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Pesticide bomb causes dorm evacuation

By **BILL WARD**
and **JANENE GUPTON**

An insecticide accidentally released Saturday afternoon in Cummings Dorm was "much more dangerous" than anyone believed, Vice President of Student Affairs Robert La Lance said yesterday.

The bomb, a 6-ounce can of "a very virulent, toxic, organic pesticide," was detected by two Cummings residents who reported seeing smoke pouring from beneath the door of Room 705 around 3 p.m. Saturday.

THINKING that they had discovered a fire, residents Lynn Grissom and Ann Moore immediately reported the smoke to the seventh-floor resident assistant.

"Ann thought that the smoke was some kind of chemical, but we weren't sure," Grissom said.

Grissom pulled a fire alarm, and the building was evacuated.

CLOSER inspection by dorm assistants revealed that the source of the smoke was a commercial insecticide bomb.

According to La Lance, the can had been set off by an MTSU greenhouse employee who is the mother of Traci Johnson, one of the girls living in the room.

The insecticide, called Tedium Dithio, was not an aerosol and had to be lighted with a match before it would work. It is of the type and strength normally used

in large industrial areas.

THE GAS was of an organic base and was "comparable to a nerve gas," La Lance said. Though it was not illegal, it was too strong to be used in the small confines of a dorm room.

"When the bomb is used in the greenhouse, no one enters for 24 hours," La Lance said.

"We have regular fumigation schedules that we follow, as well as ad hoc fumigation when it's brought to our attention," said La Lance.

ON SATURDAY afternoon more than a dozen students, firemen, and university and Murfreesboro police were taken to the hospital for treatment and observation. All were released within four hours with no signs of illness from the gas.

Miss Johnson, when asked to

comment about the situation, responded:

"I don't want to talk about it, and my mom won't either."

Mrs. Johnson was unavailable for comment.

THE INSECTICIDE, which permeated the entire seven-floor dormitory, caused massive clean-up operations to be instigated.

All residents were instructed to wash everything that might have been exposed—especially cooking and eating utensils, linens, and clothing. They were also told to throw away toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Seventh-floor residents were given special cleaning instructions early Saturday evening after the evacuated women were allowed to return to the dorm. They were not allowed to occupy their rooms until the maintenance department had thoroughly cleaned the floor and had given the "bombed" room a "GI cleaning."

THOSE WHO could not find other lodgings for the night were furnished with vacant dormitory rooms on campus. Most stayed with friends.

All rooms (including 705) were ready for occupancy early Sunday evening.

Those on the seventh floor were told to be especially careful about contamination and were instructed to throw away all open makeup and food, as well as to wash everything in their rooms.

RESIDENTS of Cummings Hall were told to keep accurate records of their expenses incurred as a result of the bug spray.

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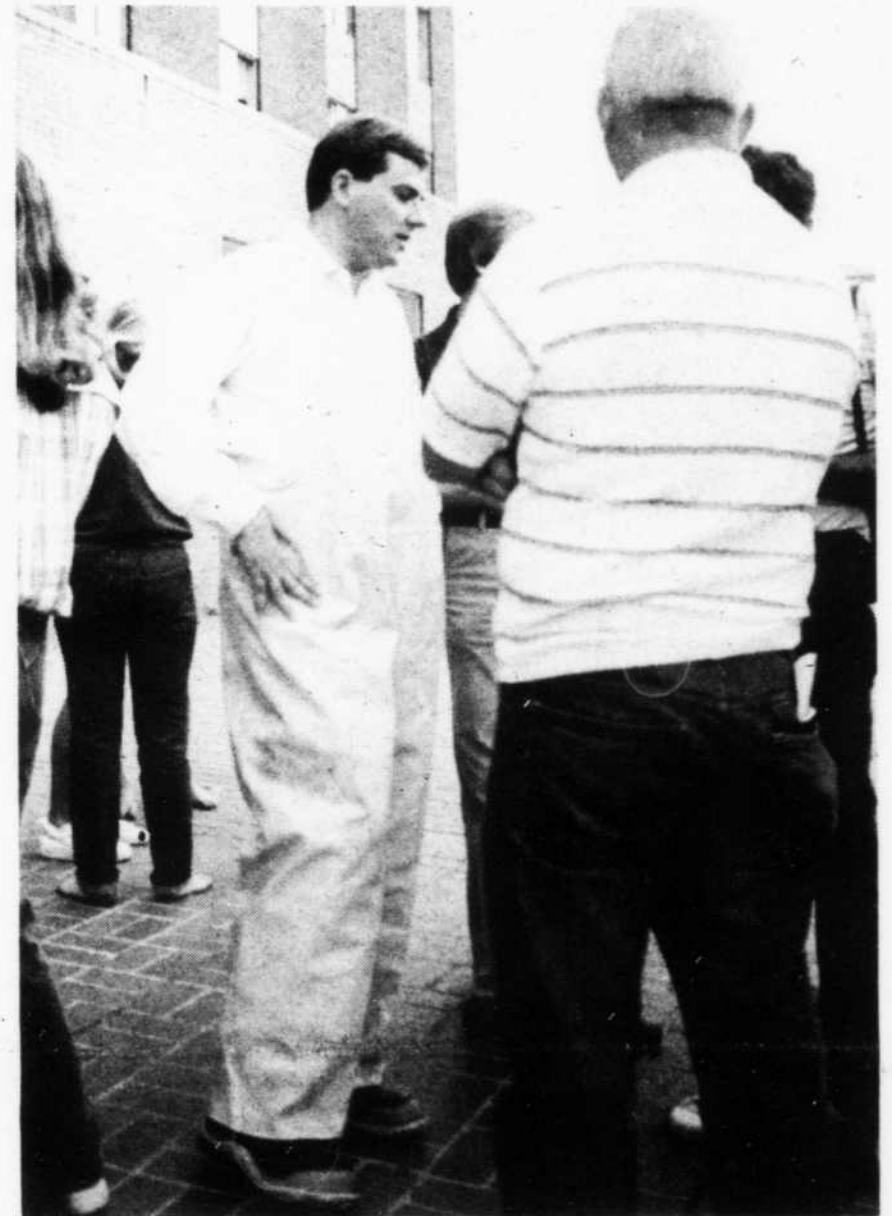


Photo by Greg Campbell

Steve Land, from the State Military Department Division of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Hazardous Materials Division in Nashville, explains some safety precautions to residents of Cummings Hall after the bug bombing.

Youth killed on road from Cow Jam II

By **LIZ THOMPSON**
City Correspondent

The Rutherford County sheriff's office, reacting to the death of an 18-year-old Murfreesboro youth returning from Cow Jam II Friday, announced yesterday it will attempt to ban all future events of this type in the county.

Stacey Lee Thatcher, complaint after complaint. All reportedly hitchhiking on these people drinking and Highway 96 towards Murfreesboro after attending the concert, was apparently struck by a passing car during the early morning hours.

LAW enforcement authorities are still searching for the vehicle involved in the accident.

Cow Jam II featured five bands and 100 kegs of beer. Last year the event was sponsored by the recording industry through the mass communications department here on campus.

"Although the program here at MTSU was associated with the first Cow Jam in the sense that we were going to benefit financially from it," Instruktor Christian Haseleu said, "we were not at all associated with Cow Jam II."

THE EVENT was sponsored this year by Ricki Lee and Philip Austin both part owners of Mainstreet Music Emporium located on West Main Street. Over 1,000 people attended the second Cow Jam.

"There's no reason for the people of Rutherford County to have to put up with something like that (Cow Jam)," Truman Jones, chief deputy of the sheriff's office, said. "It's dangerous."

"They (those attending) were all over the place. We got

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Photo by Robert Lyons

The culprit can of the poison Tedium Dithio that was diffused throughout Cummings Hall Saturday afternoon.

Poll to show Failure to submit waivers

MTSU impact on economy

By **BILL WARD**
Editor

Less than 8 percent of the students polled have responded to a poll which will help determine the economic impact of the MTSU community on Murfreesboro.

Even though the poll has already determined that university employees spend nearly \$12 million a year here, the figures for the State Board of Regents study, according to Bob Aden, director of MTSU's institutional research and projects division.

"**WE'D REALLY** like to have 'em," Aden said of the student's responses. Only 69 of the 1159 questionnaires sent out last week had been returned yesterday evening.

Results from a similar poll conducted last year at Memphis State proved so useful that the Regents decided to conduct a similar survey at all schools in their jurisdiction, including 10 community and six four-year colleges.

Out of 1032 full-time employees who were sent questionnaires, 538 responded.
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Impeachment for ASB judges?

By **CLAUDIA ROBINSON**
Staff Writer

ASB President Mike Williams said yesterday he will initiate impeachment proceedings this week against three ASB judges for failure to submit waivers permitting the dean of students to review their academic records.

Chief Justice Louis Holiday of the General Sessions Court, Supreme Court Judge Ronald Brace, and Trial Judge Jeff White must either sign the waivers, resign, or be impeached, Williams said.

"**STUDENTS HERE** were so outraged last year when our ASB president did not have the minimum grade-point average," Williams said, "they then passed an amendment to ensure that all ASB officials meet a minimum standard."

Williams also indicated he intends to propose legislation to remedy "the unusual constitutional oversight" that fails to require justices, committee appointees, and cabinet members also maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Although the current constitution only requires minimum GPAs for the president, vice presidents, senators, and representatives, the amendment passed last spring requires "all



Photo by Greg Campbell

Louis Holiday

Chief Justice, General Sessions Court

members of the ASB, whether elected or appointed," to file waivers authorizing Dean of Students Paul Cantrell to review their academic records for compliance with minimum standards.

ACCORDING TO Williams, amendments needed to comply with the amendment were sent to the judges on three occasions for their signatures.

"The last time I told them that if they did not reply by Friday (Sept. 25), I would initiate

(impeachment) proceedings," Williams said.

Williams added he had "no choice" but to start proceedings, because "they've broken the rules of the constitution."

When reached for comment, Holiday said he had not been informed of the possible impeachment and declined to discuss the matter further.
LATER, IN a written statement delivered to *Sidelines*, Holiday said: "Mr. Williams' (cont'd on page 3)

Cow Jam II death

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Thatcher's body and belongings, including a \$1 bill and a ticket to the Tennessee State Fair.

ALTHOUGH County Coroner Rudy White determined that the youth had been dead approximately an hour. However, further investigation by County Chief Detective David Grisham and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agent Danny Deal, assisted by Deputy Rick Hall, revealed that Thatcher was actually hit sometime around 2 a.m. and left alive in a ditch for at least six hours.

A search of the area disclosed a maroon-colored "sport mirror," later identified as probably from a General Motors-type vehicle, and maroon paint was found on Thatcher's jeans.

Snell said if the driver of the car is located, it will be up to Rutherford County Attorney General Guy Dodson to

determine whether the charge will be vehicular homicide or murder.

THE SHERIFF also said Thatcher had been involved in a fight at the Cow Jam.

"His sister told me he had had a fight and left," Snell said.

Snell added that circumstances such as this are prompting him to initiate action against the return of similar parties to the county.

"When you get a bunch in a field like that, with no security," he said, "and they're smoking dope and drinking beer, this is what's gonna happen."

THE RUTHERFORD County sheriff was not hesitant to say that the person responsible for Thatcher's death could have been someone returning from Cow Jam also. "because, if not, they probably would have stopped, but maybe didn't want to get a DWI (charge)."

However, Snell says his other theory is just as likely.

"It could just as well have been somebody sober who just panicked," he said.

JONES said that the main problem with Cow Jam and similar events is that the participants seem to get "out of hand," and he said there is no way anyone throwing one of these parties can keep everything under control.

"I don't think they will because of the type of people that they cater to, and with them drinking and just having one big party, there's no way that you can keep it under control with that many people," Jones said. "You'd almost need a National Guard out there."

"They're nothing but a public nuisance, and I just don't think the tax payers should have to put up with it."



Getting high with flyers

MTSU pilot David Augustine, right, prepares his plane as, from left, Linda McKnight, Tracy Short and Chris Short board for a ride at the MTSU Flying Raiders Weekend. Throughout the weekend, the pilots of the Flying Raiders flew people for 20 minutes for a nickel per pound of their weight in a fund raising drive. The flying weekends will continue through October.

Dorm evacuation

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All claims will have to be filed through the proper procedures at the claims office.

A repo J's being compiled by Housing Director David Bragg and Dean of Women Judy Smith on the entire incident for MTSU President Sam Ingram and the State Board of Claims. It should be released today.

RESIDENTS of the dorm took

the situation in stride. Most termed it a great inconvenience but went about the tasks set before them with relatively little complaining.

One coed summed it up best by saying:

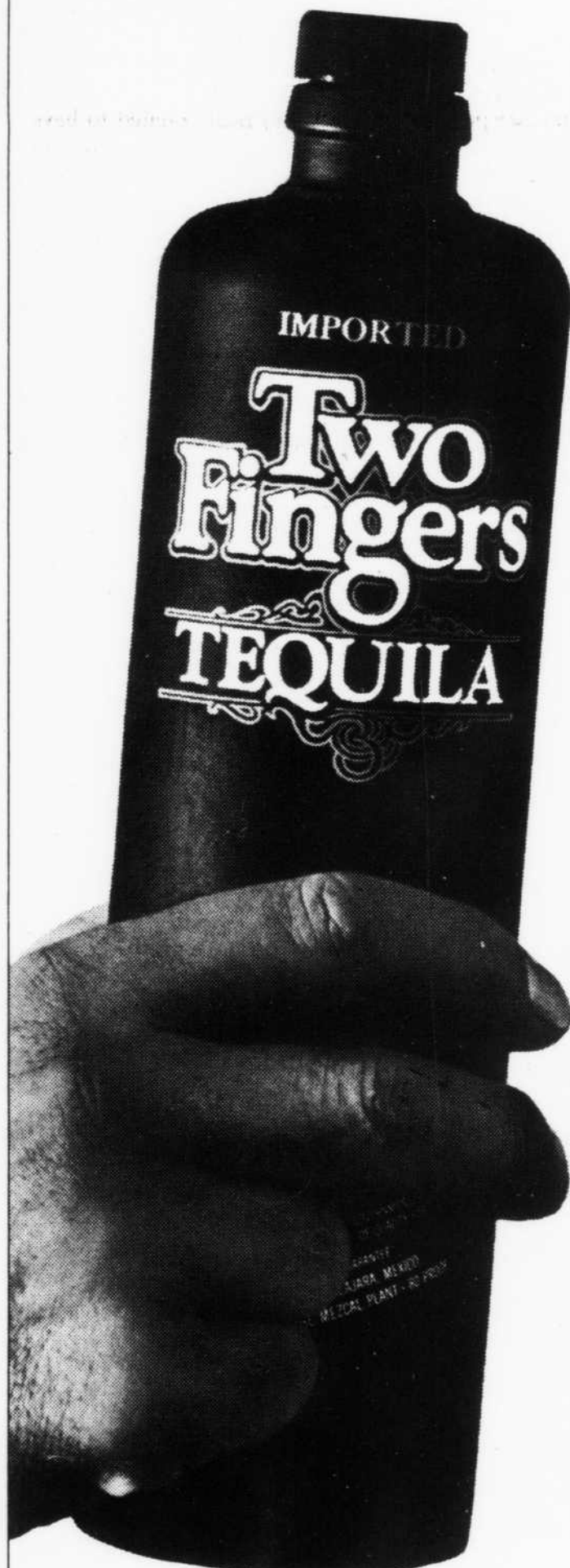
"I know the woman didn't mean to have this happen, but I just can't believe anybody could be so dumb."



Faithful Fogelbergers

Even though some of these hearty fellows began waiting at 2 p.m. Friday for Dan Fogelberg tickets that began selling yesterday, there are still quite a few available. \$9.50 reserved seats and \$8.50 general admission tickets for the Oct. 25 concert are on sale in Room 309 of the University Center. From left, Lavon Pennagrass, John Morrow (who began waiting Friday afternoon and was first in line), Joe Car and Kent Madison rotated a constant vigil for the first tickets.

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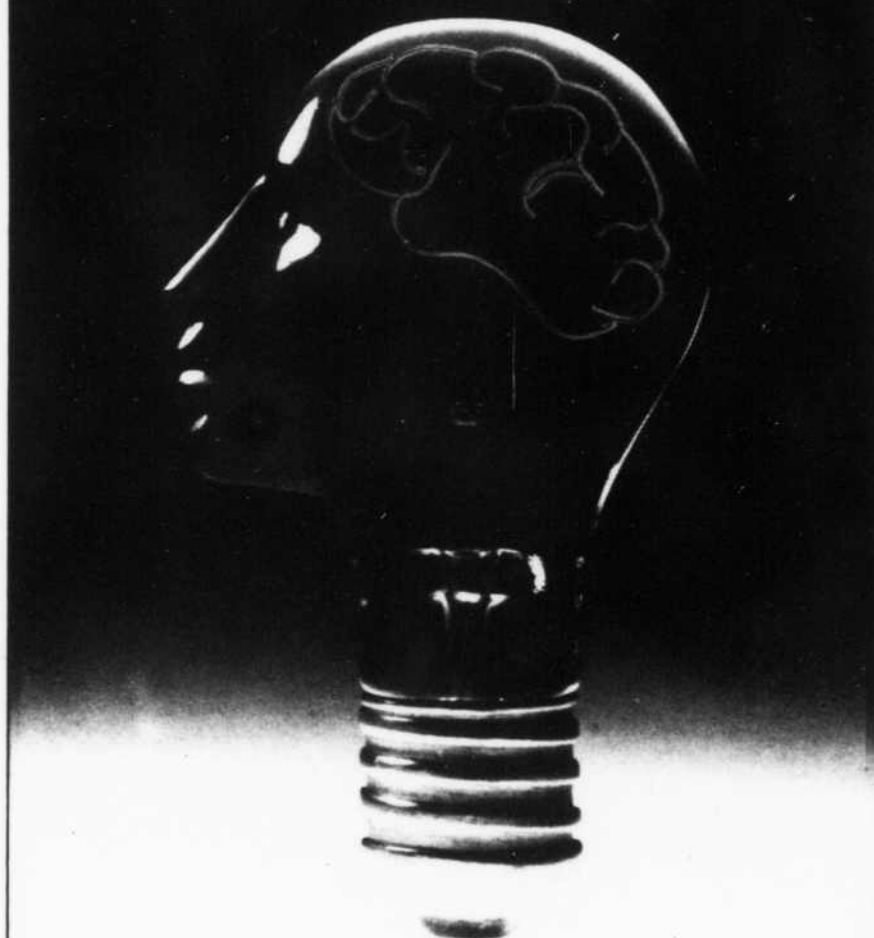
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Parents to visit

Festivities begin Oct. 10

By KIM BROOKS
Staff Writer

Parents of MTSU students will be able to experience a part of campus life on Saturday, Oct. 10 which has been set aside as Parents' Day.

Being boosted by the Kenny Rogers concert on the previous night, Dorothy Harrison of the Public Relations Office expects a successful turn-out for Parents' Day. She commented that Parents' Day is "a chance to let the parents experience what a day on campus is like."

REGISTRATION for Parents' Day will be from 10:30 a.m. Oct. 10, until 2:30 that afternoon in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building. During registration, lunch tickets may be purchased for \$2.25 each, and free tickets can be obtained for the game between the MTSU Blue Raiders and their traditional OVC rivals Eastern Kentucky which will be played that night.

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Parents may dine with their students in one of the three campus cafeterias: High Rise, James Union Building's (SUB), or Woodmore. After lunch, time has been set aside for parents to meet faculty members and university officials.

Booths will be set up around the campus by various groups. In the Learning Resource Center, there will be displays for different departments. In the Multi-Media Room (221) there will be a variety of performances and speakers.

ACCORDING TO Harrison, there will be a representative from the University Theatre and from some groups in the Music Department.

"There will be continuous entertainment," she said. The MTSU Student Ambassadors on Tour, a singing and dancing group, will be performing there also.

In the Sim Lab of the LRC, there will be slide presentations. Student organizational booths will be set up in the University Center.

The University Bookstore will remain open until 3 p.m. on Parent's Day so that parents can see what it is like. The Todd Library will also remain open that afternoon.

RESIDENCE halls, religious centers, and Greek chapter houses may have open houses between 3 p.m. and the ball game.

Pre-game ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. at the Horace Jones Field and the kick-off is at 7:30. President Sam Ingram will randomly choose a group of parents to join him in his box at the football game. The game will mark the end of Parents' Day.

"There has been a good response from the parents so far and I look forward to seeing more of them," said Harrison.

Economics

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and the resulting projections show that more than \$3 million is spent locally on food and over \$4 million on both housing and other expenditures, for a total of \$11.84 million in annual local expenditures.

IN ADDITION, more than \$7 million is invested by MTSU employees in local banks, savings and loans, and credit unions, according to survey projections.

More than 91 percent of the respondents live in Rutherford County, with 64 percent residing in Murfreesboro.

According to the projections, there are 1458 persons in the employees' households, including 444 children 18 or under, and almost 76 percent own their own housing units.

The poll sent out last week to every ninth student in the roster was the second attempt by

the institutional research department to get a random sampling. The first attempt early this month netted about a 10 percent response, Aden said.

Sex cut from budget

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Students of South Florida University are challenging a new law that cuts state funds if universities allow organizations to advocate sexual relations between unmarried people.

The student government sponsored a lecture on the merits of premarital sex Tuesday night and then passed a resolution advocating both marital and non-marital relations.

The students hope to provoke courts to declare the new law unconstitutional, said student body president Ken Ritcher.

Impeachment

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failure to consult with me prior to talking with the media reeks of unprofessionalism.

"I have not seen the specific allegations against me and have no comment on Mr. Williams' action."

Holiday admitted later, however, that he had twice received materials mailed him by Williams.

"I GOT THE last one Monday (Sept. 28)," Holiday said. "I missed school all last week because I was ill and was unable to confer with Mr. Williams."

When asked whether the materials he received included the Friday deadline, Holiday responded, "I was ill so I really didn't pay that close attention to it."

Bracey had no comment last night about the threat of possible impeachment, and White could not be reached for comment.

Campus Capsule

THE SPEECH AND THEATRE DEPARTMENT is presenting "Bus Stop" Oct. 8-17 in the Arena Theatre. Admission is free to students with an id and \$3 to the public.

PHI MU ALPHA will be holding auditions for its spring stage band show on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Sign-up and more information may be found on the Phi Mu Alpha board in the Wright Music Building.

ELECTIONS for five freshmen senators, one junior senator, one senior senator, and the homecoming queen will be held Oct. 21 and 22.

Qualifying petitions for entry can be picked up beginning Wednesday, Sept. 30 until Oct. 9 in the ASB office. The last day to enter the race for homecoming queen is Oct. 7.

THE MTSU PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and no experience is necessary.

ANY ORGANIZATION not presently represented in the ASB House of Representatives, but would like to be, please come by the ASB office as soon as possible.

THE MTSU FILM SOCIETY will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, in Room 241 of the Learning Resources Center to discuss October's schedule of movies.

BADMINTON will begin Oct. 1. The hours on that day will be from noon to 1:40 p.m. Regular hours will be Tuesday's and Thursday's from noon to 1:40 p.m. Sign up is in Alumni Memorial Gym.

News Briefs

WARTBURG, Tenn. (AP) — Three black inmates accused in the June stabbing of James Earl Ray have pleaded innocent and selected a Chicago attorney to represent them.

Ray, serving 99 years in the 1968 death of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., suffered 22 stab wounds from a homemade knife in the June 4 attack in the law library at Brushy Mountain Penitentiary in Petros.

The three inmates, charged with assault to commit murder, entered their pleas yesterday at a hearing in Morgan County Circuit Court. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 23.

TRACY CITY (AP) — A half-finished, federally funded \$6 million cleanup of a strip mine-polluted reservoir may stay incomplete indefinitely because of federal budget cuts.

That is bad news for the 1,800 families of rural Grundy County who draw their water from the Big Creek Utility District reservoir.

"It looks like if you start a job, you would finish it. Why do something halfway?" said Kathleen Burrows, who operates a small store at a crossroads leading to the old coal mine sites about 40 miles southeast of Murfreesboro.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Leaping, prancing and posturing, Mick Jagger led the Rolling Stones in a hard-driving rock'n'roll show Sunday as 75,000 fans danced in the rain.

The performance, at Rich Stadium in this Buffalo suburb, included songs from the group's latest album, "Tattoo You," as well as songs that were hits in the 1960s about the time many in the audience were born.

The band left the stage after two hours as a host of giant balloons flew skyward.

After one encore, a fireworks display signaled the end of what

promoters said was the fastest-selling show in the entertainment history of upstate New York.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Former U.S. Army Warrant Officer Joseph G. Helmich Jr. halted his spy trial by pleading guilty yesterday to conspiring to sell top-secret military communication information to the Soviet Union between 1963 through 1980.

Helmich, who resigned from the Army in 1966, had pleaded innocent to a four-count espionage indictment on July 16.

Sasser chosen grand marshal for homecoming parade

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Sen. Jim Sasser will be grand marshal for the MTSU Homecoming Parade on Oct. 31, he said yesterday.

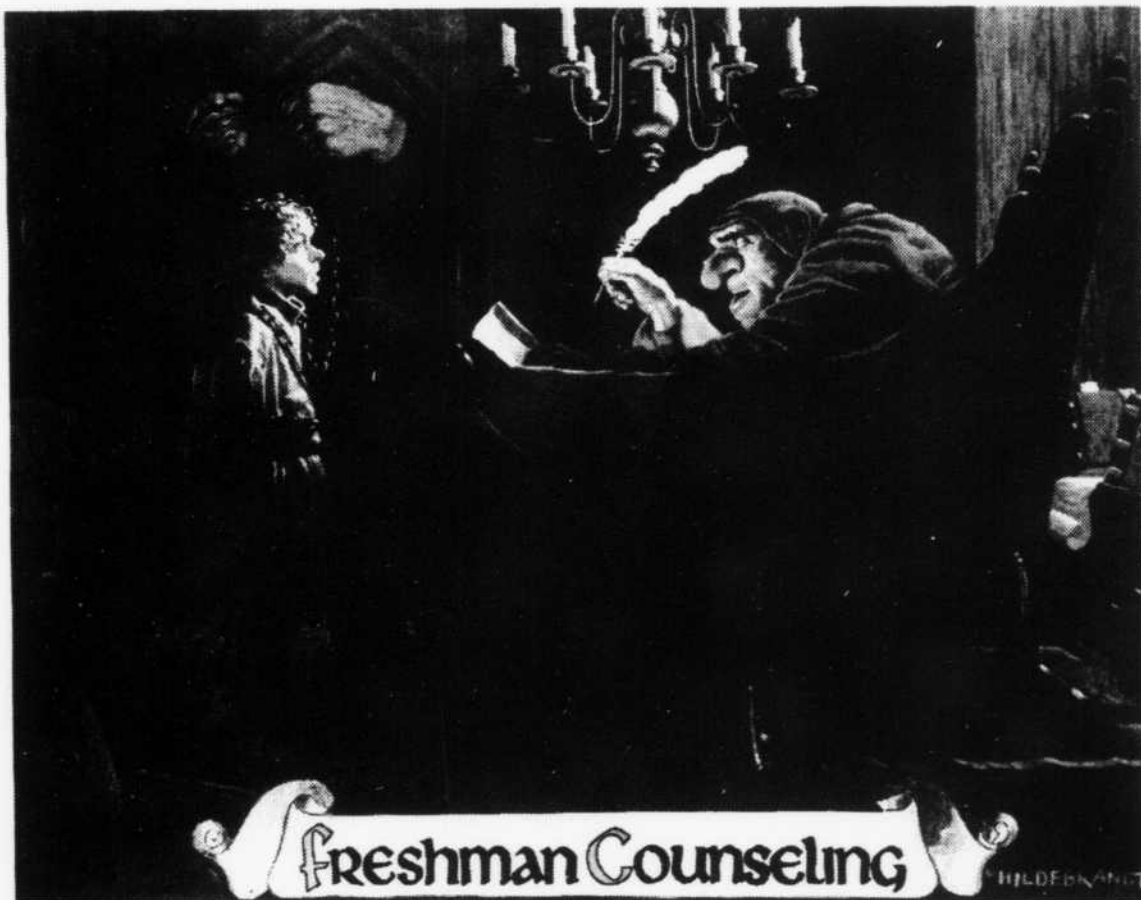
"As a member of the university's board of trustees," Sasser said, "it's always a pleasure and a privilege for me to visit the Middle Tennessee State campus and take part in its activities."

"I look forward to the festivities and hope to see as

many of my friends as possible on what I hope will be a very successful homecoming," he added.

ASB President Mike Williams said when he learned the senator was going to be in Nashville on homecoming weekend, all he had to do was call the senator and he agreed to be grand marshal.

"We're really excited to have one of our U.S. Senators as grand marshal," said Williams said.

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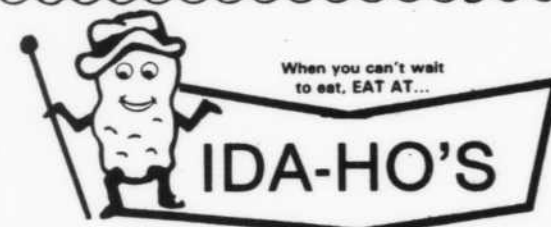
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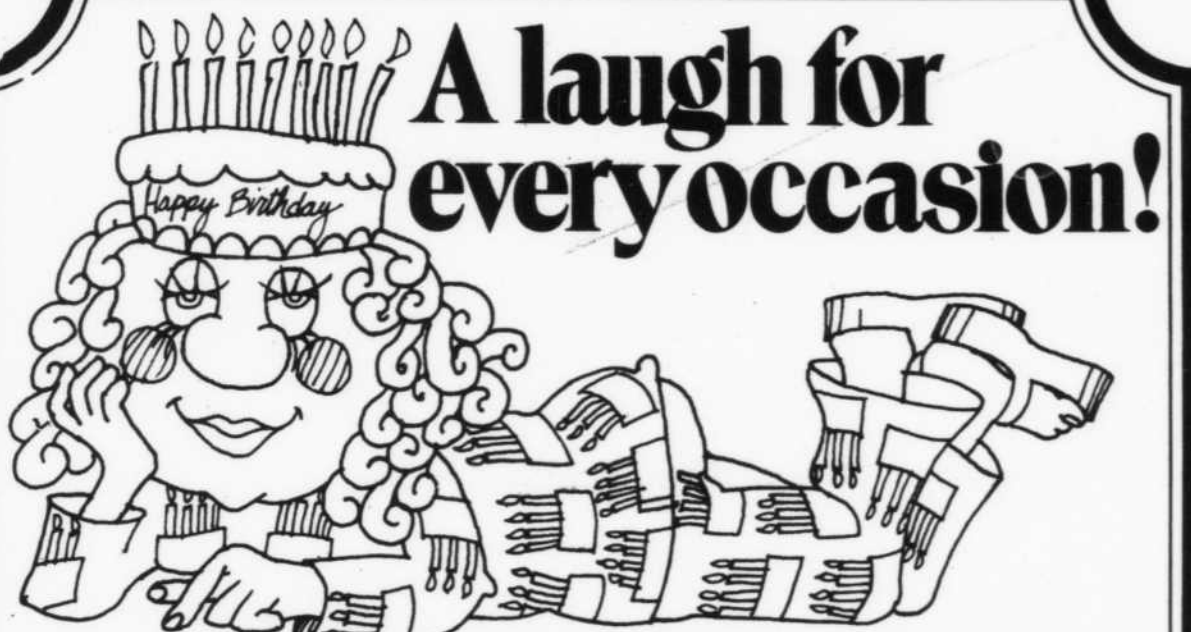
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On This Date

On this date in 1547 the great satirist Miguel de Cervantes was born. In Part One of Don Quixote, Cervantes itemized the alphabetic traits "required in every good lover": "Agreeable, Bountiful, Constant, Dutiful, Easy, Faithful, Gallant, Honourable, Ingenious, Kind, Loyal, Mild, Noble, Officious, Prudent, Quiet, Rich, Secret, True, Valiant, Wise...Young and Zealous."

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Watt's cuts hit home

The environmental news on all fronts in Tennessee is none too rosy.

Not only are Interior Secretary James Watt's appointments and policies wreaking havoc on the nation's scant remaining wilderness, but the Reagan administration's laxness towards the all-too-numerous hazardous waste dumps in this state is particularly poisonous in these parts.

Tennessee has the dubious distinction of being the ninth-largest manufacturer of hazardous wastes in the United States and also "boasts" of the fifth-largest number of traffic accidents involving hazardous wastes in the land.

THAT'S WHY THE administration's proposed \$175 million cut in the enforcement of the laws which cover the cleaning up of such waste sites is particularly discouraging to Tennesseans who care about the lives and limbs of present and future generations.

"We are now waiting to see what the administration will do with this law," Rep. Albert Gore Jr. told an environmental conference this weekend. "The government's ability to deal with spills has been reduced."

There are currently 9,200 hazardous waste spills containing more than 114 billion tons of chemicals across the United States, and, because virtually all of this sludge has been put there during the last three decades, there is no telling what the short- and long-range effects will be.

THOSE WHO DON'T believe that toxic waste sites are dangerous need not travel to Love Canal, N.Y., for evidence; just ask the citizens of the Frazier area of Memphis, or those of Toone, Tenn.

But the hazards of toxic chemicals were felt closer to home this weekend, when a pesticide bomb was thoughtlessly ignited on the seventh floor of Cummings Dormitory. Property damage may well reach four figures; 20 persons were hospitalized briefly; and countless others

suffered undue discomfort as a result of this relatively small chemical agent.

Imagine, if you will, a few tons (the average American dump site has 756 tons) of such an agent concentrated in one area. Sounds like a fun place to raise a family, huh?

ACCORDING TO GORE, the administration cuts already passed will reduce site inspections by 40 percent and provide funds for the cleanup of barely half of the state's 100-plus "hot spots." The new cuts proposed by Reagan and Watt would slash these funds even further.

With Tennessee "ranking" as the largest manufacturer of chemical wastes in the Southeast, and nearly 5,000 of new dump sites identified in the country annually, we're rapidly losing a dangerous race.

Gore called for increased "public awareness and concern" about the problem, and rightly so.

THE CONGRESSMAN also assailed the Reagan/Watt 70 percent slashing of funds for the Environmental Protection Agency, which, he said, "eliminated the research and development and enforcement policies of the agency."

"It is now clear that the EPA is near chaos," he noted.

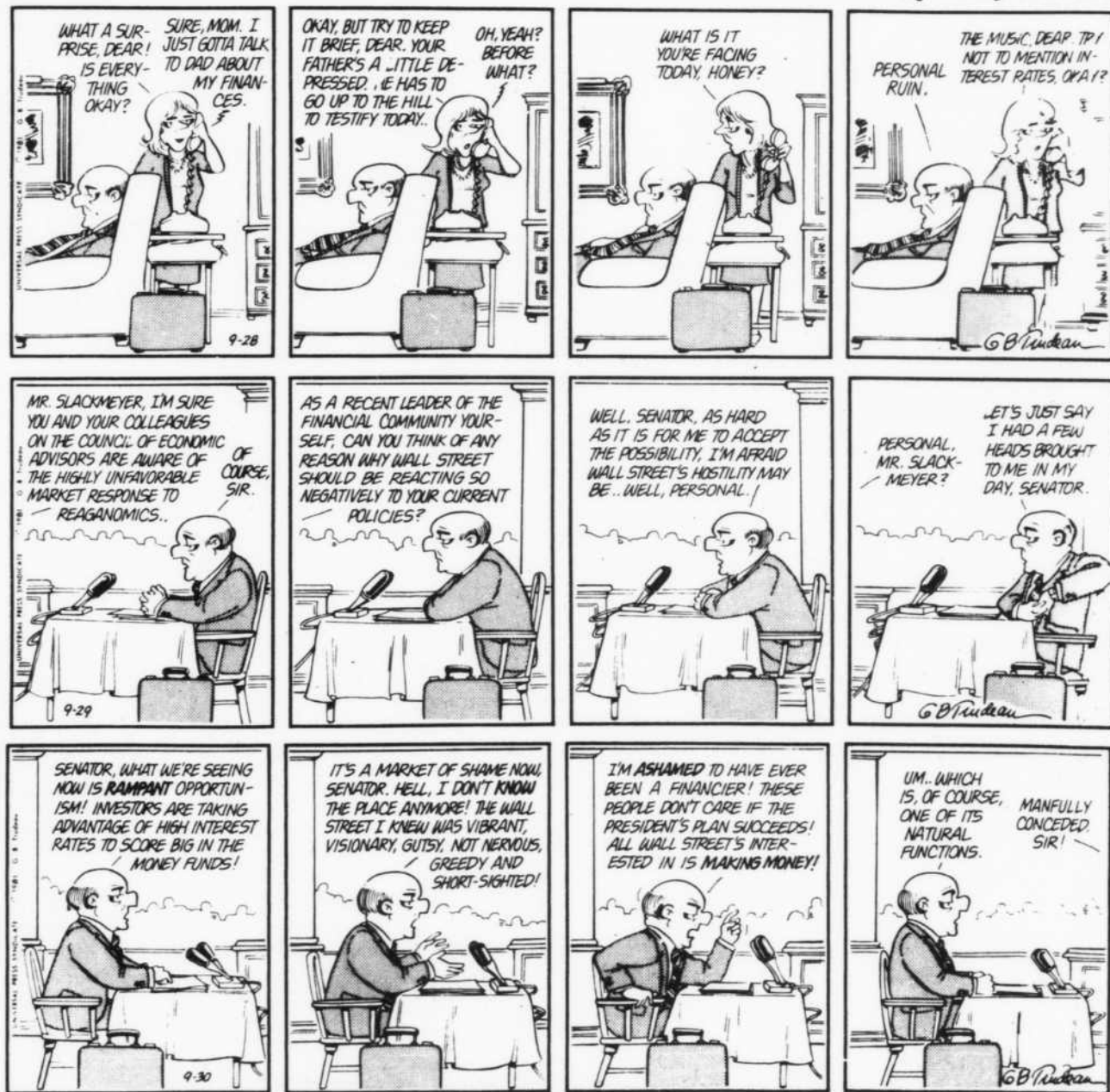
Another program in deep trouble is Tennessee's solar energy industry, which has just recently shown signs of becoming a most viable enterprise. While the credits has pushed for a myriad of tax benefits for the well-to-do, he is now attempting to eliminate tax cuts for those who seek "alternative" energy sources such as solar power.

Gore wondered aloud whether the administration is not embarked "on an irreversible course to destroy the law." From here, it certainly appears so.

No one who encountered toxic chemicals here this weekend has expressed a willingness to do so again, and understandably so.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



Punchline

by Danny Tyree

It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all of the answers.—James Thurber.

Ignorance is nothing to be ashamed of.

After all, we are all ignorant about one thing or another.

That's why I am so disappointed when I look at the editorial pages of *Sidelines* and don't see a rebuttal to (or elaboration on) something I or my fellow columnists have written.

I **HONESTLY** relish the prospects of gaining knowledge by hearing new facts and listening to divergent opinions. I think the entire MTSU community benefits from a stimulating exchange of ideas. That's one reason I strive for controversy.

Therefore, I am sincerely grateful when Jimmy Cantrell (resident expert on Irish history) informs me about the ammo used by British soldiers and the lifestyle of IRA members.

But I resent it when Cantrell lays facts aside and shifts to name-calling, non-sequiturs and sidestepping the issues.

FOR ALL the verbosity and pomposity of his column last Friday, Cantrell never bothered to answer the key questions:

- What has the death of 1,500 civilians in Ulster accomplished?

- Wouldn't the hunger strike be even more effective as a propaganda tool if it weren't accompanied by continued violence?

- How much closer to peace have contributions from Irish Americans brought Ulster?

- Where is any indication that the majority of Ulster's inhabitants (even a majority of the Catholics) have a rational desire for the immediate ousting of the British and unification with the Republic of Ireland?

- Is the presence of Protestant "colonists" in Northern Ireland any less legitimate than the presence of Americans on land stolen from the Indians and Mexicans?

- Is the presence of British troops in Ulster any less legitimate than the use of federal troops to enforce school integration against the will of the white majority within the "sovereign states"?

- Would Ulster be better off independent if it split from the United Kingdom?

- Are the prisoners in the Maze guilty or not?

- Does Cantrell want the Brits to stand back and let the Protestants slaughter the

Catholics?

- Is a dislike for senseless violence strictly an "inherited Anglo-Protestant prejudice"?

CANTRELL reminds us that the Revolutionary War patriots were labeled "terrorists" by the British. If Cantrell sincerely believes the American Revolution was such a black-and-white conflict waged by paragons of fair fighting, then he is the one who is a "chauvinistic bigot."

I think we are better off having won our independence from England, but:

- Some American (and IRA) tactics were inexcusable.

- War was not unavoidable.

- Not all our goals were so lofty.

And in some ways our struggle differed from that of the Irish.

The colonists engaged in senseless stunts like tarring and feathering, home wrecking and mistreatment of Loyalists.

SAM ADAMS published fictitious accounts of rapes and other atrocities by Redcoats. His rumors helped cause the Boston Massacre. Afterwards, he published a distorted view of the incident.

Parliament issued the Conciliatory Provisions, which would have allowed the colonies to tax themselves.

One gripe of the colonists was the Act of 1763, which (rightfully) recognized the Indians as owners of the land they had occupied.

But on the other hand...

The colonists who opposed Britain represented a *majority*.

The Continental Congress only wanted a defensive war at first.

ALTHOUGH the British returned later, the colonists had been able to push them completely off American soil within less than a year (with a relatively small amount of bloodshed.)

So, in some respects, the American colonists *are* to be condemned as terrorists. And that in no way sanctifies the IRA (or militant Protestant groups.)

CANTRELL calls me ignorant for labeling the IRA members as "hoodlums." My dictionary defines a hoodlum as "a rowdy person, often part of a criminal group." Naturally, I feel no obligation to retract my

original statement.

We're supposed to see the IRA as non-hoodlums because they don't smoke or drink. By Cantrell's standards, the only thing that separates Lizzie Borden from sainthood is a

"slight hang-up" with sharp instruments.

"Tyree is wrong in saying that advances have been made," Cantrell wrote. The original demands of the 1968 rioters were met within two years, according to *The Pursuit of Happiness* by Pulitzer winner George F. Will. Conditions are still bad, but Cantrell's statement as written is an **OUTRIGHT BALD-FACED LIE**.

IF THE CONDITIONS in Northern Ireland are still wretched, we should remember that such misery is *coexisting* with continued violence. Is the violence accomplishing anything?

"The Protestants show no signs of accepting the Catholics as equal human beings," Cantrell wrote.

In 1974 several Protestant leaders were prepared to push for power sharing with the Catholics. But the weekend before the matter was to be discussed, the IRA attacked several social clubs, killing fathers and sons. Was it so irrational for the Protestants to entertain second thoughts? Cantrell commends the Irish Americans who provide arms for their Ulster kin.

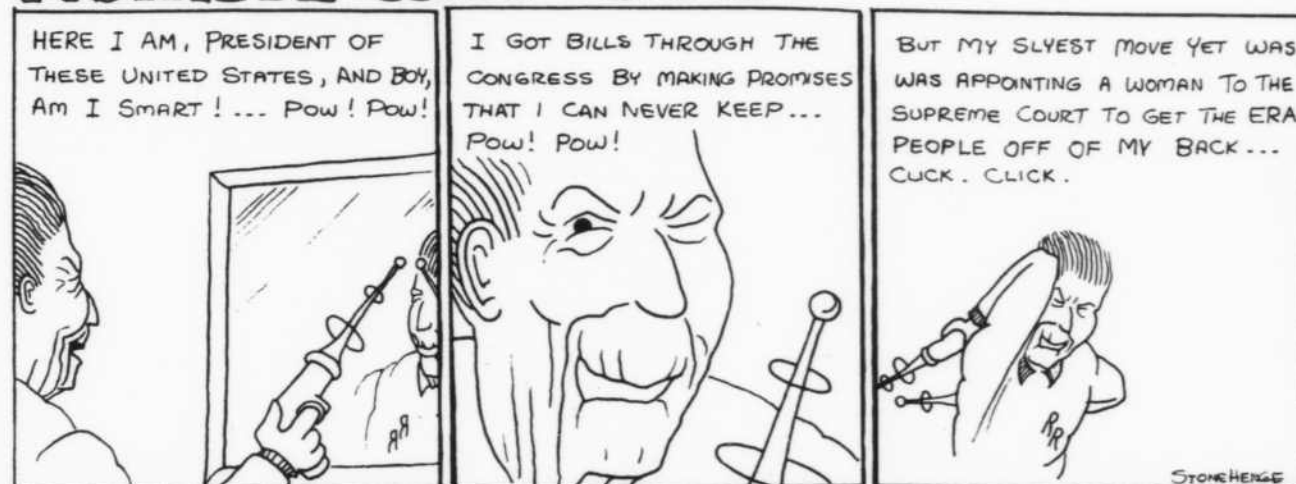
DOES THAT MEAN Cantrell would be delighted to see a group of foreigners help the American Indians scalp all the white men (including him) who have denied them their rights? (The Protestants were in charge of Northern Ireland long before Andy Jackson drove the Indians across the Mississippi.)

I can understand the need for the *existence* of a group like the IRA to prevent the annihilation of the Catholics by the Protestants if the British withdraw. But it does not logically follow that the IRA is justified in killing and maiming *now*.

I suppose an open-minded fellow like Cantrell will never believe that I am *not* prejudiced against Catholics.

But at least I agree with Pope John Paul II when he gets down on his knees and begs for an end to the violence in Northern Ireland.

RONNIE RAY-GUN



Guest view

Dr. William Wolfe

Editor's note: This is (hurrah!) the conclusion of Sidelines' three-part interview with that waggish windjammer William Wolfe, associate professor of English.

WOLFE: To go back to something I said much earlier, university life does not suspend human relations. We get friendly with some of the people with whom we work and not with others. No theory of mine or of anyone's changes that.

But there are dangers if we attach too much importance to personal relations. There are students who convince themselves that their teachers are grading them and not their work. This is pernicious. Many is the FI have given to students who charmed me. Many is the AI have given to students who I hoped would never again darken my door.

SIDELINES: What is your biggest gripe against students?

WOLFE: My biggest complaint against students has nothing to do with their personal relations with them. Because, as I have said, I don't see personal relations as peculiarly the function of university life. They are much the same everywhere.

My biggest complaint about students—from freshman composition through the doctoral program—is that students make the defensive pretense that they have been to school before, have never passed puberty, have never been anywhere or done anything, and—of course—have never had another course in the university.

When I talk to students in the halls or in my office, or, indeed, at my house, they are real people. They have friends, often enough husbands, wives, children. They work in a slaughterhouse, teach Zen, do their laundry—and otherwise operate in the society and economy as real people.

Then, in class and in their papers, for some reason they diminish to parrots and swans.

SIDELINES: "Parrots and swans"?

WOLFE: You know about parrots. Swans, proverbially, maintain their silence till long after graduation.

SIDELINES: You said earlier that you never liked classes. You said you don't think older people really remember what it was like



to be young. You said other similar things. Does all this make you sympathetic with your students?

WOLFE: Yes and no. There's a wonderful section in *Faust* in

which *Faust* takes Mephistopheles on a short tour of human misery. He shows him disease, hunger, poverty, and so on. (If I know Goethe, there's a suffering student in there somewhere, but I don't recall precisely. *Faust* is in important ways about academic life.) In any case, afterwards *Faust* says to Mephistopheles, doesn't this move your pity? Mephistopheles answers to this effect: Yes, it moves my pity but not my mercy.

I do not offer Mephistopheles as a model for the faculty. But old Mephistopheles has misery of his own. He learned the hard way, and under a stern tutor at high tuition. There is a lot of silliness going around for which his saying is a devilishly good antidote.

Too many people think that if only you understand what they say you will agree with them. They reject the notion that you can understand them fully and disagree. Some people think that if you are sympathetic with their situations then you will approve their behavior. Such people have heads full of marshmallows.

When I was a small child, I stole candy from the drugstore. When I was in high school, I adopted the pastime of trying to outrun police cars. I had deft fingers. My father liked fast cars. I got away with all this.

When I was in college, I was

an extremely uninterested student. I paid heavily for that—but there is a way in which it must be said that I got away with it.

Now, am I supposed to approve such behavior? Some people speak to me as though I am supposed to recommend it. I do neither. The fact that I was, or even am, a blockhead does not require me to sit by and allow my students to be blockheads in their turn. If anything, it requires me to. I was lucky. I had a lot of backup support. I got a lot of second chances. A student of mine, without reference to me, might well have none of these things working for him.

SIDELINES: It doesn't sound like students will get much solace from you.

WOLFE: Oh, we all get solace from one another, directly or indirectly, negatively or positively. Again, academics doesn't make human nature go away. On the contrary.

But many students expect both too much and too little from schools. There is something in the experience in the lower schools—or perhaps just in the air, somehow—that moves them to see the faculty and the administration as social workers who are supposed to solve their problems and make them happy. And then there is all this nonsense about vocational education.

It's too big a subject. I shouldn't start it. But I promise to stop quickly.

There is a rumor abroad that knowledge is supposed to bring us happiness. I think it true

instead that knowledge makes us more competent to deal with our discontents. If we have any brains, we need education to keep us from going berserk.

Read the newspapers. Most crime stories are about uneducated berserkers. At the very least, we can learn that the difficulties of life were not invented expressly for us.

There is an even louder rumor that university education prepares us to make a living. I cannot deny the money value of credentials—and often enough of the knowledge gained while gathering credentials. Without a Ph.D. I wouldn't have my job.

But making money is largely a matter of shrewdly applied energy. Our intellectual conditions have little to do with that. And education does not make us energetic.

Most people can make money if they are willing to work hard enough at it. Everybody wants money. Most people don't want to sacrifice much for it.

A university graduate should know how to spend money. A look around the luxurious world in which we live (knock on wood) should indicate to us that most people's problem is not that they can't make "enough" money. They don't know how to spend it. A lot of people abandon work altogether because, work to their mystification, the money they make working doesn't seem to do anything for them.

Our intellectual and cultural conditions are very important. For all practical purposes, they are our moral conditions.

SIDELINES: Any last words?

WOLFE: Educate yourselves for the dark of the night, and the days will take care of themselves. Probably.

SIDELINES: That view is probably not widely accepted in the real world.

WOLFE: Real world? Some students might come to think, after they leave here, that life in the university was more in touch with important realities than life in banks and beaneries.

Indeed, for many people I know, university life is their last shot at the real world.

Competition will always drive men

By BARNEY WATSON
Staff Writer

Someone once stated that the more things change, the more they remain the same. My being a cynic, I seriously doubt that mankind will ever wipe out ignorance independently from an act of God. The reason being that the majority of people are usually under the sometimes unknown influence of a satanic-oriented drive to animalistically destroy any form of competition.

In the long ago days, one tribe tried to outdo the other tribes. It was a way to survive and to prove superiority. Naturally, in the days of shield and saber, the physically superior mob would prevail. The victors felt very potent and worthy of any spoils from their conquests.

But, these are "civilized times"; a time of education; and Einstein era of mental superiority; pushbutton warfare; i.e. all the qualities of and advanced century. However, I contend that we will always be determined to outdo with words what we can't with warclubs, and when words fail, conflict usually erupts.

Og, Klog, Klutz, and Mutz were sitting around their campfire one day. Suddenly, there appeared another tribesman. His physical structure was different. His leopard skin even clashed with the bear skin of the fearless foursome! He was definitely a threat! So, all four warriors quickly slaughtered the hapless "foreigner." Afterwards, the four victors grunted approval of their skill in arms and expressed satisfaction that no competition would be allowed into their wives' caves. They were secure in their united strength.

Today, a typical example would be when someone walks just within earshot of a group. Insults may well cloud the air. These insults are "verbal clubs" intended to "cut off" the competition. The real cause of such rivalry may not be realized by the perpetrators themselves. *Only the form seems to have changed through the eons.*

Take Mexico for example...Okay, don't! Texas did anyway. We stole that land from Mexico and, Americans have benefited greatly from the natural resources that have poured out. However, you, the Pepsi generation, will have to pay the price for your ancestral transgressions. Mexico still has large deposits of oil and sulphur. We need these resources since ours are getting exhausted. You see, things "balance out."

So, who knows? If some twentieth century neanderthal "cuts you down," maybe he and/or his descendants will suffer worse. Having a family is important that way; if not for the sake of parental vanity, then for poetic revenge.

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Letters From Our Readers

Irish American presents point of view

To the editor:

As an Irish American I beg to take exception to Jimmy Cantrell's article on Northern Ireland. His intolerant views express that if one takes a moderate stance on the issue, rather than a pro IRA/INLA view, one is or a true descendant of Eire, or a true lover of freedom.

It has occurred to me that the IRA and the Puerto Rican terrorist group FLAN share similarities. For instance, both groups wish for freedom from their imperialist foes by means of terrorist activity, despite the fact that many Ulster Catholics wish to remain a U.S. possession and would like to become the fifty-first state.

However, when FLAN bombs some U.S. city, there is a noticeable lack of choked-up throats and maudlin calls for freedom for Puerto Rico issuing forth from the same Americans who so emotionally call for Northern Ireland's freedom. "Charity begins at home," right?

Terrorism does nothing to

bring about good feelings on the part of the larger power. Terrorists attempt to bring

about changes for the better in their own misguided way, yet all they will succeed in doing is bringing down harsher rule on themselves, rather than the positive changes that can be achieved around a negotiating table. One might be sympathetic to their plight, but be utterly repelled by their tactics. Peace is the only solution, peace and a determination to sit down and right some of the many wrongs in Northern Ireland.

Jimmy Cantrell is right when he says the IRA is a Protestant terrorist group, for it is. Neither side is gaining anything from their respective terrorist group except bloodshed, destroyed property, anguish, and renewed cause for deep, abiding hate. Ulster doesn't need yet another generation raised in bitter, prejudiced hate, both Catholics and Protestants. Street fighting and terrorism hasn't solved a thing in the past eleven years—in truth, the counties' entire history—and the only result of the violence has been to bring down more misery on themselves.

Danny Tyree, in the article that preceded Jimmy Cantrell's, was correct in saying that the British army is a lifesaver. Parliament, British subjects, and the soldiers themselves wish they were out, but to withdraw now

would be a bloodbath between the two terrorist groups, which would quickly spread to complete civil war.

As for soldier's attack's on the

citizenry, for each incident there is at least an equivalent incident of the citizenry's attacks upon the soldiers. Of course, when one is a fired up super patriot for a land left behind a generation or two ago, one doesn't need to present things in a fair, impartial way, as Jimmy Cantrell has so clearly exemplified.

Perhaps the part of Mr. Cantrell's article that provoked me most is the insinuation that Irish Americans are not truly proud of their ethnic origins if they forget "the Homeland and Her troubles."

I am an Irish American and I must say I'm proud of my bogtrotting family, not just on St. Patrick's Day, but every day. I do not forget the problems of the Northern counties—it's rather difficult to with another hunger striker dead or a truckload of British soldiers blown up every week or so. So if there are any Irish Americans who forget the problems of Ulster it is because they wish to block out the vile sickness that inflicts seemingly all who come in contact with it. The sickness is hate complicated by anger, and it has proved to be fatal.

Finally, I wish to tell Mr.

Cantrell that although I have strong and not too distant ties to Ireland, my "Homeland" is the USA. I'm "Irish and proud" but let no one dare to presume that my ancestry has stronger ties on me than my allegiance to my country.

MaryReillyWest

Hildy Johnson out of line on Thurber review

To the editor:

In regard to the criticism of Windom's portrayal of Thurber, Ms. Johnson was obviously out of line. Our so-called drama critic was the one who was inattentive, not Mr. Windom.

Although William Windom did not "paste on a false mustache" and go to great lengths for Thurber's "dead ringer", his portrayal was one of "pizzaz." If Ms. Johnson wants to emphasize physical appearance and not acting ability she needs to judge Miss America.

If one listened carefully they would have understood the monologues. Obviously, they were directed toward a more intelligent audience than our illustrious critic.

This is also the first time we have seen a standing ovation for a "second-rate" act. And also the first time we've seen deep-yellow plaid pants turn gray.

Deborah Johnson
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Box 4366

Reviewer should take off mask

To the editor

Would *Sidelines* print an anonymous letter critical of someone or something on campus? No, I think not. Why, then, would *Sidelines* print what amounts to an anonymous criticism? I refer to the 23 *Sidelines* of William Windom's "Thurber II." The pseudonym "Hildy Johnson" which was attached to the review is no substitute for the real thing, namely a reviewer taking responsibility for what opinions are expressed.

Your reviewer had, of course, a perfect right to not like Windom's presentation and the content of his review is not the issue here. The real issue is whether or not your reviewer dressed up like Hildy Johnson as

he delivered his review. After all, if Hal Holbrook and James Whitmore can maintain a consistent stage character for an entire evening is it too much to ask that your reviewer make up his mind whether he is a fictional or nonfictional personage?

Roy W. Clark
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'Southern Comfort' a thriller

By JIM SEYMOUR

Film Critic

Walter Hill's "Southern Comfort" is more than a story of a group of National Guardsmen traveling through the bayou. It is a story of suspense, horror, and the will to survive.

Hill, whose credits include as director "The Long Riders" and "The Warriors," and as screenwriter "The Getaway," has created an action-packed film that leaves viewers drained of emotion.

IT IS 1973. The Louisiana National Guard is conducting routine maneuvers deep in the bayous. A squad of weekend warriors steal canoes to take a shortcut on their hike, unconcerned and unaware that they belong to Cajun poachers.

As the group is crossing the river, the poachers see them. One of the guardsmen opens fire with his machine gun, thinking

it pretty funny that the Cajuns don't realize he is firing blanks.

One of the poachers fires back—but not with blanks. He kills their sergeant, the only one of the nine with any savvy.

WHILE the soldiers thrash about in the water, trying to fish out their sergeant, they lose their radio, map, and compass. Lost, and with a dead man, they try to find their way back to camp.

They later find a Cajun in front of his cabin skinning an animal. Automatically assuming he is one of the men who shot the sergeant, they capture him. Then for spite, they burn his cabin.

Now carrying a prisoner and a dead man, the squad keeps wandering in search of their camp. They soon become aware, however, that they are being stalked by their captive's friends.

HILL USES the bayou setting

wonderfully to convey the paranoia and claustrophobia the men feel as they are stalked by someone they cannot see.

The men's emotions become strained by fear and helplessness, until they fight among themselves, while the natives kill them one by one.

Much can be said for the characters Hill created in his script, written with Michael Kane and David Giler. The guardsmen are all out of their element to begin with, which Hill exploits well. And they represent a broad range with respect to background and psyche.

THOUGH most of the roles are merely character parts, they are not stereotyped. There is a Mexican, a black, a football coach, a wimpy second-in-command, and a redneck. But the writers have given them all memorable traits.

The only characters not really defined this way are the major characters, the street-wise Spencer and the silent, aloof Hardin. They are, coincidentally, played by the film's stars, Keith Carradine and Powers Boothe.

Boothe, as the transplanted Texan Hardin, is especially forceful in his role. Boothe's presence is felt whenever he is on camera, whether he imposes himself with a line of dialogue or just a look.

HILL'S direction is forceful, also. He takes the men farther into the bayou and farther into themselves. The world there becomes as threatening a jungle as any portrayed on the screen.

Previous films have shown Hill's stylistic approach to violence. He treats it much as Peckinpah does, with slow motion and exploding bodies (Peckinpah, coincidentally,



Director Walter Hill spins a tale of soldiers stalked by an unseen foe in his new film "Southern Comfort."

directed "The Getaway").

But where Peckinpah gives the audience excesses of violence in order to show its evil, Hill romanticizes violence. There is some lyrical quality to his presentation of death.

ALSO WORTH mentioning is the soundtrack by Ry Cooder, who wrote the music for "The

Long Riders." The music is typically Cooder and adds tremendously to the film.

"Southern Comfort" is not, as advertised, "Deliverance" or "Apocalypse Now." It is its own film, a rich experience in suspense, horror, and the ability of man to pull something from within himself to survive.

'Divide' shows another side of Belushi

By JIM SEYMOUR

Film Critic

One should not see "Continental Divide" because of the reputation of John Belushi. One should see "Continental Divide" because it is a warm, delightful film.

The most noticeable thing about it is, of course, John Belushi. He is not Bluto or Joliet Jake Blues here. He is in a role new to him, that of someone slightly respectable.

BELUSHI plays Chicago Sun-Times columnist Ernie Souchack, a hard-nosed reporter on the trail of a corrupt alderman. After breaking some important stories about Alderman Yablonowitz, Souchack gets roughed up by some of the alderman's men.

For his safety, his editor sends

him to Wyoming to do a story about a famed ornithologist (someone who looks at eagles all day). Souchack takes the assignment and climbs (literally) into the mountains for his story.

The bird-watcher, Dr. Nell Porter (Blair Brown), happens to have a very strong dislike for reporters, and throws Souchack out when he tells her who he is. But always persistent, Souchack stays, gaining her confidence and eventually getting his story.

IN THE mountains, the ice thaws between them and love blossoms. Souchack goes back to Chicago and mopes for days over Nell. He can't write, when he tries to, he writes terribly, and he walks around in a daze, holding a stick used to climb mountains.

But, as in all good love stories, love triumphs.

Lawrence Kasdan's screenplay is warm, funny, and touching. It is no wonder he is in demand at the present time. He also wrote "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Body Heat."

MICHAEL Apted's direction is skillful, as it was in "Coal Miner's Daughter." The story unfolds with wit and charm, not to mention with beautiful panoramas of the Rocky Mountains.

The biggest thing about the film (no pun intended) is probably Belushi. He is at times too entrenched in the characters of Bluto and Jake to act respectable, and it may be doubtful whether he can keep the company of respectable actors.

But somewhere in the film that falls by the way, and the warmth and "cuteness" of Belushi come through, making one believe that nobody else

could have played Ernie Souchack.

THE CAMERA is on Belushi a great deal of the time, which could have been distressing. But Belushi mugs his way through every shot and steals every scene, allowing such exposure to work.

Belushi as a lover is quite a surprise, also. There's just something about seeing him in bed with beautiful Blair Brown that just....

Allen Goorwitz is perfect as the nervous managing editor. He is always fretful that Souchack is still not over Nell and can't write.

John Belushi is one of the key ingredients of "Continental Divide." He is warm, cute, and funny. Most importantly, he is not Bluto Blutarski.

Area movies this week

This week's area movie offerings are:

HICKORY HOLLOW 1,2,3: "Mommie Dearest": Faye Dunaway portrays the legendary Joan Crawford, who beats her daughter Christina and sleeps with a lot of men.

"Only When I Laugh": Marsha Mason and Christy McNichol (a pair of heavyweight actresses) in Neil Simon's story of an alcoholic actress mother reunited with her daughter.

"Kramer vs. Kramer": The 1979 Oscar-sweeping portrayal

of a mother and father fighting over custody of their son. A sensitive story reflecting the changes in parental roles.

HICKORY HOLLOW 4,5,6: "Body Heat": Reviewed this issue.

"Southern Comfort": Reviewed this issue.

"Continental Divide": Reviewed this issue.

MARTIN TWIN: "An American Werewolf in London": John Landis' comedy-horror flick about a young American bitten by a werewolf. He turns into a werewolf (logically) and sets about eating up London.

CINEMA ONE: "History of the World, Part 1": Mel Brooks' uncivilized rewriting of civilization. Full of his trademark jokes about excretion and genitals. Ha. Ha. Ha.



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Staff fight fat in aerobics class

By AURORA DANIELS
Staff Writer

Have you noticed how some members of the MTSU staff and faculty are looking much smarter these days? You know, firming up and all.

Well, we can all thank Jimmi Lou Tate for this remarkable feat. Jimmi Lou leads an aerobic dance class for staff and faculty of MTSU.

THE CLASS meets on Tuesdays from 4:45—5:30 p.m. Anyone employed by MTSU is more than welcome to attend.

"The HPER department wanted to offer this as a service to the faculty and staff," said Tate. "No dance experience is necessary, and anyone can join the classes at any time and still gain benefits."

There were 12 "regular" members there at the time... but I was quickly informed there was plenty of room left.

WELL, MAYBE I should send my math teacher, but what is aerobic dance?

"Aerobic dance is an exercise



MTSU's staff and teachers tone up to disco beat.

program," Tate said, "which emphasizes cardiovascular condition to jog, cycle, or walk, but aerobics uses dance as the vehicle for movement."

Mrs. Tate has been teaching aerobics for two years. She's taught at Court South here in Murfreesboro and here at MTSU, through the office of continuing education.

ALSO, THE HPER association has chosen Mrs. Tate

to be the aerobic instructor at this year's convention in December.

Everyone seemed to be having such a good time—even though some were huffing and puffing. They all appeared to be having fun, fun, fun, as they cha-cha-chaed around the floor.

As everyone began to slow down, take off their tennis shoes, and exercise clothes, I, being totally relaxed and cool, moved over to ask a few

questions. The first lady I questioned was there for her initial class.

"THIS WAS my first night," said Deanie Brigg, "and I was a little stiff, but I do plan on coming back." Deanie is secretary to the vice-president of Academic Affairs.

The next victim is the graduation analyst for the graduate school, Grace Prater.

"I thought it would be relaxing and fun," said Ms. Prater. "It's a good way to limber up after a hard day's work."

O.K., SO I caught two on their initial visit. My next catch was a regular named Gretchen Tomazic. Her husband teaches sociology.

"It's a wonderful class, and I can already feel the difference."

All of the students said they think Jimmi Lou is a wonderful teacher. She appears to be fun, interesting, and effective all at once.

Maybe I'll drop by next week to see some of my teachers limbering up.

Here comes Preppie to lend a helping ear

By PREPPIE O'PARSONS
Advice Columnist

Dear Preppie:

I'm engaged to be married this fall. My fiance wants us to have a "preppy" ceremony with the entire wedding party outfitted in Izod knits and khaki pants. I've always dreamed of a traditional wedding with me marching down the aisle in a long, white wedding dress. Yet, he's so intent on the idea of a "preppy" wedding, I'm afraid if I don't go along with his plans, he may just call the whole thing off.

Don't tell me to dump him, Preppie, as I love him very much and his family is extremely wealthy. This is the only thing we have ever disagreed upon. We both read your column, so maybe you could persuade him to see things my way.

Fretting Fiancee
Alright, Buffy, listen up! A wedding is serious business and no time to be outrageous (except during the honeymoon). This is your fiancee's day, so let her

have it like she wants. You'll have plenty of time in the years ahead for alligators, khakis, and social climbing. Besides, nothing is more preppy than a traditional wedding.

Dear Preppie:
This is my first semester of college and I'm having a hard time adjusting to the lifestyle. One thing that's driving me bonkers (among other things) is trying to figure out which classes to take and at which times. My schedule is set for this semester, but I thought you might have some advice I could follow come next term. These 8 a.m. classes are killing me!
Sleepy-Eyed Sally

Since you asked, here's Preppie's rule: Nothing before 10 a.m. and nothing above the second floor. (P.S. Perhaps some readers have their own suggestions for choosing classes. Readers?)

Dear Preppie:
I'm writing to you because I know you can settle this argument. My roommate says I'm a fool to keep buying wide ties with diagonal stripes. He said those went out with four percent inflation. Meanwhile, he's stocking his wardrobe with solid-color, narrow ties the way Stockman does after a budget cut. I say he's the fool. We decided to let you be the final word. Let us know—there's a bottle of Heineken bet on this one.
Chip

A man would have to be pretty broad minded to be wearing a wide tie these days—unless he is a banker, stockbroker, or vice-president. Sorry, Chip, but your roomie is the winner.

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Other half of 'Heavy Metal' fine anthology of rock

By GARY BALSAR
Music Critic

If you have heard the reviews of the movie or heard someone tell you how mediocre the movie was, you should hear the other half.

The other half is the soundtrack to the movie, which is filled with some sharp sounds from a list of giants and unknowns. This is the best part of the movie.

THE ALBUM begins with "Heavy Metal" by Sammy Hagar, who totally upstaged Boston when they were in Nashville in 1978. Hagar will probably receive the recognition

he deserves on this album. The song sounds similar to the old Montrose up-tempo rock 'n' roll.

Heavy Metal is filled with established artists with big followings, yet the producer also used a few unknowns and groups on the road back.

An example here is using the music of The Riggs and Trust, who are relatively unknown, but put out some good music. Artists such as Blue Oyster Cult, Journey, Devo, and Don Felder of the Eagles create a salable album.

SOME OF THE highlights to the album are songs by Blue Oyster Cult, The Riggs, Devo,



Don Felder, Donald Fagan of Steely Dan, Cheap Trick, Black Sabbath, and Stevie Nicks.

On the other hand, Journey and Nazereth fail to put out music equal to that of the rest of the artists on the album.

The Riggs rock with their contributions, "Heartbeat" and

"Radar Rider," giving the album a boost of hot rock and roll. This won't be the last time that people will hear from this band.

DEVO DOES well with their catchy rendition of "Working In A Coalmine," while Blue Oyster Cult rocks with "Veterans Of Psychic Wars," from their latest album *Fire Of Unknown Origin*. And Black Sabbath proves that they can produce rock music without Ozzy Osborne with their song "The Mob Rules."

Cheap Trick puts forth music that fares better than what they have been putting out in the past few years with "Reach Out" and "I Must Be Dreamin'," both of which possess better vocals and keyboard work than their

past albums.

BREAKUP STORIES could be the reason that Don Felder and Donald Fagan have produced solo material for the album. As of now, The Eagles are on an indefinite break, which doesn't seem to hurt Felder because his music is better than music from The Eagles.

"Heavy Metal (Takin' A Ride)" and "All Of You" are two noteworthy songs by Felder in which he uses a hard rock format to his songs. Fagan's solo effort, entitled "True Companion," is one of the better instrumental songs on the album.

Stevie Nicks fares well with her song "Blue Lamp", while Journey and Nazereth fall short of anything worth mention.

In all, Irving Azoff did well with this soundtrack project. The only question is: Where's Joe Walsh?

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Soundettes tell who's on first, what's on second

By **BILL STETAR**
Staff Writer

What do a nursing student, a print journalism major, and a future elementary school teacher have in common?

Besides attending MTSU, all three are members of an elite cadre of baseball beauties—the Nashville Soundettes.

LISA ATWOOD (the nursing student), **Shawn Williams** (majoring in print journalism) and **Kim Avington** (the future elementary school teacher) spent the past summer selling programs and hosting the fans at Nashville's Greer Stadium—home of the New York Yankees' Southern League farm team, the Nashville Sounds.

"I really liked it," said Avington, a 21-year-old senior from Nashville and one of the original Soundettes. "You meet a lot of interesting people. And I like it because of the kids and I like the atmosphere. I also love baseball."

A fancy for the game of baseball, the need of a summer job, and perhaps a little glamour were the reasons each of these lovely young ladies wanted to become Soundettes.

BUT BEING a Soundette is not all fun and games. There are some rules.

Soundettes are not permitted to eat, smoke or drink while in

uniform. And they are prohibited from wearing their uniforms anywhere other than at the ballpark.

They are also not allowed to fraternize with the ball players, "but only while we're in uniform," Atwood pointed out.

Asked if the fraternization rule was the one most broken, Williams volunteered: "No, but it's the one we'd like to break the most."

ONE OF THE more memorable events in Williams'



Kim Avington

three-year stint as a Soundette was the day the San Diego Chicken appeared for one of the many promotional games scheduled by the Sounds.

As part of his routine, the Chicken had planned to grab one of the Soundettes and wrestle her to the ground. Williams, as she put it, was the "lucky one." But there was a counterplan.

"We had a plan that when he did that," Williams laughed, "we were gonna attack him. So Kim and Lisa come running across the field and just jumped on him and we all rolled around."

WHEN THEY are not wrestling with grown men in chicken outfits, Soundettes carry out their regular duties.

Selling programs, distributing promotional items, assisting in the pressbox, and helping out in the souvenir stand are just some of the responsibilities that come with being a Soundette.

The process of becoming a Soundette has evolved since the first group was chosen.

FOUR YEARS ago, Avington was selected on the basis of an application she filled out while still a senior at McGavock High School.

"At the time," Avington explained, "they (the Sounds organization) went to different schools and asked if you were



Lisa Atwood

interested in being a Soundette. You'd fill out the application and they called back and said you either have a job or you don't. So I was lucky."

Lucky because now candidates face some tough competition.

WHEN ATWOOD, a 20-year-old graduate of Antioch High School, vied for the job this year, she was one of nearly 100 applicants desiring to become a Soundette.

The Sounds organization narrowed the field to 20—and then came the contest.

Well, it's called a contest, but a more accurate description would be a beauty pageant—complete with a swimsuit competition and celebrity

judges. (Some past judges have been Congressman Bill Boner, TV personality Dan Miller, and a former Miss Kentucky.)

Out of the 20 contestants, only 10 are chosen to be Soundettes.

JACKIE SULLIVAN, publicity coordinator for the Sounds, pointed out, however, that doesn't mean the job has been cinched for good. She explained that the Soundettes are "constantly on an evaluation" and that 10 new Soundettes are chosen each year to replace those who quit, and those who are let go.

"Not always do the most attractive do the best work," Sullivan said.

But the three MTSU coeds—despite their attractiveness—apparently did a fine job.

"Those three girls are great!" Sullivan declared. "I hope they come back next year."

BUT WILLIAMS, a Nashville

native and a 1978 graduate of McGavock High School, and Avington plan to turn in their uniforms and retire. Possibly after three and four years respectively in the bright lights, and earning \$12.50 per game, they both have had enough—in spite of their fond memories and the opportunity to meet such baseball personalities as Reggie Jackson and Yogi Berra.

Atwood, though, will be back for another summer at Greer Stadium.

"It was great," she remarked when asked how she liked the job. "Baseball's always been my favorite sport."

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Inspired Raiders dump Eagles 20-7

By DON HARRIS
Sports Editor

MOREHEAD, Ky. — The MTSU Blue Raiders have a dream—winning the OVC championship.

With about one minute left in Saturday's game against Morehead State, chants of "O-V-C! O-V-C! O-V-C!" could be heard from the inspired Blue Raider sidelines as Middle Tennessee came one step closer to making that dream come true by whipping the Eagles 20-7.

The win gave the Raiders a perfect 2-0 mark in the OVC and 3-1 overall, their best start since 1972—the last time the

Blue Raiders enjoyed a winning season.

"We showed a little more consistency on offense," head

coach Boots Donnelly said following the victory, "just not enough hatred. Our players should work with a social program; whatever we get, we give away." Donnelly was referring to the three MTSU fumbles, two of which came in the first quarter.

From the opening play, MTSU's defense set the tempo for the game.

Morehead took the opening kickoff, and on the first play from scrimmage, junior

defensive end Dennis Mix picked off a Don Reeves pass and returned the ball nine yards to the Eagle 25-yard line.

FOUR PLAYS later, Brown Sanford snuck over from the 1-yard line to put MTSU on the scoreboard first. Kelly Potter added the PAT and the Blue Raiders led a 7-0 lead with 13:11 left in the first quarter.

On Morehead's next possession, Middle Tennessee's defense took control and forced the Eagles to punt—only one of nine Morehead would have all day. However, tailback Josh Johnson fumbled the ball on the first play of the possession and Morehead recovered at MTSU's 36.

The "never say die" Blue Raider defense held their ground and forced the Eagles to punt again, giving Middle Tennessee possession at its own 15-yard line.

JUNIOR quarterback Brown Sanford was sacked on the first play of the possession and fumbled the ball. Morehead recovered the loose pigskin and took over at Middle's 15.

MTSU's tenacious defense dug in and forced the Eagles to try for a field goal of 43 yards which faded far to the left in the stiff mountainous wind. The Blue Raiders had once again dodged the bullet.

The two teams exchanged a series of punts before Morehead made its only score for the afternoon. Alan Mitchell ran around left end and was off to the races for an 88-yard touchdown jaunt, knotting the score at 7-7.

THE SCORE stayed tied until midway through the second quarter when the Blue Raiders put on a most impressive 87-yard drive.

The 13-play drive, which took 4:59, was highlighted by three of Middle Tennessee's five pass completions. Marshan Jolly caught two of the aeriels for 15 and 24 yards, while Sammy Bryant caught a 19-yarder.



Photo by Brian Wright

Junior free safety James Griffin stretches to bat down a Morehead aerial. The Blue Raider defense intercepted Morehead quarterback four times and recovered two fumbles in Saturday's 20-7 victory over the Eagles.



Photo by Brian Wright

Freshman punt returner Sidney Pigg does a flip while returning a Morehead punt during Saturday's OVC triumph over the Eagles on their home turf. The confines of the Blue Ridge Mountains only proved to be a scenic tour for the Blue Raiders as they rolled into Morehead and whipped the Eagles 20-7 for their second OVC victory of the year against no defeats. Middle Tennessee travels to Cullowhee, N.C., this weekend to try and tame the Catamounts of Western Carolina.

Lady Raider runners finish 2nd at Raider Run

By MARK TUCKER
Sports Writer

On a balmy, breezy Saturday morning, Berry College travelled to MTSU, and when they returned to Georgia they took with them the championship trophy of the first Lady Raider Classic.

Berry placed three of its runners among the top five finishers and outdistanced second-place MTSU by a 25-53 margin.

The first 15 finishers and the top three teams received trophies for their effort from Rasper in an awards ceremony following Saturday's race.

FINAL POINT standings left Berry in first place with a score of 25, MTSU was second with 53, Belmont was third with 98, and Vanderbilt, the Nashville Track Club, and the Lady Raider Track Club all had runners competing but not enough to make up a team.

MTSU's first runner was Lisa Mitchell. Mitchell crossed the finish line in sixth place, about a minute after the first-place

runner, Phyllis Hoes

Vanderbilt.

HINES WAS well in command of the race at the two-mile marker and finished the three-mile course in 18:43, 21 seconds before the second-place runner from Berry who ran the distance in 19:04.

MTSU's Mitchell ran the course in 19:56 and, apparently, the warm weather took its toll on her as she complained of being tired after the race.

Other MTSU runners finishing the race following Mitchell were Sharon Johnson running ninth in 20:08, Robin Moses was tenth in 20:28, Vickie Wells finished 13th in 21:00 and Jane Simms was 17th in 21:38.

FOLLOWING the race, Rasper told the Vandy coach that they "could be dangerous."

Vandy, although not having enough runners competing to be recognized as a team, played a spoiler's role in the first Lady Raider Classic as their runners claimed first and fourth places.

Sammy Bryant Sidelines' Player of Week

Sidelines' Player of the Week for the fourth week of Blue Raider football is senior tailback Sammy Bryant.

The senior transfer from UT-Martin rushed for 106 yards on 28 carries and scored one touchdown in the Blue Raider victory over Morehead State Saturday.

BRYANT'S score was the go-ahead touchdown for Middle Tennessee and proved to be all the points they needed.

Bryant also had two receptions for 34 yards—one of which came in MTSU's 13-play TD drive.

The slashing tailback gained 75 of his 106 yards in the first half on only 13 carries. He was the leading rusher for MTSU last year, gaining 635 yards, and is well on his way to another good year with a total of 238 yards in four games.

Congratulations Sammy Bryant on being selected Sidelines' Player of the Week.



Photo by Lesley Collins

Lady Raider Sharon Johnson crosses the finish line fast on the heels of a Berry College runner during Saturday's Lady Raider Classic. Johnson finished ninth in the race and the Lady Raiders finished second overall to powerful Berry who far outdistanced the rest of the field.

OVC Standings

TEAM	OVC	ALL
Murray State	2-0	4-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0	3-1
Middle Tennessee	2-0	3-1
Western Kentucky	1-0	3-1
Austin Peay	1-1	2-1
Morehead State	0-1	0-2
Tennessee Tech	0-2	1-2
Youngstown State	0-2	1-2
Akron	0-2	1-3

Lady netters fall to powerful South Carolina

Heavily favored South Carolina swept through Murfreesboro over the weekend and took home with them the first place trophy in the Lady Raider Tennis Classic.

The Gamecocks went through play undefeated as a team. Vanderbilt was in second place,

and tied with MTSU, winning two of its three matches. Following, in order, were Western Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi University for Women, and Miami (Ohio).

Middle Tennessee posted an 8-1 win over Alabama, and a 7-2 win over western Kentucky before falling to South Carolina 9-0.

Volleyballers host tri-match; UTC, Tech provide competition

The MTSU Lady Raider volleyball team will host a tri-match with UT-Chattanooga and Tennessee Tech tomorrow night in the Alumni Gym.

Tennessee Tech and UTC will get the action started at 6 p.m., MTSU takes on the Mocs an hour later, and the Blue Raiders will be hosting Tech at 8.

"Both teams have very strong programs," first-year coach Sherry Coker said. "We expect some very exciting matches since the teams are two of our toughest rivals."

"This is the first of three homegames and we want everyone to come out and support us."

didn't allow them to have the ball.

MTSU almost doubled Morehead's time of possession on the day. Even more startling, the Morehead offense only had the ball for 6:25 in the entire second half.

MIDDLE could only add six insurance points in the second half on two field goals by Freshman place-kicker Kelly Potter.

Potter, now 7-7 on field goals this year, booted a 50-yarder in the third quarter (which had the distance to go 60) and added a 37-yarder in the fourth.

"We have a lot of confidence in Kelly," Donnelly said. "He floats right now, though, he doesn't walk."

THE OUTING was Middle's best offensive game so far this season. The Blue Raiders totaled 278 yards on the day with 194 of those coming on the ground.

Other than the 88-yard romp by Mitchell, the Eagle offense could only muster 17 yards rushing.

MTSU's defensive attack was led by sophomore Gary Brooks and junior Robbie Riddings, both with eight tackles. Brooks also had one fumble recovery.

Sidelines' Top 10

1. Southern Cal
 2. (tie) North Carolina
 3. (tie) Penn State
 4. Texas
 5. Oklahoma
 6. Pittsburgh
 7. Ohio State
 8. Mississippi State
 9. Michigan
 10. Brigham Young
- Also receiving votes was Alabama.

Table tennis tourney sponsored by CRO on Oct. 7

A table tennis tournament will be sponsored by Campus Recreation on Oct. 7.

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Diamondmen's 'spring training' rewarding

By STEVE PRICE
Sports Writer

Football may be in the air, but baseball still gains John Stanford's attention these days as the Blue Raiders are now involved in their version of spring training.

The Raiders are 8-5-1 in fall scrimmages which includes a doubleheader sweep over Vanderbilt where MTSU players teed off for seven homers.

MTSU'S record may lead one to believe that the Raiders are on their way to another fine team following last season's OVC championship and 34-15 overall mark (one win shy of the school record). However, Stanford warns that the fall games mean nothing except which of the new players can cut it and which ones can't.

"It's just like spring training," Stanford explained. "The team

knows when I have a lineup in the game that I want to win with, and they know when I have a lineup in the game where I'm just trying people out in various positions."

Stanford has cut his team down to 31 players, but about half of them are pitchers, which was one of MTSU's strongest areas last year.

"WE MIGHT cut one or two more people possibly, but I

doubt very seriously that I'll cut any more pitchers," Stanford said.

Middle Tennessee has suffered several injuries, which has allowed some of the younger players to see plenty of action.

Shortstop Ralphue David pulled a hamstring in last Wednesday's scrimmage with Aquinas, and southpaw hurler Larry Bruno has just had a cast removed from his arm and

should begin throwing in the near future.

OUTFIELDER Randy Goff has a broken arm and will be out for the remainder of the fall, which has allowed newcomer Wayne Newberry, a transfer from Cumberland College, to play in every game thus far.

Stanford has some holes to fill in the catcher and first base positions as graduation has left voids in those areas.

"The catcher's position is wide open," the coach admitted. "Ronnie Vaughn and Barry England have been alternating with Dwight Thomas and Roger Huckaby, and right now nobody has the upper hand."

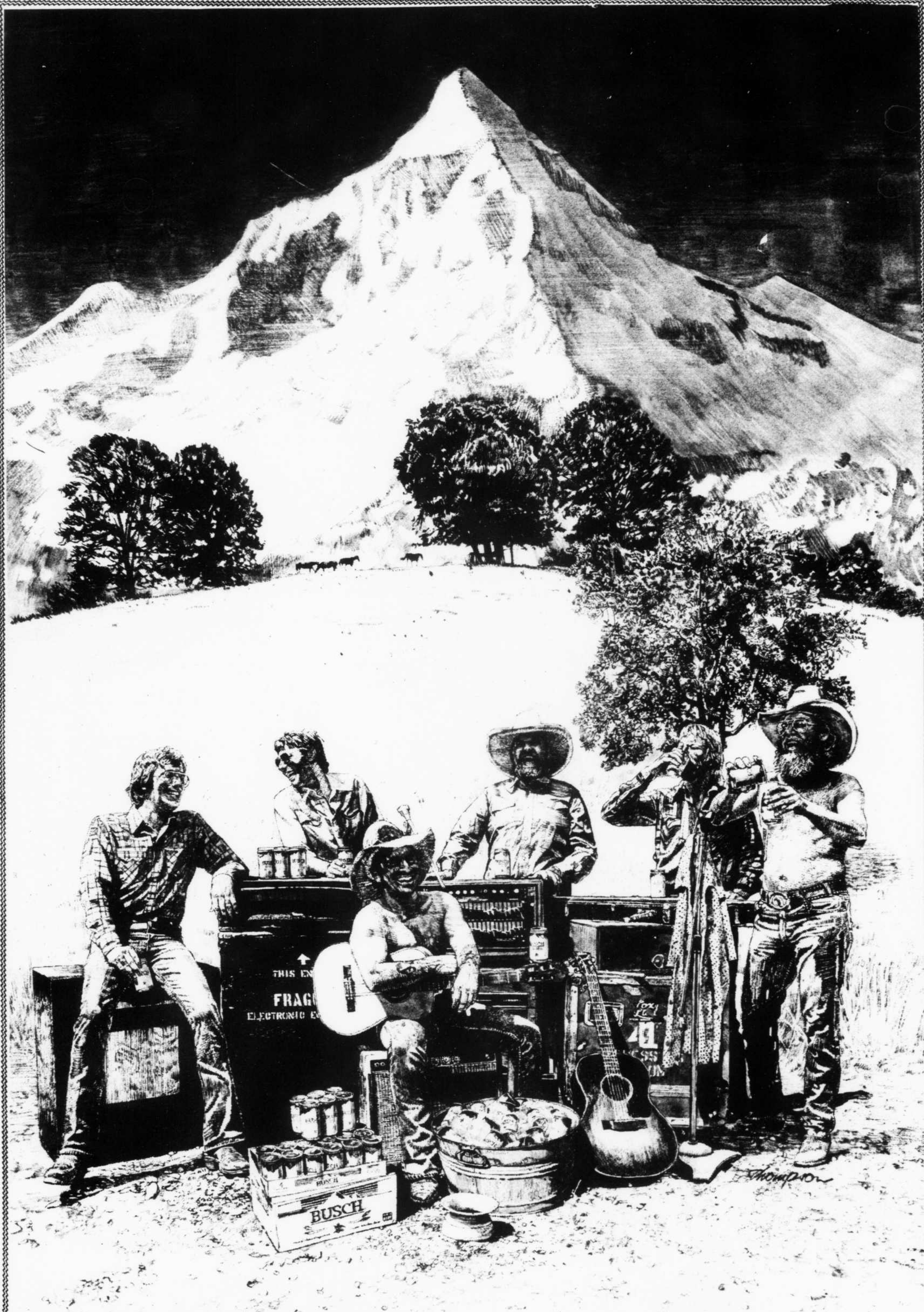
FIRST BASE is a little clearer as Scott Turner has emerged as the leading candidate to fill the shoes of All-OVC Joe Petrea.

Jeff Perkins is back in left field, but has been splitting time with Brad Story from Vol State.

According to Stanford, All-OVC centerfielder Kenny Gerhart has been doing an outstanding job of hitting, playing defense, and running the bases, and right now he has no challengers.

DESPITE THE fact that the Raiders are carrying so many pitchers, most of them are getting their share of mound time.

"I've been letting my pitchers go only about two or three innings, and then I've been getting 'em out," Stanford revealed. "I don't care about pitching 'em seven or eight innings in the fall anyway because they're not ready for it, and I don't want to risk getting any injuries."



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