

1983 black enrollment below 1986 goal

By MAT WILLIAMS
Sidelines Associate Editor

A recent report by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission shows that MTSU's black student enrollment is 7.9 percent, 1.9 percent below its projected 1986 goal of 9.8 percent.

THEC Education Specialist David Wade said that MTSU had a total black student enrollment of 893 for the 1983

fall semester, and that the 7.9 percent ranks seventh among the state's 10 public four-year schools the State Board of Regents governs. The University of Tennessee ranks 10th.

THE THEC'S Desegregation Monitoring Committee reports regularly to a federal judge in Nashville who is overseeing the desegregation of Tennessee colleges and universities.

Of the entire black student population in Tennessee colleges and universities, the report shows that 60 percent attend three schools—Memphis State University, Tennessee State University and Shelby State Community College.

Wade said there are basically two reasons for the University of Tennessee's low black student enrollment.

"AS FOR UT, the most

frequently mentioned factors contributing to the decline [of black student enrollment] is the general condition of the state and national economy, and its disproportional impact on black students," he said.

Increasing MTSU's black student enrollment from 7.9 percent to 9.8 percent will not be an easy task, Phyllis Hickerson, director of minority affairs, said.

Hickerson said the university should do two things to make the goal more realistic: hire a black student recruiter and let the current black students know the university is genuinely interested in them.

ONE OF THE main points the THEC report made concerned MTSU's losing black students from Rutherford County and contiguous counties, particularly

Davidson. The loss appears to be related to competition with Tennessee State.

"If MTSU would put out a greater effort to make students feel they belong, the competition [with Tennessee State for black students] wouldn't be as great," Hickerson noted. "There's not as great an effort as there should be to attract black students [to MTSU]."

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Happy New Year

Photo by Russ A-Kann

Judd Hall residents seem to be in the Christmas spirit already, as this window banner proves, but will they have to censor the New Year's banners?

Fines revamped

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Parking tickets under the progressive fine system will be tallied on a semester basis with each semester's deadline ending on graduation date, University President Sam Ingram ruled Tuesday.

Controversy arose earlier this week when officials learned that the 1983-84 traffic regulations did not specify whether violations should be handled on a semester or a yearly basis.

THE COMPUTER Center, Campus Security and the University Traffic Committee said they believed the university was operating on a yearly basis—August to August—in connection with the parking decal period.

"The ASB and a number of students felt it should be a semester-by-semester basis," Ingram said.

Ingram asked Otis Floyd, his executive assistant, to review the 1983-84 traffic regulations earlier this week to determine which system would be used. Ingram said the provision for pulling decals was reviewed and found to be on a semester

basis.

"WE WILL SEE what happens. If we find the same people abusing in the first semester again in the second semester, we may consider changing it," Ingram pointed out.

Ingram said the decision may create some problems for the university administration, but that it was made in the students' best interests.

Bobby Corcoran, chairman of the University Traffic Committee, said there is no ambiguity in the current traffic regulations because the proposed regulations were studied all last spring.

THE PROGRESSIVE fine system which was originally proposed (doubling fines for each offense—\$2, \$4, \$8, \$16, \$32) would have operated on a semester basis, Corcoran said. The current \$4 fine per ticket does not become a progressive system until the student receives his fifth ticket.

"We don't have a progressive fine system now for the first four tickets, and so many students can waltz through this and never pay more than \$4

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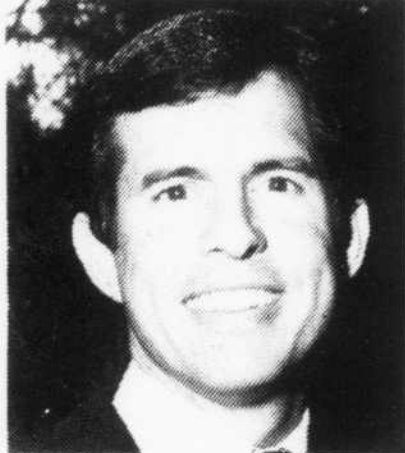
Gordon says money limits political races

By GINA FANN
Sidelines News Editor

Sixth District Congressional candidate Bart Gordon, whose 1984 campaign fund has already surpassed \$100,000, said Wednesday that political campaign spending should be curbed to avoid "limiting government to the wealthy."

Gordon told a session of the Honors Lecture Series that campaign cost increases in recent years prevent middle-class persons from running for public office.

"WE'RE ON THE verge of eliminating the political process from the middle class altogether," he said. "The lower class hasn't had a chance at politics for some time."



Bart Gordon

"The government's no better than those that serve in it," Gordon continued, "and if you limit it to the wealthy, crowd, everyone will be coming out of the same mold."

Gordon estimated his campaign expenses up to the state's 1984 Democratic primary at \$350,000, adding that "it'll probably cost half a million [dollars] before we're through."

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Sir stresses communication for awareness

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Faculty involvement is needed to increase awareness of the problems of public education, State Rep. Martin Sir of Lewisburg told the MTSU Faculty Senate's Action Committee yesterday afternoon.

Instructors need to "educate their representatives to what they need to become engaged in, because the message is not always received," Sir, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 6th District Congressional seat which will be vacated next year by U.S. Rep. Albert Gore Jr., said.

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Photo by Mike Poley

Reggae-country-rock-classical...

Members of the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band get funky during the last Noon Show of the semester last Tuesday in the UC Theater. The group's repertoire ranged from classical to country with some rock and reggae added for spice.

University Bookstore alternative to begin

The campus management and marketing fraternity Monday will begin "Booknook," a consignment arrangement that will give students an alternative to the University Bookstore, the group's president said.

"There have been a lot of attempts to give students an alternative, but none have been on a consignment basis," Pi Sigma Epsilon President Melanie Perkins said, adding that "Booknook" has been a successful PSE venture at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

BOOKNOOK WILL provide two services to students here, Perkins said: buying and selling textbooks. Books will be accepted on a consignment basis Dec. 12-16 and January 5-13 at the box office on the second floor of the Keathley University Center.

Students will sign a contract that is also a claim check stating a description and price of the book. If a book is sold by the date specified on the claim check, the Booknook will keep a 19 percent commission. The book is returned to its owner if it is not sold.

Perkins said that since students will determine their own price for the textbooks, they may be able to get a better price for them than they could from the University Bookstore's wholesaler.

A TEXTBOOK wholesaler will be buying books back Dec. 12-16 on the first floor of the KUC and will then sell them to the University Bookstore, Assistant Manager Earl Harris said.

Students get no less than 50 percent of the new cost for books from the wholesaler, Harris said. Harris questioned

what would happen to students whose books were not sold through the PSE consignment plan after the bookstore buy-backs are over.

"If they want them sold they should bring them in during finals week," said Perkins, who said that PSE at Cal Polytech nets \$3,000 to \$4,000 each quarter through its Booknook. "They'll just have to make a choice of whether they want cash for their books immediately, or whether they want to try to get more for their books by bringing them to us."

Fann chosen as Sidelines spring editor

MTSU Senior Gina Fann will serve as *Sidelines* editor in chief for spring 1984 after the Student Publications Committee Tuesday unanimously approved her application for the post.

Fann told the committee she intends to meet with ASB President Mark Ross soon to discuss how communication between the student association and *Sidelines* can be improved.

THE 20-YEAR-OLD mass communications/English major was *Sidelines* news editor from June 1983 until this month. She also worked as education reporter for the Murfreesboro *Morning Press* from May 1982 until May 1983.

She is a member and past president of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and serves on the Selection Board for the Special Events Committee.

Campus Capsule

STUDENTS INTERESTED in enrolling in Creative Writing, English 351, for the spring semester should submit an example of their work to the English department by the end of this semester.

APPLICATIONS ARE now being accepted for attorney general, public defender and graduate senator. Forms can be obtained from the ASB office, Room 304 at the University Center. For more information call 898-2464.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" will be performed by the University Community Symphony Orchestra and the MTSU Choral Choir and Choral Society of Murfreesboro with a soloist at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Auditorium. There will be no admission charged.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the next semester following graduation must notify the post office no later than today, if they desire to retain their present post office box.

THE FOREIGN language department is offering elementary Japanese courses for the spring semester. Japanese 111, open to all interested students, will be taught Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:50 p.m. Japanese 112 is an intermediate course open to those who have taken 111 or the equivalent with the permission of the instructor. Japanese 112 is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 1:50 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Fines

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because they have been given carte blanche to," Corcoran said.

The deterrent for stopping parking violations under the present system is not as great as it would be under the original progressive fine system that doubled \$4.

"EVERYONE IS losing sight of what the purpose is," Corcoran said. "The purpose is to help students park in such a way to avoid getting tickets" and to obey traffic regulations.

Reprogramming the computer programs for traffic citations will also be necessary, Edward Mathay, director of the Computer Center, said, but it is too soon to know how

expensive the process will be.

The Computer Center had prepared for a yearly program after meeting in May with Ingram, Floyd, Vice President for Business and Finance Bill Greene and Donald Cox of the Computer Center, Mathay said. The decision was made then to put the fine system on a yearly basis, and the program was set up.

"THE BIGGEST source of confusion I can see with it is that the traffic regulations were printed under the guidelines the committee put forth and nobody caught that error," Mathay said. "Nobody made that change and that was obviously confusing."

Parking violations, begin-

ning in January, will be on a semester basis, with the time period ending on May 12 [graduation day], Mathay said.

"If this helps everyone to understand it finally, then I am all for it. This confusion has gone on for too long," Mathay said.

THE ASB WAS under the impression the parking violations were on a semester basis and told students at the campus forum last Thursday accordingly, ASB President Mark Ross said.

Ross, who presented the progressive fine concept to the traffic committee, said he intended that the system be implemented on a semester basis as in the past.

Traffic changes must face board

By PENNY HUSTON

Sidelines Staff Writer

The State Board of Regents has declared that any changes in MTSU's traffic regulations must go before the board for approval by Jan. 15, according to traffic committee minutes from last week's meeting.

"We would like to have recommendations from faculty and students. At this point we

aren't considering any changes in the 1983-84 traffic regulations; however, we would like to have some feedback on this," Dr. Bobby Corcoran, chairman of the traffic committee, said.

MTSU'S TRAFFIC regulations underwent some adjustments last year. The major change was in the fine rate. There is now a \$32 fine

after the fourth ticket. Other parts of the regulations were rewritten for clarity. Also the towing procedures were rewritten to be more explicit.

Corcoran stated that the committee would consider any recommendations submitted to them for changes in the traffic regulations. He emphasized that feedback is needed by the first of next semester.

More blacks needed in media

By KIMBERLY CRUTCHER

Sidelines Staff Writer

Black students who seek careers in mass media areas must assume greater responsibility for knowing the qualities employers seek when hiring employees, a community affairs director told interested students here Wednesday.

People who are not granted jobs are usually rejected because of the lack of skills or an unkempt appearance, Murrell Purvis, community affairs director for Channel 4, said.

SIX MEDIA representatives from journalism, radio and television formed an informal panel to stress the importance

of blacks in the media to obtain experience by starting out in a small business.

"Don't worry about the salary. Just learn the skills because [no one] can take that from you," Purvis said.

"Black students should try to get the experience," Dwight Kinger, market programmer for WSVT radio in Smyrna, said.

STUDENTS SHOULD start a career by working with the newspaper, Purvis said.

"This is where you learn to organize your stories," Purvis said.

Alan Williams, WSM AM/FM account manager, suggested that students should

take any job that would allow them to keep in touch with the media.

"YOU MAY START out doing anything," Allen said. "If it means working for a country station, do it!"

El Greco Brown, camera operator for WKRN Channel 2, stressed the importance of appearance.

Brown, who hosts his own program, "El Greco's People," on cable, demonstrated how to put video tapes together and showed a video tape emphasizing proper appearance.

"ALWAYS BE NEAT," because a neat appearance means a lot when looking for a job in the media," Brown said.



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THE ESTIMATE apparently includes the campaign finances of the other five "unofficial" candidates for Rep. Albert Gore Jr.'s seat in Washington, D.C. As a comparison, Gordon said, participants in last year's 4th District Congressional race, Cissy Baker and Jim Cooper, spent a total of almost \$2 million on their campaigns.

The MTSU alumnus also addressed the topics of nuclear proliferation, national economic problems, foreign policy and education during his speech, which was the last of the Honors Lecture Series for the fall semester.

Sir

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district includes Moore and Marshall counties and portions of Williamson and Lincoln counties, said the faculty could speak with legislators and lobby for their causes on Saturdays because instructors should not take time away from classroom teaching.

Members of the Action Committee also voiced concern about a possible 1 percent sales tax increase to fund public higher education.

If a 10 percent increase in salaries for state educators is approved, other state employees will be asking for the same, Sir said.

VIC Pres censured


BRISTOL, Va. (UPI)—Faculty members at the private Virginia Intermont College have signed a petition protesting the removal by the school's president of two charcoal sketches of nudes from a student art exhibit.

The statement—calling the removal of the artwork "intolerable"—was signed by 21 faculty members from the Humanities and Visual Arts Divisions. The statement appeared in yesterday's issue of The Cauldron, V-I's school newspaper, a Bristol paper reported.

The faculty members said in their statement they understand Martin's "essentially 'good intentions.'" But they stated they "cannot condone the action; in fact, we regard it as intolerable both of itself and as it might serve as precedent for future action of the president."

In the arts fields, "only one standard can be used as grounds for censorship: that standard is quality," the statement said.

MARTIN TOLD THE Bristol Herald-Courier that he is "terribly, terribly sorry for the anxiety it [the removal] caused to the people involved."



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News Briefs

MADRID, Spain (UPI)—Officials blamed thick fog and lack of ground control radar for the fiery runway collision of two Spanish jetliners at the Madrid airport that killed 92 people. It was the country's second air disaster in 10 days.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Leftist gunners pounded U.S. Marine positions at Beirut airport yesterday and the American peacekeepers responded with a defensive barrage of tank and anti-armor fire, a Marine spokesman said. There were no early reports of Marine casualties. The fighting followed Syria's return of the body of an American airman whose plane was downed by Syrian gunners in Lebanon.

TORONTO (UPI)—The International Civil Aviation

Organization has concluded that the crew aboard the Korean jet shot down by the Soviets "probably made a mistake" in programming the flight path, causing the plane to stray into Soviet airspace, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The National Zoo is getting calls from panda fans around the nation suggesting home remedies—from a faith healer to avocado leaves—for the ailing Ling-Ling, victim of a potentially fatal kidney ailment. Dialysis is among the options doctors are considering for Ling-Ling, the mother of America's first panda cub.

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (UPI)—Two researchers

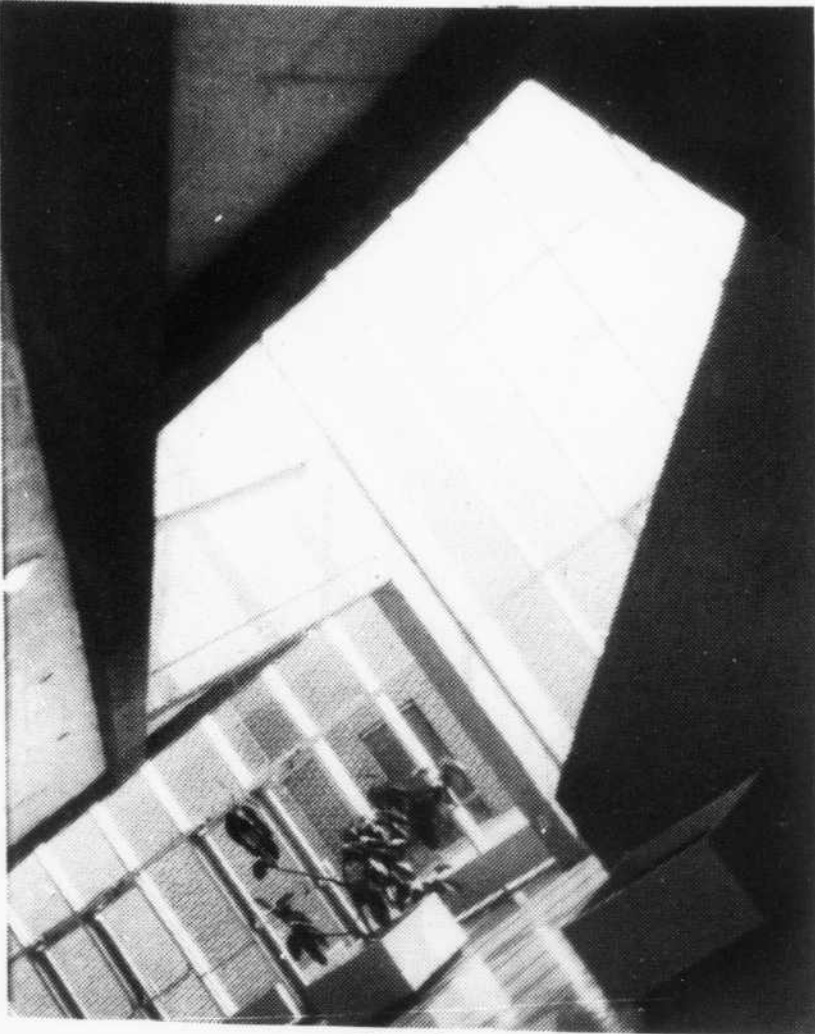
warned a 20-year study shows an enzyme in homogenized milk can start hardening of the arteries in infancy and drinking it may be even more dangerous than smoking. A dairy industry spokeswoman said other research failed to substantiate the claims.

BOISE, Idaho (UPI)—A baby with severe brain and heart defects who was found in a wastebasket has died after nine weeks on life-support equipment. Baby Girl Ashley, as she was called by nurses, became the focus of a debate between right-to-life and death-with-dignity groups.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Civil rights groups and their backers are charging for a second time that agreement on

reshaping the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is being broken. The new protests were prompted by a surprise announcement by Rep. Robert Michel, R-Ill., that he is recommending Democrat Robert Destro to sit on the panel, instead of Republican Jill Ruckelshaus.

BISMARCK, N.D. (UPI)—A federal jury has returned what was believed to be the first verdict against a General Motors X-car, ruling a brake failure in a 1980 Citation caused an accident that left a woman quadriplegic. GM already faces a government lawsuit charging the automaker knowingly made 1.1 million 1980 model X-cars with defective brakes. GM denies the charges.



Vertigo

Studying for finals can get one in rather uncomfortable positions, as staff photographer David Vaughn learned earlier this week in the lobby of the Learning Resources Center. Actually, Vaughn just liked the light patterns.

Alexander to request higher education money

KNOXVILLE (UPI)—Gov. Lamar Alexander visited the University of Tennessee Wednesday and said he would ask the General Assembly in January for \$164 million in "new money" for higher education over the next three years.

Alexander said he would propose increasing state spending for colleges and universities a whopping 41 percent between now and 1987.

"THAT WOULD BE a higher percentage increase than any other part of state funding," Alexander said, after touring the university's cramped library.

He said he would recommend \$24 million for much-needed expansion of the school's Undergraduate Library.

"A university without a superior library is like a chemist without a laboratory," the governor said.

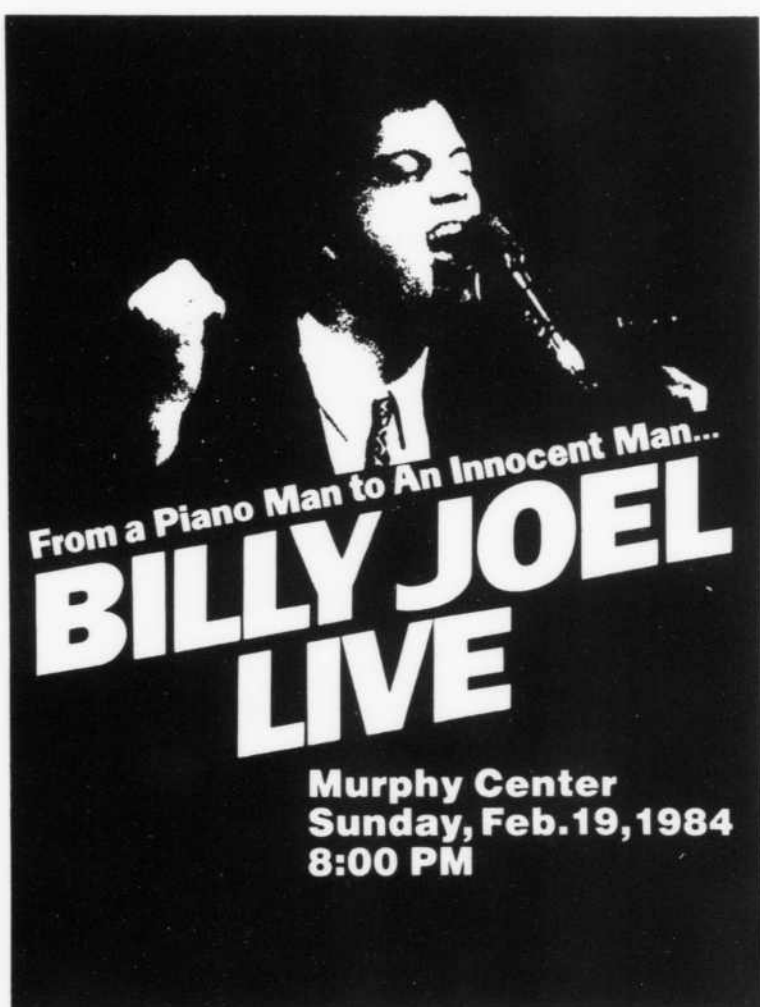
ANOTHER ELEMENT of Alexander's higher education proposal will be a request for \$5.6 million to grant a 7½ percent pay raise to professors at the University of Tennessee, who are underpaid compared to their colleagues at other major schools in the Southeast.

"Mary Pinchot Meyer was Jack Kennedy's last love: Why was she assassinated?"

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Big Brother a reality?

It would have been just another year had George Orwell not chosen "Nineteen Eighty-four" as the title for his last satire. That bleak picture of a world devoid of human values is perceived by many as a prediction of what might come to be.

The advent of 1984 has prompted innumerable speculations about whether "Big Brother" is really a possibility. A recent Harris poll reported that nearly 70 percent of Americans believe that such a totalitarian state could become reality through rapidly advancing computer technology.

"By a massive 84 percent, most are convinced that it would be easy, no problem at all, to put together a file on them that contains all their credit information, employment records, phone calls, where they have lived over the past 10 years, their buying habits, their payment records on debts, the trips they have taken," Harris said.

Many believe that information is already being kept for reasons unknown, and 69 percent of Americans think the government-monitored society in the classic book is "at least somewhat close," he said.

It is eerie to be composing this editorial on something that must resemble what the novel's protagonist, Winston Smith, uses to alter history each

day in his office at the Ministry of Truth.

While modern technology does seem forboding in this light, Harris also reports that 84 percent of those questioned believe computers have made positive contributions to their lives.

But "Nineteen Eighty-four" is also about mind control and the effect of language on thought. Since language is the expression of thought, we can see how clear a person's thinking is through what he says and writes. It takes a lot of discipline to express thoughts clearly and concisely; often we take the easy way out. "What's happening, man? How's it goin'?" Everything's cool..." are expressions in the "Duckspeak" of the late 20th century. It's not quite as insidious as Orwell's version—or is it?

Writing and expressing original thoughts are not things the citizens of Oceania do much of. Writing is strictly forbidden, and "Big Brother is watching you," or "War is Peace" and "Ignorance is Strength," are not very intellectually taxing slogans. Reading and writing aren't things Americans do too much of anymore, either. Millions zone out in front of the televisions, their minds passively taking in whatever is fed into them.

Yes, much of "Nineteen Eighty-four" is here—and has been for a long time.

Lennon's life epitomized peace; how much blood does it take?

"All we are saying is: give peace a chance."

Those words, punctuated by a hollow drum beat, pulsed through the newsroom yesterday afternoon. Immediately, the song brought to mind the ironic death of a man who made peace a major issue in his life when peace wasn't an establishment point of view.

Three years ago yesterday, millions of people who had been touched by John Lennon's music were stunned by the news that the legendary songwriter had been gunned down in front of his apartment building.

It seems that men of peace are often the victims of senseless violence. Yet Lennon's appalling death, and the needless deaths of countless other human beings, has not been enough to motivate

us to live in peace.

The world hasn't changed much since Lennon and Yoko Ono recorded their appeal for an end to war. Powerful governments still enforce their wills upon peoples struggling to find their own answers. Weapons capable of destroying life on this planet are still being built in the name of peace.

And young Americans are still being sent places with names they don't know how to pronounce to fight wars they don't understand. Perhaps young people again will cry for a stop to the killing after they see their friends' and brothers' bodies blown open, torn and bleeding for a cause. How much blood does it take?

Let peace start within you this holiday season. Then spread it to your fellow man.

mitted to full-scale questioning. Meanwhile, the administration also initiated an unprecedented blackout so that the media could not cover the first stages of the invasion of Grenada.

Reporters did not demand to be told that an invasion was in the making beforehand, although the press in the Caribbean had reason to believe a military action was afoot. But neither did they expect to be misled. A "no comment" would have sufficed.

Over the past several weeks, there have been reports that Reagan has been in high dudgeon over "leaks" to the press, and has ordered an FBI investigation of his staff to find

out who has been talking to reporters. The inquiry also involves the use of lie detectors if thought necessary.

When asked when the president will hold a news conference, spokesman Larry Speakes tells reporters tersely that when Reagan decides to hold one, he will announce it.

No president particularly relishes undergoing questioning. And yet, most have understood that there is a basic "people's right to know" what is going on and where his policies are headed. No formal speech can cover all the bases, and at best is highly selective.

Meanwhile, Speakes has adopted a more confrontational style with the media. He has not had a real



Stepping From The Shadow

By KHADIJA ABDULLAH
Sidelines Columnist

Jesse Jackson, founder and president of PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), is the first black man to launch a major campaign for the office of the president of the United States. I intend to vote for Jesse Jackson. I intend to vote for the Rev. Jackson because he is a black American.

Hypocritical? Yes. So was Thomas Jefferson when he wrote in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal" while raping his black women slaves and dehumanizing the males. So was Abraham Lincoln when signing the Emancipation Proclamation solely for political and economic reasons, not for moral ones. So is every

American citizen when reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance," proclaiming "liberty and justice for all," knowing the statement is a lie.

Until a little over 100 years ago, we as a black race were not considered human by American society. Since then, we have struggled and survived the ignorance. Through many obstacles we have persevered. Through an ever-living pride and determination, we have grown and succeeded.

Now, a man who is a member of a race that once fought for the right to vote as citizens in a democratic society is campaigning for the presidency.

The 1984 presidential election will be a racial election, as have been all others

in some manner or another. If the Rev. Jackson should choose a woman running mate, the campaign will be a total victory—symbolically, if nothing else. The campaign will represent the intellectual capabilities of American citizens—that persons other than Caucasian males are able to adequately lead and direct our country.

Qualifications? For years, Jesse Jackson has involved himself politically in local, national and international affairs. He is aware of the American political system, having experienced both ends of it.

If a tinsel-town chimpanzee's co-star can run for the nation's highest office and win, Jesse Jackson has to have a chance.

From Our Readers

Mark Perkins died for his country; will be remembered

To whom it may concern:
To all apathetic people who attend MTSU, I am speaking out on the situation in Beirut, Lebanon. I am ashamed to say that it has taken me this long to speak up on the situation.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, 1983, a mortar shell landed in the sandbagged roof of a food shop about 500 yards outside the Marine perimeter. There were eight Marines killed and one of them was Mark Perkins, a friend of mine from Franklin. I talked with him less than two months ago and he told me he planned to attend MTSU after his tour of duty was up. Mark Perkins left on a cruise to Beirut in October. He lived through the massacre in November in which a 2,000-pound bomb exploded, killing 239 Marines, and then went to Grenada for the invasion. After the invasion, he was sent back to Beirut where he was to finish the last seven months of his active duty when the fatal mortar round hit his bunker.

I only wish to raise some concern from the students at MTSU. We are the generation

who are to lead this country to its progress or its finish.

I myself am a Marine in the reserves. Marines are trained to fight offensive combat, not to hide in bunkers like sitting ducks. Without a clean-cut objective, we will keep sending good men to Beirut and bring them home in body bags.

Mark Perkins' funeral is set for next week in Franklin. Needless to say, his parents are crushed over what has happened. My heart will be buried there along with him.

Truly concerned
Paul D. Dodson
Box 8246

Lack of serious letters doesn't mean students don't care

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Ellen Harlison's letter, printed in last Friday's edition of *Sidelines*.

After reading your letter, Ms. Harlison, I could not help but feel sorry for you; you are quite obviously the epitome of pessimism and lack any sense of humor whatsoever. So sad...

Granted, seven letters concerning the death of Robert the cockroach (Oops! The total

now stands at nine letters) is a bit much, but where do you get off calling it "escapist"? Writing one letter to the editor is not going to keep someone from having to face the harsh realities of this world; they're still going to be there when he gets finished writing his letter. Also, I doubt very seriously that there are very many true escapists (i.e., those who live only to read the next letters about Robert); there are only closet masochists like you, who seem to thrive on pain and suffering and who "come out" only in an effort to make us aware of realities we're already aware of. You don't have to insult our intelligence!

Believe it or not, Ellen, we do care, and we do think about the major concerns present in our society today. So what if we don't write a letter to the editor about it? Big deal! That doesn't necessarily mean we don't care.

Take a break, Ellen, and turn off CNN News for a change...before the guys in white jackets from "Central State" come and take you away. Think about it—for your own sake.

Sabra J. Brown
Robert's Aunt
Box 9011

U. S. in outrage; time for Reagan press conference

By HELEN THOMAS
UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan has not had a news conference since Oct. 19—his 20th in office.

Since that time the Marine death toll has gone up to 254 from a terrorist bombing and from other hostilities in Lebanon; a U.S. invasion of Grenada; the start of deployment of Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe, causing the Soviet delegation to walk out of the Geneva talks on intermediate range nuclear missiles; and an escalation of violence in Lebanon.

Reagan has made policy statements from time to time, and taken a few questions on the run, but he has not sub-

vacation in a long time and the strains are beginning to show.

He was kept in the dark when Reagan decided to move into Grenada, and his answers to inquiries the day before were not on target.

Recently, he tried to convey the president's displeasure with chief economic adviser Martin Feldstein over the question of the relationship between taxes, defense spending and deficits. But Speakes was so heavy handed that he appalled some of the White House insiders.

The message that Speakes was conveying was correct: Aides said that Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, was not on board as a team player. But he used a tone of ridicule, and

told reporters at one point with a smile: "I do not really think they actually asked him (Feldstein) to resign."

In his own defense at a briefing, Speakes accused reporters of engaging in most of the ridicule, telling them "you should listen to your quips and your asides in that briefing, and we will see how balanced" the press is.

"Your quips are also part of the record and you are identified on the tapes of these briefings," he warned. "So if you want to see who is the villain of these things that people write about in the newspapers, I would urge you to look within."

But Speakes is the government's chief spokesman and what he says in public is taken

as the official word from the White House. He has had to deal with critical foreign policy matters, and there has always been the question of how much access he has to the president when history is being played out.

And oftentimes his parrying with the press takes on an edge. In that respect, he is no different from many of his predecessors who resorted to insult in the face of legitimate questions that they probably were not at liberty to answer.

The solution to the communications dilemma if the White House does not like the image it is currently conveying is, of course, to have the president do more talking for himself, and preferably more often.

Who's Who awarded

The 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of 53 MTSU students, according to a recent news release.

The students were selected from 192 applicants by a committee of nine faculty members and three students.

CHOSEN FOR THIS honor were: Timothy Edward Adcock, Angela Yvette Armstrong, Nathan Craig Arnold, William Michael Barrett, Lauren Joan Boeh, Annie Elise Boss, Camala Jo Bouvin, Scott Nichols Bryant, Lucy Alexis Carter, Dana Leigh Crawford, Anne Jeanette Denton, Laurel Knight Driscoll, Wenona Rochelle Eddings, Gina LuAnn Fitzhugh, Sandra Leigh Franken, David Lee Fuqua, Frederick Gaston, Carol Jean Gienger, Daniel Glenn Gleaves;

David Edward Green, Mitzi Williams Grogan, Michael David Hall, James Keith Hendrick, Geoffrey Robert Herr, Jennifer Ingram, Donna Pallen Jordan, Sandra Gayle Lee, Mary Louise Mason, Cannon Roberts Mayes, Eric Jay Morrison, Lisa Dean Oxford, Jerelyn Dawn Parks, Susan Graham Parks, Evelyn Rose Patton, Jeffrey Dawn Phillips, William Walter Reynolds, James Yeiser Ross, Kathleen Renee Salmon, Brenda Lee Sanders, Tammy Raye Serafini;

Wilma Gail Sherron, Sheryl Lynn Sherwood, Edward Leroy Sloan Jr., Gregory Dale Smith, Charles R. Stavelly, Alice Anne Stewart, Tammy Sue Sutterfield, Sharon Elisa Thomas, Amy Darlene Vaden, Stanley Powell Vaught, Mark Graham White, George Calvin Woodard and Cynthia Renee Youree.

Final Examination Schedule, Fall Semester 1983

Classes Meeting at:

8:00 SAT, 9:00 SAT, 9:30 SAT
10:50 SAT

9:00 MWF
11:00 MWF

3:05 TTH, 3:00 T, 3:45 T
4:00 M, 4:15 M, 4:50 M
8:00 M
9:00 M, 7:15 M, 7:30 M

9:25 TTH
12:15 TTH

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7:15 T, 7:30 T

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8:00 MWF
12:00 MWF, 12:15 MWF

TBA and others

Will Have Exams:

Saturday, December 10, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 12, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Monday, December 12, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, December 14, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Thursday, December 15, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 15, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, December 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To be arranged by instructor between December 10 and 16

Photos set for March

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Tennesseans apparently will not have to begin lining up to have pictures made for their drivers' licenses until at least March, officials said Tuesday.

Earlier, officials had hoped to begin making the photos in January and plans are moving ahead to hire 144 persons needed to staff 12 new photo centers by then.

BUT THE STATE Department of General Services has thrown out a second set of bids for about \$5 million in equipment needed in processing the photos. A third round of bidding is scheduled Dec. 15 and the winning company must have the equipment in place by March 15.

The Polaroid Corp. of Massachusetts and DEK Identification Systems Inc. of Massachusetts are primary competitors in the bidding. The first two rounds of bidding touched off court fights over which of the firms met specifications for the equipment and which state department—General Services or Safety—should make decisions about the contract.

Safety Commissioner Gus Wood said if the new employees are on duty before the bidding war is over, "they will perform the usual work, only they will do it without the cameras."

"If they have a month or two of experience before the cameras arrive, they will be better for it," he said.

Shoplifting won't solve woes of unaffordable Christmas presents

By CAROLYN CHANDLER
Special to Sidelines

You're browsing through the mall as you realize you have an endless Christmas list and very little time to fill it.

What's worse is you've taken advantage of the local pizza delivery service a few nights too many lately, talked too much long distance this month, and invested more than you really had in end-of-the-semester parties, so you have even less money than you have time.

YOU SPOT THE perfect sweater for Mom. The color is her favorite. It would look great on her, and it's just her size. You know she'll love it. But your eyes bulge as you gasp at the price tag—it has more

digits than your checkbook does!

What crosses your mind? Waiting impatiently in the long check-out line at the register, the congestion of irritable holiday shoppers seems to have swarmed around you in every store you've chosen today.

THE CASHIER'S attention is divided between the lanky, dark-haired man rudely insisting he has been overcharged 29 cents and the flustered cashier of a nearby register pleading for price check assistance.

"Good grief!" you mutter under your breath as a short, chubby lady waddles up to the front of your line in search of the advertised fruitcake

special. All you need is one measly roll of Scotch tape to wrap the present you bought for your roommate today before she sneaks a peek at it.

Why not just casually slip it in your pocket and get out of the hectic confusion? Who's paying the least bit of attention to you anyway? Who would even care right now?

HAVE YOU EVER caught yourself thinking about shoplifting?

It has probably at least crossed your mind at one time or another. It may have been an item as small and inexpensive as a pack of gum or, perhaps, something a bit more extravagant—jewelry or clothing.

Thinking about it is only the

first step. Who hasn't?

Shelly (whose name is changed to conceal her identity) is an MTSU junior who did more than just think about it two years ago. She was arrested for shoplifting in her hometown on Christmas Eve.

"I DON'T THINK I'll ever forget that cold when I ran through me when he [the store manager] grabbed hold of my arm just as I set ~~out~~ out the

door and said, 'Could you step back inside for just a moment?' I've thought about it a thousand times since then," Shelly recalls.

Shelly was a college freshman at the time. She was running low on money and was "panicking" to finish her last-minute Christmas shopping.

"I didn't think I had enough money for all the gifts I had left to buy and it was Christmas Eve. It was my first Christmas

on my own, so to speak, and I just didn't feel like I should run to my parents for money even though I knew they would have been more than willing to help me out. I just felt like they'd always given me so much and I didn't want to have to take more off of them," she explained. "That's why it was so important for me to do things on my own—I just picked the wrong way to get by."

'Messiah' scheduled for Sunday

The University Community Symphony Orchestra, MTSU Concert Choir and the Murfreesboro Choral Society will present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Laurence Hardin.

Soloists will be: soprano Paula Boir of MTSU, alto Sharon Mabry of Austin Peay

State University, tenor Lawrence Schenbeck of MTSU and baritone Keith Moore of Belmont College.

BOIR, A two-year Fulbright Scholar in Vienna, is the vocal area coordinator at MTSU.

She has appeared as soloist with the Vienna Philharmonic, and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestras.

Sharon Mabry, who also studied in Austria at the Franz-Schobert Institute, is the winner of the Richard Hawkins award at Austin Peay State University for creativity.

DIRECTOR OF MTSU Choral Activities Lawrence Schenbeck is not only the tenor soloist for the concert, but he has prepared the choirs for this performance.

As a soloist he has performed in recital opera and oration in Kansas, California and Ohio.

Keith Moore was recently the soloist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and will perform as the Marquis in Verdi's "La Traviata" with the Nashville Symphony.



Photo by David Vaughn

Aerospace Award

University President Sam Ingram, left, and Aerospace Department Chairman Randall Wood discuss the department's receipt of the Federal Aeronautics Administration's Achievement Award yesterday afternoon. The award, presented by FAA Southern Regional Director Jonathan Howe (not pictured), was earned because MTSU's aerospace department is one of the few accredited schools in the region and will aid university graduates in obtaining FAA jobs, Wood said.

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And what have you done
Another year over
And a new one's just begun...
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features

Final exam survival kit eases stress for students

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

All is quiet. You're up to your eyeballs cramming at the last minute for finals.

Suddenly you hear someone knocking on your door. Go away, you moan. But they don't, so reluctantly you get up.

BEFORE YOU STANDS a stranger holding a basket asking for you.

Surprise! It's a final exam survival kit—from your parents through the Baptist Student Union.

What is the reaction?

"Usually you get some strange looks because students don't know anything about it," BSU member Perry Kelso said.

AROUND 400 students will be receiving survival kits. This event is part of BSU's fundraising activities to raise money for its summer student missions program.

So what is a final exam survival kit? It's not a kit on how to cheat and lift tests from teachers' desks; the white plain-wraper sack is crammed with M & M's, chewing gum, potato chips, apples, candy bars, snack crackers and other popular munchies.

"**WE HAVE DONE** it once every year for the last three years," BSU Director Jimmy Joseph said. "We'd like to do it at the end of every semester."

Letters were mailed the week before Thanksgiving to the parents of students of approximately half the student body, asking if they would like to purchase the \$5 survival kit.

"This is the first time we have sent the letters to the parents of all the students on campus rather than just the Baptist preference students' parents," Kelso said.

"**PEOPLE USUALLY** are pretty surprised," Kelso remarked. "It lets them know

someone is thinking of them during finals week."

Deliveries started Wednesday night and will continue through Tuesday, Kelso said. On-campus students will receive the majority of the kits.

LAST YEAR SOME kits had to be delivered in Nashville and Lebanon, Joseph said, pointing out that delivery is guaranteed.

In one incident, a student had dropped out of school and his parents did not know this when they placed the order, Joseph said.

A note had to be written that said we are sorry we could not deliver the package and the money returned, Joseph said.

PURCHASING SURVIVAL kits isn't just limited to parents. Boyfriends and girlfriends desiring to "ease the stress" for their sweethearts can also purchase kits.

Kits can still be purchased from the BSU through early next week.



Photo by Dee Parker

Baptist Student Union members work busily to prepare their 400 orders for final exam survival kits, which are still available for \$5 through early next week.

Nashville Union Mission aids local micro-society of "new poor"

By MICHAEL JACKSON
Special to Sidelines

It was a cool winter morning and the sun had risen to give a feeling that only rain could diminish. The air was fresh and clean but then corrupted by the stench of a different environment when the world of "Skid Row" was entered. Here sunshine becomes

something to warm a person and not a psychological stimulant.

Depression can set in fast when recognizing the reality of street life. This environment quickly absorbs into a person as he walks out of the society most Americans know and into what is referred to as skid row.

SINCE THE beginning of last year, the stereotype of derelicts and winos has given into what is called the new breed or "new poor."

In Nashville, a recent increase of these people has created a society within a society.

The past problem of alcoholism is now stepping aside and making room for a new majority of people ex-

periencing problems of homelessness, unemployment and social upheaval. This group of people has come to its last step before social nonexistence through problems as diverse as the people themselves.

SINGLE WOMEN, mothers with children and women alcoholics are increasing tremendously and mental retardation has begun to make its debut in the street life scene.

An average of 370 people can be found sleeping in the security of Nashville's only rescue mission, the Nashville Union Rescue Mission on 129 7th Avenue S., each night of the week. The Nashville Union Mission, which was founded in

1954, is the only place these people on the streets can find shelter, clothes and food for no cost.

Carl Resener, director of the mission for 12 years, had much to say about this new breed of people that has emerged on the streets. After leaving his office a few times that day, Resener showed a constant recognition of the reality walking around just outside a door or two.

"**THEY'RE HERE** because they want to be," Resener explained. "I've seen them come and seen them leave when they were ready. Skid row is a hideout for most of these people."

He stated that the new breed of person coming to the mission

is between 38 to 41 years old and from middle and upper class backgrounds.

Resener explained that almost all these people have three things in common: resentment, anger and guilt.

"We can give a person a place to sleep and nutritional food but it won't do any good," Resener said, "unless they first overcome self-pity and try to benefit from our help and ministry."

HE EXPLAINED that unemployment had formed much guilt within these people for losing jobs or not following the social idea that "number one" is best. Resener said that there was a good probability that every large university in

the country had been represented in the population of the mission sometime during its 28 years of ministry. Also, he said it was not rare for a person to have lived in the higher economic status for most of his or her life.

The reality of the life these people live is ever present in many ways. The outdated and soiled clothes, the pungent smells and the subdued movements are indications of the overwhelming situation in which they are living. A look of depression and depravity on each face can scarcely go unnoticed as they reach for a meal they know could only come from a place such as the mission.

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Holiday heavyweights:

The best (and worst) of Christmas-time albums

By TIM SELBY

Sidelines Staff Writer

Every Christmas the major labels bring out their heavyweights for the holiday shoppers, and this year is certainly no exception. Big names dominate the shelves again this year, and by and large the selection is a good one, but beware: there's also some real trash out there. With this in mind, here's a rundown of this Christmas' winners and losers.

Paul Simon's *Hearts and Bones* is by far the best of the lot. This was originally to be a new Simon and Garfunkel LP, but I'm sure that S & G fans won't be too disappointed. *Hearts and Bones* is more than just a good record, it's a great one. This is Simon's best LP ever—with or without Art Garfunkel.

I JUST CAN'T say enough good things about this album. Words like "classic" and "masterpiece" are definitely in order. It is a perfect gift for S & G fans and anyone else who appreciates the best.

Runner-up in the "best of the holidays" has to go to Genesis for their latest. The band has never sounded better, and except for a silly throw-away about illegal aliens ("It's no fun being an illegal alien"), *Genesis* is a nearly flawless showcase of superior songwriting and musicianship.

Those lucky enough to have tickets for the upcoming concert are in for an unbelievable night. For those who can't make it to the show, *Genesis* is the next best thing to being there. Highly recommended.

JUST WHEN WE need them

most, Yes is back. The band has been through varying line-ups over the years, but they're back together again with three out of five of the band's core members—Jon Anderson, Chris Squire and Alan White—intact. The band's original keyboardist Tony Kaye and newcomer Trevor Rabin complete the "new group."

Their new LP *90125* sports a trimmed down art-pop sound that's a little bit hard to swallow at first, but after a few listens, *90125* starts sounding better and better. It's no *Close to the Edge* or *Fragile*, but the kind of spirit that made those albums so great remains, and that's the best news I've heard in a long time.

I'm not real sure what to think about Culture Club's *Colour by Numbers*. Despite what you may think about lead

singer Boy George's looks, the guy can sing like no other white man I've ever heard. In fact the entire group has a lot of talent and they prove it on *Colour by Numbers*. As enjoyable as it is, the LP seems, alarmingly, to be aiming for precisely the kind of safe, homogenized sound that I'd hoped this band could avoid.

IF YOU WANT the "real thing" though, pass up Culture Club, and grab a copy of what has to be one of the greatest "Greatest Hits" packages ever: *Every Great Motown Hit Of Marvin Gaye*. There are 15 cuts on the LP, from "Heard it Through the Grapevine" to "What's Going On," as well as four of Gaye's classic duets with Tammi Terrel.

If you know someone who enjoys the kind of real soul songs that are almost

nonexistent these days, give them this one. Incomparable songs from one of the greatest soul singers alive today.

Unfortunately not all of the Christmas LP news is so good. In the losers category there are indeed some absolutely worthless entrants. Since most of these people have put out nothing *but* worthless albums, though, that should come as no surprise.

ONE OF THE albums that is surprising to find on the loser's list is Blue Oyster Cult's *The Revolution by Night*. I don't know what happened to the group that once cut songs like "She's as Beautiful as a Foot" and "Lips in the Hills," but they *couldn't* have made an LP of glossed-up AOR riffs like this. For the 16-and-under crowd only.

It's not surprising to find Pat

Benatar on the loser's list. Her *Live from Earth* LP is just as dumb as anything else she's done. I would say that *Live from Earth* is totally worthless, but it does feature one genuinely good cut, an unreleased studio track of "Love is a Battlefield."

At the very bottom of the barrel are two losers that are so bad that I hate to even waste my time writing about them: John "Cougar" Mellencamp's *Uh-Huh* and Spandau Ballet's *True*. I won't go into any great detail, except to say that the two are currently in a dead heat for the Comedy Album of the Year. Enough said.

Note: All albums except for *Every Great Hit of Motown's Marvin Gaye* were provided for Sidelines by the Sound Shop of Murfreesboro.

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Sports

UTC Lady Mocs down Lady Raiders 65-63

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU mounted first and second half comebacks last night, but fell short in the end as UT-Chattanooga's Lady Mocs stopped the Lady Raiders 65-63 at Murphy Center.

Down by as much as 13 early in the second half, the Lady Raiders pulled the score within striking distance with just over eight minutes left and finally pulled ahead with just over four minutes to play when Holly Hoover hit a bucket

while struggling through traffic underneath the hoop.

AFTER A FREE throw by UTC's Tina Chairs, Hoover plowed through the middle of heavy lane traffic and managed to get a shot in, giving MTSU a four point lead. The Lady Mocs responded with a bucket and a free throw, tying the score at 62.

Jennifer McFall hit a free throw to give MTSU a one point lead with just over a minute left, but the Lady Mocs responded with three con-

secutive free throws off Lady Raider fouls, the last coming with two seconds left on the clock.

After both teams exchanged time outs, MTSU's Jennifer McFall fired a pass from under UTC's bucket to Hoover, who turned and missed a short jumper at the buzzer.

THE LADY RAIDERS fought back from a 19-point deficit in the first half to cut the score to 40-32 at halftime. Like their slaughter of Belmont last week, MTSU played a

tough second half after slugging their way through the first half.

"We're getting to be a one-half ball club," Lady Raider Head Coach Larry Joe Inman said after the game. "We're not getting it going enough in the first half. I think maybe we were intimidated by the officiating in the beginning; the game was being called pretty tight."

Inman had a pair of technical fouls slapped on him early in the second half when

he ventured to almost midcourt with an official to plead his case on a call.

McFALL LED ALL scorers with 18 points, spearheading both comebacks.

"I thought Jennifer McFall played a complete and very solid ball game," Inman said of the junior All-OVC performer from Columbia. "She kept us in it down towards the end."

Freshman forward Kim Webb had 14 points for MTSU, while junior Cyndi Lindley Allen had 11. Hoover, playing

for the first time since the Nov. 26 opener at Florida State, had seven points, as did freshman center Kay Willbanks.

"I THINK HOLLY kind of shied away because of some of the contact in the early going, but she came back and played almost like her old self in the second half," Inman noted.

The Lady Raiders, though shooting better from the field in the first half, are still not playing hard enough in the

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Exposure to be key benefit of new cable deal

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU will receive little financially from a two-year pact the Ohio Valley Conference signed with the Sports Time cable network, but will benefit mainly in exposure, Athletic Director Jimmy Earle said yesterday.

OVC Commissioner Jim Delaney and Sports Time Director of Programming Rex Lardner Jr. announced that the new network, which is a joint venture between Anheuser-Busch and Multi-Media Corp., will cablecast 12 regular season inter- and intra-conference basketball games during the two-year pact.

"THE MAIN THING is the exposure it's going to give us, at least hopefully," Earle said. "It's got to be a step in the right direction."

"People don't realize how important it is to our school to have television exposure for our recruiting. Other schools that have television use that against you in recruiting."

Earle added that the conference will receive about \$100,000 over the two-year period, and there is a good chance the network will cover the finals of the OVC women's basketball championship, along with the conference

championship of one spring sport, probably baseball.

BROADCASTING OF the OVC games is not expected to interfere with the current conference basketball television package, "Friday Night Live."

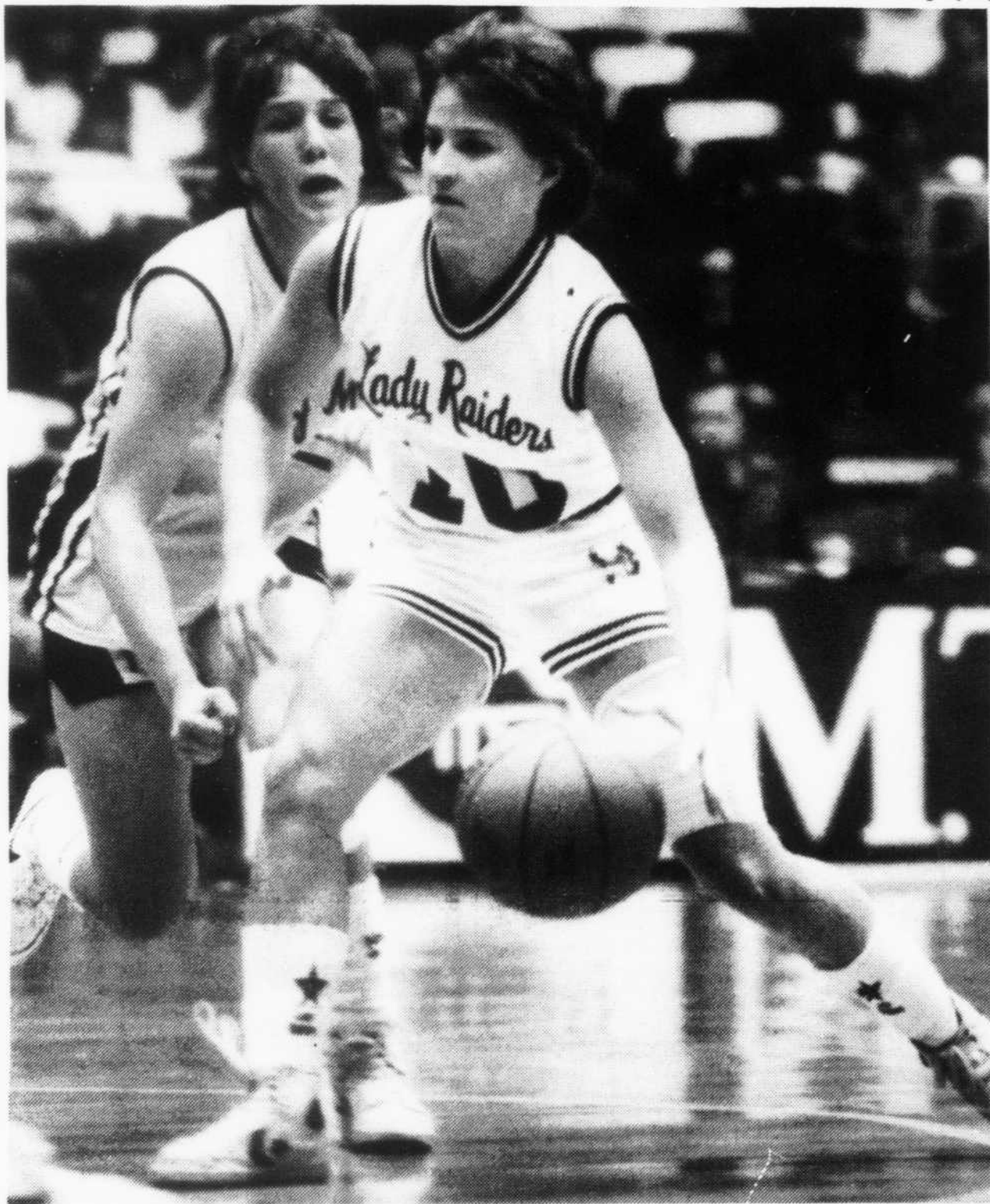
The network will become operational in April, 1984, and will broadcast OVC games during the 1984-85 season. During the two-year period, each OVC team will be featured at least once.

Covering 16 states, Sports Time will also broadcast games of the Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals with probably all events being shown live.

EARLE ALSO SAID yesterday the athletic department has decided that a successor to Russell Guill, the former director of athletic advancement, will not be hired until June of next year.

The long hiatus will not provide any sort of immediate problems, Earle said, adding that he will handle promotions until Guill's successor is hired.

The department is actively looking for a ticket manager, and hopes to hire one by the first of the year, Earle said.



Out of the way

Photo by Jim Bond

Bobbie Kay Hamilton, a senior guard for MTSU's Lady Raiders basketball team, dribbles around a UT-Chattanooga defender last night in the Lady Mocs 65-63 win over MTSU.

Lady Raiders brace for rugged Christmas break hoop schedule

By ANDY REED

Sidelines Sports Writer

While most of the MTSU student body is enjoying Christmas break, the Lady Raider basketball team will have its hands full with a tough road schedule.

MTSU will compete in the Ole Miss Dial Classic in Oxford, Miss., next weekend along with Union University, Tennessee State and host Ole Miss.

HEAD COACH Larry Inman said he expects Ole Miss to be the class of the tournament. The Rebelettes are ranked in the top 10 nationally.

"I feel like Ole Miss is going to be the toughest competition if we can get to them," Inman said.

The Lady Raider mentor also said he expects Union, MTSU's opening round opponent, to be fired up with the presence of former Lady Raider Cassandra Howard in the Lady Bulldog lineup.

MTSU TRAVELS TO Bowling Green on Dec. 30 to face rival Western Kentucky. The Lady Toppers are currently ranked 17th in the nation.

As the students return to campus for spring semester, the

Lady Raiders will travel to Chattanooga for a rematch with UT-Chattanooga, last night's opponent Inman indicated that the Lady Moccasins will be a strong challenge for his team.

"Ole Miss beat UT-Chattanooga by only three points, which shows you how good UTC is," the coach said.

THE SCHEDULE IS a rugged one, which follows Inman's philosophy.

"We'll play tough competition to get us ready for anything the conference will throw at us."

"Hopefully we'll have enough experience from playing together that we'll be a halfway decent team by then [start of conference play]," Inman said. "The biggest thing we have to do is improve defensively."

THE LADY RAIDERS have been led in the early going by freshman standout Kim Webb from Smyrna.

Going into last night's game with UTC, Webb was leading the OVC in scoring with an average of 24 points per game after two games.

She was seventh in rebounding with an average of nine per game, sixth in field goal percentage at 58.3 percent

and tied for eighth in free throws at 80 percent.

INMAN ALSO PRAISED the play of freshman guard Janet Ross.

"Janet Ross is improving tremendously. She seems to be getting better by the day," Coach Inman said.

Injuries continue to plague the team, just as they have been throughout the season.

GUARD MARIA SALAS has been out with an ankle injury. She is expected to be back in time for the Dial Classic.

Center Holly Hoover has been hampered by a knee injury all season and is still not 100 percent yet.

However, the Lady Raiders will be getting a boost when 6-foot-1 senior forward Pat Bandlich becomes academically eligible after Christmas.

Upcoming Basketball:

Blue Raiders
at Coca-Cola Classic—Dec. 16-17
Clarksville
at Georgia State—Dec. 21
Atlanta
at Western Kentucky—Jan. 2
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Photo by Jim Bond

Here I come

MTSU's Kim Webb, a freshman forward from Smyrna, takes off down floor in search of a basket while a UT-Chattanooga defender stumbles during last night's 65-63 loss by the Lady Raiders to the Lady Mocs. MTSU travels to Oxford, Miss. to play in the Dial Classic next weekend.

Unity important to future of athletics

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Editor

As the semester and my administration of the sports section at *Sidelines* draw to a close, it is probably an appropriate time to reflect on the good and bad facing the athletic department.

Problems may be the key word to describe some of the recent woes. These problems are unique in that they have no clear-cut solutions. Something, in some form or another, is going to give soon, though. It becomes more obvious as each day passes.

MONEY IS THE key problem. There is not enough of it. While no sport has too much money, every sport, and a few in particular, don't have enough.

The problem of lack of funds extends back to another problem, which could be the most serious of all: apathy—not only from the student body (it is at an all time high), but from the surrounding community. At times, it appears as though the local people are unaware there is a university (and this is a university, not a junior college) in this town.

It is growing painfully obvious that each year's athletic budget is not going to blossom over the previous years'. More outside money will be needed to keep many of the most successful sports afloat.

STRANGE AS IT may sound, that monetary support from outside the university will begin only when the students show an interest in and support the athletic programs by at least attending sporting events in which MTSU is involved.

While the words of the by now infamous *Three Men* still burn on the minds of some students, it should be remembered that even though some may have been offended, others are offended when no one shows up to support a home athletic event, especially when a football team is ranked in the Top 20 nationally.

Improvement must be made in this area. It is imperative. When the townspeople of Murfreesboro see the students and faculty are on the bandwagon, they too will want to join in. MTSU could be quickly whisked away into the exciting world of a major college at-

mosphere, not only in sports, but in everything on this campus.

AS LONG AS there is an unbridged ravine between the athletic department and the students, nothing is going to happen.

Back to discussing the lack of funds. In recent weeks, several coaches have almost screamed over their sports' financial situations when asked about them. Two arguments arise here.

From the coaches' points of view, the department is going to have to spend money to make money, while the administration will not increase monies until the department shows an increase in monies taken in.

OBVIOUSLY, THERE is a lack of communication along the line somewhere. While there is more to it than meets the eye of the average student, changes or revisions in policy within the athletic department may need to be changed.

And while change may be necessary somewhere in the near future, there is also a need for more unity—unity among the administrators and the

coaches, between the coaches themselves and especially between the department and the university as a whole and the student body.

In all sports, MTSU's athletic program is close to "going big time," or being a respected and well-known small college, along the same

lines as perhaps a UT-Chattanooga.

The accomplishments as of late, however, cannot be overlooked. The most recent triumph is that of Boots Donnelly, his assistant coaches and the football team. While it is safe to say that a truly golden opportunity did slip away from

the squad, it is also safe to say that major strides have been made in the football program since Donnelly's arrival.

Looking at the whole picture, it appears to be a case of "so close, yet not really so far."

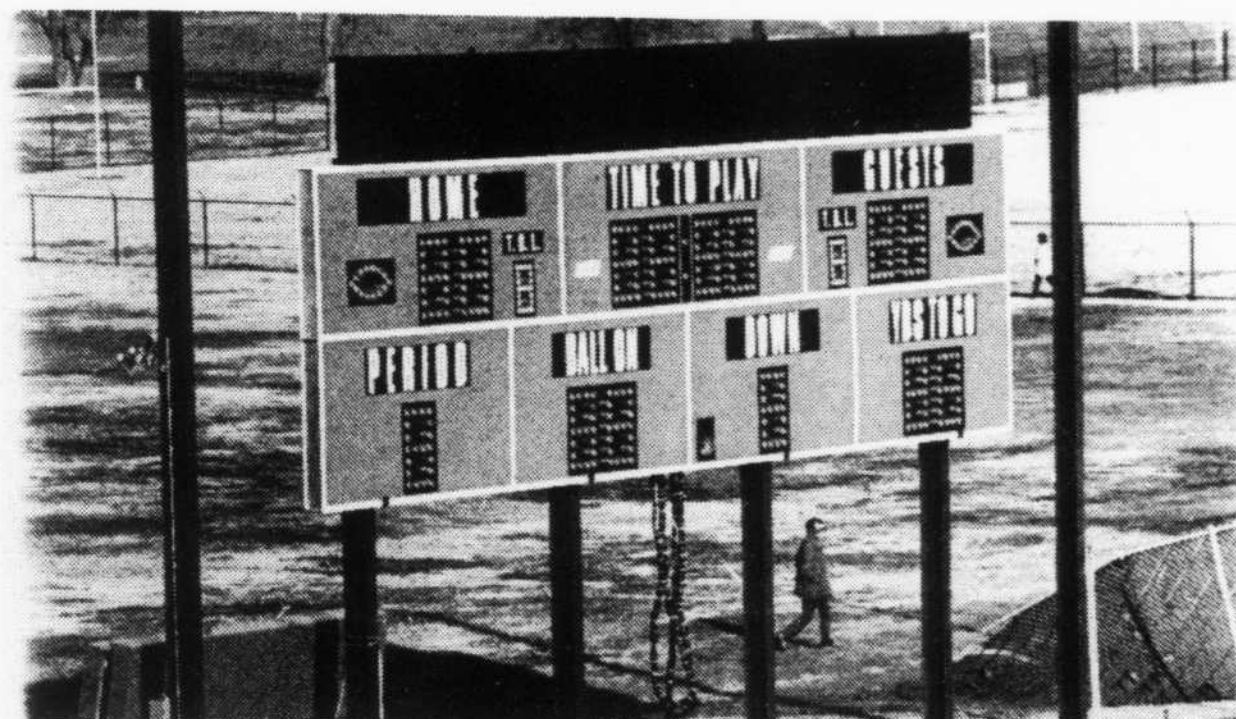


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MTSU's new football scoreboard moved further toward completion with the installation of the electronic message center (top).

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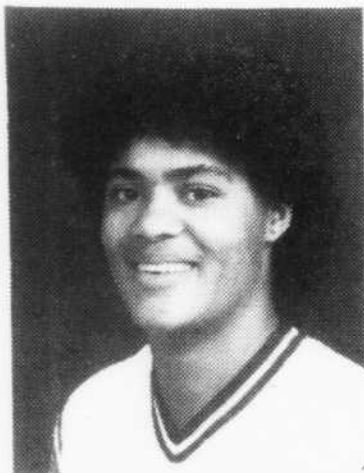
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first half, Inman stressed. "I'm really disappointed in that," the coach said. "We can't get to be just a second half ballclub. We've got to get them to go all out all the time."

THE LADY MOCS were led in scoring by Chairs with 15 points, while Kay Irby had 14 points. Kim Weems had 13, while Kim Horsey had 11.

MTSU shot 45.4 percent from the field for the game, hitting 25 of 55 shots. The Lady Mocs hit for 42.1 percent, nailing 24 of 57 shots. Forty-three fouls were called between both teams during the contest.

UTC outrebounded MTSU 40-33.

The Lady Raiders travel to Ole Miss to face Union in the first round of the Dial Classic Dec. 16-17.



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