

Sidelines

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Earth, Wind & Fire: a dy-no-mite show



PHOTOS BY JACK BOWEN

Turn to page seven for a look at what happened at Friday night's soldout concert, featuring Earth, Wind and Fire. But be sure, this time was a lot bigger show than the band's first appearance, way back in in 1973 in the DA Auditorium.

ASB typing referral service now in operation

An Associated Student Body typing referral service is now operating on campus, for the use of all students with typing work they need done.

NEWS

According to Mike Wesson, director of the project, the idea of the service is to "Provide a place for students to get papers typed at fair prices with good quality as well."

MTSU Horsemen to organize tonight

An organization formed by the merger of two MTSU horse groups will meet tonight.

The MTSU Horsemen's Club will begin their meeting at 7 p.m. in room 125 of the Agriculture building.

Activities to be discussed will probably include work on the monument for Wilson's Allen, a walking horse buried on campus, in addition to trail rides and participation in some shows.

The service also provide typists with a chance to get experience and some monetary reward, the director said.

Just started this year, 25 typists applied for work in the service, and a team of 12 have been selected initially. At this moment, there are six actually working with the service, Wesson said.

The procedure for getting a paper typed is: take the paper to the ASB office on the third floor of the UC and leave it with the secretary there.

In turn, the paper will be routed to a typist, completed and then given back to the original author.

If the person using the service is dissatisfied with the quality of the work, the person will not have to pay the typist for the work.

After a few papers have been routed through the service, Wesson reported no complaints with the quality of typing.

Rates for the service are: double spaced, 55 cents per page; single spaced, \$1.05 per page. For double spaced pages with footnotes, the

charge will be 75 cents per page. Single spaced with footnotes will be \$1.25 per page.

In addition to page typing, the service also provide resumes for \$1, tabulations and charts for \$1.10 per

page, bibliographies for 75 cents per page and letters for 75 cents per page.

The typists will also type title pages for 25 cents and envelopes for 5 cents each.

Grades, diplomas to be withheld until all school debts are cleared

Under a new state law the mailing of grades and the distribution of diplomas are now prohibited until all university debts have been satisfied, according to Suzanne McDaniel, director of records.

The law (Chapter 654 of the Public Acts of 1976) states that: "state institutions of higher education are prohibited from issuing diplomas, certificates of credit or grade reports to any student unless the student has satisfied all debts or obligations owed to the institution.

The law goes on to state: "this prohibition should be construed to apply to transcripts of grades as

well as final grade reports for any term."

"Most students who receive parking tickets, etc., wait and pay for these at registration," McDaniel said. "This can still be done but grade reports for Fall semester will not be mailed to those students," she said.

Students who wish to clear all debts and receive grade reports must do so at the Business Office windows by 4 p.m. Dec. 10.

"After Dec. 10 a receipt from the Business Office will need to be shown to personnel at the Records windows to receive grades," McDaniel said.

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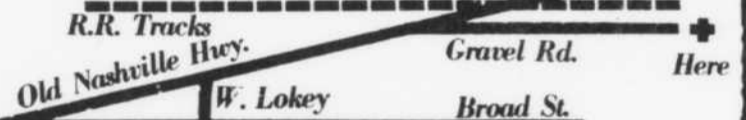
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All resident halls will close at 12 noon Dec. 14 and will remain closed until 1 p.m. Jan. 2. Students are

requested to move out of their dorms between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on their last exam day.

Any students who must reside on-campus during Christmas vacation must inform the housing office by Dec. 1. James A. Craig, director of housing said the limited number of spaces will be allotted on a first come first serve basis.

loss or destruction of students' personal property.

Craig said students who have been authorized to move off campus for spring semester must inform the housing office by Nov. 24, or they will lose their \$30 room deposit.

Sidelines takes top award for spring semester papers

SIDELINES was awarded an All-American rating for the spring semester of 1976 by the Associated Collegiate Press.

The newspaper received four "marks of distinction" in coverage and content, writing and editing, editorial leadership and opinion features and physical appearance and visual communication.

"Sidelines is an excellent, lively publication," according to the judges.

The newspaper was named the outstanding collegiate paper in the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Region 12 last fall. This award signifies the best paper in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"I am extremely pleased that Sidelines was selected as an All-American newspaper," Marchesoni said. "Without the combined efforts of staff members, an All American rating could not have been achieved."

The Sidelines staff was composed of "high quality journalists who have a genuine concept of the newspaper business," she added. "managing editor Trina Jones is an exceptional writer who exhibits a natural feel for news."

Students returning for spring semester may leave their personal belongings in their assigned rooms during Christmas break. All electrical appliances except refrigerators must be unplugged and the temperature should be left at a setting of 68 degrees.

Craig stated that the university is not responsible for theft, damage,

Students returning for the spring semester should turn in key and sign out of residence hall with head resident, and after Christmas vacation sign in with head resident. Students who do not sign in will be charged two weeks additional rent during spring registration.

If you knew then what you know now, would you have enrolled in Army ROTC?

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Assassination anniversary recalls Camelot

by John Pitts
Sidelines Editor

"I can't remember if I cried when I read about his widowed bride, but something touched me deep inside the day the music died..."

November 22, 1963—the day the music of Camelot died in Dallas.

OPINION

Thirteen years is a long time, especially in the life of a college student, who was anywhere from five to 10 years old at the time; hardly the age for comprehending events of that importance.

John Kennedy was elected in a blaze of glory, and he was hailed as the kind of leader whose imagination and leadership abilities would

be able to bring America into the 1960s. He had defeated Vice-President Richard Nixon by the narrowest margin in history to become the first Roman Catholic ever elected President.

The issues in that race were primarily military, with the "Cold War," the "missile gap" and other such phrases leaping into prominence.

There were many who doubted Kennedy's abilities, and many who just plain hated him—because he talked funny, or because they felt he just smiled himself into the presidency.

The "great debates" were hailed by many as the key to electing Kennedy - his youthful appearance far outshone the sweating, shifty-eyed presence of Nixon.

And now, 13 years later, we have Jimmy Carter, born-again moder-

ate of the "New South," as the president-elect of the nation.

The issues in this presidential race were mostly domestic, and such words as "unemployment" and "inflation" were irrelevant; the important thing was the hungry eyes and the lines of people without jobs and maybe without hope.

Looking back now, it is hard to assess what real affect the assassination of Kennedy had on America. For sure, it introduced even more mystery into an already unpredictable political situation.

It might be that Kennedy's administration would have been the one under which we would have made much of the progress that we long for today. There are some things that we know almost for sure:

—Kennedy was asking for a reduction in military strength in Vietnam, effective Jan. 1, 1964. Under Kennedy, a peaceful transition to a pro-North Vietnamese government might

have been made, the very result we had 11 years and thousands of lives later.

—The Justice Department, under the direction of Bobby Kennedy, was beginning to investigate procedures for reducing the power of government intelligence agencies, such as the CIA and FBI, to prevent what has become a total involvement of the government in our everyday affairs.

—Finally, a trend towards youth was quickly stemmed by the ascension of aged Lyndon Johnson to power.

Of course, it is as ridiculous to think about an America with Kennedy as it is to postulate what the Black movement would be like with Martin Luther King and Malcom X still in power, or of the Teamsters with Jimmy Hoffa again.

One thing for sure, we can't go home again, and 1963 seems further and further away all the time.

Fallacies hurt abortion arguments

To the Editor:

Tina Farrar asks too much. I imagine that most of those who oppose abortion do so because they feel that to kill an unborn child is tantamount to murder. How can you ask them to take no action against what they perceive to be a pogram against the young? I'm afraid they are under a moral obligation.

Secondly, Ms. Farrar's remarks to the effect that males should have no vice in this matter is a classic fallacy. I don't believe that sex has

any effect upon a person's ability to recognize injustice, and having recognized it, all humanity is morally compelled to act.

Extending Ms. Farrar's arguments to real world, we should abolish all criminal laws, since they infringe the liberty of the criminal to make his own decision, and we should, for example, have nothing to say about the torture of political prisoners in Chile since we are not Chileans. A pox on such reasoning.

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Campus Calendar

Today

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity:
project to give away a rug, UC
Basement, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Koolettes Bake Sale: UC Basement,
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha Candy Sale:
UC Basement, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Movie: "Black Christmas," UC
Theatre, 3:30, 6, 8 p.m.
Traffic Court: UC 322A, 4-6 p.m.
Music Department: Flute Trio,
Tennessee Room, SUB, 7:30
p.m.

(Classes have been cancelled for
Thursday and Friday due to the
Thanksgiving holidays.)

Sunday

Music Department: Voice Recital,
Marsha Early, UC Theatre, 8
p.m.

All students majoring in Re-
cording Industry Management in
the Mass Communications dept.
may apply for an internship in
recording. You must be a junior or a
senior and have at least a 2.75
grade point average to qualify.
Applications may be filled out in
the Mass Comm dept. today and
tomorrow. No applications will be
accepted later than Wed., Nov. 24.

The Personalized Learning Lab in
the Learning Resources Center will
be closed three days this week, due
to the holidays.

This weeks schedule will have the
lab open from 8a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
tomorrow, closed Thursday, Friday

and Saturday and open again
Sunday from 6 p.m. until 10.

Collage, the campus creativ
publication, is daring to go into
print once again.

This time, they want to drag you in
on it too. Contributions are now
being accepted for the second issue
of the school year, to be published
sometime in January, or maybe
even later.

Editor Jan Ellis is looking for
everything creative, from stories to
poetry to art and everything
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Metamorphosis...

Image change gives Atlanta international flavor

by Tom Wood and Merry Lynn Starling

It's a strange metamorphosis which the city of Atlanta, Georgia has undergone in the last few years.

No longer is the image depicted in "Gone With the Wind" a valid one. From the average Southern city, perhaps a little more sophisticated than the rest, Atlanta, or "Hotlanta," as it is sometimes called, has truly gone international.

Not very long ago, Atlanta was just another city. Oh, it had more than its share of theatres and nightclubs—but nothing really outstanding.

And then a group of business leaders decided this wasn't the proper image of a city of Atlanta's size (over one and a half million metro population). How right they were.

Since this recent momentous image change, Atlanta's skyline has slowly changed and grown.

Many new hotels and structures have given Atlanta this new look. Now Rhett and Scarlett are gone, and replacing them are Jimmy and Fritz Mondale.

Just a few of the new hotels are the Omni International, Hilton and the Peachtree Plaza—the world's tallest hotel.

Heaven must be like the Peachtree Plaza—both are way up there in the sky, both are a fabulous weekend resort and both must have a lot of beautiful people floating around.

The Peachtree is 80 stories high—and the first 10 floors aren't even for guests. These floors are full of meeting rooms, banquet rooms, ballrooms, lounges, etc.

The lobby even looks like Heaven—Heaven in Venice, maybe...Boat-like lounges for intimate groups of two, three and maybe a few more are floating in a huge pool of water. From the upper decks, the lobby looks like a shimmering lake with small boats afloat.

ENTERTAINMENT

One of the two public lounges in the hotel is appropriately called "The Inner Circle" since it's in the middle of the hotel and is circular. Totally illuminated in red lights, the place looks more like hell than heaven (drinks are hellacious, too, at \$2.60 a beer). The other lounge is at the very top of the hotel, almost in the clouds, and revolves slowly, silently illuminated high above the rest of the city.

The Peachtree Plaza is by far the most glamorous, the classiest hotel in downtown Atlanta—or downtown anywhere for that matter—and is destined to become a tourist attraction for people to gaze at the luxury lounges, the ballrooms, other people, the illuminated enclosed glass elevator and the towering Sun Dial...but their drinks won't cause any lasting affection in anyone's heart...

Now for good drinks, Underground is the place to go. Imagine banana daiquiris oozing from a milk-shake machine...flaming hurricanes...salt encrusted margaritas...pineapple heaped pina colodas...

But for good music, dancing and drinking, the Mad Hatter in the Underground is the place to go.

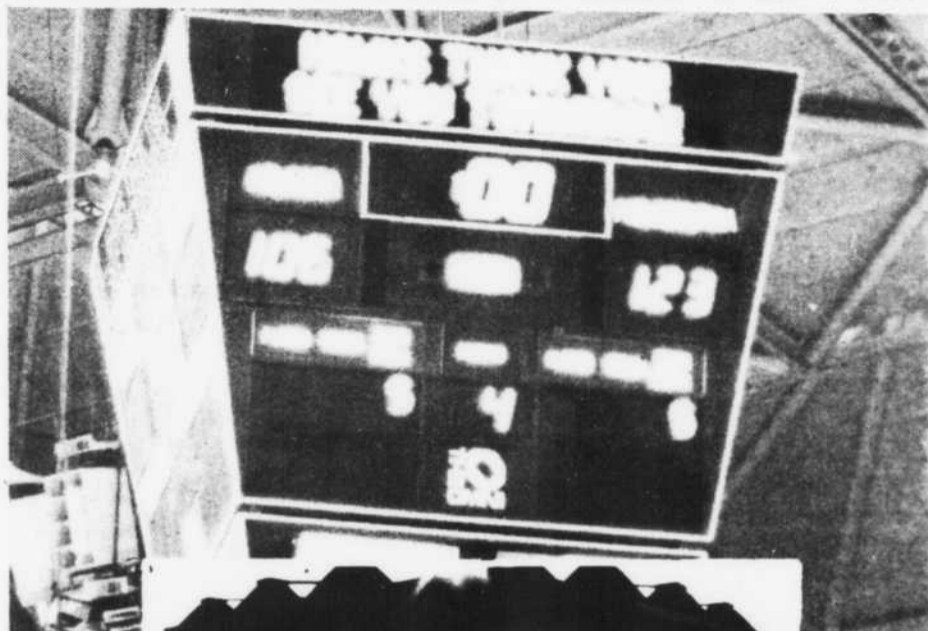
While in Atlanta, it would be almost a sin to miss seeing the new Omni complex.

Besides the Omni itself, which houses the NBA Atlanta Hawks and NHL Atlanta Flames, there is a luxurious hotel, six theatres, an ice skating rink, stores and restaurants of all shapes and sizes. Atlanta also homes the Braves and Falcons.

Among the sites the city features are Stone Mountain, Six Flags Over Georgia (home of the Great Gasp and Great American Scream Machine).

Atlanta is fast becoming one of the nation's leading recording cities—ranking behind New York City, Los Angeles and Nashville, and Peaches Record Shop is the largest of its kind in the South.

Clearly, Atlanta has much to offer, at least too much for one weekend. But one weekend will do for starters....



From top to bottom - the scoreboard tells it all; the Omni, in all its magnificence; and the Flames drive toward the goal.



Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

'Success' spelled Earth, Wind & Fire

by John Pitts

After the kind of effort required to get inside Murphy Center Friday night, the 10,000 fans there were expecting one hell of a show.

Earth, Wind and Fire couldn't "Get Away" with anything less.

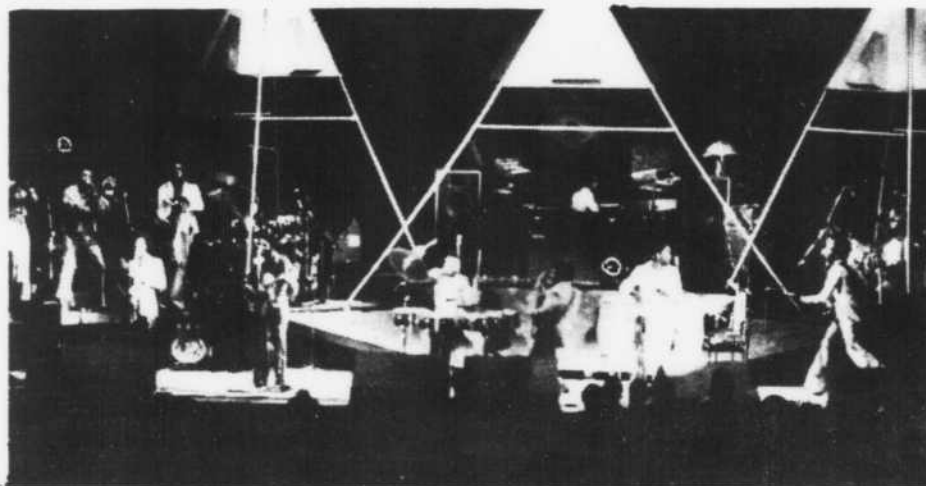
Blazing onto the stage in a flash of spotlights and a blare of loud noise, E,W, and F emerged from a triad of pyramid-shaped structures, and the crowd was on its feet, and would stay there for almost the entire show.

Opening with "Celebrate" from their "Gratitude" album, the band quickly established a link with the audience that would endure long after the last notes reverberated from the speakers—the band and the audience, all 10,000 of them, were close friends from the start, raising hell, drinking wine and having a real good time.

Most impressive were bassist Verdean White, whose disappearing act at one point during the concert delighted the audience; Ralph Johnson and Fred White on drums, and guitarist Johnny Graham. Maurice White, vocalist and percussionist for the group, acts as the spiritual and literal leader of the band.

Keyboard player Larry Dunhill and vocalists Al McKay and Philip Bailey round out the lineup that appeared in the concert.

If you ever wanted a purer definition of real funk, it would be hard to ignore Earth, Wind and



Earth, Wind & Fire

Fire. Sometimes gentle and calming, sometimes powerful enough to rip the roof off the building, the music is all designed with one thing in mind: to please the ears and eyes of the audience.

The audience seemed to know the songs as well as the band did, and everyone had a great time singing along, clapping, and dancing in their seats.

Earth, Wind and Fire's control over the audience was well illustrated as the band played a lengthy number, then refused to really ever quit playing: they would play what could have been the end note, and vocalist White would look around the huge auditorium, as if searching for something in the distance. A pause, then the band would start playing the song again. They repeated this several times,

with the audience urging them on. When the song finally ended, the audience roared its approval, as it did with every song the band played.

The great hits were all there: "That's the Way (of the World)," "Sing a Song" and "Shining Star" were just a few of the songs the band played in a set that apparently went far longer than had been expected.

Door guards began fidgeting around 10:15 (the set began a hour earlier) and by 11, they were wondering if the music was ever going to stop.

To the disappointment of the

crowd, the music finally did stop, but the band returned a last time for "Get Away" their present top 40 smash.

The first time Earth, Wind and Fire came to Murfreesboro (way back in 1973) they were lucky to fill up the DA Auditorium, but filling Murphy Center was no trouble Friday. If this band gets any more popular, there might not be an empty field on campus that could hold the crowd.

Staff photo by Jack Ross

PLANTER CENTER

by Steve Huhman

Flo and Eddie—"Moving Targets": A surprisingly good collection of songs is available here. All of Kaylan's and Volman's bases are touched, with bitingly satirical songs, harmlessly funny ones, genuine romantic pop zingers, and even a remake of the Turtles' "Elenore."

Going back to Turtle days, these guys have proved their ability to produce enticing pop hooks, and they proved their comic genius during their stint with the Mothers of Invention. "Moving Targets" is a very entertaining combination of the two.

Films, mini-concert due after Turkey Day

The fall Student Programming schedule winds down to a close following the return from the Thanksgiving break with the Fall Film Festival and a mini-concert featuring Potter, Galbraith and Bacon.

The film festival will run Nov. 29-Dec. 2, and will feature the movies "The Dove," "Forbidden Planet," "Friends" and Myra Breckenridge."

Each day, during the festival,

cartoons will be shown in the theatre beginning at 12:30. The main feature begins at 6 and 8 p.m. and all of these shows are free to students.

Right before exams are scheduled to begin, Don Potter, Rob Galbraith and Michael Bacon will appear in the final mini-concert of this semester.

That show is scheduled for Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., and admission is \$1 at the door.

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MTSU freshman basketball player survives auto crash

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

A Rutherford County deputy sheriff has been credited with saving the life of MTSU freshman basketball player Ken Sebring after a fiery automobile crash on I-24 Sunday night.

Deputy Kenneth Hunt, who viewed the accident through his rear view mirror after answering a call for a stranded vehicle at approximately 11:15 p.m., pulled Sebring from the car seconds after it burst into flames.

"I couldn't see inside the car (a 1973 Thunderbird) because it was filled with smoke. Both doors were jammed, so I busted the window on the passenger side with my nightstick and reached in and pulled him out," Hunt explained.

Sebring, who was knocked unconscious upon impact and



Ken Sebring

Lucky to be alive

cannot recall the collision, had slowed down on the interstate when he saw Hunt's blue lights flashing "about a football field length ahead

of me" at scene of the stranded vehicle.

Police reports indicate the Arcanum, Ohio native's car was then struck from behind by a truck owned by the McLean Trucking Company.

Sebring's car apparently flipped and rolled off the interstate before bursting into flames. He was knocked into the back seat.

No charges had been placed as of late last night.

"People told me what happened," Sebring said last night. "I woke up in the ambulance and found glass in my pockets. I can't remember a thing."

Sebring was kept at Rutherford County Hospital, after an unsuccessful attempt to reach someone at the MTSU infirmary, for observation. He was released Monday morning.

Hunt suffered a strained right arm after pulling Sebring from the flames. He was treated and released Sunday.

Hunt, who is 6-0 and weighs 150 pounds, said he "really didn't know how I was able to pull him out."

Sebring is 6-9 and weighs 240.

"I'm all right," Sebring said. "My neck hurts and my back was burned a little. I've got a pretty bad headache, but they said it could have been a lot worse."

MTSU basketball coach Jimmy Earle was informed of the accident shortly before midnight at his home and rushed to the hospital.

If the officer hadn't acted so quickly it might have been very bad," Earle said. "We are very appreciative to him and want to thank him for acting so bravely and quickly."

Tech wins again

Raiders' better showing not enough

by Frank Vickers
Assistant Sports Editor

Bobby Baldwin was right.

The Raiders' offensive co-ordinator told the faculty-press luncheon last week that, win or lose, MTSU would make a better showing against Tennessee Tech than it had made the past two years. A better showing, however, was not enough.

The powerful Tech offense set three school records as the Eagles finished the season with an easy 33-10 victory over the injury-riddled Raiders.

All-OVC placekicker Murray Cunningham booted a 25-yard field

Turkey trot provides Thanksgiving dinner

Even after their mile-and-a-half run at the Turkey Trot yesterday, first place winners Sally Kravoviak and Gary Perry had no trouble carrying home their Thanksgiving turkeys, trophies for first place winners in the Trot.

Sponsored by the Campus Recreation office, the Turkey Trot ran yesterday despite brisk winds. With a "good crowd" participating, the trot for turkey was a "huge success" with Jim Gilbert and Jan Connell capturing second place and Mark Anthony and Brëta Parsons taking third.

goal and four extra points to become Tech's all-time leading scorer with 198 points. Cunningham was one of 15 seniors who were appearing in their final game for the Eagles.

Wide receiver Craig Rolle caught

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five passes for 130 yards to run his career total to 1,201 a school record, even though Rolle is only a sophomore.

With Saturday's 33-point effort, the Eagles finished the season with 276 points, more than any team in the school's history.

One bright spot for the Raiders in Saturday's loss was the running of fullback Mike Moore. The junior fullback strengthened his chances of being named offensive player of the year in the Ohio Valley Conference for the second straight year as he rushed for 136 yards in 27 carries against the stiff Eagle defense. Moore, who is the OVC's leading rusher this season, also completed a 62-yard pass to Larry Miller to set up the Raider's only touchdown.

Tech opened the scoring late in the first quarter when Cecil Fore hauled in a pass from quarterback Gary Perdue and raced 64 yards to put the Eagles on top 7-0.



VALUABLE MAN -- Mike Moore, who accounted for all but 32 yards of MTSU's total offense, struggles for extra yardage against Tennessee Tech.

The Raiders got on the board late in the first half after Harry Majors picked off an Eagle pass and returned it to the Tech 34. Four plays later M.A. Robinson kicked a 43-yard field goal to cut the Eagles' lead to 7-3. The margin was widened to 14-3 when Lamar Mike scored following a Raider fumble at the MTSU 27.

Tech put the game out of reach in the third quarter when Gary Perdue capped a 75-yard, 17-play drive with an eight-yard TD run, putting the Eagles in front 21-3.

After Cunningham added a 25-yard field goal on the first play

of the fourth quarter, the Raiders tried to stage a comeback when Moore connected with Miller on a 62-yard pass which put MTSU at the Tech four-yard line. Moore went in for the score on the next play, but the rally fell short as the Eagles added nine more fourth-quarter points to make the final score 33-10.

The victory was the third straight for Tech over the Raiders. The Eagles, who have won eight of the last nine meetings between the two schools, hold a 26-19-7 advantage in the series.

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Eastern Kentucky captures OVC title

by John Bliven

Eastern Kentucky will carry the Ohio Valley Conference banner into Division II playoffs for the second time in three years.

Charging to a 17-0 halftime lead, and then relying on two quick touchdown runs by Everett Talbert, Eastern Kentucky held off a fierce passing attack by Morehead's Phil Simms and claimed sole possession of first place in the OVC.

The 31-12 victory earned the champion Colonels a berth in the NCAA Division II football playoffs to be announced later this week.

The game improved Eastern Kentucky's record to 6-1 in the OVC and 8-2 overall and never saw the Colonels trail.

Talbert cracked the Morehead defense for 235 yards rushing.

Simms finishing the day with 13 completions out of 21 attempts fired scoring passes of 24 yards to Delmar Miller and four yards to Keith Mescher.

**Austin Peay 17
East Tennessee 6**

Playing in the East Tennessee State "Cow Pasture" and its "natural mud" didn't seem to affect Austin Peay.

Peay must like mud.

Holding East Tennessee to only one touchdown, the Governors cleared 206 yards passing to down the Buccaneers 17-6 at Johnson City.

Ron Bailey led the Govs to their fifth victory this season as he caught one touchdown pass and then connected with Coveak Moody



Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Eastern Kentucky front line arsenal

on a 56-yard scoring pass.

Bailey, entering APSU's final game of the season as the OVC's second leading passes from quarterback Randy Christophel.

APSU kicker, Mike Meador, put the game out of reach with a 35-yard field goal with 1:43 remaining to play.

ETSU, with one game left, is 3-4 in the league and 3-6 overall while Austin Peay finished with an identical 3-4 league record and a 5-6 overall record, the Govs' best since 1968.

Murray State 17

Western Kentucky 6

Costly pass interceptions returned for touchdowns proved the difference as Murray State defeated Western Kentucky at Murray, 17-6.

A Doug Bartholomew pass was

intercepted and returned 37 yards by Murray's Jim O'Connor for the first Racer score.

A fourth quarter field goal by Dave Betz pulled Western within four points, 10-6, until another Bartholomew pass was picked off by Murray's Darrell Ramsey as he raced 39-yards for the score.

Final OVC Standings

	All	OVC	Games
Eastern Kentucky	6-1-0	8-2-0	
Tennessee Tech	5-2-0	8-3-0	
Murray State	4-3-0	5-6-0	
Western Kentucky	3-4-0	4-5-1	
Austin Peay	3-4-0	4-7-0	
East Tennessee	3-4-0	3-6-0	
Middle Tennessee	2-5-0	4-7-0	
Morehead State	2-5-0	3-8-0	



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Pro superstars provide big-league thrill

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

I stood within a handshake of Tom Landry, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, George McGinnis and Roger Staubach this weekend. I was in awe.

I watched Bobby Orr skate for the first time this month on the gimp knee, saw "Dr. J." soar through the air with the greatest of ease for a dunk and suffered in the press box as Atlanta's Falcons upset the (my) Dallas Cowboys 17-10 Sunday.

All of this, and very much more happened to me, a lowly hillbilly from East Tennessee, in Atlanta this weekend. I saw the big time, witnessing three pro games in as many days.

Sunday afforded probably the greatest thrill of my infant sportswriting life—standing within a gimy putt of Tom Landry in the Cowboys' dressing room.

Somehow the stone face must have stayed on the field. Tom Landry, the so-called unemotional football coach they say, looked me eye-to-eye and explained the Dallas loss with a voice that wanted to win.

Those of you who know me best know I was on Cloud Nine. So was my brother Mark earlier in the day.



Alias Mark "The Greek" in pro football predictions, carried each Friday in this newspaper, Mark, age 11, had a meeting with

Staubach in his hotel room Sunday morning.

Besides grabbing three autographs, Mark, who met Roger with my father Charlie, left the Marriot Hotel wielding a hand he swore would never be washed.

It's hard for me to convey what I felt this weekend. It's hard to put that ultimate experience into words.

We, my family, Jimmy and Merry Lynn Starling and Tom Wood, had one helluva weekend.

Friday night the Flames beat Chicago's Black Hawk's 5-3. Saturday "Dr. J" brought his show, complete with more print than Jimmy Carter got during the campaign, to a packed Omni. The 76ers had an easy time.

Many said "Dr. J" (the six million dollar basketball player) had an off night. He played despite a swollen left ankle, and still managed 22 points in less than half of the game.

McGinnis stole the show that night, slamming two dunks to Erving's one, and making seemingly impossible shots the whole night long.

But Sunday's game, which featured my one and only favorite pro football team for nine years, the Dallas Cowboys, of course, was the best of all...even though the Cowboys lost, damnit.

...Robert Newhouse, that fireplug of a fullback on the Dallas team, stopped for a couple of minutes after the game and passed

his best to MTSU coaches Ben Hurt and Bobby Baldwin. Baldwin recruited Newhouse for Houston several years ago....

Tickets for the football game were going for \$40 a pair. Many of the 54,299 at the stadium carried Cowboy favoritism....

I guess you have heard about Bill Battle's resignation at Tennessee effective after Saturday's season-ending game with Vanderbilt in Nashville.

I am from Knoxville, and coach Battle has all the respect and admiration I could offer one man. He has lived too long through such crap as moving vans sent to his house and someone stealing his dog

Tennessee fans will not tolerate a loser. Many wanted Pittsburgh's Johnny Majors when Battie was named seven years ago. I hope they get him.

Maybe Majors can satisfy that victory-crazed city, but I can't see why he would leave a national champion to do it....

Did you know Majors applied for the head coaching job at Austin Peay several years ago and was turned down? Wonder what the Gobs have to say about that....

Anyway, I just hope the selection and interviewing process for the new head man does not carry tones of Doug Dickey's departure in 1969. Surely Tennessee learned a lesson from that....



Julius Erving does his thing

A slam dunk for a packed house



Mark 'The Greek'
Taking it all in

photos by Merry Lynn Starling

Just whose idea is this, anyway?

By the time we're old enough to have children, we've been thoroughly sold on the idea.

By our parents, our grandparents, our friends and neighbors, the media, everyone.

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