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Faculty senate holds meeting

By DEANNA KALAS
Staff Writer

At the faculty senate meeting held Monday night, discussions were held concerning computer registration, designated smoking areas, ASB student discount cards and book-buyers on campus.

Faculty Senator Dennis Oneal of the Student Affairs Committee reported that the committee is looking into designated smoking areas that have good ventilation. It was reported that a "substantial percentage of students don't smoke anymore."

Oneal also moved that MTSU proceed with computer registration and/or pre-registration as soon as possible.

Oneal said that Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, reported that there is no support from the academic side to get pre-registration started.

Sondra Wilcox, president of the faculty senate, said that equipment for computer registration would cost an estimated \$46,000.

A motion was passed that MTSU President Sam Ingram and Cliff Gillespie

be notified that the faculty senate supports the idea of pre-registration. "... It's here, it's available, and I just think we need to squeak a little bit," one member said.

A member of the Faculty Welfare Committee moved that the Associated Student Body (ASB) be asked to change the student discount card to include faculty members as well as students. The motion was passed.

Senator Linda Wilson moved that representatives of book-buying companies be made unwelcome on campus; however, representatives of book publishing companies still would be welcome. A motion made to table this was approved.

In addition, President Wilcox reported the discussion she had with Mary Martin, dean of MTSU's graduate school, concerning the possibility of allowing graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) to enroll in summer school without paying tuition. Martin said that the new policy giving GTAs money for tuition would solve the problem.

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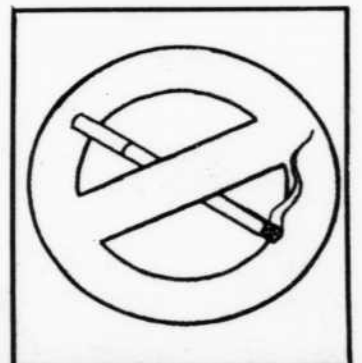
By SEAN STEPHENSON
News Editor

Today is the Great American Smokeout, where all persons, nation-wide, are urged to give up that cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other cancerous addiction.

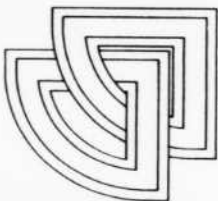
The American Cancer Society is urging all to stop smoking for one day, and if that works, they would like you to stop for the rest of your life.

This is the twelfth year the American Cancer Society has sponsored the smoke-

out, and the idea behind the smokeout is that it is a lot easier to break a bad habit if everyone does it.

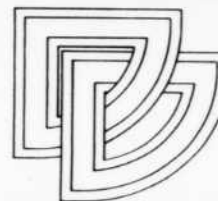


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Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine

Verdi's *Requiem*: see page 10.



Masked man attacks female

By LISA NEWTON
Special to Sidelines

MTSU Campus Security and the Murfreesboro Police Department are currently investigating the assault of a female MTSU student last week by an unknown assailant near the Wiser-Patton Science building.

The victim said she was returning to the science building around 9:30 p.m. to pick up something she had left behind after a study session.

The student said she

parked on the loop around Peck Hall and was walking up to the door.

"I was walking up to the biology building on Sunday night around 9:30 and the door was locked," she said. "I was hit on the back of the head, I turned around, and was hit in the face over and over again."

All she saw, the victim said, was a person dressed completely in black wearing a ski mask.

"I only saw him for a tenth of a second,"

she said.

"We are acting on the description the victim gave us," Roy Brewer, investigating officer with Campus Security, said. "We really don't have a whole lot."

The investigating officer with the Murfreesboro Police Department was unavailable for comment.

During the attack, the student said she lost consciousness.

"When I woke up, I tried to scream for someone in the science building to help me. No one came, so I

drove to a friend's house, they called the police and then took me to the emergency room," she said.

The attack left the woman with a concussion, a fracture in her eye socket and a ruptured tear gland.

"I thought I could defend myself. When someone hits you in the back of the head, it's too late to do anything," she said.

The advice the victim gives to anyone walking on campus at night is "don't go alone."



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MTSU reaches high class.

Monday night, the co-ordinators of Collage held an exhibition to display the various contributions published in the fall '88 issue of *Collage*.

Submitted were various pieces of art, fiction, poetry and photography.

Above, two people look at an untitled art piece by Allen Williams.

Collage is MTSU's student literary and art magazine.

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Pony club to sponsor competitions and show

From Staff Reports

The Pony Club is sponsoring a competition and show on Nov. 19-20 at the Tennessee Livestock Center at MTSU.

Games and competition such as pole bending, barrel racing and rescue racing are scheduled for Sat., Nov. 19.

"The competition is designed to help the members get to know each other, draw prospective new members and to let our kids team up together," says Jenny Daniel, a member of the Stones River Pony Club.

Daniel adds that the club also sponsors national and

international competition in the events scheduled for Saturday.

On Sun., Nov. 20, show jumping takes center stage. A clinic for club members is scheduled after the show jumping event.

"We give clinics and shows to teach the kids proper horsemanship," remarks Daniel.

The Pony Club started in Great Britain and came to Middle Tennessee in 1954. The organization is recognized all over the world, Daniel explains.

Officers of the club are adults; however, all members must be 21 years old

or younger.

"Our youngest member is eight years old," notes Daniel. "In some Pony Clubs, kids are as young as five or six."

"If they can't afford a horse, they can borrow or lease a horse," the club member points out.

The club has a Know-down category that doesn't require the use of a horse. In this category, contestants are tested on their knowledge of horses.

Activities on both days begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. The events are free and open to the public.



1989 Spring schedule

From Staff Reports

Please note the following dates and times for spring registration:

Registration:

Wed., Jan. 4, 5-7 p.m., Murphy Athletic Center (MAC)- Evening and Saturday classes only.

Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 5 & 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., MAC.

Sat., Jan. 7, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Window 16, Cope Administration Building (Cope).

Late registration:

Mon.-Fri., Jan. 9-13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 14, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Window 16, Cope Bldg.

Hours for evening registration through Continuing Education Office, Cope, Room 113:

Mon.-Thurs., Jan. 9-12, 4-6:30 p.m.

Tues.-Wed., Jan. 17-19, 4-6:30 p.m.

Jan. 17-19 late registration only for classes that have not already met twice.

Registration material will be mailed to all students' campus post office boxes beginning Nov. 16.

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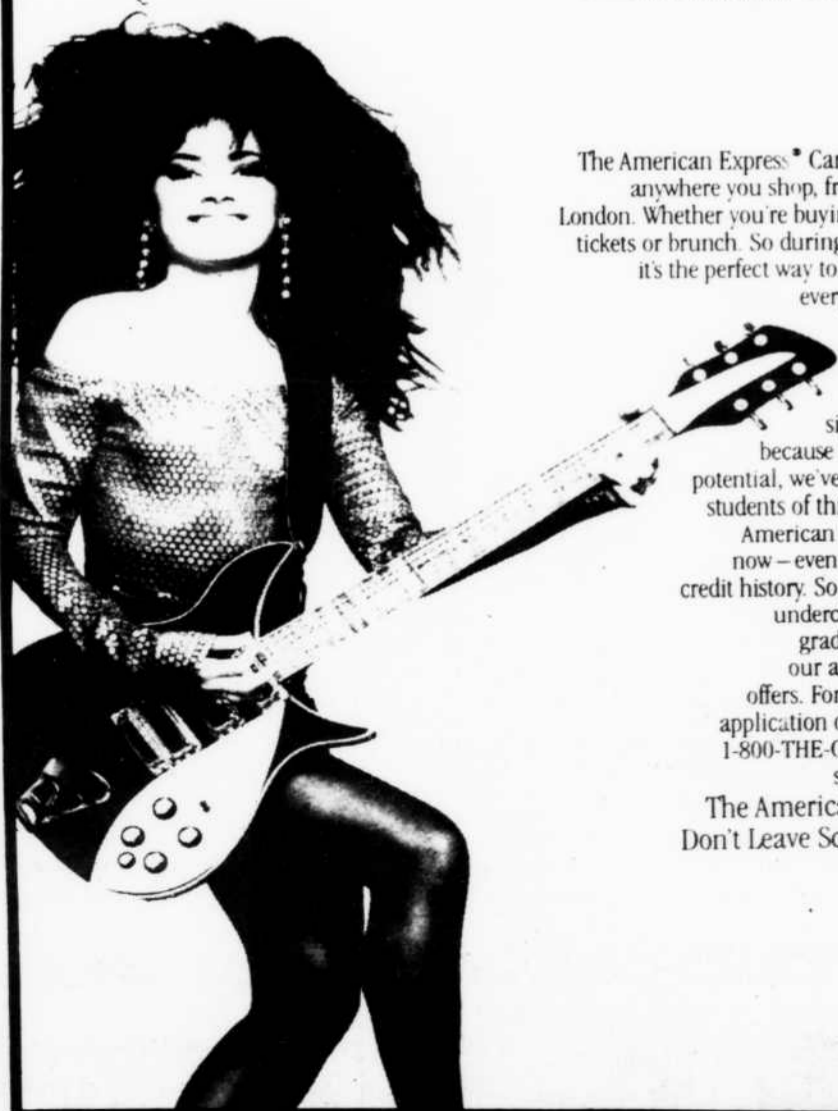
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*Leaves may fall and fall may leave,
but winter is here to stay for a while*

Vet bill passed

By Lucas Johnson, II
Staff Writer

Legislation recently passed a bill that will aid in financing the medical attention needed by disabled veterans in hospital facilities nationwide.

The bill, the Veterans Benefit and Service Act of 1988, is to be in full operation on July 1, 1988, as written by legislative literature.

"It is a very positive bill," Administrative Service Assistant to the Commissioner, Bob Neal, said.

"I'm sure that there will be even more revisions and bills put into action for veterans in the near future."

"Indeed, I truly feel good knowing that Congress is beginning to take a greater concern in the welfare of its veterans. We are not asking for the world. We just want the respect that we so justifiably deserve for fighting and upholding the greatness that constitutes our beloved America," Vietnam veteran, Lincoln Jones, said.

Students needed

From Staff Reports

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are now available in the Office of Public Relations, room 205, Cope Administration Building.

Student Ambassadors serve as hosts and hostesses of various university functions. They work in the Press and the President's boxes at football games, work at in-

formation booths during new student week and registration, assist at university receptions, and many other activities.

To be eligible to serve as a Student Ambassador interested persons, in most cases, must have completed one semester at MTSU and have a grade point average of 2.5 in college work.

Help wanted now

There comes a time in every person's life where one must ask for help, and this is one of those times.

As the new news editor of *Sidelines*, I have been passed the mantle and the problems that the previous news editor had.

It seems the average response, when asked about this newspaper, is not very positive. You can moan and you can groan, but you don't have the right to complain unless you can help to improve this paper. And that is what I'm asking you to do.

Come see me, call me, just help me, Sean Stephenson at 2337. It's easy to remember, just dial 'BEER'.

Campus Capsule

The Office of Continuing Education is offering several classes during the month of November, including Wealth Accumulation, Yoga III, Jazz for Teens and Adults, Creative Movement and more. Call 898-2462 for more information.

The Association of Non-Traditional Students will have a business meeting at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 17, Room 313 in the KUC. At 7:30 p.m., guest speaker Dr. Caroline Hopper will speak on study skills and preparation for final exams. All are welcome.

National Park Service may conduct interviews on campus, Nov. 30 for seasonal park rangers and maintenance workers. Contact the Placement and Student Employment Center, Room 328 in the KUC to schedule interview appointments.

The MTSU observatory, located east of Cummings Hall, will be conducting open houses on Nov. 17, 22 and 29 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., weather permitting. Contact Dr. Roy Clark for more information at 898-2077.

ACT Comps, required of all graduating seniors, Nov. 15-17 at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the JUB Tennessee Room.

The Tennessee Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders will present a free seminar on "The Thoroughbred Horse" and on "Buying and Selling at Public Auction" on Saturday, Nov. 26 in the Agricultural Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Following will be a mixed sale of Thoroughbred horses. Contact Ken Travis for further information at 1-901-627-3029.

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Student profile: MTSU graduate prepares for grad school

By TRACEY RIEDLE
Staff Writer

Robert Bush, 25, is a native of Dade City, Florida. Having graduated from MTSU with a Bachelor of Business degree in 1986, he is currently taking classes part-time in preparation for graduate school.

Bush came to MTSU in 1982 after leaving Ottawa University in Kansas. He was recruited to the football team, but a bad knee injury kept him off the field. "Coach Donnelly was very cooperative in helping me out, as far as financial aid was concerned. When you've got people working for you, you say, 'Football is secondary. Education comes first.'"

Bush comes from a small family. His only brother lives in Dallas, Texas, and

his parents reside in Dade City, a tiny town close to Tampa, Florida.

Bush pledged the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity in the fall of his first year at MTSU. Bush said he joined the fraternity partly because his aunt was a member of Zeta Phi Beta, a sister sorority to his fraternity, and also because he liked the fraternity's style.

"I liked the way the guys carried themselves, and I liked the social service functions they did. You can be yourself in this fraternity. In a lot of them, you have to change yourself and try to project a certain image. I'm not that type. I'm not going to change for anybody. We are a fraternity as a body, but it's built on individualism."

Bush said that he notices

some segregation on campus, but that we should not blame the university for it.

"It's the kind where you really can't help the situation, because you've got two kinds of people coming from different backgrounds, and when you try to mesh them together, it takes a long time. Going to college is not like going to high school. When you go to high school, you're usually with those people for twelve years, so you get close relationships. When you come to college, you've got people coming from all across the nation and different countries. You're here, supposedly, only for four years, and you have different races coming to one place. It's like, they do their thing, and we do our thing. But you can do some things

together, like eat and party."

Bush believes the university has done a good job of trying to desegregate the student population. He says, "Since I came here in 1982, they've done a great job of recruiting blacks. You can tell that the university is trying to help the situation by getting a better proportion. It's not as if the whites are on this side, and the blacks are on that side, and the only time you can get across is if you've got class. I think it's a pretty good system, but it probably can get better. There's always room for improvement."

Bush voted democrat in this election, although he admits that he did not really care for Governor Dukakis. "I think that there has been

a lot of people fighting for black people to have the right to vote. And I cast my vote just for that purpose. When Reagan was in office, don't get me wrong, he was a strong president, but he made a lot of cuts on education and social security, and it has hit my home. My grandma's social security was cut. As far as my financial aid for college, that was cut. He cut here and spent all the money on defense."

Bush works at the Better Built Aluminum plant in Smyrna. He said that although working on an assembly line can sometimes be tedious, he enjoys the work and makes the best of it. "I'm the type that whatever I do, I can get into it if it isn't too bad. But I try my best. I've got an apartment and a new car I've got

to pay for. You gotta eat, so you gotta work!"

"My personal philosophy is to work as hard as you can, and do the best that you can if you want to make it in this life. If you want to be successful, you've got to work hard at it. Get a game plan, set some goals, and write out how you're going to go about attaining these goals."

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Crossed Sabres hosts blood drive

From Staff Reports

The Crossed Sabres Honor Society will be sponsoring its annual fall blood drive in the Keathly University Center Nov. 29 and 30.

According to Maj. Lewis C. Rhodes, Crossed Sabres' advisor, they combine with the local Red Cross during their blood drives. "This year we would like to have greater participation with faculty and staff members," commented Rhodes.

"There is a shortage of

blood, not only due to reluctance, but the fear of contracting the AIDS virus which is not correct."

Cross Sabres already had one blood drive back in Sept. According to the Red Cross, their goal of 50 donors was very closely reached. They had 48.

The Red Cross will be coming to selected physical education classes at MTSU to discuss the blood drive and other community services that they sponsor.



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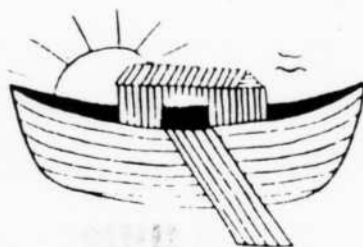
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EDITORIAL



Stem abortions with education

By PORTER McCORMICK
Staff Columnist

With the rightward shift of the nation's highest court under President Reagan, the development of a French drug that induces miscarriage and a recent decision by the Supreme Court, the controversy over legalized abortion has once again been thrust into the national limelight.

Since Reagan's election, pro-choice activists have feared that the Supreme Court would be shifted towards a conservative ideology, and attempt to reverse the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision which legalized abortion. With the election of George Bush, and the impending retirement of at least two judges, the court would appear to be in for an even further rightward swing. And legalized abortion is apparently in greater jeopardy.

In fact, the Justice Department asked the court last Friday to consider overturning *Roe* using a pending case from Missouri.

Just this Monday, however, the court upheld a ruling by the Indiana Supreme Court which stated that the Supreme Court ruled in *Roe* and a 1976 case that a husband had no legal right to stop his wife from having an abortion.

In another abortion matter, a furor has been created by a drug now available in France and China which chemically induces miscarriage in a pregnant woman.

Some people are upset over the prospect of the drug being released for sale in the United States.

The matter of abortion has been, is and always will be an extremely emotional issue. At times, people on both sides of the argument tend to get simplistic in their stances. When this happens we invariably hear the charges of "baby killing" or the denial of women's rights.

Abortion is a complex subject which involves human lives and emotions. We've all heard the stories about back alley abortions and the emotional damage done to women who have had abortions.

There is something inherently wrong here. When will we learn that the best way to deal with the problems of abortion are to deal with what ultimately leads to abortion — inadequate sex education.

The best way to deal with abortion is to head it off at the pass and start teaching our children about the responsibility of sex at a young age. Although some may disagree, the schoolhouse is a better place to do this than the home.

If we would start teaching children about sex, pregnancy and birth control, instead of letting them get a distorted view from porno magazines and videos, perhaps the horrors of abortion would become a thing of the past.

Students address attendance policy



Vicki Madson, 25
Mass Communication /
International Relations
majors



Cynthia Wakefield, 26
Marketing major

"I think the attendance policy is stupid. If you make a good grade in a class without attending, then you shouldn't be penalized. Having such a strict policy is ridiculous."

"I think there should be one for freshmen and sophomores. By the time you become a junior or senior and declare your major you should be pretty well settled in."



Reginald Glimps, 24
Fashion Merchandising
major

Laura van Hooser, 23
Social Work major



"I don't think we need an attendance policy, because people should be mature enough to come to class on their own."

"You're paying to go to school yourself. It should be your decision to benefit or not benefit from the opportunities available. Teachers know if you're coming to class or not and they can make adjustments accordingly."



Myra Fisher, 22
Marketing major



Pradeep Patel, 22
Pre-law major

"No, I don't think we need an attendance policy, except for freshman. Some people get out on their own for the first time and just go crazy."

"I don't like it at all. I have one class that meets once a week and if you miss it, you're out."

Photos by Frank Conley

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Sidelines, Middle Tennessee State University's student produced newspaper, is published every Monday and Thursday.

Letters to the Editor

Cartoon uncalled for

To the Editors:

We the brothers, alumni, little sisters and everyone affiliated with the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity are sick and tired of your paper's continuous slander of our fraternity and its members. For God's sake, can you not find anything of more interest to the student body to write on or print? It is one thing to point out Pikes being on probation for throwing animal parts at a gas station (which incidentally was *another* one of your false accusations) but for one of your so-called comic artists to print a totally degrading comic about one of our pledges who is handicapped. We do not think that is a damn bit humorous, Mr. Comic Artist.

Question for you: Put yourself in his place. What would be your feelings if you were reading *Sidelines* and came across that comic?

Ms. Editor: question for you. You are the editor; how can you continue to let this garbage be printed when you know we are going to confront you with it, and you have to print a retraction? Don't you think it would save time in the future to get the story straight?

In closing, you're wasting our time, as well as your own. Come on guys, get the facts straight, stories clear, and quit making an anti-greek newspaper.

Mike Weiss, Box 5562

Latest Collage depressing

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on is the mood of the latest *Collage*. It has a very depressing aura. I am not saying that these were not good choices, I am just saying that the content is depressing. I liked the stories but found "The Rotting Crutch" and "The Reunion" were not real pick-me-up type stories. The photos were the harshest. I won't need to list them, they speak for themselves. Again, I am not saying they are not excellent photos just that they are not very happy or exciting. Well, maybe it is because this is the Fall issue and the Spring edition will reflect that season.

"Stumpy" Binder, Box 5487

Collage applauded for producing good magazine, including political supplement

To the Editor:

Thank you, Rebecca Powell, editor of *Collage*, for putting out a good creative magazine. This includes the political supplement lambasted by Rod Willis, Larry Underwood and Roy Epperson in the Nov. 14 *Sidelines*.

To answer the question posed by the three writers, namely, "What, in the name of God, is a piece of political trash doing in a creative magazine?", I'd say that *Collage* decided to run some creative political analysis and commentary. Since when is political writing not creative? Anyone from Alexis de Tocqueville to William Safire might beg to differ. I was simply glad to see students on this campus willing to articulate political views in print. I may disagree with Chris Bell and Mike Reed, the "editorial radicals" fingered by the authors of the letter, and I may disagree with Doug Stults in *Sidelines* as well, but I am rarely less than entertained by their punchy and provocative commentary.

I am really not sure how to respond to the incoherent rambling of the rest of the Nov. 14 letter, which trails off into a ludicrous analogy of beer advertising and political coverage. Beer advertising, first of all, is paid for; political coverage, one hopes, is not. As for the "unwanted" opinions about politics in *Collage*, who wanted Willis, Underwood and Epperson's opinions about *Collage*? The point is that both groups of opinions are necessary, if one believes in a marketplace of ideas.

Lively political writing is as much of an art as photography or fiction: it therefore deserves and warrants a place in *Collage*. If Willis, Underwood and Epperson are dissatisfied with the content of the magazine, I suggest that next semester they submit their own photography, fiction or political writing for inclusion. That to me seems much more creative and constructive than an illogical, ill-considered attack on the magazine.

My congratulations to the staff of, and contributors to, *Collage*.

Sincerely,
Jim Ridley
Box 8190

Letters to the editor are encouraged and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest and space.

All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. Telephone numbers are for verification purposes only. When warranted, requests to withhold names will be honored.

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SPORTS



Blue Raider Basketball Team will take to the floor against the Ft. Hood Tankers in an exhibition game this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Helen Comer/Staff

USSR vs. MTSU

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

The Russians are coming!

Murphy Center will be the site of the basketball game between the Russian Nationals, basically the same team who won the Olympic Gold Medal in Seoul, and MTSU's Blue Raiders.

"This is a fine opportunity for our program," said MTSU head basketball coach Bruce Stewart. "To be able to give our team a chance to play somebody of this caliber in front of our home fans is a definite plus, to say nothing of the cultural experience in playing somebody from another na-

tion.

"Now, when I've said that, we start having problems—all to do with basketball," added Stewart.

Last week, in the first of the nine game tour, they demolished North Carolina 104-93.

"They would be a preseason No. 1 in our game," said UNC Head Basketball Coach Dean Smith.

On Monday, the Russians downed North Carolina State 86-71.

Tuesday, they defeated Ohio State by six and are scheduled to play the Vanderbilt Commodores tonight at 7:30 in Memorial Gym.

Russians will play at Kansas on Saturday; UNLV on

Sunday; Tennessee on Monday; Oklahoma State on Nov. 22 and Washington on Nov. 23 before heading to the 'Boro.

Tickets for the MTSU game will go on sale at the Athletic Ticket Office next Monday.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for reserved seats and \$6 for general admission. Blue Raider season ticket holders will have the opportunity to claim their regular seats through Nov. 23.

"It should be a tremendous learning experience for us," said Stewart, "and go a long way toward helping us get ready for our OVC season."

The game has been slated for Nov. 29 at 7:30

MTSU bids farewell to seniors

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

The MTSU football game Saturday will mark the end of 11 Blue Raider careers.

Eleven seniors will be playing in their final MTSU football game.

For the seniors, the annual season-ending game against Tennessee Tech will be a memorable one.

Marvin Collier will don the number three for his last game as a Raider.

As a red-shirt freshman in 1985, Collier was the OVC's Offensive Player of the Year, setting an all-time league rushing record for quarterbacks with 594 yards.

With a separated shoulder in his sophomore year, he still gained 1,397 yards in total offense.

As a senior, he has broken the MTSU record for total yards in a career with 5,687 yards. A record which has stood for 23 years, and which will continue to be built upon with this Saturday's game against Tennessee Tech.

Another senior that will be concluding a successful MTSU career will be free safety Tommy Barnes.

Throughout his college

games, Barnes has been shifted from cornerback to free safety and has delivered well in both positions.

As a product of Lincoln County, Barnes is second only to teammate Don Thomas in leading the OVC with five interceptions this season.

Marty Euverard, a senior defensive end for the Raiders will be entering his last game also.

After a being switched from quarterback in the spring of his freshman year, Euverard has become an impressive defensive end for the Raiders.

He was second leading tackler among defensive ends in 1987, sixth on the MTSU team overall.

In last year's Tennessee Tech finale, Euverard returned an interception for a touchdown.

Free safety, Dejuan Buford, often used as a reserve this season, will also be ending his up and down collegiate career.

Buford missed last season due to disciplinary action after being named to the All-OVC first-team in 1986.

In '86 he led the Raiders with five interceptions after being moved from cornerback to free safety.

Being an all-around athlete, Buford was also a member of the Blue Raider baseball team until suffering a knee injury in the spring of 1986.

Senior cornerback, Rodney Young, also used often as a reserve, will be putting on the gear for his last game.

An aerospace technology

major from Fort Campbell, Ky., Young has provided experienced depth at the corner. He was switched from linebacker to his current cornerback position in the spring of his sophomore season.

Another senior is cornerback Brad Cowan. He was switched from defensive end to the secondary last

spring.

Cowan, a criminal justice major, led the team in tackles for losses last fall with a total of nine for 38 yards. He also returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown against Southwest Missouri as a sophomore.

Senior Don Thomas, who recently became a new

father, will start in the linebacker position for his last collegiate game.

Thomas led the team in tackles last season with a total of 106. He also led the team with four pass interceptions, returning one for a 16-yard touchdown against Austin Peay.

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Seniors



Blue Raider seniors kneeling from left to right: Rodney Young, Tommy Barnes, Marvin Collier, Dejuan Buford and Brad Cowan. Standing from left to right: Tony Bradley, Don Thomas, Jack Pittman, Brent Shepard, Marty Euverard and Kenny Tippins.

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MTSU karate instructor

Taylor kickboxes French-style

By KIM HARRIS
Editor

Saturday night found MTSU karate instructor Bill Taylor in Paris, London kickboxing with seven other Americans against eight Frenchmen.

The U.S. International Kickboxing Team won four, lost three and had a draw on one of the eight rounds.

Taylor was in for a few surprises when he met his opponent.

"I was supposed to fight a guy named Correa, but instead I ended up fighting a

two-time champion [Sacroai], Taylor said.

"I wasn't prepared to fight his caliber and I hadn't fought in two years, so that didn't help any," he said, speaking of his loss.

"I outkicked him, but he was a better boxer."

Taylor said he was impressed with the French reception of the American team and the kickboxing sport itself.

"Kickboxing and full contact are much bigger to the French [than Americans]."

"The Sunday we got

there, the sixth, we were on the front page of all the newspapers," Taylor said.

"People followed us around to take pictures. It was like being a star."

Taylor found the misconception that the French are unfriendly people to be untrue.

"Even though I lost, I really enjoyed the trip," he said.

Taylor, 26, has been studying karate since age 10 and is a 4th Degree Black Belt in Wado Ryu Karate.

With a ring record of 17-4-1, 6 KOs, Taylor holds such titles as Tennessee State Bantamweight Champion and Georgia State Bantamweight Champion.

He was formally ranked number two in the World Flyweight Division, formally ranked number four in the World Bantamweight Division and has been world ranked by P.K.A., I.S.K.A., K.I.C.K., P.K.C. and Star Rating System, all of which are International Kickboxing Organizations.

Although Taylor has a B.S. in Biology from MTSU, he is a full-time karate instructor. He felt, however, that getting an education was important. His degree, he says, is something "to fall back on."

Taylor is also the karate instructor at the Bill Taylor's Bushido School of Karate in Murfreesboro.



Bill Taylor

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**Tenn Tech Turnaround,
season-ending game**

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

The annual season-ending football game against Tennessee Tech will be held at Horace Jones Field, Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

One of the longest, heated rivalries within the OVC, has been calmed this season. The game, for both teams, has become meaningless in the OVC race. Nevertheless, Tennessee bragging rights go to the winner.

Blue Raider fans could

watch the game from a different point of view. Plans have been made for MTSU followers to sit on the visiting side of the field.

"The Great Tech Turnaround," will give students and fans a chance to sit on the visitors side for a variety of reasons.

"I think a move of this nature would give the students a chance to get involved in the game," said Associated Student Body President Harry Hosey. "The students would be sitting behind the Tech

players, and it is evident from basketball season that when students have the opportunity to sit behind the visiting team, they get into the game."

The Tech — MTSU football game will mark the 44th straight year for the series. The Eagles and Raiders series began in 1917.

The Eagles lead the overall series, 30-26-7, but MTSU has won the last four including a 17-13 triumph last season.

Seniors from page 8

This season has been his best as he currently leads the OVC in interceptions with five. Thomas also holds onto fourth place in the OVC, with a total of 102 tackles on the season.

Defensive tackle Jack Pittman will also be bidding the Blue Raider squad a farewell.

Pittman has developed into one of the top defensive linemen on the MTSU

team. He has achieved a successful comeback after two shoulder surgeries in the past two seasons.

Perhaps the most consistent player on the Raider 1988-89 football team has been defensive end Kenny Tippins.

Last season, he was an All-OVC selection last season and will contend for the same honor again this year.

Tippins has gained a lot of respect throughout the OVC and has started for the Blue Raiders for three

straight seasons.

Senior defensive tackle Brent Shepard, will end his career as one of the line's most dependable defensive performers.

He has fought to gain starting status during his collegiate career, finally gaining the title last season.

The last senior on the Blue Raider squad is defensive guard Tony Bradley.

He has put two knee surgeries behind him and has become one of the team's steadiest players.

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LIFESTYLES

Banjos 'meltdown' Tucker

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

It was a slice of Americana.

More than 35 professional banjo players gathered Friday evening in Tucker Theatre to participate in what was billed as the *Banjo Meltdown: The Greatest Banjo Concert in the History of Music*.

A variety of people made up the crowd which flocked to Tucker Theatre to see the performance. A number of older people combined with families and a surprisingly large number of students were in attendance at the show. By the beginning of the show, all the seats were taken and the "fashionably late" had to resort to standing at the sides of the theatre.

From the outset, the

show was definitely an event for all-ages.

The stage was set in a very simple fashion, with only a few wooden chairs sitting in a semi-circle, reminiscent of the "Taylor porch" in Mayberry minus Andy, Opie, and Aunt Bee.

The first act of the evening was an elderly woman named Matokie Slaughter, who has played the banjo since the age of six. Now retired, she now spends her time going to fiddling conventions to show off her talent.

Opening the show, she brought the house alive with her style of music. It was evident from reactions that the audience respected her skill and years of experience.

The show highlighted several different types of

banjo playing or "picking" and the different styles of music on the instrument.

The sets that seemed to be favorites with the crowd were the "classical" and the more modern banjo styles.

In introducing the classical style of banjo, radio show host and banjo player, Bob Carlin took the audience back in time to the first days of the banjo.

He then introduced Robert Wynan, who specializes in this style of playing. Wynan played with his minstrel group in a crowd-pleasing set that featured banjo, fiddle and jawbone players.

One of the biggest responses of the evening came when Doug Dillard hit the stage. Dillard starred as one of the lanky "Darling" boys on the *Andy Grif-*



Bethann McVicker•Staff

Robert Wynan's minstrel group at the "Banjo Meltdown" Friday evening. Wynan's group included three banjo players, two fiddle players, and two "jawbone" players.

Wynan introduced one of his songs by saying, "This is one that sometimes made Charlene cry." Another crowd favorite was John Hartford, who combined tap dancing and singing in his act.



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John Hartford sang and tap danced for the crowd at the "Banjo Meltdown," which was held at Tucker Theatre.

Group performs Verdi's 'Requiem'

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

"Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine..."

These words, which translate "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord," made up the opening line in Giuseppe Verdi's famed *Requiem*, which was performed before a full house in the Wright Music Hall last Sunday.

And although the audience may have not been able to understand the lyrics, everyone present could understand the universal language of music.

The performance was staged by the MTSU Concert Choir and Middle Tennessee Choral Society and directed by Dr.



Helen Comer•Staff

Dr. Raphael Bundage directs one of the many forceful movements in Verdi's *Requiem* which was held last Sunday in the Wright Music Hall.

Raphael Bundage.

Bundage explained that a "requiem" is the musical portion of the Catholic service for the dead, and that requiems have been written by many composers including Mozart and Berlioz. Verdi followed in this long line of large scale orchestra and choir settings with his requiem.

"Verdi's particular requiem was written as a homage for a well-known literary writer named Manzoni," Bundage said. He added that Verdi's requiem

debuted in Italy on May 22, 1874.

"Verdi was primarily known as an opera performer," Bundage said, "and this requiem has many of those characteristics with the four soloists and the big bass drums."

Bundage added that this requiem is often called one of "Verdi's last great operas."

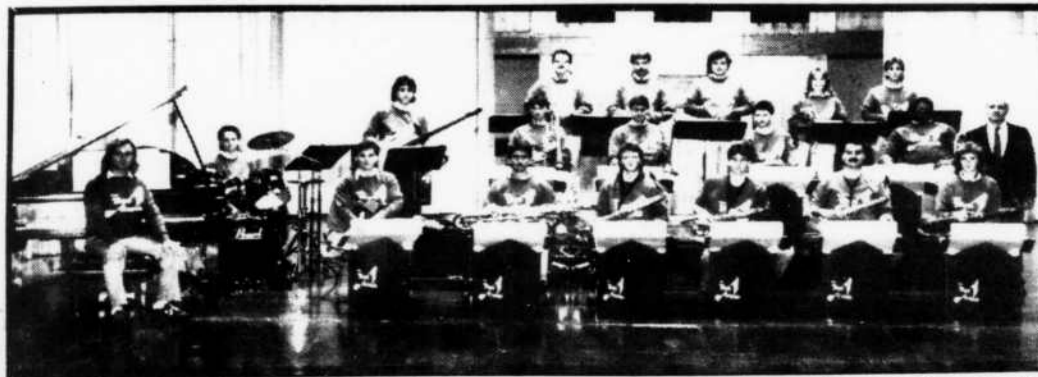
A crowd of mainly families and older people filled the beautiful hall to listen to an afternoon of fine singing and playing. It was

the largest audience they had performed for in that hall, Bundage said.

And the crowd wasn't disappointed.

Dressed in black tuxedos and long dresses, the MTSU Concert Choir and the Middle Tennessee Choral Society backed up the orchestra with their powerful voices.

The orchestra, Bundage noted, had only practiced with the singers once before the performance, and "did an admirable job."



Bethann McVicker•Staff

The MTSU "Blues Crusade," pictured above, will perform at the annual Fall Jazz Concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Special guest for the show will be the Jim Williamson Jazz Group. The concert is free and open to the public.

KISS releases new album

By DAVE CHANDLER
Staff Writer

For the last year or so, we have been bombarded with the likes of Poison, Cinderella and lately Britany Fox.

All these groups, as well as many others, have one thing in common — KISS.

Yes, those original bad boys of rock are back with a greatest hits compilation entitled *Smashes, Thrashes, and Hits*. KISS comes back with a vengeance to show those "poser" bands how to really rock and roll.

Smashes, Thrashes, and Hits is the ultimate collection of KISS songs. All are digitally remastered, making the band sound nothing short of incredible.

"Rock and Roll All Night," the song which put KISS on the national map, sounds like it was cut just this year. Other songs appearing on the album are

tures to the album are two brand new songs and a remake of their award-winning ballad "Beth."

The first single is entitled "Let's Put the X in Sex."



favorites "Lick It Up," "Heaven's On Fire," "Detroit Rock City," "Tears Are Falling," "Shout It Out Loud," and even the 1978 disco smash "I Was Made For Lovin' You."

Some other added fea-

KISS has never been a band that had to rely on megaplay to sell a million or two albums.

The second new song, "You Make Me Rock Hard," has more commercial overtones with its background keyboards and vocal harmonizing. This could be the one to sneak itself into the American Top-40 countdown.

Either way, it should receive heavy album rock airplay.

The remake of "Beth," the group's only Top 10 hit to date, is really not much different than the original. Eric Carr, the drummer who replaced Peter Criss, handles the vocals this time.

Carr's vocal range is better than that of Criss', therefore, he makes the high notes a little smoother than those of his predecessor.

KISS has been around for more than 16 years now and is still going strong. Maybe it's due to the fact that they don't cheat their fans and still put on an incredible concert even with-

out the makeup.

Maybe Poison's Brett Michaels should give a listen to the new KISS album, then he maybe could come up with something better to say than *I guess every rose*

Look for *Smashes, Thrashes, and Hits* to be one of the major-selling albums this Christmas season. I'm pretty sure after the end of this year, KISS will add another million albums sold to their impressive total of nearly 60 million.

So, the bottom line is: if you want to rock and roll, then run out and get this album.

You will get what you pay for — classic, hard-driving rock and roll from one of the best selling bands of all time.

Smashes, Thrashes, and Hits is distributed by Polygram on Mercury Records and Tapes.

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has its thorn. Yeah, and every Poison song has its clichés. But that's another story all together.

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The following is a listing of top-selling albums this week as reported by the Sound Shop in Jackson Heights Plaza.

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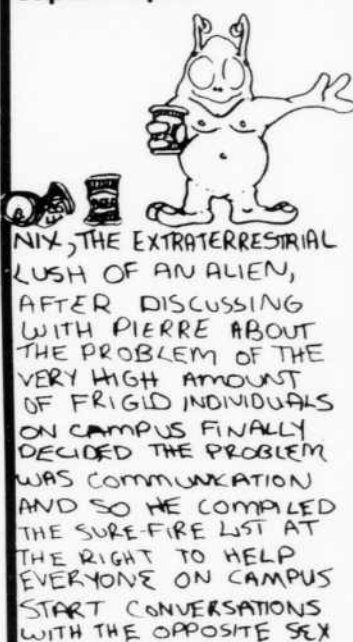
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The Monday, Nov. 14, issue of *Sidelines* ran a cartoon with a real character labeled "Pike Pledge John." The artist first apologizes to any member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, friends of the character or not, if the cartoon seemed damaging to the fraternity itself. The artist also apologizes to handicapped services, and any handicapped student who may have found the cartoon insulting.

Most importantly, the artist apologizes to Pi Kappa Alpha pledge John.

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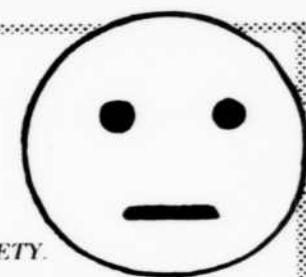
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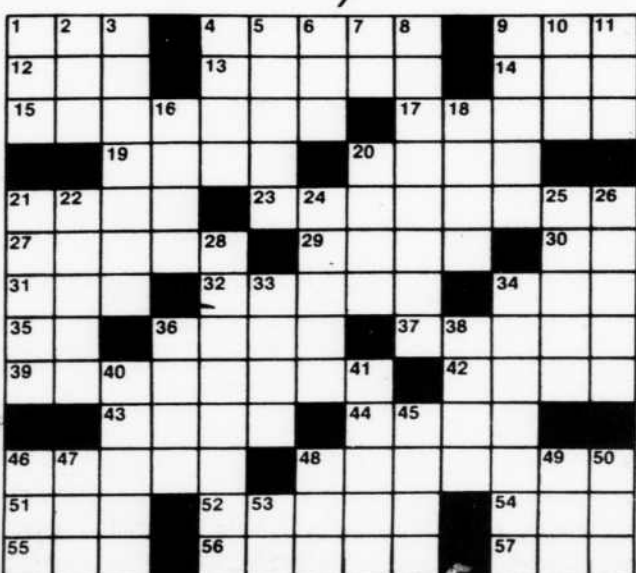


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