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Photo by Greg Campbell

Bloody good show

Darrell Dixon, a sophomore Advertising major, reposes while donating the "stuff of life" in this week's blood drive at the University Center. A steady flow of such donors helped make the latest version of the bi-annual event "one of the most successful ever here," according to a drive spokesperson. The event was co-sponsored by the Red Cross and the ROTC Crossed Sabres.

Administration fights drop-add forgeries

By ELIZABETH PORTER

Production Manager

MTSU faculty members are becoming increasingly aware of student forgeries on Change of Program forms.

This may result in more cases being uncovered, and stricter disciplinary action against any student caught forging signatures on what are commonly referred to as "drop slips."

"It's nothing new," Sherian Huddleston, Director of Records said, referring to methods used to detect checking for misuse of the forms. "It's just a question of the faculty waking up to it."

WHEN A change of program form is sent through the records office, there are verification procedures with instructors concerning whether the form should be noted "withdrawal/passing" or "withdrawal/failing", and whether the instructor actually signed the form, according to records officials.

If any discrepancy arises, the matter is then brought to the attention of Dean of Men John Hays, and a hearing before the student disciplinary committee is usually scheduled.

"It's a very serious offense," Dean Hays said. "The argument we usually get is 'everybody always does this.' It's a question of individual rights."

"A MAN'S signature is the most personal thing he's got. When he hears someone has used it for their own personal gain, he naturally gets upset."

Weather

Fair days and cool nights through the weekend, with little chance of precipitation; highs in the mid-80s and lows in the upper-50s.



Dean Cliff Gillespie

An MTSU senior was put on probation after pleading guilty to a charge of forgery last summer.

In that particular case, which was covered in the Aug. 5 edition of *Sidelines*, the student admitted forging the instructor's signature and dropping the class because he knew he was doing poorly and would probably fail.

CONVICTION OF forgery could lead to suspension from the University, according to Dean Hays.

"When someone changes a w/f to a w/p, it's like changing an 'F' to a 'C'," Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie said. "It's just downright cheating and lying."

"We have no place for people who lie and cheat," he continued, stressing the importance of integrity in the records office. "They deserve to be thrown out."

Enrollment lid questioned Smyrna 'A city without a mayor?'

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON

Staff Writer

President Sam Ingram told the Tennessee Higher Education Commission not to hide behind quality in its deliberations of restricting enrollments at state colleges and universities.

"I don't think it (enrollment restriction) has anything to do with quality," Ingram said.

"I think that we ought to just call a spade a spade," he continued, "and say that the people of this state are not willing to educate all the students that can be educated in higher education."

THE COMMISSION adopted a staff recommendation at its meeting here Sept. 4 that enrollment ranges be used to formulate state appropriations to state colleges and universities.

The ranges, minimum to maximum number of full time equivalent students enrolled, are based in most cases on the number of students enrolled in the institution at the end of the 1980 fall semester or quarter.

A school that goes above its range will not receive additional revenues for the extra students as they would under the old formula. A school going below the range will have its range corrected downward.

THEC, WHICH acts as a coordinator for the three state governing boards for higher education, is responsible for formulating the state allocation for each institution and presenting it to the governor and legislature for action.

The move toward restrictions is a result of the disparity between increased enrollments and lagging state appropriations in recent years. This gap has caused Tennessee to fall well

below the southeastern average in per student appropriation, with most state universities ranking at the bottom of their institutional groupings.

THEC Executive Director Wayne Brown said when all Tennessee institutional groupings come up to the southeastern average, then the enrollment ranges will be removed.

THE COMMISSION has translated the increased enrollment and decreased revenues into an erosion in the quality of education offered at state schools.

"The absence of money is a good indication of the lessening of quality," Brown said.

During the consideration of the enrollment limitations, Ingram, visibly upset, respectfully disagreed with the commission's assumption.

"I get a little tired," he said, "of every time we don't have enough money to spend on education, that suddenly we're awfully concerned about quality."

IN OTHER action at the meeting, the commission voted in favor of a staff recommendation to index tuition and fees to a percentage of state appropriations, as long as the fees do not exceed the southeastern average.

For resident university students, fees would be set at 30 percent to 35 percent of state appropriations.



MTSU President Sam Ingram

Fees presently stand at 34 percent.

Non-resident fees would be indexed at 80 percent to 90 percent, and graduate fees would be indexed at a rate 50 percent higher than undergraduate fees.

THEC WILL make tuition and fee recommendations based on these guidelines at its November meeting. These recommendations will be passed on to the governing boards, the governor, and the legislature.

The governing boards have the final say in setting the actual fees.

An announcement was also made at the meeting of the receipt by THEC, of an \$80,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to investigate the reasons why black students do not finish college in four years as often as white students.

Brown said 40 percent of all students finish their undergraduate work in four years.

"BUT WHEN we look at black students," he said, "only 20 percent start and finish

From AP and Staff Reports

Sam Ridley, mayor of Smyrna for 34 years, was ordered yesterday to immediately vacate his office and to reimburse the town for city car repairs done at his garage and purchases he made with his city credit card.

The Smyrna city commission met last night for about 15 minutes, with Ridley chairing the meeting as acting mayor. The commissioners did not discuss the election of an interim mayor during the session.

"NOTHING WAS said tonight about the situation at the meeting," said Smyrna city commissioner Kenneth Victory following the short session.

Victory said the commission has received no official word that the city is without a mayor. He also noted the commissioners had only one more meeting in October to elect a new mayor before the November elections.

"We're really not sure what is happening since it started this morning," he said. "We're just going to wait and see."

CHANCELLOR Edward Turner, the Smith County judge who heard the conflict-of-interest trial last month, ordered the ouster and asked that a special judge be appointed to determine how much money Ridley owes Smyrna.

THE OUSTER, which bars Ridley from running for office for 10 years, results from a lawsuit filed by Neal Odom, a Smyrna water department employee.

1800 cited for parking violations

By KEVIN OARD and JOE WILLIAMS

Staff Writers

The University Police Department has issued over 1800 traffic citations so far this semester in a crackdown on the enforcement of traffic and parking regulations, according to Police Chief John Bass. The early strictness is an attempt to discourage future violators, he said.

THE CAMPUS Traffic Committee aided the department by recommending an increase in the price of violations from \$2 to \$4. That recommendation was approved by the University administration.

The Committee also recommended widespread changes in the parking patterns across campus. Most notably, the area adjacent to Tennessee Blvd. is totally "green." This means that only campus residents may park in this area. If a "blue" decal park in the area, a citation will be issued, and the same goes for a "green" sticker parked in a "blue" area. White decals may park where they please.

The decals were responsible for \$56,372 in revenue last year. (cont'd on page 3)

Dorm room deposits stationary

By GINA FANN

Staff Writer

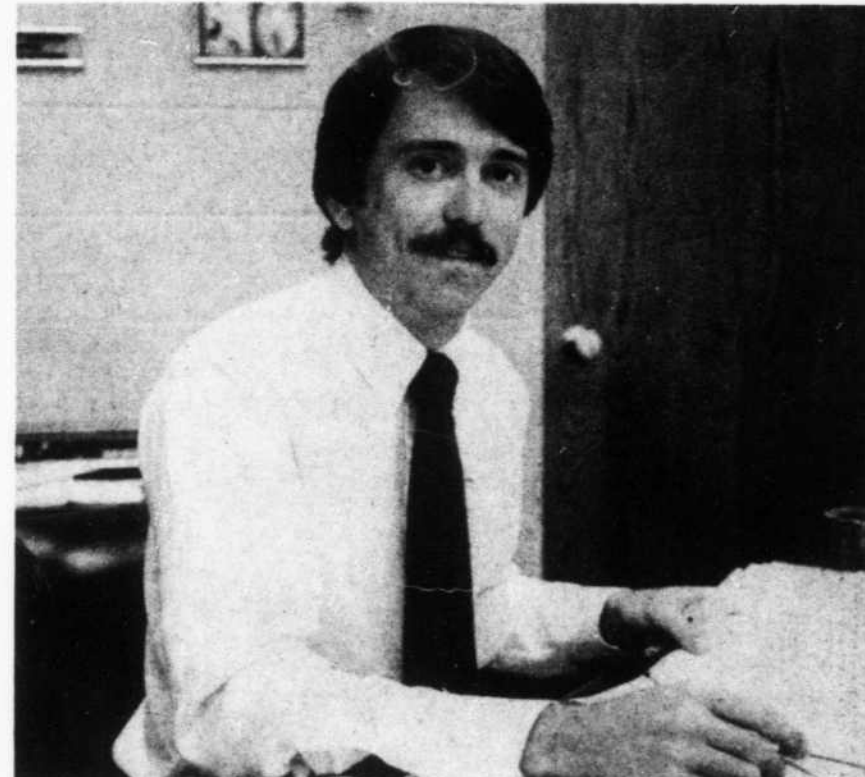
Students who contracted last spring for on-campus housing and never showed up this fall may force the housing office to "either raise the deposit or begin asking for a prepayment of the rent," said David Bragg, director of housing.

"Some students would sign a contract for a dorm room and then either would not show up for school at all or would go somewhere else. They never let us know one way or the other," Bragg said.

Bragg also defined the housing surplus problem as a conflict with rising costs.

"WE CHARGE the same amount for a deposit (\$30) now that we charged back when rent was \$175 (during the early to mid '70s). Now rent's up to \$395, and we still have the \$30 deposit."

Bragg plans to reschedule the dates for confirmation of on-campus housing. In March, for example, students would receive a contract guaranteeing them a room; a \$100 deposit would be payable in two weeks. The student would later receive confirmation of his residence hall and room and could cancel the contract and receive a refund at this time, if he wished. "This would push the com-



Housing Director David Bragg

mitment date up to March; we'd still have April, May, and June to assign the other places," Bragg said.

"People will have more of a feeling of investment in this. They'll be more careful about letting us know what's going on."

Bragg SAID upperclassmen had formerly been assured a room if they chose to remain on campus, but said that may change.

"We may begin guaranteeing a set number of dorm spaces to new students (freshmen), and we'll have to come up with a lottery system or something for the upperclassmen who still want to live on campus."

"There are several things other schools have done that we're going to look at. We have to get something figured out by the end of the month so we can be ready to roll."

Students named to committees

By MINDY TATE
Assistant Editor

It may appear to students that they have no input into the workings of the university, but for some students that is not true.

Ranota Thomas and Randie Sorrells have been appointed to the Master Planning Committee to serve until they graduate.

"THIS COMMITTEE will discuss, explore, gather information, and develop ideas relative to the development and improvement of Middle Tennessee State University," states a memorandum to all faculty and administrative staff, dated Nov. 20, 1975, by former MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.

The Affirmative Action Appeals Committee is made up of representatives from all segments of the University staff. One undergraduate and

graduate student, three faculty members, one member of administration, one member from secretarial staff, one member from technical/professional and skilled crafts, and one member from service/maintenance staff are appointed to the committee. Jeff King has been appointed to serve two years and Louis Holiday, a graduate student, has been appointed to serve one year.

LINDA ABERNATHY has been appointed to serve a two year term on the Athletic Committee. William Randall Glover serves his final year on the committee this year. This committee operates under guidelines which are consistent with the regulations of the Ohio Valley Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Undergraduate Council

consist of four subcommittees: General Studies, Admissions, Standards, Articulation, and Advisement, Honors, and Courses and Curricula.

Eric Rogers has been appointed to serve two years on the General Studies Committee. On the Admissions, Standards, Articulation, and Advisement Committee, Mark Ross has been appointed to serve a two year term. Byron Smith has been appointed to the Honors Committee and the Courses and Curricula Committee has James Mark Samples serving his last year on the committee.

THE INSTRUCTIONAL Evaluation and Development Committee is made up of twosubcommittees. Brian Wrightserves on the Subcommittee on Instructional Evaluation, while there has been no appointment to the Subcommittee on Instructional Development.

Agreeing to serve two years, Bob Gary has been appointed to the Academic Appeals Committee. Ruth Carolyn Tyree is serving her final year on this committee.

This committee hears student grievances against faculty members, and/or academic administrative officers about incidents occurring when these officials are applying the rules, regulations, policies, and practices of MTSU.

A STUDENT may only appeal to this committee after attempts to resolve the problem through the faculty member, department chairman, or dean involved have failed.

Appointed to the Public Service Advisory Committee, to serve one year, was Cathy Casity. One graduate student is also appointed. Chris Hargrove, will fill this position.

The Library Committee, which reports to the vice president of academic affairs, has Elizabeth Nell Moore serving two years and graduate student Tom Van Popering serving one year.

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a two part story. The second part of this story will be published in Tuesday's edition.

Clinic correction

Infirmiry Services re-defined

Corrections are needed in reference to the McFarland Health Service article in last week's Sidelines.

All students are eligible for health services if they have a current validation, regardless of the number of hours for which they are enrolled.

Students can see Dr. Robert Hackman from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The physician's assistant, Donald Young is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOT EVERYTHING is free at the clinic. The cost of all the medicine not stocked by the health service and all x-rays and laboratory work done outside the clinic must be borne by the individual student. All internal matters that are available within the clinic can be obtained with no expense.

The clinic, which treats an average of 100 patients a day, does not have facilities for



Photo by Greg Campbell

Many students find a helping hand at some point in their MTSU careers in this room, an examination room at McFarlin Health Center.

The beds at the health center are utilized during the day until arrangements may be made for patients to be transported elsewhere by 4 p.m.

The staff consists of Dr. Hackman, Physician's Assistant (not a doctor) Donald E. Young, Barbara Martin, R.N. and Nurse

Administrator, Sally Kimbrell, R.N. and senior Nurse, Linda Robinson, R.N. and staff nurse, and Patricia Overby, L.P.N. and staff nurse.

All medical information is confidential; however, there are some diseases which by law must be reported to the Public Health Department.

Photo Funnies



Photo by Greg Campbell

You don't have to be a pro to take funny photos, but you turn pro if you win Sidelines' weekly Photo Funnies contest, since the grand prize is \$4.

We're looking for humorous snapshots—the offbeat, ribald,

or downright bizarre—and the only requirement is to bring the print to the office (JUB Room 310) by 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Anyone who does not submit a photo of a kitten, puppy, baby, or sunset is eligible to win.

Emergency tip list

\$20 SOS kit for car owners

By BILL STETAR
Staff Writer

Emergencies do happen, but drivers can be prepared to deal with such situations by carrying a few basic items in their car.

An emergency repair kit can be assembled for less than \$20 and should contain the following items:

- Jumper cables (used for boosting a weak or dead battery)
- Flashlight
- Safety flares
- Duct tape (can be used to repair a leaking radiator hose)
- Distress flag
- Plastic water bag
- Can of tire sealant and inflator (Caution: used only as a temporary repair when it's inconvenient or unsafe to change to the spare.)

If you're the type of person who is mechanically adept, you might consider including some basic hand tools, spare accessory fuses, and an extra fan belt in your emergency kit.

Whatever your mechanical aptitude, you may want to join one of the several national auto



Photo by Robert Lyons

Knowing how to change a tire can save time, money, and hassle.

or motorist clubs. These organizations generally offer emergency road repairs to their members for a yearly fee of about \$30.

Also, most auto insurance policies can be amended to include emergency vehicle towing for only a nominal increase in the policy's premium.

"Be prepared" has always

been the Boy Scouts' motto, but it's not bad advice for the car owner, too.

(Author's note: A typographical error in last week's story on using jumper cables resulted in some misinformation. The sentence should have read: The positive terminal of the battery can be identified by a plus sign located on the battery itself.)

do EXACTLY as we say and no one will die. MTSU's Kreative Magazine collage is being held hostage by a fierce group of illiterate ransome is 4 Tony's Pizzas, 8 cases of generic beer, and all the PHOTOGRAPHY, ART, SHORT STORIES, AND POETRY that MTSU can send to Box 61 & Forest Dept. 15,

45 countries enrolled

By DANNY TYREE

Preliminary figures for the fall semester show MTSU enrolling 263 foreign students, more than ever before, according to Dr. Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, assistant director of admissions and foreign student adviser.

Even more foreign students may be enrolled at MTSU this semester. When Perez-Reilly took her present job six years ago, only about 175 foreign students were attending classes here.

THIS YEAR'S contingency from overseas comes to Murfreesboro from a record 45 countries. The countries sending the most students are Nigeria (54), Thailand (51), and Iran (26).

"Enrollment figures per country pretty well reflect nationwide trends," Perez-Reilly said.

Third World nations are heavily represented because their own educational programs have traditionally been deficient in the industrial courses needed to help the countries develop economically and technologically.

This year's foreign students are of a "higher caliber" than ever before, Perez-Reilly said. She considers four of the students to be "particularly outstanding."

ERLINDA JACINTO, who comes to MTSU from the Philippines, is using a Rotary

International scholarship to pursue a master's degree in industrial psychology.

The Agency for International Development is helping Youssef Zerokani, a student from Morocco, obtain a master's degree in public administration.

Mohammad Chowahury, who taught at Dacca University in Bangladesh, is seeking a master of business administration degree with the aid of a Fulbright scholarship.

Mr. Asuquo Udo, the principal of a Nigerian school, is working toward a master's degree in administration and supervision.

"I'M VERY flattered that they've decided to continue their studies here," Perez-Reilly said. "These students could have gone anywhere they chose. The fact that they chose to come to Murfreesboro says something about the quality of study and courses at MTSU."

Foreign students applying for admission to MTSU are carefully screened. Only one out of every 40 applicants is accepted.

"MTSU is not a refuge for foreign students who just want out of their country for one reason or another," said Perez-Reilly. "Nor is it for students who are just coming to America for a holiday or a vacation. MTSU is for those who are serious about getting an education."

PEREZ-REILLY looks for applicants who can make a

genuine contribution to the MTSU community. She wants students who can be good representatives of their native countries, and who can expose American students to other outlooks on life.

MTSU provides catalogues to foreign schools but does not conduct an active recruitment drive. Word-of-mouth is sufficient to attract students. Perez-Reilly said that incoming students always tell her that MTSU has a good reputation overseas, but she is hearing even more compliments than usual this year.

Perez-Reilly said several factors account for the popularity of MTSU with foreign students.

"**COST IS ONE** thing," Perez-Reilly said. "Our out-of-state tuition is still cheaper than the tuition at most other schools."

MTSU's location is another asset. Many foreign students hesitate to go to the big cities because they have heard reports of rampant crime. These students feel more secure in the environment of a small town. Tennessee's warm climate is another drawing card.

Perez-Reilly said most of the foreign students are very pro-American. American values are very important to them, although they are sometimes disillusioned by the difference between the American system in theory and in practice.

MANY OF MTSU's foreign students could have received a free education in the Soviet Union. Perez-Reilly feels that the fact the students chose to come here has a lot to say about their feelings for America.

Most American students and people in the community are friendly toward foreign students, but some Americans forget that today's foreign students will be the foreign leaders of tomorrow. The treatment we give foreign students now will influence their attitude of America in the years and decades to come.

"I've seen more anti-American sentiments formed here in America than in the Soviet Union," Perez-Reilly lamented.

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All the money from decals and violations are funneled into the general fund. The general fund is best described as a pool of money from which the budgets for all departments of the University are taken.

EARLY FIGURES indicate that violations last year took almost \$59,000 from the pockets of MTSU students and added it to the coffers of the general fund of the University. This year the figure is expected to exceed \$60,000.

Chief Bass was quick to point out that the department has no quota on the number of tickets to fill in order to keep the department running.

"I wish we never had to write

a citation," Bass noted.

If a student feels he has been cited unfairly, the citation may be appealed through the Associated Student Body Traffic Court. Forms for an appeal are available at the police station, 1417 E. Main Street.

APPEALS MUST be filed within seven days of the citation, and all appeals will then be forwarded to the ASB courts for disposition.

In addition to stricter enforcement of traffic regulations, the Department hopes to direct it's efforts to crime prevention on campus, according to Chief Bass.

"I want us to prevent crimes, not solve them," said Bass.

Campus Capsule

THE MTSU BOWLING CLUB has 16 openings for any interested persons. If you are interested in becoming a member, come to Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes, Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.

For more information call Sharon Hurley at 898-4019, or John Blackwell at 898-4087, or Gene at 459-2958.

THE HPERS DEPARTMENT will provide two physical fitness classes for MTSU faculty and staff members. The classes will be scheduled on Monday and Wednesday at noon and 5 p.m. The class will consist of calisthenics, walking and/or jogging.

The first class is scheduled Monday, Sept. 14. The classes will meet at the Murphy Center indoor track.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA is looking for joining and bassoon players.

Students may inquire about trying the orchestra by going to a rehearsal early. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. in the rehearsal hall of Wright Music Building.

The orchestra performs twice each semester.

STUDENT TEACHING APPLICATIONS for the Spring Semester 1982 must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching office, Jones Hall, Room 106, no later than Oct. 9, 1981.

STUDENT INFORMATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS is now accepting the names of students who do not wish their name, address, phone number, or classification given out by the Student Information Center. Students should send a written request to their office, located in Room 122 of the University Center.

The office should be contacted as soon as possible. A new request must be filed each semester.

WRESTLING OFFICIALS ARE NEEDED for the TSSAA Wrestling Association. Anyone with a knowledge of wrestling is welcome.

Interested persons should contact coach Mike Levi of Oakland High School. His number is 896-9571.

CAREER ORIENTATION FOR SENIORS begins Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m. Students will be given a chance to get a head start on job hunting before graduation.

Meetings are also scheduled for Sept. 17 at 11 a.m., Sept. 21 at 3 p.m., and Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. in Room 324 at the University Center.

News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday renewed his attack upon the pending U.S. arms deal for Saudi Arabia despite his "agreement in principle" with President Reagan on closer ties for his own nation.

And, after declaring earlier in the day that "It's not for me to give signals to congressmen and senators," Begin took his case against the administration's \$8.5 billion Saudi package to committees of both the House and Senate.

"We stand by our statement that it is a real, direct, serious danger to the security of Israel," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Reagan yesterday gave his Cabinet its first look at the new round of budget cuts he wants, which likely will include a virtual across-the-board trimming next year and total reductions of \$30 billion in fiscal 1983 and \$44 billion in fiscal 1984.

The Pentagon budget will be one of the targets for cutting and sources who declined to be named said only a few "sacred cows" would escape the budget ax.

The president publicly voiced displeasure at Wall Street's sluggish response to the elements of his economic program already adopted.

NEW YORK (AP)—Sweden's Bjorn Borg, the tournament's No. 2 seed, outlasted Roscoe Tanner and fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors crushed Eliot Teltscher yesterday to advance into the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis championships.

Borg, who has not won America's premiere tennis event in 10 attempts, captured his quarterfinal match 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 after Tanner had fought off three match points. He will meet Connors, who posted a 6-3, 6-1, 6-2 victory over the eight-seeded Teltscher.

In the other semifinal, top-seeded John McEnroe will face No. 15 Vitas Gerulaitis.

Honors Student Lecture enrollment — Stresses Responsibility

By LINDA F. SMARTT
Staff Writer

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The two-year study will survey 5000 students, 500 faculty members, and 200 employers, examining such variables as demographics, aptitude and grades, and motivation, financial data, and health.

States to be covered in the study are Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas.

Students must learn to take responsibility for their own education, Mary Martin, dean of the MTSU graduate school, told honors students Wednesday.

"By accepting the responsibility for what happens to you," Martin said, "you can come out of MTSU more highly qualified than a person from Yale, Princeton, Harvard, or the University of California at

Berkeley who has not assumed responsibility for his own continuous learning, growth, and development."

A GENERATION of people has grown up in a society that encourages quick, easy satisfaction of personal wants," Martin said. "This ethos is reflected in the classroom where the teacher alone is made responsible for what is taught and for what the students learn or fail to learn."

The trend today in education is for students to memorize information with little emphasis on analysis and intellectual growth.

Martin said this trend needs to be reversed and urged the students to examine the origin of their values.

The next honors lecture will be Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. in the University Center with Dr. Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the geography and geology department, speaking on "The Changing View of the Earth."

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On This Date

On this date in 1885, the great English novelist and poet D.H. Lawrence was born in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. In his famous essay "Pornography and Obscenity" (1929), Lawrence wrote: "What they are depends, as usual, entirely on the individual. What is pornography to one man is the laughter of genius to another."

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Cheers and boos for THEC

Last week's actions of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission give us something to cheer and something to think deeply about.

Three cheers for fee indexing! Now Tennessee college students will not be called upon to shoulder a larger burden of the cost of higher education.

Shifting more of the cost to students is a tempting action for state legislators in these "strict fiscal times." But now, thanks to THEC, no increase in fees until the legislature gives us more money. That is, if the State Board of Regents goes along with the plan.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE of indexing is that as soon as the legislature approves its budget each spring, students will be able to estimate their fees for the fall semester. Now we will know by early summer if we can afford to go to college another year.

Part-time students may have their own cause to cheer soon if an issue raised by THEC Executive Director Wayne Brown, in a memo to commissioners, comes to fruition. He suggested that students should pay a certain rate per credit hour, rather than a flat or maximum rate per term as is now done. This, he said, would help equalize charges for full- and part-time students.

Maybe one of the above cheers should be retracted, if you are a full-time student. But, fair is fair.

HOWEVER, HEAVILY overshadowing these future gains for individual students is THEC's approval of enrollment restrictions. In the name of quality, the commission closed the doors of higher education to many citizens of this state.

The recommendation approved by the commission asserted that a growing gap between funds and the cost of educating increased enrollments has produced a reduction of quality in state schools. Thus, the limitations. Maintain enrollments, and maintain quality.

The State Board of Regents, the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, and the administration and faculties of these schools disagree with the assumption that funding has such an impact on quality. As a matter of fact, at one point the commission's staff recommendation admits as much. President Sam Ingram put it well when he insisted that the commission not hide behind quality.

Money is behind the limitations, not quality.

THE EFFECT OF the limitations is to deny an equal educational opportunity to all Tennessee citizens. As Chancellor Charles Smith of the University of Tennessee-Martin told the commission, "The movement to limit enrollment strikes at the heart of the egalitarian concept which has been basic to the role and scope of public higher education."

Isn't public education suppose to be public? Or just financed by the public? By limiting the number of students in our colleges and universities, the state is telling more and more citizens, who theoretically were created equal, that public higher education is not open to them.

Our state schools will become elitist institutions. At the same time, all tax payers will be paying for the elite's education. This is neither fair nor true to the spirit of egalitarianism that spawned public education.

ANOTHER POINT to be considered about enrollment restrictions is the damage it could do to the efforts of recent years toward accomplishing desegregation in Tennessee colleges and universities. Minority students will not have the same chance of receiving a higher education as whites.

We can cheer our gains, but keep in mind others who may be greeted by a closed door when they come to exercise their right to an equal educational opportunity. —CLAUDIA ROBINSON



the option

by Carol A. Stuart

In most of our lifetimes, we have seen the struggle for women's rights evolve into the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, and subsequently, we will most assuredly see its demise.

As of July this year, the slim chances for incorporating equal rights into the U.S. Constitution as amendment No. 27 became slim. By next year at this time—unless a miraculous three-state ratification takes place, which is very unlikely—the Equal Rights Amendment will be dead. And believe me, there will be no digging up old graves.

FROM THE VERY beginning, the amendment—better known as ERA—has been clouded with controversy—a controversy that is most probably the cause for its near-death state. Proponents were labeled as all being lesbians; opposition was considered a continuation of female oppression. Unfortunately, the amendment was not viewed for content, but rather for ideals.

On the other hand, the ERA proposal, as approved by Congress almost a decade ago, saw its first ratification by the state of Hawaii—significantly, within one hour after the Senate's vote on March 22, 1972. Most of the 35 states who have ratified the amendment thus far were quick to follow suit.

In the meantime, ERA lost its appeal somehow, somewhere. Since January of 1977, when Indiana ratified the amendment, no other state has given it a mark of approval. Five of the 35 states (including Tennessee, Kentucky, South Dakota, Idaho and Nebraska) have tried to rescind their approval but, however fortunate or unfortunate it may be, do not have that option.

ONCE BEFORE, IN 1979, ERA ran out of time, and Congress extended the ratification deadline until the summer of 1982.

Now the amendment faces its ultimate extinction. This summer Congress refused to tack

any additional lifespan onto the ERA proposal—most probably due to the nationwide conservative movement—and ERA proponents have failed to activate enough support in any of the holdout states.

Unlike the American bison or the bald eagle, the right forces are not stepping forward to save the equal rights species. Of the 15 states who have not yet ratified the amendment, not even one—yet alone three—is expected to reverse its stance.

THE QUEST FOR an equal rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution goes back as far as 1923, and when and if ERA falls by the wayside, women and men will never again have such an

opportunity to be equal under the law.

In our lifetimes, because of the ERA movement, women gained quite a bit of equality under the law. But the fact remains they are still being discriminated against in many areas, due to a lack of constitutional basis upon which to argue sex discrimination.

And as long as the U.S. Constitution only contains the fifth and fourteenth amendments, and not the currently proposed 27th, equal rights will be unclear in terms of law.

Take notice, people: ERA is on its way again. We may never pass this deathbed.



This week's Forum question concerns THEC's proposed enrollment limits.

If these limits are enforced, will it turn some person who really wants an education away because there is no room? How will it be decided which new enrollees are accepted? Is it discriminatory? Is there any solution to the problem?

Send your replies to Sidelines, Box 42, or come by our office on the third floor of the James Union Building, Room 310.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



Letters From Our Readers

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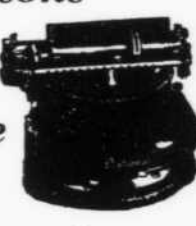
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Piggy O'Parsons

insult to intelligence



To the editor:

I have three questions for you. Who is Piggy O'Parsons? Why is Piggy O'Parsons?

Whoever writes the Piggy O'Parsons article is smart for not using his real name. I would not want people to know that I could write only below the sixth grade level if I were him. Anyone who tells how much a restaurant sucks, but then recommends it is silly. Anyone who tries out pizza places and does not call Domino's is even sillier. Piggy O'Parsons needs to be sent back to grammar school. Maybe Central Middle will make trade. It's worth a try. Piggy O'Parsons needs to be

canned quick. If you can him tomorrow, maybe God will forgive you for the great injustice you have imposed on intelligent college students.

Richard W. Horn
Box 6382

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Punchline

by Danny Tyree

'There are absolutely no absolutes in life'

Another collection of random thoughts.

Certainly there is a demand for prostitutes. There is also a market for hit men, arsonists, racists, and enough nuclear missiles to blow up the world a hundred times. We have to draw the line somewhere. When you look at the history of fallen civilizations, can you truly say that sexual permissiveness is a victimless crime?

Should non-union employees in a factory governed by "right-to-work" laws have to pay union dues? Perhaps they should have to pay *partial* dues to cover the improved working conditions and higher wages won by the union—but an alarming proportion of union dues has nothing to do with collective bargaining. Huge amounts of union funds are diverted into various political campaigns and causes. Even the union members are being ripped off, since union leaders are notorious for being far to the left of the rank-and-file members. When will they ever wake up?

I'M STILL undecided. Is Stevie Wonder right? Should the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., be declared a national holiday? Let's hear the pros and cons in *Sidelines*.

When "four out of five doctors recommend" a certain product for their patients, do you ever wonder what the *other* one out of five have to say?

"Myself" is a reflexive pronoun. "Myself" is a reflexive pronoun. "Myself" is a reflexive pronoun. So why do so many people use the word as a subject ("John and myself went to town") or an object ("She gave the money to Bob and myself")? And why is the subject "I" shanghaied into service as an object ("He sent the letter to Sam and I")? Isn't it because a lot of pretentious louts want to "sound" right without bothering to check their grammar?



A NEW ORGANIZATION, called the Oral Majority, has declared war on Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority. This group, which has at its core the gay rights activists who fought Anita Bryant, seems dedicated to the proposition that what goes on between two consenting perverts is something to be proud of. Oral Majority accuses Falwell of prying into people's bedrooms. Rubbish. It is the gay libbers who violate their own privacy by brazenly flaunting their sexual preferences in public.

We do need to work toward an equitable solution to the pathetic plight of the Palestinians. But before we brand the Israelis as dastardly villains—how many of us would be willing to restore all the land we stole from the "American Palestinians" (the American Indians)?

LET'S SEE how many MTSU patriots can learn all four verses of the National Anthem. (Look in the *World Book Encyclopedia* under the entry for "Star-Spangled Banner.")

How many other people out there share my urge to strangle

environmentalists who smoke?

A restaurant or convenience store is no place to play "more generous than thou." But I still keep encountering thoughtless jerks who wait until they are at the head of a long line before they start arguing over who will spring for the meal, Cokes, etc. Perhaps if the cashier would make both Diamond Jims pay, we could put an end to such foolish inconvenience.

CONSIDERING THE vastly different perspectives people have for evaluating the exact same facts, it is terribly naive to expect that an experiment in "shacking up" will prove anything. If the relationship is "successful," one partner may take that as proof that the couple is ready for marriage. But the other partner may use the same evidence as proof that there's no sense in altering a good thing (cohabitation). It seems like taking some big risks with disappointment and heartache.

If we experience major urban riots in the next couple of years, it will not be because of President Reagan's economic policies. Rather, it will be the

fault of the bleeding heart columnists who keep predicting riots. These sob sisters have already churned out reams of material apologizing for any future rioters. They have given these criminals rationalization for burning, looting and smashing. Too bad the writers refuse to acknowledge that riots tend to occur in times and places of relatively *mild* discrimination and poverty. People in poorer neighborhoods (and many people in the riot-torn areas) have the decency to respect the property and lives of others.

Has anybody out there ever sent in an "unreasonable facsimile" of an entry blank? (What is an unreasonable facsimile? One carved into a slab of sidewalk?)

DIDN'T CANCER researchers learn anything from the old story of the boy who cried, "Wolf"? If they continue running such absurd, slanted tests on laboratory mice, no one will believe them when they do discover a substance that poses a major cancer risk.

Isn't it a bit of a misnomer to expect a personal attribute like "compassion" from an impersonal institution like government? True, government needs to provide some protection for the downtrodden; but there must be a more appropriate term than "compassion." How much "compassion" and personal sacrifice does it take for a

legislator to spend someone else's (the taxpayer's) money when he knows it will bring him votes and soothe his liberal guilt pangs?

It's always amusing to hear an amoral person insist, "There are absolutely no absolutes."

If a tree falls in the woods and no one is around to hear it—does the little light in the refrigerator go off?

that's a real breakthrough. But even so, you still have to know a combination of commands to be made to the computer before you can get on-line. No tickee, no shirtee.

And if for some reason you are trying to find a story you were working on yesterday and the computer assures you that there is no story by that name within the catacombs, it's then you realize there is a plot to get you.

And it's not just limited to typewriters, even though they are the worst naggers. When have you ever put over 40 cents into a soft-drink vending machine, punched for a Coke, listened as the machine started mumbling words like "chunk-a-chunk-a-dink" and suddenly realized that it wasn't mumbling at all, but eating your 40 cents or more? No money. No Coke. No hope.

THERE ARE other dangers. There are newspaper vending machines that still hold last

Friday's edition. There are dollar changing machines with broken "empty" indicator lights.

There are "pay-before-you-pump" gas pumps ready to stop at five dollars no matter how much you have paid for. There are electric meters that lie. There are gasoline gauges that ignore the car's desperate pangs of thirst. There are parking meters that can't tell time.

So, beware, my friend. Beware. Your TV might be spying on you at this very moment. And can Big Brother be too far away?

Frosh experiences terrors of new life

By JOE WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Although I'm sure everyone will agree that the life of a freshman has been short, I've found time for several important and interesting moments in my first few weeks at MTSU.

It all started innocently enough, saying goodbye at home, promising to be a good boy (ha ha), and dropping by the office to tell everyone I'd see them on the weekends. With that I hopped into my newly-purchased used car in my newly-purchased jeans and headed for a town in which I'd sworn never to be caught dead. I arrived, moved into a dorm with 114 other guys and settled back to learn.

MY FIRST major lesson was that no one sleeps in a dorm. And even though alcohol is prohibited on campus, many people want to get drunk the first couple of nights, and usually they succeed. I was rudely introduced to both facts at 2 a.m. on a Friday morning.

There were some loud noises outside my room and, being both nosey and irritated, I went to investigate. I found four guys; two climbing the walls with their hands and feet, and two more trying to kick them in the stomach without spilling the three beers they had in each hand. Too bad I needed sleep.

All four were in varying states of inebriation and couldn't care less who was asking them to please be quiet. One went so far as to tell me where I could go and, if I didn't like that idea, which hospital he was going to put me in. Although I'm not a violent person, I just could not resist the comeback of, "Here I stand."

I ALMOST died when he started my way. I quickly glanced at my roommate who was asking, "Should I call the University Police?" Believing that discretion is the better part of valor, I shook my head, "Yes."

Then I remembered an old saying: When in doubt, shoot the bull or something to that effect. I simply reminded the old boy that he was in the process of breaking at least three dorm regulations that would probably cost him his housing contract. On top of that, if he touched me, I had every legal right to beat him senseless. All this seemed to

have a calming affect on him. The fact that the Resident

Assistant walked out about that time didn't hurt either.

But the week still wasn't over. I'll always remember my first day as an honors English student. I walked into a classroom filled with apprehensive students. The instructor arrived, made everyone feel comfortable with a couple of jokes, and then looked me dead in the eye and said, "Rinky dinky dinky." What could I do? Not only was the instructor bigger than me, he had just told the class that improper use of the apostrophe, comma splices, and misspelled words equaled failure. I make those mistakes more often than I eat. The only response I could come up with was, "Hi." The instructor quickly informed me that the correct response was, "Dinky dinky ring ring." So much for English 102.

THEN OF course there are the cafeterias. My student orientation advisor had explained that the best one was located in the High Rise and, to avoid the rush, go after the the 5:30 to 5:45 peak time. I got there at 5:50; they had decided to close at 5:45.

The next day I went to the James Union Building's cafeteria. The food looked great and the atmosphere was fine. Aha! I had found an eating home. At the end of the line I proudly produced my temporary meal ticket. It was taken and held until I forked over another \$1.50. And I will never forget Barfmore, uh...I mean Woodmore. The only cafeteria in the state of Tennessee where a three minute egg gets the twenty minute cooking treatment.

Maybe by the time I'm a sophomore I'll understand all the things that go on around this campus but, until then, can someone please direct me to the nearest Friends of Freshmen Shelter?

Flower child transports us back to bygone era

By BARNEY WATSON
Staff Writer

In the sixties, many young people protested. The protesters were called Hippies, Flower Children, Yuppies, Bums, Socialists, and etc. Anyway, our mothers were fine ladies. We also had our negative labels: Capitalists, Paranoid Patriot, Bully in Earth's Coffeehouse, and etc. I'm sure they had fine mothers, too.

Anyway, son of a guns (or something like that) that both sides were, charges on both sides were "veddy intedresting!"

My stand was that inheritance, marrying or being related to wealth, union wages, or a college degree were the only hopes of the "little people." Sure, we had rich kids on our league, but they were usually protesting against their family rather than the establishment. They could always fall back on "Daddy's pull."

The mistake we made in our protest was unavoidable. We kicked the industrial establishment too hard in the pants where it hurt the most. That institution, like it or not, was and is still the most singularly important vehicle to financial success. But, we had joined "the system," we wouldn't have "seen the light" through scholarly research and conversation. I guess this is why Utopia will never exist; take

time to rightfully criticize, and you wrong your Cause's pursestrings—It takes money to finance support for change.

The atypical dialogue:
Executive Boss: "If you want to change things, why don't you work to obtain the necessary money to bring about such change?"

Reply: "If we worked for you at Sweatshop Inc., we would be too tired to think about and to doubt your corrupt system of things."

Boss: "If you insult me too much, I'll not help any of you boys get 'a place in the sun'."

Reply: "That's okay. We'll see to it that your taxes support us well enough long enough until you tire enough to offer us suitable employment."

Boss: "Then I'll see my Loophole Lawyers League and get out of paying taxes to support you lazy bums!"

Reply: "When the depression hits, put your refrigerator on 24 hour guard!"

And so on!

With Viet Nam as a back drop, my generation saw "Peter-Principaled" managers getting

out of income taxes, hiring and promoting unfairly, and being oblivious to Third World Relativity. Maybe the Oriental

background was trying to tell us something!

Were we so wrong to protest?

Machines make fair share of mistakes, too

By ALAN SISSOM
Staff Writer

Machines are out to get me.

Even as I speak, the machine I am using (some sort of IBM electric typewriter) is trying to make more mistakes than I usually do. And somehow it always pins the blame on me!

Either it implies that I let a careless finger slip across its sensitive keys, or suddenly the paper release tells me by slipping the paper release down that I've already done so. And then, like the Remington SL3 in Tom Robbins' *Still Life With*

Woodpecker, it sits and stares at me and hums a forgotten tune to itself just to annoy me. And it is annoying me, too.

It's not at all like the machine I have at home, a Remington 1040 that just sits there, *silently* waiting for my next move. Being the type of cheap, manual typewriter that your parents give you just so they can say you got a typewriter for Christmas, it should be harmless.

But even it is out to trip me when I'm not looking. For example, if I try to push it too hard it will skip a space before a

word is complete. So "that" becomes "t hat" and even my first name sometimes comes out as "Alan!"

But those are only annoyances. Here at the *Sidelines* office are computer terminals which will take any kind of mistake you may have made perhaps four paragraphs back, and still save enough space for you to correct the mistake without having to retype anything else that is correct.

NOW FOR klutzes like me who have to keep gallons of liquid paper handy at all times,



And now the definitive rock quiz *Renowned quartet will appear Monday*

By JIMMY CANTRELL

Staff Writer

Editor's note: *Sidelines'* own chronicler of rock history has compiled what is, in his estimation, the consummate rock quiz.

Those who have sold their soul for rock 'n' roll should pay special attention to this exam. There's a prize inside.

Part I appears today, Part II will appear in Tuesday's *Sidelines*.

Answers to Part I must be received in *Sidelines'* office, Room 310 in the James Union Building, by noon Monday, Sept. 14.

Contest rules are as follows:

- All contestants must be MTSU students.

- The answers must be on a sheet of paper attached to the clipped questionnaire.

- Answer sheets must include name, MTSU box number, and telephone number.

- Prizes must be used by Friday, Sept. 25. Bring identification.

- *Sidelines'* decision is final.

First prize is a \$10 gift certificate, donated by Jerry Jones, owner of Century 21 Records. Second prize is a \$5 gift certificate.

Winners will be announced in *Sidelines* on Friday, Sept. 18.



Have fun.

1. Rock critics have come to a decision as to what is actually the first rock 'n' roll record.

a) Name the song.

b) Name the artist.

c) Name the year of the song's release.

2. The Crew Cuts had a number one song with "Sh-Boom," in 1954. But the song had been released by another band the year before. Name the group who originally recorded "Sh-Boom."

3. For what movie was "Rock Around the Clock" the theme song?

4. Who gave us the hits "Just Because," "Personality," and "Stagger Lee?"

5. Chuck Berry has had eleven top-10 singles. Name five of them.

6. Sam Phillips' Memphis-based Sun Records launched the careers of six future recording

stars. Name five of them.

7. Don McLean's song, "American Pie," is believed to be about his feelings on the death of Buddy Holly and two other stars in 1959, and the subsequent happenings in rock music through the '60s.

Name the two singers who lost their lives with Holly and the man who backed out of the plane trip at the last moment.

8. What was the last song recorded by Buddy Holly?

9. Which rock star originally recorded "Only Sixteen" and "Another Saturday Night?"

10. Name three of Roy Orbison's nine top-10 hits.

11. Give the first names of the Everly Brothers and two of their five number one hits.

12. Dion and the Belmonts were the most popular of the Italo-American rock groups.

a) Give Dion's last name.

b) Name another member of the band.

c) Name the band's only number one hit.

d) Name the song which launched Dion's attempted comeback in 1968.

13. Name the two driving forces behind the original Four Seasons.

14. Name one of The Rascals' three number one hits.

15. Phil Spector produced three number one singles. Name

one of them and the artist who performed it.

16. Name the original Beach Boys, and the man who later joined in the late '60s.

17. Aside from The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, name the "British Invasion" band that had the most top ten hits and the number of them.

18. Name the original Beatles, the band which played clubs in Hamburg during 1960-61.

19. Name the original Rolling Stones and the first replacement.

20. What was The Rolling Stones' first hit in England, and who wrote it?

a) What was their first American hit, and who first recorded it?

21. What name was Bob Dylan given at birth?

22. Name the original Byrds and both of their number one singles.

23. What is Donovan's last name? What is his homeland? Name one of his two top ten hits.

24. Name the members of The Lovin' Spoonful.

a) Name three of their seven top-10 hits.

25. Who wrote Scott McKenzie's hit "San Francisco (Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair)?"

Part II next Tuesday.

Renowned quartet will appear Monday

By KEITH TIPPITT

Staff Writer

The Muir String Quartet has only been together for two years, but it has become known as one of the world's finest chamber music ensembles.

The group, which plays at the MTSU Music Hall Monday night, consists of four members, all in their mid-twenties, who met at the famed Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

IT DIDN'T take the four members long to begin playing as a group. They embarked on a tour of the United States and Europe in the spring of 1980. On this tour, they were awarded first prize in the Evian International String Quartet Competition. This is considered the musical equivalent of the Olympic gold medal.

The Quartet, which consists of Joseph Genualdi, violinist;

Bayla Keyes, violinist; Steven Ansell, violinist; and Michael Reynolds, cellist; named itself after John Muir, a naturalist, who founded the Sierra Club.

The members share a New Haven cottage where they live and practice.

IN APRIL, the group was Awarded for 1981 by the Naumber Competition in New York City. In July of this year, *The New Yorker* featured the group and their rapid rise to the top.

"It is interesting that a group that has been playing together for so little time could have won so many awards," said Dr. Jerry Perkins of the MTSU music department.

The MTSU concert is to begin at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Building. Free tickets will be given to the first 100 people to come by the Student Programming office.



The Muir String Quartet

Search for happy hours much easier now

By CAREY MOORE

Features Editor

Sidelines staff writer Bill Stetar, after months of intense research and writing, has published his first book.

Stetar's literary effort is entitled *The Happy Hour Guide to Nashville*.

The guide gives the lowdown on cheap drinks in Music City's bars. Geographically, it lists the establishments, times for happy hours, features of each happy hour, and a synopsis of Stetar's

stetstar about each place.

STETAR, WHO moved to Nashville a year ago from Oregon, explains, "When I first moved here I didn't know where to go for happy hour.

"And that happens to be my favorite time of day."

Prospective imbibers should not be put off by fears that Stetar's guide is less than objective. Bars did not pay in order to be mentioned; therefore, the

book is not an advertising brochure.

The research is what Stetar says he considers the hardest part of the book. He estimates that he visited between 70 and 75 places in search of the perfect happy hour. A total of 10 months lapsed between Stetar's concept and the printed reality.

"I'M ALWAYS coming up with good ideas, this is one I decided to follow through," Stetar said.

Because *The Happy Hour Guide to Nashville* has just been published, it is not yet available in many places. It may only be purchased by mail now, but Stetar says he hopes to have it in selected bookstores in the near future.

The MTSU Bookstore will not carry the guide, despite the fact that Stetar offered it to the bookstore on a consignment basis. "I'm shattered by their decision," Stetar said.

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Songwriter, RIM prof team up

By WINN CANNON
Staff Writer

It's possible that when someone hears Keith Stegall's music, they might wonder if they hear Dr. Hook, Al Jarreau, Kenny Rogers, or Don King.

These artists and many others have long known the talent that singer/songwriter Keith Stegall possesses. All have recorded Stegall's songs with them. Now the rest of the people will be finding out.

DR. HOOK'S HIT "Sexy Eyes," Al Jarreau's single "We're in This Love Together," and "Hurricane" by Leon Everette were all written by Stegall.

These credits represent a broad range of music, which in itself demonstrates his writing versatility.

All this is in line with the goals Stegall has set for his own career. He doesn't want to be thought of as capable of writing only one kind of music. Stegall wants to be known for writing good music, something for everyone.

ACCORDING TO Stegall, three major events have happened to bring him closer to his goal of broad acceptance.



MTSU Recording Industry Management professor Dennis Buss (left) and artist Keith Stegall have recently joined forces.

He met Kris Kristofferson backstage at a concert and was encouraged by Kristofferson to move from Shreveport, La. to Nashville and pitch his songs.

Stegall took the advice, came to Nashville, and met Charlie Monk of April/Blackwood Music. Monk signed him to a contract after hearing his songs and began to work with him.

AND FINALLY, Stegall has recently retained the management of Dennis Buss, a Recording Industry Management professor here at MTSU.

Buss and Stegall work well together and have created ex-

citement within the music industry about prospects for the future, especially with Keith's new single, "Won't You Be My Baby," which is doing well on the charts.

Monk was the catalyst that brought Stegall and Buss together. Buss had been hired as Director of Artist Development at April/Blackwood, but Stegall's career took off quicker than expected and he was forced to find individual career guidance.

AND HE FOUND it in Dennis Buss. The chemistry worked between the two, and expertise existed on both sides, making it a

good arrangement for both.

Buss has been involved in teaching and artist management for several years. He came to MTSU from Portland, Ore., where he taught business at Portland State University and had business artists since 1967.

His management and management philosophy meshed with what Stegall wanted in his own career. His teaching experience here at MTSU has helped him realize the things that are necessary to launch the career of an artist nationally.

THE PRIMARY thing Buss and Buss are working towards is wide acceptance of Stegall, in as many markets as possible. They plan to do this by presenting Keith as a media artist, one who performs in all entertainment fields, rather than as just a recording artist.

Stegall wants to write music for television and film, is planning to do some cable and radio specials, and wants to perform live as much as possible.

Another step in this direction will be taken this Monday, Sept. 14 at Blazing Saddles in Nashville. Stegall and his band will perform in a showcase concert.

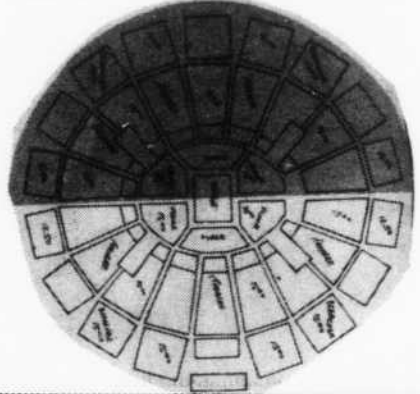
Rogers concert tickets go on sale Monday

Tickets for next month's Kenny Rogers' concert hit the market Monday, and if sales for last year's show are any indication, only a dyed-in-the-wool gambler would wait another day to pick up on 'em.

Virtually all of the reserved theatre seats for last October's Rogers concert were grabbed the first day of ticket sales, according to a spokesperson for Student Programming, who added that there's no reason to expect a slack in sales this year.

So when the booths open at 10

a.m. Monday, a long line of loyal fans will be on hand to scarf up the \$15 reserved seats. Only four sections in the entire arena contain the \$12.50



reserved seats, and, since Sound Seventy in Nashville will sell half the tickets at its sundry outlets, there won't be too many of the cheap seats available here.

MTSU students will be able to get a \$1 discount on each of two tickets with validated ID, and there is a return of 10 ducats per person.

Since the concert will be held in the round, none of the seats will be behind the stage (see chart at left).



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'Escape': suspense-filled vision of a nasty future

By JIM SEYMOUR
Film Critic

John Carpenter proved himself to be quite adept at directing horror films with "Halloween."

His new film, "Escape From New York," shines when Carpenter is relying on horror techniques, but as science fiction the film is less than perfect.

"Escape" revolves around the rescue of the President of the United States from Manhattan Island, which, in the year 1997, is a maximum security prison.

A GANG in the decayed city takes Air Force One and crashes it. The president, however, manages to escape via a pod. He lands and is captured by a gang led by "The Duke" (Isaac Hayes).

Bob Houk (Lee Van Cleef), director of the prison, decides to send Snake Plissken (Kurt Russell), a prisoner about to enter New York anyway, into the city to recover the president.

To insure that Plissken will do his job, Houk has small bombs implanted in Plissken's arteries which will explode unless he returns within 24 hours.

WITH HIS mission clearly before him, Snake flies into New York and sets about the task of rescuing the president.

Carpenter's vision of New York in ruins is fascinating. The burned-out buildings and hungry street gangs provide a look into the future which is nastier than most. It all has the

look and feel of science fiction, but the realism of horror.

His camera's subjectivity manipulates the viewer much as a horror movie does, which is perhaps the best aspect of the film. The suspense builds time after time, as Snake searches, finds, and attempts to escape.

ANOTHER interesting part of "Escape" is the use of computer displays. They flash across the screen occasionally and make the film look like a big video game.

The script, by Carpenter and Nick Castle, has some pretty one-dimensional characters. Snake is mean, Houk is mean, the Duke is mean, and the president is a wimp. This all works well, given the type of film.

The acting is ridiculous. Clint Eastwood as he thinks Clint Eastwood should. Van Cleef merely runs around acting tough. Isaac Hayes has fun with his role, although his "badassness" tends to become silly.

Carpenter doesn't take the whole film too seriously. He makes fun of it, which is good, because "Escape From New York" can't be taken too seriously.

He even provides some running gags, but they become silly and trite.

"Escape From New York" is a fine film, despite all its flaws. Carpenter can put a viewer on the edge of his seat, which is the best thing about it.



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The MTSU Wado-Karate Club was formed in 1965 and became an authorized university organization in 1968. The club has grown considerably over the years, and today is a thriving

organization with an abundance of spirit.

The membership of the club hires a coach and instructor, and here at MTSU we are extremely fortunate to have Mr. David Deaton.

DEATON IS a graduate of MTSU and one of the leading competitors in the US. His expertise and spirit are the backbone of the club.

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Sidelines' Player of the Week; defensive end Dennis Mix

By DON HARRIS
Sports Editor

As a new feature to *Sidelines*, each week we will name a football player we believe is MTSU's player of the week.

After each Blue Raider football game a panel of sports writers will go over the game and decide who they believe was the outstanding player in the game or the player who we believe contributed the most to the contest.

Sidelines' Player of the Week for week one, obviously, is defensive end Dennis Mix.

IN MTSU'S 10-7 conference win over Akron, Mix scored the Blue Raider's only touchdown on a 57-yard interception

return. Late in the game, he blocked a potential tying field goal.

Mix also contributed one tackle, eight assists and a fumble recovery.

After his outstanding performance in MTSU's season opener, Mix was named as the OVC defensive player of the week.

Hailing from McMinnville, Tenn. Mix was picked to the preseason All-OVC team.

The 5'11" junior is a two-year letterman for the Blue Raiders. Congratulations to Dennis Mix *Sidelines' Player of the Week*.

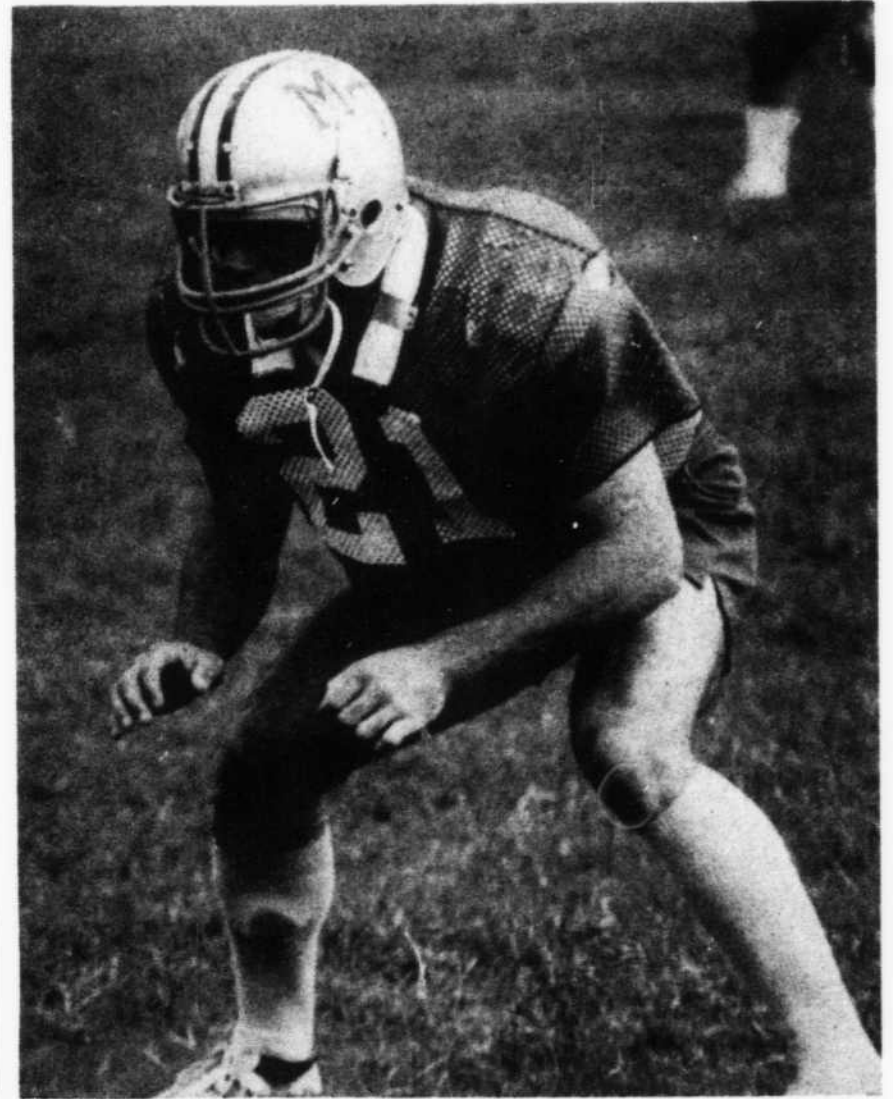


Photo by Keith Tippitt

Dennis Mix, a junior defensive end for the Blue Raiders, has been named *Sidelines' Player of the Week* for week one of the MTSU slate. Mix was very instrumental in Middle Tennessee's victory at Akron. Mix returned an interception for a touchdown, blocked a field goal, and had a fumble recovery in Saturday's game.

Pigskin prognostications

Sidelines sports seers see:

DON HARRIS

1. Miami by 20
2. UTC by 20
3. USC by 11
4. Maryland by 8
5. Stanford by 4
6. Notre Dame by 14
7. San Diego by 13
8. Cleveland by 1
9. Philadelphia by 2
10. Atlanta by 7
11. Minnesota by 3

BOB GARY

1. Miami by 20
2. UTC by 12
3. USC by 17
4. Maryland by 3
5. Stanford by 10
6. Notre Dame by 14
7. San Diego by 13
8. Houston by 1
9. Philadelphia by 8
10. Atlanta by 3
11. Minnesota by 2

BILL WARD

1. Miami by 20
2. UTC by 10
3. USC by 10
4. Maryland by 6
5. Stanford by 3
6. Notre Dame by 11
7. San Diego by 11
8. Cleveland by 2
9. Philadelphia by 1
10. Atlanta by 10
11. Oakland by 6

STEVE PRICE

1. Miami by 20
2. UTC by 17
3. USC by 11
4. Maryland by 4
5. Stanford by 3
6. Notre Dame by 10
7. San Diego by 7
8. Cleveland by 1
9. Philadelphia by 6
10. Atlanta by 7
11. Minnesota by 3

PERRY "PIGSKIN" O'PARSONS

1. Miami by 20
2. UTC by 5
3. USC by 20
4. Maryland by 10
5. Purdue by 3
6. LSU by 5
7. San Diego by 10
8. Houston by 3
9. Philadelphia by 7
10. Atlanta by 10
11. Oakland by 3

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1. Pittsburgh by 17
2. UTC by 6
3. USC by 25
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1. Pittsburgh at Miami

COLLEGE-SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

2. Middle Tennessee at UT-Chattanooga
3. Tennessee at USC
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5. Stanford at Purdue
6. LSU at Notre Dame

PROFESSIONAL-SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

7. Detroit at San Diego
8. Houston at Cleveland
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PROFESSIONAL-MONDAY, SEPT. 14

11. Oakland at Minnesota

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Middle Tennessee's celebration after its season-opening victory at Akron Saturday has been short, but sweet, as the Blue Raiders prepare for what could be their toughest foe of the 1981 campaign, the Mocs of UT-Chattanooga.

Middle Tennessee takes on the Mocs this Saturday in Chattanooga. This is the second road trip of the early season, a fact that concerns MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly.

"OUR PLAYERS are going to have to regroup quickly after the win at Akron and get their minds set on UTC," Donnelly said. "The long trip and tough game at Akron are taxing; our players will need to catch their breath quickly and be ready to hit the road again this week."

"The game at Akron was a defensive battle, played hard from start to finish," he added. "But, this game with UTC will be even tougher. The Mocs are quite good again this year."

Donnelly had praise for his defense in last week's victory, saying that the defense played as a complete defensive football team.

"THE ENTIRE defense busted their tails to get to the ball," the Raider mentor said. The Blue Raider defense forced a total of six turnovers.

The offense, however, was a different story in that they were unable to capitalize on the Zip miscues.

"We weren't aggressive in any offensive position," Donnelly said.

The Raider offense was outgained in nearly every statistical department—first downs, yards rushing, yards passing, and punting. The only department the Raiders led in was the return yardage—aided mainly by Mix's 57-yard interception return.

AGAIN THE Raiders are plagued with some key injuries. Henry Bean, the starting wide receiver, tore knee cartilages in last week's contest and will not play against UTC. Butch Hamby, a junior from Mt. Juliet, will start in his spot.

Last year, UTC rolled to an 8-3 record which included a 32-7



Photo by Keith Tippitt

Victory is sweet, but the Blue Raiders haven't had much time to savor the flavor as they have been busy preparing for Saturday's game with UTC. MTSU will travel to Chattanooga tomorrow to meet the Mocs in their home and season opener. Gametime for the contest is 7:30 EDT (6:30 CDT).

win over MTSU in Murfreesboro. This year's battle marks the end to a colorful series which dates back to 1916. UTC's rise to Division I was a big factor in the termination of the contract between the two schools; MTSU is Division I-AA.

Middle Tennessee is looking to post its first win in the series since 1977 when the Blue Raiders prevailed 35-28. The two teams tied in 1978, 14-14.

Saturday's clash will begin at 7:30 p.m. EDT (6:30 p.m. CDT). Following the Saturday encounter, Middle Tennessee returns home for its only home game of the month, hosting the Pacers of UT-Martin on Sept. 19.

Volleyballers urged to try out for Lady Raider team

Tryouts for the Lady Raider Volleyball team have been going rather slow so far, according to Sports Information Director Ed Arning.

Any girls interested in trying out for the team are urged to contact Sherry Coken.

Those wishing to try out can come by room 167 in the Murphy Center athletic department offices or call 898-2450.

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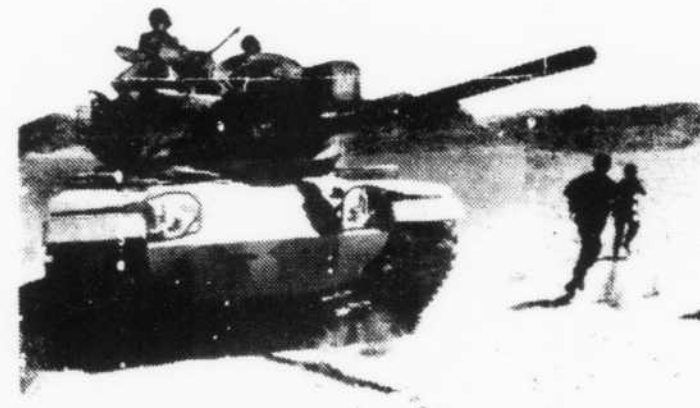
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Sports Stuff

by Bob Gary

Quick: Who is the winningest major college football coach in Tennessee at this moment?

A few hints: Those of you that haven't eliminated Johnny Majors from consideration already may leave the room. Memphis State went down this past weekend, as did Tennessee Tech (although for purposes of this column, that is not a major college). Vanderbilt, Tennessee State, UT-Chattanooga, and Austin Peay (also not a major college) have yet to begin their seasons.

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY? That's right; the only schools left are Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee, and since I don't know who the coach at ETSU is, then the winner is our own Boots Donnelly, by virtue of the Blue Raiders 10-7 upset win over Akron last weekend.

Granted, this is a bit of a strange position for MTSU. Let's face it—after not having won an opener since the year Richard Nixon resigned the Presidency, you're just not used to looking at the OVC standings in the paper and seeing Middle Tennessee on top.

So, here's to the victors from "Sports Stuff" and all of us at *Sidelines*. Congratulations on a job well done and continued success the rest of 1981. You all deserve it.

I WOULD LIKE TO turn my attention to a situation over which some are contemplating taking their own lives. Others are dancing in the streets. Permit me to explain.

I'm speaking of the situation which unfolded in Knoxville this past week following Georgia's perfectly excused 44-0 whipping of Tennessee. There have been cries of outrage from some Big Orange fans; one went so far as to paint a message in on hallowed Neyland Blvd. which read: "Doug Dickey in '82."

I'll be very honest in saying that I do not and have never liked Tennessee or any of their athletic teams. To be frank, I watched ESPN's replay of the UT-Georgia "contest" with unabashed delight. However, looking at the situation concerning coach Majors and the few orange-blooded loonies who are calling for his head the same way they did for Bill Battle's five years ago, and Dickey's ten years ago, I must say that it seems a bit absurd.

JONHNNY MAJORS HAS MET with success wherever he has coached. He turned the program at Iowa State around. He won a national title at Pittsburgh. Granted he had a measure of assistance from two guys named Cavanaugh and Dorsett, but the Panther program had been down when he arrived.

Majors could probably have not have taken a tougher job than the one at his alma mater. Look at the scenario: former all-american hero returns to his alma mater after winning a national championship to revitalize the sagging program. Instant success is called for here; nothing less will be tolerated. And when you throw in Tennessee's impatient (strike that word; make it bloodthirsty) fans, most of whom believe that the amount of your donation to the football program dictates the record for the coming year, your task becomes near impossible.

MAJORS COULD BE doing a bit better right now, without a doubt. But he was and is one of the best coaches and recruiters in America, and Tennessee fans should feel fortunate to have him. After all, he wasn't chopped liver before he returned to the Hill.

In closing, I'll ask you to understand that I am not being hypocritical. I do not necessarily wish Johnny and Company all kinds of success, but as an observer from the outside in at Tennessee football, it is my contention that those UT fans who may be calling moving companies and sending vans to the Majors' home in Knoxville are way out of line.

Oh, well, O.K. I guess I hope Tennessee does all right against Southern Cal. I don't like them either.

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