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The News in Brief

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI)—The government ridiculed Pentagon reports that Nicaragua may invade other Central American nations. Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto responded Wednesday to a Pentagon report that suggested Nicaragua planned to take action against its neighbors.

LOMA LINDA, Calif. (UPI)—Doctors treating Baby Fae say they may have been too conservative in drug treatments to help her stop rejecting the transplanted baboon heart, but she is doing very well. Dr. David Hinshaw said Wednesday they probably should have used a larger dose of anti-rejection drugs.

BOSTON (UPI)—A five-week-old baby boy, suffering from hypoplastic left heart syndrome, died early yesterday shortly after 7½ hours of corrective surgery at Childrens Hospital Medical Center, a spokeswoman said. She said James Derek Ware of Orlando, Fla., suffered cardiac arrest "several times" during the operation.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—The crew of the shuttle Discovery yesterday packed for the long glide home with two rescued satellites nestled safely in the cargo hold to wrap up history's first space salvage mission. Discovery's unprecedented mission is to end with a landing at the Kennedy Space Center Friday.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan yesterday summoned Cabinet officials to the White House for the second time this week for a briefing on the economy, including a higher-than-expected projected deficit of \$210 billion this fiscal year. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan will brief the Cabinet.

NAQUORA, Lebanon (UPI)—Israel and Lebanon agreed to resume United Nations-sponsored talks yesterday on an Israeli troop withdrawal from southern Lebanon. Lebanon decided Wednesday to resume the negotiations and Israel immediately announced the release of three Shiite Moslem militia leaders arrested in Lebanon last week.

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI)—President Belisario Betancur has authorized the extradition to the United States of two men with alleged drug smuggling ties. Betancur Wednesday authorized the extradition of Hernan Botero Moreno, the president of a professional soccer team, and businessman Manuel Garces Gonzalez.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Army and federal health officials have assured the Boy Scouts there is no reason to be concerned about an herbicide spill and its chemical conversion to dioxin at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. An Army official reiterated the Army's position to Boy Scouts Executive Director J.L. Tarr Wednesday.

Public education key to economic welfare

By KEVIN H. CRUZE
Sidelines News Editor

The economic and social welfare of our country depend upon the success of public education, according to Donna Cotner, president of the Tennessee Education Association.

Cotner, a math teacher at West High School in Madison County, contends that there is nothing more vital to our national interest than the promotion of educational excellence in public schools.

THIS INCLUDES state-supported colleges and universities. Patrick Doyle, professor of biology and president of TEA's department of higher education, said Wednesday.

Today concludes National Education Week. Doyle said he feels the emphasis for this year's education week is a continuation of the push for excellence in education at all levels.

Doyle expressed concern that too much emphasis is often placed on the cost of a higher

education.

"WE SHOULDN'T view education as a cost, we should view it as an investment," Doyle said. "Education is an asset and an investment, not only for the individual but for the community and state as well."

He cited studies that show that more educated citizens usually earn higher wages and therefore contribute more money back to the government in taxes in addition to having a lower incidence of criminal behavior.

"In sum a better-educated person makes a better citizen," Doyle said.

WHILE AGREEING with Governor Alexander's push to bring more industries to Tennessee, Doyle pointed out that educated decisions are needed on the part of the citizens of the state to insure that Tennessee chooses the right industries to locate here.

A more educated citizenry is better able to make decisions concerning their well-being, Doyle said.



Photo by Melissa Givens

This model sports the latest in fall fashions from Hit or Miss in the fashion show last night sponsored by Reynolds Hall.

Spring editor selected; additional staff sought

From STAFF REPORTS

The Student Publications Committee selected Lounita Howard Tuesday as *Sidelines* editor in chief for the spring semester.

Howard, a senior journalism major, served *Sidelines* news editor this past summer and will assume her new position in January.

As many of the present staff as wish to remain will be retained, Howard said, adding that she is accepting applications for editorial positions which will become vacant at the end of the fall semester.



Lounita Howard

Applications for editorial and other staff positions may be picked up at the *Sidelines* office in Room 310 of the James Union Building.



Photo by Delores Delvin

Scott Thomas, senior photography major, prepares his lithography plate for printing on the third floor of the Sanders Fine Arts Building.

Computer skills can close gap between handicapped, society

From STAFF REPORTS

Handicapped persons with computer know-how can help themselves to close the disability gap between them and the rest of society, according to Dale Wiley, who represents the handicapped to Governor Lamar Alexander.

Wiley, a paraplegic, will be the keynote speaker for a conference on expanding job opportunities for the handicapped through access to computer and new technologies.

THE CONFERENCE will take place in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on Sunday and in Murphy Center on Monday and Tuesday. Registration begins at 12 noon on Sunday and 8 a.m. on the track level on Monday.

The state-wide conference on the handicapped and new technology will feature national experts on independent living and working. A pre-conference workshop on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. will provide orientation for those who have little or no previous experience with computers.

The response from faculty and professional personnel planning to attend has been good, but the response from handicapped students has not been as expected, Thomas

VanDervort, chairman of MTSU's committee on Programs for the Handicapped, said.

VANDERVORT POINTS out that the conference is specifically geared to show handicapped students the advantages which the new technology affords them.

"In two days, we can show them [handicapped] how new technology can help them enter the job market and move into careers," VanDervort said.

"There's a revolution in technology which all of us are aware of. Its potential is to equalize their handicaps, if they can avail themselves of this modern technology."

"This is a user's conference," he added. "They're who needs to be here."

ACCORDING TO a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*, the silicon chip that is revolutionizing business and industry can enable han-

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'The Boss' to perform; tickets on sale tomorrow

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tickets for Bruce Springsteen's Dec. 9 appearance at Murphy Center go on sale tomorrow at 9 a.m. at all Centratik locations, including the MTSU box office. Sound Seventy officials confirmed yesterday.

Springsteen will make another mid-south appearance Dec. 6 at the Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham, Ala., Joe Sullivan, of Sound Seventy, said.

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ickets for both concerts, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will be \$16.

A limit of six tickets per purchaser has been established in hopes of reducing ticket scalping, Sullivan said.

To obtain tickets for the Birmingham show, one can send a stamped, addressed envelope, along with purchase cost and an additional \$1.50 handling charge, to:

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Birmingham, Ala. 35203
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Milner, Windham, Womack honored

From STAFF REPORTS

An MTSU student and two professors were recently honored by the governor's office for assisting in setting groundwork for a Civil War monument to be erected in Murfreesboro's Evergreen Cemetery.

Tom Milner, junior commercial art major, William

Windham, history professor, and Bob Womack, education professor, received a certificate of appreciation from the governor's office for their contribution to the monument.

DONALD RAMSEY of Murfreesboro is constructing the monument to, in his words, "honor all Tennesseans who took part in the war between the states, Union and Con-

federate."

The complex design, which is intended to be highly symbolic of the Civil War efforts, will have a 16-foot base and will resemble a gazebo, Ramsey said.

Windham and Womack contributed "expertise...and research," while Milner designed the art engravings for the monument, Ramsey said.

Passive students should be challenged to react

NEW YORK (UPI)—Students on many campuses suffer from passivity and that's bad, says a University of Michigan professor who is part of a movement to improve higher education by shaking it up.

Passive students are those who soak up lecture information and then spit back required bits of it on tests, according to Dr. Zelda F. Gamson, who calls them human information storage and retrieval systems.

STUDENTS BEHAVE this way because that's the way a lot of colleges run education, she says.

A better way would require discussions or even arguments with professors. It would also encourage students to engage more intensely in their own education, learning to feel confident about learning independently.

Gamson, a professor of

higher education who knows the college scene like the inside of her purse, says there's trouble at the front end of college classrooms, too.

THERE ARE MAJOR imperfections in the quality of teaching, she said at the 1984 College Board Forum, noting that a lot of scholarly experts who pass on what they know in dull lectures never have been taught to teach.

They are duds as educators, as she sees it.

They may know inertial engineering or parasitology forwards, backwards and inside out, but they are not skilled teachers. The run of the mill college teacher can't teach as effectively as a person who took "teacher ed."

EXPOSING COLLEGE teachers to teaching methodology courses would benefit students greatly, she believes.

"But there is great resistance

to that idea among faculty," she notes, saying college faculty tends to look down its collective nose at methodology courses.

"College faculty, unlike people who teach kindergarten through grade 12, do not think of themselves as educators," Gamson charges.

THE PROFESSOR is a member of the panel that produced "Involvement in Learning," a National Institute of Education report that lays out an agenda for improvements in higher education.

"We begin with a theory about the conditions that are

critical to excellence in undergraduate education...and a central issue is how to increase student involvement in learning," she says.

"There is enough research around now that tells us that the more time and effort students invest in the learning process and the more intensely they engage in their own education, the greater will be their growth and achievement, satisfaction with education and persistence in college."

GAMSON DESCRIBED learning communities that are sprouting on some college campuses, saying they add a needed dimension.

Residential colleges at the University of Michigan, for one example, have formed such a community for student-faculty research projects required of each student during one term while earning a bachelor's degree.

"They study something in the real world and are forced to bring the many disciplines from their academic world to bear on a problem," Gamson says.

"TAKE AS AN example a study of the prison system in Michigan. Course work students could apply to the

study would include accounting, social work, law, education, human relations [and] health, among others."

Students also would have to use research and interviewing techniques as they looked for a better way to deal with problems in prisons or, for that matter, crime and punishment.

What else is wrong with higher education, according to Gamson? An overemphasis on vocational education and not enough liberal arts courses mixed in. "Education that prepares one for a job is just too narrow," she says.

Handicap

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dicapped students to get the most out of their education and expand employment opportunities.

Technology is currently available to operate wheelchairs with switches operated by a mere breath, the article states. Special keyboard overlays make possible a variety of keystroke techniques for computers, special devices translate words on a video monitor into a tactile display and text-to-speech systems simulate the human voice through microprocessors.

Among the speakers at the conference will be Budd Hagen, editor of *Closing the Gap*, a national newsletter for disabled computer users, who will give an overview of adapted devices for all disabilities and special computer software for children and adults, said Fred Smith, coordinator of handicapped student services.

Though pre-registration is preferable (cost for handicapped persons is \$12), persons may register at the door.

Campus Capsule

MONDAY

THE BLOOD DRIVE today and tomorrow will be sponsored by ROTC and Gamma Beta Phi from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the University Center.

TUESDAY

THE PHI BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER at MTSU will at 4 p.m. in Room 305 of the University Center. Wayne Oldham, president and chairman of the board of Southern Hospitality Inc., will speak. A box will be available to collect canned food donations for the Rutherford County Food Bank. Joining PBL will be the Administrative Management Society. The public is invited. For additional information contact Karen Porter at 893-4090.

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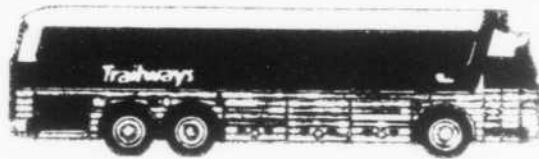
IF YOUR ORGANIZATION is interested in sponsoring a child at the MTSU Panhellenic Christmas Party on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m., contact MTSU Panhellenic, Box 39, or stop by Room 130 in the University Center by Nov. 21.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets each evening at 8 p.m. at 510 Memorial Blvd. For more information call 893-0854.

THE JUNE S. ANDERSON FOUNDATION is accepting scholarship applications for the spring semester. Forms are available at the MTSU Financial Aid Office in Room 212 of the Cope Administration Building, in the psychology department office in Room 103 of Jones Hall, and in Room 206 of the James Union Building. Women students who are at least 23 years of age are eligible for the JSA scholarships. Completed applications are due Nov. 23. Mail the completed form to Box 523, MTSU.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the next semester following graduation must notify the post office by Friday, Dec. 7, of their desire to retain their present post office box.

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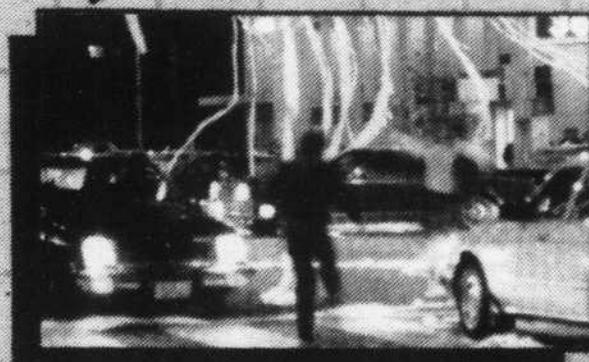
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FEATURES

Soviet dissident describes 'evil empire'

By DAVID TURNER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Born in Moscow in 1936, Alexander Ginzburg lived the Stalin terror that dwarfed Hitler's holocaust. After nine years in Soviet prison camps for resisting Soviet leaders, he was stripped of his citizenship and traded along with fellow political prisoners for two convicted Soviet spies.

In an effort to bring to the Western World an understanding of the only country that seriously threatens Western freedom, Ginzburg began a lecture tour that came to MTSU Tuesday.

"IN OUR COUNTRY, just 30 years ago, every family experienced complete fear. For the first 40 years after the 1917 revolution, our country endured a mass terror. Today historians argue about the number of victims the terror took. Some quote the figure of 40 million; others say there were 66 million victims.... Even the smaller of these figures...is the equivalent of the population of one of our European countries," Ginzburg said.

The spread of communism, Ginzburg said, always begins the same way.

"THE FIRST GOAL is to instill in the people an absolute, all-pervading fear, so no one would even think of resisting. And it's for this reason that...a third of the population must be exterminated," Ginzburg said.

"Almost as important a goal is the destruction of the historical memory of its [the country's] people, so no one can imagine an alternative to the present situation," Ginzburg continued, "and for this reason, it is not the worst of the population that is eliminated; it is the best part of the population."

"First...we see the elimination of the church, because in this institution we have the concentration of the soul of its people. And the first political process that took place in the Soviet Union were trials

against the religious leaders."

GINZBURG DESCRIBED the elimination of entire nationalities, a process the Soviets called "collectivization." For a seven-year period on the Ukraine, for instance, the regime created an artificial famine by confiscating the entire crop. As a result, 7 million people died.

As a journalist, said Ginzburg, "I wrote a lot and was printed every day. But after a certain period of time I started to become dissatisfied with my work.... I didn't like the fact that when I would open up the morning paper I would not recognize what I had written. That is simply the way the Soviet press is."

"Instill an absolute, all-pervading fear."

GINZBURG RECOILED from this hypocrisy, and with the help of his friends, he typed and distributed the poetry magazine *Sintaxis*, keeping it as apolitical as possible.

"This child's play cost me two years in the labor camp," he said. But while in prison, a miracle happened.

"At that time the youth had a habit of gathering at a famous statue," said Ginzburg. "There they would read poetry to each other. Very often a large crowd would gather. And out of this crowd my friends began hearing the cries, 'Freedom for Ginzburg.' ...And several years before this time, in such instances the crowd would normally yell, 'Death to this man!'"

"BY THE TIME of my release...there were a lot of magazines in print. And all were of a more serious nature than my *Sintaxis*. And more...their editors were not sitting in prison. It was then that a new word emerged of which we are very proud today. The word...*samizdat* means 'self-publishing.'"

That was the dubious beginning of the most powerful tool yet employed to bring freedom to the Russian people, a tool conceived and developed

by Russian citizens. The distance between the Soviet system, which Ginzburg agrees, in President Reagan's words, is an "evil empire," and the Russian people was verified by Ginzburg's first-hand account.

When he got out of prison, he found himself without a job, which he said he wouldn't have taken again had they offered it. But a new era of the human rights movements kept him busy until his next prison sentence. Two famous writers were arrested by Soviet authorities.

"THEY[WRITERS] somehow came to the realization that people know how to read outside the Soviet Union. That which they could not successfully print in the Soviet Union, they sent to the West.... When these authors were arrested, this western readership...began to protest," Ginzburg said.

In response, the Soviets conducted a closed show trial, with news releases coming from the Soviet press as the authors were sentenced and sent to the camps.

"I got lucky," Ginzburg said. "I managed to acquire a complete stenographic copy of the trial proceedings. So I placed side by side the stenographic copy and the articles from the Soviet press. What I saw before me was a clear picture of the Soviet propaganda methods and their judicial system. And I decided that from this material that I could write an interesting book."

HIS BOOK WAS sent to the West, and "naturally," he said, he was arrested—and given a five-year sentence. But outside the fences thousands of protestors began to speak. Out of this movement came the first Russian organizations with the words "human rights" in their titles.

That was in 1968. Magazines found their way into the hands of the people, and, Ginzburg said, "eight complete editorial staffs were sent to prison.... By the time I returned from camp,



Photo by Delores Delvin

Alexander Ginzburg, human rights activist from the Soviet Union, stands on stage at the LRC Multi-Media room with interpreter George Gerich. Ginzburg, right, spoke to MTSU students, faculty and guests Tuesday night.

I saw I had many choices with whom to work. There were already as many organizations as magazines."

The struggle continued with the help of Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Andrei Sakharov. Today, according to Ginzburg, an uncounted number of Russians are risking their jobs and their lives to support over 700 families who have relatives under political arrest. They continue to struggle because, as Ginzburg said, "We knew that no matter how hard it was for us, how much hardship we endured, for our families, it was much more difficult."

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Professor claims Knoxville best

Now we've heard it all. A New York geography professor programmed his computer to come up with a list of America's most livable cities, and lo and behold, the winner: Knoxville, Tennessee.

That's right, Knoxville. The good professor claims to have fed his digital pal a set of figures detailing each of the prospective winner's ratings in nine categories, including projected economic growth, crime rate, housing, education, arts and recreation.

We don't need to tell you, however, that, at the time of the city's crowning, neither professor or computer had ever actually been there. He said he believes many people around the nation think of Knoxville as a hillbilly town. Others, he said, missed the 1982 World's Fair and don't even know the city is on the map.

Who says ignorance isn't bliss? He gave added weight to the categories judged most important by the people he polled. Economic growth, climate, crime rate and housing were rated as the key factors that people considered in looking for a place to live. After the combined disasters of the World's Fair and the United American

bank failure, the only economic growth Knoxville's seen lately is a dramatic rise in the number of practicing attorneys (and the corresponding boom in retail liquor establishments and Oldsmobile dealerships).

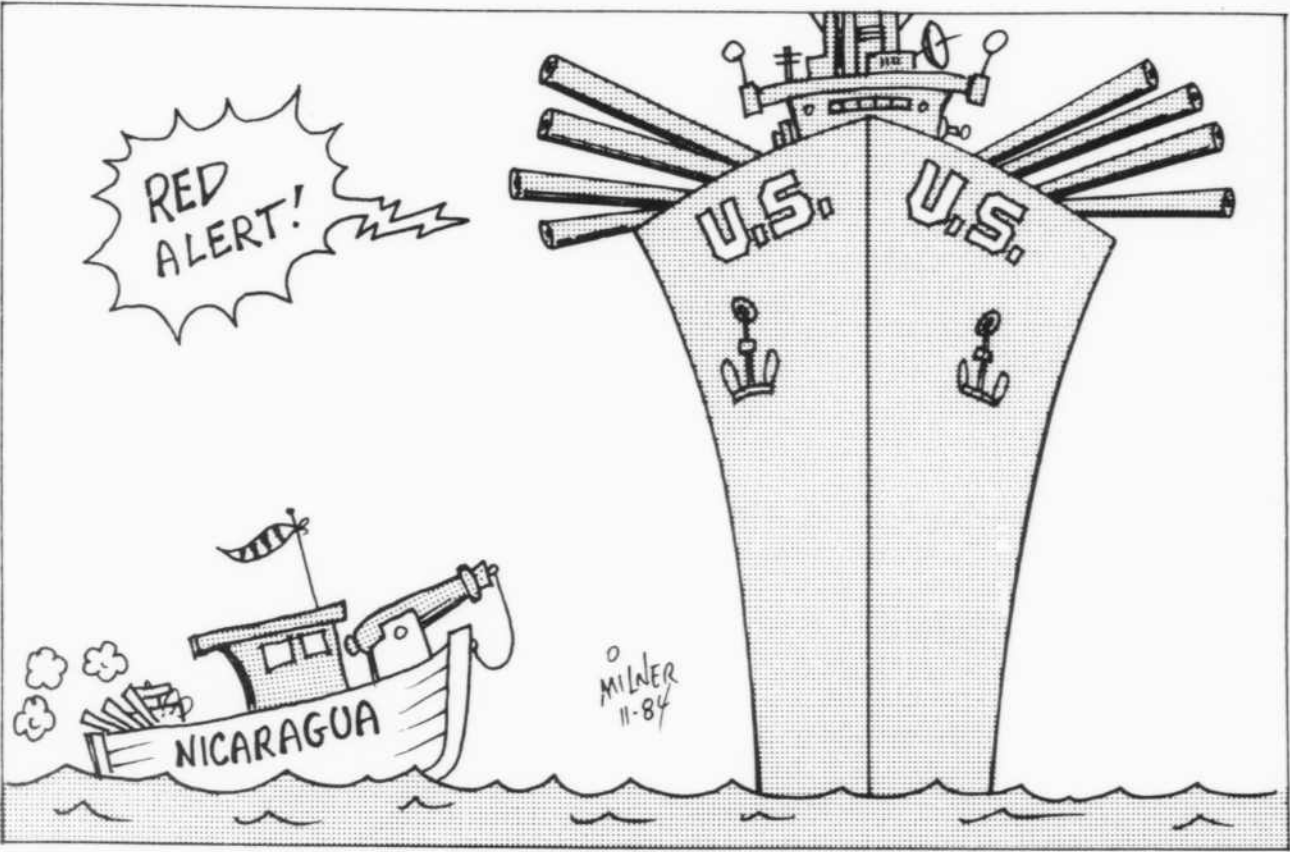
Climate? It's no different in Knoxville than most anywhere else in Tennessee (unless you count *moral* climate).

Crime rate? Simply put, Knoxville is a dream-town for both practiced and potential felons, as well as violently malignant police officers—all of whom are more than proud to call it home.

Housing? This is one area where Knoxville really shines—unless you are a college student, black or both. Neither, however, necessarily has to be a hindrance if one makes enough money to move out to the westernmost parts of the city to live with the cocaine dealers and Oldsmobile salesmen.

Those who still insist that the "computer revolution" is at hand take note: A computer picking Knoxville as the most livable city in the United States is proof beyond doubt that such a revolution is going to be infinitely more painful and nasty than we ever imagined.

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Nicaragua: a perfect excuse

By TOM MILNER
Sidelines Columnist

It seems ironic that, as we dedicate a new monument to those servicemen who died in Vietnam, the United States is on the verge of committing a similar folly in Central America.

The Nicaraguans say that they must build up their armed forces in order to stave off an American invasion. U.S. leaders counter that we may indeed be forced to invade Nicaragua because of the buildup, which poses a threat

to other Central American countries.

What a convenient little situation. No matter what happens, everyone has his arse covered.

Apparently those in power have failed to learn the lessons of history. To say that our people died in vain in Vietnam would be unpatriotic, so I won't say it. But what did we gain over there?

What do we stand to gain in Nicaragua? This tiny country of questionable significance serves no purpose, except as a place for Nicaraguans to live.

It won't even be fit for that if the two super bullies of the world stage a big mud fight there.

Speaking of mud slinging, the ever popular issue of racial prejudice has bubbled to the surface again at MTSU. In response to the current prattling, I would offer the following parable of dubious origin: In a village with many dogs, one dog barking results in all dogs barking. The first dog barks at the moon; the other dogs bark because the first dog barks. What results is much noise.



Jenkin's comments remain subject of much reader mail

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to a Nov. 5 letter to the Editor submitted by a Mr. Robert Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins, so you say "ordinary" bigotry is acceptable, right? Are you saying that as long as we're not being lynched from a tree in the town square then we should be grateful for your southern hospitality?

Well, we don't need your kind of hospitality—we just want what's rightfully ours.

A teacher should research what he states publicly as fact. How can you talk about half-truths and then state that financial aid at MTSU is based on race? If you had read a Murfreesboro paper last week, or even talked with officials in the financial aid office, then you would know that aid is based on need, except for grants and scholarships.

Now, let me give you an assignment, Mr. Jenkins. Find out how many whites at TSU receive special monies based on race—not need.

I'm glad you mentioned those firms that claim to be affirmative action employers. You know, our university is one of those institutions, and we have such a large number of black instructors here because of it—nine, to be exact.

You claim that John [Turner] sought publicity by making charges of bigotry and prejudice at MTSU. You are so ill-informed. He did not bring the big to-do about racism on campus. John was asked by David Jarrard, staff writer for the *Tennessean*, to give his comments on a memo sent out by Richard Parrent, director of admissions, concerning bigotry on campus.

Would you have felt less guilty if he had lied and said that all students here are treated fairly, given the same opportunities, and represented in all areas (e.g., cheerleading squad).

John [Turner] is the president of the Black Student Association; he is not the entire association, so next time direct your comments to the association, because we feel as he does. We are proud he will speak the truth, and there is no way your abuse can discourage him or us.

We know your little game, so don't try to divert the public's attention to John because he is not the issue.

Emmalee Palmer
BSA Black History Chairperson
Box 5796

Sidelines flunks timeliness test

To the Editor:

In regard to the Oct. 13-Nov. 13 *Sidelines*, we are highly perturbed with the tardiness of the articles.

Concerning the Robyn Crews article, let us first state that Rod Stewart has not been forgotten, but the article would have been more appropriate if it had been written within a two-week deadline after the concert. By the way, do you have deadlines for articles, or is it felt that old news is good news?

Which "old" Sunday night was Dee Snider from Twisted Sister jailed? It appears to the reader that this incident took place on the Sunday prior to this publication. Or was it perhaps the Sunday before that, the week before that week, or in reality, closer to three months ago?

Dates are important for reporting news accurately.

Speaking of dates, we recently purchased Chicago tickets for the Nov. 30, 1984, concert, but to our amazement, your publication informed us that the concert occurred two years ago. Can we get a refund???

Jayne Stone
Victoria Halmie
Connie Lagelski
Box 2987

Clyde takes some more heat for his redneck column

To the Editor:

In the Nov. 2 edition of *Sidelines*, Mr. Clyde Crawley decided to expand his artistic license enough to generalize his views on "Rednecks." I would like to take this opportunity to differ with Mr. Crawley's whimsical idiotic views step by step.

1. When you discuss rednecks, you obviously picture four wheel drive vehicles as some mode of hillbilly transportation. To this statement, I would ask, "What would you have people drive?" Should we all be more uniform—a volkswagen in every garage? Have you, Mr. Crawley, ever tried driving across a wet corn field or pulling a grain wagon with a volkswagen—or even a Porsche, for that matter?

As far as the Confederate flag goes, pride of heritage is an American institution. Although the Confederate flag represents a time of turmoil in our country, perhaps its presence can remind us of the futility of that period of war.

2. Your views of rednecks as [being] inconsiderate, stupid, disrespectful or even lacking in proper attire are very good indications of your overwhelming lack of knowledge in general. The people you so simply categorize as rednecks are more often respectful to

their elders due to their Christian upbringing than are know-it-alls like yourself. As for the red man cap, not everyone prefers to wear little alligators in order to prove they can keep up with the latest fashion.

In your infinite wisdom about human nature and [your] simplistic way of categorizing people, you include a major portion of MTSU's agricultural department as rednecks and subsequently stupid. The MTSU agricultural department was recently given honorable mention and ranked fifth in the nation in Technological Advancements for Agriculture Departments in a national scholarship competition. I ask you, Mr. Crawley, do these sound like idiots to you?

3. As far as the way Southerners talk, every section of our country has its own distinctive voice pattern. If you don't like the way we talk, you can return to wherever it is you came from. I gather from your opinion of the South that you came from the Northern U.S.; however, I hesitate to call you a Yankee because the North has enough trouble without being associated with a bigoted jerk like you. You support gay rights; that's fine. Why can't you support the right of Southerners to enjoy life? I'm sure you believe that you are open-minded, yet I don't see how, since you generally place most of the South under your "Redneck" class. While your personal story and colorful comments may be amusing, they simply prove how bigoted and stupid your yellow journalism really is.

4. Your obvious ignorance of country music reinforces my belief that you just don't know

what you are talking about. The song in question, "Lonely Women Make Good Lovers," is not a recent hit as you stated. This song has been a country classic for 15 years. Maybe you would like to tell 500,000 country music fans world-wide that they enjoy degrading songs. If you had bothered to listen to this song, you would not have found its meaning degrading; [it] reinforces close relationships and not overt sexual ideas.

5. As far as your connotation of redneck goes, if you knew what the word meant, you could avoid your stupid "medical" explanation. The term was coined many years ago for farmers who wore no shirt under their overalls when working their crops to feed ungrateful complaining people like yourself. As these men worked in the hot sun, it blistered their neck, thus "redneck."

6. As for your artist's conception, I am appalled and outraged. I have been called a redneck even though I don't drive a jacked-up truck, drink beer or chew tobacco. I enjoy all music and I respect the elderly, women and blacks to the highest degree. I don't even have anything against gays, if that's what they choose. In fact, with all the sex you have thrown around in this column, one might get the impression that you are really a sheep in nerd's clothing. Your lewd, stupid comments—such as the one about sheep and the South—in general really tick me off, to put it lightly. My opinion of your whole column can be summed up in a line from a classic Southern movie, *Gone With the Wind*: Frankly, Mr. Crawley, I don't give a damn.

Tim D. Ellis
Box 4899

Draft letter avoided the main issue: slavery

To the Editor:

In my opinion, Michael Crowder's letter in the Nov. 9 issue of *Sidelines* totally ignores the real issues regarding draft registration. As I see it, there are only two.

First, the only purpose behind draft registration is to provide for an eventual resumption of the draft.

Second, a draft, for any reason whatever, is wrong because it holds as its basic premise the idea that an individual's life belongs to the government.

I, too, am opposed to the draft on moral and philosophical grounds. But to imply, as Mr. Crowder does, that some form of "alternative national service" would be a desirable option is, I feel, equally repugnant.

So long as individuals are treated as some form of national resource, I see no real difference in what task they are forced to perform. Involuntary servitude, for whatever end, will always be slavery, and therefore immoral.

Finally, I would like to point out that our nation was founded on the premise of inalienable individual rights. Consequently, registering for the draft, while it may be "patriotic" to the powers that be, is treasonous to the ideals which made our country great. True patriotism has always been much more than blind obedience to the government!

Annelle Guthrie
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ENTERTAINMENT

Early Christmas-Bruce in the 'Boro

Crazies camp for tickets

By BILL STEBER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following story was written before confirmation of the Bruce Springsteen concert.

Braving sub-freezing temperatures, discouragement from officials, lack of resources and adverse weather conditions, a group of approximately 20 have made the north wall of Murphy Center home for some two weeks now. "Why would anyone in his right mind want to do something so crazy?" you ask. For Bruce Springsteen tickets, of course!

Before you grab your sleeping bag and rush off, there is one thing you must realize: as of yet, there has been no official word of when, where or even how the tickets will be sold. This group of seemingly crazy people is relying on blind hope and determination to see their number-one performer.

HAROLD SMITH, director of Student Programming at MTSU, stated that even he had no idea of how the ticket situation will be handled. He went on to say that, of all the years of concerts at MTSU, no one has ever camped out this long with so little information available.

Heading the line is a group that has made camping out for tickets a way of life this year, but its members will readily admit that even they have never gone as far as this.

Equipped with kerosene heater, radio, a sizable bedding and a diet consisting largely of take-out pizza, the group has tried to make it as comfortable as possible.

"IT'S BEEN A great social event, with all the different people that stay helping each other work it out," said sophomore Butch Carpenter, who was one of the first in line. "Everybody goes to work that has to go the work. We don't skip class, and again, it's great with this many people working together."

There has been one problem to surface, however: the dispute of whether or not the



Bob Priddy, left, Sharon Rich and Buddy Medlin kill time at Murphy Center while camping out for Bruce Springsteen tickets to go on sale.

Photo by Delores Delvin

campers should be allowed to use extension cords for electricity and tents in which to keep warm.

"I've camped out here for Rod Stewart, Elton John and numerous others in the past, and we've never had any trouble plugging into Murphy Center," Carpenter said. "The first thing they do is take away our extension cord because it was a fire hazard—like our TV is going to burn down Murphy Center. Then they tell us that we can't have tents, and at the time they said this, there were only two tents here." Carpenter and several others said that they had the general feeling that officials were trying to discourage them from camping out.

MURPHY CENTER Facility Manager Bill Smotherman said that the tents and extension cords were not allowed because of campus policy. He pointed out that as soon as the line reached the fifth door, the center would be open for bathroom facilities, and a police officer would be present for security.

"I think the main thing is if they would give us a number," said Buddy Medlin, junior in the RIM department, "—some way of knowing that we're in line, since we've camped out so long."

When the official announcement is made, the line will more than likely reach epic proportions on the days preceding ticket sale. The waiting list presently stands at close to 30 people in line, and with a rumored limit of six tickets per person, good seats will be attained only by the die-hard fans.

FOR SEVERAL of The Boss's concerts, as many as 10,000 tickets were sold in a matter of hours. Scalping for the best seats made some tickets cost thousands of dollars, clearly indicating that this is no minor event.

Both Harold Smith and Bill Smotherman say that they are behind the campers' efforts all the way, despite the minor problems that have risen.

"Speaking for the 23 campers, I would like to thank Harold Smith for his support and understanding of what

we're trying to do here," Carpenter said.

It just goes to show what a tremendous impact a performer like Bruce Springsteen can have on his fans; considering the high-energy and length of his shows, it must be worth the wait. Come hell or high water, nothing can keep Springsteen's fans away.

What's going on...

Tonight, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.: A Soldier's Play will be at TPAC for two nights. The basis for Columbia Pictures' just-released movie *A Soldier's Story*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play will be performed by America's foremost black theatre, *The Negro Ensemble Company*. Tickets are \$12 and \$14 at Ticketmaster outlets.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 p.m.: Longtime Murfreesboro and Nashville favorites *The Piggys* will give their final performance as a group at local rock club *Mainstreet*. Admission will be \$3.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Jazz trumpet player *Maynard Ferguson* will perform a free concert in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building. Sponsored by the MTSU Special Events Committee, this event is open to the public.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m.: *Cyndi Lauper*, rock's "Betty Boop," will be at the War Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$11 and on sale at Ticketmaster and Musitk outlets.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m.: *REO Speedwagon* returns to Nashville and Municipal Auditorium with special guests *Survivor* and *Zebra*. Tickets are \$12.50 limited advance, \$13.50 remaining, and are on sale at CentraTik locations.

Friday, Nov. 30: Murphy Center hosts *Chicago*. Reserve tickets, \$12 and \$15, are on sale in Room 308 at the University Center.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m.: *Abbie Hoffman*, the man known to many as America's leading dissident, will be at MTSU with "New Consciousness" leader Jerry Rubin in a special "Yippie vs. Yuppie Debate." The debate will take place at the Multi-Media Room in the Learning Resources Center and will be free and open to the public.

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SPORTS

MTSU faces Tech seeking bid and revenge

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

With Christmas drawing near and the spirit of giving upon us, the MTSU and Tennessee Tech football teams

are ready to indulge in the holiday cheer of giving and taking.

MTSU would like to give its arch rivals their first-ever winless season, while the Eagles would love to take their

foe's chances of a playoff bid away. A win either way would accomplish these goals.

THE DILEMMA will be solved tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in Cookeville. No less than a packed Tucker Stadium (16,500 capacity) is expected.

According to Tech's media guide, its biggest win over MTSU was a 55-14 victory in 1955. But anyone who knows anything about either of these two teams knows that the Eagles' truly biggest win came last year on Horace Jones Field when they upset the Raiders 12-8, killing any chance MTSU had of gaining a playoff berth.

"Our players need to get a bad taste out their mouth—a taste that has been there for almost 12 months," MTSU Coach Boots Donnelly said, remembering last year's defeat. "It's been a problem for 12 months with our staff and our players."

A BETTING MAN, who is unaware of the rivalry which exists between the two teams, might put up his whole life savings and then some, to bet on the Raiders. On paper MTSU has a tremendous edge.

The Raiders are averaging 26.4 points a game, while the Eagles average a dismal 6.8. MTSU's league leading offense accumulates about 350 yards per game against Tech's 248.

The Raiders' defense only allows its opponents 13.8 points and 264 yards a game, while the Eagles give up over 30 points a game and 389 yards.

But these are not the only, nor the most important, factors which drive this game.

"RECORDS AND our national ratings don't matter in this game. It doesn't matter that Tech has lost their last 10 games; they're over," Donnelly noted. "We've got to understand the rivalry involved here."

TTU Coach Gary Darnell agrees and looks at this game like it was the first of the season.

"We're going to have an awfully physical game. That's the kind of game coach Donnelly has mastered," Darnell said. "Records and things like that really don't matter in this game."

THE FACT THAT the game will be played on TTU's turf doesn't give his team any edge, either, Darnell insisted.

"It doesn't matter where these two teams play. I think we proved that last year in Murfreesboro," Darnell reminded.

Even though the Eagles will host the game sporting an 0-10 record, their latest outings have shown a glimpse of bright

light.

"THE LAST THREE games, they have gotten better and better. They're starting to pile up a lot of yardage," Donnelly noted.

Even though the Eagles are steadily improving their overall game, a massive amount of turnovers continues to haunt them. TTU has coughed the ball up 38 times by fumbling and had 15 aerial miscues. That's an average of 5.3 turnovers a game.

"If you could put your finger on one particular thing that has hurt us the worst, it'd have to be turnovers," Darnell added.

DONNELLY'S SQUAD has bounced back into the nation's top 10 teams after two wins in which it racked up better than 40 points in each game.

The Raiders are presently ranked ninth in the nation. A win is crucial if the team hopes to receive an at-large bid to the

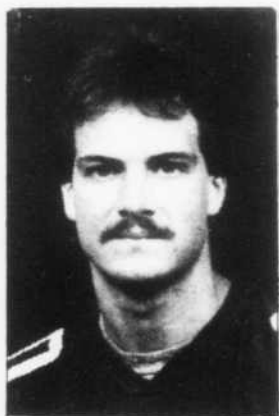
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MTSU Coach Boots Donnelly



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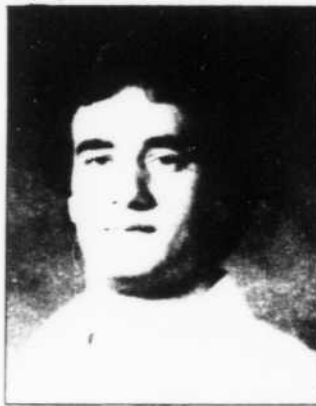
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TTU Coach Gary Darnell



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OV seer's absentee ballot picks Raiders by 10

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

involved on the growing sport of women's croquet in the Orient.

Our considerate soothsayer did take the time, however, to send us his weekly Ohio Valley picks for the season's final

week.

MTSU BY 10 over TTU:

Mr. T is staying conservative picking the MTSU Blue Raiders by 10 over winless Tennessee Tech. The revenge factor plays heavily on his picks.

YSU by 17 over Morehead:

THE SEER SAID that the Penguins potent offense and desire for second place in the OVC would carry them to victory.

APSU by seven over Akron: The Governors' steady improvement since their 16-7 win over MTSU gives them the edge here, the Seer says.

MURRAY BY 17 over WKU: With a very slight chance at an at-large bid still lingering for the Raiders, T seems to think this will motivate them to win big.

DT should be back Tuesday to help wrap up the OVC regular season. Be sure to watch for the scoop on the women's croquet league.

The OVC

Eastern Kentucky (6-1) 7-3

Youngstown State (4-2) 6-4

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4-2)

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Youngstown State (4-2) 6-4

Austin Peay (3-3) 6-4

Akron (2-4) 4-6

Morehead (1-5) 2-8

Tennessee Tech (0-6) 0-10

NCAA probe ends

From STAFF REPORTS

The thorough investigation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association into the violations by the MTSU basketball program has finally come to an end.

The NCAA has publicly reprimanded MTSU's athletic program and placed it on a six-month probation period, which began Oct. 29, 1984.

THESE ACTIONS will not affect MTSU's post-season or championship play. Nor will it keep the team from playing on television.

The investigations stem from violations within the MTSU program in 1981-82 and 1982-83 academic years. The NCAA ruled that the university was in violation because:

- Two players were loaned a television set at no cost from the former Head Basketball Coach Stan Simpson;
- Players were given access to a weight-training health spa at an off-campus facility at no cost;
- The program was also in violation of rules against out-of-season practice because the equipment they used was given to them out-of-season and some of the practices were administered by assistants or

graduate assistant coaches.

MTSU President Sam Ingram is relieved the probe has come to an end, and he is satisfied with the actions being taken by the committee.

"THE UNIVERSITY, in cooperation with the Board of Regents, called the NCAA's attention to most of the possible violations and we have cooperated with the investigation in every possible way," Ingram said. "We feel we now have our basketball program in complete compliance."

New Head Coach Bruce Stewart is also happy the investigation has ended but has not been worried with it.

"The sanctions being made do not affect my team. I'm satisfied with the outcome," Stewart noted. "Our school got its butt spanked, and we're just going to take it from there."

Since the ruling does not affect MTSU's post-season play, the Raiders will be eligible for the new eight-team conference tournament which will take place at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Austin Peay was also investigated by the NCAA for similar violations and has also been placed on a probation period.



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Raider poll; MTSU should get even

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

What do you predict the outcome to be in tomorrow's MTSU-Tennessee Tech game?

Guy Murphee, junior—"I think we'll beat 'em. But we haven't been that hot lately. There may be a 10-point difference."

Debbie Whiton, junior—"At first, it'll look like we'll lose it, then we'll pull it out and we'll win. It will be a close game."

Mike Lampley, senior transfer student from Tech—"It'll be very one-sided in MTSU's favor."

Lacy Sisk, junior—"I would like for MTSU to win, but we always choke."

Tim White, junior—"MTSU will dominate, 48-14."

David Jackson, sophomore—"MTSU will win by at least 31 points."

Dianne Whiton, freshman—"We are going to wreck Tech."

Pat Harmon, senior—"We'll make them hang their heads on their home turf."

Jeff Hammers, junior—"I'm looking for a 14-point victory—revenge over last year's defeat."

Intra-squad scrimmage

White downs Blue 83-73

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

In the last official scrimmage before tomorrow night's opening game, MTSU's White team downed the Blue 83-73.

About 250 fans showed up for the game in Murphy Center to get a glimpse of what to expect out of first-year Head Coach Bruce Stewart's team.

THE WINNING SQUAD was made up of Stewart's starting line-up, while the blues were comprised of the second team and the red-shirts. Incidentally, a couple of those red-shirts were sophomores.

Tyrus Baynam and Dwayne Rainey. Baynam was the top prospect in Tennessee two years ago. Rainey is a transfer from the University of Georgia.

"We had a couple of the freshmen, along with [Kim] Cooksey and [Russell] Smith come through for us real well. They looked the best," Stewart recalled.

The coach said some of the veterans on the team didn't fare quite as well.

"I WAS A little bit disappointed in some of the older players. They just didn't give us as much as we had expected," Stewart added.

Greek warriors set to invade Tech empire

By DAVID FUQUA
and MIKE ORGAN

The MTSU horde of Greek barbarians is set to ascend upon the Tech battlefield to do battle with the dreaded Golden Eagle.

The battle is to begin as the yellow sun rises (actually 11:15 a.m.) on what promises to be a blood-red field when the last warrior stands.

THIS WEEK HAS been a brutal time of preparation, of weeding out the weaker warriors for Field General David Cyclops Fuqua's battalion.

"We have sent the wimps home because this promises to

be a battle to the death, reserved for the few brave who are willing to place their life on the line for their Greek pride," Clops commands.

Of those remaining Clops will look to the strong, powerful legs which carry fullback Richard The Minotaur Smith. A minotaur is a half bull, half human, for you uninformed citizens. The minotaur is annually fed seven youths and seven maidens from Athens. One of the primary duties of assistant commander Bobby Booker is to travel to Georgia (Athens) in search of these youths and maidens.

BLAKE THE RIPPER
Richardson will scout for the blood-thirsty offense at center.

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CLOPS

"I will clear a path and rip the limbs and heads from any fool who tries to stand in the way of the minotaur or Hercules or any of our other titans," The Ripper warned.

On the defensive front, Tim The Medusa Herd will use his many heads to keep watch of the aerial game of the Eagles. Herd will courageously man the free safety's position.

"I plead to the masses of our mother-country [MTSU] to be present and stand in support of these noble few who represent these masses against the despicable scourge of Techsters," Clops added.

The blood-bath is sponsored by the Coors draught company.



A horde of Greek Warriors anxiously await tomorrow's battle in Cookeville.

Photo by Delores Delvin

Three Raiders get OVC honors

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference office gave MTSU another pat on the back this week by naming two Raiders Players of the Week.

Linebacker Randy Carr and punter Mark Morrison were the Raiders awarded.

CARR WRECKED Georgia Southern's defense last Saturday with 18 tackles and helped the Raiders hold the Eagles 25 points below their average.

Carr was recognized for his demolition show and named Defensive Player of the Week.

while teammate Morrison was named Specialist of the Week after averaging 48.8 yards a punt.

Carr was injured in the game but is expected back for the season finale against Tennessee Tech.

"RANDY IS FROM Baxter, Tenn.," coach Boots Donnelly noted. "And they grow 'em tough there. He got stung a little bit last week, but he'll be back."

Morrison became the OVC's fourth best punter after the GSU game. The Nashville native had two boots for over 50 yards and one over 60.

The 6-foot-1, 175 pound

sophomore upped his average to 40.2 yards a punt.

Speaking of specialists, kicker Kelly Potter got his name in the OVC record books again after his 257th career point. Potter, who set the career field goal mark for the OVC five games ago, became the all-time leading scorer against GSU.

As a team the Raiders now lead the conference in team offense and defense. The MTSU offense is averaging 349 yards and scoring 26.4 points a game, while the defense is giving up 264 yards and allowing just 13.8 points.

Lady Raiders end disappointing season

By COLLETTE MASON
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team wrapped up its season this past week with a loss at the hands of the University of North Alabama.

The loss gave the ladies a final record of 5-18.

MTSU (continued from page 6) NCAA's 1-AA playoffs. Those bids go out Sunday.

Donnelly holds that he is not concerned with anything but the Tech game right now.

"OUR RATINGS And all that went out the window about four weeks ago. I couldn't care less about where we're ranked. We just want to win nine games and finish this season on a winning note," Donnelly claimed.

Senior tailback Vince Hall, the OVC's leading rusher with 1,261 yards, is expected to take over his starting position again after being benched for two weeks straight.

The Raiders are healthy at all positions. Linebacker Randy Carr was banged up during last week's game with Georgia Southern, but he is expected back.

"OUR SEASON WAS up and down," coach Diane Cummings said. "I think we were capable of more than we showed. It was disappointing."

A major problem with which the team struggled for most of the season was the injuries of junior Lori Wilkinson and freshman Linda Davis. Both players missed most of the season's matches after the mid-

way mark. "Our problems with injuries pulled us down at times," Cummings noted.

ANOTHER PROBLEM Cummings pointed out was her team's lack of experience and ability to play as a team.

"We are young and this season we were learning to play together," Cummings said.

Warren healing slowly

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

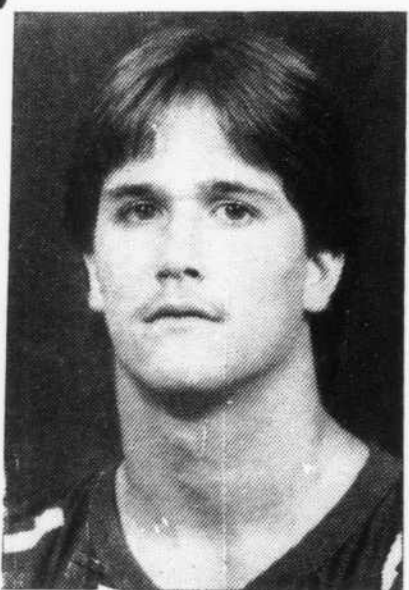
Vernon Warren, who suffered a neck injury in the game against Western Kentucky two weeks ago, continues to improve at Vanderbilt Hospital, according to MTSU Sports Information Director Ed Given.

"They are due to move him into a private room sometime today," Given said. "They've removed the mobilizer, which kept his neck in traction, and put a collar support on his neck which gives him much more mobility.... He can set up and watch TV and do many other things he couldn't do with the mobilizer on."

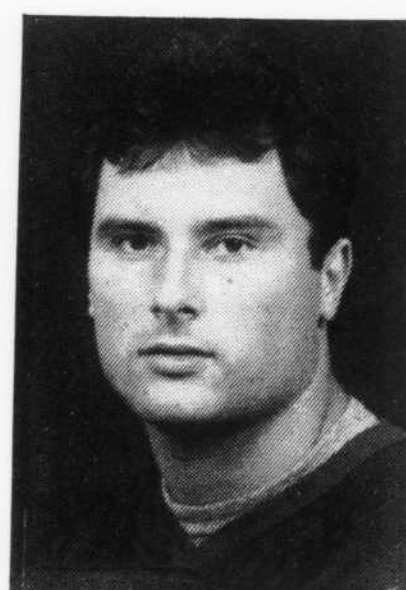
Warren, a junior from Jacksonville, Fla., started seven games for MTSU at right cornerback this season.

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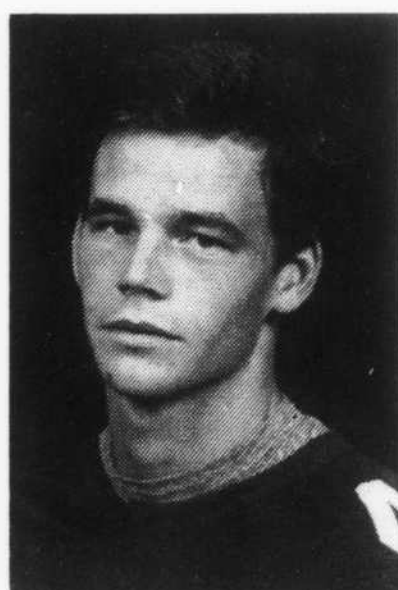
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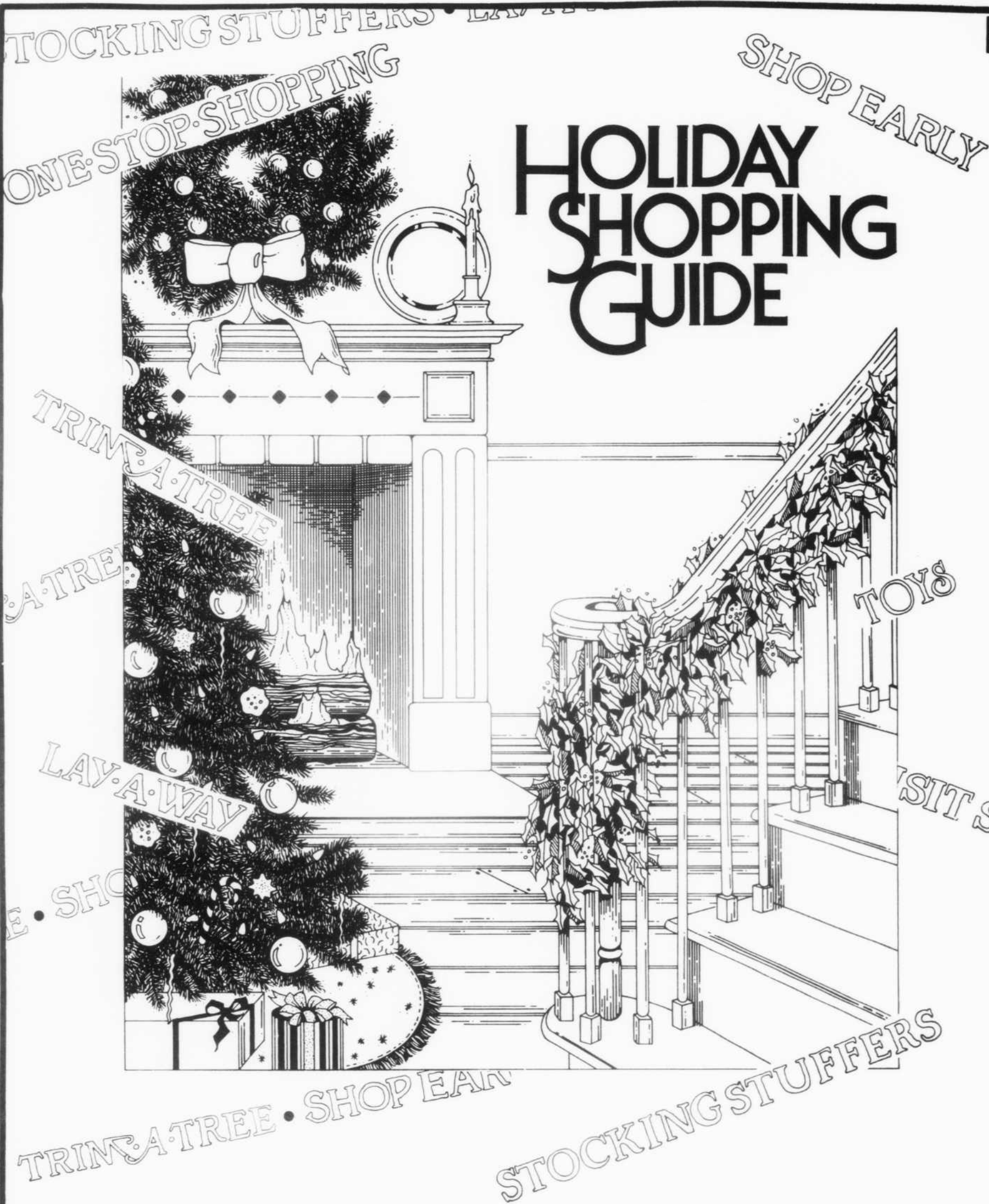
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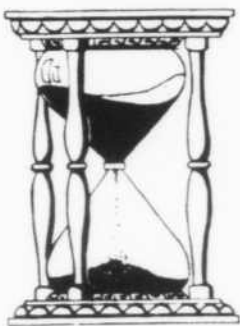
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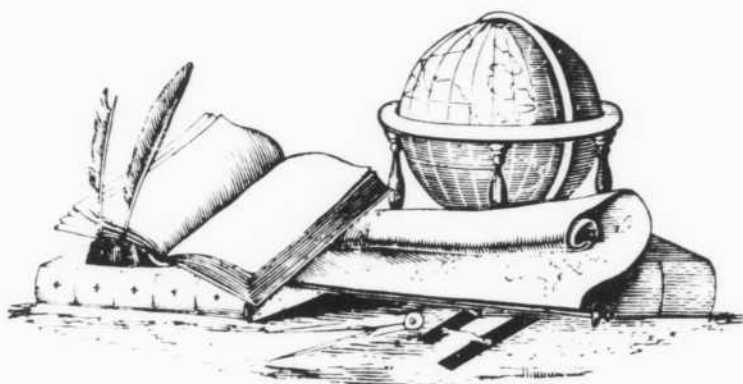


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