

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Star footballer gets arrested

By DOUG MARKHAM  
News Editor

MTSU football star Vince Hall was arrested yesterday for attempting to cash a forged check in the campus bookstore.

University police arrested Hall while he was waiting for a \$45 check to be cashed, Chief John Bass of the campus police said.

**BASS SAID THE** university police have been investigating reports of stolen checks being forged in the bookstore since early fall.

The checks were being passed under the name of John Hale, a resident of Smithville, and were being made out to John Terry, a former student here, Bass said.

Bass said Terry's ID was used by Hall to get approval from the bookstore to cash the checks.

**TERRY IS NOT** a suspect in the forgeries, but the police do not know how Hall got the ID, Bass said.

Halesaid his checkbook was stolen from his car around the middle of the summer while he was at work.

"I work at Daniel's Construction in Smyrna and when I came out from work one day my car had been broken into and my checkbook was gone," Hale said.

**BASS SAID HALL** has not been charged with stealing the checkbook, but the campus police were trying to contact the Smyrna police department to see if they intended to press charges.

Hale said he intends to prosecute the football star.

"He caused me embarrassments by the banks," Hale said. "I am going to prosecute him very much so," Hale said.

**HALE SAID TWO** checks totaling \$300 have been cashed under his account.

Bass said the department has not ruled out another suspect.

"Someone else could have been writing the checks and Hall could have just been cashing them," Bass said.

**HALL WAS RELEASED** yesterday on \$4,500 bond, but did not go with the football team to Youngstown, a source who asked not to be identified said.

Coach "Boots" Donnelly or Sports Information Director Ed Arning could not be reached for comment.

Hall, who is from Scottsboro Alabama, is a sophomore and has been the starting tailback for the Blue Raiders this year.

**HE IS THE** teams leading rusher with 614 yards this year and he has scored five touchdowns.

Hall's hearing is scheduled for Nov. 8 in Murfreesboro's General Sessions court.

Attempting to pass a forged check is a felony, Bass said.

## Gubernatorial issue focus on education

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Political Writer

Education has been a prime issue of discussion in the state's gubernatorial race with challenger Randy Tyree charging that Gov. Lamar Alexander with allowed the quality of education to slip.

In a position paper on education, the Democratic nominee said the state of education in Tennessee is "deplorable," adding that the state ranks 49th in the country for total expenditures on education.

**"THE STATE** contributes relatively little to our children's education, the students score poorly on national tests, the cost of higher education is skyrocketing and the state is terminating and reducing essential programs," Tyree said early in the campaign.

Tyree, who has received the endorsement of the Tennessee Education Association's political action wing, said Alexander had broken 1978 campaign promises assuring the funds to provide for quality higher education.

He said the Alexander administration has allowed per capita funding for higher education to drop from ninth among the 13 southeastern states to last.

**"THE KINDS** of statements made during a campaign and then his conduct in office make people see what his priorities were and what he wasn't able to deliver," the Knoxville mayor said.

Keel Hunt, the governor's chief adviser on higher education issues, disagree with the Tyree's characterization of a "crisis."

"Tenne. is 41st in higher education appropriation per capita, with such states as

Pennsylvania, Ohio and Massachusetts below us," Hunt told *The Tennessean*.

**"ANYONE** who thinks Pennsylvania, Ohio and Massachusetts don't have quality colleges and universities must not know much about higher education."

Alexander has charged Tyree with failing to support the teachers in his own Knoxville school district.

"If it is a choice between my attitude toward teachers salaries and that of my opponent, I don't think Nashville teachers want Knoxville teachers' salaries," Alexander said.

**TYREE** said Alexander "should have known better" than to blame him for the low teacher salaries in Knoxville.

"It shows an awful high level of ignorance about local political structure if he did not know that the mayor has absolutely nothing to do with setting teachers salaries," Tyree said. "They are negotitated."

In a position paper on education, Tyree presented the following goals:

- Providing a loan pool for students from low and
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## ASB House refuses another budget proposal

By MARTY WATT  
Staff Writer

The ASB House refused a budget proposed by Rep. Lester Levi in their meeting last night.

Levi's proposal ran into trouble before it was even introduced. **SPEAKER** of the House Freddy Gaston announced that David Kessler had another budget proposal completed that would be introduced.

Speaker Pro-Temp Eric Steinburg agreed and urged defeat of the proposal.

"The [ASB] Constitution specifically states that 'he president is the only person empowered to submit appropriation bills,'" Steinburg said.

**LEVI** disagreed saying that Kessler's proposal had not been in the proper form and with the proper sponsors.

Most of the disagreement among house members concerned the last paragraph of Levi's proposal.

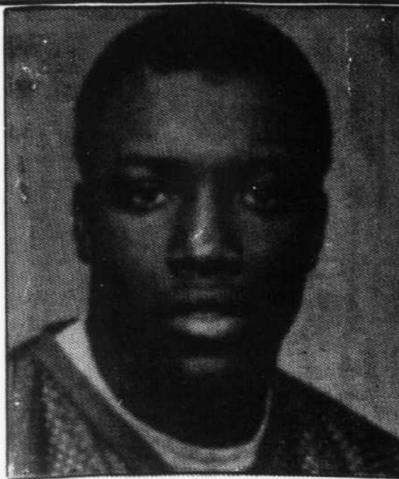
This section would require Kessler to bring any future appropriations before the House before expenditures could be made.

**"ALL THAT** would require is a little more work on Kessler's part. He gets compensation for his position, let's make him work for it," Levi said.

Steinburg reiterated his opinion that the measure was illegal, then the vote was taken.

Speaker of the Senate Mark Ross said after the meeting the proposal was legal.

**"ALL THE** president is required to do is make a proposal. It doesn't have to be a formal motion or bill. It can even be made during a speech," Ross said.



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## 1400 signed dorm petition

By TOM HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

More than 1400 students have signed a petition to extend dorm visitation to seven days per week, according to Jim Nowin the petitions sponsor.

The number of males and females signing the petition is about equal, Nowin said.

"It'S A rough guess but maybe a few more guys than girls have been signing,"

Nowin said.

The petition is not targeted at getting visitation for every dorm, "but we would like to see seven day visitation in enough to make the people who prefer this kind of housing happy," Nowin said.

Currently students living on campus can apply for the type of housing they prefer, but only the dorms that prohibit visitation can be guaranteed, according to housing policy.

**THE AMOUNT** of visitation allowed for dorms is classified alphabetically from A type housing to E.

Types A and B have no visitation; type C allows visitation two days; type D four days; and type E has visitation seven days per week.

The proposal would change the plan to open more type E rooms which are available only to upperclassmen living in J and K apartments.

**DIRECTOR** of Housing, Ivan Shewmake said that most of the proposals the petitioners are seeking have been scheduled by housing for implementation next year.

Next year dorms will be classified to fit the request of the students, Shewmake said.

"The application process will attempt to accommodate each request for a particular type of housing," Shewmake said.

**"WE CANT** plan housing on the basis of a petition, I told Jim [Nowin] this," Shewmake said.

Nowin and the petition's co-sponsor, David Fuqua, contacted the Board of Regents to determine the procedure which would have to be followed in modifying the present limited visitation plan.

"They [the board of regents] said to review the housing regulations already passed by" (continued on page 2)

## City police nab students with drugs

By GAIL HURT  
Staff Writer

Three MTSU students were arrested Tuesday by Murfreesboro City Police in connection with a drug roundup in the making by city and county law officials.

About 80 suspects in Rutherford County are expected to be indicted on charges of selling drugs to undercover agents during a three-month operation.

**AT LEAST** two of the students were arrested while on campus Tuesday.

The city police arrested one of the students near Murphy Center while a campus policeman was present, Chief John Bass of University Security said.

City police officers arrested the second student at Peck Hall during an English class, Bass said.

**THE OFFICERS** asked a teacher during the course of a class if they could see a student and when the student stepped outside he was shown a warrant and arrested, a source who asked not to be identified said.

After the arrest an officer went into the classroom, took the student's book and left, the source said.

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## Beard explains campaign style

By MARTY WATT  
Staff Writer

Rep. Robin Beard Tuesday explained the reasoning behind his controversial campaign strategy and said speculation about his possible appointment as head of the Veteran's Administration was a political ploy.

Beard made a brief stop at MTSU during the final days before he faces incumbent Sen. Jim Sasser in the Nov. 2 election. He admitted he chose to use a string of widely criticized television advertisements because they were "controversial and attention-getting."

**"NO ONE** asked a single follow-up question when I ran a whole series of ads with Robin Beard sitting in front of a camera telling how he felt on specific issues," Beard said.

"Very few people ever even mentioned my position papers I sent to the various media. We tried that and we didn't get a whole lot of attention."

"But when you get a flippin' mouse to try and point out that Sasser has voted on both sides of the issues and said one thing while running for office then going up there and voting another, that has been controversial," he said.

**IN SELECTING** the series of ads, Beard said he relied on experts who "know viewing audiences" and what would capture their attention. The televised spots focused on emotional issues and criticized Sasser for his stands on abortion, busing, prayer in schools and the senator's alleged support of legislation aiding Communist countries.

Although the ads succeeded in capturing the public's attention, even Beard's own polls show Sasser as the frontrunner in the race.

However, Beard said the rumor that he will be named to head the Veteran's Administration if he loses the Senate race was a "joke." He accused the *Washington Post* of trying to influence the Washington political action committee community against him.

**"THEY WANT** to convince the PAC's that the administration has written this race off," he

explained. "That's absurd."

"I'd love to know who their sources were. I'm not going to give up my seat in the U.S. Senate to head the V.A."

Beard said it would not be "the end of the world" if he lost the race, adding that he'd "find work somewhere."

**"YOU EMOTIONALLY** do not allow yourself to think about it [losing], even though that might be the responsible thing to do," he said.

Beard denounced studies claiming that for every \$1 billion spent on defense, 18,000 jobs are lost.

Reiterating stands he has taken throughout the campaign, he said the solution to excessive defense spending is to cut waste and inefficiencies.

**"I WAS** a major co-sponsor of a bill to create a separate inspector general to conduct oversight on defense procurements and spending policies," he said.

Beard said his primary goal—if elected—is to be accessible and responsive to his constituents.

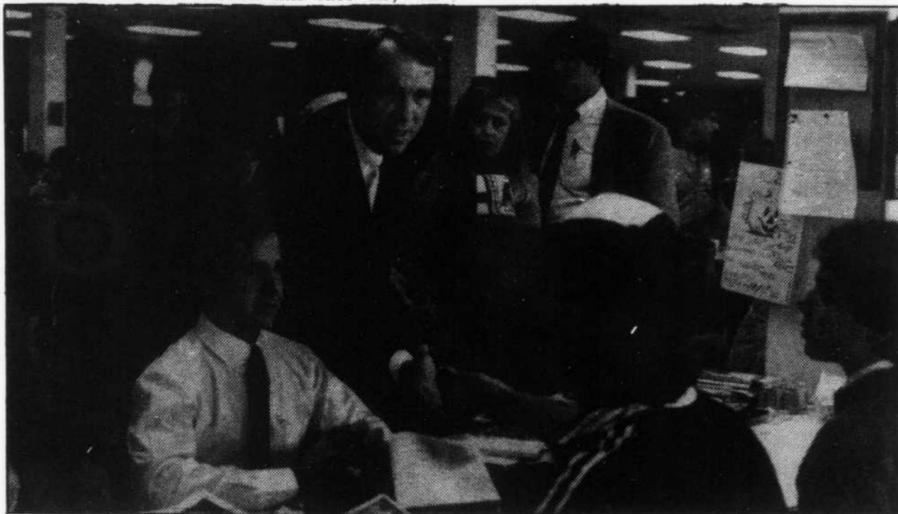
"I also pledge to continue fighting against out-of-control government spending and to try to find a way to make the government live within a budget like everyone else," he said.

**HE SAID A** proposal by Rep. Albert Gore that would require a "means test" for Medicare recipients is worth consideration. He added that it was not "unreasonable" to look for ways to reduce the growth of Medicare's budget by restricting who qualifies for the program.

Returning to the specifics of his campaign, Beard said the loss of the *Nashville Banner* endorsement had more of a monetary than political effect. He said he was disappointed by the newspaper's action, but that he would not be held "hostage" by an editorial board or publisher.

"Politically, it activated a lot of people," he observed. "It made a lot of people angry. They've come out of the woodwork and offered their support for me."

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Congressman Robin Beard

Robin Beard visited the MTSU campus Tuesday on a campaign stop. Beard is attempting to unseat incumbent Sen. Jim Sasser in Tuesday's senatorial election.

## Petition

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the board," Nowin said.  
ACCORDING to Shewmake the only type of housing which would be restricted is type E.  
"In order to have a seven day visitation you need rooms with their own bathroom," Shewmake said. "We have only two buildings with self-contained rooms, J and K

According to the Board of Regents Residence Hall Visitation Policy, the housing guidelines should be drawn up by each institution.

"CLEARLY planned and communicated regulations, guidelines and procedures for the administration of visitation programs shall be developed and administered by each institution," the Regent's policy states.

Nowin interprets the policy to mean that MTSU could make the proposed changes without the approval of the Board of Regents.

Shewmake feels that "coed" dorms are not a possibility with the facilities MTSU has at present

If adopted the proposal would not eliminate type A and B housing but would attempt to accommodate student preference for each housing plan.

## Education

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moderate income families;

- Developing a capital improvements program for university facilities;
- Appointment of an advisory commission to study ways "to solve Tennessee's current education crisis"; and
- Improvement of teachers' salaries and work conditions.

Alexander stressed five objectives for improving the state's school system:

1. Improving Basic Skills First, a teacher-designed plan to ensure that children receive basic reading, writing and math in elementary school;
2. Providing of computer education for high school students;
3. Doubling high school math and science requirements for graduation;
4. Providing for a better learning environment through special programs for students with discipline problems; and
5. Making teaching a more attractive career.

Alexander has drawn criticism for having his children in private school.

"They were there when I was elected governor," Alexander said. "I send them there because I wanted them to get the best possible basic education skills, because it was nearer to my home and I didn't want them bused all over town while they were young."

## Drugs

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It could not be learned where the third student was arrested.

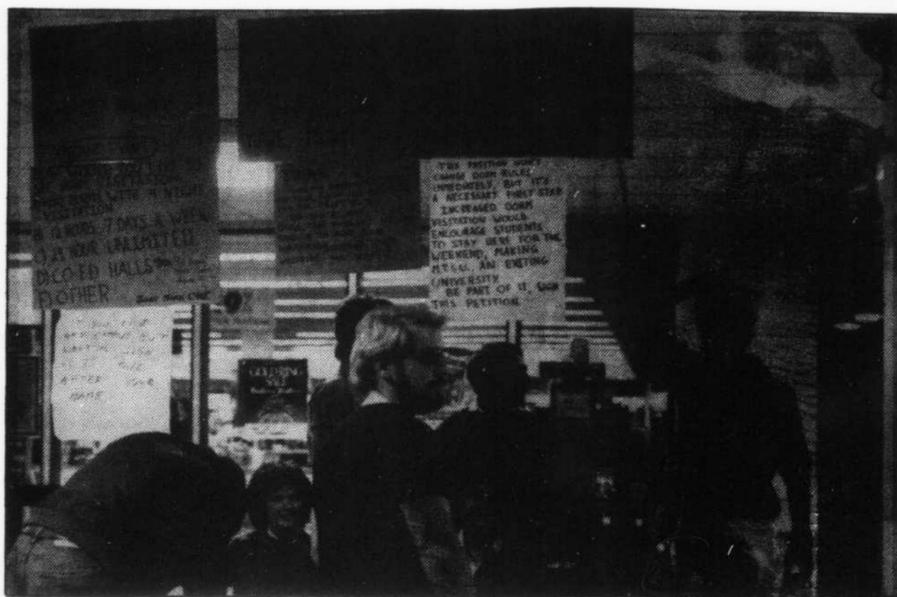
Students that were arrested by city officials were: Donald B. Ansley of Clement Hall for 1 count of sale of marijuana; Yancy Lancaster of Beasley Hall for 1 count of attempting to commit a felony; Timothy Willis of K Apartments for 1 count of sale of hashish.

## Beard

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ON A PERSONAL level, Beard said he and Sasser were "not friends, but not enemies."

"There's a little bit of discomfort," he conceded. "I disagree with him philosophically, but there are a lot of people I disagree with philosophically."

"There are many people that I've had tremendous battles with on the floor of the House, and I mean battles that you would think we were enemies of the world."



### Seven day visitation

Residents of Gracy Hall sit beneath the sign that explains why they are seeking signatures for more visitation time.

## Concert slate reviews mixed

By LUCY CARTER  
Associate Editor

MTSU's Student Programming is doing a good job recruiting entertainers though some improvement is needed according to the majority of students interviewed this week.

"They do bring in the more popular talents but there's still room for improvement," Melissa Johnson, a junior, said.

CATHY Zachry, a senior, said she felt that Student Programming is achieving an "excellent job."

"One of the reasons I suppose is because most entertainers are performing in Nashville and they catch MTSU before or after their concert there," she said.

"Admittedly, they are doing a good job," Mike Carter, a junior, said. "However, they do need more variety/different acts."

"I KNOW some groups are hard to get but that doesn't really matter as long as the groups they obtain are popular and haven't performed here within the last year," he added.

Jay Pruitt, also a junior, agreed that Student Programming is too repetitious with the performers they do acquire.

"They keep getting the same ones," he said.

JOHNSON said that the main reason they keep bringing back the same entertainers, from Student Programming's point of view, is probably because the audience enjoys them.

Many of the groups they've had here twice in in the last year are good groups but many students are becoming frustrated with paying to see the same faces when they could be seeing new ones who are just as popular, she continued.

Zachery said that she felt MTSU needed more black entertainers.

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PRUITT and Carter agreed saying this would arouse more interest among many students. After all, they pointed out, Student Programming is supposed to be serving the entire student body.

"We need a wider variety of styles amid the performers," Johnson said. "This would help in attracting different types of audiences."

"It seems like they've been hiring entertainers that attract an older audience," Carter said. "They [the entertainers] ought to draw all ages from the college group up."

ALL THE students suggested future prospects for Student Programming to

schedule for entertainment at Murphy Center.

Zachery suggested Neil Diamond and group performers like Kool and the Gang, Earth, Wind and Fire and the Commodores.

"They ought to get Stevie Nicks," Carter proposed.

JOHNSON hinted her favorite as being the Oak Ridge Boys.

"What would really be great is if they could get the Who to perform here," Pruitt added.

Sidelines will not be published Tuesday so that the November elections can be covered and reported. The paper will be published Wednesday and Friday of next week.

## Campus Capsule

THE JAPAN CENTER is sponsoring a lecture/performance by ethnomusicologist Dr. William Malm today at 8 p.m. in Wright Music Hall.

MTSU ATHLETIC DEPT. and TSSAA Volleyball tournament will be held at the Alumni Memorial Gym and Murphy Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

STONES RIVER National Battlefield will interview students for National Park Service seasonal employment Nov. 17 in the Placement Office. Interview appointments can be made in UC 328.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY Symphony Orchestra Benefit Concert featuring Gov. Lamar Alexander as piano soloist will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Auditorium.

CAREER PLACEMENT orientation meetings for seniors and graduate students will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday at 11 a.m. in UC 324.

JAPAN CENTER is having registration and a lecture in the Faculty Senate Area of the JUB from 9 to 11:30 a.m. tomorrow

ANNOUNCING SENIOR PORTRAITS Paul Vaughn Studios will be set up and ready to make senior portraits beginning Monday, November 1, in Room 311 of the University Center from 9am until 5pm. If you are a senior and would like to have your picture made, please contact Paul Vaughn Studios for an appointment.

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### Special guest

William Malm, ethnomusicologist, will lecture on "Traditional Japanese Music" tonight at 8 p.m. in Wright Music Hall and tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in the faculty lounge of the JUB.

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# Editorial

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## Past performances key in endorsing candidates

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, members of the MTSU community have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. We hope this act will be taken seriously and each individual will make an educated decision.

Sidelines feels it necessary to endorse candidates in campaigns of special concern to members of this community.

The campaigns reviewed are the gubernatorial, the senatorial and two local congressional campaigns.

While the overall platforms of each candidate were considered, we felt the need to scrutinize those areas which are of special interest to readers: the future of job availability, the general state of the economy and, most important, the future of education and educational funding in Tennessee.

For Governor of the State of Tennessee, we endorse, with some reservation, the re-election of Lamar Alexander.

While it cannot be denied that Gov. Alexander has returned to the office a respect and dignity found lacking in the previous administration, there is little more of significant merit to be said.

However, while the incumbent has not distinguished himself as being an innovative problem-solver, the challenger, Knoxville Mayor Randy Tyree has done less to impress upon us the idea that he has the capacity to handle the task.

There is a vast difference between the problems of a state and those of a single city. Gov. Alexander has a knowledge of both the problems and the possible solutions, whether he acts upon them in the proper fashion remains to be seen.

On the other hand, Mayor Tyree has apparently failed to arrive at an educated understanding of either the problems or the solutions. Instead, he provides voters with the same rhetoric found in all partisan campaigns. This is inadequate for a candidate of his stature.

For the office of junior senator from Tennessee, we endorse the re-election of Sen. Jim Sasser.

We abhor the attempts by Sen. Sasser's opponent, Congressman Robin Beard, to distort and emotionalize the senator's voting record during the past six years.

While accurate criticism is not only acceptable, but desired, there are too many situations where the Beard camp has stepped beyond the boundary of truth and reason and has resorted to a campaign of innuendo.

Sen. Sasser has shown a strong desire for the betterment of education and the economy. He has marked his term with legislative assistance to small businesses and a concern for the individual voters' needs as well as the needs of groups.

Although both candidates in the senatorial race have made the major issues each other and each other's beliefs, we believe a close look at the candidates' voting records prove Sen. Sasser deserves a second term.

For Representative from the 4th Congressional District, we endorse Jim Cooper.

Cooper's credentials are enviable and admirable. Having studied at this nation's leading academic institutions and being a recipient of the Rhodes Scholarship marks him as a man of many talents.

While his opponent, Cissy Baker, now touts herself as an old hand at Washington politics, she spent the early part of her campaign explaining that she had 'grown up' in Tennessee. She couldn't have done both, and this has raised questions concerning her credibility.

We also find her need to draw so heavily from out-of-state sources for endorsements and funding exemplary of a lack of support within the district she hopes to represent.

The issue of "knowing the ropes" is moot in this race. Cooper has capability and the desire to learn quickly and serve well. His election will be a plus to the Tennessee congressional delegation and the nation.

For representative from this district, we heartily endorse the re-election of Albert Gore.

The fact that Gore has no opposition only serves to emphasize the job he has done in the past and his record stands, without question, as the mark of a true representative of the people's will.



## Textbook tyranny creates gaps in basic educational readings

American education labors under the tyranny of the textbook.

Textbooks are expensive. They are frequently "updated" by publishers—changed slightly, apparently to minimize resale by students and maximize profits for the companies.

MANY CAMPUS bookstores hold what amounts to a monopoly on textbook sales

### faculty perspective

and resales, hence limiting competition for student business and keeping prices up.

Instructors assume that they must require a text in each course, although many a student will tell tales that the text was never used in class or covered on examinations.

But the most insidious tyranny of the textbook is the effect it has on education.

IT IS possible to graduate from almost any university in this nation, in almost any discipline, without ever reading a primary author in the original.

Perhaps English and philosophy, often history, are exceptions. But most psychology majors, I fear,

never read Freud in the original, most economics majors never read Keynes, most sociology majors never read Weber, most political science majors never read Marx, most biology majors never read Darwin.

Indeed, I'm afraid to admit that most mass communications majors have never read an entire edition of *The New York Times* or *The New Yorker*—much less Walter Lippmann's *Public Opinion*.

WHAT THEY read instead is textbooks.

In textbooks, seminal and complex authors are reduced to bromides and cliches. Writers of considerable sophistication are digested into pabulum, replete with boldface lines to highlight "important" points and "study questions" of



questionable merit. Often these generalizations perpetuate errors in interpretation and misrepresent possibilities as certainties.

The implications for

education are ominous. Students do not learn how to read and interpret difficult material. They do not learn that reading is both taxing and pleasurable, most textbooks being dull and uninspired.

PROFESSORS are not challenged to reread, question and reinterpret primary writings in their disciplines.

Textbook companies get rich. Intellectual prowess and critical intelligence suffer.

The whole of human knowledge is reduced to a set of easily memorized principles which are then regurgitated on true-false, multiple-choice examinations which represent a perversion of higher education because they reduce knowledge to propositions and inquiry to guessing.

I HAVE NOT surveyed each department in this university to determine which require all students to read deeply in primary authors. But I have surveyed the bookstore. Its contents are an intellectual desert dominated by bulky, expensive, boring texts.

Down with them, I say.

Robert Wyatt is associate professor of mass communications. He teaches two courses with enrollments greater than 200, each of which requires a test and employs true-false, multiple-choice tests.

## Letters From Our Readers

### World War II remembered

To the Editor:

With all the recent media attention being once again brought back to the Vietnam War, it is no surprise to me that a lot of students have forgotten that the United States has been involved in more than one

foreign war.

What prompted me to write this letter was something that took place in an MTSU classroom just a few weeks ago.

THE instructor asked the class if anyone knew why the divorce rate jumped in 1945. Nobody knew the answer.

I was shocked. The answer of course was the ending of World War II.

What took place during World War II has been forgotten too soon. So have other wars.

WORLD War II shaped this country in many ways. It may have taken the lives of some of our fathers or instructor's fathers. My dad got lucky; he came home.

I think we all need to be aware of the history and events of World War II, after all it ended only 37 years ago.

Jeffery Content  
Box 8007

### 'Required' test not in catalog

To the Editor:

In the last few weeks, I have received several letter in-

forming me that I am required to take the ACT (American College Testing Program) COMP test (No explanation of what COMP is).

In bold print is this sentence: Taking this test is a requirement for graduation.

But I go back to me Fall '78 catalog and all I can find are academic requirements. Not even a mention of a COMP test!

I took an ACT to get to this place; now they want me to take one to get out.

What gives?

John M. Kirkland  
Box 9040

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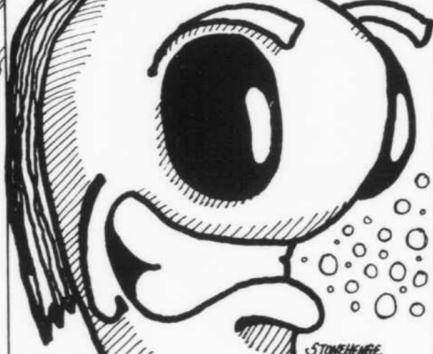
## CHEEK'S

by Stonehenge

Dad, there's so many interesting things around here....

... Like what's that?

That my son is a travesty...



# Commentary

## Guest view

By Congressman Albert Gore Jr.

In the face of unemployment's destructive impact on our nation's economy and our productivity, we must move swiftly and effectively to create new job opportunities through aggressive job training programs.

Training can enable laid-off workers to obtain new jobs in the growing high technology marketplace.

MANY Tennesseans have watched their dreams of productive jobs disappear under the economic pressures of the current recession. As factory after factory in our state has shut its doors or cutback sharply on its production, tens of thousands of workers have been forced to join the ranks of the unemployed.

Our state's most recent jobless statistics remain above the national average. And last month, more than one in ten Americans were out of work, the highest number unemployed since the Great Depression.

Most jobless Tennesseans are eager to work, but can't find jobs. Many lack the skills or technical know-how to qualify for positions in the lucrative high technology job market.

A NATION-WIDE comprehensive training program would help re-train these energetic and willing workers for new careers.

The Congress recently passed a "job training" bill designed to provide this crucial training for our nations unemployed who are willing to compete for jobs in high technology fields, like data-processing, machine mechanics, electrical engineering and computer programming.

A recent survey showed that occupational opportunities in these fields are increasing at an incredible rate.

THE President, realizing the desire of the Congress to pass a training bill, finally agreed to support it and sign it into law last week.

I agree with job forecasters who project there will be continued employment opportunities in service industries and high technology sectors in coming months.

One need only look at the impact of robotics and computer technology on our industries to realize the effect these trends will have on future job opportunities.



ALONG WITH my support for the job training bill, I have also sponsored legislation that will offer a modest tax credit to computer firms that donate their products to elementary and secondary public schools across the nation.

Computers in the classroom, with proper instruction, will improve the technical literacy of our students, increasing their chances for acquiring jobs in the future.

If we can enhance the prospects for job placement of students soon to graduate, our nation's productivity can only improve in the future.

WE NOW face a challenge to provide effective job training in order to effectively move into the new era of industrial high technology.

Millions of new jobs can be created if we begin to provide our workforce with the tools necessary to put America back on the road to low unemployment and high productivity.

Bubble, Bubble -  
Toil & Trouble,  
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## Punchline

by Danny Tyree

Supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment have a tempting opportunity to get revenge on Phyllis Schlafly. But they should pause to ponder whether they should want to seize this opportunity.

Schlafly and her conservative Eagle Forum have launched a campaign to fight genital herpes, the venereal disease that afflicts an estimated 20 million Americans. Schlafly is dispensing pamphlets urging young people, "Remain a virgin until you marry, marry a virgin and remain faithful to each other."

ONE WOULD think the feminist movement would embrace Schlafly's position on promiscuity. Citizens who don't want women enslaved by husbands or other male chauvinists should be equally

concerned about women (and men) being enslaved by their own lusts.

Feminists should endorse someone who realizes we can solve inequities in our society through cooperation and not through looking out for the sexual gratification of Number One. Feminists should acknowledge we can't have equality while men and women regard each other as sex objects.

But I'm afraid things won't work out. A lot of so-called liberals hope Schlafly falls flat on her face. They will either label her "ayatollah" or use the trite excuse that chastity is an "impractical" value in today's world.

THEY WILL be right—up to a point. Chastity and fidelity will be unattainable as long as the liberal establishment tries to undermine them. The Phyllis Schlaflies, Billy Grahams, Anita Bryants and Marie Osmonds of the world can only have so much influence. Indeed, their goody-goody image may push some rebellious individuals into promiscuity.

Ah, but if the "enlightened," trendsetters of the world would stand up for self-discipline and unselfishness, just think what we could accomplish! The Jerry Falwells have a role in the fight against promiscuity, but we also need the opinion-makers to remind us virginity and faithfulness can be cool!

What if the Phil Donahues of the world were less condescending with guests who espouse traditional values?

WHAT IF THE Hugh Hefners of the world would devote an occasional centerfold to a clean-cut, monogamous (but affectionate) couple?

What if the feminists and the pro-choice people would spend as much time promoting meaningful relationships as they do handing out contraceptives and performing abortions?

What if Hollywood would realize that it can make money at the boxoffice with films that feature people instead of pieces of meat?

IF SCHLAFLY fails, it will not be because her quest is inherently hopeless. It will be because the liberal establishment is too depraved or too apathetic to upset the status quo. The guilt will be theirs.

I Can't really can't comprehend why Planned Parenthood and such groups adhere to the idea sexual responsibility is lost. Why not give it a try? We might start people thinking their heads instead of their hormones.

True, we live in a permissive age, but attitudes can change. A hundred years ago Schlafly would have been barefoot and pregnant with no career and no vote. Thirty years ago, who would believe blacks and whites would use the same schools and

the same drinking fountains?

YES, THINGS can change if people will work for change.

I agree that Schlafly might be well advised to modify her tactics. We do need to be reminded that promiscuity spreads venereal disease and increases the chance of unwanted pregnancy. But fire and brimstone will only go so far. Chastity and fidelity can and must be presented as positive values, apart from religious restrictions.

It is not enough to impose what many consider an arbitrary prohibition. That has failed in the past. We need to rework the socialization process to internalize an understanding of the reasons for chastity and faithfulness.

THEY SHOW patience. They show love. They show that we think of ourselves and others as dignified human beings. They allow us to face problems instead of running from them, as in an extramarital affair. They make sex something beautiful instead of a degrading ritual.

overboard in warning young people to stay away from clinics and counselors, but there is truth in charges that clinics haven't done a good job of promoting self-control.

Sexual liberation seems to have liberated us from nothing but our senses and our duties as compassionate beings.

## Stepping from the Shadow

by Khadja Abdullah and Karen Roberts

The African Continent was once the center of civilizations of great culture and high standards of academia. Egypt, Ethiopia, Mali and Timbuktu created complicated systems of mathematics and architecture.

There was vast richness in knowledge as well as the application of such knowledge.

DURING the course of history, after the infiltration of the Greeks, Romans, Dutch and Anglo-Saxons on the Continent, the knowledge was stolen, the culture raped, the civilization corrupted and the inhabitants kidnapped.

This is the first in a series discussing the effects and the struggles of current victims of this academic rape.

We will discuss and examine the plight of the Afro-American student as we attempt to regain our crown of knowledge. We intend to make a statement about the black students' survival on the predominantly white campus.

WILLA Mae Hemmons, an

associate professor at Cleveland State University, has written an article comparing black students at predominantly black institutions to those at predominantly white institutions.

She compares the differences in grade point averages as well as the differences in the overall attitudes of the black student. Hemmons discusses the lack of black faculty, the lack of black studies and the lack of Third World cultural activities on the predominantly white campus.

This subject matter should "hit home" with students at MTSU. It is relevant to us because it describes us. The lack of black faculty, the lack of black studies, the lack of major black activities here at MTSU certainly verifies Hemmon's findings.

THERE are many fine black universities in the nation. No one has forced the black student onto a white campus.

The reason we choose a non-black university is mainly economical.

There are few predominantly black state institutions. Universities such as Howard, Fiske, Hampton and Tuskegee must require high tuitions because they are struggling to survive economically. Their own existence is threatened.

Since black students are at MTSU, attending this university, we should remember our intentions and strive toward our goals. We should be careful not to become further disorientated from our culture and heritage because of our environment.

We must create our own cultural atmosphere as a relevant and important part of the collegiate community. We must understand our purpose and regain our knowledge in order to retake command of the future of our race.



## I can't . . . .

by Jim Wise

One of the major topics of discussion at MTSU is food. It is always on the minds of students but it is rarely in their stomachs.

It can be said with little disagreement that "oft times our stomachs leap with anticipation" prior to each meal.

However, mealtime at High Rise Cafeteria is often entertaining, even if it is not palatable.

THERE'S something for everyone at High Rise. The Biology Club has been rumored to be planning a field trip to this renowned breeding ground of cockroaches to observe the elaborate mating rituals of the domestic cockroaches in their natural habitat.

Woodmore and the SUB are also prime areas for the inquisitive mind to seek out the insects with whom they live and eat.

Another unsubstantiated rumor has it that there is kind of mutated creature growing in front of the Grill in the "Flower Bed of Terror."

BOTANY majors are beginning to flock to this area in order to see this new hand potentially hazardous creature. The manner in which this mutant came to us is not known, but we can guess.

Our best theory as to where the "Creature from the Grill" came from, is that industrial strength cooking grease has been illegally dumped on the plants and thus caused this deadly strain of plan. The investigation will continue.

The food on this campus could be one of the major contributing factors as to the reason campus is often evacuated on weekends. So we beg you food service, please produce some edible food. It really does get lonely on the weekends.

# features

## Horror sequel ghoulishly bad



Horror films have been extremely popular within the past few years and one of the most popular have been the terror-filled Halloween series.

By TERRY MORROW

Feature Editor

*Halloween III: Season of the Witch* proved to me that you can't always go to a movie just because the title sounds good.

In fact, there is just one thing that will scare you about *Halloween III: Season of the Witch*.

AND THAT'S the fact that you pay \$4 to see a terrible movie.

There are so many bad aspects about this flick, I don't know where to begin. The worst thing about the movie is that it has nothing to do with the previous *Halloween* stories.

If any fan goes to this movie hoping to see pretty Jamie Lee Curtis chased around a house, hospital, condo or even a trailer by a mad slasher, they will be disappointed just as most people are. The fans will realize this movie is nothing but a cheap rip-off, but it's too late. They have already paid for their tickets.

**THE PRODUCERS** (*Halloween* creator John Carpenter is one) are very clever. They realize they can at least get an audience to go see a movie with the right title to lure them in. Don't be fooled.

The central characters here

are a dashing young (and divorced) doctor named Dan, who works at a metro-hospital, and a damsel in distress named Ellie, who doesn't work at a metro-hospital and isn't divorced, and the movie never really tells what she does.

I suppose when you are in a horror flick things like that really don't matter.

OH, I also forgot to mention the mad scientist who is sort of a witch and sort of the head of a major corporation that produces halloween masks. I don't think it really matters if we know what he really does, as long as we know he's the bad guy that has a hang up about kids and stonehenge.

In any event, what we have are three bad and unknown actors in a plot about the mysterious death of the father of Ellie. His head was crushed in by a mysterious assailant, who blew himself up rather than to be caught.

Since things like this don't normally happen, Dan and Ellie (who admits there was an estrangement in the relationship between her and her father—what a plot twist!) decide to investigate her father's final days and find out why someone would want to murder him.

**WHAT RESULTS** is a long boring stay for the viewer in a small northern California town, where Dan and Ellie uncover a plot involving all the children in America who bought a particular type of halloween mask.

There are a couple of good murders in this *Halloween* installment. Not nearly as many good old fashioned blood-and-guts as the two other movies, but you do get to see a brain pop out here and an eye knocked out there. In an overview, it's not nearly as bloody as any of the big league "mad slasher" flicks that I'm use to.

The dialogue is dry ("I'll go in here alone," Dan tells a trembling Ellie as he is about to enter a room to see if the killers are in there. "You wait out here alone.")

What I did get from *Halloween III* is the scary realization that more and more sequels will occur. I can imagine a *Halloween IV* in the making, and the only thing that will keep these movies in business is people who are taken in by the title.



Governor Lamar Alexander will be in concert in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium this Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. One hundred free tickets will be given away today for the first interested parties by calling 898-2469.

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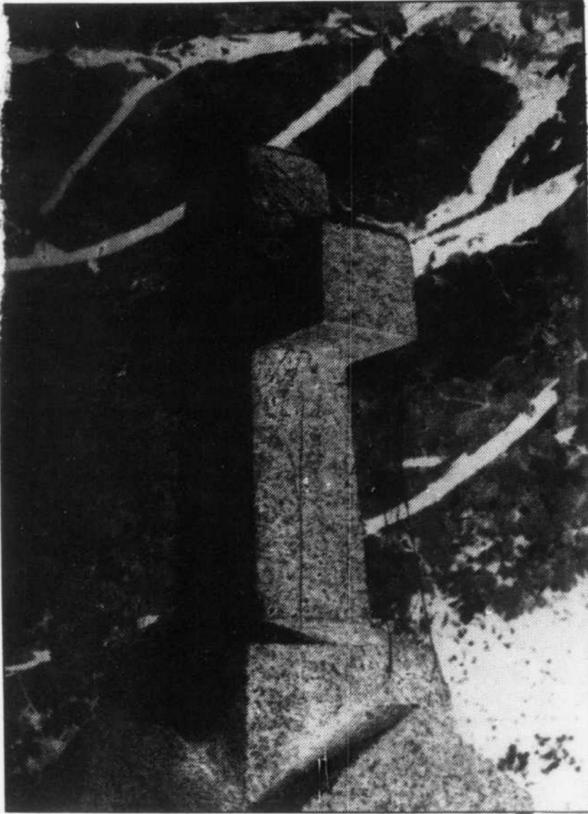
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# Ghost stories: fact or fiction?



The Middle Tennessee area is filled with legends, according to Dr. Charles Wolfe, an English professor at MTSU, who claims some of them may be based on truth.

By LYNDA TEWELL  
Staff Writer

Eighty years ago, some local country folk had gone out to their Sunday night hell, fire and brimstone church meeting in Big Springs, Tenn.

It was an unusually hot July evening, so the congregation decided to hold their meeting with the church windows open to get a breeze going and the spirit moving.

OFF IN THE distance, a rumbling sound was heard that became louder and louder as it approached the tiny church.

Startled, the curious assembly turned around to look out the church door when suddenly a huge barrel rolled down the church aisle headed for the pulpit!

The terrified brethren scattered in chaos as smoke and weird moaning sounds began to seep through the cracks where the barrel was sealed.

After several weeks, the preacher and some deacons reentered the church to see if the barrel was still there.

SITTING in the aisle was the empty barrel along with an

overpowering smell that continued to linger.

After some research, the gathering discovered that the man who had given the little community the money to build the church had murdered his own brother in cold blood. Only after the townspeople decided to tear down the church, board by board, did the smell and barrel disappear.

This is an example of what is known as an old fashioned ghost story. Especially popular in the deep South and in other rural areas of the United States where many legends have been told on many a wintry night to both scare and delight audiences.

MANY people believe these terrible tales, and through the years, this form of ghost story has evolved into a modern style known as the urban relief tale.

Dr. Charles Wolfe of the MTSU English Department explained this new style and gave some horrifying examples.

"A campus favorite concerning a woman from Woodbury with the German Shepherd that choked to death on three human fingers has been so widespread that last year over half the freshmen in my English classes thought it to be true.

"THERE ARE are now approximately 44 different versions of this tale based on a recent campus survey.

"Many of these urban belief tales are so popular that Hollywood has begun to make movies about them. The first *Friday the 13th* originated from such rumours."

Wolfe related another tale: AS A MTSU female decided to sun bathe on the roof of a female residence hall.

She spread out her blanket on the roof, laid down and fell asleep. A couple of hours later

the girl awoke with a terrible sunburn and a swollen face.

Not feeling well, she went to her room to take a nap. Later on that evening, her roommate heard the girl hysterically crying and clawing at her face.

AFRAID that she would scratch her eyes out, the roommate called Rutherford Hospital for an ambulance.

The ambulance attendants tied the diswrought girl's hands back with restraints to prevent her from gashing open her face. The girl immediately broke loose from the restraints and with one hand reached up and ripped open the left side of her face.

Inside the gouged flesh were thousands of tiny white eggs crawling around in her cheek.

WHILE SHE was asleep, an ant had wandered up her nose and hatched the eggs inside her sinus cavity!

Opryland during the winter months has also been the setting for weird and unexplainable happenings.

One story thought to be true took place recently at the Roy Acuff Museum.

GUARDING the museum at night, a small group of security officers heard the guard posted inside the museum screaming frantically over his walkie-talkie.

A shot was fired from the inside, and when the outside officers ran in to see what was happening, the hysterical guard could not talk coherently.

On the floor next to the Hank Williams case was Hank Williams' hat.

THE CASE was still locked and had not been damaged in any way.

## Small town shines thanks to local legend

By CAROL BAKER  
Staff Writer

The fear of the unknown whereabouts of those creeping, crawling creatures that are lurking in the darkness waiting and watching is enough to make any man's flesh quiver.

Strange encounters with death, demons, ghosts, witches and spirits have often typified the terrific anxiety associated with darkness.

FEARFULLY, man has attempted to rule darkness

with such crude forms as fire in the cave man days, and has now conveniently packaged a cure in a small object called a bulb.

However, the fear still exists. Yet, out of the darkness comes light, and that light takes strange forms here in Middle Tennessee.

HUNDREDS of people over the past 40 to 50 years have reported seeing it, and usually with the same description: a flickering globe of light ap-

pearing out of the darkness from nowhere, tiptoeing its way down the tracks and vanishing into the night.

It's that widely known legend of the supernatural that belongs to the small Middle Tennessee town of Chapel Hill.

There is a dirt road leading out west of town that eventually crosses a line of railroad tracks. People traveling this road at night have reported seeing (especially on foggy, rainy nights) a bright light moving down the tracks.

SUCH sightings of the mystery light have created a great deal of controversy among Chapel Hill residents over the years.

"It's just headlights reflecting off the tracks," some say. Others claim the light is caused by a foxfire, or a marsh gas escaping from a phosphorus deposit near the tracks. Many believe that it is more a case of active imaginations rather than active spirits.

LONG AGO on a rainy night, heavy rains had weakened a portion of the

tracks, and a man was sent out with a lantern to warn a train coming through from Nashville. As he signalled the approaching train, the man slid off the muddy bank onto the tracks where his head was severed off by the train's wheels.

It is the light from his lantern that is supposedly seen moving up and down the tracks at night, while the trainman searches for his long-lost head.

Some say that the light turns different colors depending on its mood. When it's red, the trainman is angry, and is more likely to be dangerous than when it is white.

SOME HAVE seen this strange light as far south as the Duck River, so who is to say that this trainman doesn't get around a whole lot more than just at Chapel Hill?

So when you are out and about this Halloween night, beware of strange men carrying strange lights lurking around in the darkness, for they too may be waiting and watching you.

## Costume ideas made easy

By CAROLINE SPIELMAN  
Staff Writer

As the Halloween season creeps upon us, costume and masquerade parties abound! What to wear? Following are costume ideas for guys and girls and some may be used for either.

The key to an effective costume is simplicity. Most students do not have access to a sewing machine or money for rentals and must put together an outfit from their closet.

IDEAS FOR girls include the Fruit—of—the—Loom grapes, Smurfette, or Pinocchio.

For the Fruit—of—the—Loom grapes, wear fleshy colored tights or none at all. Next, wear a one piece bathing suit and tape onto the body, including legs down over the thigh, all green or all purple balloons. The best tape is duct tape or masking tape.

To top this outfit off, two or three large leaves can be cut out of construction paper and taped on the head.

FOR A really different costume, Smurfette can be done by buying cheap tights or socks in a real light blue. You also need a light blue shirt which can be bought or borrowed. Over the tights and shirt wear a white dress. A sundress is suitable. Add white shoes and a white cap.

You may want to cut the word "Smurfette" out of blue construction paper and place

on the cap or dress.

The story-book look may be achieved by going as Pinocchio. This outfit can be really cute when put together right. The basic pieces include shorts, matching shirt, suspenders, flat shoes, knee socks and a long store bought nose. For an added touch draw lines for a wooden mouth and dot cheeks with a rosy blush. Highlights to this costume are white gloves and a little hat turned up.

AN INDIAN, cowboy or the character Jaws from the movie *Moonraker* are some simple ideas for guys.

Use khaki pants and a fringed coat or shirt for the indian. If you don't have a fringed shirt, go without one and use lipstick for lines on your chest. For a warlike face, lipstick and other makeup can be used on cheeks. No moccasins? Go barefoot.

FOR THE Jaws character, the main thing is to wear some aluminum foil on your teeth! Place a piece of foil on the upper jaw, pressing against teeth and roof of mouth. Wear jeans, and an oversized shirt stuffed with a pillow and suspenders. The tallest boots you can find complete this costume.

For a simple E.T. costume, take a white sheet and wrap it around body and head leaving only the face exposed. Use face paint to draw lines around eyes and fill in the face.



Country music artist Ricky Skaggs will appear in the Mc-Minnville Civic Auditorium this Saturday. Tickets are \$7 and \$8 for reserve, \$6 for general admission and \$5 for children under 12. Many are still available. The show begins at 8 p.m.

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# MTSU Sports

## Penguins host Middle

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

MTSU travels this weekend to the new Arnold D. Stambaugh Stadium and Sports Complex at Youngstown to take on the Penguins of Youngstown State.

The major problem that the Blue Raiders will face is going to come in the form of tailback Paris Wicks, the number one rusher in the conference and the fourth leading rusher in the



nation. Wicks is currently burning opponents with just over 120 yards per game. The All-American running back is an all-purpose runner who leads the Penguins' powerful ground attack. Wicks is a genuine "Fancy Dan."

YOUNGSTOWN is a powerful offensive squad averaging 20.6 points per game and ramming over 321 yards per game down the throats of opponents.

Jeff Patterson is another of the Penguin performers who provides intensity in the way of point production for the Youngstown squad. The wide receiver has hauled in three touchdown passes during his

1982 tenure, in which he has 21 receptions for 400 yards.

The kicking game of the Penguins is also productive. Kicker Paul McFadden has 42 points on the year. McFadden is hitting extra points with a vengeance, having missed only one to date. He has hit 9 out of 13 on the pointers.

THE PENGUINS are 2-3 in the OVC with wins over Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech. They suffered losses to league leading Eastern and a one point last-second loss to Akron, on the foot of a man that Raider partisans will remember well, Dennis Heckman. Heckman's last-second field goal pulled Akron over MTSU earlier this season.

In a designated conference game, former league member Western Kentucky downed Youngstown for their third conference loss.

Outside the conference, the Penguins have been unsuccessful, posting an 0-2 record. The Penguins have slipped on the ice to such notables as Eastern Illinois and Cincinnati.

YOUNGSTOWN is currently sitting at fifth in the conference, while the Blue Raiders are in third. Middle is hitting perhaps their most crucial stretch of the season, with "must wins" for the next three battles.

Offense has been the theme of recent Raider victories, with the backfield tandem of Danny Colwell and Vince Hall rampaging over opposing

defenses for tremendous rushing afternoons. Two time Rookie of the Week Kevin Baker has been punishing in a reserve role in recent games, providing an excellent compliment for Hall and Colwell.

Vince Hall has racked up 614 yards on the season and is breaking for 5.3 yards per carry. Colwell is right behind him, with 583 yards on the year. The workhorse fullback is twisting, grinding and



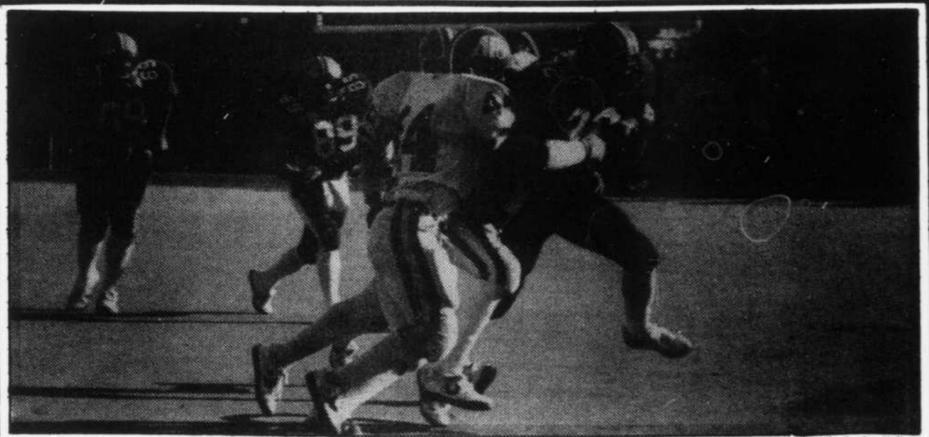
churning his way to an amazing 6.8 yards per carry.

KEVIN Baker, who fills in for Hall at times, is rambling for 5.3 yards a pop.

Quarterback Butch Hamby had a good outing in the 24-7 win over Austin Peay last Saturday. Middle used all three of their quarterbacks in that game.

Kickoff is set for noon central standard time.

Next week Middle travels to Western Kentucky before closing out the 1982 campaign on Nov. 20 against Tennessee Tech.



Tailback Kevin Baker (32) is the OVC Rookie of the Week for the second consecutive week. The outstanding freshman runner hails from Memphis, Tenn.

## Kevin Baker once again named OVC Rookie of the Week

Kevin Baker is no rookie to Blue Raider fans and opponents.

Yet for the second straight week, the freshman reserve tailback has been awarded the Ohio Valley Conference Rookie of the Week award.

Baker received the award the previous week for his outstanding afternoon against the Murray State Racers, in which the Raiders blew past the Racers by a 27-9 margin. Baker rushed for 108 yards on 9 carries in that contest, with 71 of those yards coming on a

lengthy touchdown ramble.

The award went to Baker this week for his performance in the Blue Raiders win over Austin Peay on Saturday. Baker rushed for 74 yards on 11 carries in only limited action.

Baker is from the river bluff city, Memphis, Tenn.

## From behind the Mike

by Chip Walters

Hey! There's a new game going on in Murphy Center.

It's called women's basketball and it is exciting.

LAST YEAR the Lady Raiders finished the campaign 20-5, which was about the most impressive regular season record of almost any varsity team on campus.

Coach Larry Joe Inman has formed a squad of spirited and talented (very talented) jump-shooting, rebounding, bounce-passing, basketball-playing ladies.

The only player lost to the 1982-83 squad from last year is Robin Hendrix, who left in mid-season with Robin ailments. Although Hendrix was preseason 2nd team All-American, the void of her loss was quickly filled by Tennessee Tech transfer Holly Hoover and freshman from a year ago, Jennifer McFall.

THIS YEAR, Inman has signed no new players. He knows he's got something good on his hands, so he is literally going to take the ball and run with it.

As much as the Lady Raiders hope to run on their opponents,

a few track meet records might be set during basketball games this year.

Coming back for the Lady Raiders this year is Jennifer McFall. Jennifer was an All-Ohio Valley Conference selection as a freshman last season. The talented sophomore from Columbia will be called on to add leadership to this year's squad.

ALSO COMING back this year is Vanderbilt transfer Eva Lemeh, who led the Lady Raiders on a siege of Memorial Gym and her former comrades last year. Watch out for Eva to play anywhere in the fast-break situation. She can get the board and go coast-to-coast or she can start the break and kick it out.

Trena Smiley, Maria Salas, and Bobbie Kay Hamilton will be back to anchor the point guard position. That spot looks to be in very good hands.

Sherry Smith was one of the most unheralded players during 81-82, but she is another one that can do it all. Unlike Eva Lemeh, Smith is

not flashy, but she gets the job done in a quiet sort of way. Smith walks softly but carries a real big stick.

THE OTHER two big girls inside are Holly Hoover and Cindy Lindley.

Hoover will more than likely start and cause tremendous problems for whomever she comes in contact with. The Ringold, Ga. native transferred here last year from Tennessee Tech, and has not been able to beat her old mates since she's been here.

Cindy Lindley is a High School All-American from Haleyville, Ala., who is like a human cannonball when she sees action. Better known as "Tree", Cindy may not start in the early part of the season, but I think her playing time will grow as her experience does.

COACH Inman has put together quite a schedule also, playing at the University of Kentucky, LSU in a tournament, and at home with Vanderbilt, and of course the ever-present foes from the OVC.



The 1982 edition of the Lady Raiders are looking provide a great deal of excitement on their way to a winning season.

## MTSU cross-country a prime contender for OVC championship

Middle Tennessee's cross-country teams are headed for the Ohio Valley Conference championships Saturday on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky.

Both squads are looking for good performances this year; neither team has ever won the OVC's cross-country title.

IN THE men's division, defending champ Murray State, Akron and MTSU are the favorites.

MTSU is led by Jeff Skinner, a junior from Nashville. Skinner has picked up a lot of confidence this fall while placing first in a pair of races. Sophomore Robert Willis teams with Skinner to provide head coach Dean Hayes with a solid 1-2 punch. Willis has won one race this fall.

Hayes has probably his best cross-country squad ever this year with Billy Porter, William Brooks, Tim Webb, Jody Patel and Bryan Martin rounding out the unit. "All of these guys are capable of coming through with very good times," said

Hayes. "As a group, they have done a lot to help each other improve each time out."

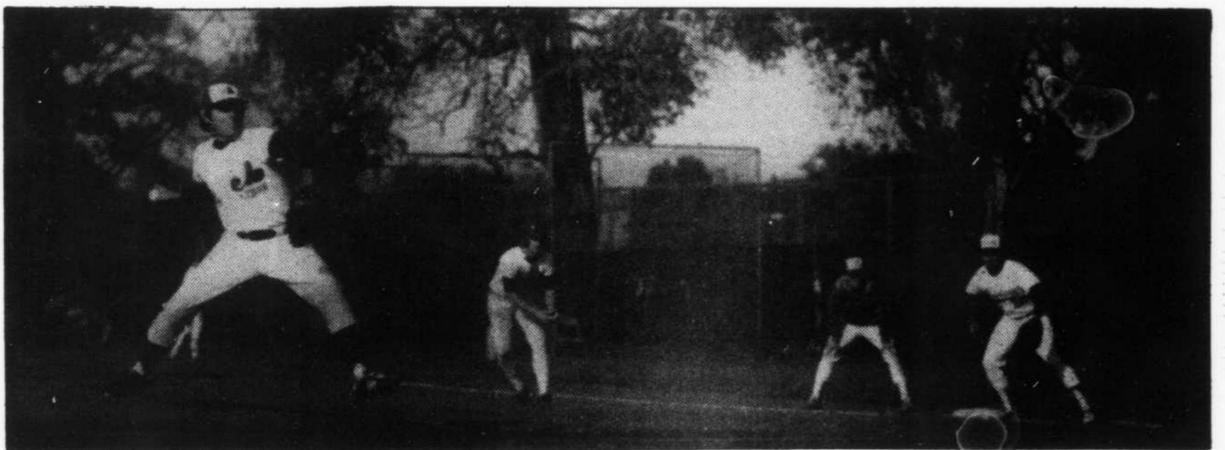
MTSU's women's cross-country team, under the direction of first year head coach James Key, is a bit of a question mark this week, but they're still looking for a good showing in the meet.

THE QUESTION mark is the health of senior Vickie Wells, one of the team's top three performers. Her condition is presently a wait-and-see situation.

The Lady Raiders still have their top two runners, standouts Sharon Johnson and Robin Moses, ready for the OVC individual title.

"Sharon has the experience and talent to run a very good race Saturday," said Key. "She won't be bothered by the fact that it's the conference championships. At the very least, the big-meet setting will pump her up to run better."

KEY HAS a solid threesome of Millie Daniels, Michelle Harmon and Lou Redmon rounding out his current squad.



Fall baseball was a learning and tuning experience for the Blue Raiders. They closed out action last week in the annual Old Timers game.

## Blue Raiders post 28-7 fall hardball campaign

By MAT WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

The MTSU baseball squad, led by veteran coach John Stanford, has just completed its fall schedule with the talented Raiders finishing with an impressive 28-7 mark.

Last year's outfit rolled to a 34-14 record placing second in the tough Midwest Regional of the NCAA and after the fall showing the situation appears bright for the upcoming season.

STANFORD realizes the

importance of a rigorous fall slate.

"The fall schedule gives the coaching staff a chance to evaluate all the players," he noted. "It also gives the new players a chance to adapt to a different system and all the players an opportunity to get to know each other."

Some of those new players with a load of potential include freshman pitcher Steve Sonneberger and first baseman Jeff Nevils, a former Antioch High

RETURNING veterans who enjoyed a productive fall were seniors Doug Burkholder, fireballing Mark Novak, and speedy junior shortstop Ralph David.

"Novak showed improvement," observed Stanford of the talented pitcher, who turned down an offer to play pro ball to come back for his final season.

"The biggest surprise was Brian Dial, who came back in good shape and pitched as well

as anyone," the coach remarked.

IT WILL take this talented bunch to defend their OVC crown when March rolls around.

Challenging the Raiders will be always-tough Eastern Kentucky, Murray State, and Morehead.

"We have as much material as last year," Stanford claimed. "The big question will be how the new players adapt to seeing the top-notch pitching we will face."

# OVC football action swings into week nine

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference storms into week number nine with a full slate of action set for seven of the eight conference members.

Last night in Richmond, Ky., Eastern hosted Murray State in a national cablecast on Atlanta's Superstation, WTBS.

MURRAY was victorious last week for the first time in their last five outings as they downed Southwest Missouri. The hapless Racers have yet to win a conference battle and could be the owners of the highly dreaded OVC cellar when the season closes.

Eastern, on the other hand, is still the number one team in the conference and the number one team in the nation, according to the NCAA Division I-AA poll. They are currently hanging onto an untarnished 4-0 OVC record.

Middle Tennessee takes to the road for their final three games of the year. The Blue Raiders travel to Youngstown State Saturday to meet the Penguins.

MTSU IS currently third in

the OVC with a solid 3-2 campaign. "Boots" Donnelly and squad will be tested to the fullest in these final contests, with the outcomes having momentous impact on their final standings in the conference.

Youngstown State will post problems for the punishing Raider defense with tailback Paris Wicks. Wicks is the top rusher in the conference with 120.9 yards per game on the average.

Middle wil counter with a pretty explosive offense itself. The backfield tandem of Vince Hall and Danny Colwell has become an unwelcome sight for opposing defenders.

BOTH TEAMS are turnover prone in 1982 and that could play heavily in the outcome. The Blue Raiders coughed up the ball eight times last week.

Youngstown is currently 2-3 in the OVC.

Tennessee Tech is at Akron in week number nine as the Golden Eagles are waning with a 1-2 conference mark. Tech's loss of quarterback Tony Constantine has not hurt

tremendously, with Mark Powers and Brian Fisher stepping in to give a strong passing attack. Unfortunately, the Golden Eagles can muster little on the ground.

AKRON HAS speedy James Black back at tailback and with the Zips currently sitting in second place in the conference, he could help them to put a clamp on that spot.

Black set an OVC record last week with 47 carries. Those carries notched him a hot 159 yards.

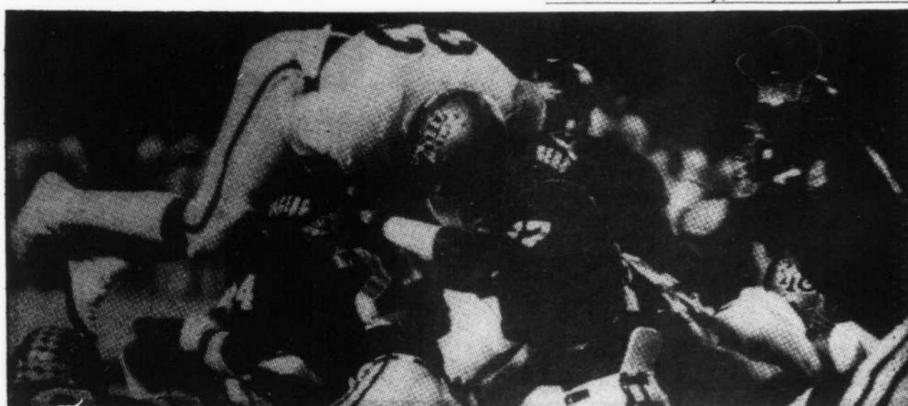
Look for an explosive matchup at the Rubber Bowl in Akron.

MOREHEAD State hosts Western Kentucky in the Eagles' Homecoming gala.

The Eagles smacked Tech with a vicious 38-14 trouncing and had their best offensive showing of the year.

Dan Gooch has been the anchor for Morehead on defense and the Eagles defense has been machete-like at times, slicing opponents to shreds.

WESTERN fell to powerful Eastern last week, yet is still sporting a 4-3 mark in their first year away from the OVC.



OVC football heads into its ninth

## Possible stomps on tap

By CODY MARLEY

Sports Guy

This weekend the stage has been set for several teams to participate in one of college football's most hallowed traditions, a good romp.

CHECK THE stats for these games this weekend:

Georgia vs. Memphis State: The undefeated third ranked Dawgs take on the defeated Tigers. Memphis State will have to come down from clouds after almost beating Tulane last weekend.

Herschel could be taken out of the game early due to exhaustion. After all it's not easy to run 60 and 70 yards at a time. Memphis State has the rope-a-dope defense.

ARKANSAS vs. Rice: The sixth ranked Razorbacks will try and bust their scoreboard against Rice. The Owls were beaten severely on the head and shoulders by Texas A M last weekend 49-7.

Pittsburgh vs. Louisville: The Cardinals are coming off a 49-0 loss to Southern Mississippi and should give that same kind of performance this weekend. Pitt has a chance to really blow out somebody.

## OVC Standings

EASTERN KENTUCKY	4-0
AKRON	3-1
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	3-2
MOREHEAD STATE	2-3
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	2-3
TENNESSEE TECH	1-2
AUSTIN PEAY	1-3
MURRAY STATE	0-3



Lynn Swindell (left) and Brigitte Platt were winners in the Blue Raider Invitational held earlier this month against David Lipscomb and Trevecca.

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Wednesday: Hal Guldin Turnkey Business Systems LTD The Personal Computer and Business and A demonstration of the Osborne 1 Computer System room 316 U.C.

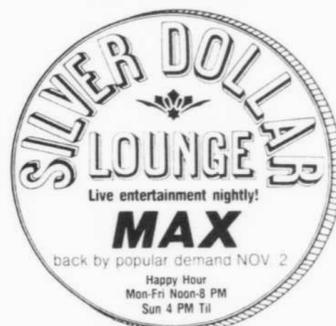
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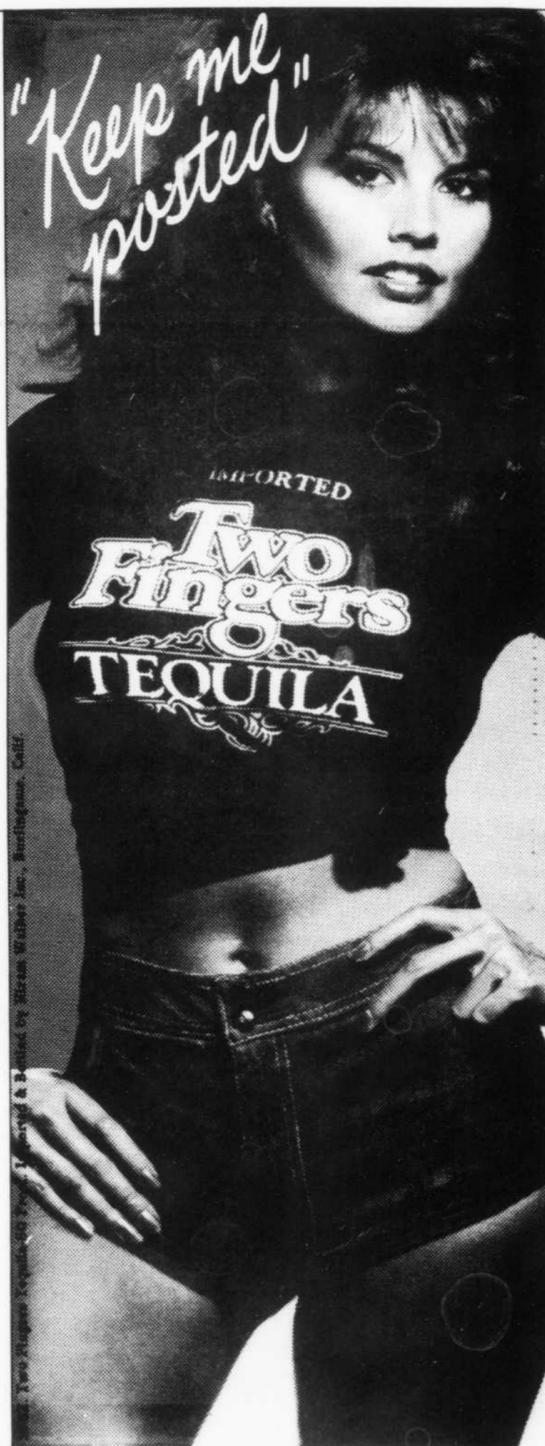


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