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Album honors student

By STEVE SPANN
Sidelines Staff Writer

The music of Andrew K. White, a 22-year-old MTSU recording industry management student who was killed last Nov. 21 in an automobile accident, lives on as tapes of his music have been assembled and produced into a record album.

It is called "Shades of White," and the project is "really a student album," according to RIM Instructor Christian Haseleu, as everyone involved with the album was or is an MTSU student.

Last year, a RIM Development Fund was dedicated to the memory of Andy White, and his family contributed a great deal of money to the program. In addition, the White family also wanted to put out an album of his work.

So students began the process of listening to and compiling all

of Andy's vocals and his best work on guitar and keyboards. Andy's father collected lyric sheets and pictures and also provided the necessary financial backing for the production of the album.

The result is a collection of a wide variety of material, ranging from some surfer songs, some Eagles-influenced tunes and others that are unique to the style that Andy had.

"I personally rate the content and technology of the album as ranging from okay to excellent," Haseleu said. "I think people will enjoy the record."

The album is being sold at the campus bookstore, in a Lawrenceberg record store and at Mr. White's dry goods store. The album is selling well in Lawrenceberg and also receiving substantial airplay on radio stations there. Tim Rowe, a close friend of Andy's, is

currently working on getting the album placed in some local record stores.

There is also an attempt under way to get some of White's songs published in Nashville, in hopes that they will be recorded by a major artist. Mr. White has said some of the money that could potentially be earned from having the songs published and recorded will go back to the RIM program.

The production and release of "Shades of White" is a deserving tribute to a student who has been called "the most creative student in the RIM program." It is tragic that this is the only creative work we will be able to enjoy from a person whom Haseleu described as "definitely the one person of all the people I have seen in this department who could be highly successful in the music industry because of his abilities in music, his knowledge in technology and his personality."

Renovations under way

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Construction in six dorms on campus was begun recently in response to renovation plans drawn up last spring.

About 90 percent of all the "destructive" construction was completed this summer, according to David Bragg, director of housing.

"Walls were torn down, holes were drilled and the men should be laying pipes which will be tested, insulated and hooked up," Bragg said.

Last spring, Bragg estimated the cost to be around \$1.7 million, but the low bid for the project turned out to be \$1.6 million. The additional \$100,000 will probably be used to replace the plumbing in Rutledge Hall, the first women's dorm on campus.

"Smith [Hall] is having a new roof and a new stairwell," Bragg explained. "The contract extends through February, but now the construction will be on an individual basis with each dorm. In Gracy and Judd, the bathrooms will be the main areas of construction. Smith and Rutledge will have a new ceiling and new lights installed."

He added that the housing office sent letters to residents in those dorms under construction explaining what had been done over the summer and what to expect when they returned to school.

"We let people know they could cancel or change their dorm room if the conditions

were going to be a problem to them," he said.

In Smith and Rutledge, Bragg said, problems exist: "New windows were installed, and the old blinds do not fit. The new ones will take a while to get here."

Fire code modifications will be made in Monohan, Schardt and Reynolds next summer, along with handicap renovations in J, K, H, Wood

and Felder dorms, he said. Six dorms were painted this summer—J and K Apartments, H Hall, Felder, Sims and Judd.

"We are going to try to work an individual program in Smith to give it a more personalized look," Bragg said.

Cost was the reason for the delay in construction, Bragg explained. It was projected for \$80,000 to \$100,000, and the lowest bid was \$140,000.



photo by Don Harris

All across campus, workers are involved in dormitory renovations. Work inside Smith Hall includes the addition of a new lights and a new roof.

James plans for big coming year

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

Emphasis on weekend activities and a better rapport with the community are two of Associated Student Body President Randy James' major undertakings for this year.

"We understand that, with the price of fuel, students will be hard-pressed to go home every weekend, and it's always been a problem for international students," James said. "Now it is hard on everyone, and we want to provide students with events that are worthwhile enough to stay on campus over the weekend."

"Stay at Middle" weekend will kick off the weekend activities program Sept. 27. This weekend coincides with Parents' Day and the first home OVC football game.

"We realize we can't do this every weekend," James stated. "We need students' support or we can't continue with weekend activities," James stated.

The ASB will co-sponsor St. Jude's Week with Sigma Nu fraternity Sept. 22-25.

"I'd like to see the entire student body working for community betterment by doing such things as working for charities," James said. "In the

past we have had a somewhat strained relationship with the community. We want to go that extra mile and make things better."

The president also mentioned the renovation of on-campus residence halls, saying the housing department is doing an "admirable job."

"They [housing] are trying to renovate as quickly as they can, and they are doing this without a preference for any one dorm," he said. "I know they're sorry for any inconveniences, and the ASB is too, but in the long run I believe this will benefit residents and will make the dormitories seem more like home."



photo by Don Harris

An album by late MTSU student Andy White is on display at the bookstore. White, a RIM major, was killed last November in an automobile accident.

Enrollment to 10,065 this fall

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Copy Editor

Although fall registration may have seemed hectic, confusing, or frustrating to first-timers, it was deemed "as good as can be done with our system" by Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie.

"When you consider that we registered most of our students successfully within a 2- to 2½-hour time period, that's pretty good," Gillespie said.

Enrollment was up 2.34 percent over fall 1979, including all paid and unpaid

students registered, according to figures released yesterday. That's 10,065 students this year compared to 9,835 last year.

"The graduate school's total of new students went down a little more than we would have liked," he said. Gillespie attributed the drop, from 345 new graduate students last year to 245 new students this month, to stiffer entrance requirements in the business school.

The anticipated positive effects on MTSU's fall enrollment following the merger

of UT-Nashville and Tennessee State University never materialized, according to Gillespie.

"This year we had 42 transfers from UTN and TSU combined and last year we had 53. I'd say the merger has not positively affected the enrollment here at all," he stated.

In addition to the 10,065 students who registered over Saturday, Gillespie said another 200 could be expected to register this week.



photo by Don Harris

Pictured are participating winners from Sims Hall in the 1979-80 Residence Hall Programming contest. They are: Barry Walton, Joel Beckham, Ricky Scott, Bill Peugh, Paul White, Monty Pate, Brian Wright, Don Harris, Jim Hochstadt, Charlie Steinmetz, Ted Booth, Jack Rockey, Steve Logan, Donny Winters, Bobby Byrns, David Brooks, Alan Rheney, Donald Shull, Jeff Hixson, Anthony Bartolo, Rick Hardin, Kevin Hughett and Jack Ross, who served as Head Resident and Dorm Director. Also see related story on page 3.

Delegate-census conflict

Britt Davis, an office operations supervisor at the U.S. Census Bureau District Office in Murfreesboro, was forced to resign from her position after it was discovered she had violated portions of the Hatch Act by appearing as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

As reported in *Sidelines* last week, Davis went to the Democratic National Convention and voted with the Tennessee delegation. Faced with a report of the Hatch Act violation from the Atlanta District Office, Davis resigned.

When Davis first took her position with the Census Bureau, she anticipated completion of the job before serving

as a delegate. However, because of "complications" surrounding the completion of the census operation, her job necessarily lasted longer.

The Hatch Act prevents political activity by government employees. Although it is not known how the Atlanta office discovered that Davis had served as a delegate, knowledgeable sources reported she was spotted on national television while there.

"Mrs. Davis did a fine job," said District Office Manager Charlie Johnson, "and we were most sorry to see her go. However, I can appreciate her desire to attend the convention, which is an honor that few people are able to receive."

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Intramural ratings questioned

By **CLAUDIA ROBINSON**
Sidelines Staff Writer

To rekindle the spirit of competition among dormitories, male resident hall programmer Eddie McGee recently met with last year's competition victors to discuss intramural point awards.

Sims Hall last year won "best male dormitory" as well as "most athletic dormitory." Competition was fierce, with Smith Hall leading until the final weeks.

David Brooks, vice president of Sims Hall last year, complained about the practice of awarding points for sponsoring events like backgammon or video game tournaments.

"During the last few weeks, we were neck and neck with Smith," Brooks said. "When they kept sponsoring and sponsoring, we had no choice but to sponsor. We were sponsoring something every night. Then we ran out of time."

"It will be our job to sponsor the events," McGee explained.

"We will be working very closely with the intramural director, Glenn Hanley. This way we can make use of their equipment and facilities."

McGee added that more points will be awarded for events that involve a season of play than for tournaments. The major events will be basketball, softball, football, volleyball and track. Events such as backgammon and singles tennis will earn fewer points.

McGee told the residents of other possible changes in the point-awarding procedure.

"As of now, we intend to award points for events open to the entire campus on the basis of participation only. No points will be awarded for placing," he said.

"That takes away the incentive. It doesn't happen often that a dorm wins against the fraternities. If one does, there should be some reward," Brooks objected.

"Nothing is really definite yet. We are still open to suggestions," McGee assured the gathering. "Maybe we could work something out if we can get Mr. Hanley to create a special dorm bracket."

Looking back at last year's competition with Smith, Brooks remarked, "We had the quality; they had the quantity. They fielded a lot of teams. Smith is a great dorm with good people, but we have a lot of talented people. We won football, basketball and swimming, but we really cleaned up on the little stuff like video games."

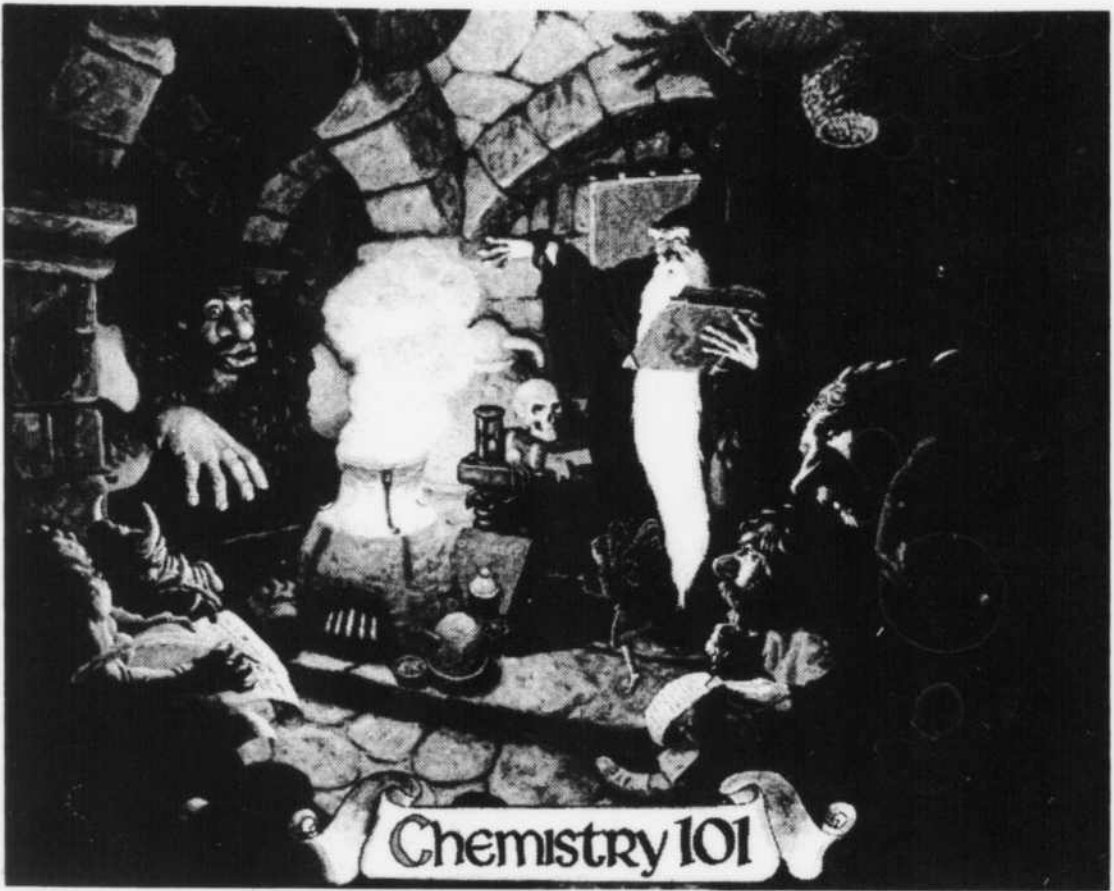
McGee is heading up a meeting Sept. 2 with representatives of all residence in order to work more closely with the dorms. He encourages residents to get involved. "If you have any suggestions about events—scoring or anything—please feel free to contact me or Vicki White, the female resident hall programmer, in University Center 302," he said.

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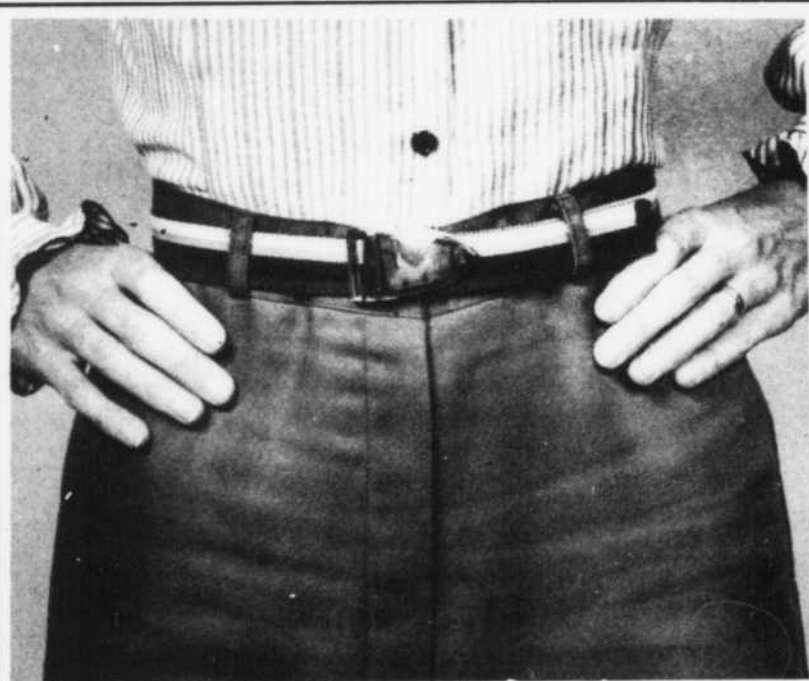
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The Rolling Stones to the 'rescue' It's Here...

By TONY SIMONES
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Rolling Stones have always been the band to offer the alternative. They have been the band to give us what we least expected when we least expected it.

Of course, for the past 18 years, we have loved it. From the beginning, the Stones were different. They presented a much dirtier, raunchier alternative to the Beatles. They shocked a rather naive public in the mid-Sixties by singing about making the girls, spending the night together and offering sympathy for the Devil. Finally, the Rolling Stones spectacle at Altamont was a dark alternative to the tame proceedings of Woodstock.

With the passage of time, however, came inevitable changes. The Stones made numerous personnel switches. Brian Jones was replaced by Mick Taylor, who was in turn replaced by Ron Wood. Also, as the years went by, the trends in music changed. Blues gave way to acid rock, which fell away to soul. Eventually, the two most prominent forms of music became disco and new wave.

The Stones then surprised us all by putting out "Some Girls," a kind of homage/parody of these two styles.

Now we are presented with the follow-up album, "Emotional Rescue." With this one, they offer the excellent blend of surprises and worthy performances we have come to expect from the Stones. The faces remain the same. Jagger sings, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood handle guitars, Bill Wyman plays bass and Charlie Watts does the drumming.

There are surprises. One of my favorites is the fact that Keith Richards sings on this album. The song "All About You" is a delightful tale of love for a tramp so disgusting that the hero just cannot turn his back on her. Despite the claim by many rock critics that "All About You" is merely a brassy "Wild Horses," it stands as one of the most engrossing ballads the Stones have recorded in years.

Something that has not changed is the phenomenal double-guitar attack of Richards and Wood. This album contains much frenzied guitar work,

most of it some sort of strange hybrid of reggae, country, blues and new wave. The best of Richards and Wood is on "Where The Boys Go" and "She's So Cold." The latter in particular is a showcase for the talents of Wood and is ample proof that he becomes a more fun guitarist with every note he plays.

Of course, Jagger's strong influence is felt as much here as on any Stones album. Many years ago, Jagger was a broke art student roaming the streets of England. Then, as the legend goes, he became the highlight of the nightlife in the top hot spots in the world.

Jagger now, however, returns to the streets in the album's first track, "Dance." This is big-time party music, so dirty and rough that it makes you think it was recorded on some drunk-cluttered street corner in New York. "Dance" also features some very fine horns from Bobby Keys.

The title track is sung in a falsetto that would make ears used to hearing the Bee Gees burst in helpless agony. Once again, Keys sax is wrapped perfectly around Jagger's vocals.

What makes this the best single of the year is the display of sheer guts. Who else but the Stones would record this much madness, release it as a single and get away with it?

Some of Jagger's most bizarre moments come halfway through the first side. In "Send It To Me," a desperate Jagger pleads for a woman. He gets such a woman in "Let Me Go," but then turns around and kicks her out of his life. Jagger, left alone, plans to become a playboy and frequent the gay bars.

"Let Me Go" is my personal favorite on the album not only because of the shamelessly cocky lyrics, but also because of the very fine drumming of Charlie Watts. Watts' mad pounding drives mercilessly and is definitely of the high points of the album.

Mick Jagger once lashed out at critics for trying to read too much in his lyrics, so I will stop here. This is not a perfect album. As everyone knows, the Stones do not do perfect albums. Even "Exile On Main Street" was not perfect. However, if I had to select one album that is the epitome of the proverbial good time, it would be "Emotional Rescue."

Sci-fi and soft porn combined in paperback

By ALAN SISSOM
Sidelines Staff Writer

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for the "Gor" series, and I devoured every volume I could get my grubby little hands on. Then, a funny thing happened on the way to the bookstore: I grew up.

But that changed when I finally made it to MTSU. I found, to what I thought was my extreme pleasure, every volume of the "Gor" series I had never read.

Little did I know what I was reading when I was so gullible. The story line is mostly about an Earthling who is captured by an alien race and taken to a planet always on the opposite side of the sun from the Earth.

However, this "counter-Earth" is the sexist's dream of a perfect place to live. All the women become slaves, sooner or later. They're sexually abused, beaten, humiliated, and they

love it! They have orgies with their masters and beg to be beaten again. Perhaps Norman could have justified the thinking in his creation by writing about realistic women who find themselves in this situation and

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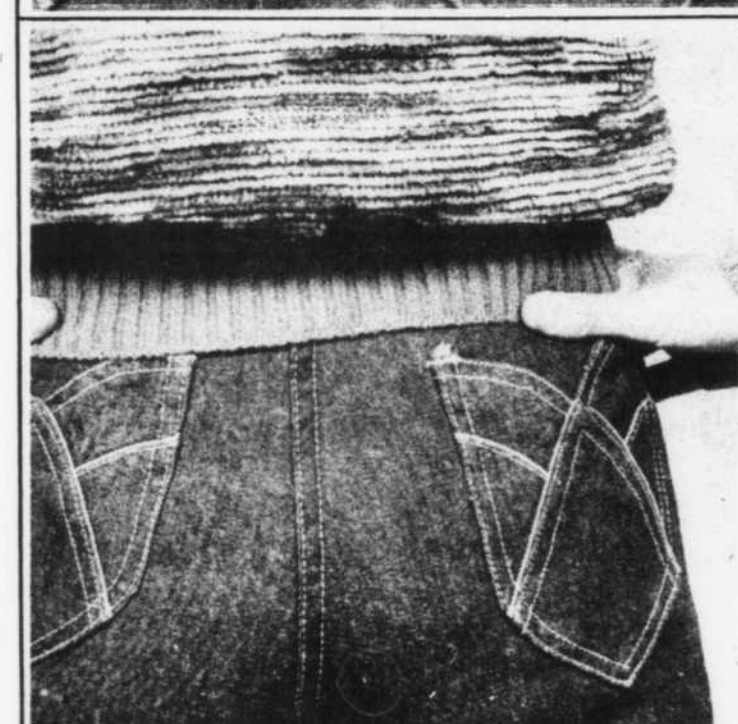
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from the editor

Bid rigging: Justice should be done quickly

Some of the construction firms and executives convicted and fined by federal courts for rigging Tennessee contract bids are waiting to find out how long they will be forbidden to work on state road projects.

The state Transportation Department may announce its decision this week. Hopefully, the wait to hear the news will not be long.

It has been seen in the past that contractors did not fear the law dealing with bid rigging, but if an announcement is handed down and justice is carried out swiftly, it can discourage others from beginning or continuing the same practice.

But during the time the decision is being made, federal prosecutors are taking a brief rest from a statewide investigation that began more than a year ago.

It was at that time when federal prosecutor Dick Braun arrived in Nashville from Chicago to spearhead a federal crackdown.

Since Braun started his statewide investigation, about 35 Tennessee firms or their executives have been convicted of rigging construction contracts. And the investigation is spreading to other states.

In response to the federal convictions, Gov. Lamar Alexander's administration decided early this summer to push for debarment of the firms and for reimbursement. Each case was to be decided individually.

Now, State Attorney General William Leech Jr. is trying to work out deals with about six companies. If arrangements are completed successfully, each firm will pay the state back in exchange for the right to do business as usual with the state.

But business as usual, at least among some Tennessee construction firms, will not be in the old style, a Nashville newspaper reports.

In a story in its Sunday editions, The Tennessean compared the old style of backstage handling of bids among some of the state's construction firm executives to a high-stakes poker game.

Before the U.S. Justice Department launched its investigation, the newspaper says, some executives would gather at a Nashville hotel the night before each bimonthly bid-letting.

Over the telephone, through private conversation, and sometimes even over a game of genuine poker, jobs were divvied and favors honored, the newspaper said. It was, the newspaper quotes one attorney as saying, part of an operating gentleman's agreement.

Contractors who agreed to "get off" a contract another contractor wanted could rest assured that their time would come. And, sometimes, a job would be bid straight (that is, it would not be rigged), according to the newspaper.

Alexander is playing a fair game of poker with men who are convicted of knowing how to win by giving and taking with each other. Bid rigging is a serious crime, especially when dealing with the state.

The Tennessee Transportation Department has some tough decisions to make within the next week. But only by dealing firmly and quickly with the convicted contractors will attention be paid to justice.

Motels: Combined effort proved successful

By the time this edition of *Sidelines* is printed, students staying in motels will be on campus thanks to the housing office and the cooperation of the Quality Inn and the Days Inn of Murfreesboro.

David Bragg and company should be commended for a job well done. He gives credit to the fact that last year was a learning and experimenting year when students first stayed in area motels.

That fall, more than 250 students were housed in three motels for at least two weeks. This year, 142 students stayed in two motels for a week at most.

A lot of mistakes were corrected from last year, and one idea was reinforced. When all of the dorm rooms are filled to capacity, there is no loss of revenue—a loss of revenue means a rate increase for students residing in the dorms.

Bragg plans to continue using this type of housing for freshmen and transfers. The idea has been tried and it has succeeded. Other schools have tried this and it has worked.

To continue means only increased revenue for the housing department and no drastic increases in room rents. That is what students dream of.

So keep up the good work, and next year we can be assured of an even better organized plan of action.

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criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

Hypocrisy's foul stench revealed

The United States is currently faced with several problems in the area of foreign policy, and by examining the American people's attitudes toward two of these problem areas, one may find some nasty conclusions and rather blatant contradictions.

No doubt the most important foreign policy issue at the moment is that of the 52 Americans that have been held hostage in Iran since November. And if one examines the American citizens' attitudes toward the situation, he will find that the majority of people in this country have reacted to the crisis with a unified feeling of patriotism unequalled in our recent past.

This patriotic response has resulted not only from the fact that Americans are being held hostage, but also from close scrutiny of a government led by the Ayatollah Khomeini, who has directed mass executions and suppressed individual freedoms in his country.

However, when Americans examine another foreign policy situation in which a country and its leader suppresses individual freedoms and threatens the lives of its citizens, they do not respond with the same feelings of outrage against the atrocities.

The country of which I am speaking is Cuba, and the situation involved is that of the recent influx of refugees from that country and the overwhelming negative response they have received from United States citizens.

The American government has acted with admirable patience in the resettlement process, and many private citizens have helped, as they have sponsored individual refugees and, therefore, allowed some of them to leave the relocation centers. However, the majority opinion of private citizens resembles that of a mayor in a town near one of the relocation centers who said, "The people of this community do not want these people here."

Surely Americans realize how undesirable the living conditions are in Castro's Cuba and how any rational human being would wish to leave them and come to the United States. American citizens certainly cannot find fault with people wishing to leave Cuba. So why are we so reluctant to allow them the same freedoms that we have? Why the outrage against them? An examination into an explanation for the negative attitudes expressed toward the Cubans requires a broader and more complex analysis.

We have failed to correctly absorb the influx of Cuban "boat people," because, in failing, our political system has more or less broadcast an ideological message which legitimizes the present social order.

Community solidarity in every town in America is threatened by an invasion of "foreigners," as individuals would lose a living sense of their community's cultural identity were it to accept people from another culture, such as the Cuban refugees.

Perhaps the single most important force behind American attitudes and actions toward the Cubans is the economic force, because, in these troubled times of high unemployment and inflation, Americans view the Cuban problem from a materialistic base, rather than a humanitarian one.

Unfortunately, this view is one in which we will most likely continue to take, and our attitudes are unlikely to change on a nationwide basis.

This is because the ideas that the masses receive in this country are controlled by the media. And the mass media, in their constant search for controversy, have so far stressed the problems of the situation, such as the sporadic uprisings that have occurred in some of the relocation centers.

In this way, the media has shaped American opinion into believing that these people are a threat, rather than reminding us that they are simply fellow human beings in need.

They're just people.



Viewpoints

Manual seatbelts save more lives

To the editor:

Let motorists crash! It's profitable!

Motorists, it's true. And it's time for you to get active and do something about the fact that almost a quarter of a million of you were killed and nearly 20 million were injured in motor vehicle crashes from January 1975 through 1979. The monetary social cost is now estimated at \$50 billion each year.

Safety seat belts first appeared in 1955. When used, they are the best life and injury-saving devices currently available to the motoring public.

Regrettably, too many of you (particularly the people between

15 and 24 years of age) fail to buckle up. Jawbone urging has had little effect. In 1979, only 11 percent of all car drivers used available seat belts.

In this country increased motivation, in the form of a warning interlock system required on 1974 and some 1975 cars, was accompanied by usage rates which were initially in excess of 75 percent. That was the ill-designed ignition interlock system which was frustrating because it interfered with the operation of the engine. It was soon withdrawn and a ban on all interlocks was imposed. Why?

Because you are being victimized by a rapacious insurance

industry (I.I.) to whom tragic slaughter on our highways is a "golden goose," creating ever higher premiums and bonanza profits.

Their powerful congressional lobby, which colleagues have nicknamed the "Seattle Mafia," is headed by Sen. Warren Magnuson. It has practically dominated the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and ably staved off all attempts to compel greater use of manual belts.

For example: To protect the "goose" and distract the public's attention from the lobby's true interest, the insurance groups invented the Active vs. Passive Debate and sponsored the airbag. In 1977 they pushed through the Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208, which required all cars to be equipped with airbags (which are automatic) and/or automatic seat belts, phasing out manual belts.

Since perfection in anything is impossible, reliance on either the airbag or automatic belt, which may or may not work as intended, is to rely on a potential killer.

It is claimed that when all cars are equipped with automatic crash protection systems each year an estimated 9,000 lives (5 percent) will be saved and tens of thousands of serious injuries prevented.

Yet new analyses by the NHTSA, based on extensive accident statistics, continue to

show that the use of all types of occupant restraints are effective up to 50 percent. Here, the only difference from the statistics above is the manual belts. If that is true, the manual belts must be credited with about 45 percent of the saving!

Patent No. 4197919 was issued April 15 for a "Seattle Seatbelt Safety System" that acts through the gear shift lever and does not interfere with the engine. It permits moving the car in reverse or the first forward gear, but requires the motorist to buckle the belt if a speed higher than 1st gear is used.

Except that it is a manual system, it meets all regulations. There are no ifs, and's or but's about a seat belt that's buckled. It's in place to provide protection when it is needed. In the opinion of knowledgeable persons, it is capable of saving 25,000 to 30,000 lives and a comparable percentage of injured every year.

Write your Congressional representatives and senators today demanding that your right to protect yourself and buckle your own seat belt shall not be impaired, that the design of all seat belts shall be improved so their use is not a frustrating experience and that the new device, Pat. No. 4197919, shall be mandated in order to get increased belt usage.

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New York, NY 10162

Thanks to everyone who helped with Frosh Week

To the editor:

The purpose of this letter is to thank all the participants who actively worked toward a successful "Freshman Week." Those in particular are the Director of Student Programming, Harold Smith, and his staff, Dean Judy Smith and all the Student Orientation Advisors headed by Mike Kopp, who unselfishly gave their time and efforts to help the ASB and to show the freshmen what MTSU actually is.

President Sam Ingram

deserves special thanks for taking time to address the individual problems of the everyday MTSU student.

Our most sincere thank yous go to all the incoming freshmen who survived the registration process and who have chosen MTSU as their University.

We welcome you and invite your participation in the Middle Tennessee State University community.
Randy James
ASB President

as i see it

Does patience pay off when waiting?

by Chuck Keller

Have you ever noticed how we have to wait for so many things to happen?

For instance, the maternity ward waiting room. Normally you would associate this with a hospital, but this is not true in every case (like last night).

Before he left his house to come back to MTSU yesterday morning, my roommate's sister went into labor. Instead of staying around the house or going with his sister and parents, he decided to come back here to Murfreesboro.

It was here in the dormitory where he stayed for the rest of the night (close to the telephone) awaiting the heavily anticipated phone call from either his mother or father informing him that he was now an uncle.

As a matter of fact, we all waited for that one important phone call. For this reason we missed the Linda Ronstadt

concert on HBO, had a pizza delivered to the room, read old "Doonesbury" books and lunged for the phone every time it rang. We finally went to sleep somewhere around 11:30 p.m. still waiting for the news to break.

However, waiting for a baby to be born is not the only form of waiting in the world today.

The Christian faith has been awaiting the return of Jesus Christ for some 2,000 years. While waiting for this return many ministers, priests and preachers (depending on your religious denomination) stress the importance of spreading the gospel to all the world.

One method of getting this message out to the public is the use of television. While some churches support their own TV ministries, many "television evangelists" hit the airwaves

with their own form and style of the gospel.

Just about every Sunday, those who wish to watch cleaned-up television programs can tune in to see and hear their favorite TV minister heal the most modern diseases of our day. It doesn't matter which one you watch, for they all have just about the same message: "We need your money to help spread the word to the world before Jesus comes back."

Now, I'm not against spreading the gospel throughout the world, and I even support missionary programs within my local church. But don't you think it quite odd that most TV evangelists recently appeared before a Senate investigations committee this past summer concerning misuse of funds obtained for the intended use of mission work?

But while we wait for the

Second Coming, let's see if we can find any other types of waiting.

What about ticket lines? Those of you who braved the high temperatures of last week to get tickets for the Jackson Browne concert know what I'm talking about.

We all also wait for the weekend to begin. When the weekend starts, we all rush home to do whatever it is we've done for the past two or three years and wait for the next school week to commence. This is a cycle that will continue until we graduate or drop out.

As a matter of fact, I'm writing this while waiting for my next class to begin. And for those of you who are wondering about the baby, he was born at 2:31 this morning and weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz. Some things are well worth the wait.

punchline

by Danny Tyree

Promiscuity, drugs, profanity are not at all entertaining

Even the "Clean Up TV" campaign agrees that there is nothing wrong with television matter *per se*. Broadcasters would be doing the public a disservice if they buried their heads in the sand and pretended that premarital sex, drinking, and gambling didn't exist.

The problem lies in the manner in which certain subjects are presented. Too often immorality is treated in a joking or favorable light. Some shows do show the sinners eventually getting their just deserts; in an alarming number of instances, however, the guilty party's punishment is a mere inconvenience.

TV can be more than baby food for the mind. But what is so "mature" or intellectually stimulating about a program that promotes sexual perversion or makes fun of constructive values?

Please allow me to expand upon the explanation of First Amendment limitations put forth by the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.: There is nothing wrong with calmly presenting a public lecture on the dangers of fire. But it is irresponsible (and illegal) to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theatre.

Likewise, there's nothing wrong with a TV show acknowledging that drug abuse does exist, but it is irresponsible and dangerous to tell impressionable young viewers that such behavior is cute or commendable.

What would we really be missing if sponsors paid more attention to the "Clean Up TV" advocates? A great proportion of the offensive material on TV is purely gratuitous — filth for the sake of filth.

The next time you hear the words "h****" or "d****" on a show, do a double take. Nine times out of 10, the words don't even evoke a laugh from the studio audience. And both words are so overused that they have also lost most of their dramatic impact. Why must decent people put up with such language when it doesn't even make a genuine contribution to the show?

Similarly, I have noticed against a too often liquor is used as a prop that has nothing to do with the plot. Why can't two characters have a chat without the host asking, "Can I fix you a Scotch on the rocks?" Why must alcohol be taken for granted as a necessity of life? Why must kids be brainwashed with the subliminal message that drinking is cool?

We even have gratuitous sex on the tube nowadays. Couldn't "Three's Company" be just as funny without having Jack (John Ritter) brag about his sexual conquests? Last season on "Soap," Billy Tate went to bed with his girlfriend. Try as I might, I can't see how that action contributes to their relationship or the overall plotline.

If someone really thinks that request is so unreasonable perhaps televised vice has already warped our thinking more than I feared. We're becoming addicted.

Let's go cold turkey before it's too late.

Perhaps some questions of good taste are subjective. But either the use of elements like booze, sex, and profanity is vital to a show or it isn't. What principle requires sponsors to defend unnecessary garbage?

I dare say that if sponsors began slowly phasing out such objectionable material — without a lot of fanfare — the viewers who supposedly enjoy such trash probably wouldn't even notice. But the "prudes" wouldn't be forced to wince quite as much. If such material offends infinitely more people than it thrills, why not give the "Clean Up TV" people the benefit of the doubt?

I'm sure this smacks of censorship to some. But no books would be burned. No one is asking that shows be broadcast with gaping holes in them. No one is demanding that any subjects be hushed up completely. No one is threatening a prison term for offenders.

a little class

Terry Morrow

Truckstop waitresses unsung heroines of the travel weary

A sassy, middle aged, blonde approached my table at a truckstop cafe on top of the infamous Monteagle. Taking out her pad and pencil, she eyed me up and down as if she were sizing me up for a tailor made suit. Then, she managed to drawl between her horse-like gum chewing:

"What can I do for ya?"

They are a fine breed indeed. One may find them in almost all corners of the south, and some are as close as your front door.

They are . . . truckstop waitresses (not to be confused with the legendary movie of the spring semester, "Truckstop Women").

These valiant maidens of the greasy spoons are not any ordinary class of working women; they are the backbone of one of our best southern heritages: the all-American truckstop.

Truckstop waitresses are witty and full of amazing humor — "You don't really want to eat here, do you?" one waitress commented to me.

They are concerned about their appearance — "My chest is so small, I rub sugar on it in the summer and pray for killer bees."

And they are religiously inclined also — "I'd say a prayer before I ate that" a waitress warned as she slapped down a plate of grits in front of me.

These women are not recognized for their work and all the effort they put into their cause of serving the weary travelers of the interstate across America. They provide a great service, and it's about time someone said so.

Often, these women are underpaid, overworked, and abused by estranged patrons of the truckstops. Maybe someone should start an annual awards show on television to recognize these waitresses of the byways and highways.

They could call the award the "Hammy (with a side order of eggs) Award."



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Male shorthand course offered

"Shorthand for Males" will be offered again this semester to men interested in learning this skill.

H.D. Drennan, who will teach the class, recently visited Fort Benjamin Harrison to discuss and observe their educational program where military personnel are taught shorthand. Under PL94-482, a grant has been received to offer a course in Gregg Shorthand for male students. This first course will be taught at 10 a.m. on MWF and is a three hour credit course. Males who continue their study of shorthand beyond the basic courses will be merged into male/female classes.

Under this grant, textbooks and some materials will be furnished. In addition, a stipend equal to the cost of a three-hour course will be awarded to each student who successfully completes the course.

Request is needed to keep info private

Students who wish to keep their name, address, phone number or classification from being given out by the Student Information Center should send a written request to the office of Student Information and Minority Affairs, Room 122 of the UC.

The office should be contacted as soon as possible, according to a spokesman for the office. A new request should be made each semester.

Addresses, phone numbers of ASB senators available

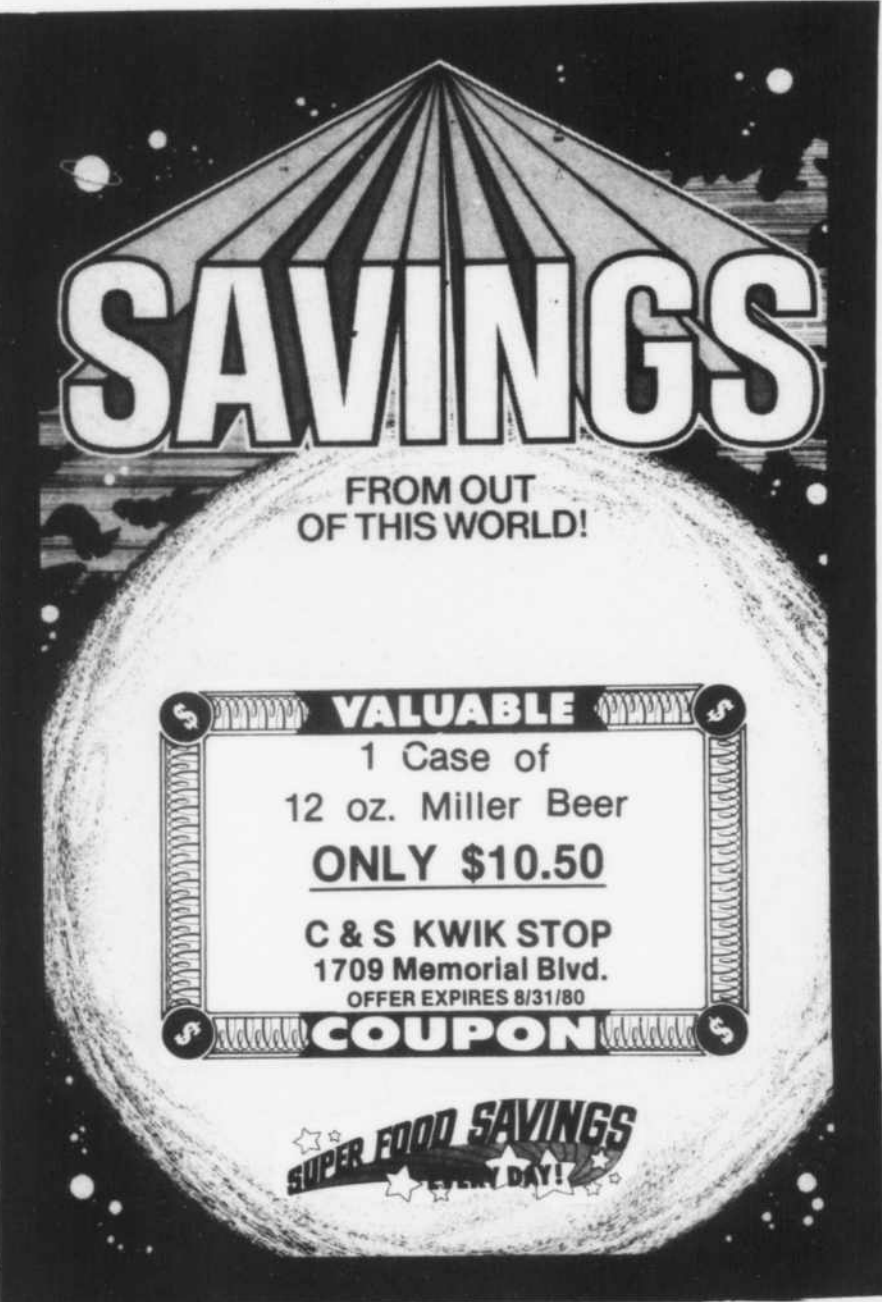
Names, addresses and phone numbers of all Associated Student Body senators will be posted in strategic areas around campus, according to Martha Hammond, speaker of the senate.

"The lists will be posted in main areas such as dorms, cafeterias, Peck Hall, places like this," she explained. "New lists will be printed when freshman and graduate senators are elected. We hope to be able to put one in every student's post office box then."

Students experiencing any problems or having questions are encouraged to contact their senators any time.

The first senate meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 2, Hammond said. The time and place will be announced later.

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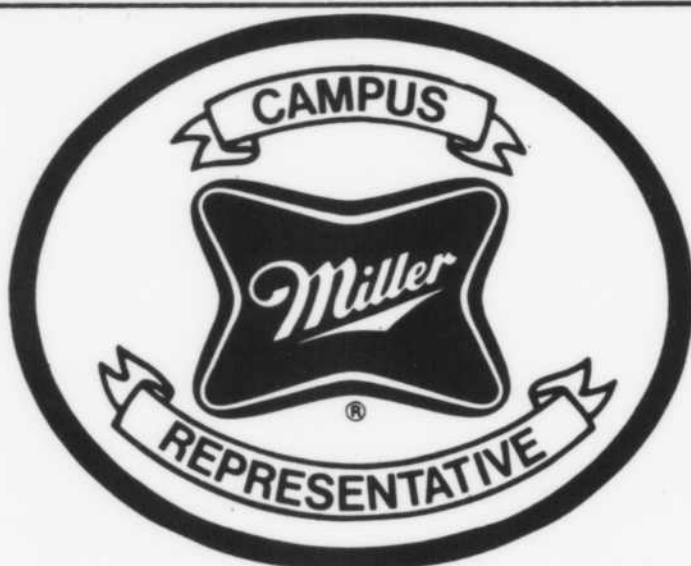


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Baseball feels heat

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

The heat was on yesterday. Students literally dripped with perspiration in the first day of classes, and the group on Blue Raider field was no exception.

At least thirty prospective baseball players turned out for the first day of walk-on tryouts for the Raider squad.

Not only was the sun shining brightly on the work out, but the heat was on the candidates to make a good showing.

And the heat was even more apparent on head coach John Stanford to choose the best of the crop.

"How do you tell those guys down there," he said, peering down the bench in the dugout, "that they are through with baseball and need to go to class."

"This is the hardest part of my job. They've been playing Little League, Babe Ruth, and high school ball all through their life, and then some guy says, 'Hey, it's over.' How do you do that?"

A veteran of baseball for many years, Stanford will somehow find a way to let down those whose career is over.

But then, his job will really just be starting. For in the latter part of September, the baseball team will hit the field for a "practice" season and a preview to the real thing in the spring.

During fall baseball, Stanford's job will be placing the

right people in key positions. The mastermind will take freshmen, junior college transfers, the lucky walk-ons, and leftovers to form somewhat of a regular starting line-up for spring.

"We're gonna try a lot of guys at different positions and teach them fundamentals and technique. We're getting the young guys especially used to the system," the head coach said about the early season.

The so-called fall season will last just about a month, giving Stanford time to look over what he has.

"Winning is always the objective, but not as much in these games," he remarked. "They get something out of it. A lot of guys get to play that wouldn't ordinarily in the spring. You don't miss much when you see them over a long haul."

After today's continuation of the open try-outs, the full squad will report to practice tomorrow.

Heading the list of thirty-eight players is 1980 All-OVC catcher Mike Norment. Expected to carry the leadership of the team, Norment brings back a good stick along with a strong arm.

Gary "Buster" Keeton should take up the slack for the loss to graduation of former All-OVC centerfielder Tony Blankenship, but then Stanford says there

might be a spot for Keeton in the infield.

That leaves new recruit, junior college All-American, "Doc" Holliday, who will provide the Raiders with power-hitting, at the top of the outfield list.

Pitching corps have also been strengthened with the badly needed addition of southpaws. Larry Bruno, a juco transfer from Illinois, and Jeff Waterbury, a frosh from Smyrna will join Jerry Moore from the left side.

The fall schedule includes mostly weaker teams such as Cumberland College, Motlow State, Columbia State, and Trevecca.

"This gives us a chance to play younger players, but also an opportunity to scout the top players at the junior colleges," Stanford said.

The Raider pilot stressed that the fall season was conservative as far as money goes.

"The games are on a practice basis, not regulation. The teams get together and play. We do not pay umpires or use newbaseballs, nor do we spend a lot of money on travel," he said.



photo by Mark Holland

Despite the "heated" work-out, this catching prospect demonstrates his defensive expertise during walk-on try-outs yesterday at Blue Raider field.

Sports

Raiders await season opener

Season tickets save hassles; Students get special deals

By RONALD ROBERTS
Sidelines Sports Writer

When home football season begins Sept. 13 and MTSU goes up against UT-Chattanooga, wouldn't it be nice not have to worry about standing in line for a ticket?

Fewer people will face that problem this year because season ticket sales are up, according to Jim Simpson, MTSU ticket manager.

Season tickets sell for \$17.50 each and are good for all home games this season.

After the home opener, other teams scheduled to invade Jones Field are: Morehead State, Sept. 27; Western Carolina, Oct. 4; Austin Peay, Oct. 25 (homecoming); and Akron, Nov. 15. Individual game tickets sell for \$4.00 each.

Discounts on season tickets for the faculty and staff are in effect if purchased anytime before Sept. 13.

Full-time MTSU students will be admitted at the student gate at the southwest corner of the stadium by showing both sides of their validated I.D. cards. Full-time students are also allowed to buy one student guest ticket for \$2.50 at the student guest window.

Part-time students may purchase student section tickets for \$2.50 each. Part-time students must buy their tickets because they do not pay an activity fee. However, it is possible for a part-time student to pay an activity fee and avoid the ticket charge.

The student sections at the football games are A, B, C, H, I and J.

Football tickets are also available for most away games. More ticket information is available through the Athletic Department at 898-2450.

Pre-season practice takes toll; Gridders' injuries upset plans

Following the first two weeks of fall football practice at Middle Tennessee, the Raiders find themselves involved in a good deal of shuffling around due to injuries.

Probably the biggest move has been that of former defensive tackle junior Bill Cherry (6-3, 236 lbs.) to the center position. Cherry has taken over the first-team snapping duties following a knee injury to Joe Boyd, the expected starter this fall.

The defensive tackle positions have been led by sophomores Tim Dickerson (6-0, 204) and Earl Brown, (6-3, 222) during the first two weeks of practice.

Freshman runningback Thomas Goodloe (5-11, 192) has also been sidelined for an indefinite period. His injury, along with that of back-up quarterback Butch Hamby, has forced realignment of the reserve ranks. Hamby should

return to the lineup in a couple of weeks, after sustaining a shoulder separation.

"Our depth situation is really hurting now," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said. "We're having to fill in with a lot of freshmen at key backup positions."

The Raiders do appear to be in good shape in the runningback positions.

At tailback, junior Sammy Bryant (5-11, 181) and sophomore Ronald Teague (5-8, 167) head the list. The fullback position finds sophomore Paul Carter (5-9, 197) and sophomore Lonnie Burch (5-9, 196) battling it out for the top spot.

The Raiders' practices are leading up to the opening game, Sept. 6, at North Alabama. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.



photo by Don Harris

Glenn Heath, freshman from Stratford High in Nashville, finds it easier to forego the shoe in punting drills.

Glass fosters skill for womens' volleyball team

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Copy Editor

Pacing the floor of Alumni Gym, Beth Glass smacks her hands together and yells, "Up! Up! OK, need a block—good block, Sheila... way to watch! Here we go."

The blonde 5'3" coach exudes all the energy of a woman twice her size, never pausing a moment, constantly monitoring the team's fast-paced scrimmage.

"Work hard! Work hard — you're gettin' lazy," she warns.

Glass is the new women's volleyball coach, fresh from four years of varsity play at Liberty Baptist College in Virginia.

"Between a coach and a player, the relationship you develop depends on knowing the individual," Glass explained after the team's tough 2½-hour scrimmage. "Each person must receive a mixture of pressure, encouragement and instruction. You've got to be careful how you pursue it, bringing out the potential in each one."

Not being hired until late July, and therefore not having a summer training program under way, was a stumbling block

Glass had to overcome already this season.

"When you come right back from the summer and start in with the strain and stress of training, it can get rough," she cautioned. "It's a matter of starting slowly — to train, not strain."

Glass is embarking on a follow-up season to last year's 28-10 record. She said it is her goal to improve the players' skills and technique.

"It's how high you can jump and your vertical reach," Glass said.

Strength exercises, like skipping rope and sprinting, will provide conditioning and prevent injuries. Conditioning will also provide the edge needed to win in a close game, she explained.

"But the whole thing, in the realm of women's volleyball, is skill," Glass advised.

"Success, to me, is taking a player from where they are now to the potential they can reach. Anything less and you're cheating yourself," she said.

Glass' own life is a lesson in discovering limits and then pushing them aside.

A cum laude graduate from

Liberty College last May, her hobbies include swimming, racquetball, snow skiing, climbing, reading about nutrition and music.

"I like to be involved," she said emphatically. "It's very important to me to develop every bit of potential I have — athletically, spiritually, intellectually. I like to be politically aware. So many people sell their lives short by remaining observers. They miss out on the fulfillment and satisfaction of getting involved."

Glass is a full-time student as well as a coach. She is working on a master's degree in HPER with minors in nutrition and special education.

She wants the volleyball team to know her as an individual and trust her as a friend, as well as respect her as their coach.

In volleyball, Glass continued, the individual members of the team depend greatly upon each other.

"Without good receives, you can't have a set or a hit. If you're a spiker and you leave the ground before the setter hits the ball, well, you just have to trust that she'll come through. The whole game is built on trust."

Along with communication between the coach and the team members, Glass believes there should be common empathy among all athletes at MTSU.

"Communication between sports is beneficial to school spirit," Glass continued. "It can cause a resurgence of pride. These are supposed to be the best years of your life, and the students are running home on weekends. We should work to change that here."

Tryouts for the women's volleyball team will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Glass said. Any female student who would like to play varsity volleyball should report to Alumni Gym at 3 p.m. sharp, she added.

"There are eight players who have scholarships and are guaranteed spots on the team. There are four spots open," Glass said.

She said she wants to hold the number of players on the team to 12 so that all members will have a chance to play.

"When players must sit on the bench a lot, the frustrations that result cause divisions within the team. That's what happens when you have a big team," Glass said.



photo by Mark Holland

New volleyball coach Beth Glass joins in the practice drills with one of her players.

Netters to fight winners' odds

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

It's never easy to come off of a championship season. Especially when you lose quality players.

Women's tennis coach Sandy Neal faces both dilemmas. The 1980 team that posted a seasonal 6-8 record surprised many people by grabbing their first OVC title ever in tournament play. It was even more surprising since the squad had lost No. 1 player Elina Durchman to a knee injury.

Now Durchman is gone for good, along with three members of the championship six. Kaye Wrathier joined Durchman in summer graduation as the latter by-passed a year of eligibility. Last year's recruit Jenny Orr failed to make her grades while Nancy Broadhurst did not return to school for personal reasons.

So, where does that leave Sandy Neal?

Some might say, so to speak,

in the doghouse. But, alas, as all coaches do, the veteran tennis coach remains confident.

"I've only got four girls so far this year," she said. "but the four girls I do have are really solid, I have a good attitude, and want to do really well."

Those four girls are, as their coach assures, top talent. Returning are Tarja Ojala and Diana Myers, defending OVC singles champions at the number three and number four spots, respectively, and Leigh Morrell, who transferred from the University of Mississippi.

The other portion of the awesome foursome consists of a top-flight recruit Neal landed.

Carolyn Newgreen, a native of Australia made her initial volley as a Lady Raider at yesterday's first practice.

"It always takes time to adjust to practice. She was hitting good at practice, though," the coach said. "She's also having to adjust to the United States but is so far doing very well. The heat is getting to her a little because over there it is winter right now."

Neal is recruiting for January and the spring season while still looking for players to fill out the fall "practice" season roster. Tomorrow at 1 p.m. any

interested MTSU woman student should meet with the coach in her Murphy Center office for an open try-out, with the possibilities of a scholarship.

"It's always an unsettling feeling not to have a full lineup," she said. "But I really do feel good about the girls I do have. They are a very solid base to build on, and I really am encouraged for the spring. I just need to find a couple of players."

The fall schedule opens on the weekend of Sept. 26 and 27 as the ladies host the Blue Raider Classic.

Leigh Morrell



photo by Eddie Brasswell

Women teams set open trials


MTSU women will get an opportunity this week to try-out for four different varsity sports.

Coach Larry Inman will be conducting open try-outs for the defending OVC champion Lady Raiders on Thursday. Those interested should report to the floor of Murphy Center at 6 p.m.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m., netter coach Sandy Neal will be looking at prospects for the defending OVC tennis championship squad.

The women's volleyball team will host try-outs Wednesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

Meanwhile, any woman who would like to run cross country or track needs to contact new coach Cathy Moore at 898-2450 or drop by Murphy Center office 167.



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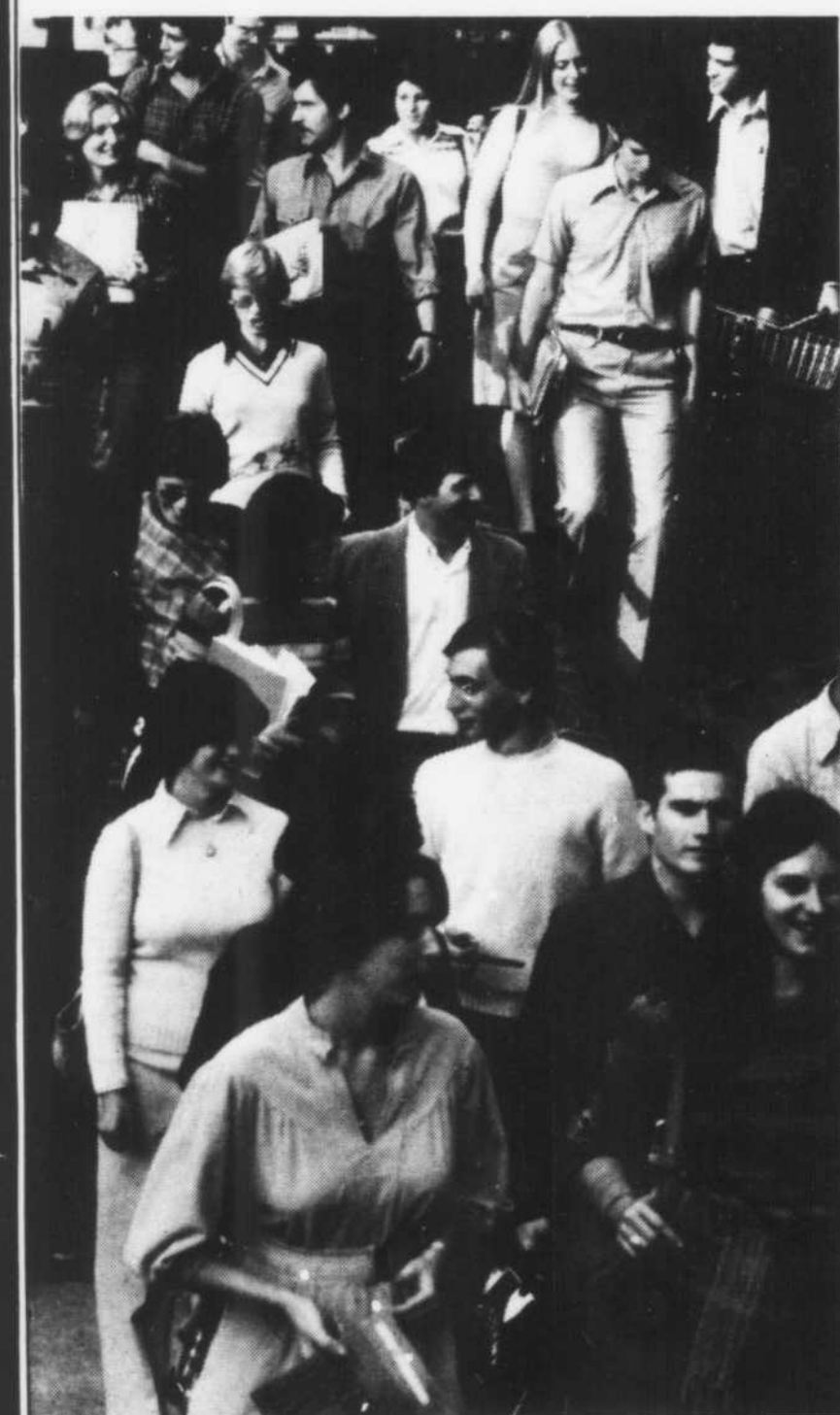
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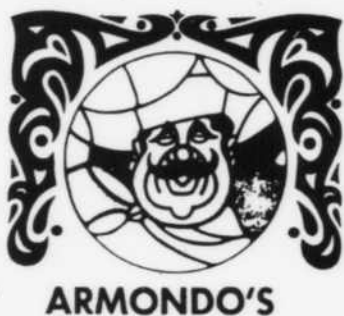


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