

Campus police impound bikes on ramps

Bicycles chained to handicapped handrails at Peck Hall will be impounded according to Ivan Shewmake, dean of students, men.

He said if a bike is blocking the pathway, the chain will be cut and the bicycle will be impounded.

"The only way disabled students can get into the building is by the ramps. I know students don't park their bikes there to prevent the disabled students from getting to class, but the only way is to impound the bikes," he said.

Temporary warning signs have been posted at all of the ramp locations at Peck Hall until permanent ones can be printed.

But yesterday none were impounded. The bicycles were outside of the ramps and the area was usable, Shewmake said. Traffic Sgt. Jim Burkhalter told Shewmake that as long as the passageways were usable, the bikes would not be taken to the campus police station.

Shewmake said, "I dislike doing this, but we had disabled students backed up Wednesday trying to get into the building."

The police will remove the bicycles and carry them to the station. It will necessitate cutting chains, which they will do, he added.

In *The Rescue*, the student handbook, it is stated that, "It is requested that each student who owns or uses a bicycle use the

bicycle racks placed outside his apartment, residence hall, and other University facilities when the bicycle is not in use. It is a violation of the state fire and safety codes to have hallways, walkways or stairwells blocked. Any bicycle found in an unauthorized location will be removed and taken to the Police Office." (p.26)

Shewmake stated, "People just saw a place to chain their bicycles and they are not trying to do in the disabled students. They just don't think about where they are leaving their bike."

The approximate cost of a new bike rack was \$100, according to Shewmake. To alleviate the current problem of

too many bikes chained to the rails, he is checking other bike racks around campus to see which ones are used and which ones are not.

He said there are two bicycle racks at Gore and Clement Halls. If both are not utilized fully, he said he would request that one of the racks be centralized for the two dorms and the other one be placed at Peck Hall.

Also according to university Police Captain Larry Nixon, "Those spaces marked 'Handicapped Parking Towing Enforced' are for the use of handicapped students only. Any vehicle not bearing the 'H' decal will be removed at the owners expense by the University Police."



photo by Charlie Hunt

Bicycles are now in danger of being impounded by University Police if they block handicapped ramps at Peck Hall. Disabled students were lined up Wednesday trying to get up the ramp and past the parked bikes. Temporary warning signs are now posted at all the ramp locations.

CFAW working toward equality for all women

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Editor in Chief

From the first meeting of six women in the Student Union Building's faculty lounge in 1975 to a present membership of around 50, the CFAW has grown and helped to further the women faculty's causes at MTSU.

June Anderson, president of the Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women, spoke at a luncheon Wednesday about the past and where faculty women are today.

"In 1976, CFAW produced a study on the status of women at MTSU," Anderson stated. "The results of that study and other work brought about two years' back pay for 35 faculty women."

"We certainly cannot take credit for all the changes that have occurred, but our presence and our boat rocking have had some influence I am sure. In 1975, we had three heads of departments," Anderson said. "We now have six, and one of those is on a leave of absence. In 1975, we had an ineffective white male as Affirmative Action officer; now we have a hard-working woman."

"Up to 1975, women have had to wait much longer periods for promotions than men, and women did not have good tenure records. Today, a high percentage of women who seek tenure and promotion get them," Anderson emphasized.

She added that two women have been elected president of the Faculty Senate, this year four women are on the Steering Committee of the Senate and at least one woman is on every university committee.

But along with the progress there are areas that still need improvement.

Of the student population, 53 percent are women. There are no female counselors, Anderson said, and there are still some unequal salaries. The university, she added, lacks a woman dean or any administrator at the decision-making level. There are fewer promotions of women to associate professor and professor levels, and there is still too much sexual harassment suffered by women students and faculty,

Anderson claimed.

"It is easy to get less concerned when one's own problem lessens, but we must remember that, just as every woman's gain is all our gain, every woman's discrimination is also all our discrimination."

"Every time we take a step forward, we seem to hold our own and sometimes even take a step backward. Recently we gained a department head, but lost a director, another administrator. We gained a woman professor, but one retired," Anderson said.

"I challenge us all, for this year, to commit ourselves to working for equal recognition of 53 percent of the population. We must work for a woman counselor, work to serve as outstanding role models for our women students and work to be 'super women' if that is what it takes to achieve equal recognition in academe. We can rest in retirement and, finally, continue to rock the boat of patriarchy and pack the boat until it is overloaded and calls for a bigger one," she concluded.

Sam Ingram, MTSU president, spoke after Anderson.

"Unless someone is rocking the boat, you won't get our attention," Ingram said. "If you wait for the 'good old boys' to make the decision on affirmative action, then you'll wait forever."

"It is discouraging," he said, (continued on page 3)

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First senate meeting of the year

Bill might change electoral act

In its first meeting of the fall semester, the ASB senate approved a bill forming a committee to study the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1977 and to recommend legislation necessary to change any part of it.

Sophomore Senator Mark Ross sponsored the bill, claiming the

act has been shown in the past to contain errors.

"No provisions are made for procedures vital to conducting fair and impartial elections," the bill reads. "A special senate committee . . . the election procedure committee, shall be . . . composed of five senate members, elected from a field of nominees."

Members of the committee are Ross, Junior Senator Doug Cole, Sophomore Senators Ranota Thomas and Tony Yates and Senior Senator Melanie Thomison.

Speaker of the Senate Martha Hammond called the first senate session good. "We had a good turnout," she said. "There were only about three absences and

one of those was due to the resignation of a senior senator."

This position is open to any senior who will be enrolled in school for the remainder of the year. The election of this position, freshman senators and the homecoming queen and her court will take place at the beginning of October.

MTSU graduate works for Carter

By ERIC STEINBERG

Sidelines Staff Writer

Even with his extremely busy schedule as Southern campaign chairman for President Carter's re-election campaign, Jim Free insists he wishes he could spend more time visiting MTSU.

"I made a lot of good friends at MTSU," said Free, a former Associated Student Body president.

Free received his bachelor's degree in political science from MTSU in 1969 and his master's in public administration from MTSU in 1972.

After serving as an intern in the Tennessee State Legislature, Free went on after graduating to work for Speaker of the House Ned McWherter as chief clerk of the State House of Representatives until 1976. From there, he moved on to help elect Jimmy Carter president.

"I wanted to see a Southerner in the White House," said the Columbia, Tenn., native from his Washington office. "I felt it would be a real challenge to get Carter elected president."

After Carter's election, Free was appointed by the president

to his congressional liaison staff. He resigned this post Aug. 1 to help Carter in his re-election bid.

Certain that the president is the best candidate for the job due to his experience, Free plans to do everything possible to aid in Carter's re-election.

Regretting the fact that few young people vote, Free said that he wishes all MTSU students "would examine the issues and think long and hard on whom they would want to entrust with a piece of the world."



photo by Don Harris

There's not much you can do when it rains. Some people run for cover. Others take a more light-hearted approach and just enjoy Mother Nature the best way possible — down to earth. These

residents of Judd and Gracey Halls frolicked in front of Woodmore Cafeteria yesterday in a late afternoon mud fight.

Sidelights

Faculty senate meets; heavy agenda

The faculty senate will hold their Sept. 8 meeting at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the James Union Building. Items on the agenda include the memoriam for Ivey Chance and Clayton Hawes, associate professor of business education and assistant professor of speech and theatre, respectively; discussion on the new workload forms; and the length of time in adding courses and late registration.

Disabled student society to meet

Sigma Delta Sigma, the society for disabled students, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in UC 120.

Mrs. Ingram to host Dames Club tea

The Dames Club, the social organization for MTSU women faculty members and wives of the faculty and staff, will hold a tea on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The tea will be hosted by MTSU President's wife, Mrs. Sam Ingram, at the president's home.

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Workshop offers exciting music

By JULIE GEE
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU has a relatively new program that, outside of music students, is not widely known about - the Opera Workshop.

The course, headed by Assistant Professor of Music Randie Blooding, is a tool to learn about and produce the art of opera. The class meets twice weekly for one hour of university credit, organizing students who are interested in opera.

When most people think of

opera they probably think of grand or standard opera such as "Madame Butterfly" and "Carmen," Blooding said.

"MTSU's program is building towards this, but we're currently involved with the lighter, comedy styles," he explained.

Last spring the workshop performed three mini-operas: "Sunday Excursion," "The Telephone" and "Sweet Betsy from Pike."

"Nothing is planned for this fall due to the dedication of the new music building and general

university financial problems," commented Blooding.

"But there are plans for an opera next spring with the University Community Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Harvin, assisting in a joint-effort performance."

The workshop director stated it would be a light opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. Production plans are geared towards an early March date. In the past, the performances were held at the Murfreesboro Little Theatre, but this production

will be in the new Wright Music Building.

Enjoying opera is an "acquired taste," according to Blooding.

"If students don't understand something, they don't like it," he said

"Some music training is important, but opera training is not really necessary," he stated.

The Opera Workshop is available by audition only. Interested persons should contact Blooding in Saunderson Fine Arts Building, Room 112.

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Browne's had wonderful career

By BILL WARD
Sidelines Staff Writer

It is a measure of Jackson Browne's greatness that "Hold On" is his worst album, but still ranks as one of the year's best releases.

It is certainly one of 1980's finest production-wise: Browne's voice has never sounded better, the music is taut and tight and the sound is well nigh perfect.

But perfection has its price, and here Browne has betrayed himself (he co-produced the album with Greg Ladanyi) by removing the most engaging element of his previous LPs, David Lindley's crisp guitar playing. Instead, the keyboard pyrotechnics of Bill Payne and Craig Doerge are played up, and Lindley is a virtual bystander.

Lindley is showcased in "Call It a Loan" and "Boulevard," but his picking is virtually non-descript elsewhere, a far cry from his sterling performances on Browne's previous five albums. And while Payne and Doerge provide virtuoso keyboard work, the result is a sound that's a bit too clinical and hardly meshes with the

poignant, very personal lyrics.

Jackson's writing is far from clinical, though. In fact, "Hold On" is his most personal album, the first one on which he has admitted to writing about "my willingness to love." Jackson has never shied away from pouring out eloquently intimate, seemingly private feelings in his songs, but there's a special kind of sincerity here, most likely because he is experiencing love for the first time in years. (He and Lynne Sweeney will wed later this year.)

During the "climactic" sequence of the album's final song, "Hold On Hold On," Jackson suddenly, stunningly stops singing and begins talking about his newly found love. The transition works beautifully, and he may be the only singer extant who can get away with such a trick.

He is most certainly our only songwriter who can write positive, uplifting songs about death. Like his earlier "Song for Adam" and "For a Dancer,"

"Of Missing Persons" is both a lamentation for a lost one (Lowell George, the much-loved and much-lamented Linnai Feat

guitarist) and a reaffirmation for those still around.

Browne's voice is more mature and than ever on this song and on "Disco Apocalypse." His fluctuating falsetto has ripened considerably in the last few years, and nowhere is his improved vocal range more evident than on "Disco Apocalypse." Indeed, there is more good singing on this song than on anything he's ever done, with Jackson's crooning augmented by the gorgeous warbling of Rosemary Butler, last heard on "Running On Empty's" "Stay."

It's been more than three years since that album, but the wait was well worth it. No one writes more sensitively or more eloquently about falling in and out of love than Jackson Browne.

The fact that he can't decide how to produce himself detracts only slightly from his most personal vision. It's a vision he's willing to share with all who will listen, it would be remiss to miss it.

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concerning the participation of women in decision-making positions. "We will make it if only you and others help us to make it. Progress does need to be made."

Ingram said that there will be a visit from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and from the Department of Labor to review the records and evaluate the university.

"It does reassure us after an outside agency has looked at the records as to how we are doing."

Ingram said. "Decisions must be based on fairness, not sex. I am committed to making progress as fast as it can be made."

"The next vacancy will be filled by a woman as long as she is equally qualified. If there is discrimination against women, salary-wise, then I would change that immediately."

Ingram said the greatest Affirmative Action need at MTSU now would be to improve

the percentage of minorities in the faculty and administration.

"Women should be at the highest levels of administration," Ingram added. "We need a woman dean or vice president. Until we make those changes, we will not show how committed we are to Affirmative Action."

"But when women get in the highest levels of administration, they are not perfect either," he said.

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from the editor

Draft: *Male students should register now*

Students at MTSU should comply with the draft registration program and sign up if they have not done so already.

By three weeks after the initial July signup period, 93 percent of the eligible youths had been registered. This is much better than the Vietnam-era signup. Statistics at that time showed only 83 percent.

Many felt there would be great opposition to the registration, but that has not been the case. Orderly lines and calm demonstrations were seen outside post offices nationwide.

The figures quoted above were challenged by the Rev. Barry Lynn, chairman of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft. He called for an independent audit of the registration forms.

Officials in the Civil Service have agreed to such an audit, and Lynn and Deputy Selective Service Director Brayton Harris indicated that Congress' General Accounting Office would be an appropriate agency for the job.

Whether such an audit will be held, though, remains a decision for Congress.

Lynn suggested that release of the figures may have been aimed at influencing congressional consideration of appropriations for Selective Service, which got underway Thursday.

Whether or not the figures were tampered with is not important. What is important is the fact that young men are registering, and the government is encouraging them to register late rather than be fined or imprisoned.

With an estimated 3,880,000 young men eligible to sign up, an estimated 3,593,200 cards had been turned in by Aug. 22.

It was conceded that some cards will have to be weeded out to eliminate false names, women and over-age people, but a spot check has shown an error rate of only about 1 percent, so far.

Registration of men born in 1962 will be held in January, and after that, youths will be expected to sign up within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

Failure to register is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, but it has been emphasized that the government is "in the registration business, not the prosecution business."

Registrants should begin receiving confirmation forms in about two weeks, and it will be at least 90 days before any prosecutions can be recommended to the Justice Department. But before it is too late, register.

House: *Needs support of all organizations*

It is not too late for your organization to become involved.

Even if your organization, dorm or society has not sent in the form to register a representative in the ASB house, sending a representative to the meeting would be just as good.

Byron West, speaker of the house, said 31 forms have been returned stating names of representatives and alternates. Those are just 31 of over 120 campus organizations.

Getting involved and having someone you know representing your group is a step in the right direction.

Your organization can get together with others to form lobby groups that could help to make or break a bill.

This is not to say you will win everytime, but only that you can help pass legislation to help the university or one aspect of campus life.

So don't feel bad if a representative has not been chosen yet. But getting one to the first house meeting at 4 p.m. on Sept. 11 in UC 322 is one way to show your support for your organization and your university.

Floods: *Students need more than umbrellas*

It doesn't rain at MTSU; it floods.

Yesterday was the beginning of the monsoon semester at MTSU. Each Monday, Tuesday and/or Thursday provides students with a downpour comparable only with the rainy seasons in India and South America.

The Bell Street Boat Dock will open for business today, after yesterday's flood.

Galoshes, umbrellas, raincoats and snorkels are required equipment for all surviving students.

Peck Hall becomes a modern-day Noah's Ark as desperate pairs of students seek refuge.

Huddled under windblown umbrellas, students are soon soaked to the bone as they realize their feeble efforts to battle Mother Nature are in vain.

Students wishing to take a cool, refreshing swim in the university pool don't have to wait — all they have to do is take a stroll out by H-Hall.

It might be an inconvenience to walk in the rain without an umbrella, but the real problem is having to wade through the mud for two weeks after it rains.

So put on your boots, prepare to raise your umbrella and wade it out.

Just think, only a few more months until the snows begin!

Perspective



under the rim

by Charlie Hunt

The terror, horror is too close

I am trapped in a close, cramped, crowded room that seems to be growing smaller by the minute. The hard, straight-backed wooden chair I occupy is pressing itself into my back, as if trying to become one with my spine and, in so doing, drain my mind of what little coherent thought it still possesses.

The sweat from my palms is an unending current, soaking my jeans where my hands lie rigid against them. To look at me, with my hands pressed palms down against my thighs and my elbows locked tight as if bolted, one might conclude I was using all my available strength to hold my legs against the seat of the chair.

I can feel the knowledge of my not-too-distant fate etched across my face like the epitaph of some long-dead public

enemy, carved in cold gray stone and covered with a permanent sprinkling of clammy dew, as menacing as it is harmless. I radiate my fear in icy waves which bang against the indifferent stone walls of my prison and return to my body to recycle, increase in intensity and continue their reflective journey. Time is moving imperceptibly.

The watch on the wrist of one my fellow prisoners seems to tick but once a lifetime. But he appears unaffected, almost jovial, as do all the others in the room. They must be ignorant of the terror that is about to confront us all, ONE BY ONE. I am the only being who realizes the awful, torturous event we will soon become party to. Just thinking about it makes me weak.

What was that? There was a noise at the door, I think. I cast my eyes on the door and watch as the knob slowly, but deliberately, turns. Suddenly, too suddenly, the door is open. There he stands! It is Him! The one who will preside over this theatre of horrors. He is walking to the far end of the room, all eyes following him like obedient, glassy marbles. Time has jumped into warp-drive. He smiles a devilish smile and says simply: "It is time to begin."

And we do. One by one, in rapid succession, the other prisoners proceed to the front of the room and surrender to the unspeakable, self-inflicted, torture and return to their seats as if nothing is happening. They go faster and faster. Everything is becoming a blur. The ticking watch sounds like a lawnmower

in miniature. Time has become a jetstream of sound and color screaming past my brain. I feel I have become a single beam of light racing out through space into oblivion. I am pure energy . . . I am . . . I . . .

Everything has stopped — time, the wristmower, the infinite colorful blurs, my heart. Everything has ceased to function, for He has called my name. I stare at him blankly. My eyes try to look through Him, through the walls into the quiet, peaceful, sweet freedom beyond.

"Mr. Hunt," He is saying, "you are the last one. Do not keep us waiting."

I slowly, mindlessly, extract myself from the hard wood I felt I was a part of. Giving up all hope, I approach the front of the class to deliver my first speech of the semester.

criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

Advice offered for dealing with eighties

Given the current state of affairs in both our national and personal lives, it appears the barometer is falling so fast on all fronts that it no longer matters whether you watch it on the six o'clock news, read about it or live it every day of your life. The fact is simply that things are not as they should be.

A quick glance at recent news headlines reveals the following: a Philadelphia policeman is arrested for the fatal shooting of a black teenager; the possibility exists that money was peddled to the brother of the man occupying the White House in an attempt to buy influence there; in the month of June alone, there were 500 toxic waste dumps found across the U.S.; and a man, who in the last four years has repeatedly advocated international military action by our country, is shown leading in the major polls asking who the American people want as president.

Even if you don't watch the six o'clock news or read a newspaper, it's easy, even for an MTSU student, to see that things are not as they should be. It even seems difficult to drive to Murfreesboro from Nashville without seeing a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Ah, what a tangled web we weave!" Such are the problems of men in groups. And to deal with the problems of human interaction, man created political institutions. But, in light of recent news from across the country, there seems to be a breakdown in those institutions and even the most apathetic, removed individual is bound to wonder just what the hell is going on.

As we consider how to solve our public problems, each of us is continually faced with individual problems in a world where the family structure as we know it is disappearing; in which divorce rates are skyrocketing; and in which statistics reveal the alarming frequency with which we commit violent acts against people we know.

What seems to have happened is this — with the disappointments of our personal lives and the problems of life in these United States, we have lost faith in our ability to solve our national and individual problems.

As for our nation's woes, the people have a lack of confidence in their government's ability to deal with national problems. This is not unexpected, as the

whole nation still suffers a severe hangover from the Nixon-Vietnam-Watergate syndrome. There is no real belief in our political institutions at any level, which are the traditional channels of change in this country.

So, how are we to deal with our national problems?

We can still operate through the present system, attempt change through new avenues, or we can choose simply to not think about it. Unfortunately, the latter is the attitude the majority of young people in this country have taken. They are absorbed in a culture that emphasizes television, mindless disco music, drugs and designer jeans.

As for our individual lives, I fear that we are no longer able to interact with others the way we should. Sharp lines are drawn to separate us into economic and social groups of endless variety. Solutions to the complications of our daily lives are reduced to slogans from Madison Avenue, like "Reach out and touch someone" or "Coke adds life." The fact that the advertising world offers mock solutions for our individual crises only adds to the absurdity of the situation.

So what is the answer? How are we to deal with a world in which the individual is faced with problems of both a national and individual nature? There are no easy answers because these are not easy questions.

What is involved is developing a thick skin to be able to withstand the inherent absurdities of our time and also keeping faith in the human condition, believing that with open minds and hearts we can make this a better place to live. The contradictions involved in developing and keeping such an attitude require a constant juggling act by the individual. But each and every one of us is given the spark of potential to do it.

If one could capture the ability to both withstand today's horror and also keep an unending faith in human potential, then he has risen above the absurdity of it all, and that is something that no other individual or no government in the world can control.

And when we are able to progress as individual human beings, rather than as citizens under the control of the state, we can progress toward making a better life for us all, which is what we should ultimately be concerned about.

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UNA challenges Raiders' 'fall line-up'

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

Tired of summer reruns, television viewers are anxiously awaiting the new fall season. And, not unlike ardent fans of the tube, the Middle Tennessee football team, along with head coach Boots Donnelly, is also tired of reruns.

Last year's opener with the University of North Alabama ended in a disappointing 20-17 loss, which set a precedent for all but the last game of the 1-9 season.

This time there's a station and time change, with the Blue Raiders traveling to Florence, Ala., to face the Lions tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. But the odds are slightly worse than last year.

Although UNA has lost 33 lettermen, the returning 18 players include junior offensive guard Hamp Moore and senior wide receiver Jerry Hill, not to mention tailback Lawson Fletcher.

Fletcher, for those of you who don't recall, was the sizzling speedster, who, as a sophomore last year, rolled up 208 yards rushing against MTSU. He will be the key offensive attack for UNA, although quarterback Rusty Tower is considered a "thrower."

"We didn't even know him

when we came into the game last time," Donnelly quipped, "but he came close to hyperventilating himself against us. I believe he blew out his shoes twice."

**MTSU vs. UNA
kickoff at 7:30
tomorrow night
in Florence, Ala.**

Fletcher won't be the only positive point on UNA's side. The Lions' head coach Wayne Grubbs, who says his team is inexperienced, hasn't lost an opening football game while at North Alabama. Following up on a 6-5 season, the Lions are also ready for fireworks as they play their first game in newly remodeled Tom Braly Stadium.

However, don't count the Raiders out. Donnelly, the OVC wizard of programming, is confident that his team will give a good effort, despite numerous injuries to experienced players.

"They will do one thing I

nevergot last year," he said. "They'll lay the years of inexperience back, will play and will enjoy playing."

The Blue Raiders' hit in the fall line-up should be returning quarterback Brown Sanford. As a freshman in '79, Sanford was the eighth best passer in the NCAA Division I-AA and was tops in total offense in the OVC. In last year's opener, the late of Murfreesboro came on late in the game to connect on a 37-yard pass that put MTSU ahead, momentarily, in the fourth quarter.

Joining Sanford in perhaps the strongest part of the Blue Raider team, the offensive backfield, are tailback Sammy Bryant and fullback Paul Carter. A sophomore, Carter led the MTSU rushing in '79 with 479 yards, while Bryant, a junior, is a transfer from UT-Martin.

"Bryant is one of the premium athletes I've had the privilege to coach," Donnelly said. "He can play tailback, quarterback and defensive back — whichever we ask him to play. I'd like to thank UT-Martin for sending him down our way," he told the audience at yesterday's faculty-press luncheon.

Two of the three seniors, Kolias Elion and Larry Miller, will handle the wide receiver and tight end chores, respectively. These two carry the experience load for the team, along with senior kicker Gerald Robinson, who currently has a consecutive streak of 10 field goals.

"We're younger this year than we were last year. We had 10 seniors a year ago compared to



photo by Greg Campbell

Punter Glenn Heath exhibits deep concentration in yesterday's "last" practice, as Coach Boots Donnelly takes a final look. The Blue Raiders invade the University of North Alabama for the season opener tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. UNA handed MTSU a 20-17 opening loss last year in Murfreesboro.

three this time around," the head coach said.

Pre-season All-OVC pick Bill Spurlock, a sophomore tackle, will lead the offensive line, which has been severely weakened by the injury epidemic. Freshmen Anthony Marshall and Roger Carroll will get the starting nod at the guard positions, while junior Greg Wilkins, who saw frequent action last year, will man the other tackle spot.

Junior Bill Cherry, who was moved from defensive tackle to replace injured Joe Boyd, will play his initial game at center for MTSU. Flanker Henry Bean rounds out the starting offensive line-up.

"Defensively, we're still in trouble," Donnelly said. "And we will be for a long time until MTSU players learn to understand our scheme and get bigger."

And Donnelly is right. With freshmen at the noseguard position, one linebacker spot and cornerback, the defense is headed for trouble. In fact, the rest of the defense consists of sophomores and one senior. Defensive tackle Earl Brown and free safety James Griffin are perhaps the only players who have had considerable playing time. Strong safety Dennis Mix was sidelined earlier this week with a neck injury.

The Blue Raiders' kicking game looks promising with Robinson returning, but he may not get many chances to use his foot. His sidekicks, sophomore Jim Merryman and freshman Glenn Heath, will handle the kickoff and punting jobs, respectively.

"North Alabama plays well and has experience, but they can be beat," the head coach said.

"It makes no difference to this team what their odds are. They are awful easy to coach," he continued. "My ulcers are back and I'm complaining about their effort. They give us all they can give us."

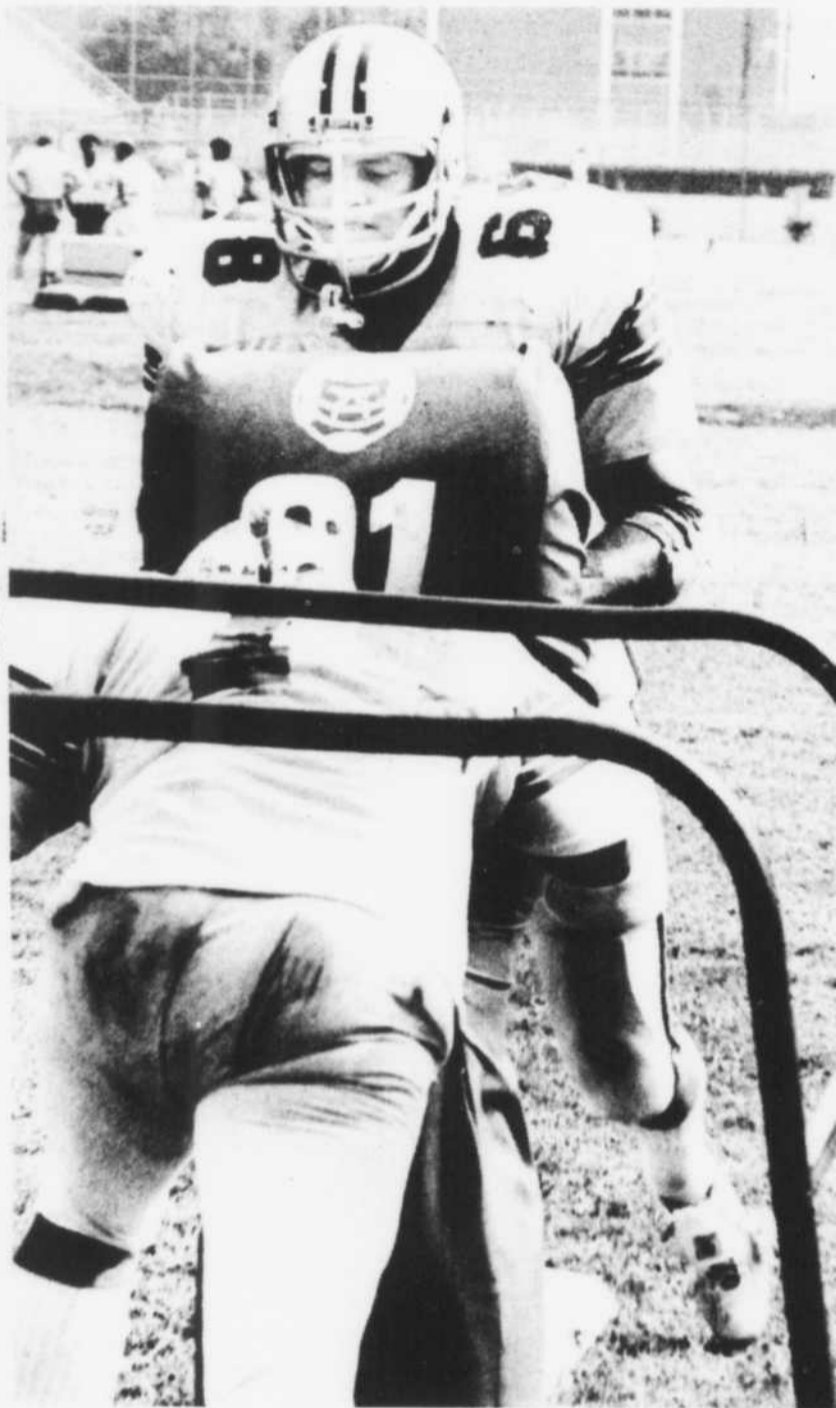


photo by Don Harris

MTSU offensive tackle Bill Spurlock has earned a reputation in the league, having been chosen the only sophomore All-OVC pre-season pick.

Spurlock gains OVC reputation

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

To be big, fast and strong is the dream of almost every football player. And to be a better than average player, you almost have to combine all three.

MTSU's Bill Spurlock, a 6'5" 230-pound offensive lineman, has combined the above plus added an adjective that might be even more relished . . . he has a reputation.

Spurlock, a sophomore from Smyrna High School, was MTSU's only player to be selected for the All-OVC pre-season team, and even more impressive is the fact that he is the only sophomore chosen for that honor.

"To say the least, I was really surprised when I found out,"

Spurlock said. "That was honestly the last thing I had on my mind because the coaches really stress the team concept."

For all of the defensive linemen who didn't have the dubious honor of lining up opposite Spurlock last season, it will become evident early in the game that, if given the chance, he will try to drive them into the turf like a dime store.

"Losing all of those games last season was really hard, but football is still a lot of fun to me," Spurlock commented. "Some people might think that getting chosen on the pre-season team would put extra pressure on me, but all the coaches ever ask of me is that I do my job."

Offensive line coach L.T. Helton has been associated with

the OVC for the last 13 years, and he says that if Spurlock keeps on improving he has "a chance to be one of the best to ever come out of the conference."

"Bill is a real 100 percent player," Helton said. "He works hard in practice, and you never have to worry about him giving up during a game because he'll fight you to the last minute."

Head coach "Boots" Donnelly, not one to heap a lot of praise on any one player, mentioned Spurlock early in his speech at the weekly faculty-press luncheon yesterday.

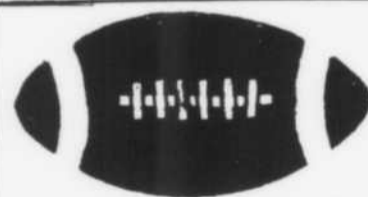
"I can't say enough good things about William Spurlock," Donnelly said. "He's a quality player, and it would be nice to have a lot more like him."

Realistically, the Raiders aren't picked to win an abundance of games this season with only three seniors and a handful of juniors on the squad, but Spurlock is quick to remind you that they're improving every day.

"This team is a lot different from last year's, even though we still have a lot of the same guys back," Spurlock remarked. "Sure we don't have the personnel of, say, a Murray State or Eastern, but that's not gonna make us have a losing attitude."

No one knows what this season holds for Donnelly's Raiders, but one thing is for sure: it won't be hard to guess which side of the line they'll run to.

Sports



Peiser's Pigskin Picks

By HOWIE PEISER
Sidelines Sports Writer

Notre Dame vs. Purdue — Purdue's Mark Herrmann enters his senior season with a chance to break most or all NCAA career passing records. He already holds most of the passing records in the Big 10 Conference. Purdue should be able to score on Notre Dame, but the Boilermakers defense will have a tough time stopping the Irish rushing game. Notre Dame will win by a field goal.

Tennessee vs. Georgia — Tennessee opens a new decade with an enlarged stadium (over 90,000 seats). The Vols return 16 starters from a team that won seven games one year ago. Quarterback Jeff Olszewski is only an average signal caller, but the offensive line protecting him is outstanding.

Georgia could be the sleeper team in the conference as well as the nation this year. The Bulldogs are deep at nearly every position. Quarterback Buck Belue is a top-notch veteran. The line protecting him is both strong and fast. The Dogs are always strong on defense.

These two teams are evenly matched; the only difference is the home team advantage. Look for Tennessee to edge by Georgia by one.

Houston vs. Pittsburgh — The rivalry between the Oilers and the Steelers is going to be better than ever this year. Pittsburgh

has remained as good as last year, while Houston has improved by acquiring Ken Stabler from Oakland. Both teams are equal offensively, but the Steelers have the edge defensively. Pittsburgh will win by four points.

Upset of the week: Seattle vs. San Diego — Seattle is going to surprise many people Sunday afternoon. Jim Zorn will have little trouble passing against the Chargers, while the Seahawk running game should be excellent.

San Diego is not going to be as strong this year as last due to the lack of a healthy, young running back. Dan Fouts will still be as good as last year, but he will have a hard time against Seattle's secondary on Sunday. Seattle will upset the Chargers by a field goal.

Favorite	Underdog	Points
College		
AKRON	Northeast Missouri State	by 8
EKU	Kentucky State	by 17
NORTH ALABAMA	Middle Tennessee State	by 4
MOREHEAD STATE	Marshall	by 12
WESTERN KENTUCKY	Evansville	by 11
ALABAMA	Georgia Tech	by 29
Brigham Young	NEW MEXICO	by 24
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	Ball State	by 21
WEST VIRGINIA	Cincinnati	by 18
PENN STATE	Colgate	by 28

East Carolina	DUKE	by 14
Florida State	LSU	by 1
TENNESSEE	Georgia	by 1
ILLINOIS	Northwestern	by 7
Miami of Florida	LOUISVILLE	by 14
MARYLAND	Villanova	by 17
Mississippi State	MEMPHIS STATE	by 5
Texas A&M	OLE MISS	by 6
NORTH CAROLINA STATE	William and Mary	by 19
NOTRE DAME	Purdue	by 3
Stanford	OREGON	by 3
TULANE	Southern Mississippi	by 14
TEXAS TECH	Univ. of Texas El Paso	by 21
WAKE FOREST	Virginia Tech	by 8
COLORADO STATE	Air Force	by 3
PRO		
MINNESOTA	Atlanta	by 6
JETS	Baltimore	by 4
Chicago	GREEN BAY	by 7
Cleveland	NEW ENGLAND	by 2
PHILADELPHIA	Denver	by 3
LA	Detroit	by 7
PITTSBURGH	Houston	by 4
Miami	Buffalo	by 6
ST. LOUIS	Giants	by 1
Oakland	KANSAS CITY	by 2
SEATTLE	San Diego	by 3
NEW ORLEANS	San Francisco	by 8
Tampa Bay	CINCINNATI	by 2
WASHINGTON	Dallas	by 3
HOME TEAMS CAPITALIZED		

Five OVC teams clash with nonconference foes

While MTSU visits North Alabama for the season opener, five other OVC schools also play their first game of 1980 this weekend. Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, Akron, and Murray State will all play nonconference games tomorrow.

Western Kentucky plays a home game against Evansville. The Hilltoppers are looking to turn things around during the 1980 season, after struggling through a disappointing 5-5-0 campaign last year. OVC Offensive Player of the Year, John Hall, returns at quarterback for

WKU, and the rest of the offensive unit is strong. The defense, however, needs to improve in order for the Hilltoppers to have a realistic chance of challenging for the OVC title this year.

Defending I-AA champion Eastern Kentucky plays at home against Kentucky State. The Colonels return their top three rushers from last year — fullback Dale Patton and tailbacks Alvin Miller and Anthony Braxton. Defensively, the Colonels return just four starters, none of those at the crucial linebacker spot.

Morehead is at home against Marshall. The Eagles welcome back 31 of 46 lettermen from a 5-4-1 team of a year ago. Their strength is in defense, where three of the Eagles' top tacklers return from a team that allowed only 14 touchdowns in 1979.

Akron plays a home game against Northeast Missouri State. This will be the Zips' 27th annual Acme-Zip game, one of the most successful promotions in college football. The game features pretty girls and fireworks at a good price (buy

one ticket for a dollar and get one free).

Murray State plays at home against Southeast Missouri State. The Racers return 20 starters from last year's OVC champion team; they appear to be the

runaway choice to repeat as champs. All 11 starters are back on defense including all-American and OVC defensive player of the year Terry Love. The Racers are one of the teams to look for to win the I-AA championship in 1980.

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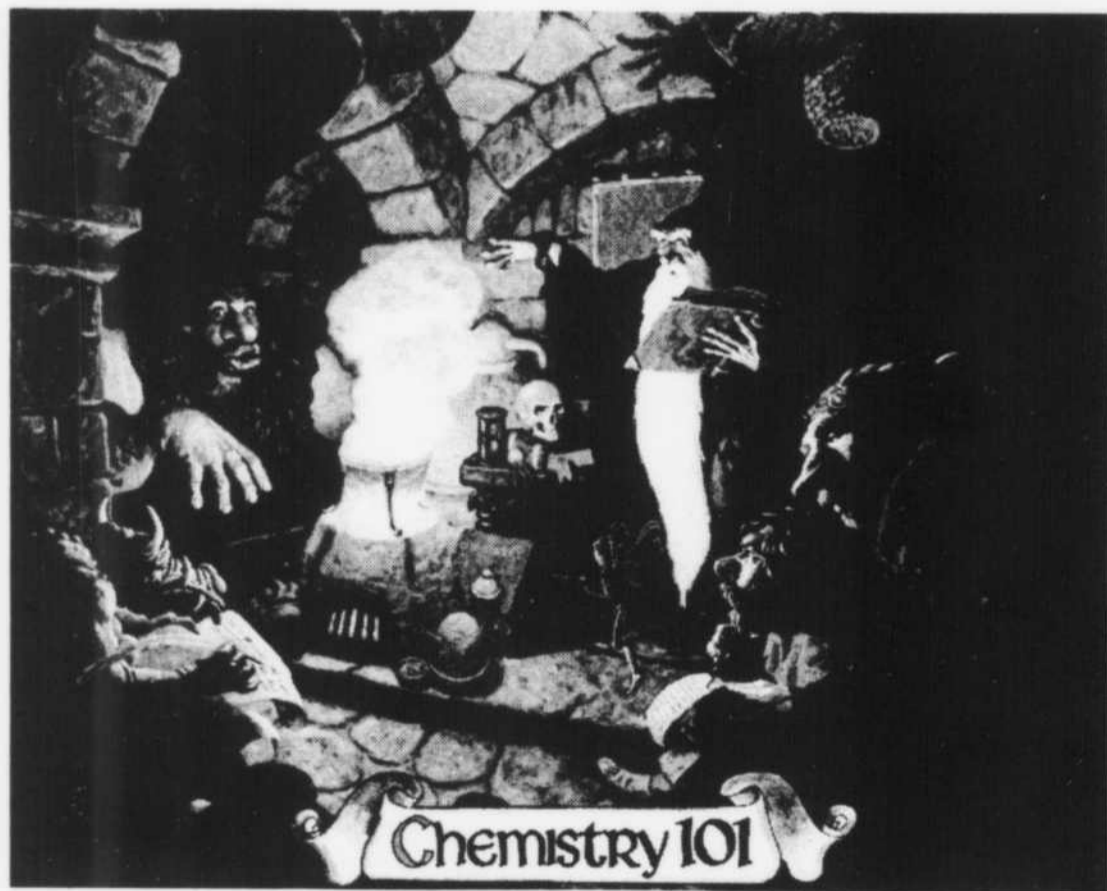
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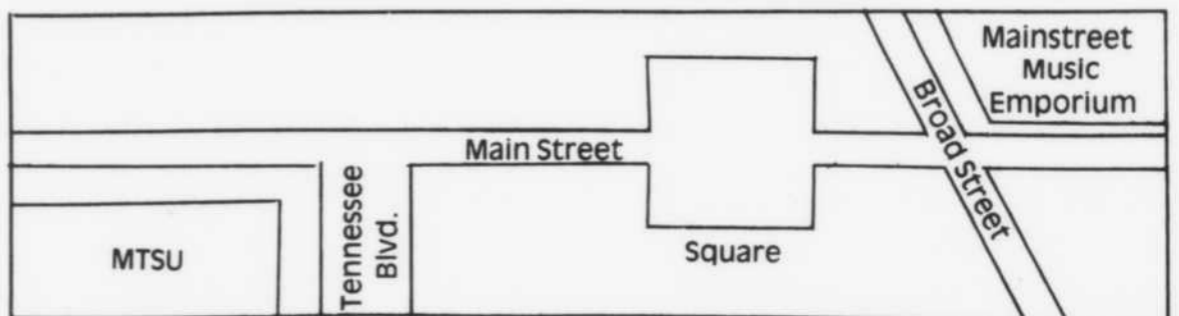
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