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# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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Photo by Greg Campbell

## The sound of music

Sandra Willetts conducts the MTSU concert choir during Sunday afternoon's performance at the Wright Music Hall.

## Housing may request \$100 room deposit

By GINA FANN  
Staff Writer

Students desiring on-campus housing next year may be required to pay a \$100 prepayment instead of the \$30 deposit required the last 12 years, Housing Director David Bragg said Thursday.

The increase is scheduled to be applied to the Board of Regents sometime in December, taking effect immediately if passed.

**PREPAYMENT** of \$100, \$50 of which would be applied to fall semester rent and \$50 to be applied to spring rent, is necessary because of over 400 cancellations of housing reservations for the 1981-1982 school year, Bragg said.

"Last year (1980) we accepted 1100 applications for on-campus housing," Bragg said. "The cutoff date was Dec. 9."

"In June we sent housing contracts to all those who'd

applied, and 18 percent cancelled the contract. Twenty-five percent didn't reply at all.

"SO, AFTER telling people from December to July that we were full, we had over 430 beds available after the contracts were in," Bragg said.

The shortage of residents results in a financial deficit which can only be balanced by raising rent for the following year's residents, "and that's just unfair," Bragg said.

"We lose money if 98 to 100 percent of our beds aren't filled, and it isn't right to make the next year's people pay for something last year did," he said.

**BRAGG** proposed the \$100 prepayment in order to "slow down the rate of applications and to provide as much space as possible for students who are really committed about coming to MTSU and living in a residence hall."

The proposal was approved by Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance and Sam Ingram, university president, and has been sent to Chancellor Roy Nicks for the approval of the Board of Regents.

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## THEC recommends tuition hike

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON  
Education Editor

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission yesterday recommended a 10 percent increase in undergraduate tuition fees for next year at most state colleges and universities, including MTSU.

In its quarterly meeting at Nashville State Technical Institute, the commission also approved a 15 percent increase in fees for all state graduate students and for undergraduates at Memphis State University and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

**IF THE** increases are approved by the governor and Legislature, undergraduate fees at MTSU would rise to \$720 per year, an increase of \$66. Graduate fees would go up \$123 per year to \$948. Out-of-state tuition, also increased by 15 percent, would increase by \$230 to \$1,760.

The recommended increases were based on THEC's policy, set at its September meeting, of indexing tuition fees at 30 to 35 percent of state per-student appropriations.

If the Legislature allocates more money than requested by THEC for higher



Lewis Donnelson  
THEC Commissioner

education, fees will go up; conversely, if it allocates less money, fees will go down.

**SINCE THE** fee increases are tied to THEC's appropriation recommendations, the State Board of Regents has no choice but to approve the same increases, SBR Chancellor Roy Nicks told this reporter.

However, THEC Executive Director G. Wayne Brown said in an interview after the meeting the indexing policy does not apply to the SBR or other governing boards.

To soften the blow of fee increases, THEC also included an escalator clause in its appropriation recommendation for the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp., which administers state and federal grant programs.

**THE CLAUSE** allows TSAC funding to fluctuate with fee changes.

For the first time, THEC requested enough money to bring Tennessee funding for higher education in line with the Southeast regional average.

The staff report says \$38 million would accomplish this, but its recommendation included only \$11.5 million.

"We didn't feel it was likely we would receive all that (\$38 million) in the first year," Brown explained after the meeting.

"**WE FELT** we had to give them a practical, doable level (of funding to work with)," he added.

The THEC staff's appropriation recommendations were questioned by Commissioner Lewis Donnelson, who pointed out that many items received increases exceeding the projected annual inflation rate.

## Yates elected governor of TISL

By ELIZABETH PORTER  
Production Manager

MTSU junior Tony Yates was elected governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature by acclamation Saturday, and the university delegation sponsored more successful candidates and legislation than any other participating school.

DeDe Heironimus was re-elected to a second term as secretary of state, and Mark Ross was elected speaker pro tem of the House after his four opponents dropped out of the race.

Bill Warner and Ross received two of 10 Carlisle awards given to outstanding TISL legislators.

"**TM STILL** in awe of the overwhelming support given to me and MTSU," Yates, who ran unopposed, said yesterday. He added that he views his election as a challenge and hopes to make TISL a "significant voice" in Tennessee state government.

"It's a great, well-deserved honor for MTSU," Warner, chairman of the MTSU delegation, said yesterday. "We worked hard for the last six weeks to get Tony elected."

Yates will visit nine universities across the state this year to promote TISL to

faculty and administrators, orient new delegates to TISL procedures, and "get feedback" from students on changes they want made.

**WARNER SPONSORED** sponsored in-house legislation requiring Yates, as TISL governor, to hand-deliver this year's top 10 TISL bills to Gov. Lamar Alexander and to appropriate legislators, rather than mail them as in past years. Yates and other executive board members will decide which bills will be submitted in January.

Thirteen of 16 MTSU-sponsored bills, Warner's among them, were passed by the 250 delegates from both public and private institutions across the state.

"We had very good representation of the student body," Warner said, explaining that biology and accounting, as well as political science majors and ASB members, were delegates.

"**OUR FIRST-YEAR** delegates outshined any others," Ross, who supervised bill writing, said. "They got some tough legislation through."

First-year delegates Brad Carrington and Eric Rodgers sponsored a bill allowing students to pay tuition on a monthly basis.

Other successful MTSU legislation included a bill creating a student position on

the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. board of directors, which has previously had no student input, and a resolution supporting tax credits for college students.

**DELEGATING DOUG COLE** sponsored a bill abolishing the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, replacing it with the "Tennessee Commission for Post-Secondary Education," which would serve merely as an advisory board without authority to make rulings or decisions. This commission would include five tenured faculty or administrators, five non-academic professionals, and one student representative.

Ross sponsored a bill stipulating that if state funds are impounded, all state departments should be equally affected. This bill is intended to prevent another instance such as the \$13.5 million impoundment imposed on Tennessee higher education last year.

**TENNESSEE TECH** delegate Bill Trent introduced legislation which received the TISL Governor's Award. His bill calls for every county election commission to sponsor student voter registration drives.

"The bill is designed to give students more political clout," Ross said. "We want a voice in state government."

## Sidelines security story 'one sided': Bass

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

University police officials yesterday called a firsthand account of Friday's security problems that appeared in *Sidelines* "one-sided" and "purely opinion."

"It looked one-sided," said Sgt. Larry Nixon, a full-time MTSU patrolman. "People must understand that security is not only our job, but it is everyone's."

**CHIEF** John Bass indicated he felt the article unjustly criticized his department, admitting the overall subject was the negligence of everyone.

"The opening really was misleading," Bass said in reference to a remark about "loused-up law enforcement."

"In my judgment, that was purely opinion," he said.

**SURE,** THE overall slant of the article was that we all are at fault," Bass said, "but by sticking that comment up front, you really gave the wrong impression."

Bass said that, in spite of suggestions that officers were not on the job, he checked and found they were involved in other situations which occupied their time.

Nixon confirmed the fact that officers were busy in other police matters.

"**THE ARTICLE** made it look like we



John Bass  
MTSU Police Chief

weren't doing our job," Nixon said, "but we can't cover everything."

"When you have such a high concentration of people and so few officers, it makes it difficult. You can't stop everyone at night to ask what they are doing. Then you would really get complaints."

**THE ABILITY** of two *Sidelines* reporters to break into university buildings indicated that the suggestions of the security report are not being followed, according to Bass.

"Nothing original was done, you just followed ideas in the report," Bass said.

"What this does demonstrate is that my men can't perform every window," he added. "Everyone has to accept responsibility for security."

**NIXON AGREED** with Bass, reiterating that "the police department has to take some responsibility, but not all of it."

"Until everybody becomes security-conscious, you'll continue to have a security problem," Nixon added.

Bass, who has only served as chief of university police for three months, said he is still in the process of reviewing the university's security needs, the goals of his department, and many other problems.

"I'm not sure if we need more men or what," he said. "I just haven't had the time to make that determination of our year-long needs."

"After all, a football coach usually has four years to build a winning team. I've only had 90 days," said Bass.

Glen Himmebaugh, coordinator for MTSU's Mass Communications news-editorial sequence, felt the reporters presented a balanced story.

"Overall it was a pretty decent job of aggressive journalism," he said.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today and tomorrow. Highs both days near 60. Fair tonight with a low in the upper 30s.

# Campus Capsule

**THE PRE-VETERINARIAN SOCIETY** will have a meeting Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Stark Agricultural Building, Room 125. Inez Craddock, vice president of Rutherford County Humane Society, will speak. Everyone is invited to attend.

**A SLAM DUNK CONTEST** will be sponsored by Campus Recreation Thursday at 7 p.m. in the auxiliary gym of Murphy Center.

The contest will feature two classes, with the first class being for contestants over 6'2", who will dunk on a regulation 10-foot goal. The second class will be for contestants 6'2" and under, and they will dunk on a goal lowered to 9-feet. Each contestant will have three attempts to display an assortment of dunks.

Sign-up will be held Wednesday in Room 203 of the Alumni Memorial Gym at 7 p.m.

**THE HOLIDAY STUDIO TOUR** will be held Nov. 14 and 15 from noon to 5 p.m. each day, at five Murfreesboro craft studios.

Pottery, fiber art, and other works will be displayed. The studios participating are Bay and Susan Allen's Popcorn Studio Pottery, the fiber studio of Love Beasley, Judy Chamberlain's pottery studio, metalsmith Terry Talley's workshop, and David Wright's studio.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** interested in attending a workshop on rural cooperatives, Dec. 8-11, should contact the foreign student advisor as soon as possible.

The workshop is sponsored by the Federation of Southern Cooperatives in Epes, Ala., and the cost, including transportation, is \$200.

**WHO'S WHO APPLICATIONS** will be available until Nov. 17 in the ASB Office.

Seniors with an overall grade-point average of 2.8 or who have made outstanding contributions to MTSU are eligible to apply. Nominees will be selected by a 12-member committee composed of four students and eight faculty members.

**THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR CHILD, YOUTH, AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES** will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic, 1004 N. Highland Ave.

Barbara Gregg will speak "First Aid for the Learning Disabled Child—What Parents and Teachers Can Do."

Gregg is past director of Westminster School, a private school in Nashville for children with learning disabilities.

**THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION** will be administered at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Students taking the test must present a valid ID. There is no charge for the test, and preregistration is not required.

**FOLK DANCING** Dixie Filton, a dance teacher in Nashville, will be instructing MTSU students in Israeli folk dancing Wednesday night at 6 in Studio B at Murphy Center. There is no charge, everybody is welcome.

**KAPPA DELTA WILL HOLD ITS BARN DANCE** Monday, Nov. 16, at the Murfreesboro Agricultural Center.

The dance will start at 8 p.m., and admission will be \$2.50. Performing will be the band "Between the Two."

## 12 Years Ago:

On this date 12 years ago, these stories were making news at MTSU:

Biafran student Yanka Peter told *Sidelines* that he came to this country "so I might learn to help them at home." The native of West Africa was working on a masters in business administration. Today, he's probably a big winner in an oppressive military dictatorship. (So it goes.)

**TWO FRATERNITIES**, Alpha Pi Omega and Sigma Pi Kappa, finally achieved "colonization" with their respective national fraternities. "We, the brothers, are indeed honored," said Lee Farless, president of Sigma Pi Kappa. (Indeed.)

A poll of 200 bachelors between the ages of 16 and 25 revealed that 75 percent of them preferred blondes, and 72 percent of the respondents said they looked at a girl's legs first. (Some things never change at this school.)

**TWO PROFESSORS**, Margaret Wright of the music department and Catherine Clark, were named to Who's Who in American Women.

The latest issue of *Sidelines* was delayed because of "mechanical difficulties." (Some more things never change at this school.)

ROTC was compulsory for all students. (Thank goodness some things do change at this school.)

Gasoline was \$0.27.9 a gallon. (Oh, why do things have to change?)

## ASB grade waiver upheld as constitutional

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON  
Education Editor

The ASB Supreme Court ruled unanimously last Tuesday that the amendment to the constitution requiring all ASB members to sign grade waivers is constitutional and that it applies to court justices.

The decision, reached on the third vote, reversed the court's second vote, which held that the amendment was unconstitutional.

**THE CHANGE** of decision was caused by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell's statement that if the amendment is unconstitutional, then he can no longer inform the ASB president when an ASB member falls below the minimum standard.

After Cantrell's comments, a justice who had voted negatively in the 4-2 vote finding the amendment unconstitutional asked that there be a recall vote.

During the pre-vote discussion, Cantrell informed the court that a legal counsel on the State Board of Regents' staff had advised MTSU that requiring a student to sign a grade waiver as a condition of office is constitutional.

**HOWEVER**, Cantrell was uncertain whether the lawyer was saying that grade waivers are constitutional in terms of the U.S. Constitution or whether the amendment itself was constitutional in terms of the

ASB constitution.

The court is attaching a recommendation to their ruling calling for the establishment of a minimum 2.0 grade-point average requirement for all ASB members, including all elected officials, appointed cabinet members, committee appointees, and justices.

Cantrell asked the court if they wanted to include presidents of all campus organizations and school athletes since they represent MTSU in the same way as ASB members.

But the court ruled against such an inclusion.

The justices' recommendation also requested that anyone not having the 2.0 average be impeached if they do not resign.

## Housing prepayment

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Many students applying for dorm reservations often send several applications to various colleges to "find out who's got the best deal. We try to prevent those people from tying up the beds for the people who are serious about being here," Bragg said.

"ALSO," Bragg said, "when mom and dad write that \$100

check, they'll ask if junior is really serious about coming to MTSU. When he comes up and says, 'Oh, by the way, I'm not going to live on campus,' they may pop him one."

Alternatives to the problem of resident shortages if the prepayment idea is unsuccessful may be "either a lottery, where we say, 'Okay, 500 of you 2,200 people can't be here—pick a

number,' or a prepayment of the entire rent amount in March of every year. I don't want to see that," Bragg said.

"All of this could have been avoided had the people just picked up the phone and called," Bragg said.

"We just want this to be fair and equitable. We aren't taking this action to make money for us," Bragg said.

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Will You Be Left Out (Again)?

# Vestige of Vietnam still lingers in some ways Amnesty group strives to assist all prisoners

By BILL STETAR

Feature Editor

The ink was barely dry on the proclamation signed by Jimmy Carter on his first day in office which extended a full pardon to Vietnam-era draft resisters when the critics began to voice their disapproval.

"It's a sad day in the history of our nation," lamented one official of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, while Senator Robert Dole issued his regrets that individuals who exhibited "conscious disobedience" of the law should be granted a pardon.

CARTER'S swift issuance of amnesty, affecting perhaps 50,000 draft evaders, fulfilled a long-standing campaign promise. But its real purpose was to vanquish the last vestige of the Vietnam war once and for all.

But Carter's clemency was not for all.

The executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union at the time estimated there were 6,000 deserters and 500,000 servicemen with less than honorable discharges who would be ineligible for amnesty under Carter's order.

Now more than four years and a new president later, the situation remains unchanged and unresolved.

"AS FAR as I'm aware, there is nothing under consideration as regards to amnesty for this category of individuals (deserters)," says Dan Theim, of the Office of the Pardon At-

torney in the Department of Justice.

Theim explained that some deserters participated in Ford's 1974 clemency program which established the Presidential Clemency Board and granted pardons on an individual basis by requiring two years of public service. It generated little response and was generally deemed a failure.

Theim pointed out that about the only way for a person who went AWOL to receive a pardon—even if that person went AWOL for reasons of conscience—would be to face military court martial and serve whatever sentence was mandated. After a period of 2 to 5 years, he could be eligible for a pardon.

"ALL PARDONS as a rule," Theim noted, "are done on a case by case basis." And usually, Theim said, people pursue a pardon only for "employment related purposes."

The granting of presidential pardons to deserters and even insurrectionists, however, has been fully preceded—starting with the first chief executive.

In 1795, George Washington pardoned the participants of the notorious Whisky Rebellion of a year earlier. Five years later President John Adams issued a pardon for another group of Pennsylvanians—this time a throng of citizens who rebelled against a property evaluation law.



Despite historical precedence, Carter's proclamation of a blanket pardon in 1977 did not include many veterans who suffered less than honorable discharges, and those who may have deserted for conscientious reasons.

JAMES Madison produced a pardon for those who deserted the armed forces during the War of 1812, and announced an amnesty for the pirates and smugglers of the Louisiana coast who fought the British in New Orleans.

Deserters of the Union Army were directed by Abraham Lincoln to be "restored to their regiments" without punishment other than "forfeiture of pay."

Presidents of the 20th century have also utilized the powers of their office to extend pardons.

BULLISH Teddy Roosevelt declared all participants of a 1902 rebellion in the Philippines to be fully pardoned for their actions. And Dwight Eisenhower issued a kind of left-handed pardon for those American soldiers who aided and abetted the enemy in the Korean war by ordering that

they should not be subjected to prosecution.

But while former deserters may find it difficult and laborious to attempt to win a pardon, those veterans who received less than honorable discharges do have an opportunity to upgrade their status—but their cases have to be reviewed by the military.

One procedure for veterans may follow is to contact the local Veterans Administration office to secure the appropriate Department of Defense form. In most instances, like with the VA office in Nashville, assistance is provided for preparing a case for an upgraded discharge.

Other organizations that may also be of assistance in this area are the Veterans Education Project and Draft Action (both of which are located in Washington, D.C.).

By JIM SHERRADEN

Staff Writer

If one aspect of war could be termed beyond hell, it is experiencing the horrors of being a prisoner. One organization campaigns actively for the humane treatment of these prisoners, often with success.

Amnesty International is a private organization founded in 1961 by Peter Benenson, a British lawyer who provided defense for political prisoners.

THE LONDON-BASED group won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for its continuous efforts on behalf of prisoners the world over.

Financed almost solely by dues received from its 170,000 members, AI is currently active in 107 countries (including a branch in this country—Amnesty America), and is independent of any government, political groups, economic interests, and religious creed. Its staff of 41 works in 21 languages.

Initially concerned with the release of any prisoner jailed (including for political or religious reasons), AI has extended the realm of its spectrum by advocating the elimination of the death penalty, torture, and other inhumane and cruel punishment of all prisoners.

IN VIETNAM and Laos, after the 1973 American withdrawal, AI investigated allegations of the inhumane treatment of Vietnamese and others imprisoned in "re-education camps." Many of

these prisoners jailed for their past political affiliations—such as a military doctor of the former regime—and soldiers, may still be held as prisoners.

Most recently, when the 52 Americans endured 44 days of captivity in Iran as prisoners of an "ideological" war, AI appealed to the Ayatollah regarding the treatment of the hostages but, unfortunately, to no avail.

Amnesty International, by attracting public opinion, seeks to promote and protect the rights of all prisoners without reservation.

This Veteran's Day we appreciate the effort made by the men and women of the armed services, but one can also appreciate AI, a group concerned with the plight of people imprisoned by "official" and "unofficial" wars, and who attempts to see that justice is issued after the soldiers leave the field.



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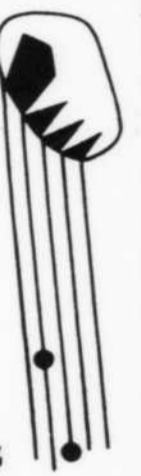
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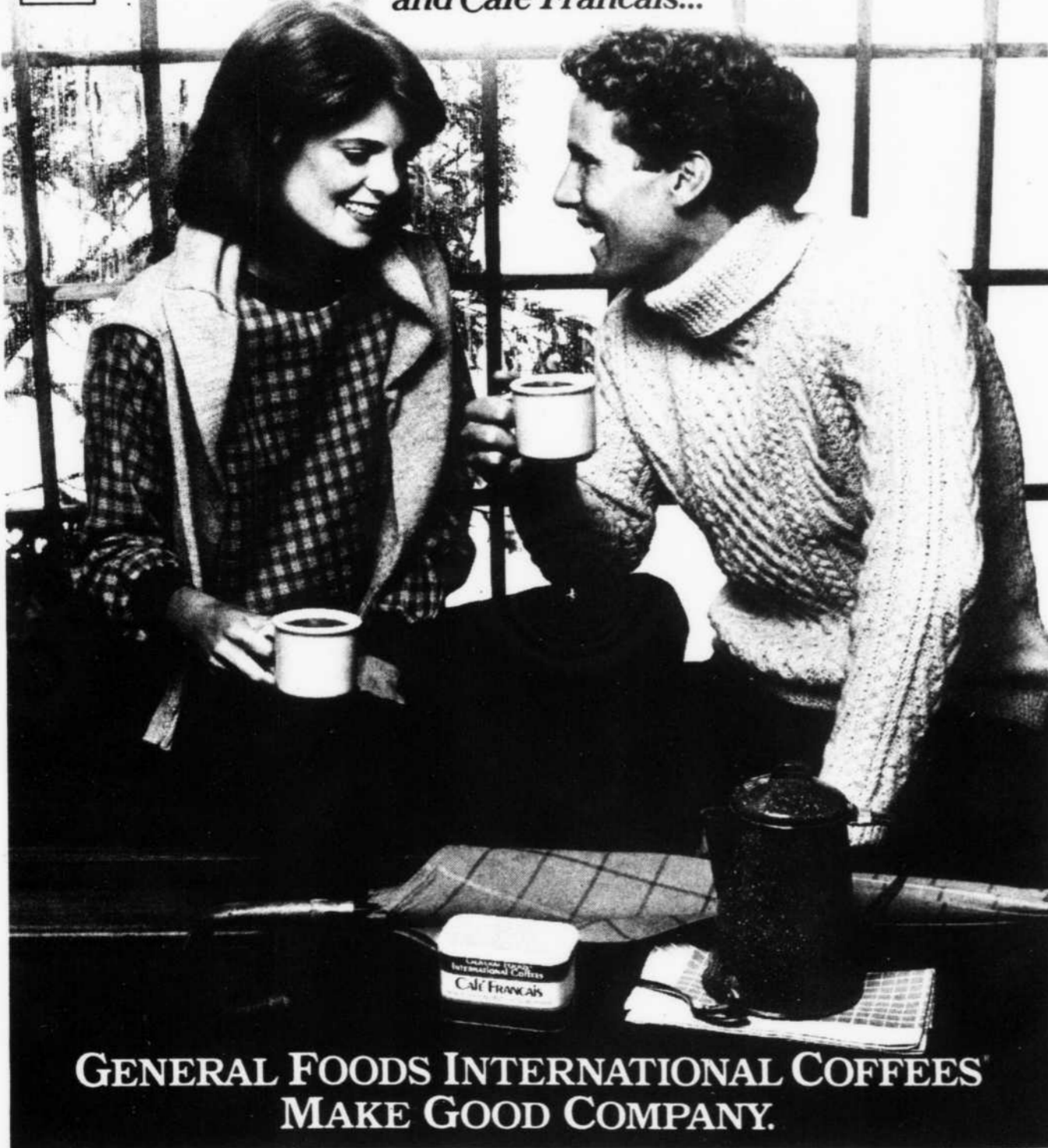
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## On This Date

On this date in 1697 the brilliant artist/satirist William Hogarth was born in London. "He does not represent folly or vice in its incipient, or dormant, or grub state, but fully grown," declared William Hazlitt. "Folly is there seen at its height—at the very error of the time. There is a perpetual collision of eccentricities—a tilt and tournament of absurdities—and the prejudices and caprices of mankind are let loose."

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## Warning signs of Reaganomics

As expected by most observers, the negative aspects of the Reagan administration's economic policies are rearing their ugly heads.

Unemployment is at its highest rate in almost six years and the president is apparently abandoning his stated "goal" of a balanced budget for 1984.

**OPPONENTS OF Reaganomics** are quick to herald these developments as proof positive that the United States is headed down the economic drain because of administration policies.

Proponents cite the growing unemployment rate as a necessary and expected short-term evil on the road to curtailing inflation and stabilizing the economy.

However, many backers of Reaganomics are admittedly surprised that Reagan is suddenly dismissing his balanced budget goal after major legislative victories concerning tax and budget cuts.

**REAGAN SEEMINGLY** doomed a balanced budget in 1984 by rejecting proposals to raise \$80 billion over the next three years via new taxes.

Nonetheless, Reagan reportedly will pressure Congress for further cuts in spending in an attempt to hold down the budget deficit.

The United States is, as Reagan has noted, in a "small recession." Continued high interest rates have lessened the government's actual revenue intake (when compared to overly-optimistic forecasts), resulting in the need for more stringent budget cuts and/or tax increases if the budget is to be balanced.

**IT HAS BEEN** estimated that the federal deficit may increase by up to \$90 billion in 1982 and \$150 billion by 1984 if further stop-gap measures are not introduced.

Regardless of Reagan's abandonment of a balanced budget, Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Budget Committee, has said that his committee may still seek a balanced budget.

"I do believe there is a consensus possible with or without the support of the White House," Domenici said.

**SUCH A TASK** would be difficult however, especially since, as Domenici told ABC News, Reagan can only expect Congress to grant about \$7 billion of the \$13 billion - \$16 billion he had asked for as a second round of budget cuts.

Republicans on Domenici's Budget Committee have reportedly agreed to a plan which would balance the budget by raising \$80 billion in new taxes and cutting about \$100 billion in federal spending. The bulk of the proposed spending cuts are aimed at the defense budget (approximately \$30 billion) and benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the food stamp program (\$40-45 billion).

However, the Budget Committee plan is wishful thinking without the president's backing, given the essential role the "great persuader" has played in legislative victories to date.

**AS FOR** unemployment, 8 percent of the nation's work force is not working, as of October. This translates to 8.5 million people.

The 8 percent rate is the highest since December, 1975, when it reached 8.2 percent. However, all time highs were reached last month in unemployment among blacks (16.7 percent) and in the number of people relegated to part-time work because they were not able to find full-time employment.

On this issue, Sen. Edward Kennedy commented that, although Reagan promised in a Labor Day speech that his administration would create "jobs, jobs, jobs," in reality over a million workers have lost their jobs during Reagan's term, resulting in "lost jobs, lost jobs, lost jobs."

**FAR FROM** showing extreme concern over the recent unemployment figures, an administration spokesman said that unemployment is likely to get worse before it gets better. The administration expects unemployment to increase into 1982, when they expect a strengthened economy to end the current recession, thus resulting in a decreasing unemployment rate.

Whether the administration's forecasts are correct remains to be seen. Past forecasts concerning the amount of revenue the government could expect at this point in time have proven erroneous, necessitating further spending cuts and/or tax increases to balance the budget by 1984.

The fact that Reagan is abandoning his celebrated plan to balance the budget certainly fails to lend credence to any future economic forecasts made by his administration.

**TRUE, HIS** plans (tax and budget cuts) have only been in effect for a scant month. And his supporters continue to blame past Democratic policies for current economic difficulties. But the fact remains that, after close to a year in office, interest rates remain up, unemployment is high, we are in a recession, and the poor are having difficulty making do until such time as the vaunted "trickle down effect" of supply-side economics reaches them.

Now it is apparent that all of us who thought it impossible to balance the budget while cutting taxes and substantially increasing defense spending were right.

But what is most surprising is that Reagan has so quickly abandoned his balanced budget promise for 1984, leaving himself an open mark for his opponents to say "I told you so."

—MICHAEL TOMPKINS

## DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



## Punchline

by Danny Tyree

With the election of Bishop James Armstrong (an outspoken critic of the Moral Majority) to the presidency of the National Council of Churches, we can expect even more condemnations of Jerry Falwell's organization in the future.

Some of the comments, of course, will be valid. No group is perfect. (Personally, I feel the Moral Majority is overreacting to plans by "Reader's Digest" to produce a condensed version of the Bible.)

But Armstrong will be misguided if he accuses the religious right-wingers of religiosity, sticking their noses into other people's business or violating the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

**OF COURSE IT'S** not a new idea to assert that the Moral Majority is built on a foundation of nothing but negative attitudes. "The Moral Majority is against everything and for nothing," is a familiar cry.

It all depends on your point of view.

To be against abortion is to be for the rights of the unborn.

**TO BE AGAINST** communism is to be for a strong defense of American democracy.

To be against "alternate lifestyles" is to be for the traditional family.

**DON'T TRADITIONAL** liberal views involve a lot of negativism?

To be for clean air, you have to be against pollution.

To be for the Voting Rights Act is to be against absolute states' rights.

**TO BE FOR** unlimited freedom of the press is to be against keeping all reading material clean.

So, right or wrong, people on all sides of an issue can be perceived as holding negative attitudes.

**ON THE ISSUE** of the Moral Majority sticking its nose into other people's business:

Specifically, in what ways are they doing this? Have they really threatened to barge into someone's bedroom? How many actions objected to by the Moral Majority really involve only the participants and not one other person? If the media are supposed to be so powerful, how can hard-core pornography not have an effect on readers? Does refusing to grant homosexuals special privileges as a "bonafide minority" really invade their privacy?

For years the knee-jerks have used "society" as a scapegoat for every individual who goes wrong. But when somebody suggest cleaning up that society a bit, the liberals go through the roof. You can't win.

**THE MEMBERS OF** the Moral Majority do feel that the moral climate of the country is their business. They sincerely feel that God still strikes down civilizations that turn away from him. Perhaps they're paranoid, but their convictions are no less strong than those of the people who advocate, "If it feels good, do it."

(And if we can call adultery and perversion "business" and still keep a straight face, perhaps

it's time for America to close up shop.)

On the constitutional issue, does the Moral Majority really threaten the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment? Maybe—if you accept the interpretation of the lunatic fringe. But the meaning of that clause has been twisted mercilessly in recent years. It is supposed to deal with the establishment of an official state church. For a lengthier discussion, see Stanton Evans' column in last Thursday's *Nashville Banner*.

**IT TAKES A** wild imagination to see Falwell as a threat to the First Amendment. Moral Majority is not even a religious group; it is a political group. Not all its members are religious. It does not endorse political candidates. Unlike other "New Right" groups, it does not even prepare "hit lists" of candidates. It uses All-American practices like education, voter registration and lobbying.

But can't the organization at least be faulted for its scripturally baseless opinions on Taiwan and the Panama Canal Treaty? Moral Majority has no official positions on those issues—contrary to assertions by its critics.

Such misinformation is dangerous. I try to remain open-minded toward reports on the shortcomings of Moral Majority. The country would run a lot smoother if the organization's critics would take the time to find out what the group is all about.

## Doodles



## Letters From Our Readers

### Reporters' method of relating story questioned

To the editor:

This is the paper—*Sidelines*, a publication of Middle Tennessee State University.

Held in the palm of a few student journalists, it conducts its affairs without fear or regard to the bias of objectivity.

That's where David Jarrard and Phil Williams come in. They're self-indulgent reporters. All in their performance is about as ingratiating as a high-school prank. The problem they dramatized is a valid one—the operation of the university. I would not attempt to criticize their *modus operandi* of investigating the security situation. It was a very direct way of showing the security lax.

But the account of their demonstration is so unbridled, so filled with excessive self-gratification, that one wonders

why they even condescend to write for a student publication. Certainly there must be other markets for them to literarily (sic) make fools of themselves.

The sequence of events are presented in the vein of a poorly written spy novel, rather than objective journalism:

"After the car passed, some unknown operatives began approaching us from Simms."

And:  
"We were forced to pass our destination, however, because of a sudden upsurge in civilian vehicular traffic."  
C'mon David, isn't this jargon a bit strained, even for a known "operative" such as yourself?

In regard to redundancy, what is meant by "ambly nonchalantly"? (How else does one amble?)

Another minor point: you refer to "an unfortified open window." Doesn't the fact that a window is unfortified is somewhat superfluous?

Finally you mention that you were stopped and picked up by a

campus officer. Doesn't this belie—to a certain extent—the "success" of your "mission" that you report to Otis Floyd a few paragraphs later in your article?

Admittedly, you have proven that campus security is lax. You have also shown that one will be caught in the act of breaching the security.

The one possibility remaining is that the article itself should be regarded as a farce, a testament of its extreme style. This could hardly be likely, however, considering the importance of its intent. Why make a spoof of the actual content?

As you said in so many words: "Sometimes the truth hurts, baby." This is correct—especially when the truth is presented in such a way as to anatomize its relevant points. But I suppose that's where David Jarrard and Phil Williams come in.

Jeff Bauer

Box 3524

P.S.—Just for the record, who bestowed upon you the designation of "ace reporter"?



## Theatre to pay tribute to Sondheim

The excitement and glamour of a Broadway musical will come to Murfreesboro this November as the University Theatre pays tribute to one of the most talented and innovative composer/lyricists for the musical theatre.

The words and music of Stephen Sondheim are featured with songs from the musicals "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Anyone Can Whistle," "Company," "Follies," "A Little Night Music," as well as "West Side Story," "Gypsy," and "Do I Hear a Waltz?"

**PRESENTING THE** best moments of a theatrical career that spans over two decades, "Side by Side by Sondheim" will run Nov. 19-21 in the auditorium of the newly named Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

The production is directed and choreographed by Deborah Anderson. Her associates include Valerie Galloway, assistant choreographer; Tricia Warren, stage manager; and Sharon Jones and Diane Bearden, pianists.

The show presents the best of Sondheim in a nightclub or cabaret-like atmosphere, with lively song and dance for an evening of unusual entertainment.

**SONDHEIM IS** regarded by many critics as the foremost living composer and lyricist for the musical theatre, and as the

heir of Rodgers and Hammerstein in the elevation of musical comedy from pure entertainment to a serious and a sophisticated art form

Sondheim began his theatrical career as the lyricist for musicals such as "West Side Story," "Gypsy," and "Do I Hear a Waltz?"

He then took on the additional job of composer for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Anyone Can Whistle," and a television musical "Evening Primrose."

**HIS MUSICAL** "Company," produced in 1970, marked the beginning of a collaboration with director Harold Prince, a partnership that has produced some of the most unusual and innovative musicals ever staged.

The Sondheim-Prince musicals have drawn their subjects from sources as varied as the film of Ingmar Bergman ("A Little Night Music"), Japanese Kabuki theatre ("Pacific Overture"), Victorian "penny dreadful" thrillers ("Sweeney Todd"), and, most recently, a Daufman and Hart comedy in "Merrily We Roll Along," which will open on Broadway this month.

Four of Sondheim's musicals of the past decade, "Company," "Follies," "A Little Night Music," and "Sweeney Todd," have won Tony Awards for Best Musical of their respective years.

"**SIDE BY SIDE** by Sondheim's" ensemble of singers and dancers includes Lorinda An-



Connie Campbell, Lorinda Anderson, and Denise Huffington sing "You Could Drive a Person Crazy" from the musical revue, *Side by Side by Sondheim*. The University Theatre production runs Nov. 19-21 in this Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

erson, Connie Campbell, Denise Huffington, William Lukemire, and Barclay Randall. The production will run Nov. 19-20 at 8 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Tickets are free for MTSU students with valid IDs, and are \$3 for the general public. Reservations may be made beginning Nov. 9 by calling 898-2716 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Roundup of area films

By JIM SEYMOUR  
Film Critic

Oh my, more movies....

**HICKORY HOLLOW 1-2-3:**

"**Time Bandits**": The latest Monty Python movie. Well, kind of. Written by Cleese and Palin, and starring a stellar group including Shelly Duvall and Sean Connery. This one takes on the history of the world.

"**Super Fuzz**": They say he's the funniest superhero of them all. It's a "law and disorder comedy." Stars Ernest Borgnine and Terrence Hill. Ha! Ha!

"**All the Marbles**": The best use of a television star in a film since "Coast to Coast," which starred Robert Blake. Peter Falk plays the manager of a pair of mud wrestlers who work their way into being legitimate wrestlers. Director Robert Aldrich claims the best part of the film wound up on the cutting room floor.

**HICKORY HOLLOW 4-5-6:**

**Man or Woman:** The ad claims that viewers will "See a man become a woman." I don't know about that.

"**Rich and Famous**": Sometimes a movie runs for such a long time that it's hard to praise it without becoming redundant. It's a beautiful, sensitive film about two writers who have been friends since college. See it to ogle over Candice Bergen and Jacqueline Bisset if for no other reason.

"**Halloween II**": Should be the comedy smash of the year, and the joke's on any clown paying to see it. John Carpenter didn't want to do a sequel to his classic "Halloween," but money talks. Therefore, he wrote a ridiculous screenplay and let an incompetent nimrod direct. Bring your hypodermic needles and scalpels for a good time. In this one Michael terrorizes a hospital.

**MARTIN TWAIN:**

"**Halloween II**"

"**The Four Seasons**": The world's richest and most compassionate wimp, Alan Alda, wrote and directed this serio-comedy about three couples who vacation together every year, going through changes in their own lives. Starring Alda (of course), Carol Burnett, Rita Moreno (cha-cha-cha!), and Jack Weston.

**CINEMA ONE:**

"**Blow Out**": Brian de Palma's latest rip-off of Hitchcock and opportunity to give his wife a job, or so they say on "Saturday Night Live." But what do they know? This thriller pays homage to Hitchcock, does star Nancy Allen, along with John Travolta, and is one whale of a thriller. It is a film which should not be missed.

**MTSU FILM SOCIETY:**

"**Citizen Kane**": Orson Welles' first film, generally regarded as one of the greatest American films of all time. Definitely an example of a class film being shown on a college campus, something very rare on this campus. Showing Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Media room of the LRC.

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Deadline for submission of applications for Editor in Chief of *Sidelines* for spring semester is Tuesday, Nov. 24, at noon.

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## It's 'Rocky Horror' time

By AURORA DANIELS  
Staff Writer

It's back—by popular demand! It's the "Rocky Horror Picture Show!"

The "RHPS", as it is affectionately known by its regulars, has become one of the most favored cult movies of all times. Rocky Horror began, not as a "picture show," but as a play on the stages of London in June, 1973. The movie opened Sept. 26, 1975. But it wasn't successful on the regular movie circuit. Actually, it was a flop.

But, it appeared on the midnight circuit on April 1, 1976 and Within four years of its release, "RHPS" grossed over \$20 million.

SO, WHAT about people that attend this movie??? Is it safe to associate with them? Could we take them home to meet our parents?

Well, according to "RHPS" fanatics, there are only 2 types of people in the world: groupies and virgins. Virgins are people that have never seen the movie. Often, virgins return and become regular cult members. Groupies, obviously, are regulars at the movie.

But, there are also 2 types of groupies: 1) those that devote heart and soul, and 2) the red-necks that attend to make life difficult for the other groupies.

"ROCKY HORROR", originally titled "They Came

From Denton High," is a different type of movie. Anyone can attend it and have a good time.

Part of the enjoyment of Rocky Horror is that for two hours, you're okay. No matter what the day has been like, for two hours you can escape to a world of absolute pleasure. And if you perform, for a short while, you are a star!

Some performers around the world have created a troupe of actors. In doing so, they develop a feeling of a family—a family and community that allows a free flow of creativity and expression. It's outright fun and excitement. It's a chance to become things you have only dreamed of before. No matter how your real family reacts to you, this family will always have a place for you.

"ROCKY HORROR" is like "a Sunday afternoon barbecue or church picnic for the night people!" It's something everyone should experience, at least once. After all, there's no crime in giving yourself over to absolute pleasure! So, bring your water guns, rice, newspapers, etc...and join the fun at "Rocky Horror."

*Special Note: Rumor has it that a Frank-n-Furter capable of portraying the part is desperately needed for the costume ball! Last year's Frank will not be attending.*

## Jerry Jeff to appear at Sarratt

Jerry Jeff Walker brings his own brand of Texas country music to Vanderbilt's Langford Auditorium tomorrow night.

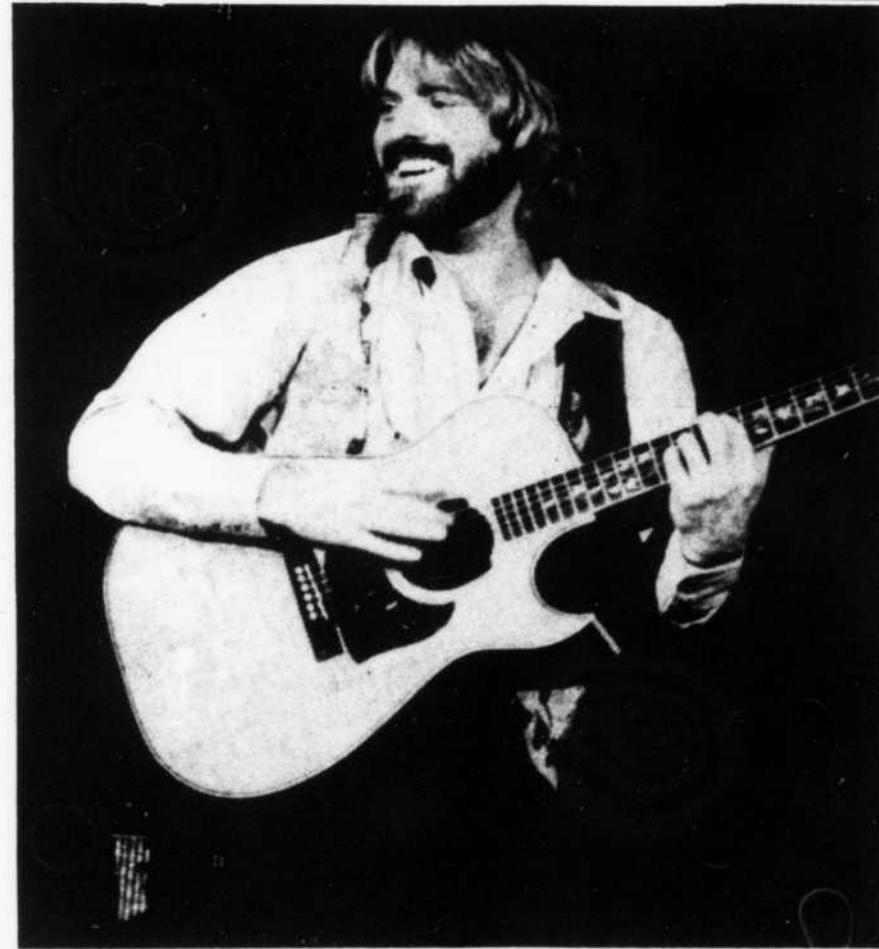
Walker, best known for his classic composition "Mr. Bojangles," makes his home in Austin and has been credited with being one of the driving forces behind the "Austin sound."

Walker, originally from upstate New York, spent an impressionable part of his early life as a songwriter traveling throughout the United States. He has often mentioned that the song "Mr. Bojangles" was "not written while doing a research paper in a New Orleans jail."

Before moving to Texas to record such landmark songs as "L.A. Freeway" and "Up Against the Wall Redneck Mother," Walker made an important impact upon the New York City folk scene that has boasted such alumni as Ramblin' Jack Elliot and Bob Dylan.

SPECIAL guest for the 8 p.m. concert is singer/songwriter Billy Joe Shaver, whose material has been recorded by Bobby Bare, Kris Kristofferson, The Allman Brothers, and Waylon Jennings.

Tickets are available at the main desk of Vanderbilt's Sarratt Student Center. The cost is \$7 to the general public, but free with to Vanderbilt students.



## I wanna be a Cosmic Cowboy

Michael Murphey is appearing at the Mainstreet Music Emporium Thursday night for two shows. Tickets are on sale at Mainstreet.

## Lassiter here tomorrow

The Stan Lassiter Grupe will be bringing their own type of instrumental jazz-fusion to MTSU tomorrow for a free show in the University Center Theatre at noon.

The show, sponsored by the university's Special Events Committee is another in a series of afternoon musical happenings

to be brought to campus.

Lassiter is an accomplished musician, a virtuoso on the guitar as well as the violin.

The quartet also features keyboards, drums, guitars, and bass for their basic driving sound.

The show is open to the general public.

## Kilbourne to present Naked Truth

A consumer advocate from Boston will speak on the topic "The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women" Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room 221 of the Learning Resources Center.

Jean Kilbourne's free presentation, sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, uses more than 200 slides in an attempt to show that advertisements portray women exclusively as sex objects or demoted housewives, and men as super-macho, coldly unemotional beings.

THE ADVERTISING industry spends \$50 billion a year to bombard us with more than 500 advertisements a day, according to Kilbourne. She says these ads combine for a powerful form of cultural conditioning.

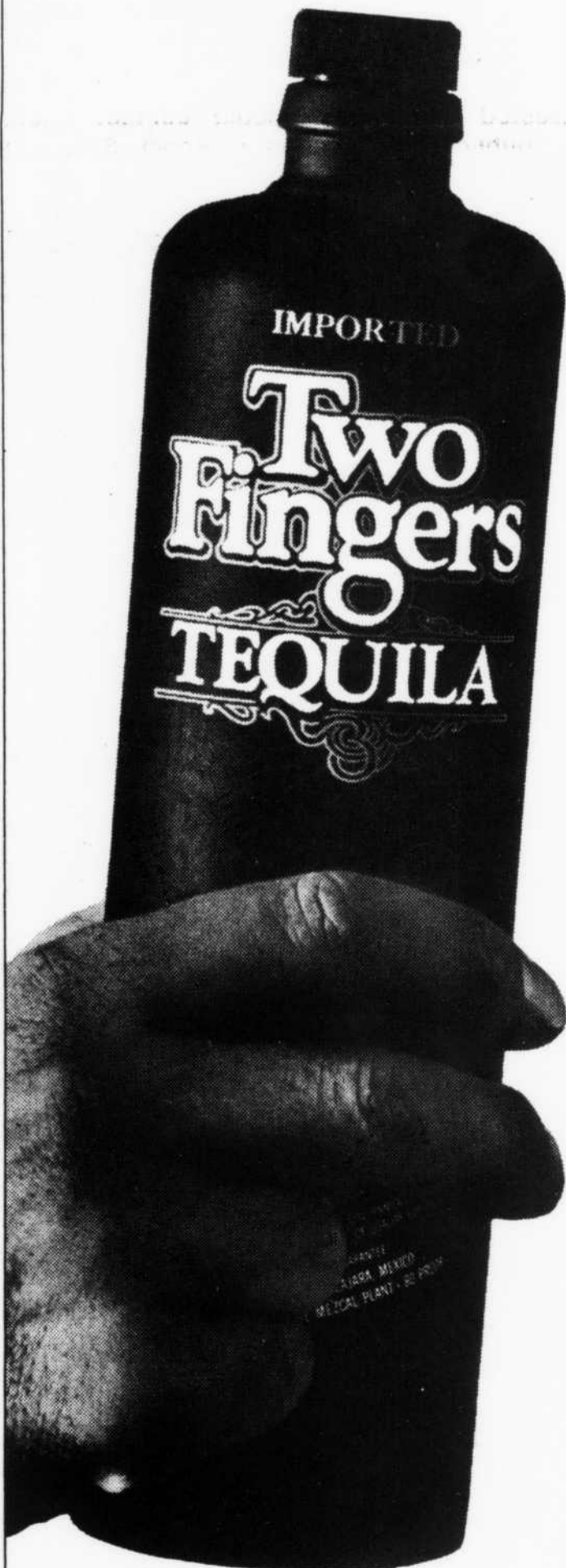
Her lecture seeks to examine the cumulative effect of advertising on individual self-images and society as a whole.

Kilbourne has lectured for hundreds of schools and other organizations.

She has been a free-lance writer and editor for many years. She is currently assistant director of the New England Screen Education Association and an associate of the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press.

Kilbourne is a member of many feminist and media-action organizations, including the National Organization for Women and Action for Children's Television.

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Moving outside of conference play, Youngstown State downed Western Illinois University 34-22 and Morehead took its first win of the season from Liberty Baptist, 34-10.

## OVC basketball preview

# Tech has high hopes for '81-'82

By STEVE PRICE  
Sports Writer

The people of Cookeville have waited long and patiently for a return to the top spot in the Ohio Valley Conference.

However, 19 years and five presidents later, Tennessee Tech is still looking for that winning combination.

IN FACT, the Golden Eagles haven't even had a winning season since 1975-76 when the team went 14-10.

The Eagles were dead last in the conference last year at 2-12, but Tech has higher hopes for the upcoming campaign after the OVC coaches picked the Eagles to finish fifth in the preseason poll.

So, with some luck here and there, the Golden Eagles could entertain thoughts of making the post-season conference tournament, and if anybody in the league is due for some luck, it's Tennessee Tech.

BUT THE question looms as to the validity of Tech's improvement, or is the remainder of the conference beginning to play on the Eagle's level.

"We have matured a lot, and we should be at the point this season where we can compete with anyone in our league," second-year coach Tom Deaton said. "We must, however, get to the point where we can beat some of the top teams on a regular basis."

Deaton returns four starters from last season's 6-20 squad, three of which will be seniors.

THE THREE, forward Pete Abuls, guard Mark Burnett and center Carlton Hendrix, give the Golden Eagles an experienced nucleus to work with.

Abuls, who led Tech in scoring two years ago, was hampered throughout last season with an ankle injury but is expected to return to the form which gained him the team's most valuable player award two years ago.

Burnett led the Eagles with an average of 9.2 points per game



Tennessee Tech's Pete Abuls will be one of three seniors which will lead the 81-82 version of the Golden Eagles. Tech finished last in the OVC last year with a 2-12 mark, but has been picked to finish fifth in the league this season.

in 1980-81 but may be shifted to the point guard position to utilize his quickness and ball-handling abilities.

HENDRIX, only a 6 foot 5 inch center, may be ousted by 6 foot 8 inch transfer Steve Taylor for the post position. Taylor is an outstanding shot blocker and rebounder, and he has a good touch around the basket.

Sophomore guard Danny Shultz, who started 19 games for Deaton last year, should also see considerable playing time.

Deaton is also counting on improving team speed with the addition of four quick freshmen.

ACCORDING to the coach, the club has worked extensively in practice on the fast break, which should enable Tech to put more points on the board and improve their league rock bottom 61 points per game average.

Deaton's squad will get an early idea on how much improvement has been made with non-conference cage action

against SEC foes Mississippi and Auburn followed by a game with the university that Larry Bird put on the map—Indiana State.

"We have looked quite good in practice thus far," Deaton said. "We are way ahead of where we were last year, and I think that has to do with the fact that our players have had a year's experience together under our system, and they understand what we are trying to accomplish."

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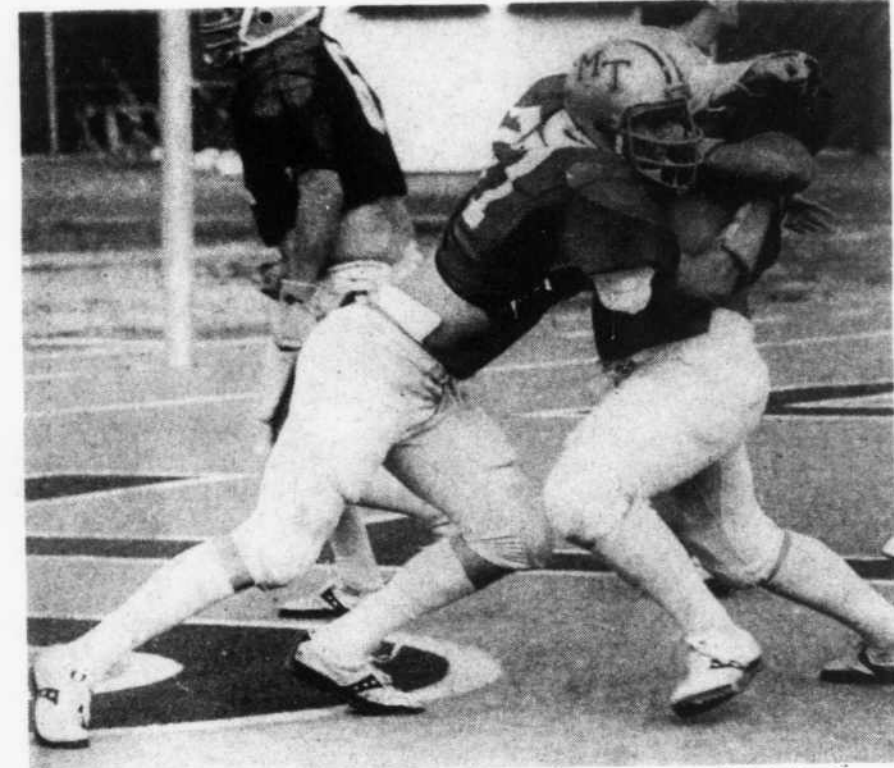


Photo by Don Closson

Junior defensive end Dennis Mix goes through some defensive drills during workouts yesterday. The Blue Raiders went back to the practice field late last week in preparation for their bout with Western Kentucky next Saturday. While the football team took a few days off, Raider mentor Boots Donnelly and his coaching staff were on the road recruiting in East and Middle Tennessee.

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Moving outside of conference play, Youngstown State downed Western Illinois University 34-22 and Morehead took its first win of the season from Liberty Baptist, 34-10.

## OVC basketball preview

# Tech has high hopes for '81-'82

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The people of Cookeville have waited long and patiently for a return to the top spot in the Ohio Valley Conference.

However, 19 years and five presidents later, Tennessee Tech is still looking for that winning combination.

IN FACT, the Golden Eagles haven't even had a winning season since 1975-76 when the team went 14-10.

The Eagles were dead last in the conference last year at 2-12, but Tech has higher hopes for the upcoming campaign after the OVC coaches picked the Eagles to finish fifth in the preseason poll.

So, with some luck here and there, the Golden Eagles could entertain thoughts of making the post-season conference tournament, and if anybody in the league is due for some luck, it's Tennessee Tech.

BUT THE question looms as to the validity of Tech's improvement, or is the remainder of the conference beginning to play on the Eagle's level.

"We have matured a lot, and we should be at the point this season where we can compete with anyone in our league," second-year coach Tom Deaton said. "We must, however, get to the point where we can beat some of the top teams on a regular basis."

Deaton returns four starters from last season's 6-20 squad, three of which will be seniors.

THE THREE, forward Pete Abuls, guard Mark Burnett and center Carlton Hendrix, give the Golden Eagles an experienced nucleus to work with.

Abuls, who led Tech in scoring two years ago, was hampered throughout last season with an ankle injury but is expected to return to the form which gained him the team's most valuable player award two years ago.

Burnett led the Eagles with an average of 9.2 points per game



Tennessee Tech's Pete Abuls will be one of three seniors which will lead the 81-82 version of the Golden Eagles. Tech finished last in the OVC last year with a 2-12 mark, but has been picked to finish fifth in the league this season.

in 1980-81 but may be shifted to the point guard position to utilize his quickness and ball-handling abilities.

HENDRIX, only a 6 foot 5 inch center, may be ousted by 6 foot 8 inch starter Steve Taylor for the post position. Taylor is an outstanding shot blocker and rebounder, and he has a good touch around the basket.

Sophomore guard Danny Shultz, who started 19 games for Deaton last year, should also see considerable playing time.

Deaton is also counting on improving team speed with the addition of four quick freshmen.

ACCORDING to the coach, the club has worked extensively in practice on the fast break, which should enable Tech to put more points on the board and improve their league rock bottom 61 points per game average.

Deaton's squad will get an early idea on how much improvement has been made with non-conference cage action

against SEC foes Mississippi and Auburn followed by a game with the university that Larry Bird put on the map—Indiana State.

"We have looked quite good in practice thus far," Deaton said. "We are way ahead of where we were last year, and I think that has to do with the fact that our players have had a year's experience together under our system, and they understand what we are trying to accomplish."

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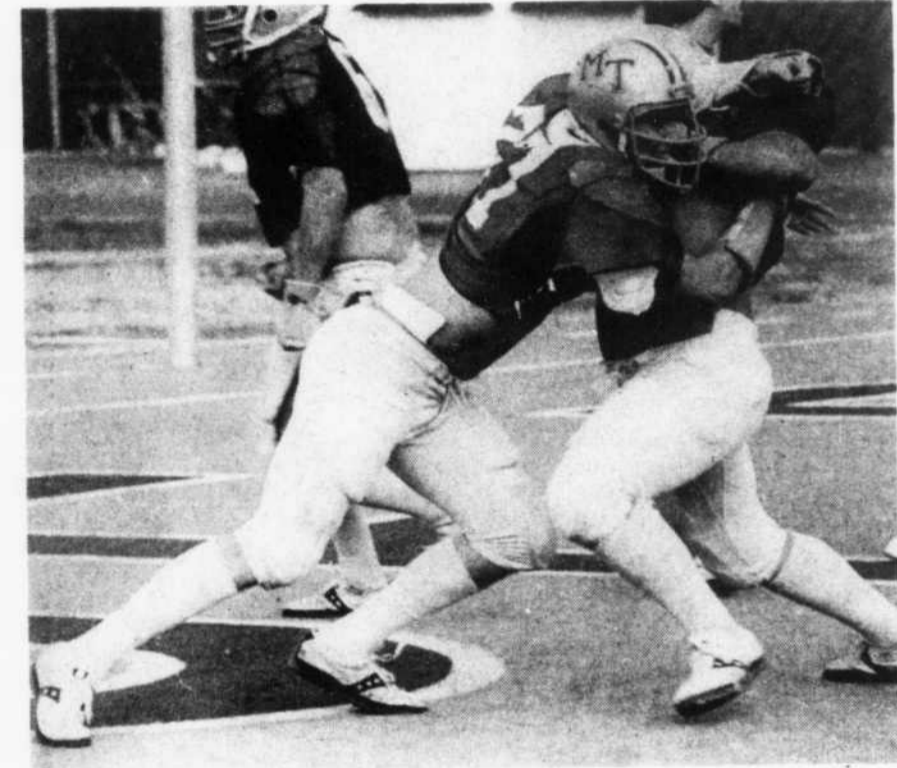


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Junior defensive end Dennis Mix goes through some defensive drills during workouts yesterday. The Blue Raiders went back to the practice field late last week in preparation for their bout with Western Kentucky next Saturday. While the football team took a few days off, Raider mentor Boots Donnelly and his coaching staff were on the road recruiting in East and Middle Tennessee.

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