

# SIDELINES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT VOICE

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## Freshman arrested after faking death

**Le Datta Grimes**  
News Editor

Freshman Eddie Martin has been charged with faking his own death, among other crimes, by the Wilson County Sheriff's Department.

The 19-year-old Mt. Juliet resident who has been missing since Aug. 24 was arrested in his home about 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Upon his arrest, Martin asked to see a lawyer and has not spoken since that time.

He was later released on \$13,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in county criminal court Sept. 23.

Charges brought against Martin include creating a false impression of death, unlawful possession of a weapon, leaving the scene of a property accident,

theft of property totaling more than \$500, possession of burglary tools and criminal impersonation of a police officer.

MTSU Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance said Friday that Martin was withdrawn from school at his parents' request at the start of the case. Yet the charges brought against him may affect his chances of getting back into school.

"There is no official policy governing the matter or that would keep him out of school, but it would be up to the administration's discretion," LaLance said.

LaLance said the decision would be based on Martin's ability to function on campus.

"If convicted of the crimes

brought against him, the institution would have to access the crime and decide whether he could function properly and be a good citizen in the MTSU community," LaLance said.

The stepson of Wilson County Commissioner James Tate, Martin disappeared Tuesday, Aug. 24, after checking into Felder Hall. He met with his roommate for about five minutes and left the university and was not seen again until Sept. 8.

Martin left a message on his parents' answering machine saying that he would be attending a party in the Nashville area.

Later his car was found near the Shutes Branch recreation area of Old Hickory Lake.

The car was wrecked and a

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## MTSU default rate well below national average

STAFF REPORTS

MTSU's student loan default rate for 1991 was 7.3 percent, which is well below the state and national averages, statistics show.

The state's 1991 student loan default rate was 19.1 percent, and the national 1991 student loan default rate was 17.6 percent.

The U.S. Department of Education released student loan default information for 1991 last week, which includes private, public and for-profit institutions, said Ron Gambill, executive director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. in Nashville.

This is basically default information relative to the Stanford Loan Program, which is the major student loan program, Gambill said.

MTSU's 1990 student loan default rate was 8.5 percent, which means it almost dropped 1 percentage point in 1991.

"It is certainly a good rate for a school that size and with the number of students that are borrowing to attend college at MTSU," Gambill said. "Their rate is a very, very good rate, and I think it's significant their rate has been lowered from 1990 to 1991."

In 1990, the national student loan default rate was over 22 percent. The state's 1990 student loan default rate wasn't available, Gambill said.

Student Loan default rates for Tennessee universities for 1991 are: MTSU, 7.3 percent; UT-Knoxville 6.5 percent; Tennessee Tech University, 6.9 percent; UT-Chattanooga, 7.5 percent; East

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## Students work to keep convicted rapist in prison



George L. Walker IV/Photographer

**BRANDY BERRYHILL**  
Staff Writer

The Women's Political Action Group is trying to help a student keep a convicted rapist off the streets.

In hopes of getting support from other students, the campus organization set up a table in the Keathley University Center lobby for students to sign a petition to keep convicted rapist John T. Sullivan of West Nashville in prison.

The women's group got involved with the petition after the victim approached them and other organizations for help.

"Being a woman is hard enough without being alone," said Melissa Davenport, a member of the women's group.

As of the first of September, 800 signatures had been acquired, but the victim was told by the secretary at the district attorney's office that 1,500 signatures are necessary to show significant interest in the case.

The original case was tried by the assistant district attorney at that time, Ronald E. Miller.

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Julie Welsh of the Women's Political Action Group helps Melissa Lee put on a pin to show her support for a petition the group is working on. The petition is designed to help keep a convicted rapist from getting out of prison on parole.



# Presidential Scholarship attracts top students

**TINA HARVEY**  
Staff Writer

In an effort to improve the quality of students, President James Walker has funded a Presidential Scholarship program.

About 89 freshmen Presidential Scholars entered MTSU this fall, according to Lynn Palmer, director of Admissions.

The program is in its first year here.

"In the past, funding was a problem to start the program, but President Walker told us to put together a proposal and he committed himself to finding the program," said Palmer.

The scholarship provides \$3,000 per academic year, yet students must meet certain criteria.

"We are making a stronger effort to attract and enroll the academically talented high school students," Palmer said. "We have also put more emphasis on our Honors Program."

The initial criteria for qualifying for a Presidential Scholarship are an American College Testing composite score of 28 or greater and a high school grade point average of at least 3.5. The average ACT score of

incoming Presidential Scholars is 29.07, and the average GPA is 3.79.

The number of students selected as Presidential Scholars is not limited as long as they meet qualifications.

"As long as I maintain a 3.0 (GPA), I get it," said Marci Miller, one of the recipients.

Palmer said having more students who meet higher academic standards has a positive effect in a university. "It affects the quality of programs and instruction," she said.

Last year 1,034 letters were sent to qualifying students in Tennessee. Respondents were then invited to Scholars Day last January. Reminder letters were sent out in March, followed by a congratulatory letter. Out of the 138 students who were eligible, 89 students confirmed.

"I really didn't have to apply for it," said Miller. "An administrator spoke with me about it and told me I qualified. After that they sent me a letter saying I got it."

Admissions standards will be raised to a minimum ACT score of 20 (up from 19) and a GPA of 2.8 (up from a 2.0).

## Weekend Challenge!

*Sidelines* wants to encourage students to stay on campus during the weekends and experience Murfreesboro. To do this, *Sidelines* will feature any student organization holding a meeting, event, seminar, or anything else that draws a crowd of 50 or more students on Saturday or Sunday - that offer is down from last week which was to draw a crowd of 100! The feature will be complete with in-depth interviews and, of course, photos. Inform of the event before-hand and so we can advertise it in *Campus Capsule* and arrange reporters and photographers to cover it. Write to MTSU Box 42 or call 898-2815. Features will be printed as space allows.

## CAMPUS CAPSULE

### TODAY

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL** is holding an open meeting at 7 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Electric Departments meeting room. The keynote speaker will be Ben Ryan, a Nashville based producer of films and videos. Contact Betsey Stalzer at 890-6743 for more details.

**THE STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION** will meet at 7 p.m. in Keathley University Center 305. Contact Debra or Andy at 890-5097.

**ALPHA KAPPA PSI** will have interest meetings today and tomorrow in KUC 318 at 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**THE STUDENT TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** is meeting in Keathley University Center 322 at 7 p.m. A speech on "How to present yourself as a professional" will be given. For more information, contact Lisa Lynn at 893-5598.

**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION** will host a "MIDDLE OF THE ACTION" FAIR from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cheerleaders perform at 3 p.m. Lopyyogymi plays at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Drew Bergman at 898-2464.

**THE BLACK STUDENT JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION** is holding its first meeting in room 150 of the Mass Comm. building at 4:30 p.m. Contact Michelle Duke at 895-3686.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

CAMPUS CAPSULE IS PROVIDED AS A SERVICE TO ALL UNIVERSITY-CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS TO ANNOUNCE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES. ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE *SIDELINES* OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS BY NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY FOR THE MONDAY EDITION AND 4:30 ON MONDAY FOR THE THURSDAY EDITION. SUBMISSIONS MUST BE 50 WORDS OR LESS. ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE EDITED TO CONTAIN ONLY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship is having a meeting from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the PSF House. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Hume at 849-3490.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS SIGMA DELTA CHI** will hold its first meeting of the semester at 6 p.m. in Mass Communications Room 149. All members are asked to attend. This meeting is also an orientation meeting for anyone interested in joining. A representative of the Nashville SPJ chapter will be a guest speaker.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**THE SGA HOUSE WILL HAVE A GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING** from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the KUC Theater. Proposed legislation should be turned in no later than Sept. 19. The Constitutional Revision Committee will be elected.

### ONGOING

**THE DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES WILL BE HOLDING A TRANSITIONAL MATHEMATICS COURSE** starting Sept. 15 through Oct. 20 on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center 104. The course will help student become at ease with fractions, exponents, the real number system, linear equations, and word problems. Call 898-2462 for details.

**INTERVARSITY WORSHIP** is held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21. Men's Bible study is held Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Women's Bible study is held on Mondays at 4:45 p.m.

Contact Michael at 898-3716 for more information.

**FRESHMAN RECORD BOOKS** are available in KUC 304.

**PETITIONS FOR FRESHMAN CLASS SENATORS, GRADUATE SENATOR, AND HOMECOMING QUEEN** are available in the Student Government Office in KUC 304. Elections will be held on Oct. 12, 1993. The filing deadline is Sept. 27 at 12 noon.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** wanting to apply for SGA activity fee funds for the fall semester should pick up application forms from Keathley University Center Room 126. The deadline for completing the forms and having them turned in is 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24.

**THE WOMEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM** is seeking managers/statisticians. Anyone interested should contact Coach Karen Green at 898-2450.

**THE ROAD CYCLING CLUB** is recruiting members to race in a Southeast collegiate cycling team. If you are interested, call Thomas Bugg at 895-4082.

**SCUBA CLASSES**, sponsored by Continuing Education, are being offered from Sept. 18 through Oct. 30. The cost is \$100 plus text. For more information call 898-2462.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP** meets from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the PSF House every Wednesday. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Hume at 849-3490.

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# Possible candidate speaks to College Republicans

## STAFF REPORTS

Will he run?

That was the question going through the minds of many of the 200 people who came to hear Fred Thompson speak Wednesday night at a meeting of the College Republicans in the Tennessee Room.

Thompson was on hand to participate in the Victory '94 Speakers Series, a yearlong series of Republican speakers sponsored by the campus organization.

Although Thompson has not yet formally announced his candidacy for the Senate seat vacated by Al Gore, he said he "now faces the challenge of running for senator" and believes that such a quest "would be worthwhile."

Sources close to Fred Thompson have said a formal announcement will soon be forthcoming, possibly in December. An exploratory committee, Tennesseans for Thompson, has been formed and is operating from a headquarters located in Nashville.

During the meeting, Thompson declared that the two biggest issues facing Congress are the economy and congressional reform. He also said that he supports a balanced

budget amendment to the Constitution and term limits for senators and representatives.

"No more than two terms," Thompson said when asked by an audience member if he would voluntarily limit the number of term he served.

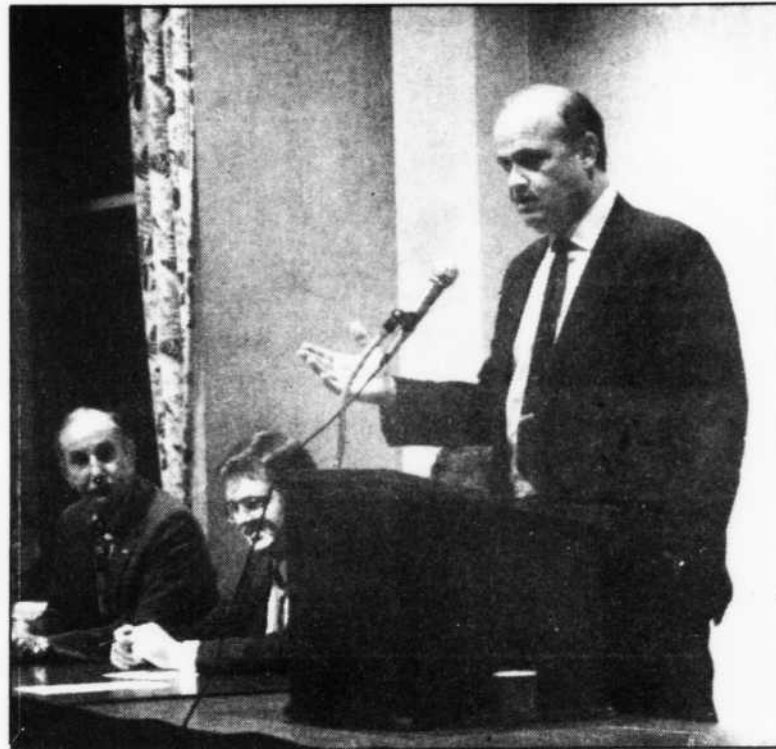
If elected, Thompson said he hoped to "break up the in-house game" that has led to a "serious erosion in the American people's confidence in Congress." Thompson said he would do this by reducing the number of committees, subcommittees and staffers on Capital Hill.

Thompson, who has been described by some as a Libertarian Republican, discounted such labels as "unnecessary" and "inappropriate."

When asked about abortion, he said he believed it was a "woman's right to choose" and that the government has no right to interfere in that decision.

Also during the meeting, it was announced that Steve Wilson, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Jim Sasser's Senate seat, will come to MTSU Sept. 22 to participate in the Speakers Series.

A time and location for Wilson's address will be announced this week.



Charles Hogue/Photographer

Fred Thompson, actor, lawyer and possible Senate candidate discusses the problems of big government at a College Republican meeting last Wednesday. State Representative Mike Liles along with College Republican Vice Chairman Aaron Fletcher listen attentively.

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# Cards to be used for more than identification

**KIM SHEPPARD**  
Staff Writer

The new identification cards issued during the beginning of the semester will afford students more conveniences.

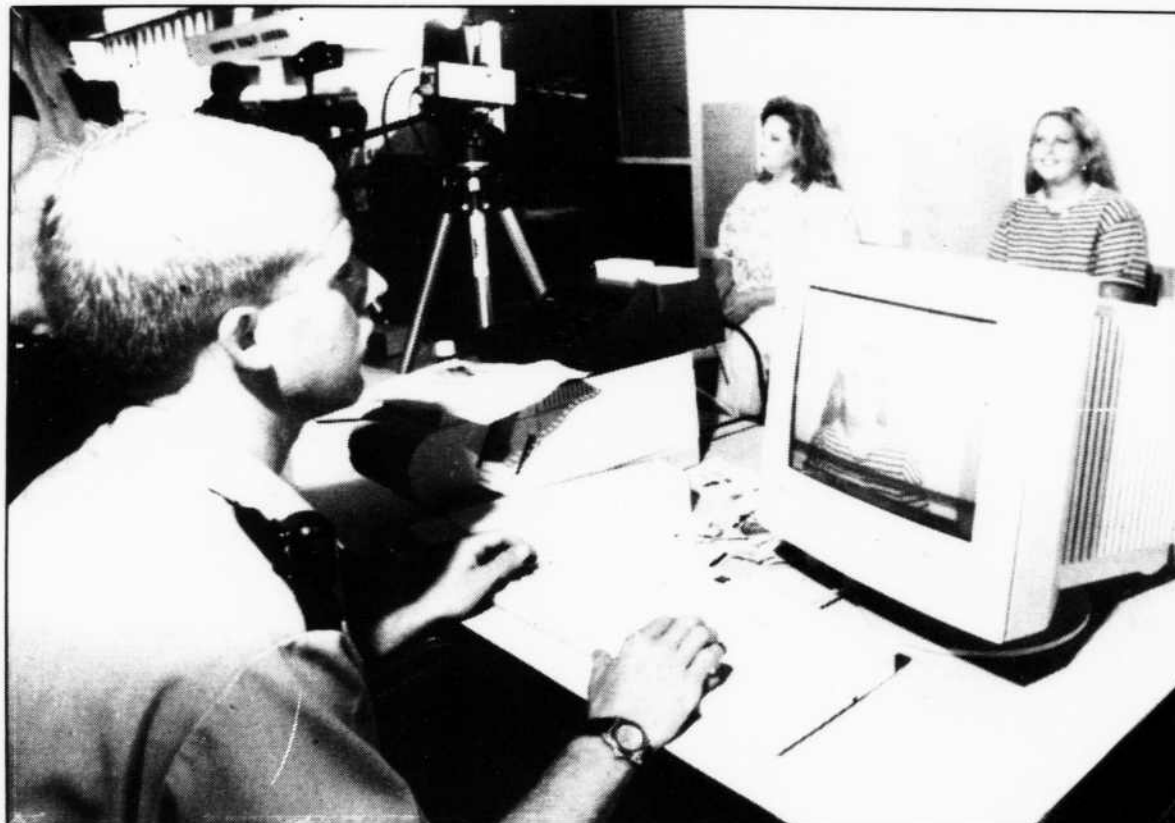
As early as next fall, the new system will enable students to use their card for almost every transaction on campus. They will be able to use the card for food services, the computer system and Student Government Association voting, among other transactions. Now, students can only use the cards for checking out library books and for personal identification.

Financial Analyst Ann Hindman said the university has invested about \$300,000 in the Diebold computer ID system but said, "The system could cost more money as the university adopts more programs for the ID system."

Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance said the new system will benefit students. "I'm excited about the program that will allow students to use one card on campus for everything," he said.

"We feel that it [the new ID system] has an advantage to having a single card," said Hindman, who researched the feasibility of the new system.

The new system will be implemented in three phases.



Carl E. Lambert/Photographer

**SMILE!** Student Patrol Officer John Watson makes a new photo ID for freshman Jennine Griffey.

The first phase, which is planned for next fall, eliminates the current meal cards and utilizes the new computer system used with the ID cards.

Hindman said the phase will be in place as soon as vendors equip their vending machines to use the new cards. Although planned for next fall, the phase could be in place as early as the upcoming spring semester.

Implementation of the second phase will allow students to have a "debit account" to purchase books in the bookstore or make copies in the library. Students will be able to use their ID cards for SGA elections. Once the student has voted, the vote will then register into the computer system. The magnetic strip on the back of the card also will aid the university in keeping up with

financial aid information on individual students as well as taking surveys of how students use their cards.

The final phase may not go into effect for an additional five to 10 years. It will give students access to various campus buildings, including the dormitories.

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## In the News...

### DOGS WILL RUN BEARS AS PART OF EXPERIMENT

JOHNSON CITY - Tennessee wildlife officials will allow hunters to experiment with teaching dogs to chase bears, even though legislation to allow such training has been postponed until next year.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Commission ruled last month to allow the experiment on Sept. 19 during daylight hours. "The commission made it very clear this would be an experiment," said Larry Markham, the TWRA's chief of wildlife management.

"If everything goes the way people ought to behave, it may be something that could be continued."

The experiment will be held in parts of Cocke, Greene and Sevier counties.

The bear dog training season was first proposed by Rep. Ronnie Davis, R-Newport, and Sen. Ronnie Greer, R-Greeneville, during last year's legislative session. The lawmakers proposed the bill in response to a petition with 300

signatures.

Those opposing the original bill included the TWRA, the U.S. Forest Service, the Human Society of the United States and the Tennessee Conservation League. They said the legislation was inhuman and that allowing dogs to chase bears would put too much pressure on the bear population.

### COLLEGE FEES DOUBLED IN 10 YEARS, COULD DOUBLE AGAIN BY 2006

NASHVILLE - A freshman at state colleges and universities will pay fees this fall that are twice as high as they were 10 years ago.

By the year 2006, when today's kindergartners begin college, figures prepared by that state Department of Education indicate fees could double again.

Instead of this year's fees of less than \$2,000, the figures prepared for Rep. John Brass, D-Murfreesboro, indicate college freshman could pay fees of around \$2,800 in 13 years. If a proposal to be considered next week by the Tennessee Higher

Education Commission is approved, the fees could rise to \$4,300.

Fees have been raised annually since 1983, increasing faster than the cost of living but only slightly faster than state appropriations for higher education. Both have risen faster than the Consumer Price Index, which shows it now takes \$1.50 to buy what you could buy for \$1 in 1983.

Tennessee Higher Education Commission figures show fee increases for Tennessee residents have doubled at state community colleges and technical institutes and have increased even more at the state's four-year universities.

### LESBIAN DECLARED UNFIT MOTHER

RICHMOND, VA.— A lesbian is unfit to be a mother, a judge ruled Tuesday, allowing a woman to retain custody of her homosexual daughter's 2-year-old son in a case watched closely by rights activist.

Judge Buford Parsons ruled just half an hour after the close of the day long hearing in which

both the mother and grandmother testified.

The grandmother, Kay Bottoms, had argued that the boy could grow up not knowing the difference between men and women if he is returned to Sharon Bottoms and her lover, April Wade. The daughter testified that she herself was harmed by years of sexual abuse by her mother's live-in boyfriend.

Parson's, an Henrico County Circuit Court Judge, deemed that Sharon Bottoms' relationship with her live-in partner "renders her an unfit parent."

### SENATE DEMOCRATS REPORTEDLY ASK LOBBYIST FOR SPECIFIC GIFTS

NASHVILLE — Some lobbyist say it's OK. Other's say it's not.

But whatever the case, a new fund-raising plan reportedly being tried by Democrats in the state Senate is raising questions of fairness and ethics.

Several lobbyist told the Commercial Appeal newspaper that they have been asked by

certain senators to raise specific amounts of money for 1994 Senate campaigns. Some said they were asked for as much as \$10,000.

Most of the lobbyist interviewed spoke to the Memphis newspaper on the condition that they not be identified, saying their professional success depends largely on the votes cast by lawmakers.

Telephoned request for money followed a mailed invitation to a fund-raiser for the Senate Democratic Caucus, scheduled for Saturday, at Senator Anna Belle Clement O'Brien's home in East Tennessee, the newspaper reported in today's editions.

O'Brien, D-Crossville is chairman of the caucus.

According to six lobbyist interviewed by the newspaper, invitations were sent to lobbyist, political action committees and others for the reception before Saturday's University of Tennessee football game. Crossville is about 62 miles east of Knoxville.



## Missing...

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small amount of blood was found on the windshield. His shoe was found near the car as were his glasses.

At the time the case was being treated as a missing person's case. However, police had their suspicions, Wilson County Sheriff Terry Ashe said.

"The very first day it didn't look just right, but we didn't want to rule out what could have happened to him," Ashe told *The Daily News Journal*. "It took hundreds of man hours to determine where he might be."

During his two-week absence, police say Martin spent some time in the Columbia, S.C., area. It is unknown what Martin was doing there.

"We're checking to see if he has any charges against him in South Carolina," Ashe said.

## Default rate low...

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Tennessee State University, 8.1 percent; Memphis State University, 9.1 percent; UT-Martin, 11.4 percent; and Tennessee State University, 23.6 percent.

"We were certainly pleased to see that we ranked comparatively low for the Tennessee institutions," said Robert Lalance, vice president of student affairs. "Frankly, I think we can do a little better and certainly strive to get that below 5 percent."

And with the university's financial aid counseling process, Lalance said he believes the school's student loan default rate will continue to drop.

"MTSU has increased activities in loan counseling with students before loans are dispersed," Gambill said.

MTSU students also receive exit counseling sessions to

understand rights and responsibilities of repaying loans.

Also, MTSU students are able to get jobs that help them repay their student loan debt, he said.

The university's participation in the Family Educational Loan Program is obviously not in jeopardy with a default rate well below federal mandates.

"If the school's rate for the past three years is greater than 30 percent, then there are several factors that come into play," Gambill said. "It could potentially jeopardize their participation in the program."

A school could be suspended or terminated from participating in federal loan programs with a consistently low default rate, he said.

"To my knowledge, we've been under 10 percent all the time."

Story courtesy of *The Daily News Journal*

## Rapist may be kept in...

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Accompanying each petition is a handout detailing the victim's account of events.

According to the handout, during September 1985 a 19-year-old woman working in a convenience store was attacked, beaten and raped at gun point.

"She identified Sullivan in the lineup," the handout states, and "He confessed, pleaded guilty and through plea bargaining was sentenced to three (3) convictions of twenty-five (25) years to be served concurrently."

According to the victim, Sullivan was convicted of armed robbery, aggravated assault, and aggravated rape.

The handout also indicates, "Now, after only seven (7) years, he is eligible for parole."

According to the victim, during the preliminary hearings in December of 1985, Sullivan threatened to kill her.

Male and female students alike came by the Women's Political Action Group table and signed the petition to show their support.

"I don't understand how people like that could be allowed to run loose on our streets," said Mark Fisher, a Murfreesboro resident and new student.

Similar sentiments were expressed by other students such as sophomore Tiffany Baird. "He (Sullivan) needs to stay where he's at and not hurt anyone else," she said.

The Women's Political Action Group is a social organization that supports and provides counseling for women in need.

Davenport expressed thanks on behalf of the victim for all of the signatures received.

"We appreciate everyone taking the time to help us and help the victim because you all make a difference," she said.

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### A word from the Editor...

### Even conservatives make friends

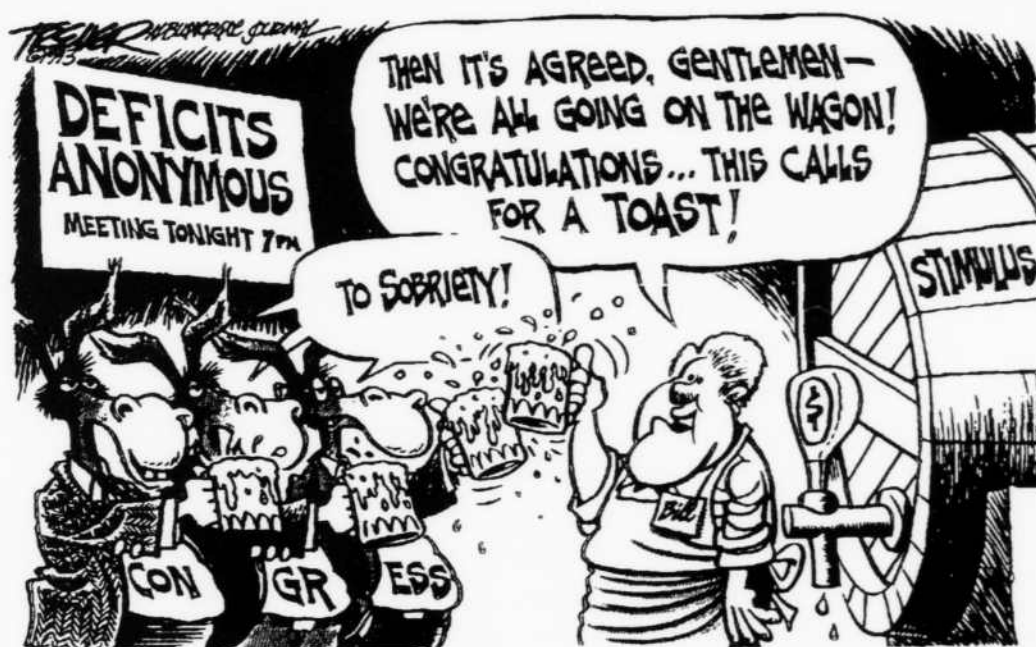
Regardless of what political ideology one might hold, a person's peers, more times than not, hold similar ideas. Being a staunch conservative, most of my closest friends are also strong conservatives and gladly refer to themselves as "Conservative Republicans". Within our group, we even go so far as referring to each other as "Brother Allison" or "Brother Whatley". We feel a strong kinship in our beliefs and our dedication to them.

Just as good friends are often made from those who think alike, often those who hold disdain for another are on the other end of the spectrum. Of course, there always are exceptions.

Here at MTSU, I've learned that friends can be made across party lines. Even during the elections last year, I discovered how to leave politics in the arena as I stayed on a friendly basis with an array of College Democrats here on campus. I even learned that not all liberals are as hard-headed as my friends and I like to say that they are as we stand in the halls and laugh at their ideas.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not at all compromising my beliefs. In fact, with every day of the Clinton Administration, I grow stronger with my ideology and my assurance of my positions. If I live to be a hundred years old, I will always proudly be a "Bush-lip-reading, press-hating, unskilled-'righting,' whitebread-conservative, Pat Buchanan lovin' conservative" (as *Sidelines* so apply referred to me in the Oct. 8, 1992 issue).

Nevertheless, I will strive be a conservative who is open-minded enough to have friends outside of "the arena". Whether you are conservative, liberal or simply don't care, judge your friends by who they are; not what they're called.



## History must wait for 1996

During the 1992 Presidential campaign, a deluge of rhetoric flooded the political arena on every end of the spectrum. Wild, unfounded accusations were made in all directions. Many voters chose to look past the flaming arrows and forked tongues and dispel such propaganda. On the other hand, a large percentage did not and without basis took to heart even the most unfounded lie.

Chief among these untruths gone awry was the charge that the programs of Ronald Reagan during the 1980's only created "a vision of prosperity." "Smoke and mirrors" was the chant that rang from talking head to talking head. It was said time and time again that "during the 80's, the rich got richer, the poor got poorer, and the middle class was squeezed out of existence." Candidate Bill Clinton even went so far to say that the 1980's and the economy of the early 1990's



JASON  
WHATLEY  
Editor

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presented "the worst economy since the Great Depression." While candidate Clinton preached his fallacies all the way to the debauchery he calls 'his administration, a majority of Americans also bought in to the revisionist doctrines that say that the largest peacetime expansion in the history of the United States, the 1980's, never happened. History was rewritten.

Despite what lies the media and our current Administration have to say about that mythical figure they refer to as "Reagan-Bush", the U.S. Census Bureau disagrees. From 1981 to 1989, real income rose for EVERY income group by an average of 12.1 percent. The mean average

income rose 15.2 percent; up from \$33,409 to \$38,493. Real after-tax income per person increased by 15.5 percent. To make matters worse for those who like to brand the Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party as "unconcerned" with domestic affairs and "the plight of the poor," 86 percent of those in the lowest 20% income group and 60 percent in the 2nd-lowest fifth in 1979 moved to a higher income group by the end of Reagan's second term. Finally, real income skyrocketed up 77% in the lower fifth from 1977 to 1986. This move was about 15 times as fast as income growth for taxpayers in the top 20 percent during the

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## Interim President Clinton makes bad choice for Surgeon General

Interim President Clinton cares. He cares about first-graders who are unable to find inexpensive, easy to use contraceptive devices. He cares about kids who can't find the Kama Sutra in their school libraries. To solve these problems with the system, he's hired Joycelyn Elders as the latest Surgeon General.

Joycelyn Elders was approved by the Senate with a 2 to 1 margin, allowing Albert Gore, for once, to finish coloring without having to go break a tie. Ms. Elders (who's no more deserving of the title "doctor"

than Mr. Kevorkian) has had a dismal, unproductive record throughout her career. She's a non-thinking leftist who would be considered a liability by any thinking employer (no danger of that). But, not unlike the U.S. Senate, I will not discuss Ms. Elders' accomplishments here. I prefer to explain the danger of her appointment with her own words. So, for your enjoyment, here are some choice quotes from Ms. Elders (with no small amount of commentary from Mr. Fletcher):

"I would hope that we would provide (prostitutes) with Norplant so that they could use

sex if they must to buy their drugs." ("Talk Line" CNBC, 6/19/93)

Clinton sure can pick 'em. Not only is she condoning prostitution and illegal drug use, but she's suggesting that the government subsidize hookers' birth control.

"(My) goal in all of this is to stop children from having children, a problem caused by poverty and the Bible belt mentality." (National Review, 4/26/93).

These "children" aren't having children because of "poverty...and the Bible belt mentality." One's financial

situation does not justify self-destructive and/or anti-social behavior. And it's hard to blame a "mentality" which teaches, "Don't do that. You could get pregnant."

"We would like for the right to life and antichoice groups to really get over their love affair with the fetus and start supporting children." (Arkansas Democratic Gazette, 1/19/92).

What this ignoramus should realize is that the "love affair with the fetus" is "supporting children."

"I tell every girl that when she goes out on a date, put a condom in her purse." (60

Minutes)

I believe Ms. Elders needs to get over her love affair with the condom. Most people realize that it is no "magic shield" against all things inconvenient and deadly, and the large-scale distribution thereof among 12-year olds only encourages inappropriate behavior.

"Most of our society believes that a baby is God's just punishment for fornication." (American Medical News, 1/11/93).

Considering Ms. Elders' past few quotes, I'd say she's

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# Government intrudes on students' right to worship

In recent years, an organized effort has been growing in which students assert their right to openly exercise religion. The event, dubbed "See You at the Pole," is a day on which students gather around their school flagpoles to pray for their schools, their classmates and teachers, and their country. The celebration has been increasingly popular with each successive year since its inception, but participants have also been met with escalating hostility by atheists, educators, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Each year these foes of religion and the First Amendment wage an increasingly angry and bitter battle against these students, using threats, intimidation, and lawsuits to try to make these young men and women afraid of exercising their constitutional right to religious expression.

As Sept. 15th approaches, this year's "See You at the Pole" is again being targeted. Liberal special interest groups have sent thousands of notices to school administrators and boards of education, threatening lawsuits against officials who do not fight student prayer. Christians and strict civil libertarians have countered with fact sheets detailing the legal protections on student prayer, but many young people will still be discriminated against by teachers who oppose Christianity in any form.

Last year, when students at King High School in Corpus Christi, Texas met at the flagpole



**Todd Meyers**  
Staff  
Writer

to pray, angry school administrators were waiting to confront them. The King High School principal told the students that they were not allowed to pray on school property, and that they were forbidden to participate in "See you at the Pole" by the school board. She also said that any student who attempted to pray would face disciplinary action.

Students did meet that day at the flagpole. Although the gathering was not during school hours, students were confronted by protests and threats from the principal, assistant principal, school superintendent and several teachers. Many students walked across the street to pray, fearing retribution if they remained on campus. Students who continued to pray at the flagpole had their names recorded by the assistant principal. Those students were then called into the principal's office, where she told them they would be punished for praying.

The action led to quite a controversy at King High School, as many parents and students were shocked, scared and frightened that the government and school officials would order them not to pray. These students and parent believed they were being deprived of their

constitutionally guaranteed rights as Christians, and legally challenged the action. In a partial victory the school board admitted its policy was unconstitutional because it intentionally discriminated against only Christian students. But it soon issued a new, more repressive ruling that, in order to prohibit Christians from praying, restricted every student activity at Corpus Christi public schools. The new policy stated that groups of more than four students could meet only with **prior approval from the principal**. Also, a **monitor was required** for any activity which took place on school property. This monitor had to be a school district employee, **specifically chosen by the principal, and paid for by the students** who wished to gather at school. This policy made it virtually impossible for any students to meet at school for any reason.

Rather than focusing this article on student-led school prayer, I would like to point out an issue of greater concern. Please focus on the school board's remedy for a moment. Whether you are a Christian or an atheist, a liberal or a conservative, a Republican or a Democrat—notice our government's willingness to sacrifice the rights of all citizens in order to suppress a targeted minority. In this instance the school board admitted its policy was unconstitutional because it

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

### *Parking situation similar to black market...*

Interesting solution to the parking problem. I used to be able to park my car by coming very early to school even though I live 30 miles away. This year I'm a graduate student. My tuition went up \$300, plus I was made to pay over \$15 in drop/add fees because classes were closed since May 93 and because I was not allowed to early register since I was graduating in May 93. Nice graduation present. The parking spot I used to have now is gone to those who can afford it. Are you planning to take the scarce sources and sell them at higher prices? Is a state university becoming a black market? Why should a student who can pay the \$25 parking fee be more privileged than I am? By the way the shuttle route was no where near where I managed to park.

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### *Mainstream hurt by gays in military issue...*

In his Aug. 30th commentary on fairness, Todd Meyers praises the fact that many Americans support the ban on homosexuals in the military. He calls their overwhelming devotion to barring gays from the armed forces "Score one for mainstream America." I believe Mr. Meyers has chosen the **WRONG** example to support his view. For how can this totally unjust situation advocate any point that Mr. Meyers argues?

Once again in the course of history, America's oldest boys' club, the military, is struggling to keep anyone different from among the ranks of its exclusive membership. Prerequisites for the "country club" used to be male gender and white skin color. Now it's heterosexuality. Does a person's sexual preference make him or her fight any differently? Blacks and women were kept from serving their country for the same reason that gays are today: the military cannot accept difference.

Perhaps, Mr. Meyers, your "Score one for mainstream America" is a point in the wrong direction. It seems more like "Score one for prejudice, score one for ignorance, score one for cowardice." Tell me, is your team fighting for victory or defeat?

TREY HALL  
GENERAL DELIVERY

### *Editor not alone on flag controversy...*

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you [Mr. Whatley] regarding the "History" article in Monday's (Aug. 30) Sidelines. I commend you on your fluent penmanship and your accuracy on this issue that has reached somewhat of a boiling point in this region of the country. Anyone can take the time to express their opinion and send it to the Sidelines, whether it's for or against

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## Reagan's legacy forgotten in attempt to rewrite history...

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same time period. Based on these facts, why didn't candidate Clinton say Reagan pandered to the poor?

In stark comparison to the prosperity of the 1980's, real income **DECREASED** for every income group during the Carter Administration from 1977 to 1981. Taxpayers in the lowest 20 percent bracket in that time period suffered the most and saw their incomes **DECREASE** by a whopping 11.6 percent. Incredibly, although their income also went down, families with earnings in the top 40 percent saw their income drop the least as compared with the lower 60 percent. A good argument could be made that Jimmy Carter was pandering to the rich! God forbid!

While ignoring the U.S. Census Bureau statistics for the

80's, candidate Clinton chose to find his statistics in another "fair" source - the Congressional Budget Office. The CBO, which is completely controlled by and for the Democratic Congress, serves as a perfect vehicle for non-capitalists to spread false statistics about the 80's. Under the CBO figures, the income gap between the highest fifth and the other income groups widened considerably. However, these figures failed to consider taxes even though they do include capital gains. For example, in 1990, CBO reported that capital gains for those in the top fifth income group was about \$14,972. Predictably, the CBO failed to indicate the huge amount of taxes paid by this income group which, according to Census Bureau reports, was on an average level of \$24,322 - A YEAR. In addition, even the CBO's numbers on capital gains were

skewed since no adjustments were made for inflation.

Candidate Clinton also used the misleading statistics of the CBO to scare the electorate with unintelligible rhetoric about "the incredible shrinking middle class." This half-truth was based on the fact that as of 1992, measured in 1990 dollars, the percentage of those making between \$15,000 and \$50,000 shrank by 5 percentage points, from 58 to 53 percent. Where did these people go?

According to the Administration and most who believe the liberal revisionism, the five percent that left the middle class, which constitutes "a shrinking middle class", stepped down to poverty. Once again, the truth tells a very different story. The percentage of families earning less than \$15,000 a year actually fell from 1980 to 1990 - from 17.5 percent to 16.9 percent,

respectively. At the same time, the percentage of families earning more than \$50,000 a year increased by 5 percentage points. So to where did that 5 percent that was in the middle class disappear to? Any reasonable person would concede that those fortunate souls found themselves in the upper-middle to upper classes.

Today, President Clinton continues editing the history books to further his own purpose. Somehow, he has successfully convinced the electorate that his inept programs will save the country from the ever-mounting debt which he claims was caused by that "awful creature," "Reagan-Bush". Clinton and his cronies have failed to realize that under "Reaganomics," the national debt, as a percentage of gross domestic product, was steadily going down from 1984 (approx. 6 percent) to 1989

(approx. 3 percent). It was not until taxes were raised by George Bush in 1990, at the request of his Democratic friends in Congress, that the national debt began to skyrocket once again. Unfortunately, President Clinton also failed to read that never before in the history of the United States had raising taxes in the midst of an eminent recession had a positive effect on the economy. Yet as an misinformed electorate watched on in August, another tax plan, very similar to the 1990 plan, only bigger, became law.

Amazingly, about 43percent of the electorate believed Clinton's half-truths all the way to the polls. Perhaps the next president, undoubtedly to be elected in 1996, will search the dusty archives of Washington and rediscover history as it really happened. As for now, history will be forced to wait.



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an issue such as this one. But, it takes only one person, such as yourself, to come as close to the factual sense of the issue. Never before within the pages of the *Sidelines* have I read such a brief, extraordinary opinion that shouldn't even be considered an opinion, since it's based on so many facts. You, Mr. Whatley, have hit the nail right on the head!

I agree with your comments that history has become twisted and shaped by some who regard Southern heritage as shameful and should be forgotten. Furthermore, I agree that many who constantly shout epithets towards the Confederate flag and attempt to stamp it with their heels as "EVIL" have never really taken the time to study the history surrounding this symbol of Southern heritage and its relation to studying the whole story regarding a particular time in the History of the United States. If only those people who are so opposed to the Confederate flag would try reading about it instead of trying to burn it from our minds they might learn something; that "Something" is what the Confederate flag continues to stand for in the minds of those who took the time to research it: Pride in our Southern heritage and our forefathers who fought and died for what they believed in.

I'm sure that by now someone is already trying to come up with a competing article to yours. Just remember Mr. Whatley, You Are Not Alone. For I, along with plenty of Southerners and even some transplanted Northerners, think the same way that you do in regards to this issue and accept the facts that were given in your article. I along with them are somewhat afraid to go public with our feelings. Most people are intimidated at times, including myself, to speak out in support of TRUE Southern pride, for fear of having epithets cast at them, such as being called a "racist. But, for anyone who has had

enough of being shunned for being proud of his heritage and his forefathers as I am, feel free to express your pride as I am doing at this time.

Why shouldn't I express myself? There are others on this campus and abroad who take great pride in expressing their emotions against Southern heritage at the same time showing pride in their heritage.

BRYAN D. COLLINS  
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### Journalism student has nice words for editor

There was a time in my life when I was a dairy goat breeder, and I maintained a large herd on our Oregon ranch. At that time, my husband was bedfast with a lengthy illness. I was setting a daily dinner table for ten people.

It was time to cull my spring kid crop. The market was seriously depressed, and I was going to get stuck with a loss. Nonetheless, I called my Granny Hogan and asked her to go to the livestock sale in Medford with me.

Granny thoroughly blessed me out, as truly great grandmas will, and told me to butcher the lot and put them on my table over the summer. Doing that, she pointed out, would represent a profit in my books, and feed my family wholesome, easy-to-digest, lowfat organic meat.

Well, I knew that, but I wasn't keen on the idea of killing cute goats, nor did I dare tell that to my gutsy granny who had been a very successful and resourceful single parent of four during the depression.

So I said, "Granny, I don't know how to dress meat."

"Learn," she replied.

"Okay," I countered, thinking she wouldn't be thrilled at the suggestion, "Teach me."

She said, "First you shoot them. After that you're committed. You'll have

to figure it out. By the time you finish the first goat, you will have learned more that I could have ever shown you."

Of course, she was right. I butchered the cull crop, and I fed my family.

I was very much opposed to the appointment of Jason Whatley as editor of *Sidelines*. First, on principle. His appointment violated a code of ethics for journalists that had been adopted on this campus. Secondly, I was downright cynical that he could do the job because he lacked journalism training and experience.

Yet, I have personally challenged rules. Also, I know firsthand, experience is one heck of a teacher.

Jason Whatley is scoring some points.

He's pulled the trigger.

He's learning by doing, possibly far more than some journalism students who have not yet paid the dues of applying what they have been taught. In my opinion, Jason has made some good decisions, and some bad ones.

Also, he has been baptized as an editor.

He has had staff not show up, stories not done by deadline, or done at all, and he has had to scramble to cover his butt and put out a paper.

He's had stories show up that he couldn't use.

He's had conflict among his staff members.

He's had one day run into the next and found himself still in Student Publications offices wearing yesterday's now-scrungy clothes and miserably tired. How tired? About the same as each of us are when we're getting all those last minute papers done at the end of term and cramming for finals at the same time. Only he was already this tired by the first week of classes.

He has made and is making sacrifices in his personal life, in his academic life and he has lost his real-world job where he made a real-world

salary because of time spent working on *Sidelines*.

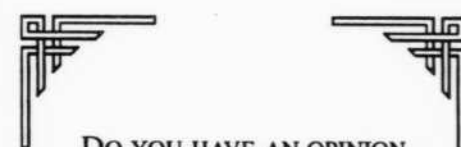
He is putting his beliefs and his ideals to test. That takes a bit of courage.

And finally, he has been baptized with the threatening phone call: this arriving on a Saturday midnight, just before he left the building to cross a shadowed parking lot to reach his car. Though his life was probably in no danger, his arms and legs were not necessarily quite as safe.

I may not always agree with Jason. I may sometimes flat-out argue with him. But, he's earned and is continuing to earn my respect because of his persistent serious efforts in Student Publications.

He's pulled the trigger and he's learning. He's reaching hard to do a good job with *Sidelines*, and it looks like he's staying in the ring for the duration.

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## Elders nomination...

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less-than-qualified to speak for "most of our society." But even though she doesn't see a baby as punishment (I don't know anyone who does), it's clear that she sees a baby as an obstacle to a good time.

"We have driver's ed for our kids. We've taught them what to do in the front seat of the car, but not what to do in the back seat." (from a statement to the National Commission on Children)

This disgusts me. Does Ms. Elders want high schools to give credit for "doin' it" in the car? I'm reminded of a scene in a Monty Python film in which the teacher is "demonstrating" with his wife in front of the class. I know what! Field trips to The Wheel!

"I don't know any parent who wouldn't go out at midnight and try to find contraceptives to start their children properly." (also from a statement to the National Commission on Children)

Apparently, Ms. Elders knows no decent, fit parents. But she may have a point; we can't have children running around

improperly fornicating. Whatever the case, I don't see my mom going out at midnight to buy anything, least of all prophylactics for my little brother.

And lastly, my favorite: "Abortion has had an important and positive public health effect." (stated before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee)

WHAT?!?! To say that the destruction of pre-born infants is "positive" is unrestrained idiocy if not just plain evil. This woman isn't fit to give rabies shots to ugly cats, much less serve as the nation's top health administrator.

The new Surgeon General is intent on two things: 1) to preach the gospel of the almighty prophylactic to our kindergartners and desensitize them to deviant lifestyles, and 2) see to it that as many abortions as possible are bought and paid for by the Federal Government. Elders' agenda, if implemented, will harm this nation in ways that go beyond taxes and deficits, and it's yet another way that the Interim (yes, Interim) President has found to morally destabilize the United States.

## Freedoms in danger for students...

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was intended to punish Christian students, but the way it chose to resolve the problem was by crafting a new policy which restricted all student activities. The only way to restrict Christian students was to restrict all students, and so they did.

The school board's action may not be wise or fair, but it may be legal. And a host of other government actions of late fit the same description. Those who are familiar with the proposed Fairness in Broadcasting Act (the so-called "fairness doctrine"), which would impose government controls over radio and television talk shows, will recognize the same principle at work. In order to force "politically troublesome" hosts off the air, the government is willing to force them all off the

air. (The bill, sponsored by three liberal Democrats, is currently being considered in Congress.)

Interestingly, both the King High School case and the Fairness in Broadcasting Act have reportedly divided the national chapter of the ACLU. Staff attorneys are split over the issues, with strict civil libertarians in support of the students and broadcasters (citing the First Amendment's protections against laws which obstruct the free exercise of religion, the freedom of speech, and the right of peaceable assembly). However, despite their historical stand against censorship, ultra-liberal members are ignoring the legal issues, apparently blinded by ideology. Unfortunately, too many people base their decisions on political convenience rather

than principle. but perhaps enough will see past the surface to what is really at stake, put religious differences aside, and fight for our protections under the Constitution.

Standing up for those with whom you differ is one of the most difficult things to do, and one of the most admirable. You may not be a Christian, and you may not like the idea of students praying for this nation around the flagpole after school. But they have a right to do so that is being denied, and if it's them today, it will be you tomorrow. Like Germany in the 1930s, silence could have tragic repercussions for all of us, regardless of our religious or political philosophy, and now is the time to make our voices heard.

### Et Cetera, Et Cetera

"Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

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## LIFE...

Robert Plant just keeps *going and going...*MERRILL JACKSON  
Life Editor

Robert Plant is on an extensive headlining tour of North America, marking his first stateside concerts in three years. Having begun in Miami, Florida on Sept. 15, the itinerary is slated to run until early December, with stops at 45 cities the United States and Canada. Plant's current tour is in support of his latest solo release, "Fate of Nations."

The opening act on this tour will be Baby Animals, a Salt Lake City, Utah based group that has been gaining a rapidly growing following as a result of extensive touring and success on the alternative charts.

One of the most overused words in the rock and roll world has to be "survivor," but if anyone fits that description, it's Robert Plant.

Over the years he's made it through a tragic automobile accident which killed one of his children and left him disabled for a year, weathered a painful divorce, been trashed by a lot of critics for capitalizing on Led Zeppelin's sound and put up with being Jimmy Page's employee for ten years (Page actually almost fired Plant halfway through Zeppelin's first American tour).

But like a lot of fortysomething rockers, Robert Plant seems to have some special inner strength that he draws on to keep going and going and going.

Reviews for "Fate of Nations" have been quite favorable, and the current tour appears to be selling well.

Plant has recently been featured on "Late Show With David Letterman," and PBS television's "Centerstage." He also has already toured Europe this summer to overwhelming



ROBERT PLANT

Kevin Westenberg/Photographer

response from both fans and critics.

In reviewing the last show of the European tour, *The London Daily Telegraph* noted... "Plant's proved that he is still setting the standards by which all others should be judged. Recent

material like the bluesy 'Promised Land' and the driving '29 Palms' (both from this year's 'Fate of Nations'), easily withstood comparisons to Led Zeppelin's acknowledged classics."

Plant's post-Zeppelin solo career started in 1981 with a

group of friends who called themselves "The Honeydrippers" and played almost straight blues. He made a number of low-key club appearances with the group and in June, 1982 released "Pictures at Eleven," for which he produced and wrote most of the

material. A year later, his second solo effort, "The Principle of Moments," demonstrated his desire to explore fresh musical ground. A world wide chart topper, it confirmed the fact that he was for real and could succeed on his own.

In 1984, he revived the "Honeydrippers" name and released a five-song mini EP under the title "The Honeydrippers, Volume One." Since then, Plant has had three highly successful solo albums—"Shaken and Stirred" in 1985, "Now and Zen" in 1988 and "Manic Nirvana" in 1990.

After the "Manic Nirvana" tour he took some time off to reflect on his roots and to gather new ideas for the future.

As he says now, "I sat and stared and waited for new clues. I reached for songs of revelation, celebration—offerings of hope and new order."

"Saved by the past, I clutched the vinyl and sipped from the chalice of memory...Traffic, Hendrix, Airplane, Quicksilver, all promising new and vital tomorrows, now 10,000 yesterdays gone. Now, months later, this body of work ('Fate of Nations') represents a new, yet faintly familiar twist to my game. Sometimes heavy, intense, sensitive, stupid and concerned, but always hopefully honest."

Plant concludes, "I figure I've got about ten more three-year cycles in my career, and it will be better, always."

Robert Plant with opening act, Baby Animals, will be at Starwood Amphitheater in Antioch on Sept. 24. As for this printing, tickets were still available through the usual concert outlets.

## Oktoberfest celebration around the corner

## STAFF REPORTS

Once again, the Knights of Columbus Home Association in Crossville, Tennessee will sponsor the OKTOBERFEST and celebration on the weekend of October 8th and 9th. There will be music and dancing, and there will be food and fun for

young and old.

Five German/Polka Bands will be entertaining throughout the entire fest. OKTOBERFEST and Polka music will be featured and two bands will be playing inside and outside simultaneously at the peak times of the festival.

The usual homemade German foods will be served, including 5 kinds of German

sausages, Sauerbraten (marinated beef), Schnitzel (pork cutlets) and Kasseler Rippchen (smoked cured pork loin). Side dishes of Kraut, Red Cabbage, German Potato Salad, Noodles and Apple Sauce will also be served, as well as taste tempting home made desserts.

Both nights there will be Polka, Yodeling and pretzel eating contests for the adults

along with a German costume parade and award for the best man's and lady's costume. On Saturday, there will be carnival games and contests for the kids. On Saturday afternoon, there will also be special shows for the kids.

The Festival will take place at the National Guard Armory, located at the Junction of HWYs 70 & 70 N, directly across from

the Kroger-Wal Mart Shopping Center. The times are Friday Oct 8, 4 pm-11:30 pm and Saturday, Oct 9, 11:30 am to 11 pm.

Displays and sales of Handcrafted items will also be a part of the Festival. More than 2000 persons are expected to attend this years OKTOBERFEST. Each year the

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# "Voices in Progress" gets the wheels in motion

**LIFE EDITOR'S NOTE:** *With one of the most highly regarded commercial music and music production programs in the country, it is inevitable that there will be a wealth of talented artists on MTSU's campus. Sidelines is supportive of these creative students, and we are doing what we can to encourage and reinforce their respective efforts in the struggle to attain success in the entertainment industry. This is the first in a series of articles on some of our fellow students who are pursuing musical and entertainment careers.*

**MERRILL JACKSON**

Life Editor

**V**oices in Progress didn't really have a formal plan when the group first got together. As group member Ray Davis put it, "We all met one night and it just kind of happened. Actually, Randall (fellow group member Randall Buchanan) and I had been in a group together before, and we kept in touch."

"Then we met the other guys and started singing, and we knew something was right. It still stayed pretty informal, but we started to realize that we had something, and we kept working at it."

Davis and Buchanan, along with other group members Ron Fairs, Darrell Holman and Jimmy Greer spent "about six months" working on their act before getting into the studio recently. Several highly encouraging events have occurred recently which give Voices in Progress good reason to believe that they

may be on their way.

First, they were discovered by Preston Harrington, a highly regarded songwriter with heavyweight credentials and a Motown background. Harrington has written hit tunes for such rhythm and blues stars as Mary Wells, Martha Reeves and Marvin Gaye, among others.

Harrington explained, "When I heard the group's sound, I knew they had something. I have a lot of confidence in these guys. In this business, there are no short cuts. You either know it or you don't, and they know it."

Harrington is now located in Nashville, where he is busy working on material for the group while they record at Chelsea Studios in Brentwood.

Voices in Motion's sound is all their own, but it does show influences ranging from Motown to gospel, and their tight, soulful multi-part harmonies put them loosely in a category with other vocal harmony acts such as Boyz to Men and Silk.

All of the members of the group have backgrounds in church music and have been singing in church since childhood. It should be remembered that an enormous number of great soul and rhythm and blues singers have similar backgrounds—Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, Otis Redding, the Temptations...the list goes on and on. Each of these artists and many more had deep roots in gospel and religious music.

Voices in Progress has recently signed a management deal with Las Angeles based Over



Staff Photo

## VOICES IN PROGRESS

Knight Productions, which now has a branch in Nashville. Company president Larry Knight is producing the group's recording sessions at Chelsea Studios.

"I feel like this group is going to be really big," Knight says, "and I want to make sure everything goes exactly right. That's why I'm producing them myself. They're important enough to our organization for us to make them our first act to be managed out of the Nashville branch."

Knight deals with such major record labels as Atlantic, Savoy and Warner Brothers. In regard to marketing plans for Voices in Motion, Over Knight will be pushing an independent single to be released soon and then will have the group tour Europe. The

details of the European dates are currently being worked out, and Knight is excited about getting into the wide open European market.

The members of Voices in Motion exude an air of confidence without the ego trips that frequently accompany such confidence. All five men are students at MTSU, and they emphasize that they are serious about their studies as well. They are also multi-demential people with a variety of interests.

A good example is Ray Davis, who is no stranger to cheering crowds and bright lights. A starting guard for the Blue Raiders basketball team, Ray lead the nation in three point field goals in his senior year, and has had tryouts with The Atlanta

Hawks and the Miami Heat of the National Basketball Association. Although his college eligibility has expired, he is continuing to work on his degree.

Ray says he finally had to make a decision to choose singing over basketball and he is now completely devoted to the group and its plans.

Voices in Motion should be wrapping up their recording sessions in a few weeks and heading for Europe. *Sidelines* will follow up with any news on their success with both the live tour and record releases.

*This is the first in our series of articles on Home Town Heroes. Next issue we will cover the rock group Ellaminopy (formerly Mad Hatters).*

# Poetry Slam takes gives new meanings to old words

**CORRIE CRON**

Special to *Sidelines*

**A** little anarchy here and there is good. It has proven to be essential in The Honor Society and Sigma Tau Delta co-sponsored Poetry Slam. What might create visions of English majors sitting around reading "Ode To A Tree" is actually an experience in the magic and rhythm of language.

Poetry Slams have been breaking the mold of poetry readings at MTSU for about two years. Basically the format has stayed the same—the audience members are given paint sticks which they hold up when they want to read and then a designated spotter chooses a reader, frequently not knowing the reader's identity or what he or she might read. Each reader,

utilizing only a microphone and one bright reading light, is given five uncensored minutes in which to "show what they have." A conga drummer plays riffs in between and is usually accompanied by a roomful of paint sticks.

Needless to say the first Poetry Slam was an unforgettable event. "It was almost like a religious experience," Dr. John Paul Montgomery, head of the Honors Program at MTSU, said. Poetry Slam is the brain child of Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Tom Strawman, Dr. Charisse Gendron and Dr. Ron Bombardi. However, no one expected the reaction that followed. "We filled that room the first night," Dr. Montgomery said, still in amazement after two years. Since that fateful first meeting in February of 1992, others have followed. There were three of

them last year, including one in the spring which required the use of a gigantic blue and white striped tent. September 22 marks the fifth edition of what Dr. Montgomery hopes will become a tradition on campus. "We are probably the only university to do this on this scale," he says. Not only students, but faculty members as well as published poets have participated in past Slams. And Dr. Montgomery himself has been known to take his five minutes at the microphone.

At first there was the temptation to conduct a structured poetry reading where students could sign up to read their works, but the idea lacked appeal so the final decision was simply to "turn 'em loose."

And the results were phenomenal. Dr. Montgomery remembers a young man with

hair down his back and a "Byron tattoo on this huge arm!" But it was his reading that captivated listeners more than anything else. At last year's spring Poetry Slam, political pieces flooded the sound system and reminded Dr. Montgomery of another era. "It was like the '60s all over again. . . I've been shocked by the whole thing."

Other aspects have pleasantly surprised Dr. Montgomery. The overwhelming popularity of these meetings, the mix of students who not only come to hear poetry but read original works as well, and the quality of work shared greatly impressed him. *Collage*, the campus' literary magazine, was also impressed. Consequently, there will be representatives from the magazine at the upcoming reading to take submissions for publication.

The poetry, like the people who read it, is a surprising mix. Humorous odes to crazy relatives, lines of political commentary, soul scraping inner discoveries, and quiet observations are only part of what audience members will hear. Dr. Montgomery sees events like Poetry Slam and its spin off Song Slam as important because students can showcase hidden or unnoticed talents not only for their peers but for their teachers as well.

"We can't just teach and go home, he emphasized. "If we listen to our students, there's no telling where this University can go."

"Poetry Slam: An Anarchy of Poetry" will be held on September 22, in Peck Hall, Rm. 109A from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.





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**CATCH IT!** Bill Fry teaches Todd Tabor, Rebecca Nipper, and Chris Fritz how to juggle last Thursday on the knoll in front of Keathley University Center.

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## Oktoberfest...

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Office, in Tansi at Tansi Market on Dunbar Road, In Crossville at Greater Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce Office on Main Street or you may call OKTOBERFEST OFFICE at 615 484 5771 and they will direct you to the closest available K of C member who is handling tickets.

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## A manic depressive dream? Tool rocks with new album

DREW BERGMAN

Staff Writer

Magnificent. There are ten reasons to buy this recording:

1. Track 1 - "intolerance"
2. Track 2 - "prison sex"
3. Track 3 - "sober"
4. Track 4 - "bottom"
5. Track 5 - "crawl away"
6. Track 6 - "swamp song"
7. Track 7 - "undertow"
8. Track 8 - "4 degrees"
9. Track 9 - "flood"
10. Track 69- "disgustipated."

This recording is dark and dreary, a real manic depressive's dream, and it rocks.

This author recommends "swamp song" highly. It is by far the best and most hate-filled track on the record. It is "in-your-face" and just seethes with anger toward belligerents everywhere.

The other dark spot (dark spots being good) is "sober." It is Tool's current MTV plug and is somberifically wonderful. "Sober" is a droning, socio-horrific ditty that scrapes straight to the soul and makes one wonder what might happen in a society of perpetual drunkenness. It occurs to this author to question the meaning of the lyrics "I want what I want," uttered from "mostresticator," (vocalist) Maynard James Kennan.

The happiest sounds on the recording are the sounds of crickets at night contained on "disgustipated."

Henry Rollins makes a guest appearance, adding an emotion-packed soliloquy, on "bottom."

These guys spent time on both stages at this year's Lollapalooza, and are just as good live, if not better than on record. And check out the accompanying photographs included in the promo booklet packaged with the CD. Very interesting.

TOOL is here to promote a feeling of angst among the masses and has to be one of the darkest recordings of the year. On the Grumbler scale, this recording gets a 9 of possible 10. "Undertow" is one of the best of the 1993 music year.

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# Coco Chanel: A symbol for an entire period

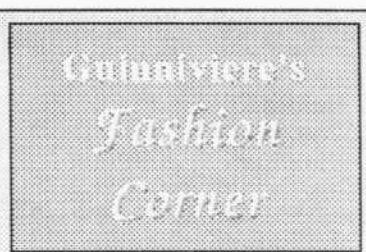
**O**n August 19, 1883, a woman who would rock the world of fashion came to be. Actually, it was not until the next afternoon that her birth was recorded. Two employees of the local hospice went to the city hall to declare that, indeed, a birth of a feminine gender had taken place the previous afternoon around four o'clock. Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel was born in a poor house in Saumur, a market town on the Loire River in France. She was the illegitimate daughter of ambulant market traders.

Her father disappeared after her mother died when she was twelve, leaving Coco to be raised by nuns in an orphanage. There, she learned to sew and several years later became a known seamstress in a tailor shop. In the preceding years she would meet a man who would financially back her to begin a career designing clothing. These facts seem simple and difficult to confuse. However, Gabrielle had quite an art for revising her life story in so many directions that even she couldn't have possibly kept up with events that actually happened and the ones which she wished had happened.

"I invented my life by taking it for granted that everything I



**Cosette Joyner**  
Staff Writer



did not like would have an opposite I would like," Chanel once stated. She invented a horse trading father and denied any siblings, going so far as to bribe her brothers in a successful effort to effectively dissolve their existence.

Sometimes Chanel pretended not to know important benefactors and clients who had served as the backbone of her career. Even after her real life was made public she continued to improvise inconsistently. A young woman suggested to Gabrielle that she see a psychiatrist. Chanel, aghast, replied, "I, who never told the truth to my priest?"

I imagine a brief acquaintance with Coco Chanel possible in a past life of mine. I, a known fashion journalist, would be working for a highly acclaimed French magazine. One day while window shopping I would glance into a cafe window only to have a certain woman's

sharp eyes catch mine as she sits poised in her seat. I would recognize her as the former leading lady of fashion. I seize the moment, risking a crushed ego, to speak with a woman who's name had come to mean casual feminine allure.

Her thin lips part, "My dear, what dreadful thing have you done to your hair?!" Her brutal honesty would comfort me. Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel would take me in like a "vision," to pour a bit from her fountain of knowledge into a young mind.

CHANEL: "Before my prime designing days, popular were corsets, enormous hats...how could a brain function under those things? I brought forth the idea of comfort. Casual, yet lady-like suits, did not crunch and pinch waist lines into unnatural forms. Women soon copied me because they liked the way it looked. If anything was going through a change at the time it was me and not fashion.

Fashion is not simply a matter of clothes. Fashion is in the air, in one's manners and ideas. It was me who was in fashion".

Q: "Let's talk about your creations individually. Your line of costume jewelry raised some eyebrows. Why not real jewelry?"

CHANEL: "It is very important that a woman who wears a lot of jewelry, wears fakes. It is obscene to strut around with a fortune around your neck just because your rich. Jewelry is not to make you look rich but to adorn you."

Q: "Chanel no. 5 was the first perfume to bear a designer's name. How does perfume tie in with fashion?"

CHANEL: "Perfume is the unseen accessory of fashion. A woman without perfume is so conceited to think her own smell is sufficient. Smell pervades all of you: the smells you associate with dirty people and the smell you must have in order to live with decent people. Perfume signifies luxury: real luxury is hidden".

Q: "Should women follow fashion blindly?"

CHANEL: "Follow fashion, yes, but not fashions. They should follow a style. Fashion passes, style remains".

Q: "After your fifteen years of retirement you made an unsuccessful comeback in Paris. However, in America, you were it! Why do you continue to work?"

CHANEL: "Because I am afraid of becoming bored. What should I do? Play cards all day long like some women? That would be a bit stupid, wouldn't it?"

Our visit is cut short by a handsome man approaching Coco. Obviously a lover, they gaze into each other's eyes. Chanel's long string of lovers only made her appear more aloof and full of mystery.

CHANEL: "Cosette, to be loved is all a woman ever needs. There is time for work and time for love and that leaves no other time. Be she young, old, a mother, a lover, whatever you like. A woman who isn't loved is lost. She might as well be dead".

With those words she would vanish in a cloud of fairy dust. My brush with glamour leaves me breathless.

Coco Chanel had some unusual ideas. But some weren't so unimaginable. Take what you like and disregard the rest. She once said, "Being copied is the kindest form of flattery".

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## Boots Donnelly a gambling man

### Blue Raider football coach willing to take risk to play Division I-A teams

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

And you thought Hawaii was tough? Imagine following them up with Ohio State.

Yes, the same Buckeyes that dealt Washington 21-12 defeat on national television on Saturday. That could have been MTSU, with the exception we'd hope the score would be different. Nevertheless, that is what MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly was hoping.

"We were comfortable early that we were going to have an opportunity to grab hold and see what we could do with Ohio State and we got excited," Donnelly admitted. "When you do that, your putting yourself out on a limb so to speak that if that deal falls through your going to be scrambling."

Donnelly and the Middle Tennessee State staff had contacted Ohio State but "they'll kinda put you on hold," Donnelly said.

"They'll (Division I-A

**'Right now I've made a commitment that I'm willing to scramble for at least one game a year to see if we can't come out with a quality I-A program.'**

BOOTS DONNELLY  
MTSU HEAD COACH

schools) play you if they could. They'll think about it, but they'll negotiate with other teams at the same time."

Unfortunately, Ohio State was able to work out their schedule without MTSU being included.

"As it worked out, we could not finalize the deal with Ohio State. They jumped on Rice. Rice and Texas El Paso had a scheduling conflict and they chose to go with Rice."

In turn, Boots contacted Texas El Paso but one again came up empty with the second week and third week of the Blue Raiders' schedule open.

"Knowing we were going to

Hawaii, we were going to keep the second week of the season open unless it became a I-A team."

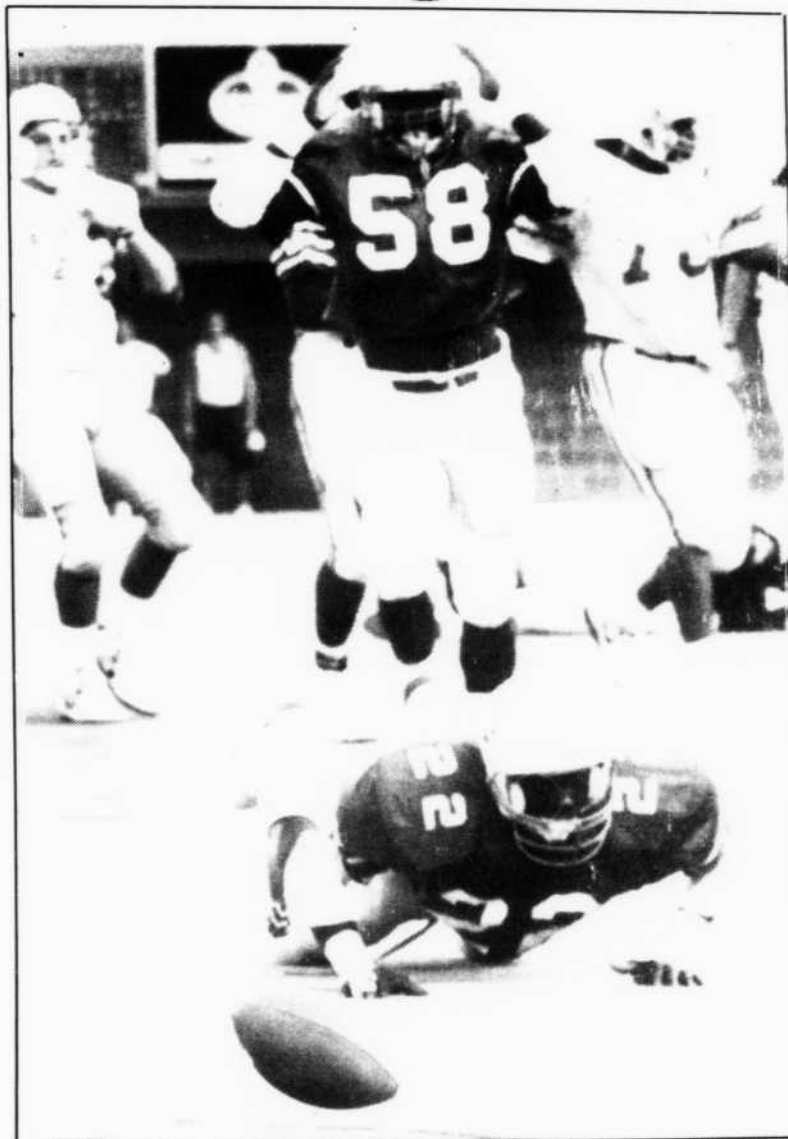
He did succeed in that but had to settle for a game against Campbellsville, a Division II school, that has an enrollment of 1,042 players.

"We also tried to get a game with Arizona at one time and thought we had a shot," Donnelly said. "But we didn't and that left us in a bind and we're too late to get anybody that's I-AA in that time slot. As it worked out we chose to go to the third week and Campbellsville was basically the only team we could bring into our place and play."

Next weeks game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Horace Jones Field. And while fans are still wondering who the Fighting Tigers of Campbellsville are, it doesn't matter to Donnelly who'll continue taking the gamble to get games against I-A schools.

"Right now I've made a commitment that I'm willing to

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File Photo

**OH NO:** Don't worry. Blue Raider football will be back next week and the ball is expected to bounce Middle's way against Campbellsville.

### New Divisions

#### American League East

Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, New York Yankees, Toronto

#### American League Central

Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minnesota

#### American League West

California, Oakland, Seattle, Texas

#### National League East

Montreal, New York Mets, Philadelphia

#### National League Central

Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati, Houston, St. Louis

#### National League West

Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco

Atlanta, Florida and Pittsburgh will be placed in a division in the upcoming week.

## Baseball getting face lift, splitting into two new divisions in 1994

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Major League baseball, the most traditional of American sports, approved three-division leagues and a four-week playoff system with wild-card teams, possibly pushing the World Series into November.

The proposal, passed 27-1 Thursday over the objection of the Texas Rangers, follows the lead of the NFL, NBA and NHL, who lengthy postseasons overshadow their regular seasons. Baseball's plan is subject to approval of the Major League Baseball Players Association, but the union said it anticipates no problems.

"I have gone back to read what people were saying in 1969 when we went to divisional play," said Milwaukee Brewers president Bud Selig, chairman of the executive council. "Some said it would be wonderful. Others said it would be a disaster and destroy baseball. Time will tell. We believe in our research and that the positives far

outweigh the negatives."

The American and National Leagues first split into divisions when they expanded for the 1969 season, and the alignments have basically stayed the same. The new divisions will look like this next season.

AL East - Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, New York Yankees, Toronto.

AL Central - Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minnesota.

AL West - California, Oakland, Seattle, Texas.

NL East - Montreal, New York Mets, Philadelphia.

NL Central - Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati, Houston, St. Louis.

NL West - Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco.

Atlanta, Florida and Pittsburgh are to be assigned within seven days, with two teams put in the NL East and one in the NL Central. The three

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## Student Line Standings

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Jason D. Reed 20-11  
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Brian Rogers 16-15  
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Fiona Schneider 21-10  
Bob Seedlock 22-9  
Stacy Spicer 20-11  
Corey Staggs 11-5  
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Travis Teague 18-13  
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# Learning from loosing

## Lady Raiders fall but improve

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

Anyone who follows volleyball could quickly tell two things about the 1993 lady Raider volleyball season.

One, Dianne Cummings team was very young and two, they were scheduled to go through a nightmare of outstanding opponents.

As a result, the team has dropped its first five matches including three at the Billiken Invitational at the University of St. Louis this weekend.

An initial loss to Texas El Paso sent the Lady Raiders into a match-up against NAIA opponent St. Francis (Ill.).

"I think we overlooked them and we failed to do the proper things at the proper times," Cummings said. "We let up and you've got to play from the beginning to the end if you expect to win."

Middle fell 15-6, 15-3 and 15-3.

After the match, Cummings had a heart-to-heart talk with her team. Although it didn't result in



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**DOWN BUT NOT OUT:** Sondra Ruohomaka and her Lady Raider volleyball team have gotten off to a rough start against stellar competition.

a win against St. Louis, the Lady Raiders gave it a run before slipping 3-15, 15-12, 4-15, 16-14 and 10-15.

"We started out slow again but we had made up our mind that win or lose, we were going to give it our best effort and we continued to do so throughout the match," Cummings said. "We really played hard but we didn't get the breaks. But its tough to win on the road but its important

that we played hard. That one match made the trip worthwhile."

Next is a match-up against a powerful Louisville team which took Kentucky into a five-set match earlier in the season. Kentucky is considered one of the top ten teams in the nation.

"I'm taking my babies into a lions den," admitted Cummings. "Louisville is very tough but we learned a lot this past weekend and we have a lot to build on."

## 'Student Line' says watch out

Students beware, your still sending in your pick sheets without marking all the games. I realize we sound like your teacher but "go back and check your work before you turn it in."

If there is a unmarked game, it is counted wrong. Since the picker with the most wins at the end of the season is the champion, the losses really don't count but that's one possible win you could have added to your score.

As you can see to the left, we've included a listing of all participants scores. Some people have only participated in one week while others have done both. Nevertheless, keep trying, you never know who'll win or lose.

Take this weekend for example. We had several people with loosing records. If the leader suffers through one of these, they could drop a long way in the standings.

Even if they don't, there's a lot of weeks left so don't count yourself out this early.

To date we have picked 31 games. It should have been 32 but a scheduling foul-up left us one game short last week. Also check your score to make sure it adds up.

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# Carolina quarterback should've stayed home

Ethical issues in the world of sports beginning to crumble between right and wrong

By now most of you know the story of South Carolina quarterback Steve Taneyhill. Early last week, he was arrested at a party for being drunk. He is 20 years old.

Taneyhill was celebrating his team's win over Georgia the afternoon before. True, it was a deserving victory and something to celebrate. And true, underage drinking is a problem in our society.

There is no evidence to point to the fact that he would have hopped in his car hours later and ran somebody over on his way home. There's also no evidence he wouldn't have.

Those are questions no one wants to test to discover the answer. But the big question was what the disciplinary action would be? Would the Gamecock star quarterback be allowed to play the following week?

The answers were some



**Tony Arnold**  
Sports Editor

hours of community service and yes.

Where have our ethics disappeared to?

Look at the troubles plaguing our society and at the people we look up to. Don't you think there's some South Carolina kid that idolizes Taneyhill? Of course there is, just as there's someone that thinks Heath Shuler or Kelly Holcomb is the best idol around.

What type influence this incident has is unknown. But the fact that Taneyhill was allowed to play is a disgrace. He needed to be taught a lesson.

Sure, he'll admit he was wrong, tell all the kids in his community service that he was

bad, then he'll do it again. He lost nothing except a little spare time.

The circumstances take partial blame off the coach who condemned the action, yet said there was no team rule that had been violated so no suspension would be served.

Hmm, take some time to think about things like this.

Drugs and alcohol probably cause the most problems in our world today.

A few years ago, Pete Rose was banned, for life, from baseball for gambling. Recently, Michael Jordan's life was ripped apart by the same charges.

Gambling is legal in areas and if it were my money, I'd do what I wanted to with it.

Steve Howe of the New York Yankees has been suspended nearly seven times for illegal substance use. Atlanta Braves outfielder Otis Nixon has been caught with cocaine more than

once. Both are still playing today.

I'm not saying that no one deserves a second chance. I am saying this seems a little unjust. The punishment is unbalanced and doesn't make sense.

Like I mentioned above, the SC coach covered his tail and allowed his star to play. He had a right to do so, but it sounds like he chose winning over ethics. By the way, the Gamecocks lost 18-17 anyway.

If it were Boots Donnelly, I'd bet my savings he'd be punished. It may not be too severe, but there would be enough for a lesson to be learned.

In the coach's defense, its also not his responsibility to impose such - it is the parents. If I were his father, first he would cut that hair, but naturally, that's just my opinion.

What he needs, 20 years old or not, is a bend over the knee

from dad or mom and hold him out a game or two. That might get a point across.

When he's 21, he can do whatever he wants as long as it lies between the rules. Until then, Taneyhill and players like him need to grow up and realize that players of their caliber are looked up to, and the example they set is followed by others whether young in age or at heart.

-What about this new divisional playoff set-up?

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This is baseball.

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# MTSU the I-A way.....

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scramble for at least one game a year to see if we can't come out with a quality I-A program," Donnelly explained.

Last week the Raiders opened the season at Hawaii, a respected I-A school. The Rainbows took a 35-14 victory over MTSU marking the first time Middle has lost a season-opener since 1980.

"You've got the choice," Donnelly said. "You can play a good football team or a poor football team. Either way you're going to make some major mistakes in that ballgame that you need to get straightened out. Granted, you would rather play and win the game and then straighten out your mistakes or you can take a chance on playing someone like Hawaii which we will do again."

While both the Raiders and Rainbows made they're share of mistakes last week, the final

score may have been a bit deceiving.

Midway through the third quarter, the Blue Raiders trailed by two touchdowns. However, the team was driving and found itself on the Hawaii 3-yard line, one yard shy of a first down with fourth down looming.

The Raiders handed the ball to tailback Kippy Bayless who vaulted forward seemingly getting the yard Middle needed. But a controversial spot left the Raiders short.

For the first time since viewing the replay, Donnelly spoke out on his weekly radio show admitting the referees did a poor job on spotting the ball.

"I'm not going to be overcritical at any time of officials but there was an absolute poor mark," Donnelly commented. "Not a mark off six inches or a foot, I'm talking about a yard. Of course I have to assume that we're going to get it in the endzone and then we have a ballgame."



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**IT'S NOT EASY:** Playing Division I-A schools like Nebraska tend to make your head hurt sometimes.

Hawaii responded with a 97-yard drive that broke the Raiders backs and Donnelly with some things to work on for next week.

"People talk about the 1993 Blue Raider football team being a good football team but we've got some things to correct," Donnelly

exclaimed. "We're not good today, we're 0-1. How far can we go with this football team? We'll just have to wait and see."

it was the first day of class and Steve couldn't understand why everyone wanted him as their lab partner.

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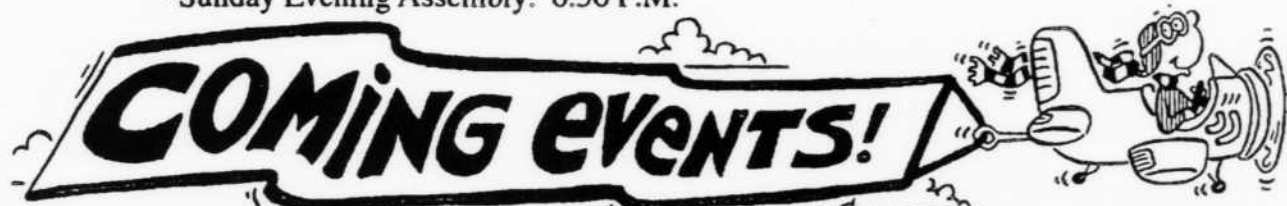
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## Baseball changing....

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teams waived their right to veto alignment.

"Obviously, there are disagreements, but they'll be taken care of," NL president Bill White said.

The new playoffs would add four best-of-5 series, and include the second-place team having the best record as the wild card in each league. The wild-card teams would play the division winner with the best record in its league, unless it was a team in its own division.

In that case, the wild card would play the division winner with the second-best record. First-round winners would advance to the best-of-7 League Championship Series and the pennant winners would go to the World Series, which would also remain best-of-7.

"Our surveys have shown it will enhance fan interest in the waning days of the season, really months," said John Harrington of the Boston Red Sox, who

formulate the plan as chairman of the schedule-format committee. "There has been a significant dropoff on interest in August and September as teams drop out of the race. This is a chance to address that."

Owners also approved a \$255 million, six-year contract with ESPN that will decrease telecast from 175 per season to about 75, and a \$50.5 million, six-year contract with CBS Radio. Those deals mark steep decreases from the expiring \$390 million, four-year deal with ESPN and the \$52 million, four-year contract with CBS Radio.

Realignment, though, was the day's major issue. Florida eliminated the final opposition in the NL when it agreed, if necessary, to move from the NL East to the NL Central. The Braves want to be in the East and shift Pittsburgh to the Central, the reverse of the plan Harrington proposed.

George W. Bush, the Rangers general partner, was the only negative voice. He said he

was speaking for baseball's purists.

"I made my arguments and went down in flames," Bush said. "History will prove me right."

Owners voted in June to expand the playoffs but keep the current two-team division set-up. That proposal was foiled last month by the players' union, which said it preferred a three-division plan.

"I can't promise it'll be completely smooth sailing, but I look forward to getting it done," union head Donald Fehr said.

One obstacle may be the amount of postseason money that goes to players, who now get 60 percent of the ticket money from the first four games of each League Championship Series and the first four games of the World Series.

Teams in the East and Central would play about 50 games against their division rivals and West teams would play about 40. Currently, teams play 78 games within their division and 84 games outside their division.

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# Pro-Am a success



**TONY J. ARNOLD**  
Sports Editor

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The event was held Saturday morning at the MTSU tennis courts.

Freshmen Blue Raider tennis prospects Chris Quinn and his amateur partner, Sam Collins, teamed up to take the men's title over MTSU's Mark Follett, also a freshman, and his amateur partner, Frank Fly.

In the women's finals, former Lady raider stand-out Lorinda Weiss teamed up with Jessica Waldron to down current Lady Raider Jenny Oliveira and her partner, Elizabeth Laroche.

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## Ethics out of control....

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We can't wait till it starts in the spring and we can't wait to see our team end it in October. Now there's a threat to all of this.

Teams play over 160 games in a season and there are two divisions in each league. Now they'll be four divisions, still two leagues but a eight team playoff tier.

What's great is you don't have to win your division to get in. If you have the best record but didn't win your division, you make it as a wildcard. This means that both the Giants and Braves would make it to the playoffs.

I hate to see baseball change much but this really won't hurt the game yet it will increase interest. It's going to draw the season out too long but at World Series time, it'll be worth it.

The thing I hate to hear is the owners crying their going broke, then they fork out \$20 million for Barry Bonds.

If the playoff system doesn't go over and the owners don't start making money (ha-ha) then baseball will truly be in trouble. There's not much more they can change that will leave it the 'Pride of America.'

-For the first time since getting back from Hawaii, I saw the replay of the down everyone was talking about and Kippy Bayless was robbed.

People who didn't venture the night to watch or listen to the game saw the score and though MTSU was blown away. Such isn't the case.

Had MTSU gotten that first down and scored, it would have been a ballgame till the bitter end. Until that momentum was lost, the Raiders had been able to move the ball at will. As for stopping Hawaii, with the game of the line, Ed Bunio's defense rarely falters.

Hawaii, who was defeated by BYU on a last minute field goal Saturday, was not that good. I'd like to play them later in the season when we have the kinks worked out. This MTSU squad is going to be good and could possibly go undefeated from here on out.

Guess we'll just have to wait and see.

-How 'bout them Braves!

I'm not a big Atlanta fan but I respect good baseball and they are certainly playing it. There's no doubt that this is the best squad in the majors yet, bar none, they've probably deserved the same title in each of the two previous seasons and we all know what happened.

With perhaps the best pitching rotation ever, and a line-up that can never be counted out in the late innings, the Braves hope to hold off the Giants, advance to the Series and not become the Buffalo Bills of football.

The big Q though: How long will this team stay together?

Ted Turner wants a winner but the players are going to be wanting some big, big bucks in the next few years and we'll have to see who's more willing to dish it.

-Emmit Smith can stay home.

I can't blame him for wanting more money but players are getting too demanding these days.

As far as I'm concerned, the Cowboy management is standing on firm ground despite the pressure to give in. One player helps a team, not makes it.

Don't get me wrong, I love to watch Emmit run. However, the world of athletes and pay checks is just getting out of control.

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**GET INVOLVED!** MTSU's Student Programming Office needs volunteers who are interested in working contributing to the various programming committees. Applications and information

can be obtained by coming by the Student Programming Office, KUC 308.

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**Need to board your horse?** Stalls now available at stable. 15 mins. from MTSU. Rates start at \$50 a month for self-care, \$150 a month for full-care. Call Charlotte at 893-1395 or 896-1313.

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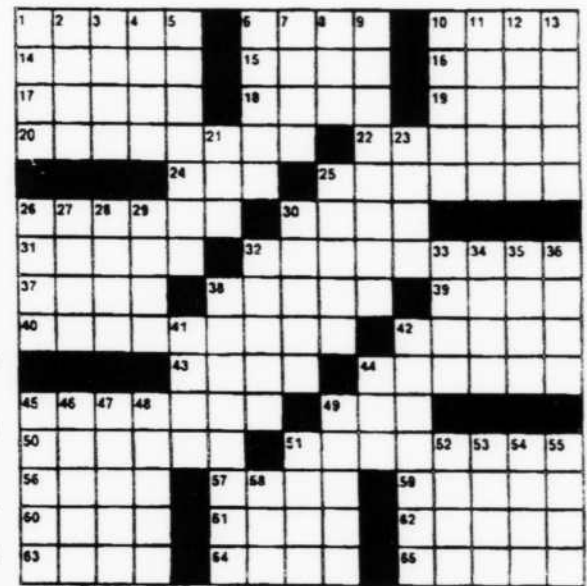
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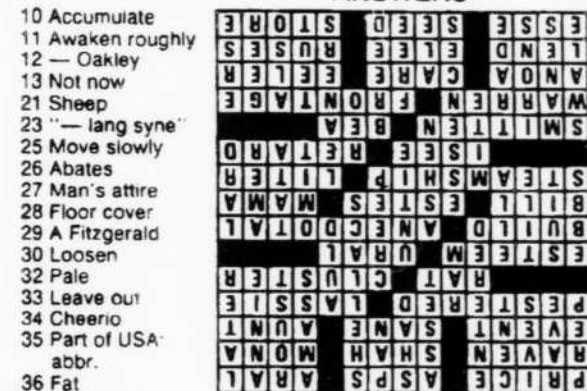
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1 Cost  
6 Snakes  
10 Russ. sea  
14 Poe's bird  
15 Persian title  
16 — Lisa  
17 Happening  
18 In one's right mind  
19 Uncle's wife  
20 Bothered  
22 Girl  
24 Lab animal  
25 Join together  
26 High regard  
30 Russ. mountain range  
31 Erect  
32 Giving to telling tales  
37 Notice of debt  
38 — Park, Colo.  
39 Family member  
40 Ocean liner  
42 Liquid measure  
43 Words of understanding  
44 Impede  
45 Deeply affected  
49 Arthur of TV  
50 Pres. — G. Harding  
51 Land facing street  
56 Celebes ox  
57 Solicitude  
59 Certain fisherman  
60 Give money to use  
61 Gen. Robert —  
62 Subterfuges  
63 Existence  
64 Plant producer  
65 Boutique

DOWN  
1 Kind of school  
2 Fine review  
3 Singer Burl  
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6 Item of value  
7 Food fish  
8 Peter —  
9 Defeats soundly



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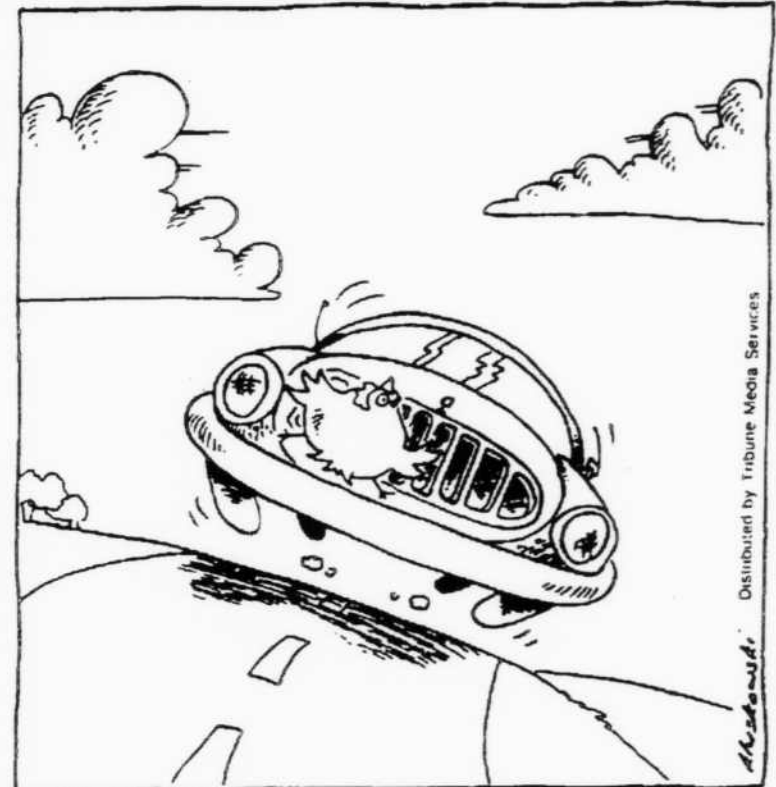
## ANSWERS



10 Accumulate  
11 Awaken roughly  
12 — Oakley  
13 Not now  
21 Sheep  
23 "— lang syne"  
25 Move slowly  
26 Abates  
27 Man's attire  
28 Floor cover  
29 A Fitzgerald  
30 Loosen  
32 Pale  
33 Leave out  
34 Cheerio  
35 Part of USA: abbr.  
36 Fat  
38 Perfumes  
41 Small amount  
42 Horseshoe  
43 throws  
44 Vintage car  
45 Low marshy land  
46 Neck adornment of horses

47 Golf clubs  
48 Swap  
49 Kind  
51 Gratis  
52 German: abbr.  
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## YEAH BOB by Darryl Kluskowski



## GRILLED CHICKEN.

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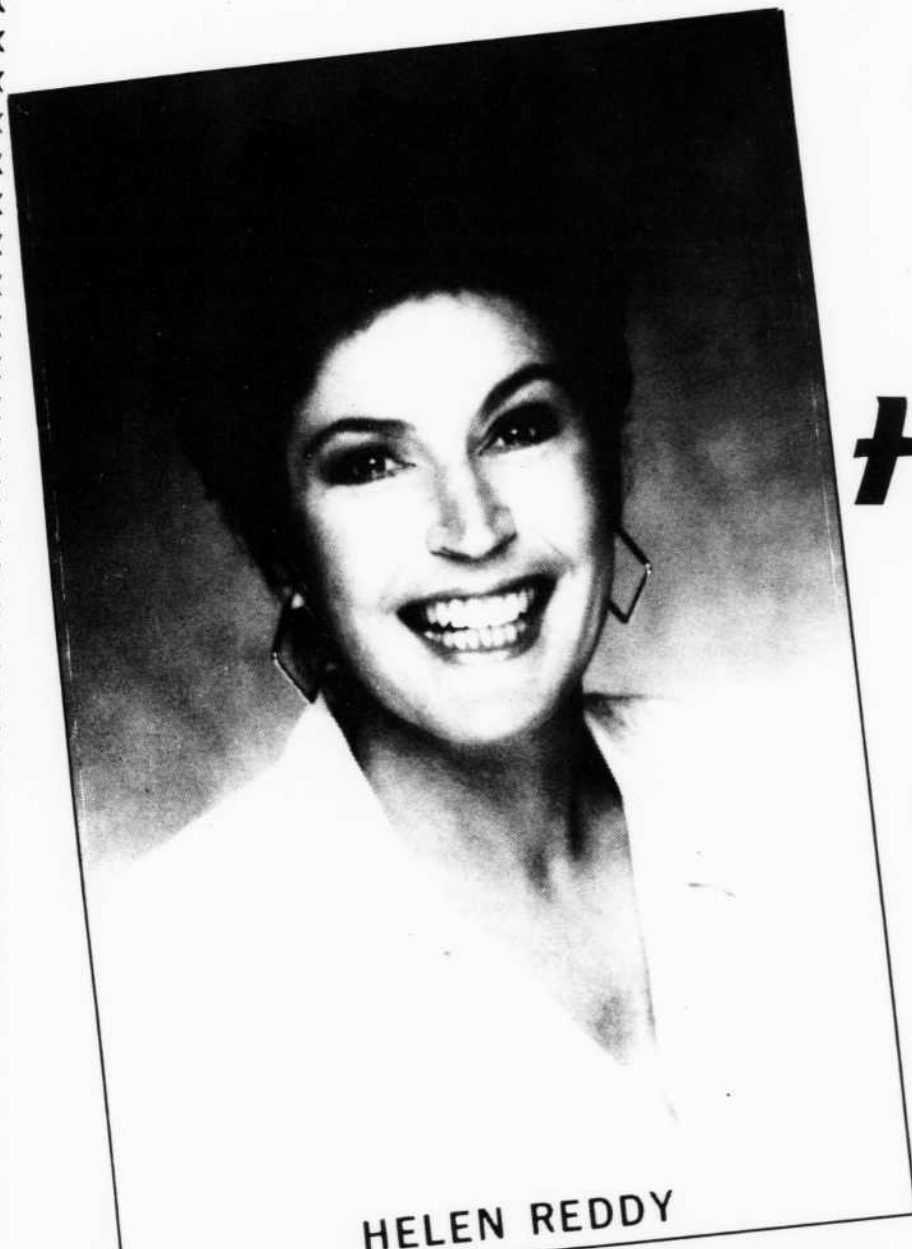
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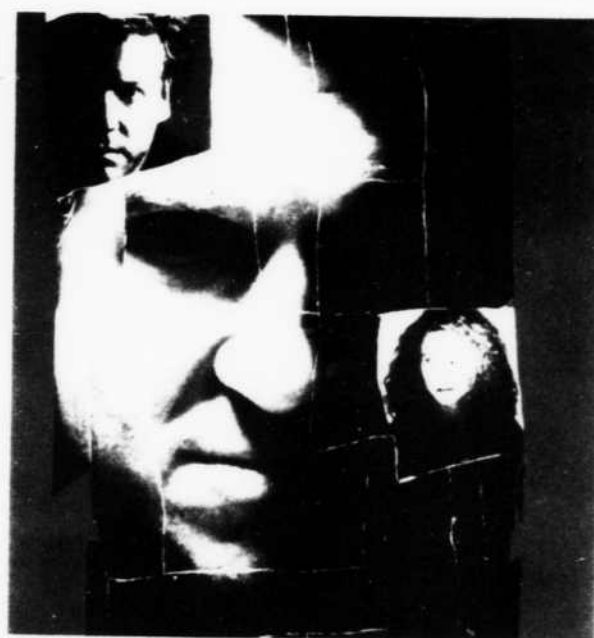
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*depth*  
**core**  
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