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Requirements stiffened for education majors

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Because of changes in national accreditation procedures, a check of students' university disciplinary records is one of the new requirements for admission and certification in the teacher education program.

The new criteria, which become effective Aug. 15, 1987, were designed to meet standards imposed by the National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education, Delmar Pockat, chairman of the Teacher Education Committee, said.

In addition to the check for possible disciplinary violations, students will also be required to maintain a 2.35 overall grade point average until Aug. 15, 1988, when students will be required to maintain a 2.5 overall GPA, Pockat said.

The university's general academic requirement for graduation is a minimum GPA of 2.0.

"Because our program is accredited our graduates are immediately certified in many other states," Sam Ingram, MTSU president, said. "It is important that MTSU belong to accreditation organizations."

"It is our job to see that a fair number of the best students go into teaching as opposed to other professions," Ingram said.

Although the policy was officially adopted recently, Pockat said that potential applicants for the MTSU teacher education program have always been "screened."

"The committee gets the disciplinary records from Dean [Paul] Cantrell [dean of students]," Pockat said. "The committee then decides whether or not they need to interview the student."

"The committee will then interview the student, and they will de-

cide if they should be allowed to enter the program," Pockat said.

"The number of students we have rejected is exceedingly small," Pockat said.

The committee is composed entirely of faculty, Pockat said.

The MTSU undergraduate catalog describes the type of students that the committee seeks.

"The Teacher Education Committee will seek evidence of desirable physical, emotional and social characteristics conducive to success in teaching," the catalog states.

"The guidelines are pretty loose," Pockat said.

There are other guidelines that the committee follows besides disciplinary standards.

The student must have "acceptable scores on the Pre-Professional Skills Test of Reading, Writing and Mathematics as required by the Comprehensive Reform Act of 1984," the catalog states.

"Minimum acceptable scores are established by the Tennessee State Board of Education," the catalog states.

In addition, the catalog states that the student must successfully

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Rhonda McKinley Dixon, last year's Homecoming queen, crowns Feleatha Eanes 1986 homecoming queen during the half time ceremonies of Saturday's football game as Eanes' escort looks on.

WMOT plans fall fund-raiser

By ROSEMARY COLLINS
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's radio station, WMOT-FM 89.5, a National Public Radio affiliate, will hold its fall fund-raising drive Oct. 19-26.

"We'll have pitches three to four times an hour, and each one will last two or three minutes," said Laura McComb, WMOT development coordinator, said.

"WMOT needs volunteers to answer the phones, and take pledges," McComb said.

WMOT has two fund-raisers a year. One is held in the spring and the other is in the fall. Last spring's fund-raiser yielded \$14,000, and there is usually an 8 percent increase, McComb said.

Funds used to maintain the station are derived from federal funds, university funds, fundraising, and underwriting, McComb said.

Underwriting is support from a business for noncommercial public radio. Underwriters for WMOT receive on-air acknowledgement, and

recognition in WMOT's monthly program guide.

FCC regulations state "...acknowledgements are strictly for identification of donors and should not promote the company, products, or services of the donors..."

There are two different types of underwriting programs available at WMOT. Full share is \$500, and the underwriter receives five on-air credits per week, for one year. Half share is \$250, with five credits a week for a half year.

"WMOT is the only all jazz station in Middle Tennessee," Randy O'Brien, news director said.

The jazz station features big band, be-bop, swing, ragtime, Dixieland, blues and contemporary.

"WMOT broadcasts within an 80-mile radius, and one listener wrote in from Toronto, Canada, saying he had picked us up there," O'Brien said.

The radio station broadcasts two news shows: Morning Edition which airs Monday-Friday, from 5:30-9 a.m., and All Things Considered, Monday-Friday, from 5:30-7 p.m.

Car accident kills student; injures three

From Staff Reports

One MTSU student was killed and another was injured in a one-car accident in Dickson County last Friday night, Katie Chestnut, a Tennessee Highway Patrol communications dispatcher, said.

Chestnut said the accident occurred at approximately 11:45 p.m.

"Anthony Biggs, 18, was killed when the car he was driving ran off the roadway, went down an embankment, crossed a creek and hit another embankment head-on," Chestnut said.

Biggs was pronounced dead on arrival at Goodlark Hospital in Dickson, and his remains were transferred to the Taylor Funeral Home.

Ronald Waters, an 18-year-old MTSU student who was a passenger in car, was treated and released for minor injuries, officials said.

Two other passengers were involved in the accident.

Chris Blankenship, 16, was transported to Baptist Hospital in Nashville for serious head injuries and facial lacerations, officials said.

James Anderson, 18, was treated and released from Goodlark Hospital.

Dorm evacuated for trash can fire

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines News Editor

MonSchaRey Hall was evacuated at midnight last night because of a fire discovered in a trash can, Chief Jack Drugmand of campus security said.

Drugmand said that the fire was confined to a trash can in the Schardt section of the MonSchaRey complex. He added that the fire was out when the two security officers arrived.

"We have a report that the RA said the fire extinguisher failed, and that he put the fire out by kicking it out the door," Drugmand said.

"An aerosol can exploded in the [trash] can," John Matheson, a MonSchaRey resident said.

"It made a large noise, and there was someone next to it," Matheson said. "He's lucky he wasn't hurt. Someone could have been hurt."

"It was right next to my room," MonSchaRey resident Jonathan Hayes said.

Hayes said he was in his room with some friends when he heard a "loud boom" in the hall. He thought someone might have been lighting firecrackers in the hall.

"I opened my door, and the hall was filled with smoke which filled my room," Hayes said. "About this time they started evacuating the hall."

The whole Monohan complex was evacuated, and the residents of MonSchaRey did not return to their rooms until 1:45 a.m.

The Murfreesboro fire department did not respond to the fire. According to Hayes, it was put out almost as soon as it started.

Hayes also said that three or four fire extinguishers did not work when they were tried.

"I can't make any comment on it — there was a trash can fire — that's all I can say about it," MonSchaRey Hall Director Brock Harris said.

Summit collapses over Reagan's SDI

By ANDREW ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, beginning political damage-control after the collapse of the Reykjavik summit, sought to blame the failure on President Reagan and suggested the president didn't have the backing to make an arms control agreement.

But Gorbachev insisted he can still do business with Reagan and that the summit's "rupture" did not rule out the possibility of a future visit to the United States.

"I think the United States and ourselves should reflect on the entire situation that has evolved here at the meeting between us," Gorbachev said.

"Let us not despair," he said. "I think this meeting has brought us to a very important stage, to a stage where we understand where we are."

In a news conference soon after the summit ended Sunday night, Gorbachev sought to disclaim any responsibility for the summit's failure and accused Reagan of coming to Iceland without any constructive arms control proposals.

Gorbachev said he made "very major concessions" on strategic nu-

clear missiles and medium-range weapons in Europe and Asia and that the superpowers have agreed on the framework for a sweeping arms control plan.

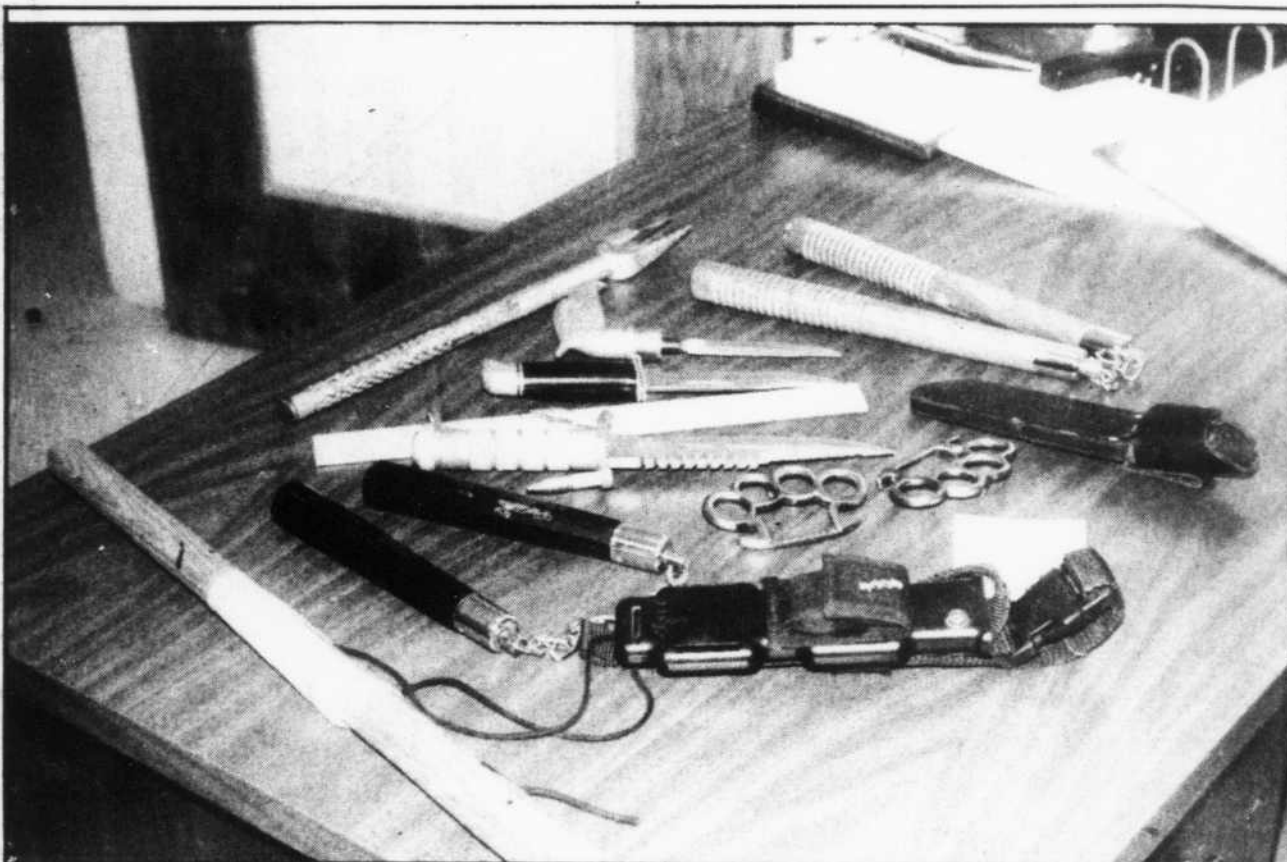
But he said the summit broke down over testing of Reagan's "Star Wars" anti-missile plan, and he accused Reagan of giving him a proposal that only a "madman" could accept.

Gorbachev came to Iceland last Friday seeking the basis for an arms control accord that he could sign in a visit to the United States.

But he went home without an agreement or even a date for the U.S. trip, which he agreed to make this year at his first summit with Reagan in Geneva last November.

At his news conference, Gorbachev said that he and Reagan had virtually agreed on a plan that would have cut strategic weapons by 50 percent in five years, eliminated medium-range missiles in Europe and cut the number of warheads on Soviet medium-range missiles to 100.

Gorbachev also indicated he had softened his stand for a Kremlin call for an immediate treaty ban on nuclear testing, which had been a major pre-summit issue.



These are the weapons confiscated by campus security department so far this year. Each of the weapons represents a possible sentence of 11 months 29 days in the county workhouse for the charge of carrying a weapon with the intent to go armed.

Drugmand: weapons on campus a felony

By BARBARA CELIA
Sidelines Staff Writer

Anyone caught with "prohibited offensive weapons" on campus after next week will face a felony charge instead of the misdemeanor charge campus security currently enforces, Jack Drugmand, chief of campus security, said.

"We can't charge offenders with felony charges [now] because we aren't properly signed," Drugmand said. "But we are going to be properly signed by the end of next week."

"Properly signed" means that signs are displayed on campus stating that carrying a weapon on school property is a felony. State law prescribes a maximum penalty

of five years imprisonment and a fine not to exceed \$2,500 for this felony, Drugmand said.

"We are going to display these signs at all entrances to campus," Drugmand said. "And being properly signed, we will be able to charge possession of a weapon as a felony."

A misdemeanor charge carries a maximum punishment of 11 months and 29 days imprisonment with a fine to be decided by the court, Drugmand said.

"We will continue to patrol the way we do, but with these weapons, we want people to know that they will face a felony charge," Drugmand said.

"Just by having them on school

property constitutes the felony," Drugmand said.

Campus security has made five arrests for the possession of offensive weapons on campus, and charged the offenders with misdemeanors and the intent to go armed, Drugmand said.

A wide range of offensive weapons, including "a Rambo-type hunting knife, usually known as the Bush-master, Buck hunting knives, a knife that slides into a cane to be concealed, nunchucks, brass knuckles, a tire iron and a sawed-off pool cue" have been confiscated by campus security in the past, Drugmand said.

"These are tools, that if wished to, can cause bodily harm," Drug-

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Jackie Williams, an elementary education major, receives a test for tuberculosis from Patty Oberby, an LPN with Health Services.

Campus Capsule

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The Catholic Student Center offers fellowship for all students regardless of faith. A search weekend will be held Oct. 17, 18 and 19. For an application or any other information call 896-6074.

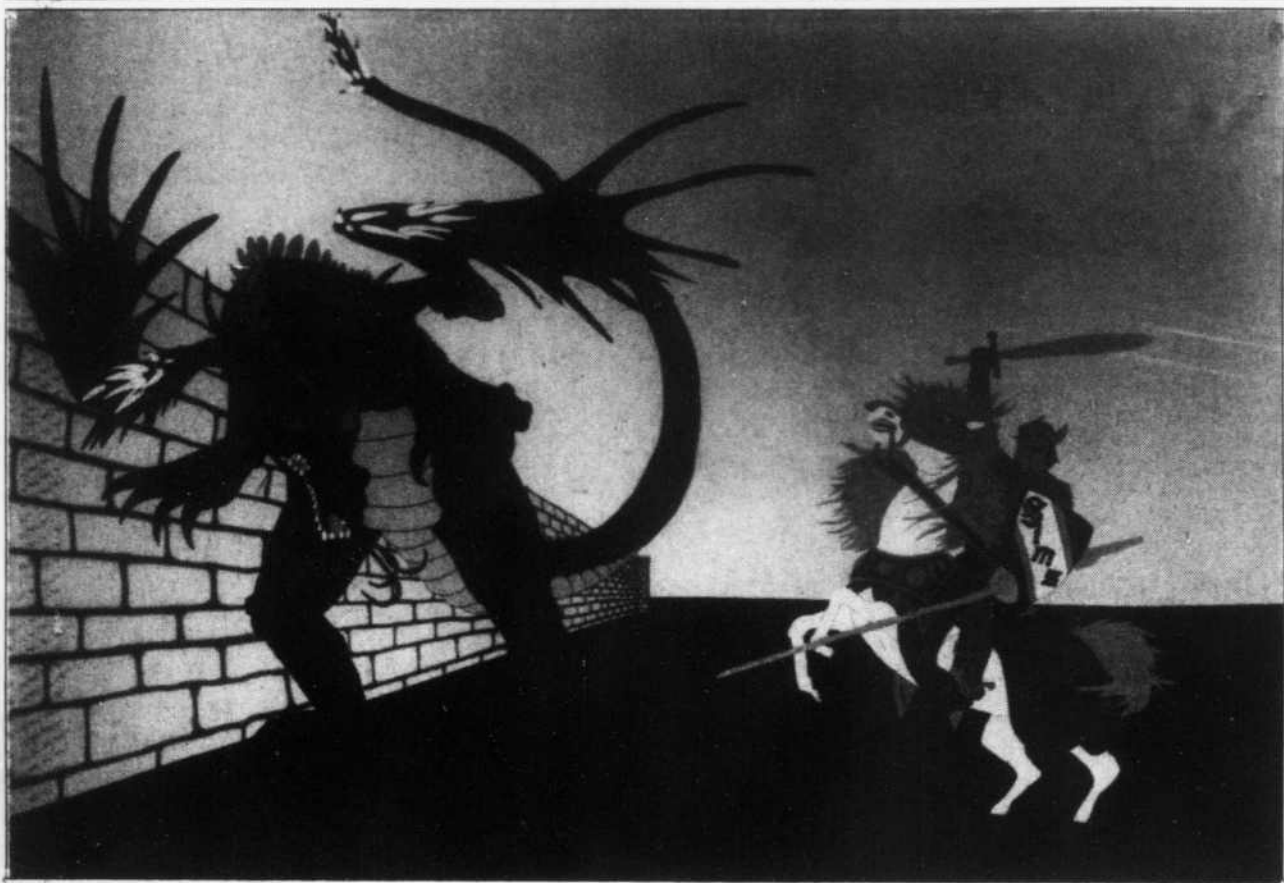
Presbyterian Student Fellowship has free supper every Wed. night for all interested. Join us for supper, fellowship and singing in a home-like atmosphere.

Advertising club will have its first formal meeting on tonight at 7 p.m. at the Parthenon. The guest speakers will be professionals from Nashville. Social hour will be between 6 and 7. All advertising majors and minors are invited to attend.

The Unity Group, the M.T.S.U. A.A. Student Group, sponsored by the Alcohol Information Center, will start holding Tuesday night meetings in Room 311 of the Keathley University Center, at 6:30 p.m. tonight. All interested students, staff, faculty and Alcoholics Anonymous members are invited. Any questions about alcohol or problems with alcohol will be recognized and addressed. Teaching, not preaching, is our theme.

Home economics majors will hold the studnet faculty forum Oct. 16 at 10 in Room 106 of the Ellington Home Economics Building. All home economics majors should bring coments and questions and be ready to learn about the exciting things happening in the department.

SHEA, the Student Home Economics Association, will meet Oct. 15 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 106 of the Ellington Home Econom ics Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.



This medieval setting adorns the wall of the Sims Hall lobby. Residents of Sims painted the mural last semester in an effort to make the lobby more appealing.

Drugmand

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mand said.

"We are having more armed [people on campus] now than we have had in the past," Drugmand said. "And by and large the majority of these offenders are not students."

"Some people are astonished that we have this on our campus. Certainly we have it on campus. But we need to educate the campus that we cannot have it," Drugmand said.

The increase in weapons carried on campus "seems to be a sign of the times," Drugmand said.

Teacher

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complete any required speech therapy, complete at least 12 semester hours at MTSU and submit required health documents.

The final decision rests with the admissions committee. It ultimately decides who is admitted to the teacher education program, Pockat said.

"The admissions committee [Teacher Education Committee], in the end, passes on the admission of all candidates," Pockat said. "Admission to the university does not

necessarily admit someone to professional programs."

Ingram said he approved of the screening procedure.

"Its all right to screen, but they should do it with understanding and should not discriminate against students," Ingram said. "One minor brush with the law should not get you thrown out of the university or make you an unlikely candidate for teacher education."

"The committee should not let an act of immaturity stand in the way," Ingram said. "If the person has a history of discipline problems it should be cause for concern with the screening committee."



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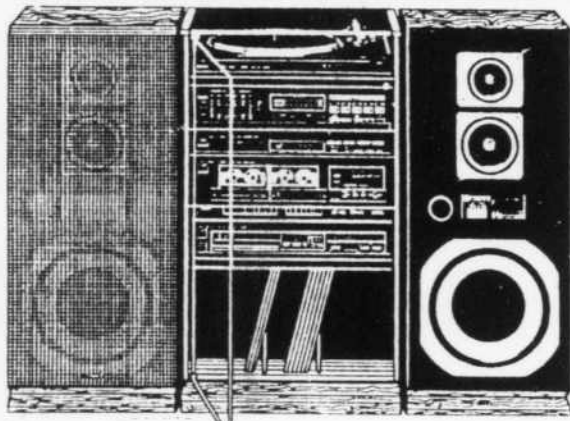


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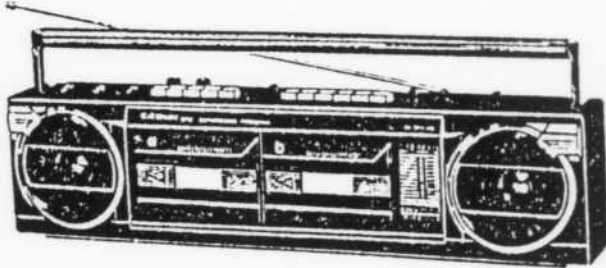
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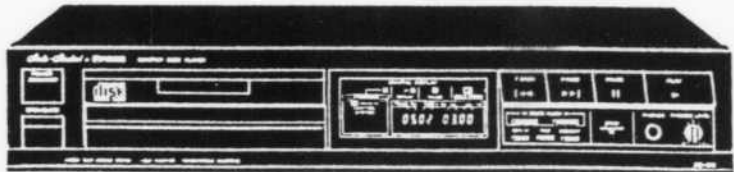
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Homecoming '86 celebrates 75 years



NTSU tailback Dwight Stone shoots by the Akron defense with proficient ease to gain 21 yards in the 2nd quarter.



An Akron team member rests on the bench as he realizes the game is almost over with the victory belonging to MTSU.



Students of the Tennessee Education Association wave to the children in the crowd during Saturday's parade down Main Street and around the Public Square.

Attention Organizations!!

*It's time to have your
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Organization photos will be taken Oct. 27, 28, 29 from 5pm to 9pm in KUC 324. If your group prefers to be photographed at your house, chapter room, or other facility, we may be able to send a photographer to shoot you there. Or you can take your own black and white picture and send it to us. To reserve a time or to request a photographer, write:

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Editorials

Education department should review admissions policy

Sidelines commends the efforts of any academic department to require a more stringent academic program, including a higher minimum grade point average.

However, relying on a faculty committee to determine whether students possess "desirable social characteristics" is going too far.

Students seeking admission to MTSU's teacher education program must receive approval from an admission committee which reviews their academic record — and their disciplinary record.

Though this screening practice is not new, it has recently been officially adopted by the MTSU Council on Teacher Education. Their action came as the result of new standards established by the National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education.

It is understandable that

members of the School of Education wish to remain accredited with this national organization. Accreditation is beneficial because it adds prestige to the program and enables MTSU students to become certified in many states.

However, this does not make this form of "academic double jeopardy" acceptable.

If a student breaks a university regulation, they should be punished by the university. If the violation is severe, they should be expelled from the university. But if their violations do not warrant such harsh punishment, they should not face further action from their academic department.

Teachers are role models for young people, but this is not an excuse to demand a committee's version of superior behavior from fu-

ture teachers. Attempts to enforce morals rarely succeed.

Will the days when female teachers must remain unmarried and "pure" soon return?

The National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education should not request that student disciplinary records be reviewed by admission committees.

The disciplining of students should be left up to the dean of students and not the hands of a few faculty sitting on a committee. A student's career could be totally destroyed by a personal vendetta against a student by a faculty member.

And there is always the possibility of sexual, racial, religious and other kinds of discrimination. Although administrators may say that this will not happen, who can guarantee it?



Reagan, U.S. "win" at Summit

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines News Editor

The summit has collapsed. Blame is being flung back and forth and the media is calling it a "failure," ruined by Reagan's refusal to give up SDI.

But was it? Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of the Soviet Union, has said that the United States and Russia came close to reaching an agreement that would have removed all medium-range nuclear weapons and missiles from Europe. Many would be tempted to call this the most significant arms control breakthrough in years.

Actually, it would have been nothing more than a red herring. With all nuclear weapons removed from Europe the two superpowers would still have enough other missiles left

over to destroy each other several times and still save a few for various European targets. Also, the removal of nuclear weapons from Europe would severely effect NATO's ability to halt a possible Warsaw Pact invasion of Western Europe with tactical nuclear weapons.

But what makes the summit a success is the certain knowledge that the Soviet Union must now play catch-up to the U.S. in space-based weapons research — a game the Soviet economy cannot handle.

Domestically, the last thing Gorbachev needs is to have to spend billions of more rubles in the cul-de-sac of military spending. The Soviet industrial base is outdated and its inability to supply sufficient quantities of basic consumer goods is legendary.

Now, in order to keep up with the U.S., the Soviets must begin to channel money, which would be best spent elsewhere, into research. The tottering Soviet economy must bear one more straw on its back.

No one who has seriously studied the Strategic Defense Initiative can believe that it will actually work. Some missiles will make it through

the defense system causing catastrophic damage that we cannot even begin to comprehend. But as a method to strain and perhaps overload the Soviet economy, it is unequaled.

Break the Soviet economy and the Russians will lose their self-sought place on the world scene and will be recognized for the second rate economic power they are.



MTSU Homecoming activities make a successful week

Saturday concluded a week of action-packed, fun-filled activities sponsored by our ASB office, fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations.

Homecoming 1986 was definitely everybody's year to shine.

Homecoming week festivities kicked off with the an-

nual Chili Cook-off at the Boro Bar and Grill. Organizations brought forth their best recipes for the occasion raising more than \$3,000 for muscular dystrophy.

The fight song competition was the best ever here at MTSU. The performances were great and the residence

halls and greets showed plenty of spirit and originality.

And on Saturday things kept rolling with the annual Homecoming parade down Main Street. The floats showed evidence of long hard hours of work and thought, with this year's theme of "Our

Year to Shine" well illustrated.

Even *Sidelines* had an entry in this year's parade!

To add to the excitement of the day, our Blue Raiders won their second game of the year by defeating the Akron Zips.

A big congratulations also goes out to Homecoming queen Felethea Eanes, her court and her sponsor Gamma Beta Phi.

The entire week proved to be another successful Homecoming. Alumni were welcomed back from all over the

country.

The night was finished off with social functions on every side of city. Murfreesboro was definitely live this weekend.

Everyone should be congratulated on chipping in their part to make this "Our Year to Shine."

Letters to the Editor

We're not southern, ya'll!

Dear Editor,
Now that *Sidelines* has taken on the subject of North versus South, we would like to take this opportunity to clear up a common misconception held by Southerners.

The misconception is that South Florida is "southern."

Having been born and raised in Miami and Key West, we consider ourselves experts on this region, and we know for a fact that people lucky enough to live in South

Florida are now, always have been and always will be Yankees (and damn proud of it!)

South Florida may be geographically Southern, but we are Northern in every other conceivable aspect. Having said this, we would appreciate it greatly if "you guys" would stop saying that we are one of "ya'll."

Susan E. Browning
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Now watch it Miss Keel!

Dear Editor,
Hello there Miss Keel!

It's amazing! You seem to know more about my MTSU football watching history than I do. You made the statement that: "these are the same ones who don't go to the games but gripe about the team's play on Monday." Excuse me for having bad manners and correcting a woman, but in the five-and-one half years I attended MTSU, I missed only the Lenoir-Rhyne

home game of 1985. Of the 1986 games, I have seen on film the Miles College, Tennessee State and Georgia Southern games.

In other words Miss Keel, your accusation toward my football viewing is incorrect. I don't make harsh accusations against "my" Blue Raiders unless I can see "we" deserve it.

For the poor department, the boys lost to there perennial powerhouses. At the beginning of the season, we were supposed to be a perennial powerhouse in our own

right, according to the press and some of the players. The perennial powerhouse jive turned into camp rations and you Miss Keel, expect people to feel sorry for the boys. All right, just like I feel sorry for Tennessee Tech.

"The first two losses were for a combined total of four points." I guess there's some kind of NCAA merit to be given to our team, a

disappointing pre-season Division I-AA perennial powerhouse, for not getting blown off the field by the perennial powerhouse that kept their media billing. It still, my sports editor, goes into the loss column — no matter how bad "we" feel.

Another statement made was about the "10:30 p.m. curfew and our Blue Raiders being to tired to study."

According to head coach Donnelly, the players had been too soft in practice. Gee, it must have been a hard-hitting soft.

Finally, why am I not out there with my boys in blue? Simple, I am like Howard Cosell. I have seen enough Blue Raider football to see how they are capable of playing. So you claim that those guys are the best we've got. If this is the case, the jerseys of last years senior players should be retired and their names put into an MTSU Hall of Fame. Apparently they were the best Generals the Blue Raiders have had in the 1980s.

I have good reasons to make my strong accusations against my football Blue Raiders!

It would seem to me to be kind of difficult to be as one sided toward MTSU sports and the good sports editor that you are, when one of your boy friends plays football for Tennessee Tech. Could it be that we are collaborating with the enemy?

I can imagine that this article will also not be printed, because the fact that you are the sports editor.

Hunter Dickson
MTSU alumnus

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space.

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Forum

Will the MTSU parking problems ever cease?

It might please you to know that the administration of this university loves the almighty.

Unfortunately, I mean the almighty dollar.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the university's ticket writing scheme. Just think of it! Five thousand parking spaces, 10,000 students, plus faculty and staff, and you have a game of musical parking spaces. Then you send students out, paying them minimum wage, and order them to write up as many as possible at four

bucks a pop.

What could be a better money making racket?

And then the university rents out facilities to off-campus organiza-

do the following to alleviate the parking problem:

— *Build more parking spaces:* This is kind of obvious, but the hardest to accomplish. It will be vital,

By Michael Turner

The Other Side

Sidelines Columnist

tions, charging them rent no doubt, and then allowing them to park without permits.

Monday night all of Brentwood drove their Mercedes here and parked behind the James Union Building for a Tennessee Room function. Then, security had the unmitigated gall to ticket staff and students at 8 p.m.!

Just who is this university run for anyway? Is it here to educate and serve students or is it here for the self perpetuation of a bunch of "fat cats?"

Unfortunately, there's not much I can do about that kind of attitude. If the university is interested in at least projecting an image of being interested in students, they should

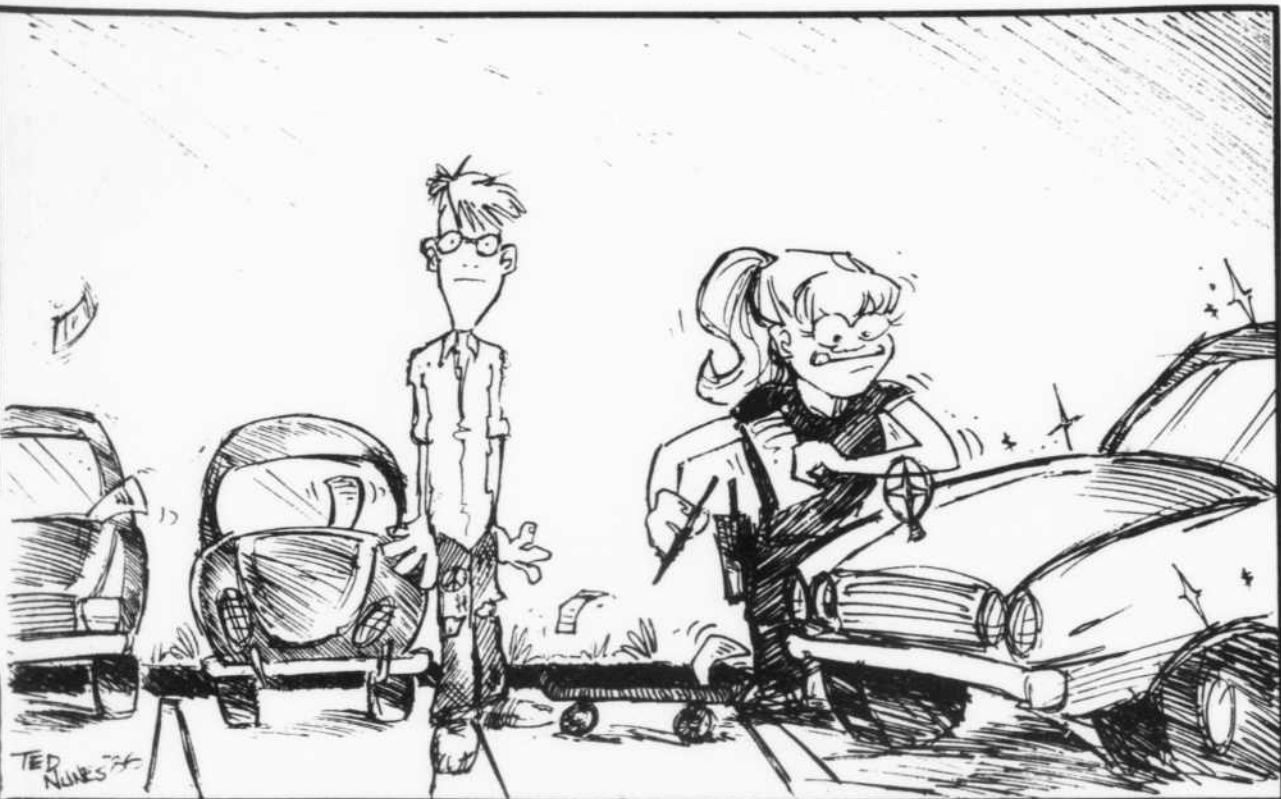
though, especially if enrollment is projected to rise.

— *Establish a color code for commuter students:* They don't need to take up spaces by dorms that rightfully should be reserved for those who pay to live on campus.

— *Deny freshmen parking privileges:* Most other universities do, and freshmen need to be concentrating on school and being socialized to campus life, instead of running around or going home on weekends.

And most of all, they should be consistent in traffic regulations. Mercedes without decals shouldn't have preferential treatment over Volkswagen Beetles without decals.

We know why they do, don't we?



Homecoming reminiscent of home

Every fall countless evening football games are played across the nation on countless high school fields. They are played on suburban fields that rival those of smaller colleges, on regular high school fields and on fields that are little better than mud flats.

In Missouri, where I grew up and went to high school, the North County Raiders played on a simple grass field behind the school. Our number one rivals were the Central High School Rebels who, as I selectively remember, we tended to beat year after year.

Homecoming was traditionally held around the second week of October and was accompanied by the usual dance and parade. I had hoped to go home for Homecoming this year, but other commitments have, as usual, taken precedent.

But I did go to Houston County's Homecoming a few weeks ago. I went with my best friend to watch her brother play football against the Houston County Irish. He was playing for the East Robertson Indians, a team which is from the Cross Plains-Orlinda area of Robertson County.

They used to have a band at East Robertson but somebody decided that a school with a graduating class as small as 40 students couldn't

field a football team, cheerleaders, a band and hope to have spectators for the game.

As license plates go, Houston County rates a big 90. This means that it is one of the smaller counties, population wise, in Tennessee. It took about two hours to get there from Cross Plains, and the whole journey was over winding, nameless two-lane roads that twisted and

Escape aside, Friday night football seems to be big in Erin. Cars were parked throughout the school's meager lot and lined up and down the street in front of it. Their owners were walking toward the gate with their blankets, stadium seats and raincoats. Some wore bib overalls and others wore polyester slacks and dress shirts without ties. There were old

section was, where they were all going to go, what state, how high, and just, by George, where?

I mentioned earlier that many people came with raincoats. This was because a summer thunderstorm had passed through earlier, and everyone was apparently afraid it would return. It was one of those unpredictable storms that will do such a thing — especially at a Homecoming game.

The storm had left the field soaked, and the humidity coupled with the warm air made a slight fog rise above the grass. It was an interesting sight and was made even more eerie by the effect of half the lighting for the field being out.

The local electrical cooperative came once, replaced some fuses and left. Five minutes into the first quarter they died again. In about fifteen minutes someone came and replaced the fuses. They stood there, a fuse box sentinel, for the remainder of the game.

The game ended up being a massacre for poor East Robertson. I don't remember the final score, but I think psychologists call this bit of poor memory an incident of selective retention. The Indians, I must admit, hadn't really planned on winning — only hoped. They were a I-A team playing a 4-0 I-AA team. They tried, and I've always heard that's what counts.

Houston County High won its Homecoming game, which leads me to believe that there is an unwritten rule that a team should win its Homecoming game. This rule may not be etched in stone, but it happens often enough to make one wonder.

After the game, we walked over to a small store/gas station and used a pay phone. We were trying to call long distance to Nashville. Following the instructions on the phone, we dialed 0 for the operator. After what seemed like minutes of little clicks and whirs, a faint voice came on, "South Central Bell operator, may I help you?"

Wherever Erin is in the scheme of things, it's too far for one plus dialing.

The trip back was long and uneventful, but in a way I had made my high school Homecoming.

By Dale Dworak

The Backroom

Sidelines News Editor

turned and never seemed to go anywhere.

Erin is the county seat of Houston County, and it is quite small. It was dark when we got there, and it was hard to tell much about it. A quick glance as we drove through made me decide that the local Western Auto parking lot was the "in" place to go on Friday nights before the game. An Erin resident later told me that I was right, and that anyone who had a car tried to escape to Clarksville for the "big-city" scene. The town itself appears to rest in a long valley between two low hills.

women in print dresses and sweaters and young children in oversized football jerseys that said "Irish" in a green and white field.

Before the game, we had to get our tickets and as hard as her father argued he couldn't convince the ticket lady that we were students. It was \$2.50 a piece for us, thank you.

In Missouri, we always had our Homecoming festivities at halftime but in Erin, at least on this occasion, they did it before the game. The announcer in a long slow Kentucky drawl introduced the team, each member of the band, and the Homecoming queen and her court.

The typical introduction went kind of like this: "Melba Purvis, daughter of Jim and Edna Purvis. Melba's hobbies are spending time with friends — boyfriend — and sewing. Her future goals are to attend MTSU [I'm serious] and study accounting." A few deviants wanted to go to Tech.

One of the girls in the Homecoming court was German — the first exchange student Houston County High had ever had. I couldn't help but wonder what she thought of everything — including spending a school year in Erin, Tenn.

Once the queen was announced, several hundred green and white balloons were launched into the air. Or rather the attempt was made to launch several hundred balloons into the air, about one-third stayed on the ground. A group of rambunctious kids ran around and stomped on them.

The big question in the visitor's

Student wants more service from workers

It was 8:45 p.m., an hour and a half before closing, but it made no difference. I'm speaking of the University Grill and its night employees.

As a student who has paid a sub-

Yes! ketchup packages — sweet water.

My experiences allow me to believe that the staff is just too lazy to refill the ketchup. I think it is absurd that if you decide to have a

Student View

By Thurman Williams

stantial amount of money for Dining Services, I would anticipate that it included employee services. However, on Thursday, Oct. 2, it wasn't included — and this is not a first.

It all began as I walked to the dressing line for ketchup and pulled the lever down. As in most cases, there was no ketchup.

I politely ask the cashier if she could refill the container, and she responded by saying, "We're out, but we have some packages."

late dinner or snack, you have to do without, because the employees are too trifling to work a few hours before closing.

The most irritating thing is, I could walk in at 8 a.m. the following day and find the containers filled. Federal Express, right?

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Old Blue entertains children from the crowd at Saturday's Homecoming game against the Akron Zips.

R.E.M.'s newest has emotion

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

When it became known that Don Gehman, John Cougar Mellenkamp's producer, would be producing the new R.E.M. album, *Lifes Rich Pageant*, many die hard fans of R.E.M. feared that the album would continue the commercialism trend started by *Fables of the Reconstruction*.

It did.
However, unlike other bands who have succumbed to commercialistic trends, *Lifes Rich Pageant* still sounds like the R.E.M. of old.

In fact, some of the tunes sound like old R.E.M. so much, that the songs sound instantly familiar. "I Believe" and "Begin the Begin" could have gone on *Murmur* or *Reckoning* without any trouble.

The album follows in traditional R.E.M. style to provide several danceable tunes.

"Hyena" and "These Days" are two good examples of R.E.M. dance music.

The four-man band from Athens, Ga. also develops a lot of thematic music on this album.

"Cuyahoga" talks about the pollution on the Ohio River which caught fire several years ago. The beginning of the song reflects on

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the scorched Ohio Valley land. Michael Stipe suggests it will all blow away shortly if we do not do something to change it.

"Take a picture here/Take a souvenir."

Those who love R.E.M.'s ballads have a lot to listen to on this vinyl.

"The Flowers of Guatemala" and "Swan Swan H" are two excellent ballads. "Swan Swan H" is the more powerful of the two with its rewriting of the works of Stephen Crane.

For all of the people who have wondered why R.E.M. has such a large cult following, this album will show you several reasons. Gehman has allowed the band to keep its style and emotion.

This album has already hit the *Rolling Stone* top ten college album chart.

Lifes Rich Pageant does not have the obliqueness of *Reckoning* or *Murmur*, but it is still every bit as good as any album R.E.M. has done to date.

This album is the number one album of the year on my chart.

English department to offer \$200 award for Bible essay

By NANCY FLETCHER
Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU English department will award \$200 for the best original essay on the use or influence of the Bible in literature or humanities.

"The Neal D. Frazier writing award has been given annually since 1983 to winning students in the competition," Guy F. Anderson, chairman of the Frazier Award Committee, said.

Students who wish to enter the competition should submit a 1,000- to 2,500-word essay on the subject and turn it in to the English department (Peck 302) by Jan. 30, 1987, at noon.

Neil Frazier was chairman of the English department from 1923 to 1945. Two of his students, Kate Gore Farmer and Paul Farmer, established the writing award to honor him in 1983.

"Frazier taught a class in Bible literature while he was at MTSU," explained Anderson. "That is why we ask students to write on Biblical literature."

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Updike's latest wordy

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Be aware, John Updike's 12th novel, *Roger's Version*, is very heavy going, although it can be rewarding for those who stay its wordy course.

Set in an unnamed Northeastern city, the tale is related by Roger Lambert, a former cleric who fell

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from grace when he divorced his wife to wed a woman 14 years younger than himself. Now Roger is about 52, the passion he and his second wife once felt for each other has long since cooled, and he teaches at a sequinary school where he parades "seventeenth-century moments of the obdurately enigmatic early history of Christianity before classrooms of the hopeful, the deluded and the docile - there are more fraudulent ways to earn a living."

Roger is in a rut, but his quiet,

gray world is given a mighty jolt when Dale Kohler arrives in his office. Kohler is a relatively young computer whiz who honestly believes that he can prove the existence of God by using a computer. He wants Roger to help him get funding for such a project and Roger agrees although he believes, "A God you could prove makes the whole thing immensely uninteresting."

Soon, Kohler shows that he has other interests on his mind. He and Roger's wife begin having an affair, and Roger takes up with a repugnant, yet fascinating young woman.

All of this makes for an interesting story, but Updike loses all but the most determined reader with his overly heavy inclusion in the text of religious history, computer arcana and extensive detailing of practically anything and everything that can be detailed.

Flea market gypsies invade on Tuesdays

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines News Editor

On Monday nights the Gypsies come to Murfreesboro.

They usually come to the Mercury Plaza parking lot, where they set up camp and wait for the following day. They do not come from Transylvania, the Caprathians or Romania—they come from Alabama, Kentucky, Texas and nowhere in particular.

They come from as close as Woodbury and as distant as Memphis. They are the flea market Gypsies, itinerant merchants who come to town for a day, sell what they can and leave.

On Tuesday mornings they are lined up and down along the lanes in the parking lot. Each has his own table or area where his wares are displayed. Browsers come, and they walk up and down looking for a bargain — or just looking.

"I don't have a home," James Reid said. "I travel all over the U.S. and work every day but Christmas."

"I've been in flea markets in California and Michigan," Reid said. "Business tends to even out. Some days you do good, and some days not so good."

Reid is a sock man. His three, long, folding tables are covered with socks of all types: tube socks, short socks, knee socks—all at bargain prices.

Just down from Reid another man sits on the rusty tailgate of his mid-60s pick-up truck before a display of antique farming implements. The license of the truck says he's from Kentucky. He just sits and waits.

At a table full of antiques, a man argues with his wife.

"I don't know how much it is," he says. "How can I charge for something, when I don't even know what it is?"

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The result is disaster, and how things reach this point is the theme of Yates' absorbing story.

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In the late 1930s, Evan Sheppard, a limited young man with vague dreams of grandeur, marries before he is 20, fathers a daughter and then is soon divorced. Not much time elapses before Evan, through a wild coincidence, meets the young woman he makes his sec-

ond wife, and his disorganized life becomes even more so.

His mother-in-law, Gloria Drake, persuades Evan, and his now pregnant wife, to share a home with her and her teenage son in a ramshackle house in the New York community of Cold Spring Harbor.

The newlyweds agree, and things get off to a winning start but soon begin to fall apart. Gloria is a drunk, a bit psychotic and a compulsive talker who goes on and on so that she soon estranges both family and friends.

Evan, who thinks "Anybody's marriage might benefit from an occasional embargo on talk", tries to escape his stifling home life by taking up with his first wife. And this, of course, brings further tensions to the quickly disintegrating artificial family. The end is predictable, but Yates makes it powerful.

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Sports

Big Blue snaps losing streak and zips Akron 24-12

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

Homecoming ordinarily means the return of alumni to a school's campus.

For MTSU's Blue Raiders, Saturday's Homecoming game with the Akron Zips saw the return of some badly needed offense and a badly needed win.

All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback Marvin Collier made a surprising start after being sidelined the previous two games by a shoulder injury to spark MTSU to a 24-12 OVC triumph, ending a four-game losing streak.

Collier accounted for 129 yards total offense as MTSU, held without a touchdown for eight quarters, put three TDs on the board as the Raiders improved to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the OVC.

"He made five or six nice plays where he made first downs," commented Akron coach Gerry Faust, in his first season with the Zips after five stormy seasons at Notre Dame.

"We didn't make the careless mistakes we had been making," Collier said. "We were able to score when we had the chance."

The sophomore signal-caller from Cordele, Ga., said the injury did not hamper his style of play, though he said after the game, "It's pretty sore right now."

Sore enough that he will be held out of practice this week and that his status for the game at Southwest Missouri this weekend is in doubt, according to MTSU coach Boots Donnelly, who decided to start Collier the morning of the game.

Regardless of his playing status in Saturday's 1:30 p.m., contest in Springfield, Mo., the majority of the 10,500 fans at Jones Field were

glad to see him back in action.

On the Raiders' first possession, he threw 16 yards to Mike Pittman and 12 yards to fullback Tony Burse, still bothered by a broken finger, on a screen to give the Raiders a first down at the Akron 46-yard line.

On the next play, Collier kept around the left side and just as he was being tackled by an Akron defender, lateraled to tailback Dwight Stone who sprinted down the left sideline to tie the score 6-6. Dick Martin's extra point gave the home team a 7-6 advantage with 9:01 left in the first quarter.

The Raider defense came into the play on the very next series when linebacker Roosevelt Colvard grabbed the first of four intercepted passes by Zip quarterback Vernon Stewart.

"Roosevelt Colvard's come back and played exceptionally well the last two games," Donnelly said of his senior linebacker who racked up 14 unassisted tackles en route to a game-high 17 stops.

However, the Raiders' ensuing drive was short-circuited when Collier fumbled after an eight-yard gain and lost the ball to cornerback Gary Tyler at the Zips' 12.

"Offensively, we still self-destructed," Donnelly said. "We should've scored 40-45 points with the turnovers we got."

The second quarter was scoreless with each team missing a field goal. MTSU did get another takeaway when cornerback Darrien Thomas, starting his second straight game at cornerback, recovered a bad pitch by Stewart. It was part of a big day by the junior from Pascagoula, Miss., who also intercepted a pass and broke up another.

The Blue Raiders finally added some points with 3:14 left in the third quarter when Martin kicked a 40-yard field goal, capping a 12-play, 49-yard drive.

The defense got the ball right back to the offense when, on the next play from scrimmage, Stewart's pass was tipped and intercepted by right cornerback Robert Mullins.

Four plays later, Gerald Anderson, who is also recovering from a shoulder injury, scored his first touchdown of the season on a 12-yard jaunt over right tackle for a 17-6 lead going into the fourth quarter.

"I just put it in the back of my mind," said Anderson of the still-persistent pain in the shoulder. football2

Anderson, a junior from Franklin, Ky., rushed for 43 yards on 10 carries, much of that from the fullback spot in front of Stone, who rambled for 103 yards to lead all runners. Stone had been Anderson's backup before the injury. Anderson said he enjoyed being in the same backfield as Stone.

"I love being in the same backfield with Dwight," Anderson said. "I'd rather play tailback, but I'll just do my best at fullback."

After Anderson's score, Mullins got his second interception on the next play and returned it 20 yards to the Akron 12.

"We needed to win this game, regardless of who it was," Mullins said.

It was Thomas' 26-yard interception return to the Zips 11 that set up the Raiders' last score, a one-yard run around right end by Stone.

Akron made a late rally when backup quarterback Andy Kubik



After MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier (3) slips past four Zips, he is finally brought down by Akron linebacker Walt Dodson (39) and cornerback Eric Shackelford (14). Saturday's game was the first time Collier has played since being sidelined by a separated shoulder during the Georgia Southern game.

passed eight yards to Larry Small with 5:32 left in the game. Kubik's pass for two points fell incomplete, leaving the Zips behind 24-12.

But as the game started, it looked as if it might be more of the same for the Blue Raiders as Akron took the opening kickoff and marched 79 yards on 12 plays to score on all-conference tailback Mike Clark's three-yard sweep around the left side for the score. The snap for Bob Dombroski's extra point kick was bad and holder Kubik was stopped short of the goal.

But after gaining 39 yards on that drive, the Zips' alltime leading rusher could get only 53 yards the rest of the way as Akron's offense picked up 353 yards, 46 more than MTSU's total.

Collier was close to perfect through the air, going 8-of-10 for 71 yards. Freshman Van Dingler, who started the last two games, came in briefly in the third quarter after Collier jarred his collarbone hitting the turf, and went 1-for-1 through the air while scrambling for 22 yards on two carries



Blue Raider defensive guard Doug Althouse (98) causes Akron tailback Mike Clark (24) to drop a pass. MTSU linebacker Roosevelt Colvard (30) stretches as he tries to make an interception.

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Stewart says basketball's strength is experience

By CHRIS DRUMRIGHT
Sidelines Sports Writer

After a 1985-86 record of 23-11 and a first-place conference tie, head basketball coach Bruce Stewart said he is shooting for another excellent season.

"I'm looking forward to the coming season with maybe more relish than any season that I've been coaching," Stewart said.

"In the preseason, we've had a good attitude with conditioning as a group," he said. "The entire team impressed me with their maturity and the progress they're making."

If Stewart is an optimist, the Raiders must be shaping up, be-

cause by now, Stewart knows a good team when he sees one.

In 1985, Stewart led the team to the NCAA tournament, and they went to the NIT tournament in 1986. It was the first time in Blue Raider history that they made two back-to-back post-season tournaments.

The Blue Raiders will be competing this year without James Johnson, 1985-86 All-OVC Freshman team Lee Campbell and All-OVC Kim Cooksey. Campbell did not return because of personal problems, Stewart said. Cooksey was placed on waivers last week by the Dallas Mavericks.

Junior Kerry Hammonds, a 6-7

forward-center, will be coming back. Hammonds averaged 7.6 recoveries and 12.8 points per game. Also back is 6-3 guard-forward Andrew Tunstall, who averaged 12.8 points per game and 3.6 rebounds, as well as 87 assists and 34 steals.

Stewart said there are several other players who will help the team. Point guard Duane Washington set the single season school mark with 197 assists without even playing in a starting position. Other returnees include 6-7 forward Tyrus Baynham, 6-7 center Dwayne "Bam Bam" Rainey, 6-9 forward-center Jimmy McGill and 6-9 forward-center Randy Henry. Rod Barber, redshirt Gerald Harris, Mike Messerly and Tony Cook

will be wearing a Blue uniform for the first time this year. The squad is completed with junior college transfers Chris Rainey and Phil Snell.

Stewart said it will be a little easier because the guard position will have some depth this year.

"We needed to improve our quickness at the guard spot, and I feel like we did that," he said.

"I think the strength of this year's team is the number of experienced players returning," he said. "We have a lot of players that have been around the block."

Stewart said he hopes this experience will enable the Blue Raiders to defeat arch-rivals Tennessee Tech, Akron and Austin Peay.



Three "Boys in Blue" stick together as they put it to Akron. Tailback Dwight Stone (center with ball) slips between two Raiders and a block to make a 15-yard run during Saturday's game.

Rugby gets tourney third

By BEVERLY KEEL
Sidelines Sports Editor

After almost a month of tournament play and regular season games, the MTSU rugby team is batting .500.

Two wins and a loss at the Mid-South Tournament in Nashville last weekend boosted the team's overall record to 3-3. The Blue Raiders,

who were seated last in the weekend club-side tournament, knocked off the number one-ranked Huntsville 10-6 in overtime Saturday. Eric Rainey's 45-meter run broke the overtime tie to win the game.

But the Raiders also suffered an

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Blue Raider forward Mike McIntyre (center) sets up a play for the rugby team during Saturday's tournament game. McIntyre acts as a "silent captain" among the forwards.

Rugby

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upset Saturday afternoon by Nashville, 10-3. MTSU captured third place in the competition Sunday by blanking Knoxville 20-0.

"Huntsville was the number one team seed and they had more experience and size," Joe Anderson, rugby player, said. "We were worn thin after that match."

That match turned into a 70-minute game because of 10 additional minutes of overtime. Anderson said the team only had about 90 minutes of rest before the Nashville match.

"It took a lot out of us to beat the number one team," he said.

The game against Nashville was for a spot in the finals. Anderson said Nashville also had a previous game Saturday morning, but Nashville was "fairly fresh" after the

match.

"We were beating them up and down the field the first half," he said. "But the second half, we made some mental mistakes."

The Raiders were forced to fill a hole in the forwards after the Huntsville game. Veteran Mike McIntyre had to leave the tournament to cover the Blue Raider football game for the *Daily News Journal*.

"When Mike leaves, you lose unity in the forwards," Anderson said. "His position is number eight, and that is a silent captain among the forwards. When he left, that bond between them left."

Anderson said the team shook off Saturday's loss and was ready to take on Knoxville Sunday in a race for third place.

"The win was important for next year's tournament seed," he said.

"We also needed to come out of the tournament 2-3."

With the help of Bo House, Keith Burnett, Dave Smith and Mark Williams, the Raiders had no trouble manhandling the third-ranked team.

"Bo had an outstanding game against Knoxville," Anderson said. "He won all of his line-outs and stole some of theirs. They quit throwing to his man because he kept stealing the ball."

Flyhalf Keith Burnett added another excellent game to his list of accomplishments, "but he always does," Anderson said. Burnett is the "quarterback" of the flyhalves, calling the plays for the backs.

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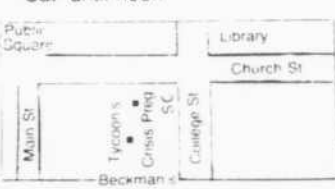
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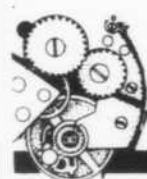
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