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# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## News Briefs

From WIRE REPORTS

**MEXICO CITY** — Fears of a run on Mexico's newly nationalized banks have faded after the first day of operations without any sign of panic withdrawals.

The newly appointed director of the central bank, Carlos Tello Macias, hailed the apparent normality Monday, when the banks reopened after a five-day shutdown, as "the people's very favorable response to a popular measure."

The closure was ordered last Wednesday when President Jose Lopez Portillo announced the nationalization of all private banks as part of a drastic program aimed at solving Mexico's worst economic crisis in 70 years. Lopez Portillo accused the private banks of funneling Mexican cash out of the country.

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**LONDON** — Iran today blamed U.S. mercenaries for a car bomb explosion in Tehran Sunday that killed 20 people and wounded 100 others.

The victims were pedestrians and passengers in a bus damaged by the explosion near the Justice and Interior Ministry in the center of the capital, Tehran radio said in a broadcast monitored here.

"The mercenaries of America have committed this tragic crime at a time when Iran has exposed the American plan and taken a decisive stand on the these conspiracies and foiled the plots of Zionism and imperialism to implement their evil aims in the region and suppress Moslems," the broadcast said.

However, the official Islamic Republic News Agency blamed the explosion on the leftist Mujahideen Khalq guerrillas, bitter foes of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Moslem fundamentalist government.

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**BEIRUT** — The Lebanese army took over forward positions of Lebanese leftist Moslem militiamen in west Beirut yesterday to avert a threatened Israeli attack on the Moslem-populated half of the Lebanese capital, the government said.

The move followed the ultimatum from Israel warning that its army would march on west Beirut if the leftists, allies of the exiled Palestinian guerrillas, did not abandon their positions by 6 p.m. Monday, a Lebanese government spokesman said.

Just before the ultimatum was served through the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon, Israeli forces again advanced on a two-mile arc across the cease-fire line north of the city's international airport, the spokesman said.

The move brought the Israelis into the fringes of the former Palestine Liberation Organization stronghold abandoned by the guerrillas a week ago when they completed their evacuation of west Beirut.

## Student earns 4 gold, 3 silver in Pan Am meet

By LUCY CARTER  
Associate Editor

A former MTSU student, Barton Dodson, participated in this year's August Handicapped Pan American games in Canada, winning four gold and three silver medals.

Dodson won his gold medals in the 200, 400 and 800 meter races and the 100 meter relay. He placed second in the pentathlon, which is composed of five different events. He also won silver medals in the 100 meter sprint and the club event.

**THE 24-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE**, who holds five national records, not only won seven medals, he set two world records. Dodson set the records in the 100 meter relay and the 100 meter sprint.

It took a lot of time and hard work in preparing for the games, Dodson said.

"I began training in March," he said, "working with weights and pushing [his wheelchair] five to six miles a day."

**DODSON WAS** paralyzed from the chest down in a swimming accident eight years ago.

The former student said winning the medals was a proud accomplishment.

"The 400 and 800 meter events felt great because I beat someone who had been telling me how he was going to win," Dodson said.

**AFTER IT WAS** all over "I came home, took a shower and went to bed," he said. "You get

## Election commission to hold on-campus voter registration

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON  
Editor

The Rutherford County Election Commission will conduct voter registration in the basement of the UC on Sept. 13 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., a commission spokeswoman said last week.

An amendment to state law passed by the Legislature last March mandates supplemental voter registration on all degree-granting institutions of higher education during each "academic term."

**THE COMMISSION** did not register voters here during the summer semester because "academic term" has been informally interpreted as meaning



Mark Ross



Resident Assistants vote to ouster a reporter and photographer from last night's meeting.

Photo by DMI, II

real tired having to wait around in airports and train stations."

He has always been competitive, Dodson said. Before his accident he played basketball in high school and baseball during the summer.

In 1981, MTSU sponsored him in the nationals in England where he broke four records.

**DODSON**, who has won "around 50 or 60 medals," is preparing for the 1984 Paralympics in Champagne, Illinois.

"I'm pushing [my wheelchair] two to three hours a day and working out with weights," he said.

Dodson plans to return to MTSU in the spring to finish his junior year. He then plans to enroll at Tennessee Tech to study engineering.

spring and summer semesters, according to ASB Senate Speaker Mark Ross.

The state attorney general is expected soon to issue an official interpretation of how often registration should be conducted, Ross said.

Supplemental voter registration had been provided previously at high schools and other locations, he said, but colleges had been overlooked.

**"IN THE PAST**, Young Democrats, Young Republicans and student governments have sponsored their own voter registration," Ross said. "Although a lot of students registered, they never received voter registration cards and didn't realize they needed them to vote."

At polls all over the state, some students were told their forms were lost or filed incorrectly (for example, "W" for white was entered on forms instead of "C" for Caucasian), Ross said.

**WITH THE ELECTION** commission registering the students, these problems should not arise, he explained.

"[State colleges] need better funding," Ross said. "We won't have that until we have the clout

## ASB to paint murals in Peck

By Tami Britton  
Staff Writer

The first priority for the ASB is painting murals on the walls of Peck Hall, ASB President David Kessler said Tuesday.

MTSU art students will donate their time to paint murals in three or four stairwells of Peck Hall.

**"PECK HALL** will have murals painted on its walls by Christmas—one way or another," Kessler said.

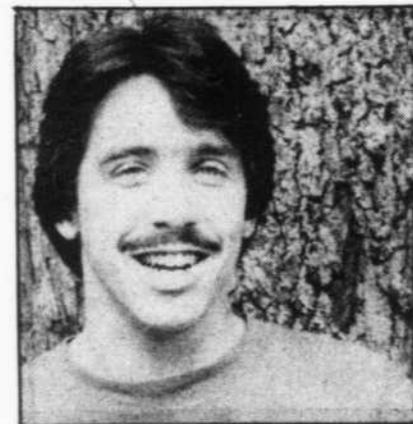
Also ranking high on the ASB priority list, Kessler said, are plans to provide transportation to away football games. The ASB office will determine the number of cars available as transportation and will announce the time and place to meet if students wish to participate and attend ball games.

Another high-priority project, weekly pep rallies, begins tomorrow at noon in front of the grill.

**"WE ARE GOING** to get students fired up and out to the games," Kessler said.

The establishment of a university ombudsman is next on the ASB list of priorities, he said.

His main role will be resolving conflicts, dealing with students'



David Kessler

problems and mediating in disputes between students, faculty and administration, Kessler said.

**THE ASB** also has several other objectives dealing with homecoming and hopes for a "highly successful" homecoming that will be "supportive of the football team."

For the future Kessler said the ASB plans to have an anti-nuclear rally with seminars, workshops and films to raise money for "the cause."

Other long-term goals are a Frisbee golf course, a sun patio for the pool and portable bleachers for the intramural field.



A pair of MTSU coeds "catch" a break between classes.

Photo by DMI, II

## Meeting closed to reporter, photographer

By DOUG MARKHAM  
News Editor

A *Sidelines* reporter and photographer were asked to leave a meeting last night between RAs and the Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake.

Led by Brad Lowe, approximately 30 RAs voted to close their meeting to the press.

Prior to the meeting a group of RAs approached the reporter wishing to express their views on the recent controversy surrounding new RA policies. None of these members, however, voted in favor of having the reporter remain.

As a part of the new housing program this year, RAs have been designated parking slots close to their dorms.

According to ASB Speaker of the House Mark Ross, controversy arose last week when a small number of students complained that the assigned spots were unfair.

Shewmake, however, said the controversy was created by some RAs who were calling the campus police and asking that unassigned vehicles parked in RA slots be towed.

"The RAs wanted people towed out of their parking spots and we [members of the housing office] told them they could not have anyone towed," Shewmake said.

Ross said so far a majority of students have not expressed objection to the RA parking privileges—an important step in helping change that policy.

"I believe we would have to show widespread disapproval by the student body for that [changing the policy] to happen," Ross said.

The assigned slots were given to the RAs so their vehicle would be close to the dorm in cases of emergency, Shewmake said.

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## RA's

## VOTER

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Ross said the policy was accepted and passed by MTSU's traffic committee in 1981, but no members of the ASB attended the committee meeting and they were not informed of the policy until it was implemented this year.

"I would have liked for housing to have told the ASB what they were proposing to do," Ross said.

Members of the student body could have voiced their opinions about the issue if the ASB would have known about the policy, Ross said.

Chief of University Police John Bass said vehicles not bearing RA decals would not be towed from RA parking spots, but would be ticketed.

"The spaces are specified so if somebody parks in an assigned spot and doesn't have the authority to park there they will be cited," Bass said.

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in the Legislature and use it as other special interest groups do."

The idea for the amendment was spawned last year by the President's Council of State Board of Regents student government presidents.

Bill Trent, ASB president at Tennessee Tech and president of the President's Council, sponsored the amendment in last year's Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature where it won the Governor's Award.

## weather

Partly cloudy today with temperatures in high 80s and winds light at 5 mph. Tonight's low in mid-60s.

## McFarland honored in memoriam by community

Members of the Murfreesboro community gathered yesterday to honor former newspaper publisher and millionaire Jack McFarland, who died last spring. McFarland, a lifelong member of the Rotary Club, was honored by his fellow members.

**AFTER MCFARLAND'S** death, members of his family set up a \$50,000 scholarship foundation at MTSU.

Relatives of the late millionaire represented the family at a local estate auction this summer to settle McFarland's estate and establish the foundation.

The auction netted over \$100,000, officials said.

**DURING HIS CAREER,** McFarland chaired several MTSU foundation committees and helped strengthen the mass communications department.

Among guests honoring the philanthropist were Mayor Joe B. Jackson, Sen. John Rucker and representatives for Gov. Lamar Alexander and Sen. Jim Sasser.

Complimentary letters were also sent from Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and Rep. Albert Gore Jr.

## Police survey due for recommending operational change

By Doug Markham  
News Editor

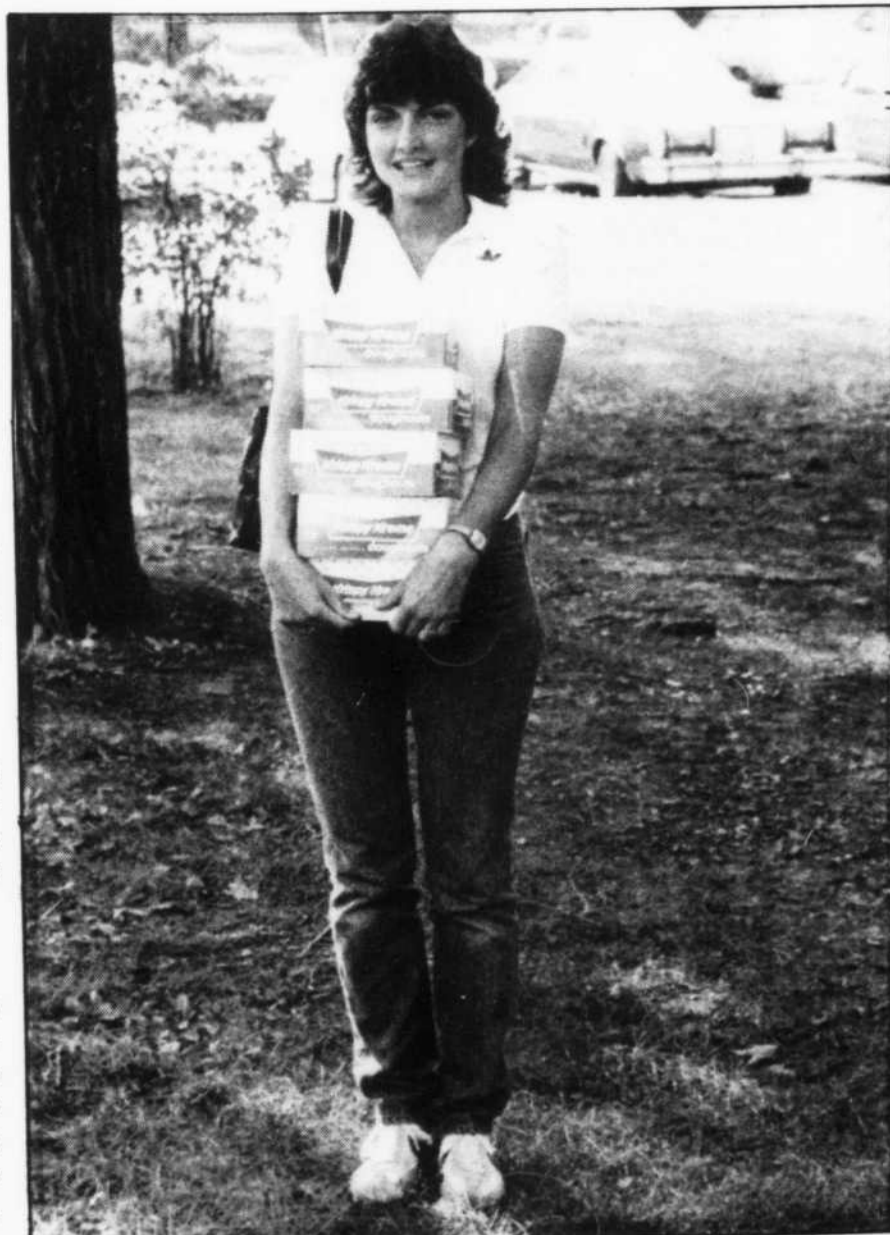
A Knoxville based association is expected to present suggestions for operational changes in MTSU's university police department this month.

Garner Associates have been observing the university police since early this summer and resolutions aimed at making the department more efficient are being formulated this week.

In an attempt to collect needed information this summer, students, faculty members and administration officials were interviewed.

"One of the reasons [for the operational changes] is to improve security as well as relationships and resolve complaints that have arisen between the university and the student body," Otis Floyd, supervisor of the campus police, said.

Floyd said the efforts to improve the department are "primarily for the students."



Rhonda Kistler sell donuts for Pi Sigma Epsilon

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# Campus Capsule

**THE HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION** will conduct a general meeting for all honors students tomorrow at in PH 107. This will be the first meeting of the year, so all who are interested are welcome.

**MOCK LSAT** sponsored by MTSU Pre Law Society and political science department will be given Saturday, Sept. 11, at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UC 314—\$10 for non pre-law members and \$2.50 for pre-law members. Registration closes Thursday, Sept. 9. Contact the political science department if interested.

**THE RUTHERFORD STRING TRIO** will be featuring Laurence Harvin on violin, Daniel Furth on viola, and Julia Tanner on the cello. The debut recital is Monday, Sept. 13, at 8 p.m.

**PRSSA**, (Public Relations Student Society of America) will hold the first meeting of the year today at 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, room 311.

**NAVIGATORS** will be holding a discussion group Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the grill. Title for discussion: "Who is Jesus Christ?"

**THE SOCIAL WORK CLUB** will hold an organizational meeting today in Peck Hall 319 at 3:00. All old members are invited back and prospective members are welcome. Any

student in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and social work is invited to come as well as other interested students.

**THE FINE ARTS** sale will be in the UC basement today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**THE ALPHA KAPPA PSI** will be conducting a bubble gum sale today in the UC from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A **CLERICAL CAUCUS** meeting is today in Rm 314 of the UC from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

A **MILITARY SCIENCE PMS** conference will be held in Dining Room B today and tomorrow in the James Union Building from noon until 4 p.m.

**THE DANCE COMMITTEE** has headed up a dance—an American dream—in the Tennessee room of the JUB at 8 p.m. tonight.

**THE GRADUATE** test will be held at the UC, room 314, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

**THE DAMES CLUB** will meet in Dining room A of the JUB, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.



Governor Lamar Alexander and Gubernatorial candidate Randy Tyree debated Tennessee politics yesterday in Nashville.

## Polish embassy in Switzerland seized by Poles

**BERN, Switzerland (AP)** — Armed terrorists who are threatening to blow up the Polish Embassy released two elderly women hostages yesterday and met for the first time with a government negotiator, a federal police spokesman said.

The raiders, calling themselves "The Polish Revolutionary Home Army," still are holding nine people in the police-encircled embassy, according to federal officials, and are demanding the Polish government lift martial law and release all political prisoners.

They set a 3 a.m. CDT deadline.

**ULRICH HUBACHER**, spokesman for the federal Justice and Police Ministry, said a member of the special 24-man crisis team met for an hour with the gunmen in the embassy after the long telephone contacts with the terrorists.

He refused to discuss the meeting in detail, but said more face-to-face negotiations were likely.

Late Monday night, the terrorists released a pregnant woman from among the hostages in the white stucco mansion in the middle of Bern's diplomatic sector. The woman, identified by Poles in Bern as Malgorzata Luczak, a clerk-typist at the embassy, was hospitalized for treatment for shock.

**HUBACHER IDENTIFIED** the latest freed hostages only as embassy employees.

"The Swiss government is committed to ending this siege as soon as possible and saving the lives of the hostages," he said. The spokesman refused to say what tactics might be used.

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# Responsible journalism requires accurate facts

*Sidelines* cannot and will not be intimidated, coerced or bribed into a compromise situation regarding information for articles, editorials and columns. While this may appear to be a harsh statement, it must be said to clarify present misconceptions.

In a recent incident, a reporter requesting information from a group was barred from their meeting. He was told the story was none of his business, implying that it was none of the students' business. This attitude was taken due to what one individual called his experience with "bad press."

AFTER THE discussion had been concluded, representatives contacted the reporter and offered to provide information.

The reporter refused to use the information on the basis that he had not been allowed to cover the complete story objectively. He felt the information provided might have been biased and unreliable since it would have presented only one side of the issue.

What constitutes a news story and what proper coverage of that story requires should be determined by the reporter and the editors. This initial assessment should not be made by the parties involved for it is often an attempt to present these parties' interests in the most favorable manner.

THIS ATTEMPT at one-sided coverage often leads to a distortion of the facts. In turn this leads to a distortion of

the truth.

That a news story is only as good as the facts given the reporter is often misunderstood. It is upon this foundation of facts that a reporter builds his story, and if the facts are inaccurate, the conclusion the reader draws may also be wrong. Thus the truth, or any fleeting glimpse we receive of it, will be distorted.

It is possible for facts to be incorrect or erroneous, but it is impossible for the truth to be either. That would be a contradiction in terms, for truth cannot be in error.

WE ATTEMPT to present a balanced story in order for the readers to draw their own conclusions. But when facts are distorted or totally wrong, our presentation of these facts leads to erroneous conclusions and not the truth.

For this reason it is important that journalists receive access to information from all sides and are provided with responsible and knowledgeable comment.

ONLY THROUGH this effort can we uphold the public trust we hold as journalists.

We are students and are still learning. As humans we are not perfect and will make mistakes, but as journalists we have a duty to keep the public informed of news events and cannot allow ourselves to be dissuaded from this obligation.

For us to do so would be a violation of our ethics and a breach of our trust to keep the public informed.

## Guest view

by Mindy Tate

Resident advisers are not really different from other students.

We complain about the high cost of tuition and housing because, just as other students, we pay those fees. We go to class and study, just as other students, so we will be able to stay in school, but also to be able to keep our jobs, which carry a retention standard. And as everyone else does, we like to party, because all work and no play makes your RA a very dull person.

RAs are different from other student workers, though. If a student worker in another department works 12 hours, that student worker is paid for 12 hours. RAs have a set pay scale, ranging from 6-10 hours a week, depending on the residence hall in which they live.

THIS PAY COVERS the time the RA is "officially" on duty. It does not take into consideration the fact that whenever an RA is in the dorm, he is on duty. The RA never sees any compensation for the middle-of-the-night calls, the sessions taking care of the drunk or the weekend duty, which lasts from 3 p.m. on Friday to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

We all knew this when we applied for and accepted the job. We accepted it the way it

was, not expecting any "token compensations" or pay raises. Take my word for it. We did not get any.

THE DESIGNATION of reserved parking spaces for RAs was not a "token concession" for placing overflow students in our rooms. These parking spaces were approved over a year ago and have been going through "the proper channels" since that time. RAs were told of the possibilities for these spaces at the end of the spring semester.

Under the new system, the housing staff is utilizing fewer spaces than before. Only RAs who have cars on campus full time were given spaces, and the number of hall director spaces was cut to the number of vehicles each hall director has.

THESE SPACES allow the RAs and hall directors to have their cars near the entrance to the residence hall in case of an emergency. One such emergency occurred last year in Cummings Hall when a resident took an overdose of pills and refused to be transported to the hospital in an emergency vehicle. Valuable time was lost while the staff member had to go to the other end of the lot to get a car.

Maintenance and emergency vehicles can also utilize these spaces for short-term parking. These spaces can also be used by

visitors for loading and unloading.

RAs are not the only ones who receive special parking privileges. The ASB receives a certain number of black, or staff, parking stickers, which allow them to park in any color code except white (faculty parking) or red (handicapped).

SOME MEMBERS OF the *Sidelines* staff also receive black stickers. If we wonder about the RA spaces, maybe we also need to wonder about the need for these privileges.

The parking spaces are nice, but in no way make the job a bowl of cherries. It is definitely not special treatment to be allowed to search a building for a bomb or be the last one out in the event of a fire.

It is not a special privilege to be allowed to come back a week early from summer vacation to go through intense training and with no pay. RAs also are the last to leave at the end of each semester because they are waiting for the other residents to check out. Again, no pay is given for this time.

Again, we applied for and accepted these jobs as members of the housing staff knowing full well the requirements and restrictions. We just wanted you to know.



## Punchline

by Danny Tyree

*Only the wise possess ideas; the greater part of mankind are possessed by them. - Samuel Coleridge*

We owe a debt of gratitude to those Americans who are willing to stand up and tell Washington and Moscow that they are sick and tired of having nuclear annihilation hanging over their heads.

BUT, LET us be cautious around those well-meaning individuals who are too quick to cram any one particular solution down Uncle Sam's throat.

A recent *Newsweek* poll shows Americans endorsing a nuclear weapons freeze by a 2-to-1 margin. But, as is the case with so many surveys, only a fraction of the people on either side have more than the shallowest of reasons for their "convictions". And when you're dealing with the life or death of the entire globe, shallowness is scary.

Too many people are itching to follow any guru who can promise a "quick fix" to a complex, 37-year-old problem—especially on the pro-freeze side. "Anything—simply anything—is better than what we are doing now," seems to be the philosophy of an alarming number of these folks.

BEFORE WE SWEAR loyalty to any one position, there are some questions to ask and points to ponder:

• *The motives of the Soviets in supporting a nuclear freeze.*

Are the Soviets merely thinking of the good of mankind? If so, they seem conspicuously inconsistent with their altruism. How is humanity elevated by atrocities in Afghanistan, repression in Poland and chemical warfare genocide in Southeast Asia?

AND WHAT NOBLE goals are attained when, as Jack Anderson reports, the USSR sponsors the PLO in conducting international terrorism?

Or, perhaps the Kremlin merely wants the peace—loving Soviet people to be able to live without fear. (Unless you count the 2,000-2,500 political prisoners whom 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov said had been placed in jail or KGB—run mental institutions as of 1977. Political prisoners included members of an unofficial group organized to monitor Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki human rights accords.)

IF WE and the Soviets are both pursuing the same lofty goals, why do communist front groups participate in the U.S. nuclear freeze movement, while anti-nukers inside Russia are gagged or placed under stifling surveillance?

• *The Soviet record for trustworthiness.*

As syndicated columnist Stanton Evans reminds us, the Soviets have doggedly resisted on-site inspection of their missile sites and have ignored conventions banning chemical warfare.

THE U.S. never encodes the electronic data (telemetry) flowing from its missile tests. The USSR *always* encodes such information.

We naive Americans thought anti-ballistic missile capability had been forbidden by the 1972 ABM treaty, but, as former Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird reports, the Soviets see things differently.

After signing the treaty they built a new ABM test range and conducted at least 16 illegal tests. After signing SALT I, they conducted at least 11 tests using radar with an ABM system—in flagrant violation of the treaty.

THE SOVIETS have developed a strange habit of moving SS-16 missiles (which are legal only if used to replace existing missiles) out of the factories at night, Laird says. Then the missiles are camouflaged in wooded areas. For that matter, factories, test sites, launch sites and submarine yards have all been camouflaged.

• *Sending signals to the Soviets.*

Yes, we must let Brezhnev and his comrades know that we don't want our planet reduced to a cinder. We must let them know that we realize money spent on missiles could more constructively be spent on hungry children.

BUT LET'S remember that signals often carry more than one meaning. A handkerchief tied to an auto antenna is intended to signal "Help!" But it can also shout, "Easy pickings!" to highway bandits.

So whatever signals we send the Soviets must be unambiguous; we can't let them think we are negotiating from weakness or that we swallow all their promises.

• *Types of war.*

FEW WILL DENY that the threat of nuclear retaliation has been a primary deterrent to a Soviet invasion of Western Europe during the past 37 years. Since the Soviets are so much better equipped to wage a conventional war, shouldn't nuclear disarmament be linked to reductions in conventional forces as well?

• *The ending of madness.*

The nuclear arms race is madness. So is our economic quagmire. So is pollution. So were the Atlanta slayings.

BUT WE cannot always extricate ourselves from sticky situations just by swelling up with righteous indignation and shouting, "Freeze!"

This crisis calls for education and teamwork. Let's all become better informed about the arms race. Then the intellectuals and the man on the street, the hawks and the doves, the Democrats and the Republicans can intelligently cooperate to produce the best solution.

We must take measures to minimize the risk of a computer foul-up triggering an accidental nuclear exchange. We must settle the debate over the firepower of the two sides and the significance of the gap. We must decide for sure which types of missiles are most destabilizing.

WE MUST ASK for reasonable concessions from Moscow, not concessions we hope they will turn down. We must work out reliable methods of verification.

Most importantly, we must remember that the totalitarian Soviet government can operate largely unhampered by public opinion—and make the shrewdest defense decisions. We Americans are blessed with free speech and free elections, but those blessings—if abused by emotionalism—can put us at a disadvantage in negotiations with the Soviets.

## Letters From Our Readers

To the editor:

It's obvious to me—and I'm sure to many others—after three years at this so-called place of higher learning that state officials do not foresee the construction of a parking garage near the center of our campus.

We have also learned that we don't want to insult the environmentalists and build more parking spaces where trees currently shade the older residence halls and the main classroom buildings. (As

Thoreau would probably agree, we shouldn't take our problems out on the trees.)

So the only solution apparent to me—after driving around for 15 minutes looking for a parking space of any shape, size, or color (except yellow or red)—is for Sam to do what Walt D. and Roy Acuff have done.

However ludicrous it may sound, Middle Tennessee State University should purchase two or three shuttle buses (the open-air kind would be fine) and transport students from the

outer general-purpose parking lots to the docking point in front of Kirksey Old Main.

Instead of parking in Daffy or Daisy or Mickey or Minnie parking areas as we do at Walt Disney World, all we have to remember BF Egypt, East Egypt, or Kalamazoo.

After all, we're not just tired of driving around looking for spaces, we're tired of having to walk a mile in our shoes.

Carol A. Stuart  
MTSU Box 7142

### Letters Policy

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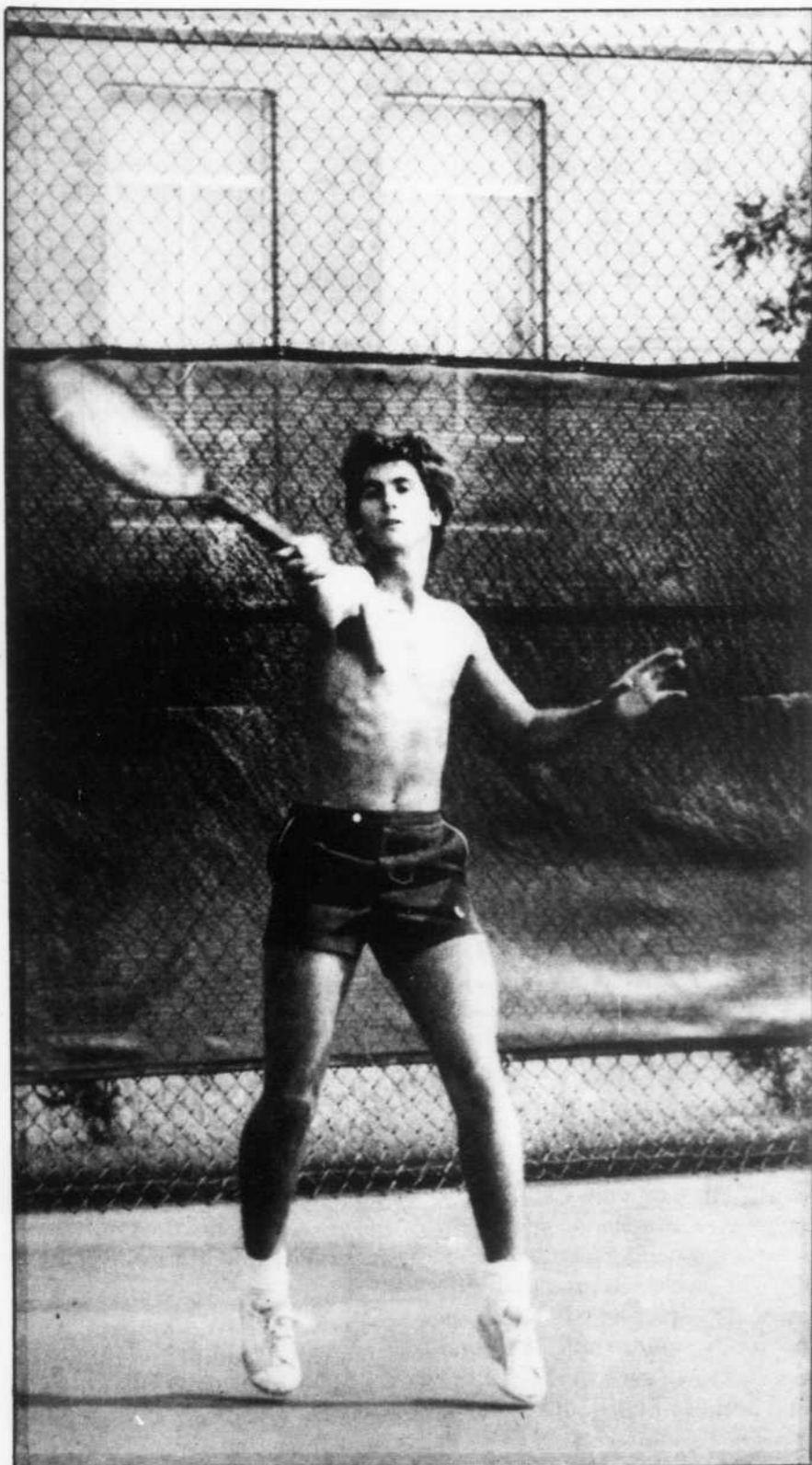
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# Students laborless on labor day



## Serving

Tennis enthusiast Graeme Harris passes the time by polishing his game.



## Sleeping

Angie Cook grabs forty winks in preparation for the coming week.



## Swimming

Jeff Bressler takes a dive in the Sig Ep swimming pool



## Sunning

Cyndi Lindley catches the last of the summer rays.



## Socializing

Derrick Littleton and Monique Lane discuss anything but class work.

What can I say  
About Labor Day?  
Is it a day  
to labor indeed,  
Or to catch up  
on leisure—  
Which we all do  
need?  
I suspect it's the  
latter  
and think you'll  
agree,  
Leisure on Labor Day  
that's the key!

Photo essay by Lesley Collins

# Depression, poverty, insecurity common problems facing students

By DEE PARKER  
and JENNY JACOBS

Ann is a freshman enrolled at MTSU, and she has a problem.

In fact, Ann has several problems: she lacks self-discipline, she is in short supply and she has a conflict in her class schedule.

IN ADDITION, she doesn't have a real goal for her college career, she feels inferior, and her new found independence is a hard thing to adjust to.

Ann is a fictitious character, but her problems are very real. The trials and self-doubts she is experiencing are the most common problems faced by MTSU students, the Guidance Center reports.

Study habits, housing problems, time budgeting, class problems, financial problems, choosing a major and fears are only the beginning for a new student, the Center's director, F. W. Poole stated.

SOMETIMES THE BIGGEST adjustment is finding a place to stay at the first of the semester. Dorms tend to be crowded and sharing a room can

be a traumatic experience, he said.

Self-discipline is essential to the successful survival of the new student. Students have to learn how to study and how to budget their time. Poole says, "because there are always other things that seem to be more attractive."

Scheduling classes can be a headache and a disaster for new students. Conflicts in time and offered and closed sections creep into the picture and result in the dropping, adding and changing of courses as Dr. Richard Hawk, guidance counselor, pointed out.

"A LOT [of new students] have a tendency to take too many hours," Hawk says. New students should take 14 to 15 hours their first semester.

Money, the biblical root of all evil, finds its way into the new student's dilemma. Some students find themselves visiting the placement office looking for part-time jobs because college is so expensive, Hawk said.

"New students' primary concerns are the courses to take

and determining what they plan to major in," Hawk says. "Many [new students] have undeclared majors."

THE GENERAL attitude toward academic success has improved since the late sixties, according to Poole. Students today are more concerned if they will be able to find a job once they finish their studies.

There's a whole spectrum of emotions for the new student, Dr. James Covington, director of guidance counseling, said.

New students wonder "whether they are going to make it and how well they are going to

make it," Covington said.

"SOME FEAR is healthy—too much fear can be crippling," Covington said.

Adjusting to the college experience for a new student can be quite a dilemma. At the end of the semester, he learns where the reading lab and the writing labs are, and where he can find a tutor. There is always another semester.

The chief difference between high school pressure and college pressure is that the pressure shifts from outside forces, such as parents and teachers, to "make it" in a strange, new and

independent world, the Guidance Center reports.

IN THE QUEST of what generally causes malcontent in the hearts and minds of college freshmen, who would know better than the freshmen themselves? The guidance counselor? Since no one really knows for sure, only a quick probe into the minds of both freshmen and counselors alike can hold an answer.

According to most freshmen here on campus, learning to control the way time is spent is the major problem.

Kathy Vickers, freshman, tends to agree: "I can't handle the free time and it's hard to choose what party you want to go to. The worst thing is learning to be your own boss. There aren't any parents here to tell you what to do, so it's a heck of an adjustment."

LEARNING TO budget time is an accomplishment within itself, but beyond that, students complain of the increased workload as compared to high

school. Not only is college multifaceted, within each facet lies a much deeper realm to understand.

"College life is very fast-paced," freshman band member, Steve Hildreth, said. "In high school, you get used to doing a chapter a week at the most. Here it's two to three chapters a day!"

BUT THE PROS do go on to outweigh the cons, as Steve goes on to add: "Even though the music we play in band is harder, you get a lot more done. There's also a lot more serious about music as compared to your average high school band."

And what about inferiority. Apparently it does play a big part in determining a freshman's feeling of security.

"I think there's a lot of feeling less than normal around here. I know there are times when I feel inferior to upperclassmen," said freshman Leslie Dyer. "Not only that, but it's one hectic struggle trying to get settled in. Registration was amazing."



# Fall rushees get chance to peek into Greek life

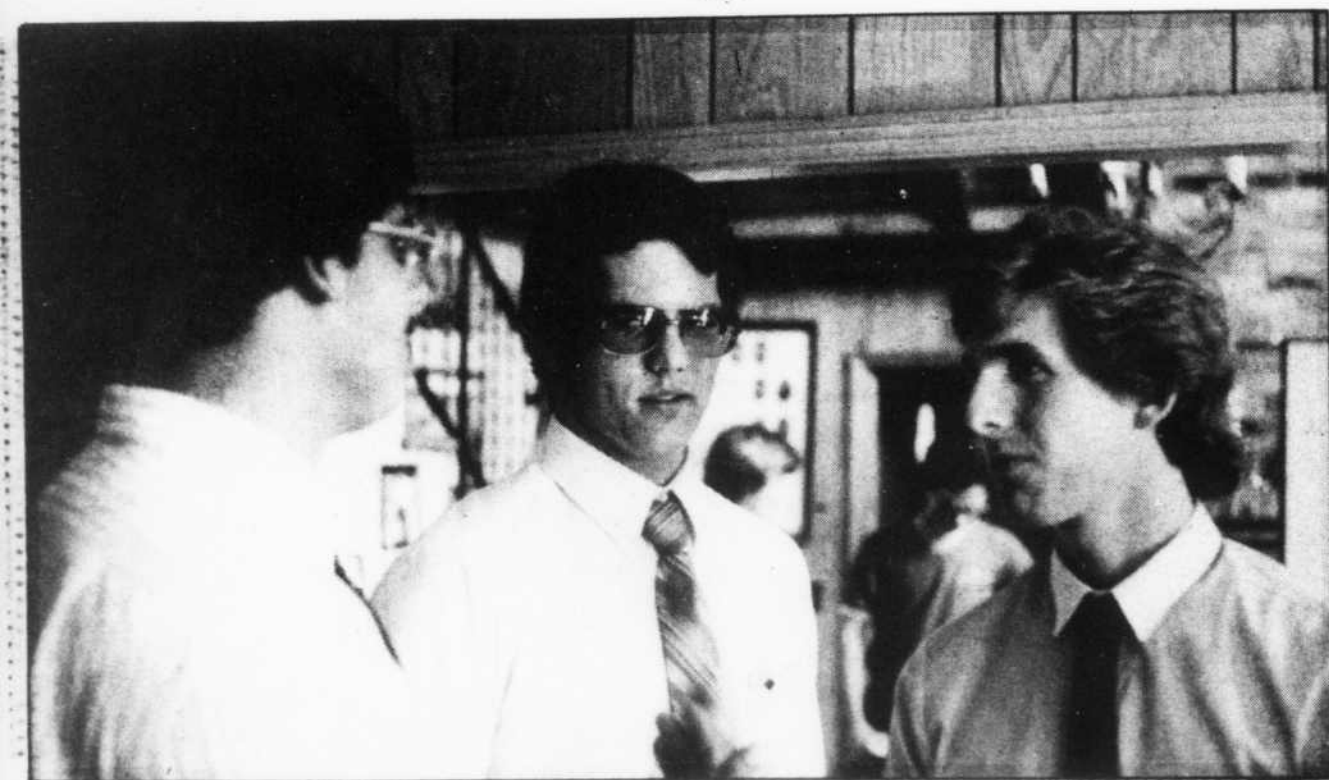


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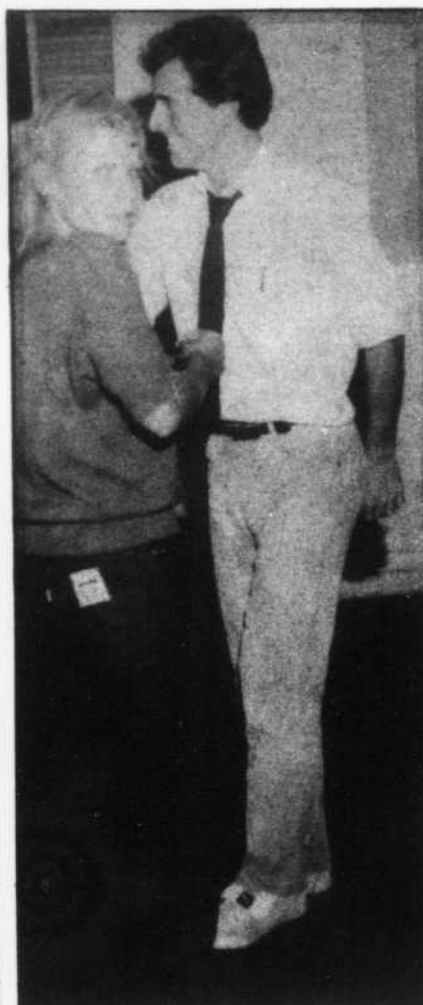


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(top) Sig Ep brother Ed Buitton (far left) talks to Rushees Vann Hoover (middle) and Marty Pharris (right) about his organization. (left) Dancing and merry-making are a part of the rushee experience. (right) Miss MTSU title holder Susan Bomar makes the social rounds at a rush party.

By DEE PARKER and KAREN FRONTAURIA

This fall there was a rush for registration, purchasing books and making new friends. But there's another rush of parties and activities sponsored by the campus Greek organizations.

Rush is designed each fall to give students the opportunity to join the fraternity or sorority of their choice.

**SORORITY RUSH** usually begins with several parties, songs, skits, and refreshments to "get to know the girls in the sorority and get to know the girls in Rush," Tena Gardner, Panhellenic president, said.

Rush counselors were posted in the UC last week to give students the chance to register. The counselors have been helping the girls go through rush without encountering problems, according to Keita Hemphill, Rush chairman.

Rush week begins September 19 with five nights of parties sponsored by each participating sorority. The sororities will then make bids the following Monday for the girls who are still interested in joining.

"**THIS YEAR'S RUSH** has already attracted over three hundred girls," Hemphill reported.

The purpose of Rush is to give every girl a chance to join, and the chances of getting into a sorority are good, Judy Smith, the organization's advisor, announced. However, if a student wants to join a specific sorority, her chances have greatly diminished.

The only requirement for entering into a sorority are grades, Smith pointed out. Freshmen do not have a GPA yet so the sorority looks into the student's high school record to check grades and social and community activities.

**UPPERCLASSMEN** must have a 2.0.

Other factors considered by the sorority when looking at a potential student include how well she relates to other people and if she can afford to pay the sorority's monthly dues, Hemphill reported.

While the sororities are having their rush, the fraternities on campus are having their own Rush week also, Hemphill continued.

**THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL** devises the fraternity Rush schedule for each semester, she went on.

Before each semester, the IFC—composed of four officials and two delegates from each fraternity's president and one other member—meet and decide on how Rush Week will be conducted, Hemphill stated.

This organization also decides on what kinds of functions or parties will be held, how long they will last, and on what nights they will be during Rush.

**THE FIRST RUSH** party of the semester is "split" between the larger and smaller fraternities, she said. The larger consisting of 40-60 active members, and the smaller with less than 40 active members.

The "split" is made so the students wishing to join a fraternity will be able to attend the parties of several fraternities and decide which one they like.

This semester the IFC has agreed upon three "wet" parties and one "dry" party for each of the fraternities.

A "**WET**" PARTY is one in which alcoholic beverages may be served, while at a "dry" party alcohol is prohibited, Hemphill pointed out.

The parties will be held at the chapter houses, on campus and at private homes for the fraternities without housing, Judy Smith said.

Each student rushing will have to buy a rush card for five dollars in order to attend the rush parties of their choice.

**THE MONEY** that is collected from the sale of Rush cards is put back into IFC funding for sponsors and scholarships.

An estimated 700 to 1,000 Rush cards have been sold this semester, Smith reported.

Jimmy Burkard, vice-president of the IFC, believes there are more Rushees this semester than there have been in a while.

**THE PROCESS** of "Rushing" consists of attending the Rush parties of the student's choice, attending the Smoker, (which is considered to be the most important function of Rush Week), and attending a preference party, Burkard stated.

In order to pledge to a fraternity, the student must obtain a bid. To obtain a bid, the fraternity must first decide if they want the Rushee to be in their organization.

The fraternities, like the sororities, have a grade point standard of 2.0, but cannot judge an incoming freshman on his grades, for he does not have an established GPA as of yet.

**THERE ARE** approximately 140-150 pledges in the fall semester each year. The spring semester pledges are usually much lower.

There are many regulations and obligations in the life of a brother. Grades must be kept at a presentable level, dues must be paid to the chapter, and no hazing is allowed, Cantrell made clear.

Hazing is "anything that would cause embarrassment, harm, or infringement on studies," as Burkard explained. Fortunately, no hazing or problems have arisen with Rush this semester.

## Poetry pays off for student

By TERRY MORROW  
Feature Editor

MTSU psychology major Roy Flagg, 21 of Dyersburg, will have his poem, *Placed in the World*, published in the winter edition of *American Poetry Anthology*.

Today's best poetry, according to the American Poetry Association, who publishes the volume.

**FLAGG'S POEM** will also be considered for many prizes awarded each year by the association, the association said. His work has already

**'I like my poems  
to reflect life  
realistically'**



earned him an undisclosed amount of cash, book and gift prizes.

This is Flagg's first published work. He has been writing creative works for four years, he estimated.

"I consider myself an observer," Flagg said. "I like my poems to reflect life realistically."

*Placed in the World* will appear in libraries at Princeton, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Rome and Tokyo universities, many institutions in Paris, Oxford and Cambridge other libraries abroad.

**FLAGG DECIDED** to enter his poem for consideration for the anthology when he read about it in an issue of *Time*, but he doubted it would be selected, he said.



Roy Flagg

### Placed in the World

*Placed in the World  
Which I knew not, I was asked  
to do things men before me had  
already done, given a choice  
between  
miles and miles I chose miles  
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# Sports

## Zeitner leads over State

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

The Blue Raiders, led by quarterback Brad Zeitner, rammed their way past Savannah State Saturday night by a score of 12-3.

All-OVC placekicker Kelly Potter put the Blue on the board first with a 25-yard field goal in the first quarter.

**THE RAIDERS** made it 10-0 in the second quarter when Zeitner fired an 18 yard touchdown strike to Vince Hall. Kerry Mills of Savannah smacked in an 18-yard field goal

to make it 10-3.

A junior college transfer, Zeitner had an exciting first half of collegiate football. He threw for 103 yards before the first half gun.

**IN THE FOURTH** quarter, the game was sealed when Charlie Gregory of MTSU brought down Savannah quarterback Joe Savage in the end zone for a safety.

Zeitner was the offensive gem for the Big Blue Machine as he went 12 of 30, passing for 141 total yards. He threw only one interception.

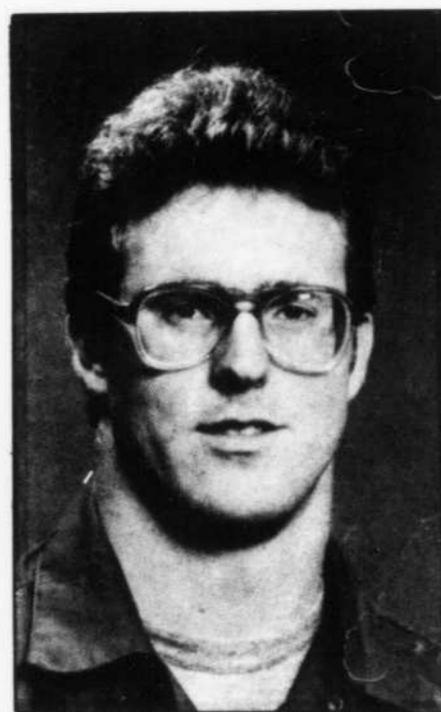
Receiver Marshan Jolly

hauled down three of the Zeitner aeriels for 46 yards.

**THE GROUND GAME** of the Blue Raiders saw eight different runners get a chance to provide some offensive spark. The eight combined for only 92 yards. Fullback Lamar Whatley led all ground gainers for MTSU with 36 yards on 10 carries.

The always impressive MTSU defense was in no slump, recovering three fumbles and snatching two interceptions.

Savannah State's offense boasted 124 yards on 50 carries, while the sky game had 27 yards on 4 of 14 passes.



Brad Zeitner, Charles Gregory and Marshan Jolly (l-r) were keys in the victory over Savannah State.

## SEC fares well over weekend

By MAT WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

With the exception of Tennessee, the SEC teams fared well in interconference play this weekend.

The Vols lost a heartbreaker to Duke, 25-24, and an uphill battle looms for the remainder of the season for Johnny Majors' club.

**DUKE AMASSED** a whopping 513 yards on the ground and through the air against a struggling Vol defense. Blue Devil quarterback, Ben Bennett, had an outstanding evening, connecting on 18 of 29 passes for 288 yards. That's 288 yards against a supposedly veteran Vol secondary.

Tennessee quarterback, Alan Cockrell, enjoyed an equally productive night as he completed 20 of 25 passes for 239 yards, while world-class sprinter Mike Miller caught four of those for 94 yards.

**CREDIT AND RESPECT** must be given to Duke, however, for the fine play and calmness in competing before 95,223 orange-blooded enthusiasts. The Blue Devils posted a 6-5 slate last year and equal or better that this season.

Tennessee, on the other hand, might be in serious trouble. An opening game loss such as this could take the wind from the sails of the Orangemen. The Vols' next opponent, Iowa State, features an offensive line that averages 261 pounds and a tailback named Harold Brown who has the ability to generate intense fan excitement.

The Ole Miss Rebels opened their 1982 campaign in fine fashion by defeating a young but improved Memphis State outfit, 27-10.

**THE HERO** for the Rebs was senior tailback, Andre "Hammerhead" Thomas, who bulldozed his way to 167 yards in 27 carries and personally outgained the Tiger team who finished with a total of 152

rushing yards.

Former Brentwood Academy All-American, Kent Austin, teamed with junior, Kelly Powell, to spearhead the Rebel offensive attack and both fared well. Austin passed 11 times and completed 6 for 55 yards while Powell hit 3-8 and 23 yards. Austin guided the Rebs 67 yards during the closing minutes for the game's last touchdown. He stands an excellent shot at starting against powerful Southern Mississippi this Saturday.

The Florida Gators won a big ballgame, beating tough Miami-Fla. 17-14 in an encounter that saw Gator fullback James Jones make an almost unhuman reception.

**WITH 1:48** remaining in the contest, Florida quarterback Wayne Peace dropped back and tossed the ball to Jones, who leaped into the air, grabbed the pigskin with his right hand, and (without positioning his grasp of the ball with his free left hand) fell backwards in end zone for the winning touchdown. The sun-scorched Florida Field crowd of 71,864 exploded with excitement.

The Mississippi State Bulldogs, led by quarterback John Bond and the running tandem of Henry Koontz and Micheal Haddix, whipped a tough Tulane team 30-21 this past Saturday, dispelling doubts that the Maroons might be in trouble this season due to receiving losses.

**LAST, BUT** not least, the Georgia Bulldogs topped the defending national champion

Clemson Tigers 13-7 on Labor Day as the injured Herschel Walker made a "surprise" appearance, rushed for 11 carries and flattened a Clemson defender with a bone-crushing block.

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# Kung Fu gives the student physical, spiritual, and mental strength

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

The following is an interview with MTSU student Loni Neight, who studies kung fu here in Murfreesboro.

**QUESTION:** Not very many people even know the difference between kung fu and karate. What is kung fu?

**ANSWER:** Kung fu is one of the oldest fighting arts known to mankind. The term kung fu literally means "any skill acquired through time and effort." So the farrier who shoes horses successfully can actually be said to be practicing kung fu. The most common term used in China is "wu shu," meaning martial art. But, here in the United States, the term kung fu has come to mean the practice of Chinese martial arts.

**Q:** What can a person hope to gain by studying kung fu?

**A:** One can get out of it as little or as much as one wants. You can get involved in the mental and spiritual aspects, such as meditation. Some kung fu practitioners are involved in it as a sport—competing in

tournaments and as professional fighters.

Some of the forms we do are very graceful and flowing and require a great deal of flexibility or even acrobatic ability. The exercises necessary to be proficient in the art are a great way to stay in shape.

**Q:** What kind of self defense does kung fu involve? Is it mainly kicks, punches and throws, and is it really practical for women?

**A:** There are many styles of kung fu, ranging from hard to soft and flowing. Many of these styles do not require a great deal of mass or strength to be effective and are especially good for those of small stature or women. In fact, wing chun, the style that Bruce Lee studied under Yip Man, was invented by a woman named Ng Mui, a Buddhist nun.

Other kung fu methods involve kicks and holds, such as chin na, accupressure, kicks, punches, sweeps and throws. Kung fu also involves the study of weapons such as quondo, butterfly knives and plum

blossom swords to name a few. There are many more weapons to be studied, from traditional to modern.

**Q:** Uniforms seem to play a big role in the martial arts. Is there a difference between karate and kung fu uniforms?

**A:** Yes, the karate uniform is called a "gi," which is Japanese. Ours is called a "sam" [pronounced sahm] which is Chinese. It is very traditional and is similar to the way the Chinese used to dress and still do in some places.

**Q:** I understand that kung fu is very traditional. Will it work in modern day situations or competition?

**A:** Kung fu competitors are very tough. Traditional fighters have proven that they are some of the best competitors around. Bruce Lee improvised and modernized, but his foundation was traditional kung fu. He learned it all.

Kung fu is an individual thing. It's a dynamic, powerful art which can go all the way from a study of tradition to a way of life.

## SportsRapSportsRapSportsRapSportsRapSports

by Mike Jones

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

In March 1983 the formation of the new United States Football League will officially take place. This will spell trouble for many of us hard core pro football fans.

Turning back the clock to 1974, I'm sure you will remember the formation of the now dead and buried World Football League. That league attracted a great deal of major talent, yet it didn't attract a major amount of fans.

**THE USFL IS** planning on scheduling its season to run from March to July. I don't know about you, but I just can't get up for football that time of year.

The USFL will also hold its collegiate draft before the NFL. Of course, all of the talent drafted will not go to the USFL, but some will.

Many NFL teams have reached their final roster cut date. Many surprises have come up recently with some big names being cut. A possible outlet could be the money-filled haven of the USFL.

USFL owners have plenty of

money, which was one thing many WFL owners lacked.

**THEY MAY FIND** it difficult to run a team with today's player salary inflation rate. Players lacking the confidence to play NFL ball may try for the big bucks in the USFL.

The founder of the USFL is David Dixon of New Orleans, who says "45,000 men play college football every year and 200 make it to the NFL." His philosophy seems to be that the leftovers will make a league comparable to the NFL. I have to laugh.

The Memphis Southmen of the WFL were about the only team to really show some sort of profit and fan support. It will be an amazing feat if a football team playing in early summer turns any money.

**A TELEVISION** contract would be easy to land. With networks like ESPN and USA, tractor pulls will soon be covered with the same intensity as major league sports.

It has taken many years to build the excitement and professionalism that only the NFL can offer. Think how long it will take for a new league to build that tradition and

background.

The USFL will be swamped by the NFL, just as the WFL was. The fact that they are playing at a different time of year will not make much of a difference at all. It will simply make matters worse.

**NORTH OF THE** border in Canada, the Canadian Football League thrives. Many of the players enjoying careers in that league are people who couldn't make it in the NFL or were attracted by the money. Many devout football enthusiasts will tell you that the brand of ball played there is nothing compared to the brand of ball played in the NFL.

The bottom line is that instead of a new league, there should be additional franchises added to the NFL. It would take several years to build the program successfully, but chances are it would fare better in the long run than building a whole new league that will fold within a couple of years.

Plans are in the making for additional NFL franchises to be added. Tampa Bay and Seattle are prime examples why these franchises eventually work.

## Contest attracts entries

By CODY MARLEY  
Sports Writer

The fans turned out in droves last week to name Murfreesboro's proposed NFL football team.

Due to the overwhelming response, the sports staff selected eight finalists instead of six as previously stated.

### THE EIGHT FINALISTS:

The Murfreesboro Apathetics, Hydrants, Heads, Boro Be Bop Rockers, Cheeseburgers, Kick-Offs, Hellions, and Viscachas. A Viscacha is any large group of burrowing rodents from South America.

Boxes will be set up all over

campus in which votes may be cast.

The winner will receive the fabulous grand prize of a cold drink, his or her picture in the paper and a crisp one dollar bill.

The name that is selected will be sent to National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle, who will decide if Murfreesboro is worthy of an NFL franchise.



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