

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## FOP votes to boycott MTSU special events

By TOM HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

The Murfreesboro Fraternal Order of Police voted last week to boycott working MTSU special events out of sympathy for campus officers who will lose their jobs under the new security organization.

"The FOP as a group is supporting the MTSU police," said Tom Crichton, president of the city police organization.

"THIS INCLUDES a boycott by our officers of [providing security for] special events at MTSU."

In the past, off-duty city policemen have provided security for campus events, and their cooperation is included in the coverage that is outlined in the new security manual for MTSU.

The FOP represents a majority of the city police force, Crichton said.

ONE CITY police officer said many officers consider filling in to be "scab labor" since the force is being reduced.

Officials of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department said no policy has been established, but that the department "would continue to cooperate with the MTSU Security Department in every way possible."

Executive Assistant Otis Floyd, however, said he does not anticipate problems in manning special events security forces.

THE BAD state of the

economy should insure a continued supply of volunteers, Floyd said.

"We're still receiving requests from the police to work these events," he said.

A report prepared for Chief Bass and supplied to Garner and Floyd is in direct conflict with the study that recommends reducing campus security.

THE BASS study details 99 arrests made during the period of June 1981 to July 1982, which only five were made off campus—an area beyond the perimeter streets Greenland Drive, East Main Street and Tennessee Boulevard.

One of these arrests involved serving a warrant for an on-campus burglary.

Three others were made when officers returning from breaks at neighborhood stores observed violations of the law.

THE ORIGINAL study, prepared by Joe Garner Associates of Knoxville, reviewed 37 of these 99 arrest reports.

Based on this sample, the Garner study states that 40 percent of the arrests were made off campus.

Floyd did not question the figures from the Bass study, but indicated that the administration had been aware of off-campus patrolling for some time.

"WE HAVE had complaints, giving dates and times, from the community concerning our cars

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Tryouts!

Ty Kennon, Larry Helton and Theresa Elder try out for the junior varsity cheerleading squad.

## Beard, Sasser debate on T.V.

By DOUG MARKHAM  
News Editor

No new ground was turned last night in a lack-luster televised debate between Democratic Sen. Jim Sasser and his republican opponent, Robin Beard, as they analyzed the state, national and foreign issues.

Mediated by WNGE's News Watch 2 anchorman Teddy Bart, and paneled by four area journalists, the debate provided a forum for the candidates to discuss issues ranging from Tennessee's unemployment rate to U.S. relations with Israel.

THE DEBATE opened with each politician plugging his strategy to alleviate the nation's 10.1 percent unemployment rate, the highest since the early 1940's. They also addressed Tennessee's jobless rate, which is 11.1 percent.

"I think high unemployment is a tragedy that should have been prevented," Beard said.

The Republican blamed the high unemployment on unnecessary government spending, which, if eliminated, could aid in putting people back to work.

BEARD said illegal aliens crossing the U.S. border seeking jobs should not be granted "amnesty" because they deprive Americans of thousands of jobs.

Sasser said reducing interest rates would create more jobs. However, he did not outline specific strategies for bringing interest rates down.

Providing tax incentives for small businesses would stimulate the economy and provide more jobs, the senator said.

SASSER also said he has developed a legislative bill that would create 700,000 new jobs, but he did not elaborate on the proposal.

In summarizing the local economy Sasser attacked Beard going bankrupt all across this country," Sasser said.

"The real issues of the state of this economy is joblessness, thousands of small businesses going bankrupt all across this country," Sasser said.

"THE bankrupt economic policies of the Reagan administration are the issues in this campaign, but unfortunately my opponent has sought to trivialize a campaign for one of the highest offices that the people of this state can bestow," the senator said.

Sasser made mention of the toy pink mouse that Beard used in his early campaign adds against Sasser.

The mouse, which turned somersaults on the television commercials symbolized Sasser's volatile legislative voting style.

"HE HAS sought to try to indicate to the people of this



Members of the Murfreesboro Police gather outside Cummings Hall. A small fire ignited in an incinerator Friday spreading smoke into some of the residents' rooms. The fire was quickly put out however, and the damage was light.

## Manilow requests MTSU to backup; Choir prepares encore with singer

By TERRY MORROW  
Feature Editor

Barry Manilow's Choir Coordinator Dan Reina has requested the choral choir here to perform with the top-40 artist, Saturday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in Murphy Center, Sandra Willets, director of MTSU choral activities, announced.

Though the Manilow appearance is in the negotiating stage and no formal agreement has been made, plans are being made by his management for an MTSU concert, Student Programming said.

SUCH PRIOR planning on the part of Manilow's management is not uncommon,

Student Programming explained, and getting choral groups together to accompany Manilow is not uncommon even if a contract has not been signed.

"I thought it was a joke at first," Willet said. "Then, he (Reina) explained what was going on."

"One Voice" and "I Write the Songs" have been sent to Willet with instructions for a 40 voice choir to memorize the songs before the Dec. 4 concert date.

"MY PROBLEM is that I have 59 people in the choir," she said. "So, I've got to eliminate some of them."

The elimination process will be difficult, she said. Possible

elimination processes might be auditions within the choir, a "draw names from a hat" random selection, or just cutting all freshmen. But, every alternative will make selections hard.

"Anyway I do it will make it hard," Willet said. "But, I know that whatever happens, the 20 people who are cut will be happy and supportive of those who get to perform."

A FINAL practice will be on the day of the tentative concert from 4 to 5 p.m. The practice will be conducted by Manilow's Musical Director Victor Vanacore, and the choir is in (continued on page 3)

## Fall freshman recruiting begins

By BOBBY GOINS  
Staff Writer

Field Service officials at MTSU this week began recruiting prospective high school students for the 1983 fall semester.

Charlie Akers, Tonya Hobson, Ted Gray and Director of Admissions Wes Williams began traveling to Tennessee high schools to attract new students.

"The representatives will be going to the schools' college day programs telling the students what MTSU has to offer," Williams said.

THE MONTHS of October, November and the first part of December are our busiest months for recruiting," he said.

"Rutherford County will have its college program on Thursday night where we will talk to probably 400 students," Williams said.

The strongest area of recruiting for MTSU is generally in Middle Tennessee, Williams said.

"WE USUALLY get most of our students within a 100 mile radius of the university," Williams said.

"Last year our strongest areas were Davidson County with 435 students, Rutherford County with 319 students and Williamson County with 127

students," Williams added.

"We also get quite a few students from the larger cities of Tennessee like Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Clarksville and Jackson," Williams said.

THE WORK load and traveling of the field service representatives is very demanding, Williams said.

"One day later this morning I will be at McEwen High School in the morning, Camden Central at 12:30 p.m. and

Henry County High School at 7 p.m. that night," Williams said.

"With the traveling time and spending time with students, we are on a tight schedule—not even having enough time for a flat tire," Williams said.

"THIS IS A nice time of the year to be traveling across the state and I think each of the field representatives is looking forward to getting out on the road," Williams said.

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## Female accounting club to discuss new roles

By MIKE CROWDER  
Staff Writer

The MTSU Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants [ASWA] will hold its second meeting of the fall semester Thursday at 4 p.m. in Room 205 of Kirskey Old Main.

Scheduled to speak at the upcoming meeting is Sandy Lewis, a recent graduate of MTSU, who will address the group on "Changing Roles of Women in Accounting."

THE ORGANIZATION is open to both men and women, according to Nancy Boyd, adviser for the MTSU chapter and a faculty member here.

Boyd said the purpose of the organization is to give its members an "awareness of some of the problems" encountered by women in the accounting field.

"Women in business are fairly new," Boyd said. "They've never been a visible force in management before."

THERE ARE more than 100 chapters of ASWA around the country.

The MTSU chapter was started by several members of the Nashville chapter, including Angie Grett, a student here and currently the president of the MTSU chapter.

Rutherford County voters will go to the polls Nov. 2 to decide if Sunday beer sales will be allowed. This referendum has evoked both strong support and opposition.

To aid in the writing of a four-part series to appear starting Friday, please indicate your preference below and return to Sidelines at MTSU Box 42 or bring by JUB 310. This referendum reads as follows:

In favor of beer sales on Saturday night until 1 a.m. and beer sales on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. until 1 a.m. Monday morning.

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

## College life creates poor health

By BALINDA BARRON  
Staff Writer

The life of a college student is conducive to bad health, according to Physician's Assistant on Young of the Health Services Clinic.

Lack of sleep, poor eating habits and improper dressing break down a student's resistance and make him more susceptible to illness, Young said.

"USUALLY about three to four weeks into the semester

students start showing the effects of studying late and not eating properly and so on," Young said. "The first day of school, the dorms opened and we saw patients," Young said. "The students came back to school sick."

Consistent sleep habits, nutritional eating, being adequately clothed and dealing with stress effectively would help alleviate many minor illnesses, Young believes.



Steve Simpson grimaces as he and Leslie Smith explore the innards of a mollusk during biology lab.

## Clipper craze plagues library

By ANGEL L. MOORE

Staff Writer

The destruction of periodical materials by students is a major problem in the periodical department of the Andrew L. Todd Library, according to Linda Gill, periodical librarian.

"They tear out articles and recipes without thinking that someone might want to read what is on the other side," Gill

said.

A PERIODICAL is any publication that comes out more than once a year and has a set title, according to Gill.

There are about 2,900 periodicals in the Todd Library.

"Students don't realize that we may have to pay as much as \$5 to replace a book that costs 75 cents on the newstand," Gill said.

## Sight run slated to benefit blind

By NANCY SLOAN

Staff Writer

The fifth annual Sight Run sponsored by the Murfreesboro Lioness Club will be held Oct. 16 at 8 a.m. to benefit the blind.

All proceeds will go to the Lions Club Sight Conservation programs which include sight screening of school children, providing glasses and eye surgery for the poor and supporting training centers for the blind.

THERE WILL be a 10,000

meter race, a 2.3 mile race and a 1 mile race. The one mile race is open to eighth graders and under.

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ASB SENATE will hold a meeting tonight in UC 311, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

CLERICAL CAUCUS will have a guest speaker, Dr. Robert Prytula, to speak tonight on rape prevention in UC 324 at 7 p.m.

PEP RALLY will be held tomorrow behind Cummings Hall at 3 p.m.

THE JAPAN CENTER will present a lecture, Japan: Is Geography Destiny?, in Peck Hall 109A at 3 p.m. Thursday.

ASB HOUSE meeting will be conducted in the UC 324 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS will be performed in Jones Field beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

GAMMA BETA PHI will hold its monthly meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the LRC.

FINANCE AND ECONOMICS Society will meet today at 4 p.m. in KOM 323.

BETA BETA BETA, the biology honor society is having a plant sale today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the UC basement.

MTSU COLLEGE Republicans will meet Thursday in UC 315 at 7 p.m.

RIM WRITERS (campus songwriters organization) is having a showcase of original songs performed by student writers Thursday, at Didley's beginning at 8:30 p.m.

PHI MU DELTA, preprofessional organization will hold the first meeting for prospective new members Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in DSB 100.

## Boycott

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being off campus.

"We've known about it for years, even before the study was done," Floyd said.

These discrepancies were discussed in a meeting between Garner and the full-time officers on Sept. 30 when, according to one officer present, they were advised by Garner that the facts of the report were not for public information.

FLOYD SAID no such order was made.

"No one has ever told the officers they could not express an opinion, it's their right," Floyd said.

According to Ken Russell of the student patrol, formerly a full-time officer, four student officers have already resigned from the force to accept other positions.

ONE BECAME a Murfreesboro city police officer, two are working with Guardsmark Security, and one has returned to farming, Russell said.

The resignation of full-time

officer Alan Hale left another position vacant that was used in the study.

Floyd said he is unaware of the vacant positions.

"THE staffing level is still the same," he said, "and until we have hard data to indicate otherwise it will stay the same," he said.

Floyd also maintains that no officers will be eliminated in implementing the study.

The student patrol was cut Oct. 1 from 168 hours per week to 96 hours per week among the five remaining student patrolmen.

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## Debate

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state that I have voted for aid to communist Cuba. I know of no United States Senator or member of Congress for that matter who has ever voted for direct foreign aid to any communist country," Sasser said.

Beard said the campaign tactic focused on the "true issues of the campaign."

"You flip flopped on both sides of so many major issues,

whether it was voluntary prayer in school or school busing...the Vietnam draft dodges where you've taken positions on both sides," Beard said.

On relations with the Middle East, both men agree that maintaining open relations with Israel was important for the U.S.

"Israel is our most stable friend in the Middle East," Sasser said.

## Manilow

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formed they will sing for the show's finale.

In return for the choir's participation, Manilow's management will donate \$300. The money will go into the choir's general fund and will go for trip expenses, she said.

Barry Manilow's concert tour is also a vehicle for his first EP called *Oh Julie*. On the disk, Manilow makes the closest statements of rock ever.

Manilow has the unique distinction of being the only pop artist to have every single released reach the famous top-40, and "Oh Julie" is Manilow's latest and 25th hit.

## Recruit

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"The field representatives are not just recruiting students. They are learning the skills of being a director of admissions, so if a similar position comes open in another school they will be ready to step into the position," Williams added.

A great deal of planning goes into the recruiting efforts before anyone goes on the road, Williams said.

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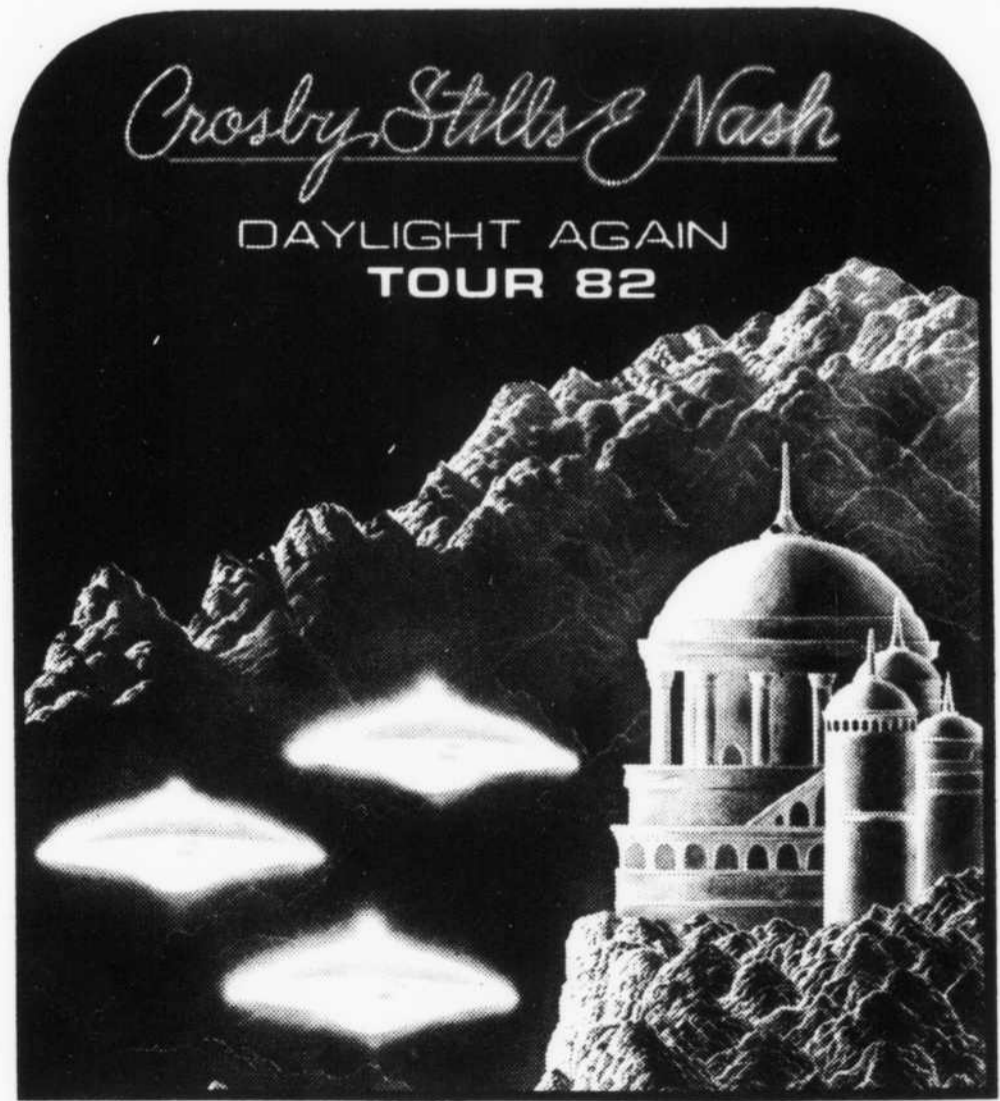
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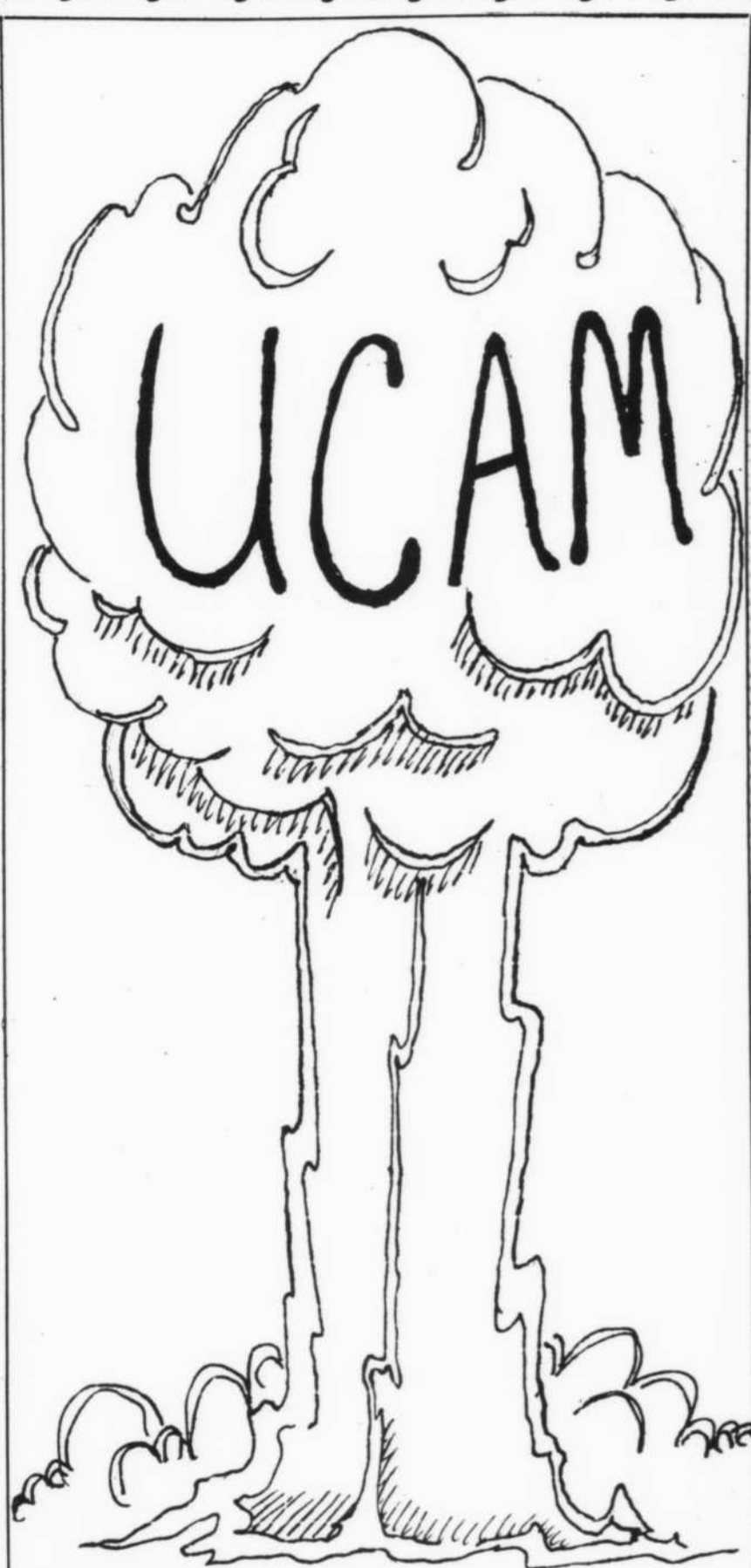
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# MTSU's 'good ol' days' had 'same ol' problems'

The Good Ol' Days—those golden days in the past when life was simpler and free of problems. Or maybe the problems were just simpler. Or at least different.

In search of the Good Ol' Days, we recently thumbed through issues of *Sidelines* from 1972 and 1973. The topics of discussion on the editorial and op-ed pages were very interesting.

FOR EXAMPLE, one letter to the editor from Pat Martin suggested that, instead of opening off-campus parking lots and transporting students to class on shuttle buses, a parking garage should be built to accomodate the overflow.

In another letter to the editor, Ken Knott put forth another novel idea, priority parking. Under his system, freshmen students who live on campus would have the lowest priority and maybe not even be allowed to have cars at all.

Another problem on the students' minds 10 years was the problem of funding education. MTSU just didn't seem to be getting its fair share.

THE PROBLEM at the time was not getting a slice of an ever smaller pie, but getting a fair share of the pie at all. The University of Tennessee System was getting their share and part of our share besides.

Beverage sales was a hot issue, too. The current debate over beer sales on Sunday pale in comparison to yesteryear's debate of having beer sales at all.

Voting rights were also being widely discussed. Students were being denied the right to vote in Rutherford County. The voters of the county did not want out-

siders messing with their politics. Can you imagine?

Several editorials and columns also attacked that everpresent spectre, student apathy. The main problem at MTSU, many writers claimed, was the lack of interest students showed in ASB elections.

AND THE stepchild of student apathy, lack of school spirit, made appearances, too. MTSU students just don't support the football team, two columnist proclaimed. Why, the problem was so severe that the president of the ASB instigated pep rallies to whip the students into a frenzy for ballgames.

Reporters were irate, also, over being shut out of campus meetings. Thank heavens we now have the "sunshine law" to protect us from this sin.

Another good fight was being waged by the Greeks. They desperately needed a fraternity row, or organization row in contemporary jargon.

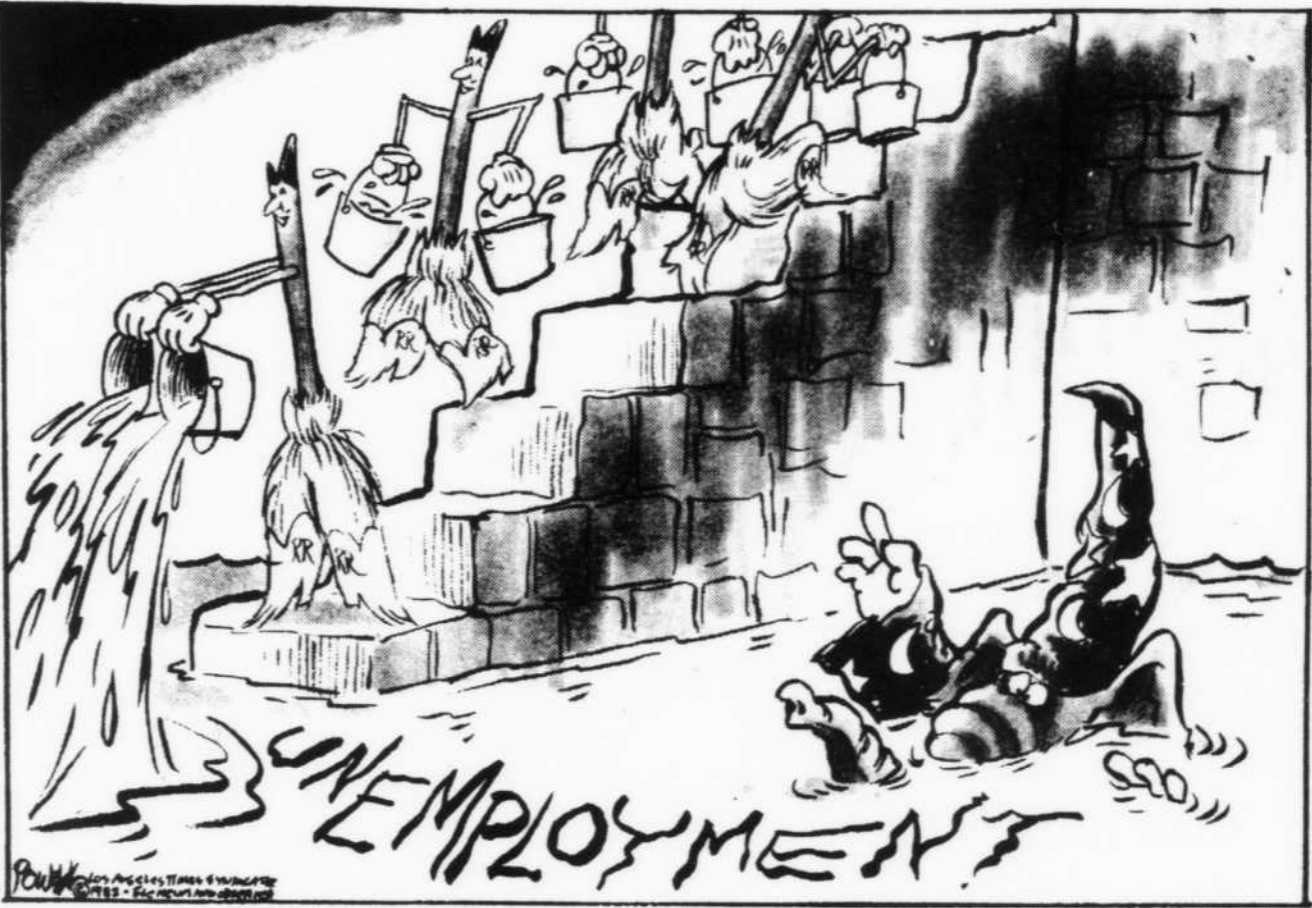
OF CONCERN TO other students was the campus radio station. Many were asking: Why no rock 'n' roll? Why are the wishes of the students being ignored?

These hallowed pages were even under attack for reviews of campus entertainment. The reviewers were overly critical, letter writers said.

This nostalgic bit of tripping proves one thing:

Some things never change!

Maybe the fine points of the debates change or the particulars, but the sleepy campus of Middle Tennessee State University progresses slowly, if at all.



## As I See It

by Phil Williams

Irony of ironies! Listen to the verbiage from a recent press release from the Honorable Robin Beard.

In the release dated Oct. 1, Beard rebukes the 187 members of the House who voted against the proposed balanced budget amendment.

"WE NOW have a trillion dollar national debt," Beard says. "It will be our children and grandchildren who are stuck with paying off this debt, and I for one don't want to mortgage their futures by continuing to allow Congress to spend more than it collects in taxes."

What is so ironic is that, although Mr. Beard has stated his desires for a balance budget, he has not reflected that desire

in his voting recording.

Recently, Common Cause, a self-styled national citizens' lobby, released a list of 78 representatives—which included Beard—and 11 senators who have come out in favor of a balanced budget amendment, while casting three budget-busting votes.

"THOSE members of Congress who have made our 'honor roll' are playing games with the public—and citizens should know what they're up to," Common Cause President Fred Wertheimer said.

The budget-busting votes cast by Beard are:

- For President Reagan's 1982 tax reduction bill, which economists predicted would

increase the federal deficit by \$442 billion over the next three years;

- For Reagan's 1982-83 budget which boasted the highest deficit of any federal budget in history; and
- Against Reagan's \$90.3 billion tax increase proposal which was meant to put money back into the ailing treasury.

The whole scenario sounds familiar—talking one way and voting another.

MR. BEARD, bring out that cute little pink mouse. It looks like flip-flopping Robin Beard just flopped again.

## Letters From Our Readers

### WMOT format shift requested

To the Editor:

This letter is to announce my, and perhaps thousands of others, disappointment in WMOT.

WMOT is our alleged radio station on the big campus. But does WMOT cater to the students desires? NAH, who needs them!

WMOT USED to play rock music on Friday and Saturday evenings, but the sounds of Jeff Beck and Bruce Springsteen are sounds of the past. The reason given for dropping the rock format was lack of audience. This reason brings to mind a few questions.

- Does WMOT use Arbitron or some other accredited means to measure its audience? (Or is it up to the whim of a General Manager or Program Director who just doesn't like rock music?)

- If in the event that WMOT did use an accurate means to measure the audience, why did they play rock music when at least 70 percent of the campus population has retreated home, away from this rural ghost town?

- If a petition is signed by a majority of students to include rock music on "our" radio station, will the program director align this school with most other college radio stations and play what the students want to hear?

- FINALLY, in response to

what the General Manager may state as to why they won't play rock. "Too many stations in the area are already playing rock format." I ask him to note: WKDF-Top 40 over and over and over, WKIX-Top 20 over and over and over, WKOS-Top 20 over and over and over.

WMOT was an isle in the pop-rock jungle that didn't play the same music repetitiously. I beg, along with plenty of other students, that the people at WMOT listen to our concerns.

Daniel Doody  
Box 3970

### Visitation rules attacked again

To the Editor:

This is yet another letter concerning the "visitation rules" that apply to students living in dormitories.

I've been informed that one of the reasons for Monohan and Reynolds' existence (no visitation) is that parents want to send their daughters to a quiet study-oriented environment without distractions such as male visitors.

SINCE THERE'S no curfew what's to keep them from going out? It's my advice to these paranoid, over-protective parents that they either keep their daughters at home for close observation or send them to convents.

This is a state university not a church. Therefore, the standards of university housing should be pertinent to all students without regard to the moral standards of various religious denominations.

I think that visitation rules in either male or female dorms are an absurdity as well as a serious insult to all students. It is a violation of our rights to act as responsible self-disciplined adults because the nature of these rules forbids us to exercise these rights.

PUTTING restrictions on our social lives in this way indicates that the Housing Office does not think that students are capable of doing this themselves.

Jim Nowin's proposal to keep dorm guards in the female dorms at night to keep out unwanted males is very reasonable and practical. However, it remains to be seen whether their responsibility will be reduced to this logical purpose.

It is my belief that as students of the university, residents should unite to bring to the attention of the Housing Office that we are adults and would like to be treated as such.

For those who are still living in the dark ages, may I remind you that this is 1982, not 1782.

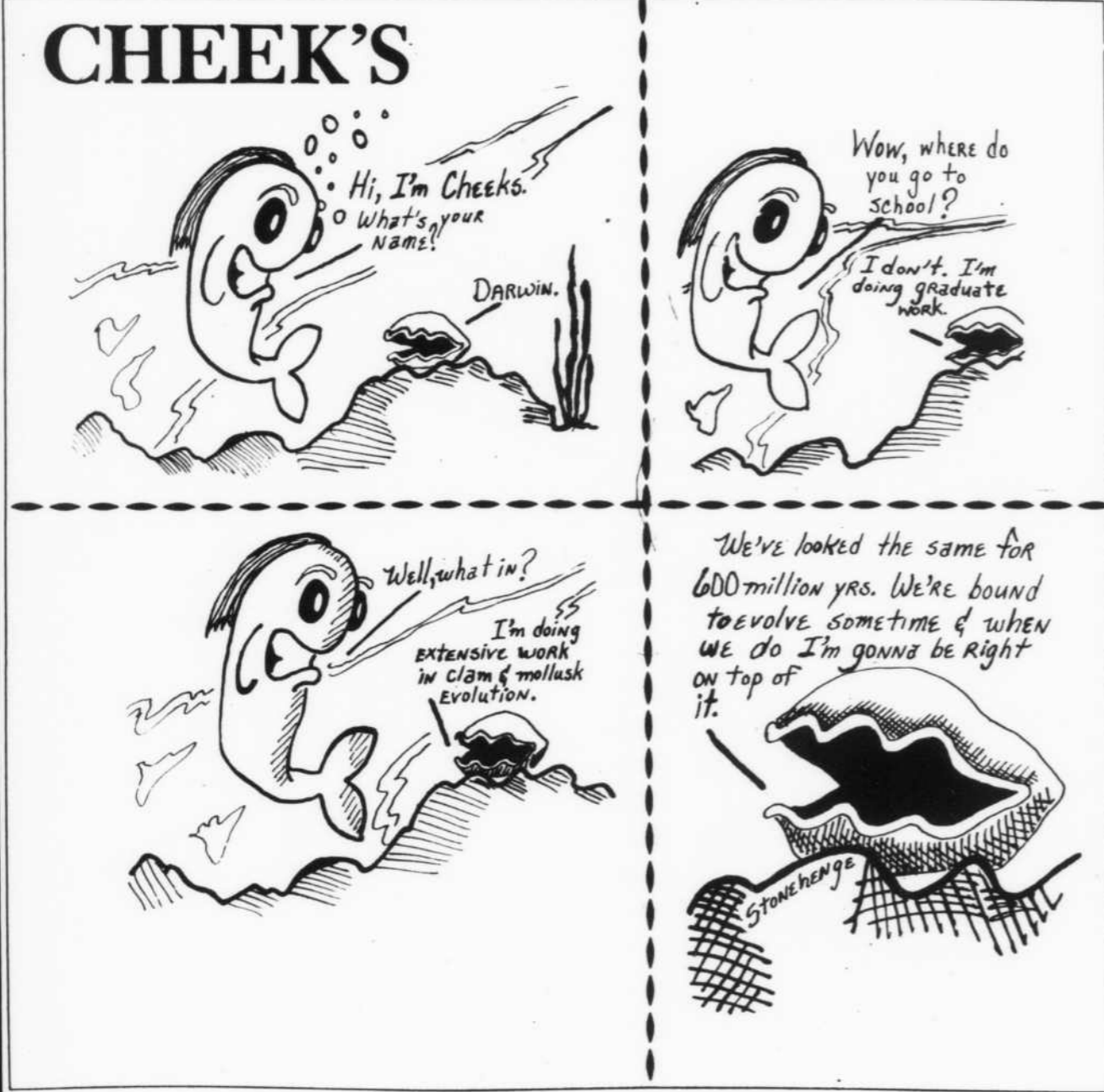
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# Commentary

## Eternalines

by Frank Walton

Have you ever wondered where the universe originated? Let's first explore where and how matter originated.

There are four possible explanations to why we're here today. Matter is either:

- An illusion.
- The product of spontaneous generation in which matter arose out of nothing.
- Eternally existing with no origin.
- Created by a supernatural power—God.

SOME believe the universe is an illusion. In whose mind is it an illusion? If this entity exists, then reality and matter must exist. The mind imagining the universe cannot be another illusion.

Could the universe just happen? Can something come from nothing? Difficulties arise if this position is taken since, logically, something or someone has always existed.

Could matter have possibly existed forever? If this position is taken, then most evolutionists support, then contradictions are brought to view.

FIRST, evolutionary history, which deals with the origin of the universe, is outside scientific scrutiny. The scientific method is limited only to those events which are observable, measurable and/or repeatable. Science is only a tool of man and cannot give a value system to explain man's existence.

If we say matter existed eternally, without a beginning, several accepted scientific laws are contradicted. The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that matter tends to become less organized.

We can observe that everything tends to fall apart and decay. Iron rusts, Nike sneakers wear out, Izod shirts unravel, the heating/air conditioning system in Old Main breaks down and loved ones sicken and die.

IN VIEW of this, it is

irrational to think orderliness and design are the necessary products of a universe which tends to be disorderly and random.

Another trait of our world is that energy tends to move toward a state of equilibrium. Heat flows from areas of higher concentration to those of lower concentration until a uniform temperature is reached.

Energy also cannot be created or destroyed. So if matter had always existed without a beginning, everything would have "run down" into a motionless state.

ANOTHER example which shows that matter could not have always existed is the presence of the radioactive elements uranium and thorium. These two elements are nature's clocks. Half of each mass of these radioactive materials decay every so many years at a known rate, and half of this remaining mass in so many years, and so on.

Yet radioactive elements still exist. Which means they haven't been disintegrating forever since in an infinitely remote eternity they would have had plenty of time to decay into other elements.

Blindly believing matter has always existed would contradict another scientific law, the Law of Biogenesis. This law states that life comes from life. But could this be true if matter evolved into life?

IF ONE believed many scientists and the concept of the eternal nature of matter, he would think that chaos and disorder produced precise design and order, non-life produced life and so on.

Believing the general theory of evolution causes one to see man as coming from slime and not the sublime.

The other possibility for the origin of the universe is the creation by an infinite, supernatural power, the God of the Bible.



## Here and Now

by Maxwell Glen and Cody Shearer

Family name and circumstance would seem to make Cissy Baker and Jim Cooper the envy of their generation, if not a *People* magazine couple for 1982.

As two Tennessee political legates competing in America's most baby-faced congressional battle this year, they've already won more national coverage than most ambitious politicians receive in a career.

YET BAKER, 26, and

Cooper, 28, have succumbed to the disease that turns off so many young American to politics: conventionality. They may have, as a result, missed a golden opportunity to make their race something different.

On Aug. 5, Baker and Cooper won the Republican and Democratic nominations respectively, for the right to represent the newly-created 4th Congressional District, which sprawls from Tennessee's south-

central plateau to the state's northeastern mountains.

Despite Baker's surprisingly more difficult primary (the Moral Majority had leveled its guns at her candidacy), the daughter of Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., long seemed destined to meet the son of the late Gov. Prentice Cooper in the finale.

FAMILY visibility underlay Baker's reasons for moving from a television career in Washington D.C., back to the family bastion of Huntsville. And though most of Cooper's generation can't even remember his father's governorship (1939 to 1945), the lawyer and former Rhodes scholar had long aspired to the privilege of becoming a congressional contender.

"The eyes of the country are on this race," declared Cooper to about 30 supporters here. Adding more pointedly, "Howard Baker doesn't want to lose this one."

This isn't to suggest that family name has prevented Baker and Cooper from giving their respective campaigns a personal stamp. Baker has risked her candidacy with conservatives by supporting the Equal Rights Amendment and the right to an abortion. Meanwhile, Cooper has gained a lot of mileage from his knack for wearing out shoes on the campaign trail. (He's on his third pair, he says.)

BUT, AS one might suspect, the Preppy's generation very own congressional race isn't so trend-setting after all. In both substance and style, Baker and Cooper seem trapped by father's rules.

In interviews, for example, one can't help but notice the jargon—"fiscal conservative," "strong defense," "balanced budget" and "interest rates"—that has become almost a bipartisan staple. Regrettably, despite self-descriptions as issue candidates, neither Baker nor Cooper has had the gumption to say "Nonsense!" to the ever-confusing, if not contradictory, policies of their respective parties.

Nor, despite forays into the fleeting realm of younger voters, have they developed a unique

platform and language with which their peers might identify. The reason is pragmatic: Like pragmatic older politicians, they understand that younger Americans don't vote as often as Social Security recipients, veterans, mothers and businessmen.

THE RESULT is that they play it safe, with Baker steering clear of controversial social issues and Cooper refraining from the popular "throw the Republicans out!" rhetoric.

It's as equally disappointing to see the two famous names fall prey to big campaign spending. Name identification, such a costly quantity for unknowns, isn't a problem in this race.

Yet by July 1, Baker had spent almost 90 percent of an extraordinary \$537,000 kitty, while Cooper had exhausted all of his \$297,000 and gone into debt. Last fall Cooper predicted that about \$2 million could go down the hole by November.

CISSY blames a dependence on five major television markets for the high spending pace. Jim blames Cissy, her father's allies and the wealthy Republican National Committee. Whomever one sides with, their spending adds up to an obscene use of dollars in a poor district marked by an unemployment rate as high as 27 percent in one county.

When asked about a possible moratorium on campaign spending, Cooper responded that he'd considered such a proposal. (At the present rate, he'd be foolish not to.) Baker, however, was cold to the idea. (In her position, she'd be foolish even to dream of it.)

But with the eyes of the country upon this unusual pair, even a limited moratorium would be more than dramatic. At a time when the majority of office seekers appear to be clones, money-hungry or both, the gesture would give the rest of us reason to think that Cissy Baker and Jim Cooper aren't that conventional after all.

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## Stepping from the Shadow

by Khadja Abdullah and Karen Roberts

If you should happen to observe a fellow student, shouting, praising and acting as if he were under the control and mercy of another student, pay him no mind. It is the season of the "PLEDGE."

To some, the method of induction of potential members into a black fraternity is questionable. In order to obtain information as to what black pledging is about, I questioned fraternity members on the "yard": members of Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Omega.

INDIVIDUALLY, the members were asked about the concept, the benefits and the negative aspects of their organization's pledge system. The replies were interesting.

They all said that discipline is the most important aspect of the experience.

"Pledging instills both mental and physical discipline," explained one member.

"The pledges must function as one unit. By doing so, the men

learn how to cooperate with each other. Because they are working so closely together, a strong bond of comradeship is formed. This comradeship is what a fraternity is about."

IN ANOTHER conversation, the pledge system was compared to the indoctrination procedures of the Armed Forces. Both indoctrinations take six weeks, and both are regimental in structure. This member stressed that organization and correct strategy are necessary factors for "survival" during this "training period."

In an additional discussion, I was impressed by the amount of black history this fraternity member knew.

An important assignment while pledging is to learn an impressive amount of history in regards to the particular fraternity you are trying to join. You must also learn the history of other black fraternal organizations as well. In doing so, one becomes aware of many famous black Americans who were or are members of black

fraternal organizations.

"I GAINED a sense of pride. I discovered new role models. For once I had black men to look up to, black men as examples of the type of man I am striving to be," stated a brother.

It was also explained that the pledge system of the black fraternities differs from the system of the white fraternities. The main difference is economics.

"Brothers don't have the money to pay out for membership. Instead of demanding large amounts of greenbacks, we demand a large amount of self-sacrifice. In the long run this benefits the brother, therefore this benefits the frat."

THERE WERE a few members of a black fraternity who stated disapproval of the current methods of the pledge system.

"It is demeaning . . . no need . . . no point," he quipped.

This brother expressed that the present pledge system "pushes the black man further back"

because of the "negative" reputation built because of it. He did agree, however, to having some sort of pledge system. His idea of pledging was geared to more "intellectual" challenge than "physical" stress.

I MUST admit, after conversing with the various fraternity members, I received a greater understanding in regards to their "logic." I do feel there is need for improvement. There is always room for improvement. I understand that many pledge procedures are a part of tradition. In my opinion, most of the traditions I know could stand a bit of change.

For those who have already pledged a black frat, for those who are presently pledging a black frat (I doubt if they will be reading this article) and for those who are considering pledging a black fraternity, remember and apply the good you receive from the pledge.

As for the negative aspects, strive to correct them. It may encourage others to follow your example.





Kenny Rogers sang several selections from his latest album, but the real thrill for many of the ladies in the crowd was giving a rose to the singer.



Comedian Lonnie Shorr, a semi-regular on "The Merv Griffin Show" and the gameshow "Break the Bank," opened the show with his brand of southern humor.



Larry Gatlin and his harmonious brothers shared the billing in the recent Kenny Rogers concert. Lead singer Larry told the sell-out crowd in Murphy Center, "We don't have any fancy

choreography." But what they lacked in dancing, they made up for with their unique three-part harmony with hits like "Broken Lady" and "All the Gold in California."

## Rogers proves third time a charm

By TERRY MORROW  
Feature Editor

Kenny Rogers is carving out quite a niche for himself as one of the most versatile performers on the concert trail today, and his Sunday night show at Murphy Center was no exception.

The *Kenny Rogers Show* actually should've been titled the *Best of Country Pop*, but what does a title mean if the purpose (to provide some of country music's finest live performances) is fulfilled?

AND INDEED, *The Kenny Rogers Show* did deliver what its reputation promises: giving the talents of a singer/actor over to a music-hungry crowd.

By now, Kenny is old hat to most MTSU students. Just by checking most of the crowd at Murphy Center the night of the show, it was evident that most of the audience did not consist of students here.

Student Programming has probably received many complaints about his booking for the third consecutive year, but if anyone who complains could see a live performance of this king of country pop, then perhaps they would not judge so harshly.

THIS YEAR'S edition of the *Kenny Rogers Show* is actually a reflection of this artist's musical soul.

What a varied career this singer has had! Beginning in the early 60s with Kenny Rogers and the First Edition, then em-

barking on a superstar solo career and now expanding his talents to movies and television, Kenny cannot be accused of being a one-dimensional performer.

His show here certainly reminded the audience that Kenny—of all artists—doesn't want to be stereotyped as a guitar-strumming ballad renderer. Instead, his versatility and imagination (along with some shrewd packaging not seen since the days of Elvis) is leading his career toward new and exciting territories.

THE KENNY Rogers Show also co-starred the Gatlin Brothers and comedian Lonnie Shorr. These two acts could very well command an entire concert on their own, but their combined talents have only brought a certain "folksy" feeling to the *Kenny Show*.

Shorr, best known as a semi-regular on *The Merv Griffin Show* and *The Tonight Show*, is a southern comedian with the same humor as most artists of his kind, but his act has a certain flare which separates him from his "aw shucks" country brethren. He touches on current issues, not barnyard (a la *Hee Haw*) material. Perhaps he can be best described as a male Fannie Flagg.

The Gatlin Brothers carried the show on their own talent and perhaps were even more of an attraction to the audience than Kenny. The audience certainly

responded well to them.

TOUCHING on rockabilly and country blues, the Gatlin Brothers opened their show with "Broken Lady" at a moderately fast tempo, which gave the concert a smooth transition from comedian Shorr's monologue to their opening act.

"We don't have any fancy effects," eldest brother Larry said to the crowd. "We don't have no laser beams or smoke comin' out of the stage."

But, what the Gatlin Brothers lacked in special effects, they had in raw talent. The trio, best known for their three-part harmony style, sang most of their biggest hits, which include the controversial "Will they have Mogan David in Heaven (And if they don't, who wants to go)?" and their big pop and country chartbuster, "All the Gold in California."

LARRY Gatlin explained to the audience that "Will they have Mogan David in Heaven?" was not a sacrilegious song. Instead, he wanted to show the ignorance of some people's attitudes toward Heaven.

When Kenny finally appeared (at 10 p.m.—mind you the concert began at 8 p.m.), the show was already in full swing and the audience was on fire.

Within the past year, Kenny has expanded his musical horizons with his *Share Your Love* album. The LP is filled with adult contemporary tunes and three top-40 singles—"Share

Your Love," "Blaze of Glory" and "Through the Years"—which were performed to perfection at the concert. Notably absent from this album's selections were "I Don't Need You," the biggest hit from the album.

BETWEEN the moaning and crooning by many of the middle-aged women in the audience, Kenny also did "Ruby" and "Lady" (gee, I was the only one close to the stage that didn't have a rose to offer). But, the big treat of the evening was something Olivia Newton-John could have done if she had only taken time to think instead of jumping up and down in tight shorts.

Kenny showed film clips from his movies. This wasn't a novelty except Kenny sang the themes, "Coward of the County" (from the movie of the same name) and "Love will Turn You Around" (from "Six Pack"), live.

Introduced at this concert was Kenny's new single "The Love Song," a tune along the same lines as "Lady." It's safe to assume this will be another top-10 hit.

THE CONCERT had a refreshingly nice family appeal. It was not too involving or mind-probing, and the stars of the show didn't act as if they were doing a concert for the money or the approval of critics. They acted as if they were there for the fans.



The Gatlin Brothers had a good stage personality which was a definite asset to their program. Often, brother Steve was the brunt of jokes by his other two brothers. Between sharp remarks, Steve

would pick women out of the audience and talk to them but the women had quick comebacks which made the show unpredictable.

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## Sports



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## Peay victory highlights OVC Saturday

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

This past weekend saw seven of the OVC teams see action in what proved to be some interesting matches. Three conference battles headlined the slate, while Tennessee Tech had the week off.

**EASTERN** soundly defeated the Raiders by a final of 35-10 in a game that went from a first half white-knuckler to a second half burning by the Colonels.

Eastern remains undefeated while Middle Tennessee drops to 1-2 in the conference.

Another conference encounter involved Austin Peay surprisingly squeezing past Morehead State by the skin of their teeth.

**MOREHEAD** fought back with a heroic effort and decided to go for the win instead of the tie with only seconds remaining in the game. The ensuing pass was tipped away by a Peay defender and the Governors stormed into the locker room with a one point, 17-16 victory. The home gathering at Municipal Stadium tore onto the field in explosive fury.

The resounding Peay win snapped a three game losing streak for the Gobs and went on the further establish Morehead as perhaps the most hapless team in the conference despite the dynamic comeback effort.

Western Kentucky, a former Ohio Valley Conference member, hosted Youngstown State in a designated conference game.

**DAVID** Mullen of Western gave the fans something to scream in jubilation about when he returned a kickoff 100 yards for an explosive touchdown play. Quarterback Ralph Antone threw for three touchdowns in the 28-14 win for the Hilltoppers.

Youngstown, who was believed to be a contender at the opening of the 1982 season, has fallen into the dung heap with a 1-3 conference record. The Penguins suffered eight turnovers in the game and lost all of them.

The Zips of Akron found non-conference foe Eastern Illinois a dandy and were blanked by the offensively tenacious E.I., 18-0.

**UT-Martin** sees action frequently against OVC teams and Saturday was no exception, as the Pacers knocked off Murray State by a score of 10-7.

### Ski team meets

The MTSU Water Ski team will hold a meeting for anyone interested tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 315 of the University Center.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss plans for the spring events, which begin in April.

### Hoop tryouts slated

Anyone interested in trying out for basketball should report to Murphy Center at 7 p.m. Oct. 18.

Those interested must provide their own equipment, shoes, shorts, shirt, etc. Participants should have a medical statement and must meet the NCAA requirements to play.

# Eastern whips disappearing Blue Raiders

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

Saturday against Eastern Kentucky, the Blue Raiders introduced their new magic show.

Now you see them—now you don't.

MTSU made an appearance in the first half at Hangar Field on the ECU campus to play some top-notch football. They disappeared in the second half, as the Colonels dropped the Raiders 35-10.

The Blue Raiders played a hard-nosed first half against the NCAA Division I-AA number one team and were down by only four points at halftime.

Eastern exploded for 14 points in the third quarter and added another touchdown in the fourth quarter to march away victoriously in their homecoming game.

**THE GAME** saw the number one Raider defense torn into bloody shreds, Eastern picking up 370 yards total offense during the afternoon. The attack was led by the quickness of tailback

Ed Hairston with 155 yards and fullback Nicky Yeast, who picked up 71 yards.

The teams exchanged touchdowns in the first quarter. Eastern scored on a blast by fullback Nicky Yeast with 7:19 left in the quarter after Steve Puryear fumbled a punt reception that was pounced on by an ECU defender at the MTSU 25.

The Blue Raiders responded with an 82 yard drive on the next possession that resulted in a 66-yard touchdown play on a flare pass from quarterback Brad Zeitner to tailback Vince Hall.

MTSU had another chance to score after a beautiful open-field interception by James Griffin. A clip on the ensuing return pushed the ball back to the Blue Raider 40.

Eastern went on to miss a 42-yard field goal attempt but soon responded with a 45-yard touchdown pass from Tuck Woolum to Steve Bird. Bird rambled down the sideline for the score and with the PAT;



Steve Bird of Eastern had two touchdowns in their victory over the Raiders.

Eastern was up 14-7.

Kelly Potter booted a 26-yard field goal with six seconds on the half to pull the Blue within four. The three pointer was set up by an ECU fumble on an intended punt return. The ball glanced off a Colonel return team man and was recovered by Middle.

**THE HOMECOMING** crowd of 17,700 had witnessed a good first half of football and it seemed as if the Raiders were within reach of knocking off the

Colonels, who had not lost at home since 1977, when "Boots" Donnelly, then at Peay, led the Governors past ECU. No one has stopped the Colonels in 26 straight home contests.

The first half had been the predicted battle. The Middle defensive unit, tops in the conference, was somewhat subduing the high power offense of ECU, the top ranked offense in the conference.

The Colonels wanted no part of a close game and went on to shut out the Raiders 21-0 in the second half.

**EKU SCORED** on the first drive of the second half, going 80 yards in 10 plays. Tuck Woolum found a favorite receiver, Steve Bird, all alone in the end zone for the score. Bird had his second touchdown of the day.

Western took advantage of a costly Raider error, when a Colonel defender fell on a Danny Colwell fumble on the MTSU 15.

Five plays later, fullback Nicky Yeast leaped into the end

zone for the second Colonel touchdown in the third quarter. The PAT made it 28-10, the scoreboard lights flashing for Eastern.

**THE BLUE** Raiders negated themselves of another opportunity when Brad Zeitner was intercepted in Eastern territory, ending what appeared to be the best Raider offensive spark of the second half.

Arthur Washington picked off a Woolum aerial immediately after to stop the next Eastern threat.

As the clock wound down to 1:15 in the game, tailback Ed Hairston waltzed into the end zone with a 25 yard run. The Colonels had hammered past the Raiders by the final of 35-10 and sent the Blue back to Murfreesboro with a 1-2 conference mark on the '82 campaign.

**THE ECU** victory continues the Colonels winning ways against the Raiders, with Middle falling in the last ten of 11 contests.

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# Vandy hammers past Gators; Vols 'kiss sister' with Tigers

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

Intensity is the word if you are a Commodore fan; satisfaction is the word if you are a Volunteer fan.

Fans who were on hand Saturday night at Dudley Field know what I'm talking about, as a highly spirited Vanderbilt team squeezed by nationally ranked Florida in the most explosive game in recent years on the Nashville campus.

A NEAR capacity crowd watched with sweating brows and glaring eyes as the final seconds ticked off the clock with Florida trying to get off the last play of the game. The gun sounded, and for the next 10 minutes, not a sound could be heard except for the roaring onslaught of the Vandy partisans.

Whit Taylor played his most impressive game in a Commodore uniform, passing for a whopping 287 yards and three touchdowns.

Tight end Allama Matthews proved that he is one of the best tight ends in the nation, with his amazing grabs and superior athletic ability. Matthews is vastly underrated, yet should easily find a spot on the All-SEC team at the end of the season.

FLORIDA was stunned by the crowd, which may have been an important factor in the game. The Gators by no means played a bad game, yet they were simply not at home in the confines of Dudley.

The complete halting of Florida linebacker Wilbur Marshall also helped in the win. The All-America candidate was held to one of his weaker performances, though he did manage to sting the Dorees several times with his punishing licks.

A total of 940 offensive yards were tallied between the two teams.

IT IS commonly referred to as "kissing your sister" and is exactly what happened to the Tennessee Volunteers as they wound up in a 24-24 tie with previously undefeated LSU.

Placekicker Fuad Reveiz watched his 52-yard attempt fall short in the closing seconds to keep the final score even.

The Vols were satisfied with the performance, being a 13 point underdog going into the contest. Surprisingly, LSU is letting people know they want to get some recognition down in the sweaty Bayou country.

THE VOLS fought back after being down 24-14 in the fourth quarter, led by the defensive efforts of Mike Cofer. Cofer turned in a brilliant outing with the killing blows of devastation that have become his trademark.

The cheetah for the Vols is, of course, Willie Gault. Gault sliced through the humid Louisiana air with a 96 yard kickoff return for a Volunteer touchdown and one of the few highlights the Vols have on their ledger for the mediocre '82 campaign.

A national television audience saw a tremendous battle between the Crimson Tide of Alabama and Penn State. Joe Paterno and company were out of sorts in the land of the blazing crimson, and were soundly blitzed by the final of 42-21.

THE SCORE was not indicative of the action, for Penn State was in the game totally until the last five minutes, when a bumbling and embarrassing error cost the Nitany Lions a long five minutes of ultimate humiliation.

Punter Ralph Giacamarco was in the process of kicking the ball, when blocker Mike Suter backed into the kick, which bounded off his buttocks and was pounced on by a Bama player. Linnie Patrick was into the end zone moments later with

the score with the Birmingham crowd in a sheer frenzy.

Eddie Lowe picked off a Penn State pass soon after that and romped 37 yards for yet another Tide tally.

THE WIN established the obvious fact that Alabama is one hell of a football unit.

Undefeated Georgia continued their winning ways with a 33-10 waxing of the Ole Miss Rebels.

Herschel Walker plowed over the Rebel defense for 149 yards and three touchdowns on his way to establishing the all-time career rushing record for the SEC. Keep in mind that Walker is only a junior, and after another season, the record could very well be permanent.

THE CAREER total for Walker to date is 4,158 yards. The old record was held by LSU's Charles Alexander with 4,035 yards.

Auburn waltzed by a miserable Kentucky team by a score of 18-3 in a game that saw neither team visit the end zone.

AL DEL Greco set a new SEC record with six field goals. The placekicker provided the only mode of scoring for the Plainsmen on Saturday.

Kentucky drops to 0-4-1 overall. The loss was the opening conference game for the Wildcats, who are destined to be cleaning the mucous off the cellar floor this year.

A tough Southern Mississippi team pulled past the Mississippi State Bulldogs by a final score of 20-14.

THE LOSS was the third straight for the Bulldogs and was considered to be an upset by many.

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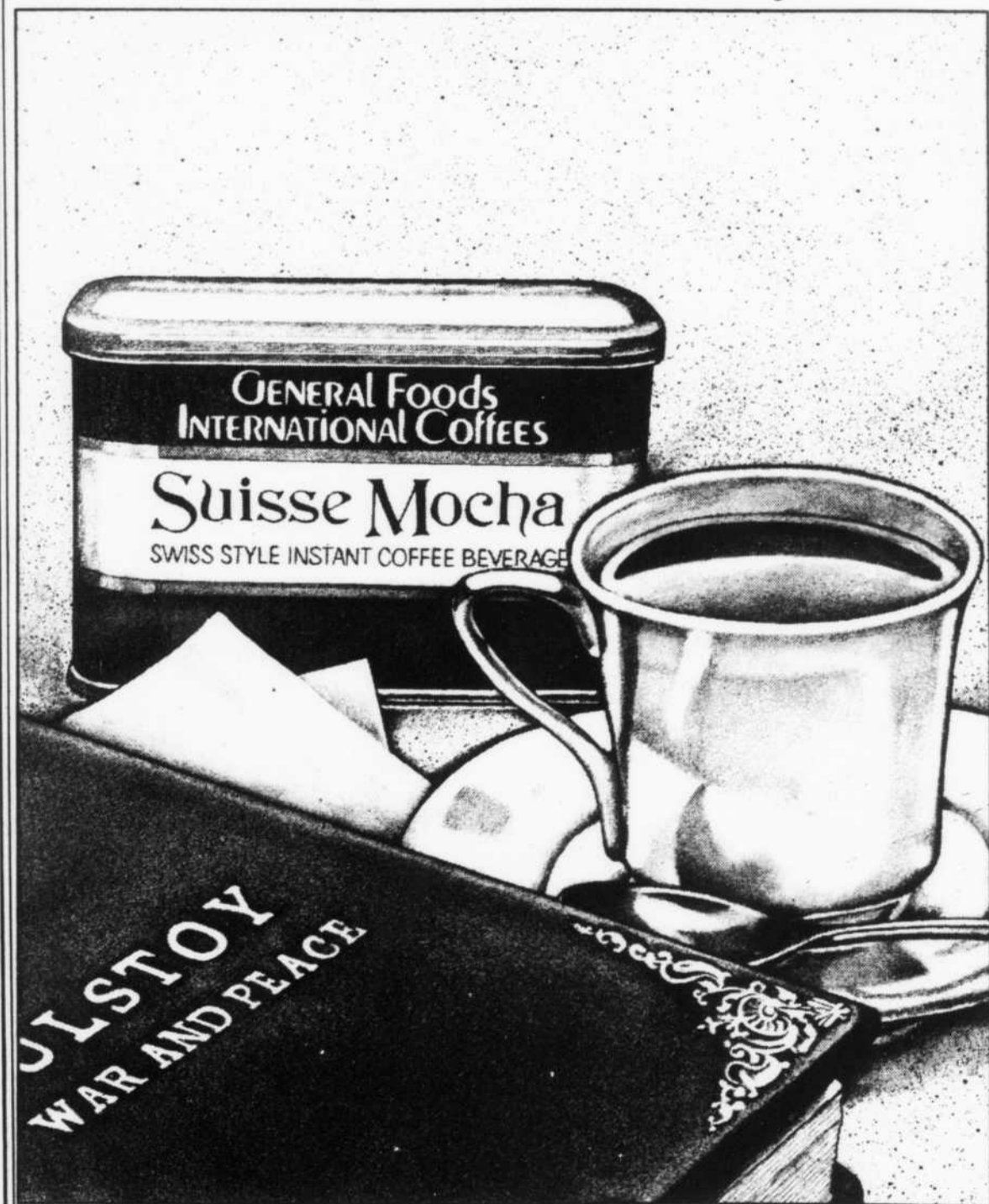


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