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Students kick off campaigns

News Editor and Assistant News Editor

Familiar issues like parking and access for handicapped students were the primary issues among candidates for ASB President this week.

Active campaigning for positions in student government began with a televised debate Tuesday night and the annual ASB Speakout in the KUC grill yesterday.

Presidential candidates Todd Burnett, Kathy Harrigan and Read Ridley were grilled by representatives from Sidelines, the Sigma Club and Channel 33 on "The Exchange," the Channel 33 talk show. There was little disagreement among the candidates on most questions, though Ridley broke with the pack on the recent removal of the image of Nathan Beford Forrest from the wall of the KUC.

"I don't agree with taking it down," Ridley said. "If you take down the emblem because of racism, then you should take off the name Forrest's Raiders [from the school's teams .

Ridley, Harrigan and Burnett agreed that condom machines should be allowed in the dorms, that a shuttle system to carry students to and from parking lots was needed and that the current ASB activity fee should be raised, though they disagreed on the amount.

All three also criticized the removal of handicapped access from the baseball field during recent renovation.

"I'm not sure of the figures of how many handicapped students did go to the ballgames," Harrigan said. "If there is a real need for this section I definitely don't believe they were justified in taking it down.

Burnett had the strongest criticism of the action.

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ASB presidential candidate Todd Burnett makes a point while fellow candidates Read Ridley and Kathy Harrigan look at on yesterday's ASB Speakout. The election is scheduled for Feb. 27 and 28.

TSU students protest; take building

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About 300 students staged a sit-in at Tennessee State University's administration building vesterday to protest what they said is the administration's violation of rights.

Jeff Carr, president of TSU's Student Government Association, said students will occupy the building until their demands are met.

"No compromise, no sellout!" students chanted through open windows of the administration building. At midmorning, students were continuing their peaceful demonstration, which apparently wasn't preventing university from conducting business.

Security personnel were allowing only employees to enter the building. The students said they are occupying the offices of TSU President Otis L. Floyd Jr and Annie Neal, vice president of academic affairs.

Rodney McCory, one of the protestors, said students began entering the building at about 1:30 a.m. yesterday. He indicated the protestors entered through windows.

Specifically, the students were asking for:

The resignation of Johnny Shepard, vice president of student affairs;

The resignation of Vaughn Little, dean of residence life;

The resignation or termination of Robert Boone, an

adminstration official;

An effective and efficient shuttle bus schedule;

The repair and opening of all study rooms in TSU's dormitories:

Adequate lighting on the campus and bridge so that, in Carr's words, "No one will be held up with a sawed-off

An accounting of \$141 million they say has been allocated

Repair of hot water, blinking electricity, a leaking roof and a backed-up sink in Wilson Hall; non-working show in dormitories; and defunct elevators. Carr said he also wants an explanation of "maintenance" fees, which are the fees charged to in-state students at all state colleges, "seeing as we don't see anything being maintained.'

"The maintenance of our campus is extremely poor," he

Little, one of the people who is being asked to resign, told students posted at the windows of the building that "this is not the way" to achieve their goals. But students said they have tried other means and have not been success-

Little said TSU has suspended "quite a few students." "I don't know whether that's the problem or not," he said.

"They may believe students' rights are being violated. We do not violate students' rights.'

Little said TSU is trying desperately to "renovate every building on campus," but that the buildings are very old and "it's a very slow process."

However, TSU professor Coleman McGinnis said today he could understand the students' frustrations.

McGinnis said that while he has not walked through the dormitories, conditions in the classrooms are not what they should be, particularly regarding heating and air-condition-

"There are some classrooms in the graduate building where the heating hasn't worked in 10 years," he said.

Editor's note: According to reports, negotiations between university administration and the students broke down at 10:30 p.m. yesterday.

After negotiations ended, additional students joined the protest. Approximately 100 police, most in riot uniform, were called to the scene to clear out the students.

At midnight, protesters marched to university president Floyd's home shouting, "No compromise! No sellout!" Reports noted the demonstration was peacable and students said they "wanted to get their point across."

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"I don't think it should have been done," Burnett said.
"I realize the importance of donations to the university, but I think we have to take care of the students on campus. We in the ASB have worked endless hours to get things done for the handicapped students with [Handicapped Services Director] John Harris."

Many of the same points were made at yesterday's Speakout. While the candidates said there was little they could do about the parking situation, both Ridley and Burnett said they would do what they could.

Harrigan, however, said the problem was not a lack of parking spaces but that people did not want to walk more than 2000 feet to class.

Each candidate also had his or her own individual ideas that were discussed at the Speakout.

Burnett said that it was important for the ASB president to keep in touch with students, but that the size of the student body made personal contact with everyone almost impossible. He suggested a series of open lunch forums in the James Union Building where students could meet with representatives from the faculty and student government.

Harrigan discussed setting up a "communications center" in the ASB offices where student groups could leave messages for the ASB and receive the latest news from the student government.

Ridley stressed the need for increased visitation at campus housing.

Candidates for speaker of the house, Toby Gilley and Derrick Ledford, also briefly addressed the speakout crowd.

Gilley marked his work as this year's speaker of the house as giving him the experience to do the job. He also said he would deal with problems on a one-to-one basis and said he hoped student turnout would increase for the election

"It's really sad that 1,500 out of 14,000 students decide who will be elected," Gilley said.

Ledford promised good leadership and said his work as chief-of-staff for current president Doug Holder was proof.

"I would like to be able to write legislation that's needed to change our school," Leford said.

ASB elections will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 27 and 28 with polls in the Keathley University Center and Peck Hall. ■



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Musicianers and Songsters: A seminar on black music in the south will be presented by the Center for Popular Music next Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center Multi-Media Room. Admission is free.

Blue Moves, a newly formed Murfreesboro dance company, will hold open auditions Feb. 25 at 2:30 p.m. in Studio V on the square. Dancers must be able to rehearse on Sundays. For more information, contact Lee Anne or Amanda at 896-3749

Recycle Rutherford!, a new local citizens' action group, will hold its second meeting Monday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom on the second floor of the Rutherford County Courthouse. Anyone interested in learning more about promoting recycling is invited to attend.

The Mathematics Organization will meet Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 3:30 p.m. in Kirksey Old Main, room 163. Philosophy Professor Ron Bombardi will give a presentation on "Realism and Anti-realism of the Philosophy of Mathematics."

Have a Talent for Trivia? The Sigma Club will hold its semiannual Quiz Bowl, co-sponsored by Gamma Iota Sigma, March 12 and 13. For more information, contact Scotty Tucker at Box 543.

ARMS is also accepting tapes for Musicfest III, to be held April 12 and 13. Send tapes to ARMS, Box 625, Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Nominations are being accepted for the MTSU Distinguished Research Award. For more information, contact the MTSU Graduate Office.

A Beginner's Aikido Seminar will be sponsored by the Continuing Education Department Friday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The classes are free and will be held in the Gymnastics area of the Alumni Gym. For more information, contact Continuing Education at 2462.

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held at MTSU from Feb. 26 to March 2. Representatives will be here from schools all over Tennessee and from 14 states. For more information, contact the Placement Office in the KUC, room 328.

Pi Sigma Epsilon will hold a general business meeting today at 4:30 p.m. and a pledge meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Kirksey Old Main, room 452. Pledges please be prepared to pay dues.

The US Census Bureau will be looking for workers on campus next Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10~a.m., and 1~and 6~p.m. in the KUC, room 314.

The Jekyll Island Club will be the topic of the next lecture in the Honors Lecture Series. It will be presented by William B. McCash and June H. McCash Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, room 107.

Phi Kappa Phi, the national honors fraternity, invites outstanding seniors to apply for nomination by the local chapter for graduate fellowships. If interested, please contact Dr. Fred S. Rolater, Peck Hall, room 279.

The International Culture Day planning committee is holding a contest to design a logo for brochures advertising the event. To enter, bring your design by International Student Services, Cope Building, room 202, by Feb. 29. Winners will be awarded \$25.

A Portfolio Preparation Workshop will be presented by the Public Relations Student Society of America, March 6 at 3 p.m. in the James Union Building. Professionals will critique your work. For more information, call 898-2647.

dies over weekend

From Staff Reports

Daniel R. Boyd, an MTSU professor, died at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville last Friday morning after a battle with cancer.

Boyd, a professor in the business education, distributive education and office management department, has taught at MTSU since 1972. Memorial services were held Monday at St. Rose Catholic Church.

Boyd received both his bachelors and masters degrees from Minot State College, in North Dakota, and his doctorate from the University of North Dakota. He began teaching at MTSU in the fall of 1972. His wife, Nancy Boyd, is an instructor in the accounting department.

Boyd was a good teacher both in and out of the classroom, according to Stephen Lewis, a computer information systems professor.

"He was an excellent teacher, as indicated by his student ratings and his nomination for outstanding teacher of the year," Lewis said. "But he was also what I would call a complete professor. He was active in the classroom, in research and in a variety of other areas."



Business professor ASB asks for vote on Forrest statue

RUSTY GERBMAN

Assistant News Editor

The Nathan Bedford Forrest controversy popped up again during last night's joint ASB congressional session.

Student Kevin Akins' proposal to put the Forrest plaque back on the Keathley University Center will be put on a referendum to be voted on by students next month after a 16 to two decision by the house and senate. The plaque had been taken down from the KUC during Christmas break by the univerity administration after a request from the campus NAACP chapter.

My main objection was that Ingram took it down without a vote of the people on campus," Akins said.

There are 80 memebers in the NAACP, according to Akins, and since that is less than one percent of the population of MTSU, he said the move was not fair.

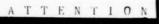
Akins even denied that the plaque's image was that of the Confederate general. He said technically it was to signify a 19th century soldier, not Forrest.

However, administration members and campus historians generally agree that the image is that of Forrest, who is also known as an early leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

Akins primary opposition was from Sophomore Senator Shawn E. Burgess who questioned what purpose the statue

If it offends a person, then their rights are being violated,

The student referendum is scheduled for March 14, according to Speaker of the Senate Todd Burnett. Burnett stressed that the decision to allow a student vote did not mean the ASB supported replacing the plaque but that they wanted to give the students a voice in the matter.



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OPINION

Will the Nathan Forrest debate ever end?

During the ASB session last night, legislation was proposed that would return the notorious relief sculpture of Nathan Forrest to the now unadorned wall of the Keathley University Center.

The author of the bill, Kevin Akins, argued that Forrest was not a racist, but "a nineteenth century raider."

Aikins brought up one strong point; the plaque was removed *without* consulting the students on the decision. Now, a referendum reportedly will be scheduled so that the students will have a voice in determining the future of the sculpture.

The issue is not about whether the man was a racist or a qualified commander; the fact that he was a great Confederate leader is undeniable. The problem lies in what he symbolized.

He was a general in the Confederate army, whose goal was to fight for the protection of states' rights — the confederate states' right to own and "operate" slaves.

To some, this may not be a valid reason to call Forrest a racist. Whether or not Forrest had a personal hatred of blacks remains unanswered.

But, now the students will be able to speak up and make the choice for themselves.

The decision is being taken out of the hands of administration and being put into the hands of the people who keep this university's pockets lined.

The students will voice their opinion on how their campus should be symbolized.



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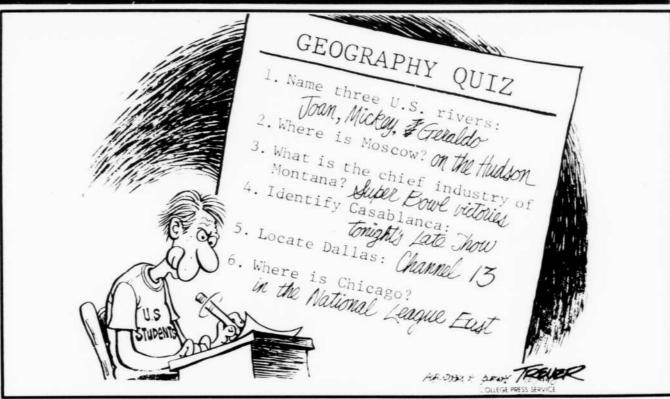
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Mike Reed's presidential Cliff Notes

Mike Reed Reed My Lips

It is election time at MTSU and as always I am here to clarify the issues and help the student avoid shaking hands with the candidates. However, this year your choices for president are even more limited than in years before. Let us now examine our options.

Option one: Read "Sure, I don't have any real experience, but, who does?" Ridley. Read's big platform? Parking. He wants to "work with local businesses" to run a tram line on campus. He wants to turn the library parking lot into commuter parking and bus the faculty in from Greenland Drive.

At the ASB speakout Wednesday, Read left his position among his opponents to go to the side and borrow a cigar (from me). It wouldn't have been so bad except he was supposed to be fielding a question.

Read, however, is not a Greek and therefore should give up any aspirations of political ambition on *this* campus. If history has shown us anything, it's that independents lose. Independent students will vote only if dragged into the booths kicking and screaming. During the campaign, they will pledge their support to any candidate standing in front of them just to get them out of their face (see the aforementioned handshaking).

Read, my advice to you is "have fun with it" and don't spend too much money.

Option two: Kathy "I have never actually introduced any legislation, but I did everything my position allowed me to" Harrigan (demonstrating lack of knowlege of the ASB Constitution, specifically article VI). Kathy, who has the strong support of her Greek friends (including one girl who fielded questions for her at the speakout), lacks the basic campaign skills needed to present even the simplest of ideas effectively. (It's like she's running because she lost a bet.)

Her big platform? Parking. She mentioned a bill that was passed to extend the Bell Street lot 350 more spaces. (Though she did not actually introduce the bill, she did vote for it.) She also wants to get sewing machines and vacuum cleaners in the dorms.

Her presentation of her platform lacked the spontaneity associated with a freedom from notes and index cards. I only wonder if her index cards told her when to breathe.

My advice to Kathy? Do not tell an audience that your ASB experience was mainly serving under your opponent, Todd Burnett.

Option Three: Todd "I'm telling you, the ASB does serve a purpose and if you give me a minute I'll come up with one" Burnett. He has all the classic features of an ASB president. He is a Greek, though only recently. (Shrewd political move, Todd.) He speaks with the confidence of a man who knows he has stronger support in the Greek community than even the other Greek candidate.

His big platform? Handicapped students. He mentioned electronic doors more often than the other candidates stated their names. He wants to get a van with a lift to transport handicapped students (whom he affectionately refers to as "those people") to and from classes. He handled the questions well. He has his campaign skills down pat.

He dwells too much on the money aspect of the ASB. He would like to see the ASB activity fund go up as high as \$25. Where would this money go? He just says that it will be *used*.

His weakest point is on student relations. He seems to think that it is our responsibility to come to him. We do have a certain obligation to let our problems be known, but it is not his job to sit back and wait.

Todd's presentation and form are immaculate. He has, however, demonstrated a lack of knowlege of the Comprehensive Electorial Act of 1983. He did not know that elections could not be held in February. The election is still scheduled for February, but I am assured that this is a technicality that will be taken care of by an amendment to the Electorial Act.

I just wonder how many other technicalities will be taken care of by amendment? I also wonder what the rush is? Granted, I am in as much of a hurry as the next guy to get this over with as quickly and painlessly as possible, but I'd prefer to do it legally.

My advice to Todd is to sit back; don't be so intense. Improve your credibility by breaking ties with the present administration. Tell us what changes you would make in the present administration. Talk to us about the radio station Harry Hosey pushed for and Doug Holder has ignored. Tell us about your positions on the Board of Regents and MTSU's funding problem.

Talk to us about our lack of living and office space. Don't bother with parking (which won't be solved in your or my lifetime), Greek unification, lack of weekend activities, student apathy, or the lack of voter participation.

Those points are moot. Find a new horse to beat to death.

The election itself is just a few days away. No matter which candidate you don't vote for, and most of you will pick all of the above, remember that, in the grand scheme of things, the ASB presidency is basically something to put on a resume.

Letters to the Editor

Editorial comments not appreciated

To the Editor

This semester I have been very pleased with Sidelines coverage of on campus musical events. We are truly lucky to have Wright Music Hall. Its wonderful acoustics enhance each performance given there.

In response to the article about last weeks American Operas, I would like to say that I understand the hassle Ms. Anderson (the staff writer) had when her car acted up, but what did that have to do with the Operas? I was very surprised that she complained about not being let in after it had started. One attribute that good music halls have is that all sound carries very well. This means that a person can not enter late "unnoticed." In the article Ms. Anderson commented that the person who would not let her in was "rude." I feel that it was impolite of her to arrive late and expect to be let in. It would have certainly distracted the audience and perhaps even the performers. I also feel that it was not in good taste to include her personal hassles in the article. Complaints should be voiced in the editorial section.

I too am sorry the opera "Telephone" was not included in the article, but as a member of the audience, I am grateful that no one was allowed to enter after it had begun.

I do hope that Sidelines continues to keep up the good coverage of musical events; however, I hope that in the future I will only find complaints in the editorial section.

> Lisa Shanklin P.O. Box B-170

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"Gospel Quartet Singing in Jefferson County, Alabama Doug Seroff, researcher and promoter of traditional black gospel music

A presentation on community-based gospel quartet singing in Jefferson County, Alabama. The lecture will be illustrated with a segment from the 1984 British television documentary. "On the Battlefield," for which Mr. Seroff served as a consultant.

"From Blues to Gospel: The Case of W.B. 'Hop' Hopkins"
Laura Jarmon, MTSU Department of English

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The biography and musical development of W.B. "Hop." Hopkins, a former blues singer turned gospet performer from Haywood County, Tennessee. Dr. Jarmon will illustrate her lecture with field recordings of Mr. Hopkins made in the summer of 1989.

Charles K. Wölfe, MTSU Department of English Dr. Wolfe, currently working on a major biography of songster Huddie Ledbetter, better known as "Leadbelly," will discuss the early career of this remarkably influential performer. Extremely rare video clips of Leadbelly will accompany the talk.

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FEATURES

NWA wrestlers take over Murphy Center



George L. Walker IV•Staff

Tennessee native "Hot Stuff" Eddie Gilbert confronts "The Big Kahuna," manager for the Samoan Savage, during a championship wrestling match Sunday night at Murphy Center. Other featured NWA matches were: the Steiner Brothers v. Doom; the Freebirds v. Flyin' Brian Pillman and the Z-man combination; Midnight Express v. Rock and Roll Express; and Animal from the Road Warriors v. Mean Mark from the Skyscrapers.

DARRYL ATHANS Staff Writer

Was that the circus that came to town?

Nope, it was the National Wrestling Association (NWA) and, believe it or not, they put on one heck of a show Sunday night.

Though the night's performance was a short one, the professional wrestlers spared no expense to entertain the thin crowd at Murphy Center. The wrestlers did all they could to rile the already frenzied audience. They did everything from spitting at the audience to shouting expletives at disapproving fans — which is what the Samoan Savage did throughout his match.

The night's main event came as the finale, when the Steiner Brothers defended their World Tag Team Championship belts against the evil duo known to all as "Doom." Scott Steiner and his brother Rick, "The Dog-Faced Gremlin," came charging into the arena to face their foes as their theme song, "Welcome to the Jungle," filled the auditorium. They honored their alma mater, the University of Michigan, — where they were both All-American — by wearing their old uniforms.

Though the match was a long one, lasting over 25 minutes, good once again triumphed over evil when Rick Steiner used his legendary "Steiner Line" to clothesline Doom's Ron Simmons, making it possible for Scott to pin Simmons. Simmons' partner, Butch Reed, was too busy defending himself from the audience (as they hurled comment after comment at him) to help his teammate.

The night did have other high points, such as a match between a local boy named "Hot Stuff" Eddie Gilbert from Lexington, Tenn. and the aforementioned Samoan Savage. The Samoan Savage, with his manager, the Big Kahuna, proved to be too powerful for the smaller Gilbert. Gilbert did, however, put up a strong fight. He lost only after taking a cheap shot to the groin area. The crowd shouted with disapproval and winced of pain at the sight of this.

Three other matches deserve to be mentioned. They are the tag team bout between the Freebirds and Flyin' Brian Pillman and the Z-man combination; Midnight Ex-

press versus the Rock-and Roll Express; and Animal from the Road Warriors versus Mean Mark from the Skyscrapers. The latter proved to be a big disappointment.

You would think that with Animal against Mean Mark there would be excitement. Instead, the match was over in five minutes when Mean Mark was disqualified because his manager Teddy "Peanut Head" Long interfered with the match by attacking Animal with a chair.

The Freebirds match was an exciting one. Michael P.S. Hayes and Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin of the Freebirds were one of the most colorful and exciting teams I've ever seen. Michael "Purely Sexy" Hayes moonwalked to the sound of Lynard Skynard's "Freebird." Now this is a man the crowd loved to hate!

The highlight of this match came when Flyin' Brian Pillman pulled down the trunks of Gorgeous Jimmy so the ladies could have a look. This also happened to Hayes just moments before he was pinned. No big deal if you missed it.

The match between the Midnight Express and the Rock and Roll Express was a fun one. Robert Gibson and Ricky Morton from the Rock and Roll Express are both from Antioch, and from the looks of it, all their fans were there to root their heroes on.

This was the most evenly matched battle of the night. However, the tide turned when the manager of the Midnight Express, Jim Coronet, got mad at his own man, Beautiful Bobby Eaton, and began beating him with his tennis racket. Eaton, who was on the receiving end of the beating, obviously got sidetracked by this and was pinned shortly thereafter. Hooray for the local boys!

All in all, it was a fun night and it proved to be worth the money. Maybe if more than the few hundred people that turned out would take a chance on future special events, MTSU would become a regular stop for attractions such as this.

Dance company to hold open auditions for new members

KIMBERLY DORRIS

Features Editor

Blue Moves, a dance company affiliated with the MTSU Performing Arts Company, will be holding open auditions at Studio V on the square this Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Amanda Cantrell, a member of Blue Moves, explains that the company is looking for dancers that are versatile, available to work Sunday afternoons and willing to make a long-term commitment to the group.

Those auditioning should prepare a 30-second to oneminute piece involving any style of dance, such as jazz, tap, modern and ballet. In addition, those auditioning will be taught and asked to perform a few short combinations.

According to Cantrell, the company "will select two male dancers and one or two female dancers."

Cantrell notes that Blue Moves provides young dancers with the unique opportunity to participate in the choreography of the group's material. "In some companies, you have no say in what you perform...we do our own choreography, which is very rare."

The group will be traveling to Durham, North Carolina to participate in the Black College Dance Exchange in April. The Black College Dance Exchange, which drew over 500 dancers last year, involves both master classes and performance.

Blue Moves started up in August and now consists of four women and three men. The group is under the artistic direction of Anne Holland.

"We're hoping to go far with this company," says Cantrell.



Jennifer D. West●Staff

Members of Blue Moves rehearse one of their routines in Murphy Center's Dance Studio B. Dancers are from left: Don Sullivan, Eric West, Amanda Cantrell (top), Lee Anne Allen, Buffy Payne (bottom), Matthew Dunne and Kelly Davis. The group will be holding open auditions Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Studio V on the square.

'The Nerd' a pocket pen-protector fest for all

CHRIS BELL

News Editor

Despite mixed performances, "The Nerd" continues the Buchanan Players' series of impressive productions.

A broad farce by British playwright Larry Shue, it might seem an easy play to produce because of its simplicity. The basic story revolves around architect Willum Cubbert and

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the living hell his life becomes after he receives an unwel-

There are no fancy costumes, quick set changes or blatant that there's no way out if the actors or director blow it. Everything depends on what they bring out on stage.

Luckily, they've pulled it off.

David Flaherty and Christie Sutton are fine as Willum Wednesday's crowd). and his girlfriend Tansy McGinnis, and while the rest of Lee Blair's performance can't live up to his amazing entrance here with her first solo effort. Her clean staging lets the as the nerd of the title, he also does solid work

Derek Whittaker has delivered several good performances worth seeing. recently and doesn't break that chain here. His speciality seems to be "wind 'em up and let 'em go" fits, and he gets Call 898-2716 for ticket information. ■

the chance for several of those here as Warnock Waldgrave, a businessman who has hired Willum to design a hotel. While in a much more limited role, Mary Lisa Bailess is belivable as Waldgrave's wife.

Barry King unfortunately telegraphs too much of the later plot twists in his role as Willum's friend Axel. King is fine in the second act, but had trouble toning down his performance during the first two nights.

John Carpenter also goes a little over the top as Waldgrave's son. Apparently, he's supposed to be playing a small child, but he comes across more as a slightly retarded

The entire cast seemed a little unsure of themselves openappeals to sentimentality. But that very simplicity means ing night, but had improved considerably by last night's show. And whatever the flaws, they didn't keep the audience from enjoying both Tuesday and Wednesday nights' performances (though a steaming Arena Theater almost did in

> Student director Susan Cummings has proven her ability actors do their work and that's enough to make "The Nerd"

> "The Nerd" runs through Saturday at the Arena Theater.

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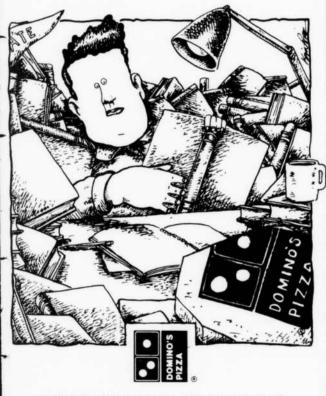
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SPORTS

Harris, Wallace to play last time

TONY J. ARNOLD Assistant Sports Editor

Few players have enjoyed the success that MTSU guard Gerald Harris has.

As a Blue Raider, Harris has tasted victory 78 times as opposed to only 40 defeats. He has played on two OVC championship teams, made two trips to the NCAA tournament and one NIT post-season tournament appearance. He has played with some of the most talented athletes in MTSU history.

Harris came to the Raiders in 1985 and was immediately redshirted.

"It was something I wasn't used to," said Harris. "I was used to starting in high school."

During his freshman season of eligibility, Harris saw limited playing time with a 22-7 Blue Raider squad that earned the OVC's first-ever NCAA at-large bid. During that season, Harris played in the shadow of future pro player Duane Washington: "Washington was a great player, I learned a lot from him."

Indeed he did. Harris earned the starting point guard position his sophomore season. The Chattanooga native guided the Raiders to a 23-11 record and an OVC championship. MTSU advanced to the NIT tournament and stunned SEC fans as they took down Tennessee and Georgia in the first two rounds.

Although Harris averaged 7.8 points per game his second season, he concentrated on developing his defensive skills.

"Coach [Stewart] emphasized my [defense] because he thought I was real quick," said Harris. "I had to play against Chris Rainey in practice and I couldn't help but get better."

As a junior, Harris joined seniors Kerry Hammonds, Randy Henry and Rainey in what looked to be a very promising season for MTSU

"They all had a great year," said Harris, referring to MTSU's 23-8 record, another OVC title and a stunning upset over Florida State in the NCAA tournament. "Their work habits made my job a lot easier. We knew what we wanted, what was expected. And we did it.

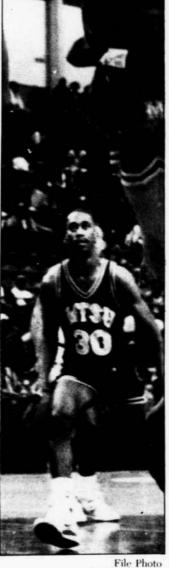
Harris finished the 1988-89 season with a 9.4 per-game average. He also finished with 207 assists.

During the 1989-90 season, Harris was called upon to lead the youngest team to ever wear the Raider Blue. The 5-11 senior accepted the challenge, and has posted a 10.6 point per-game average while dishing off 121 assists.

"I knew it would be tough, but no one gave up and that is the reason we're playing well right now," said the 170pound Blue Raider. "Coach has gotten a lot out of me that I didn't know I had.'

During his extensive career at Middle, Harris has enjoved many memorable moments as a Blue Raider: victories over Michigan, Florida State, Tennessee, Georgia and the Soviet gold medal Olympic Team.

Although Harris will soon hang up his Nikes for good,



Kevin Wallace



Gerald Harris

he will move on to other goals he has set for himself. In December, he will receive a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. For the Harris clan, that moment will be a special one.

When the Chattanooga senior walks the stage to receive his diploma, he will become the first member of his family to do so. Harris attributes his success at MTSU to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris.

My parents have been very supportive in everything I've done both on and off the court," said Harris. "If it weren't for them I don't know where I would be.

In the event that the Morehead State Eagles win one of their two OVC games this weekend, the MTSU contest against Tennessee State on Saturday will mark the last home appearance for Harris as a Blue Raider

In spite of being named to the class AAA state basketball team, Kevin Wallace was not highly recruited out of high school

Wallace began his college basketball career at Aquinas College in Nashville, where he played two years.

"I wasn't recruited highly out of high school," said Wallace. "I went to Aquinas because it was close to home, and my parents could come [to the games]."

During his freshman year at Aquinas, Wallace averaged 14 points per game. As a sophomore, he scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds per game.

Faced with the decision as to whether or not he should continue his career, Wallace chose, in 1987, to become an MTSU Blue Raider.

"MTSU was close to home," said Wallace. "It was a position where I could get away from home, but I could get back to it."

As a junior playing on one of MTSU's finest teams ever, Wallace was credited with several key performances. The Nashville native appeared in 28 of the 31 games, and started four times.

"I was never disappointed by my playing time," said Wallace. "I just wanted to fit in. As the year progressed, I got more playing time.

Wallace not only got more playing time, but posted 5.4 points and three rebounds per game, and hit a blistering 81.1 percent from the free throw line.

During the off-season, Wallace worked hard and made strides in physical toughness as well as defensive ability His conditioning paid off as he earned a starting position during his senior season.

Wallace has started 20 of 22 games this season. The 6-6 senior is averaging almost 13 points and six rebounds per

Wallace is among OVC leaders with his 80 percent free throw shooting. He leads the Blue Raiders in three-point

shooting with a .404 percentage. Although posting impressive stats, the Raiders started slow this season and currently have an overall record of

"It's hard losing," said Wallace. "It fell on our shoulders, but everyone is growing and learning, making it easier at

the end. Indeed, the Raiders have won in two of their last three outings. In doing so, the Raiders clinched an OVC playoff berth against the Morehead State Eagles, a team they are undefeated against this season.

Wallace is one of the few Blue Raiders who does not plan on pursuing a career in professional basketball. He plans on working in a hospital in the future.

Along with teammate Gerald Harris, Wallace will play in his last regular-season home game Saturday when he takes the floor against the Tennessee State Tigers.

MTSU hosts Hornets, Tigers

Assistant Sports Editor

Having completed an impressive weekend sweep of Austin Peav and Murray State, the MTSU Blue Raiders return to Murphy Center tonight to take on the Alabama State Hornets.

The Hornets bring a fastpaced ballclub to Murfreesboro tonight, a ballelub featuring former Raider Steve Rogers.

Rogers scored 28 points

Hornets blasted MTSU in Montgomery, 107-97. The 6-5 junior was subsequently named Sports Illustrated Player of the Week.

Saturday, the Raiders play host to the Tennessee State Tigers in MTSU's home finale.

MTSU lost to TSU 2-0 in the OVC's first-ever basketball forfeit on Jan. 15.

If MTSU defeats TSU and Morehead State loses

earlier in the season as the to both Murray State and Austin Peay over the weekend, the Raiders will host Morehead in a firstround OVC tournament game in Murphy Center. Otherwise, MTSU must travel to Morehead for the

Both the Alabama State and Tennessee State games will be played in MTSU's Murphy Center.

Tipoff for both games is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ■

Blue Raiders shock Racers

Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raiders traveled to Murray, Kv. Monday evening with fire in their eyes to avenge an earlier 80-71 loss in MTSU's "Glass House" at the hands of the Murray State Racers.

The Raiders, faced with an opportunity to prevent Murray from winning the OVC championship outright, demonstrated that

their earlier defeat. MTSU defeated Murray in Racer Arena 81-76.

The Raider victory ended MSU's 14 home game winning streak, a streak that was tied for the longest in

"This team has been under more adversity than any other I've ever seen, said Raider Head Coach Bruce Stewart. "But they've kept their heads up and be-

they had improved since lieved in themselves. I'm proud of what they've been able to accomplish."

The Raider fire was dampened early by Murray guard Paul King. King hit a three-pointer to pace Murray to an 11-3 lead four minutes into the game.

Freshman sensation Robert Taylor scored five straight points to key a Raider comeback. Senior

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MTSU trio says farewell to basketball

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

On Saturday at 5:30 p.m., three Lady Raiders will step onto the floor of MTSU's Murphy Center for the last time.

After playing 11 collective years of MTSU basketball, Marla Suzanne Davenport, Christy Lynn Scruggs and Stephanie Lynn Capley will make their final homecourt appearance.

Davenport began her MTSU career as a walk-on.

"I was in culture shock, coming from Viola [Tennessee] to here," said the 6-1 senior. "There are so many people here. You could fit all of Viola's population right here in Murphy Center.

"I think sticking with it for four years, I set out to do what I wanted to. I'm not a quitter."

"I admire Marla for sticking with it for four years without getting paid for it," said Capley, referring to Davenport's walk-on status.

Davenport began receiving a partial scholarship as a junior.

Like Davenport, Scruggs also walked on as a Lady Raider.

"When I walked on, I just wanted to get some playing time," said Scruggs. "That's what I wanted to do, and I did it."

Indeed she did. The Murfreesboro native scored a mere 10 points as a freshman. During her sophomore year she scored 40, and during her junior year she scored 225. Scruggs has scored 102

points in 17 games this sea-

"I had no intention of playing basketball when I came here," said Capley. "I wanted to play college ball, but I was married and had been out a year.

"I thought 'I'm never going to start. I'm going to sit the bench."

During her freshman year however, Capley did everything but sit the bench. The Mt. Juliet native started all 30 games during her rookie season, and scored 11.2 points and snared 6.7 rebounds per game.

The three seniors have been an integral part of MTSU's success during the last four years.

During their time here at MTSU, the Lady Raiders have compiled a record of 72-36. Three times they have finished at the top of the OVC. Three times they have played in the OVC tournament. They have played in the NCAA tournament once.

Although their basketball careers here at MTSU are packed with winning moments, the threesome have no trouble disagreeing on their best memory as Lady Raiders.

"The first year Coach Bivens coached, everyone kept saying we couldn't win," said Davenport. "We played in the Alumni Memorial [Gymnasium] and beat [Tennessee] Tech for the conference championship."

"Winning the conference was such a good feeling,"



Lee White •Staff

Pictured from left are Marla Davenport, Christy Scruggs and Stephanie

Capley. The trio will be playing in their last basketball game Saturday.

agreed Scruggs. "It was awesome."

This year marks the first time in MTSU history that the Lady Raiders will post a losing record. With only three games left, the Lady Raiders are 10-14.

"We have a whole new crew this year," said Scruggs. "We've had more 'ball-sense' in the past than we have now.

"There's been times this season when things don't go right, and you think about just throwing in the towel. But we just kept on going."

"In 1987, everybody told us how terrible we were,"

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Christy Scruggs



File Photo

Marla Davenport



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Stephanie Capley

Lady Raiders knock out Murray

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

In the OVC version of the Buster Douglas-Mike Tyson fight, the MTSU Lady Raiders took several hard punches from the Murray State Lady Racers, but refused to stay down, ultimately knocking MSU out of the game 71-65.

"I really thought our defense played great," said MTSU head coach Lewis Bivens. "It was a great performance for the kids, and a great win for us tonight."

The Lady Raiders, who have defeated MSU in two of the only three losses the Lady Racers have suffered on their home court in the last three years, started in on Murray early.

MTSU opened the game with an 11-4 run and built an eight-point lead with 13:17 left in the first period. That's when Murray began punching.

The Racers forced 15 MTSU turnovers, and held the Lady Raiders to 35 percent from the field and 17 percent from the line in the first half. The Racers took their first lead of the game with 6:04 left in the period on a jumper by Melissa Huffman, and cruised to a 33-28 halftime lead.

While the Lady Raiders ended the half in a stagger, they roared out of the locker room for the second stanza

MTSU outscored Murray to open the second half 20-4. With 13:35 left, the Lady Raiders led 44-37. Once again however, the Lady Racers responded with a scoring flurry.

Taking advantage of nine second-half Lady Raider turnovers, Murray outscored MTSU 18-4, and led 55-48 with 6:26 left in the contest. But once again, the Lady Raiders picked themselves up from the floor.

Led by junior Stephanie Capley, MTSU blasted Murray 23-10 down the stretch. Capley scored 15 points in the second half and seven in the final two minutes of ther game. Nine of MTSU's last 11 points were scored from the char-

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Capley closing in on 1,000

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

The first time that it happened was on December 4, 1978

That was the night Sharon McClannahan became the first Lady Raider to ever score 1,000 points in a basketball season. McClannahan ultimately finished her career with 1,464 points.

Since McClannahan's days at MTSU, only five other Lady Raiders — Holly Hoover (1981-1984), Jennifer McFall (1981-1985), Kay Willbanks (1983-1987), Kim Webb (1983-1987) and Tawanya Mucker (1985-1989) — have hit the 1000-point mark.

Although they have all long-since graduated, those six ladies became part of an exclusive MTSU fellowship: the Lady Raider 1000point club.

On Saturday evening, another Lady Raider will earn herself a place in that club and forever inscribe her name in the record books as one of the greatest to ever play basketball for the MTSU Lady Blue. That Lady Raider is Stephanie Lynn Capley.

Capley came to MTSU in 1987. Capley started in all 30 games her freshman year. Coming into the season, she averaged 11.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

The Mt. Juliet native has started 22 of 24 games this season. She leads the team in scoring, averaging 14.3 points per game. The junior also leads the team in blocked shots with nine.

Capley started the season having scored 638 points. In 24 games this season, she has scored 355 points to give her 993 heading into Saturday's game against Tennessee State. Should the 6-1 forward maintain her current pace as a slow starter and fast finisher, she will break the 1000-point barrier with approximately 13:06 left in Saturday's

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guard Gerald Harris hit a jumper at the 11:57 mark to give the Raiders a 15-14 lead, their first of the contest.

Murray and Middle battled back and forth, with each squad posting several runs before ending the half tied at 38-38.

The Raiders came out of the locker room ready to play. Senior forward Kevin Wallace outscored MSU 11-9 in the opening five minutes of the final half. The run gave the Raiders a slim 51-47 lead.

MSU bounced back with an 11-2 run, retaking the lead with 11:14 remaining. Although playing the OVC champions on the road in a noisy gym, the Raiders didn't back away. Harris nailed a trey with 4:35 in the middle of a 12-0 MTSU run to knot the score at 70-70. MTSU continued to batter Murray, and took a 76-70 lead with 2:52 remaining.

MSU attempted to come back, but the Raiders refused to fold down the stretch. MTSU serenaded the Racers with string music as they hit seven of eight from the charity

Wallace led all scorers for the evening with 26 points. Taylor finished with 15, Quincy Vance put in 13 and Harris ended the evening with 10.

MTSU hosts Trevecca

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

MTSU plays its first home game of the baseball season tomorrow against Trevecca.

MTSU is 18-4 against Trevecca, and defeated the Trojans twice last year by scores of 12-9 and 11-3.

Both teams will be looking for their first win of the season. Trevecca is coming off of an 8-0 loss to Vanderbilt, and MTSU is fresh off of a 2-1 decision at the hands of South Alabama.

The game will be played at MTSU's Smith Field, and will begin at 2:00 p.m. ■

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said Davenport. "So we pulled together and won. This year they told us the same thing. I think we started believing it there for a while."

In spite of the fact that their careers here at MTSU are drawing to an end, the three athletes are somewhat relieved.

"It's been a lot of hard work, but I wouldn't trade it for anything," said Davenport. "Some of the people in Viola have never been anywhere. I've been everywhere. Some of the best friends I've ever had have been right down there on that [Murphy Center gymnasium] floor.

"I'm not ashamed to say I'm glad it's all over. It's time to move on. I'm ready to go on, to get on with my

Davenport is a math major with minors in secondary education and coaching. She will graduate in December, and hopes to

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MTSU shot only 37.1

percent from the field on

the game and only 18.2 per-

cent from three-point range

on the evening, but out-

rebounded Murray

ity stripe.

teach high school algebra.

"I'm ready to get out of college and get a job," said Scruggs, an office management major. "I would just love to get a job working somewhere like Nissan, doing the basics.

"They don't take office managers out of college. I'd like to get some experience and move up." Scruggs will graduate in May of 1991.

Capley, who came to MTSU on a full scholarship, has one year of eligibility remaining, but states that she has decided to concentrate on her studies and graduate instead of continuing in basketball.

"I'd like to get my CPA as soon as possible as scon as I get out," said the 6-1 junior. "My goal is to try to get an interview with Arthur Anderson. Just about everyone would like to do that, but it's a dream of mine.

"Anything's possible if you put your mind to it. I

33.Capley led all players with 25 points on the night. Junior forward Pippa Gip-

son tallied 10 points and 10 rebounds. Junior center Becky Hall scored 10 points

think I'll enjoy it no matter where I work." Capley will join Scruggs in walking the stage for her diploma in May of 1991.

On Saturday, the Lady Raiders have a chance to make MTSU's critics eat their words. If the Lady Raiders defeat Tennessee State's Tiger Gems, they will once more clinch an OVC tournament berth, and perhaps another crack at arch-rival Tennessee Tech.

"They [Tennessee Tech] will not beat us again," said Scruggs. "God, just talking about it gets me pumped

Defeating the 20-3 nationally-ranked Eaglettes on their home court in the OVC championship would be a tall task. As Capley said however, "Anything's possible if vou put vour mind to it."■

and grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds.

"I thought Becky Hall did a heck of a job on the boards," said Bivens. "She's playing like I think she's capable." ■



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OVC Championships Saturday

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

MTSU will host the OVC indoor track and field championships Saturday in the Murphy Center, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

MTSU's undefeated Lady Raiders will take the home track for the last time this season, and will be seeking to dethrone defending champion Murray State.

"It's a matter of our youth against their veterans," said Raider head coach Dean Hayes. "Murray has a veteran team and a lot of upperclassmen. [Diane] Woodside, [Stephanie] Saleem and [Valerie] Bowser are their big guns."

The Lady Raiders will also receive stiff competition from Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State.

"In this meet, Eastern will hurt us in events where we could get Murray," said Hayes. "It'll make the meet yery tough to win."

Woodside is the favorite to win the long jump competition, but her best of the season, 20'2½", is only 4 inches better than that of MTSU's Michelle Welch. Joining Welch in the event

are teammates Kyieta Beason and Koko Rowley.

Beason, the defending OVC champ in the triple jump, will team up with Welch against Murray's Natasha Brown and Felicia Upton in the event.

Murray's Dawn Woodside and Dede Jackson are favored to finish first and second in the shotput competition. MTSU junior Krista Hare, last year's outdoor high jump champion, will square off against Murray's Jenille Kelly, last year's indoor champ in the event.

Diane Woodside is the favorite in the 55-meter hurdles, with a season best of 7.98 seconds, only .12 seconds better than Rowley's best. Eastern's Michelle Westbrook also figures to place in the event.

Saleem will be joined in the 55-meter dash by TSU's Derica Dunn and MTSU's Welch and Jennene' Cody.

The 200-meter dash promises to be a free-forall. Saleem is the favorite, but should be challenged by Upton, Dana Petty of Eastern, the defending champion in the event, MTSU's Welch and Cody and TSU's Janu Williams. Anna Cherry of Murray is the favorite in the 400-meter dash, but will have to outrun teammate Valerie Bowser, Eastern's Tasha Whitted and TSU's Deanna Dillard to win the event.

In the 800-meter, Bowser will compete against Eastern's Twynette Wilson and MTSU's Leigh Weathers and Elissa Davis.

Lisa Malloy of Eastern, the defending champion in the mile and 3000-meter runs, will once more try for a distance double. MTSU's Karen Barnes and Sharon Smith will be joined by Eastern's Carena Winters and Robin Webb in the mile. Smith will be joined by teammate Kaiya Thomas in the 3000-meter, along with Eastern's Tama Clare and Jamie Gorrell.

Murray is favored to win both the mile and 2-mile relay, although MTSU should push the Lady Racers in the latter.

"I think the quality of the meet is much higher this year," said Hayes. "I think we're a lot better than we were. Murray's a lot better than they were.

"The key is the field events." ■

Blue Raider netters take on Governors in season opener

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

The MTSU men's tennis team opens their 1990 dual match season Saturday in Clarksville against the Austin Peav Governors.

"The team is working real hard and is really together right now," said MTSU coach Dale Short. "I'm seeing some real good team unity and spirit."

The Blue Raiders are coming off of impressive showings at the OVC Indoor Championships and the Greg Adams Winter Invitational, performances that provided Short with some unexpected surprises.

MTSU's team of Johan Franzen and David Thornton have been promoted from the No. 2 to the No. 1 doubles team by Short.

"Johan and David have proved themselves capable of winning the No. 1 doubles position," said Short. "They're playing about as well as anyone on the team right now."

Also moving up for the Raiders is Robbie Williams, who has been promoted from No. 6 to No. 5 singles. Although Austin Peay is not considered to be one of the conference's front runners, Short and his Blue Raiders are not looking past the Govs.

"I expect that we'll dominate the No. 4, 5 and 6 positions, and maybe win them in straight sets," said Short.
"The top three positions will be close. I would give us the edge, but there could be some tough matches there."

The Raiders take the court against the Governors at 1:00 p.m. ■

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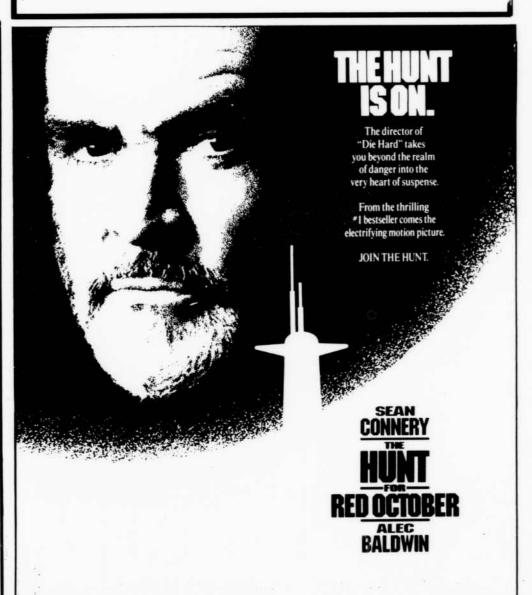
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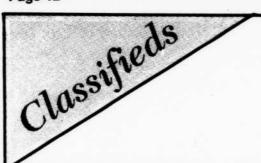
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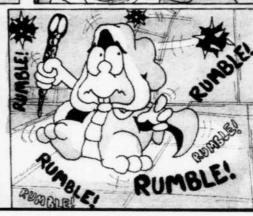
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