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Students Lee Phillips (at left in cap), Donna Hughes, Trace Gale, and Brenda Qualls (left to right), cheer radio station KDF's Carl P. Mayfield as he samples chili at the booth shared by Felder and Gore halls at the Chili Cook-off last night at The Boro. Channel 5 television personality Harry Chapman donned a tuxedo for the occasion.

## Hundreds attend

# Cook-off raises \$3,000

By BRIAN CONLEY  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Kappa Delta sorority, Cummings Hall, I Hall and Trotters took first place in their divisions at the Second Annual Chili Cook-off Homecoming Kick-off Classic for the Muscular Dystrophy Association last night at The Boro Bar and Grill.

The event, which attracted 24 entrants, raised over \$3,000 for MDA, Associated Student Body President Troy Baxter said.

In the greek division Kappa Delta placed first and Delta Tau Delta received second. A coordinated effort by Cummings and I Hall took first in the dorm division while Felder and Gore won second. Trotters won first place in the business division, and Ajax Turner took second place.

Alpha Omega Pi won the best theme trophy for the best-looking booth.

103 KDF radio personality Carl P. Mayfield was a judge in the event.

"This is wonderful," Mayfield said. "There are more people here than at the Nashville Chili Cook-off."

"I would estimate that about 900-1,000 people were here," Baxter said. "This year we doubled or even tripled the turnout last year, and everything goes to MDA."

Murfreesboro Mayor Joe B. Jackson; Frank Lee, criminal justice administration department chairman; Harry Chapman, co-host of Channel 5's *Talk of the Town*; and Joe Case, *Talk of the Town* co-host, also judged the event.

The judges expressed different views on what to look for in good chili.

"The first thing I looked at was the girl behind the counter,"

Mayfield said. "Seriously, I look for unsightly, foreign objects in my spoon. If I don't see any, I swallow it."

"I like spicy chili," Mayfield added. "I don't like chili that is too heavy — it needs a nice blend of spice and body. I found that in no more than three booths."

Chapman offered a different perspective on what exactly quality chili is.

"I look at consistency," Chapman said. "It can't be too runny, overcooked and not too thick, kinda like mother's homemade chili — a little spicy but not too hot."

"I don't like my nose on fire after I eat it," Chapman added.

Case said he liked a "basic" chili.

"I like no frills chili," Case said. "Nothing too hot or too cold. The greatest majority of chili here was real good."

## Fall flu season approaches

From Staff Reports

Flu season is approaching and the time to get a flu shot is now through November, officials at the Rutherford County Health Department said.

In Tennessee, high levels of flu do not occur until December and January, health department statistics show.

Influenza, commonly called flu, is an acute viral disease of the respiratory tract characterized by malaise, fever, chills, headaches, sore throat, aching, loss of appetite and a dry, hacking cough. It generally lasts from three to five days.

"It takes about two weeks for the flu vaccine to become effective, so now through the end of November is the time to get your shot," Dot Norris, nursing supervisor of the

Rutherford County Health Department, said. "Flu can be spread when infected persons cough or sneeze in the presence of others."

New studies indicate that the flu vaccine may become less effective after about three months. Since most flu cases occur in late December or January in Tennessee, health officials recommend that those who are at high risk for flu complications postpone getting the vaccine until November.

Persons at the highest risk for complications from the flu include nursing home residents, persons over 65 years-old, those with chronic disorders of the heart and lung and adults and children with long-term health problems.

In adults, one shot is sufficient

each year, but children 12 and under may need an additional shot within four weeks. The vaccine composition changes each year. However, both adults and children should receive a shot this year even if they had one last year.

Anyone who is allergic to egg protein should not get a vaccination at all. Those who have a fever or severe illness should postpone receiving the vaccine, Norris said.

"There are rarely side effects with the flu vaccine, but there is a possibility of redness, soreness or slight fever," Norris said.

The health department administers the vaccines for \$5. To receive a flu shot, contact your physician or the Rutherford County Health Department at 893-4422 for an appointment.

## MTSU security night shift deals with 'dregs'; most arrests do not involve students: officer

By BRIAN CONLEY  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Not many people interested in a B.A. or an M.A. are out on campus late at night.

However, the majority of arrests happen at this time, Sgt. Larry Nixon of campus security said.

"Very seldom do we arrest any students," Patrolman Brian Grisham of campus security said. "What we see are the dregs of the earth. Most of the people we arrest could not make the grades to get in here."

Every campus security officer has gone through the police academy, Grisham said.

"We are city-commissioned police officers," Grisham said. "This means if someone does something wrong on campus, we can follow them into the city to make the arrest or stop."

Grisham also explained the difference between the duties of security officers and student ticket writers.

"Ticket writers are students," Grisham said. "Patrolmen are not students and do not write parking tickets."

"We have better things to do than write tickets," Grisham said.

"This is a slow night," Grisham said.

11 p.m.-midnight — Officers prepare for the shift. Nixon and the other officers discuss how they are going to cover the campus.

"We float back and forth between shifts," Nixon said. "We know what the problem areas and times are."

"We know our hot nights for burglaries, and you do not know when we are out," Grisham said.

Midnight — Grisham left the security building, drove, parked and started watching the Bell Street parking lot.

Grisham used binoculars to scan

the lot, searching slowly up each row looking for odd, telltale movement or a suspicious person.

"The majority of auto burglaries are real simple," Grisham said. "They either open an unlocked door, or they break into the car."

"The 'smash-and-grabs' [where someone smashes a window and grabs something out of the car] are the hardest to catch, because it can happen anytime day or night and only takes a few seconds," Grisham said.

"People are 'shopping' [looking for cars to hit] all of the time," Grisham said.

Grisham outlined some of the programs security has implemented to deter burglars on campus.

"I recently finished marking all valuables in Cummings with an engraver," Grisham said. "It may not stop the burglar, but it is a deter-

rent. People need to have the identification numbers of valuables written down somewhere."

While he was talking, a girl got out of her car in the lot and started to go to her hall.

He watched her carefully as she walked across Tennessee Boulevard and into her dorm.

"When girls go out alone, or even in pairs, I always try to make sure they get to their dorm," Grisham said.

1:10 a.m. — Grisham began driving around campus.

1:45 a.m. — A Trans Am squealed its tires behind his unmarked car and tried to pass him on Loop Drive in front of Sims Hall.

Grisham called for Officer Richard Teague in a patrol car to make the stop, because Grisham did not want to blow the cover of the car he was driving.

## Honors lecture discusses realities of computer artificial intelligence

By JUNE-ELLEN SCHLIMMER  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Computers have knowledge but only a limited understanding, Ron Bombardi, an assistant professor in the philosophy department, said during a honors series lecture last Wednesday.

"Programs and memory banks are a temporary source of mechanical understanding," Bombardi said. "However the means of this understanding is humanistic and humans do not even fully understand their own intelligence."

Bombardi predicted that within 15 years a "computer shelf" will, when told the contents of a kitchen, be able to suggest other things to buy, and it will plan your menu.

In addition to the "computer

shelves," Bombardi predicted that in 50 years an automated teacher may be in use.

"This is all a little hard to believe," Bombardi said. "Some critics view artificial intelligence as impossible and even a paradox."

The progress in computers thus far has far surpassed what critics once found acceptable, Bombardi added.

When asked about the fact that computers only know what they are programmed by humans to know, he replied: "Lots of programming goes into human knowledge also."

Bombardi also pointed out that to do by hand what computers can do in seconds could take forever.

## McWherter: Illiteracy TN problem; proposes volunteers as a solution

From Staff Reports

Tennessee Speaker of the House Ned McWherter said in a press conference at Belmont College last Tuesday that he will create a "volunteer peace corps" to combat the problem of adult illiteracy in Tennessee.

"The problem of illiteracy," McWherter said, "touches rural and urban areas, the old and young, blacks and whites — all segments of society. It prevents our citizens from reading the help wanted ads,

and the blueprints and instructions they must understand to get good jobs."

Republican gubernatorial candidate Winfield Dunn has also spoken about illiteracy, and he has proposed programs to fight it.

"It's one of his big priorities," Ed Cromer, director of communication for the Dunn campaign, said.

He cited a Sept. 11 speech on education that Dunn gave. In his speech he announced his plan for "Read Tennessee."

"With Read Tennessee we hope to establish a literacy program in every county," Cromer said.

McWherter's plan would be funded through corporate donations, state funds and incentives like college credit.

"We've made the schools better,

but we haven't done enough to keep students from dropping out or to help those who have already dropped out," McWherter said.

"Young people in college would be ideal for this program, especially those studying for educators," McWherter said. "I would even encourage colleges to grant academic credit for a semester or two spent in the volunteer peace corps."

"We must increase funding," Cromer said, speaking of Dunn's program. "If necessary the coordination will come from the Governor's office itself. But it must also involve the private sector."

A half a million adults in Tennessee are illiterate. Tennessee is ranked next-to-last among the 50 states in literacy skills, McWherter said.

## Peck committee to decide on yearly award winners

By DEBORAH ROSE  
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Peck Award Committee will be meeting for the next few weeks to determine the winner of the annual Peck Award.

The Peck Award is given each year to MTSU English majors and is based on academic achievement, professional aims and written recommendations from the Peck Committee.

The winners each receive scholarships in the amount of \$1,250. There is also a \$500 award given to the graduating English major with the highest grade point average.

He added that the winners of this year's awards will be announced

later this month. The awards will be formally presented to the winners in November at a banquet.

The funds for these awards come from a special fund at MTSU. It was established in honor of Dr. Richard Peck, former chairman of the English Department, and Dr. Virginia Peck, professor of English until her retirement. Virginia Peck is still a member of the Peck Committee. The Peck Committee is responsible for deciding how many scholarships to award, as well as how much money will be given to students.

"Last year there were seven winners," Dean said.



Jim Kemp, Kenneth Wood, Hoss Cartwright, Larry Quesenberry and Rick Thomsen keep the fish line flowing at the annual Grand Slam Fish Fry last night.



## Campus Capsule

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Kappa Omicron Phi will be selling homecoming mums for \$6.75 and boutonnières for \$1.75 in the Keathley University Center outside the bookstore from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 7-10.

The MTSU psychology department will be offering a program for recently widowed women, to assist them in coping with the experience of being widowed. The workshop will be held once a week for six weeks. The weekly sessions will be scheduled from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information or to enroll in the program, call the MTSU psychology department.

RIM Writers will host a benefit for Greenpeace Wednesday, October 8th at E.J.'s beginning at 8 p.m.

An Aluminum Recycling Program is coming to the MTSU campus in October. Start saving your cans now. Proceeds will be used to fund student scholarships.

The MTSU chapter of Amnesty International will be holding its first general meeting on Thursday, October 9th in the Keathley University Center, room 312 at 3 p.m. All interested students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Sigma Delta Chi, The Society of Professional Journalists, will initiate new members, elect delegates to the national convention and hear a presentation by Diane Crabtree, MTSU graduate who is producer of the Scene at Six newscast pm Nashville's Channel 4, WSMV-TV, tonight at 6:30 in the Keathley University Center room 324. Initiates should be prepared to pay \$37.50 covering local and national dues. Present members may pay their \$10 local dues at the meeting.

The Bucksnort Trout Ranch will host a bluegrass show and fish fry on Saturday, October 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. Take I-40 West to exit 152 and follow the signs to the ranch. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

## Security

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"The possession of a knife within arms reach is carrying a dangerous weapon with the intent to go armed, a misdemeanor," Jack Drugmand, chief of campus security said. "Carrying weapons on school property is also a felony charge which carries a maximum sentence of five years and a fine not to exceed \$2,500."

Grisham gave the suspect a ticket for careless driving and confiscated the weapons.

2:30 — Grisham drove around campus.

2:40 — He stopped to check out a dome light left on in a car.

"I do that to check for forced entry or if something is obviously missing," Grisham said. "I also call the dispatcher and see if he can track the owner down to turn out the light."

Grisham explained that he could have given the student with the knives a Dean's Citation.

"A Dean's Citation is similar to a traffic citation," Grisham explained. "In a traffic citation you are cited to appear in court for a particular traffic violation. A Dean's Citation cites someone to Dean David Hayes [associate dean of men] who channels them through the appropriate campus discipline procedures to dispose of the case."

3:30 — Grisham follows a suspicious car around campus.

"It looks bad when a car drives into the lot, turns his lights out, and then drives out of the lot slowly," Grisham said.

Grisham followed the car for a few minutes before we broke off surveillance.

4:10 — We watched a parked car in Monohan lot because the driver of the vehicle had not exited his car and was sitting facing the parking lot towards Monohan. He later realized the driver was probably with a member of the opposite sex.

4:30 — Nixon called Grisham into the station.

4:45 to 6 a.m. — The officers sat around the stationhouse talking, filling out paperwork and getting ready for the day shift.

"Students do not realize what we do on campus," Grisham said.

## Homecoming court chosen

From Staff Reports

ASB President Troy Baxter announced the names of the five girls who will make up this year's Homecoming court during a reception at MTSU President Sam Ingram's home on Sunday.

"Vivian Perry, Feletha Eanes, Karen Johnston, Denise McKnight and Nora Jane Booth will represent MTSU this year as the Homecoming Court," Baxter said.

Perry, an 18-year-old sophomore from Savanah, Tenn., represents Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Eanes, a 20-year-old junior from Morris Chapel, Tenn., represents Gamma Beta Phi.

Johnston, a 21-year-old senior from Murfreesboro, Tenn., represents the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

McKnight, a 21-year-old senior from Jackson, Tenn., represents the Panhellenic Council.

Booth, a 20-year-old senior from Johnson City, Tenn., represents Alpha Delta Pi.

"We will not announce Homecoming queen until halftime of the game," Baxter said.

Elections for the Homecoming court were held last Wednesday and Thursday.

## COLLAGE CONTEST '86

Collage, the visual art and literature magazine of Middle Tennessee State University, is now accepting submissions for the Fall 1986 issue!!!

First Prize:\$25

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Categories:



Short Fiction (2,000 word maximum)  
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Poetry (no line limit)  
Black and White Photography  
Two-dimensional artwork  
Three-dimensional artwork

Each submission should include the name, p.o. box, and telephone number of the artist. Submissions can be brought to the Collage office in the James Union Building, room 306.

**Deadline for Submissions is October 20, 1986!!!**

For further information contact James Tucker, editor, at 898-2533, or in JUB room 306 on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 - 11:00.



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# Editorials

## San Diego fetus case raises legal, moral questions

### Fetus abuse violates law

Last week in San Diego, Pamela Rae Stewart was charged with fetal abuse for allegedly taking drugs during the pregnancy of her son who was born brain-dead.

The charges are the first criminal prosecution for charges of fetal abuse.

A toxicological report showed the presence of amphetamines in the boy's body, and the case was then turned over to the county police department.

Apparently Ms. Stewart was warned of the risk of taking drugs during her pregnancy and was in fact advised by her doctor not to take drugs.

Ms. Stewart contends that she did not take drugs during the pregnancy. If this is true, then what explains the presence of the drug in the boy's body?

If she did take the drugs, Ms. Stewart deserves everything that is coming to her in terms of a jail sentence.

Ms. Stewart obviously neglected the fetus by insisting on taking drugs even after being advised not to.

The issue of fetal abuse steps into the same ground as legalized abortion.

Abortions shouldn't be used as a means of birth control for a woman who simply refuses to take on the responsibility of raising a child.

Women should realize that they are responsible for not only their life, but the life of a person that has no control over what is done to him.

**CARLTON WINFREY**  
Sidelines Editorial Editor



### Fetus abuse charge absurd

Maybe it's easy for a male deputy district attorney to tell a woman how to live her life. But it shouldn't be legal.

A California woman whose son was born brain-dead with amphetamines in his body has been charged with "fetal abuse." She faces a year in jail if she is found guilty of the misdemeanor count of failing to provide medical treatment for her unborn child.

Let the theologians and the scientists argue about the moment when a fetus becomes viable, but don't threaten a woman's right to live her life as she pleases.

A pregnant woman has a moral responsibility to give the best care she feels capable of providing for her unborn child. But this is not, and should not be, a legal obligation.

Smoking, drinking, taking various legal and illegal drugs, and overexertion have all been cited as maternal behavior that may endanger the health of a fetus. Should we outlaw all of this behavior for pregnant women?

No, because each woman must be free to determine her own actions while she is pregnant — and while she is not.

If the government wants to help assure that the babies born in this country will be healthy, it should devote energy to educating women about proper prenatal care. Programs to help poor mothers receive proper care are a better use of taxpayers' money than vicious campaigns to jail "fetal abusers."

**CONNIE CASS**  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

## MTSU students should be concerned about the world around them

By **DON CUSIC**  
Dept. of Mass Communications

Environmental problems like toxic waste, acid rain and commercial exploitation of natural resources, as well as the problem of having world peace in a nuclear age with weapon build-ups, confrontational "diplomacy" and technological advances used to create even more deadly and sinister weapons are radical problems. Greenpeace offers radical solutions.

Greenpeace is an organization based in England, with an office in Washington, D.C. It is dedicated to using radical means to stop activities like slaughtering whales, sea

ships carrying nuclear weapons, corporations ruining rivers with pollution, the building of nuclear weapons and many other things harmful to the future of mankind. They don't back down and they don't back up, which is why they have emerged as one of the most potent and effective forces in the world today.

It has been said that students at MTSU are too conservative and not concerned with anything other than getting a job and acquiring a "comfortable" life. College students as a whole are often classified as self-centered, materialistic, career-orientated and non-ideological.

Some go as far as to question their basic intelligence and insist that students are more interested in their own little world than the world-at-large. They are more interested in what things people can do for them, instead of what they can do for others. It has even been said that most students don't know or care enough to be concerned or involved. I believe that this is an unfair assessment of college students in general, and MTSU students in particular.

My experience is that many students at MTSU are concerned about major issues and do want to

be activists, but feel thwarted in their attempts to do anything. In short, there are too few outlets. The student who wants to get involved with issues often looks around and finds no place to plug in. Yet they are concerned and wish to have an impact on their world like their 1960's counterparts did. Students know the world is scary and getting even more scarier. But they do want to be part of the solution, and not part of the problem. The question is: How can they do anything really meaningful?

The answers seem overwhelming until you realize that one small step

can be taken in the right direction. And when a number of people take that step, then take another one, then another, the solution begins to come into view. Emerson once said, "If a man plant himself on his convictions and then abide, the whole huge world will come around to him." This fact that one person can make a difference has been proven over and over again.

Amnesty International is now on campus making a difference by writing letters to help free political prisoners all over the world. While Greenpeace is not on campus, the money raised on Wednesday night

will affect issues all over this country and the world. It is a small step, but it is a step in the right direction.

If you attend the concert on Wednesday night, it will show you are interested in being active. And it is the activists who get things done. But don't think your obligations end there — this activism should be a lifelong commitment. It should be a way of thinking, a way of acting, a way of seeing the world-at-large as well as your own small circle.

I encourage you all to take a step forward. The future of the world depends on you.

## Letters to the Editor

### Whose deciding what?

Dear Editor,  
I think that the general public needs to wake up and see what is going on around them. Moral decisions are being made for the general public by small, but loud groups of people. These small groups of people are forcing their moral views on the masses around them by simply letting their loud and obnoxious voices be heard over everyone else.

A prime example of this is found in Smyrna. A small group of people wanted to eliminate package stores from Smyrna and they did. Big Brother won because a small group of people were more interested in getting out and voting than the masses were.

In Smyrna, there are no package stores; in 7-11 stores there are no Playboys; in Walmart stores, there are no Rolling Stones. When will these small groups stop forcing their moral views on the whole society?

Never. They won't stop until the general public wakes up and takes enough interest in government to stop it. If the public does not wake up, someday a group of people will decide that going to the bathroom is nasty and immoral. Going to the bathroom will soon be illegal and we'll all explode when we are 50.

**Richard Delbridge**  
Box 4409

### What OVC champs?

Dear Editor,  
Boy...What a difference a year

makes!!!  
The Blue Raiders finished the 1985 football season a 11-1. They had a more than good enough team to win the Division I-AA National Championship in 1985, but they committed the cardinal sin of any sport, they got complaisant against Georgia Southern. Blue Raider head coach Boots Donnelly proved that he was a decent prognosticator, by predicting that Georgia Southern was a quality team that couldn't be disregarded. Did the boys in blue listen to the coach? No, and they got burned for it!

Coach Donnelly was correct — Georgia kicked in the OVC champ's teeth, dislocated the Blue Raiders brains, and severely bruised the winning attitude that should have

stayed in the Raiders heart and not gone to their heads. One would think that getting the punishment from the Eagles in the playoffs of the Division I-AA, would have put a little ice on the head swelling.

I guess that boys in blue thought that if they could go untouched in the OVC, then they could raid anybody. Georgia proved that that hypothesis was just a theory at most. They proved in 1985 that the Blue Raiders just got real lucky. Unfortunately, the Blue Raiders are proving that Georgia was correct.

Not to take anything away from the Blue Raiders that they haven't pushed away by themselves. Winning the OVC for the first time in twenty years was great, but it only last for one-half of a year — not

the rest of the team's life. The OVC championship means a lot for school morale, but it doesn't mean crap to the rest of the nation. The national championship does mean something to the rest of the nation. You hear about the national champs. They get their names in the record books and they last for years as the team that won the national championship. Who is Middle Tennessee? Who cares who won the OVC except for the school — so what?

The publicity goes to the year after year winning 9-2, 8-3 teams. The Eastern Kentucky Universities, the Georgia Southern and the national championships, not to the team that rent the penthouse for three seasons and then move back to the basement. The nation doesn't care about them, only the team school does. All the real national publicity is in the national championship.

The Blue Raiders gave their ticket to notoriety to Georgia Southern in 1985. With the way the Raiders are playing this year, the party will be over before they even find out where the tickets are sold. Some of the football players claimed that Georgia Southern took something that belonged to the Raiders in the 1985 playoff game. With the way the Raiders are playing this year, I agree with them, but Georgia Southern didn't take away the national championship for the Raiders; no, they took away the Raiders' winning pride. The Raiders unfortunately have taken away more of that pride, including the winning pride of the school.

A person with any sports sense would think that the Blue Raiders would be out to prove in 1986, that they had made a mistake of looking past anybody. One would think that they would realize that as of the new football season, they were no longer the OVC champs, really. They would have to prove themselves just like all the other teams in the conference.

Well, the Blue Raiders are proving that the person with any sports sense is wrong. Apparently the Blue Raiders kissed their OVC rings a few too many times. The boys in blue must have felt that even though they lost to TSU and GSU, they could still push over any OVC school. Surprise, the Raiders have found out that they are the only pushovers in the OVC.

On the afternoon of Sept. 28, Eastern Kentucky proved that the Raiders were going to be a pushover with a convincing 28-3 TKO. Once again, Donnelly proved to be a good prognosticator.

Here, Blue Raiders football team, is a plea: start playing like the powerhouse team you were once billed as. You men just about had MTSU on the road to major success. With the way you are playing now, you are boring to listen to, much less to watch on TV. You are fast becoming embarrassing to claim as a team.

In 1985, the Blue Raiders football team was a phrase of pride.

1986, Blue Raider football is a sure win to bet against.

**Hunter Dickson**  
MTSU Alumnus

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# Southern women are God's final gifts to man

Greetin's y'all. My name is Bobby Ray Barrett, and I run Bobby Ray's all-night, one-stop cut bait shop and tire store in beautiful downtown Bugtussle, Tennessee.

Now y'all may be askin' yourselves, "why in the world is he writin' for our paper?"

Well you see, my second-cousin is Rodney King, the ole' boy who usually writes this column. Unfortunately, he can't write today.

See he and his girlfriend broke up, and he got this fool notion in his head. He's said he was gonna drink all the see-through liquor

south of Statesville. Well he did, and that's why I'm writing this.

Y'all may as well get used to hearin' from me, because he goes through this about once a month. That's enough about his problems.

I'm mad as can be about this here Miss America thing. See this pretty lil' darlin' from Memphis State goes up against all these high falootin' Yankee girls and pretty much kicks their butts. Now they're all upset, because they think they deserved it.

Now anybody will tell you that the idea of that is stupid. Having dated both Southern belles and

Yankee girls, I feel imminently qualified to write about this.

See, I believe a Southern woman is God's last miraculous gift to man. It's like he looked down and said, "Here comes the good stuff." I mean compare the differences.

The average Southern girl is the most friendly creature on earth. She can smile and melt the heart

of the most determined bachelor.

A Yankee girl, on the other hand, generally smiles like the man who's

about to foreclose on your house. Her disposition is bad. She acts like she woke up and brushed her teeth with Preparation H.

Most Southern girls are incredibly beautiful. While writin' this, I met these two Southern belles from Dickson named Tianna and Vickie, and you talk about pretty. I thought two angels had come down from heaven to take me away. I've seen some Yankee girls who looked good, but I still think I'd have to pick a Southern girl everytime.

Now, some of y'all may be sayin', "Bobby Ray you are just prejudiced against Yankee girls." You're right.

I fell for a Yankee girl, and it was serious. I even let her drive my pick-up truck. There ain't no greater love. Her only fault was that she didn't shave her legs. I begged and pleaded with her, but it wasn't no use. Finally I had to let her go.

I mean, the fleas on my dog, Pos-

sum, kept gettin' in the hairs on her legs. Now I coulda kicked the dog outa the bed and saved my girl's love, but you just don't do that. Last I heard, she was a stunt double in the movie, "Bigfoot — Man or Myth."

That's all on this end. Rod will be back next week. Til then, keep it country.

By Rodney King  
**One For the Rest of Us**  
Sidelines Columnist

## The glorious coming of fall

The leaves are starting to fall off the trees again. Nothing special I guess; nothing more than what has happened every year since the evolution of deciduous trees several odd million years ago. It is still a welcome sight for those who love fall.

In September, we see the yellow jackets start to hang around the trashcans and our picnics. The social order of their nests has broken down, and they're gorging themselves before the first frost takes its toll. And also in September the leaves begin to change color and

across the yard is also a good fall sound.

In October, fall is in full swing. The days and nights are cool, and jackets and sweaters begin to appear. The sun is bright in a blue sky, and streets like East Main become colorful thoroughfares that beg to be walked down.

October is also a time for drives in the country. Those who love the changing of the leaves use bizarre formulas and strategies to try to determine the exact weekend that the colors are perfect. One weekend before or after and the 'effect' is gone. If picnics are good in April, they are perfect in October.

But in November, the leaves are gone and the rains come — especially in Murfreesboro. Sometimes, though, autumn can drag itself out well past Halloween and into Thanksgiving. And in others it ends soon after the day of spooks and goblins. But with November the rains come, and the dreary cold weather that will only be relieved in the last days of March starts. Time for the land to sleep.

## Why do students pay for college and hope the professor is late?

Education is one thing some are willing to pay for and not receive.

How many of you would make car payments on a non-existent automobile? Do you shop for groceries, pay for them and leave them at the supermarket? Imagine buying a plane ticket you couldn't use! Do you pay a

Why is it some are willing to take amphetamines in order to cram all night for an exam even knowing that the material will not be retained? (Often the goal is not "learning" but a certain grade.)

There is no shortcut to learning. No pain — no gain. The character Hagar in the comic

By Dale Dworak  
**The Backroom**  
Sidelines News Editor

There is something about fall that cannot be equaled by any of the other seasons. It is the radiant red of maple trees, the smell of burning leaves and the feeling that the land is becoming drowsy — preparing itself for a six-month sleep.

Fall comes slowly at first. In the latter part of August, we begin to see the birds gather nervously as they wait for the inner signal that will tell them that it is time to leave.

As a kid, I always hated raking leaves. Why rake something into neat little piles and then bag it and set it out for the garbagemen to take? I always liked the idea of leaving them to the will of the wind — let it take them where it would. Walking through a swirling cloud of wind-blown leaves makes me think that it should be illegal to rake them up. And the dry, raspy noise they make as they chase each other

Sondra E. Wilcox  
**Faculty View**  
Professor of Health Education

repairman who never shows up to fix an appliance? Certainly not — you're not stupid — your mother never birthed a moron!

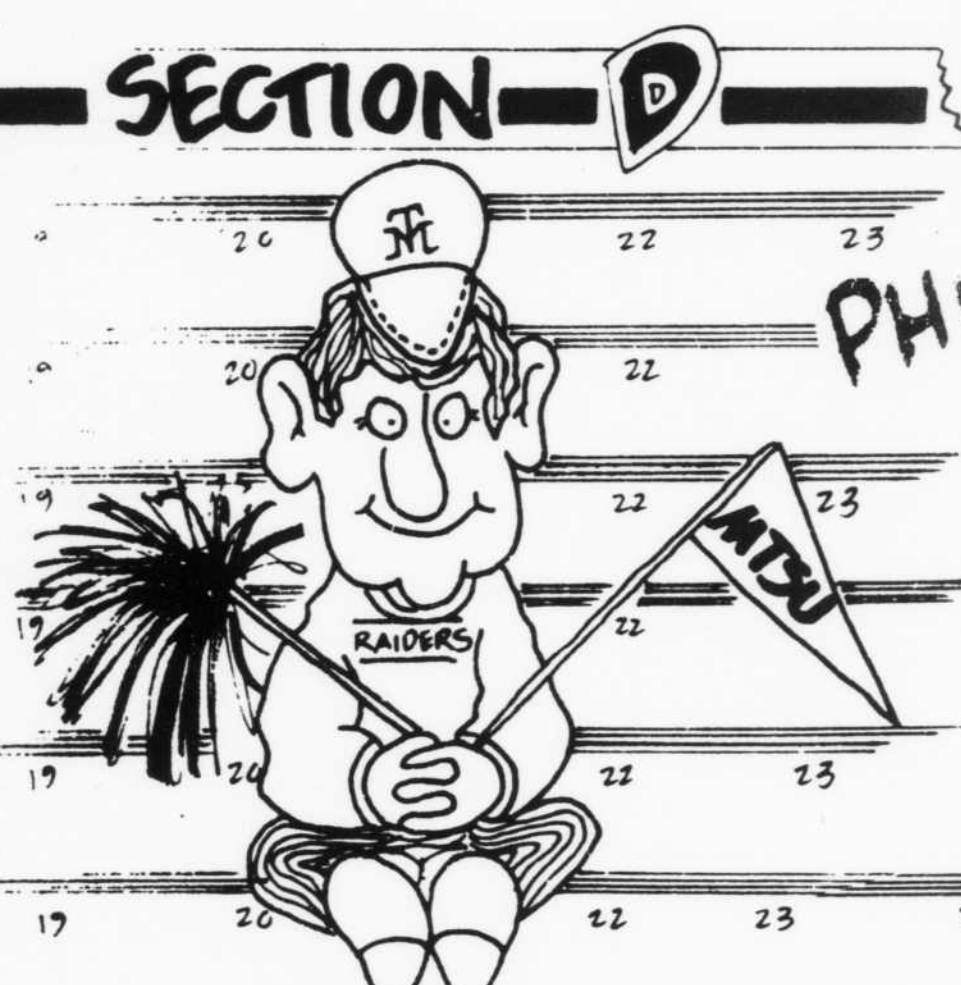
Why is it that some persons are willing to pay tuition for college courses and pray the professor is late — or hope the professor is late — or tells enough funny stories — or entertains you well — anything to keep a student from achieving the task of covering the material?

strip says: "Don't tell me! I was eighteen once ... In fact, I was eighteen twice ... going on three times!"

That's how I know. I was a college student. I was 18 once, twice.... In many ways, I made some of the same mistakes you're making. Now I wish I knew everything about everything! Too late smart!

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# Art / Entertainment

## Guthrie prefers homelife

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)-Folksinger-songwriter Arlo Guthrie, whose name and smash hit "Alice's Restaurant" made him a star in 1967, says he prefers to stick close to home these days.

Guthrie, son of the late Woody Guthrie, is 39 now, and he has been on tour for most of the year.

to symbolize the counter-culture of the 1960s. "I don't much want to spend weeks at a time away from my wife and kids anymore."

Guthrie has been married to Jackie Hyde since 1969. They have four children.

He left Warner Brothers Records, his label of 16 years, three years ago and decided against signing with another industry giant.

"I've never been too glitzy," Guthrie said.

His latest album, "Someday," was recorded near his Washington, Mass., home through his own label, Rising Son Records. The album is sold at Guthrie's concerts.

"That's the only way it's available, or by mail," Guthrie said. "We've started our own record company. Why not? I never made any money making records anyway. I make my living with my shows, always have."



Members of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority work on their Homecoming float in the barn behind the Kappa Sigma house.

## Latest British film contains superb acting, dry humor

By ANDREW TURMAN  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Another British film has sneaked into American theaters and "A Room with a View" is the best yet.

The story begins with Lucy Honeychurch (Helena Bonham-Carter), a young girl from a respectable family, who is on vacation in Italy with a relative, Miss Bartlett, an old maid played by Maggie Smith. Their immediate concern is that they do not have a room with a view.

The women are voicing this concern at dinner, and a Mr. Emerson offers to give the ladies the two rooms that he and his son occupy. After discussing the social propriety of such a proposal, Lucy and Miss Bartlett accept.

Lucy is intrigued by Mr. Emerson's enigmatic son George. He rescues her one afternoon when she faints in the town square after viewing a stabbing, and they begin to talk. During an outing to a nearby farm, Lucy discovers George standing in a field overlooking the city. Without saying a word, and foregoing the usual social conventions, George takes her into his arms and kisses her. Unfortunately, Miss

Bartlett interrupts their important moment, and she ensures that they see little of each other throughout the remainder of the trip.

A few months later, in England, George and his father move into Lucy's neighborhood. George learns that Lucy is engaged to Cecil Vyse, a stereotypical, proper prig of the British elite. Again, George takes Lucy into his arms and kisses her, and he tells her that Cecil is not interested in her as a person.

### Review

Cecil wants to marry her because she is so beautiful, and she would make a nice possession. She would be something to exhibit. Eventually, Lucy realizes her love for George and she breaks her engagement.

The movie is an adaptation from a novel by E.M. Forster. It is another collaboration by director James Ivory, producer Ismail Merchant and screenwriter Ruth Prawer Jhabvala. Their previous works include "The Bostonians," "The Europeans" and "Heat and Dust."

The acting is superb. Julian Sands plays the aloof character of George, and Denholm Elliot (who gets to show more of his ability than when he played the butler in "Trading Places") is his transcendentalist father. Daniel Day Lewis is the quintessential caricature of the "English gentleman", and really gives an outstanding performance.

I liked everything about this film. The editing was tight, the film quality, combined with picturesque scenery of England and Italy, was great. Overall, this is a good movie. The director makes an interesting use of title slides, which explain the story as it progresses, ensuring that even the dim-witted can understand what is happening. The movie is dryly humorous, and the dialogue is quite entertaining.

This movie is not just another love story. It focuses on the problems of the British class system, and the struggle of people to maintain a balance of thought and passion in their lives. If you enjoy intelligence and love in cinema, along with the wry, ironic humor of the English, go see it.

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## Cast for 'Inherit the Wind' includes students, faculty

By MONA VINSON  
Sidelines Entertainment Editor

As a part of Homecoming '86 and MTSU's 75th anniversary celebration, the MTSU Department of Speech and Theatre will present "Inherit the Wind." The cast will consist of students and faculty.

"This is the first time we've had open auditions here," Deborah Anderson, director, said. "It's such a large play, and we needed a lot of talent. Plus, it's a nice thing to do for the 75th anniversary."

"A lot is to be gained through this two-way street," MTSU Public Relations director Dot Harrison said of the student and faculty cast. "It's very healthy for both groups." Harrison is one of the faculty who will participate in the play.

The cast includes approximately

35 members, six are MTSU faculty members.

"We don't have 29 male majors interested in acting," Anderson said. "We have three times as many women (to act) as men."

"The play was chosen, because I was told it would be nice to do something that had to do with Tennessee," Anderson said. "It happens to be a favorite play of our Department Chairman James Brooks."

"The history of the whole play is fascinating," Anderson added.

"Inherit the Wind," written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, is a portrait of an explosive episode in American culture. The drama details the events of the famous Scopes trial of Dayton, Tenn. in 1925. A young teacher is brought

to trial for violating the state's law against teaching Darwinian evolution.

Many of the characters in the play are based on actual historical figures. Thomas Scopes is represented by the character of Bertram Cates. The defense attorney, Clarence Darrow and the prosecuting attorney, William Jennings Bryan are represented by Henry Drummond and Matthew Harrison Brady, respectively. H.L. Mecken is represented by E.K. Hornbeck.

Costuming for the play will be done by Virginia Ann Donnell of the MTSU speech and theatre department.

Michael D. Sniderman, a member of the speech and theatre department, will design the scenery and props.

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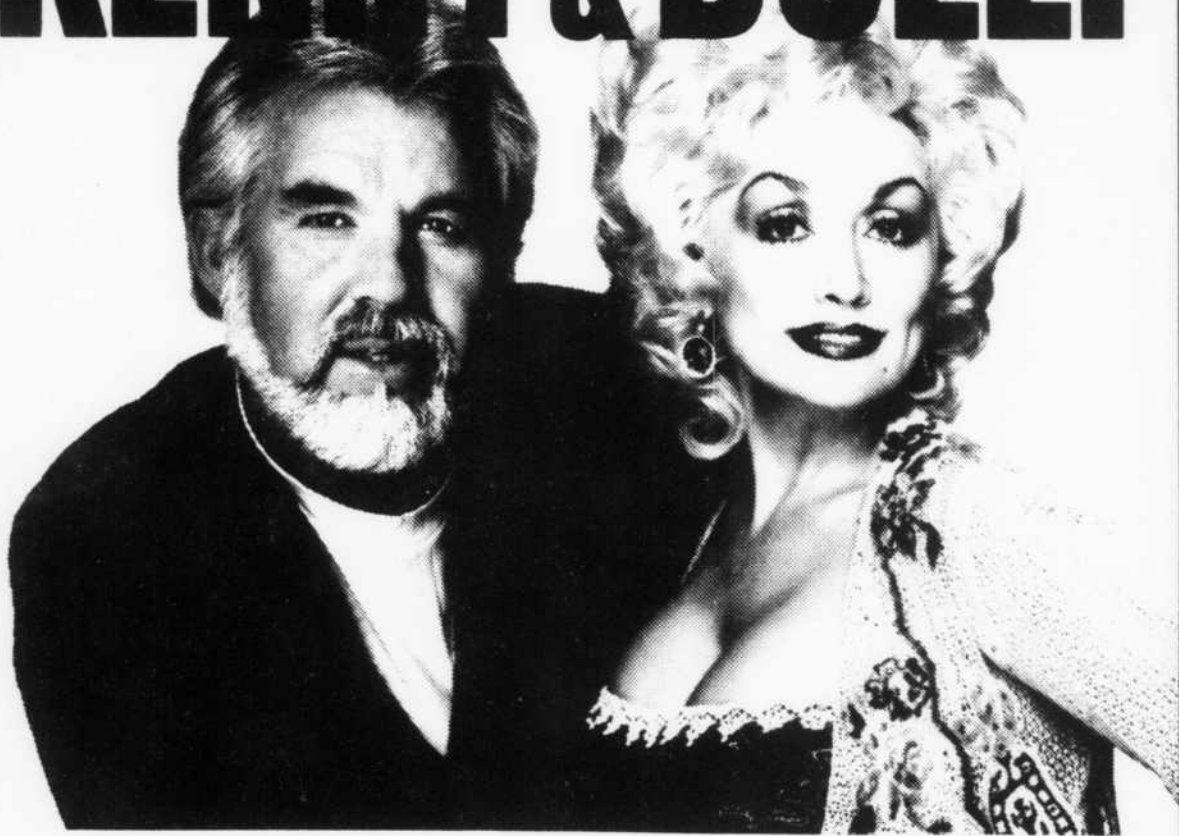


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# Sports

## Austin Peay scores in overtime to win 7-0

By ANDY REED  
Sidelines Sports Writer

CLARKSVILLE — MTSU saw all reasonable hope of defending its Ohio Valley Conference championship crumble Saturday night when Mike Lewis rushed 25 yards on the first play of overtime to give Austin Peay a 7-0 shutout of the Blue Raiders.

Lewis' run around the right side gave the Governors a 3-1 record in their OVC opener. MTSU suffered its fourth straight loss after a season-opening win and dropped to 0-



MTSU freshman quarterback Van Dingler (center) is brought down by two defensive Governors during the first quarter.

### Goal ball sign-ups slated for October


By SHANE DAVIS  
Sidelines Sports Writer

Campus Recreation and the department of Handicapped Student Services are jointly sponsoring an unusual sport that might not be well known on this campus — goal ball.

Registration for goal ball begins Oct. 6 and Charlie Gregory, director of Campus Recreation, and John Harris, director of Handicapped Student Services, urge any organizations that are interested to please register for the unusual sport. Each team that competes will play the Handicapped Student Services team at least once. Harris said the reason for the tournament, which begins Oct. 20, "is to educate people about the game."

"Goal ball is a very unique and enjoyable game," Harris said. "It's a fun game and most who play it want to play more," Gregory added.

Goal ball originated in Europe during the early 1970's. It was created to give blind athletes a fun and challenging sport, Harris said. The game spread to the United States in 1976 and according to Harris, "has been growing steadily ever since."



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With the game scoreless after the first 60 minutes of play, MTSU won the toss and deferred, giving the Governors the ball on the Raider 25. After Tom McMillan's extra point, MTSU could not move the ball on four plays as the game ended with quarterback Van Dingler being sacked for a 10-yard loss.

"It wasn't a secret play. They ran it nine times during the game and got nothing," Donnelly said of Lewis' game-winning score. "The (defensive) call was right. We just

didn't execute."

Though it was another defeat for the struggling Blue Raiders, Coach Donnelly said Saturday's contest was played with much more intensity than before.

"We played hard, just not well enough to win, and that's the bottom line," Donnelly said. "We got the turnovers. We just couldn't cash them in."

The Raiders had two real chances to score during the contest, during which they gained 235 yards total offense.

Dick Martin was wide left on a 43-yard field goal attempt in the second quarter — Martin's first miss of the season in six attempts — after the Raiders had moved 45 yards on 10 plays in a drive set up by Roosevelt Colvard's recovery of a Dale Edwards fumble. Edwards' fumble was one of three APSU miscues recovered by MTSU, all in the first half.

The other opportunity came with 10:48 left in regulation when Gerald Anderson, playing for the first time in almost a month after separating a shoulder, was stopped on fourth-and-goal at the Governor 1-yard line.

"As it worked, I thought we needed seven and I thought we could get it," Donnelly said in explaining why he didn't send the field goal unit in. "I had called for the field goal and called it off. I've learned over the years to go with the gut feeling."

"As it was, we should've gone on and gotten the three."

Anderson was used sparingly — 11 carries — and rushed for 37 yards, often running from the same backfield with normal backup



Blue Raider defensive tackle Jack Pittman (60) breaks his way through the Governors' offensive line and puts the pressure on Peay quarterback Dale Edwards (6) in the third quarter.

Dwight Stone, who led the Raider rushers with 79 yards on 24 tries.

Donnelly said Anderson and Stone might be in the same backfield more often with Anderson at the fullback spot in place of Tony Burse, who was hampered by a compound fracture of the middle finger. Burse caught only one pass and had several others bounce off his normally sure hands.

Right guard Cecil Andrews also played and came out of the game in good shape, according to Donnelly. The All-OVC performer missed last week's Eastern Kentucky game with an injured elbow.

Quarterback Marvin Collier was

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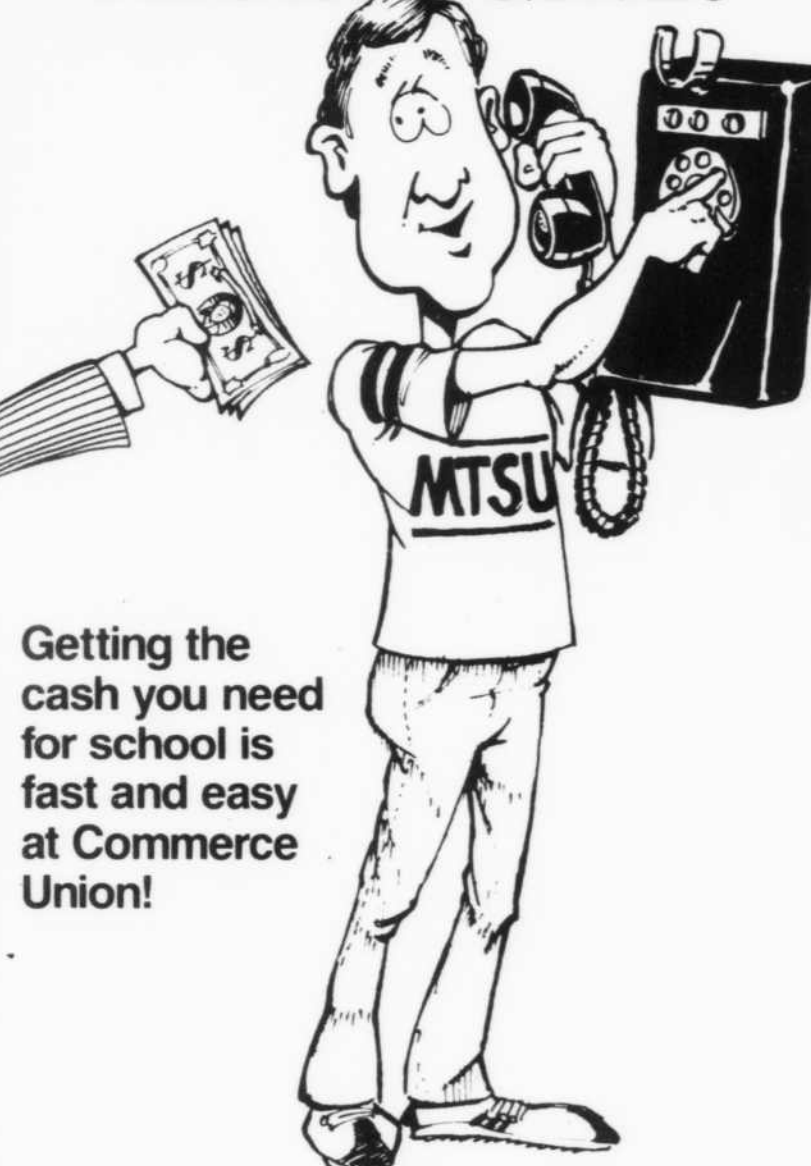
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# Retton retires from competing at 18

NEW YORK (AP)— Olympic star Mary Lou Retton says she will now concentrate on talking about gymnastics rather than competing in the sport.

"I've spent my whole life in the gym — 11 years of hard work," Retton, 18, said in announcing her retirement recently. "Now I have the rest of my life to do what I want."

Retton is attending the University of Texas, majoring in communications, and is close to signing a contract with NBC as a gymnastics commentator.

## Raiders

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held out of action again with a separated shoulder and could be out several more games, according to Donnelly, while linebacker Mick Mathis is also likely to be out for Saturday's Homecoming game with Akron with an injured shoulder.

MTSU freshman Van Dingler was once again treated rudely by the opposing defense, completing 5-of-15 passes for 48 yards and two interceptions. Edwards was 10-for-21 for 158 yards as the Gobs gained 343 yards on offense.

Just as the Blue Raiders had their

"We're close," Retton's agent, John Traetta, said during the news conference. "It's just a matter of time. We're concerned because she's so young."

"They (NBC) would like Mary Lou to participate (as a commentator) in all the gymnastics events they do up to and through the '88 Olympics" in Seoul, South Korea.

In the 1984 Los Angeles Games, the 4-10 Retton won the gold medal for individual all-around competition, bronze medals in the floor exercises and uneven parallel bars, and silvers in the vault and team competition. In 1984, she was named the AP's Female Athlete of the Year and Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year along with hurdler Edwin Moses.

"My decision to retire was based on my feeling that I have achieved the goals as a gymnast that I set out for myself years ago," Retton said.

"Ever since I was eight years old I wanted to compete. I thought I was at my peak in '84."

Mathis and Dejuan Buford each recorded a quarterback sack.

Buford, normally a cornerback, manned the free safety spot in place of Freeman Davis, who was dropped down to the second team. Darrien Thomas replaced Buford at left cornerback.

"I thought Darrien Thomas played extremely well," Donnelly said of the junior from Pascagoula, Miss., who made five tackles and broke up a pass.

"I thought Dejuan played well. He just missed a tackle in the overtime on the touchdown run," Donnelly said of the junior who prepped at Nashville's Antioch High.



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MTSU rugby players block a scoring attempt by team of the Rugby Club of Huntsville, Ala. MTSU lost the game 21-8.

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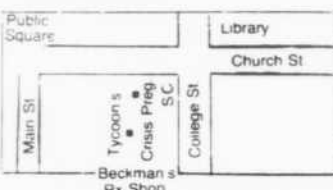
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