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The News In Brief

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—Assured their ship is finally ready to fly after three delays, the crew of the new shuttle yesterday prepared to take off yesterday on a mission to launch three satellites for paying customers and get the program back on track.

DETROIT (UPI)—The United Auto Workers have a green light to strike both General Motors and Ford on Sept. 14 if the companies do not improve their current contract offers. Negotiations were to resume yesterday with union President Owen Bieber leading both labor teams in "shuttle bargaining."

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan, citing demands for deficit reductions and fiscal prudence, has reignited a long-running debate by vetoing \$238 million in advance funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan yesterday tied the scheduled launch of the star-crossed space shuttle Discovery to the commercial applications and inspirational side effects of a revitalized U.S. space program.

NASHVILLE (UPI)—Geraldine Ferraro, clearly exasperated by a report that a convicted labor racketeer made contributions to her congressional campaigns, says she is going to stop responding to such charges because to do so lends them credibility.

KNOXVILLE (UPI)—The Tennessee Valley Authority cancelled four nuclear reactors and will write off a \$2.7 billion loss by adding some \$2 a month to the average consumer's electric bill for the next 11 years, officials say.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Mayor Marion Barry says federal prosecutors are violating the law by using leaks and innuendos linking him to a convicted drug dealer in an attempt to discredit his administration. Barry said Wednesday he never used cocaine.

MIAMI (UPI)—Tropical Storm Arthur slowed its progress in the Atlantic but forecasters said it probably would sweep over the Windward Islands early the Wednesday with 50 mph winds and heavy rains. The poorly defined center of the storm was located about 150 miles east southeast of the island of Barbados late Wednesday night.

KAISERSLAUTERN, West Germany (UPI)—A U.S. Air Force sergeant convicted of espionage said he sold defense secrets to the East bloc to make Soviet intelligence believe he was a spy so he could become a double agent. An Air Force spokesman said yesterday he was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

LONDON (UPI)—The Soviet Union's AK-74 assault rifle, an improved version of its advanced AK-47, is possibly "a half-generation ahead" of any rifle used by Western forces, the British defense publication *Jane's* said today.

By KEVIN H. CRUZE
Sidelines News Editor

John Jeffrey Brown, 19, of 1821 Jordani Ave., Murfreesboro, was arrested yesterday by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department and charged with sexual battery, officials at MTSU's Department of Public Safety and Security said yesterday.

Brown was released yesterday after posting a \$2,500 bond. Court date is set for Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. in General Sessions Court. If convicted, Brown could serve five years in the state penitentiary.

THE ALLEGED assault took place around 10:30 p.m. as a junior co-ed was walking from the Bell Street parking lot

back to her dorm. Patrolman James Lane said.

The student called Campus Security within minutes of the alleged assault, he added.

According to Lane, the co-ed's description of her assailant led the investigating officer to suspect Brown.

"SINCE WE'VE had trouble from this individual [Brown] in the past he became a suspect," Lane said.

Brown was identified by the co-ed from a photographic lineup as the person who had assaulted her, Lane said.

The co-ed had been out to dinner with friends and had dropped them off in front of their dorm because it was raining and had parked her car in the Bell Street parking lot where she observed the subject and he approached her, Lane said.

ACCORDING TO Lane, the subject then followed the student across Tennessee Boulevard and into the parking lot behind the James Union Building where the assault allegedly took place.

There was no apparent physical damage to the co-ed, according to Lane.

"As far as emotional damage, you can't be sure," Lane added.

Coed assaulted; suspect out on bond

Black reenrollment decreases 4 percent

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Despite efforts to attract more black students to the university, MTSU's black enrollment has decreased by approximately 4 percent, MTSU officials said yesterday.

According to the most recent figures, of the 10,965 students registered thus far, only 791 are black, compared to 825 last year.

THE NUMBER of black students in the freshman class, 297, remained the same. Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said this indicates that the decrease is in the number of black students returning to school.

However, without further research, Gillespie could not say why those students did not come back.

Final figures will not be available until next Tuesday when registration closes.

"THAT [the decrease] distresses me," University President Sam Ingram said Tuesday. "We've been trying to attract more academically talented black students, and we had hoped to make significant progress."

Efforts to bring more black students to MTSU include channeling money into scholarships for academically talented minority students and active recruitment.

"We've bent over backwards trying to bring black students

[to MTSU]," Otis Floyd, executive assistant to the president, said Wednesday.

RECRUITMENT OF black faculty members has not been successful, either, according to Director of Affirmative Action Joy Callahan.

Efforts include direct calls to department chairmen at other universities and predominantly black graduate schools to find qualified graduates and advertising teaching positions in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Callahan said.

The Affirmative Action Office also advertised a so-called VETA Bank where women and minority teachers in particular could send resumes. Affirmative Action employees would, in turn, help those teachers find positions.

"HOWEVER, WE do not receive a very good response, and we had no openings for those who did respond," Callahan said.

Two black teachers joined MTSU's faculty during the summer, bringing the total of black faculty to nine of 450 Ingram said.

MTSU offered positions to other black teachers but were turned down, probably because of higher-paying positions at other institutions, he said.

"OTHER PEOPLE are trying to improve their black-

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Photo by Steve Nichols

Free wheeling, three wheeling

Kyle Henderson enjoys the remaining sunny summer days, taking a spin around the U.C.

Candidate addresses students

Solving the nation's economic problems and reducing the threat of nuclear war should be the chief issues of concern to college students during the November elections, Bart Gordon said here Monday.

"Those two things affect everybody, whether you're in college or out plowing fields," said the democratic candidate for the sixth Congressional seat.

REDUCING THE federal budget deficit, interest rates and, in turn, unemployment, if he is elected Nov. 6, are some of Gordon's goals that he said would be of great interest specifically to college-age voters.

"After all," he explained, "those are the people who will be out looking for those jobs. They will be very much affected."

Although Gordon has said that implementation of a Constitutional amendment that would require a balanced federal budget is "years away," he has also stressed that the United States should begin to "tear up the national credit card."

GORDON'S OPPONENT in the upcoming election, Joe Simpkins, also supports such an amendment. Simpkins and Gordon are scheduled to meet in a televised debate Saturday

night. WSMV-TV Channel 4, a co-sponsor of the debate with the *Nashville Banner*, will carry the debate live at 9 p.m.

Equal to the economy in importance, according to Gordon, is combating the threat of nuclear war, which he said he believes would not occur out of conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union, but rather as a result of either an accident or terrorist action in third world countries.

The United States should work toward a mutually verifiable agreement with the Soviet Union to reduce their nuclear weapon stockpiles, to make their systems "safer" and to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons to terrorist groups, Gordon said.

"I'D HATE TO think nuclear war would happen because of a mistake, a mechanical error or because of some crazy Khadafy or Ayatollah," he added.

However, mutual suspicion between the two nations may be a roadblock to such an agreement, Gordon said.

"We need to be able to trust them, and I would hope they would be able to trust us," he said. "And if we make the agreement mutually beneficial, such as keeping nuclear weapons out of the hands of terrorists, why would

they want to cheat on that?"

While in favor of continuing the all-volunteer army, Gordon said he also believes there is a need for a draft registration, for women as well as men.

Moreover, registering for the draft should be a condition of whether a young man is able to attend state-supported universities and receive federal funds to finance his education, as "everyone should be law-abiding," Gordon said.

Porter scholarship fund established to honor former Sidelines editor

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A scholarship has been established here in honor of former *Sidelines* editor in chief Elizabeth Porter, 25, who died of cancer Sunday evening at her parents' Nashville residence.

Contributions to the Elizabeth Stratton Porter Scholarship Fund may be made to the MTSU Foundation, the organization through which all private gifts to the university are channeled.

TENTATIVE PLANS for the scholarship include using the fund to supplement the salaries of future female *Sidelines*

editors, Jean Porter, Elizabeth's mother, said Wednesday.

Elizabeth continued her education and work in journalism throughout her year-long battle with melanoma, a type of skin cancer, which was diagnosed in the spring of 1983, when she was a reporter for *The Morning Press*.

After *The Morning Press* folded in July of 1983, Elizabeth served as fall 1983 editor in chief for *Sidelines*. One issue that fall covering the anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy was chosen by Columbia University in New

York, N.Y., from a field of 10,000 collegiate entries as best for in-depth presentation of a single issue.

Despite undergoing radiation treatment and chemotherapy at Vanderbilt Hospital this summer, Elizabeth planned to attend MTSU this semester and graduate in May.

In addition to her mother, survivors include Elizabeth's husband, James Mark Samples; her father, Joseph Wray Porter, of Nashville; two brothers, Joseph Wray Porter Jr. and Emory William Porter; and grandmother, Mrs. Ethel W. Stamper of Trousdale, Va.



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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS interested in making applications for student activity fee funds should secure the applications from Room 126 of the University Center. Application deadlines are Sept. 21. All applications should be returned to Room 126 before the deadline date.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY team tryouts will be next week. Interested women should contact Terry Edmondson at ext. 2450.

STUDENTS INTERESTED in trying out for the golf team are requested to meet Sept. 5 at 1 p.m. in Room 305 of the University Center.

Brown wins SDX/SPJ contest

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Barbara Brown, a recent MTSU graduate in the field of broadcast journalism, has received first place in the national Mark of Excellence Competition, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists.

Brown's feature comparing the real lives of private investigators with the image of television detectives was chosen from among 11 other entries in the area of radio

feature broadcasting. Each entry represented one of the society's 12 regions.

BROWN, WHO graduated in May, is the first member of SDX, SPJ's Region 12 to receive first place in national competition, according to Glenn Himebaugh, faculty adviser to the student chapter. Region 12 includes middle and west Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

MTSU's chapter has also been nominated by regional director Frank Gibson, city

editor of *The Tennessean*, as the outstanding Region 12 chapter for 1983-84.

Phil Williams, a senior journalism major and former *Sidelines* editor in chief, and *Tennessean* correspondent Nancy Sloan, who graduated in August, served as presidents of the chapter during that time.

The outstanding national chapter will be selected at SDX, SPJ's national convention, which will take place in November in Indianapolis.

Awareness program introduced

An assault awareness program will be introduced on the MTSU campus in the Keathley University Center Theater Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program was developed by MTSU Security Chief Jack Drugmand when he was at Austin Peay State University.

"SINCE THE implementation of the rape awareness and prevention program at Austin Peay in 1982, there have been only three reported rape incidents," Drugmand said.

The program, led by Sgt. Stephen Liebsch and Sgt. Loris Ellsworth, features "passive resistance." It was developed to arouse self-awareness, Drugmand said.

According to Drugmand, it has received excellent acceptance in the Clarksville community, where Liebsch and Ellsworth have made numerous presentations.

THE PRESENTATION is part of what will be a continuing program, according to Drugmand.

"It is no panacea, no cure-all, but anything we can do to reduce personal crime will help," Drugmand said.

In a related program, on Sept. 13, the Murfreesboro Police Department will present a session here on self-defense for women, Drugmand said.

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white ratio, too. They didn't say why they turned us down, but I'm assuming more money," he said.

Transferring faculty between MTSU and predominantly black Tennessee State University is another possibility to achieve

better racial balance, Ingram said.

"There are all kinds of possibilities," he said. "Maybe we could pay folks extra to commute to TSU and vice versa.

Recent developments in a 16-year-old desegregation

lawsuit at TSU have brought the issue of racial balance to the attention of state university officials, the press and the public. U.S. District Judge Thomas Wiseman is expected to reach a final decision in that case sometime thisweek.

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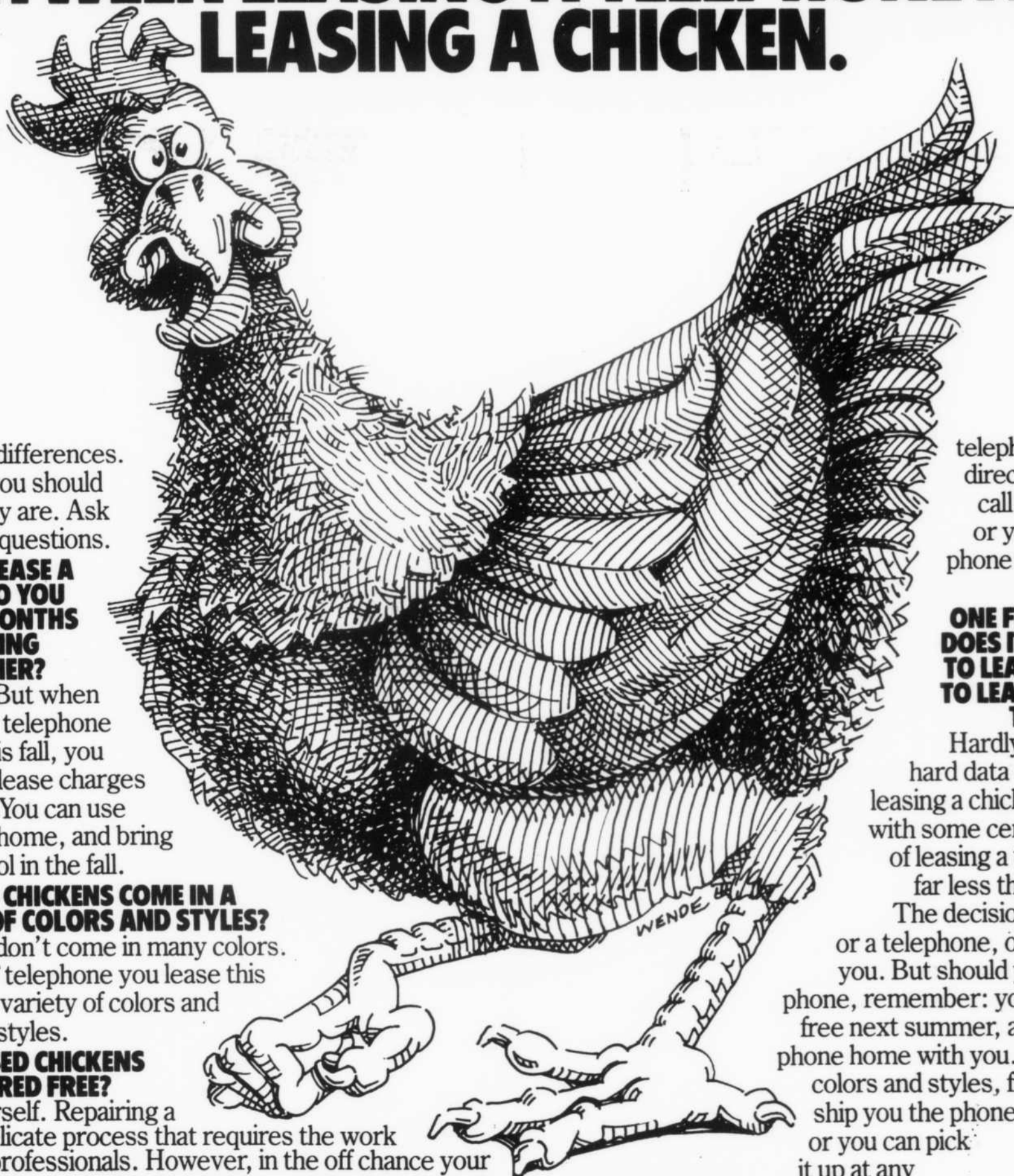
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Elizabeth Porter: 1959-1984

In a time when cliches are rampant and none can truly address our feelings, one statement most closely approaches what many of us on this campus must feel.

You never realize what a good thing you have until you don't have it anymore.

Elizabeth Porter is that "good thing." More so than any other person I've ever met, Liz conducted her life and her life's work—journalism—with a quiet dignity which influenced everyone around her.

That dignity apparently came from a self-understanding which few 25-year-olds possess, and which many of us are never fortunate enough nor tough enough to develop. Liz's faith in herself and her beliefs was perhaps the strongest part of her character, and one of the greatest reasons for my deep admiration for her.

Her faith was shaken severely 18 months ago when she learned that the bruise on her leg (earned when she bumped into one of the desks at *The Morning Press* about which we all complained) was a signal of the melanoma which was already easing its way into her body.

It didn't stop her. As the cancer gradually spread, she continued taking classes, editing and writing, and the only indication she gave to the world that she was anything but the average student were the rare occasions when she acknowledged that she was "having a bad day."

Bad days became bad weeks, and while hospitalized at Vanderbilt, Liz admitted that her priorities had changed.

"I always said I was going to the *Washington Post* and change the world,"

she grinned one afternoon in July. "Now I think I just want to change my part of it. I want to be with my friends and family and enjoy them. I never did that before."

Actually, she did, but apparently Liz never realized that the quality of time with her was much more important to us than the quantity. I learned more about being an adult from her than from any other person, and even after her death, I'm still learning. I have to learn to be adult enough to go out and blaze trails as she did, even if I am fearful of where they may lead. They'll never be as wide, or as deep into the "woods," but they'll be trails nevertheless.

And her family's decision to establish a scholarship here in her name will provide other budding journalists who are just as stubborn, thoughtful and unique as she with a chance to blaze trails of their own.

I may go out this weekend and follow a trail that Liz once showed me. It winds around Radnor Lake in Nashville, just a few miles from where she grew up. It was one of her "thinking places," she told me once as we drove around the lake after one of our infamous "Sidelines Ladies Nights."

I know what I'll be thinking there.
We love you, Liz.

Gina Fann

Editor's Note: The author is an August, 1984 journalism/English graduate of MTSU and served as Sidelines editor last spring, immediately following Ms. Porter's tenure as editor. The two also worked together as reporters for the Murfreesboro Morning Press, a small daily newspaper which closed in 1983.

Summers shouldn't be wasted

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Sidelines Columnist

As the young reporter sat in the canteen area of a medium-sized Florida newspaper, a Coke in one hand and a Winston cigarette in the other, the conversation turned to college experiences.

"I really thought I had a great plan," he recalled. "I didn't have time for summer breaks. I went straight through college so that I could graduate in three years, instead of four or five."

"But when I got out and started working, I realized I didn't know that much about my career, much less about the world. I only knew about books."

While he continued with stories of eye-opening experiences during his first couple of years as a journalist, I couldn't help but think that his tale is unfortunately that of many college students. It was the tale of a student who failed to discover the value of a summer.

For some, summer is a chance to personally see that which has only been viewed through the words and pictures

of a textbook. The quiet inspiration of a French monastery. The overpowering presence of an Egyptian pyramid. Or the grim reminder of an atomic bomb.

For others, financial considerations are obstacles to such odysseys. Yet, from personal experience, I am convinced that one can have a job and still use the summer as an educational experience.

Working as a reporter for a Florida newspaper, I became an observer of that which communicates quiet inspiration and overpowering presence—with a few grim reminders thrown in. I observed humanity.

I stood by astronaut families as their loved ones sat atop a powerful rocket that could either propel them into Earth orbit or blast them into nothingness if something went wrong.

One minute they boasted on man's technological accomplishments. Then when the space shuttle *Discovery* misfired, some burst into tears and others prayed that this technology would not become a killer.

I watched as a community

went into shock after a faceless and nameless person abducted a five-year-old girl, deprived her of breath, and then left her body to decay in a salvage yard. A community that had once considered itself "a nice place to settle down," now began fingerprinting its children and seeing a possible murderer in the face of every stranger.

But there were also those who had conquered fear.

I sat with hundreds of graduates of a formerly all-black high school as they recalled days not too long ago when they had to walk miles for an education, passing the better, white school along the way. "Separate, but equal," it was called.

They recalled making the best of the worst situation—"preparing themselves for a better day," one said.

Such experiences will remain with me forever. And I got paid to enjoy them, while others felt they were learning more from attending classes.

As the slogan goes, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." So is a summer.

Sensing an imminent threat to the President, Secret Service agents wrestle the assailant to the ground...



Rant 'n' Rave

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Columnist

In two months and a few days a minority of Americans are going to the polls to elect the president and various other officials, both national and state, for the majority of their fellow citizens. I can only hope that these patriotic few have a good sense of humor.

We already know that Ronald Reagan has a good sense of humor; he loves to joke about blowing up the Soviet Union. Or is it the evil Soviet Empire? When a man controls the "fate of the Earth" with his fingertips, he shouldn't make jokes about annihilating another nation, especially the Soviet Union, home of some of the most paranoid people on

Earth—who are more than willing to believe any war-mongering thing Reagan might have to say.

It is obvious from their convention that the Democrats have a rousing good sense of humor. Black humor maybe, but humor nonetheless—why else would they have nominated Walter Mondale? It would be different if Mondale had any chance of winning, but at this point in time, with the crucial south snubbing him right and left, his hopes are rather dim. Of course, Mondale did come up with the best political joke of the election year (so far) by appointing Bert Lance to run his campaign. Where is Gary Hart when he's needed? I cannot help but wonder why the

democrats appointed a man they had to have known cannot win.

But, as I said before, it is we the voters who really need a sense of humor to guide us over the next few months. Once again we appear to have a choice between "the evil of two lessers." The only bright spot in the last few months has been the nomination of Geraldine Ferraro as Walter Mondale's running mate. She has brought a welcome brightness to an otherwise dreary campaign year. Yet it appears now that America faces four more years of Ronald Reagan and his policies of brinkmanship, trickle down economics and gunboat diplomacy. I feel sorry for the Marines.

Clyde offers traditional welcome

By CLYDE CRAWLEY
Sidelines Columnist

This is a "welcome to MTSU" issue in the grand tradition of all first of the semester "Clydelines." However, it dawned on me that not every student requires the same type of welcome as others; henceforth, a somewhat hierarchical welcome column would seem to be in order.

First, welcome back to all you zany people who were in summer school. What a blast, huh? For those of you who didn't make the summer school scene at MTSU, the joke's on you.

None of the professors took seriously the absurd idea of cramming a semester's worth of material into four weeks, so it was just one big party! Yippee—tie one on! Frankly, I lost my mind.

To other returning students: Hello. Leave me a parking place. That's it. Leave me a parking place and no one gets hurt. Ping pong ball car bombs are just as effective now as they were in the 1960s.

Where are we? Oh yeah, if you've been to another school and transferred to MTSU, a special greeting is necessary.

Don't feel stupid if you get lost on campus. They've put up too many buildings around here. And, as I've noted before, even though there are campus maps, we have yet to discover which campus this is a map of. I think it is a fictional campus, personally. In a fictitious state.

The best idea is to locate your classes by latitude and longitude and bring the proper surveying equipment. I realize it's difficult to locate the north star in daylight, but I'm not here to solve all your problems. I just make them seem more difficult than they really are. Try not to walk into any trees, at least.

Finally, there are the freshmen (a blatantly sexist



term that should be changed to "freshpersons," or just plain slob, whichever you prefer). Candidly speaking, the log-jam of first-year students in the

Clydelines

Grill (how I wish we could afford an orchestra to come in at this point, just for a small flourish) makes the high school hordes of the summer seem like a mere trickle. (I'm mixing metaphors like hell, here. Living dangerously as a columnist is not easy; the worst thing that can happen is that you might drop a dictionary on your foot, so most of your thrills are vicarious at best.)

Oh, *doggone* it, welcome to everybody—but take notice, freshpersons—don't bother us and we won't bother you.

For instance, freshperson males: No popping zits in the student bathrooms. And don't think you're a real *big dog* anymore. You may have been a big fish in a little pond in high school, but this is an ocean. (More mixed metaphors—make something of it!)

Freshperson females: Remember all those promises you made to your sweetheart over the summer? Well, prepare yourself (males, too). You just might find that Mr. Perfect (or Ms. Perfect, for you guys) doesn't live in Bugtussle or wherever it is you came

from. "Dear John" letters start leaving campus about halfway through the semester and go on from there. You know what I mean: "Dear John (or Suzy) I still want to be friends, but..." (You can finish it yourself. It hurts, but so does leather, something else you're going to have to get used to in college. They don't tell you these things in freshperson orientation, but S & M 102 and 103 are required courses.)

Clydelines is a regular(?) weekly column. It's supposed to be humor and satire, so I try to always be humorous and satirical. We get pretty politically-minded around presidential election times: Our mission is to kick the Rev. Reagan out with his crew of crooked advisors and sanctimonious, neo-pharisaical *immoral minority* platform writers, such as Jerry Falwell.

Walter Mondale might not be a perfect alternative, but so far, he's shown no indication of being an international bully, planet raper or social genocidist.

Many times, *Clydelines* will just poke fun at a diverse group of subjects. For instance, because we are so enamored with beauty contests, we are planning an "Oocha-Magoocha" of the week or month or something.

So get set. December is a long way off. So, we'll have fun, fun, fun 'til our daddies take our machine guns away.

Marty Watt

I know you're sick of hearing it, but welcome back (to freshmen, that's "welcome") to MTSU for another exciting year. Ho-hum. Now that the preliminaries are out of the way, let's get down to business. For those of you who didn't bother to read the title and the byline, this column is called "From the Right Side," and I am Marty Watt. The title, again for those who aren't really thinking, has a dual meaning: "right" as in political slant, or "right" as in correct. Take whichever you like, they both fit. As for me, I am a junior/senior (that means I only lack eight hours to be a senior), and I serve as a junior senator in the Associated

Student Body. At the end of the first couple of weeks, you may have the tendency to call me Republican. That's okay, because I am. But this space which I have been entrusted to fill will not, as a rule, deal with party politics. If you do want to talk party politics with me, the campus operator has my number. What I'd like to do with this time is talk about the issues that worry college students. Everything from roaches in the residence halls, to wholesale changes in faculty, to graduation and the real world. Or is *this* the real world? Maybe *outside* is the illusion.

Write me in care of this publication (Box 42) if you have any questions, comments, money, topics for discussion, money, dates for me, money...I think you get the idea. I even like hate mail. After all, you have a constitutional right to your stupid opinions. Truly, though, I value every opinion, whether I agree with it or not. Opinions are the lifeblood of the American system. Sometimes I fear that one day, all the opinions on this campus may dry up. We'll have no opinion—but an administration will have an opinion, and will see that it gets carried out. Wait a minute...something rings a

bell there. Single opinion forced on the masses. That's very much like commun—. Well, maybe it was just the bell on my typewriter. Seems to me that the biggest problem colleges are having is getting students and faculty to think. Education should not be "this is how it's done, and that's that." That's *training*, not education. Education should give the student the tools with which to work so that he may train himself. Education should not be boring. Thinking, discovering and truly comprehending ideas isn't boring. So if you're bored, try educating yourself, instead of training yourself. Any animal can be trained, but to

my knowledge, the human animal is the only animal that can learn, develop and become truly educated. For Fresh only: Good, all the upperclassmen have quit reading. Can we talk? (Sorry, Joan!) Somehow this vicious rumor got started that everyone goes home on the weekend. From the looks of the parking lots on the weekend, I'd tend to believe it, too. But how would you like to be on the cutting edge of a significant development of college life? It's an experiment I like to call "weekend discovery." The way to participate is quite simple. First, convince all of your friends to stay put for two

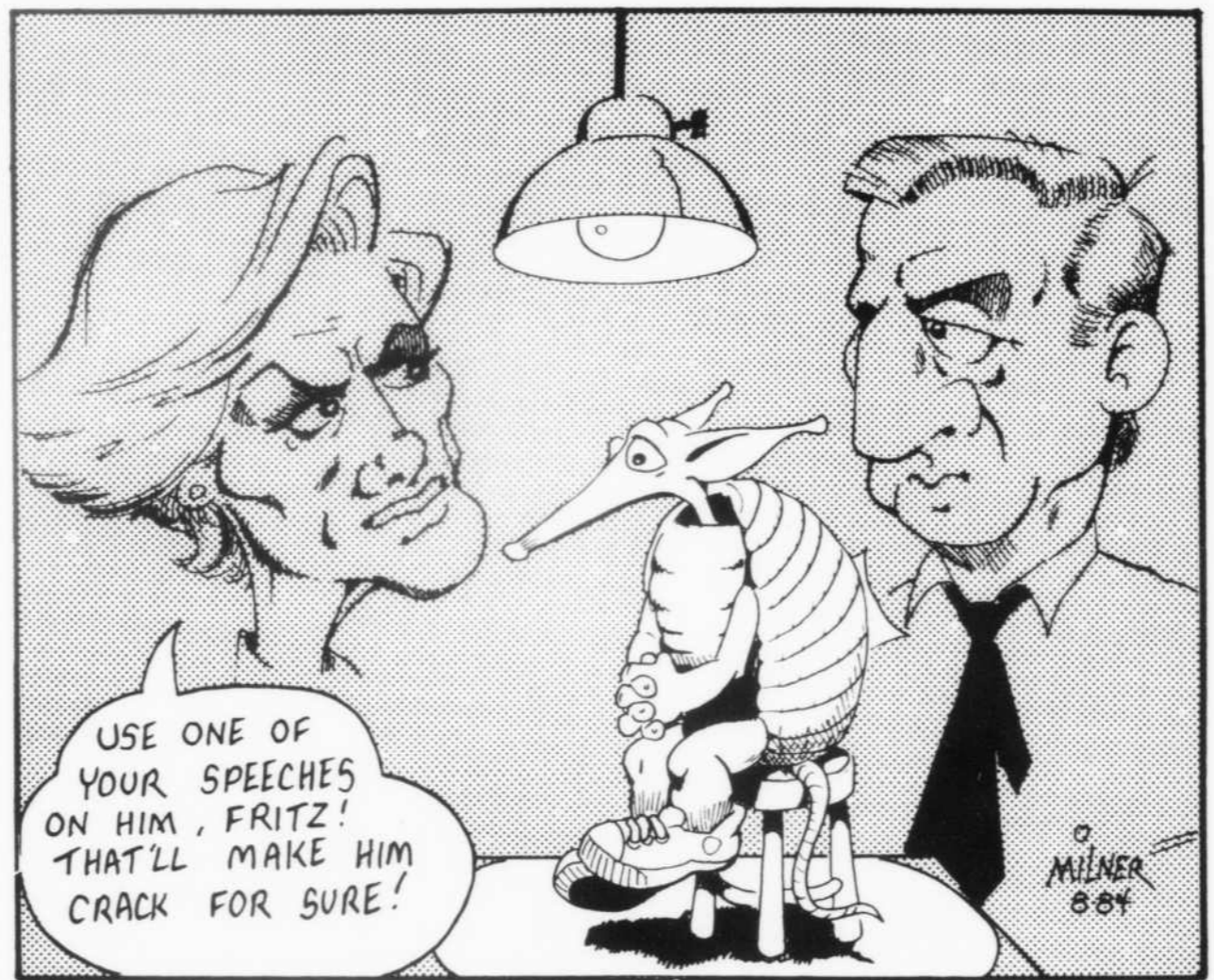
weekends in a row. Then discover how much there is to do in Middle Tennessee. Go to a Blue Raider sporting event, Go to a friend's room for an intense game of trivial pursuit, Or simply set off in search of things to do. Second, write me and tell me how you managed. Let's try to discover every single thing there is to do. After we compile a (hopefully) large list, then we can start on phase... Third, show the upperclassmen how stupid they were to not have found all of those things themselves! Make MTSU a real university community, instead of a suitcase college. It has to start with the freshmen (that's you).

Tom Milner

A moral victory, a 'rousing huzzah,' and wills by Ronco

First order of business: an all-around welcome to all returning and freshmen students. Second order of business: a hearty congratulation to all of those new freshmen out there; the class of 1989 will be the first in almost a decade to emerge from this institution with its moral fiber intact. As the returning students already know, the MTSU Films Committee has been ordered to cease its turpitudinous practice of strapping students into the seats of the University Center Theater and forcing them to watch dirty movies. I, for one, applaud this landmark decision, as the entire UC, I am sure, was on the brink of demonic infestation (who ya gonna call?). As a result of this coup for uprightness, the overall

GPA will no doubt skyrocket, the flunk-out rate will plummet, and our cockroaches, wee timorous beasties all, will pack their little duffle bags and move en masse to Nottingham. Enough on moral victories; on to the political affront. How about a rousing "huzzah" and the sound of one hand clapping for all three major TV networks for making us endure two political conventions this summer, one very boring and the other extremely boring. Not that these fermenting media events weren't important, but there just wasn't enough suspense involved to justify preemption of our favorite reruns. The most intense mystery going into the Democratic convention was whether Fritz could finish a 10 minute speech



in less than half an hour, and, as for the Ronald Reagan Show...well, now everybody in America knows what an armadillo looks like. And if Ferraro can find a running mate...who knows? And from the Who-Cares-

Anyway Department: How many of you have seen the TV commercial for the Do-It-Yourself Last Will and Testament Kit? Rumor has it that this product is the brainchild of a group of refugee marketing analysts

from the defunct Ronco company. Ronco, which recently folded, was allegedly only weeks away from introducing its Backyard Butane Crematorium. Believe or don't.

The Lighter Side
Down to the sea in (beer) schooners

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan has signed legislation intended to raise the nation's legal drinking age to 21. I don't doubt predictions that the new law, which restricts highway construction money to non-conquering states, will help cut down on the amount of drunken driving by teenagers. Let us hope it also reduces the amount of drunken boating. The Coast Guard estimates that about half of the fatal boating accidents last year were alcohol-related. As yet, however, there has been no move to raise the legal sailing age. One approach might be to restrict rivers and harbors appropriations for states that fail to beef up—or maybe bourbon up—breath tests. To date, only five states require skippers suspected of being intoxicated to take breath tests, although similar regulations are pending in 21 other states. In addition to outfitting buoys with up-to-date navigational aids, perhaps the government also could install a few solar-powered breath analyzers. I can see it all now. A patrol boat, sirens ablaze, steers alongside a craft that is never waxing in the waves. "Pull over to that buoy," commands an authoritarian voice over a bullhorn. For that matter, the helmsman wouldn't have to be listing to port or otherwise handling the tiller in a suspicious—which is to say, erratic—manner. Skippers might be cruising along perfectly sober when all of a sudden they find themselves caught up in a boat traffic check. Each passing craft would be stopped and its pilot invited to blow on a portable buoy. And what of the dockside establishments that cater to watermen? Shall they have any culpability in the matter? I'm not just talking about skippers of yachts, barges, scows, ferries, fishing boats and other motorized vessels. I'm also talking about canoeists, punters, kayakers and others who propel and guide with oars. Nothing can mar the pleasure of a cooling summer's dip in an old mill stream quite as quickly and as thoroughly as a couple of drunken canoeists. Sure breath-analyzing buoys may be of some inconvenience to speedboat operators and other boatmen in a hurry. But I say that is a small price to pay for getting drunken canoeists off the waterways.

Washington Window

Nixon Returns?

By HELEN THOMAS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—"Always dream of the future. Never think of the past," is the philosophy that has sustained former President Richard Nixon, who resigned in disgrace 10 years ago in the midst of the Watergate scandal. A new book, titled "Exile" by former Time Magazine correspondent Robert Sam Anson, richly chronicles Nixon's climb back into the public eye and search for identity as an elder statesman. THE BOOK chronicles highlights of Nixon's determination to survive the scorn of the country while at the same time never acknowledging more than mistakes in the Watergate break-in of the Democratic National headquarters and compounding the crime with a cover-up inspired by the White House. "Tell me," he asked Vernon Walters, the deputy CIA director whose agency Nixon tried to use in the cover-up, "what did I do wrong?" The book is quite explicit on the machinations to give Nixon a quick pardon, the pressures on his successor, Gerald Ford, to do so, and Ford's own inclination to be done with it. He made a brief announcement on a Sunday morning and quickly left the Oval Office without

taking questions to get to a golf tournament at the Burning Tree Country Club. ANSON REPORTS that when White House Chief of Staff Alexander Haig met with Ford on Aug. 1, he indicated a new tape had been discovered that would contradict Nixon's version of events and likely tip the vote in the House. The author quoted Haig as telling Ford: "A president has the power to grant a pardon." Ford, according to the book, asked Haig if he was certain about the pardoning authority and Haig replied: "It is my understanding from a White House lawyer that a president does have authority to grant a pardon before a criminal action has been taken against an individual." Although his advisers thought he was being too hasty and his timing was off, Ford told his aides he was "99 percent committed to giving a pardon." Meantime, the White House was getting reports of Nixon's emotional state from his family and friends. THE SPECIAL prosecutor and his legal staff "had concluded that there was more than sufficient evidence to convict Nixon on a variety of charges," according to the author, but at the same time Jaworski, anxious to return to Houston, appeared to lean toward a pardon. A firestorm of protest broke



after the pardon was given and Ford paid heavily with a drop in his popularity polls from which he never recovered. But the novel book describes Nixon's fighting spirit and determination to beat the odds. He was at times emotionally distraught and at one point went into shock after a phlebitis operation. "HERE WAS someone who until a few months ago had been the most powerful man in the world," the author wrote. "Now, he was sick, isolated, alone." His wife, Pat, who later suffered a stroke, was constant in her loyalty as were a few friends. In Nixon's television interview with David Frost, he acknowledged that "as the one with the chief responsibility for seeing that the laws of the United States are enforced, I did not meet that responsibility...and under those circumstances, I would have to

say that a reasonable person could call it a cover-up." AS THE YEARS went by, Nixon built his physical strength, visited China several times where he was treated royally because of his breakthrough diplomacy in paving the way for eventual recognition of China. He also wrote his memoirs and began giving more and more interviews, as well as making more public appearances. The book also reveals that Ford relied on Nixon's political advice during the 1976 campaign against Jimmy Carter, although this was denied at the time. The author also indicates that Nixon helped Ronald Reagan in his campaign and his advice still is solicited in the Reagan White House. ONCE IN TALKING about the big picture, Nixon is quoted as saying, "Who are the real strategic thinkers? The people

who grasp what is really going on." A friend replies: "Well, there's you." "Of course," Nixon answered. "But who else." "Apparently there was no one else," the author writes. "If the world was to be made right, it was up to him." When columnist Nick Thimmesch, a former political aide, visited him, Nixon said: "A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is finished when he quits. My philosophy is that no matter how many times you are knocked down, you get off that floor, even if you are bloody, battered and beaten and just keep slugging—providing you have something to live for. If you have something you believe in, something worth fighting for, the greatest test is not when you are standing, but when you are down on the floor. You've got to get up and start banging again."



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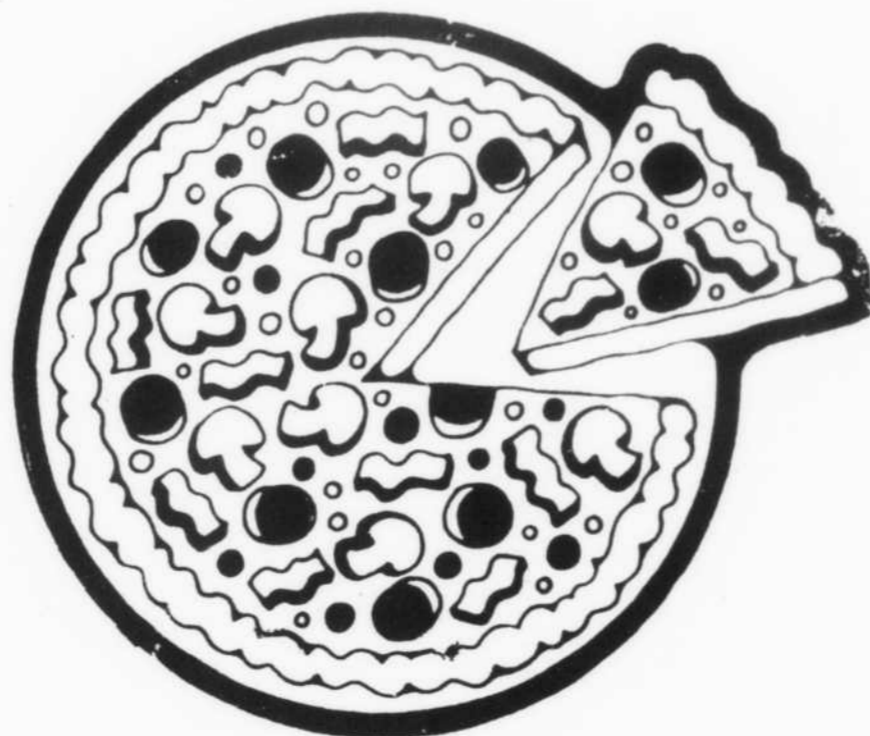
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Prince and *Purple Rain* 'best?'

By LARRY PAREIGIS
Sidelines Staff Writer

The movie *Purple Rain* opens with shots of the Kid, its title character, readying himself to do metaphorical battle onstage: adjusting his purple 1980s electric cavalier outfit, pursing his lips and tongue, teasing his modified Little Richard-hits-new-wave-head-on hairstyle, joining his band—the Revolution—and striding confidently onto a stage bathed in sheer light and swirling with smoke...

...and then, the Words: "DEARLY BELOVED. We are gathered here to get through this thing called life. Electric word, life; it means forever, and that's a mighty long time, but I'm here to tell you...there's something else...The Afterworld."

So it begins, the best rock flick ever made—yes, that includes *A Hard Day's Night*—*Purple Rain*, featuring proto-funk-rock superstar Prince in a stunning acting debut as "the Kid."

Do keep in mind, though, that even in a great rock film, room for improvement to bring

it to par with conventional motion pictures certainly exists. The good news is that this effort certainly stacks up and sets a new standard for music-oriented filmmaking.

SHOT ON A paltry budget of \$7 million, it looks like a high-tech, cinema-verite piece, as if Stanley Kubrick had dropped a camera in the middle of the club milieu of Minneapolis and, with minimal or no direction, caught the funky, exuberant, *sober* positivism there.

The man the *Los Angeles Times* compared favorably to both Sly Stone and Jimi Hendrix delivers the promise implied in his "Little Red Corvette" video with an unaffected, effortlessly gliding, sensual performance as a blisteringly talented whirling dervish of an entertainer.

In fact, all the main characters in *Purple Rain* are newcomers to movies, and all turns in equally delightful performances, and all are or were Prince proteges.

THE PLOT COULD be called shopworn: aspiring young musician as a source of

shaman-like mysticism and brilliance onstage, but whose offstage life is another matter entirely.

The Kid's alcoholic, frustrated ex-musician father beats his mother. Morris Day of TheTime, a rival band in the First Avenue Club, is trying to force the young upstart from the bill by forming an all-female band led by The Kid's mysterious and voluptuous girlfriend, Apollonia.

Day, a tremendous comic talent who almost steals Prince's thunder, is also vying for the beauty's attention.

SHOPWORN, MAYBE. But there is the music, and it elevates the slightly hackneyed plot with an explosion of innovation that doesn't lose sight of rock's past and simultaneously points the direction toward a bold horizon in its future. Instead of five-minute videos which stop the action, the music is an integral part of the storyline that nurtures and pushes the narrative forward in the grand tradition of the musical.

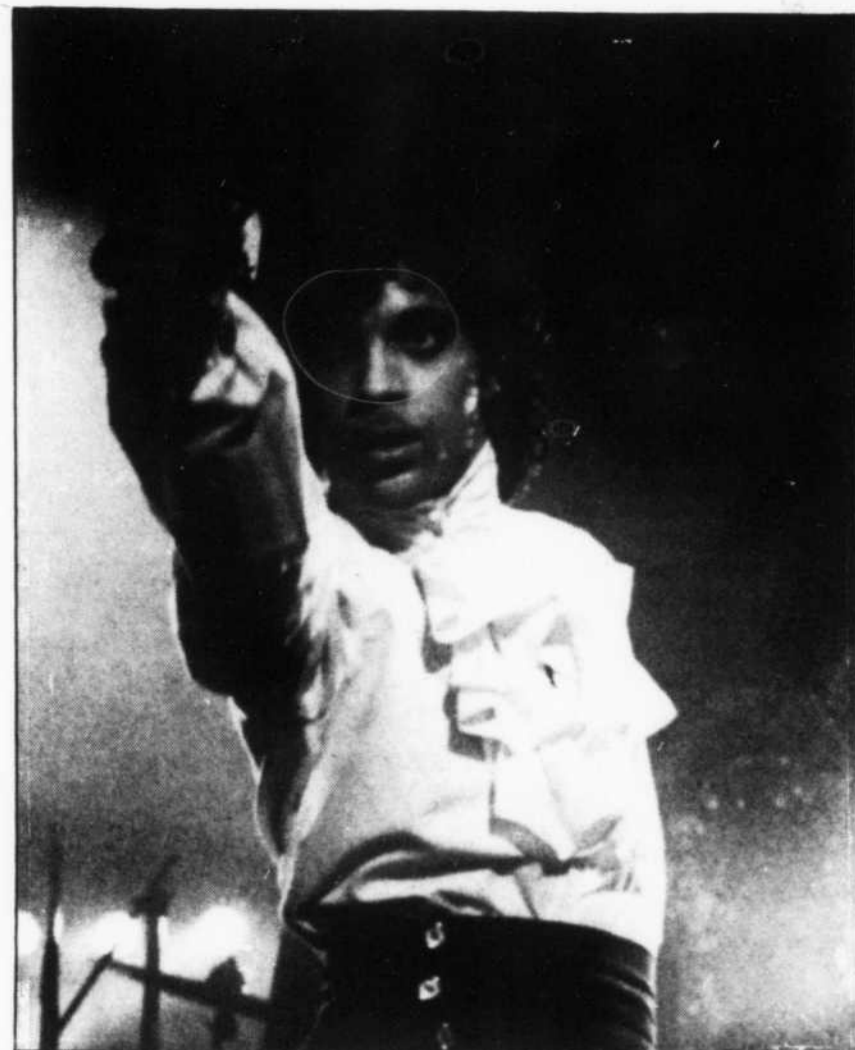
Another major difference is the character's attitudes in the

film toward work (essential if you're going to be great), love and sex, (interconnected and part of a healthy lifestyle), drugs (never mentioned), and alcohol (depicted primarily in a negative light throughout the film).

These are Princely attitudes and they do suffice the film, but they're all funneled through the vision of novice director and co-writer Albert Magnoli, who surrounded himself with the best, brightest and most experienced filmmakers he could afford to hire.

"It's about time we reach out for something new...and that means you too!" Prince exclaims during the heart-rending performance of the *Purple Rain* title song, which emerges as a celebration of the sober, Puritan work ethic music-making that he supports.

If you're looking for an intellectual experience in movie-going, this *ain't* the place. As a purely visceral exercise, though, it's one of the best. Check out *Purple Rain*, and join together with the band.



Purple Rain will return to Cinema Two in Murfreesboro next week. The movie features funk—punk—rocker Prince, as well as Minneapolis night club performers.



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Monday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.: Berlin opens for the Thompson Twins at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.50 and \$12 and on sale at Centra-Tik outlets. (Port 'O Call in the K-Mart Shopping Center on North Broad.)

Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.: The second annual Young Life Benefit concert will take place at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville. Tickets for the concert, which will feature gospel singers Russ Taff, Michael W. Smith, and Kathy Troccoli, are \$7.50 in advance, \$8.50 at the door, and available at Ticket Master outlets.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 8 p.m.: "Ghost hunters" Ed and Lorraine Warren present a program based on their experiences with the supernatural, including their dealings with the supposedly demon-possessed house on which the movie *Amityville Horror* was based. The program is free and given in the Learning Resource Center on campus.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m.: Natural Bridge Park, in Waynesboro, will be the host for Charlie Daniels Band. Tickets are available at Century 21 Records.

Tuesday, Sept. 11: *Little Shop of Horrors*, a musical comedy about a people-eating Venus flytrap, starts a six-night run at the TPAC. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$24 and are available at Ticket Master outlets.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.: Neil Young brings his International Harvesters Country Tour to the Grand Ole Opry House. Tickets are \$10.50, \$12.50 reserved, and on sale at Centra-Tik outlets.

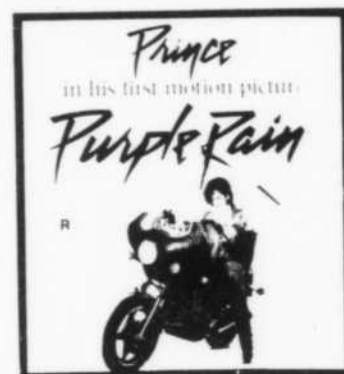
Saturday, Sept. 29, 8 p.m.: Rod Stewart performs at Murphy Center in support of his 17th album, *Camouflage*. Tickets are on sale at the MTSU box office and Centra-Tik outlets.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m.: Lee Greenwood and the Oak Ridge Boys return to Murphy Center. Tickets will be \$12.50 and go on sale Sept. 14.

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Policeman not 'horsing' around

By BETH DuBOIS
Sidelines Staff Writer

It's an unusual sight that causes some students to take a second look to ensure belief in what they've just seen; yes, there is a horse on campus with a university security officer riding atop it.

The rider's name is Mark Morgan, and his mount answers to the name of "Boo."

MORGAN, A full-time campus officer and the direct supervisor of ticket writers, said he'd ridden a horse on residence hall opening day for the past several years in hopes the idea "would catch on."

"I'd always hoped people would see the horse and say, 'hey, let's do this full time,' but that never happened," Morgan

said. "Then Chief [Jack] Drugmand took over [last fall] with the idea of having a mounted patrol."

To get the program started, security was able to obtain the use of Midnight Sun Glow, Boo's registered name. A Tennessee Walking Horse, Boo was offered to the department by owner Ken Pinkston, the man in charge of caring for horses kept at MTSU.

"KENNY RAY [Pinkston] offered to let us use Boo," Morgan said, adding that he would be working at MTSU football games and "in front of all the parades we can get her in." The security office is

hoping publicity generated by Boo's appearances will result in the donation of a horse that will "be ours."

Drugmand thinks the horse and its rider are as helpful and efficient as officers with more normal means of transportation—"if not more so, because of the ability of the horse to cover ground that a car could not."

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Midlander editor to reintroduce advertising

By KEVIN H. CRUZE
Sidelines News Editor

Work is finally under way on the 1985 *Midlander* after a delay earlier in the year caused by the lack of a "qualified" applicant for the position of editor.

The Student Publications Committee chose Tim Selby, who also serves as *Sidelines* Editorial Page Editor, in August to fill the position

vacated when interim editor Deborah Vaughn Gillis did not raise her cumulative grade point average to the minimum 2.5 required for *Midlander* editor applicants.

SELBY IS A 23-year-old senior from Kingsport, majoring in Radio-TV.

Several changes are planned for this year's book, including, for the first time since 1975, advertising.

"I have a directive from the

Student Publications Committee to include advertising in this year's book," Selby said Wednesday. "Since the space exists in the book, there's no reason not to use it."

OTHER CHANGES include dividing the underclassmen pictures by classification, Selby said.

"Basically we're planning on a book that will be, in terms of quality, much better than past efforts," Selby said.

"A lot of students were very critical of last year's book, in

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"From what I understand, sales are up quite a bit from last year," he added.

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Aerospace instructor resigns

By GARY FRAZIER
Sidelines Staff Writer

John Attig, instructor in maintenance management in the Aerospace division, recently resigned from the MTSU staff, Dr. Wallace Maples, chairman of the department, said Wednesday.

Although Attig was only with the Middle Tennessee

Aerospace program for a year before his resignation, "he added an excellent practical approach to the teaching of aviation," Maples said.

His departure leaves the department with one less teacher, and his position will have to be temporarily filled with adjunct personnel, Maples said.

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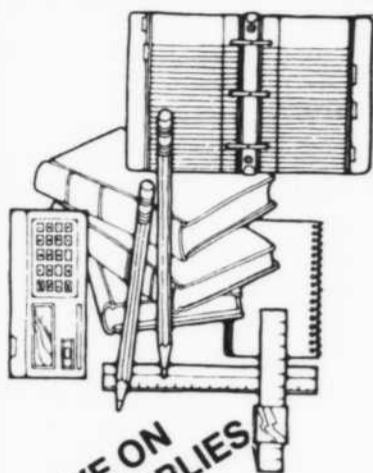
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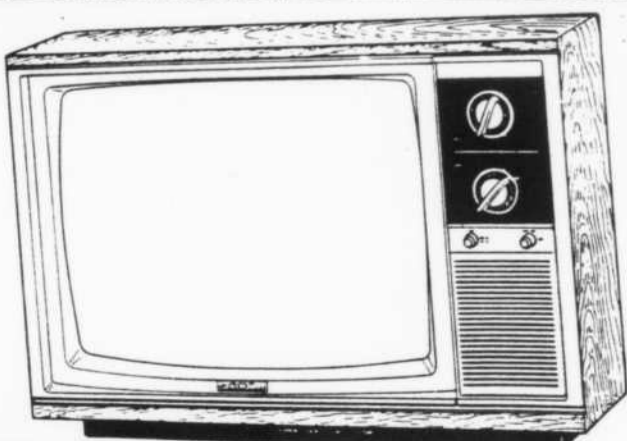
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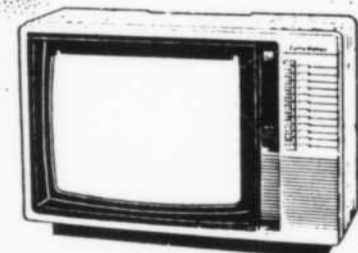
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Oct. 13	*Murray State	Murray, Ky.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Austin Peay	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1:30 p.m.
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Reagan vetoes funding for CPB

By NORMAN D. SANDLER
United Press Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan, citing demands for deficit reductions and fiscal prudence, has reignited a long-running debate by vetoing \$238 million in advance funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

With Congress in its Labor Day recess, Reagan declared Wednesday that the 49 percent funding increase proposed for fiscal 1987 "cannot be justified" and is "incompatible with the clear and urgent need to reduce federal spending."

HIS ACTION, which forces Congress to challenge the veto or pass a scaled-down authorization suitable to his wishes, was branded "an absolute outrage" by Rep. Timothy Wirth, D-Colo., chairman of the House telecommunications subcommittee.

However, Rep. James Broyhill, R-N.C., the ranking Republican on Wirth's subcommittee, said Reagan "made a prudent decision in rejecting the huge increases called for in this legislation."

"All of us who are committed to a strong public broadcasting system in this country are very disappointed by the president's action," said Douglas Bennet, president of National Public Radio. "The strong bipartisan backing for this bill clearly shows there is ample support for the legislation in Congress and among the American people."

IN VETOING the measure, Reagan urged Congress "to consider a revised bill providing more reasonable and moderate increases."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes indicated Reagan would accept an

authorization in the range of \$200 million.

"I must also stress that my firm insistence on scaling back this bill to more fiscally responsible levels in no way jeopardizes the continued operations of public broadcasting stations across the nation," Reagan said.

"GIVEN THE magnitude of the deficit cuts that will be needed in the years ahead," Reagan said, "I do not believe we can justify locking in public broadcasting funding levels for 1987-1989 that are so obviously excessive. To do so would be wholly inconsistent with our pledge to slow the growth of

spending and reduce the size of the deficit."

The veto statement was issued a short time after Reagan announced he had set aside his fiscal objections to another bill by signing legislation to provide federal money for state mineral research institutes.

The mineral research bill was judged by the White House to be a poor target for a veto because of its relatively low cost—less than \$10 million this year—and its strong backing on Capitol Hill.

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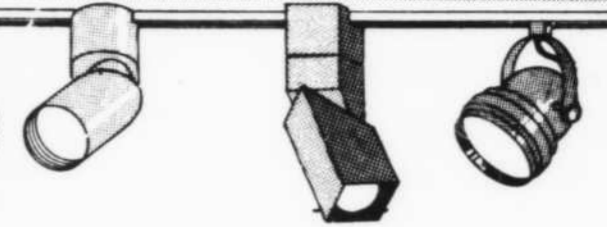
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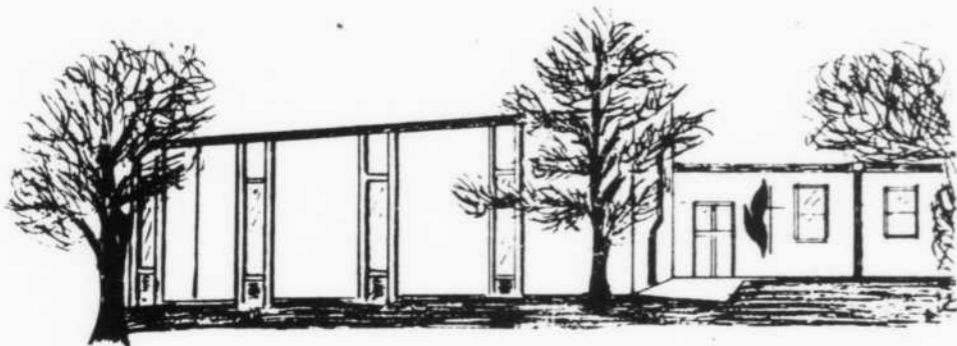
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MTSU fills roster; Stewart signs three

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

One of coach Bruce Stewart's main chores is taken care of.

The first-year MTSU basketball mentor signed his last three recruits last week.

AFTER LOSING one starter to graduation and two who decided to transfer, Stewart had his work cut out for him to rebuild the Blue Raiders.

Despite these setbacks, the coach is excited about the upcoming season with the collection of junior college transfers and high school standouts he has been able to assemble.

"We feel like we had the best recruiting season in the OVC [Ohio Valley Conference]," Stewart said. "And that is not to tout our own horn by any

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Blue Raiders turn gold

Tomorrow's football game will mark the Golden Anniversary for MTSU's nickname, the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raider name originated from a contest sponsored by the *Daily News Journal* to name the school's athletic teams.

AN MTSU ATHLETE, Charles "Stumpy" Arver, submitted the name "Blue Raiders." The name was selected and Arver was awarded a prize of \$5.

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means. But we wouldn't trade our recruits for any others."

AL HOLLAND is a 6-foot-8, 220-pound transfer that Stewart snagged from junior college powerhouse Howard in Texas. After winning its division last year, Holland's team finished with a 28-4 record. Holland is MTSU's third signee from Howard.

"Holland will give us a lot of inside post play," Stewart added.

While playing for Howard, Holland averaged 12 points and eight rebounds a game. Stewart points out that six of Howards players averaged double-figure scoring in their balanced attack.

KIM COOKSEY and Neal Murray are MTSU's final two recruits.

Cooksey is a 6-foot-3, 180-pound wing-man from

Crowder junior college in Little Rock, Ark.

After coming out of high school two years ago listed as the number two prospect in Arkansas, Cooksey led his team to a 23-9 count this year while averaging 18 points, six rebounds and four assists.

"KIM SHOULD add maturity and experience to our backcourt," Stewart said.

The final signee is a local favorite, Neal Murray, 5-foot-11, 155 pounds, from Murfreesboro Oakland.

"Murray could be the suprise of our team this year," Stewart said.

Murray averaged 14 points, seven steals and four assists for the Patriots, who finished runners-up in the AAA State Championship this past season with a 31-1 count.

The Raiders will begin practice Oct. 15.

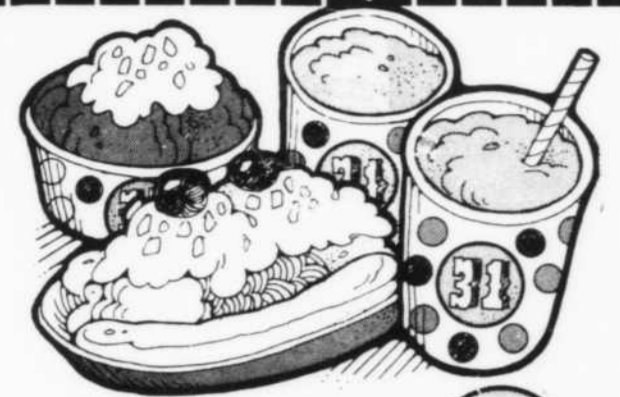
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Soccer club starts season

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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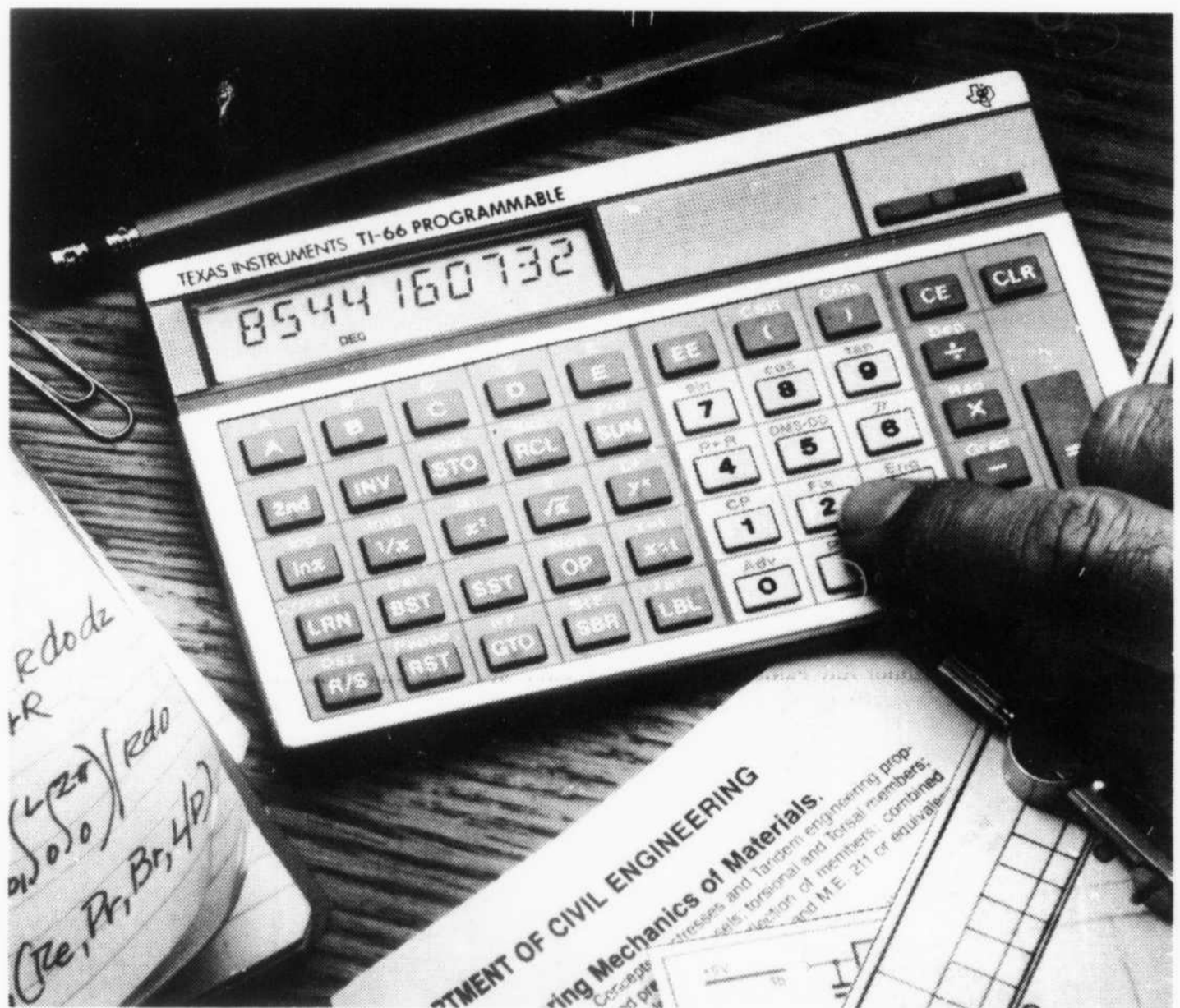
IN ADDITION to its regular schedule, the team will enter several indoor and outdoor tournaments.

The team has a history

record of 85 wins, 22 losses and 22 ties.

Presently the club is looking for some experienced players who can contribute immediately, according to Joe D. Shaw, the club's goalkeeper.

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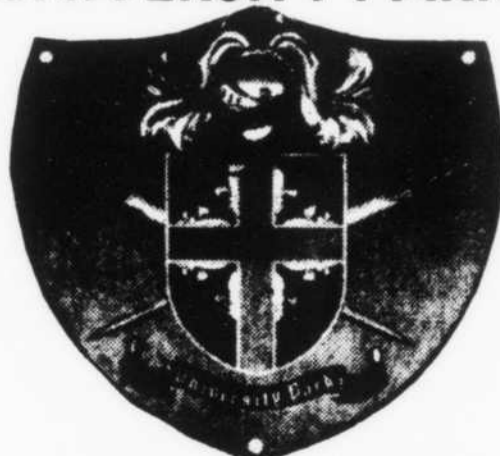
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APhiA members boast highest GPA: 2.71

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Staff Writer

The brothers of MTSU's chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity had the highest grade point average of the 13 fraternities on the campus for the spring semester of 1984, according to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

The past semester marked the fourth consecutive semester in which the all-fraternity average has exceeded the all-male undergraduate average. Alpha Phi Alpha had a GPA of 2.71. The undergraduate male average for the spring semester was 2.31, while the all-fraternity average was 2.42.

"I WAS VERY pleased with last semester's grades,"

Cantrell said. "It was good to see some of them show some improvement."

Kappa Sigma was second in GPAs with 2.57, followed by Alpha Tau Omega with a 2.55.

Several of the fraternity members earned 4.0 averages for the semester. They include Kenneth Summar of Kappa Alpha, Terrell George Jr. of Pi Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi's Harold Stephens Jr. and Kevin Cruze of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

THREE FRATERNITIES' GPAs were less than the all-male undergraduate average for the semester. They are Sigma Chi with a 2.27, Sigma Nu at 2.20 and Phi Beta Sigma with a 1.99 average.

Cantrell encouraged the fraternities that were below

the all-male average to help the members of the organization with low GPAs.

"They should probably meet with their brothers and talk to them about their grades," Cantrell said.

He also said any fraternity whose GPA slips well below the all-male average would be

First week rush 'successful'

By SHERRI YORK
Sidelines Staff Writer

Moving sorority rush to the first week of school proved successful this year, according to Dean of Women Judy Smith.

An estimated 220 women participated in sorority rush this year, and 162 of these women pledged a sorority, Smith said.

SMITH IS PLEASED with these results as compared to last year's rush which consisted of 200 women going through rush and 149 of them pledging.

"Rush was better all around," Smith said.

According to Smith and several sorority members, rush was more successful this year because the women going through rush were more serious about it.

THE WOMEN would not have come to school before classes started to participate in rush if they had not been truly interested, Smith said.

Another reason for this year's successful rush, according to Smith, is that the women who went through were less influenced by outside opinions than in the past. Since classes had not yet begun, rushees were able to avoid hearing most of the outside opinions on sororities from their classmates and friends.

Sorority members also liked the early rush better because it did not interfere with their classes and schoolwork as rush

restricted from social activities on campus for that particular semester.

"Then if they did not pull it up," Cantrell added, "they would either have their charter removed by their national group or be kicked off campus."

had in the past when it took place in September, according to several sorority members.

Sorority rush consists of four parties at which skits are performed by sorority members to help the rushees learn about Greeks in general and about individual sororities in particular. Sorority members also spoke with the rushees on an individual basis during the parties.

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Vonda McDaniel
Sophomore
Accounting

"Yes and No. So many things have been done at TSU. They're beating a dead horse. It just doesn't work. Their efforts are futile. Having a forced quota just isn't what we need. We need an open door policy where students can go where they want to."



Garry L. Todd
Senior
Recording Industry
Management

"I don't like the idea of government telling you what you can and cannot do on something like education. I think people should choose for themselves. A quota is artificial—not by choice. Anyway, who knows what's the right number."



Helen Templeton
Freshman
Biology

"I guess they're trying to avoid discrimination but it's up to the student to choose the (university) they feel most comfortable at. They don't have to be black or white."



De Etta Gray
Freshman
Accounting

"We're paying for it. We should have the right to choose which college we go to. Teenagers now don't care as much about that, they're not as prejudiced."



Scott Herman
Junior
Social Studies

"Yes, if it can be shown that there is intentional discrimination."



Lyndia Culpepper
Freshman
Education

"They're using it as bait."

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