

# Best Wishes for the Holiday Season!

## Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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### ASB's Hopkins claims law not violated

By CARLTON WINFREY  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Allegations by Middle Tennessee State University student newspaper, *Sidelines*, that Associated Student Body president Bobby Hopkins may have violated the constitution of the ASB and the state of Tennessee "Sunshine Law," were defended Thursday by Hopkins.

"I've consulted a lawyer, a professor of media law and a representative to the House for the State [Tennessee] and according to them, we have not violated the [Sunshine] law," Hopkins said.

Hopkins said that the ASB did not violate the law unless they: one) kicked a reporter out of a meeting or denied him from coming to the meeting; two) had closed or secret meetings in which the public did not know where they were being held; or three) failed to inform the channels of the media of meetings.

But, according to title 8, Chapter 44 of the Sunshine Law, "Any such governmental body which holds a meeting previously scheduled by statute, ordinance, or resolution, shall give adequate public notice of such meeting."

According to Hopkins, the office of the ASB sent memos to the office of *Sidelines*, informing the paper of such meetings.

*Sidelines* news editor Lisa Flowers said neither she or the offices

at *Sidelines* received memos from the ASB pertaining to meetings of the House or the Senate and is "under no obligation" to print the memos.

ASB secretary Billie Parton said the House and Senate have met only three times this semester and presented information to reporters on Nov. 26 that stated the dates in which the Senate and the House had met. Each body held three meetings.

After the article appearing in the Tuesday edition of *Sidelines*, Hopkins told reporters that the Senate had met seven times this semester instead of three, two of which were not official meetings because they were not a quorum. According to the ASB constitution, "a majority of all members of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall constitute a quorum to do business." Hopkins said he interprets that as "fifty percent plus one."

Some of the senators absent at the meetings were excused by speaker of the Senate Ralph Thomas because, "many of them work and can't make meetings," Thomas said.

When reporters asked House speaker Mark O'Connor if they could see attendance records of the House meetings, O'Connor could not produce them.

Hopkins admitted that the House did violate the ASB constitution by not having two meetings per month, but said it was due to "apathy" in the House.

"I didn't insist on it [O'Connor calling meetings] so I'm partly to blame," Hopkins said. "I want to do what I can to help the students. We try to plan close to it, but we're going to screw up a couple of times."

One of the solutions Hopkins gave in order for the ASB to function more efficiently is to abolish the House of Representatives.

"I think that it would make a more efficient ASB to abolish the House or the Senate. It doesn't matter a hill a beans to me which one, but I think a unicameral system would be best," Hopkins said.

Thomas attributed the problems the ASB has had to "lack of communication."

Hopkins said he submitted a proposed budget to Thomas and O'Connor at the ASB retreat in August and submitted the exact same budget to Congress Nov. 5. Hopkins said he gave the budget to Thomas and O'Connor and it stayed in their "box" until he was asked to present it Nov. 5.

"There's never been a budget presented in the first four weeks as far as I remember," Hopkins said, with the exception of former ASB president Mark Ross' administration.

"I don't understand a lot of that. I think why a lot of this is or has happened is because there are a lot of complications. This section of the Constitution really probably needs to be changed," Hopkins said.

### Wall collapses in KUC office

From *Sidelines* Staff Reports

A freestanding concrete wall separating the campus placement office from the guidance office collapsed Thursday afternoon.

The wall "just fell down," according to Brenda Dressler, a worker in the guidance office. About 25 people were in the office at the time the wall collapsed and "if anyone was under it they wouldn't have had any time to get out of the way,"

Dressler said.

The wall acts as a partition, separating the room into two areas. Each office occupies one half of the room. The wall was constructed "when renovation was going on," according to Jim Staley, director of the physical plant.

"We are very fortunate that no one was on this side of the wall. Usually this is a high traffic area. Any other day the office would have

been filled," Martha Turner, director of placement, said.

"The floor had been mortared into the floor and the weight of the shelves (shelves had been placed on the placement office side of the wall) just pulled it down. It shouldn't have been free standing in the first place. Next time a wooden partition will be built," Staley said.

A large group of onlookers gathered around the office after hearing the noise. "Down in the grill it sounded like a train was coming through. All these people just started to run upstairs," Anne Claiborne, a student, said.

The debris caused by the wall's collapse buried a large number of papers that had been kept in the shelves on the wall. These files and the wall will be cleaned up by maintenance.



Photo by Bill McClary.

A dividing wall between the MTSU guidance office and the placement office in the Keathley University Center collapsed Thursday afternoon, startling onlookers.

### Greene resigns VP

By CHRIS BELL  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

William F. Greene will leave his position as Middle Tennessee State University's vice-president for Business and Finance January 1, 1986, in order to return to teaching.

Greene submitted his resignation to MTSU president Sam Ingram yesterday. "I've been thinking about this a long time and it has not been an easy decision to make. These assignments have been challenging, and I've enjoyed the relationships I've had, but the opportunity to return to the classroom is one I can no longer refuse," Greene said in a university memo.

Greene is expected to return to teaching in the accounting department as an associate professor, according to the memo. Teaching is

one of the various positions Greene has held at MTSU, including Faculty Senate president and administrative assistant for former MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.

"Bill first approached me over a year ago. At that time I asked him to reconsider and stay on at least through the year. But if he feels strongly about finishing his career in the classroom, I have to agree to it," Ingram said.

No successor has been named to fill the vice-presidency. A search to find a replacement for Greene will begin "as early as today," Ingram said. Ingram will name an acting vice-president if one cannot be found by January 1 when Greene's resignation goes into effect, according to the memo.

### ASB allegedly violates "Sunshine Law"

*Editors note: Due to an editing error, several paragraphs were omitted from the article that appeared in last Tuesday's Sidelines.*

BY ANGIE PIPKIN  
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Sidelines Staff Writers

The Associated Student Body Senate and House of Representatives have apparently violated the ASB Constitution this semester by failing to meet "at least bi-monthly"

and have apparently violated the Tennessee "Sunshine Law" by failing to give "adequate public notice" of meetings.

In addition, ASB president Bobby Hopkins apparently neglected a constitutional requirement that he submit a budget to Congress during the first four weeks of the semester. Hopkins submitted a budget on Nov. 5, which was 10 weeks into the semester.

According to Article 5, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Associated Student Body, "The house of Congress shall meet at least bi-monthly."

ASB Attorney General Lora Holcomb, whose duties include interpreting the ASB Constitution, last week interpreted "bi-monthly" to mean "twice a month." Hopkins agreed that Holcomb's interpretation was valid.

Both the House and Senate have met only three times this semester, according to Billie Parton, secretary to the ASB president. The House met Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 5; the Senate met Sept. 18, Oct. 9 and Nov. 5.

According to speaker of the House Mark O'Connor, the reason the Senate and House have only held three meetings is because "there has not been a lot of legislation this semester."

Hopkins last week agreed with O'Connor's assessment that there has not been a lot of legislation this semester, and when asked whether he felt there should have been more meetings of the House and Senate, he responded, "not really."

The speaker of the House and the speaker of the Senate have sole responsibility for scheduling House and Senate meetings, according to Hopkins.

Other area universities meet on a far more frequent basis, according to their student government representatives. Both Vanderbilt University's and Tennessee State University's student governments meet at least twice a week.

To inform the MTSU student body of ASB meetings, Hopkins said it was up to the speakers of the House and Senate to post adequate notice.

According to speaker of the House O'Connor, it is not standard (please see ASB page 2)

### Salaries 80% of MTSU budget

By CHRIS BELL  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Since Middle Tennessee State University employs thousands of people to teach thousands of students, it is natural that approximately \$32 million of the total \$40 million Educational and General budget should go to salaries and employee benefits.

The other \$8 million goes to operating expenses, equipment and travel. This, however, is only one way of examining the budget. Examining the various departments, offices and services and their share of the budget provides a better overview of the MTSU budget.

The educational and general budget consists of all money spent excepting auxiliary enterprises (student housing, bookstore, etc.) which are technically self-supporting. The 1984-85 E&G budget was

approximately \$40 million, according to the 1984-85 MTSU Revised Budget.

This budget divides expenditures into eight categories—instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of the physical plant and scholarships and fellowships.

Instruction is the largest of these, comprising approximately \$22.2 million of the total 84-85 E&G budget. This category includes the actual academic departments and their expenses.

The research budget is approximately \$147,000. While MTSU is not a large research university, this figure does not include government-sponsored research, only that paid for by MTSU. Thus, more than \$146,000 in research does occur here.

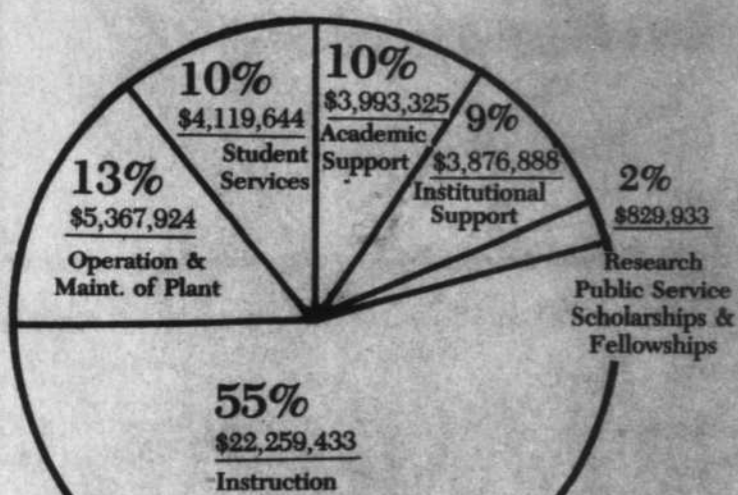
Public service is another small category at approximately \$561,000 during the same period. This includes campus radio station WMOT and other community services.

Academic support was budgeted at approximately \$3.9 million during the 84-85 fiscal year, accounting for close to 10% of the total E&G budget. The campus libraries, computer center, farm laboratory and the salaries of the academic deans are all covered in this area.

Student services also amounts to almost 10% of the total E&G budget at approximately \$4.1 million in 84-85. This money pays for the non-academic deans, campus recreation, the ASB government, student publications, student health services and various other services.

(please see Salaries page 2)

### Educational and General Expenditures 1984-1985



Total expenditures \$40,647,147

Graphics by Jean Forgette

**ASB**

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ASB procedure to post notices around campus. O'Connor said that memos are sent to each member of the House and Senate, "usually on the previous Thursday when the meeting will be the next Tuesday."

O'Connor said that these memos are also sent to *Sidelines*. However, according to *Sidelines* news editor Lisa Flowers, the campus newspaper is "under no obligation" to print the memos, since they are not paid announcements.

"In fact," Flowers said, "I call the ASB and try to find out when these meetings are being held."

Flowers also said that no notice of any ASB meeting has been printed in *Sidelines* this semester.

Since the ASB has not published any formal notice prior to this semester's three meetings of the House and Senate, the ASB is in

apparent violation of the Tennessee "Sunshine Law," which states that "any such governmental body which holds a meeting previously scheduled by statute, ordinance, or resolution, shall give adequate public notice of such meeting."

ASB President Hopkins said, however, that the ASB does not fall under jurisdiction of the law because the ASB does "not set policy;" instead, Hopkins said student government only makes "recommendations" to the university's administration for approval.

According to the state "Sunshine Law," however, "governing body" refers to "members of any public body which consists of two (2) members, with the authority to make decisions for, or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration."

At Tennessee State University, for example, 10 to 15 signs are posted around campus to announce each student government meeting,

according to Greg Carver, representative at large.

Failure to provide adequate public notice of such meetings in accordance with the Tennessee "Sunshine Law" may result in nullification of all action taken.

Proper procedure regarding formulation and proposal of the ASB annual budget has also apparently been overlooked by the current administration.

Article 8, section 1 of the ASB Constitution states: "During the first weeks of the Fall semester, the president of the Associated Student Body shall submit to Congress for approval a budget setting forth a general outline of proposed expenditures and anticipated income from all sources for the forthcoming school year (fall, spring, and summer semesters)."

Hopkins did not formally submit the budget to Congress until Nov. 5. The first four weeks of the semester ended on Sept. 23.

**Salaries**

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Institution support, which totaled approximately \$3.8 million in 84-85, includes the activities that run the university. Administrative offices like the university president, the various vice-presidents, the public relations office and all other MTSU administrative functions are covered by this category.

Close to \$5.4 million was spent during this period on operation and

maintenance of the physical plant. This category deals with the process of keeping the university in running order. It includes the campus planning office, building maintenance, custodial services, utilities, landscaping and the other offices needed to keep the campus working.

The smallest division is scholarships and fellowships at approximately \$121,000 in 84-85. This includes those scholarships and fellowships given by MTSU.

**Correction**

In the Dec. 3 issue of *Sidelines*, it was reported that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was on probation due to low grades and excessive debts. The fraternity was on probation due to an early reinstatement by the University after a su pension for low grades and excessive debts. *Sidelines* regrets the error and is glad to set the record straight.

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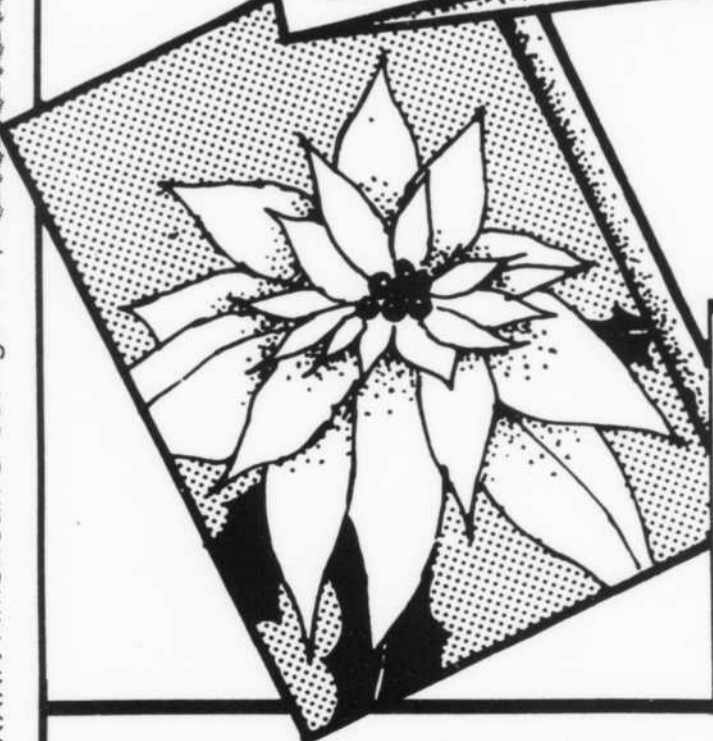
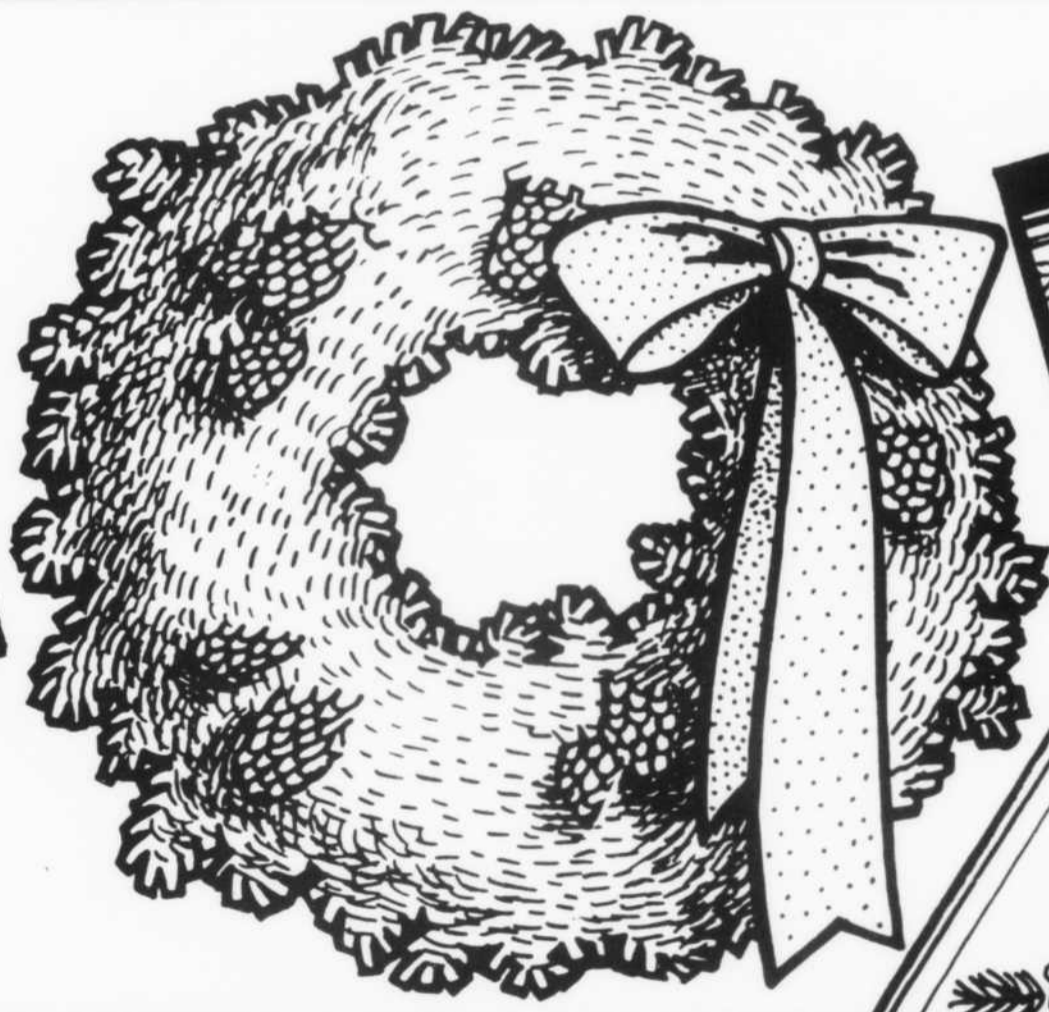
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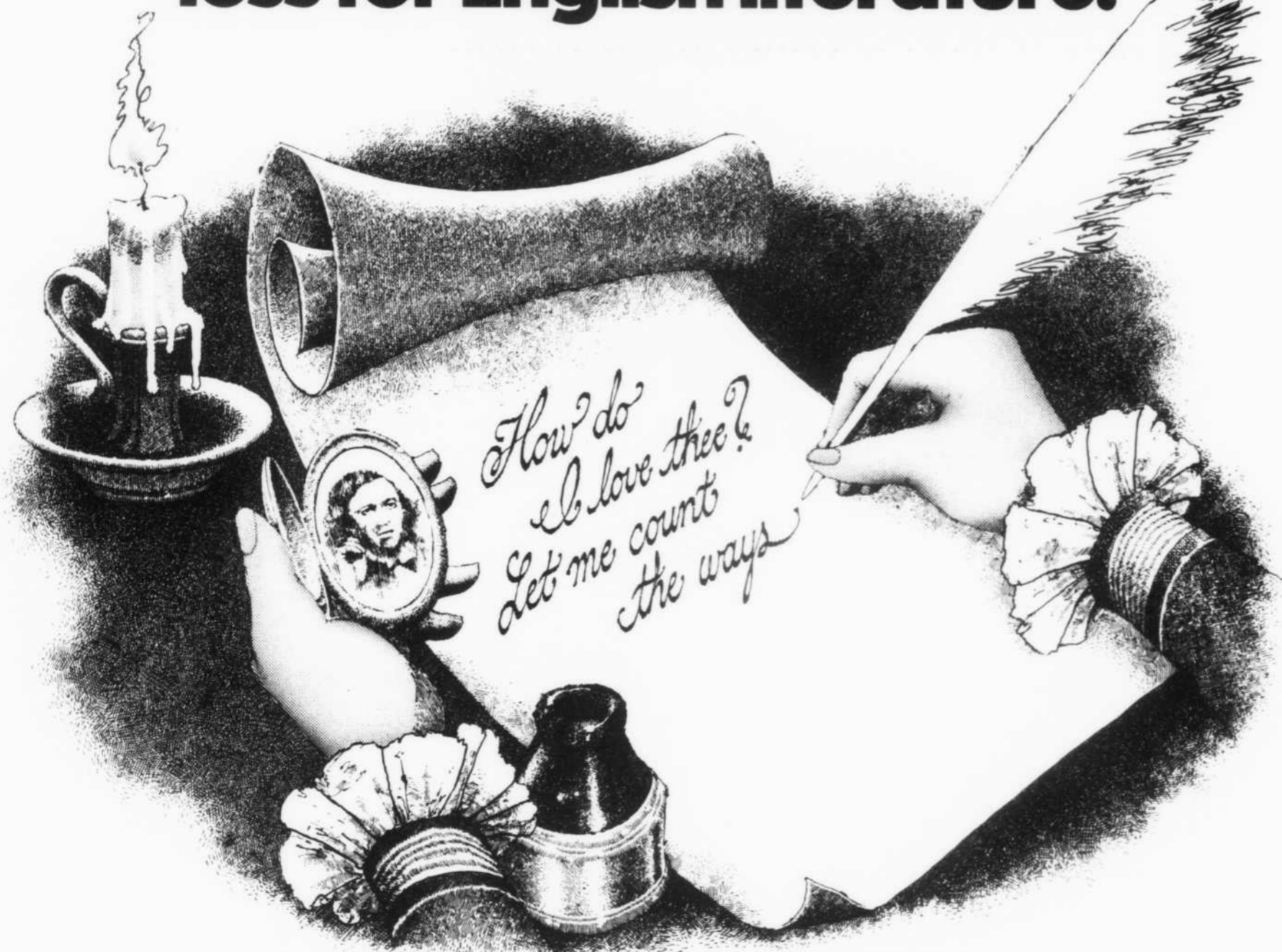
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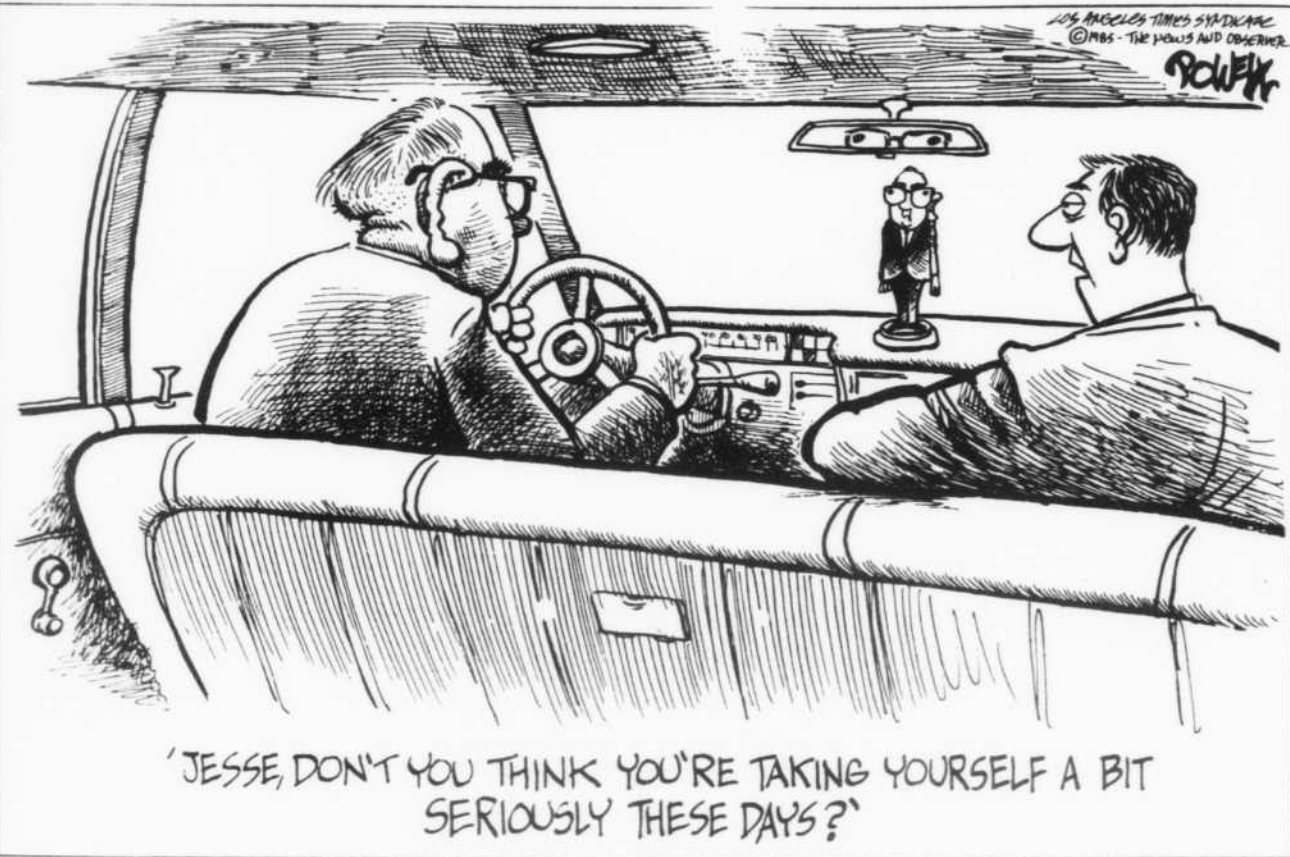


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# Editorial/Forum



## To hell with malls



**SUBURBIA**  
By Chris Bell  
Sidelines Columnist

There in the pollution augmented gold of the setting sun it stands, rising above the choppy chrome sea. Dominating your vision, it reaches in all directions as far as the eye can see. Hear the sirens call go, go to the mall. The mall has it all.

I went to the mall to do some Christmas shopping this weekend. I hadn't been in one for several months, so I'd forgotten how I felt about them.

I used to love malls. I was never one of those Mall Rats you see roaming in packs thru the access corridors after closing time, but I was close.

I loved everything about the mall. The food garden with foods from around the world altered for the mouths of the middle American mom and dad, smutty toys from Spencer's, 50 televisions all tuned to *The Dukes of Hazzard* in Sears, hundreds of shoe stores, the cinema cineplex with 12 screens (all the size of a big screen t.v.), the arcade—everything about the place. Face it, this is the American Dream.

Something happened between now and then. The uniformity of malls started to bother me when I realized that the mall in Panama City was just like the one in Baton

Rouge was just like the one in Louisville was just like the one in Nashville.

The ultimate goal of these things is to turn the country into one standard consumer market. Plow those regional differences into the ground and if you lose local character too, well too damn bad. Turn the entire nation into one big Atlanta.

Well I'm not going to be blanderized. To hell with those clothes with Coke labels on them and to hell with all brand names (except Levi's and L. L. Bean, forgive me, I'm weak). I may miss those funnel cakes, but I'm boycotting malls this season. Local stores that don't reside in a climate-controlled environment do exist.

**Housekeeping Chore One.** Various acts of God have almost turned issues of this paper into a tabloid with the headline LBJ in UFO over USSR, the editorial page has almost run a two-page "Best of Doodles" retrospective and an article entitled "Boots Donnelly: Next in Line for Pope?" That didn't happen, but it serves to illustrate the pressure the paper has been operating under all semester. Amazingly there has been almost no student or faculty input on any of this, with the exception of gram-

mar corrections from the news-writing class. We've been bitched at from all sides, but no actual face-to-face suggestions. Believe it or not, we're here for you, as a public service, to inform and entertain.

So prove you exist and turn loose of the change for a postcard, telegram, video tape or even a letter. I would appreciate knowing that the mere presence of my name isn't sending people into narcoleptic fits.

**Housekeeping Chore Two.** I've been getting the mohawk over the remarks this Clydelines guy has been making in print regarding my personal and impersonal habits. Have you ever seen this guy? Strictly 60s city, folks, and there's no need for a revival since he never left. I think he melted his brain down on Fresca, Wheat Thins and Andy Griffith reruns. Get this guy a gig pulling roadie detail for Crosby, Stills and Nash. By the way, did you know Dwight Irons and Thor Sadler are the same person?

**Housekeeping Chore the Last.** Christmas is coming and despite my increasing flakiness, I love it, especially the Perry Como special. Laugh if you will at the sweated one, but watching him is an experience close to satori. Speaking of that, your friendly public servants at *Sidelines* always enjoy gifts. Cash would be nice but food is always fine. I like those little round sugar cookies. And with that shameless appeal out of the way let me wish you all a merry Winter Equinox Celebration and a happy turn of the calendar.

## Christmas offers holiday cheer to readers



**CHUCKLES**  
By Beverly Keel  
Sidelines Columnist

I can't believe Christmastime is here already! I haven't really had time to think about it because of the professor's extra work. This is the week that you learn everything the instructor forgot to teach the entire semester. I happened to look up from my notes to catch a glimpse of the breathtaking Christmas tree in the Grill. I couldn't help but get excited until I remembered the pain in my left hand that will soon reappear. It's not from exam cramming, but from making out my Christmas list!

Hopefully not everyone will remember me this Christmas. Perhaps Dr. Cox will overlook the fact that I was the one who would set his clock ahead before class. It wouldn't have been so bad except I accidentally set the alarm, which sounded in the middle of class.

It's wishful thinking that Dr. Himebaugh will forget my extremely dry jokes. While studying copy editing, he presented the sentence "He was shot in the west end"

of the class to correct. While everyone else changed it the "shot in the west end of the city," I preferred "shot in the rear end." No one else agreed.

Since Clydelines had adopted Chi-O's, and vice-versa, it's time for me to find a favorite fraternity. I'm still waiting to receive a fraternity shirt from the one who could use the free publicity in my column. Now, I'm not saying that I can be bought, but it's worth a try!

My Christmas would be complete if I received the poster of Arnold Schwarzenegger at Troy's Gym. It would certainly be more of an inspiration on my wall. Most of those guys probably can't even spell his name correctly. Therefore, it cannot be fully appreciated at the gym.

Another item on my list is a headband like Shawn Fisher wears. I want to be able to pretend that I'm Rambo while I workout, too! I suppose I shouldn't have said that. After all, he has promised to get

me the MTSU sweatshirt with the teddy bear on both sides—a top entry on my list. Luckily I'm tall, or I just might be looking a gift horse right in the mouth.

Since I've seen Rocky IV, I plan to devote most of next semester viewing it again. I seldom have an abundance of dates, so a movie pass would make this pleasure economically feasible. Even those bargain matinees begin to add up!

I returned from a Thanksgiving trip to Florida only to discover freezing temperatures. I believe the volleyball jacket that I should have received at the end of last year's season would keep me warm all winter long. The team was told we would receive them this year. Maybe I'll get one before I graduate.

The present that would bring the most delight is seeing the Blue Raiders win it all! After all that practicing, pain, and worst of all, the 10:30 p.m. curfew, they deserve it. If I'm willing to pay \$4 to see them play, it's obvious I'm behind them 100 percent. I'll even have on the school colors; I'll be blue all over from the cold! I'm sure it wouldn't ruin any of the players' Christmas to have two rings in one year, either.



**CARLTON'S CORNER**  
By Carlton Winfrey  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

We finally made it — the last issue of your illustrious student newspaper, *Sidelines*. Although I cannot honestly say I'm totally thrilled that my term as editor of the paper is over, I can say that it will be a huge load off my shoulders.

Don't get me wrong now, this semester has been one of the most fun-filled, exciting and, of course, educating semesters since I came to MTSU in 1983.

Working at *Sidelines* has allowed me the chance to meet interesting people, both at the office and throughout campus. People such as MTSU public relations director Dorothy Harrison, Vice President Otis Floyd, President Ingram and a host of many other people connected with the school have been extremely helpful during my stay.

And the staff at *Sidelines* is, well, to put it mildly — very interesting. Working with a staff of 13 could have been difficult, but the people I worked with made staying up at the office until 1, 2 and even 3 a.m. a blast.

Sometimes we would finish early but stay up shooting the bull late in the morning and dragging to class with our dark glasses on to cover the blood shot and bags under our eyes.

News Editor Lisa Flowers and production manager Jean Forgette made staying up late (or early) for me an experience every MTSU student should have. I mean it should be a requirement before graduating that every student at MTSU should have to stay at *Sidelines* for at least two nights with the production crew and the late-nighters like Lisa, Laura Rader, Elisabeth Freeman, and the sports department. This would prepare persons about to go out into the cold, hard world to deal with, well, people of unusual natures. Because when the clock strikes midnight, these people change from sensible, intellectual, competent, mature, adult professionals, into wild and ultra-crazy folks with no limitations to their actions. I never know what they will do next. Of course, I'm always the serious one at the office.

Photo Editor Bill McClary and

*Sidelines* advisor Jackie Solomon are two more members of the staff that I really enjoyed working with. Although at the beginning when things were extra tough and the going was super rough, Bill and I had our differences but managed somehow to become buddies. He's one of those persons with whom it's almost impossible to get angry. Bill you're a real "ball"!

And there's Jackie. We both came to *Sidelines* not knowing exactly what to expect from the respective positions we held, but, with help from God, gave it our best. And, if I say so myself, did a damn good job.

Some of the highlights of my time here include the discovery of Harvey the totem pole, (although I personally don't like him) the fall fashion issue in which appeared the first color picture the paper has ever had, Kathy Barnes becoming Kathy Barnes-Irons, a semester with no computer problems that would keep us from publishing the paper, a new wire system and an expanded advertising staff.

But it's the students, you, the graduates of the paper to whom I'm grateful. For it's the students who make things happen on campus, participate in activities and voice your opinion about the events of the campus as well as the world, and for that I say, "thank you."

### Letter to the Editor

A successful and informative New Student Week, the largest homecoming in ten years, a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy collecting over \$800, and an education retreat—are these signs of an ignorant and incompetent Associated Student Body?

The intent of the ASB is to represent the MTSU student body and serve as a liaison between students and university officials in orderly and uniform procedure.

The ASB does comply with the Open Meeting ("Sunshine") Law. The Sunshine Law states that "any such governmental body which holds a meeting previously scheduled by statute, ordinance or resolution shall give adequate public notice of such meeting."

The meetings held by any branch

of the ASB are not joined in secret, in fact they are held in the STUDENT University Center. No member of the press has ever been asked to leave or has even attended on a regular basis. Also, memo's were sent to members of the ASB and vehicles of the student press, such as *Sidelines*. The failure to comply with these actions would, yes, be in violation of the "Sunshine" law. However, the ASB has followed the guideline set forth in this law.

The failure of many student organizations to be duly registered with the office of Minority Affairs resulted in the house being unable to organize itself earlier in the semester. Since the House is composed of representatives from each organization, the budget could not be presented until later in the

semester. However, the budget was ready for presentation in late August.

Everyone at MTSU is a member of the Associated Student Body. The criticism given to the ASB should not be directed to the office, but to the entire population of MTSU. It is student apathy that hobbles the ASB in their efforts to work for improvement and change at MTSU.

Student government can only be effective though student involvement. A few students have the courage and desire to work toward the betterment of MTSU while the majority of students sit back and criticize. If something seems wrong to you, don't attack those who are trying to work for you. Get up and get involved!!!

KELLY HOLT ASB OFFICE

## Doodles "A PREVIEW OF FINAL EXAMS"

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**Extra credit:** Define the universe; give three examples.

Anonymous

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# Features/Entertainment



Del Amitri  
Del Amitri  
Chrysalis

tracked vocals, giving us an unusual metaphor of romance:

"I suppose love lies in a dustbin behind the garden wall/You have to drop on the ground it can be pretty disgusting to find it all."

The song's breathy emotionalism make it one of the album's strongest cuts.

"Former Owner" has the band slowing down the tempo in a tune about how the person that the singer is in love with keeps returning to her abusive former lover: "Cause the former owner is keeping the keys."

The current British single "Sticks and Stones Girl" has the band combining country, pop and lounge jazz into a mixture that, surprisingly, works—thanks to the emotional "plea of devotion" quality of the lyrics:

"You're the sticks and stones girl/You're the fire and flames/If I'm nothing more than wet rain girl/You're the umbrella—You're the drains."

The gentle acoustic ballad "Deceive Yourself" shares its Latin quality with their neighbors Aztec Camera, though the smart, adoring lyrics are their own:

"So it was in this cafe where we eventually met/And I wished I had some glasses or smoked cigarettes."

A cutting blend of guitars and percussion intensify the bittersweet feelings of "Breaking Bread":

"All day long/Sweeping up the dead pigeons off the pavement after the long dim dawn/He remembered how she pulled him through disaster into laughter."

Del Amitri's intelligent and differing views on love and relationships will startle those used to hearing Sheena Easton blurt out "Sugar Walls," but for those who like smart pop with a difference, check out this LP.



Everything But The Girl  
Love Not Money  
Sire

By JOE MONTGOMERY  
Sidelines Album Critic

Throughout the history of modern music, the male/female duo has been a popular combination—Les Paul and Mary Ford, Sonny and Cher, Ike and Tina Turner and more recently Yaz, the Eurythmics and yet another English pair, Everything But The Girl.

This couple doesn't rely on synthesizers and drum machines, however, but chooses to utilize acoustic guitars, piano, brass and even a banjo.

This difference of sound is evident from the opening cut, "When All's Well." This fast, melodic song is in direct opposition to the death-rock trend in Britain—not only musically—but lyrically as well: "When all's well/My love is like cathedral bells."

The beautiful, haunting quality of "Heaven Help" is magnified by gentle guitars and echo-laden piano, creating an aching aura of melancholia and showing the group's darker side.

"Ugly Little Dreams," a song dedicated to Frances Farmer, is another slow, sad song using guitar and subtle banjo to comment on both the actress' tragedy and on our society's sexist views about women:

"What a chance for such girls/How can we compete?/In a world that likes its women/Stupid and sweet."

"Shoot me Down," with its cabaret-soul feel, sounds like it would be a perfect song for Sade to cover, while "Sean," with its beating tom-toms and tin whistle, is a lilting folk melody about the Northern Ireland conflict which doesn't preach, but rather displays the tragic, personal side of the situation:

"There's a Belfast girl I loved and lost/On the rolling hills around my home/Now she stays home nights behind locked doors/Since a plastic bullet stopped him/And he don't come no more."

On "Kid," Tracey Thorn does a beautiful version of the Pretender's song, using only what sounds like 100 acoustic guitars and a piano.

This is one cover version that, while completely different, is as good as the original.

The fast country feel of "Anytown" sings like the Smiths with a female singer, while "This Love (Not For Sale)" is a smoky, sad torch song, using sax and bass to convey its message of romantic integrity:

"God must know by now/This love is not for sale."

The slow guitar and piano of "Angel" display the group's view on the inhumaneness of poverty:

"Show me something worse/Than a child outside a church/Begging with a cardboard box/In a heartless town that hurts and mocks."

Although their form of pop isn't really new, Everything But The Girl create an environment all of their own with rich instrumentation, crystal-clear production and topical lyrics.

If this group is any indication, the future of the duo in modern music looks promising.



Colourbox  
4AD

By JOE MONTGOMERY  
Sidelines Album Critic

During the late 1970s and early 80s, the growing popularity of a musical style labeled "techno-pop" brought overnight success to some groups (A Flock of Seagulls, Devo, etc.), while drawing much criticism for the often cold, technical, inhuman aspects of the genre.

While a valid criticism for many of these groups, artists such as Thomas Dolby and Ultravox have tried to breathe a warm, human element into their music.

Such is the case with the English trio Colourbox. While Martyn and Steve Young lay down tracks of electric-soul and funk (which sometimes strays dangerously into disco land), the lovely Lorita Grahame covers the mix with her passionate crooning in a noble attempt to recreate the Motown sound.

Although the album starts off with a lone piano instrumental on "Sleepwalker," the band quickly fans the flames with "Just Give 'em Whiskey," which sounds like dialogue outtakes from various films which bounce around over the pounding drums and ominous bass line, making this cut a surreal trip

to a funk future-world.

"Say You" is a lilting, calypso-esque offering which spotlights on the pretty, multi-tracked vocals and gentle melody. The song is a lesson in how to make synth-pop sound humane.

This human quality transfers over to the single "The Moon is Blue." The tune comes with a modern torch song, off its melancholy, quasi-ragtime feeling of the keyboards, mixing with Grahame's biting tale of a forsaken love:

"The pain was a sharp one/That cut me both ways/And tore my world apart."

"Inside Informer," with its catchy melody and merciless back beat, could serve as a lesson to the Eurythmics as to how the merging of white pop and black soul should be done.

The killer funk of "Punch," with its blistering guitar and drums that you can feel inside your chest, could likely incite a riot on the dance floor. If there has to be disco, let it be this.

The cover of "You Keep Me Hanging On" has the Diana Ross classic across with a decent enough remake—though tampering with a Motown masterpiece seems to be a lost cause.

Ending the album is "Arenas," a song with a slow, ethnic quality which brings to mind Peter Gabriel's gentler endeavors, while Grahame's message is an attempt to "shake your sleeping minds."

Just what Colourbox attempts to do is a good question. Do they want to rewrite funk and soul, or demechanize techno-pop?

Odds are, they just do what they want and let others scramble to describe it. But no matter what the case, I hope Colourbox continues to do whatever it is they do.

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# Sports



## Blue Raiders step into game

By MICHAEL FREEMAN  
Sidelines Sports Co-Editor

The number-one-ranked MTSU Blue Raiders football team will take its first step into post-season play Saturday, facing Georgia Southern for the second time this season.

In their first meeting, the Blue Raiders rolled over the Eagles 35-10, and according to Erk Russell, head coach of Georgia Southern, it could well happen again.

"MTSU is too good for us to win big against," Russell said. "In fact, we may not be able to keep up with them."

Raider head coach Boots Donnelly saw little relief in Russell's statement, remembering the details of the last game.

"Last time they shut us down," said Donnelly. "We won the game on three big plays."

"I'm afraid that we are not really into our practice this time," Donnelly said. "I thought the week break would help us out, but it may have done more harm than good."

According to Donnelly, the Blue Raiders are looking past the Eagles to the championship game.

"I don't think they are getting ready for Southern," Donnelly said. "I don't know if they are up for this game."

The Eagles are getting up for MTSU more than ever, however, especially for quarterback Marvin Collier.

"Collier has to be stopped," GSU coach Erk Russell said. "He is the driving force behind their offense. If we stop him, the rest should fall."

Collier, who was named OVC Offensive Player of the Year, was a particular thorn in the side to GSU in their last meeting. Rushing for over 175 yards and passing for 70, his most stinging blow was a 54 yard run for a touchdown.

"Collier killed us," Russell said. According to Donnelly, if the Raiders lose, they will still be proud.

"The team is satisfied," Donnelly said. "They are not tired, but I don't think they would feel bad very long. People on campus have told them they are proud of the '85 Blue Raiders. On down the road, five years from now, they will still be proud."

Photo by Greg King  
a larger football program stated that he and his family are happy in Murfreesboro, and have no reason to leave.

Blue Raider head coach Boots Donnelly will lead MTSU into the second round of the NCAA play offs. Donnelly, answering rumors that he may be leaving MTSU for

## Arkansas, LR drops MTSU roundballers 72-70

By TONY STINNETT  
Sidelines Sports Writer

With four players scoring in double figures Arkansas-Little Rock overcame a 10-point deficit to defeat the MTSU Blue Raiders 72-70 before a near-capacity crowd in Little Rock.

After coming off tough losses to nationally ranked powers both teams were expecting a high-powered game.

"After coming off a tough loss to Memphis State this game will be a very tough one and one that we really need to win," head basketball coach Bruce Stewart said.

MTSU had just lost to Memphis State by a score of 73-63 and Arkansas-Little Rock had taken nationally

ranked Iowa into overtime before losing 108-99.

Tyrus Baynam got MTSU off and rolling in the first half as he shot 100 percent from the field and led MTSU to a 10-point halftime lead. Baynam was 6 for 6 giving him a new season high with 12 points.

The first half started out very close as both teams exchanged buckets. The MTSU defense then forced Arkansas into 4 turnovers and Cooksey, Baynam, and Hammond cashed in to give MTSU a 10-point lead. Midway through the first half MTSU owned a 14-point lead.

In the second half the Trojans looked like an entirely different team, scoring 10 unanswered points to tie the game 42-42.

"We played a good first half, but came way short in the second half," Stewart said. "We had 12 turnovers in the last half and in the final

five minutes they (Arkansas-Little Rock) out-rebounded us seven to one."

The UALR defense forced

several turnovers, cashing in on every MTSU miscue.

The score changed hands back and forth, with Kim Cooksey and

Kerry Hammonds keeping the Blue Raiders close by scoring in key situations.

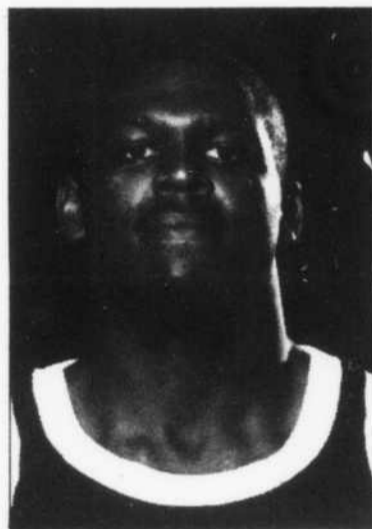
Cooksey led all scores with 19, while Hammonds had 18, and Baynam put in 12.

Defensively, sophomore Dwayne Rainey hauled down 14 rebounds.

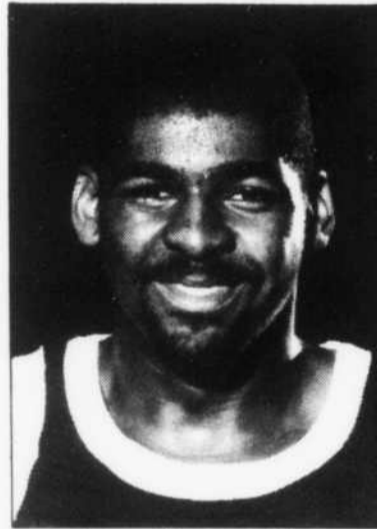
MTSU led in the game 67-64 with 1:26 left in the game. Arkansas battled back, hitting six consecutive free-throws, to take a 72-70 lead.

With the loss, MTSU slumps to 3-3, a mark well off Stewart's expectations.

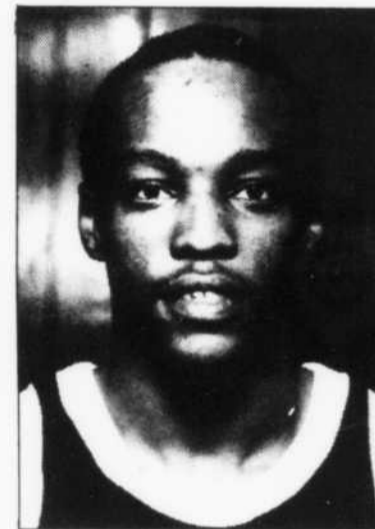
"If we played the entire game like we do the first half, we could be 5-1, or maybe even 6-0," Stewart said.



Dwayne Rainey

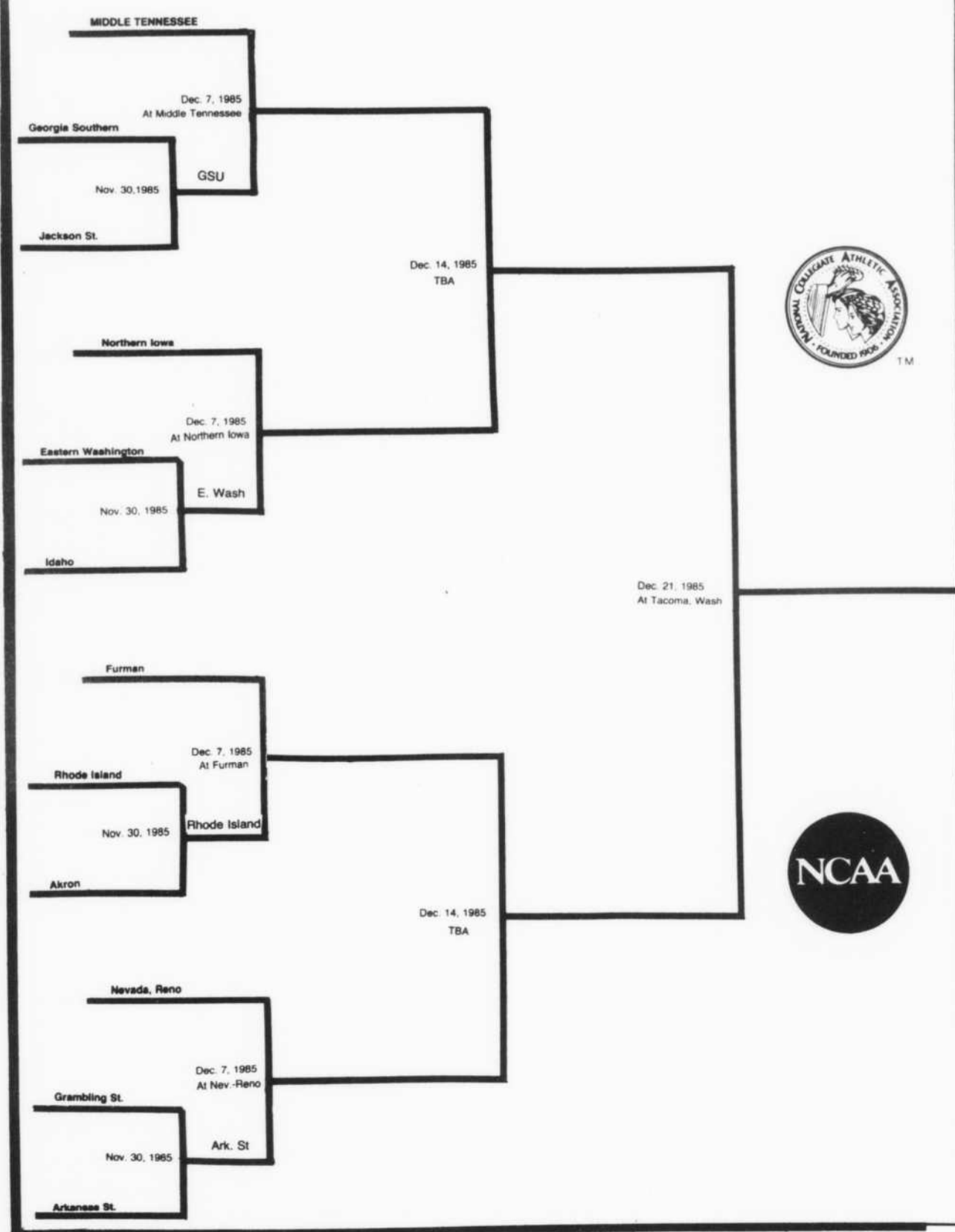


Kerry Hammonds



Kim Cooksey

### NCAA Division I-AA Championship Play Offs



## Being athlete risky business

Being an athlete not only involves physical and emotional injuries, but other risks as well. Several MTSU football players know what those risks are about.

Senior defensive end Robert Frazier explained his chances of playing football again were "pretty slim" after he received an injury to his right leg in spring practice this year.

"I thought my college football career was over at the time," Frazier said. "The only chance I had to play ball again was to have the doctors put an iron rod in my right tibia."

Frazier's right leg was placed back into a cast after x-rays revealed that the fracture was not healing properly.

"I was walking and running, but it still wasn't healed," Frazier said.

Later, Frazier found out that the x-rays taken before his leg injury showed a hairlike crack in the bone.

"I had been playing on it and it apparently was wearing down until it finally gave out," Frazier said. "My leg had not been hurting so that's the reason I didn't know."

Two weeks before the 1985 season, Frazier's leg cast was removed. Coach "Boots" Donnelly advised Frazier that he had to decide if he wanted to come back and play football.

"My first game back at playing was the game against Lenoir-Rhyne," Frazier said. "It was like a dream. I wasn't sure I was going to be able to get back out there."

Despite the chance of repeating the same injury, Frazier explained that "if you go out there thinking about something happening, then it probably will happen."

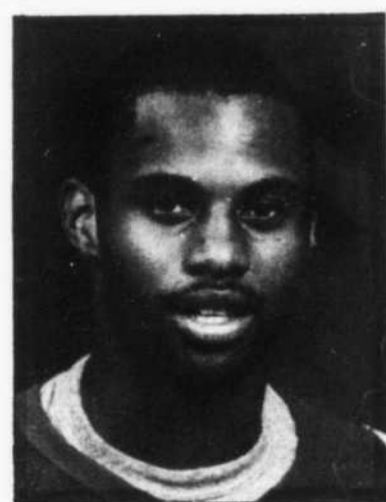
"I like the challenge of being able to compete," Frazier said. "Even if it hurts sometimes. You know that

it's a chance you take."

Vernon Warren, a former defensive back for MTSU's varsity football team was paralyzed from the neck down in an injury he received in the 1984 season game against Western Kentucky.

Warren explained that he received his injury from a routine play.

"I was coming out of the backfield to make a hit when suddenly everything went dead," Warren said. "I could see and hear," he said,



Vernon Warren

but couldn't move.

After Warren was carefully transferred to Bowling Green Kentucky hospital and later flown by helicopter to Vanderbilt Hospital, he was put through a series of tests.

"I had a busted disc in my neck. They said they were going to try to save my spinal cord from more damage than it already had."

Warren began to show encouraging signs of movement about a week and half after the accident.

"I took about three weeks before I could move enough to feed myself," Warren said.

Gradually, Warren was able to gain feeling in his arms and strength in his right arm and leg.

However, movement in his left arm and left leg are still not as strong as in his right arm and leg.

"Since the injury every day is a challenge," Warren said. "Going up and down steps is a task."

Warren added that refusing to deal with the matter would not have helped him at all.

"It happened, and I had to deal with it," Warren said. "If I let it get me down then I won't get better."

According to Warren, doctors told him that he is very fortunate.

"If I can get to the point where I can jump and run again, then that will be great, too," said Warren.

Warren explained that he still likes to watch football as much as ever, and he still plans to be around it whenever possible.

"This could have happened to anyone at any time, but that's the chance you have to go through being an athlete," Warren said.

Coach Donnelly has had the privilege of coaching both players and has had to help them deal with their injuries.

"It is a very empty feeling inside when you see one of your players hurt, regardless of what degree of injury," Donnelly said. "However, they knew going in that the rewards of playing certainly outweigh the chance of gaining an injury. You have to fight back in what you believe in."

"For instance," said Donnelly, "in Vernon Warren's case, that young man probably won the biggest battle he ever will fight in his life. Anything that young man wants, I believe he will get."

"The good Lord does this for a reason," said Donnelly. "If you knew what they went through, you would probably understand that it's just a chance you have to take. That's life."

# Track team opens season

Defending Ohio Valley Conference champion MTSU opens a new indoor track season at Murphy Center Friday at 5:30 p.m. when the Blue Raiders tackle Murray State and Western Kentucky in a triangular meet.

The women's teams from the three schools will be competing.

The meet should serve to get MTSU rolling toward its OVC defense, although the team will not be as strong Friday as it will be next semester. Two talented squad

members, for example, All-American jumper-sprinter Dwight Johnson and sprinter Mike Pittman, are both still in action with the Blue Raider football team.

The jumps should be strong again for the Blue Raiders, with Malcomb Branham in the long jump, William Beasley in the long and triple jumps and Sean Smith in the high jump.

Branham was a member of the summer touring national junior team and has a lifetime best of 25-9.

Beasley was an All-American high school jumper in 1984, but was red-shirted last year after suffering an injury in the year's first meet. Smith has high-jumped 7-0.

Steve McQuiston has won four of four OVC shot put titles (indoor and outdoor) and will be challenged Friday by Murray's Joe Whiteside and Western's Perry Thomas.

MTSU's Deric Haynes, Scottie Harris and Sean Smith will return in the hurdles and Branham will compete in the 60-yard dash, along

with freshman Roosevelt Davis.

Haynes will run the 440 and 300, while NCAA qualifiers James Duhart and Perald Ellis will compete in the 500-meter run. Ellis and Duhart were 1-2 in the OVC and ran on the champion mile relay team.

Murray has a round of good jumpers, headed by OVC triple jump champ Patterson Johnson (52-2), along with sprinter Calvin Turnley. Western will feature All-American distance runner Jon Barker.

# Lady Raiders fall to Auburn

By KEN KELLER  
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Middle Tennessee State University Lady Raiders lost their second basketball game of the week against a Top 10 Southeastern Conference power on the road Wednesday night after falling 71-59 to tenth-ranked Auburn.

Monday night the Lady Raiders were overwhelmed by Georgia,

possibly the best women's basketball team in the country. The Lady Bulldogs, currently ranked second in the nation behind Texas, beat the Lady Raiders of MTSU 108-58.

The Lady Raiders managed to place three players in the double-digit scoring column for the contest against Auburn.

Despite that fact, Auburn's

women proved to be too strong on the glass.

Auburn's 44-33 rebounding advantage provided the Tigers with several key inside hoops, and kept the Lady Raiders from mounting a serious threat after they had built a 38-27 half-time cushion.

Auburn was paced by Sharleen Thomas' 20 points.

Junior center Kay Willbanks tallied 16 points to lead MTSU.

Kim Webb rang up 14, and Cyndi Lindley added 11.

The Lady Raiders tried to improve their record against one and seven.

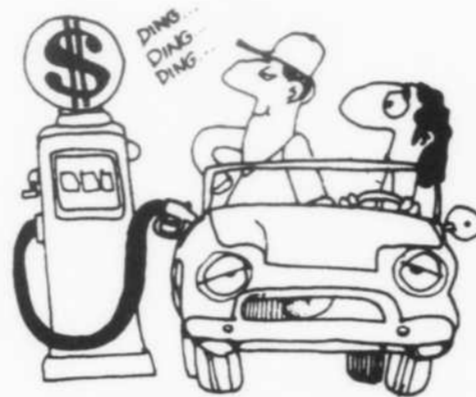
The Lady Raiders open their home season Saturday night against Tennessee-Chatanooga. The game will get underway at 5 p.m.

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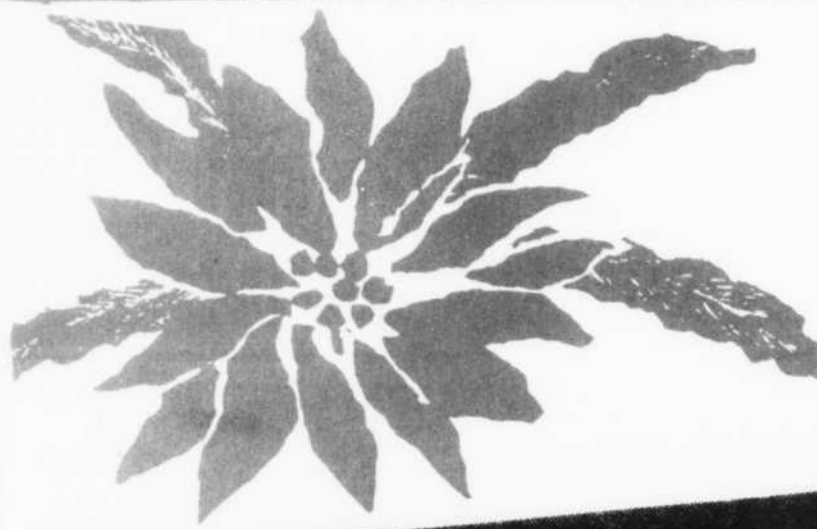
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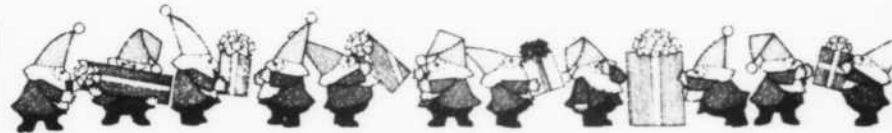
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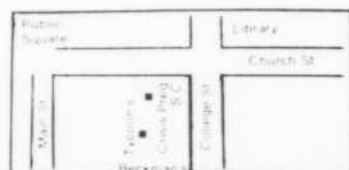
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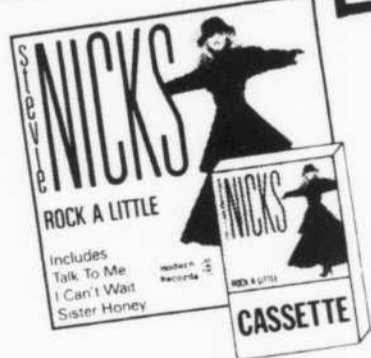
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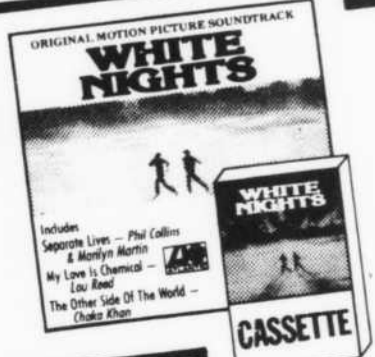
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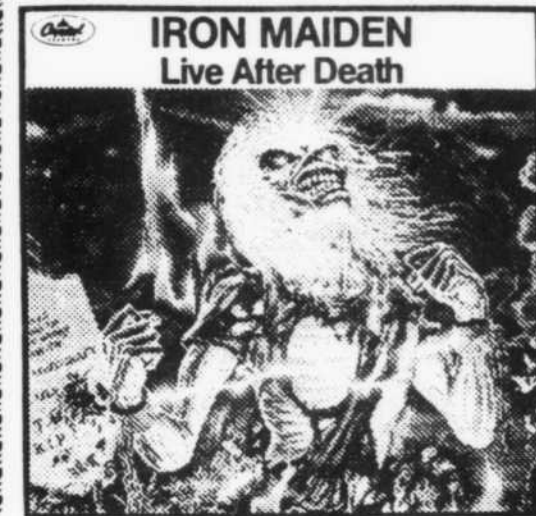
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