yards but, missed Pittman on a fourth-and-eight situation. This stalled a chance to tie the game with 7:33 left and gave Murray the ball on the 23.

MTSU's never-say-die-defense

came through in the clutch once again by stalling Murray on the 32. Murray State punter David Dercher was called into the game to punt on the fourth down. He had a punt blocked earlier in the contest and returned for a 42-yard touchdown by sophomore end Vince Johnson. MTSU partially blocked Dercher punt and Dejuan Buford recovered the ball on the Murray State 45 with less than three minutes left in the game.

A minute later, Collier hit senior tight-end Donte Lofton on a 9-yard scoring strike with 1:24 left. Freshman placekicker Dick Martin added the conversion and tied the score at 17-17.

MTSU's prayers were answered when junior guard Wade Peery intercepted a Kevin Sisk pass with one minute remaining. Peery's interception gave the Blue Raiders the ball on the 24 and the offense worked it down to the 13.

Martin was called on with seven seconds left to attempt a 30-yard field goal. Martin hit an earlier attempt from 35-yards out to up MTSU's lead at 10-0. It was his first field goal of the season. The 30-yard attempt was wide right and failed. This sent the game into overtime.

MTSU took the defensive side of the ball first trying to put the pressure on Murray State. Murray scored on a 6-yard run by Payne and up the score to 24-17 after the Hickert conversion. Collier completed a 21-yard pass to junior fullback Tony Burse which placed the ball on the 4. Junior Dwight Stone answered by a diving touchdown up the middle. Martin's kick tied the score at 24-24.

The Blue Raiders went on offense first in the second overtime period. MTSU struck quick on a

Collier-to-Pittman touchdown pass which made the score 31-24.

Murray began its drive on the 30 after a 5-yard penalty on the Martin conversion. Sisk under threw receiver Lee McCormick but senior Don Griffin was penalized for pass interference and this placed the ball on the 13 and gave Murray a first down.

Murray State's Payne ran off

tackle down to the one-yard line. Then Racer fullback Bill Bird was hit and drove backward. The next play Payne fumbled and the rest is history.

Davis led all defenders with 15 tackles. Griffin and Roosevelt Colvard had 14 stops apiece.

This Saturday's contest with Austin Peay in Clarksville is set for 1:30 p.m.



Photo by Howard Ross

**No place to go!**  
A host of Raider defenders swarm Murray State fullback Bill Bird (37) as he tries to score in the second overtime period.

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# Face lift for Floyd Stadium

By TOM MEREDITH  
Sidelines Sports Writer

A proposal to renovate Johnny Red Floyd Stadium, the home of the Middle Tennessee State University football team, for next season is seen by school officials as top priority for the creation of a better football program.

The renovation, according to Larry Counts, the president of the

MTSU Kick-Off Club, will be a positive step toward making the Blue Raider football program more attractive.

"By modern standards, Floyd Stadium is out-of-date compared to most college stadiums," Counts said. "A renovation would not only help the looks of the stadium but also help in making MTSU a first-

rate football program. Renovation is a must if we are going to market our program to large outside corporations."

"Right now most of our advertisements come from local merchants," Counts said. "There are a lot of big corporations in Nashville who would like to support MTSU but the condition of the field is a major deterrent."

Kevin Tucker and Associates, an architectural firm specializing in landscaping and cosmetics, has been hired to study the best, most economical way to renovate the stadium. The estimated cost of the study is \$3,000 and will be paid by the university.

The study report is scheduled for completion in March 1986, at which time the university will bring

the matter before the state for funding.

One thing the university will have going for it is that it will not be asking for a new stadium, but just for funds to improve what it already has.

The first stage of renovations will be geared toward improving seating conditions and restrooms.

Other details will be worked out at a later time.

Future goals for the stadium include the enclosing of the underside of the visitor stands and building a new visitor locker room.

Counts and each of his colleagues believe Coach Boots Donnelly has done a fine job and the improvements to the stadium will aid him in helping the program grow.



Photo by Howard Ross

MTSU defensive backs Robert Mullins (25) and Dong Griffin (26) chase Murray State tailback Rodney Payne (28) during the OVC clash.

## Lady runners place

By PAM GALLIMORE  
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Lady Raider Cross Country team traveled to Nashville Saturday for the Vanderbilt Invitational Cross Country Meet held at Percy Warner Park.

MTSU finished sixth out of ten teams with 138 points.

Berry College from Georgia won the meet with 66 points and Vanderbilt University was second with 69 points.

Kelly from Vanderbilt won the three-mile race with a time of 15:59.

Sophomore Debbie Morrison was Middle Tennessee's top performer with a time of 17:11 to place third overall. Joan Becker also a sophomore was close behind placing fifth with a 17:19 clocking.

Freshman Pam Gallimore finished thirty-seventh with a time of 18:59. While junior Karen Johnston, ran a 20:21 to place forty-fourth.

Rounding out MTSU's scoring with a forty-ninth place finish was freshman Krista Carr with a time of 20:48.

"I was really happy," Coach Terry Edmondson said about Saturday's results. "Everyone accomplished their seasonal objective, and anything after this is icing on the cake."

Morrison stated that she wants to place in the top seven and be named to the All-conference team this Saturday at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships at Moorehead, Kentucky.

## Powerlifters compete at Troy's

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 1985 Rutherford County Powerlifting competition took place Friday and Saturday at Troy's Gym in Murfreesboro. The competition was exciting in all weight classes with lifters from several states present. Troy Hicks judged the competition and results are listed below:

### Mens Novice Class

165 lbs.	Ricky Posey	1st	1485 lbs.
Pete Hall	Quinton Smitty	2nd	1425 lbs.
Donald Jenkins	Steve Braz	3rd	1105 lbs.
Jonas Winett	Best Lifter (Lt. wt.)		
	Ricky Posey		
181 lbs.	Steve Gaston	1st	1270 lbs.
Scott Nicholson	2nd	1230 lbs.	
Greg Bedingfield	3rd	1230 lbs.	
181 lbs.	Bryan Law	1st	1470 lbs.
	Donnie Smith	2nd	1415 lbs.

198 lbs.	Jim Gerhardt	1st	1415 lbs.
Jim Denham	2nd	1395 lbs.	
Jim Steppan	3rd	1255 lbs.	
198 lbs.	Steve Brown	1st	1350 lbs.
	Tony Cantrell	2nd	1245 lbs.

220 lbs.	Mike Dodson	1st	1630 lbs.
Lloyd Quillen	2nd	1460 lbs.	
Danny Brown	3rd	1350 lbs.	
220 lbs.	Jody Teague	1st	1750 lbs.
	Dale Cummins	2nd	1740 lbs.
	Mike Stone	3rd	1630 lbs.

242 lbs.	Keith Harris	1st	1735 lbs.
275 lbs.	Danny Menolheim	1st	1940 lbs.
	Clayton Willis	2nd	1935 lbs.

275 lbs.	Thomas Wicks	1st	1375 lbs.
Michael Gardner	2nd	1355 lbs.	
Best Lifter (Hvy. wt.)	Clayton Willis	Total	500 lbs.

### Mens Open Class

123 lbs.	Mike Cross	1st	955 lbs.
148 lbs.	David Kramer	1st	1125 lbs.
148 lbs.	Rob Sula	1st	980 lbs.
	Joey Brandon	2nd	874 lbs.
	Joyce Cross	3rd	500 lbs.

### Womens Novice Class

148 lbs.	Rob Sula	1st	980 lbs.
	Joey Brandon	2nd	874 lbs.
	Joyce Cross	3rd	500 lbs.

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