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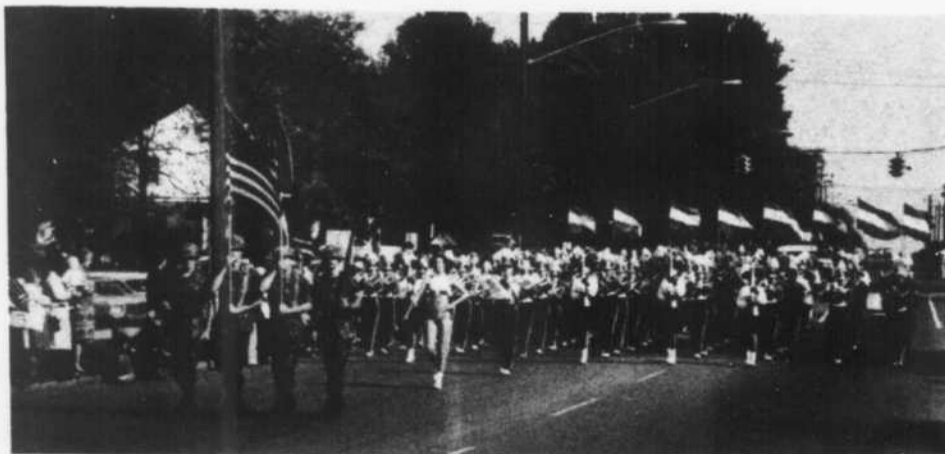
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Students, visitors celebrate 1977 Homecoming



Homecoming came alive this weekend with halftime activities as Pepita Rodriguez was named queen; peppers boogied at Friday's bonfire; the queen and court rode in Saturday's parade and the Band of Blue marched. [Steve Harbison photos]



Concertgoers arrested

Approximately 11 people were arrested at the Steve Miller concert Sunday night, said a University Police officer who was on duty there.

Records at the Rutherford County Sheriffs Office list seven of those arrested.

Arrested was James E. Fish, for simple possession of marijuana, released on sessions bond; Phillip A. Buccanon, for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, released on sessions bond; Charles D. Gipson, for public drunkenness and breach of peace, released on sessions bond; Susan Tammy Nunley, for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and assaulting an officer, released on sessions bond.

Also arrested was Douglas H. Roderick, for disorderly conduct,

released on sessions bond; Mark Halsip, for public drunkenness, released on \$25 city bond; and Patrick C. McDonald, of Fairview, for possession of marijuana for the purpose of resale. According to WGNS News, McDonald is being held in Rutherford County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond. His court date has been set for Oct. 27, in General Sessions Court.

It was not known at press time the names of the others arrested or if any were MTSU students.

Rutherford County Ambulance Service records show a call from University Police Sunday night concerning two possible drug overdoses which reportedly occurred at the concert. The ambulance service reports two refusals of treatment and transport.

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ASB gets student views on sex, pot

by Ben Eubanks

Although 58 per cent of the students polled at the UC basement admitted to having engaged in pre-marital sexual relations, only 53 per cent approved of pre-marital sex.

These are the results of a survey conducted on Oct. 12, by the ASB for the Tennessee Student Association (TSA).

The survey compiled by sophomore Kent Syler was derived from a similar poll conducted in 1972 by the TSA. There were also questions relating to current topics, including national policy and possible state election candidates.

Governor Blanton's performance was rated a 2.98 on a scale of one to 10, with one being the low score. Bob Clement was chosen by 69 per cent as the choice for governor from a list which included five Demo-

crats and two Republicans. Winfield Dunn was the Republican choice over Lamar Alexander with a 52 per cent share. The Senatorial candidate chosen was Howard Baker with 77 per cent support.

On a question of marijuana usage, 45 per cent admitted to having smoked marijuana. On the question of the legalization of the "use and/or possession of marijuana", 56 per cent were opposed.

Forty-five per cent felt that MTSU spent too much money on athletics.

Other questions on current issues were the favoring of abortions for consenting patients by 66 per cent

and the rejection of too much violence on TV by 52 per cent.

The survey also included questions concerning the campus. Sixty six per cent of the students favored alcohol on campus. Students felt by a margin of 73-27 that they were receiving the education they were paying for and 98 per cent would like to see more financial aid programs.

While desiring more weekend activities by 77 per cent, 45 per cent felt that MTSU spent too much money on athletics.

With a vote of 73 per cent, U.S. armed intervention in an Arab-Israeli conflict was rejected. Relating to military matters, 64 per cent felt that the all-volunteer army is working, while only 38 per cent felt that Carter had done the right thing in stopping the development of the B-1 bomber.

Capital punishment was favored by 60 per cent as well as over-spending on "give away programs such as Welfare and Food Stamps" by 73 per cent. Replacing the Welfare program with a work program like the W.P.A. was favored by 82 per cent of the students.

On the question "Do you feel the Women's Liberation Front has legitimate complaints," 47 per cent felt they didn't.

The survey will be given on all university campuses and the results will be titled by the TSA in a report to be released in the spring.

Class begins Oct. 20 for parents-to-be

Expectant Parents Classes will begin Oct. 20, 7-9 p.m., in the first floor classroom of Rutherford Hospital.

Meeting every Thursday until Dec. 8, the sessions are conducted by a qualified registered nurse. Participants do not need to be delivering at Rutherford to attend classes.

Tuition is \$25 for husband and wife or mother alone. Mothers should be at least in their fifth month of pregnancy and should consult her doctor before attending.

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Harlan County U.S.A., 1977's Academy Award-winner for best documentary film, will be shown Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. in the UC Theatre and 7 p.m. in room 100 of the Davis Science Building.

Sponsored by the MTSU Biology Club and Save Our Cumberland

Mountains (a state citizens group), the film is about the 1973 miners' strike at Brookside, Ky.

The Society of Financial and Accounting Managers will meet Oct. 21, at 11:45 in Dining Room B of the SUB.

Jack Weatherford, Murfreesboro Bank and Trust chairman of the board, will speak on the interest rate currently being considered by the constitutional convention.

Reservations should be made by 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 18.

for Spring Semester.

The applications, which are available in the Student Publications Office, Room 307, Student Union Building, will be accepted by the Student Publications Committee until Nov. 15.

The spring editor will be selected when the publications committee meets at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 30.

Applications are now being taken for the position of Sidelines editor

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Kickoff for basketball season tickets; 7-8 a.m., SUB Dining room B.

Jewelry Sale: Bookstore; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC basement

Bake Sale: Zeta Phi Beta; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., UC basement

Ticket Sale: Crosby, Stills & Nash; 10 a.m., Southwest Ticket Counter Murphy Center

Movie: "Sleeper"; 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Traffic Court; 4-6 p.m., UC 322A

Meeting: Tau Omicron, 5 p.m., UC 324

Meeting: Buchanan Players; 6:30 p.m., DA Arena Theatre

Meeting: Chess Club; 7 p.m., UC 314

Speaker: Wallace Milam; "Killing of John F. Kennedy and the Cover-Up," 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

WEDNESDAY

Jewelry Sale: Bookstore; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC basement

Leadership Training Conference: DECA; 11 p.m.-4 a.m., University Center

Movie: "Dr. Zhivago;" 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Potluck Supper: Geography and earth science; 5-10 p.m., SUB Dining Room B

Mini-Lecture: MTSU Art Club, ceramics; 6:30-8:30 p.m., Agriculture Auditorium

THURSDAY

Jewelry Sale: Bookstore; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC basement

Luncheon: faculty/Press; noon, SUB Tennessee Room

Film: Biology Club; 1-2:30 p.m., UC Theatre

Movie: "Dr. Zhivago;" 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Meeting: ASB House; 4:15 p.m., LRC Mass Media Room

Dance: Koolettes; 9 p.m.-1 a.m., SUB Tennessee Room

FRIDAY

Jewelry Sale: Bookstore; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC basement

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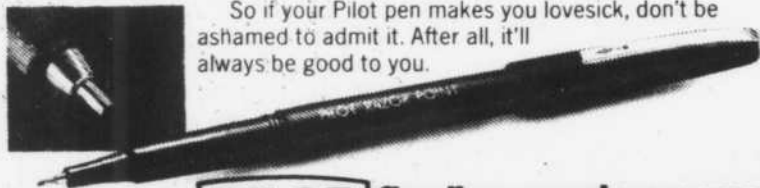
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column

IFC chief: Intervention not needed in grades

by Gary Brock
IFC President

As president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at MTSU, I feel that there could possibly be some misleading implications drawn from a recent article that appeared in *Sidelines*. The article concerns the cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of the fraternities and the concern of the IFC, administration and university in this manner.

It is true that the fraternity averages have fallen in the past two semesters. This is an immediate concern of the IFC. However, to go as far to say that this warrants university intervention is somewhat absurd.

In the IFC constitution and bylaws, there are standards for scholarship--any fraternity under the all-mens' average for two consecutive semesters is required to pledge at least 25 per cent of their pledges in the next rush period with a 2.3 GPA or above. Also, any fraternity whose membership average GPA is below 2.0 will be given probationary status until the average is raised to 2.0 or above.

The IFC is in the process of initiating programs that will improve fraternity scholarship. Recommendations include rush profile on prospective pledges that contains information on ACT scores, GPA's, major and minor fields and

number of attempted hours. Also, a proposed rush period that will be short and concise will benefit the fraternities as well as the rushees. As an incentive for better grades, the fraternities have entered into competition for highest cumulative average and most improved average each semester. These changes may seem minor, but with encouragement by fraternity presidents, there should be a definite improvement in future scholarship.

To suggest that the number one priority of the collective fraternities is scholarship would be inaccurate. By the very definition of a social fraternity, one can readily see that the goal of each fraternity is to be a complete organization.

Through such programs as community service, campus involvement, fraternity business, public relations and campus spirit as well as academic attainment, the social fraternity can truly hold claim, above all other organizations, as the most complete group on MTSU's campus. Not one will ever become self-satisfied or complacent with their roles, but all look toward the realization of their goals. Each fraternity looks for socialization, motivation and participation--the ultimate in a college education.

In the fulfillment of their goals, fraternity members have been successful in their college careers as well as business and vocational



careers. Facts indicate that a higher percentage of fraternity members graduate from college than those students not in social fraternities. Furthermore, 71 per cent of the present U.S. Senate were members of national college fraternities and the majority of high-level MTSU administrators were members of college fraternities (many as members of the local IFC). All evidence leads to the conclusion that social fraternities at MTSU have more to offer than merely low grade averages. They offer the individual a

chance to become a member of a complete organization which consists of all aspects of college and community life, scholarship included.

In the future, the individual fraternities and the IFC will strive to become a better organization with a working, lasting tradition. However, the answer lies with those in which the problem lies. Implications of university intervention and strict disciplining action are inappropriate at this time.

Campus referral service to start

by Mike McDonald
ASB Senate Speaker

A human services referral program for MTSU students has been implemented by the ASB. The program will provide valuable information about such programs as food stamps, birth control and abortion information, day care center aid to dependent children and Medicaid.

The referral service was designed last spring under the direction of Wanda Levertt, area director of the Tennessee Department of

Human Services.

Acting as an informative body to the students, the ASB stimulates the awareness of these programs through pamphlets, brochures and other materials. The service is absolutely free to students and the materials can be picked up at the ASB vice-president's office, room 303 of the University Center.

Danny Smith is the campus coordinator of the referral program. Anyone interested in working with the service can contact Danny or myself at Box 1, MTSU.

Reader angered by column

To the Editor:

I was appalled to read the article recently published in *Sidelines* on the death of Mrs. Eunice Palmer. Not only are such articles a bad reflection on the university, but it appears that you must have people writing for *Sidelines* that are somewhat deranged if this is indicative of your reporting.

I am not a regular reader of *Sidelines*. I decided a long time ago that I had much better things to occupy my time, but then that is not the purpose of this letter.

I only wish the writer of the article had known the Eunice Palmer my family and I knew. I find it difficult to understand how someone can write such an article when last respects are being given and still say "she was my friend." The Eunice Palmer my family and I knew was that quick tempered, outspoken person that you have alluded to. She spoke her thoughts and the things she said and felt about you were told to you and not to someone behind your back (or after your death).

We were in frequent contact with Mrs. Palmer. She visited us in our home. She loved us and we loved her dearly despite her faults, because we too have our own. She really cared about people. I was

personally the recipient of that love and care twice in illness. She sought the love of people around her and loved those same people, yet she was terribly lonely. To Mrs. Palmer the needs of her family and friends were much more important than her own.

She called all of us "honey" even though we were uncomfortably close to her own age. The kind of closeness we knew to Mrs. Palmer was that which permitted her to feel free to call on us regardless of the time of day or night, and we knew we could do the same in turn.

She was truly a friend to everyone in the sense that "a friend is someone who knows you and likes you just the same."

I'm sorry your writer didn't know the Eunice Palmer we knew. All of us have at least two sides to our personality and we knew at least two sides of hers. Most of us tend to hide the one side and I believe the word that describes us is "hypocrite."

Perhaps we are all better for having known an honest person. Suffice to say Mrs. Palmer was no "hypocrite."

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Steve Miller Band reviewed

Keyboard wizard, lasers overcome slow set

by Eddie Gossage and
Jane Williams

Steve Miler's Band flew into Murphy Center Sunday night and, in keeping with the homecoming theme "Shooting for the Stars," created a scene reminiscent of "Star Wars."

Their laser show, which many rock groups have begun to use in the past few years, complimented the music nicely as did the fantastic light show.

The band, as a whole, worked very well together, which is understandable considering most of the members have been together for ten years.

Miller opened with "Come on and Dance" but really didn't get the crowd going until a few songs later when they sang their current hit, "Jungle Love."

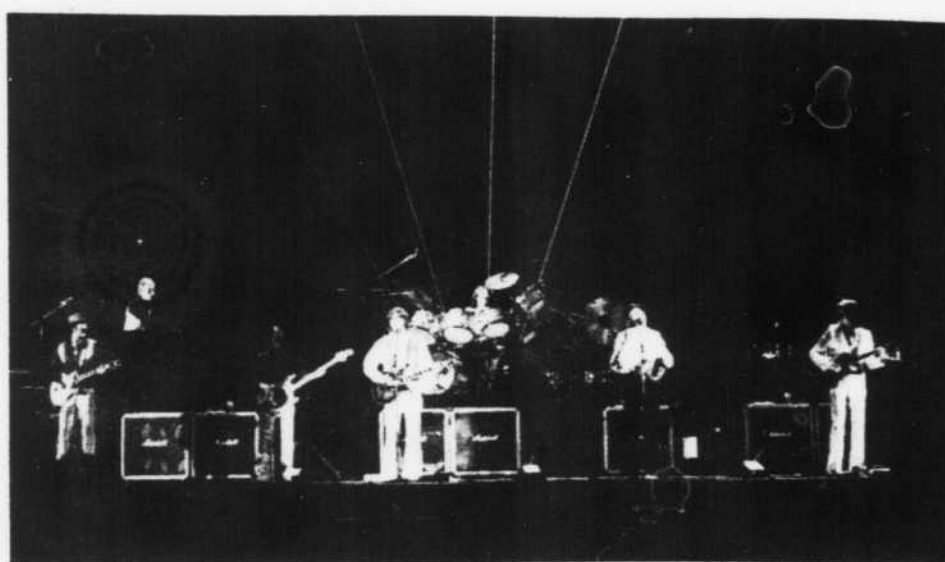
However, the enthusiasm of the crowd was hushed when Miller and company played a slow set which made up the middle of the concert. The set, although very good, was disappointing to most of the rockers on hand. The most common complaint following the concert was that most people expected a little more rock and not so much slow



music.

The crowd, although disappointed, was picked up by piano and Moog specialist Byron Allred. Allred, who is virtually unknown to the common concert-goer, stunned the crowd with his expertise during the solo segment. This set, a la Rick Wakeman, was highlighted nicely by the well coordinated laser show.

Following the Moog solo, the band played several songs in the rock fashion expected by the crowd. The hit "Rockin' Me" brought the



crowd to its feet, where most of them stayed the rest of the night.

The concert continued with several cuts from their new "Book of Dreams" LP and "Joker" album. Included among these were "Take the Money and Run," "Window" and "The Joker." Miller left the stage, but the crowd, which was now at fever pitch, called him back moments later for a re-sounding encore.

Two of the band's biggest hits—"Jet Airliner" and "Fly Like an Eagle" were among the several tunes played during the encore. The crowd was greatly appreciative of the fine vocals and music throughout the concert.

Following the long encore, the lights were turned on and every one filed out of the gym, most of them having thoroughly enjoyed an ex-

ceptional concert.

Other notables, besides Miller on guitar and vocals, and Allred on keyboards, were Gary Mallaber on percussion and Norton Buffalo on harmonica and vocals.

The band was rounded out by Lonnie Turner on bass, Greg Douglas on slide guitar and David Denny on rhythm guitar.

Northon Buffalo Stampede, whose leader also plays with Steve Miller, was a very tight band. However, the music selections were poor for this type of concert. The two bands did not blend well together and many people did not enjoy the concert largely due to the opening act.

The concert was recorded live for reasons unknown. However, word has it that the better takes from this tour will be combined into a live album.



Racer of two years wins distance event of 20 bikers

Charles Parris, who has been bike racing for two years, was the winner of the 3.5 mile distance race, one of the four races held Friday afternoon, in Greenland parking lot.

Parris, Ben Johnston and Kirby Jenkins were neck and neck throughout the race. On the twelfth lap Johnston and Jenkins knocked each other off the track; allowing Parris to take the lead. Parris won with a time of 11:09, followed by Johnston, 11:24.6, and Kirby, 11:26, finished third.

The men's dorm race, approximately a quarter of a mile long, had eleven entries. Ben Johnston from Smith Hall finished first with a time

of 2:03. Kirby Jenkins from Clement Hall was second with 2:12. Clay Thomas, also from Clement, was right behind Jenkins at 12.5.

Vicky Tidwell, who lives off campus, took the first place trophy for the women's dorm race. Tidwell protested before the race that it was not fair to exclude off-campus students from any of the races, and was allowed to compete in the race. She won the race in 1:40. Dee Cather, from Monahan Hall, came in second with 1:43, followed by Nancy Minturn, from Rutledge, who came in four seconds later.

Kirby Jenkins, who placed second and third, won the sprint race with a time of 1:54.



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Chess Club small but growing—and winning

by F.H. Powers, Jr.

After a rather inactive season last year, the MTSU Chess Club is growing and winning matches. In their first match of the year the MTSU chessmen defeated the UT Chattanooga team 4-0.

MTSU's chess team, which brought home a taste of victory on the heels of MTSU's losing football effort against the UTC Mocs, consists of a few very dedicated and intense chess players.

Bobby Lawrence, president of the club and a member of the victorious chess team, noted that "right now we don't have any

matches lined up, but we're trying to get some matches with other OVC schools and some of the schools in Nashville."

"The four top finalists in the Gamesroom Tournaments, which will be held in late November, will travel to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg to compete in the tournaments held there," he said.

Although their numbers are small, the chess club boasts several experienced competitors. Three of the team members David Freitag, Gordon Smead and Mir-Mahmoud -Alavi-Tabri, have placed in tourn-

aments.

Freitag, a veteran of 15 tournaments last year, took second place in his first attempt in competition. Smead placed second last year at UT and Alavi-Tabri, an Iranian student was ranked third in his homeland.

All this impressive talent and experience should not frighten away prospective members. As Lawrence pointed out, "the chess club is here for anyone interested in playing chess and improving their game."

He added, "We would like to have more members, but anyone can come to the meetings just to play."

Lawrence described "speed chess" and "bug-house chess" as just two of the variations that can be made in the game. "Speed chess" is a five-minute game in which the action is fast and furious. "Bug-house chess" is even faster and more furious, with as many as 10 people playing at one time.

"Bug-house chess," Lawrence explained, "is a team game consisting six or more players." At a meeting recently, the chess club members demonstrated by lining up five chessboards between 10 eager players. The game begins like a regular match then deviates sharply from the layman's idea of the game.

As the game proceeds and chess pieces are captured by each team, the deviation can be seen clearly. When a member of one team takes a chess piece in a move, he may pass it to any member of his team who in turn may place that piece on his board in any position he chooses. This makes the action hot and oftentimes heavy with team members searching for pieces to remain in the game. Staying in the game is important—the first team to checkmate one of their opponents is declared the winner.

"Several members of the chess club play simultaneous exhibitions at the meetings in which one person

will play two or three different people at the same time," Lawrence said.

Alavi-Tabri showed why he was ranked third in Iran by playing five matches against five opponents all at the same time with the first checkmate occurring in approximately five minutes.

David Freitag noted that, "there are usually eight tournaments held in Nashville each year and the Tennessee Chess Open, held last Labor Day weekend, drew over 120 chess enthusiasts."

The next chess tournament to be held in Nashville will be the Music City Fall Open in October, he added.

Students attend history seminar

A group of historical preservation students attended the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Mobile, Ala., last week, according to history professor James Huhta.

Located for the first time in the South, the conference was held Oct. 13-15.

MTSU's 34 students, the largest school-sponsored organization present, attended seminars, technical sessions and architectural tours.

Chartered and funded by Congress since 1946, the trust is "an umbrella organization for developing and coordinating historical preservation programs all over the country," Huhta said.

About 2,000 people in all participated in the conference, he said, including city planners, mayors, members of congress and bankers.

"Participating in a professional society brings the students in direct contact with working professionals," Huhta said. "They can relate what they learn to MTSU's program and to their jobs after graduation."



Opponents square off in a game of chess at the Chess Club's weekly meeting. [Thom Coombes Photo]

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A Tennessean on the national Citizens Commission of Inquiry into the assassination of John F. Kennedy will lecture and show films at 8 p.m. tonight.

Wallace Milam, an American history teacher at Dyersburg High School who volunteered to serve on the commission, will present the program in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium using more than 300 slides, films and audio tapes tracing the events of Nov. 22, 1963 and examining the findings of the Warren Commission.

The presentation, assembled by Milam, will feature the Zapruder film of the actual shooting of Kennedy. It will be shown six times during the program with slow motion and enlargements.

"This audio-visual program first proves that the shooting of President Kennedy and Gov. John Connally could not have been the work of one man and then examines the new evidence of conspiracy which has recently become front page news," said Milam.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

And on Oct. 25, Milam will present an audio-visual program titled "Who Slew the Dreamer?" which examines the case for a conspiracy in the killing of Martin

Luther King, at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, the program will probe what really happened April 4, 1968, asking whether James Earl Ray was a publicity seeking killer, part of a grand conspiracy or just the fall guy for the real assassins?

Milam will conduct the one and one-half hour program using over 150 slides. He will also cover topics such as the action of Ray's lawyer, Percy Foreman, who is responsible for his client's accepting a 99-year sentence; the testimony of the state's star witness, "Bourbon Charley" Stephens; the facts or fiction surrounding "Raoul;" the vendetta of J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI against King; and the shifting of black police and fire personnel around the Lorraine Motel the day of the shooting.

An up-to-date account of Ray's recent jailbreak from Brushy Mountain State Prison will be discussed, as well as Ray's first flight from capture after the killing.

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Billy Joel will be at Opry House

Singer/composer/pianist Billy Joel returns to headline at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville on Oct. 25 at 8 p.m.

The "Evening With Billy Joel" will be the performer's fourth appearance in "Music City". Last year he received multiple encores at a completely sold out (not even

standing room) performance at the War Memorial Auditorium. His first performance at the Exit/In in 1974 followed the release of his debut Columbia LP Piano Man and the following year he appeared on a bill with Olivia Newton-John

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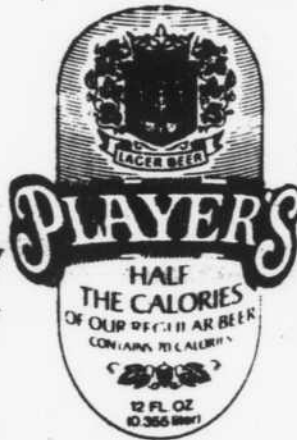
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An MTSU broadcasting major is the first recipient of a scholarship awarded by Music City News in the name of the Federation of International Country Air Personalities.

Terry Smith, from Chattanooga, will receive \$750. He is in his second year's internship at WMOT-

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Smith was selected from senior and graduate student broadcasting students by WMOT-FM director Harold Baker.

Smith received the scholarship at the annual FICAP banquet Oct. 14, in Nashville.



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More accuracy, less emotion in reporting urged

by Pam Feintress

To do a more professional job covering political issues the press should strive for certain goals, according to three professors in the MTSU political science department.

"The press should be more responsible," department chairman Grubbs said. "Sometimes they (the press) quote out of context and officials hate to be misquoted."

"The better the reporter, the better the relationship between the officials and the press. Accurate reporting leads to willingness on the official's part to be interviewed, because if the press makes them bitter, they won't talk and therefore the reporter loses his sources."

Grubbs added that ground rules should be clearly understood from the beginning so there will be no misunderstandings.

Esther Seeman said, "The press should be less emotional about issues and have a more rational approach." She said that the press should give more factual information on which people can base decisions.

Another professor in the political science department, Tom Van Dervort, said there should be more investigative reporting.

"There needs to be more searching for stories that should be exposed instead of waiting for stories to happen. The press relies too much on people giving them stories instead of going out and investigating for themselves," he said.

All three professors agreed that the main role of the press was to inform and educate the public on local and national issues.

"Eleven years ago, there was nothing in the papers about local meetings or public events. People cannot participate if they don't know what's happening," Grubbs said. "Now our local paper has a healthy climate and does cover these types of stories."

"The major role of the press should be to inform and indicate the alternatives open to people when they vote. The press should clarify the situations and issues rather

than endorse them," said Seeman.

"Without the press, the public would be in the dark. The press has an obligation to expose and inform the public. The role is very great and not well performed in this community, but it's improving," Van Dervort replied.

With regard to the contributions and hindrances of the press, all three professors had different opinions.

Grubbs said the press could make better contributions by dealing with complex issues. The press needs to cover more than just the surface.

"The Sunshine Law area is the main hindrance to reporters."

Grubbs added, "The press should keep pushing for openness, even though it could mess up, at least at a local level."

On the other hand, as a contribution, Seeman said, "the press functions in the role of opposition."

She added that the press motivates people to think about politicians and gets them to express themselves and become interested.

"The press serves to politically socialize people to their responsibilities as a citizen. It also brings out things in the open. The press is an enemy of secrecy and this is an important contribution to the political process," said Seeman.

Seeman commented that the

press tends to be one-sided in view.

"They tend to be blood-thirsty because of competition and they tend to get sketchy on information. There also is not enough depth in political findings," she said.

"The press identifies problems and issues and the times or places that these issues are resolved," Van Dervort said. "The main hindrance of the press is that it is too oriented toward what's 'newsworthy,'" he said. "If it has a fight with it, it is newsworthy, and the press is less attentive to what should be given to the public and what they need to know. Good news about success in government is seldom reported."

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Murray spoils Raider homecoming

by Eddie Gossage

Assistant Sports Editor

"Our players played hard. Murray just made the big plays when they needed them."

Those were the words of head coach Ben Hurt following Saturday's 13-9 Homecoming loss to Murray State. Before the game and all through the previous week, Hurt and his squad expressed optimism concerning the remainder of the season.

However, Middle just couldn't put it together against the Racers, as optimism turned to dissapointment.

Better than 9,000 fans filed into Jones Stadium hoping to see the Raiders win their first Homecoming game since 1975 when MTSU dropped this same Murray State team.

On the very first play of the game, MTSU quarterback Mike Robinson dropped back to pass from the 10-yard line and ran into an official after being forced from the pocket. Robinson seemed to lose all bearing and, in trying to get away from the swarming Murray defenders, was dropped in his own end zone for a safety.

Later in the first quarter, MTSU appeared to be putting a possible scoring drive together when a fumble ended the drive. Murray capitalized and scored their only touchdown of the afternoon seven plays later on a 25-yard jaunt by quarterback Mike Dickens. Dickens suffered a badly sprained ankle on the scoring play and remained on the sidelines for the remainder of the game.

A two-point conversion lifted Murray's lead to 10-0.

MTSU's only score of the first half came in the second quarter on a 26-yard field goal by kicking



MTSU tight end Larry Miller attempts to thwart off two Murray State defenders following a pass from Blue Raider quarterback Mike Robinson in

Saturday's Homecoming game. The Racers defeated the Raiders 13-9, handing MTSU a 1-5 record on the season.

specialist Michael Robinson.

Murray's final score in the game came late in the second quarter on a 32-yard field goal by Hank LaGorce.

MTSU held good field position throughout the second half but failed to score on two deep threats.

The Raiders fell short at the four-yard line once when quarterback Robinson dropped back to pass on fourth down. The pass blocking fell apart and Robinson was blind-sided, fumbling the ball away to Racer defenders.

The other key scoring opportunity which Middle Tennessee failed to capitalize on came early in the

fourth quarter. MTSU faced a fourth and one situation and chose to go for the first down. Mike Moore carried the ball over the right side of the line. The officials spotted the ball and brought the chains out to measure. The chains were stretched and they told the story--Middle had failed again, coming up only a half an inch short.

Murray took the ball and continued to chew up the clock by keeping the ball on the ground. When the Blue Raiders got the ball, very little time was left in the fourth quarter.

Middle finally put together a scoring drive, ending in a two-yard pass from Robinson to sophomore

tight end Vincent Harris. A two-point conversion pass was incomplete.

Senior Mike Moore carried 25 times for 116 yards for MTSU while Murray's Danny Johnson picked up 72 yards in 17 carries. Dickens gained 50 yards in seven carries.

MTSU was the leader in total offense with 216 yards as compared to Murray's 209 yards.

The Blue Raiders, whose record fell to 1-5, travel to Newark, Del., to face the University of Delaware. Murray, who is tied with MTSU with a 1-2 OVC record, plays conference foe East Tennessee in Johnson City Saturday.



Raider spirit was high, as shown by MTSU cheerleader Conna Henn, who lead cheers despite a broken leg.



Andre Bullock [31], Reggie Bell [58] and an unidentified Blue Raider swarm over a Murray ball carrier.

Commodores upset MTSU cross-country team

"We got what we deserved," cross-country coach Dean Hayes reflected after his team suffered a 31-26 loss Saturday at the hands of Vanderbilt on the Veterans Administration course here.

Gary Perry, who has been running up to the expectation of coach Hayes since he transferred here from Tennessee, was the individual winner with a time of 32:41 over the six-mile course.

Second place went to freshman Dana McCutcheon, who prepped at Nashville East High school. McCutcheon's time was 33:03.

The next four positions went to the Commodores, which proved to be the undoing of the Raider squad.

Linton Whaley nabbed seventh place for MTSU with a time of 34:16.

Senior Dennis Votava, who has been plagued by an injured back all

season, finished ninth despite severe pain.

"Dennis' back went out early in the race. He was hurting very badly," Hayes said yesterday.

"Sometimes the pain goes away and other times it stays with him."

"We still don't know what is causing the problem," he added.

Randy Oliver, Roger Kelsey and Jack Langford did not run Saturday

due to an assortment of injuries and illnesses. Hayes felt this definitely restricted the "effectiveness" of his team.

"The ones that ran did alright, but with the others injured, we just couldn't expect too much," Hayes said.

Today the harriers tangle with Austin Peay and David Lipscomb University in a triangular meet at Percy Warner Park in Nashville.

Basketball team sets tryout date

Basketball coach Jimmy Earle has announced that tryouts for the team will be held Nov. 3. Interested students should meet on that date in the auxiliary gym, Murphy Center, at 7 p.m.

Anyone wishing to try out must meet four standards—(1) must be a student at MTSU; (2) must have had a recent physical; (3) must have insurance covering any possible injuries or have written permission from a parent or guardian and (4) must meet all NCAA requirements.

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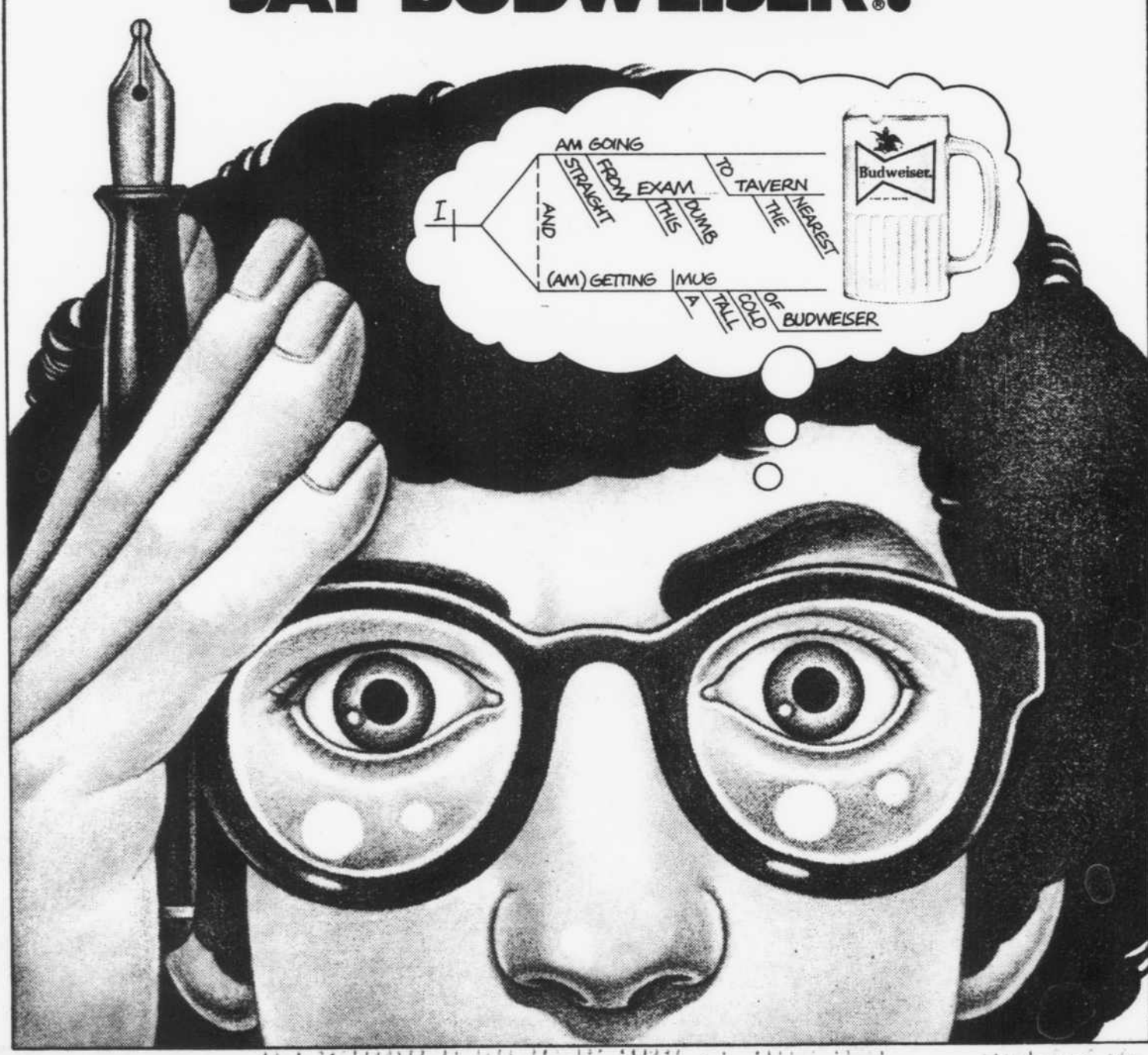
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OVC Wrapup

Governors claim North Alabama as fifth victim

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

Boots Donnelly has pulled another rabbit out of his hat.

Austin Peay's new head football coach, whose team was picked to

finish last in the Ohio Valley Conference, worked his magic act for the fifth straight time Saturday as the Governors stopped previously undefeated North Alabama 13-6.

Going into the contest, the Lions were the top-ranked rushing team in the nation, averaging 340.4 yards per game. The Gulf South Conference power also ranked third in scoring with a 32.8 points per game average.

North Alabama entered the contest as the tenth-rated Division II team in the nation.

Governor kicking specialist Mike Meador opened the scoring with 2:46 remaining in the first quarter with a 42-yard field goal to put APSU on top 3-0.

North Alabama took over the lead at 6:19 of the second quarter when halfback Otis Green plunged in from the four to cap an 80-yard drive. The conversion attempt failed.

The lead was short lived, however, as APSU tailback Taylor Erwin dived in from the one with 1:04 remaining in the half for the winning touchdown.

Meador added a 29-yard field goal late in the third quarter to provide the final margin.

Tennessee Tech 31
Western Kentucky 20

Tennessee Tech kept its unbeaten record intact Saturday, downing Western Kentucky 31-20 in Bowling Green.

Joe Ware got Tech on the scoreboard first as he hauled in an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Milton Jenkins. Three more first half scores gave the Eagles a 28-14 lead at intermission.

After a scoreless third quarter Western came back with an 11-yard run by Jimmy Woods to pull the Hilltoppers within eight. TTU placekicker Wayne Anderson put the game out of reach, however, with a 24-yard field goal to complete the scoring.

Western Carolina 35
East Tennessee 0

Tailback Darrell Lipford rushed for 149 yards and three touchdowns to lead Western Carolina to an easy victory Saturday over East Tennessee.

Wide receiver Wayne Tolleson, the nation's leading pass receiver, hauled in seven passes for 112 yards and one touchdown to add to the effort. Tolleson also kicked four of four extra points and picked up 16 yards rushing.

Lipford, who sat out most of the final period, scored the first three touchdowns for the Catamounts as he ran his season rushing total to 803 yards. WCU rolled up 494 yards in total offense against the Buccaneers.

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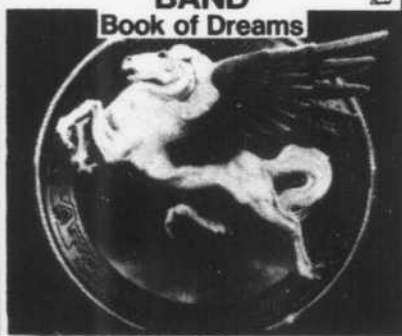
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