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Constitution violated by ASB

By TAMMY BIRCHFIELD
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Sidelines Staff Writers

According to Speaker of the House Mark O'Connor, the reason the Senate and House have held only three meetings is that, "there has not been a lot of legislation this semester."

Hopkins agreed last week with O'Connor's assessment that there has not been a lot of legislation this semester, and said he did not feel there should have been more meetings of the House and Senate.

The speaker of the House and the speaker of the Senate have sole responsibility for scheduling House and Senate meetings, according to Hopkins.

Other area universities meet on a far more frequent basis, according to their student government representatives. Both Vanderbilt University's and Tennessee State University's student governments meet at least twice a week.

To inform the MTSU student body of ASB meetings, Hopkins said is up to the speakers of the

House and Senate.

According to Speaker of the House O'Connor, it is not standard ASB procedure to post notices around campus. O'Connor said that memos are sent to each member of the House and Senate, "usually on the previous Thursday when the meeting will be held on the next Tuesday."

O'Connor said that these memos are also sent to Sidelines. However, according to Sidelines News Editor Lisa Flowers, the campus newspaper is "under no obligation" to print the memos since they are not paid announcements.

Flowers also said that memos are rarely if ever received regarding the ASB meetings.

"In fact," Flowers said, "I call the ASB and try to find out when these meetings are being held."

Flowers also said that no notice of any ASB meeting has been printed in Sidelines this semester because, "we are not notified in a sufficient amount of time."

Since the ASB has not published any formal notice prior to this

semester's three meetings of the House and Senate, the ASB is in apparent violation of Tennessee "Sunshine Law," which states that "any such governmental body which holds a meeting previously scheduled by statute, ordinance, or resolution, shall give adequate public notice of such meeting."

Hopkins said, however, that the ASB does not fall under jurisdiction of the law because the ASB does not fall under jurisdiction of the law because the ASB does "not set policy"; instead, Hopkins said, student government only makes "recommendations" to the University's administration for approval.

According to the state "Sunshine Law," however, a "governing body" refers to "members of any public body which consists of two members, with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration."

At Tennessee State University, for example, 10 to 15 signs are posted around campus to announce each student government meeting,

according to Greg Carver, representative at large.

Failure to provide adequate public notice of such meetings in accordance with the Tennessee "Sunshine Law" may result in nullification of all action taken.

Proper procedure regarding formulation and proposal of the ASB annual budget has also apparently been overlooked by the current administration.

Article 8, Section 1 of the ASB Constitution states: "During the first four weeks of the Fall semester, the President of the Associated Student Body shall submit to the Congress for approval a budget setting forth a general outline of proposed expenditures and anticipated income from all sources for the forthcoming school year (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters)."

Hopkins did not formally submit his budget to the Congress until November 5. The first four weeks of the semester ended on September 23.

"By the first day of school we had a budget," Hopkins said. "I went when I was asked to present it."



ASB President Bobby Hopkins

Photo by Bill McClary

Did not submit formal budget to Congress until Nov. 5

PSE celebrates 20th year

By SANDRA BOBO
Sidelines Staff Writer

Pi Sigma Epsilon, a professional business fraternity, is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its founding this week, according to Annette McGowen, president of PSE.

"The official beginning of the Alpha Pi chapter of PSE was on December 11, 1965, however, it became relatively inactive shortly thereafter and it was not until the early '70s when it got back on its feet and started going strong," McGowen said. "Also, in the early years, women were not allowed to join. But that changed in 1973 when three women majoring in business joined."

According to Thurman Williams, vice-president of personnel, the fraternity is open to all majors.

"We offer it (PSE) to everyone because in business, no matter what field you're in, you have to know how to sell yourself, and with PSE you have an opportunity to learn how," Williams said.

Today, the fraternity has approximately 60 members and conducts several projects for MTSU students and the Murfreesboro community.

Some of the services for students include a credit card drive where

students can apply for credit cards without having to have the usual requirements for eligibility.

Book Nook, where students can sell their text books at a price they decide on, and the distribution of coupon booklets to students living on campus offered by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

Annual public service projects include a Food Drive for the Rutherford County Food Bank; Trade Fair, in which PSE sells booth space in the U.C. to bring local businesses to the student body; Bar Wars, a project in which donations for abused children are exacted in return for free advertising by PSE; a 5K run for missing and abused children; and the fraternity also participates in the Adopt a Child program at Christmas.

A new project in the planning stages for next semester is a physical fitness week.

"We are going to try and make students more aware of the benefits of physical fitness," McGowen said.

According to McGowen, PSE recruits new members each fall and spring semester.

Sigmas, Kappas appeal suspension

FROM Sidelines STAFF REPORTS

Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities received lesser penalties than had originally been handed down by Middle Tennessee State University Dean of Men Paul Cantrell after appealing Cantrell's decision during a meeting of the Inter-Fraternal Council, Monday.

Both fraternities were disciplined by Cantrell on behalf of the University earlier this semester for their behavior during a dance sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Oct. 4.

According to a statement prepared by members of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Kappas were sponsoring a party in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building which was "attended by a large number of students, non-students and members of the Phi Beta Sigma

Fraternity.

"During the dance, members of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity did, in fact, cause an incident to happen which included several scuffling matches with the primary participants being the Kappa Alpha Psi pledges and members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity," the report said.

According to the report, the scuffle was caused by "Phi Beta Sigma fraternity members' continuous disrespect, verbal provocations and physical intimidations towards the Kappa Alpha Psi pledges."

Each case of appealing the decision by Cantrell was viewed separately by the Council.

Cantrell had decided to place Phi Beta Sigma on suspension for 12 months due to "the ridiculing of individuals of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity," a report submitted by

the Sigmas said. The Kappas were banned from having functions on campus and limited to one fundraising event a month.

After several minutes of discussion and testimonies on behalf of Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi and Cantrell, the council voted unanimously in each case to lift the actions placed on both fraternities.

"The primary reason I took the actions against the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is, one, an incident with the Kappa Alpha Psi pledge line was ridiculed by Phi Beta Sigma," Cantrell said. "I didn't feel that was appropriate behavior for a fraternity thus I suspended Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for one year which includes wearing their letters on campus."

Phi Beta Sigma first vice president, Carlos Drake, said during the meeting the incident that occurred

"was not premeditated."

Kappa Alpha Psi appealed Cantrell's decision to the IFC body also "with the same testimony we gave to the administration," their report said.

The Sigmas argued that the two members of the their fraternity involved in the incident have been disciplined by the University and that a one year suspension was "a too severe punishment." Cecil Drake and Curtis Ament were placed on probation by the University after a court hearing by the campus courts.

Both organizations were on probation by the University prior to the incident, the Sigmas for "low grades" and Kappas "for low grade and excessive debts" according to Cantrell.

The incident resulted in a cam-

(please see Appeal page 2)



Cover design by Scott Thomas

Collage, the MTSU magazine of the arts, will be available to students today. Issues of Collage can be found in the Sidelines newspaper boxes.

Collage distributed to students today

By CHRIS BELL
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

The fall issue of *Collage*, Middle Tennessee State University's creative magazine, will be distributed to students today.

The magazine, under the editorship of D. Michelle Adkerson, is entering its twentieth year. Awards in several categories, and the use of color reproductions are an important part of this issue, according to Adkerson.

For the first time, prizes were

awarded to the top two entries in four categories.

The first place winner will be awarded \$25, and the second place winner \$10, Adkerson said.

The Short Story and Poetry categories were judged by Dr. William H. Holland and Dr. Linda C. Badley, both of the MTSU English department.

The Black and White Photography and Two Dimensional Design categories were judged by Dr. Christopher J. Watts and Dr. Janet E. Higgins, both of the MTSU Art Department.

The winners in Poetry were M. E. Lowe, first place, and Dan N. Clark, second place.

In Short Story Don Baker won first place, and Joe Irwin won second place. Cathy Brady won first place in Black and White Photography and Doug Bell won second place.

In Two Dimensional Art two first place prizes were award to Pam Bohall and Janice Dawson, accord-

ing to Adkerson.

Their awards will be presented at a reception Monday, December 9, at 3 p.m. at a location to be announced, Adkerson said.

The striking use of color also marks the issue of *Collage*. Bill McClary, Pam Bohall and Julie Jack all have color works in the magazine. While the color printing process is expensive, "I hated not to see these works in color," Adkerson said.

While "pleased with the last two issues, I felt I could get more literature for *Collage*," Adkerson said. "It was exciting just going through the submissions. I was very pleased with this issue."

Plans are being made to find sponsors for the Spring issue of *Collage*. This extra income would help continue color artwork and cash prizes for contests, according to Adkerson.

The Spring issue has a tentative release date of April, Adkerson said.

Correction

In the Nov. 19 issue of *Sidelines*, it was erroneously reported that Harvey the totem pole was donated to Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee Tech by an MTSU alumni. Harvey was given to the schools by Fred Harvey of Harvey's department stores. We regret the error and are glad to set the record straight.

Campus Capsule

TUESDAY

ASSOCIATION OF RECORDING MANAGEMENT STUDENTS will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Room 324 of the University Center at 7:30 p.m. Guest lecturer will be Gene Dries, pop promotions manager for Warner Bros. Records in Nashville.

WEDNESDAY

OMEGA PHI ALPHA is sponsoring a Poinsetta sale to benefit the Kidney Foundation Dec. 4 - 5 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the basement of the University Center.

THURSDAY

ELEMETARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION will have a meeting of Advisses and Advisors, Thursday, Dec. 5 in Room 324 of the University Center at 3 p.m. All new changes and graduation requirements will be discussed.

NOTICES

SEE YOUR ADVISOR WEEK is Dec. 2 - 6. Class schedule booklets for the Spring semester will be placed in Post offices boxes of faculty members and can be picked up in front of Room 102 of the Cope Administration Building.

HONORS PROGRAM LECTURE SERIES presents "The Virgin and the

Vamp: The Development of Female Archetypes," by Dr. June Hall McCash in Room 107 of Peck Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY'S Mu Zeta chapter is offering a scholarship for handicapped students for the spring semester. For additional information, contact Handicap Services at ext. 2783.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INC. is sponsoring a food, clothing and book drive throughout the month of November. Boxes for donations are located at various locations on campus.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the next semester following graduation must notify the post office by Friday, Dec. 6 of their desire to retain their present post office box.

GRADES FOR FALL 1985 will be mailed to the permanent address of all students enrolled provide outstanding financial obligations to the University are cleared by 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. Grade reports for those students who continue to owe money to the University after Dec. 12 will be held in the records office.

Appeal. . .

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pus security officer being injured and an estimated \$200 worth of damage to the James Union Building.

According to the report submitted by the Kappas, the fraternity was charged with violation of probation on which it was for this semester [Fall 1985]; having at least one cane at the function. Dean Cantrell said the presence of canes at parties

was disallowed by the fraternity.

"Unfortunately in this case we must admit somehow a cane did get into the party," the report said.

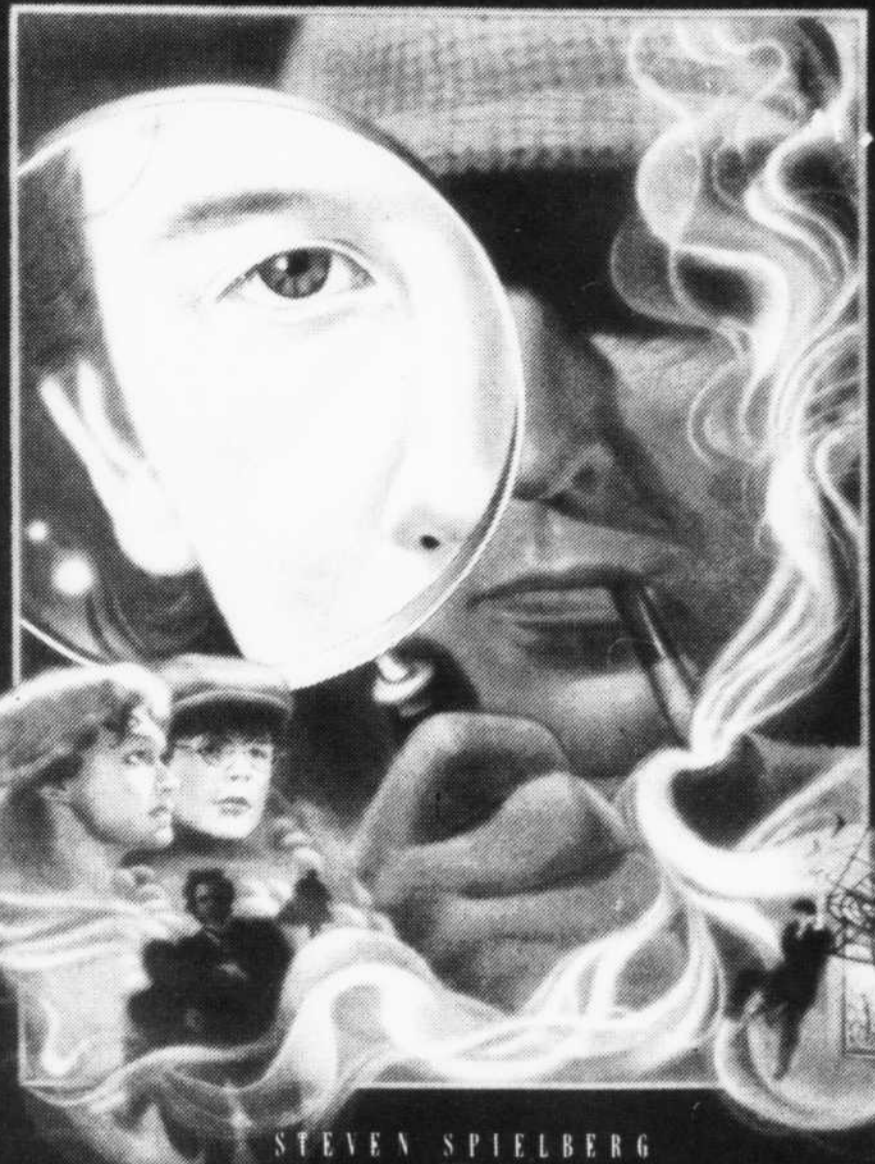
But there have also been reports that canes were used by the Kappas in a "greek representation show," after Cantrell's ruling, during a dance sponsored by the United Greek Council Nov. 7; failure to "turn down the music and turn up the lights as soon as personalities started to clash on the dance floor," the report said.

The lesser penalties the organizations received instead of the ones Cantrell had issued, were one year probation [1986] for the Sigmas, and one semester probation [Spring 1986] for the Kappas.

In other IFC business:

CANTRELL and the Council welcomed back the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity after being suspended from the IFC for two years. The Omegas have initiated a scholarship fund for handicapped students at MTSU since their reinstatement.

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Editorial/Forum

VOID: ASB fails to comply to state law, ignores Constitutional mandates

As they say in the detective stories, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

So *Sidelines* says to the Associated Student Body.

We believe the ASB is in violation of both the Tennessee Open Meetings ("Sunshine") Law and its own Constitution. As elected officials of students at a public university, the officers of the ASB, including Bobby Hopkins, the speakers of the House and Senate, and the senators and representatives themselves, have a responsibility to know precisely what their duties are and to conform to them absolutely.

The ASB Constitution states that the House must meet bi-monthly, and ASB Attorney General Lora Holcomb has interpreted that to mean "twice monthly." Having little legislation to deal with is no excuse for failing to meet this requirement. The House and Senate have an obligation to serve as a public forum, and that function is being negated by failure to meet as required.

The Tennessee Sunshine Law clearly defines a "governing body" as "... any public body which consists of two (2) members, with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration." We hope this definition fits the activities of our ASB, and we

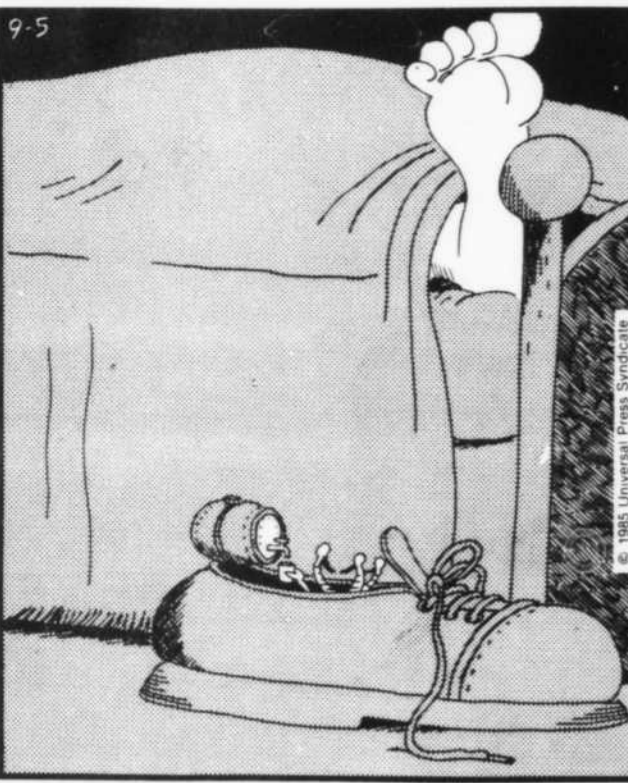
believe that the ASB must comply with the provisions of the Sunshine Law.

Those provisions include providing adequate public notice of meetings; however, infrequent memos sent late to the *Sidelines* office don't cut the mustard. All students have a right to know when and where their representatives are meeting. We believe this includes the House, Senate and all ASB committees and that lack of understanding does not excuse non-compliance. According to the law, failure to comply means that all actions taken by the ASB in its meetings are null and void.

In addition, ASB President Bobby Hopkins and the leaders of the House and Senate apparently didn't know their responsibilities well enough to insist that the ASB Congress approve the proposed budget during the first four weeks of school, as required by the Constitution. The submission of the budget came more than a month late.

Many of the individuals involved with MTSU campus politics have an eye on careers in politics. We should hope that the ASB is a training ground for responsible public servants. Instead, it's the bed where ignorance and incompetence, the parents of corruption, are conceiving their offspring.

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



The kegger lasted well into the night, and on the following morning Dale thrust his foot into a nest of cranky, hung-over, stimulus-response scorpions.

Handicapped aid

I am responding to Miss Jewell Carson's article in the November 26, *Sidelines* on Todd's library personnel refusing to help the handicapped students who visit the library.

This information came as a surprise to me because I have always received help there when I ask for it and I am not handicapped. However, I would like to point out that the duty does not only lie with the personnel of the library but with all

personnel, faculty, and the entire student body here at MTSU.

It is the duty of each and every one of us to offer our assistance to the handicapped students in our midst. We can help in the library, the restrooms, the cafeterias, the classrooms, and we can even help to push their wheelchairs over a steep bump. I am happy to say that I have on occasions seen students assisting a handicapped person.

The handicapped should be loved and protected by their fellow men, not as an act of charity, but because it is their right by virtue of being human beings. MTSU is a

great university academically; let us also be considered great for our kindness and consideration of others.

Blaine DeFreitas
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Terrorist justice

Is the Middle East going berserk? Are those ruthless fanatics ever going to stop the killing of innocent passengers that inevitably travel through the Middle East? I hope they do, because I am very upset over the endless series of hijacking and seajacking culminating in the death of innocent travelers.

Imagine the shooting death of Leon Klinghoffer, the 69 year-old, partially paralyzed New Yorker who was shot aboard the Italian cruise ship, the Achille Lauro, on October 8.

Imagine the ruthless killing of an American lady on November 24 in the hijacked Egypt Air Boeing 737 plane while en route from Athens to Cairo. This single act necessitated a rescue mission engineered by Egyptian Authorities, culminating in the deaths of at least 59 passengers. What an unfortunate incident!

The only surviving hijacker should be beheaded. Nothing less! I could care less if these anarchists kill themselves! They should not extend their uncivilized behavior to innocent people. I believe terrorism is a cheap man's war, and with a combined effort by civilized nations, this barbaric act can be crushed.

Victimized nations should fight back as the US did in intercepting the Egyptian Boeing 737 carrying

the Achille Lauro hijackers to safety. These captured hijackers ought to be shot at close range because they deserve no better treatment.

Enough is enough!
Eldo Osaitile
5548

Ramblings

Hello. With that out of the way and more studying to do than ever, I have taken it upon myself to write my second entry to the paper in as many years. I don't know why.

I went to the *Sidelines* office with Clyde and after a quick look around, I decided that if these people could do it, so could I. I mean its not like you need credentials, but it's also not like you need brains either, so I'm just going to do it, and no reasonable offer will be refused.

Well this is the end of the semester, and I know I have better things to do than try to impress you bunch of clay-heads, but there is no better

time to procrastinate. I just found out that you can't even buy extra credit these days (due to a recent rash of morality) but since most of us lost motivation after the first couple of weeks of the semester, why should you care.

Anyway, I don't have enough time for personal attacks because that's Clyde's domain and I don't like anyone that much anyway. The students here are some really slow mutha' sometimes, but I get amazed that they are coordinated enough to juggle majors as rapidly as they do. Welcome to Barnum and Bailey State.

So here I sit in the *Sidelines* office as the bricks sweat to meet their respective deadlines. Personally I could care less, but every now and then I hear such bits of wisdom as "No wonder they didn't work, they're generic," "I can't wear something that dark when I'm sick," and "It doesn't have to make sense, just print it."

Lars Hall
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CLYDELINES By Clyde Crawley Sidelines Columnist



What a life! I just get warmed-up for the semester, and now it's almost over. Thank God.

This has to go down in history as one of the most boring semesters of all time. Get finals out of the way, and we'll miss this semester like we would miss a toothache.

Of course, Christmas is here, so don't wait until it's too late to make those last minute vacation plans.

Long-time readers of this column will remember how my vacation plans for the last two years have been wrecked by political intrigue.

Two years ago it was Granada. Thank goodness I got my ticket refunded.

A year ago, my big idea consisted of catching a few rays at Beirut Beach. You don't think about what a little revolution will do to your travel plans until it actually happens to you.

Now, this year it happens again! My travel agent had booked this great tour for me. I can't give you the whole package, but it included making airline connections in Athens, Greece, flying to Cairo, and taking an Italian cruise ship to

Rome.

I cancelled. I'm not paranoid, but I'm not stupid, either.

So I guess I'll stay in Shelbyville again this year. There is a minimum of terrorist activity there.

I suppose I'll just give you guys the benefit of some random thoughts I've had as an end of the semester *Clydelines*.

First of all, this *Lars Hall-Man* or *Dorm?* controversy has to stop. I am not a philosopher, and sometimes there is not an easy answer to every question.

My suggestion is to change the name of High Rise West to Lars Hall and all this quibbling will end.

See, if you haven't met Lars Hall, the man, at least you'll be able to see Lars Hall, the dorm. Simplicity itself.

One more big question going around is, of course, "Is there life after RIM?" This is touchy since RIM borders on cultism for most RIM majors.

But it's weird, you know. Somebody graduates with a degree in RIM and they just disappear!

Aren't they guaranteed stardom somewhere in a contract of some

kind? I just figured they are from the way most of them act. But you never see or hear from them again.

For this one, I have no answer. I suppose it's an issue one would have to decide by faith, and there are no religious quarrels in this column.

Before we get into the real meat of all this, I have to reflect on grill coffee.

In the morning, this divine concoction is second only to amphetamines in chasing sleep from bleary eyes, and crank-starting near-comatose brains. Not only that, it tastes good.

But by about 4 p.m., when it has had time to ripen, two or three bites are about all I can manage.

Parking for commuter students, and there seem to be 3 or 4 million of us, was a big issue this past semester. The obvious solution—build a parking tower is pretty much ignored.

Besides, if it's true that proceeds from parking violations go directly to the athletic department, why bother adding parking space?

This is an ideal opportunity for all you Blue Raider supporters to show your school spirit. "Get that fifth parking ticket. Pay for a jersey!"

The problem is, even illegal parking is getting harder to find. Everything is so complicated.

Take the highlight of this semester, The Panty Raid. Someone wrote a letter to the editor opining that it wasn't a real panty raid, that certain inherent features of a real one were missing.

All I can say is "Wake-up, cheese brains. These are the 80's for Christ's sake—we're in the last quarter of the 20th century."

What do you plan to do for an encore? A goldfish swallowing contest? Streaking?

Well, anyway, see you next semester. Seems I'm not getting to graduate again. I don't know if I'll ever graduate.

As a matter of fact, Governor Alexander, I have an idea to ease the over-crowded prison situation.

Sentence Class-X offenders to enroll in MTSU with the stipulation that they must graduate. And they have to live in a dorm (Lars Hall, maybe?).

That's a life sentence for just about anybody.

Doodles "A FRESHMAN GUIDE TO CAMPUS LIFE...."



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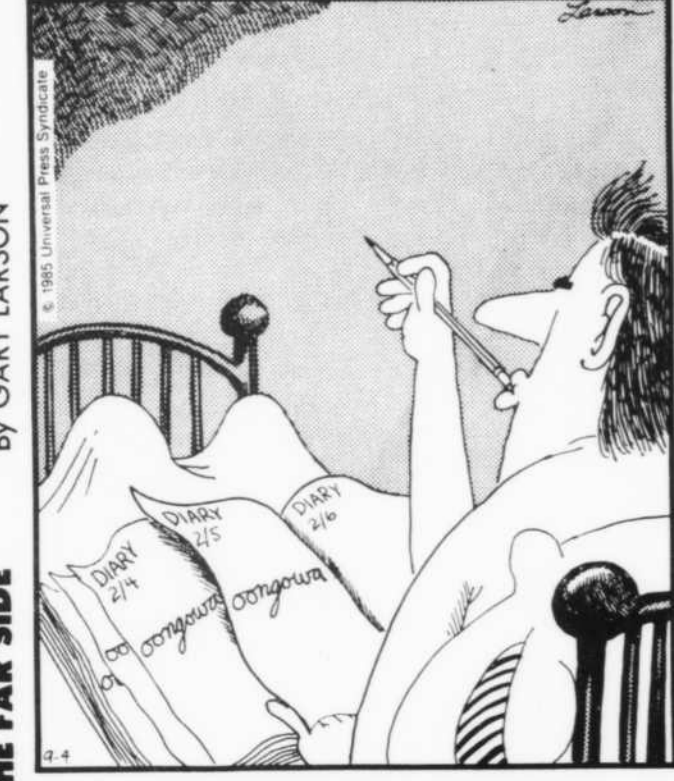
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Tarzan contemplates another entry

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Movies / Entertainment

[Editor's Note: A five star rating system is used to judge these films, one being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

Rocky IV

★★★★★

By DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

If you've seen one "Rocky" film, you've seen them all, right? Wrong!

In his first film, Rocky Balboa graduated from being an apprentice leg-breaker for the local neighborhood "boss," to a contender for the world heavyweight boxing title. In his second film, Rocky went on to win that title.

In his third film, the "Italian Stallion" lost his title to Clubber

Lane (Mr. T.), but showed that he had what it really takes to be a world champion by winning the title back. And now in his fourth film, Rocky faces his most ominous challenge yet.

"Rocky IV" resembles its three predecessors in many ways. The film features the entire cast of Rocky "regulars": Carl Weathers as Apollo Creed, Talia Shire as Mrs. Rocky Balboa, Burgess Meredith as Balboa's trainer Mickey (in several brief clips from Balboa's earlier movies), Burt Young as Paulie, Tony Burton as Duke, and of course, Sylvester Stallone as Rocky.

Like earlier "Rocky"s, number four features an upbeat rock soundtrack. Most of the musical score is done by Survivor, the band which posed the music for "Rocky III."

Like other "Rocky" films, "Rocky

IV" features footage from the previous films' critical match between Rocky and his seemingly-indomitable opponent.

Unlike Mr. Balboa's first three films, however, this fourth and final (?) chapter in the Rocky success story is much more of a "people" story.

The film draws upon the entire range of human emotion, from the funny to the tearfully painful. It is at once a happy story and a tragedy.

Balboa is still happily married to Adrian, and is still as shy and boyish as he was during their courtship. But soon their love will be tested, and severely.

Enter Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren), Russian heavyweight boxer.

Having won the Olympic gold medal, Drago comes to the U.S. as

the first Russian ever to enter the professional boxing circuit. Rocky's buddy Apollo Creed gets wind of the Russian's desire to engage an American boxer in competition in an exhibition match, and naturally volunteers himself for the honor. Unfortunately, Creed has been out of action five years, and is no match for the seasoned "Siberian Express."

According to Drago's manager, "whatever he hits, he destroys." "Whatever he hits, he destroys." Drago more than lives up to this claim in his match with Creed.

Drago badly mauls Creed in the first round of the match. Rocky, who serves as Creed's manager during the "exhibition" threatens to stop the match, but Creed, letting his pride get the better of him, convinces Rocky to let him continue.

In the second round, Drago proceeds to literally destroy Creed. In a desperate attempt to throw in the towel, Rocky freezes up, and Creed falls to the floor of the ring, never to rise again.

His best friend dead, Rocky becomes inflamed with a personal vendetta against Drago. He rashly challenges the 6'6", 261-pound Soviet to a match in Moscow on Christmas Day.

The film's color, action and cinematography are good. The on-site photography of the Russian countryside and people is excellent.

The film's musical production is very good, and is highlighted by the appearance of James Brown.

Although the film contains political undercurrents, it is also a very emotional and heartstirring movie. The struggle of Rocky Balboa, both in and out of the ring, is probably best summed up in the words of one of the film's songs: "A warrior's code says never surrender; though his body says 'stop,' his soul says 'never'."

The film rates a perfect five stars, is rated 'PG' and is now showing at the Cinema Twin in Murfreesboro.

Better Off Dead

★★★

By DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

In a most unusual, unique style all in most unusual, Director Savage Steve Holland has created one of the most interesting films of the year.

At first glance, "Better Off Dead" appears to be just another story about high school kids rocking and rolling and falling in love. But Holland has seasoned the film with plenty of his own weird, often corny, humor for a delightful effect.

John Cusack ("The Journey of Natty Gann") stars as Lane Meyer, a clumsy teen who showers with his socks on. He is obsessed with Beth (Amanda Wyss), the local vain, fickle, manipulative hussy.

When Beth dumps Lane for the captain of the school ski team, Lane becomes depressed and contemplates suicide. He is consoled however, by his strange friend Charles de Mar (Curtis Armstrong), his well-meaning but naive father (David Ogden Stiers, "Creator," "M.A.S.H."), his flighty half-wit mother (Kim Darby, "True Grit") and Monique (Diane Franklin, "Amityville II," "The Last American Virgin"), the French foreign-exchange student who lives across the street.

Rupert Hine's selection of musical pieces for the film is very nice, with music ranging from Big Band sound, to fifties "bop", to upbeat 1980s rock.

The film's humor is wild. Throughout the movie, Lane is hounded by a murderous herd of newspaper boys. Lane's space-cadet brother specializes in the construction of space shuttles and seduction of trashy women.

The film's animation is excellent and features dragons and talking hamburgers. The cinematography

is also very good. It is also refreshing to see Diane Franklin finally cast in the role of a "good girl" unlike those of her other movies.

This three-star film is rated 'PG' and is now showing at the Martin Four in Murfreesboro.

Screen Test

★

By DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

This film depicts the story of a group of sex-starved young men in search of "love." After failing in their attempts to attract the local members of the opposite sex, they decide to make a pornographic video film. Actually, the foursome does not intend to make a video at all; the filming is merely a front by which they hope to meet and seduce beautiful young girls.

Terry (Michael Allan Bloom), Clayton (Robert Bundy), Dan (Paul Leuken) and Stevie (David Simpatico) interview a host of weirdos before selecting three young girls to "star" in their video, to be entitled "Love's Savage Spear."

Unfortunately, one of the girls' fathers is a mafia boss. Disenchanted with the idea of his daughter becoming a porno queen, he hunts down the filmmakers, and "convinces" them to discontinue production of the video. The quartet only finds itself in more trouble when they cannot convince the local godfather that there was no video to begin with, and that the entire situation is a scam.

The film has no plot, and is sleazy and disgusting at best. If ever a movie was misrated, this is the one. With the movie's abundant nudity, lewdness and sexual scenes, the film comes off better as soft-core porn than as having an 'R' rating.

This film earns only one star, and is now showing at the Martin Four in Murfreesboro.



His opponent weakened after a long and punishing match, Rocky prepares to deliver a staggering left to the head of Ivan Drago, the most dangerous opponent the American heavyweight champion has ever faced in the ring.

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Features/Entertainment

Equestrian team gets recognition

By KELLY ANDERSON
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU has several winning sport teams; however, one, the equestrian team, is often overlooked.

The MTSU equestrian team, comprised of 35 students, is currently third in the English riding division and second in the Western riding division in Region VI, which is comprised of Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois.

"In Western [riding] Morehead State is number one, but we're going to beat them, too. Just being ahead of Murray [State] is quite an accomplishment. We're happy," said Kathy Sharpe, equestrian team coach and President of Region VI of the Intercollegiate Horse Association, Inc.

During 10 competitions, all of the 14 teams in Region VI compete against each other for points. There are two divisions of riding, English and Western.

"The goal of an English rider would be to jump fences. Whereas, a Western rider is a cowboy type rider," Sharpe explained.

The two riding divisions are then broken down into three levels of riding ability: advance, intermediate and beginning.

A beginner is only required to do two gaits, an intermediate rider has three gaits, and the advanced rider does three gaits and specific tests. Such tests in advanced might include riding in a pattern in Western or jumping fences in the English.

All of the students are trying to accumulate points by winning ribbons. A first place ribbon is worth seven points, while 6th place is worth one point.

If a student accumulates 28 points during the season, he can then compete in the Regionals in April. The first place winners in the Regionals advance to the Nationals

in May.

One unique part of a competition involves the horses. A rider does not know what horse he will ride. All of the intermediate horse's names, for example, are put in a envelope. The intermediate riders then pick a horse's name. Without ever riding that particular horse, the rider enters the ring to compete.

The equestrian team is chosen in the beginning of the fall semester

by Sharpe. Usually between 100 and 200 students try out.

"It's the hardest decision I ever have to make because it breaks so many people's hearts," Sharpe said.

After making the team, the students are only given the horses to practice with. All of the expenses involved in riding must be paid by the students.

"Lack of funding would be the hardest thing that hits our team," Sharpe explained.

MTSU's next intercollegiate competition will be on February 15-16 at MTSU.

"That's what we are getting ready for now. You have to start well in advance, because we'll have well in the excess of 400 entries each day at the show," Sharpe said.

Sharpe believes that the team can pull themselves up to first place in Western riding and to second place in English riding.

"We want to be number one, and if wanting will get us there, we'll be there. We've got our home shows coming up. You do have a home team advantage. We're going to kill them," Sharpe said.



The Adventures

Movie Review

The Journey of Natty Gann

★★★★

By DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

In keeping with its reputation for the production of great family movies, Walt Disney Pictures has released another winner in "The Journey of Natty Gann."

Meredith Salenger stars as Natty, the daughter of an unemployed Chicagoan fighting for laborer's rights during America's Great Depression. Like her father Saul (Ray Wise), Natty is a tough survivor of pre-war America.

While Natty is out on the streets one day, her father gets a job opportunity in Seattle. Heartbroken because he cannot find her to tell her the good news, he leaves her in the care of Connie (Lainie Kazan), the landlord of the boarding house where they're staying.

Natty discovers only too late that she has been left to the whimsical care of a floozy tyrant and decides to make a run for it. She hops a westward-bound train and sets out on her own.

During her early travels, Natty stumbles upon a crowd of dog-fighters. The winner of the fight she witnesses, a wolf, escapes his cruel owners, with Natty's help of course.

Natty continues her trek west, but comes across the wolf again in the woods. The wolf kills a rabbit for her to eat, in return for food that Natty earlier left for him when he was hungry.

After a few weeks of working in a logging camp in Seattle, Natty's father earns enough money to send for her. He finds to his dismay that she has run away and later learns that she was in a train wreck. He despairingly concludes that she is dead and struggles to go on with his life.

Together, Natty and "Wolf" work their way across the country, falling in (and out) with vagrants, orphans and hobos.

As usual, Disney's wildlife photography is breathtaking. The language is a little strong for a Disney film, but as in so many previous Disney movies the story is one that touches the heart.

The film is rated 'PG' and earns four stars. It is now showing at the Martin Four in Murfreesboro.



Simon F

Musician Profile

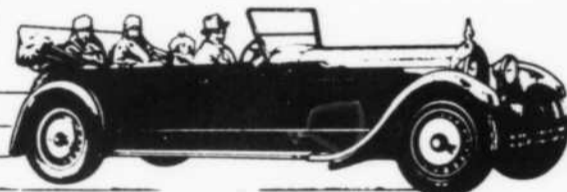
It might seem incongruous to be able to play the witty and trenchant observer of this thing called life at the relatively young age of 24, but the role comes naturally to Simon F. Chrysalis Records' intriguing new artist.

London-born and currently a New York City resident, Simon's learned about the nuances of love, lust, alienation and rock and roll by first-hand indulgences and observations.

Sex and rebellion have long been the stalwarts of rock and roll. Simon F's debut album *Gun*, alludes to them and more.

Guesting on the lead cut "I Want You Back" are Holly Knight and Billy Idol guitarist Steve Stevens. The other nine songs on the album range from musical gamut and powerful rockers to introspective and worldly ballads.

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Sports



Raiders start season 1-3

From Staff Reports

The MTSU Lady Raiders have opened the '85-86 season following a rocky road, looking at a 1-3 record going into last night's game with the University of Georgia in Athens.

The Lady Raiders finished last season with an appearance in the NCAA tournament, losing to Western Kentucky in the quarter finals.



Kim Webb

It was ironic then that the Lady Raiders would start this campaign in Bowling Green, KY in the Lady Toppers tournament, the Bowling Green Bank and Trust Invitational.

In the opening game of the Invitational, MTSU fell to Big Ten powerhouse Oklahoma, 83-75.

Turn-overs and poor defense cost the Lady Raiders the game, according to head coach Larry Inman.

"We played terrible defense," Inman said. "If you don't play defense, you are gonna get beat."

The Lady Raiders handed the ball over to the Sooners 33 times on the evening, and only fielded 16 times.

The Sooners, who were picked in a pre-season poll of conference coaches to take the Big Ten title, held a 17 turn over surplus over the Raiders.

On the Raider side of the coin, the girls from the 'Boro shot a blistering 57% from the floor and 65% from the line, with three Lady Raiders recording double figures.

Kim Webb led all scorers with 20 points while While Kay Wilbanks had 17 and Tawanya Mucker

had 14.

In Tuesday night's consolation game, the Lady Raiders went up against the Lady Jaguars of South Alabama, of the Sun Belt Conference.

A lesson seemed to be learned from the turn over disaster the night before, since the Lady Raiders gave up 32 turn-overs while the Lady Jags passed the ball to MTSU 31 times.

"We played better defensively than [Monday]," Inman said.

The down fall for the Lady Raiders was the fact that three MTSU starters and one off the bench fouled out, according to Inman.

"It hurt when we lost them," Inman said.

With six and a half minutes left in the game forward Cyndi Lindley left the game with two points. She was followed by Kay Wilbanks who fouled out with nine points, Lori Gross, who had two points, and Tawanya Mucker, with four points.

Webb lead scoring for the Lady Raiders with 24, while Lisa Davis was the only other Raider in double figures with 10.

Donnelly coach of the year

By HANK WALKER

Sidelines Sports Co-Editor

Middle Tennessee State University coach James "Boots" Donnelly was named Ohio Valley Conference coach of the year last week by the OVC coaches poll.

The seventh year coach led his Blue Raiders to a perfect regular season of 11-0, the OVC football championship, and a post season berth to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

"The good thing about being named is recognition by your peers," Donnelly said. "I don't know if a head coach is ever deserving of being named coach of the year. My assistant coaches and staff have done the real work."

Donnelly has been named OVC coach of the year twice at MTSU, once in 1983 and now in 1985. He played defensive back at MTSU in 1962-1964. He was also named coach of the year at Austin Peay in 1977 after winning the OVC crown.

MTSU, is ranked No. 1 in the nation among Division I-AA schools, and will host Georgia Southern Saturday, December 7, at Horace Jones Field in the second round of the playoffs.

The last time MTSU won the OVC championship was 1965, when head coach Charles M. "Bub" Murphy led the '65 Blue Raiders to an undefeated season of 10-0, and the championship.

MTSU has defeated Georgia Southern earlier this year 35-10. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m.

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★ 1985 ALL-OVC ★ Blue Raiders



Gerald Anderson

Gerald Anderson, 5-11, 190-pound sophomore tailback from Franklin, Ky. rushed for 1,066 yards. Only the fourth man in OVC history to achieve the mark.

Cecil Andrews, 6-1, 243-pound junior offense guard from Burns, Tn. help to anchor a strong MTSU offensive line. He is a two year starter.

Tony Burse, 6-0, 220-pound junior fullback from Lafayette, Ga. has been a driving force in the backfield for MTSU. Burse leads the way for MTSU tailbacks. He averages 5.0 yards a carry.

Mike Clark, 6-1, 220-pound senior tightend from Greenbrier, Tn. is the best blocking tightend in the league. He is a three year starter.

Marvin Collier, 5-11, 155-pound freshman quarterback from Cordele, Ga. lead the league in total offense with 1,765 yards, including 594 yards rushing. He connected on 76 of 129 passes for 10 touchdowns. He was named OVC Offense Player of the Year.

Roosevelt Colvard, 6-0, 210-pound junior linebacker from Forsyth, Ga. was the leading tackler for the Blue Raiders. He is a two year starter.

Don Griffin, 6-1, 170-pound senior defensive back from Pelham, Ga. is a three time All-OVC pick. He tied the league lead in interception with six, including 3 against Akron. Griffin was in on 72 tackles and returned 22 punts for 189 yards. He was named OVC Defensive Player of the Year.

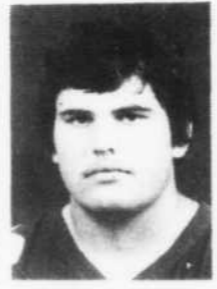
David Kercell, 6-2, 260-pound senior offensive tackle from Versailles, Pa. was a very aggressive blocker for the Blue Raiders. He is a two year starter.



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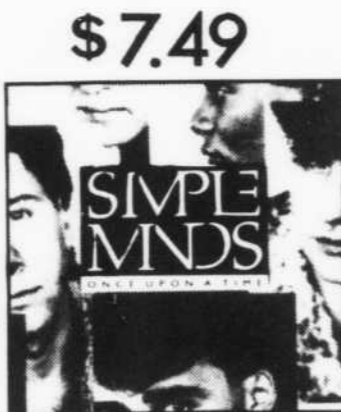
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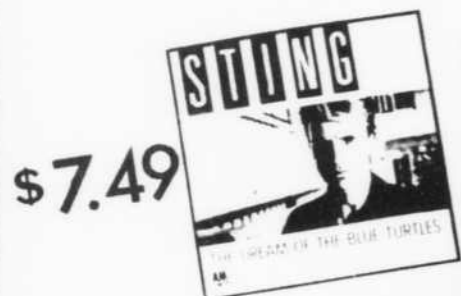
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AMERICAN GREETINGS

Donnelly women not quite ordinary folks

By ANNE CLAIBORNE
Sidelines Sports Writer

Carole Donnelly and her three daughters, Bunny, Helen and Lauren are not your ordinary females. Their love of sports and especially Blue Raider football is not exactly in character of the dainty, feminine women they are supposed to be.

But, then, the head of the household is no ordinary man.

He is the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year, Head football coach of the OVC champions Middle Tennessee State University, and number one ranked team in the nation in division I-AA.

He is Coach James "Boots" Donnelly.

What kind of lives can these women be leading with such a great and intimidating man?

According to Mrs. Donnelly, without the coach in her life, it could only be dull.

"It's the only life I've ever known," Mrs. Donnelly said. "I couldn't tell you for sure, but it seems any other life would be dull. I can't say I'd change a thing."

But life at the Donnelly house isn't always "first-and-ten." There are a few times when a man is needed, but it seems impossible for "Boots" to be there.

"I'd have to say the hardest part has to have been when pets have died, and Boots was unable to be at home," Mrs. Donnelly replied. "One time, Helen's guinea pig died, and I couldn't help her. She just laid on the ground looking into the cage. I wasn't too sure what to say and wished Boots were there."

Coach Donnelly met the former Carole Holzaphel at a grade school

basketball game, when he was in the eighth grade and she in the seventh.

Though they attended different high schools, Father Ryan and Saint Bernard's in Nashville, they dated through high school and into college at MTSU.

They married in June of 1966 and had to cut the honeymoon short so that Boots could register for graduate school.

How did he get the name "Boots" from James Francis Donnelly?

"When he was younger, Boots went by the name 'Butch', which his little brother pronounced 'Bootch', Mrs. Donnelly said. "One day a sportswriter in Nashville asked him his name, and he said 'Bootch'. Well, the writer thought he said 'Boots' and it just stuck with him."

When the Raiders lose, things aren't easy around the Donnelly house.

"Boots tries to act like things are okay," said Mrs. Donnelly, "but we know he's just doing that for us and that makes us feel bad."

"Dad does a pretty good job of keeping his work at work," said Bunny. "But sometimes he can't help but bring it home."

Coach Donnelly, a psychology major, strikes a certain fear in the hearts of football players, and Mrs. Donnelly explains.

"Boots is honestly blunt," said Mrs. Donnelly. "If he thinks something, he says it whether you want to hear it or not."

The Donnelly's have always loved football. In fact, during the interview, Lauren, the youngest and most outgoing, kept us up on the Dallas game on television.

"I kind of like being the daughter of a coach," Bunny said. "It gives you something to talk about with guys and everything. When Dad is home, the time he spends with us is quality. He wants to know everything we're doing."

Bunny, a friendly senior at Riverdale, is planning on going to either University of Virginia or University of Evansville.

"Mom and Dad have been very good about which school to attend," Bunny said. "I want to go into Physical Therapy, so MTSU isn't the place for me."

Helen, 15, a spunky cheerleader from Riverdale, loves being Coach Donnelly's daughter with just one problem.

"We never get to go on vacations," Helen said. "Being a head coach is a year round job. I guess the away games are our vacations." Nine-year-old Lauren has a very special relationship with her father, that only her mother could describe.

"Lauren and Boots have a very special relationship between them," Mrs. Donnelly said. "Every morning Boots takes her to breakfast and drives her to Campus

school. She walks over to practice and waits for him to take her home. They end up spending quite a bit of time together. Almost more than he and I do." She added with a grin.

As far as dates with the Boys of Blue, Mom is more for it than the girls are.

"I feel there would be alot of pressure on both of us," Bunny said. "I'm not closing out the possibility, but it'd be pretty hard to do."

"I would feel safe if the girls went out with them," Mrs. Donnelly added. "Those boys are gentlemen, because if they weren't, they wouldn't be playing for Boots. I can't think of anyone else I'd rather see the girls go out with."

With the persistent rumors of Coach Donnelly's leaving, the possibility of having to move came up with mixed emotions.

"Mom would miss the grocery stores," Helen giggled. "It's true. Murfreesboro has so many grocery stores."

"I would be upset if we had to leave," Mrs. Donnelly said. "We would make it but the people of Murfreesboro are so friendly. It would be hard to leave. We love Murfreesboro."



The women behind the man. Photo by Greg King
MTSU football coach Boots Donnelly's family supports husband, father and coach during the long, tiring season. l-r Lauren, Bunny, Carole (Mrs. Donnelly) and Helen Donnelly.

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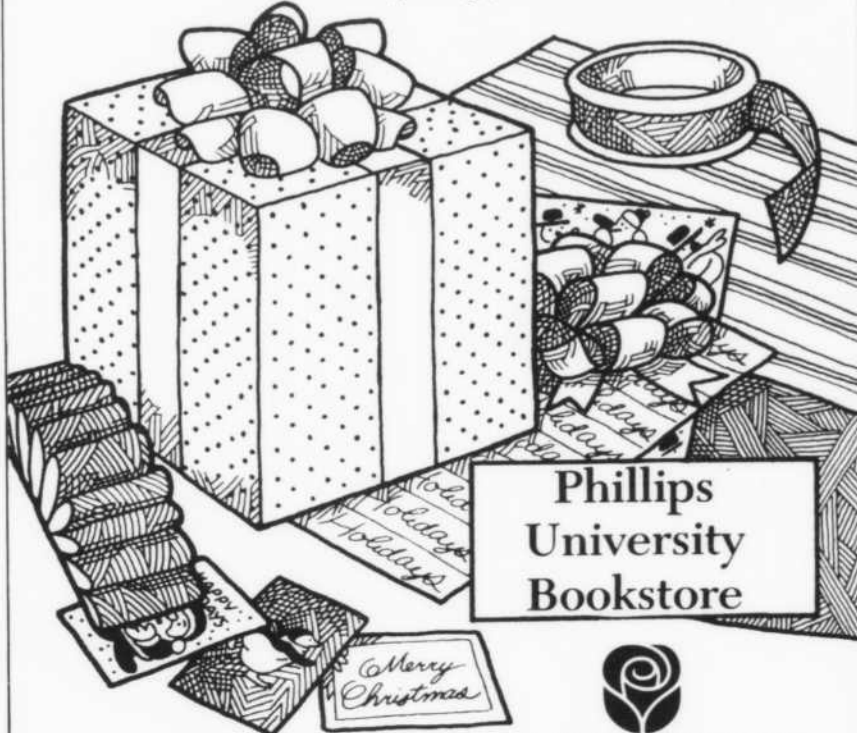
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