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Presidential pool down to seven

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News Editor

The number of possible candidates in the MTSU presidential race has dropped from eight to seven, following Northern Michigan University President John Appleberry's withdrawal last month.

News Analysis

Appleberry could not be reached for comment, because he was out of town at press time. Neither the Tennessee Board of Regents officials or members of the search committee knew the reason behind Appleberry's withdrawal.

Appleberry had been looking for employment in the "southern part of the United States," according to *The*

Northwinds Editor Rebecca Ennis, due to his wife's health problems.

The search is still open and, according to the Tennessee Board of Regents officials and Lester Levi, a search committee member, will remain open until the new president is selected.

The search for MTSU's president began in the spring of last year. Will Burns, assistant to TBR Chancellor Tom Garland, said previous presidential searches have taken anywhere from seven months to a year.

Burns would not comment as to whether or not a lawsuit launched by *The Daily News Journal* was slowing the process of choosing the new president. The Murfreesboro paper filed suit when the TBR announced the search committee meetings to be closed. Recently, a Nashville judge

ruled the committee to be an advisory and not decision-making group. The *DNJ* has since appealed to a higher court.

Burns said the search committee will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. to further discuss the candidates. Members of the committee include Lester Levi, Faculty Senate president; Sandra Wilcox, HPER; George Gardner, Alumni Association; Logan Hickerson, Alumni Association; Rosemary Owens, dean of Continuing Education; Carolyn Gray, Phillips Bookstore; Doug Holder, ASB president; Annette Tipton, student; William Ferris, Memphis attorney and chair for the ad hoc committee; with Chancellor Garland presiding.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two part analysis detailing the MTSU presidential search. ■

THEC approves office expansion

CHRIS WHALEY
Staff Writer

A recent Tennessee Higher Education Commission report shows that MTSU has been allocated \$1,000,000 for an addition to be built onto Jones Hall, while no funds for a new classroom building were granted.

According to the release, the funding for Jones Hall "assumes an additional \$1,300,000 in financing from institutional funds."

Although the university did get approval for the residence hall addition, MTSU President Sam Ingram said, "We thought we would get pre-plan funding for a new classroom building."

Ingram explained that logically, pre-plan funding is needed to begin plans for the proposed classroom building. "But [THEC] said we hadn't done enough campus pre-planning on our own," he said.

The commission stated that the classroom building project was not ready for THEC funding. Table 4 of the commission release states: "The Commission recognizes that MTSU has significant academic and library space needs beyond this immediate [Jones Hall project]; however, pre-planning should emanate from an approved plan."

"I accused the commission of using this as an excuse," Ingram said, explaining their delay of project funding.

Ingram says he agreed that value exists in pre-planning. "However," he said, "you can't know five to ten years ahead what you'll need."

MTSU will now request the funds directly from the Tennessee state legislature.

The university will request pre-planning funds worth \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, what Ingram calls a "modest amount."

Ingram said that the allocation for the Jones Hall addition did not come through at first. "We weren't going to get a cent," he said.

Funding for the residence hall was provided after attention was drawn to the subject "through the media," he said.

Ingram also said that while THEC met on the MTSU campus, "no mention was made of \$300,000 needed in matched funds for the [Jones Hall project]."

Tom Garland, chancellor of THEC, could not be reached for comment.

Ingram said that MTSU is "still moving ahead" with the residence hall project. An architect has been hired, and is being paid by the university. MTSU would use THEC funding to reimburse the cost. ■



Mary Lynn Nard, 6, Amanda Williams, 6, and Jessica Kinney, 7, are dressed up for a hayride to Rutledge Hall. Residents of Rutledge invited the children of Family

Housing to come and trick or treat. The ghouls and goblins then returned to Family Housing for a Halloween party sponsored by Student Families in Action.

Pre-registration becoming reality

RUSTY GERBMAN
Staff Writer

Pre-registration for MTSU may become a reality by fall 1990, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions.

The Tennessee Board of Regents has purchased Student Information System (SIS) software from Information Associate, a computer software company, for all universities under TBR.

Students will go to a designated pre-registration office at their assigned time with their trial schedule. Instead of going to the card bank to get their classes, they will simply go to a com-

puter terminal.

At the computer, they will give the computer operator their trial schedule. The operator will then enter the student's choices into the computer by their call numbers.

If the student is able to obtain all the courses he or she needs and tuition is set for that semester, the student's bill will be printed out. If tuition has not been set, the bill will be mailed to the student at a later date.

If the student has a scheduling problem, he or she will have about two minutes to work out the prob-

lem at the computer terminal. If they can not correct it during the two minutes, they will go to a section where they can look over available classes and rework their schedule.

However, there are still some kinks that need to be worked out with the system.

"They are a hundred little problems that need to be worked out," said Gillespie.

These problems are in the SIS software itself. The software will not assign P.O. Boxes to the students. It cannot calculate graduate and undergraduate hours. It also will not print out lo-

cation cards which allow administration and security to find students in the event of an emergency.

Gillespie said that there are SIS workers on the job right now trying to correct the errors. Gillespie also noted that he would like to have the new system with the best of the old system as well.

"We are looking forward to having SIS," Gillespie said. "But we still would like to keep the good things like location cards that the old system provided."

There will be a mock pre-registration in March to help work out the bugs. ■

Campus Capsule

The MTSU Mathematics Organization will have its next meeting Monday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. in BUS 304. Lora Brewer will give a presentation entitled "Math Anxiety." Anyone interested in math is welcome to attend.

The MTSU Recreation Billiard Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 15. Deadline for entry is Nov. 6. Sign up now at the Alumni Memorial Gym, Room 219. Call Campus Recreation, 898-2104, for information.

The Peck Fund Committee of the English department will present Peck Award Scholarships to six English majors on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. in JUB Dining Room C. This year's Peck Scholars are Christie Allen, Lee Anne Allen, Kay Duck, Rebecca King, Sheila Otto and Jena Trammel. For further information, contact Charles Dean, PH 377, 898-2703.

The Mu Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will be sponsoring their Annual Can-food Drive until Nov. 11. Those wishing to make a donation may contact Chris Taylor at 898-3216 of Al Constant at 895-5743 or any Omega brother. The items collected will be donated to the Rutherford County Emergency Food Bank.

Students for Choice at MTSU is having a candlelight sit-in on Nov. 7 at 6-7 p.m. between Peck Hall and the Cope Administration Building. Those who believe in freedom of choice should attend.

Campus Capsule submissions should be in writing and brought to Room 310, JUB or sent to Box 42, MTSU. Deadlines are 4 p.m. Friday for Monday's paper and noon Wednesday for Thursday's paper.

Crime Blotters

Incident: Larceny

On Oct. 27 Dallas Biggers reported that the wall telephone from the lobby of the University Center had been stolen. The phone was taken sometime during the night of Oct. 24.

Incident: Attempted Burglary

On Oct. 27 Jill K. Owenby reported that she parked her car by Ezell Hall on Oct. 27. When she returned she found the driver's side rear window had been broken out but nothing had been taken.

Incident: Vandalism

On Oct. 29 Sonya Jackson reported that while she left her clothes unattended in the dryer in the laundry room on the second floor of J Apts., someone destroyed her clothes with bleach.

Incident: Vandalism

On Oct. 29 Calvin Pinkerton reported that someone smashed his dorm window in Clement Hall while he was sitting in front of the window.

Incident: Vandalism

On Oct. 29 Eric Paulk reported his briefcase had been pruned open from the combination locks.

Incident: Arrest

On Oct. 29 Randall Edward Fogleman was issued a Misdemeanor Citation for Public Drunkenness.

Incident: Domestic

On Oct. 31 Tammy A. Gipson's father reported to this department that warrants had been obtained on his daughter's ex-boyfriend for assault and battery and kidnapping.

Incident: Arrest

On Nov. 1 Jason Winfree was arrested for DUI.

News Briefs

MTSU performance funding scores highest in Tennessee

MTSU's performance funding scores increased four percent, the highest in the state, and as a result, will receive more extra funding in 1990-91 than they received for the current academic year.

Under the performance funding project, a statewide program supplemented in 1979, institutions are evaluated by standards of performance and may earn additional funding beyond the institution's base of formula funding. The purpose of the program is to recognize and reward efforts on the part of the institutions to evaluate and improve instructional quality.

MTSU scored 79 points this year, compared to 74 points in 1987-88. This year's score places MTSU third among Tennessee Board of Regents schools, behind Tennessee Tech and East Tennessee State University.

"Anyway you look at it, our overall academic performance this past year was excellent under the performance funding categories," Charles Babb, coordinator of MTSU's performance funding project, said.

Babb credits senior awareness as one of the biggest reasons for the increase in scores. "I think that seniors who were tested in all these various areas understand the importance of doing well on these tests. Perhaps in the past they haven't really realized the significance of the test. Our budget is based on how much money we get on senior performing, that's why it's called performance funding."

Another reason for the increase, according to Babb, is campus-wide support from faculty and administrators. "Anytime you put academic pride on the line it counts and I think we have a good network all across campus."

MTSU's performance funding testing for this year is Nov. 7-9 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The test will be offered three times daily.

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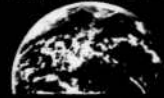
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OPINIONS

Pre-registration finally a reality?

Despite all the complaining MTSU students sometimes do, most of us do like the school.

Sure, some of the teachers were declared legally dead years ago but keep on working through the wonders of tenure; the library seems only to be open during odd numbered hours between 2 and 4 p.m. every other Tuesday during a full moon and you might have to park in Woodbury to find a legal space. Still, the good points generally outweigh the bad.

But there's one thing that almost every student here would agree on — registration is a nightmare from the depths of hell. Even the most meek and mild Peck Scholar can be found cursing the university when, stuck in front of the card bank, he or she realizes that ENG 492, Famous South American Pastry Chefs in Literature, is the only open class left.

But like Moses coming down from the mountain to preach about the promised land, salvation is in sight.

The Tennessee Board of Regents has announced that a computerized pre-registration system should be in place by next fall. When installed, students will be able to construct their schedule from a computer terminal, rather than running back and forth over the Murphy Center track.

Let's hope the TBR follows through on this plan and remember: students of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but those obnoxious punch cards.

LOST IN THE FLOOD..



Unified European economies will force United States to face future

W. Andrew Turman
Go Figure

The dawning of the year 1992 might prove to be a portentous event indeed, if you happen to be an American.

Nineteen-hundred and ninety-two is the year that the countries of Western Europe officially attempt an economic union. This union, if the leaders of these countries can successfully mete out a workable compromise, could threaten the existing bipolar balance of power between the Soviet Union and the United States.

The United States must move now if it wants to take an active role in its economic future. The impact of the European Economic Community and the effects it might have are difficult to ascertain, but one thing is crystal clear: something must be done, and soon.

This topic has been as of late the subject of many *kaffee klatsch* discussions, on and off campus. The conspectus of these talks reveal that three alternatives facing our dancers in the Bureaucratic Shuffle exist.

The first involves a union of the American states, north and south. Very much like a revamped Monroe Doctrine, this plan would attempt to integrate most of the states from Canada to Argentina. This idea does make *some* sense, with Canada being one of our largest trading partners already and most of our illegal aliens being from Central or South America.

In keeping with this idea, the vast resources which exist in Brazil could be utilized at a much smaller cost, with greater profit for the people of Brazil. This union could also solve our nation's drug problem, to some extent. The product would no longer be an import item, thereby reducing its cost and driving dealers out of business. Wait, I am beginning to see a thousand points of light...

Another possible course of action is for the United States to form a Pacific Rim Alliance. We could join with the nations which have forced many of our producers to lower their profit margins and subsequently shut down or deliver shoddy merchandise. By uniting with the Chinese, Taiwanese and Japanese we could learn a lot about manufacturing and employee treatment. Reminds one of the old joke about buying a Ford car, only when it was made in the middle of the week. Seems that ones made on Friday and Monday were often defective. Employees looking forward to getting drunk on the weekend were careless on Fridays and on Mondays they were too hungover.

Another benefit to the Pacific Rim alliance is that perhaps we could persuade Japan to help out with its defense. We have paid for their protection long enough. Plus, we could have the biggest army in the world. No one is going to mess with a billion Chinese. How about an Oriental Army with round-eye technology?

The most controversial choice open to the United States involves the military as well. The possibility of a fully integrated, totally co-operational army of the U.S.S.S.R. is utterly maddening. The United States-Soviet Socialist Republic would make Marx and Lenin turn over in their graves, but think how much money we would be able to use for environmental, peaceful and beneficial projects. With Gorbachev and his dynamic duo, perestroika and glasnost, this might well be a feasible opportunity. Stranger things have happened, a weasel-necked wimp rode on the coattails of a B-rate movie star into the office of the presidency, after all.

There is little time for waffling; hesitancy will be rewarded only with a loss of status. The situation in Europe, the defection of persons and even entire countries to the West, warrents a wait-and-see attitude only for Europeans. Without melodramatic intent, the security of this nation's economic and perhaps entire future lies at stake.

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Letters to the Editor

Chinese students respond to recent profile of Jinxian Yue

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Chinese students attending MTSU, we would like to address our response to the recent article in *Sidelines* about Jinxian Yue and his efforts to relocate his family to the United States.

Mr. Yue is among many of us who have families in China. We certainly can sympathize with him and can understand his longing for his wife and children left behind. However, as students, we have all made the choice to come to the United States and pursue our educational dreams. We have accepted with great gratitude the financial opportunity afforded to us in order to complete our education. We want to make a significant contribution in improving our own country with what we have learned in the United States.

Sincerely,
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Robert Rose replies to "racist" remarks

Dear Editor:

Homecoming 1989 has drawn to a close and yet the selection of homecoming queen for 1990 seems to be the topic of conversation as well as editorial content.

Good. That was the purpose of my first letter and from the looks of things, I succeeded in doing just that as well as making a lot of people angry. That too is o.k. because if I was afraid to express my opinion because it might make a few people mad at me, why even have an opinion. If a person sees something wrong, that person should not be afraid to take any possible avenue to insure change.

The first letter was a bold letter that regardless of how it was written, was not meant to belittle Ms. Williams in any way. I knew I would leave myself open to public criticism, however, I repeat my purpose was to simply put the matter of the *selection* of homecoming queen at the top of everyone's mind.

To the courageous individual who was afraid to sign their name on his letter which appeared in *Sidelines* on Monday, Oct. 23, 1989, no I'm not in a boat by myself because of the great number of people who personally told me they share my opinion. I took a much more courageous stand than you and I signed *my* name. It's fine to have a differing opinion, but don't accuse me of being on crack because mine is different from yours and have enough pride in yourself to sign your own name.

In response to Ms. Bailey's and Ms. Kirkendoll's letter which appeared in the same issue, you are to be com-

mended that you used your right to express your opinion and weren't afraid to sign your names. However, please stick to the issue at hand. If you knew me (and you don't) I'm sure you would find that I am not in the least a racially motivated person. I'm just looking for fairness and consistency at MTSU. If you believe that Ms. Williams' campaign to become homecoming queen was justified and fair, fine, let that be known in a letter if you wish.

But at the same time, don't accuse someone of being racist and ignorant if they don't agree with you. That is a very serious accusation and should be backed up with facts and proof. I resent it vehemently.

As far as whether my fraternity agrees with what I said, I doubt if everyone of our members could say they do, and I wouldn't want them to. A fraternity is made up of different individuals from many different backgrounds with different viewpoints about the world. It is hard enough for 60 members to reach an agreement about something as simple as what time to start a fraternity function much less the rules for homecoming queen selection. I wrote the letter as a representative of my fraternity and no, not everyone shares my haircut (thank goodness) or my opinion.

What I'm trying to say is that I made a statement of which I'm proud of. Perhaps I could have stated it in more diplomatic terms, but I don't believe, it justifies being labeled a racist on crack, or stupid. A lot of people share my opinion; a lot of people don't. That's great, that's how the world works. I think we should be a little more careful that when someone exercises their rights, that they aren't subjected to such abuse that they regret ever having that right in the first place. Quit calling people stupid or labeling them as racist because they don't believe the same things you do. Instead, let's argue our respective points in as intelligent manner as possible and we will all be better off. Thanks.

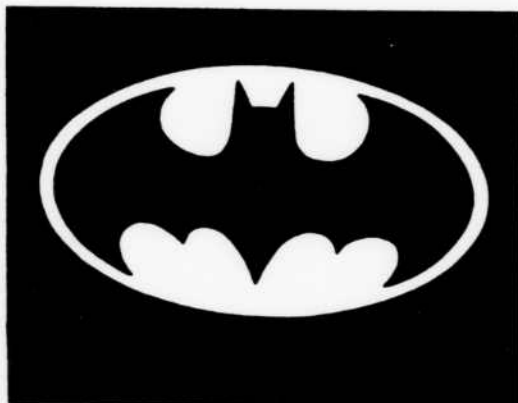
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FEATURES

Late-night dormitory guards play many roles

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A lone figure sits in the semi-darkness with his head lolling against the back of a stiff wooden chair. Late-night television plays in the background, and notes for an early history class slip out of his lap.

Outside a girl staggers up to the door and rattles it. A groggy hall guard must answer the call.

All female dorms at MTSU have a student guard, paid \$3.35 per hour, on duty from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"Guys don't need protection," says Mike Peters, guard on this particular night at the High Rise West Dorm.

Peters looks very alert. He says he's gotten used to four or five hours of sleep every day. He works as a guard 40 hours a week, has another part-time job and is a full-time student.

"It depends on the building I'm in as far as how much studying I do," says Peters.

Hall guards are basically responsible for locking doors, keeping lobbies under control and letting girls in while keeping guys out after 2 a.m., according to Peters.

"Alcohol is an acute problem," he says. Intoxicated students "generally act incredibly stupid. I wish I had a videotape to show them later."

"I could make my own private file for entertainment too," he adds with a lifted eyebrow.

Peters recalls one particular instance when a girl came down the elevator "buck naked."

"She was headed for the Coke machine and said she didn't think anyone was here," he laughs.

In addition to the male security guards, MTSU also has three female guards. Their duties are the same as the male guards, they just don't have to wear ties.

"I get called Sir a lot," says Suzanne Lane, who has her hair pulled back and little or no makeup on.

Lane says the worst dorm to work is Wood-Felder be-



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Chris Wiles, a dormitory guard, studies while working at High Rise West from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

cause people come in "unconscious."

"In Cummings, people come in and out a lot, but at least they don't barf on you," she says.

Lane describes a fight she broke up between a girl and her boyfriend. "She was some tiny little thing," she recalls. "I tackled the guy. He didn't have a 100-pound weight advantage on me."

Guards repeatedly show their worth, according to Mike Linder, Student Supervisor for Resident Hall Security. "One time this guy was stone drunk, walking on cars and managed to put his foot through the window of a Trans Am," says Linder. "He was caught by a hall guard. Another time a guard caught an arsonist setting garbage bins on fire."

Hall Security does some soliciting for guards on the MTSU cable channel, according to Linder, but many times "people will walk into the Housing Office looking for a job and they get sent to us."

"We don't have trouble keeping enough guards, except in the summer and on holidays," he says.

Linder says sleeping on the job is not a big problem either.

"I realize students are going to catnap some," he says. "As long as they can be awakened by a simple knock on the door, I don't see it as a big problem."

"I don't have a lot of trouble staying awake," says guard Lee Wilds, whose main staple of the night is Mountain Dew. As he is talking, a girl walks up and asks for change. He points her to a change machine in the corner of the lobby.

"They always want change and expect you to know where everything is," Wilds sighs.

He says he likes the study time, the early class registration for guards and the chance to talk to a lot of people. He occasionally has trouble keeping the peace though.

"The high school basketball camps in the summer are the worst," Wilds says. "They did \$3,000 damage in one week breaking the ceiling tiles with their heads."

"College cheerleading camps are really wild too," he says. "A group of extremely drunk Memphis State cheerleaders were outside climbing the light poles one night. I called security and they didn't know what to do with them either, so I just let them climb." ■

Wildman Webb Wilder rocks into Murfreesboro

HERB AGNER
Staff Writer

Webb Wilder, the big man who wears glasses and who has worked hard at rocking Nashville for so long has finally gotten his shot at rocking the world.

On their new Island Records debut, *Hybrid Vigor*, Webb Wilder, the band, is redefining its sound and attracting attention from across the U.S. with its "swampadelic" rock and roll.

Along with longtime bandmates Donny "The Twangler" Roberts, Les James and Cletus Wollensak (who have dropped their "Beatnecks" moniker), Webb is currently touring the nation in support of the album and showing people what he does best.

The band has been known for years throughout the South for its irreverent, almost comical songwriting teamed with hard,

bluesy "rock and soul."

The current band was formed around 1984 after Webb's previous band, which had relocated with him to Nashville from Mississippi, decided to pack it up and head back home.

This band's first album, *It Came From Nashville*, was released in 1987 on the independent Landslide label. It received rave reviews from across the

country which led to a showcase at New York's New Music Seminar. The showcase eventually led to a deal with Island Records.

"We decided a long time ago that we wouldn't get security jobs at J.C. Penney's; we were committed to doing this," Webb explains. "We would get down at times, but we were always persistent."

The band's second album has been receiving

a similar reaction. Reviewers from New York to Houston have called it "spectacular," "glorious," "the album the Rolling Stones should have made" and without a doubt one of 1989's 10 best rock records.

I think *Rolling Stone* summed it best by saying, "Webb Wilder is funny, but he's no joke."

For longtime followers, the new album will probably be a welcome surprise. The catchiness and the novelty of the band is still there, but the music rocks much harder, as is evidenced by the first single, "Human Cannonball."

For those who are new devotees, Webb Wilder's live show will blow you away. Webb is, first and foremost, an entertainer. While most of the songs are written or co-written by their producer, Bobby Field, without the self-proclaimed "electrifying



Webb Wilder and his hard-working, hard-rocking band.

artist" up front, this band would be bland.

Although much of their tour has been along with Nashville legends, Jason and the Scorchers, Webb Wilder is currently playing as a headlining act and will roar into our fair town tonight at Mainstreet.

Opening for Wilder will be another Nashville act,

Footnotes, who has followed Wilder's lead by relocating to Nashville to try and break into the big-time. Originally from New Mexico, Footnotes first moved to Houston where they were soon voted that city's "Best Rock and Roll Band" in 1988 in a local newspaper poll.

Although originally a

three-man rockabilly outfit, the group has developed into a four-man, grungy, Southern rock band that has been likened to the Georgia Satellites.

Kicking off the night of music at 9 p.m. will be Murfreesboro's fun-loving crowd pleasers, "A Band Called Bob." ■

Fetchin Bones rattle off

HERB AGNER
Staff Writer

Fetchin Bones has been one of underground rock's most popular bands since their inception in 1985.

The band hails from Charlotte, North Carolina and has been a consistently refreshing slap in the face of southern music. Their style is an immediately appealing blend of funk, punk and guitar-oriented, heavy Southern rock and roll.

We talked to the band's intensely energetic lead singer, Hope Nicholls, about the past, present and future of Fetchin Bones.

Sidelines: Where has the band been playing this fall?

Hope Nicholls: We've been on tour all over the country starting in the South.

S: Where did the name 'Fetchin Bones' come from?

HN: It came to me in a vision one night.

S: Yeah, right.

HN: It was in the mid-

dle of an electrical storm, and the lightning bolt hit me and then it (the name) lit up in my eyes.

S: Does the band have a favorite hangout that you would suggest as a cool place to visit?

HN: Not really, because cool is...nothing. Everywhere is cool in its own way. It's where your friends are and where you're happy. I'd say go to the middle of the Mojave Desert if that's what makes you happy.

S: Is there a concept behind *Monster* and/or its rather bizarre cover art?

HN: We took the art from the last album and all the lyrics for this album to this artist (Mark Ryden) we liked and told him we needed new art that would reflect our concept of "monster!" We told him that we wanted something about death and the environment and stuff like that and this is his interpretation of our concept.

S: What issues are of

importance to you and the band?

HN: Our song "Say the Word" gives the band's feelings about social, political, and ecological issues. The number one issue for me is ecology. Our treatment of our environment will eventually kill us if we don't wise up. People don't realize that we can't kill the world, only the people in the world. The world will always survive even if it's in a mutated, perverted state.

S: Does the band get involved in benefits or protest shows?

HN: When we can. We just did a benefit for an organization called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. We do what we can, but you don't hold that much clout as a band until you get bigger.

Chances are this band will develop just that kind of clout within the upcoming year or two. Their brand of music is rarely found in the South and should be seized and appreciated. ■

'Godspell' to cast a spell

An encore production of *Godspell* will be presented by the Wesley Players today through Sunday at the MTSU Wesley Foundation.

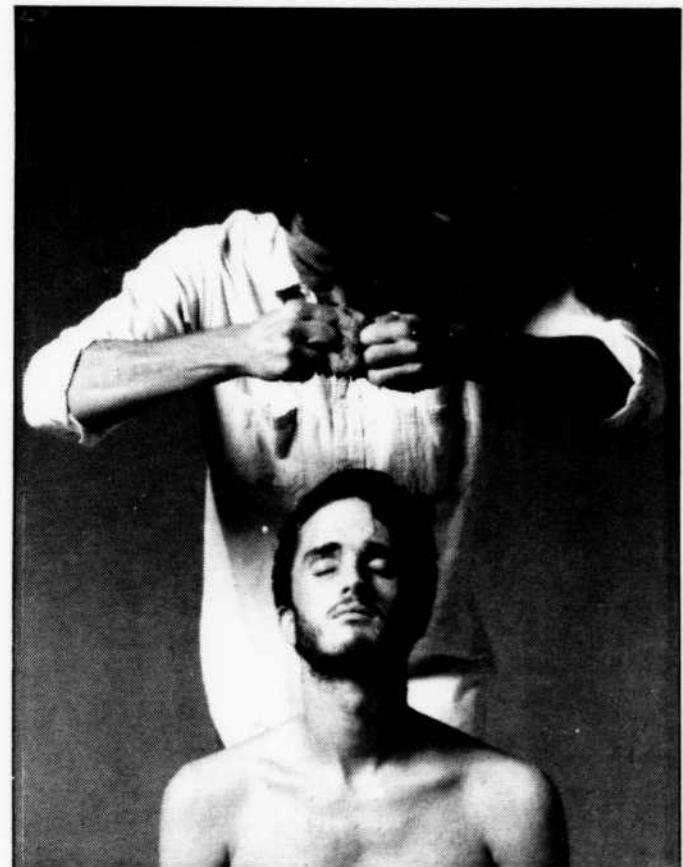
Since the first production of *Godspell* three and a half years ago, there have been many requests for its return.

Conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak, the musical play is based on the Gospel of Matthew.

Music and lyrics were written primarily by Stephen Swartz, with Jay Hamburger and Peggy Gordon also contributing.

The Wesley Players production of the humorous, yet inspiring Biblical story is directed by Joel Raney, a MTSU student majoring in communications and theatre. The musical director is Jim Ramsey, a MTSU music major.

Curtain time at the Wesley Foundation, 216 College Heights Ave., for today's, Friday's and Saturday's performance is 8 p.m. A special matinee perfor-



John the Baptist (Jim Ramsey) baptizes Jesus (Bernie Kipp) during the Wesley Foundation's *Godspell*.

mance will be Sunday at 3 p.m. A dinner theatre production will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students for all

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SPORTS

Clash for conference control

MTSU, EKV to duel for OVC's top spot

From Staff Reports

There may be three weeks left in the regular season, but for all practical purposes, the OVC Championship is Saturday when Eastern Kentucky invades Horace Jones field for a 1:30 p.m. showdown.

Eastern and MTSU's Blue Raiders enter Saturday's game 3-0 in league play.

A victory by Middle gets them past the first of three tough conference clashes. A victory by Eastern and, for all practical purposes, the OVC title is theirs for the fourth consecutive year.

"Everyone knows that to win the OVC championship you have to go through Eastern Kentucky," MTSU coach



Sandra Rennie•Staff

Boots Donnelly said. "They know that to win the title this year they have to come through here, because after us all they have left in the conference is Morehead State."

Eastern enters Saturday's contest with impressive numbers. They are ranked No. 1 in the latest Division I-AA poll, yielding just 121.6 yards on the ground per game, and grinding out an average of 282 yards on the ground per contest.

"This is a typical Eastern football team," Donnelly said. "They come after you hard and will strike you. We watched some film on them and they hit as hard as anyone."

"They had a great runner in Tim Lester, but he got hurt.

ermors. Coleman and the MTSU defense will have their hands full this week when they try to stop Eastern Kentucky running back Marcus Thomas.

can run the football and that is a concern." The Blue Raiders enter the game after an open week. In their last game, they defeated Austin Peay 46-7. Donnelly was happy to have the week off after some injuries cropped up after the game.

"We found we had some injuries on Sunday after the Austin Peay game," he said. "So, it helped us lick our wounds so to speak by having the week off."

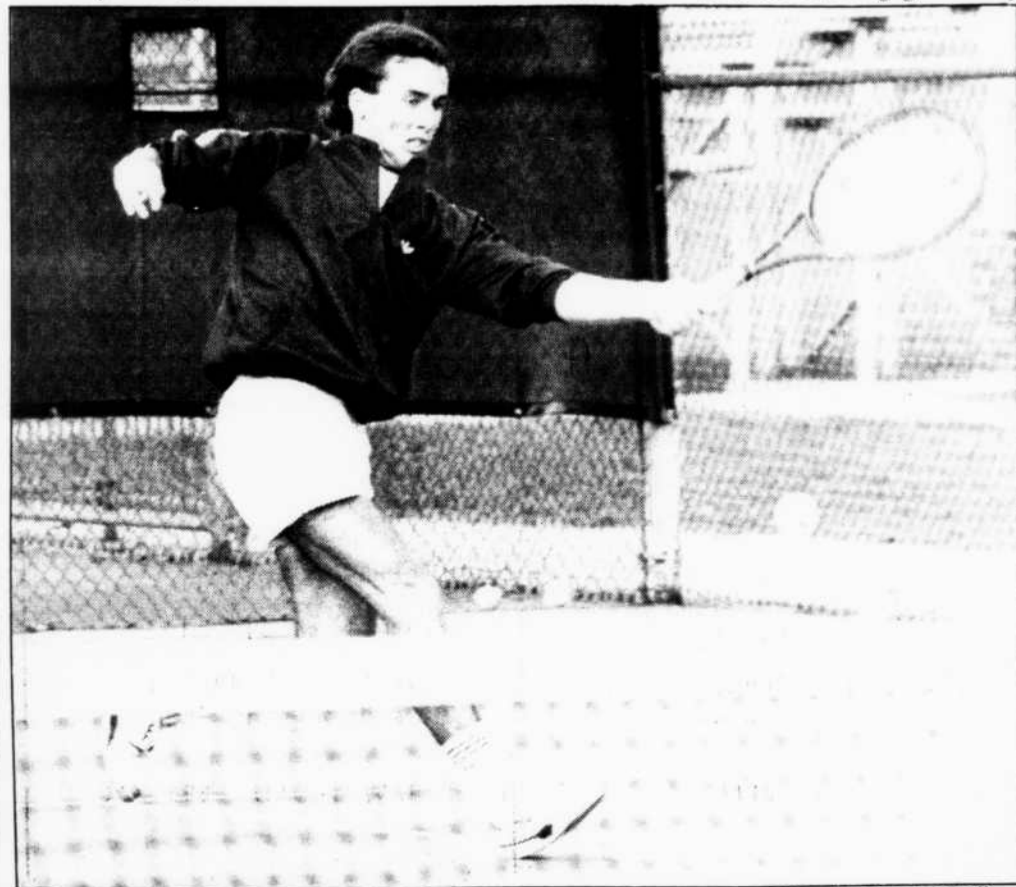
Phil Ironside is expected to get the starting nod against the Colonels. Ironside is currently ranked 10th in the nation in passing efficiency, completing 56 percent of his attempts.

So, another great runner, Marcus Thomas steps in and sets the OVC record for rushing in a game with 300 yards against Marshall. That's just how they are."

Thomas, a redshirt freshman, comes into Saturday's clash having rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the last six games.

Quarterback Lorenzo Fields is also a worry to MTSU because of his ability to both run and throw.

"Fields has improved a lot," Donnelly said. "He throws the ball well even though he only puts it up about 15 times a game. But then he doesn't have to put it up much more with the running game they have. More importantly, he



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MTSU's No. 1 singles player Nick Sheumack practices Wednesday afternoon. The MTSU tennis team will travel to Clarksville on Friday for a match with Austin Peay.

Lady Raiders face early woes as Deborah Bell leaves team

KEN SALTER
Editor

Even though they are just a little over two weeks into fall practice, MTSU's Lady Raiders basketball team has been faced with several problems.

Junior center Deborah Bell left the team last week, while injuries have sidelined last season's starting point guard Christy Scruggs and freshman Pippa Gibson.

"Deborah got injured over the summer and didn't do anything to get herself ready to play this fall," coach Lewis Bivens said. "I told her if she couldn't commit herself to the team and school, she didn't need to play."

Bell was the sixth leading scorer for the Lady Raiders last season averaging 3.1 points per game. She also pulled down three rebounds and averaged 12 minutes of playing time per game.

"I thought Bell could be a factor this season," Bivens said. "It was up to her, though. There is no question she has the athletic ability."

Scruggs will have her knee checked out tomorrow to see if surgery is needed.

"Christy twisted her knee and will have it scoped Friday," Bivens said. "They will decide then if she will need surgery."

"She will be out for at least two weeks even if she

doesn't need surgery."

Scruggs, who started every game last season for the Lady Raiders, averaged 8.3 points per game. She was the team leader in assists, steals, three-point field goal percentage and minutes played.

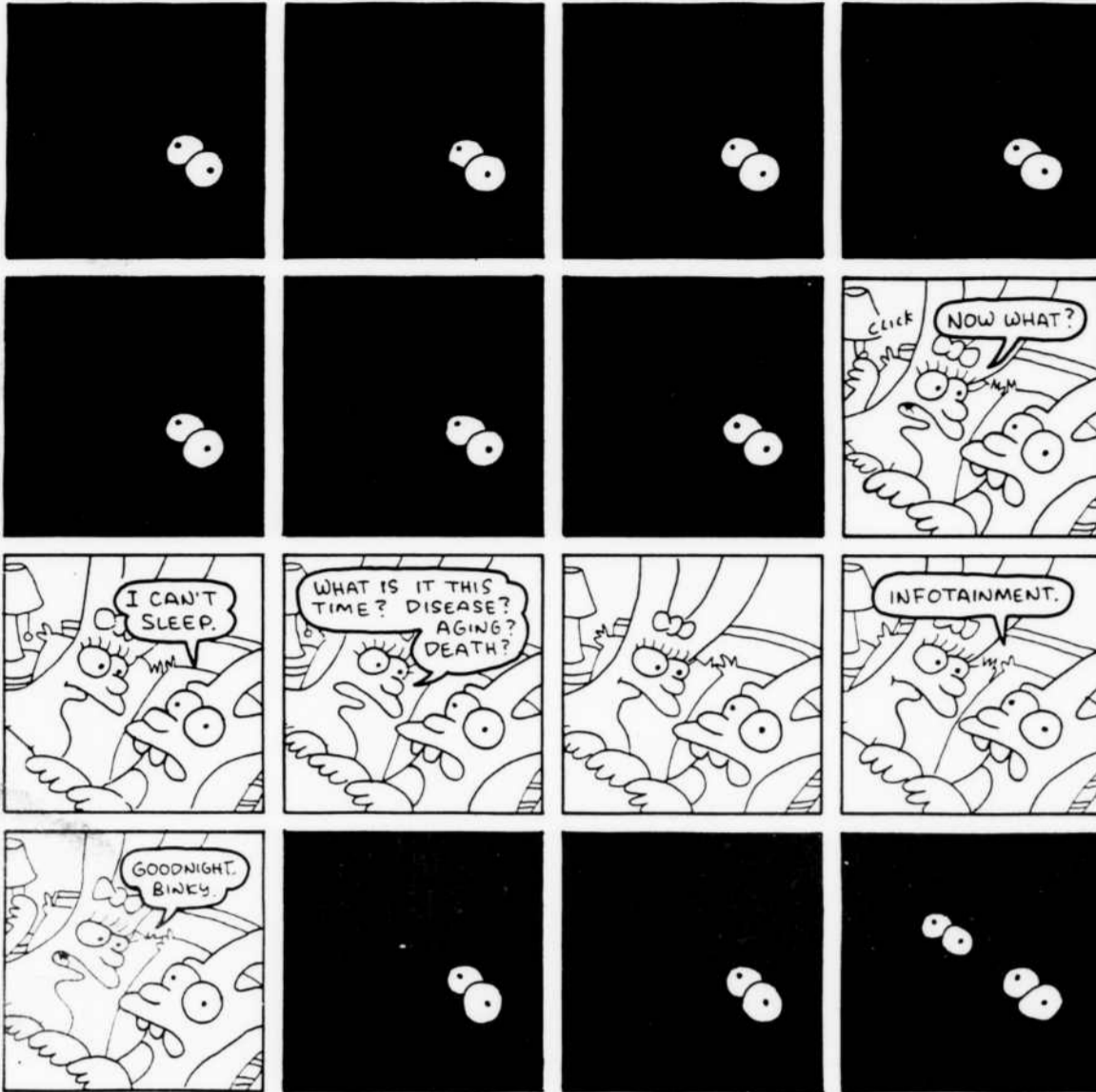
Gibson, who has been slowed with shin splints, added to the teams' injuries and presents a personnel problem for Bivens.

"We've been decimated by injuries," Bivens said. "These latest things just add to the problem."

The Lady Raiders will open their season Nov. 24 when they play in the University of Nevada-Reno Tournament.■

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