Volume 61, Number 48 Homecoming '87 Governor may By JERRY OSBORNE Staff Writer

A \$1,000 treasure hunt, several new contests, invitations to Miss America, presidential candidate Sen. Albert Gore Jr., Gov. Ned McWherter and a possible Tina Turner concert headline 1987 homecoming activities, Rob Marlin, director of homecoming said yesterday.

"We have restructured homecoming activities to involve anyone and everyone who want to participate," Marlin said.

A key that will unlock a box containing up to \$1,000 will be hidden on campus and every morning during homecoming week, a clue to a

appear riddle will be announced, Marlin said.

a jalapeno pepper eating contest.

changed to allow organizations to

choose entry in one of three

categories - the large float, the

smaller organizations and gives

everyone equal opportunity to win

"This keeps expenses lower for

mini-float, or the yard display.

the Spirit Award," Marlin said.

Float competition has been

DDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVER

is tentatively scheduled to give a "The student who solves the ridconcert at Murphy Center during dle and finds the key will get the homecoming week, does not aptreasure," Marlin said. McWherter, Gore, and Miss

pear, a Tina Turner look-alike and lip-sync contest will be incorpo-AmericaKellye Cash have been inrated into the activities. vited to participate in the tradi-"The winner will hopefully be tional chili cook-off that will feature

Tuesday, April 14, 1987

able to visit Tina backstage," Marlin said

Marlin said if Tina Turner, who

Other new contests for next year's celebration include a dorm lobby decorating contest, a black and white photography contest, a fine arts competition and an essay contest.

A bonfire and pep rally will be held on Friday night with a party (Please see Homecoming '87 page 2)

\$3,500 worth Security recovers stolen goods

By KIM HARRIS Senior Staff Writer

Stereo and musical equipment valued at \$3,500 stolen on Friday from Smith Hall, was recovered Sunday night from the suspects' vehicles.

According to the police report, Russell H. Moore, 22, and James A. Brown, 18, both residents of Smith Hall, were arrested and charged with "concealing stolen property over \$200.'

The property had been missing for two days, investigating officer Brian Grisham said.

"Part of the reason the burglaries

went unnoticed was that the dorm was so empty, being the weekend, and no one saw much.

"Information was received by myself and another officer Sunday night around 11:30, concerning who was responsible and where the property had been taken," Grisham said

Searches conducted yielded all but \$300 worth of the stolen prop-

Grisham said, as he pointed to a guitar he helped to recover, that some of the equipment had already been pawned or traded. He said the guitar was not the original,

but one that had been traded.

Both Moore and Russell have been incarcerated. A preliminary hearing has been set for April 28. Burglary charges are pending.

"At least one of the burglaries took place at night. If burglary charges are filed, the charge would be first degree burglary since it took place at night and in a dwelling house. A felony such as this could mean 3 to 10 years," Grisham said.

Grisham said he hopes the burglaries will make students more aware of security risks and that students should be on the lookout for themselves and others.

President likes NRC decision

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Pres- "an agreement had been reached"

father was the right one because mother in this case can have a child at will and has had them and it just

Frank ConleyeStaff A player attempts a jump shot in a game of basketball between I-Hall and K-Apartments late Monday afternoon.

Coaching position to be filled today Committee to review applicants, to advise Earle, MTSU president

By BRIAN CONLEY News Editor

MTSU will hopefully have a new head coach for the Lady Raiders today, said Athletic Director Jimmy Earle.

"We will be interviewing two more candidates tommorow afternoon [Tuesday]," Earle said yesterday.

After they're interviewed, the son City. MTSU Athletic Committee will

make a recommendation to Earle and MTSU President Sam Ingram. Then, Earle, Ingram and Athletic Committee chairman Charles Babb will pick the new coach.

The two candidates to be interviewed today are Michael Bona from Emmanuel Junior College in Georgia and Lewis Bivens from Carson Newman College in Jeffer-

Earle said three other candidates

have already been interviewed for the position.

Sally Smith Anthony, women's head coach at Tennessee State University, Charlene Mason from Beech High School in Hendersonville and Dave Kragle from Walter State Junior College in Morristown have all interviewed for head coach.

Earle said they sent out flyers to schools and made various personal calls to get applicants.



ident Reagan says he supports by the principals in the surrogate changing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory mother case. Commission rules so nuclear power plants like Seabrook can't be and said the whole issue of surro-

Reagan called the case a tragedy blocked by officials in neighboring gate parenting needs to be studied.

Baby M decision "right **President Reagan**

states.

Hampshire Sunday News, Reagan ence to the court decision. "The also said he believes a New Jersey individual who had made the arcourt decision awarding custody of rangement could not have a child the infant known as Baby M to her otherwise. And the surrogate

The agreement was violated by In an interview with the New one party," Reagan said, in refer-

Campus Briefs

115 eligible for Beta Gamma Sigma

One hundred fifteen MTSU students are eligible for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma this year.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the national honor society for accredited schools for business. To be eligible, juniors must be in the top five percent of their class, seniors in the top 10 percent and graduate students in the top 20 percent.

Beta Gamma Sigma is located only at those institutions that have business programs accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Tuckers to be honored

Retired faculty members Dorothe and Clay Tucker will be honored in ceremonies on April 18. The Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Theatre will be named after them.

Christening ceremonies for the theatre will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a performance of Edward Albee's Seascape by the Buchanan Players at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to both the ceremonies and the play. Tickets are \$3.50 or free with a valid MTSU ID. Reservations can be made by calling 898-2640.

MTSU student wins computer award

James Lee Johnson, a junior at MTSU majoring in computer information systems, was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Nashville chapter of the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA)

Johnson was one of four students to receive scholarships. There were eight finalists from seven institutions including Vanderbilt, David Lipscomb, Belmont and Tennessee State University.

Johnson, 27, is a veteran and is currently serving as president of MTSU's DPMA chapter.

seemed to me that it was wrong for her to then turn around and make the decision she did."

William and Elizabeth Stern contracted with Mary Beth Whitehead for the birth of Baby M, Melissa Elizabeth Stern, because Mrs. Stern - a pediatrician - believed pregnancy would aggravate her mild case of multiple sclerosis.

Mrs. Whitehead, who has two children, subsequently other changed her mind, refused her \$10,000 fee and fought to keep the baby, whom she calls Sara.

New Jersey Superior Court Judge Harvey R. Sorkow on March 31 gave the Sterns sole custody and allowed Mrs. Stern to adopt the 1year-old girl. The case is on appeal to the state Supreme Court.

In the interview conducted Thursday, the president also commented on the dispute between the operators of the \$4.7 billion Seabrook Unit 1 reactor in New Hampshire and Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts.

Dukakis has refused to approve federally required emergency evacuation plans for six communities within 10 miles of he completed reactor.

The builder, the New Hampshire Yankee Division of Pubic Service Co. of New Hampshire, is seeking a reduction of the federally required 10-mile emergency planning zone to one mile, and has submitted to the NRC its own plans for Massachusetts emergency evacuation.

At the same time, the commission has decided to consider a change in its rules to allow itself to weigh emergency plans submitted without the approval of state officials - and if it finds the plans are adequate, approve them.

"Whatever the solution is to that, I don't believe that an adjoining state should be able to keep a nuclear power plant closed in another state because of its refusal to adopt a plan aimed at protecting its citizens," Reagan said.



Representatives of the Intersorority Council present a check to officials of Project Help (an organization that helps the handicapped). Funds for the donation were raised during the First Annual Greek Gala held Thursday March 26 in the Learning Resources Center.

India Association lacks recognition

By DEBBIE ROSE Assistant News Editor

> The India Association of MTSU was established in the spring of 1986 to help Indian students adjust to the new environment of university life and life in a new country.

> "Not many people know we exist," Raj Vanmali, president of the

Whitehead receives little public support

ssociated Press

NEW YORK - A poll has found little public support for the surrogate mother who is challenging a judge's order to give up custody of her baby to the biological father.

The New York Times/CBS News Poll reported Sunday that 74 percent of U.S. adults questioned support a New Jersey judge's decision to turn the girl known as Baby M over to her father, William Stern.

Fifteen percent said the surromother, Mary Beth gate Whitehead, should have custody, according to the poll.

Mrs. Whitehead signed a surrogate contract with Stern and his association said. About 25 members of the organi-

zation are students at MTSU. Another 25 are members of the community or are currently living elsewhere in Tennessee.

The India Association plans many activities for its members ranging from weekly softball prac-

wife Elizabeth, but changed her mind after giving birth and is appealing the case to the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Sixty-nine percent of those polled said surrogate mothers should have to abide by agreements they had signed, while 19 percent said surrogate mothers should be able to change their minds.

Support for Mrs. Whitehead's custody claim was highest among women who had never been married and women more than 64 years old. But in both groups only 22 percent said the surrogate mother should get the baby.

tice to trips to Opryland. In addition, elections for officers will be held soon.

Currently serving as officers are Mike Patel, vice president; Pradeep Patel, secretary; Hamlata, Treasurer; and Bipin Patel, public relations.

In addition to its own activities, the members of the India Association also participate in activities sponsored by the Gujarat Cultural Association, a cultural support organization for Indian people in the community and the state.

Anyone is welcome to attend meetings and participate in activities. The association's "office" is in the lounge across from the Grill in the university center.

For additional information, students may call Raj Vanmali at 895-6237 or Pradeep Patel at 898-3362.

Correction

in the cutline of the top photograph of the April 10, 1987 isue of Sidelines, it was incorrectly reported Kellye Cash is Mrs. America and Dari Anne Tarbuck is Mrs. MTSU. It should be Miss America and Miss MTSU. Sidelines regrets the error.

Campus Capsule

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday publication or 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space-available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* cannot guarantee submissions will be published.

Applications are now being accepted for new Student Ambassadors. Students must have a 2.5 GPA and must have completed one semester of classes to be considered. Applications can be picked up in the Public Relations Office, Room 205 of Cope Administration Building. The deadline is April 15.

The deadline for submitting applications to the MTSU department of nursing for the fall 1987 nursing classes is April 15. For more information contact the Department of Nursing, Box 81 or call 898-2437.

Registration dates for Summer 1987 are as follows: Session I Registration May 11; Session II Registration June 1; Session III Registration June 1; Session IV Registration June 1 or July 1. A schedule of classes offered and applications for enrollment may be obtained in the Records Office or by calling the Admissions Office at 898-2111. For additional information call the Records Office or the Admissions Office at 898-2600.

"The Changing Role of Women in Mexico" is the topic of discussion on HORIZONS Tuesday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. on WMOT.

Homecoming '87

(Continued from page 1)

afterward. The party will include a live band and a beer bust that will be held off-campus.

The theme for next year's homecoming activities has yet to be decided.

MTSU will play Youngstown State in the homecoming game.

TRIVIA

Seventy-five years ago tonight *R.M.S. Titanic* struck an iceberg and began sinking. Early the next morning she dissapeared under the waves of the cold North Atlantic taking 1,500 passengers with her.

The largest, most luxurious liner afloat, she was making her maiden voyage when she side-swiped the iceberg that caused her death. Captain Edward Smith had received several ice warnings by wireless but choose to ignore them and kept the ship at engines ahead full. Carrying over 2,200 passengers she had lifeboats for less than half. The Advertising Club will hold its last formal meeting of the semester on April 14 at the Big Napkin restaurant 6 p.m (social hour). Jack Pentzer, vice president of Buntin Advertising and president of the NAF will be speaking.

An Islamic display, sponsored by The Muslim Student Association, will be held Tuesday, April 14 in the KUC basement from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Books, videotapes, photographs and sculptures will be displayed.

Auditions will be held for the second annual Tennessee Renaissance Festival's 1987 season. Auditions will be held in Murfreesboro on Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peck Hall atrium. They are looking for musicians, jugglers, elves, magicians, jesters, royalty, mimes, jus' characters, knaves and people interested in working crew and booth sales. For information call Al Olson at 832-6042

Tau Omicron presents the 1987 All Sing on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center. Tickets are \$2 and will be available at the door.

Understanding the Japanese is the topic of a real estate seminar to be held April 24, at 8:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Dining Room C of the James Union Building. The seminar is limited to 25 people and the registration fee is \$15 which includes a noon luncheon. For additional information call the Center at 898-2229.

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Fowl ball kills dove nets two later runs

NEW YORK — A wayward dove flying in shortleft field at Shea Stadium helped the Atlanta Braves score two runs against the New York Mets on Sunday.

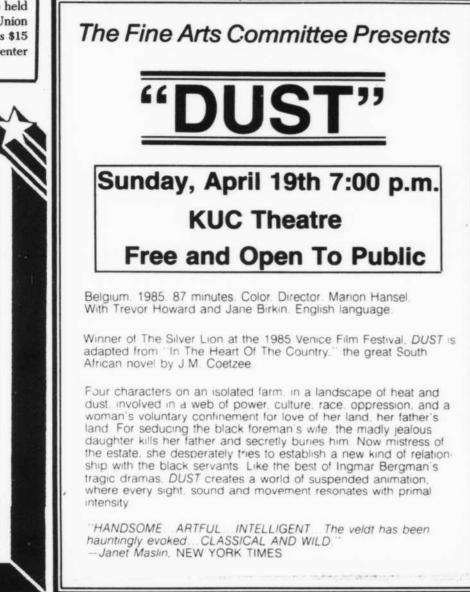
It was the first bird killed by a batted ball in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, a sports information company.

Dion James, leading off the third inning, lofted what appeared to be a routine fly to left field off Mets' pitcher Bobby Ojeda. But as left fielder Kevin McReynolds moved into position to catch the ball, it struck the dove and landed about 50 feet in front of him as James cruised into second. The bird was killed and dropped to the ground. Shortstop Rafael Santana picked up the bird and handed it to the ball girl.

Two outs later, Dale Murphy hommered to right field for two Atlanta runs. The Braves went on to win 12-4.

In 1981, Elias said, Eric Davis of Eugene hit a ball that struck and killed a bird during a game in the Class A Northwest League. The ball was caught by out fielder Ron Harrison of Medford. Davis now plays for the Cincinatti Reds.

"My second bird," said Greg Nettles of the Braves, who was with the Yankees in 1983. "Only in New York," he added.





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Entertainment

Nashville supports Freedom of Expression



Freedom of Expression

By LARISSA KEILICH Staff Writer

The members of Freedom of Expression foresee in the musical future of America a potential explosion of ska and reggae that is quite overdue.

"Ska and reggae have both been commercial successes in Europe for quite a few years now, so it definitely can happen here," explained Chip Staley. "It's going to take the right band to do it the music will be brought to mass audiences by a certain band, and then people will really begin to discover and understand it."

Based on what I've thus far seen and heard of them, Freedom of Expression just may be the band that will break ground in this country for the style of music that they play. In February of 1983, former MTSU student Rob Hoskins created Freedom of Expression here in Murfreesboro. Today, the group is based in Nashville and Hoskins is the only original member.

In addition to Hoskins (keyboards, lead vocals) and Staley (drums, vocals, flute), the band now consists of the dreadlocked Skip Bethune (guitar, vocals), Tim Brooks (bass), Teddy Jackson (saxophone, vocals, various percussion instruments), and Joe Funderburk (engineer extraordinaire).

Like Hoskins, Funderburk also attended MTSU, graduating with a degree in Recording Industry Management. Although he's not on stage, he's an essential part of the band. He approaches mixing as his own instrument. A lot of the sounds heard at a show or on the vinyl are not made by anyone on the stage — they come from the mixing board. Although he is experimental with what he does, he manages to always have everything sounding in proper proportion.

The music of Freedom of Expression is a complex and intense blend of ska and reggae, roots and rhythms. It is very melodic and song-oriented, highly danceable, yet at the same time mesmerizing. However, it is more American than Jamaican.

"Reggae here in America is completely different from a lyrical standpoint and a musical standpoint," explained Staley. "The roots reggae in Jamaica is based on religion, but very little of our music is religiously based. In terms of saying something, we're more concerned with the social and political issues. And then we also have songs

that are just love songs — there's a place for that, too."

In 1985, Freedom of Expression released a six-song mini-album entitled *For Lack of a Better Word*. All but one of the songs on it are originals, ranging from the fastpaced, upward texture of "Keep It Burning" to the drawn out, dubstyle sound of "Stranded In Babylon." This record, which was coproduced by Hoskins and Funderburk, has been getting both college radio and commercial station airplay all over the country.

According to Hoskins, the band is now in the most preliminary stages of getting a new album out. They've recently finished recording a tape that is being shopped around to the labels by Jack Jackson Productions of Audio Media Recorders. Phil Schmidt, a native of South Africa, is the producer. The band anticipates (and deserves) a major recording contract.

Almost continuously on the road,

Freedom of Expression averages five performances per week. They've brought their music to just about every state east of the Mississippi River — up North as far as Vermont, down South as far as Florida, and everywhere in between.

According to Brooks, the response to the band and the music in the Northeast is entirely different. "People have actually heard of ska up there," he explained.

Bethune said that "Here in the South, we're like an educational experience. Up North, people will just come out and see the band."

"And they can't believe we're from Nashville," added Staley.

In other parts of the country, ska and reggae are much more accessible than they are here in the South. In many cities, there is at least one show per week. Nashville seems to be rather slow in catching on, but according to Hoskins, if people would begin to put more pressure



s on the club owners, Nashville could a get some really good shows. t Freedom of Expression appeared at the Exit/In on April 9, and as always, they drew a large



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Editorials / Opinions



Midlander disgusted by students actions

By JEAN ROESLER GuestColumnist MidlanderCo-Editor in Chief

Despite all our efforts to bring this campus together and do something unique to MTSU, the student body failed to respond once again. I'm speaking about "THE BIG PICTURE" scheduled on April 9 at 2 p.m. in the KUC courtyard.

Out of the 130 plus letters sent out to organizations and Greeks, only thirteen groups showed up. Oh yeah, eleven independents were there also. At least we know eleven people read Sidelines and noticed our ad.

We have an ad in this issue voicing our disgust and it may seem a little extreme, but frankly the apathy on this campus is at an extreme. This student body has no pride. You don't care about your school, it's as simple as that.

Everyone wants to believe he is

a winner. We strive to be the best in everything we do, and our support comes from organizations that we "belong" to.

You people can't even support yourselves, much less call yourselves "winners." No wonder why MTSU has a reputation for being an average no-mans college. You make it that way. There's no reason why we can't strive for unity on this campus at least onece. The solution is up to you-the stu-

dent body. If we care enough about your organization's activities to attend, I believe the same consideration should be given to us especially when it concerns you

If we get enough response to reshoot "THE BIG PICTURE," we'll do it again - no problem.

If not, we'll leave it as it is, and you can answer for the blank spaces in years to come.

New trends with the President, her administration and Ronnie Raygun

By BRIAN CONLEY News Editor

"Now introducing the President of the United States and Mr. Reagan.

Although there have been no reported cases of a person introducing the first couple in this manner it would not surprise me if it happened.

I was recently reading the April 13, 1987 edition of the U.S. News World Reports. In the "Washington Whispers" page, it reported White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker and Mrs. Reagan have gradually worked out a cordial relationship.

This strikes me as a little odd. First, Nancy Reagan had brought about the downfall of former Chief of Staff Donald Regan. Mrs. Reagan did not like the way Mr. Regan was handling Mr. Reagan's policy and affairs.

She thought the chief of staff did not handle the Iran-Contra affair well. Regan and the First Lady had a dispute and Regan resigned.

I always thought the president was the one who decided how his affairs should be handled and how his staff is performing. It is good to



get advice but Nancy is running the country!

Now, U.S. News & World Reports reports on Nancy and Howard's relationship.

"She refrains from telephoning him too often, and he makes sure to call her several times a week especially if it concern's the President's schedule."

I do not fault the USN&WR for publishing this. However, why in the hell is Mrs. Regan governing the president's schedule? Is she his appointment secretary? I think not.

If I was Baker I would tell the First Lady to stick her phone calls where the sun does not shine.

She has no business whatsoever making the White House chief of

sttaff call her for any reason - unless it concerns HER schedule. Mr Reagan should tell her to stop.

Baker's job of repairing Reagan's credibility after Iran\$cam is hard enough - Nancy's meddling just makes it that much harder.

How can anyone do their job when they have to worry about someone who knows nothing of running a country or a White House staff. The president has enough trouble as it is.

The situation is getting so that I begin to wonder if the president has any say in what his schedule is or what his staff does.

What is next? Will Mrs. Reagan hold staff meetings? Will she work out the 1988 budget?

How about George Bush resigning and Nancy taking over?

Or better yet, since she has just about taken over, the first husband/ wife president/chief of staff combination?

I want to know who is wearing the pants in the Reagan administration.

Those who advocate a woman president do not need to do so anymore - we already have one in Nancy Reagan.

Letters to the Editor

AIDS info misunderstood

To the Editor:

In response to the letter from Stacy Creighton concerning the MTSU AIDS policy, I should first mention that AIDS cannot be contracted through the normal superficial contact most college students have among others on campus. It cannot be contracted through skin contact, water fountains, toilets, dishes, swimming pools, or the air, even if an AIDS carrier just

through intimate sexual contact. The only separation a person needs from an AIDS carrier to prevent infection is not the social ostracism suggested by Creighton, but the thin shield of a condom.

The fear generated by AIDS is not from the virus itself, but from peoples lack of information about AIDS. There are pamphlets available at the Health Services Office, and the LRC has a very informational video The AIDS Movie available for viewing.

First of all, the AIDS virus is not as easily passed on to others as Creighton seems to think. It can't be passed on by door nobs, toilet seats, nor by wearing another person's clothes.

There is absolutely no danger of sitting in the same room with an AIDS patient. AIDS is transmitted by blood transfusions, "dirty needles," and by sexual intercourse (with bodily flu. y^{ou}-xchanged by the persons).

always terminal. This also is not

Creighton also says the virus is

How can anyone believe that these people should be denied an education by not allowing them to attend a university.

Creighton, if you're so afraid you'll be infected with this virus why dont you transfer to UCLA. Maybe they don't have AIDS in California.

No, I'm not gay, and I don't have AIDS!

But I do keep up to date with this plague. And it will continue to be a plague until people are in-

that the AIDS virus is neither easily nor inadvertantly passed on to others.

The only way that the disease may be transmitted is through bodily fluids, which may or may not include saliva. Therefore, any informed and intelligent person would realize that such a disease can only be passed through intimate contact or blood transfusions. Now, if you happen to be intimate with the 11,000 people that are on this campus, then you have a lot to

The greatest outrage appears to be against gays professing and serving the Christian faith, with the Bible often quoted as a basis for this discrimination. Does not the Bible denounce heterosexual promiscuity as welll? Although the latter occurs much more frequently, comparitively very little is heatedly voiced against this sin of identical magnitude.

I feel that our positions as Christians should be brought into its proper perspective. We are not granted God's privilege of judging others. We are all sinners, and none of us actually deserve the gift of God's forgiveness. However we are told that in order to receive it, we must love others as ourselves, to accept as we have been accepted. Not only is that the basis of Jesus' teachings, it will be a hundred-fold more effective in producing the desired response than all of the collective criticism of the self-righteous so-called Christian crusaders against homosexuality.

sneezed into that air.

The AIDS virus is blood-borne, and as such cannot live long outside a living hoost. The only way AIDS can be transmitted is through the exchange of bodily fluids: blood, saliva, semen, or vaginal fluid.

Some people on this campus are cautious enough to not allow an AIDS carrier to "easily and inadver- times in the past has an issue struck tantly" exchange body fluids with them.

that cautious. AIDS is spread I too must speak out on this subject.

Sports Editor

Michelle Galloway

Assistant Sports Editor

DAILY IMAGE

BY

Daniel Warren Box 2495

AIDS policy discriminatory

To the Editor:

response In to Stacy Creighton's letters, April 10: few me in the manner as did (Mr. or Mrs. Creighton's) letter referring Unfortunately, not everyone is to MTSU's aids plicy. But this time,

true. There are thousands of people today living healthy lives with AIDS and have been doing so for years. Another thing I must speak on is Creighton's idea that society should get its head out of the sand.

> This is absolutely true. Society should be provided with reliable and up to date information on this dangerous virus. This should steer people away from Creighton's views on the subject and enlighten them with the real facts.

formed on how to deal with this virus.

Bruce Laten Box 7419 Body condom suggested

To the Editor:

Stacy Creighton, get a clue! In response to your letter, we would like to voice our opinions on the new AIDS policy. If you would stop playing the ostrich with its head in the sand," you would realize

TONIGHT ON NEWS AIRFLIGHT, TRAIN HATS ALL OF OUR BUG PLACING, SEX **KENT WHITAKER** AND RELIGION, MO. SCOPE WE WILL TRAVEL, GUNLAWS IME TO NIGHT. TONE N NEXT WEEK NEY AND LOOK AT THE MANY BRIDGE CONSTRUC RELIGION . TION, THE FALL-WHEN WE WILL PROBEMS WITH AND, AH WELL. OOK AT ING DOLLAR, THE SEX, DRUGS, EX, PRUGS TORIBHT ON STOCK RISE NEWSSLOPE HE FALLING AND FALL 000 OULLAR, THE NUCLEAR WAR, BUG ROBLEMS WITH 0 NASA IRAU SLAWY JIM BAKKER SCAM, RAIN TRAIL EMBANN GUARDS MOVEY FINDING Letters Policy **Dale Dworak** Letters to the editor are wel-Editor in Chief **Rosemary Collins** comed and are considered on **Brian Conley** News Editor Production Assistant the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space. **Deirdre Davis** Sandy Campbell **Deborah Rose** All letters must include the Production Assistant Photographry Editor Assistant News Editor author's name , MTSU box number and telephone number. **Kelly Anderson** Andrea Akins Telephone numbers will not be Wayne Cartwright Tuesday Editorial Editor Ad Production Assistant printed and are for verification **Chief Photographer** purposes only. When warranted, Mike Reed **Annette Ricou** requests to withhold names will Friday Editorial Editor Ad Production Assistant **Daniel Kee** be honored. Advertising Manager **Tony McConnell** Jonathan Pinkerton Sidelines will print all letters **Production Assistant** Arts/ Entertainment Editor as they are received. Grammatical, mechanical errors and mis-**Evelyn Dougherty Cariton Winfrey Tony Stinnett** spelled words will not be cor-

worry about anyway.

As you have already stated, "One would expect the administration of a university to be among the most intelligent, reasonable people available." We feel they are for allowing such a policy to exist. Had we been under the direction of a closedminded administration sharing your beliefs, obviously inspired by the Dark Ages, then the MTSU AIDS policy probably would prohibit AIDS victims from pursuing an education during the time they have left.

Your prejudiced and uninformed letter is an embarrassment to this student body, and an offense to any intelligent and rational person. We can only hope that your ignorance is not pervasive on this campus.

In closing, we have but one thing left to say -- if you don't like this new policy, then buy a body condom. Not only will you be protected from the AIDS virus, we will be protected from your bigoted prattle.

Patricia Cavitt Vicky Baker Mark Morris Terry Robertson Linda Sarsfield JIII McWhorter Box 6360

Crusades for christian rights

To the Editor:

I am not gay, nor do I desire ever to have a gay experience. However I am dismayed by the critical attitude expressed toward the gay community in response to the recent Sidlines article in which a gay minister and one of his church members were interviewed.

I personally do not believe that these people have made a conscious decision to become gay. There is significant evidence indicatiing that biological factors are involved. In addition, I find it difficult to accept that anyone would willingly choose a lifestyle that will most certainly result in a lifetime of prejuidice, humiliation, and persecution, comparable to the plight of Jews and blacks who also have been labeled is outcasts for their dissimilarities to the majority.

Julie Malone Box 8021

Miss MTSU pageant ignored

To the Editor:

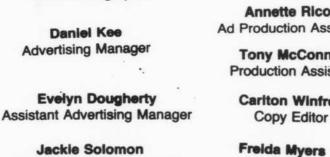
In reference to the April 10th issue of Sidelines, we are some of the many who were highly disappointed in the near non-existent coverage of the Miss MTSU Pageant.

What, per se, does the Sidelines staff consider important at this establishment of higher learning as their outlet of - what turned out to be - a feeble attempt of their journalistic skills!! We feel our school's representative to the Miss Tennessee Pageant is just as newsworthy as any journalistic award you might receive.

To miss such a showcase of talent and beauty, much less an event attended by nearly 1,000 people, was more than an error in judgment. Miss America, Kellye Cash, and her chaperone complimented Sigma Alpha Epsilon and stated that it was the most professional and best state preliminary pageant in the country.

Sidelines, learn from your mistakes, for there have been many. We are still waiting for the real news....

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Sports

Raiders take two of three from Tech

By TONY STINNETT Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's Baseball team took two-out-of-three games against arch-rival Tennessee Tech in Cookeville this weekend to keep them in first place in the OVC's Southern Division.

The Blue Raiders upped their OVC record to 6-3 (26-10 overall) as they won the Sunday's game by a final tally of 10-6. The Raiders won the first game of Saturday's double-header, 6-2, behind the outstanding pitching of junior Dave Richardson.

MTSU dropped the second Raiders a 1-0 lead game, 11-4, as Tech jumped on starting pitcher Chris Norton for third, Chris Courtright delivered a six runs in the first inning and coasted the rest of the way.

On Sunday, the Raiders needed a win to keep a sizable lead over 3-0 lead. Tech, as the OVC schedule reached its halfway point.

MTSU got the win, however their OVC lead remained at one as Austin Peay moved into second by

ninth home run of the season in choice. the first inning to give the Raiders back and retook the lead.

a Mike Messerly single to give the nings Raiders a 7-6 lead going into the ninth.

ers a 10-6 lead.

In Saturday's first game, nings.

conference leading personal record impressive 8-3. He is only to an two wins shy of breaking the school

record for most wins in a season. MTSU jumped on Tech starter Jeff Kemp in the first inning as they sent eight men to the plate.

Shortstop Eddie Pye began the game with a double to right field. Left fielder Darryl Steakley received a base on balls to put runners at first and second for Chris Whitehead. The powerful third baseman, who leads the team and conference in batting, doubled to left field scoring Pye to give the

With runners at second and two-RBI single to right field to drive in both Steakley and Whitehead to give MTSU an early

Chip Carnes began the Raiders second inning in the same fashion they had started the first inning. Carnes doubled to open the inning. He advanced to third when Steaksweeping three games from Murray. ley singled. Whitehead then Tony Hayes connected for his reached first base on a fielders

First baseman George Zimmera 4-3 lead. Tech, however, came man then steered a single through the shortstop hole scoring Carnes The game was tied going into the from third to give MTSU a 4-0 edge eighth inning when Chris Cour- after two innings, as Tech failed to tright scored from second base on score in either of the first two in-

The game then became a pitchers duel until the bottom of the MTSU put the game away in the sixth inning, when the Golden ninth, when Courtright drilled a Eagles picked up two unearned three-run homer to give the Raid- runs. After two runners reached on errors, Greg Bennett hit a two-out Greg Johnson picked up the win double scoring the two runs and in relief. Norton recorded the save. making the score 6-2 after six in-

Richardson took control early on as First baseman Mike Messerly got he struck out four and did not allow one of the runs back in the top of an earned run in the game. With the seventh when he hit his fifth the win. Richardson increased his home run of the season to dead

center field.

game as his record fell to 3-2.

Needing a win badly in the second game in order to stay close with

bounded and showed why they lead Kemp allowed nine hits in the the conference in batting.

> Scott Hawkins hit a first inning home run to account for three of Tech's six runs in the bottom of the

Tech added a pair of runs in the weekend. second and fourth innings as they

improved their conference record

to 3-4 as they try to catch Middle.

Norton's personal record evened at 2-2 with the loss. The Raiders used three pitchers in the second game as they had their nine-game winning streak snapped.

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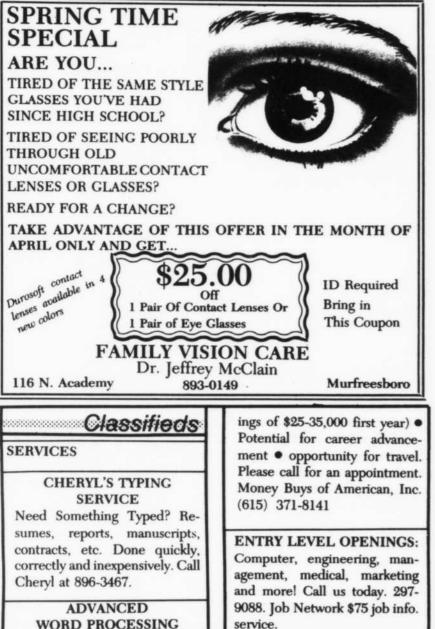
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Richardson keeps improving

By DUSTY LOCKE **Sports Writer**

Middle Tennessee State's Dave Richardson's improved pitching has been one of the factors behind the success of the Blue Raider baseball team thus far.

Richardson's records of 1-4 and 2-2 in his freshman and sophomore years, respectively, are all behind him now. This season, he has rolled up a 8-3 record and there's plenty of time to left this season for him to improve it.

"I was in the starting rotation all four years and had a winning record," Richardson said of his high school career.

Richardson was recruited out of Nashville Christian High School by Head Baseball Coach John Stanford

"Coach Stanford helped me improve basically by letting me do my own thing," is what Richardson had to say about his drastic improvement

"I think that we have a lot better

positions had to be filled due to losses from last year. Richardson still said that he was "optimistic" in the beginning about the chances of the team having such a good season.

"I have been pitching since I was 6", Richardson said. "My dad was my coach and he made sure that I didn't try to throw the curve until

the team, even though only two nated hitter or "DH" when he got to college. "I've gotten used to it now and it doesn't bother me any more," he said.

> Richardson will return to MTSU next season to join a team that will be intact except for a mere four players. Only one of these exiting players is a pitcher.

"I came to MTSU because it was

close and because during my senior

MTSU in the Mid-State All-Star

Richardson is just two wins shy

of breaking the record for most

wins in a season. He currently leads

the conference in victories, innings

Dave Richardson Raider profile ----

I was 13 or 14. I'm glad he did." year I was really looking forward to Richardson says that last year he coming here," said Richardson of walked a lot of players and the team his choice of schools. "Coach Stanbegan to dread his entrance into a ford recruited me when I played at game. This year he thinks that "they enjoy my pitching."

Richardson's bread-and-butter pitch is his fast ball. He throws his pitch at an average of 82 mph and when he is in top form it hits the upper 80's.

pitched and is third in earned run "I was disappointed at first beaverage. It is athletes like him that cause I didn't get to bat," is how have made this years team one of team this year," said Richardson of Richardson reacted to the desigthe best in recent years.

Baseballers first in conference

From Staff Reports

As the first half of the OVC baseball schedule comes to a close the Blue Raiders of MTSU find themselves in first-place in the OVC Southern Division.

Their 6-3 record in the OVC puts them one game up on the Governors of Austin Peay, who swept Murray State this past weekend.

Austin Peay is 5-4, Murray and Tech are tied with records of 3-5. MTSU plays six of their remaining nine conference games at home, with the only road games being a three-game series at Austin Peay.

In grabbing the early first place lead, the Raiders also placed several players among the top of the conference in individual statistics. Third baseman Chris Whitehead is currently 14th in the conference in batting with a .386 average.

Whitehead and shortstop Eddie

Pye lead the conference in triples e.r.a. with three each. They are the only ones with three triples.

Tony Hayes leads the conference in home runs with nine, while Chris Courtright is second in the conference with 30 RBI's.

Dave Richardson is ranked third in the conference in pitching with a 2.40 earned run average. Barry Vetter is fourth at 2.41 and George

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game."

Richardson leads the conference in wins with eight and Vetter is second with six.

Richardson is first in innings pitched with 67, while Vetter is third with 37.1.

Vetter leads the conference in saves with three. The Raiders as a team lead the conference in pitch-

Zimmerman is seventh with a 2.83 ing with a 4.32 e.r.a An unexpected pregnancy is a

hard thing to face.

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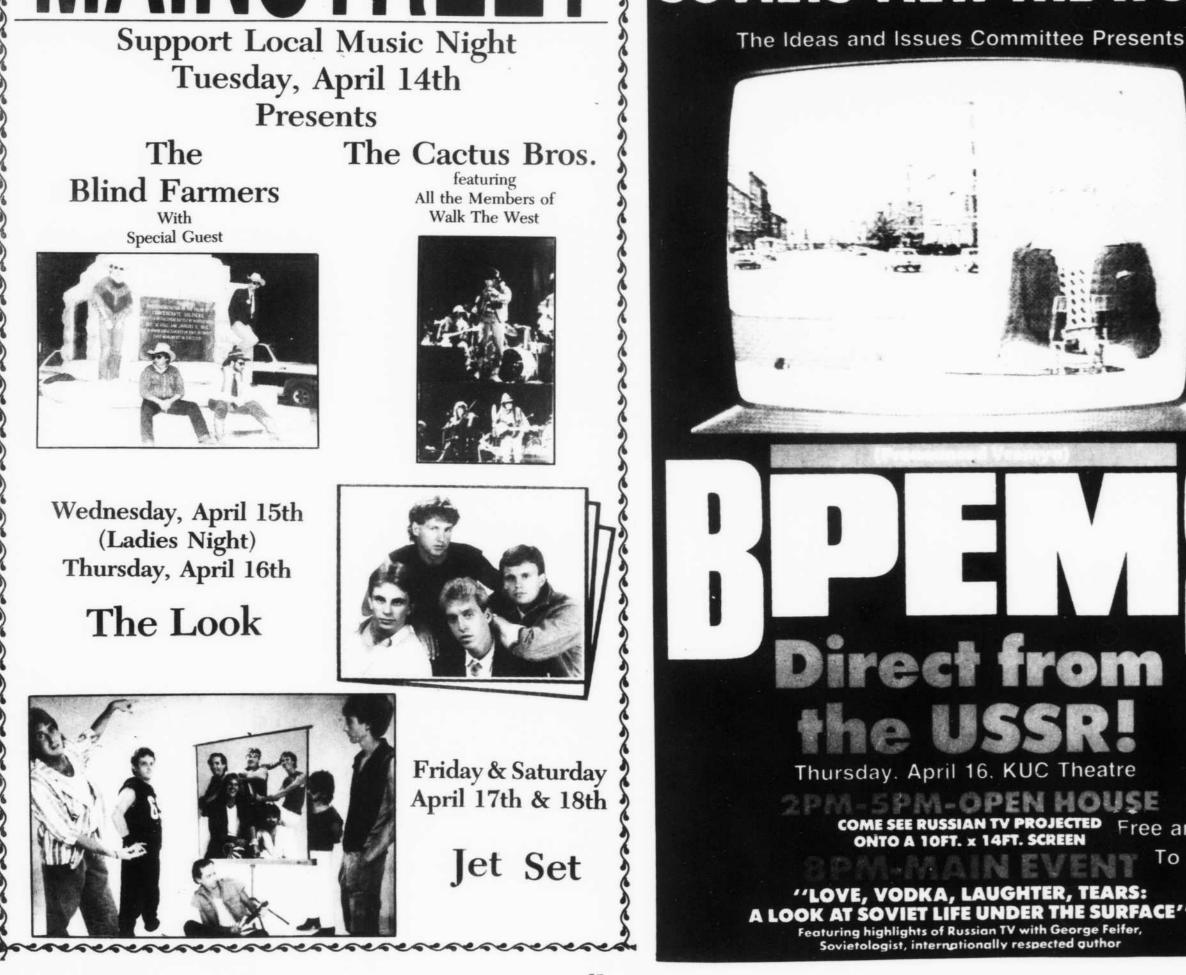
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Raiders prepare for Blue-White game



MTSU defensive unit stacks up a running back during Friday's practice

By TONY STINNETT Sports Editor

The Blue Raider football team is making final preparations for this Thursday's B.F. Goodrich Blue-White football game.

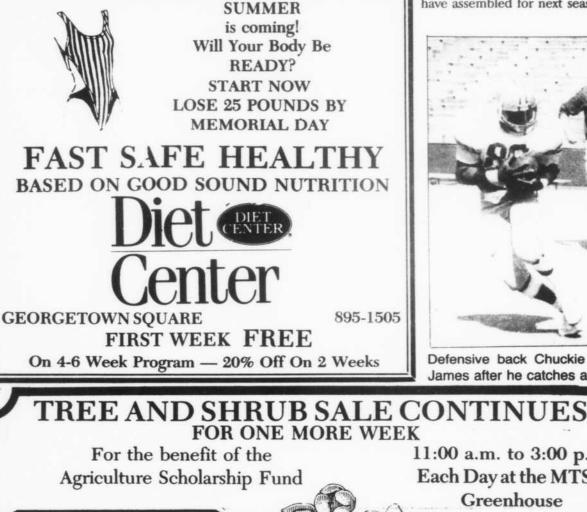
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B.F. Goodrich is sponsoring the game, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Horace Jones Field.

The Raiders have been engaged in practices over the past three and one-half weeks in order to prepare for next season. The spring football game is a chance for coaches as well as fans to see what Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly and his staff have assembled for next season.



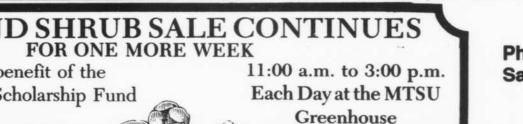
Offensive lineman provide ample protection for quarterback Van Dingler as he delivers a pass.



Thursday, April 16



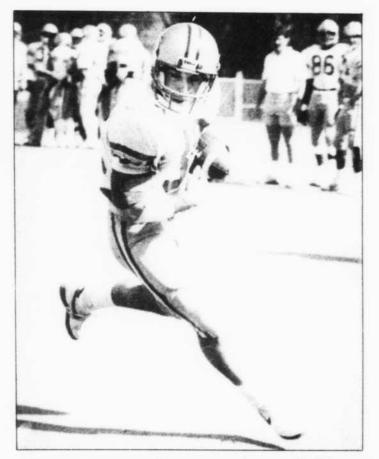
Defensive back Chuckie Swafford chases after tight end Melvin James after he catches a pass. Coach Alex Robins looks on.



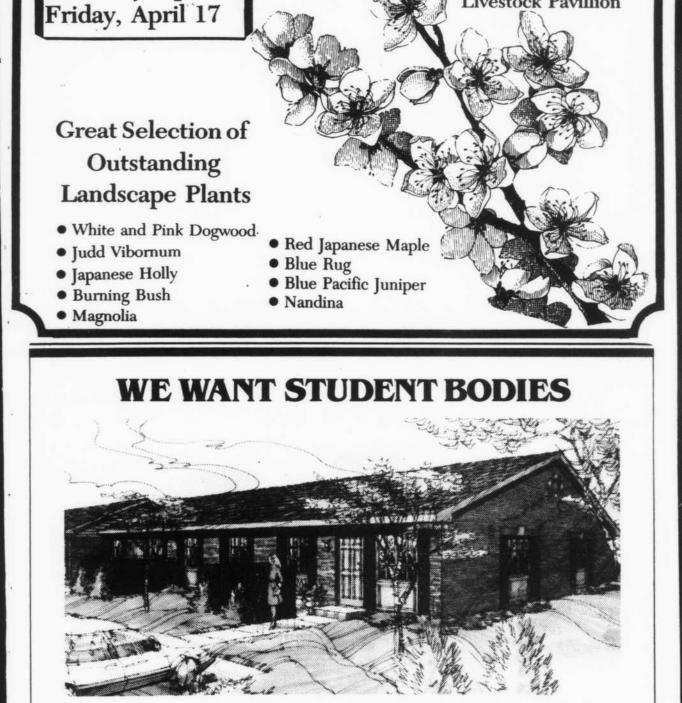
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