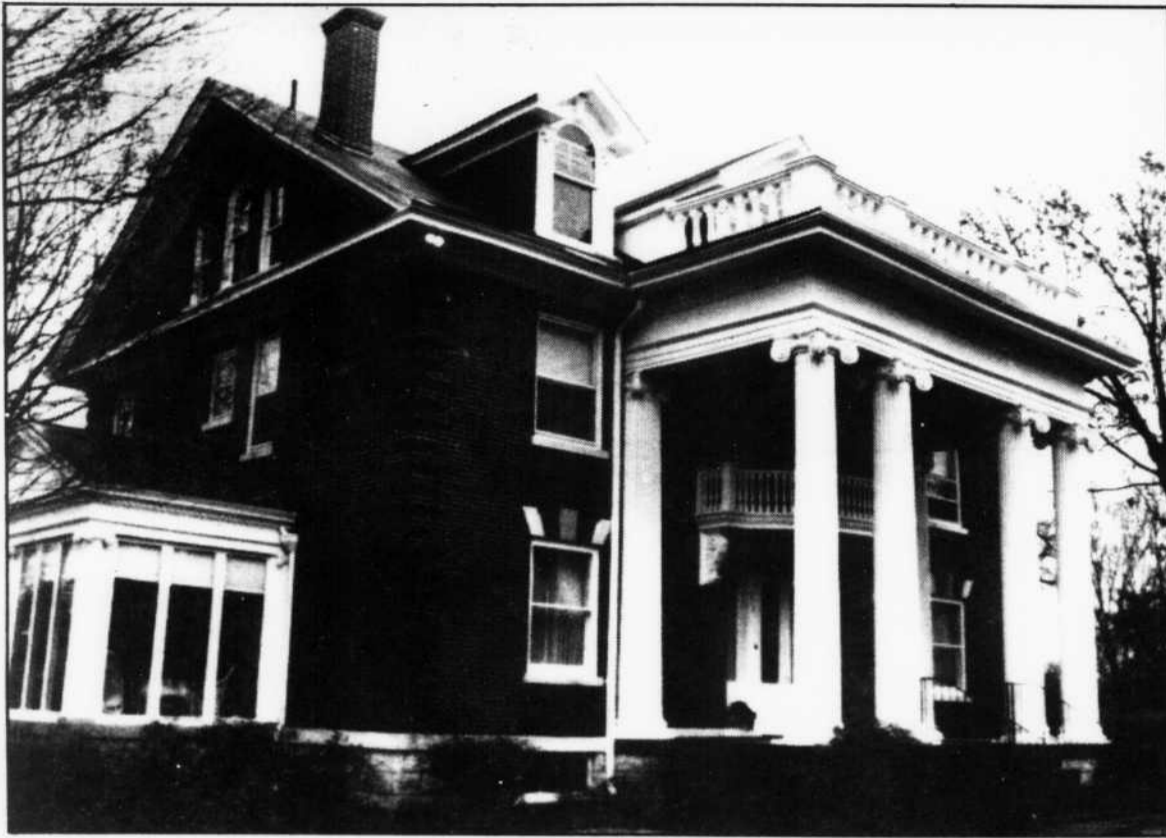


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Mansion now fit for Walker

SAM GANNON
News Editor

Improvements made to the home of President James Walker seem to have created a stir on campus and in the Middle Tennessee area.

Students and community residents have questioned the improvements to Walker's home, but Walker, who became MTSU's president in the spring, is not commenting about the improvements made to the home to make it suitable for living. He refers questions to the university's Public Relations Director, Dot Harrison.

WSMV-TV, Channel 4 and Murfreesboro's *Daily News Journal* have both featured stories

on the subject.

About \$158,000 has been spent on the Walkers' home since renovations began, said Mike O'Connell, Channel 4 news investigative reporter. The figure may seem a bit larger than thought before, but it includes materials, contractors, furnishings, and labor.

Labor from MTSU's Physical Plant cost \$41,048.85, O'Connell said. The money from state payroll funds was for 4030 hours of work on the project.

"Dr. [Sam] Ingram [former MTSU president] set aside some funds in 1989-1990," Harrison said. "Dr. Prescott started the

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A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE? Dr. Walker's campus home after renovations.

Judds show means more parking trouble for students

SUZANNE NORMAND
News Writer

MTSU's Security/Police Department and Student Programming are making plans to ensure traffic flow and orderly parking during the upcoming Judds Farewell Concert

The concert will be held Dec. 4 at Murphy Center.

Faulkenberry Drive and the Faculty Reserve Lot will be completely closed off beginning at 6 a.m. that day.

Students and faculty inconvenienced because of the parking displacement will be provided with alternative parking spaces in the Greenland Drive Lot, the MTSU Band Marching Area and the B Street Baseball Field.

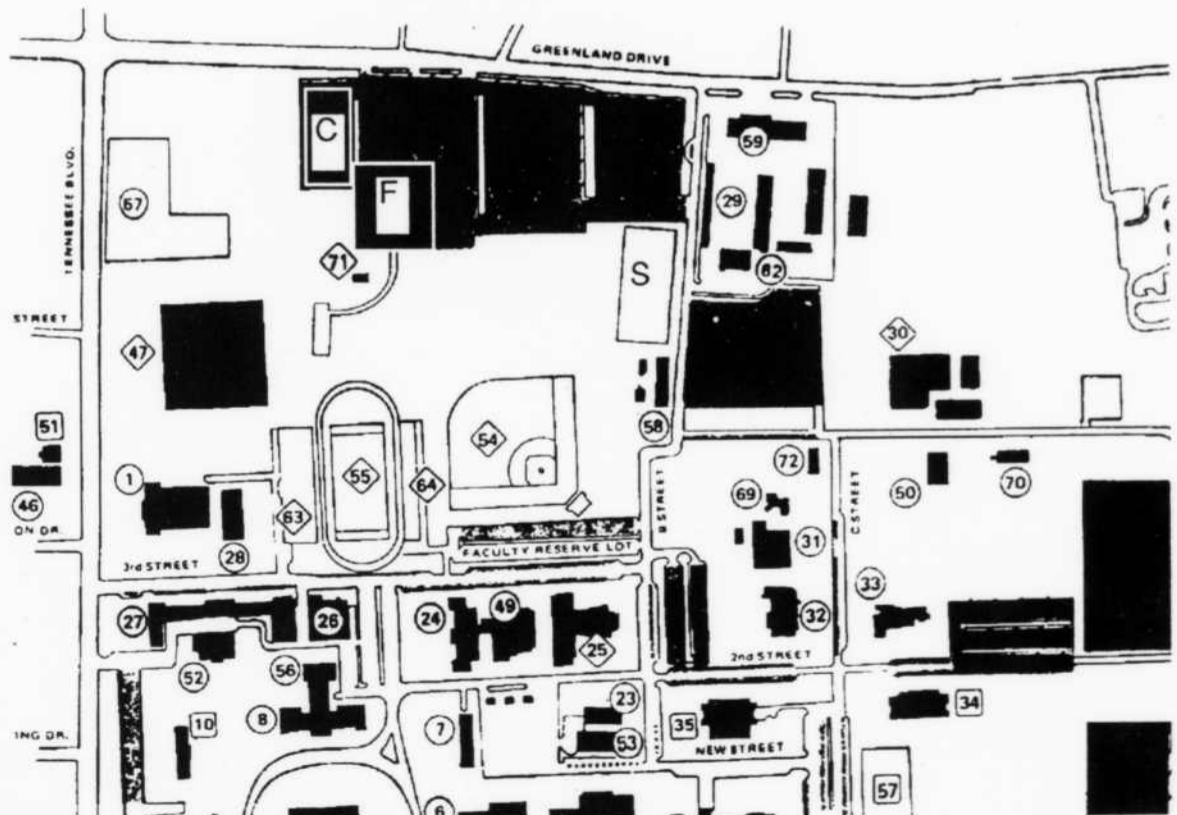
Portions of the Greenland Drive Lot also will be reserved Dec. 2-4 for the concert and production crew.

A professional valet service has been hired to accommodate about 400 concert and production crew vehicles.

MTSU wants to make a good impression, said Harold Smith, head of Student Programming.

Such precautions are "essential for a national telecast of the concert to reduce disorder in traffic and parking procedures," MTSU Security Chief Jack Drugmand said.

Greenland Drive Parking will have spaces for faculty (f) and concert crew (c). Faulkenberry "3rd Street" will be blocked off all day. Students will be able to park in the band practice lot off of C Street, (S).



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The Blue Raiders destroy Tennessee Tech 28-10... but who's up next?



Shelley Mays/Photographer

A NOBEL SPEAKER: Dr. James M. Buchanan, MTSU Alumnus and Nobel Prize Winner, spoke to students, faculty, and community members Friday afternoon about how we can achieve a better education. Dr. Buchanan's advice to the college community about getting a better education is not more funding, but for students to concentrate on learning instead of the "pleasure palace."

Orientation leaders revamping program

NICOLE SIKORA
News Writer

CUSTOMS, the student orientation program, will be undergoing some changes this year, according to David Middleton, the graduate student in charge of orientation.

The orientation program received an overhaul last year. The old program proved inadequate and resulted in the CUSTOMS program that was introduced last year.

"They're-did the whole program," Middleton said. "The new students and transfer students weren't getting the type of orientation they needed, and parents weren't included at all. We weren't helping them enough in making the transition."

This year's orientation will be based on feedback from faculty and staff, and from Middleton's observation.

Changes will include additional information sessions

such as extra-curricular activities, scheduling advice and greater focus on parent-student interaction.

"Parents want to be oriented, too. They don't want to hound their kid to ends of the earth, but they want to know what their kid is a part of," Middleton said.

The added attention to parents is because of their increasing involvement. Out of the 2,594 people who attended orientation programs last summer, 794 were parents.

Complaints that were received about the orientation system involved sessions being too lengthy and the early beginning to the program in the summer.

Middleton said he is working to eliminate these problems by doing away with some sessions that proved unnecessary and by combining others.

For instance, many people involved with orientation thought

the information session concerning on- and off-campus housing was unnecessary and that the sessions about rape, sexual harrasment, and drug and alcohol abuse could be combined and discussed with all of the students.

Styrofoam plan moving slowly

VICKI NEAL
News Writer

One of the topics at the Students for Environmental Action's last meeting was the styrofoam plan, which is moving slowly.

"The styrofoam issue is very slow with the Grill, the Sub and other cafeterias," said Eki Isobar, president of SEA. "We need to think of ideas for a recycling program"

The SEA is willing to start a program that would move the styrofoam to a recycling plant; however, a plant to be found would be out-of-state because of a non-existent market.

Isobar said the styrofoam issue is a slow-moving issue with the ARA on campus.

"I wouldn't want to say the ARA does not listen, but you really have to be on top of things with them," Isobar said.

The SEA and ARA have met, but Isobar has no comment about the meeting.

The subject of writing to area congressmen was talked about by guest Ed Johnson, campaign director for the United States Public Interest Research Group in Tennessee (U.S. PIRG).

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process because there were some things that needed to be done."

The money for Ingram's funding came from unexpended plant funds, Harrison said.

Many may look at the amount of money spent and then look at Tennessee's current budget crunch and wonder, but the money was ear-marked long before the current budget problems came along, Harrison said.

The money that was ear-marked was set aside to repair the President's home alone, and nothing else, Harrison said.

Any money not used will go back to the state, but would not necessarily go into parking or raises, just back to the general fund, an administrator said.

The president's home was built in 1911 and has not had much maintenance since and as with every building on campus, repairs must be done, Harrison said.

One of the earlier jobs done on the house was a new roof. Over the years instead of putting on a new roof the old one was just covered over again.

With the building being 80 years old building the roof really needed a new roof, "it had to be done no matter what," Harrison said. The cost of the roof took \$10,000 of the fund, Harrison said. The cement between the brick in the house also had to be refilled at a high cost, Harrison said.

Other qualms about the renovation have to deal with a 50 inch screen TV in Dr. Walker's basement.

After learning that the television was purchased with the Learning Resource Center's Equipment Services budget to the tune of \$3229.93, and that it was just being stored in Dr. Walker's home, many students and faculty were quite upset.

Equipment Services houses TVs and VCRs for classrooms and clubs to use.

As of Friday the VCR was no longer in the President's home, but back in equipment services.

Frank Forgette, head of the LRC's Engineering and Technical Services, said Friday that the TV was to be stored indefinitely in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

When a *Sidelines* reporter went to see the TV in the room, no TV was found.

The director of the building, Laverne Fitzpatrick, knew nothing of about the TV.

It is now in Dining Room C of the James Union Building, Harrison said. It was moved at the request of the President. Dining Room C, also known as the Presidential Dining Room, is the least used of the dining rooms in the building, Harrison said.

The television was purchased some time ago because of a need the university had for it.

Several years ago when the Tennessee Board of Regents met at MTSU they viewed a 12-15 minute video on the school and its

activities. They met in the Faculty Dining Room of the James Union building.

Jerry Tunstill, vice president for Administration and Finance, borrowed a 50-inch screen TV from Motlow State Community College to view the video.

Forgette said he did not recall when the TV was taken to Dr. Walker's home, but he did recall that the purpose was so that Walker could watch a tape of himself.

"The only reason it was there was so he could use it," Forgette said.

"I have been to the President's house when students have been the direct beneficiaries of it [the TV]," said John Lynch, assistant director of Public Relations. "One was for the new student ambassadors," Lynch said.

Harrison said that Walker had the group of 20-25 in his home and served pizza and rented a video to watch as well.

"He is fairly frequently entertaining students," Harrison said.

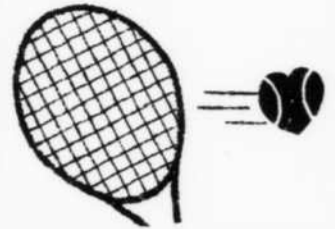
"When he first came he spent a lot of time getting to know students, I think they will

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continue to look for student groups that are excelling in some area," Harrison said. Such organizations like the Panhellenic Conference, the Inter-Fraternal Council and the SGA may be others in line for evenings at the Walkers' Harrison said.

Although the *DNJ*, reported \$200 left in the fund, no future improvements to the home have been announced.

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Man exposes himself to female student

SUZANNE NORMAND
News Writer

Last Wednesday an MTSU student said she was approached by a man who exposed himself to her.

The woman was waiting in her car for a parking space in the Bell Street Parking Lot when a white male in his late 20s or early 30s with dark hair drove up in a black Dodge Daytona. As he approached, she saw him masturbating and smiling.

Confused and upset, she

pulled into the closest available parking space and attempted to catch on foot the vehicle.

The vehicle had Rutherford County tags and was last seen heading toward Murfreesboro Medical Center.

MTSU Police Chief Jack

Drugmand said the department does not have enough evidence to locate the person.

However, he suggested that people take precautions to keep their car doors locked, and avoid positions in which personal security is compromised.

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Letters to the Editor could only get better

How many times have you read a copy of *Sidelines* and said, "Man, this is really _____"? Choose any adjective you like: stupid, interesting, boring, etc. As a reader, you have only two courses of action. You can sit and simmer in silence or let your opinion be known. We prefer that you do the latter.

This is the whole premise for our regular "Letters to the Editor" column. If you read something, see something, or even think about something that invokes a strong feeling about an issue, put it in writing. We'd love to hear about it.

This semester saw its share of well-written, heartfelt letters. The proposed name change, the athletic conference switch and other controversial events have brought in some excellent responses. However, for every rose there are many thorns. Just last week we ran one from a reader who didn't know the difference between a publication's circulation and readership and another who turned a good point into a sermon extolling the virtue of love over hate. We ran them because each student deserves to be heard regardless of how off-the-mark most of our readers might find them.

Even worse is silence. We are living in a complex and controversial society. Abortion, racism, sexism, human rights, etc. There is so much that needs to be said.

We write this not to single anyone out, but to stir you up, the great silent majority. It is your diversity that can make a newspaper three-dimensional. It is your opinions that bring issues to center stage. It is your message that we want to deliver. Help us to fulfill our goal as the voice of the students; write a letter to the Editor.

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'Head to head' debates affirmative action

LAURA PATTERSON
 College Democrats

The runners approach the starting line. We in the stands watch expectantly as the two competitors get into starting position. We see the tension in their bodies, sense the will to win that is in them both.

The runner on the right is in superb condition. He has been trained specifically to run. His body is spare, streamlined, and strong. His mind is ready. The runner on the left doesn't appear to be as well-prepared as the runner of the right. The passionate hunger in his eyes doesn't keep us from noticing that his body seems to be gaunt and underfed.

The curiosity of the crowd is satisfied when the announcer explains that the runner on the left is a former convict who was one of a large group of prisoners determined to have been unjustly charged and imprisoned. Only very recently set free, the sponsors of this fine race decided it would be only fair to allow these former prisoners to compete as their imprisonment had prevented them from doing so in the past.

The stakes of this race are traditionally very high. The winners go on to acquire trainers, sponsors, a future; the losers, on the other hand, receive no second chances. Today, however, the stakes are unmercifully high. If these convicts fail, they have not prison but poverty to look forward to. Their children will grow up in an environment in which the kind of training that is necessary for success will be difficult to obtain.

The race begins. The two men spring off the starting line. For about a quarter of a second they appear to be running even. But the superior training and condition of the runner on the right become more obvious with every stride he takes. He is running almost effortlessly. The face of the runner on the left, on the other hand, is a study in pain, desperation and hopelessness. He is running far behind the runner on the right. Soon, the race is over.

There are no miracle finishes in this story. The realistic end of this story is almost certain defeat for the unprepared, untrained, and unsponsored. Was this a fair race? Given the fact that the runner on the left was wrongly deprived of the opportunity to be trained and prepared for the race? Given the high stakes of the race, will anyone argue that the runner on the left should not have been given a handicap? Will anyone try to argue that this race, in any way, measured the true ability and potential of the former prisoner?

The hard facts are these: no, affirmative action is not a perfect solution to the problem of discrimination. In a utopia, there would be no need for these policies. This nation, however, is not a utopia and never has been one. The fact is that in the absence of affirmative action policies, discrimination abounded in this country. The prospect of racial, social, sexual, and educational homogeneity in the workplace is just too tempting for too many employers.

Homogeneity, however comfortable it may seem for many of us, is not what made this country great at one time. No, the tremendous achievements this nation has been responsible for have been a function of the great diversity of culture that this society enjoys. One yearns for the day that every man, woman, and child in this country learns to not only embrace his own cultural heritage and individuality, but celebrate the diversity of the whole. But until that day comes—and one fears it is still quite a long way off when one opens the newspaper and reads about the popular swelling of support for David Duke - affirmative action is necessary.

It is frightening to hear otherwise rational human beings championing a return to Social Darwinism and a kind of laissez-faire social policy. (Social Darwinism espouses a kind of social parallel to natural selection; the idea is that the strong will survive and the weak will die, leaving the whole stronger and more vital. Heartwarming, isn't it?) One wants to ask, what does it mean to be "fit?" The Social Darwinist may then offer intelligence as the yardstick for fitness and suggest that intelligence, after all, can be readily tested. But, it's been shown that this kind of testing favors the child raised in favorable socioeconomic circumstances. So unfortunately it is not a true measure either. Psychological fitness? That's equally dependent on environmental factors.

Wouldn't it be eminently more practical—and competitive—to institute a social policy that attempts to ensure equal opportunity for the economically and historically disadvantaged and then let the race begin? Wouldn't such a policy encourage vitality and diversity of ideas and, ultimately, policy? Isn't that really what it's all about?

CHRIS KELLY
 JASON WHATLEY
 College Republicans

What does it take to succeed in America? The first things that come to mind would be personal qualities like a hard work ethic and determination. After that you might think of a good education and demonstrable ability as being necessary characteristics for success. However, would you consider a person's gender or his or her race as an integral criterion for achievement? Probably not. Sort of sounds like discrimination, doesn't it? Yet in America today this kind of discrimination is not only tolerated but is upheld by court-ordered mandate as well.

Affirmative action is very much a part of the job, college and scholarship markets. The theoretical basis of affirmative action is noble. But it's just that: theoretical. Affirmative action is an attempt to correct the social evils of the past and the observed inequities of the present. The reality of these programs is that it has fallen short of its initial intentions. While attempting to give minorities an economic boost, it has to be realized that it is at someone else's expense. This person may even be better qualified. Is this equality as America sees it?

Like most Americans we believe that everyone should have an equal chance to make it today, regardless of the characteristics which he or she acquired at birth. Affirmative action programs have helped shape new forms of racism. New stereotypes, such as the one of the minority professional who is perceived as a recipient of a novel form of welfare for the degree-holding, have arisen. The fact that race is considered as an asset for some looking for a job and a liability for others seeking the same job can do nothing but foster racism. People perceive these inequities and cannot help but feel some resentment. Preferential policies reinforces the notion that minorities cannot compete without the government's support. This can only lead to deepening racial tensions, making the situation even worse than it is. Affirmative action has contributed to the very evil which it wanted to battle.

Government-implemented programs which favor certain groups over others is reverse discrimination. It hardly seems fair that the solution to the very problem which affirmative action attempted to address is discrimination, only channeled in a different direction. If we want this country to truly exist as free of racial tensions as possible, discrimination of all sorts should be completely eliminated, especially government-supported discrimination.

By eliminating affirmative action, it would be a good first step in achieving harmony among the races. To be realistic, we know it would not eliminate all racism completely. As we know all too well, only time can heal these wounds. And isn't it about time we really try to solve these problems?

Like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we believe in a nation where a person will not be judged by the color of his or her skin, but by the content of his or her character. People should be considered on the basis of what they can do, not for what the government can do for them. That sounds like success to us.

Features

Islamic expert returns from trip to Morocco

MTSU history Professor Ronald Messier is back from another trip to Morocco.

This time he went as a guest lecturer for a tour group from a California museum.

The two-week trip was sponsored by the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and was for museum patrons. The museum's director of special projects contacted Messier, asking him if he was interested in lecturing for the tour.

"Actually, it was a very pleasant surprise," he said. "One of my colleagues had recommended me because of my work in Morocco."

Messier, who is known as an expert on Islamic culture, has been to Morocco 12 times for meetings and for participating in archaeological digs.

The purpose of the trip is to help museum patrons appreciate art and museums, and to develop patron commitment to the museum. "The Santa Barbara Museum of Art has been doing this for about four or five years, Messier said. "They're one of very few museums who do it."

Other museums sponsored

trips were to India, Turkey and Egypt.

During this trip, Messier said, the group visited two famous archaeological sites, one an ancient Phoenician site, and the other an ancient Roman site. The group also spent two days exploring Fez, which Messier said is the "least changed city since the ninth century, and the most medieval city anywhere." Another stop was Marikesh, which he said is "not as medieval as Fez, but close."

He said the group was well-received by the Moroccans and that there were no strained feelings caused by the recent war in the Middle East.

"My Moroccan colleagues were very friendly, as they always are. They felt it was not their doing that we didn't come last spring, and that the problems were more our perception."

In addition to the archaeological sites, the group visited museums, homes and private collections of American and European expatriates there, which Messier said was "a slice

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Tasty TV set for holiday

More science fiction than specials offered over Turkey Day weekend

The Thanksgiving holiday is almost on top of us. Most of us will be going home to spend time with the family (and obligatory relatives), or at least some where away from school. After stuffing ourselves with food, what do we do? Watch TV!!

Now, some people would argue that TV does not come under the topic "fine arts." As a matter of fact, some people would argue that there is nothing artistic about TV whatsoever. I feel I have to argue the point. There have been some very fine shows produced on the old idiot box over the years. You just have to be a bit selective about what you watch. And holidays are notorious for dragging out some of the old classic TV movies and series.

Here is the official Garry Estep guide to television for the Thanksgiving holiday 1991. Since we all know about the sports shows that are on the tube, I'm not even going to mention them. This is a guide for those who do not watch sports (like me).

Starting on Wednesday evening you can thrill to Roger Moore as 007 in "Moonraker", another high tech blow-out at

GARRY ESTEP Fine Arts Editor

7:00 p.m. on WTBS. Right after is a classic comedy starring Sydney Poitier and Bill Cosby (What a combo!) called "Let's Do It Again."

Thursday morning (Thanksgiving Day) is the classic of all parades. You guessed it. I'm talking about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It's one of the few good things you'll still find on the streets of New York City. And (as usual) NBC is carrying it. If you're a cartoon buff, WTBS will be showing their fare of Bugs Bunny et al from 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Two special movies on Thanksgiving are the comedy classic "The Love Bug" starring Gene Hackman and Herbie on FOX, and that lovable alien still hasn't made it home as "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" hits the screen (this one is a tear jerker) on CBS.

Friday morning on the Family Channel is one of my favorite cartoons "Charlotte's Web" (11:00 a.m.) followed by everyone's little darling Shirley Temple in "The Little Princess." Great for the kids (and those of us who refuse to grow up).

Friday evening. Just when you thought it was safe to turn on the TV - it's back. Yes, you know Christmas is here. The Family Channel starts off the holiday marathon of Donna Reed and Jimmy Stewart in "It's A Wonderful Life." You might as well watch it now and get use to it.

Saturday promises two great movies on WTBS. "That Touch of Mink" starring Cary Grant and "Please Don't Eat The Daisies" starring Doris Day. A good time will be had by all.

Now here's the one I'm really looking forward to. Saturday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. on TNT, "The Outer Limits." For those of you who are too young to remember, this series runs neck in neck with "The Twilight Zone", except that "The Outer Limits" lasts one whole hour! Scheduled episodes will include 'I, Robot', 'Nightmare' and 'Soldier.' Remember, "we control the horizontal...we control the vertical..."

The holiday promises some tasty options in TV viewing. Have a safe and fulfilling Thanksgiving and remember - if you drink, don't drive.

Midler and Caan play USO duo

JANA JAMISON Features Writer

"For The Boys" is an exciting new release from 20th Century Fox. It stars Bette Midler and James Caan as the entertainment duo of Dixie Leonard and Eddie Sparks. They sing, dance, and entertain American troops around the world, from World War II to Vietnam.

You've heard the old saying "All the world's a stage," and it is especially true for this movie. Dixie and Eddie travel all over the world entertaining soldiers. On stage, they are magic. But offstage, they are fighting their own personal war.

The most interesting thing about this movie is the time period it covers, from 1942 to 1991. According to executive producer and director Mark

Rydell, "With Dixie and Eddie as the central characters, we're telling a wonderful, funny, interesting love story, but at the same time we have a chance to paint a portrait of America from 1942-1991. It's a rare opportunity to have that tapestry against which to play a movie."

"For The Boys" is the second movie released under the All Girl Production Co., which consists of Bette Midler, Bonnie Bruckheimer and Margaret South. The first movie under Midler's company was "Beaches," which enjoyed great success.

When describing "For The Boys," Midler said, "At the heart of it all is a love story, and what's war without a love story? It's a pretty deep love story, and not in any traditional sense, but it's very, very moving."



ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS: Eddie Sparks (James Caan) and Dixie Leonard (Bette Midler) are popular USO entertainers whose relationship spans three wars and 50 years in "For the Boys," a comedic drama with music directed by Mark Rydell.

Campus Capsule

The **Student Government Association** will hold its third luncheon forum from 11:50 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday in the James Union Building Tennessee Room. State legislators will be special guests. Cost is \$3 per person.

Solid Training is a series of leadership development seminars

designed to benefit MTSU student organizations. This month's topic is **Effective Programming** led by Harold Smith, director of Student Programming and will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in the Keathley University Center room 322. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not mandatory. Call 898-2454 for more information. This is offered

free of charge to all MTSU students.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a preseason basketball tournament Dec. 3-7. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 2. The cost is \$10 per team. For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 2104.

The **Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)** will hold its next meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 26 in Peck Hall room 313. The guest speaker will be Margaret Napier who will speak on office politics and the role of women. Ms. Napier is the vice president for human resource at CPS, Corp.

The **Student Government Association** has scheduled its next joint session meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Learning Resource Center, Multi-Media Room. All Senate and House members are required to attend.

The **Fall Honors Lecture Series** continues Nov. 25 with thesis presentations.

Daruma, a mini-exhibit, is on display in the lobby of the Cope Administration building, during November and December by the Japan Center of Tennessee.

Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature applications are now available in the SGA office, room 304 of the Keathley University Center. TISL is a mock legislature which meets on Capitol Hill in Nashville in November. If you need more information call 2464.

The **Division of Continuing Studies** is offering several classes during the month of November. Call 898-2462 if you have any questions or need more information.

The **Student Government Association** is accepting applications for positions in the SGA. Pick up applications in the SGA Office, Keathley University Center room 304.

If you enjoy playing soccer, join **MTSU's Soccer Club**. Practice is held at 6 p.m. every day behind Family Student Housing. For more information call Marvin Carson at 898-3039 or Fred Long

at 898-3237.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship would like you to join them at 5:30 p.m. on every Thursday at Keathley University Center room 313.

YWCA is sponsoring a support group for women of color. The group will deal with domestic violence problems at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 297-8833. Meetings are confidential.

Looking Forward, an on campus support group for the survivors of childhood sexual abuse and rape, will be meeting at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the Keathley University Center room 315. For further information call Jo Ann at 898-5989.

The **MTSU Student Catholic Center** is welcoming all Catholic students to join them for a question and answer session at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Catholic Student Center. There is also a mass at St. Rose Catholic church at 7 p.m. on Sunday. For details call: 896-6074.

The **MTSU Equestrian Team** will meet at 7:30 p.m. every Monday in the Stark Agriculture Building, room 206. Everyone is welcome to attend and become a member. For more information, call 849-9252 or 895-6884.

The **NAACP** will meet at 6 p.m. every Monday in the Keathley University Center.

Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center will host a devotional followed by a Christian Fellowship at 7 p.m. every Monday.

Campus Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group meets at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and at 2 p.m. on Thursdays in Keathley University Center 312.

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Expert continued from page 5 of Morocco that I hadn't seen before."

Since the rest of the group flew from California, making a stop in Paris, Messier said he didn't fly with them but met them in Morocco. "It was a very pleasant trip for them and for me too."

So pleasant that the museum had asked Messier to lecture for upcoming trips to Turkey and Egypt. "We've already talked about it," he said.

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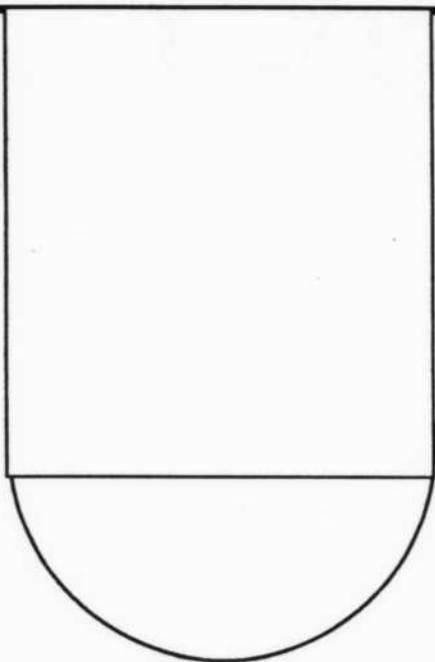
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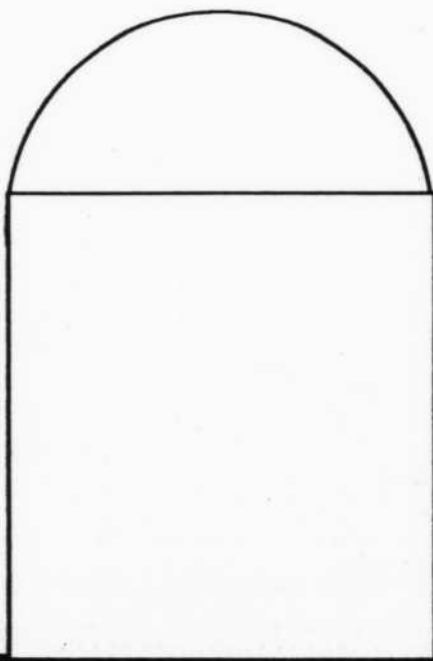
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Farrar proof dreams do come true

MTSU mentor has fulfilled desires to be basketball coach

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

It's not often that children get the opportunity to fulfill their desires of what they want to be when they grow up, but the new MTSU men's basketball coach has made himself one of the select few.

So often young minds ponder on firemen or ballerinas, all of which usually change with age.

However, a young David Farrar's goal of being a basketball coach never wavered.

"I went to a basketball game in the eighth grade at Butler University," Farrar said. "I just

walked into the gym as an invited guest. I'd never been to a college game.

"I enjoyed the atmosphere, the purpose in which they played and especially the old gentleman setting on the bench."

That gentleman was Tony Hinkle, who served as the basketball, baseball, football and track coach at Butler for 45 years. His involvement in

athletics influenced many, including Farrar, to get started in the coaching area.

"I just turned to my coach at

"There was never any confusion on my part knowing about the job or the potential of it."

David Farrar

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

READY FOR ACTION: New Raider head coach David Farrar is working diligently with his troops in hopes of bringing home the OVC crown. If past success is any indication, Raider fans have something to look forward to.

OVC teams set for action with world of talent

Some teams strong, others very weak

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Although MTSU has the experience, it has a new coaching staff and must adapt quickly to a new style of play.

Head Coach David Farrar takes over the reigns with four starters returning from last year's 21-9 squad that finished third in the Ohio Valley Conference race.

Warren Kidd figures to be a workhorse for the Raiders after averaging 13.4 points and 12.3 rebounds a year ago.

Robert Taylor should also figure into the picture. The 6-5 junior guard is capable of exploding with unlimited range on his shots. He carried a 15.3 average into the OVC tournament last year but scored a season-high of 37 against Austin Peay in the opening round.

Returning seniors Mike Buck, Greg Christian, Tim Corder, Kelvin Hammonds, Jeffrey Hunter and Quincy Vance have a vast amount of experience for leadership qualities.

However, a very tough schedule, including one home game before Christmas, could make the road rocky for MTSU.

With games against LSU and Tennessee on the road, Farrar appears worried that his squad could play good basketball yet fall in the contest. Yet when the OVC season rolls around, the knowledge the team has gained in such big contests almost assures that the Blue Raiders will contend for the OVC crown.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Like Middle Tennessee, the Colonels return four starters from last year's team that went 19-10 and tied for third in the OVC.

Leading scorer Jamie Ross (6-2, senior guard) will be back after scoring 12.8 points per game last season.

Also returning are last season's OVC freshman of the Year in John Allen, 6-10 senior center Mike Smith and 6-1 guard Kirk Greathouse.

Head Coach Mike Pollio has inked several newcomers as well and expects a solid performance from his new troops.

The Colonels, who shared the top spot with MTSU in the pre-season poll, will be in Murfreesboro Jan. 27.

MURRAY STATE

The Racers are certainly in an unfamiliar position.

Over the past four years Murray has come away with four consecutive OVC crowns. This year's predicted finish of third is unusual yet people should not be fooled.

They may not be picked first, but the Racers certainly have the horses to make a run at the crown.

Leading the charge is 6-8, 265-pound center Popeye Jones, who is the two-time OVC Player of the Year. Last year Jones averaged 20.2 points and 14.2 rebounds per game.

second only to Shaquille O'Neal of LSU.

Point guard Frank Allen must sit out the first six games because academic reasons but will be very solid if his performance over the past two years has been an indication.

The Racers too have a new mentor. Scott Edgar takes over for Steve Newton, who left to take the South Carolina head spot after last season.

AUSTIN PEAY

Second-year Head Coach Dave Loos hopes to improve on last year's disappointing 15-14 mark.

Yet the Governors have a problem in that they lack height. The tallest player on the squad is 6-6 1/2 Delvin Bell.

However, they do have LaMonte Ware, who often plays like he's 10 feet tall. Ware is an unbelievable leaper who averaged 16.3 points and 6.4 rebounds per game last year.

Although the Govs have several returners, the team has no premier players. They are a solid group, though, which tends to play well together.

The Govs certainly have the appearance of being a possible contender, although their role as a possible spoiler make them a dangerous team to face in 1992.

TENNESSEE TECH

Although the inside game is weak, the outside game may be one of the strongest in the conference.

Senior point guard Van Usher is as good as any guard in the OVC. Last year he averaged 12.3 points, 4 steals, which led the nation, and 8.8 assists per game.

He was named the team's Most Valuable Player and earned All-OVC honors.

Also back in the backcourt are sophomores Rob West and Maurice Houston. West was an All-OVC rookie selection with a

8.8 point average while Houston averaged 6.6 points in OVC action.

Tech is host to MTSU Jan. 20, 1992.

MOREHEAD STATE

While everyone else in the league wishes Morehead's Brett Roberts had continued his baseball career, Roberts thought it was best to finish school and his basketball career.

The Eagles' 6-8, 230-pound senior averaged 14.5 points and nine rebounds per game last year. He also had impressive stats in baseball action and was drafted by the Minnesota Twins.

He played in the organization this summer but returned to work on his degree this winter.

Other returning starters include P.J. Nichols and Pat Tubbs. The duo accounted for almost 21 points per game last year.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

The Indians enter their first year of OVC competition after making the jump from

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1991-92 Blue Raider Action!



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

CATEYE ON THE MOVE: Blue Raider guard Robert Taylor goes strong to the hoop in exhibition action earlier this year. Taylor will be counted on heavily for the Raider squad this season after having a sensational sophomore season.

Predicted Order of Finish

- 1) MTSU
- Eastern Kentucky
- 3) Murray State
- 4) Austin Peay
- 5) Tennessee Tech
- 6) Morehead State
- 7) Southeast Missouri
- 8) Tennessee State

Pre-Season All-OVC TEAM

Popeye Jones

Murray State

Warren Kidd

Middle Tennessee

LaMonte Ware

Austin Peay

Brett Roberts

Morehead State

Van Usher

Tennessee Tech



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

PERFECT FORM: MTSU senior Kelvin Hammonds shoots hoping to find success in the basket. Hammonds played juco ball under coach Farrar at Hutchinson.

Middle Tennessee State University
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Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent/Event	Site	Time(CST)
Nov. 14	Hungarian Nationals (Exhibition)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Ft. Hood (Exhibition)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Arkansas State	Jonesboro, Ark.	3:35 p.m.
Nov. 25	David Lipscomb	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	Mississippi Valley	Itta Bena, Miss.	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	*Murray State	Murray, Ky.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20-21	Blue Angel Classic (MTSU-South Alabama/Auburn-Slippery Rock)	Pensacola, Fla.	TBA
Jan. 2	Oral Roberts	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 11	*Southeast Missouri	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	*Austin Peay	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	UT-Martin	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	*Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	*Morehead State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Eastern Kentucky	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	*Murray State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	*Tennessee Tech	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	*Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	*Southeast Missouri	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 29	College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	7:35 p.m.
March 3	Arkansas State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
March 6-8	OVC Tournament	Lexington, Ky.	TBA

*Ohio Valley Conference game

Middle Tennessee State University

1991-92 Men's Basketball Roster

(Numerical)

No.-Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ltr.	Hometown(High School/Jr. College)
3-Jeffrey HUNTER	G	6-2	160	Sr.	3	Franklin, Tenn.(Franklin)
5-Greg CHRISTIAN	G	6-1	170	Sr.	1	New Orleans, La.(Howard J.C.)
20-Mike BUCK	G	6-5	185	Sr.	3	Clarkrange, Tenn.(Clarkrange)
21-Mark NEWMAN	F	6-8	195	Fr.	0	Sevierville, Tenn.(Sevier Co.)
23-Ramond DAVIS	G	6-3	195	Jr.	1	Memphis, Tenn.(Kingsbury)
24-Tim CORDER	G	6-2	160	Sr.	1	Murfreesboro, Tenn.(Sullivan J.C.)
25-Robe. TAYLOR	G	6-5	190	Jr.	2	Memphis, Tenn.(Hamilton)
30-David CLARK	C	6-7	200	So.	1	Memphis, Tenn.(Whitehaven)
32-Kelvin HAMMONDS	G	6-3	190	Sr.	1	Macon, Ga.(Hutchinson C.C.)
33-Quincy VANCE	F	6-7	200	Sr.	3	Fayetteville, Tenn.(Lincoln Co.)
34-Jeff CLIFTON	F	6-7	190	So.	1	Searcy, Ark.(Searcy)
35-Robert CLARK	F	6-6	195	Fr.	0	Memphis, Tenn.(Whitehaven)
43-Warren KIDD	C	6-9	220	Jr.	1	Vincent, Ala.(Vincent)
52-Jeff JOHNSON	C	6-8	225	So.	0	Nashville, Tenn.(McGavock)

Middle Tennessee State University

1991-92 Women's Basketball Roster

(Numerical)

No.-Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ltr.	Hometown(High School/Jr. College)
00-Julie MORRISON	G	5-8	125	Jr.	2	Florence, Ky.(Boone Co.)
10-Shana WRIGHT	G	5-8	145	Sr.	3	Kingsport, Tenn.(Dobyns-Bennett)
12-Cherrita WILLIAMS	G	5-9	130	Jr.	0	Memphis, Tenn.(Hiwassee J.C.)
13-Tricia SISSON	G	5-8	140	Jr.	2	Franklin, Tenn.(Franklin)
14-Laurie HOPWOOD	G	5-3	125	Sr.	1	Madison, Tenn.(Motlow St. C.C.)
21-Kristi BROWN	G	5-8	143	Jr.	2	Murfreesboro, Tenn.(Riverdale)
24-Sherry TUCKER	G-F	5-11	140	Fr.	0	Memphis, Tenn.(Kirby)
30-Priscilla ROBINSON	C-F	5-10	150	So.	1	Chattanooga, Tenn.(Kirkman)
33-Niki BONNER	C-F	6-0	180	So.	0	Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.(Lakeview)
44-Maggie COX	G	5-11	145	So.	1	Stanford, Ky.(Lincoln Co.)
45-Sherie HARRIS	C	6-2	160	Sr.	1	Memphis, Tenn.(Shelby St. C.C.)

Middle Tennessee State University

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Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent/Event	Site	Time(CST)
Nov. 22	Athletes-In-Action	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	Georgia State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	UT-Chattanooga	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 6-7	Lady Raider Garden Plaza Classic (MTSU, Alabama, Cincinnati, Western Carolina)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6:00/8:00 p.m.
Dec. 13-14	USF Classic (MTSU, San Francisco, San Jose State, Cal St.-Stanislaus)	San Francisco, Cal.	TBA
Dec. 19-20	Shoney's Classic (MTSU, Alabama, Houston, Jackson State)	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	TBA
Jan. 4	*Murray State	Murray, Ky.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	UT-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	*Southeast Missouri	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	*Austin Peay	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	*Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Oral Roberts	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	*Morehead State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Eastern Kentucky	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	*Murray State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	UT-Martin	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	4:15 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	*Tennessee Tech	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	*Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	5:15 p.m.
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TBA	OVC Tournament	TBA	TBA

*Ohio Valley Conference game

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He's coming all the way back

Bivens plans on walking again

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball season will be slightly different than the past four as Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens takes on tremendous challenges.

It will be "slightly" different because Bivens will have to coach from a wheelchair because of an accident that has temporarily paralyzed him from the waist down.

This summer Bivens went into the hospital to have a blood clot removed from his leg and after a few days woke up paralyzed.

"I went to the hospital to have the blood clot dissolved by the use of a blood thinner," Bivens said. "Instead of dissolving it, the blood thinner broke out of my veins and into my spinal column. Evidently a blood vessel burst. After three days, I woke up with these back pains. Blood ended up going to my spinal column, which paralyzed me.

"It wasn't supposed to happen. It was supposed to be a million to one chance that it could happen."

Bivens said he had been complaining about his back for two days, but everyone just thought it was being caused from

his arthritis, a constant problem for Bivens in recent years.

"No one realized what was going on," Bivens said. "I woke up. It was the most scared I had ever been because everything was numb from the waist down. When I started hollering, they brought the doctors in. They called a neurologist and they sent me up to operate as quickly as possible to get all of the thinner out of there. It took about six or seven hours."

The incident has changed Bivens' life, both positively and negatively.

"It has changed my life a lot, but there have been some positives out of it," Bivens said. "I've learned to be more patient, I think. I've also learned to be more positive just from the people I've worked with in therapy. But you realize how many great friends you have. I couldn't have pulled through without all of the friends and phone calls.

"I did have to adjust my home and everything I do. They haven't been major changes, just things like getting in and out of places I need to go."

As far as basketball practice is concerned, the team practices just about the same way it has every year.



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

DETERMINATION: Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens gives instructions to his team during a recent contest. Bivens was paralyzed this summer after complications with a blood clot. However, he plans on making a recovery.

"Practice has to be adjusted." Bivens said. "The assistants do a lot more stuff. Everything has to be delegated out. One assistant will take the offense and one takes the defense. I'll work with each one, but I can't demonstrate much."

Bivens said he never had any doubts about coaching since being paralyzed.

"From the first day on, I wrote down a list of goals. My goal was to come and coach, so I never really thought negatively about it," Bivens said. "I just need the support which has been great. I couldn't have done it by myself. My goal was to work from day

one. "If I can't do the job I want to do, I'll be the first to know, and I'll want someone else to do it."

Work is what Bivens is doing. He has been progressing in therapy and is determined to walk again, even if it takes a little longer that he would like.

"Therapy is going really good. I'm up to where I can stand and walk across the room with help.

"I really think I'm going to beat this part of it. I'm also getting muscle return. The neurologists say it may take longer than I want it to, but I've got a real great change recovery

as part of being paralyzed. The doctors feel that it is going to work. Everybody says I'm going to walk."

Bivens has started to walk a little, yet he must be careful not to overstress his joints or his muscles.

"I feel like I can overcome it, but I'm just taking one day at a time right now," Bivens said. "It hasn't always been easy, but when you've got the people that really care about you and people that are really positive, I think that has really made a difference in what I've been able to do."

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Senior Lady Raider is going to be all 'Wright'

Shana working hard both on and off the court

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

Self-motivated, goal oriented and perfectionist are just a few of the words that come to mind when describing Lady Raider basketball member Shana Wright.

Wright, a wing guard, is the only Lady Raider senior who has been a four-year member of the team. During those four years, the Lady Raiders have won only one crown, but Wright appears prepared to chase another.

"I think we can definitely win the OVC (Ohio Valley Conference) this year," Wright

said. "If we play together and everyone plays to their potential, there should be no stopping us. In the four years I've been here, this is the best team that has gotten along."

According to Head Coach Lewis Bivens, Wright's optimistic attitude has provided great leadership for the team.

"Shana has made great strides to improve at basketball," Bivens said. "She worked hard all summer and has improved this fall as much as anyone I've coached before."

"If we play together and everyone plays to their potential, there should be no stopping us."
Shana Wright

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Barbara Klemt/Photographer

LOOKING FOR AN OPENING: Lady Raider senior Shana Wright looks to the basket during a exhibition game last week. Wright has made vast strides in improvement according to her coach and is ready to help her team make a run for the OVC title.

1991-92 Lady Raider Action!



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

SCORING MACHINE: That's what Nikki Bonner hopes to be this season. Bonner was a Prop 48 casualty last year but appears to be primed for action after the year off.

Pre-Season All-OVC

Priscilla Robinson

Middle Tennessee

Angie Cox

Eastern Kentucky

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Beverly Smith

Morehead

Julie Magrane

Morehead

Predicted Order of Finish

- 1) Eastern Kentucky
- 2) Tennessee Tech
- 3) MTSU
- 4) Morehead
- 5) Southeast Missouri
- 6) Tennessee State
- 7) Austin Peay
- 8) Murray State



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

ONE HANDED: Lady Raider guard Julie Morrison will be counted on for experienced guard play this season.

Farrar

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that point and told him this was what I wanted to do," Farrar said. "He said, 'You mean you want to play?' and I said, 'No, I want to coach.'"

"From that point on, that's what I talked about when people asked me what I wanted to do when I grew up. Later on, fortunately, that's the way it turned out."

As Farrar came to age, he also grew in knowledge of the game and ultimately landed his first job.

He started his coaching career at Seibring High School after receiving his master's degree from Ball State in 1972. At Seibring, he served as an assistant coach in every sport.

"That was a great experience," Farrar said. "That won't be done today, but I was lucky enough to be around a lot of coaches and kids. I was later able to settle into basketball and get started enjoying that."

From Seibring he went on to Mt. Vernon High School (1970-73) and later Clermont High (1973-74).

In 1974, Farrar landed his first college job when he was named head coach at Lindsey Wilson College, where he also served as the athletic director from 1974-78.

He spent a year as assistant coach at Southwestern Louisiana and went on to Mississippi State from 1979-84, when he joined the staff at Western Kentucky.

While at Western he served under one of the most respected coaches of that time, Clem Haskins. But when Haskins left, Farrar knew it was time to make a decision and convinced himself to take the job at Hutchinson Junior College in 1986.

"I had been offered the Hutchinson job before and I didn't take it," Farrar said. "I just felt like when Clem left to go to Minnesota that I didn't want to be an assistant. I wanted to go back and enjoy what I enjoyed the most which was being around players who are growing and developing and I wanted to coach at a high level."

"Hutchinson was one of those few schools that had the qualities to win championships. In many ways, that part of my career was the best experience I'd ever had. we had good players, good facilities and a good schedule. We were very fortunate."

His teams there won 137 games while losing only 33, a winning percentage of .806. Hutchinson was 37-2 in 1987-88, winning the National Junior College Athletic Association championship.

Good Luck Blue and Lady Raiders

Farrar led his club to the NJCAA Region VI titles in 1987 and 1988. His squad in 1989-90 was 29-5 and had 11 players who signed Division I grants-in-aid.

The graduation rate for his players at Hutchinson was 100 percent.

"I've been fortunate to be raised by my parents, my coaches and teachers to be a work oriented person," Farrar said. "You can work hard and not be productive. I've tried to work hard and smart. I've been fortunate to have surrounded myself with quality people."

This past summer, Farrar was continuing his works with the USA Select Team made up of junior college athletes in the Republic of China.

Late one night he received a call notifying him of the vacated position at MTSU. Shortly thereafter, he was in touch with the university and ultimately hired as the new head coach.

"I've known of Middle Tennessee for 20 years," Farrar said. "I've been coaching around here and have competed against Middle Tennessee State several times."

"There was never any confusion on my part knowing about the job or the potential of it. Besides that, I knew that this was a place I'd enjoy living, and it's not often that a coach can choose to coach in a place where he would also like to live with his family."

In late August, the university announced the hiring of Farrar, and he has continued his hard work at an unusually rushed pace since arrival.

"The late start has affected everything I do," Farrar said. "

Instead of doing the things I should have been doing, like developing philosophies, watching film, planning strategies and getting to know the players. Instead, I've spent too much on uniforms, travel, recruitment and other problems.

"I haven't spent nearly enough time with my team. In all honesty, we're not a very good team at this point."

But not very good was good enough as the Raiders took their season opener 61-60 against Arkansas State Saturday afternoon, and the fact that the Big Blue lost only one player from a year ago has MTSU fans excited.

"I don't want to degrade our players, but there are some false expectations with regards to this team," Farrar said. "I think we're talented but no more talented than anybody else."

"But the kids are eager to please. I'm not sure that there is an agreement with me at the understanding of what kind of work or how hard you have to play, but they are trying and I give them a great deal of credit there. They've made great strides."

And great strides on the court are important to Farrar yet not as much as those off of it.

"The only goal I have right now are those which are important to me in this program in regards to academia, in regards to compliance and regards to purposeful play."

A combination of the three obviously produces a winner both on and off the playing floor, of which Farrar is a perfect example.

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before. She's very conscientious and wants everything just right."

Every time Wright steps onto the court she tries to give 100 percent. Perhaps that is why she received MTSU's Best Defense Award last year.

Although Wright is self-motivated, she admits to being inspired by her mother, who pushes her to give her best effort at all goals.

"My mom is a very optimistic person. She raised me to believe that you can always do your best," Wright said. "Somebody who doesn't want to be motivated can't be motivated. You've got to do it yourself."

Besides being determined to improve her basketball skills, Wright extends her motivation beyond the court and focuses most of her attention on academics and future aspirations.

She is majoring in Pre-Law and has a 3.5 GPA. She already made the National Dean's List last year. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Sorority as well as four honor societies: Gamma Beta Phi, Tau Omicron, Phi Sigma Alpha and Pi Gamma Mu, of which she is the vice president.

Wright plans on starting law school next fall and would eventually like to join the FBI Academy to become an agent in the field.

"If I can't become an FBI agent, I would like to be a judge," Wright said. "And if that doesn't work, I'll have a political science and computer science degree to fall back on. Whatever I do, it will be exciting."

But even with Wright's busy schedule, she has the time to enjoy a few hobbies, such as her current favorite, golf. Her interest

in the sport is so great that she would be interested in pursuing a professional career in it.

"I love golf," Wright said. "Coach Bivens got the team into playing it this summer. I even have my own set of clubs now."

"Another one of my future goals is to try and get on the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association).

Whatever Wright decides to do in the future, her optimism and versatility will help her make all of the "right" choices.

Bivens

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"I think sometimes it's easy to give up in these situations, but the administration, my assistants (Dianne Cummings and Janet Ross) and the support of Dr. (James) Walker, who called me in the hospital to Coach (John) Stanford (MTSU's athletic director). Everybody's been super."

"This is something that you have to deal with, and I hope I can make a positive out of it instead of a negative."

The season is looking positive for Bivens and his team. The team has won two Ohio Valley Conference crowns under Bivens so far and will have a definite shot at another this year.

With such optimism and willpower, Bivens' great determination will almost certainly conquer his "temporary" paralyzation.

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Division II. While there, they were the dominant team for 10 years.

Over the past 10 years, they have compiled a 235-76 mark under Head Coach Ron Shumate.

Junior guard Devon Lake averaged 14 points last year but is the only true starter returning. Tshitenge Mutombo will join the squad after setting out as a Proposition 48 player. Mutombo is 6-8 and the younger brother of Georgetown's Diekembe Mutombo.

TENNESSEE STATE
Frankie Allen is having a tough time in his first year at TSU.

His squad is filled with walk-ons, and he has only two starters. Last year he lost four lettermen who accounted for more than 50 points.

Of the returners, Kevin Howard is the top man. Howard averaged 15.3 points and 5.1 rebounds last year.

Patrick Robinson, who also plays football for TSU, is expected to be a key at the guard spot with the rest of the team being uncertain.

State compiled a dismal 5-23 mark a year ago, and this season appears to be another tough one.

Campus continued from page 6
 The **Blue Brigade Male Precision Drill Team** is looking for any interested males to join this semester. You do not have to be a member of ROTC to join. If interested, meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Forrest Hall.

The **Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center** will host devotionals at 7 p.m. every Monday, and at 8 p.m. every Thursday. The center is located at 1105 E. Bell St., directly across from Bell Street Parking lot.

The **White Beret Female Precision Drill Team** would like to invite you to enjoy their organization this semester. You do not have to be in ROTC to join. Meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Forest Hall.

MTSU Dance Club will meet from 6:40 - 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Dance Studio A in Murphy Center. Lisa Lewis will direct the club. No experience is necessary to participate.

The **MTSU Horseman's Association** will meet at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Stark

Agriculture Building, room 206. Everyone is invited to attend. For information, call 849-9814 or 895-6152.

Students for Environmental Action meet at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday night in the Keathley University Center room 305.

Join College Worship at the **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** from 9 - 10 p.m. every Wednesday on 615 N. Tennessee Blvd.

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BMI sponsors student composer competition

The 40th annual BMI Student Composer Awards competition will grant \$15,000 to young composers, BMI President and CEO Frances W. Preston announced on Nov. 1, 1991.

The deadline for entering the 1992 competition will be Friday, February 7, 1992. BMI, the world's largest performing rights organization, and BMI Foundation, Inc., will co-sponsor the awards.

The Student Composer Awards program was established in 1951 in cooperation with music educators and composers and is designed to encourage young composers in the creation of concert music and to aid them in continuing their musical

education. The prizes which range from \$500 to \$2,500 will be awarded at the discretion of a distinguished judging panel.

The 1992 competition is open to students who are citizens or permanent residents of the Western Hemisphere and who are enrolled in accredited secondary schools, colleges or conservatories, or are engaged in private study anywhere in the world. Contestants must be under 26 years of age on December 31, 1991 and may enter only one composition. Entries are judged under pseudonyms.

BMI is proud that seven previous winners of Student Composer Awards have won the

coveted Pulitzer Prize in Music. They are William Bolcom, George Crumb, Mario Davidovsky, John Harbison, Donald Martino, Joseph Schwantner and Charles Wuorinen.

The judging panel for the 39th annual competition included William Bolcom, Earle Brown, Donald Martino, Carlos Surinach and Robert Ward. Preliminary judges were Ronald Caltabiano, James Legg and David Leisner. William Schuman and Milton Babbitt are chairman emeritus and chairman, respectively, of the judging panel and Ulysses Kay is BMI's permanent consultant for the awards.

'Firebugs may go to festival

MTSU's recent theatrical production of Max Frisch's "The Firebugs" was recommended to the American College Theatre Festival's Selection Committee as a possible entry into the Southeast Regional Festival.

Radford College in Virginia will be host of the festival in January.

Dale E. McGilliard, assistant professor of theatre, was the director of the production. Virginia Ann Donnell, associate professor of theatre, designed the costumes. Slides and lights were designed by Todd Seage, Tucker Theatre technician.

D. Tracy Smith, a senior

theatre major, was nominated separately and is automatically eligible to attend the regional festival in the student scenic design competition. This is Smith's second nomination in two years.

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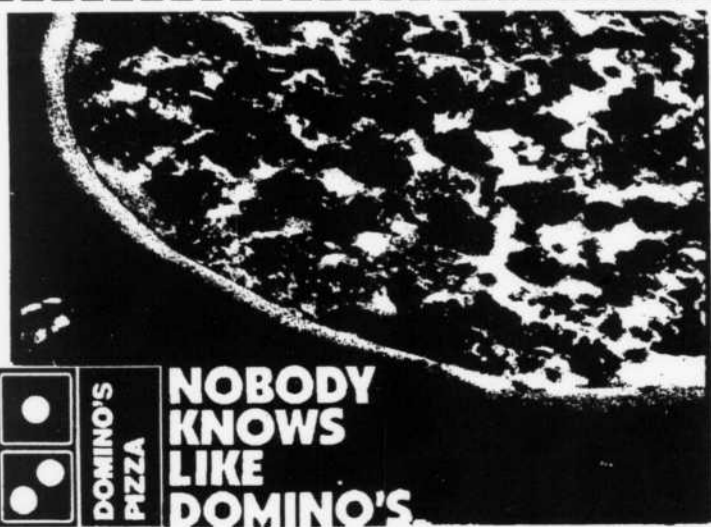
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Sports

Raiders dump Tech, host in first round

Sam Houston St. coming Saturday

SCOTT HASSLER
Sports Writer

The Blue Raiders defeated the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech 28-10 Saturday to clinch a playoff berth.

It was learned yesterday afternoon that the Raiders will host Sam Houston State (8-2-1) Saturday. But to get that game, the Raiders had to rid a determined Tennessee Tech team.

The Eagles proved to be tougher than expected, mostly because the Raider offense sputtered at the start of the game. The savior for the game was the defense, which caused two turnovers that started the offense.

Coach Boots Donnelly said, "If it wasn't for the defense, we could've been in trouble today. We shot ourselves in the foot several times and they saved us."

In fact, the touchdown the Eagles scored was the first one it has scored on the Raiders in four years.

The first quarter ended with the Raider offense non-existent and the Eagles holding a 3-0 lead. Then the defense took control by causing fumbles on consecutive series.

The first big break came on a freak play. Scott Boykin deflected a pass that the Eagles quarterback caught. As he tried to advance down field, Boykin hit

him again, causing him to fumble. Then Andre Boykin picked up the ball and ran to the 13-yard line.

The Raiders then handed the ball to Walter Dunson, playing in place of the injured Joe Campbell, and he ran 13 yards for the score.

"The defense motivates us," Campbell said. "When they do well, then the offense does well. Both sides of the ball play hard, and we motivate each other."

The second score was the result of a blocked punt by Mike Caldwell. The ball was recovered by the Raiders at the 8-yard line. Once again the ball was handed to Dunson, who scored his second TD.

"The defense plays for turnovers," Andre Boykin said, "and when games are close, we know the offense needs them. If the defense doesn't play well, then the offense won't and we won't score any points."

"That second quarter was important for us. It made the whole team play well. We were surprised we got them (turnovers), but we knew what we had to do."

The Raider ground game was superb once again. However, this time the Raiders did it without Campbell for the most of the

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Sidelines staff picks winners

TONY ARNOLD Sports Editor Concedes the Loss	JOYCE ADKINS Editors Wife (BOSS) Knows more	TERRY MASSEY Opinions Editor 'Dores # 1 Fan	DAN STURM Sports Writer Can He Come Back?
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OVC baseball not a hit with NCAA

Automatic bid to national tourney taken away from Ohio Valley

SCOTT HASSLER
Sports Writer

This past week the National Collegiate Athletic Association notified the Ohio Valley Conference that the conference baseball champion's automatic bid would be taken away this year.

Normally, the team that wins the conference tournament receives an automatic bid to the

NCAA tournament but not this year.

Assistant OVC Commissioner John Verner said, "Every Division one school has to apply annually for a tournament bid. The NCAA has several considerations on what justifies an automatic bid, and we failed to meet those criteria."

Those criteria include strength of the schedule, NCAA

tournament success and overall win-loss percentage. "The OVC did very poor in all those areas," Verner said. "For instance, we had a 32 percent winning percentage against respectable Division I opponents. That is far below the NCAA's expectations."

The OVC is appealing the decision and will find out some time in early to mid-December how their appeal did. Verner

attributes many factors for the ruling.

"In the early '80s conference presidents started looking at conference budgets more closely. They began to be concerned about expenditures in the athletic programs. At the same time the bigger schools were running at full capacity. As a result, the OVC fell behind."

And there are no signs that the OVC is catching up. The budget continues to tighten in Tennessee and all over. The schools that can afford success have it and schools that can't don't.

"Hopefully, the schools (in the OVC) will see a red flag and realize that baseball needs to be taken as seriously as other sports. Hopefully, the schools will strengthen their schedules and address some of the concerns of the NCAA."

"I wouldn't be surprised if within the next year some sort of comprehensive plan for addressing the NCAA's problems is put into effect," he said.

Until then, if the Raiders or anybody else wants to get in the NCAA tournament, they're going to have to work a little bit harder.



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

WHICH WAYS THE ENDZONE: Blue Raider linebacker Scott Boykin returns an interception during Saturday's thrashing of arch-rival Tennessee Tech 28-10. The lone touchdown scored by Tech was its first since 1987. MTSU will now host Sam Houston State Saturday afternoon.

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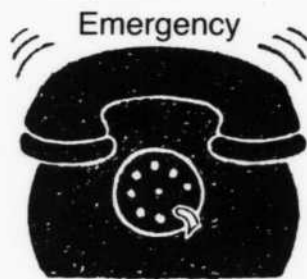
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One — continued from page 8 game. Campbell slightly injured his right hamstring.

Donnelly said, "I don't think Joe's injury was too serious. The trainers said we could've used Joe if we needed to, but we really wanted to be careful with him for the playoffs."

With Campbell out, the ball was in the capable hands of Dunson, who gained 102 yards on 15 carries and scored twice.

Dunson said the offense is no different just because Campbell is hurt.

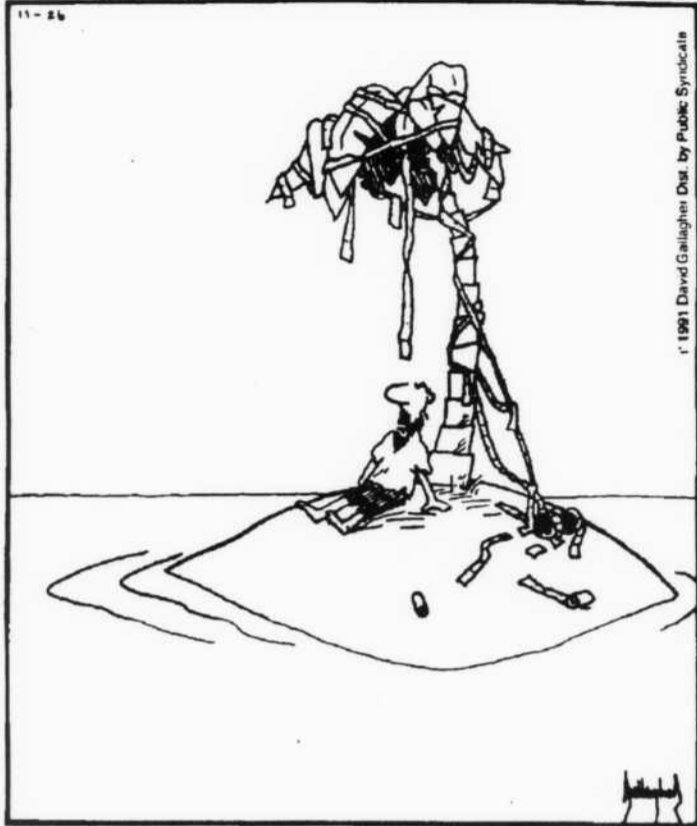
"This offense is designed for two backs," he said. "We don't have any super backs. When Joe is out, the offense is still confident. Joe and I both have the ability to make big plays. I guess you could say we're fitness runners whereas (Scott) Dirks and (Kippy) Bayless are power runners."

Whatever the style of running, the Raiders usually end up with the same result.

Comics



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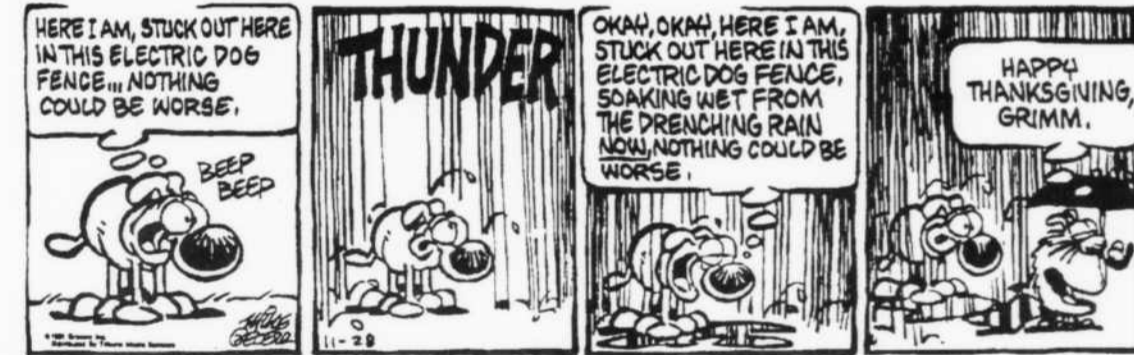
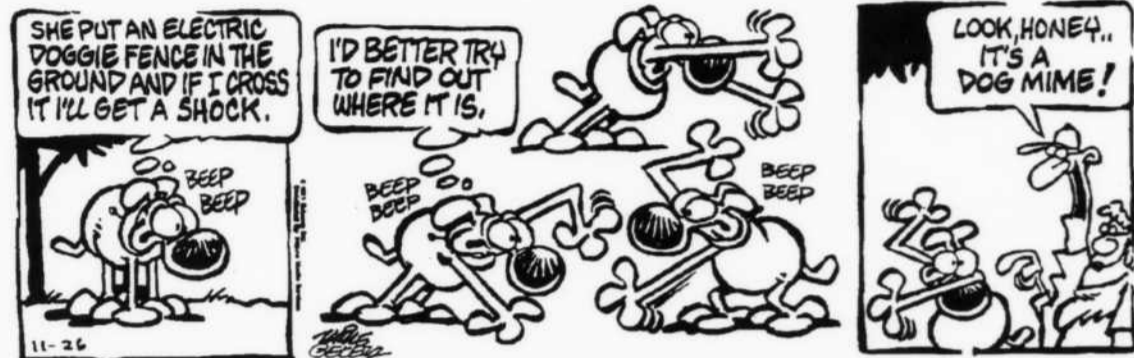


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