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IN THE NEWS

Senate debate cancelled

A proposed debate at MTSU between the two Tennessee U.S. Senate candidates is probably dead following the candidates' acceptance of an Oct. 16 debate invitation in Nashville, according to debate organizers.

Democratic incumbent Jim Sasser and Republican opponent Bill Andersen have accepted an invitation to take part in the League of Women Voters sponsored Oct. 16 debate. The debate will be telecast over WDCN-TV.

According to Ed Kimbrell, an organizer of the MTSU debate, Sasser is "intent on doing just one debate." Therefore, their is little chance the two candidates will debate on campus.

"There is no doubt it [the MTSU debate] is dead. As far as I know there will be only one debate," he said.

Kimbrell and Al Nagy were organizing the event for the MTSU department of journalism. Sept. 11, 18 and 25 had at various times been accepted as dates for the event by either candidate.

Sasser accepted an invitation to debate Andersen on Sept. 11. However, the Republican was previously scheduled to attend the Knox County Fair on that date.

Andersen originally challenged Sasser to a series of six debates culminating with a debate in October, when interest would be higher. Sasser has said he would participate in only one debate.

Both campaigns agreed to the Oct. 16 debate last week.

Fonda apology refused

LAWRENCEBURG (AP) — A recent apology by actress Jane Fonda concerning her opposition to the Vietnam War has done nothing to pacify ill feeling held toward her by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1618.

An anti-Fonda campaign in Holyoke, Mass., where the fitness guru was filming a movie, brought about a televised apology for her anti-war activities in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

The apology was a no-go in Lawrenceburg where Post No. 1618 has placed a large mobile sign in its front yard which reads: "VFW Post 1618. Hanoi Jane Fonda Apologizes. We Do Not Accept."

WEATHER (AP) — Sunny Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday with widely scattered thunderstorms west. Mild nights and warm days. Lows Thursday night 50s extreme northeast to 60s elsewhere. Highs Thursday and Friday upper 70s extreme northeast to mainly 80s elsewhere. Warm and humid Saturday. Rain and thunderstorms likely Sunday and Monday. Highs from the mid 80s to lower 90s. Lows ranging from the mid 60s to lower 70s.

Pikes on probation again

By **CHRIS BELL**
Staff Writer

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has been placed on one year's probation for the fourth time in four years.

According to an MTSU administrator, the Pikes were placed on probation Aug. 23 for violations that occurred at a party held after the Pike Fights April 13.

"During the party there were some basic conduct problems," the source said. "There were some fire-

works shot at cars, too much noise and some people went to the bathroom in Mr. Gracy's yard (B.B. Gracy, occupant of the house on Tennessee Blvd. next to the Pike house)."

According to Gracy, however, he has had few problems with having the Pikes as neighbors.

"The incidents at the party were very minor," Gracy said. "They came over afterwards and apologized. I've enjoyed living next to them."

"Last year they had a very

poor president," Gracy said. "This year they have a much better one. Things should be fine."

Terms of the probation include a limit of two parties a month, a 1 a.m. party curfew, a 2.0 grade point average for all players on their Campus Recreation teams and the restriction of use of university facilities to meetings.

Pi Kappa Alpha was placed on probation in November 1985 for a group fight at a Campus Recreation competition, accord-

ing to university records. The group was placed on social probation the same month for sending pledges on a scavenger hunt to Tennessee Tech without prior approval.

The group was again placed on probation in September 1986 for violation of rush regulations.

Another violation of rush regulation in February 1987 brought a continuation of the previous probation until the fall of 1987.

Maintenance begins stall restoration

By **TONY STINNETT**
Staff Writer

Restrooms in the Kirksey Old Main Building are currently under-going a face-lift, in which the stalls have been painted a dark color to prohibit graffiti on the walls, according to Bill Smotherman, director of the physical plant.

Plans are being considered to take doors off of stalls and removing the doors on the main entrance, entering the restrooms in the KOM.

"Primarily, we have painted the stalls to cover up the graffiti. We painted them a dark color to make it difficult to write on the walls."

Deadlines have not been set for removing stall doors, according to Smotherman. As of now it is "under review."

Smotherman isn't sure that the aforementioned changes will solve the problem, but it is a start.

"We just don't know, these are just the things we've decided to do to help remedy the situation," Smotherman said.



Look out below...

Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Second Lt. Angela Wheeler demonstrates a free-fall style of the Australian rappel while Sgt. 1st Class Frank Finchum stands ready as the belay (safety) man. Wheeler has completed her ROTC training and has been given her officer's commission before actually graduating from MTSU.

"The boy (who wrote the article) stood in front of my students and admitted that he wasn't sure how much truth was in the story," An-

"We'd been planning to run the story since summer, but we wanted to be able to run it in its entirety this fall. This was the first time I had enough room that wasn't filled with timely news," she said. "Also, Tony and staff photographer Frank Conley spent a good

On Oct. 14, the new sub-council committee will recommend a new grievance policy for the State Board of Regents system to the president's council.



Gordon targets York VA

"Some of these problems go back to before Mr. [Ronald] Nelson (hospital director) started here," Allen said. "He's been lied to."

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Most of the problems center around improperly maintained equipment, inaccurate reports and attempts to "cover up" previous misdeeds, Allen said.

One example Allen gave was the failure to properly keep up defibrillator machines, used to reset heart rhythms during cardiac arrest. While most failures were during tests, it is possible the machines could have malfunctioned during actual use on patients.

The GAO should start their investigation by the end of the month, Gordon said. While it will be next year before a final report is issued, their work at the hospital should be completed by year's end. The Special Investigation branch of the GAO, made up of FBI agents, will conduct the inquiry.

If any evidence of criminal misconduct is found, the case will be turned over to the proper federal agency, Gordon said.

GAO investigators should arrive in Murfreesboro by the end of the month.



Frank Conley/Staff

Chowing down...

Leon Elliot, a Pike brother, and Wade Patton, vice president of the fraternity enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs with a rushee.

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Transition from high school to college a very tough one

From Staff Reports

One minute you're on top of the hill, then before you know it, you're at the bottom of the hill beginning another long climb. That's one way of looking at the transition from high school senior to college freshman.

Three freshmen attending MTSU have begun their climb.

Moving day — the words evoke a feeling of anticipation with a touch of fear and a pinch of awe. "When I arrived on campus the confusion began immediately. Once I got to the right dorm, I began to unload my bags into my new home. It was a scary thought knowing I would have to live out of one room, but I will adapt," Bruce Williams, a freshman majoring in computer science from Milan.

One of the biggest differences in high school and college is the number of people you meet. "I have met so many people that it's hard to keep names straight," said Rochelle Pope, a freshman from Franklin majoring in busi-

ness administration.

Melissa Carter, a freshman recording industry management major from Columbia, said "I met a girl at the street dance who looks like she'll be a life-long friend, and a guy who looks like he'll be someone in my future."

This word strikes fear in the hearts of freshmen and upperclassmen alike.

Bruce thought he was prepared for the trials of registration, but alas he was wrong. "I registered at 11 a.m. and as soon as 11 a.m. came I thought I would die. I was confused. They were taking this card and that card, and I was getting this

card and that card. When I finally finished at 12:45 p.m., my classes were completely changed and all my money was gone."

Believe it or not, all registration stories are not as bleak as Bruce's. "All of the warnings about registration flowed through my mind. But the outcome was not as dismal as I had anticipated. I got all my classes, only altering times on a few," Melissa, one of the fortunate few, said.

When the first day of class arrives, it is time to actually begin the trek into higher education. Most freshmen are surprised to see that the dress code for class is "come as you are."

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Serenading the Grill... Wayne Cartwright*Staff

Christopher Brannon, a sophomore studying photography in the Fine Arts program, relaxes in the Grill while playing his guitar. Brannon learned to play in his spare time in Nashville.

Founder's Day festivities to feature Jerry Clower

By KIMBERLEY MAYFIELD
Staff Writer

This year there has been a special effort to get the community of Murfreesboro and the university involved as much as possible in Founder's Day, which will be held today.

According to Dorothy Harrison, director of public relations, last year's attendance was down from the first year due mainly to low community involvement.

However, this year's agenda includes the community to a larger extent.

Rather than the alumni speeches given for the past two years, the Murfreesboro Community Band will perform music by John Philip Sousa at 7 p.m.

Following the band concert, there will be a performance by Jerry Clower at 8 p.m. Both acts are free.

MTSU's Founder's Day began three years ago on the 75th anniversary of the university's founding. It was decided later that the day could become an annual event.

The activities will take place on the grounds of the loop around Peck Hall. Classes will not be dismissed.

Beginning at 1 p.m., there will be festival-type games between Cope Administration employees and Peck Hall faculty.

Throughout the day and during the games, there will be roving clowns, Dixieland and bluegrass bands and a disc jockey playing Top-40 hits.

"It is a good chance get to know your professors on a more casual basis," Harrison explained. "That's good for when you get back to class."

A dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers will be served between 5:30 and 6 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per person.

After the dinner, the Murfreesboro Community Band will perform all kinds of music from sing-alongs to music by John Phillip Sousa.

Jerry Clower will follow with comedy intended for the entire family. Clower began as a fertilizer sales-

man in Yazoo City, Mississippi and made more sales with his funny stories than with his sales pitch.

Following Clower's act there will be a street dance in front of Kirksey Old Main. The dance will feature the band "Cruise Control".

According to Curtis Mason, chairman of the Founder's Day committee, parking will be made easier this year.

A shuttle bus will make runs between the new parking lots and the loop from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and return following Clower's performance.

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Republicans speak at meeting

By M.A. BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

The Democrats have created an "imperial Congress" that has "suspended all the rules and basically does what they want to," according to Wallace Embry, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Embry, who is opposing incumbent Bart Gordon for the 6th District congressional slot, and John Pullias, who is running against John Bragg for the 48th District seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives spoke to the Sept. 14 meeting of the MTSU College Republicans.

Quoting Article I, Section 7, Part 1 of the U.S. Constitution, Embry blamed the federal budget deficit on the House of Representatives.

"According to the Constitution, the two major responsibilities of the House are two appropriate funds and raise taxes," he said. "Have they done their job right? No."

Embry went on to point out that the Democrats had controlled the House since 1954. In that time their have been only four balanced federal budgets, none in the last 19 years.

"We can't operate like that," he said. "It's not a presidential problem. It's a congressional problem because all tax bills originate in the House, and 75 percent of the budget is off-limits to cuts [by the president]."

He went on to say that he advocated a freeze of the federal budget and a repeal of the Congressional

Budget Impoundment Control Act, which allows Congress to pass budgets under the present continuing resolution system.

The Columbia resident added that in his opinion, the best way to get the budget under control is to begin to cut away at the federal bureaucracy instead of "going slashing" into needed federal programs.

Pulias, a Murfreesboro native, attacked Bragg for his support of the Walter Hill landfill.

"The purpose of government ... is to protect and serve," he said. "If the people in office can't protect the people's health, then it's time to change the people in government."

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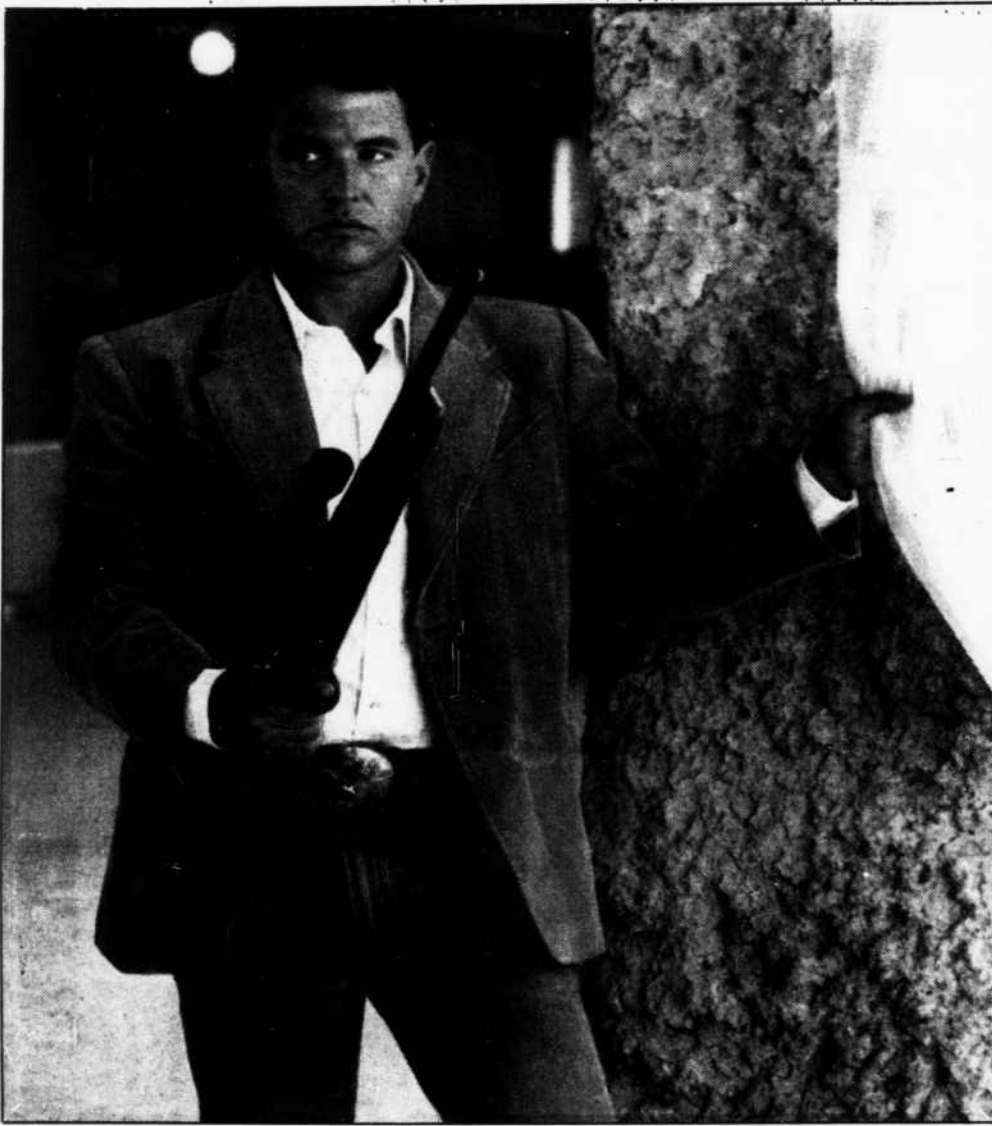
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Happiness is a warm gun...

Tom Berenger portrays Gary Simmons, a leading member of a white supremacist group which uses terrorist tactics to reach thier ultimate goal — the creation of an "Aryan State." "Betrayed" is a United Artists Picture.

Pledge drive to aid athlete

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

A 1988 MTSU graduate is headed for Korea if he can raise the necessary funds Sunday to participate in the Pair Olympics, held in conjunction with the Summer Games starting Friday.

Wheelchair-bound Barton Dodson, is short \$2500 to \$3000 of the funds he needs in order to participate in the Pair Olympics, which are wheelchair games for the disabled held approximately two weeks after the end of the Summer Olympics.

A graduate with a degree in therapeutic recreation, Dodson is holding a push-a-thon Sunday, Sept. 18.

He plans to push his chair from Nashville to Murfreesboro, 30 miles, and Handicapped Student Services has asked the fraternities, sororities and open campus organization (including dorms) to pledge to Dodson whatever amounts they can per mile.

Dodson plans to leave 5:30 p.m. Sunday and arrive at the track at MTSU at approximately 10 a.m.

A trophy will be awarded to each of the highest

pledging fraternity, sorority and open campus organization after Dodson arrives from Nashville.

Dodson has competed in the USA Wheelchair Team for a number of years, according to John Harris, director of Handicapped Student Services.

Oct. 9 is the date Dodson is to leave for Korea. He will compete in the 100-, 200-, 400-, 800- and 1500-meter races. He will also compete in the pentathlon.

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EDITORIAL

Losing the meaning of MTSU life

How we drift away from our principles, our parents and our original purposes for attending college

By DAVID ROBINSON
Presbyterian Student Fellowship Pastor

There are many ways to get lost in this world. But it always starts in small ways. You take a little glance at a nearby paper during a test. You have just enough drink to loosen up but a little too much to remember exactly what you said. That one kiss leads you and your date further into physical intimacy than either of you were intending to go. You tell a little white lie to your folks when asked why you need more money again.

At the time it seemed to be the right thing to do. You tell yourself, "I won't graduate if I fail this class"; "I just wanted to enjoy myself, and everybody else was drinking even more than I was"; "I felt it would help cement our love for each other, and she wanted it anyway"; "It would just hurt my parents if they knew. I'm doing it for their own good."

And we believe this stuff. At least we work hard convincing ourselves that we know where we are and what we're doing. But somewhere along the way, we cross over a line, and find ourselves in a strange land. We lose our way.

I saw the movie "Witness" recently. There is a dialogue over the phone between John Book (played by Harrison

Ford) and Paul, the corrupt chief of police. Paul has dealt 22 million dollars worth of confiscated narcotics and is an accomplice to the murder of two police officers, including Book's partner.

John Book is next on his hit list in the cover-up. In the dialogue Book confronts his corrupt boss: "You lost the meaning, didn't you Paul."

"What?!"

"Isn't that what you used to say about dirty cops ... somewhere along the way, they lost the meaning."

Somewhere along the way, we lose the meaning. We're not sure when we cross over. Most of the time, nobody knows, not even ourselves. Somehow, we got in over our head. We never expected to end up where we did. But little by little, we leave behind our convictions, our values, our inner integrity. Somewhere along the path, we lose our way.

It happens to all of us, not just to the Jim and Tammys of the world. How easy it is to lose our integrity, to lose our way, to lose our meaning. And the problem is much more than mere cheating, lying, alcohol or sex. Those are just the outward symptoms. The real problem lies at the heart. It's a problem of "Not-Being-True-To-Who-I-Am." Most of us don't really know who we are and who we were

created to be.

That's what college life is all about. These years at the university are of critical importance in the formation of those basic values and convictions, that inner wholeness and truth which is called integrity. I write to encourage you in this adventure: of discovering that wonderful person God created you to be; of becoming a person of integrity; of truly finding yourself.

The task isn't easy. There is enormous pressure to just drift on through, from pleasure to pleasure, ignoring the inner red flags of the heart, never asking yourself "Who is this person inside that I'm becoming?"

Some of you reading this might be saying, "Oh come on buddy, we're living in the '80s. Wake up to reality." Maybe these words aren't for you. But the powerful offer from 20 centuries ago still stands out like a beacon in the forest night, to those of you who know you've lost your way:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows after me shall not walk in darkness but has the light of life. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

(John 8:12; Matthew 16:25)

"Bathroom" story misunderstood

By M.A. BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

Whenever a newspaper decides to take on a controversial subject, it runs the risk of creating a negative backlash against itself.

For the most part, these negative reactions result from the public's misunderstanding of an issue and the duty of the press in covering that issue.

Sidelines ran into this dilemma with the printing of Tony Stinnett's article "Sexual activity in KUC bathrooms prompts changes; others still used."

There seems to be debate among various segments of the campus community concerning this article. The majority of this debate has concerned three points — the foul language contained in the article, the negative stereotype of homosexuals it apparently presented, and the damage the story did to MTSU's public image.

Please see **Bathroom** page 7

Register to cast your ballot this fall

By REGINA JETT
Guest Columnist

The other day my education class was discussing the speech given by Vice President Bush at the recent rally. Our instructor offered extra credit for attending, which gave us a good excuse for analyzing the speech. Suddenly, a girl in the class made the comment that she was surprised she liked it, because she had "never been interested in politics before." She never cared.

Do you realize how important YOUR vote is or could be? For example, take the legal drinking age, a restriction that infuriates many students. Suppose every 19- and 20-year-old in Tennessee was a registered voter. Imagine what would happen if all these voters pulled together and rallied to reduce the drinking age. Elected officials would have to listen — after all voters who actually vote are the people that elect them.

I am not arguing for either political party — that is a freedom of choice given to each and every American citizen. If people do not vote, they are saying they do not care who will be making laws that they must obey.



How much attention is an elected official going to give to a person that does not even take the time to vote? I would bet the answer to that would be: Not much! If not for your own sake, how about doing it for future generations — Register! Come November we will be electing the man in charge of holding the United States of America together for the next four years (1,461 days out of your life).

Granted, more people might cast a ballot if the voter registration procedures were easier. Canada, for instance, actively seeks out voters instead of forcing people to come in and register themselves.

A more workable proposal would be allowing voters to register the same day of the election. Maine, Minnesota and Wisconsin all have same-day registration, which explains why these states were among the top four in voter participation in the 1984 elections.

Anyway, run down to the courthouse, flash some I.D., fill out a form and be ready to vote on November 8. But do it quick. Last day to register is October 8.

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Readers rankled

Letters to the Editor

Concentrate on AIDS threat

To the Editor:

In reply to the article, Sexual Activity in KUC Bathrooms Prompts Changes," written by Mr. Tony Stinnett in the September 8th issue of the *Sidelines*:

Our population on campus has been on a steady increase in the past few years and with this growth comes diversity. In his article, Mr. Stinnett has spent a great deal of time and effort to detail the increase in homosexual and bisexual lifestyles at MTSU. However, Mr. Stinnett afforded only one sentence to the health threat of any casual sexual encounter."

Casual sexual encounters are not just "risky." With the threat of AIDS they can be deadly!

With the threat of AIDS on the increase, in my opinion Mr. Stinnett should have spent more time educating our ever-growing population on the consequences that could result from casual sexual encounters, rather than the graphic details he used to describe certain lifestyles.

Don Young
Physician Assistant
MTSU Health Services

Debate unfair to candidate

To the Editor:

The MTSU Senatorial Debate failed to invite all the candidates for the office. David Shepard, an independent candidate, failed to receive an invitation to the September 11 meeting. In the future I hope that MTSU will be fair to all candidates not just a chosen few.

R. Scott Allen
Brentwood, TN

Paper fosters redneck image

To the Editor:

I was absolutely astonished at the filth that my eyes beheld last Thursday as I was reading *Sidelines*. I thought that it was a poor decision by the entire staff of *Sidelines* to let the paper print the article by Mr. Tony Stinnett on the homosexual problems here at MTSU. I am not saying

that this article shouldn't be in the paper or whether it should be included. What I am trying to say is the article should have been cleaned up.

The lewd language used by Mr. Stinnett in his article shows that his vocabulary does not have many words in it. There are several cases where scientific terms could have been used to describe certain parts of the human male body.

The proper method of writing this article would either be to clean up the terminology used or do not print the article at all. I hope you understand that *Sidelines* is an outlet of MTSU. Everyone that visits MTSU and reads *Sidelines* gets an impression that is either good or bad. I hate to say it but this issue of *Sidelines* has shown MTSU to be a redneck university.

My advice to the staff of *Sidelines* is this, either produce a clean and well written newspaper that would represent MTSU well, or just quit making a newspaper at all because MTSU does not need the bad publicity.

Sincerely,
Terry P. Burgess
MTSU Box 6197

Speeders, not traps, annoying

To the Editor:

I write in response to your editorial entitled: "Speedtraps a Big Annoyance." As a resident of North Tennessee Boulevard, I view those who break the speed limit the annoyances. About a year ago, the city planning office agreed to add a turning lane on North Tennessee which runs from roughly in front of Alumni Memorial gym to Division Street. This lane was added after citizens informed the city of the dangerous traffic flow on North Tennessee. City police records showed property damage accidents in this vicinity averaging almost one per four week period. I know first-hand—my wife was hit while attempting to turn into our driveway. The accident totaled her automobile, but fortunately, she was spared injury.

While there are some of your staff who may view the

selective enforcement of traffic laws as discriminatory, there are others in the campus community who applaud the police department for efforts to insure safety of all who travel near our very busy campus. Traffic safety, if employed by all who drive, would reduce the need for selective enforcement of all traffic regulations in certain areas.

Cliff Gillespie
Dean, Admissions, Records
and Information Systems
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Bathroom

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Concerning the first point, I made the decision that the story would not carry the same impact if the language had been deleted. It was my feeling that the language pointed up the fact that the problem was a serious one and should be dealt with immediately.

The words used were not Tony's and, in my opinion, the article was not written in a manner to simply gratuitously use foul language.

On the second point, I do not feel that the story presented a negative stereotype of homosexuals.

The entire local homosexual community did

not fall under the scope of this article. The article concerned only those homosexuals who choose to frequent the campus restrooms.

As editor, I can say honestly that *Sidelines* was not attempting to launch a "gay-bashing" campaign with this article. The article was intended to shed light on the fact that this type of activity was taking place in public restrooms.

On the final point, I agree that the story tainted MTSU's image. However, as a newspaper, *Sidelines* is not a public relations tool for this campus. Our job is to report the news, however unpleasant that news is.

Sidelines should not be blamed for hurting MTSU's

image, the people who have allowed this activity to take place for so long should be.

The ultimate goal of a journalist is to print the truth. I feel that in this instance Tony and *Sidelines* did exactly that.

I apologize if anyone was offended by or misunderstood the point of this story, but sometimes the truth hurts.

LETTERS POLICY

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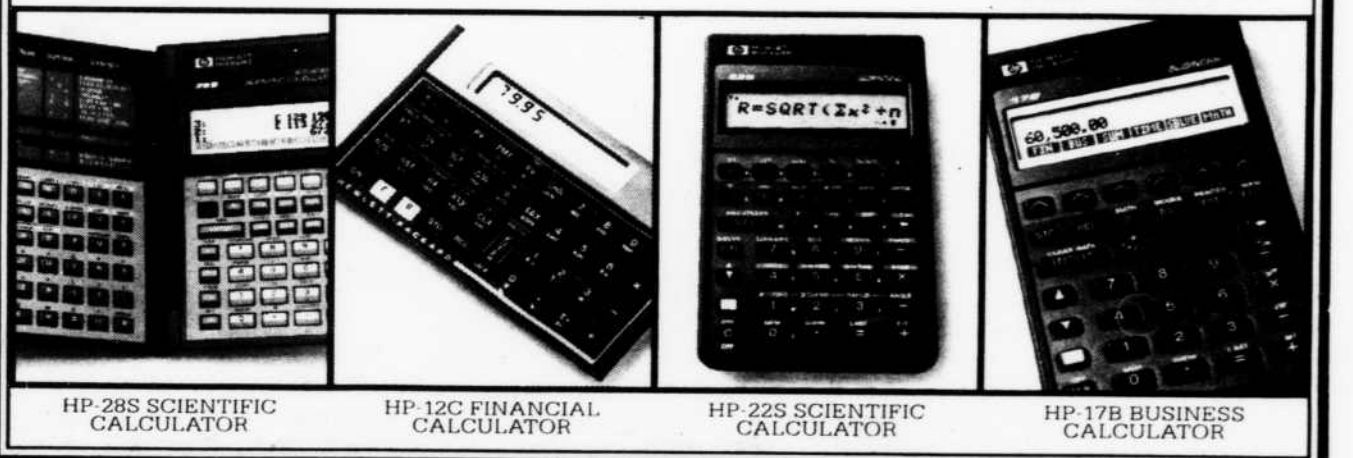
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Defenses should dominate home opener

By M.A. BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

The fans attending Saturday night's Blue Raider home opener against Western Kentucky can expect one thing from the two teams — defense and more defense.

With a young and struggling offense, Middle has been carried by a veter-

WKU head coach Dave Roberts said. "They're good, quick and experienced, and that spells trouble for anybody that has to play against them. This should be one of the stiffest tests our offense will get all year long.

The stingy Blue Raider defense is led by 6-1, 225 lb. linebacker Don Thomas,

coming on the ground and a scant 41 yards through the air. They are also only allowing 10.5 points per contest.

However, as spectacular as the defense has performed, the Blue Raider offense has been equally unspectacular.

Overall, MTSU is averaging only 187 yards total of-

target has been 6-2, 220 lb., junior tight end Melvin James, who has three receptions for 49 yards.

The Blue Raider ground game has been paced by fullback Wade Johnson who has accounted for 92 yards on 24 carries.

However, all three of MTSU's touchdowns have been scored by 6-1, 190 lb., sophomore tailback Ricky Martin who has totaled 43 yards on 16 tries.

"Middle Tennessee may be young on offense, but with an athlete like Collier in the backfield, anything can happen at any time," Roberts said. "It's always important to be able to contain the opposition's quarterback, but that can be

more of a wish than a reality when you're faced with an athlete with Collier's talents."

Although Western's defense took much of the glory following the Hilltopper's shut-out of Morehead, WKU also displayed an explosive offense against the Eagles.

For the game, the Hilltopper offense racked up 371 yards total offense, including 264 yards on the ground.

Tailback Joe Arnold, a senior from Decatur, Ga., led WKU on the ground with 93 yards on 17 carries.

Tony Brown, a 6-2, 225 lb. junior from Denison, Tx., came off the bench to rush for 66 yards on just

seven attempts, and senior Pedro Bacon added just 25 yards, but made them count, scoring two touchdowns from his fullback slot.

David Armstrong, a senior from Nashville, was impressive in his debut as starting quarterback for WKU.

"I was very happy with David's play," Roberts said. "We've known all along that he was a fine athlete with excellent potential. He's been patient and he's learned a lot about the game in his four years here."

Saturday's non-conference contest will be played at 7:30 p.m. at Floyd Stadium.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

The Blue Raiders will try for revenge in Saturday night's home opener, after suffering a 28-16 loss to Western Kentucky University last season.

ran defensive unit through their first two games, a 14-7 victory over OVC rival Tennessee State and a 14-10 loss to Division I-A opponent Northern Illinois.

The Hilltoppers also displayed a little defensive know-how in their season opener last week, a 34-0 victory over Morehead State in Morehead, Ky.

"Middle has to have one of the most awesome defensive units in I-AA football,"

who has accounted for 29 tackles in the first two games, 16 unassisted.

Thomas has received support from senior free safety Tommy Barnes, with 19 tackles and one fumble recovery and 6-1, 251 lb., sophomore lineman Mike Kelly who also has 19 tackles.

For the season, this unit has averaged allowing only 225.5 yards of total offense, with 184.5 of those yards

fense per game, 125.5 yards on the ground and 61.5 yards passing. They are averaging a mere 12 points per game.

Senior quarterback Marvin Collier, who is working with an inexperienced receiving corps, has completed 10 of 38 passes for 123 yards and no touchdowns. He has also rushed the football 26 times for 67 yards.

To date, Collier's favorite

Volleyball team wins first game under new coach

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Jim Luna's debut as volleyball coach was victorious Tuesday night as the Lady Raiders swept Trevecca with three straight games.

"The team that we played wasn't our big test," said Coach Luna.

The Lady Raiders will have to overcome a tough schedule in order to have a winning season.

"We should be pretty good, we are pretty young though, I believe we have

just one senior."

Hope is high that the Lady Raiders will finish the season near the top of the OVC.

"It's pretty hard to say just after three weeks, we started practicing the week of school on August 22.

"We are improving everyday," said Luna. "I'm very impressed, the girl's work hard and are very enthusiastic."

After getting his master's degree in recreation at MTSU in 1985, Luna now feels secure within the staff

of Murphy Center.

"I've known the folks since I started school at MTSU in 1967," said Luna.

By specializing in recreation during college, he is presently using his degree within the field as facility manager of the year old Sports Complex.

Luna said that he was not interested in pursuing any full-time position as a teacher at MTSU.

Luna already has a 1-0 record under his belt and hoping for that number to climb.

Academic athletes succeed

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

OVC Commissioner Jim Delaney announced that 308 student-athletes earned a 3.0 gpa, or better, during the 1987-88 academic year earning a place on the Commissioners Honor Roll.

Morehead State captured the Academic Achievement Banner by accumulating 53 points, under a system devised by the Conference's Faculty Representatives Commit-

tee. They had 51 honor roll students and two Medal of Honor Winners.

Eastern Kentucky captured second place with 43 points and Youngstown State was third with 38 points.

MTSU and Tennessee Tech tied for fourth place, each with 34 points. Austin Peay had 16 points and Tennessee State rounded out the OVC with 10 points.

"Nothing more clearly demonstrates our universities' mission of enhancing education through athletics

than the academic performance of these 308 athletes during the 1987-88 year," said Commissioner Delaney.

MTSU academic athletes are Blue Raider defensive tackle Todd Jackson, with a 4.0 gpa. He shared the Medal of Honor with Harold Reedy of Eastern Kentucky and Vishwas Talwalker of Murray State.

Lianne Beck, also a 4.0 gpa student-athlete, won the Medal of Honor playing basketball and shared the tennis award with two other athletes.



Frank Conley/Staff

Lady Raiders begin their fight for the OVC volleyball title under the new leadership of head coach Jim Luna. Their record is 1-1 for the season.

Lights are nuisance for night basketball games

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Any four-letter words been uttered upon the basketball courts in midst of heated games. Not only because of the red shots or air balls, because of the sudden darkness that swallows the courts, along with the players at approximately every night.

Think that they were going into the day and saving a lot of electricity," Bill Smotherman, di-

rector of the Physical Plant. "That is the reason that we had them cut off. I really didn't think that there would be too many people playing after 11:50."

In the past, the lights have cut off with a timer, but they could be turned back on by any of the players. Within minutes the basketball games would continue.

"It makes it difficult to go to work and school," said Neil Cook, senior computer technology major. "You come home from working

late and want to play basketball, by the time you get out there the lights go off and you can't play.

"The courts are there for us and we can't even use them. If they had timers to come on for the lights to cut off every hour, or maybe for an hour longer, then they wouldn't have to worry about electricity," said Cook. "I don't mind them cutting off on the week-end because you have the opportunity to play all day."

Superintendent of work flow and grounds, Herman Barber said, "We cut them out, they are on a timer and they go out at 11:50.

"Before they were cutting them back on, but no one was cutting them back off, they were staying on all the time."

Glenn Hanley, director of Campus Recreation said they were unaware that the lights went off at 11:50 p.m.

"I have talked to people about the lights, they said that it is on a timer to go off at about 12 p.m.," said Hanley.

He hinted of chances that the lights will be on longer in the future.

"I have been told to go through my vice-president concerning the lights being on longer," said Hanley.



Helen Comer*Staff
man John Cook plays underneath the controversial lights on the basketball courts beside Deere Hall.

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Olympics begin tonight

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Finally, the long wait is over as NBC's coverage of the XXIV Summer Olympic Games begins tonight (8-10 p.m.) with a preview show. Opening ceremony festivities are tomorrow with competition set to begin Saturday.

Carl Lewis, Greg Louganis and Calvin Smith will be making final preparations, and the broadcasters that will bring you approximately 180 televised hours of disappointments and thrills.

Due to the nature of Olympic television - so

many people watching for so many hours - recent Olympics have generated almost as much news with the quality of the TV coverage as with the athletic accomplishments.

Michael Weisman, Executive Producer of NBC Sports, commented on how he plans to avoid the pitfalls that have diminished previous Games:

"ABC received criticism in Calgary this past winter for not being on top of sports stories," he said. "The problem is when you're on the air for as many hours as we plan to be, you don't always have the luxury of being every place you need to be."

"So what we've done," Weisman continued, "is hire certain key journalists to work selected venues. With (announcers) Marv Albert and Ferdie Pacheco having to watch literally hundreds of bouts, they'll pretty much be tied to ringside. So we've hired Wallace Matthews from Newsday. He'll be our eyes and ears behind the scenes, visiting with the trainers, doctors, judges and dressing rooms, and then come back and report to Marv and Ferdie."

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LIFESTYLES

Band of Blue shows talent

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Imagine practicing hour after hour, day after day in the hot sun, and driving rain. Sore muscles and exhaustion set in as sweat gushes from every pore on your body.

And for what?

All this for your moment in the spotlight on a Saturday afternoon at Horace Jones Field.

No, you haven't imagined yourself in the trenches of the field, facing off against another OVC opponent with the Raider football team. You've instead imagined yourself with another group, albeit not as well known as the Raider football team, but those stars of the halftime activities — the MTSU Band of Blue.

The 122-member Band of Blue is entering the fall season under the direction of Joseph T. Smith, who is in his thirty-second year with the band. Smith, assistant director Linda L. Mitchell, and graduate assistant Terry Jolley wrote this year's show, which includes a southern flavor with "Suwanee" and "The Tennessee Waltz."

The band began practice for this season a week before "Welcome Week" this year, by practicing drill and learning the music. According to publicity manager Tamera Hall, the drill was taught to the band by 9 student instructors, which sped the learning process along.

"These student instructors were chosen by the director for their leadership abilities, and in teaching the drill, better student relationships are built," Hall explained.

Hall noted that the Band of Blue is different from many other college marching bands because they choose a very difficult halftime show and continue to perfect it throughout the year. "We place emphasis on the difficult, more challenging show," Hall said.

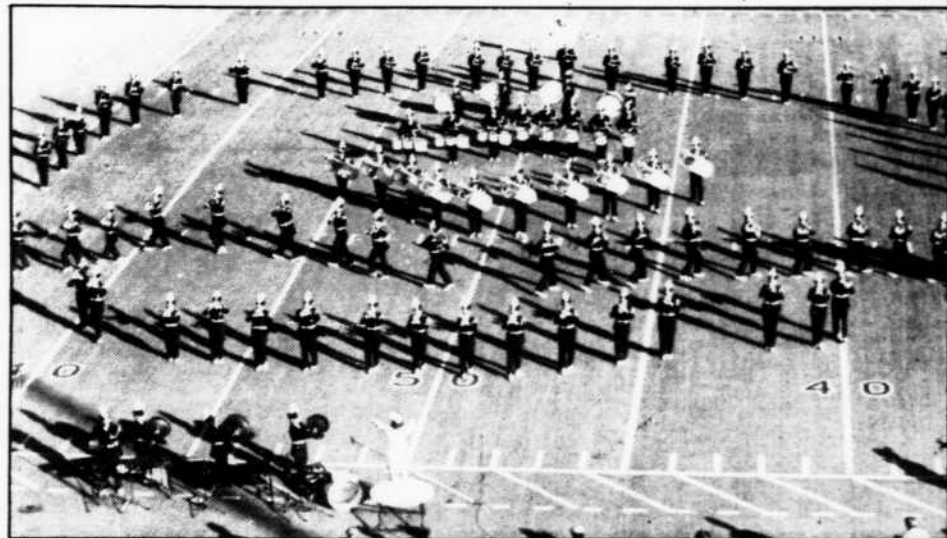
Members in the Band of Blue are "put through their paces" during the fall semester, with rehearsals, football games, and special performances throughout the year. Practices are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as well as optional rehearsals held on Tuesday and Thursday.

Add to this the football games on Saturday, plus the normal class schedule, and you see the hectic schedule the band members lead.

It pays off, however, according to Hall, as they perform their show at both the pre-game and halftime shows at the games. They perform at all home football games, as well as a special "Alumni Day" performance later in the year and the Homecoming parade and festivities.

Another big event this year for the Band of Blue is the annual "Contest of Champions," a marching band competition among high school bands from all across the South.

The Band of Blue serves as the host for this event, which is in its twenty-seventh year. Hall stressed that MTSU is very fortunate to host this event, because of the number of people that it brings to campus. "This contest brings 25 or 30 high schools to campus, and the school gets some good exposure," Hall notes. "We also get a lot of very good players in different bands to look at the MTSU program."



Above: After months of practice, MTSU's Band of Blue proudly march on field perform. Below: The drum corps perfect their routine.



File B

MTSU band "Domestic Geoffrey" set to rock Mainstreet

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Through a fusion of different tastes, "Domestic Geoffrey," a band made up of five MTSU students, is defining themselves as one of the top local bands around.

Their success, unlike most other bands, has taken only a little over a year to reach. But, believe me, they're not like most other bands. In that time, they've become one of the top local draws among MTSU students, and regularly play in four other southern states.

The five members of "Domestic Geoffrey" are Scott Hogue, lead vocals; Jimi Williams, bass; Will Murphy, guitar; Bren Martin, keyboards; and Doug Flower, drums.

And according to Hogue, the "frontman" of the band, it is because of different tastes and personalities that the band is a success.

"We have musical tastes ranging from a very pop/top-40 to an esoteric, funky sixties kind of sound," explains Hogue. "This keeps us out of the stylistic rut which a lot of bands get in."

And it's been that way from the start.

The band was originally formed by Williams in the summer of 1987. "Jimi really wanted to get another band started, something different," Hogue recalls. "So, he called Will and Doug who were in Boston and told them about his idea, and they said, 'Let's go!'"

The rest of "Domestic Geoffrey" was formed when Ken Snell, who had played in an earlier band with Williams, called Hogue, a brother of his in Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and others and told them about the idea.

The new members were brought in and the band

was formed under the name of "The Chill," which was soon changed to "Domestic Geoffrey," a name that was thought of by Murphy as a child. This change was much to the delight of their agent, Tony Moon, of Crescent Moon Talent Agency on Music Square in Nashville.

Moon became involved with the band and began booking them at local clubs. Their first big show, explains Hogue, was at Jabb's last fall when they played on a bill with three other local bands.

"We were real nervous, and the place was packed. We played for 30 minutes and everybody seemed to love us. When we finished, the crowd began chanting for us, so we kept on playing. We knew then that we had started something good," Hogue says.

Moon, recognizing the growing popularity of the

band, began to book them all across the mid-south, playing clubs and college campuses. And like all bands, they've played some pretty rough places. But, as Hogue comments, that's all a part of it.

"We've played some bars where we didn't think we were getting out alive," he says. "We were playing one bar in Alabama where four fights broke out right in front of me while I was singing."

So is it worth it, you ask, to travel all over the South to play, while trying to juggle school also?

"We get good exposure, and that's the most important thing," Hogue adds. "A lot of regional bands stay in their hometown, but we're different."

And different they are. Unlike many other local bands, "Domestic Geoffrey" owns all their light and sound equipment, which

are run by their two roadies, Bill Robinson and John Cunningham. The band bought all of the equipment with the money from the first shows they performed, and Hogue is proud of that fact.

"A lot of those early shows, we wouldn't make too much, because we would turn it over and invest it in equipment," he says. "We were investing in our future, and it paid off."

And if you see "Domestic Geoffrey" more than once, it is not likely that you will see the same show, or possibly anything similar. They have no set show that they play, which leaves a lot of possibilities.

"If we feel like playing something different that's not on the set, we will," Hogue says. "Or if the crowd wants to hear something, we'll play it. We're fairly loose on stage, and that makes it fun. We're

even working on a reggae version of 'Free Bird' which we will debut soon."

As for the future, "Domestic Geoffrey" Hogue says that music songwriting is in the works with more original music.

"We're starting to explore more musical routes in our songwriting," Hogue says. "Again, our different tastes in music enhance the songs we write."

Until then, Hogue and his colleagues in "Domestic Geoffrey" will continue to do what they enjoy most performing.

"We're just not content playing the music," Hogue concludes. "We want to perform on a show." "Domestic Geoffrey" will be performing at Mainstreet Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29 - 30.

"Citizen Kane" proves that classic doesn't spell boring

By MARLA CARTWRIGHT

Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Why is a classic "classic"? What a silly question. I mean, what are we talking about here - sheet music for flute written by Mozart? a 1964 Thunderbird? original flavor Coca-cola? novels written lifetimes ago brimming over with cramped, archaic prose? denim jeans that are a normal shade of blue? or perhaps, God forbid, black and white movies?

Well, all of those things apply under the title of "classic". They each possess innate qualities, either in structure, function or message which make them meaningful and useful.

Simply put, they retain their importance through the years. They stay cool.

For instance, some black and white movies are still in vogue because of the filming style used. However, some black and white movies survive due to their context. Even more rare are those movies which possess both qualities and double their chances for immortality.

One of those movies is "Citizen Kane".

It was a block-buster of its time and is today a must-see for movie fans. The vitality of its message is due largely to one man - Orson Welles, who served in a triple role as writer, director and leading star.

How can a movie made over 40 years ago have any kind of relevance for viewers today? After all, times have changed.

The only real reason to see this movie is to earn extra credit in an introductory mass communications class, right?

Wrong. Don't let the label of "classic" throw you. "Citizen Kane" deals with the effects of an unquenched lust for power, greed fueled by limitless wealth, self-love to unimaginable limits and, ultimately, loneliness.

Current award-winning movies like "Wall Street" deal with the same issues. Just keep in mind that the idea started with "Citizen Kane".

The movie is also interesting because of its unique presentation. Like the radio broadcast "War of the Worlds" it opens with a newflash program.

Welles uses realistic, journalistic-like approaches to grab the listeners' and viewers' attention.

In "War of the Worlds" the Martian attack is broadcast as a live news story so

realistically that it caused confusion among listeners.

"Citizen Kane" uses a similar pseudo-news opening approach.

The top bold headline of the newsreel heralds the death of Charles Foster Kane, described as a slightly eccentric humanitarian. Exploits from his life include his first marriage, his quest for political office, the ensuing scandal resulting in divorce and his second marriage flash by.

As the reel clicks to an end, we find ourselves, not in a theater viewing the final product, but in a screening room with editors who feel that a key element is missing.

Although the newsreel adequately condenses Kane's life, the personality of the man escapes being captured until the editors decide to investigate the significance of his final word, "Rosebud".

The remainder of the movie follows a reporter interviewing Kane's past business associates, his ex-wife, and his closest friend as he struggles to find a meaning in "Rosebud".

"Citizen Kane" will be showing 7 p.m. Sunday Sept. 18 at the KUC

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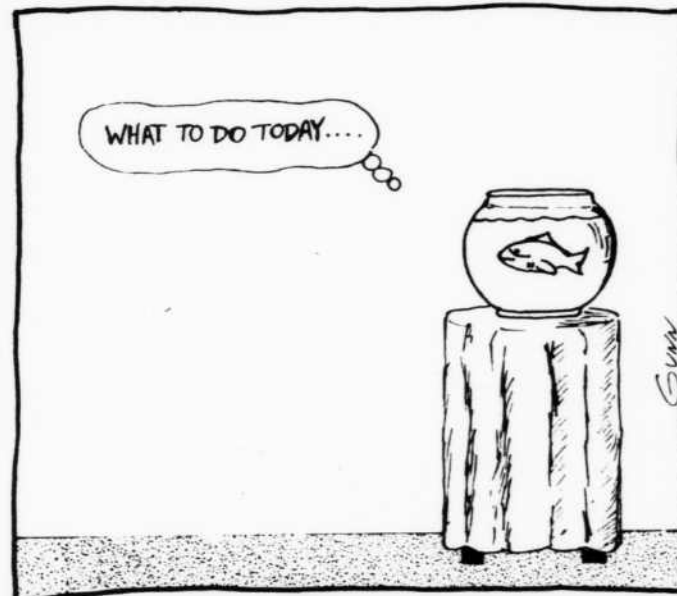


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