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# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Garner study questioned

By MIKE CROWDER  
Staff Writer

The welfare of the MTSU students will be threatened by the implementation of the recommended changes in University Police, Robert Prytula, director of the Rutherford County Crisis and Rape Center, said.

PRYTULA said he is mainly concerned with the protection of female faculty members who teach at night.

Prytula served on the police force of Barnstable, Mass., for four summers and has been a commissioned deputy with the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department for three years.

AS AN expert in research and statistics, Prytula says he criticizes the study done this summer by Joe Garner and Associates on the grounds that it was done hastily and judged poorly.

In evaluating the study, he added, numbers are being substituted for common sense and judgement.

"You can make numbers say anything you want," the professor said.

"THERE'S A lot more to security and police work than is reflected in numbers," he added.

Prytula nor Jones have examined the study itself but have followed its progress by reading the *Sidelines*. Prytula, however, questioned the validity of the police study and the credentials of the firm that conducted the study.

"The study needs to be digested and not acted in haste.

"Since there seems to be so much adverse publicity," he added, "we need to either do another study or appoint a committee composed of students, law enforcement officers, faculty, and other knowledgeable people who have been in the law enforcement field to carefully analyze and scrutinize the study."

PRYTULA said he was upset that the persons conducting the study did not consult faculty members such as himself, Dennis Powell and Frank Lee of the criminal justice department.

These people, he said, are knowledgeable and experienced individuals in the field of law enforcement.

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Photo by Lesley Collins

Joe Garner, of Joe Garner and Associates, discloses his credentials and why he is qualified to perform the police study.

## Garner defends police study

By DOUGLAS J COLE  
Editorial Editor

Joe Garner fully supports the study of the University Police conducted by his organization which recommends the phasing out of several full-time staff positions.

If past success is an indication of future results, the efficiency study conducted by Joe Garner Associates, Inc., should better utilize the resources of MTSU while maintaining a sufficient level of security, according to Garner.

GARNER HAS WORKED in the field of management consulting since the middle '60s and conducted studies in South America for the World Bank as well as in the United States and Canada.

He worked on the first highway-safety program in Tennessee during the late '60s and has done projects ranging from very small to those costing more than \$500,000.

"I have never failed to finish a project. I've only had two projects that have not been implemented," Garner said yesterday.

"CERTAINLY I'M NOT a police officer. I don't claim to be," Garner said in defense of his credentials.

However, he said he has developed an approach which combines various principles of good management.

As with other projects, the process used at MTSU involved sitting down with a representative group and developing a set of goals and objectives. From this point the group decided upon a main purpose and how to accomplish that purpose.

ACTIONS THAT SUPPORT the goals and objectives were then identified, according to Garner.

This identification was done by selecting and listing what were felt to be security activities, as he was requested to do by the standards panel, and then attaching a set of measures and per-

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## Women assured safety after cuts

By NELLE NIX  
Staff Writer

Safety of women on campus if police personnel cuts are implemented due to the recent police study is a concern to many.

"In the last several years we have had rapes on campus or in the near perimeter," Director of Women in Service to Education June Anderson said. "Every woman on campus is anxious over her safety."

"WHY WOULD women not be disturbed over a cut in services when they were so anxious and involved in getting more

lighting and cutting of shrubs and tree limbs? Anderson added.

"I believe that if any reduction of services presently done by MTSU Police occurs, all women on the campus will have the right to demand that every tree is felled and that every bush or shrub is cut to the ground, she said.

"Women have historically been thought of as lovers of beauty, but I believe every woman will put her safety before beauty."

JUDY SMITH, associate dean of women students, said she feels women are "not going to suffer"

from the changes. Otis Floyd, assistant to the president, assured her, she said, and showed her figures to substantiate that there will be as much or more security with the changes made.

Floyd said the escort service provided by police will not be affected and there will be more foot patrolmen than before. A full time patrolman, rather than student patrolmen only, will be on foot, said Smith.

By having more patrolmen walking instead of riding in cars

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Photo by Debby Naeve

## Body language

Jayne Lybrand tells a standing room only crowd at the LRC something about body language.

## ASB leaders: changes will improve security

By BRYNA ESTES  
and CLAUDIA ROBINSON

Some of the recommendations of the recent study of the University Police will provide a greater service to MTSU students, ASB President David Kessler told a joint meeting of the Senate and House yesterday.

The ASB administration does not agree with the total report, however, Kessler said.

THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY of the security department is to do just that, provide security and prevent crime rather than to identify with law enforcement, Kessler said.

Recommendations having the support of the ASB administration, but not necessarily of the ASB as a whole:

•THE OFFICIAL NAMES for the department and officers should be used, which include University Security, instead of Campus Police, and Director of Security, instead of Police Chief.

•THE SECURITY aspect of the force would be emphasized rather than law enforcement.

•THE POLICE should be relocated to a central location on campus.

Kessler said he prefers relocating the department near or in the Art Barn.

The principle recommendation, a one-person/one-car motor patrol, will increase the effectiveness of officers for student patrol, Kessler said. It will add to security on campus by having more foot patrols, Kessler said.

AFTER THE MEETING, Speaker of the Senate Mark Ross agreed with Kessler's assessment of the recommendations.

"I don't favor stripping the campus of police protection," Ross said.

"Campus security should strictly reduce off-campus patrolling. We shouldn't be paying for patrolling Murfreesboro."

THE INCREASES IN FOOT patrols is a good idea, he said.

"The increased visibility and contact with the students can only help them become more familiar with the people they are protecting," he explained.

"One officer per car can be done effectively, but I am willing to pay extra money to put two in there," Ross said.

"ESPECIALLY ON THE evening and midnight shifts because the security of the campus is in greater jeopardy at night.

"Even then, one officer can do the job, but we can probably

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## Men loud in female hall

By ROSE MARIE JACOBS  
Staff Writer

The women in Reynolds Hall don't mind the Frisbees flying through the windows of the shower half as much as they mind the peeping Toms.

Complaints have not ceased since Reynolds, Monohan and Schardt—traditionally female dormitories—sacrificed their lower floors to house male students this fall.

One woman residing in Monohan Hall says loud music and all-night partying by the men have made studying impossible. Several girls in the dorms say the men are too loud, play outside and are disruptive.

"THE GUYS are not only loud, but insist on throwing Frisbee's and footballs into the Reynold's restroom window," said one woman.

Reynolds Hall Resident

Assistant Kathryn Wiggs said the presence of the men is interfering with dorm residents' studying.

"They are very disruptive to my girls," she said. "The girls are kept up to 2 or 3 in the morning by the guys, and they can't study or sleep."

WIGGS SAID she feels double standards are being imposed because she has to tell the girls on her floor to turn down their music and be quiet during "quiet hours", while no one is enforcing "quiet hours" on their male counterparts.

"They keep the lobby messy; they use foul language, and the guys have no sense of rules and regulations," a Monohan RA said.

"Monohan used to attract people who wanted to study—now people are asking to leave because it is too noisy," she said.

# Most students angered over police change

By **LUCY CARTER**  
Associate Editor

Changes in the University Police have struck an angry chord among the majority of students interviewed Wednesday.

The changes, which go into effect today for a one-week trial period, will reduce the motor patrol to one car with one officer and divert the displaced motor patrolmen to the foot patrol.

**SENIOR** Kenneth Russell, who is a campus policeman, questioned the motive for implementing the changes.

"I feel the administrators care more about saving money than they do the safety of the students," Russell said.

Sheila McKnight, senior, questioned whether those responsible for the study know how students feel about the changes.

"[**PRESIDENT** Sam] Ingram, [consultant Joe] Garner and [Executive Assistant Otis] Floyd are not the ones who live on campus and have to face the threats that this new security system invites," said McKnight.

"Sam Ingram appears to always be out of touch, up on his little pedestal, when he should be available to the students—ready to listen to us.

"By the same token, students need to let their opinions be known, especially about this," she said.

**RUSSELL** said that he would like to hear the parents' views about what is being proposed.

"You can bet that Garner doesn't have a daughter here," Russell said.

McKnight said, "If a cut back is necessary I think there are other areas that can be cut instead of sacrificing safety for the students."

**CRIMINAL** justice major Ronnie Mason expressed concern that the changes will encourage criminals.

"I believe that there will definitely be an increase in the

number of criminal acts on campus with the new security system is enacted," Mason said.

Brent Tenpenny, senior, agreed.

"**MORE THAN** likely with this cutback there will be an increase of crimes such as rape, robbery and the like," Tenpenny said.

McKnight, a senior, asked "Would you put two cops in charge of a community of 11,000?"

"I feel that it will just cause chaos, a bunch of hell-raising people will be taking advantage of the lack of security," McKnight said.

"**EITHER THAT** or people will be terrified to go out at night."

However, John Templeton, a senior who lives off campus, said, "I really don't see anything wrong with the changes, if anything 'big' did happen on campus, they would have to call the Murfreesboro Police Department anyway."

Templeton did say he felt that MTSU needed an on-campus police headquarters and a force of four to five policemen.

**RUSSELL** pointed out that most of the students do not want to understand that they are trained police officers.

"We have 480 hours of training before we can be cops," Russell explained.

Eric Wood, who is a student patrol officer, also pointed out that the part-time patrol officers have to go through a two-week training program set up by the local police department.

Russell asked, "What kind of training do [President Sam] Ingram, [Otis] Floyd and [consultant Joe] Garner have to tell us our job?"

**REFERRING** to the survey that Garner did this last summer, Russell said, "[Chief John] Bass has said it was an error."

"They're not showing Chief Bass any loyalty—they're telling him his job," Russell said.

When Russell faced Ingram with this issue, Russell said the president responded, "That should not concern you, that's our business."

**BOTH** Russell and Wood agreed that Garner's credentials should be investigated to see if he is qualified to conduct a police survey.

All students interviewed said the survey is not a true representation of what the University Police are accomplishing because it was conducted during the summer.

"It cost \$18,000 to do the survey. That could pay my salary for three years," Wood said.

"**THE SURVEY** said that 40 percent of the arrests were made off campus, what the survey did not say is that we had to chase them off campus to catch them," Russell said.

"What percentage of MTSU students live off campus in the surrounding apartment complexes?" Russell pointed out.

"Whose opinion should they go by—an administrator's, whose job is in management, or security's, those who actually do the work?" Wood asked.

The University Police have a maximum response time of two minutes, Wood said.

"**WHEN THE CITY** is asked to respond, it will probably take five to 15 minutes before they

arrive on the scene."

Tenpenny interjected that "by the time the city police got there, it would be too late."

In addition, Tenpenny said, "The MTSU police force has more empathy with the students. They are very prompt and courteous."

**WOOD** and Russell pointed out that there seems to be a change of attitude on campus toward the University Police already.

Students seem to be ready for a slack in security, "a chance to run wild," they said.

"What some of them don't realize is that it will be [the students] who will get hurt," Russell said.

"**FOR EXAMPLE**, in the past when we've stopped a student on campus for DUI we've usually parked their car, poured out the booze and taken them home.

"The city police aren't going to be that easy," Russell continued. "They will take them in for the 48 mandatory hours and take away their license for a year."

Wood and Russell said that it was not their jobs they were worried about, but the safety of the students.

"We've already been offered other jobs if our jobs are cut out; however, it will cost a lot of other people their's," Russell said.

## Questions

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enforcement and administration should be questioned by everyone, Jones said.

"Instead of using outside sources for the study, they need to consult students, faculty, administration and security," he said. "These people know what's going on, they live with it day by day."

**THERE ARE** problems and disadvantages of shifting some of the campus police responsibilities to the Murfreesboro Police Department, according to Jones.

Truman Jones, chief deputy of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, said he was disturbed that University Police Chief John Bass did not request the study and was not consulted before or during the study.

"The people who ran the study had no first-hand knowledge or expertise in law enforcement or university security," Jones said. "Plus, they ran a limited study."

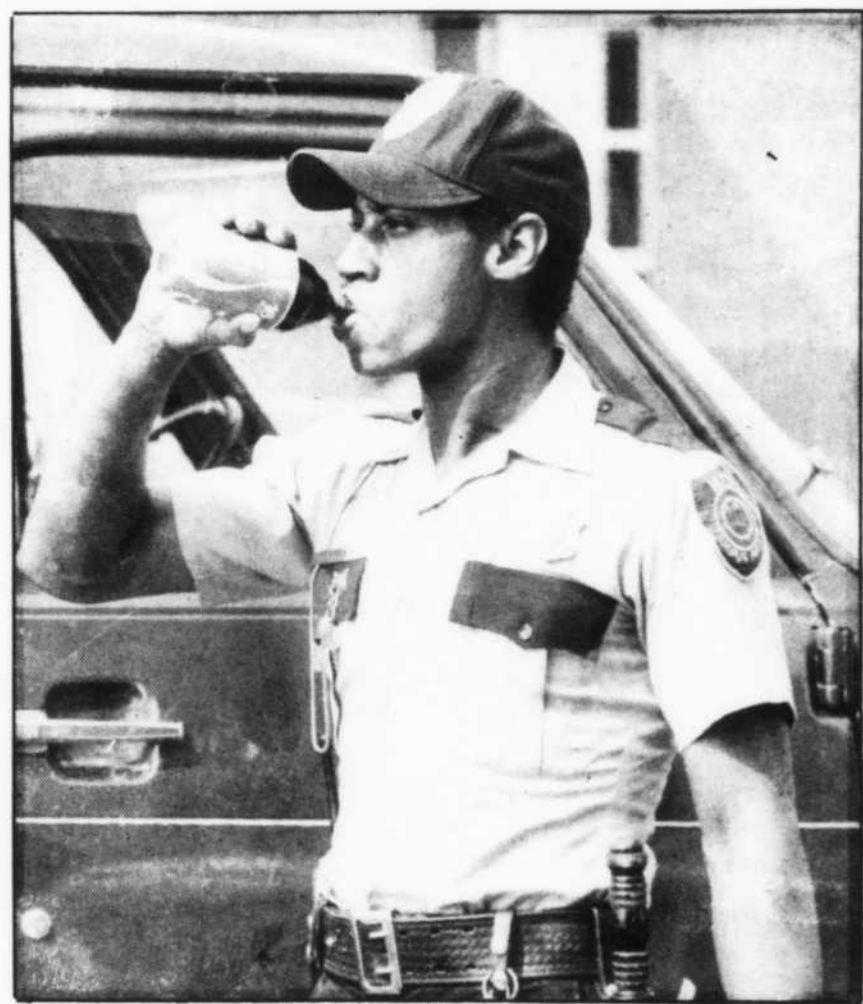
"**IT DOESN'T** seem to me that the man who does the study and educators should be making the decision without the great input of Bass," he added.

Bass is "one of the most respected administrators and innovators in the law enforcement field," Jones said. "He was not treated with the respect he deserves."

The chief deputy said he criticized the study because it was done too quickly and the recommendations from it are being implemented too soon.

"**WHAT STUDY** can be run in 30 to 60 days over an operation as large as what the university has?" Jones asked.

Garner's experience in law



A foot patrolman enjoys his Coke and job on the mid-afternoon of an early fall day.

## ASB

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afford a second officer to keep a lookout, man the radio—for the convenience," he said.

"I don't favor a reduction in the student patrol, but I do think there are some who don't need to be there," Ross said.

**THE STUDY WAS NECESSARY**, he said, because students have become frustrated with the campus police.

"It's a problem of attitude," he said. Students have come to the ASB with complaints of excessive force and unprofessionalism.

"The student government met with police to settle complaints, and these are still unresolved," he said. "Something had to be done."

**ROSS SAID HE IS WORRIED** by reports he has heard of a pro-police movement encouraging students to call the police during the trial period with complaints to make it seem the force is under-staffed.

## Women

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"there will be more coverage," Floyd said.

**ANDERSON** questioned the ability of one patrol car to handle emergencies that require security to be called to the infirmary or hospital. Smith, however, said that the back-up patrol car would be called upon in such emergencies.

The population of MTSU equals the population of a town, said Anderson. By removing some of the MTSU police staff, she said, an added burden will be placed on the Murfreesboro Police Department which already implies it is understaffed.

The university police has been used as a backup for the MPD, and Floyd is committed to getting them back on campus, Smith said.

## Plan cuts back book stealing

By **TRACY SNEED**  
Staff Writer

A plan to trace books to their rightful owners has been devised by Ivan Shewmake, director of housing to alleviate the problem of stolen books.

Book stealing is a nation-wide problem relayed David Hays, associate dean of men.

Most thefts occur around holidays, homecoming, and vacation periods when money is needed most.

The problem also surfaces at the start of semesters when students find themselves short of cash and unable to buy their own books.

**ACCORDING** to Hays, not all book thieves are from MTSU. "We often deal with professional thieves," he stated.

A student who is found guilty is usually handled by campus authorities and will face suspension. Depending on the number of times the offense has been committed, the penalty will be stiffened.

IN addition, a publicity campaign is being launched to stress the importance of taking care of books.

## Defends

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formance standards to the activities.

The results indicated the need for a reduction in the number of patrols for the campus, Garner said.

**FINALLY, THE PROCESS** required a decision about personnel to assure that the new staff will be able to handle all that has been done in the past.

While Garner said he looked at the role of students working for the campus police, he did not recommend any cuts except to keep student workers under 20 hours per week.

"As I understand it, the general rule is that students would work 20 hours. Some of these students are getting 40 hours.

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION** will conduct a conference for English teachers Saturday in selected rooms of the UC from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The luncheon will take place in the Tennessee Room of the JUB at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**CHALLENGE PROGRAM** is conducting a meeting with the parents tomorrow in Dining Room B of the JUB from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

**EARLYBIRD VARSITY** Invitational Debate Tournament will be Sunday in selected rooms of the UC, DA, Peck Hall and KOM from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

**BAND PICNIC** is to be in the picnic area Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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## Photographer to exhibit prints

Still-life photographer Betty Berenson will exhibit a collection of 60 prints Oct. 3 through Oct. 21 at the MTSU Photographic Gallery.

As a resident of San Francisco, she studied photography at San Francisco State College.

**HER WORKS** have been displayed at numerous groups and solo shows, and have appeared in a variety of publications.

Public collections of her photographs are on display in the City of San Francisco, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Oakland Museum of Art and the University of Kansas Museum of Art.

make that beauty apparent to others," she added.

Plants are her current interest, as they produce the form and line she appreciates in a photograph, she said.

**ACCORDING** to Berenson, it is "the structure that holds things together" which create the uniqueness of a photograph.

Berenson specializes in reviving the "dead" articles of a time gone-by, such as discarded metal and old posters.

**SHE SAID** that "taking the time to look and see" is what makes a weathered rock or dead plant appear unique.

"I attempt, by cropping, close-up and high contrast to

"I find myself focusing more and more on plants—for their amazing perfection of form, that plants can become erotic mirrors of human form," she explains.

The gallery hours are: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

## Veterans to be feted by ROTC

By **LUCY CARTER**  
Associate Editor

Saturday during halftime of regionally—televised MTSU vs. Akron football game, ROTC will host a tribute to the veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Sgt. Maj. Carl W. Littlejohn said yesterday.

An estimated 600 to 1,000 veterans seated on the visitor's side, will march across mid-field with music from each era provided by the MTSU band. They will close with the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

**THE TENNESEE** National Guard will fire an 18-gun salute in appreciation of the veterans, Littlejohn said.

"There will be 43 color guard cadets involved in the event. They will also aid the older veterans across the field, if it's needed," the sergeant major said.

MTSU Alumni Director Joe Nunley originated the idea in August when Governor Lamar Alexander proclaimed Oct. 3 to be Veteran's Day in Tennessee.

"We're hoping that there will be a large turnout of veterans and that the weather holds," Sgt. Maj. Littlejohn said.

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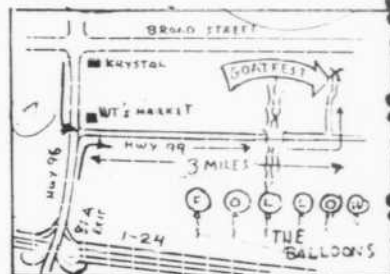
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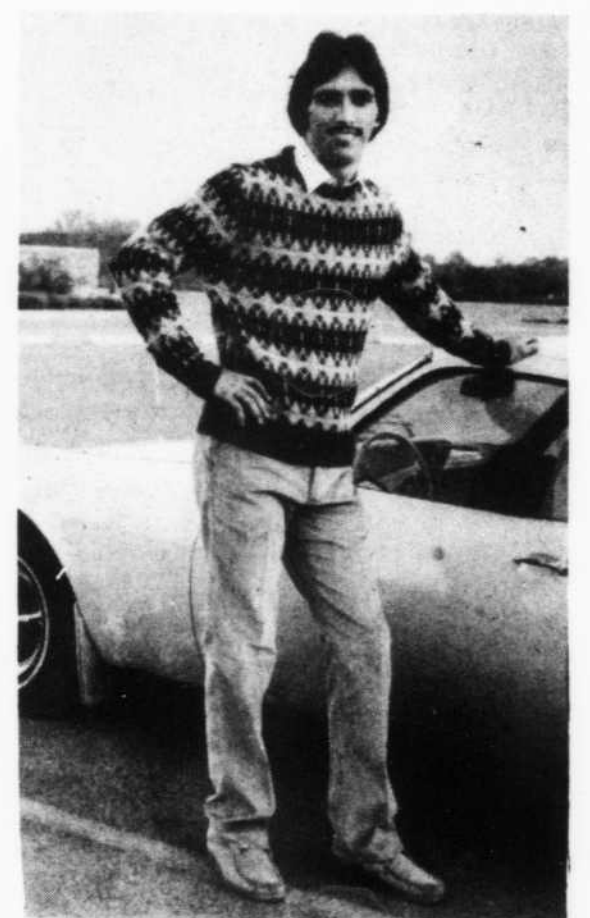


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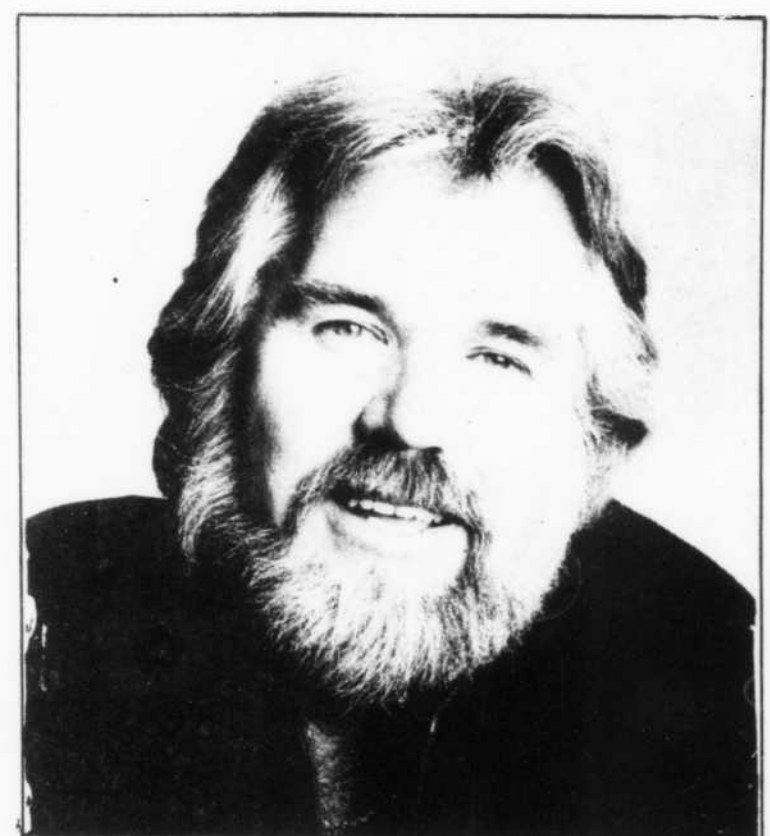


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## University community needs access to all facts

The release of the study of the campus police last week resulted in an outpouring of charges and countercharges from the police, students, faculty, the ASB and the administration. The interest in the study and the changes it recommends has been unpredictably intense.

The conflicting information being disseminated by the administration, the police department and others, however, has created fear and insecurity within the university community.

**THE BAD FEELINGS** have been exacerbated by rumors, half-truths, misinformation, disinformation and lies being spread by those whose minds are already set, one way or the other.

While we sympathize with the University Police and want the campus to be secure, we question the motives of their supporters who are causing confusion over what the changes are and what they will do.

The persistence of their tales indicate that no amount of truth will stop them. If their aim is to so confuse the university community that the thought of changing the police in any way evokes horrific images, they are succeeding.

**ON THE OTHER HAND**, we understand that if they and others on campus were given the chance to express their doubts and feel their opinions would be considered in the final decision about how best to use the study for the betterment of the university community, an understanding might be reached with which they could live.

Just the opposite seems to be the case.

ASB President David Kessler told Executive Assistant Otis Floyd at a press conference last week that he was upset that he, as the students' representative and a member of the committee in charge of the study, was not informed directly of the contents of the study and given a chance to pass it on to the students.

**FLOYD SAID HE WOULD** relay the message to President Ingram. This is the president's decision, he told Kessler.

To imply by these actions that students' opinions are unimportant was a mistake. After all, the police are here to insure the security of 11,000 students. And the students have proven with their intense concern about the changes that it matters to them whether they will be left inadequately protected.

The only way to restore a sense of security and harmony to the campus is to assemble concerned students, faculty and staff with Floyd, Police Chief John Bass and Joe Garner, the consultant who conducted the study.

**THIS ASSEMBLY WOULD** give everyone concerned the opportunity both to ask the questions he wants answered and to make his feelings about the changes known.

If the men with the answers—Bass, Floyd and Garner—made themselves available all at the same time to a forum of students, faculty and staff, all would be assured they were getting the true story on the study.

All would be assured, too, that they were being heard.

## As I See It

by Phil Williams

One of the greatest threats to our present system of government has been temporarily avoided.

No, there have been no major breakthroughs against communism. The breakthrough to which I refer is last week's defeat of several social legislation proposals.

**DURING** recent months, the New Right, led by Sen. Jesse Helms, has tried to push bills through Congress which would limit the Supreme Court's ability to rule on cases involving school prayer and abortion.

Of course one must question their motives. Were the proposals intended to justify "social injustices" or were they simply an attempt to get material to use in the campaign against Congressional liberals?

If these were indeed legitimate social issues, why did Helms and others try to attach the school prayer bill to a federal debt ceiling proposal instead of letting it stand on its own merits?

**HOWEVER**, if these efforts had been successful, a very dangerous precedent would have been set.

For example, in the future if we decided we did not like the way the high court interpreted another aspect of the Constitution, why shouldn't we just limit what they can say about that issue also?

Pretty soon, what you would have is a Supreme Court without any power, while the Congress would have almost total power.

**IN ADDITION** you would have effectively disabled a constitution which we all agree is the best in the world.

Of course, one must also question the validity of Congress dealing with the two issues.

In the abortion issue, for example, neither theologians, doctors nor politicians can agree on when life actually begins. If the issue is murder, why declare abortion illegal when no one is really sure it is actually destruction of human life?

**REFUSING** the Supreme

Court the right to rule in cases regarding school prayer also could open up a Pandora's Box.

For example, if the courts cannot rule on such cases, what is to prevent me from walking into a classroom and ordering every student to pray to Satan. I would not have to worry about punishment because the courts would be unable to rule.

In spite of that, a law allowing "voluntary" prayer is totally unnecessary. The Constitution already provides for the free expression of religion. (For you conservatives who have never read the Constitution, that is usually found in the First Amendment.)

**PERHAPS** the defeat of the social legislation was best summarized by John Shattuck, Washington director of the American Civil Liberties Union, when he said, "The Constitution has weathered a major hurricane."

But never fear, Helms has said he will try to destroy the Constitution again next year.



## Punchline

by Danny Tyree

The semantics fad continues as newsmakers are becoming engrossed in the exploitation of word connotations and ambiguity.

I've been especially impressed (distressed?) by two recent examples.

**THE FIRST** involves Sen. Jim Sasser's attempts to take the innocent word "gimmick" and infuse it with every drop of negative connotation allowable.

Sasser has accused his opponent, Rep. Robin Beard, of running around the state "playing with a toy mouse."

The senator's slurs are aimed at one of Beard's television commercials in which a somersaulting pink mouse is used to illustrate the theme "Flippin' Jimmy Sasser Flopped."

**SASSER** talked several stations into dropping the commercial because it allegedly oversimplified and misrepresented Sasser's voting record. I have no qualms about the two candidates debating the accuracy of Beard's criticisms.

But it is petty for Sasser to continue harping about the mouse being a gimmick. (Especially since Sasser sprang a "Reagan social safety net" on Beard at a joint appearance.)

Each of us is exposed to 500 or more commercial messages per day. (This includes newspapers, magazines, radio, television, billboards, matchbook covers, etc.) And we voters always gripe about the huge amounts of money spent on political campaigns. So, with TV spots costing hundreds of dollars for each airing, why fault Beard for trying to make his commercial attention-grabbing and memorable?

**SASSER** is well aware of the tremendous advantage incumbency provides him. Why should he begrudge an opponent for using whatever fair means are available for overcoming that obstacle?

The senator accused Beard of

shallowness in his mouse commercial. Perhaps Jim expects *War and Peace* in a 30-second commercial, but I doubt that the rest of the public is so demanding. (Besides, this is just one commercial. The Democrats have heaped so much attention on the mouse that one would think it is the only campaign Beard has used. But it just ain't so.)

Sasser said Beard is trivializing the campaign, shifting the focus away from the important issues and acting in desperation. If the mouse commercial is so juvenile and inconsequential, why has Sasser gone to such lengths to dignify it with a response?

Why is he wasting time on Beard's antics instead of addressing the important issues? If Sasser is such a shoo-in, why must he grab every opportunity to give Beard another kick?

**WHOEVER** wins the November election, a little more of Jim Sasser's trickery has been exposed. Perhaps in a few years someone in Hollywood will find a Peter Sellers look-alike to star in *The Mouse That Gored*.

The other semantics trick I noticed, was one involving the fine line between different types of rights.

You probably saw Planned Parenthood's full-page ad in the *Tennessean* a couple of months ago. It showed a Puritanical senator (in suit and tie) separating a couple in bed.

**THE TEXT** warned that some right-wing Senators want to deny couples one of their most fundamental rights—the right to decide how many children to have.

The extent that Planned Parenthood wants people to know the effects proposed anti-abortion legislation might have on intrauterine devices is all well and good. But too often this fundamental right to decide family size is also applied to abortion itself.

That's because too many

people confuse *fundamental* rights with *absolute* rights. And there is a difference.

**FREEDOM** of speech is a fundamental right without which our form of government could not survive. But the courts look disapprovingly upon those who yell, "Fire!" in a crowded theater and slander are another exception to these fundamental rights.

Sticking to the planned parenthood issue, does the right to determine how many children to have mean a woman can demand free fertility pills from the government or a pharmaceutical company? Does it mean adoption agencies must approve every application they receive?

Does it mean couples can strangle their least favorite child after they decide they have too many offspring? Does it mean a wife can drug her husband and have a vasectomy performed on him while he is unconscious so he can't change his mind about having more kids? Does it mean a sterile divorcee should be allowed to kidnap his kids if they are in the custody of his ex-wife?

**IF NOT**, why blur the distinction between fundamental rights and absolute rights where abortion is concerned? When it comes to whether a baby is wanted or unwanted, there are right and wrong ways to exercise fundamental rights. And there are also a lot of arguments to make a reasonable person doubt whether abortion as a means of family planning is an absolute right.

Jim Sasser and Planned Parenthood are not the only ones playing word games. They merely provided two examples. The point is that "the pen is mightier than the sword," and those who transmit their ideas to millions have a responsibility not to insult the intelligence of their audience.

## One Step Down

by Cynthia Cline and Jim Wise

The current crisis in housing on the MTSU campus seems to be analogous to recent events in the Middle East. Just as the state of Israel is displacing the PLO from their "homeland," many pupils are being displaced from their "homeland" at MTSU by representatives of the state of Tennessee.

To begin, there are rumors of direct assaults on particularly desirable dorm spaces, which are now occupied by friends of the "state."

**IT HAS** come to our attention that the Pupils' Lodging Organization (PLO) is plotting to retake their occupied homeland—which is currently held by Samson "Isaac" Pen-

tagram. This has happened due to the "benign" immigration to the state from around the Mid Region.

General "Abraham" Shoemaker, military spokesman for the state, has taken harsh measures against the PLO. These restrictions include taking actions against "bombed" dilated pupils, signing in visiting allies of pupils on state territory, increasing the complexities of the "gauntlet" through which pupils must run through to attain living territory and increasing the tributes paid to the state for these living spaces.

Unfriendly actions by the state have caused members of the "PLO" to take refuge in

surrounding demilitarized zones. However, the state has moved on these zones. Their actions have caused the zones to shrink due to the mass exodus of PLO members.

**OUR** fearful leader "Yessir" Arafat Kessler has not made an expected diplomatic visit to His Holiness Pope Alexander but even this action would lead to naught.

Although these oppressive actions of the state have been many, the disbandment of the PLO has not come about. Shouts of "we will regain our homeland" can yet be heard from all over the state.

Only time will tell.

# Commentary

## Guest view

by T. H. Bell

As the public elementary and secondary schools open for nearly 40 million students this fall, I see strong and encouraging evidence that things are looking up for American education.

We are witnessing a turnaround from what many perceive as decades of weaknesses in our education programs.

**PARENTS** remain deeply concerned although many recognize that real change is taking place. Clearly, more school administrators are listening to the communities they serve.

A year ago, I established a National Commission on Excellence in Education to look for ways to improve the quality of teaching and learning. The Commission has held four hearings, has one more scheduled, and will make its report in the spring. In those same months, I have met with thousands of educators throughout the country. All of us see problems but there is a groundswell of optimism.

Let's look at some of the signs of change for the better.

**FOR ONE** thing, some big city school systems are beginning to report significant improvement in the achievement level of their students as measured against the national norm and against their own

recent records. For another, many school districts have set rigorous standards for promotion and graduation. Educators, parents and students have rediscovered an old truth—that higher expectations bring better results.

In my opinion, parents are justified in a renewal of faith in their schools as a companion to the continuing concern over some of the more tenacious problems, such as student behavior.

It is now possible to detect an emerging consensus on priorities. Few people gather to talk about education without emphasizing the importance of reading and writing skills.

**OF GREATER** importance to the future of American education, we are rediscovering the need for going beyond the basics in reading and writing skills. If we talk about writing, we emphasize precision and clarity.

There is a growing consensus, I believe, for more attention to science and technological advances. We hear a new kind of literacy—computer literacy—discussed with justifiable vigor.

As a nation, we have moved full-force into the computer age. Today, more and more administrators and teachers are using new technology as a teaching tool. Our students will have a better introduction to the

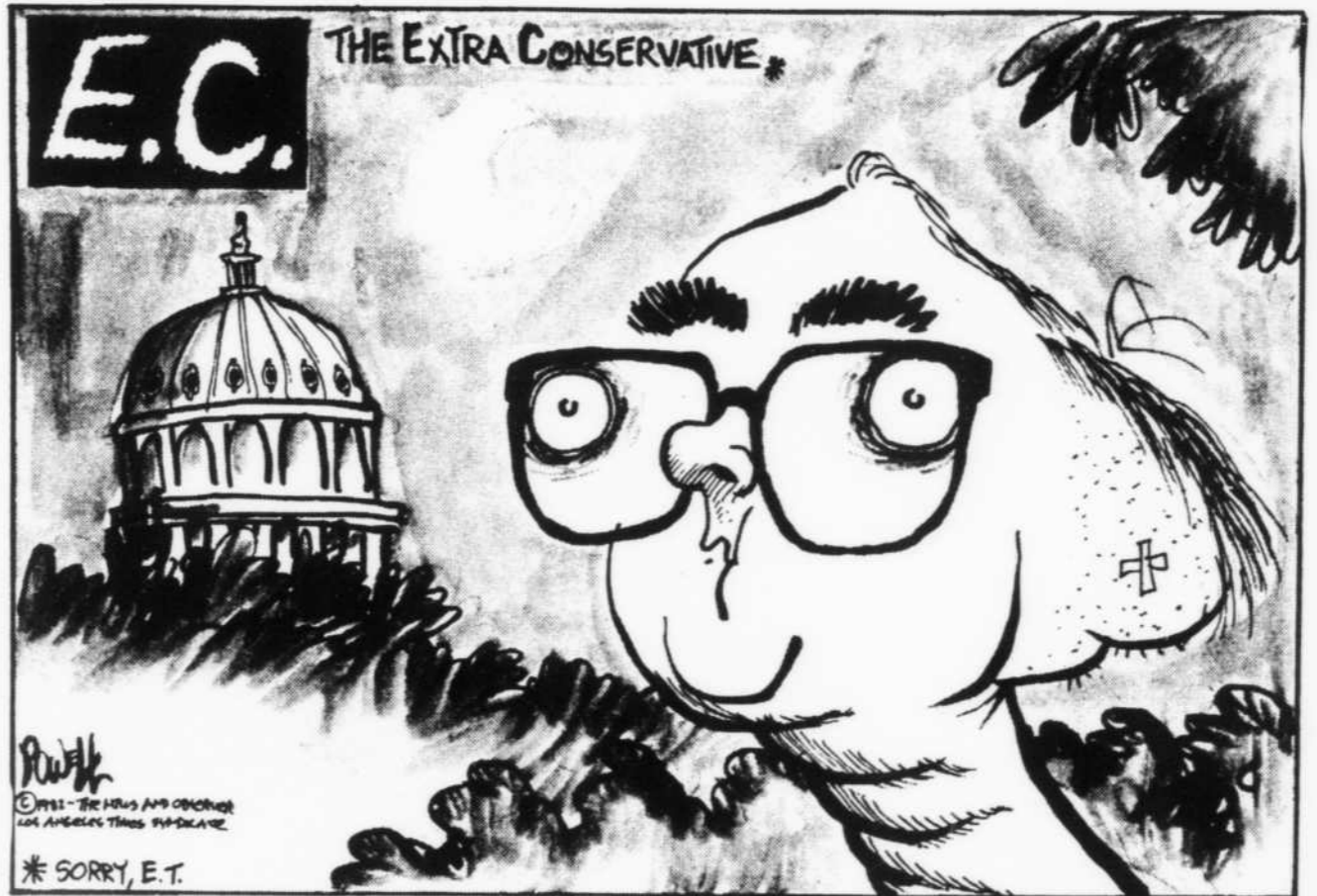
world of work when they emerge from school systems that have exposed them to the computer and its role in today's world.

**I AM** encouraged also by the new emphasis many educators place on the need for improving and expanding foreign language capabilities of our students. If technology is one of our tickets to the rest of the world, foreign language is the other.

All of us are concerned about tighter education budgets, but it is clear that progress is taking place despite—or perhaps in some instances because of—our closer look at every dollar we spend.

All in all, there is much to commend in our American system of education. I am particularly impressed by the reports of volunteerism and the strengthening tie between private citizens, the business community, civic organizations and the schools. Dramatic results can be expected as volunteers turn their limitless energy to the improvement of learning opportunities.

Even as we remain aware of the negatives—and we never really lose sight of them—we can find a lot of good things to say about education if we look and listen this year.



## Stepping from the Shadow

by Khadja Abdullah and Karen Roberts

It has been interesting to see how the American media manipulates certain words to emphasize and/or sway the readers' attitude towards certain subjects.

For example, during the Iranian Hostage "Crisis," the description was changed by Carter from Iranian "students" to Iranian "terrorists." The media love the use of the word "terrorism," defining it as any group of persons who act contrary to the pleasures of the

United States government.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization, the Central American Revolutionaries, Carlos, the Red Brigade, the Weathermen, the African MPLA during the Angolan Crisis, etc. are all labeled as "terrorists" by the American press.

The same press however, is careful when speaking of Israel. Israel can infiltrate Lebanon, like the "terrorist" Soviet Regime in Afghanistan, they can

stand "deafly" by as innocent women, children and men are martyred, like those slaughtered by Hitler at Auschwitz.

Strange how the press has failed to equate a "terrorist" title in conjunction with these acts done by Israel.

Anyway, a title isn't really important. Terrorism is terrorism and, in the final analysis, God knows.

In the Arabic language, the word Israel is the name for the Angel of Death. It is understandable . . .

## Letters From Our Readers

### UPD changes draw replies

To the Editor:

Our questions concerning the police study made by Garner are:

- Why did they hire a man who has ten years experience with the FBI and six years with the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy to direct the UPD approximately only one year ago and then employ a perfect stranger with no law enforcement background to come in and recommend how to do the job when they already had a director with expertise in the law enforcement field?

- WHY WAS the accuracy of the Garner report accepted without question in spite of Chief Bass's protest to its accuracy?

- Is this change really for the welfare of the student or do they feel obligated to accept Garner's recommendations since they paid such an outrageous price for his advice?

- Why did Garner not include the 600 plus offense reports (fights, thefts, domestic disputes, etc.) in his study? These reports directly affect the safety and welfare of the MTSU students and have all occurred on campus.

- WHY IS GARNER basing his recommendations primarily on arrests reports and traffic stops?

- Why does he call the perimeter streets surrounding the campus "off campus?" Is it to justify his recommendations for personnel cuts? It could not possibly be for the welfare of the students.

- Why is the police department now sworn to secrecy after the meeting with Garner? The records are, as of this date, not for public view.

- IS GARNER now threatened by accurate figures the UPD

is now presenting?

On behalf of the students at MTSU, we would like to know what the hell is going on!

Sincerely,

Janice Nehring  
Box 4151  
David Walker  
Box 8309

To the Editor:

Your story on the campus police being cut and turned into a security force made me stop and think, "What kind of nuts did this school hire to research the campus police?"

I bet that the clowns that came down here have never been in law enforcement and wouldn't have the guts to be a police officer.

**I AM NOT** talking off the top of my head, since I was a police officer for twenty years in a large city of over 500,000 in which some of these kids we have here wouldn't last a week, but on this small force they are doing all right.

With the rapes that this school has had in the past two years plus all the stealing and burglaries that go on it would be stupid to change our policy now. I only hope that the head of the department has the guts to tell those researchers to "go to hell" and leave things as they are.

**I DON'T** know how much experience the chief has but if he goes along with that stupid change, he should be sent to some small town police force where all you have to do is keep the the big shots happy and look the other way.

The change to a security force will take away the police powers of arrest away from our department and they'll have to call in the Murfreesboro police who are pretty incompetent themselves.

Sincerely,

Warren Sloan  
Box 4663

### Dorm residents support guards

To the Editor:

In response to the article regarding Ken Gassoway, the former dorm guard, as residents of Monohan we would like to voice our comments.

First of all, Ivan Shewmake has some nerve reprimanding a security guard who enforces rules of the department (of housing) which he himself heads. With or without Ken Gassoway as dorm guard, Monohan dorm is like a convent.

**AS A** matter of fact, we often wonder if the rules set by the Housing Office were created in this century or the one preceding it. According to the dorm meeting at the beginning of the semester, the rules are comparable to those of a high school boarding-school, if not a prison.

Actually even prisoners get visitation rights, which is more than we can say for this dormitory. If those rules were not made to be enforced, someone please tell us their purposes and for that matter, the reason for security guards.

For those who are unaware of the situation, Ken Gassoway was the victim of a very bad joke played by people who were breaking our dear Mr.

Shewmake's rules and didn't like getting caught.

**IT'S REALLY** ironic that Mr. Shewmake would not defend someone who was so determined to enforce his nineteenth century rules.

We may not like or understand the rules but it's no shock to us that they must be enforced. It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone else either.

As for the comment (Mr. Shewmake's) about Ken's epilepsy, he should have thought about that before he (Ken) was hired? Can't he stand behind his own decision?

**IT APPEARS** to us that the Housing Office could save a bundle if they just got rid of all security guards, considering their lack of interest in employing one who is willing to go by the rules.

This is not to criticize all the rest who are doing their jobs but rather to defend them, one and all.

Sincerely,

Virginia Manos  
Box 2863  
Danielle Lombardo  
Box 2339

### Harassment: alive and well

To the Editor:

While walking to work last Saturday morning, I was

abruptly angered by three men in a truck who yelled "Hey, Baby!"

This is only one of the recent occasions that I have had to put up with this sort of harassment. I wish I knew why men delight in this sort of obnoxious behavior.

**I THINK** that the biggest fault that parents make with their children is the pressure that they put on their sons and daughters to succeed. This drive excludes a lot of other consideration which we should be concerned with, but parents must have put a very low priority on teaching these people who harass about their fellow humans.

There is no way to escape these comments. Men have been led to believe that they are complimenting a woman when they make sexual comments about her. It is not only men from trucks, but, also from our fellow student who might utter these offensive sounds as they pass you on your way to class.

I have been given many accounts of this sort of female harassment. One that sticks in my mind is when a friend of mine was riding her bike from the grocery, steering with one hand and balancing a sack of groceries on her handlebars with the other.

**WHILE** riding by a local fraternity house, this coed was startled by comments coming

from the roof of the house. This almost caused her to run into a parked car which would have been physically injurious if she had not reacted quickly.

Women should not have to escape these comments by not walking or riding bikes. Both are a very good form of exercise, and I am sure that these men, however ignorant, would not want me or anyone else to become obese from the lack of exercise.

Therefore, I will continue to walk and to get harassed more than I would like and I will hope that no real harm comes to me.

Sincerely,

Jamie Nix  
Box 1157

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# entertainment

## New fall offerings: the good, the bad, the terrible

*Editor's Note: The new television season is upon us and here are reviews of three of the new shows as seen by staff writers.*

### SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

The new CBS television show, *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* should be titled *One Bride For One Brother or One Mother For Six Brothers*.

Why is that you ask? Well from what I saw, Hannah, played by Terri Treas, is married to Adam or was Evan.

THERE are so many characters, you need a scorecard to keep up with them.

At any rate, there are six other McFadden brothers who need a woman's touch.

Like most other prime time shows, this one has its share of subplots such as husband and wife not speaking to each other, an apprehensive teenager trying to get a date, and a young rodeo star learning about hard work and perseverance. Oh yes, and there is happy ending.

SEVEN BRIDES for Seven Brothers does keep up with the times. It includes country-western music and dance, western attire, and plenty of a 'whoopin' and a hollerin'.

If you miss the *Waltons*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* may be just what you have been waiting for—Lisa Funkel.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR

### NOT

If you're a reader of all those old "Ripley's Believe It or Not" books, you better check into this fall's series of *Ripley's Believe It or Not*.

The show explores many unexplainable, grotesque and unknown facets about the world we live in. The producers of the show centered on the topic of death in the first edition.

STORIES included the burial of a Texas millionaire, a Paris cemetery where famous people are "dying to get in," and an artist whose disembodied head was passed on for generations before it was finally brought back to its body.

Such emphasis on death made me wonder why this stuff isn't packaged in movie material. It keeps you watching, but wondering is this the only strange thing they can come up with?

Other topics were covered and the one on the high speed photography versus what the eye never sees had a highly educational and scientific value for the viewer.

SIGHT artechituroalso counterbalanced the death coverage, helping the show to drift away from the chills and into what may be a growing mode of life.

Minifacts stuffed between the commercial added to the wide spectrum that the series stretches

the viewer across.

*Ripley's Believe It or Not* is a show you can love because it is so strange. In the world of *Real People* and *That's Incredible*, this show is hard to take.

Of course, you can believe it or not—Dee Parker

### GLORIA

In the beginning Norman Lear created *All in the Family* and the viewing public saw it and it was good.

And in those days, *All in the Family* begat *Maude* and *The Jeffersons* and the viewing public saw it and it was good. Later on, *Maude* begat *Good Times* and it was pretty good too.

TIME PASSED and *All in the Family* was showing its age and the series left the airwaves, but *Archie Bunker* did not.

*Archie Bunker's Place*, now in its fourth season on CBS, has sired another spin-off *Gloria*.

*Gloria* refers to Archie Bunker's daughter, now separated from her Meathead hubby. She's back in New York and striving for independence.

NORMALLY this premise would make me gag. The "poor, down and out lady striving for independence" is old hat, and nothing original has been done with the concept since *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Maude* left the tube, but *Gloria* is different.



### Mork testifies

Robin Williams, better known as Mork of "Mork and Mindy" fame, testified at a Grand Jury hearing that's probing into the death of John Bulushi.

Sally Struthers, whose been stereotyped as "Archie's daughter" since she left *All in the Family* years ago, is delightful in this series. She is funnier in this series than her *Family* days, and I was surprised when the show was actually making me laugh.

Struthers is a baby-faced blonde with a delightful smile and a radiant glow that graces her face. In this series, she makes use of her innocences by showing us how hard it is for a wife and mother to make it on her own.

INSTEAD of getting an

elegant job (as these "liberated women" shows unrealistically present), Gloria is cleaning bird cages for a small town vet in upstate New York. In the midst of finding one of many cages, Gloria stops for a good cry, "I never knew it'd be like this."

The show has its serious moments, but it is a very funny comedy.

The cast is excellent. Burgess Meredith (*Rocky III*) is Gloria's soft-hearted boss, Dr. Adams. Newcomers Jo De Winters and Lou Richards play Gloria's

wacky co-workers, and Christian Jacobs is Gloria's son Joey, who is growing up (though, he is a typical loudmouth television kid character).

THOUGH the characters are your basic cardboard variety: liberated women, handsome bosses, dumb but handsome men, and loudmouth kiddies, this series has a talented enough cast to handle this let down.

Given its present time slot and ratings, *Gloria* should be around for a long time to come—Terry Morrow.



Photo by Debby Sawyer

The MTSU horsemen's association participate in many intercollegiate horse shows against many major universities as UT Knoxville and Western Kentucky.

## Play has problems; bad luck abounds

By NISE LEVY

Staff Writer

Despite several casualties, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is going "wonderfully well," according to Deborah Anderson, the director.

The casualties include a lost voice from an actor, an arm cast and hospitalization for three of the cast members since rehearsals began.

KEVIN Cruze, who has the lead role, injured his wrist and two days after auditions it was in a cast. He will get the cast off the day before the performance on Oct 6.

Another problem arose when Charlie Brown lost his voice for about two weeks. Anderson had someone understudy his role of

"Hero" until he regained his vocal usage.

Monday, Betty Hendrick, who plays the part of Gymasia, was put in the hospital for an infected muscle. She will be backed in rehearsal by Friday.

THERE HAVE been other problems such as sore throats, pulled muscles and problems getting the set built, but as the saying goes, "the show must go on."

Catherine Berresheim, assistant director, said there have been more set backs than usual with this show but added that there have been no negative effects.

Anderson and Berresheim are expecting the show to be a big success.

## Horse sense vital for campus club

By DEE PARKER

Staff Writer

Joining the Horsemen's Association adds up to a lot of horse sense.

One doesn't have to be able to ride or own a horse to join, according to Kathy Sharp, club co-sponsor.

"You don't have to be a horse sense major."

THE CLUB, which began in 1970, attracts approximately 70 members each year from a wide variety of majors.

Each year the club sponsors horse shows and holds seminars that are open to the public.

Among the club's other activities include clinics, such as the horse jumping clinic it held last year. The club also sponsors endurance rides of 25 to 50 miles and a dressage, which is riding without jumping.

A VARIETY of seminars and speakers teach club members production and management, club co-sponsor Jerry Williams said.

The club also has a 30-

member Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team, which competes with the University of the South, Western Kentucky, Southern Illinois, Murray State, UT-Knoxville and Hiwassee College.

ANYWHERE from 70 to 100 people try out for the team each year, said Sharp, who also coaches. Finalists are "judged totally on the rider's ability to handle a horse properly."

Tryouts are held at the beginning of each semester with everyone, including former team members, going through tryouts.

"You have to be physically fit to do it," Cherria Macken, club president said. "You have a lot of exercises and have to stretch your leg muscles."

LAST YEAR MTSU's intercollegiate team won both the region's English Hunt Seat and Western Stock Seat competitions. Out of 132 teams in the nationals, it placed second in the Western Stock Seat and eighth in the English Hunt Seat.

Throughout the semester, the team practices Wednesday and Thursday nights for about three hours.

"We ride without reins," Macken said. Without looking, team members guide their horses with their legs.

ALTHOUGH the school does not finance the club, it does allow the club to use its facilities and the 42 horses donated to the school for club members who do not have access to a horse.

Quarter horses, thoroughbreds, walking horses, saddle breeds and a few crossbreeds are available to club members, as well as to the intercollegiate team and horse classes.

A breeding program is planned for the future to increase the number of horses in the stable, Sharp said. At present, the facilities are at their maximum.

SINCE the 1980-81 school year, the club has had the use of the Livestock Pavilion building, which accommodates 1,000 spectators. There is also an

outdoor ring for shows.

"We are trying to get more interest from beginners and give old members a new perspective about the club," Macken said.

Macken has been a member of the intercollegiate team since 1981 and has been showing horses since she was 11.

"I LIKE encouraging people to come out who don't know anything about horses," Macken said.

This year's agenda includes adding in the clinics and participating in the intercollegiate regionals again.

"We are working on getting films from the different horse breed associations," Macken said.

In addition to enlarging one's knowledge about horses, there are other benefits to being in the club.

"You become more confident about yourself, since you are right out in the public," Macken said. "It's just you out there."



Allan Barlowe (left) and David Lee (right) star in the production "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," presented October 7-9 at the DA.



Pseudolus (Allan Barlowe) becomes well acquainted with the courtesans in the house of Marcus in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

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# MTSU Sports

## Blue Raider grid machine on the march; Akron Zips may be the next victim to fall

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

The undefeated Blue Raiders will host Akron Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The home fans will get a chance to show their support in front of the cameras of ABC television, who will be telecasting the game from Horace Jones field on the beautiful Middle Tennessee campus.

"This is going to be our toughest test yet, without a doubt," said head coach "Boots" Donnelly. "Akron is a very physical football team that can be quite punishing. They have always had excellent size, but now they've added some very fast athletes to their roster to compliment the size."

INDEED Akron does have some size and speed. They will return a healthy platoon at defensive positions, especially in the line and the defensive backfield.

Sophomore linebacker Ed Grimsley should prove stunning. Grimsley saw action in only seven games last season, but ending up as the second leading tackler on the team.

Frank Mazgaj at middle guard and tackle Joe Myers may also prove to be defensive worries for the Blue Raider defense. The defensive backfield also holds two thoroughbred athletes in senior Freddy Robinson and Darren Morgan.

THE ZIP attack will be directed by quarterback Kevin Meade, the third leading passer in the conference.

The Akron squad lost their biggest ground gainer from the 1981 campaign in tailback Dennis Brumfield. Brumfield rushed for a whopping 1,041 yards in that season. His replacement, James Black has filled the shoes with a perfect or even better fit. He is the leading

rusher in the conference, averaging around 120 yards per game.

Five starters in the offensive line come back to bolster the Zips hopes for a winning season. The main man in that bunch will be tight end Rick Addis.

AS MANY OVC fans will recall, the Zips made a tremendous rampage at the end of the 1981 tour, winning four of the last five contests to even up their record to a respectable 5-5. The Zips have a league record of 1-0 on the year. They lost last week to the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky, but won a white-knuckler over the highly touted Youngstown State by a final of 19-18.

The Blue Raiders have been successful against the Zips in the first two games that the two have played. Akron joined the conference in 1980. The Raiders took the 1981 battle by a score of

10-7 at Akron and won the first contest at Murfreesboro by a final of 13-9 in 1980.

MTSU will hopefully keep their undefeated record alive and stampede into Richmond, Kentucky next week to take on the league leading Colonels in what should prove to be a devastating football battle.



Head Coach "Boots" Donnelly

## TV ratings race between MTSU, Jetsons

By CODY MARLEY  
Sports Man

Tomorrow morning MTSU gridders will not only be opposite some stiff competition on the field, but also will have a battle in the tv ratings.

For the fourth time in nine months Blue Raider athletics has earned a spot on the tube. MTSU appeared in February on ESPN in basketball against Western Kentucky. And no MTSU fan will ever forget last season's roundball games against Kentucky and Louisville.

THIS COULD be the start of a new era. With a large viewer turnout tomorrow, Raidermania could take hold and sweep the country. MTSU might even replace the Dallas Cowboys and become America's team.

Let's come back down to earth. Before this snowball effect can take place we must fare well in tomorrow's tv ratings. This will be no easy task.

In the 11 a.m. to noon time slot, area stations have lined up all the local favorites.

HERE IS the lineup against the Akron vs. MTSU game:

At 11 a.m., NBC will want you to "Meet George Jetson, his boy Elroy, daughter Judy and Jane, his wife." They of course star in that mind blowing sci-fi cartoon the Jetsons.

In a strategic move CBS has moved Popeye and Olive from 7 to the 11 a.m. spot. By the way, who is Sweatpea's father?

CHANNEL 17 could be the regional game's toughest competition. They have a full sixty minutes of Live Studio Wrestling on tap.

At 11:30 a.m. the cartoon version of Flash Gordon will appear on NBC. Fat Albert will be on CBS. In this episode Fat Albert and friends learn about taking care of pets.

If you can't come to the game tomorrow, watch it on tv. And if you watch tv don't succumb to the tempting programming the networks have fixed up.

## Broadcasters for TV game announced

Fans hoping to see ABC notables such as Keith Jackson or Jim Lampley covering the MTSU vs. Akron game will be a little disappointed.

The sportscasters for the game Saturday will be Bob Murphy with the play-by-play and former Detroit Lion coach Rick Forzano with the color.



## Hot OVC pigskin action has powerhouses clashing

By MAT WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

As the OVC swings into high gear, there are some excellent encounters lined up for this Saturday.

Eastern Kentucky takes its unbeaten forces down to Clarksville to face a young Austin Peay outfit. Eastern is the leading offensive team in the conference, averaging 312.0 ypg, and features an explosive passing tandem in quarterback Tuck Woolum and powerful tight end Tron Armstrong.

PEAY ALSO has a fine field general in Mike Katzman and a big, bruising offensive line.

The Governors have yet to play a conference battle and a win could blow the league wide open.

Murray State travels to Morehead State in a game that could answer many questions.

THE RACERS' once potent offense has been sputtering somewhat averaging a lowly 236.7 ypg, while Morehead will try to rebound from a woodshed-whipping received at the hands of MTSU last weekend.

## Raider defense best in nation; Hall named Player of the Week

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

The currently undefeated Blue Raiders have amassed quite a contingent of both team and individual honors in the early part of the season.

Middle Tennessee is currently second in the conference, behind the always tough Eastern Kentucky Colonels. Eastern is the number one team in the nation in NCAA Division I-AA.

FANS WHO have been on hand during the recent home stand know that the Raiders have been spanking their opponents with the patented Blue Raider defense. The defense has cornered several honors in the rankings.

The MTSU defense is currently number one in the nation in the categories of rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense. The Blue Raiders are second in the conference in passing defense.

Dennis Mix, at the defensive end spot, has plastered the opposition with nine tackles for loss and 43 yards. He leads the league in that category.

THE POUNDING defensive

Youngstown State is still in intensive care after being butchered 57-3 by Cincinnati last week. Youngstown has been the league's biggest disappointment thus far, and facing the likes of rugged Eastern Illinois (3-0-1) won't make the Penguins' situation any rosier.

The Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles will travel to UT-Martin to tangle with a surprising Pacer club.

TECH IS 3-1 while Martin is 2-1 and there is no doubt that supporters of both teams will experience intense fan excitement.

Tech showcases an excellent safety in Billy Blaylock and a tough, slashing runner in Reggie Bazel.

The top conference game will be played here in Murfreesboro as the sizzling Blue Raiders will host the league's sleeper, Akron, on ABC regional TV.

The Raider defense has been nothing short of spectacular and will need to be at its peak to stop the league's top rusher, James Black.

force has not allowed any opponent to gain both 100 yards rushing and 100 yards passing in the same game. The last two Raider opponents have gained less than 100 yards total offense—combined.

The offense has also managed to do some handiwork of its own.

Mr. Vince Hall has motored his way into the hearts of many a Blue Raider supporter. Hall has been awarded the OVC Offensive Player of the Week award for his outstanding performance against Morehead State, in which the Raiders clubbed the Eagles by a 30-0 tally.

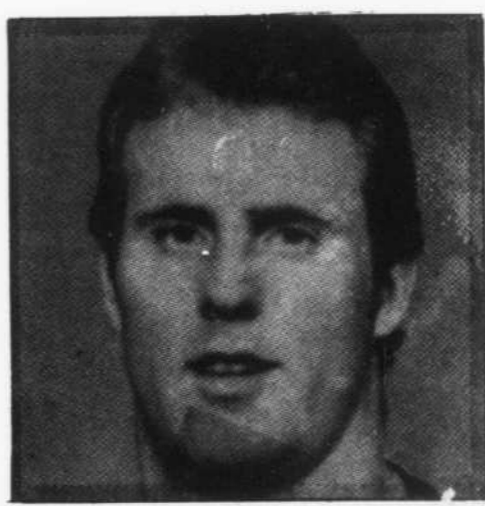
VINCE stacked up 80 yards on 16 carries in the victory. The five foot eleven inch 170 pounder from Scottsboro, Ala. also scampered in for two touchdowns. He is currently fifth in the conference in rushing.

The team has gotten off to a tremendous start. The 4-0 mark is the best start since 1966. Two Blue Raider shutouts in 1982 marks the first time since 1964 that the unit has managed two shutouts in the same season.

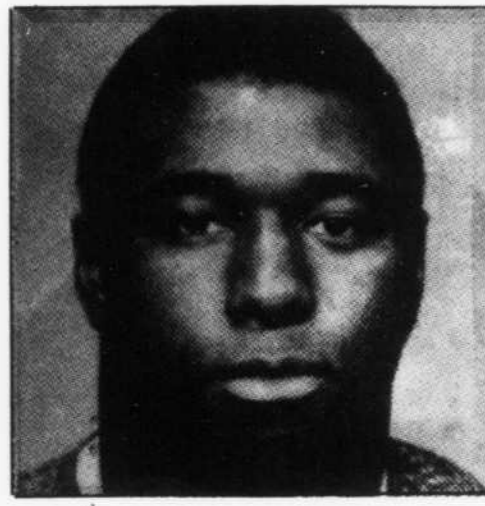
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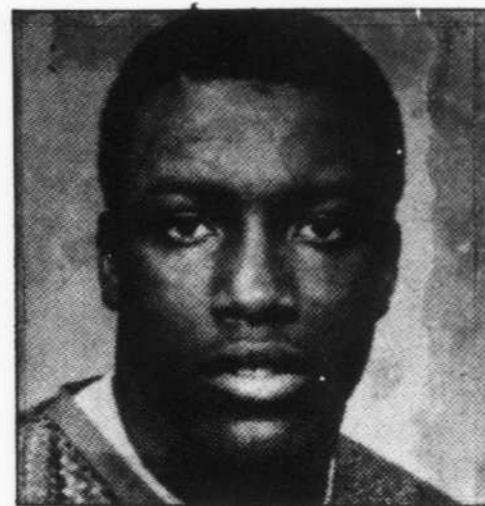
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Vince Hall

## Karate kicks for powerful excitement; several rank high in Pro-Am tourney

By KATY KOSHAKJI  
Sports Writer

The MTSU Karate Club and Team entered the Music City Pro-Am tournament at McGavock High School where members received trophies and experience Sept. 18.

David Deaton, a fifth degree black belt and instructor of the Karate Club and Team placed first in the fighting and second in the kata forms, a choreographed exercise of karate moves, in the light weight division.

MTSU STUDENT Skip

Grosch earned first place in the fights and kata forms in the white belt division, which is the lowest ranking belt.

A karate exhibition and seminar will be held on Oct. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym. The seminar is open to the public, but only those practicing wado-ryu karate style can participate.

The wado-ryu style originated in Japan, and according to the club publicity coordinator, Les Levi, C.T. Patterson will be showing the black belt's sword

defense moves. He will also teach the lower belts a variety of techniques from his thirty years of experience.

"PATTERSON is nationally and internationally known," Levi said. "He has been named the Father of Karate by the Tennessee House of Representatives."

Upcoming tournaments for all styles of karate include the Atlanta Pro-Am, Oct. 23, and the Tri-State in Dalton, Ga., Nov. 6.



The 1982 MTSU Karate Club and Team is led by David Deaton (standing, third from left).



The Blue Raider defensive unit is number one in the nation in several categories.





Rugby action last Saturday at the Greenland Drive field.

Photo by Debby Naeve

## Rugby action is fast and furious, both during and after the game

In 1823, Englishman William Webb Ellis, with a disregard for the rules of soccer was the first to take the ball in his arms and run with it.

The new sport born of his handiwork, rugby, caught on quickly throughout England. By 1895, rugby had become a professional sport, with the formation of the English Rugby Union and the Northern Rugby Union, and had spread to the United States.

THE AMERICAN rugby organization, the Eastern Rugby Union, is split into regional divisions.

Middle Tennessee Rugby Football Club, in the Mid-South Division, was started two years ago by Bart Butler, last season's club president.

"Rocky" Lewis, of the Nashville Rugby Club, first came to club meetings two years ago to help the club get started and has ended up as their coach.

RICHARD "KID" Kamats, the only member who is out of play for the season due to an injury, explained how Coach "Rocky" has taught the club "a lot of things they didn't know and a lot of things that other teams don't know."

"Rocky" demands a lot from the club, Kamats said, but it's all worth it.

Why play rugby instead of football?

"AFTER you play one game and 'go to a party, you're hooked!" club member Mike Andrews reasoned.

Kamats agreed that the parties thrown by the home team after a

game are terrific. He believes that the opponents are much friendlier than in a football game, and he enjoys the social gesture involved.

Barry Dunnivant explains that the running and endurance needed for the game give him a good feeling.

"It's a kind of 'high,'" he said. THERE ARE a few differences between rugby and football.

A rugby game is played on a field ten yards longer and twenty yards wider with endzones ten yards deeper than a football field.

Games are played in 30 or 40 minute halves with five minutes in between.

No forward passes are permitted, and no protective clothing is worn except for a mouthpiece and an occasional knee pad.

ANOTHER difference is the scoring. A touchdown, worth six points, in football is similar to a try, worth four points, in rugby, but the ball must be touched down within the endzones. The conversion is worth two points, instead of one.

There are two other ways to score with a kick other than the conversion. A penalty kick may be awarded to a team in the event its opponent is guilty of a major penalty.

The team offended then has the chance to try to place kick the ball through the uprights from the place of penalty. If successful, this yields three points.

AT ANY time during the

game, any player may attempt a drop kick through the opponents goal. This dropped goal is essentially the same as a penalty goal and also worth three points.

The basic rugby positions include runner, kicker and tackler.

No matter what a person's size may be, he is capable of playing rugby because the positions require all sizes, Andrews said.

THE ONLY requirements for a student trying out for the rugby club are a willingness to learn the game, endurance and ability to pay the \$23 per semester dues.

The Middle Tennessee Rugby Club opened its 1982-83 season Saturday, Sept. 25. Despite their loss to Chattanooga, the club is looking forward to a good season.

THIS SEASON'S club officers are: Mark Williams, president; Rob Cameron, vice-president; Richard "Kid" Kamats, treasurer; Mike Andrews, secretary; and Barry Dunnivant, social chairman.

The rugby club's schedule for this season:

- Sept. 25, Chattanooga, Home, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 2, U.T., Away, TBA
- Oct. 3, Knoxville, Away, 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9, OPEN
- Oct. 16, Pigeon Creek, Away, 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23, Western Kentucky, Home, 1:00 p.m.

## SportsRapSportsRapSportsRapSportsRapSports

by Mike Jones

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

A great deal of fun seems to have gone out of watching athletics these days. People seem to have gotten too preoccupied with getting drunk and "raisin' hell" to really enjoy sports.

This probably sounds nostalgic, but the fans aren't together like they used to be. This feeling has been absent since the mid-sixties, and I think it is about time that it was brought back.

THE CLEAVERS perhaps best exemplified this lifestyle of knowing how to enjoy sports.

Ward would enter the house after a day at the office and announce that he had somehow managed to get four tickets to the big game. June, Wally and the Beaver were all very happy.

June would announce that the boys should prepare their best blue suits, and then send them

off to wash up.

THE FAMILY was now ready to depart. June looked quite prim in her evening dress with the men smart and handsome in their suits. An evening of fun at the big game was only minutes away.

The first stop on the way to the stadium was at some restaurant, presumably Shoney's, to enjoy a dinner. The conversation was about fun subjects like school or maybe sports. Ward might tell a light hearted joke. The smell of fun reeked throughout the air.

We can only imagine what happened at the game, because they never would show it. The family sat together. They enjoyed some popcorn or peanuts purchased from a nice man dressed in a red and white pinstripe outfit and wearing a

funny hat.

UPON returning to the house, the family would discuss the exciting moments of the game and mention the names of the outstanding players of the evening. These names included Moose, Hammer, Bull and Iron Fist. The family then retired for the evening.

After an evening of fun like that, it is hard to comprehend why the times have changed sports fans into such lice. In the photos that accompany this column, people can be seen having fun enjoying sports.

Study the expressions on the these faces. These expressions are rarely seen at a ballpark anymore. The times will probably not permit us to return to this simpler and happier era. It is a sad and hard thing to realize.



These cheerleaders exhibit an enthusiasm which is sorely absent from today's sports fans.

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Eastern Kentucky	2-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Tennessee Tech	1-1
Akron	1-1
Youngstown State	1-2
Austin Peay	0-0
Morehead State	0-1
Murray State	0-1



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