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## Nobel winner describes quest for 'roots' of corn

by John Pitts

George Beadle hardly looks like the world's greatest detective.

But the 73-year-old biologist has been investigating one of the mysteries of nature for so long that even Sherlock Holmes might be hard-pressed to match Beadle's effort.

Beadle, the 1958 winner of the Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine, was on the MTSU campus Friday to present a lecture on the "Mysteries of Maize," focus of his research for almost 50 years.

He also spoke to a small gathering of Honors students Friday afternoon.

In these days of computers,

lasers and other sophisticated technological devices, Beadle's manner remains surprisingly uncomplicated. "I'm a one-man research group...I've got a cheap microscope and a cheap balance," he told the honors group.

With those simple devices, Beadle has endeavored for most of his life to answer a puzzling question: where does corn come from?

Although not everyone in the scientific community agrees with Beadle's own theory about corn's origins, there can be little argument that his research, and the work of others, has made corn one of the best understood plants in nature.

The beginnings of Beadle's efforts can be traced to his work as a graduate student at, ironically, Cornell.

"There was an interesting aspect about corn—we could find no obvious wild relative at all," Beadle said. He explained that most of man's cultivated plants—rice and wheat for example—have plant relatives growing in the wild.

"Now there are many different kinds of corn, but there's no wild plant that looks like it...there's no other plant with an ear," Beadle said.

If that subject sounds like it wouldn't lend itself to decades of research, Beadle attaches more significance to the puzzle than just knowing where we get popcorn. "You might wonder what difference it makes...it could matter a great deal, for if we wished to improve the cultivated plant in

some way, we cannot go back to the wild plant to breed in any sort of insect or disease resistance," he said.

"Maybe prehistoric man knew where corn came from, but no modern man does," Beadle added.

That is, except Beadle, who believes he knows the answer now.

As his research into corn continued, he discovered that "there is a wild plant that's closely related to corn, even though its not in the same genus (a scientific classification for "families" of plants), Beadle said.

That plant is called tiosente, and was once found in abundance in Mexico. "It doesn't have an ear; there is a little spike with two rows of seeds," he said.

Although a case can be made for the crude physical resemblance of tiosente to corn, it was the job of Beadle and some of his peers to

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## 'Auxiliary enterprises' account for \$3 million

by John Pitts

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the university budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the reserves room of the library.

The university budget is an impressive document: almost 500 computer printout pages full of numbers, figures and cryptic phrases.

"Basically, the budget is divided into two parts: there is a listing of the income you expect to receive in the year and an explanation of how you intend to spend it," Vice President for Business and Finance Morris Bass explained in a recent interview.

As explained in Friday's *Sidelines*, the state anticipates a total revenue for this school year of more than \$23 million.

About 20 million of that will come from student registration fees, state appropriations, government grants and private gifts. The remainder will come from what the university classifies "auxiliary enterprises" and the "sales of

services of educational departments."

Among the revenue sources classified as "auxiliary" are the bookstore, food service, dormitories, vending machines, the post office, University Center games room and the sales of parking decals.

The rent for dormitories is anticipated to provide \$1,655,308 in the 1977-78 school year, roughly the same amount as last year.

The bookstore is the second highest producer of auxiliary income, with anticipated 1977-78 income of \$1,283,500. The bookstore's main source of income is the sales of books and supplies.

Sales of school supplies are counted on to provide more than a half million dollars in revenue; new books, about \$330,000 and used books about \$240,000. The sale of non-required books should provide the bookstore with \$165,000 in funds.

Rent for married student housing is counted on to provide another \$283,800 to the MTSU budget in the coming year.



Foreign students from various countries participate in a reception held Sept. 17. [Pat Daley photo]

Food service should provide about \$213,000 in revenue to the school.

Those four areas, dorms, the bookstore, married student housing and food services, will provide the bulk of the \$3.5 million in auxiliary funds.

In addition, the sale of parking decals should provide \$44,000; the rent of post office boxes should provide \$30,400; money generated in the games room will provide most of the University Center's anticipated \$27,700 in revenue and vending machines will dispense \$25,000 in soft drinks, candy and cigarettes.

Athletics and the university farm provide most of the \$627,665.41 attributed to the sales of the services of educational departments.

Football revenue should account

for about a quarter of a million dollars of that figure. The football total will be divided between student fees and actual gate receipts. The equivalent of \$14 per student is taken from registration fees and assigned specifically to football.

Basketball will account for about \$84,000 of the service sales revenue. The equivalent of \$6 per student is taken from registration and earmarked specifically for basketball.

The university's farm system should generate \$142,000 in funds, mostly from the sale of raw and processed milk. The sale of animal stock and grain accounts for the remainder of the farm revenue that is anticipated.

Additionally, the university anticipates about \$175,000 in earning from investments.

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Applications for spring, 1978 student teaching must be filed with the Office of Student Teaching, NCB 106 no later than Saturday, Oct. 1.

MTSU women between the ages of 18 and 28 will be given the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee-Universe Pageant. The pageant will be staged at the Sheraton South Hotel, Nashville, on Jan. 21, 1978. The Miss Tennessee-Universe Pageant is a preliminary to the Miss USA-Miss Universe

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Volunteer assistance is requested of students with experience in meetings, hikes, arts and crafts, music and field trips by Cumberland Valley Girl Scouts.

## Campus Calendar

### TUESDAY

Graduate Test: 1-4:30 p.m.; UC 314  
Tennis Match: MTSU vs. University of the South; 2 p.m. Tennis Courts  
ASB Senate: 4:30 p.m.; UC 303 (Conference Room)  
Organizational Meeting: American Advertising Federation; 5 p.m.; SUB downstairs lounge

Meeting: LETS (Law Enforcement Trouble Shooters); 7:30 p.m.; UC 303

Meeting: MTSU Sport Parachute Club; 5 p.m.; Drawing Building  
John Bragg China Trip: 8 p.m.; UC 322

Meeting: Dance Committee; 8 p.m.; Conference Room

Fellowship: Presbyterian Students; worship & concert; 4-10 p.m.; SUB Tennessee Room

Movie: Mother, Jugs & Speed; 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.; UC Theatre

### WEDNESDAY

Dames Club Tea: 2:30-4:30 p.m.; President's home

Art Lecture: Gallery Talk with David Bigelow; 7 p.m.; Art Barn Gallery

Campus Forum: Should the Panama Canal treaty be ratified?; 7 p.m.; UC 322

Meeting: Black Student Association; 7:30 p.m.; UC 322

Movie: The Longest Yard; 3:30, 6 & 8:15 p.m.; UC Theatre

### THURSDAY

Faculty/Press Luncheon: 12 p.m., SUB Tennessee Room

ASB House Meeting: 4:30 p.m.; LRC Multi-Media Room

Picnic: FAST; 5-6:30 p.m.; Field between NCB and Administration Building

Speaker: South Central Bell area director Huey King; 7 p.m.; UC 322

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Dance: Hallelujah; 8 p.m.; SUB Tennessee Room

Movie: The Longest Yard; 3:30 6 & 8:15 p.m.; UC Theatre

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## Drainage slowed by 'bottleneck'

by Steve Miller

The problems of ankle-deep water in the streets of MTSU may be with us for a while.

According to Harold Jewell, superintendent of buildings and grounds for MTSU, the drainage system on campus is "as good as it can be under the present situation, and no plans have been made to improve it."

Jewell said the biggest problem is where the campus drainage system runs into the city system at Baird Lane. He described the situation as a "bottleneck" that needs to be improved.

Designed by a state highway department engineer, the campus drainage system was built 15 years ago and has been added to through the years.

"Although the system is slow," said Jewell, "it does get the water off." He added that the drainage is better now than it has been in the past.

The basic problem, he said is that the water just stands in the flat places. Due to a lack of elevation, it does not run off very fast.

Jewell said he hasn't received many complaints about the drainage problem except from the places that are almost flooded at times, such as the area around H-Hall.

"The remedy to the problem,"

said Jewell, "would require a major job of lowering the drain under Baird Lane and redesigning the drainage system." The maintenance department does not have the funds to do such a job, he added.

Director of Campus Planning and Construction Charles Pigg, said he doesn't think that changing anything in the campus drainage system would help the overall problem.

The improvement must be made downstream, he said, adding that the only real solution would be to rework the city's drainage system from Stones River on back.

Pigg explained that the water on campus runs off in three different directions. He said that if any change were made in the Baird Lane area it might complicate the problem around Monohan.

"The drainage system is operating at capacity. The water is going as fast as the creek will take it," said Pigg, "but sometimes water from Bell Street backs up the creek and floods the area around Monohan."

About three years ago, according to Pigg, water used to back up onto the tennis courts. Pigg said that by cooperating with the city, the drain on Greenland Drive was improved and the problem alleviated.

## Panama debate scheduled

A campus forum on the topic "Should the Panama Canal treaty be ratified?" will be conducted tomorrow evening at 7 in UC 322.


The forum is an open style debate with two students representing pro and con viewpoints. All students in attendance will be encouraged to make their opinions known, both in comments during the forum and in an informal poll at the end.

Mike Dagley, member of the

debate team and a veteran of the Carter-Ford forum of last fall, will represent the "pro," or affirmative, side of the question.

Mark Floyd, former speaker pro tempore of the ASB House and a present member of the ASB cabinet, will represent the "con," or negative, side of the canal argument.


The campus forum is sponsored by the speech department and the debate team.



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## Political commentary

## Crisis could dim that 'Ray' of Blanton sunshine

by John Pitts and Tom Wood

Now the Democrats in Tennessee know how the Republicans felt during Watergate.

Ray Blanton, state governor and standard-bearer for the party, has involved himself in a controversy that threatens, at the very least, the success of the party in key elections next year.

Indeed, his security in the state's highest office may be in jeopardy.

At the center of this mess is Roger Humphreys, 30, convicted in 1975 for the 1973 double-murder of his ex-wife and her boyfriend in Johnson City.

Humphreys was sentenced to a term of 20-to-40 years in prison but spent only two months behind bars in Nashville.

Today, Humphreys is on the state payroll, serving as a photographer for the Department of Tourism. He is classified as a "minimum security" inmate.

All of this probably wouldn't be so bad, but it turns out that Humphreys' father, Frank Humphreys Jr., is the chairman of Blanton's Washington County Democratic Patronage Committee.

The committee, true to its title, is in charge of meting out favors to persons who supported Blanton's successful run for the governor's seat in 1974.

When all this information was recently made public, there was considerable reaction, mostly from Republicans.

But Blanton's apparent attempt to take the offensive on the Humphreys matter has brought attacks from both parties and has involved the credibility and honor of the entire state and its leaders.

Blanton appeared in a live television interview on WSM-TV's evening news Thursday night and informed thousands of viewers the convicted murderer was "a fine young man" and declared he would pardon the man before leaving office in December of 1978.

In addition to disclosing that intention, Blanton arrogantly slammed the television station for "biased reporting" and threatened to oppose WSM's attempt to renew its license with the Federal Communications Commission.

"I am not proud of what you and your station have done...I don't see why your license should be renewed," the state's highest officer told his interviewer, WSM's Carol Marin.

The governor later lashed out at one of his most vocal critics in the Humphreys affair—U.S. Congressman Robin Beard, a republican from the Sixth District.

"He's a joke in the United States Congress and everyone knows it," Blanton told reporters. He also labeled the Congressman "stupid."

Two days later, Blanton invited reporters to his home town of Adamsville to fire another round at his critics. He called those who would question the involvement of political favoritism in the Humphreys case "dumb" and "stupid."

All this talk did not go unnoticed. On Thursday night after the television interview, WSM received almost 1,700 phone calls. Less than 50 were in Blanton's favor.

Brooks Parker, the governor's press secretary, said calls received at the governor's mansion ran two-to-one in Blanton's favor.

Republican leaders in the state such as Beard, unsuccessful 1974 gubernatorial candidate Larmer Alexander and former governor Winfield Dunn all strongly criticized Blanton's actions and statements. "Blanton was obviously not a person in full control of his faculties last night," state GOP chairman Tom Beasley said Friday morning.

Conservative papers across the state jumped on Blanton with both feet. East Tennessee papers gleefully began calling for Blanton's resignation or impeachment.

And over the weekend, the three largest papers in West Tennessee took their punches at the state's chief executive—one calling Blanton a "hillbilly Nixon."

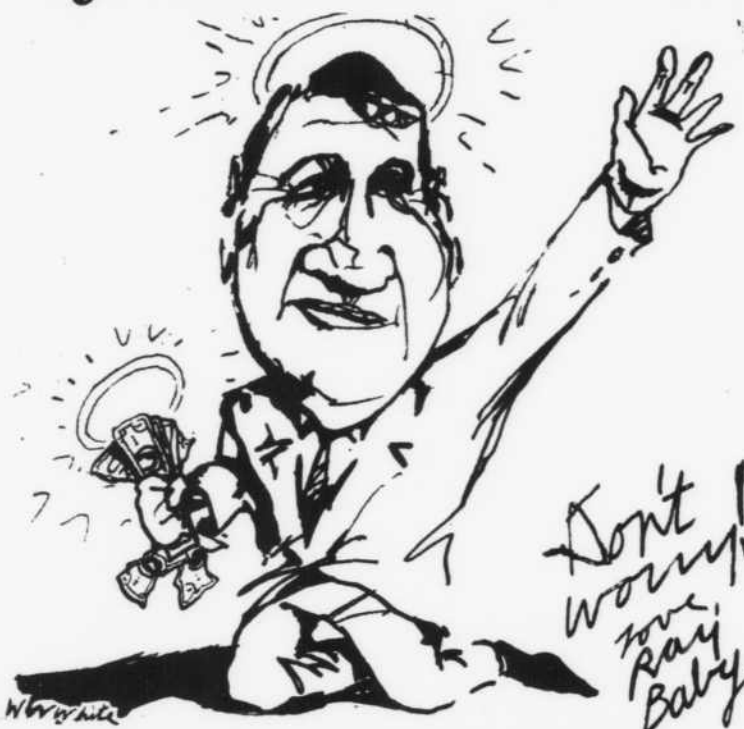
While the Memphis Press-Scimitar labeled the pardon "an affront to the people of Tennessee," the Jackson Sun suggested Blanton "has lost touch with reality" and that "Blanton and former president Nixon are so alike, the resemblance is scary."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal, meanwhile called for a change in governors, saying that is the only way to correct the abuse of executive privilege.

Leading state Democrats, when they would comment, were milder in the wording but still as critical as the Republicans. Most state leaders, primarily Democrats, had no comment.

Is this Tennessee's Watergate? Or should we say "Blantongate?"

Certainly, this case deals with many of the same issues as the national scandal: general abuse of power, the use of political favoritism to determine official policy and a general arrogance by the reigning administration towards the public, the media and the members of the other party.



The arrogance was demonstrated quite graphically to the public in the live television appearance. The governor went into the television studio believing he was holding a winning hand. After it was over, it was obvious he only held five jokers. With Blanton the biggest joker of all.

The governor of the state cannot stir about the countryside holding himself above the people. He cannot, in Nixonesque fashion, cite a mythical "mandate" as justification for his actions, whether legal or extralegal.

The Humphreys case is all within the law. That is the sad part. It is the governor's right, moral or not, to pardon or exercise power over parole proceedings.

But to pardon a man who pumped 18 bullets into two people, then to call the killing "a crime of passion" is an insult to the integrity of the people of the state.

Humphreys killed those two people with a two-shot derringer; that means he had to pause to reload eight times after his initial attack. That is not a crime of passion, but a cold, well-calculated assault.

In 1973, a psychiatric exam declared Humphreys to be "frequently psychotic." Before the double-murder he was observed "practicing fast-drawing while listening to records."

Yet our governor, a man who once taught agriculture in high school, proclaimed Humphreys "100 per cent recovered" in his Adamsville press conference.

Partisan politics has exerted an influence on this affair the way a magnet moves iron filings. Blanton can deny until he is blue in the face, but that is the conclusion the people will, logically, arrive at.

The next few weeks will be a most critical time for the state, for Blanton and for the Democratic party.

If Blanton continues his assaults on the press and his critics, he will find himself totally alienated from his party and without a chance of successfully seeking another elective office. If he pushes his luck, he might find himself driven from office.

If Watergate proved one thing about the psychology of elected officials, it is that they'll never learn from their mistakes. Here in Tennessee, that "Ray of Blanton Sunshine" is dangerously close to being extinguished.

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## Reader thinks on-campus drug-arresting 'biased'

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to an article in the Sept. 16 issue of *Sidelines*. I am very disappointed with MTSU. You know the person that said "America, love it or leave it" must have been a bigot. Let's look at things realistically. There are about 10,000 students at this campus. Only about 100 of them are black. Ivan Shewmake, dean of men, seems to be very biased in his supposedly big-time drug busting campaign. All the students he has busted so far are black.

I don't know if this is because they were careless or if it is because he's looking for someone black with drugs. I'm very sure there are white students on campus smoking pot. Seems to me that for every four blacks smoking pot there should be about 12 whites smoking, but the fact is that no whites whom I believe are selling it to the blacks have been busted. This administration is good at passing along corrupted information. There are so many border lines of what a person can do. Sometimes it gets pathetic. It's not seen by the Board of Regents, who classify this institution as having good relations between faculty and students. This school is very biased in its curriculum, but need less to say, what can be done about that? Take a good look and think what you would like. It will never be here. This school's main goal is to mold you into a blueprint of society so that

once you become a success you will have to pay debts to this biased (prejudiced) institution. People like Shewmake are out to see that nobody of any minority starts spreading influence.

The administrators here are the ones who can spread relationships among students on this campus, but they leave it up to the ASB, who knows about as much as a 4-year-old. The ASB fears what these administrators can do.

You better believe that most of what the ASB lays down comes from the administrators and not educated young men and women expressing their thoughts. This school does not and will not approve of black and white relationships. Their main goal is to keep blacks and whites apart. Facts speak for themselves. Look around and see how many mixed couples are on this campus. Not that it makes any difference, but I figured educated people should get together and talk about more things that how to keep myths about one particular race.

While we're on race, anybody who says I'm the way I am because my family is that way (prejudice) is a damn honkey. You are the way you are truly, but you can be the way you want to be. Blacks are not the only ones on this campus smoking pot. If you quit looking at colors, I believe you'll find out for yourself.

Bobby Anderson  
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## Writer promises revenge on post office confusion

To the Editor:

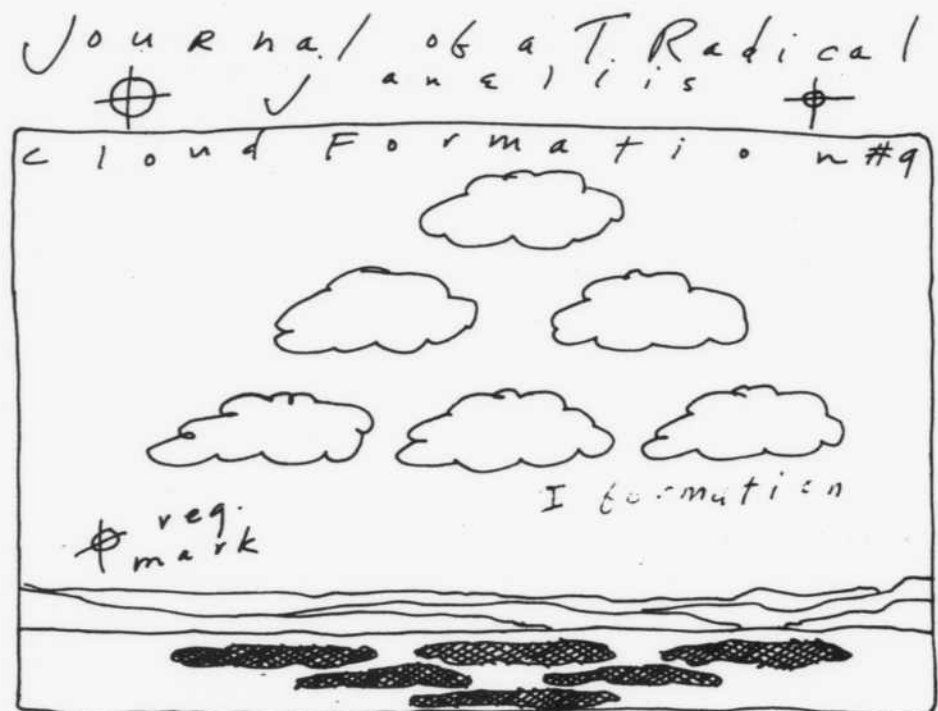
Somehow, somewhere, someone at MTSU decided to play musical chairs with the post office box numbers recently. While this is plain nutty, in and of itself, the magnitude of this stroke of genius was amplified by not notifying me or others that the mail was being delivered to a different box. (It might be a good idea for everyone to check their box number, especially if you have had an empty box lately.) I, and others, need a stable address where I can receive mail. Such things as bills, dated material from book clubs, checks and personal correspondence from friends and relatives, not to mention magazine and newspaper subscriptions, need to be handled quickly and smoothly by the local post office. Their job is made extremely difficult when some bureaucrat gets the cute idea to scramble all of the addresses of people without notifying them.

In my search for the culprit, I began with the post office. Due to the added work and trouble the

change has caused, I rather doubt it was self-inflicted. Next I went to the Administration Building, pursuing the elusive perpetrator. Each bureaucrat I talked to gave me the "they went that way" routine until it was time to go home for the day. The post office blamed the change on the computer, since the changes were noted on the computer print-out. The person in charge of registration said it was sad, but... The computer people defended the huld by explaining that the poor devil is very obedient and only does what it is told. HOWEVER, the data and program seem to have been handed down from heaven by someone who was out of the office for the day. How neat!

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## Singer keeps fans guessing

# Is her 'Telephone Man' for real?

Question that people have been asking singer Meri Wilson a lot these days: Is "Telephone Man" a true song?

The blonde singer tossed her head nonchalantly following her performance Saturday night at the Tennessee State Fair in Nashville and replied, "Nobody knows for sure and nobody will, except for me. Not even Boome knows."

Manager Boomer Castleman nodded vigorously in agreement at

that answer.

"Telephone man," written and performed by this little-known female who just finished recording her first album, is Wilson's first cut. It is probably one of the cheapest hits ever made and is currently nearing the million-dollar mark in record sales.

Termed a novelty song by its writer, "Telephone Man" raised some controversy because of its suggestive lyrics. A number of radio stations have refused to play it. Despite this, the song, released in April, has managed to hold on through the summer.

Wilson, who had been singing at Dallas nightclubs, cut the song last March at a cost of \$278. Following that, co-managers Castleman and Jimmy Rutledge, longtime friends of the singer, began distributing the record at radio stations in

Southern Texas.

"Then we headed for L.A.," Castleman recalled, "but they turned their nose up at it. They said anybody who would play a song like that was nuts." Meanwhile, a radio station in Dallas gave the platter a spin early one Monday morning, which was immediately followed by 125 enthusiastic telephone calls. The song literally caught on overnight. After it reached Nashville, Wilson found herself signing up with GRT Records.

Her just-finished album, "Meri Wilson First Take," is scheduled for release in October. It includes "Telephone Man" and another novelty song, "Scrub-a-Dub-Dub," as well as several Castleman songs. One of his tunes, "Midnight in Memphis" was performed by Wilson at the concert and may become a singles release.

"I was working on that song when I first heard that Elvis died," Wilson noted. "I started crying when I was cutting it at the studio. I feel just like the little girl that Elvis was engaged to when I sing that song."

"Actually," Castleman said, "right now we have six songs that could be released as singles."

But they won't be pushing very much right now, he added. Wilson is expecting a baby in January and will be spending more time with her husband in Dallas before too long.

"We have very high hopes," he smiled. "It's determination that counts, as well as having talent and surrounding yourself with talented people."

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# Artists' philosophies come through in works

by Cathy Wood

"You are a product of everything you see," said Oliver Fancher.

"External objects stimulate your thought-process," said David Bigelow.

Examples of both men's philosophies are on display at the Art Barn Gallery through Oct. 14, in the first art show of the season.

Fancher, an assistant professor of graphic design, called his art "grotesquely delicate, even mystical." Of his eight pieces in the show, most are graphites, drawings done in pencils.

"My work is obviously patient," he said. "I always have a serious intent. To understand my purpose, it may be necessary to study the drawing."

"That's why I usually give the pieces simple titles—to imply my idea. Then it's up to you to play with it and enjoy it however you want to."

Fancher's inspirations are the after affects of everything he has experienced. "I collect images. My drawings are the results of my attitudes on what I see."

His commercial art background is evident in one of the focal points of the show—a three-part work titled "Rocket." It incorporates images cut from magazines with airbrush techniques.

"Framing is an essential part of the piece," said Fancher. "I look on the frame as an extension of the drawing."

In his fourth year of teaching at MTSU, Fancher works at a studio in

his home. On an average, it takes him three days of steady work to finish a drawing.

Bigelow, assistant professor of prints, works in etchings and pastels.

"My pieces are called prints, meaning that I do the original plates," he said.

His etchings are primarily value-arrangements; that is, they involve different shades of one color.

Bigelow is in a work-progression

stage now—he is moving from one-color prints to full-color.

"Experimentation is the wrong word for what I'm doing," said Bigelow. "Everything I do is a growth, a progression, from one point to another."

Bigelow's 31 pieces have more immediate messages that Fancher's—the idea is usually apparent. He spends from eight to 10 hours on the smaller pastels and from four to five months on the

larger etchings.

Bigelow is stimulated by external images. "The thought process makes images either more appealing or less appealing. The more appealing an object is, the more enjoyable it is."

Although both artists deny that a theme ties their work together, certain motifs and trademarks are evident even to the casual viewer.

The pieces shown at the gallery are the artists' most current.



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## Corn's 'roots' found

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prove the two were actually relatives.

The tiosente wasn't very cooperative. "It is a short-day plant, and you can't do anything with it in temperate zones—it'll grow very big but it won't flower," Beadle said.

Since the tiosente requires almost exactly twelve hours of sunshine, Beadle and the other students finally found a way to make it grow on campus. "We'd put a garbage can over it at six in the evening, then we'd take it off the next morning at six...that gave it a twelve-hour day."

After cross-breeding corn and tiosente for several years in the early 30's, the researchers found that corn and tiosente could pair off chromosomes. "That meant tiosente was very close to corn...we thought the problem was solved," he said.

The mystery of maize didn't stay solved for long. The traditional process of scientist challenging

scientist over accepted theories took over in 1938, almost throwing Beadle's hypothesis out the window.

"Some scientist had postulated that tiosente came from another wild corn that doesn't exist anymore...I thought to myself 'That doesn't make any sense'...I wrote a paper about it, but nobody paid any attention," Beadle laughed.

As the years past by, Beadle became more interested in the genetic qualities of fruit flies and bread mold, and just about gave up on corn.

Along the way, he and two other scientists picked up the Nobel Prize for their work in the then-new science of genetic engineering.

After his retirement from the administration of the University of Chicago in 1968, "I decided I was going to straighten out the confusion about corn," Beadle said.

"Tiosente is the ancestor of corn," Beadle declared, noting "incontrovertible evidence" in its favor. "I've convinced everyone except two very influential people at Harvard," Beadle said.

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## Student has all of Presley's records

# Embarrassment turns to pride for Elvis collector

by Chuck Cavalaris

Ed Arning used to cringe every time he got in the lunch line back in grade school.

"He's the one," the tiny voices used to whisper. "Yea, that's Arning. He's the one that likes Elvis Presley and has all his records...Ed Arning is a sissy."

Now a senior at MTSU majoring in telecommunications, Ed chuckles when he remembers the childhood harrassment and how he used to sweat all day behind a lawn mower so he could rush to the music store and but one of Elvis' albums.



Ed Arning

Ed must have mowed all the yards in his neighborhood. Today he boasts a complete collection of Elvis Presley albums.

"I joined a fan club in Minnesota and got the complete list of albums," said Arning, who is an assistant to Jim Freeman in the MTSU sports information office.

The "complete" list includes 76 RCA albums and "three others," one of which was recorded on the Colonel Tom Parker label. Parker was Elvis' manager. Another is a Christmas album, Elvis' first seasonal disc.

"But I quickly found out eight albums were rare," Arning recalled. "One was 'It Happened at the World's Fair' and there were several soundtracks to movies that didn't have Elvis singing very much. It really got hairy."

The most-difficult album to obtain was the Christmas record, which was discontinued and updated a decade later. Many collectors contacted by Sidelines said this was a pivotal album to the collection.

"It was rare," Arning agreed, "but I found it in a preacher's den one day. It was just another album to him. It was really useless to him, but it was everything to me."

What attracted Arning to Elvis?

"It wasn't his body," Arning roared. "What I liked most about his music was the hyped-up beat that seemed to get faster and faster. His music was like me in a lot of ways. I never can sit still and I

seem to run out of hours in the day.

"Elvis was more of motivational factor to me," Arning confided. "If I was down, he pepped me up by listening to one of his records. I'd just lay back and turn the volume up full blast. That's utopia."

Arning's tastes, however, are not confined to "The King of Rock 'n Roll."

Fleetwood Mac is "great." Seals and Crofts is another favorite. Melissa Manchester, Olivia Newton John and Crystal Gail (Loretta Lynn's younger sister) rank as Ed's favorite female entertainers.

"But there is no time in the day that is non-Elvis record playing time," Arning says.

How much is the collection worth?

"I have no idea," Arning said with a quizzical look. "The fan club was not oriented toward financial dealings. I'm not in poverty and really can't see any offer worth accepting."

How about a million dollars?

"Do you want it delivered to your

house," Arning replied, "or would you rather have it sent to the dorm...nah, I can't say that. You can't put a price tag on the enjoyment those albums give me."

Besides the album collection, Arning also has a complete decade of major league baseball cards (Topps, 1966-76), every yearbook for the baseball Braves (Boston to

Milwaukee to Atlanta) and a 1950 coke machine which only takes dimes and dispenses six and one-half ounce bottles.

Arning, a graduate of Pearl High School and a former Sidelines staff member, plans on attending Ohio University after graduation and majoring in "sports administration."



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## European mopeds hit MTSU

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Mopeds are similar to motorbikes but average as much as 150-200 m.p.g. They can be pedaled or

motor-driven. The engine is required by state law to be 50 c.c. (cubic centimeters) and 1½ horsepower. State law also requires a speed limit of 25 m.p.h.

These state laws came into effect on June 1, and mopeds were then allowed on the market. This made Tennessee one of 37 states to have these particular laws concerning mopeds, according to Baughman.

The average price for a complete moped is \$450-\$455. A single



portable engine runs around \$175.

Batavus-brand mopeds are generally the best known and most expensive. They are manufactured in Holland. One Austrian-made

moped costs approximately \$399. Only one manufacturer in America, Colombia, currently produces mopeds. Most are imported, and there are 42 different kinds of mopeds produced in the world.

Riding a moped is about the same as riding a motorbike. Anyone can do it if they're willing to try. Twenty-five m.p.h. may seem a little slow but think it over when gas goes to \$1 a gallon. Then you'll know why Europeans have mopeds.

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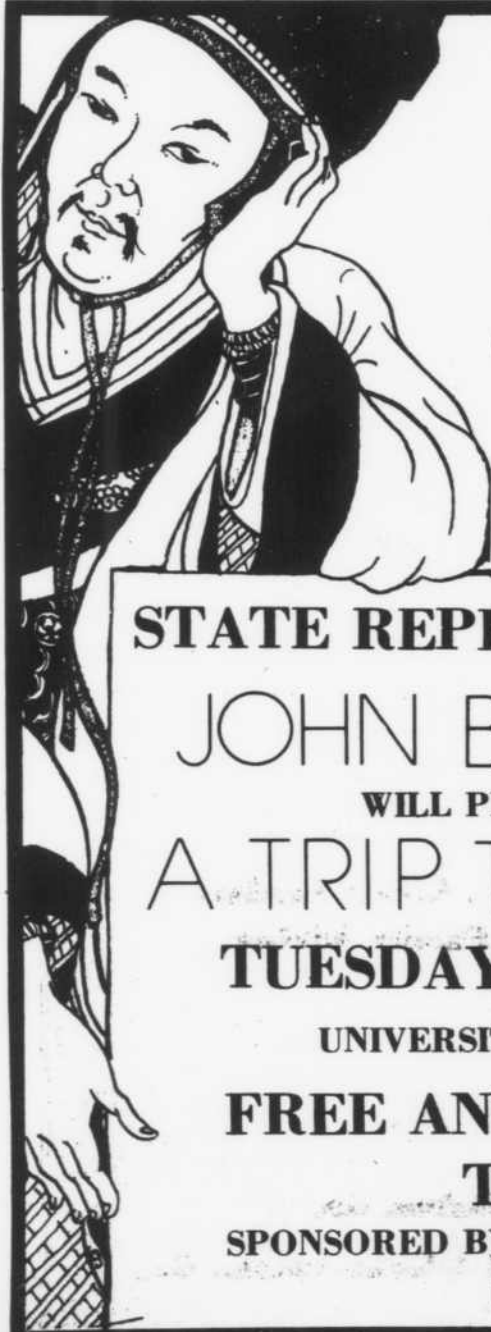
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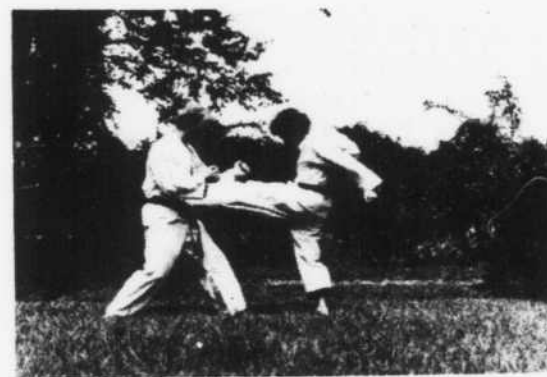
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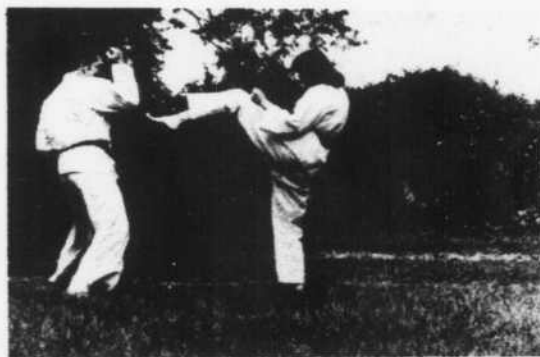
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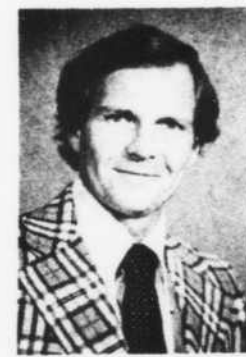
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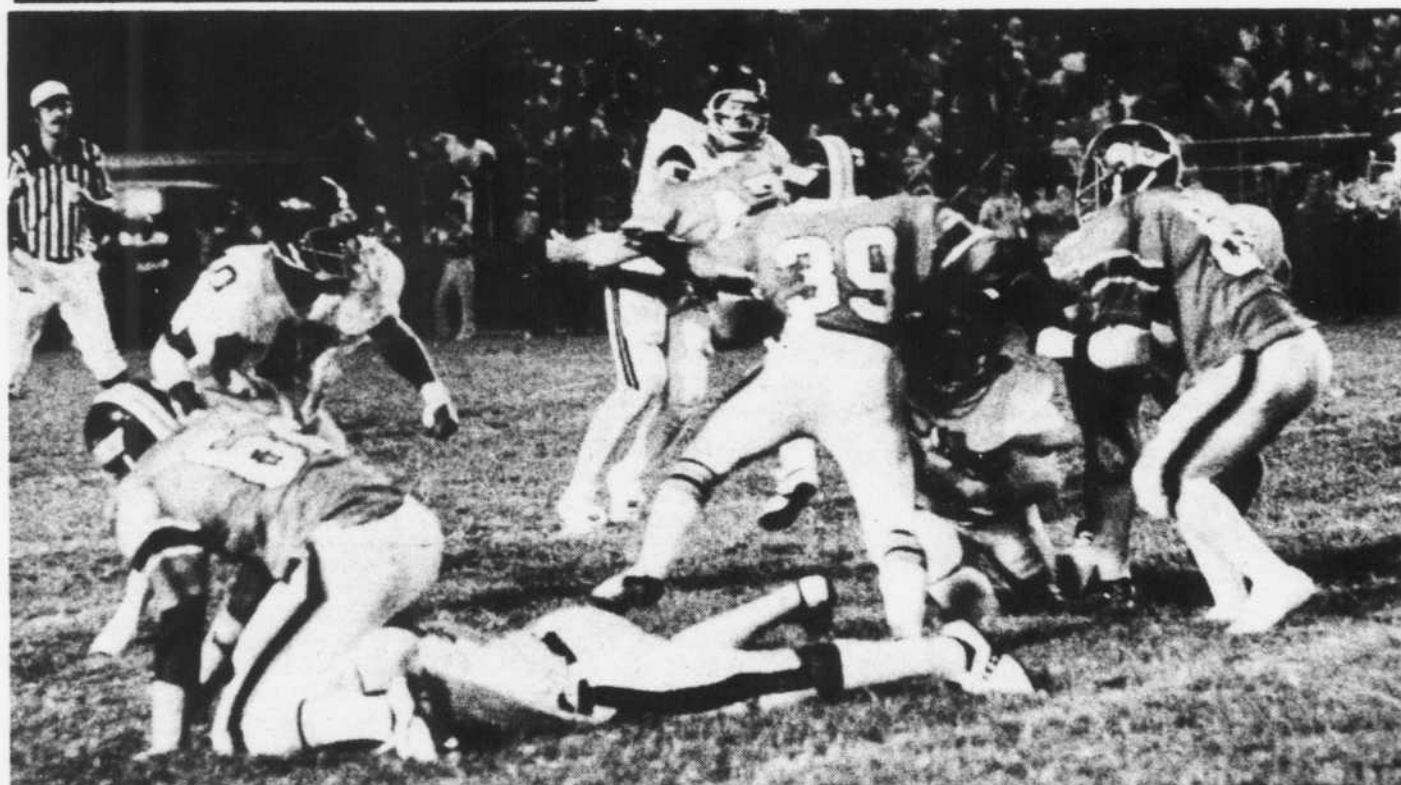
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## Raiders fall to UTM 27-0

by Frank Vickers  
Sports Editor

Despite the Raider's worst start in 44 years, head coach Ben Hurt was looking for bright spots Monday in MTSU's 27-0 loss to UT Martin Saturday.

"We have played two awfully good football teams," Hurt said, "but we have a whole new season starting this week when we open the conference season against Morehead."

"Our offensive line did a much better game against Martin, especially in pass protection," Hurt said. "We also had a good defensive effort from Mo Bell, who missed virtually all of the TSU game with an injury."

As a small group of Raider fans watched the team being thrashed by the Pacers, they had to get the feeling they had seen this game somewhere before.



## Harriers dominate field in season opening meet

by Tom Wood

Talk about going from one extreme to another.

MTSU's cross-country team, last in the Ohio Valley Conference a year ago, started the season with a bang by taking five of the top seven places in the Middle Tennessee Invitational last Friday.

Senior Dennis Votava finished in second place with a time of 20:55 in the four-mile event held at the Veteran's Administration Hospital golf course. Votava's clocking was 35 seconds off the top time turned in by Chris Bedard of Austin Peay who ran unattached. Bedard's time was 20:20.

University of the South runner Felton Wright was third with a 20:59 time, trailed closely by a pack of four MTSU runners.

Raiders Dana McCutcheon, Gary Perry, Randy Oliver and Jack Langford finished in the four through seven spots, all within a 16-second span.

McCutcheon's time of 21:00 was followed by Perry's 21:10, Oliver's 21:12 and Langford's 21:16.

"They were super," cross-country coach Dean Hayes said Monday. "Our top five runners finished just 21 seconds apart, and that's fantastic. They may be the best since I've been here."

Adding to the outstanding Raider performance, it should be noted that two of the top runners ran injured. Votava has had a sore back

recently. During the meet, Perry, a sophomore transfer from the University of Tennessee, developed silver-dollar sized blisters on both

feet.

"They got so bad for Gary," Hayes said, "that he finished the meet with bare feet."

Two other MTSU runners, Roger Kelsey and Linton Whaley, also turned in strong times, finishing 13th and 14th respectively out of 44 runners from seven schools. Kelsey finished at 21:39 while Whaley was at 21:45.

"Our guys did quite well overall," Hayes said. "They should do okay this year."

One notable absence was that of Tennessee Tech's squad. The Raiders are scheduled to run Thursday in Cookeville.

"They have been having to cut back drastically in most of their programs," Hayes said. "I've received no word as to whether our meet is still on, so I'm assuming it isn't."

Should the Tennessee Tech match be cancelled, and it looks like it will be, MTSU's first team appearance will come at the David Lipscomb Invitational, Oct. 1 at the Edwin Warner Park course in Nashville.

Teams running there besides MTSU will be Vanderbilt, David Lipscomb, Belmont, Austin Peay, Freed-Hardeman and, supposedly, Tennessee Tech.



Dennis Votava



## Pacers blast Raiders

In a game similar to the season opener against Tennessee State, MTSU stayed close in the early going but fell victim to a pinpoint Martin passing attack in the second half and lost by the identical score as the TSU game.

Pacer quarterback Alvin Smalls, who Raider coaches termed the "best individual player we will face this year" picked the MTSU secondary apart, completing five of 15 passes for 237 yards. Smalls also gained 44 yards on the ground in 12 rushing attempts.

The senior quarterback accounted for two touchdowns.

Leading 14-0 at the half, Smalls broke the game open with a 75-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Ronald George. He added the final score midway in the fourth quarter when he powered his way in from the two following a 60-yard pass to George.

Senior fullback Mike Moore led the Raider offensive attack, rushing for 110 yards in 25 carries against a tough Pacer defense. Moore was given MTSU offensive player of the week honors for his effort.

With slightly better protection than he had against TSU, quarterback Mike Robinson completed eight of 19 passes for 66 yards.

Coming back from foot infection which hobbled him in the season opener, linebacker Bell led the MTSU defensive effort. Bell made eight tackles and five assists against the Pacers to gain defensive player of the week honors.

End Chris Keen and tackle Gary Harton were also mainstays in the Raider defense. Keen recorded seven tackles and one assist, while Harton made four solo stops and three assists.

Despite the lop sided score, Hurt did find some hopeful points in the team's loss.

"Randy Saunders kicked the ball well," Hurt said, "and of course Mike Moore is running the ball well."

### Correction

It was erroneously reported in the Sept. 16, issue of SIDELINES that freshmen must cast all five of their votes in the senate race Oct. 5.

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"We also came out of the game with no injuries to speak of," he noted. "We have a few bumps and bruises, but nothing major."

Hurt said that the team will emphasize offense this week in preparations for the OVC opener against Morehead.

"We've got to start putting some points on the board," he said. "We have played two outstanding defensive teams so far. That's been part of the problem, but we need to get our act together."

"Morehead has a good football team," Hurt declared. "We will have to forget about the first two games and look forward to the future."

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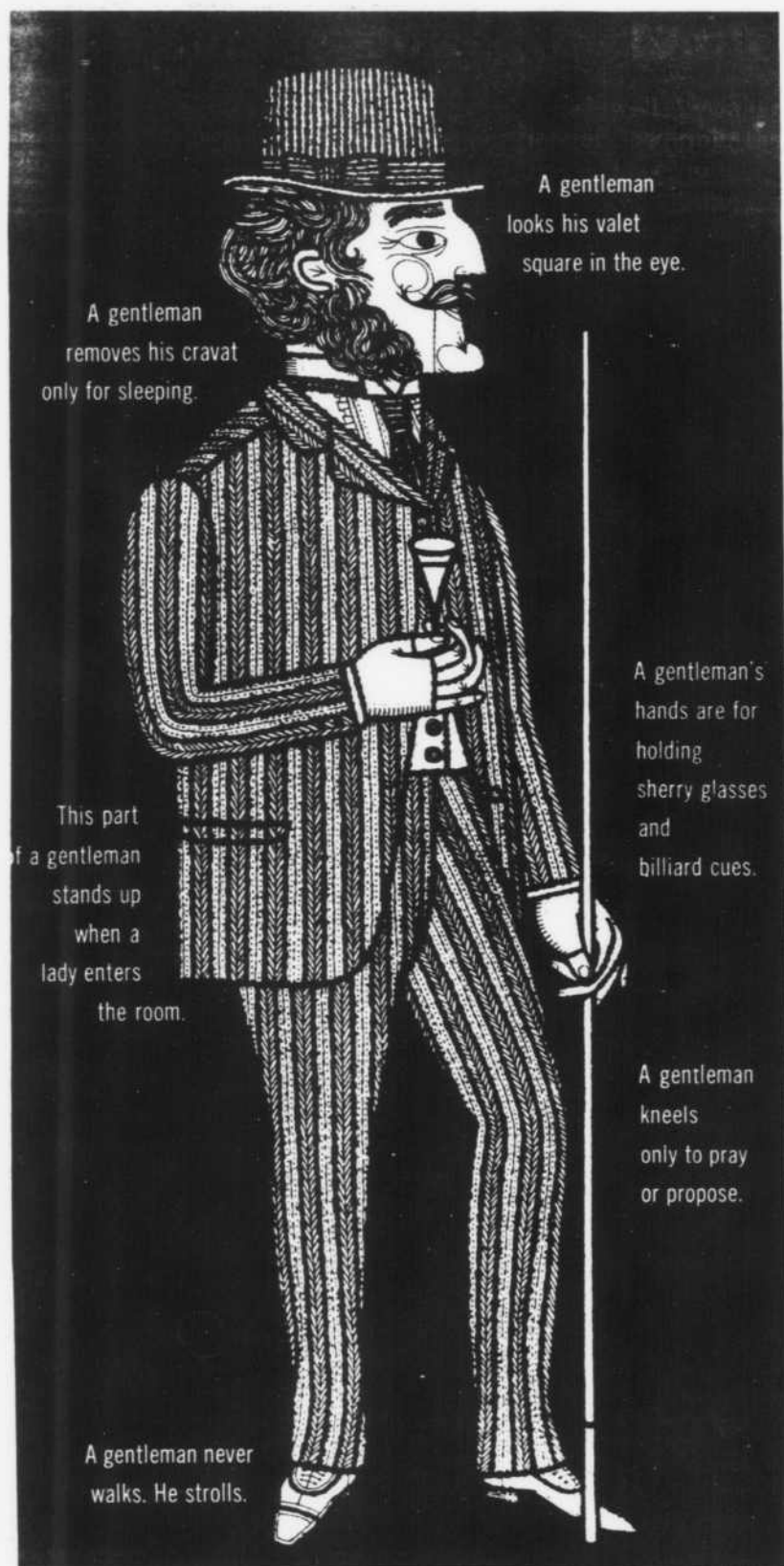
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## OVC Wrapup

### Tech blasts Youngstown 38-22

by Eddie Gossage  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tennessee Tech remained the only unbeaten team in the Ohio Valley Conference following the second week of action.

**TENNESSEE TECH 38  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE 22**

It only took two plays for Tennessee Tech's explosive offense to put some points on the board Saturday against Youngstown State.

Tech's Mike Lamar ran around left end on the second play of the game to put six points on the Golden Eagle's side of the scoreboard.

Tech, capitalizing on two Youngstown turnovers, scored twice more before the first period ended.

"After that it settled down to being a pretty even game," said Tech coach Don Wade. "Our defense never did stop them. Can you imagine we were ahead 31-14 at half-time and I was really

worried we wouldn't be able to hold it."

Jesse Dorsey led in the Eagle's rushing department, gaining 108 yards in 12 carries.

**APSU 17  
MARS HILL 15**

It was fourth and goal-to-go at the one. The scoreboard showed 1:35 remaining in the game when little Mike Meador, the Gov's bare-footed kicking specialist, booted a game winning field goal to lead Austin Peay to a 17-15 victory.

Coveak Moody led Austin Peay's running attack with 84 yards in 15 carries. Quarterback Randy Christophel hit only four of 14 passes, but one was a 75-yard touchdown to Steve Highfill.

The Governors host Western Kentucky Saturday night.

**AKRON 24  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 3**

For the second week in a row, Western Kentucky's offense could only produce three points in a losing cause against Akron.

Akron intercepted five Western passes, three by Charles Parnell who returned one for a touchdown.

Western plays at Austin Peay next week.

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# Freshman quarterback realizes childhood dream

by Eddie Gossage

Assistant Sports Editor

It flashed through the coaches' minds again—Mike Robinson was injured. What now?

The injury, not as serious as last season's, was none the less serious. The second team pre-season quarterback was out with a broken thumb.

Who should the Raiders turn to?

Marshall Taylor, offensive coordinator, turned and called for Greg Deathridge, a freshman from Loudon.

"I was on the side of the field and didn't think I'd be called for," Deathridge explained. "I'm glad Coach Taylor had confidence in me. I ran three plays before I realized I was playing college football."

"I looked at Mike Moore and a couple of other prospects," Deathridge went on, "and good gracious! I was playing college ball."

Deathridge, who has played football since the fourth grade, said he always dreamed of playing

college football.

As a matter of fact, Deathridge played fullback and defensive linebacker until his junior year in high school.

"I played quarterback for two years. I would rather play quarterback than any other position on the field, that is, unless the coaches want me to," Deathridge said.

Although Deathridge said he felt fortunate to play Saturday night, he says his big goal is to play against and beat Tennessee Tech. There's a simple reason for this—Greg's older brother Johnny is the starting middle linebacker for the Golden Eagles.

"I've got something to prove. The whole town (Loudon) will probably come down for Tech."

Earlier this year, Deathridge and MTSU tailback David Tucker went to Tech and watched them scrimmage. As soon as they got there, Johnny intercepted a pass and ran 60 yards for a touchdown.

What's family life like now?

"Well, my mother has mixed

emotions. As far as my brother, we haven't been home on the weekends yet," Deathridge said.

What will happen if Johnny has a chance to really level his younger

brother during a game.

"I'd rather be hit by him than anybody else," Deathridge confessed. "He'll probably say 'good game' and pat me on the rear."

## Tech defeats Youngstown

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**MARSHALL 38  
MOREHEAD 24**

It was an offensive show Saturday as the two teams combined for a total of 942 yards total offense. Marshall running back Claude Geiger, a transfer from Michigan State, carried the ball 35 times for 181 yards. Marshall's ground attack totaled 394 yards.

Marshall quarterback Phil Simms picked the Thundering Herd defense apart, hitting 15 of 24 passes for 312 yards and four touchdowns.

Morehead plays at home next week hosting winless MTSU.

**WITTENBURG 17**

**EASTERN KENTUCKY 14**

Wittenburg completed a 40-yard scoring pass with seven seconds left in the first half to defeat Eastern Kentucky, the pre-season pick to win the OVC.

Eastern quarterback Ernie House completed nine of 19 passes for 163

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## Players of week named after loss

Runningback Mike Moore and middle linebacker Mo Bell have been named the offensive and defensive players of the week following their performance against UT Martin Saturday night.

Moore carried the ball 25 times and gained 110 yards to lead the Blue Raider offense. It was the first 100-yard game of the year for the

senior fullback.

Bell, who returned to bolster the middle of the Raider defensive unit, had eight individual tackles and five assists. Bell was hobbled throughout much of the second half with a knee injury; however, he is expected to return to the lineup next week.



Mike Moore



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## Lady netters fall in meet

New women's tennis coach Sandy Neal had her coaching debut spoiled Saturday as the lady netters dropped decisions to both Western Kentucky and Purdue in a triangular meet.

Newcomers Elina Durchman and Nancy Broadhurst picked up the only singles victories for the Raiders in a 5-4 loss to Purdue. Durchman, a freshman from Helsinki, Finland, defeated Susan Brand 6-4, 6-1. Broadhurst also won in straight sets, with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Purdue's Mimi Boulais.

In doubles competition, the Raiders won two of three matches

over the Boilermakers, both in straight sets. The team of Durchman and Corrine McDonald scored a 6-4, 6-1 win, while Broadhurst and Kaye Wrather defeated a Boilermaker team 6-3, 6-4.

Against Western, the match was a bit more lopsided as the Raiders were blanked 9-0. Only one of the matches went to three sets as Durchman lost to Kathy Strozdas 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

The Raiders open the home schedule Tuesday afternoon as they host the University of the South for a 2:30 match.

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