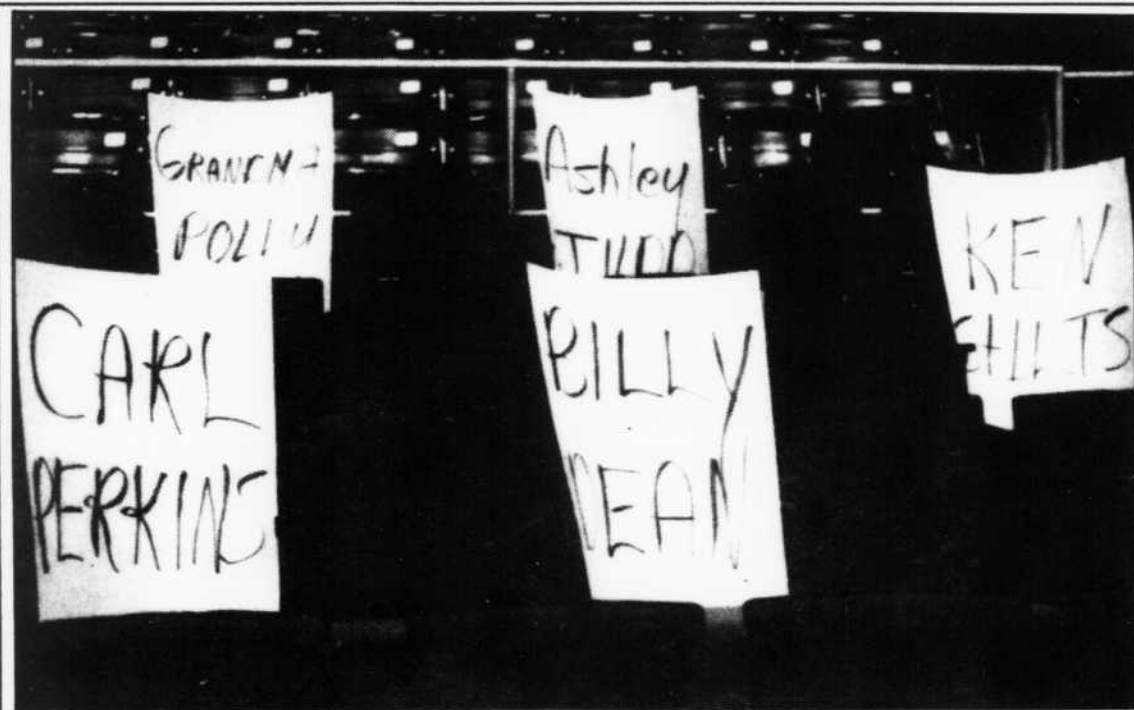


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HOLD THAT SEAT: Concert seats were quickly reserved for some big name stars including: Randy Travis, Crystal Gayle, The Gatlin Brothers, Kathy Mattea, Ricky Skaggs and Mel Tillis

Betas finish sentence of community service

VICKI NEAL
News Writer

Beta Theta Pi, an MTSU fraternity, is finally free now that it has done its punishment, handed down by the Inter-Fraternal Council earlier this semester.

As of November 30th, Beta Theta Pi had finished their hours of community service, which was punishment for the use of alcohol during their fall fraternal rush.

A total of 200 hours was dedicated to the community service of their choice in a decision by the IFC, and these hours have now been completed.

"They did 160 hours at the

golf course for a benefit tournament in Indian Hills," said Dean Paul Cantrell, advisor to the IFC.

"Another 40 hours were completed at homecoming during the Panhellenic and Interfraternal Council social," Cantrell said. "They are finished."

Although Cantrell knew the situation well, Dr. Horace Johns, the campus advisor to Beta Theta Pi, was unable to elaborate when asked about how the fraternity spent hours worked, Dr. Johns said he had "not talked to them about it."

No one from the fraternity was available for comment on the situation.

New scholarship established

Betty McNabb of Panama City, Florida, says she decided to learn to fly when she was in her forties because driving a car was becoming too hazardous.

She holds the airline transport pilot rating, the highest flight rating certified by the FAA. She still flies, having owned seven different airplanes. McNabb has been involved in aviation with the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The long time supporter of Middle Tennessee State University's aerospace program has reemphasized her love of aviation by donating \$10,000 to establish the Wallace R. Maples Aerospace Scholarship.

Maples, chairman of the aerospace department, says the scholarship comes at a good time, when both students and universities are having to stretch budget dollars further.

"I have known Betty for a number of years," says Maples. "She is the only speaker at MTSU's summer Aerospace Education Workshops to have given presentations to each workshop since 1958. I can't say enough good things about her. It's great to have such a booster for the aerospace program at MTSU."

Dyslexia Center hopes for \$4 million in funds

JESSICA CLAYBORN
News Writer

The fund raising efforts to generate at least \$4 million dollars to open and maintain a center for dyslexia have recently been organized.

Dr. Diane J. Sawyer, director of the Kitty Murfree Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Studies at MTSU, said she feels that fund raisers can help the organization because of its high visibility in Middle Tennessee.

"We have just begun to initiate inquiries and everyone who has an interest," said Sawyer when asked about fund raising efforts. "My short term goal is to raise \$50,000 to help get started with the center. The major problem that we have is finding a building and the space to set up."

The Center plans to acquire the money it needs through state funding and private foundations; however, the \$4 million also encompasses the center's assets.

The money will be used to help provide services offered at the center. According to Sawyer, these services include "individual consultation, people who have problems with dyslexia, the parents of children with dyslexia, the teachers of children with dyslexia, counseling, and inservice education in various school systems in Middle Tennessee."

"The public awareness of dyslexia has increased on a scale of 0 to 10 from 0 to 5 amongst educators, parents, and people that have dyslexia," Sawyer said.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

WHERE DID WE GET ALL THAT WATER?: MTSU quickly became the land between the lakes this week as it was flooded with unwanted waves.

Sturm named Grand Pooba and football prediction legend

3rd luncheon gets good turn-out

"The dilemma we have is funding, but there is not enough funding for everyone," Senator Andy Womack said in response to a question concerning THEC (Tennessee Higher Education Commission) allocations at last week's SGA luncheon forum.

According to Womack, we (MTSU) have to sell the public on the fact that we have something to offer and that money spent is an investment, not a cost.

Senator Womack was special guests to the forum.

"We were very glad Senator Womack and Representative Liles took time out of their busy schedules to attend the forum," SGA president Shawn Burgess said.

Although the forum fell on the last day before the Thanksgiving break, the student turn-out was relatively good.

This was the third forum the SGA has held this semester. The forums will be held every last Wednesday of each month. They will resume in January.



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LIGHTS, FANS, ACTION: Work crews started working earlier this week in order to insure that the Judds' concert went off with out a hitch.



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Call for Submissions

COLLAGE is now accepting submissions for the Spring 1992 edition.

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COLLAGE

Campus Capsule

Tennessee Inventors Association will meet at 10:00 a.m. Dec. 21 in the Tennessee Innovation Center, 1055 Commerce Park Drive, Oak Ridge, turn south off of Hy 62 (Illinois Ave.). Visitors are welcome. Joe Culver, Martin Marietta Media Coordinator for Public Affairs, Oak Ridge, will talk about "Public Relations."

Tennessee Association of Political Science Students (T.A.P.S.S.) will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in Peck Hall room 208 for the election of officers. For more information, contact Scott Mitchell at 890-7367.

Association of Recording Management Students (ARMS) will have a song to single meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Mass Communications Building room 101. For more information, contact Che'vy Nash at 2088.

MTSU Dance Club presents **Alpha Kappa Psi Professional**

Dance Concert '91 In Motion, a student production at 8 p.m. Dec. 5, and 8 p.m. Dec. 6 at Tucker Theatre. Tickets will be \$2 at the door and \$1 in advance. Advance tickets will be on sale from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 2-4 at Tucker Theatre.

Campus Recreation will sponsor a USVBA Volleyball Tournament Jan. 11. The cost is \$45 per team and \$10 for student teams. The leagues are men's A, B, BB, and women's BB. There will be a captain's meeting at 8 a.m. Jan. 11 in the Alumni Memorial Gym. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 9. For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 2104.

Campus Recreation will sponsor Wiffleball games from Jan. 15-22. The cost is \$10. There will be a sign up meeting at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Alumni Memorial Gym room 219. For more information call Campus Rec at 2104.

Business Fraternity will sponsor a bake sale Dec. 4 & 5 in the basement of the Keathley University Center and also on the Main level of Kirksey Old Main.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a preseason basketball tournament Dec. 3-7. For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 2104.

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.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship would like you to join

them at 5:30 p.m. on every Thursday at Keathley University Center room 313.

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.

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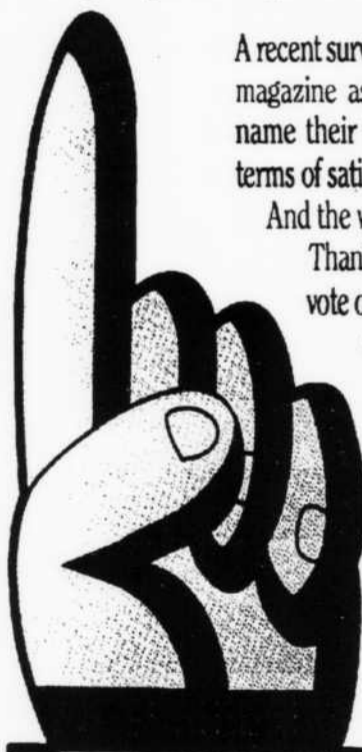
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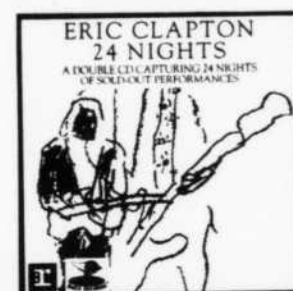


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Opinions

Editor's Comment

Sidelines finishes with a special format

It's time to say goodbye!

I don't think we really did any good, but if we inspired but one reader I guess we did some good.

We have decided to do something special for this last issue. We are filling it full of our opinions. Most of our critics would say we do that in every issue, but we are making a special effort in this one.

Polls say that the Opinions page is usually the least read section of the newspaper. I really have never understood why.

Editorials are the most controversial. People love fights, so one would think the Opinions page would be the best read.

Maybe it is because most people only like to hear their own thoughts. Humans don't like to be hit with the unfamiliar, we like it safe.

Well, *Sidelines* isn't going to finish this year safe.

We urge you to read every editorial from beginning to finish. Open your minds and try to feel the writers emotions. It takes alot of effort and strength to write so people who do it probably say something worth reading.

Be open MTSU, it can only help.

Please don't send any more letters to the editor until the Spring Semester begins.

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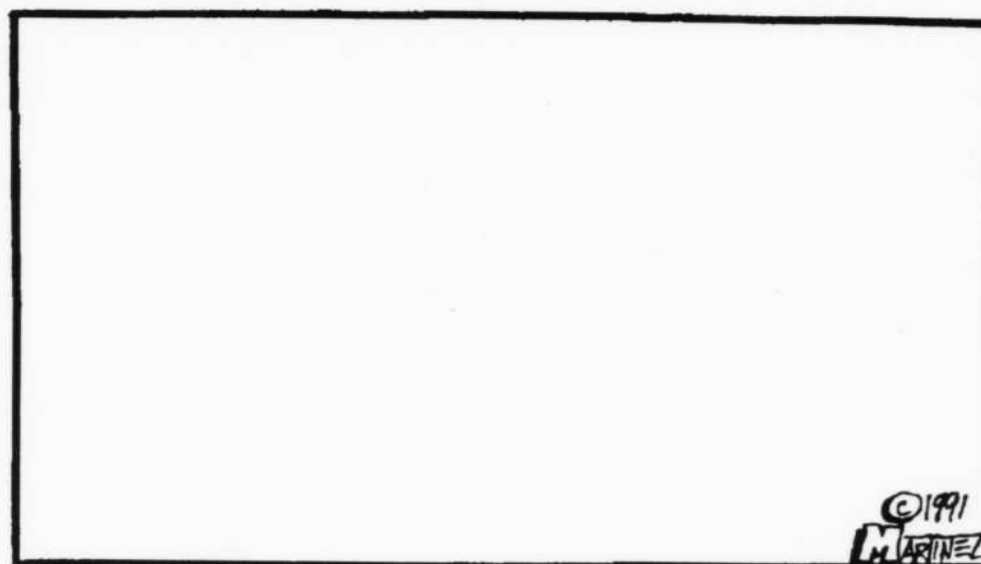
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THE POLITICALLY "CORRECT" EDITORIAL CARTOON.

One mind to another

Four years ago, about this time, I was a wide-eyed freshman with dreams and ambitions. I didn't know anyone here at MTSU. But I did know of the rumors of college life — parties and other social events — that would either educate a young man, or send him on a frenzy of exotic escapades. I had two choices: go to class and learn as much as I could or dropout and fool myself by saying I'll try again once I'm better situated.

Well, I chose the first. And next Saturday morning, I'll be celebrating my decision at Murphy Center as I join hundreds of others in commencement. But, as I endeavor to make this rite of passage on such a grand day, deep down inside I won't be feeling so grand. And I have reason.

The other day, I was talking with some friends about our beginning years at MTSU. We laughed and cracked jokes about some of the stupid things we did, yet we reveled at the maturity of knowing just how far to go without stepping into the bounds of trouble — suspension.

It wasn't until we started mentioning the names of friends not there that the laughter began to die out and the jokes ceased. A few seconds, or maybe even a brief minute of silence elapsed before there was a word spoken. Many of the people that were no longer with us had dropped out of college and were either living on the streets, on drugs, or worse, dead. And those that were trying to hang in the mainstream of society, were either working at fast food restaurants or breaking their backs in a warehouse.

Sure, these are jobs, but by staying in college, going to class, and learning as much as possible,



LUCAS JOHNSON Last words

a better job could have been obtained upon graduation. I admit, college can be a rigorous task for many and really makes you wonder, "is my mind playing tricks on me?" But let's face facts. It's competitive as hell out in the workforce. Without a B.S. degree, it is nearly impossible to get a good, supportive job.

Then, you think of the frustrating and tedious times of the 60s, when blacks were not allowed to attend college. Kent State in Ohio, Ole Miss in Mississippi — these were colleges in which thousands of federal troops had to be installed so blacks could even enter onto the campus grounds. Some blacks even gave their lives, simply to

get a higher education.

But today, there are no angry white barricades, no federal troops and no guns of death being pointed. There is only the will to learn.

So next Saturday, as I march to receive my diploma, I'll remember my freshman friends. And as I remember them, I vow that no matter how far I go in life or how successful I become, I'll never forget those I passed by. Instead, I'll be forever encouraging others to go to a higher institution and learn as much as they can, even if there is discrimination at the institution.

Sure, racists may shackle your hands and feet, and try to keep you from progressing. But believe this.

College is a major key to success in life. And no one can shackle your mind.

SGA President urges students to take action

First, I would like to express appreciation to the organizations that sponsored children during the Panhellenic Council's Christmas party and to the Panhellenic Council for sponsoring the event. It was a great showing of MTSU's student organizations commitment to community service. In addition, it made a lot of children happy and you should be commended for it.

Now, I would like to address an issue that affects the MTSU community. The issue is state funding for education. As many of you are aware that, currently the state is befriending a deficit (revenue loss) due to the recession. This situation arises from the taxing system which is primarily based on sales tax. As a result of the deficit and the balanced budget law, the state has had to cut back on the nation's 45th ranked education system. What this means for MTSU students is a possible tuition increase to support our institution which cannot afford an additional 15% budget reduction, an enrollment cap which would deny your brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, mothers or fathers the opportunity for higher education,

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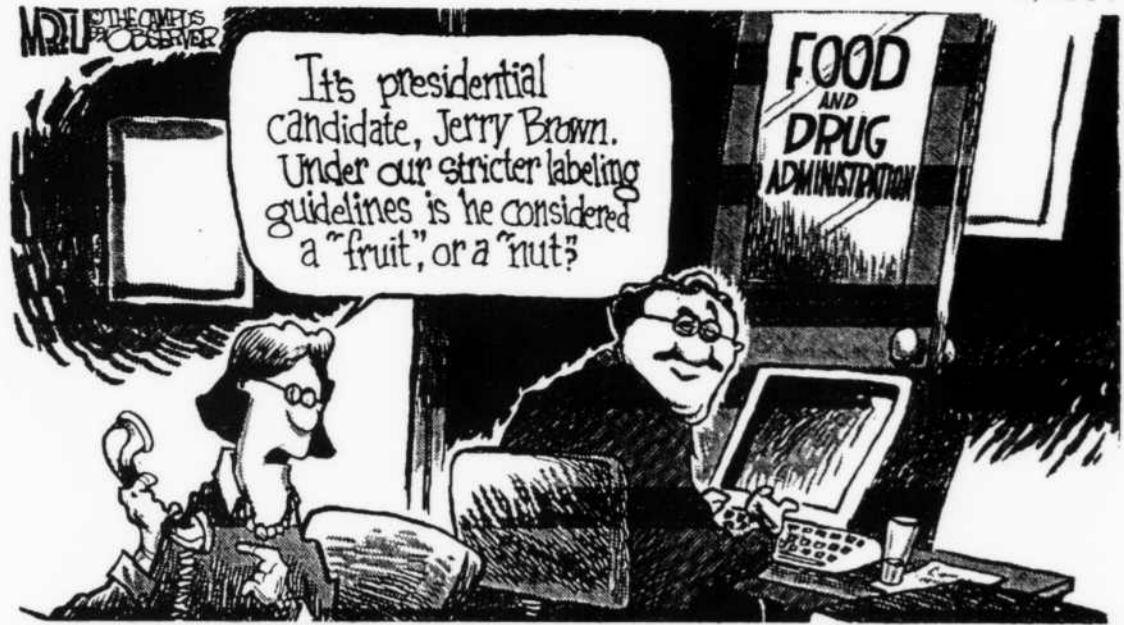
or both an enrollment cap and tuition increase. These possible remedies are not acceptable.

It is my opinion (hopefully yours too) that the current situation needs to be rectified now, but not through burdening our student body with tuition increases. It needs to be rectified by tax reform. Something our representatives in the state government have neglected to do.

I urge and recommend that we as 15,600 potential voters write or call our state representatives and senators to demand tax reform that will adequately fund education. Because currently at MTSU, we have labs that do not have enough microscopes, and an inadequate library. But the state is informing the school of further budget cuts.

Many of us complain about various issues and items on campus and now is the perfect opportunity for us to take the right steps to rectify these complaints. All we have to do is write and call our state

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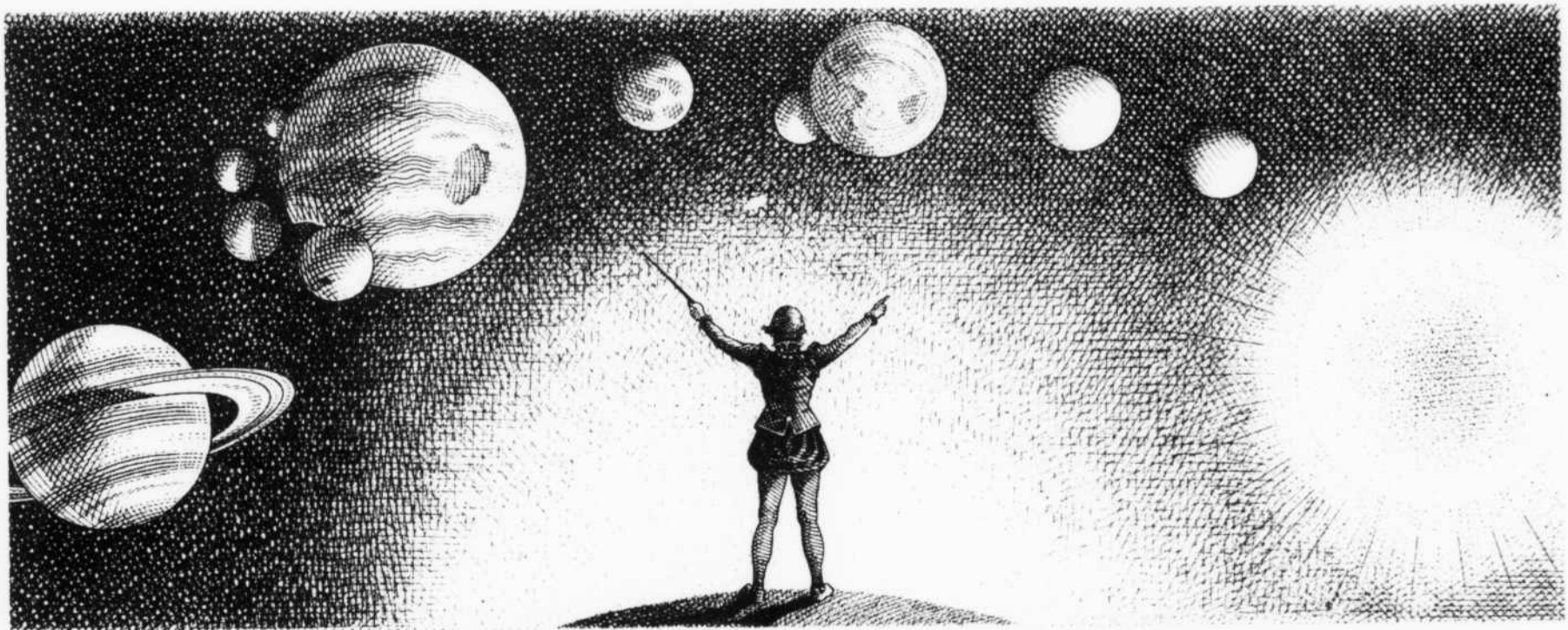


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Editor takes his last shot

Well folks, it's been real fun, it's been loads of fun, it's been more fun than sleeping in a bed full of rattlesnakes.

Sound a little bitter? Yeah, I am. I really didn't do any better than anybody else. I didn't solve one problem; I didn't even come close to solving one problem.

Is that your fault?

Yeah, probably a little bit. I'm willing to take 99.99999999 percent of the heat. I mean, it was my job to inform you, get your passions up and get you to solve some problems. But you don't really care, do you?

You go home, you sleep in

GREG ADKINS

Late and great
Editor-in-Chief

your comfortable bed, and you never worry about the education you're getting, you never worry that you could be getting the shaft. Or is it that you don't care?

If you go to a department store, and you buy something expensive. You take it home, unwrap it, set it up, and it doesn't work. Would you say forget about it? Would you just let it sit there and rot in the middle of your living room? NO!

But MTSU spends a mint of money of a mass communications building that's only half complete, a mass communications building that's decorated with dying trees. One could never tell when the fire alarm is going to sound and drive you out of class. For months certain doors in the complex refused to work. Were they fixed? Well, they are now, after months of complaining.

Did you care? That's what I'd like to know.

At the beginning of this semester, Sidelines ran a story about the academics appeal process, and the lack of human

contact between students and administration. Administrators are making decisions about the rest of your life, and are unwilling to talk to you face to face.

Did you really care? I wish I knew.

Several pieces were written about problems with housing. Students are shoved into dorms, treated like cattle, and made to live in unhealthy conditions. We're not saying this happens in every dormitory across campus, but if it happens in one, it has happened in one too many. The roof to one of these dormitories was severely in need of repair.

But because our administration chose to fight a battle over a warranty instead of solving the problem, students suffered.

Administrators don't have to live in those dormitories. Administrators have nice, huge homes which they pay for with the salaries that MTSU provides. MTSU's monies comes out of our pockets and the state's pockets. We pay for it, or our parents pay for it, and we are given the respect of a stranger.

Do you care? God, I hope so.

You are even unwilling to fight simple aggravations. There are no less than 15 windows to the business and records office in the Cope Administration Building. I've never seen more than four open, and there are usually only three. The Records Office never has more than a single window open on their side of the hall. There are so many people stuffed in those cubicles back there, you'd think they would at least open two windows. And what about pay day? Students end up standing in a single line which may contain between 35 and 40 people. I've never seen an educator or administrator stand in that line. I'll bet special considerations are made for their convenience.

Do you give a flip? Probably not.

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1991 has been a very busy year for sports

As 1991 comes to a close, MTSU athletic fans are kicking back and taking a deep breath.

Years come and go but this one has most likely been the busiest, most emotional and most eventful year in Blue Raider history.

It all started as the Spring semester came to a close. MTSU's basketball team had just closed out the season with over 20 wins, yet no post season invitation was handed out to them.

At the same time, the new Ohio Valley Conference football schedules were being handed out and MTSU learned it had only three games.

Both events raised questions as to where the OVC was headed and why was Middle Tennessee paying a price for being successful?

A committee was formed to look into changing conferences, yet in recent weeks, we have

TONY J. ARNOLD 'Round the Rim

learned that the conference of our choice, the Southern, does not want to expand.

Over the summer months, we learned about life.

While some of us were driven to tears with the death of former Raider baseball standout Chris Whitehead, others read the papers in fear that anything can happen as Lady Raider basketball coach Lewis Bivens laid in the hospital bed paralyzed due to complications with a blood clot.

Bruce Stewart sent everyone a shock when he turned in his resignation in July and headed north to coach professional basketball. His departure opened the door to criticism about possible NCAA violations which "are" very real and have Raider fans scared to death.

To top things off, the OVC recently learned that its automatic

bid to the NCAA baseball tournament has been pulled out from under the league. The reasoning behind such an action was based in the leagues teams poor post season performances in recent years.

But not all has been bad, in fact, it has been quite enjoyable.

This Fall, our football team gained national exposure by playing at Florida State. The Seminoles, ranked No. 1 at the time, learned not to overlook anyone as our Division I-AA club gave them more that they ever expected.

Currently, the team is still in a championship hunt. This weekend in the palyoffs they travel to Eastern Kentucky. While they lost there earlier in the season, I don't think there's a better place that the team would want to be. It's obvious by the players actions and they are hungry for revenge.

David Farrar was named as

Stewarts replacement and although the squad isn't looking in tip-top form, one must understand that they are learning a new system and once they do, you can count on several W's.

The Lady Raiders are back on the courts with coach Bivens. While many thought he wouldn't be capable of coaching from his wheelchair, his troops are proving everyone wrong.

The team has shown a lot of

potential early in the season and their coach has certainly served as an inspiration.

Our cross country track teams showed why MTSU is well respected in that area while the tennis squads have given fans the sense of another championship season in the months ahead.

But dreams of championships are for the future

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Of course, you're just meeting the national standard. Less than 50 percent of America votes, but the number of college age people voting is obscene. You don't care who declares war; you don't care who manages the budget. But you're content to sit in the Grill or sit in the hallway outside your class, and gripe like it's doing any good.

I'm not advocating violence in the streets. I think it would be

stupid and pointless to take over our own library. But I bet if Dr. Walker got a thousand letters about some of these travesties, something would get done. I bet if 50 percent of the student body would vote in student elections, instead of 5 or 10 percent, the administrators would listen to us. We're the majority, folks! Until we start acting like it, we're doomed like cattle.

Give Terry a better break. We're just trying to make your life easier.

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representatives and senators to demand tax reform. Also, I insist that you entice your parents to do the same. If any of you need to know an address or phone number for your representative or senator, please give me a call.



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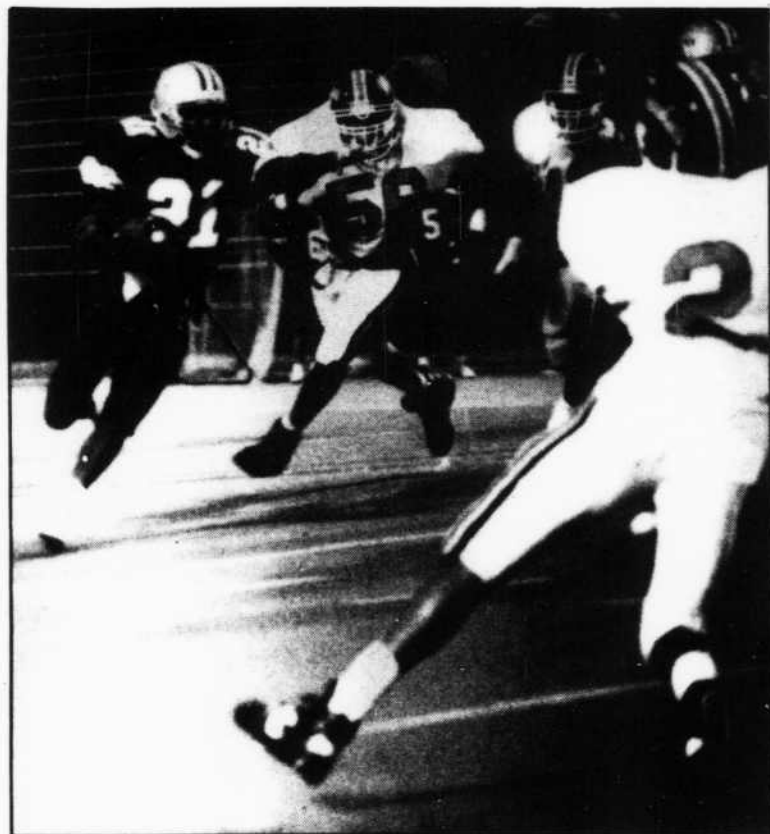
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ALL-AMERICAN: Blue Raider tailback Joe Campbell was recently named a Kodak All-American along with teammate Steve McAdoo. Campbell rushed for 202 yards Saturday.

Sam Houston misses MTSU upset by a foot *Two extra point attempts hit upright*

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

The old cliché, football is a game of inches was oh so true for MTSU's Blue Raider squad last Saturday.

Hosting Sam Houston State in the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs, the Raiders barely escaped a rain plagued contest 20-19 in overtime.

Trailing 13-6, late in the fourth quarter, the Blue Raiders chances looked slim against the Bearkats. With only minutes remaining in the final quarter, Raider punter Joel Alsobrook dropped back to punt deep out of Raider territory. The Bearkats, having already blocked one punt earlier in the day, rushed and seemingly got to the kick.

However, Alsobrook managed to get the kick away and a Bearkat defender crashed into him causing the referee to throw a roughing flag giving Middle the automatic first down.

With that golden opportunity, the Raiders put together the tying drive and 16 plays later found the endzone.

"It was obviously a big play, but I don't blame them for trying it," Raider head coach Boots Donnelly said. "They blocked one and I don't know how they

missed it."

But they did and after the score, the Raider defense was able to keep SHSU out of field goal range and the Raiders made it to overtime.

When there, Middle won the coin toss and opted to play defense first.

"We won the toss and chose to go on defense," Donnelly said. "We did that to find out what we had to do to win. We found out we needed a touchdown, which was not a easy thing to get against that team."

The Bearkats took the ball into the endzone from the 25 yard line which forced the Raiders to score a TD as well. In overtime, each team gets a shot from the 25-yard line and an equal number of possessions to scored points. Since the Bearkats scored a touchdown, MTSU could settle for no less and win.

But something rare happened. After the score, Mat Klein's point after hit the right upright, leaving the door open for the Raiders to score, hit a PAT and advance to round two of the playoffs.

Ironically, it was not Klein's first miscue of the afternoon. After the Bearkats opening score,

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REMATCH!

Raiders get second shot at Eastern Kentucky Saturday

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Destination: National Championship.

The road to that goal has been paved, and two Division I-AA heavyweights are set to battle for the right lane Saturday afternoon.

OVC runner-up MTSU and OVC Champion Eastern Kentucky are ready to lock horns again in Richmond Saturday with the winner advancing to the I-AA semi-finals against the winner of Marshall - Northern Iowa.

"Roy does not want to play anybody except at his place, and the Little Napoleon usually gets what he wants," Raider coach Boots Donnelly joked referring to EKV mentor Roy Kidd.

"Eastern is the No. 2 team in the nation and they're as good as their ranking. They've knocked everybody down they've played and they're the Ohio Valley Conference champion. They deserve to host."

But the road trip is a familiar one for the Big Blue. During the second week of the season the Raiders fell to the Colonels in Richmond 17-7.

The loss was Middle's (9-3 and No. 9 in the final poll) only one to a I-AA team. The other two came at the hands of Florida State and Cincinnati, both I-A opponents.

"It's a great opportunity," Raider tailback Joe Campbell said. "I know we're all looking forward to playing them again. I think they caught us early and Kelly (Holcomb, MTSU's freshman quarterback) wasn't quite ready for a game like that. Now he's a proven winner and we're a lot better team."

Saturday's 12:30 contest will mark the second

playoff meeting between the OVC frontrunners. In 1984, during the regular season, Middle defeated the Colonels in Richmond. During the playoffs, the Raiders had to return and accomplish the same task which they did by a margin of 27-10.

Seven years ago is long gone though and Eastern's concern is how much a young Raider team has improved since week two.

"Without question, they are a whole lot better," Kidd said. "They can mix it up more than anyone we've played, and I'm amazed at how well Holcomb has been able to play right out of high school. He's got 12 games under his belt now and they will be a totally different team this time."

While the Raiders struggled to get to round two with a narrow overtime win against Sam Houston State, Eastern was able to hold off a stubborn Appalachian State squad 14-3.

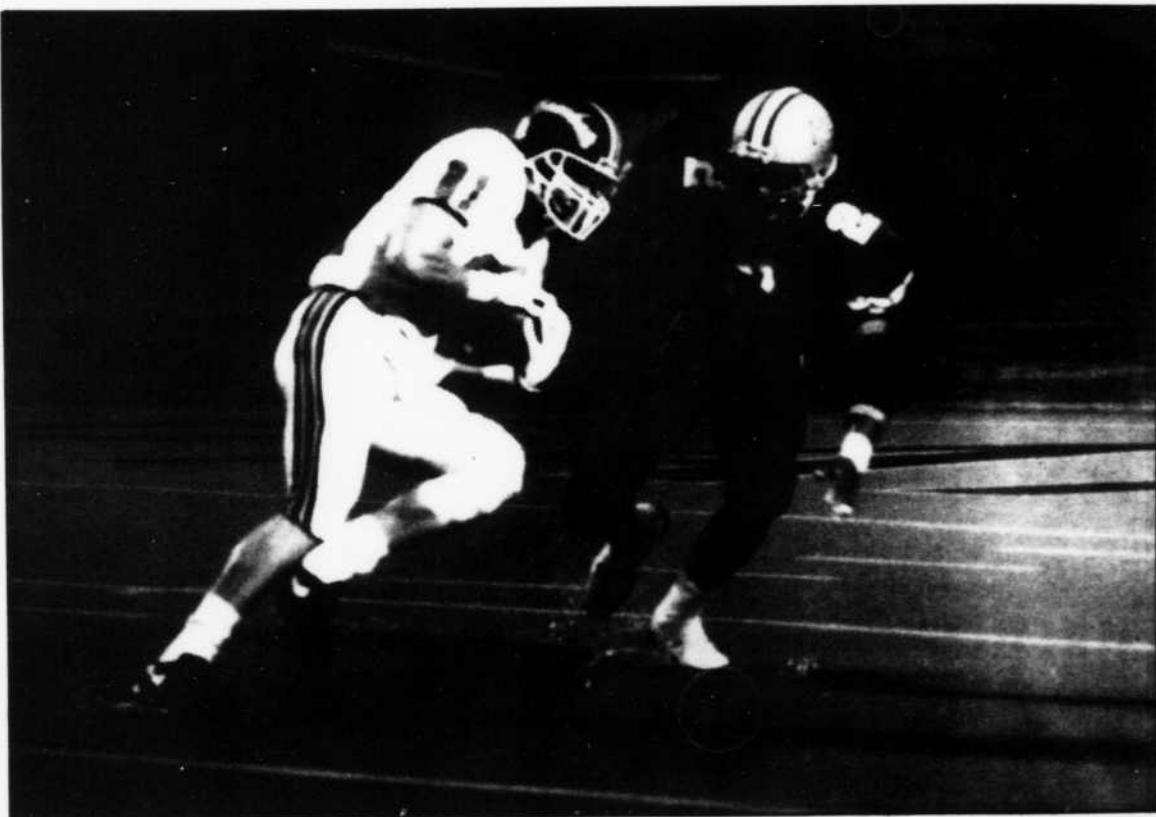
"They are very much alike in that they both play very good defense, which has been our strength all season," Kidd said.

"I've never been wild about playing someone you've already beaten. they can say revenge isn't a motive but I know Boots' kids will be motivated to play us."

While Holcomb is a big concern for Kidd's troops, in order for the Raiders to perform at full strength, they must have a solid game from Campbell who showed his All-American form Saturday with 202 yards.

Campbell has struggled in his previous two trips

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Barbara Klemt/Photographer

READY TO WRAP UP: Blue Raider defensive back Adrian Owens gets ready to put the squeeze on a Sam Houston receiver Saturday. The Raiders play Eastern Kentucky Saturday at 12:30.

Raiders face Vols tonight in Knoxville

As Middle Tennessee Basketball Coach David Farrar gets his Blue Raiders ready to face Tennessee in Knoxville tonight (7:00 p.m., CST), he and his staff may not be paying as much attention to scouting reports as they usually would.

"At this point," says Farrar, "we need to be concerned about what we're doing and not doing, more than on what Tennessee does or doesn't do. We need to execute and primarily concentrate on just playing better and harder."

"Tennessee has some excellent players and, at this stage of the season, they're probably trying to accomplish the same sorts of things we are."

The Blue Raiders carry a 2-1 record into the game against the Volunteers, following MTSU's 96-65 loss the LSU in Baton Rouge last week. The two MTSU wins came earlier against Arkansas State (61-60) and David Lipscomb (79-66).

Outside shooting has to be one of the most immediate concerns for the Raiders. They have not been able to shoot from the perimeter with enough accuracy to break up the concentration of defenders inside around 6-9 junior center Warren Kidd, who hit 70 per cent of his field goal attempts last year in averaging 13.4 points and 12.3 rebounds.

After three games this year, he is averaging 6.0 points, 9.0 rebounds and shooting at a 40-percent clip from the field.

The Raiders, as a team, are hitting 40.2 per cent of their field goal attempts, compared to 45.9 last season. And they're hitting only 28.6 per cent from 3-point range, compared to 35.0 per cent for the 1990-91 season.

At LSU, Middle Tennessee went just 1-for-13 on 3-point attempts.

Junior wing player Robert Taylor leads the Raiders in scoring, with a 16.7 average. The only other double-digit average on the team at present belongs to

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The 1991-92 Lady Raider basketball team will be hosting the Garden Plaza Classic on December 6-7 at the Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

In addition to the Lady Raiders, the tournament field will include Alabama, Cincinnati, and Western Carolina. First round action gets underway Friday night at (6:00 p.m., CST) with Alabama taking on Cincinnati and Middle Tennessee hosting Western Carolina at (8:00 p.m., CST). The losers of the first round games will play in the consolation game on Saturday night at (6:00 p.m., CST), while the winners will play in the championship game that

follows.

The Lady Raiders are entering their tournament with a 2-0 overall record which includes an 84-61 victory over Georgia State and a decisive 84-59 win over UT-Chattanooga.

After two games, the Lady Raiders have had major contributions from three sophomores. Priscilla Robinson, Ohio Valley Conference's 1990 Freshman of the Year, had led the Lady Raiders with 15.5 ppg. and 4.5 rpg. Maggie Cox, a forward from Stanford, Ky., is averaging 13.0 ppg. while Niki Bonner, a proposition 48 casualty from last year, has gotten off to a very strong start by recording 11.5 ppg. and 9.5 rpg.

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to Richmond. In both contest, he has been held below 60 yards.

"It's a chance to beat them

up there, plus move ahead in the playoffs," Campbell said. "I'm sure they're a better team than they were, but I know we are, and we've got a great chance to beat them this time."

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6-3 senior guard Kelvin
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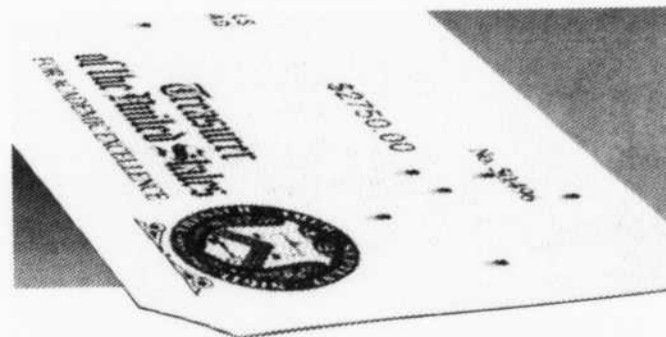
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Foot

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he hit the left upright and missed the kick.

But the Raiders still had to score in order to take advantage of the miscues so they went to the workhorse they had all afternoon, All-American tailback Joe Campbell.

Campbell, who had 202 yards and a school record of 39 carries, took the pitch from quarterback Kelly Holcomb, spotted a opening and 10 yards later found himself doing a mid-air flip into the endzone.

"I didn't care if I broke my leg, I was going to get in," Campbell said. "Once I got the pitch from Kelly, I saw that I had a good block and I knew I was going to score."

Freshman kicker Garth Pertilli came on to boot the extra point giving MTSU the winning tally.

"The pressure was still on us to score, but I knew if we did, we would win," Campbell said. "I knew Garth would make it."

But there were no guarantees as Petrilli had already missed two field goals on the day, one from 27 yards.

"The defense just huddled together and didn't look," linebacker Jabbar Troutman admitted. "We let the crowd tell us the outcome."

And the estimated crowd of 2,000 ended with a roar as the kick was good and the Raiders advanced to round two to face Eastern Kentucky.

Sturm saves best for last

Massey dies by living with 'Dores, Sturm wins race with perfect week

Dan Sturm saved the best for last and closed out the final week of "On the Line" with a perfect 11-0 mark.

The unbeatable record bolted him over leader Terry Massey, who went 8-3, and allowed him to be crowned the Sidelines "Grand Pooba".

"It's a great feeling," Sturm said in an emotional crowning ceremony. "I led after the opening week and let Massey get back in the race late. I tried to tell him

he wasn't going to win but sometimes you've got to learn the hard way. In short, I'm glad I had the chance to stomp his butt."

Everyone knew, except for Terry of course, that Tennessee

On the Line Final Standings

	W	L	GB	PCT.
Dan Sturm	103	30	-	.774
Terry Massey	101	32	2	.759
Tony Arnold	96	37	7	.721
Greg Adkins	86	47	17	.646

TONY J. ARNOLD On the Line

would take down Vanderbilt. That contest allowed Sturm to pull even with Massey.

From that point on, it was down to Georgia and Texas Tech to grab victories and when they did, Sturm prevailed.

"At least I stayed loyal to my team through the whole year," Massey said. "He who lives by the 'Dores, dies by the 'Dores."

Sturm's perfect record, which was the first all year, made his final tally 103-30. Massey was right on his tail at 101-32.

Tony Arnold fell short of triple digits in the win column as he posted a 96-37 record while Greg Adkins finished at a distance with a 86-47 showing.

"That's OK, I'll be back next year," Arnold said. "I'm going to exercise my mind over the winter months and through the spring. By the time next fall rolls around, I'll be ready to kick some tail."

Adkins allowed his wife to take over the choosing duties last week and Joyce came through with a solid 9-2 record.

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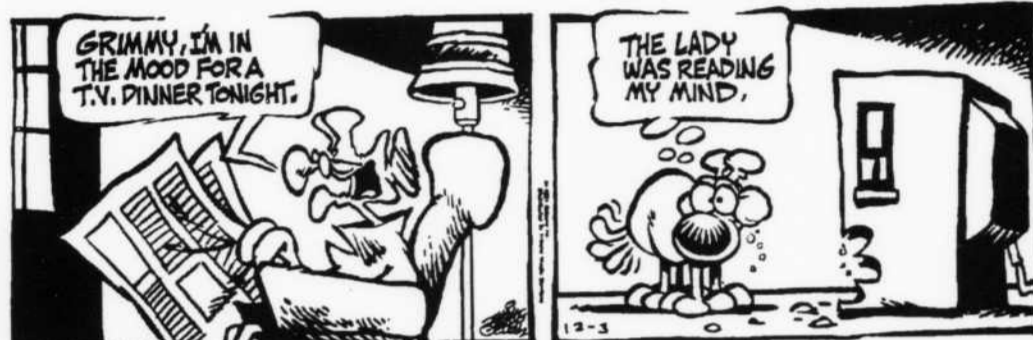
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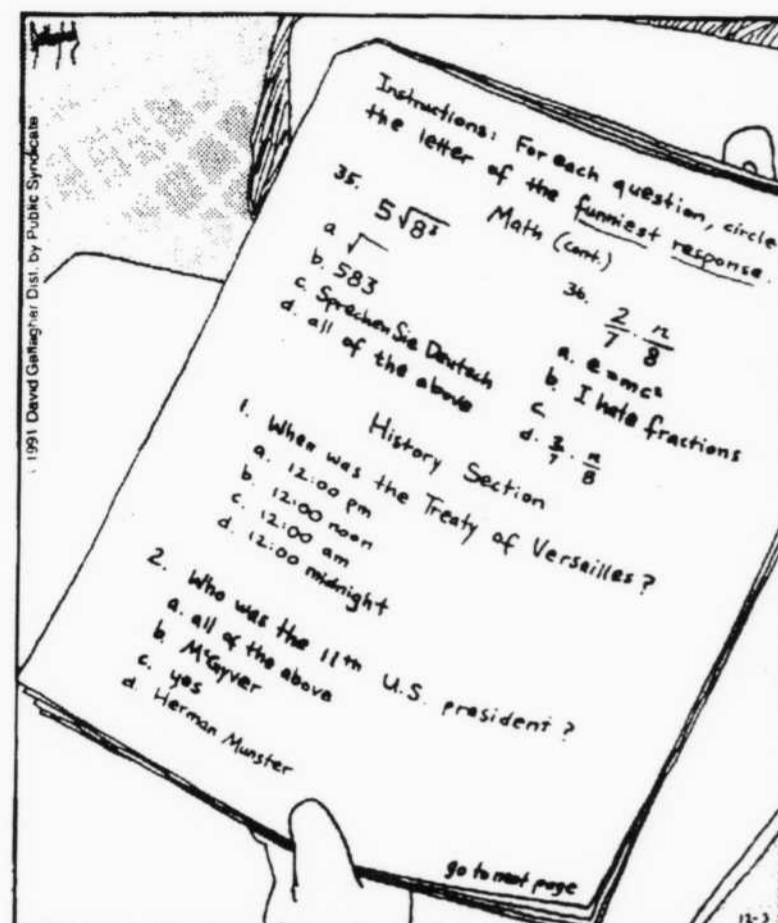
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