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Horse's owner claims instructor hurt filly; answers due tomorrow

By DOUG MARKHAM
News Editor

The filly that was put to sleep last week was mishandled by an MTSU instructor following a blacksmithing class, the owner of the horse said last night.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Agriculture Department Harley Foutch, who is heading the investigation into the incident, said he plans to announce the findings Wednesday at a 10 a.m. press conference being held in the livestock pavilion.

FOUTCH would not elaborate on the investigation, but said questionnaires were being distributed to the students who witnessed the Nov. 6 incident.

"Most of the students have been extremely pleased with the course," Foutch said, shedding some light on information gathered from the investigation.

Since accusations of mistreatment surfaced last week, several students in the class have told reporters that instructor Mike Green was professional in handling the horse.

HOWEVER, the filly's owner, Nora Harvey of Smithville, said the charge of inhumane treatment lodged by one student is true, and that the instructor reacted violently after the filly reared and knocked him to the ground as

he attempted to trim the horse's hooves.

"It was like he wasn't going to let some horse make an idiot out of him," Harvey said, referring to Green's actions.

Harvey said she brought the four-and-one-half-month-old filly to Green after the veterinarian she had been taking it to could not repair the filly's contracted tendon.

AFTER looking through an MTSU catalog, Harvey said she contacted Green and asked him if anything could be done for the filly.

When Green said "yes," the Smithville woman said she was excited about the possibility of helping the horse. She said it was this same hope that would later prevent her from asking Green to stop what she felt was mistreatment of the animal.

"I wish I would have stopped him," Harvey explained, "but I thought, 'Well I want to get my baby fixed,' and I figured he knew what he was doing."

HARVEY SAID the instructor fettered the filly to cross ties to stabilize the horse, which she said is common practice for adult horses, but not young fillies.

The cross ties combined with the surrounding students, who stayed after class to observe the trimming, and the unfamiliar barn frightened the filly and it began rearing, Harvey said.

The horse flipped over on its back and Green kicked and hit it, Harvey said.

"IT WAS just awful," Harvey said, "This was a baby animal—not a mean animal, but a frightened animal."

"He was kicking the fire out of her. It was like kick, kick, kick, kick," Harvey said, explaining Green's actions.

Harvey said she cannot understand why some of the students are claiming Green never mishandled the filly.

"IT IS absolutely unimaginable," she said, "unless they weren't paying attention, but I don't see how they couldn't pay attention."

After Green finished trimming the hooves Harvey said "they had to literally shove her [the filly] into the [Harvey's] truck."

The following day the horse behaved strangely and went into convulsions on several occasions, Harvey said.

WHEN THE horse was
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Freeze better option than nuke build up

By MIKE CROWDER
Staff Writer

"A nuclear freeze now makes more sense than a continued and accelerated arms race which lies ahead" between the United States and the Soviet Union, retired Navy Adm. Eugene Carroll Jr. said Friday night.

During a speech in the Learning Resources Center, Carroll addressed the topic "Can a Nuclear War Be Avoided?" He also gave a press conference that afternoon to several local reporters and members of the MTSU chapter of the United Campus To Prevent Nuclear War and other peace organizations.

"NUCLEAR weapons are a symptom of a very serious disease of fear and mistrust," Carroll said.

According to Carroll, the President and other officials of the current administration are increasing the probability of nuclear war by their belief that the United States is "weak and inferior" to the Soviet Union and must continue to escalate the production of nuclear armaments in order to provide an effective deterrent.

This allegation is not true, the admiral contends.

"WE'RE IN a condition of nuclear parity," Carroll said. "Nobody's ahead and nobody's behind in nuclear forces or

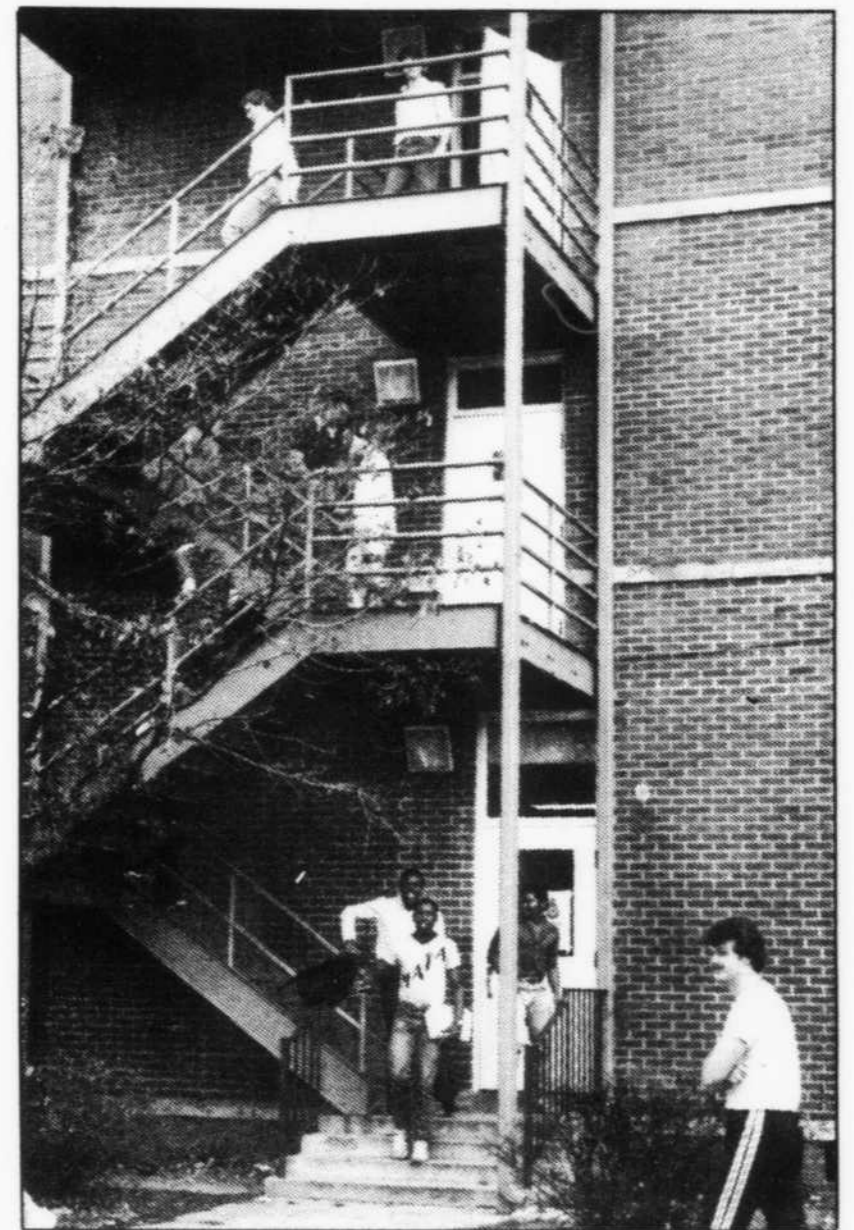


Photo by Lesley Collins

Residents of Smith Hall rush down the fire escape of their dormitory, escaping a planned fire drill at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Thanksgiving celebrated long before Pilgrims

By GAIL HURT
Staff Writer

Most people credit the Pilgrims as being the founders of Thanksgiving.

Originally such an occasion was known as a harvest festival, and is an old celebration.

"THANKSGIVING celebrations are not totally American," said Dr. Frederick Rolater, a history professor. "The ancient Hebrews as well as other ancient people had feasts at which they gave thanks."

It was also common in English society to have a day set aside for giving thanks. However, it was done on a local basis on no particular set date.

The first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated before the Pilgrims arrived. It was in Virginia in the settlement of Jamestown.

THE SETTLERS had had an unusually good harvest that would carry them through the winter. This was not a common occurrence, so they felt

inclined to offer thanks unto God.

The Pilgrims arrived in America in December 1620. In Plymouth, some time around mid-December 1621, they held their first feast in which they offered thanks for making it through a hard first year in a new land.

They did not have a set day every year in which to offer thanks. It was in 1623 when the next feast was held by the Pilgrims to give thanks for rain that had ended a drought.

IT IS SAID that the Pilgrims, under the leadership of William Bradford, invited Chief Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoags, and his Indians to share in the feast that first Thanksgiving, Dr. William Windham, history department chairman said.

When the food ran out, Bradford told the chief of their plight. The Indians went out and gathered up more food. The feast went on for about three more days, Windham said.

Instrumentalist returns to university; free concert, workshops scheduled

By TERRY MORROW
Feature Editor

Micheal Iceberg, a musician and electronic sound artist, returns to MTSU for a free concert and two workshops Dec. 1-2.

The first workshop will be at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1 and the second one on Thursday at 3 p.m. Both workshops will be at the Wright Music Hall.

ICEBERG has regular feature at the Walt Disney World for almost three years.

Recently, he made his television debut on the *Tonight Show*.

Julliard trained, Iceberg is one of the first entertainers to

make music with electronic equipment—namely the synthesizer.

HIS MUSIC is varied. Iceberg plays selections from rock to classical and all the music he plays at his concert is live and not pre-recorded.

Iceberg plays on only one instrument. He calls his massive machine "The Iceberg Machine."

Iceberg's pyramid machine is a keyboard structure, consisting of five synthesizers, plus a multitude of special effects and mechanical devices.

HIS MUSIC is computer produced and the critics have praised his venture into this

new field.

Billboard Magazine says that "If Rick Wakeman can get gold records playing avant-garde keyboard with symphony orchestra accompaniment, Micheal Iceberg could do the same thing by himself."

Not only can he make music with his Iceberg Machine, he can even do human noises such as a woman singing or elemental noises such as harsh winds.

ICEBERG says his concerts want to express what one person can do if they try hard enough.



Eugene Carroll

destructive capability."

Carroll is the associate director for the private Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C., a non-governmental agency which believes in a strong defense but
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MTSU personalization extensive; only program like it in Tenn.

By NELLE NIX
Staff Writer

Which appeals to you most?

•An off-white concrete block-walled dorm room with gray tile floor, two single beds on black iron frames, two desks, two straight chairs, a built-in dresser, a bookcase and a window with venetian blinds, or,

•An off-white concrete block-walled dorm room with rust and brown mottled carpet, dark brown bean bag chairs, two desks, a built-in dresser, a bookcase, stereo speakers hanging from two corners of the room, light-colored paneling on the partition next to carpet-covered stairs which lead to a loft that holds two mattresses, and a curtain hung over the blinds at the window.

MTSU's housing staff believes the second description will not only appeal more to dorm residents, but will also reduce vandalism and increase the value of university property,

increase students' self-esteem and increase the number of students who return each year to live in dorms.

BUILDING lofts, painting rooms and corridors and remodeling dorm lobbies is part of the "personalization" which is a "pet project" of Ivan Shewmake, director of housing.

MTSU is the only school in Tennessee carrying out an extensive program such as the one being initiated and documented this semester, according to Shewmake.

"Dorms have been run like hotels—poorly managed hotels," Shewmake claims. "We assign the student to a small room and say, 'Here you are—your new home. Don't do anything that might damage it. And by the way, be happy.'"

SMITH HALL has been a "guinea pig" in this project. Two or three years ago, the residents of Smith Hall took up the dilapidated carpet, and laid a beige tile floor, spelling SMITH

in dark brown tiles. They also re-paneled the walls and built a stationary paneled partition to create a small visiting area separated from the television area.

Housing bought the materials, but Smith supplied the workers, including a student supervisor, Don Hooie.

Money from the housing budget may be used to buy the materials for personalization of public areas because the expenditure can be justified as a university improvement, according to Shewmake. However, personalization such as lofting and painting with colors other than the ones provided by the university's paint program must be funded by students.

Improvement in the students' attitudes about themselves is also an advantage of personalization.

"I BELIEVE personalization will bring wallflowers out and allow them to express their personalities. It will enhance
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Photo by Lesley Collins

Residents of eight dorms will be allowed to personalize their rooms beginning this semester. Tracy Merrell of Smith Hall "invested in his environment" by lofting his bed which gives him more space for additional furniture such as recliners. Plans for personalization must be approved by Housing before they are put into action.

Personal

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 their personalities to the point where they are recognized and recognize themselves as unique persons," says Dena Curtis, director of Felder Hall.

During a year's trial period, Felder, Gore, J and K Apartments, Cummings, Smith, Sims and McHenry will be allowed to personalize and the effects tested. As a preliminary to personalization a slide show will be presented in each dorm that explains what is involved before students begin remodeling their environment.

Personalization could help at an important time as students' lives since they are becoming adults, according to Susanne Troope, who is documenting the study and is director of McHenry Hall.

TROOPE, who majored in psychology at Rosemont College in Philadelphia and is doing graduate work in psychology at MTSU, says that being able to control the environment gives a student a feeling of more internal control over his life—what to do and how to live.

Rollins believes personalization is a motivator because of the sense of pride students who work on their rooms gain. In Smith Hall, 8 to 10 rooms contain lofts which have been constructed over the past few years when personalization at MTSU was in its developing stages.

Some of the lofts are elaborate and some are simple, but they all have to pass certain specifications such as being fire retardant, using bolts instead of nails and being able to stand without support from a wall or a piece of furniture.

Housing has a clause in the form a student signs in order to personalize which states he will "assume full financial responsibility for any and all costs...arising from his/her failure to perform in accordance with the established procedures and guidelines for personalization."

DESIGNS for painting of walls must be approved, but some mistakes have been made due to "miscommunication" such as a bright orange room with a University of Tennessee logo, says Rollins.

Personalization will effect a savings in terms of university maintenance costs because it is less expensive to have students paint their own rooms than to pay university staff to paint them.

Shewmake contends that the change in student attitude caused by personalization will also increase the university's revenue because there will be a higher rate of students returning to live in dorms.

"FOR A good indication of the change in attitude, check the return rate of residents to Smith Hall," Rollins said. "Last year we had the highest rate of returnees, and we have a 163-person capacity. The ones who didn't return often went off campus because they were seeking a privacy not available in dorms."

Freeze

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 "opposes excesses in expenditures or forces."

THE ADMIRAL does research and analysis on major defense issues and writes and speaks on the need for rational military programs to meet long-term national security interests.

"We [the United States and Soviet Union] have 50,000 nuclear weapons between us," he added. "We have 30,000 weapons and they have 20,000 weapons."

The Soviet's weapons are generally larger and more potentially destructive than the ones possessed by the United States, but U.S. weapons are on the whole more "accurate and reliable because our technology is more advanced," the admiral noted.

BOTH SIDES have "the surviving forces to inflict unacceptable damage upon an aggressor" and "the will to use" nuclear weapons, Carroll said. This is the definition of effective deterrence.

In addition, the political leaders of both the United States and the Soviet Union are

rational enough not to strike first as a result of the mutual nuclear deterrence, and are not likely to miscalculate their chances of emerging successfully from a protracted or prolonged nuclear conflict, he added.

The admiral says he supports a "mutually verifiable nuclear freeze."

"WHY DO WE need to add more weapons to the arsenal of nuclear parity?" Carroll asked.

The Reagan Administration's those who oppose "the need for more nuclear weapons" are those who want the weakening of the U.S., he said.

"I don't see a single American supporting a freeze who says the U.S. is weak or would fear to retaliate [an attack by the Soviets]," Carroll said.

"THE NUCLEAR freeze around the United States is supported by a broad cross-section of very conservative people," he added.

Individuals supporting a freeze "are convinced we have the strength and the will to use [nuclear weapons], and that the Russians know it," the

admiral noted.

President Reagan, with his policies of increasing our nuclear arsenals to "enhance deterrence" is the one who is weakening the deterrence, Carroll said.

CARROLL SERVED for 37 years in the U.S. Navy, receiving numerous medals for his honor and service. He served in War World II, Korea and Vietnam.

The admiral served on the staff of Gen. Alexander Haig from 1977 to 1979 and directed U.S. forces in Europe and the Middle East.

Most recently, he was involved in naval planning for conventional and nuclear war at the Pentagon.

ASKED ABOUT the President's contention that the

nuclear freeze movement was instigated by foreign agents, Carroll said it has "no factual basis."

The President is assuming that the American people don't have the intelligence or judgement to reach sensible decisions and take appropriate action on them, and that they are so weak that they can be misled, he added.

Carroll said that Reagan administration officials, in statements made to armed services members, and in statements made in the 1982-83 fiscal budget, take the position that the United States can prevail in a protracted or prolonged nuclear conflict with the Soviet Union.

filly

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 taken to the veterinarian it was discovered that it had two crushed vertebrae, Harvey said, and the animal was later destroyed after veterinarians at the University of Tennessee's veterinarian school could not help the animal.

Harvey said it was about 60 hours after the incident that she contacted Foutch and informed him of what had happened.

Harvey said she will wait for tomorrow's findings before deciding what, if any, action she will take to recover losses.

However, she said, she has no grievance against the university, but would like to be reimbursed for the filly and its medical cost.

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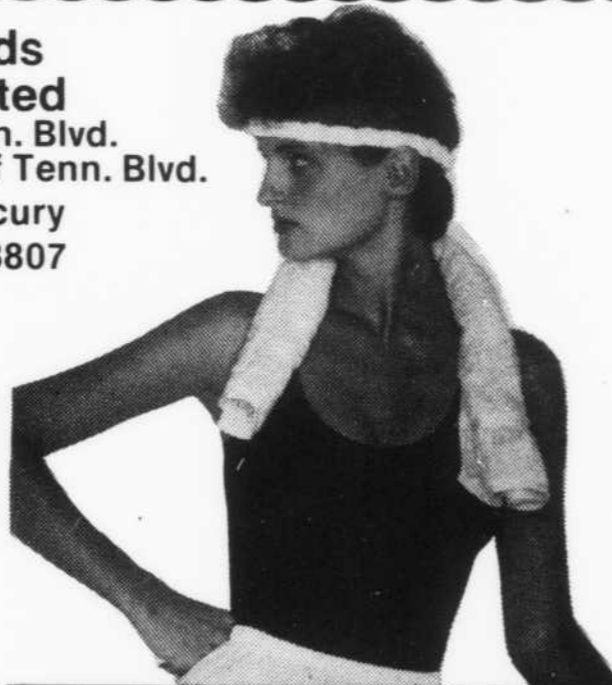


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For some who can't go home Holiday weekend for the birds

By DEE PARKER
Staff Writer

For most students, sticking around campus Thanksgiving weekend is for the birds.

Just like any other weekend, not everyone will be heading home. Some students will have to catch up on studies or home may simply be too far away. Married students may have jobs and foreign students, especially, cannot go home. Yet the majority of MTSU students have made plans for the holiday.

ONE MARRIED couple who have lived on campus for the past three years, Becky and Mike Fowler, are not planning to go home for the weekend.

Part-time jobs this year are keeping the couple here unlike the past two years.

"We would love to go home, but we have to do the best we can," Fowler said. "My parents will be coming up."

LIKE OTHER American

families, Fowler and her mother will be preparing the traditional turkey dinner.

Staying on campus is not uncommon for married students, according to Fowler.

"The majority are staying at home (on campus), Fowler said. Their families will be coming up or they will have couples over for dinner.

ANOTHER married couple, Shirley and Floyd Douglas, are planning to head home to Arkansas.

"We're not going to be home on Christmas," Douglas said.

"We're going to stay as long as we can since it's a four day weekend."

The Douglases are heading home to be with relatives on both sides of the family.

PHYLLIS Miller, a single student, will be traveling 200 miles to Tellico Plains to be with her family. It will be the second time she has been home since she has been on campus this semester.

"I wasn't even going to go home this week but my mother talked me into it," Phyllis said. "I am glad I will get to go home" even though it will be a short visit.

Phyllis will only be able to spend one day with her family because she must be back early Friday morning to report to

work.

YET, FOR the over 200 international students at MTSU who represent 40 countries, going home is simply not that easy. Many have not been home since arriving in this country.

"Thanksgiving, as we know it, is not celebrated in any other country," Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, assistant director of admissions, said.

International students will

Reilly said.

Ragih Al-Ridrise, an international student from Saudi Arabia, is using this opportunity to visit an Oklahoma family, a former school teacher in Saudi Arabia and some relatives in Louisiana.

"I want to have an idea about Thanksgiving Day," Al-Ridrise said. "I would like to know about customs here."

ON THE way back to Tennessee, Al-Ridrise will stop off in Alabama just to sight-see because he wants to use every opportunity he can to visit all the states.

For Mohummand S. Zahrani, also from Saudi Arabia, Thanksgiving will mean taking up an invitation from an American friend which was issued last July.

"I have some friends in Indiana," Zahrani said. "I plan to see them."

ZAHRANI and three friends will be leaving Wednesday after class drive to Indiana.

"I think we are going to enjoy it," Zahrani said. "My friend is preparing to do a lot of things and not just eat turkey."

Another foreign student from Malaysia, Swee Teir Poh, is one student who has received an invitation to spend Thanksgiving with an American family.

"ONE OF my close American friends invited me to her house," Poh said. "I haven't decided yet but I really appreciated it."

Poh said her friend wants her to travel to Arkansas with her family. If Poh does not go she says she will stay around on campus.

For Pauline Okoli from Nigeria, she and some of her Nigerian friends from Nashville will be Kentucky-bound.

"I AM kind of excited because I have not been there before," Okoli said.



either be invited to have dinner with American families, leave campus or stay on campus, Perez-Reilly said.

SOME students "will take advantage of these few days of vacation and visit their friends at other universities," Perez-

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Cheerleader violations need corrective action

The standards of the MTSU cheerleaders have been blemished and belittled by the people whose duty it is to guard them.

The cheerleading squad acts as ambassadors of the school as well as motivators of school spirit. They are supposed to carry the reputation of the school with them, both on campus and when they travel.

THE CONSTITUTION governing the cheerleader organization clearly states the requirements for membership on the squad. Each member, when they become a part of the squad is supposed to sign an affidavit acknowledging that they have read and understand these requirements.

When it was brought to the public's attention that requirements were not being met by certain members, an administrative official plead ignorance on the part of the guilty parties. It was explained that the parties were unaware of the rules.

It appears there have been violations of the cheerleaders' constitution with the apparent blessing of officials paid by the students to enforce the rules and regulations.

THIS SAME GROUP of officials claim it is not their job is not to enforce the rules, but rather to bend them in order to meet in situation by stating, "Nothing is absolute!"

Members of students service is split on whether rules set for the cheerleaders will be adhered to in the future. One official proclaimed last week that rules will be followed "to the letter," while another official gave no guarantee concerning the continuance of current practices.

Students are left to wonder whether the rules and regulations are to be enforced against a select few—mainly those who do not "know" someone.

THE IMMEDIATE question of concern deals with the issue of whether the student body will allow school officials to make a mockery of the constitution established by members of an organization.

The facts have been reported and promises have been made. What the students need to insure is the promises are kept, to both individuals and organizations.

The result may be painful to some, but it will be fair to all.

Thanksgiving's lost meaning requires perspective change

The Thanksgiving break is the traditional start of the holiday season but through all the festivity there are individuals who feel little gratitude.

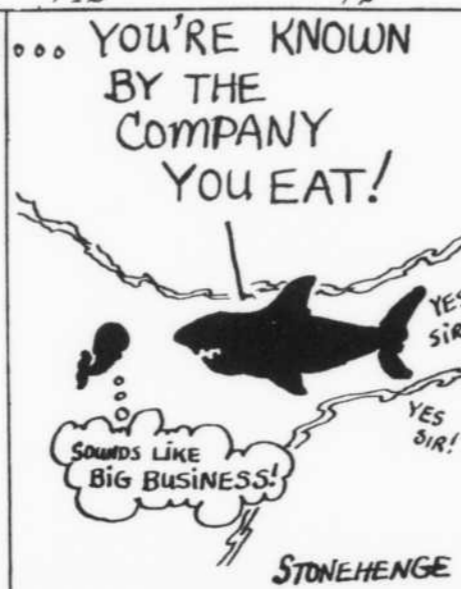
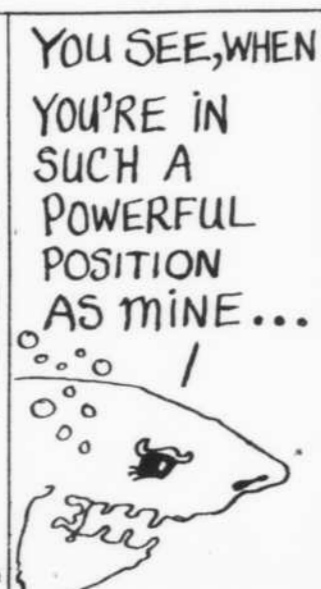
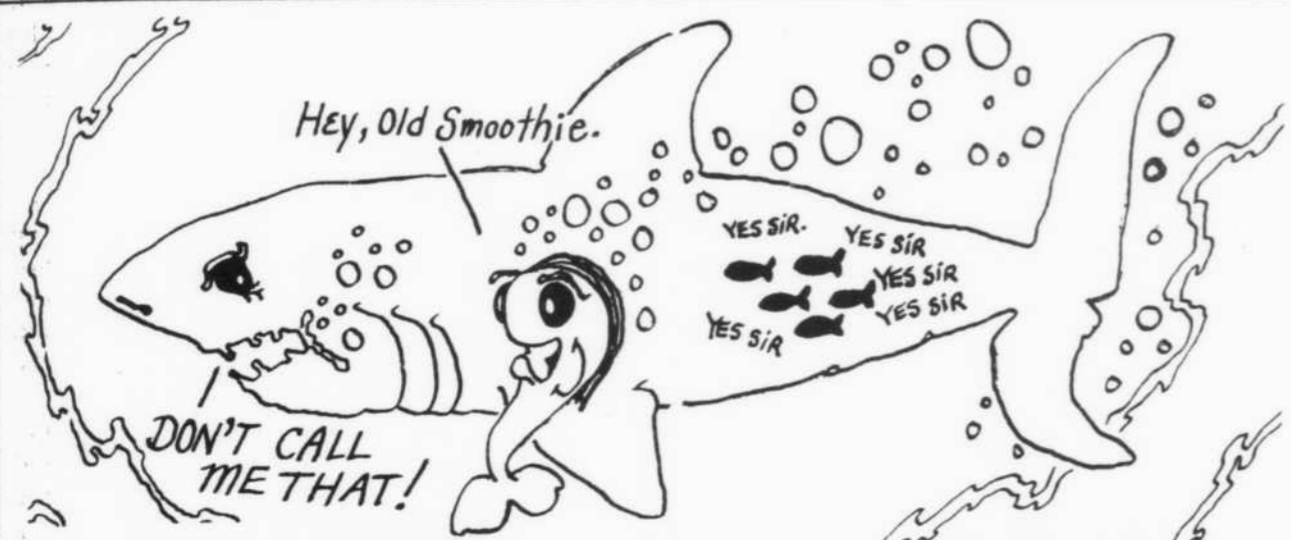
While it is difficult to act as the eternal optimist, it is necessary to note that the idea of "thanks" is relative to what one desires versus what one has obtained.

Many are attracted to the idea that thankfulness comes only after completing all goals in life. Instead of lamenting what we have not obtained, we should, instead, realize how much we have achieved.

This change of perspective will help us all to understand the meaning of "Thanks-giving."

CHEEK'S

By Stonehenge



Here and Now

by Maxwell Glen and Cody Shearer

WASHINGTON—Remember this phrase: "Reated with Ionizing Energy." It means "irradiated" and might be stamped on the turkey you buy next Thanksgiving.

In the coming months, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is expected to propose regulations for the commercial preservation of fruits, vegetables and spices by low-level radiation. After more tests, similar rule proposals for meat could follow next year, leading ultimately to the Agriculture Department's seal of approval.

As the use of a euphemistic label would illustrate, however, the jury is still out on whether American consumers want their turkeys, cranberries or brussels sprouts treated with ions of any sort.

How consumers choose, and why, could provide a compelling judgment on the atom—even where it might hold some glimmer of benefit.

Food irradiation actually goes back through 40 years of research, testing and limited applications in this country and overseas.

It involves the simple procedure of zapping the grapefruit or cucumber with gamma rays emitted from a radioactive source such as Cobalt-60.

The process has been judged safe enough for government use on Space Shuttle food as well as commercial application in 22 foreign countries (the World Health Organization has even sanctioned it).

But ionized delicacies hadn't crossed these consumers' eyes until a recent show-and-tell at the Atomic Industrial Forum's 1982 annual meeting here.

Simply put, the U.S. has approved irradiation (considered a good additive under the Food and Drug Act) for

only two products—potatoes and wheat flour: until now, it hadn't found the scientific evidence sufficient to extend the sanction to other foods.

According to FDA spokesman James Green, public and private studies have led the agency to believe that the process neither leaves one's bean sprouts glowing nor alters their taste, texture or appearance significantly (understandably crucial factors in "marketability").

All that stands in the way of "tuna meltdown" he adds, is the absence of conclusive evidence that low-level radiation kills bacteria—not consumers—in meat.



Yet there's another obstacle which U.S. nuclear industrialists know reasonably well: public approval. In fact, "limited desire for irradiated potatoes and wheat flour has kept those products off grocers' shelves since they were approved in the 1960s.

In 1982, even the endorsement of Ralph Nader's Committee for Science in the Public Interest is no guarantee that attitudes will change.

Listening to Martin Welt, a self-touting pioneer in the irradiated food business, one can hear a dissertation on the consumer benefits of longer shelf life, lower energy needs (freezers could become all but

obsolete in the home) and reduced, if not eliminated, use of chemical pesticides and preservatives.

Bacon and hot dogs, Welt says, would require fewer cancer-causing nitrates to prevent botulism; fruits and vegetables could do without toxic fumigants (malathion could go the way of Gov. Jerry Brown).

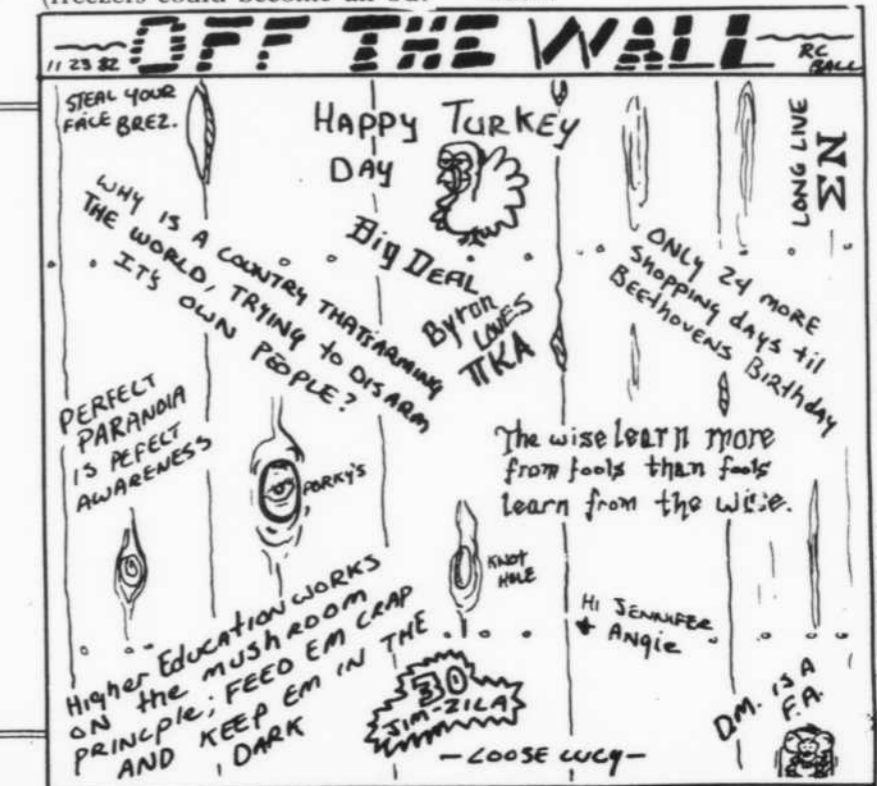
"Our best friends are the health food people and people who want wholesome food," Welt told a group of unconvinced but noticeably famished nuclear-industry representatives before showing them to a steaming buffet of irradiated cuisine prepared by his New Jersey based firm, Radiation Technology, Inc.

Nonetheless, Welt is counting on liability conscious supermarket chains and food processors to be big fans, too. "The Johns Manville case is very important," he admitted in reference to the maker of carcinogenic asbestos, now plagued by lawsuits.

As new liability standards extend to more widely-marketed food products, he adds, companies will want to steer clear of carcinogenic additives.

Such a cynical strategy could prove market wise. The same Americans who fear nuclear bombs and reactors worry about saccharine and red dyes as well. While they may never accept the "limited risk" that goes with irradiated foods, they do deal in comparisons that reveal one product to be more dangerous than another.

But purity, shelf life and even taste (Welt's breaded veal "ionaise" was divine) may not be enough to make rads under glass an American staple. In a nucleo sensitive culture, Welt's idea for the future may be too much.



This is your chance to exercise your freedom of speech!

If you have a short (emphasis on short) jab, stab, rib, chuckle, joke, thought (wishful and otherwise), point, counterpoint, coup, countercoup, insult (no libel, please) or even a compliment, please submit your idea to Sidelines at Box 42, care of OFF THE WALL.

Commentary

Letters From Our Readers

Football team congratulated

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to personally congratulate the 1982 MTSU football team. I've been a student here for four years and I've never been prouder of our football program!

I think I will remember the TTU game more than any other game I watched at college.

Good job, especially our outstanding seniors and Coach Donnelly!

P.S.—"Harvey's" safe at home now!

David Kessler
ASB President
Box 1

Student gives clarification

To the Editor:

This is a public explanation to students, but especially to Miss Lisa Millraney, who seems to misunderstand me the most.

My letter printed in the Nov. 3 *Sidelines* was not a cut to Alabama. They must be a good band to sell out the same place so fast so often. It was just the initial reaction I had when I read the review.

IF THEY return in April, I will not go, for the same reason I didn't in May and Oct. They do not appeal to my personal musical tastes.

This is a personal thought, not a judgement or criticism to anyone who likes Alabama. I have friends that went to the show and they respect my opinion.

I also did not "trash Student Programming." I do not intend to. I could if I wanted to, but I don't want to.

I HAVE been to many good concerts at MTSU. (When I say good, I mean I liked them). The biggest problem with Student Programming is they try too hard. We all like big name entertainment, but why can't they try some smaller (hence cheaper) acts in a smaller place (like the BDA).

More students could afford concerts then. We could also use some diversity in our concerts. My personal ob-

ervation on most concerts we've had here in a long time is that they all are the same musical styles: pop.

Pop is great. A lot of people like it, but it can get very old, very quickly.

WE HAVE had no jazz. We have had no hard rock. We have had no new wave.

There are a lot of people who like these types of music as well as other's that I've missed. I know that you have to make money, but if you can only satisfy the same people each time we have a concert here, what's the point?

Scott Rambo
Box 7441

Horse owner presents view

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to the article written in Friday's paper about the incident occurring in Mike Green's farrier science class Saturday, Nov. 6.

The filly belonged to me. She was brought to MTSU after consulting with Mike Green on the telephone about her hoof problems.

WE ARRIVED at 4:30 p.m. as instructed but Mike Green wasn't finished with the project he was working on, so we unloaded the colt and led her around at his request.

Students were finishing their work on school horses and the filly was calm and relaxed. However when the school horses were taken away and dusk was falling rapidly, the filly began to get nervous.

You must understand, this was a four and a half month old baby. She had spent her entire life in a roomy box stall with her mother on in a backyard pasture.

NEVER HAD she been with equine companions. Suddenly, she was alone in a dark, strange place with 15 or 20 people milling about. She became quite anxious.

At this point, in my opinion, a very poor judgement was made. The filly was brought into the building where the farrier science class was taught. If the previous situation was frightening, this new place was downright threatening.

Picture it from her viewpoint. She was led into a brightly lit, concrete floored room. Someone was still actually working at a forge, banging a hammer on iron shoes.

MANY people were gathered around an inexperienced colt, brought into an alien environment; I'm sure this seemed like an extremely foreboding place.

Mike Green likes to say the filly was "wild"—well yes, she was wild when she was tied in this unfamiliar surrounding, but certainly not in her usual behavior.

If hindsight was worth anything, I would say at this point Mike Green, as a professional horse person should have said: "This is unsatisfactory, you should take the filly home and we will

work out a better situation at a later date."

THIS WAS not to be however. The filly reared, knocking Mike Green to the ground in the melee and from then on it seemed he was going to show the filly how to act.

Keep in mind please that this was a baby animal, not a hardened school horse who had been shod before and knew the ropes. This was a baby, weighing no more than 50 to 100 pounds more than the instructor, who was fighting for her life.

As I am sure everyone has heard a million times over, the filly was tied. She reared, struggling and fell over on her back with her head twisted in the crossbars.

HE ALLOWED her no slack and went over and kicked her six or eight times with his boot, and then smacked her forcefully on the muzzle with his palm, striking her right over the teeth.

Does this seem appropriate "discipline" for a scared baby? You don't have to be an animal science major to answer this question.

Many poor judgements were made on that night, but something more than that occurred. This animal was beaten when she was down and scared and not given a chance to recoupe.

AT THE end, her leg was hung over the crossbars with her head pulled down and her body so close to the pole she couldn't move. When one of the students moved to give her some slack, enabling her to move away from the pole and perhaps get up, Mike Green wouldn't allow it.

I have only one more thing to say. I feel it is a very, very sad and disturbing statement that here were students present who did not find this performance extremely offensive.

Are we a society so hardened and jaded that his kind of mishandling and abuse is no longer of consequence.

I ask you all to thing hard. What I have said is not hysterical or distorted, it is just the plain truth.

Nora Harvey

Library noise bothers student

To the Editor:

Usually, a person can think of the library as being a nice, quiet place to study. This is not the case at MTSU.

I for one, am sick and tired of walking over to the Todd Library to study only to find that the social crowd has already gotten there. There seems to be no effort whatsoever on the part of the library staff to eject these inconsiderate people.

What is the biggest problem on campus? The next time you have a big exam, just try to find a place to study for it.

Barry Houchin
Box 1596



Taking Aim

by Jeff White

While the nuclear arms question has been the subject of everything from magazines to referendums, the ignorance of the Americans on this subject continues to be amazing.

The question as stated concerns whether American feel a nuclear freeze, either unilateral or bilateral, would be beneficial to the United States.

Before further discussion, a few terms need definitions.

•A UNILATERAL freeze means that we completely stop all production and development of nuclear arms with no regard for the actions of the rest of the world.

The USSR would be allowed to produce as many atomic weapons as they desire and it would not affect actions under this proposed policy. We would shut down completely.

•A bilateral freeze would mean every country which is a party to the agreement would end the production of nuclear arms: mainly the United States and the USSR.

A BILATERAL freeze is virtually impossible. There would be no way to regulate or supervise the provisions of the freeze.

Fears of nuclear war are being voiced everywhere. One group helping to fuel such fears is the United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM).

This is the average fear-stirring group who goes from college to college and tries to scare you in numerous ways. They show films depicting how awful a nuclear war would be.

THEY HAVE lectures entitled "Solutions to an Arms

Race" and provide no workable solutions. They cap off the week by inviting a politician to tell the group what they want to hear, thus insuring himself votes in the future.

In an attempt to oppose this, I am proposing a new group: United Campuses Revolting Against Maniacs or U-CRAM (Note my abbreviation is consistent with the title).

We are going to start this organization with some cold hard facts.

•THE BEST hope for a continued peace is a strong defense. This is obvious. History shows the only voice to which the Soviet Union listens is a stern voice.

When our defense budget was at its lowest in the 1970s (during the Carter Administration), we witnessed the most trouble in the Eastern Hemisphere: Russians in Afghanistan, Russian pressures on the Polish Government, Soviet pressures on the Chinese border.

Soviet expansionism is eminent and a freeze on nuclear weapons in the United States would be an open door to Russian aspirations.

•A BILATERAL freeze would not work as it would be impossible to enforce. SALT I did not work, SALT II did not work, and SALT III and IV would not work either.

The idea of limited nuclear war is a joke and will only be thought of as "limited" as long as it is even. When one side starts losing its edge, the word "limited" is replaced with "all-out".

•A freeze would have little affect on the economy and there is no evidence which proves otherwise.

WHEN YOU cut defense, you cut jobs and really add nothing to the general wealth. Putting money toward conventional weaponry is one alternative, two questions come to mind: Would these weapons be that much cheaper, and how affective will a Chrysler tank be against

the Soviet cruise missile?

•Finally, what is wrong with the way things are? We have had nuclear weapon capabilities for about 38 years and have not seen a nuclear war. Why take the chance and turn our backs now?

As for the future of U-CRAM, we will follow the same pattern as the other group.

THE SCHEDULE will be as follows: We will start with films on Stalinism, Andropov and the KGB, and Soviet Chemical Warfare in the hills of Afghanistan.

The lecture series will come next as we begin by re-enacting Nikita S. Khrushchev's United Nations speech in 1963. (The one where Khrushchev was banging his shoe on the podium screaming at the United States, "We will bury you, we will bury you.")

The second lecture will be entitled "I survived the Hungary Invasion". This will be a brief lecture on the techniques the Soviets have used to overrun border countries.

WE ALSO will cap off our week with a politician, but we will choose someone not running for office in the near future, and who has a good deal of knowledge on the subject.

Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson would be a good choice. He is a Democrat—the is classified by some as a liberal—and he is against any kind of nuclear freeze. Jackson recognizes the threats of Soviet Aggression in the past and the probability of more in the future.

The moral of the story is simple. A nuclear freeze, bilateral or unilateral, will not work. It is great in theory, looks good on paper, and is inviting to the uninformed person but in reality it is absurd.

Obviously the only force that moves the Kremlin is force itself. "Peace through strength" is the best hope for peace at all in today's world.



Fear, mystery common reaction to computers

By TERRY MORROW
Feature Editor

Conclusion of a two part article on the impact of computer literacy and MTSU.

The general public's fear of a "very stupid servant" with a "limited vocabulary" is a concern of Paul Hutchinson.

THE "SERVANT" he's referring to is a computer and he says that people who are fearful of them should realize that they are working with mindless machines—and not anything that can control them.

This is the first step in computer literacy, a subject

Hutchinson, who is an instructor in computer and math, is well versed in. And, MTSU is one of the colleges across the state that is considering the implementation of computer literacy as a required course for graduation.

"You have to make people aware of the fact that computers are extremely dumb and they can't do anything unless you tell them to," he said.

"ONCE people believe that and are comfortable with that, then they can begin to work with computers. If you don't get that out of their heads, then it can be a big stumbling block

to their learning about computers."

Often, people think of computers as something magical with a shroud of mystery lingering over them, Hutchinson has observed in his computer literacy seminars, but the fear is soon dispelled after the first few sessions and true working knowledge of a computer can begin.

Hutchinson says computer literacy does take some time though.

"WHEN I worked with the Campus School personnel, we put in several hours this summer trying to learn all about the computers," he said.

Campus School is developing a computer literacy program as part of their curriculum this year now that the school has the three computers. Students from kindergarten to the sixth grade are being trained in the use of computers.

Older students may well be the next target for computer education if the State Board of Regents get its way, according to David Fuqua, an MTSU student who represents students on the Board's Committee on Academic Policies and Programs.

"ONE THING the State Board is trying to do is to get colleges to have computer literacy as a graduation requirement," Fuqua said.

Everything is going computerized, Fuqua said, and students need more and more a "working knowledge" of what a computer does and how to do programs.

"I think most non-computer students are scared of computers," he said. "But, everything's got a number to it, everything nowadays are in accessed files and computers are just becoming a way of life."

STUDENTS who oppose

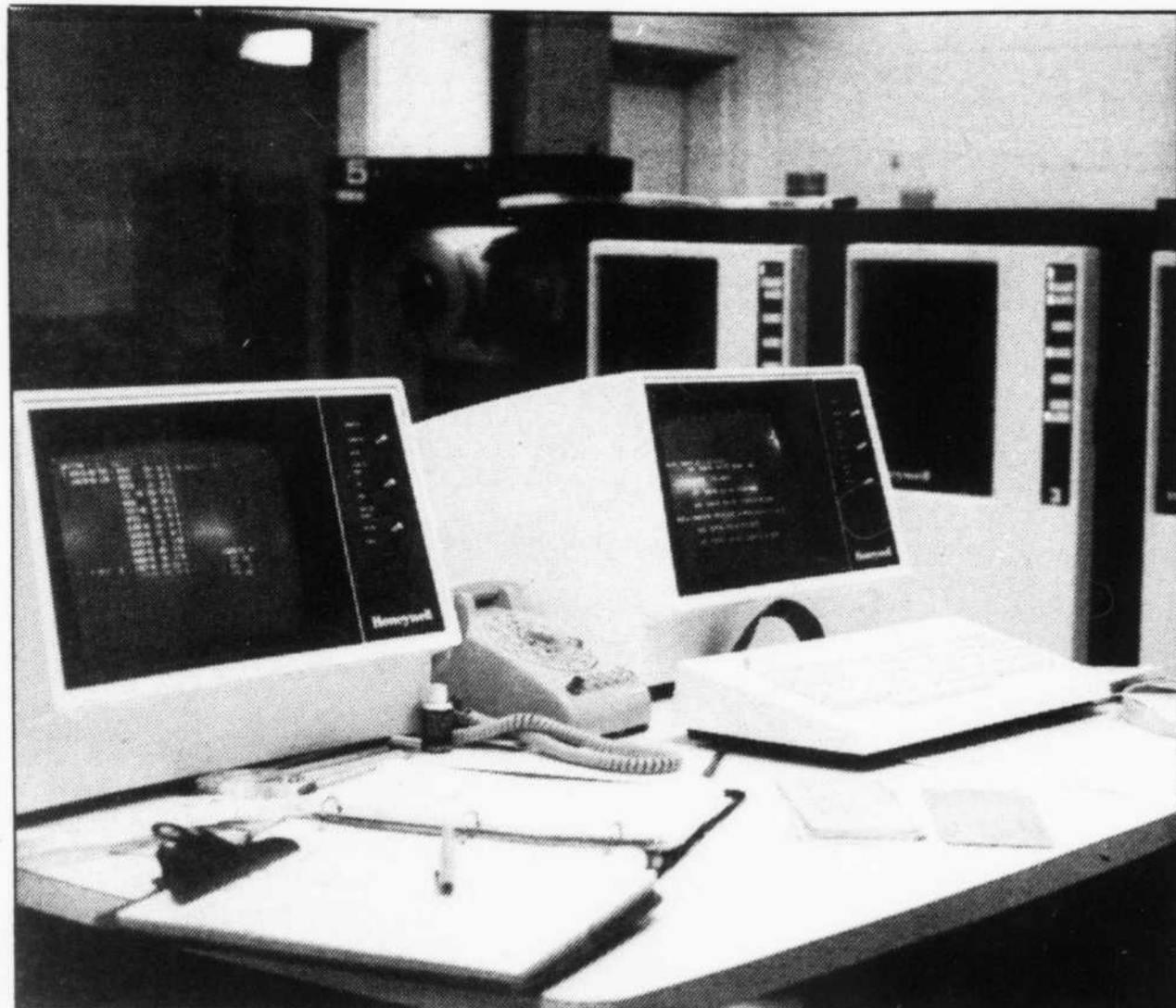


Photo by Lesley Collins
Mystery and fear are often common reactions for people who do not work with computers normally. Learning that computers are at the command of the programmer is the first step of overcoming the fear.

having computer literacy as a requirement for graduation is anticipated, Fuqua said.

It's not the fear of computers that will spur some students to oppose the new requirement, he said. Many students don't like the idea of taking required courses anyway and one more would just be "a waste of time [for some of them]."

"I don't think all of [students] are going to need [computer knowledge]," Fuqua stated. "But, I think all of us need to be exposed to this."

"WHEN YOU think of it, what would a P.E. major need to know about computers?"

Computers, though, are

used quite extensively by the HPERS department here, instructor Hutchinson said. In fact, they use computers almost as much as any department on campus.

HPERS Instructors Guy Penny and Mike McCullen are "heavy users" of computers in their daily work, Hutchinson said.

HUTCHINSON expects a "mixed reaction" to a computer literacy graduation requirement. Already, the enrollment of basic computer courses here are growing due to the fact some students are "seeing the handwriting on the wall."

A report from the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs defines the term "computer literacy" for purposes of course requirement. If adopted, the Regents would like start the requirements sometime between 1987-89.

Computer literacy would include the ability to discuss the history of computers and a working knowledge of computer equipment and technology.

With the new interest in computers, the fear of them will soon be extinct, Hutchinson said.

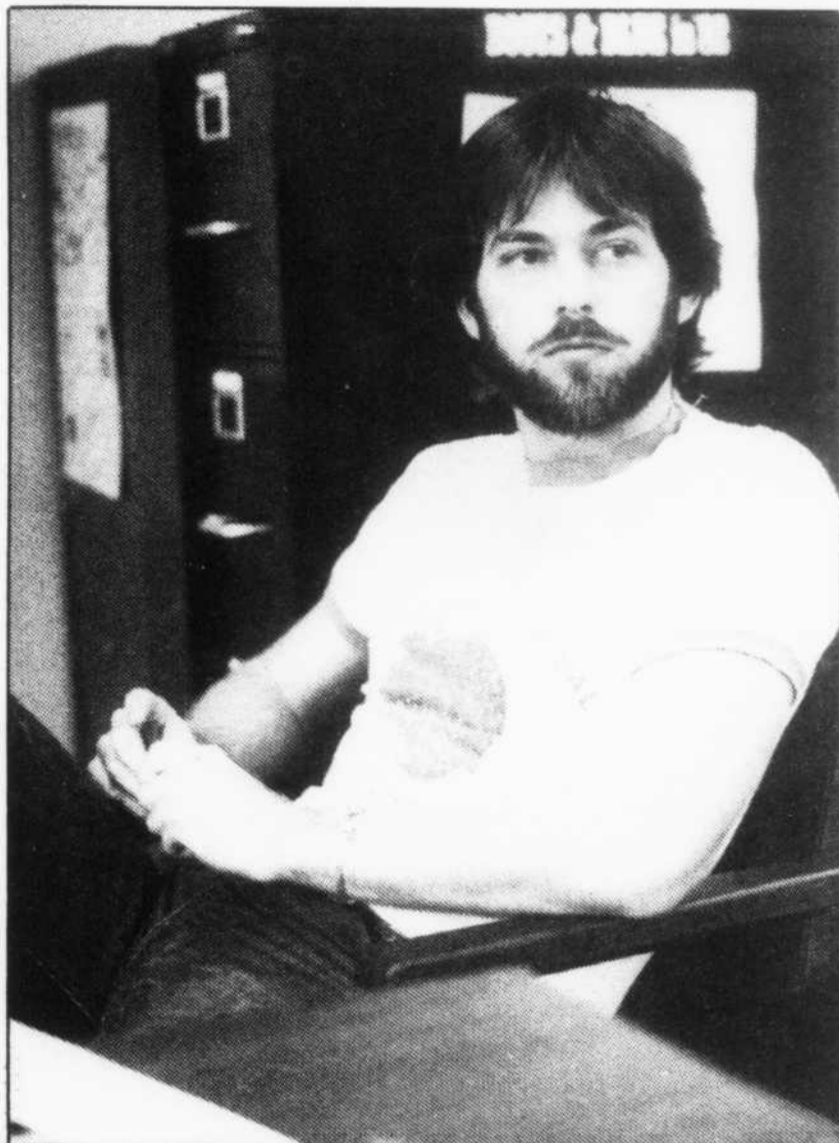


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David Fuqua, who represents students on the State Board of Regent's Committee of Academic Policy and Programs, says computer literacy is a way of the future.



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Sports

8-3 finish best since 1965**Raiders take Tech on Toles TD**

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

So what if Alvin plays for the larger, more prestigious and bowl-bound University of Tennessee? It will be Emanuel who will have the bragging rights when the family gets together for Thanksgiving this weekend.

Alvin and Emanuel are the Toles brothers. Alvin is a running back for the University of Tennessee. Emanuel is a defensive tackle for Middle Tennessee.

THE REASON Emanuel will have the bragging rights is that he just happened to block a punt and run the loose ball in for a touchdown in the waning seconds of his last collegiate football game to win it for Middle Tennessee.

The victim of that explosive play was Tennessee Tech and the Toles touchdown run gave MTSU's Blue Raiders a 10-3 victory over their arch-rival Saturday at Tech's Overall Field.

Tech's Mark Powers had trouble controlling the punt snap and got the kick away in just enough time to see it glance off the chest of the 6-foot-3, 205 pound senior from Forsyth, Ga. Toles alertly took the bounding pigskin and scooted down the sidelines 42



Photo by Lesley Collins

A rude awakening

Middle Tennessee defensive tackle Emanuel Toles drives a Tennessee Tech runner back into his own territory in MTSU's 10-3 victory over their arch rival. Toles was the man of the hour for the Raiders, blocking a punt in the last minute of the ball game and scampering 42 yards for the winning touchdown.

yards for the score as the Middle Tennessee bench and hearty fan gathering thundered in astounded jubilation.

IT WAS simply an appropriate finish for the Middle Tennessee football team, who, with the victory, closed out their best season since 1965 and the best since the arrival of head coach "Boots" Donnelly

some four years ago.

"It's so appropriate that our defense got us the game-winning touchdown in the last game of the season," Donnelly said. "They have done so much for us in the past two seasons."

The Middle Tennessee defense had once again risen to the occasion, something which it has done so many times this year. It was a fitting exodus for

the outstanding defensive corp, which has been amongst the best in the nation throughout the 1982 campaign.

THE GAME was also a tribute to the fact that, as a 3-7 ball club, Tennessee Tech gave the Blue Raiders a tremendous battle. It is definitely the most heated battle of the year for the two schools and Saturday's contest was no exception.

Also, the weather was intense. A fierce wind sweeping down on the field wreaked havoc on the respective kickers for the majority of the afternoon.

The Golden Eagles got on board with their first possession as Ray Mullican, out of Brentwood Academy, hit a 23 yard field goal attempt to put Tech up 3-0.

MULLICAN went on to miss three attempts after that, part of which may have been attributed to the stiff wind, which also was fatal to punters. Punts of ten yards were registered due to the windy wrath of Mother Nature.

Kelly Potter evened things up for the Blue Raiders when he sailed a 57 yard field goal over the cross bar early in the second quarter.

The field goal set a school record for the longest field goal, breaking the old record of 54 yards set back in 1977 by M.A. Robinson.

POTTER also missed three field goal attempts on the day, with both Potter and Mullican having one of their kicks hit the crossbar and bounce away unsuccessful. Mother Nature was making her presence known, much to the dismay of Tennessee Tech's Don Wade

and Middle Tennessee's "Boots" Donnelly.

The score remained tied at three until the sensational Toles touchdown run, the first ever collegiate touchdown for the 1981 All-OVC performer.

Neither team was capable of much offensive production on the afternoon, as was evidenced by the low score. Outstanding runners such as Middle's Danny Colwell and Kevin Baker were held to meager gains throughout the afternoon, as was Tech's dynamic Reggie Bazel. It was a defensive struggle of the most bruising kind.

TECH finished ahead of Middle with 186 total offensive yards to MTSU's 141.

Sophomore linebacker Randy Carr had his best outing in a Blue Raider uniform, leading MTSU with nine tackles, one assist and a pass interception.

The victory also gave the totem pole, "Harvey," back to Middle Tennessee, after the Golden Eagles were the holders of the antique since the 1981 Tech victory in Murfreesboro.

The final 8-3 record is the best Middle Tennessee finish since coach Charles "Bubba" Murphy led the 1965 Blue Raiders to an undefeated 10-0 record.

Tennessee Classic opens new season for Simpson and young Blue Raiders

Four teams will compete for top honors in the upcoming Tennessee Classic basketball tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26 and 27, at Murphy Center.

MTSU's Blue Raiders will officially open their season as will tournament competitors Austin Peay, Tennessee State and UT-Chattanooga.

THE OPENING round is set for Thursday night at 7 p.m. as Austin Peay takes on 1981-82 Southern Conference champion UT-Chattanooga.

UTC and head coach

Murray Arnold feature the talents of the Southern Conference Player of the Year in Willie White and also return two other starters to the lineup.

Austin Peay is looking to improve on a dismal 6-20, 1981-82 record with coach Ron Bargarze looking to Lenny Manning to lead the Governors.

THE SECOND round of the evening will get underway at 9 p.m. with Middle Tennessee facing Ed Martin's Tennessee State.

The always tough Tigers will

pose a tough test for the young Blue Raider team, with three transfer stars expected to highlight the Big Blue roster.

The three transfers include former Vanderbilt favorite Jimmy Gray, along with Hayes Dickens out of Florida and Mike Milligan. Gray will not see action until after the first month of the season.

MIDDLE Tennessee and Middle Stan Tinsessie will put an almost brand new Blue Raider ball team on the floor this year. Impressive in the Blue Raiders' victory over the

Yugoslavian National team last week were senior center Wardell Perry, freshman guard LaRae Davis and strongman Doug Lipscomb.

Look for the familiar faces of "Pancakes" Perry, Maury Mapes and Kenny Beck to also contribute early for the Raiders.

In the first-ever Tennessee Classic held last year at Chattanooga State's Gentry Center, it was UT-Chattanooga taking the title over Tennessee State in the finals by the score of 85-57.



Photo by Lesley Collins

Kenny Beck (44) and the rest of the Blue Raider basketball unit host the Tennessee Classic Friday and Saturday at Murphy Center.

Lady Raiders finish season in OVC tourney

By KATY KOSHAKJI
Sports Writer

The MTSU Lady Raiders placed fifth in the OVC Volleyball tournament this weekend at Tennessee Tech where Eastern Kentucky grasped first place.

Both Friday and Saturday

were trying days for the team according to head coach Diane Cummings. They beat Youngstown on Friday, but then played number one seeded Morehead whom, Cummings said, intimidated them.

LOSING to Morehead led

the girls to fight for third or fourth place against Akron who also beat MTSU.

The only consolidation was to play with Youngstown again for OVC tournament points and fifth or sixth place. Cummings said that the season was a learning experience for the team.

"The girls did a good job

overall this season," said Cummings, "and we hope to do better next year."

CUMMINGS also said that the team did well at times during the tournament, yet there were the bad moments.

Senior Captain Asaji Komatsu had the honor of being selected to the all OVC tournament team.

MTSU Greeks lose first annual IFC game

By TOM J HOLLIS
Staff Writer

A last minute interception stopped the I.F.C. All Stars five points short in last Saturday's game against Tennessee Tech.

The MTSU Greeks fell a touchdown behind on a first quarter interception runback before answering with two touchdowns of their own. The go ahead points came on a 12 yard run by quarterback Greg Brown.

AFTER A third quarter score by Tech, the margin stood at 18-15 in favor of the Golden Eagles.

The MTSU Greeks were coached by David Fuqua who credited aggressive play for making the game so close.

"It's tough playing up at Tech, but an outstanding effort by all our guys helped us beat

Tech everywhere but on the scoreboard," Fuqua said.

LATE IN the fourth quarter MTSU was on the move at the Tech 25 yard line when an interception stopped the drive for the potential winning touchdown.

I.F.C. President Byron Smith, who helped organize the game, was pleased by the large MTSU turnout at the morning game.

"I would like to thank the MTSU students for coming up to Cookeville on such a cold day to support our team," Smith said.

NEXT YEAR'S game will be played at MTSU, the same day as the Tech varsity football game.

The game was such a success that plans are being made for an I.F.C. basketball game against Tech in Murphy Center

in February, according to Smith.

"We look forward to getting together with the Tech

grieks again during basketball season and of course to avenging this years loss at football," Smith said.



Photo by Debby Naeve

The Lady Raider volleyball team closed out their 1982 season in the OVC Tournament in Cookeville last Friday and Saturday, finishing sixth overall.



Photo by Lesley Collins

The MTSU IFC All-Star team was upended by the Tennessee Tech Greeks by the final score of 18-13. This was the first game between the two organizations, with the 1983 game slated to be played here on the MTSU campus.



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