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Alumna of 1912 class rode train to college

By NELLE NIX
Staff Writer

"I've seen change in everything," nods the petite gray-haired lady.

The years from 1892 to 1982 have indeed been filled with change. Change which has been witnessed by Ann Woodard Hastings, a spritely 90-year-old who graduated in 1912 from Middle Tennessee Normal, the predecessor of MTSU.

TRANSPORTATION has changed drastically. A drive of maybe two or three hours (if that many) will land most MTSU students on their front door steps, home for the weekend. Not so in Hastings' day.

Hastings rode a train to school from Petersburg, and "it took almost all day to get to Murfreesboro," she remembers. Today, it takes approximately one hour in a car to get from Petersburg to Murfreesboro.

In those times, MTSU (then MTN) was definitely not a suitcase college.

"I WENT in September and stayed until Christmas," she recalls. "My parents came to see me one time, and they drove a horse and buggy!"

Changes have also been made in the appearance of the campus.

"When I went there, there were four buildings—the administration building, the heating plant, the dining hall and Rutledge Hall," Hastings says.

SHE ATTENDED classes in the administration building (Kirksey Old Main). The gym was on the second floor of the building and what was the dining hall is now used for industrial arts.

Most of the female students lived in Rutledge Hall and Rutledge herself was the first dorm "matron" Hastings recalls. Male students lived in a house on Main Street.

As one can imagine, dorm life was quite different then.

"WE HAD chaperones when we went to town," Hastings says and as an afterthought giggles. "I don't guess they know what a chaperone is now!"

The girls were allowed to have "dates" on Friday and Saturday nights which consisted of staying in the dorm and visiting in the "parlor" or sitting out on the stairways. Sitting on the stairways "could be dangerous," she laughs, "because you were liable to get drowned by someone throwing water out from upstairs."

On Sunday afternoons (they were allowed to attend church without a chaperone), the girls had "quiet hour" in which they were expected to stay in their rooms.

HASTINGS, however, was evidently not as straight-laced as the times dictated a "young lady" should be.

"We slipped off one Sunday and walked out (continued on page 2)



Them was the good ole days

Members of the 1912 Class of Middle Tennessee Normal pose in their now nostalgic wear. This was an era when horse and buggy was common and owning a car a dream; when dating steady was courting and visitation really strict.

Iranian enrollment decreases

By TONY WEBB III
Staff Writer

Although Saudi Arabia was constant with the overall growth of foreign students here on campus, the Iranian student population decreased during the past year.

"There were no Saudi Arabian students at MTSU last year, but this year there are 18 students enrolled," said Dr. Perez-Reilly, director of foreign student affairs.

THE REASON for the increase is based upon the economic and agricultural conditions obtained in Saudi Arabia.

"Most of the students that come here go home to help their country with economic, engineering and agricultural problems that will help their country prosper in the future," said Perez-Reilly.

The decline in Iranian student enrollment is due mainly to the hardships going on in Iran.

IRANIAN enrollment dropped nationally from 47,550 in 1981 to 35,860 in 1982, according to Wallace (continued on page 2)



Boot da ball

The MTSU Rugby Squad gave it their all against Huntsville, Ala. Saturday, but their all just wasn't enough. MTSU lost against the 'Bama team.

Albert Gore to speak at UCAM seminar

By MIKE CROWDER
Staff Writer

Rep. Albert Gore Jr. will be the featured speaker during Thursday's convocation of "Solutions to the Nuclear Arms Race," a week-long seminar on campus sponsored by the MTSU chapter of the United Campus To Prevent Nuclear War.

The seminar, which began yesterday, consists of a series of films, speeches and question-answer sessions designed to "educate and inform" the public on the dangers of nuclear war, according to Connie Haebele, the chapter's convocation coordinator.

ALL SCHEDULED events, except for some of Thursday's itinerary, will be held in the small dining room of the University Center Grill and will begin each day at 11:30 a.m.

Today the film "Inside Story: Nuclear War, The In Curable Disease" will be shown, followed by a discussion session chaired by UCAM Faculty Adviser Marlyne Kilbey.

On Wednesday, a film and speaker will be presented, but neither have been determined as of yet.

THURSDAY is the actual convocation that will be observed by 500 campuses nationwide.

The activities Thursday will begin with the film "No First

Strike." This will be followed by a presentation by Albert Bates, a lawyer from The Farm, a Summertown, Tenn., community.

At 12:50 p.m., Dr. Edward Kimbrell of the MTSU mass communications department will speak on "Media Contributions: Solutions to Peace."

FOLLOWING Kimbrell, at 1 p.m., will be the film "The Final Epidemic." After this, Dr. Robert Sanders of the Rutherford County Health Dept. will speak.

At 2 p.m., the convocation will adjourn to the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, where music will be performed by Paula Hitchcock and Colleen Turner-Rhinehart.

Grey Cox of the MTSU philosophy department will speak on "Moral Reflections on The Fate of the Earth."

FOLLOWING Cox will be Steve Tate, a Nashville minister, who will present the "The Christian Perspective on Nuclear War."

Bill Jackson, who claims he is a victim of radioactive fallout, will address the issue of "Radioactive Victims."

At 3 p.m., Gore will be introduced by MTSU President Sam Ingram and will be the final speaker. Following his speech, Gore will answer questions.

Residents petition to oust RA

By MARTY WATT
Staff Writer

Residents of Gracy Hall are circulating a petition calling for the ouster of first floor Resident Assistant Brad Lowe.

Richard Spicer, a junior ASB senator and author of the petition, said the petition was not a personal grievance with Lowe, only an attempt to stop what he called Lowe's "stormtrooper" tactics.

THE PETITION claims Lowe has caused unnecessary friction in the dorm, created an unbearable environment with his "overzealous tactics and harassment" and given newcomers a false impression of dorm life.

"I think the freshmen are being cheated," Spicer said. "Most have left mom at home only to find her here in the person of Brad Lowe."

The future of cable T.V. topic of symposium

By the end of this decade, cable television may be reaching as many as 50 percent of American homes. We are on the threshold of social and economic changes as dramatic as those which shaped our industrial society.

The promise of cable technology is great, but accompanied by even greater questions about its effects on existing mass media and public

LOWE REFUSED to comment directly, but Hall President David Smith and the executive council of Gracy prepared a statement defending Lowe.

"The council, made up of representatives of all three floors, believe the originators of the petition haven't given enough facts to support their accusations," Smith said.

"We feel the majority of Gracy hall does not want Brad Lowe out."

SMITH ADDED that he had contacted a few residents who signed the petition and wanted their names to be removed.

"They didn't like the underhandedness," Smith said.

More than 50 signatures have been collected on the petition which was circulated among Gracy's 106 residents.

MIKE HOOTS, a second

floor resident, said Lowe had entered rooms through the quad bathroom doors and entered to investigate "at the pull of a can top, even if it was a soft drink."

Another second floor resident, Jim Arena, said Lowe has issued citations to women waiting on the steps to the dorm.

"He [Lowe] takes authority too far," said Arena. "He tries to be the RA for all three floors."

SPICER said Lowe carries "probable cause" to an extreme.

He also said the petition has the "full" backing of the ASB.

David Kessler, ASB president, disagreed with Spicer.

"I ONLY suggested the idea of the petition," Kessler said. "As far as backing or rejecting the termination of Mr. Lowe, I can't say."

"I don't feel I should get involved until I hear both sides of the issue."

Kessler said he had seven to 10 students complain about Lowe to him personally.

VICKIE Justice, assistant director of Housing, said she wasn't informed about a petition and there was no cause at the moment for the university to terminate Lowe.

Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake said there seemed to be a split among the residents concerning Lowe's performance.

"Some students called me to remove a banner claiming Gracy Hall wanted Lowe out," Shewmake said. "Before I got a chance to do anything, the sign was removed."

SEWMAKE said for the first time the Housing Office was conducting a survey to rate the staff's performance.

He did say that the issue would get attention from his office, no matter what the survey indicated.

"We know there is a problem and we will explore it," Shewmake said.

HE ALSO commented that staffing isn't a popularity contest.

"We want balance in the dorms, but not a concentration camp atmosphere."

If you would like to express an opinion concerning the ACT Comp Test, please submit it to *Sidelines*, Box 42, or call 898-2815. Or you may

call Mike Crowder at 890-5292.

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Campus Capsule

STONES RIVER National Battlefield will interview students for National Park Service seasonal employment Nov. 17 in the Placement Office. Interview appointments can be made in UC 328.

CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT Test for admission to teacher education will be administered at 4 p.m. today in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

MTSU WINTERGUARD is conducting an organizational meeting and will be accepting new members in the instrumental rehearsal hall in the Wright Music Annex at 7:30 p.m., Thursday. For more information, contact Linda Mitchell at 898-2472.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI is presenting their 8th Annual Fall Fashion and Talent Show Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Building.

SIGMA DELTA CHI, the Society of Professional Journalists, will hold a flea market tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UC basement.

GAMMA BETA PHI will conduct their monthly meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi Media Room of the LRC.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT is sponsoring guitarist Michael Newman in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. tonight.

SPECIAL EVENTS is presenting the Rutherford County Cripple Creek Cloggers in the UC Theatre noon Thursday.

THEATRE DEPT. is presenting the *Trojan Women* at 8 p.m. in the DA Arena Thursday.

FACULTY RECITAL featuring Randy Blooding, baritone, in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Alumna

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to Flat Rock which is the geographical center of the state. They never did know," she giggles. "It's a lot more fun whenever you can slip and do something."

One time the girls wanted to have a party, but were told they couldn't.

"WE TIED the matron's door and left her in the room. The boys came over and we had a party in the parlor," she laughs. "She didn't get out 'til we let her out."

Another incident she remembers was the result of the girls not being allowed to attend a "pep meeting." The MTN football team was to play Bryson which was at Fayetteville at that time.

Since the girls could not go outside for the rally, Hastings said they converged on her second floor room to watch it.

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"ALL THE girls came to my room and we jumped up and down on the bed until we broke the springs!"

Sports were a part of campus life in 1912 as they are in 1982.

Hastings participated in basketball (later coaching it for a few years at Flintville High School), soccer, baseball and tennis although she claims she "never was any good" at tennis.

"EVERY spare minute I had I spent in gym. I was crazy about gym work," she says.

She may have spent a lot of time in the gym, but the clothes she wore were nothing

Business frat. sponsoring "Bar Wars"

By YEVETTE MCGOWEN

Staff Writer

Pi Sigma Epsilon, a business fraternity, is sponsoring a project called "Bar Wars."

This project involves the participation of several local bars which will donate a percentage of their gross sales on one designated night to help fight multiple sclerosis.

The designated nights are Tuesday at C.J.'s from 5 p.m. to closing; Wednesday at Diddy's from 8 to 10 p.m. and Thursday at B L's Pizza from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Though Pi Sigma Epsilon is heading this project, they are asking all sororities, fraternities, clubs, organizations and dorms to get involved and help combat this disease.

Decreases

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Edgerton, president of the Institute of International Education.

"Economic problems due to lack of finances and internal conflict from war have attributed to the drop in Iranian student enrollment," said Perez-Reilly.

Other OPEC nations have shown an increase in foreign students studying in the U.S.

"The proportion of students from the mid-East has doubled to 22 percent in the last decade," declared Edgerton.

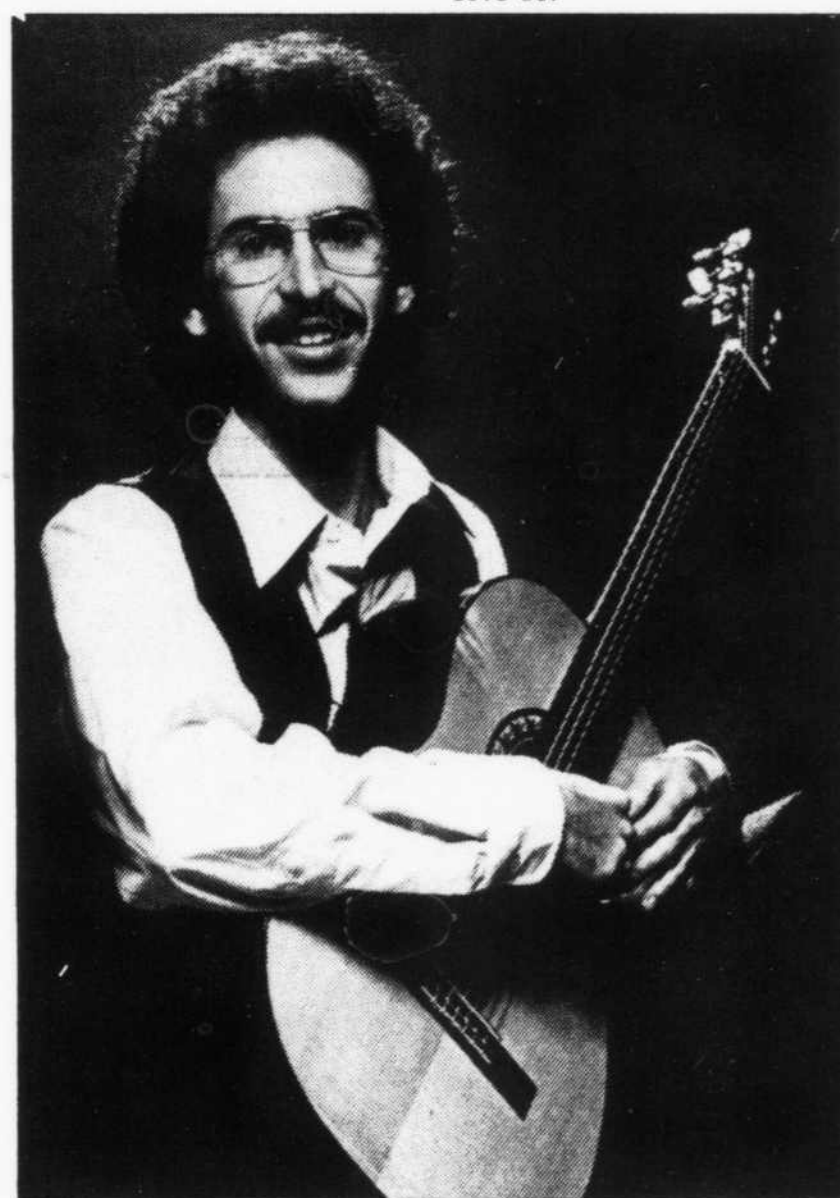
Photo gallery displaying art through Thur.

By DEE PARKER

Staff Writer

A photographic retrospective of Andre Kertesz will be on display until Thursday in the MTSU Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center.

Fifty-eight pieces on display from the 88-year-old photographer contain photographs of his early work of landscapes and genre scenes in Hungary, work from the 1920s and 1930s in Paris, New York and American images and a few Polaroid pieces from 1978-80.



Guitarist Michael Newman

Michael Newman, hailed by *The New York Times* as "a complete master of his instrument," will perform Nov. 9 in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

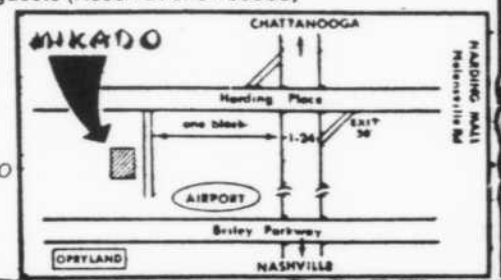
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WSM disc jockey finds age no barrier in job

By JANENE LEONHIRTH

Special to Sidelines

Twenty years ago, an MTSU senior made the rounds to Nashville looking for a job in radio, he got the standard reply, "Come back when you've got experience."

Last April, when Kyle Cantrell, a recording industry management major with only one radio station listed on his resume, returned to Music City, he was hired by WSM-AM (the flagship station for country music).

NOW, KYLE has two weekend shows and has become the only replacement disc jockey at the station. He has subbed for newsmen and has even done "Sports Shorts" on WSM-FM.

Rapid advancement is nothing new for the RIM major, despite his easy going manner. In grammar school, he skipped the second grade. And throughout his academic career, he has been at or near the top of his class.

After graduating from Joelston High School in 1979,

Kyle, always an avid Volunteer fan, enrolled in UT-Knoxville as a broadcast major.

BUT AT THE end of his freshman year, he still was not sure that he wanted to pursue a career in radio.

"Being pretty dumb about the way things work," Kyle recalls, he went to every station in Nashville and applied for a job.

He was rejected by them all, but he didn't give up. Driving through Murfreesboro on his way back to Knoxville one Sunday, he heard WMTS and decided to try his luck there.

EVEN though the station manager said his tapes were "bad," Kyle was hired for the summer after he volunteered to work for minimum wage. When the summer ended, WMTS was so impressed that they offered him a fulltime job. Kyle declined and made the trek back to Knoxville.

It wasn't long until he transferred to MTSU because, he confided, he "missed" WMTS and "things were working better here [Mur-

freesboro] than in Knoxville." WMTS welcomed him back, and he stayed there until April.

Then one Sunday night, simply as an "experiment," Kyle typed a resume and a letter to send to WSM.

"I JUST decided, well, I'm going to send them folks up there a letter and see if they'll give me a job," he recalls.

Within a week, Kyle was hired.

"I got lucky," he says laughing, pushing his wire-framed glasses up on his nose. "I still don't know...If I had been [the] boss at the time, I wouldn't have even considered hiring me...because of my experience."

BUT WSM'S program manager, Charlie Chase, did hire Kyle, despite his lack of experience. After listening to his tapes, Chase said he could tell that Kyle had the ability to be a good disc jockey.

He was "good enough to get his foot in the door in Nashville," Chase confirms.

Radio was more or less a natural career choice for Kyle.

"I ALWAYS liked electronic gadgets...always listened to music...and always like to talk," he explains. But it still requires preparation and learning to do a show right, he adds.

Kyle says he is always thinking of things to talk about on the air, and when he has a show to do, he goes in half an hour early to get the commercials ready for the first hour's broadcast.

But for his Sunday gospel show, Kyle has had to do more.

"I've always gone to church and know the church songs," he says. "But I had no idea who the Blackwood Brothers were."

SO FOR several weeks, Kyle admits, he had to write down every song he played to remember what it was and who sang it.

Commuting roughly 100 miles everyday to school, working on weekends, and often during the week, keeps Kyle fairly busy.

But when he is not preoccupied with school or work, Kyle enjoys bowling,

photography and listening to music. He admits, however, that he doesn't spend as much time on his outside interests as he once did.

KYLE ALSO is interested in the recording industry and changed his major to RIM when he came to MTSU. But he doesn't see this as conflicting with a career in radio. The two are complementary fields, he reasons, since without one, the other, as we know it, wouldn't exist. Besides, he considers an understanding of the music industry to be an important quality for a disc jockey.

Although Kyle appears to be confident of his ability as a disc jockey, he is humble about his

job in one of the top 50 radio markets in the country.

"I'm really happy that I'm working there," he says. "I wouldn't take anything for it."

WHEN KYLE applied at WSM, it was with the intention of "getting his foot in the door for something better" after graduation. He was trying to avoid competing for a job with "15 million" other persons who would graduate at the same time.

Kyle says he would like to "Try to find a [permanent] job within SM."

After all, "I can't work only weekends all my life," he said smilingly.

Fall ticket sales: Alabama hot, CS&N not

By DEE PARKER
and TERRY MORROW

Country act Alabama has sold more tickets than any other act appearing in Murphy Center this semester, Student Programming Director Harold Smith said yesterday.

Alabama's Homecoming appearance launched ticket sales that exceeded 12,000 tickets, Smith pointed out.

"CERTAIN groups like Alabama appeal to a larger cross section," Georgia Dennis, who handles concerts for Student Programming, explained. "You have older established people in the community and really, really young people who appeal to these concerts."

Grammy Winner Kenny Rogers, who appeared for the third consecutive year here, has been the second biggest act this semester, but he did not sell out.

There were an estimated 700-800 tickets left over from the Kenny Rogers show, Dennis said. Rogers did break even with over 12,000 tickets sold.

"WE EXPECTED to sell more," he added.

Olivia Newton-John, whose pop single "Physical" remained number one for 10 record-breaking weeks last year, was third in MTSU ticket sales this semester.

Newton-John's change from mellow maid to sex symbol may have been the cause for her falling ticket sales here, Dennis said. In fact, her appearance yielded a little over 10,000 tickets, barely enough to break even.

THE RECENT Crosby,



Crosby, Stills and Nash yielded poor ticket sales when they appeared here recently. Sales were a "disappointment", Harold Smith of Student Programming said.

Stills and Nash concert was the only concert not to break even this semester. Their ticket sales did not even reach 8,000.

"I was really disappointed," Smith said.

Dennis said Crosby, Stills and Nash "didn't have a broad-base audience in this area."

MANY PEOPLE felt Crosby, Stills and Nash would have sold more, Dennis said. People of the 60s, who are familiar with their music, just didn't buy tickets.

Barry Manilow, whose Dec. 4 appearance here may be the last concert of the semester, is having "good" ticket sales so far, Dennis said. Tickets went on sale yesterday. Prices are \$15 and \$12.50.

Murphy Center can hold over 12,000 people, depending on the concert setting.

The tentative appearances of Billy Joel and The Who have been ruled out, Smith said.

THE WHO was planned for this semester and a date was even set for the show, Smith said. The William Morris Agency, The Who's concert promoters, did not contact Student Programming to confirm the date and details for the show.

One possible reason for this may have been the fact The Who likes to play audiences over the limit Murphy Center can hold, Smith speculated.

The Who's current tour has been touted as their last concert tour.

BILLY JOEL came close to appearing at MTSU this semester also, Smith said.

If an agreement had been made with Joel's management, his show would have been a week after the scheduled Barry Manilow concert, Smith said.

Joel will not be appearing because his promoters—also the William Morris Agency—

like to deal with audiences larger than what Murphy Center can handle, Smith explained.

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Lower defense budget would help economy

The economy is declining. Inventories are down; new orders are down; production is down; employment is down; morale is down.

This economic decline coupled with the decreased popularity of President Reagan's economic policies, as indicated by last week's election, demand that the administration rethink its stand on defense spending.

THE ONE FEATHER in Reagan's economic cap is the lowering of inflation from double-digit proportions to approximately 5 percent. But to maintain this track record, the administration must deal with a budget that is out of balance.

An adjustment in defense spending could help bring inflation down further and could help balance the budget, too.

Defense spending is inflationary because, while it creates new jobs, it does not produce resalable goods and, thereby, no exchange of money. In other words, the government spends money, but none of this money is returned to the economy.

BY INVESTING government dollars in areas other than defense, the administration could further reduce inflation.

And there is one way the president can reduce the defense budget and still maintain his planned 8 percent annual growth rate for the Pentagon to satisfy those who say America's present weapon stockpiles are inadequate.

Adjusting downward the projected defense budget to bring it in line with the present 5 percent inflation rate, instead of the original double-digit figure, could reduce the budget by \$50 billion over the next three years, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

EVEN THOUGH \$50 billion divided by three years may seem insignificant

compared with a projected annual deficit of \$150 billion, it would be significant enough to show that Reagan is serious about reducing the deficit.

A reduction in defense spending, and thereby the deficit, would increase the confidence of investors in a continued low inflation rate. A subsequent increase in capital investment would both increase employment and pick up the economy.

THE RESULTING reduced deficit would also bring down interest rates because it would decrease government borrowing. Certainty that inflation is down for good would also speed the decline of interest rates.

But Reagan could also make political hay by reducing the defense budget in this way.

A change in his image of being callous and insensitive to the needs of the underprivileged could be effected. He could show that he is not increasing the Pentagon's share of tax money at the expense of the poor, elderly and handicapped.

A MORE FLATTERING public image and an increase in public confidence would also enhance the president's chances of pushing through Congress the 10 percent tax cut scheduled for July 1983. If the Democrats and the public were convinced that Reagan is reducing the budget more fairly and that his policies will both bring down inflation and stimulate the economy, then the tax cut would have an easier journey through the legislative process.

Reagan can have his cake and eat it, too, by reducing the defense budget in accordance with the present inflation rate. He can keep his 8 percent annual increase for the Pentagon and still reduce the federal deficit and improve the economy.



Employers selective in hiring; student preparation questioned

Snuggled comfortably in the self-contained world of campus life, some students may forget, or perhaps they never knew, how competitive the "real world" is out there.

After four years, however, most are forced to come to grips with reality. It can be a painful experience for some. Rare is the adviser who hasn't heard the agonizing of newly awakened students about to march down the line in Murphy Center to accept the diploma that signifies graduation.

faculty perspective

THE USUAL litany goes something like this: "If only I'd known how many people are looking for jobs, I'd have studied harder... I'd have gotten more involved... I'd have partied a little less... I'd have worked for an internship... I'd have..."

Faculty in the mass communications department, and doubtless in most departments across campus, frequently are reminded by those who employ

their graduates that they want only the best.

Often they point out they'll take only the best. They can afford to pick and choose. It's a buyers market in most job fields.

SEVERAL examples come to mind.

A few weeks ago, a recent broadcast journalism graduate dropped by. He was breathlessly excited about the job he had landed with a small market TV station in Georgia.

But before his good fortune, he had experienced frustration and disappointment.

"I WISH I could come back and tell your students what it's like trying to get a job," he lamented.

More recently, a visiting newspaper publisher spent three days on campus and found himself inundated with questions about jobs.

He said he'd heard there are 17,000 unemployed persons in the United States. Be that as it may, he said there are no unemployed writers who are truly good at what they do.

BUT ABILITY must be proven—for that publisher and for most employers.

If an applicant passes the initial screening and interview,

the publisher explained, spelling tests lie ahead and the applicant must successfully report and write news stories.

Another employer threw a current events quiz at a recent mass comm graduate. The eager applicant was told to identify the members of the Reagan Administration's cabinet, matching names to offices held. Could you do it?

LAST WEEK, the chief recruiter for a major out-of-state television news operation called to say she'd hired an MTSU graduate and had been very impressed—enough so that she plans a recruiting trip to campus in the spring.

But, she warned, "Tell your students that we don't want to talk with anyone who has less than a 3.0 GPA and who isn't a news junkie."

A news junkie, she explained, is one who puts into practice what he or she learns in class by working for campus or commercial news media.

THE BOTTOM line of all this?

The four years will pass. The employers—some at least—will be waiting.

The job seekers—many for sure—will be, too!

Dr. Glenn Hinchbaugh,
Associate Professor of Mass Communications

Letters From Our Readers

Security needs jumper cables

To the Editor:

Have you ever tried to locate jumper cables on this campus?

Friday night before Homecoming my car's battery had run down and I needed a pair of jumper cables to get it started.

I **BEGAN** my search by asking friends. After this attempt failed, I was certain that Campus Security would have a set.

Boy was I fooled.

Later I got word that the building manager in the U.C. had a pair. He had gone home for the weekend though.

I **EVEN** stopped a campus policeman riding around in a patrol car. He told me that someone in the mass at the Bon Fire would have some.

I can't understand this.

It seems to me that helping students with car trouble should be a basic concern with the Campus Security.

WOULD IT be too much trouble for Security to buy another set of cables for people to use?

Anyway, I used a friend's car to drive to the Murfreesboro Police Station to borrow cables.

What a lot of trouble when we have policemen here on

campus.

David Parker
Box 6011

Student errs in criticism

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to a letter you recently published which discussed the elimination of the food service committee by one Mr. Ricky Trull.

Realizing freedom of speech is a right endowed to us all by the First Amendment I feel we all have the right to express our own opinion, even if it is of a critical nature.

CRITICISM should not be suppressed for it is through criticism and the opinions of others that we expand our knowledge.

However, if such criticism is to be aired based on facts, it is imperative that those facts be correct.

It is for this reason I address Mr. Trull's letter.

TO BEGIN with, every university committee has gone through a restructuring process. This process has taken two years and much study by a special committee consisting of eleven faculty members.

This group researched the effectiveness of every committee on campus and

eliminated a total of four university committees which were found to be ineffective for different reasons.

No one individual, not even President Ingram, did away with any committee.

THE FOOD service committee was eliminated because the members of that committee felt food services was a matter which needed constant attention and the research study proved a committee for such a matter was ineffective.

I give you these facts based on research I have done concerning the restructuring process of the campus committees.

In addition, I have found that ARA had little influence on whether the food service committee remained or not.

AS FOR Mr. Mays and his secretary, I ask you, "Who are they?"

I find no Mr. Mays working for ARA.

Taking the above information into consideration, I again say everyone is entitled to express their opinions and to criticize if need be.

However, I suggest that if you have a "deep concern for this campus" you get your facts straight before you decide to air your opinion.

Thank you.

Bryna Estes
Box 6938

CHEEK'S

By Stonehenge



Commentary

Guest view

By Congressman Albert Gore Jr.

The Congress will meet again in Nov. 29 for a special "lame duck" session to complete unfinished legislative business.

Decisions are scheduled to be made on many major bills during the two-week session, including funding for the controversial MX missile, Tennessee's MHD program and hazardous waste disposal.

SINCE MANY of the bills are controversial and will have a dramatic impact of our nation's policies if passed, many Americans feel that the Members of Congress, who were just elected in the recent vote but won't be in the office until next year, ought to be given a chance to see those bills voted on in January instead of now.

I believe the point is a legitimate one.

As many decisions as possible should be made by the new Congress and not by outgoing members. In my opinion, therefore, the agenda for the lame-duck session should be kept to the bare essentials.

THIS SPECIAL post-election session is the second held since 1974. Only six lame-duck sessions have been held since 1945.

Historically, it took an amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified in 1933, to allow the Congress to conduct a post-election session in order to complete legislative business left over from the previous session.

It is unclear how much will be accomplished during the lame-duck session, but a number of bills will be pushed hard by their sponsors.

ONE BILL that I have been very concerned about this year is the patent term extension

legislation.

This bill is designed to increase prescription drug prices and profits for the drug manufacturers by adding another seven years onto the current 17 years of monopoly patent protection for their products.

This move would stifle competition from the less expensive generic drugs, increasing costs to consumer by an estimated \$1 billion annually.

THIS BILL should be defeated, in my opinion, if it is brought up for a vote.

There are many appropriations bills pending consideration by the Congress.

One that concerns funding of a Tennessee energy project, the MHD program in Tullahoma, will be considered for approval.

ANOTHER concerns the reauthorization of funding for our nation's highways and mass transit system.

A controversial military spending bill will be considered that will likely decide the fate of the new MX missile.

This vote will come on the heels of the Administration's soon-to-be-released proposal on the basing of the MX—how best to protect the missile from nuclear attack.

OTHER important legislation I will follow closely include provisions to tighten our immigration laws.

There is much to be done during this special session of the Congress.

But with hard work and determination, the important bills that need attention will be considered, clearing the way for new ideas and legislation to come in the new session this January.

GUESS WHY THESE RUSSIANS ARE CELEBRATING?

- THEY ARE GENUINELY HAPPY!
- THEY ARE CELEBRATING THE 65th YEAR OF the REVOLUTION.
- IF THEY DON'T, THEY WILL BE PROMPTLY EXECUTED.
- NONE OF THE ABOVE.

"SEE ANSWER."



ANSWER: "C."

Here and Now

by Maxwell Glen and Cody Shearer

WASHINGTON—On its front page the other day, *The Washington Post* divulged a secret that many young Americans learned long ago: Sharing a house is cheaper—

and more sensible—than living alone.

According to the *Post*'s story, the group-house concept is sharply reducing demand for more recently constructed single-person dwellings in and around the nation's capital.

REPORTS from other states echo this trend. As one landlord's representative complained to the *Post*: "Instead of paying \$300 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, you can share a \$100,000 house and pay \$250. It's a lot more value for the buck."

Time was, of course, when "group house" connoted illicit activities: overgrown yards and unmarried people of both sexes in close quarters. Residential neighborhoods rarely threw welcoming parties for newcomers who favored the Grateful Dead at 3 a.m.

Indeed, as late as 1978, residents of Berkeley, California, demanded a law requiring that group house residents park their automobiles off the street to ease curbside congestion.

YET, AS the *Post* discovered, simple economics had turned the radical into the chic.

More so than previous generations, a wide variety of young Americans have moved in with friends, lovers and complete strangers to save money.

According to the Census Bureau, the number of households rose 72.4 percent between 1970 and 1980 or from 14 million to almost 26 million households.

THIS INCREASE was more than three times that of

any other living arrangement during the decade. No wonder, then, that the group house has evolved from a den of iniquity to a major factor in the real estate market.

In addition to its economic needs, the group house caters to the baby boom's fancy for having it all.

House groupies gain access to a well-cared-for house (often much like the one in which they were raised) as well as more space than they could otherwise afford, a yard and pleasant surroundings.

WITH THE presence of three or more housemates also come increased quantities of furniture and beer and an enhanced sense of safety. It's sort of like an overnight club.

Yet if the group-house concept seems form-fitted to our contemporaries, it's unclear whether they're well-suited to living in numbers.

While some friends thrive on a cooperative environment, others often don't seem willing or able to make the necessary sacrifices.

UNFORTUNATELY, in our own experience, group-house horror stories have been more the rule than the exception. For example:

- A 25-year-old woman enters into a year-long lease for a three-bedroom house and invites friends to move in.

Yet, after inviting in a lover and upsetting the two house members, she moves out two months later, regardless of the legal and financial burdens her departure places on the other two.

- A 24-year-old unemployed Yale graduate spends two years in a group house, rarely, if ever, offering to clean or buy groceries for the communal refrigerator.

Though independently wealthy, he repeatedly has to be asked for a check at rent time.

The frustrated house leader eventually asks him to leave (the scoundrel is now back home with mom, dad and the

maid).

"A LOT of people go into a group house blindly, without thinking about the responsibilities," explains Nancy Brandwein, co-author of *"The Group House Handbook,"* just published by Acropolis Books.

"They expect their lives will go on as smoothly as if they were living alone and then don't want to deal with the problems."

According to Brandwein and company's survey of 300 group houses, most house-sharing arrangements don't survive a year in their original form.

THE HIGH turnover rate reflects the fact that group houses are, first and foremost marriages of convenience. Though we live with others, we don't always love it.

"The Group House Handbook" attempts to provide guidelines for confronting problems—such as landlords, zoning problems, live-in lovers, moochers, food squabbles and utility bills—before they turn nasty.

At times the pointers seem a bit namby-pamby. One section includes 300 words on how to write an agenda on a house meeting; another suggests to those looking for a house, "Don't bring your resume to the interview."

BUT WHATEVER house sharers do to get along, economics will increasingly be the mediator-of-last-resort.

As cycles for high rents and condo conversion increase pressure to form groups, Americans may spend more than the proverbial two to four years in group homes.

Shared living space in America may never match that in communist countries, but it is an increasingly-popular option with contemporaries who are well into their 30's, married or both.

IF THE group house becomes less transitional, it will be taken more seriously.

Until then, its everyone for himself.

As I See It

by Phil Williams

Oct. 29, Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority rebroadcasted an hour-long television program about the proposed school prayer amendment. (The timing of the show undoubtedly was meant to coincide with the Nov. 2 elections.)

As I listened to the program, I thought of the ease with which those of us who are Christians could endorse the idea of organized school prayer—until we take a serious look at the issue.

FALWELL and political proponents of this amendment have endorsed the idea of "local option" or "community

standards" in determining the type of prayer which will be allowed in each school.

In other words, the most prevalent religion of the area would determine which deity would be prayed to.

Consider, for example, what would happen if a child from a Christian family attended a school in a predominantly Buddhist neighborhood. Under the present proposal, the class would be led in a Buddhist prayer.

WHAT ABOUT the one Christian child?

As expressed by one guest on Friday's program, the child could bow his head "out of deference," do his homework or look out the window.

But how many Christian parents would want their children exposed to Buddhism every day for 12 years? Very few, I am sure.

BUT THE problems do not end. Social issues are never just black and white.

Under the U.S. justice system and the concept of *stare decisis* ("let the decision stand"), one law cannot stand in a vacuum from other court decisions.

For example, what would happen if a family were forced to move into a "sinful" neighborhood where it was considered good for children to view pornography in the schools?

UNDER the idea expressed by the Moral Majority, community standards would be supreme and the child would be forced to sit through the pornography sessions day after day.

While this example may sound absurd, it illustrates the potential for exposing children to influences with which their parents may disagree.

Granted, it is easy to advocate constitutional amendments for organized school prayer when your religion is in the majority—such as Christians in the Bible Belt.

BUT IT is reckless to not consider others of our own faith who are in less favorable situations.

Children are not going to be hurt by not having organized prayer in schools. The home will do.

The amendment for prayer in schools must never be allowed again to become a viable issue in this country.

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Country music band reflects on lean beginnings



Alabama, recently named CMA's Entertainers of the Year, include (from left to right): Teddy Gentry, Mark Hennon.

By TERRY MORROW

Feature Editor

Four musicians from Fort Payne, Alabama, spent many miserable nights in a Red Carpet Inn with their guitars turned down low.

The Inn's management didn't like loud noises, and they were asked to keep their music down to a bare minimum. So, the men kept their music down and dreamed of a time when they wouldn't have to keep their guitars quiet.

LITTLE DID the Inn's management know that gold and platinum album sales were in that group's future and those noisemakers would one day become the Country Music Association's Entertainers of the Year.

Within the past few years, those four men not only have become tops in the country field with six consecutive number one singles, but they also have found a comfortable niche on the pop charts as the group known as Alabama.

Back in the late '60s, the group, then just another run-of-the-mill country band, had a foreshadowing of success when they won a local talent contest. This was their first true recognition.

HOWEVER, recognition was hard to get for a band wanting to achieve a national following. Between local appearances, they tried to sell their music to Nashville record producers, but very few people wanted to take a chance on a new act.

"I can remember sending WMTS (Murfreesboro) a copy of one of our early singles," Lead Singer Randy Owen recollected. "It was *Sweet Country Woman* and *Try Me*."

"I can remember how happy I was getting a postcard back

from them saying that they were tracking (playing) the single on their airplay list."

ALABAMA attributes their success to hard work, dedication and their drive to "never stop believing" in themselves.

"A combination of things made Alabama a success," guitarist Jeff Cook explained. "It was a mixture of the right song, the right time and the various backgrounds in music that helped us make it."

Alabama played the local circuit in the northern Alabama area: Fort Payne, Canyonland and surrounding counties, playing every bar room and saloon that would take them. During this time, Alabama formed a business corporation, pooling their resources and reinvesting in themselves.

"WE HAD TO mail those singles to the radio stations and we were financially prepared from a business and (we) mentally prepared ourselves to handle success," Cook said.

Hard work and a drive to press on led the band to several independent labels. However, Alabama only found marginal success. Then, they found fame when one of their follow-up singles, "My Home's in Alabama," became the surprise country hit in the fall of 1979.

"We had to make everything happen for ourselves," Owen said, alluding to the fact that talent and hard work are essential elements for success.

FROM THEN on, Alabama's popularity grew with each single, and they eventually crossed over to the pop charts with "Feels So Right."

Holding to the top country music stardom, Alabama now uses their abilities to help others. One such effort—a fund raiser—is the group's annual June Jam, in which Alabama and other country



Yee haw!!!

Lead singer Randy Owen said that Alabama is definitely a team effort and the band has worked to earn their success.

music performers get together to benefit worthy causes.

"We have set up a scholarship for a girl and a boy in all area high schools of Dekalb County," guitarist and vocalist Teddy Gentry said. "The recipients of all the money for our 'June Jam' will be the fire department, the rescue department and the scholarship fund."

LAST YEAR'S June Jam raised over \$250,000 and plans for another one is in the making with such guests as Ronnie Milsap and Janie Fricke

scheduled to appear.

"We get real excited about this," Gentry said.

As far as their own success goes, Alabama's next album, due for release in February, is being shipped out platinum and their *Feels So Right* LP has already gone triple platinum.



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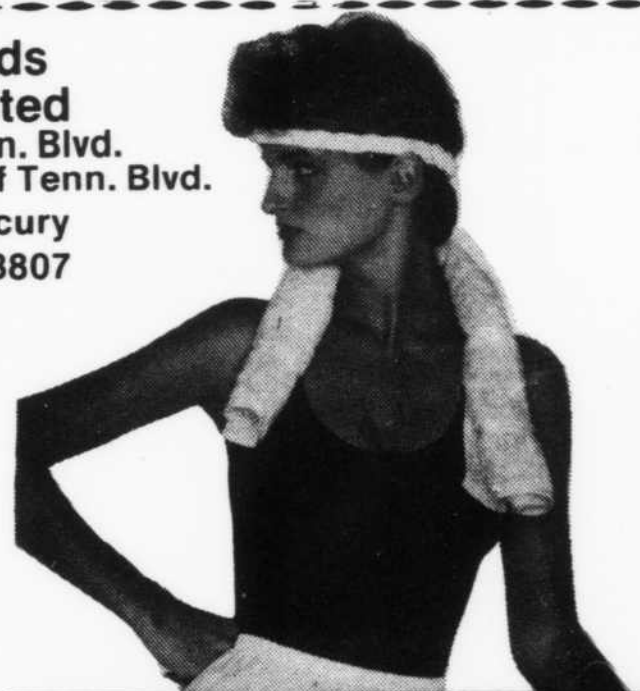
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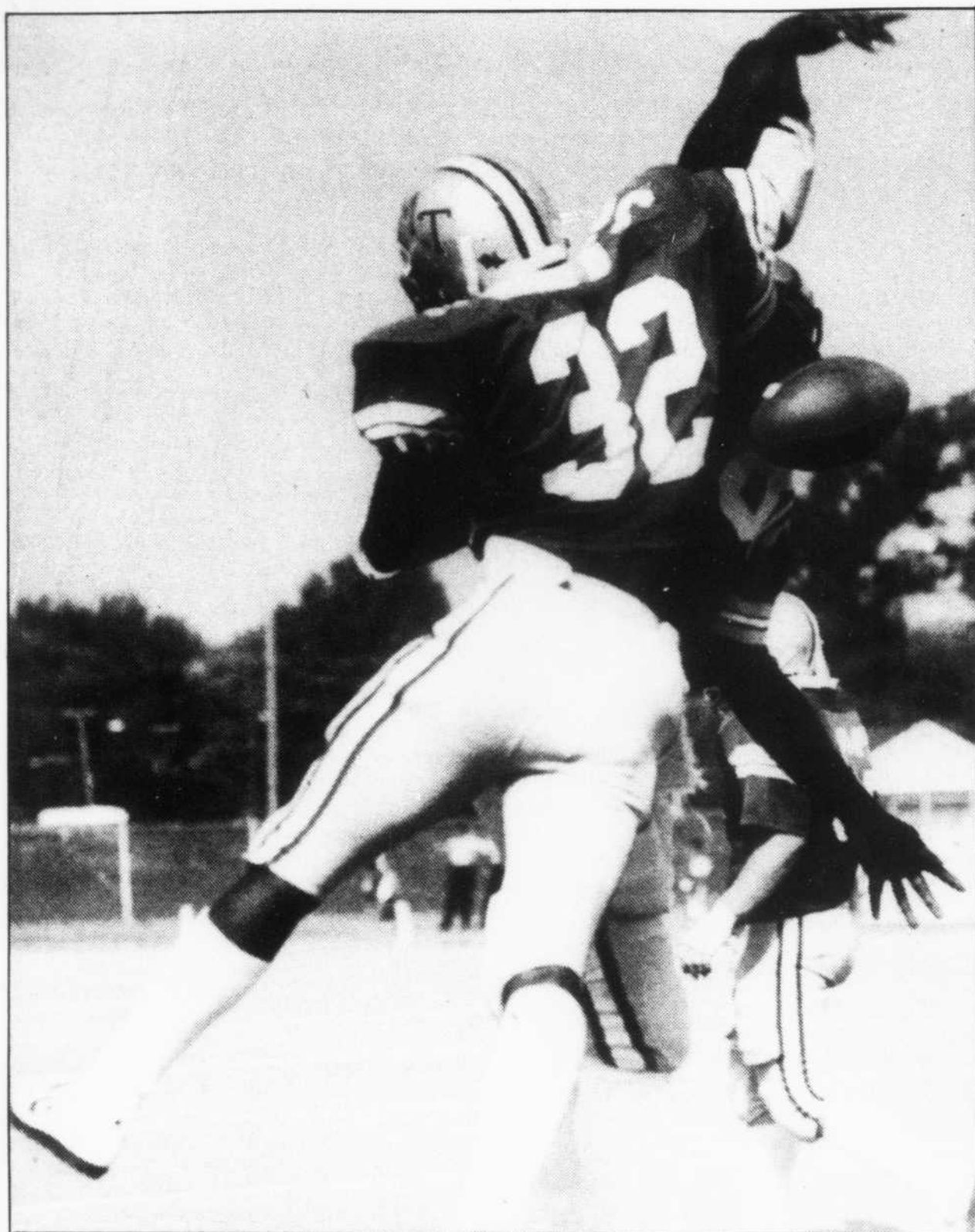
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High Five!

Freshman tailback Kevin Baker connects on a high five with a Blue Raider teammate. Baker rushed for over 100 yards in the 31-16 swamping of Western Kentucky. The final contest of the year for Middle Tennessee comes on Oct. 20 when the Blue Raiders travel to Cookeville to face Tennessee Tech.

Have some Chili

by Mat 'Chili' Williams

Here is a brief look at my top twenty college football teams with their respective records listed.

Southern Methodist will retain the top spot in my poll, despite the fact that Georgia maimed Florida over the weekend. The Bulldogs will still probably receive the Sugar Bowl bid.

1. SMU	(9-0-0)	11. UCLA	(7-1-1)
2. Georgia	(9-0-0)	12. Clemson	(6-1-1)
3. Arizona State	(9-0-0)	13. Alabama	(7-2-0)
4. Nebraska	(8-1-0)	14. Oklahoma	(7-2-0)
5. Penn State	(8-1-0)	15. Michigan	(7-2-0)
6. Washington	(8-1-0)	16. Southern Cal	(6-2-0)
7. Pitt	(7-1-0)	17. Notre Dame	(6-1-1)
8. Arkansas	(7-1-0)	18. Maryland	(7-2-0)
9. LSU	(7-1-0)	19. Texas	(5-2-0)
10. Florida State	(7-1-0)	20. West Virginia	(7-2-0)

OVC
scores and standings

This weekend in the Ohio Valley Conference:

Liberty Baptist-13
Morehead State-10

MTSU-31
Western Kentucky-16

Murray State-21
Austin Peay-7

Eastern Kentucky-34
Tennessee Tech-17

Youngstown State-28
Western Illinois-20

Standings for this week in the Ohio Valley Conferences:

Eastern Kentucky	6-0	8-0
Akron	4-1	5-4
Youngstown State	3-2	4-5
Middle Tennessee	3-3	7-3
Morehead State	2-3	5-4
Tennessee Tech	1-4	3-6
Austin Peay	1-4	2-6
Murray State	1-4	3-6

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Anyone interested in assisting covering Blue Raider and Lady Raider basketball

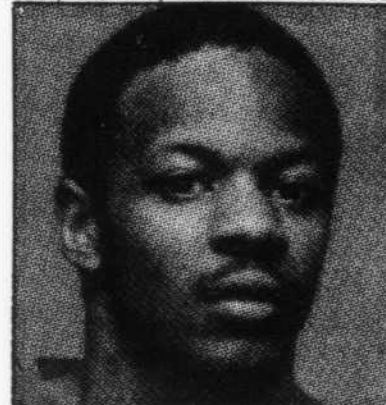
should call by the Sidelines office or call the sports editor at 898-2815.

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

The MTSU Blue Raiders rebounded from a disappointing loss to Youngstown State by convincingly whipping old nemesis Western Kentucky this past Saturday 31-16.

There were many heroes for the Raiders on this victorious fall day including place-kicker Kelly Potter, talented receiver



Jerry Lockhart, freshman sensation Kevin Baker, always-dependable Dennis Mix and gifted transfer Steve Puryear.

THE BIGGEST star, however, just might have been junior secondary star Albert Lane.

Early in the first quarter, Mix swatted a Hilltopper punt and the diminutive Lane scooped the ball up and scampered 41 yards into the end zone. Potter's extra point made it 7-0 and the play initiated the tone of the encounter.

Still in the first period, Arthur Washington recovered a Western fumble and seconds later Potter nailed a 32-yard field goal to push the Blue up 10-0.



PURYEAR followed with a crucial block of a Western field goal attempt in the second quarter setting the stage for another key score.

The unheralded Lockhart, a junior from Jefferson, S.C., made an absolutely spectacular catch, falling backwards into the end zone as 8,500 Hilltopper partisans dropped their mouths in disbelief.

Potter's extra point made it 17-0 as the Raiders rolled into the locker room at the half.

IN THE third period, the mighty Raider defense came up with another big play as sophomore Dan Allen recovered Western quarterback Ralph Antone's fumble on the Hilltoppers' 34 yard line.

Eight plays later Lockhart jaunted into the end zone on a 9-yard reverse and the Blue was gathering steam. Potter nailed the extra point and the Raiders led 24-0.

Western wasn't going to roll over and die, however.

GUIDED BY the talented throwing arm of Antone, who hit 16-of-35 passes for 173 yards, the Hilltoppers came

storming back in the fourth quarter.

Antone drilled an 18-yard scoring toss to Glendell Miller and then struck with Ty Campbell for a two-point conversion.

Seconds later, Antone connected with brilliant senior John Newby on a 20 yarder and Charlie Houser scooted in for another two-point effort and the score stood at a dangerously close 24-16.

ANOTHER big play was soon to follow.

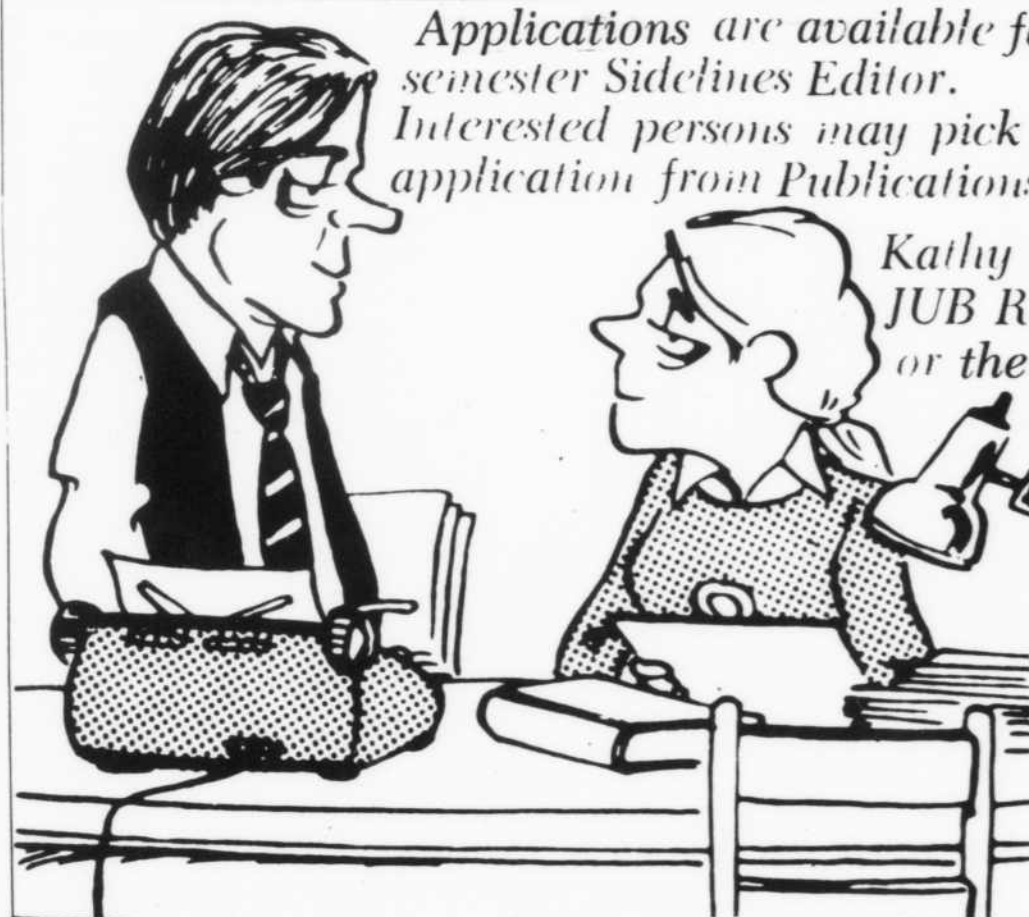
Western's Davlin Mullen fumbled a cloud-piercing Jimmy Merryman punt and four plays later the ever-improving Baker high-stepped into the end zone as the scoreboard lights flashed and "the old work-weary pack mule was led quietly into the barn."

Baker, who is a top candidate for OVC Rookie-of-the-Year, finished the afternoon with 101 yards on 23 carries, while Mix led the defense again with nine main tackles and two assists.

WESTERN is now 4-5 as a Division I-AA independent, while Middle upped its record to a fine 7-3, 3-3 in the conference.

The Raiders have one contest remaining, Nov. 20 with arch-rival Tennessee Tech, and revenge will be on the minds of the Blue after last year's dismal loss to the Eagles.

Look for MTSU to finish 8-3.



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MISTER CAMPUS

by Mike Jones

With the upcoming hoop season right around the corner, the next few weeks will feature a series of columns on predictions for the rapidly approaching frolics on the hardwood.

Sportswriter Mat "Chili" Williams and myself will be taking a look at the upcoming season and make our views known on the races in the national and local levels.

THIS WEEK I will begin this series with predictions for the Southeastern Conference, perhaps the most explosive conference in basketball.

The conference lost one of its most exciting performers in the likes of Dominique Wilkins. Wilkins is perhaps the most amazingly athletic performers to grace the woods in the history of the game.

Fans who have seen the youth perform with the Atlanta Hawks this season know what I'm talking about. He constantly devastates crowds with his powerful, yet graceful, playing manner. It is hard to find words to describe the man. He will greatly missed by fans around the conference.

THE TOP pick for the conference in everybody's book, and I guess in mine, would have to be the Kentucky Wildcats. I give them the number one spot with some reservations.

Whether or not Sam Bowie will grace the floor this year is still a question mark. I do not feel that this will affect the team greatly, because the big fella, Melvin Turpin, will be returning.

The main thing that I think hurts the Cats is what I term the "killer instinct" and the seeming lack of it on the Kentucky squad. In several instances last year, the Wildcats had the opportunity to really blaze some opponents,

yet didn't take advantage of that opportunity.

Aside from that notion, the Cats are loaded with top quality talent. Guard Dirk Minniefield is of All American caliber and the play of Derrick Hord was simply brilliant at times during the season, even though he struggled quite a bit at times.

The number two team will more than likely be the Tennessee Volunteers. The Vols have Dale Ellis and in today's college basketball scene it is hard to find a better all-around player. Put him on everybody's All America roster.

THE REMAINDER of the team is chock full of talent and will give the Cats a run for the title. The Vols are sure to be high in the national rankings throughout the year.

A quick run down of the talent will show that fans in Big Orange country will be exploding frequently during the '82-83 hoop campaign.

Tyrone Beaman is back at guard along with Michael Brooks. Kevin Woods showed the makings of a true dynamo at times last year and will see playing time. A remainder of the stable of talent features the names of Jerald Hyatt, Willie Burton and Ed Littleton.

A BANNER recruiting year for the Vols saw the aquisition of Rob Jones from Austin East High School in Knoxville and Nashville's own Tyrone Harper out of Glencliff.

The third spot in the conference will be held down by the Crimson Tide of Alabama. Coach Wimp Sanderson has several race horses coming back, but the lack of depth could keep the Tide from snatching the title.

Look for the Auburn Tigers to slide into fourth place with five returning starters and an exciting brand of basketball that fans around the con-

ference will soon experience.

FIFTH place in the conference is going to be a battle between two of the more dynamic teams in the conference, LSU and Georgia.

The Dawgs will be hurting from the loss of Wilkins, but have enough talent to play with anyone in the conference. Look for the Bayou Bengals to sneak past the Georgia squad though, to take the fifth place spot.

Leonard Mitchell and Howard Carter will provide the excitement in Baton Rouge to keep fans leaping from their seats all season long.

THE FLORIDA Gators are returning three starters who will bring in some much needed experience to this high powered team. All Conference player Ronnie Williams leads the troops.

Mississippi State has five returning starters, yet only Jeff Malone and Kalpatrick Wells showed the fans much during the 81-82 season. They may prove to be a surprise though.

THE CELLAR of the conference will be a battle between Vanderbilt and Ole Miss.

Vanderbilt has lost one of the better performers in the history of that institution, Willie "Hutch" Jones. Without him, they lack the key instrument that an SEC team needs to win and that instrument is an outstanding talent that provided the spark when it was needed the most. The Dore's will have trouble replacing Hutch, but with the coaching ability of C.M. Newton, could very well be a surprise.

Ole Miss has very little to go on in the 1982-83 season. The return of Carlos Clark will be the highlight of the Rebels and new coach Lee Hunt will have his hands full in this exceptionally tough conference.



Leonard Mitchell of LSU is only one of the outstanding talents who will be seeing action in the SEC this year.

Sidelines vs. ASB slugfest set

By MAYS WILLIE

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The final softball event of the year will occur tomorrow when the annual Sidelines vs. ASB game roars into play at 3:15 on the Greenland Drive field.

Sidelines is the current holder of the beautiful "People Who Live in Glass Houses" trophy, a relic which they have never lost in the two-year history of the event.

THE HIGHLY touted ASB squad has been in closed workouts for the past several weeks, and little is known about their team, yet rumors to the effect that they have acquired several "ringers" have done little to shake the confidence of Sidelines coach Mike Jones.

"We're not that worried at the present time about who they have," Jones said.

"We have some fine talent and some people who can play the game with unmatched intensity and I'm looking for a good battle."

THE STAFF of Sidelines has been hitting the practice field with a vengeance for the past two weeks and will be screaming for a victory when they take the diamond tomorrow, desperately wanting to hang on to the beloved trophy.

Jones talked about some of

the talent that will grace the Sidelines dugout.

"I'm really excited about our centerfielder, Cody Marley," Coach Jones said in praise of the scampering outfielder.

"MARLEY is a real glove man who has the deceiving speed and unlimited power of a Dave Parker. He is the new 'Yankee Clipper.'"

Jones also applauded the outstanding infield work of the dapper Mat "Chili" Williams.

"Chili is a real vacuum at third. He has good range and a cannon for an arm," Jones said. "He could be the man to win the game for us."

JONES also noted that the outstanding charisma of Williams could provide problems.

The remainder of the team is made up, according to Jones, of journalists who have very little experience but a great deal of heart.

"OUR shortstop, Doug Markham, has former junior college experience and led the NJCAA in home runs and RBI's for three years straight," Jones added.

"We've got a fine first baseman in Mark Samples. He's a big, rangy kid who will go to any length to make the play. An excellent scoop man," the coach added.

BEHIND the plate is the real diehard of the squad, catcher

Claudia Robinson. Robinson is perhaps the most feared women's catcher in softball today and Jones is fully aware of her potential.

"Claudia has a rifle arm and has gunned down many a would-be base stealer in her illustrious career," Jones proudly said.

Jones is perhaps proudest of his mound man, pitcher Leland Gregory. The coach boasted that Gregory will add a certain "flavor" to the game that could very well mean the difference between winning and losing.

"LELAND has proven in practice that he can hurl, and the verbal abuse he will shower the opponents with should be a great psychological uplift for our crew," the softball mentor chuckled.

In terms of team spirit, Jones spoke the highest of one man and that man was Doug Cole. Cole reportedly showed tremendous enthusiasm and a strong desire for victory in the heated practice sessions of the past weeks.

"Doug Cole is without a question the most improved ballplayer on the squad. His intensity and hammering style of play make him a man to be reckoned with," the bearded coach pointed out.



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