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Warren improving after neck injury Saturday

By DON TILLETT
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU defensive back Vernon Warren, who injured his neck in Saturday's 45-24 win over Western Kentucky University, is reportedly regaining some movement following surgery Saturday night at Vanderbilt Hospital.

The surgery removed a ruptured disk which was bruising the spinal cord, according to MTSU Sports Information Director Ed Given.

WARREN, INJURED in the second quarter when he hit WKU running back Ty Campbell, has regained some feeling on his right side and is beginning to regain some sensation on the left side, Given said.

According to Given, the severity of the paralysis will not be known for another 72 hours. Even then, the Jacksonville, Fla., junior may not be able to regain his previous physical condition for another six months.

Apparently, the contact was not that hard, nor did it twist his neck into any kind of unusual position, Given said. Given labels this a "freak" injury, saying that often players are hit harder than Warren was with no serious injury.

"He's an exceptionally fine young man and a hard worker," Head Coach James "Boots" Donnelly said. "It's a real tragedy that something like this had to happen to him."



Photo by Delores Delvi

Vernon Warren is wheeled off the field on a stretcher after suffering a neck injury during the second quarter of Saturday's game against Western Kentucky.

Non-smoking proposal tabled

Faulty registration procedure prevent students from voting

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Several MTSU students and faculty members will be unable to vote in today's elections as a result of apparently faulty registration procedures on campus, Murfreesboro election officials said yesterday.

The election commission office received calls from at least 15 MTSU students and faculty members who had not yet received their registration cards after completing registration forms during voter drives on campus in October, Amy Williams, Murfreesboro's registrar of voters, said yesterday.

Harvey stolen from Tech Halloween

From STAFF REPORTS

Harvey, the totem pole that goes to the winner of the MTSU-Tennessee Tech football game, was stolen from the Tech bookstore Halloween night, Tech officials confirmed yesterday.

"Shinny Ninny (as Harvey is referred to at Tech) went amiss from our bookstore sometime last week and hasn't been returned," Charles Groce, director of safety and security at Tech, said.

THE TECH CAMPUS security is investigating the disappearance, Groce said.

"We have some suspects and investigative leads we are working on," he said.

Groce would not say if the suspects were Tech or MTSU students.

The suspects entered the bookstore by breaking into a back door, according to Groce. A hinge on the case in which Harvey was housed was damaged, but no other damage was reported.

THE ELECTION commission, however, has no record of their registration, prompting election officials to believe that a stack of registration forms had been misplaced, Williams said.

"They're just out of luck," Williams said. "We've got them saying they filled out one [registration application] and us saying that we never got it."

The election commission, which conducted two earlier drives on campus, does not oversee drives sponsored by other organizations, Williams said, adding that, although she was sorry those individuals will be unable to vote, they should have checked with the commission earlier.

mass communications instructor whose registration did not go through, said a more organized system should be implemented.

"This will be the first time I will miss voting since I turned 18," Applegate said, adding that he even considered the possibility of returning to his native Oklahoma in order to vote.

Williams noted that, although such problems can occur with the mail-in registration forms, the system also is advantageousin that people who might have been unable to vote otherwise will be able to do so.



Photo by Melissa Givens

Crystal Gayle entertains the crowd at Murphy Center during Saturday's concert. See review on page 8.

From STAFF REPORTS

Legislation proposing the creation of a non-smoking section in the Keathley University Center Grill was tabled at the third joint session of the MTSU Associated Student Body.

Associated Student Body.
The bill, sponsored in the senate by John Williams, Troy Gipson, Sharon Hudson and David Christian, and in the house by Jennifer L. Pugh and Bryan Baskin, was drafted incorrectly, according to Junior Senator Mark O'Connor, who moved that the legislation be

tabled.

O'CONNOR COMMENTED that if the joint session were to pass the bill, he was not sure it would stand up if challenged because "it is technically in incorrect format."

When questioned after the adjournment of the 25-minute session, O'Connor said he did not wish to be a villain and that he had nothing against the bill except that its format was unacceptable. The bill will be taken up again at the next session.

"Mark Miller might not even sign the bill in this format, and Dean Cantrell would probably question it, too." O'Connor said. Possibly, "the attorney general could rule it out of order and throw it out," if the bill were to pass in its present format.

commenting on the fact that only three pieces of legislation have been presented this semester, one legislator pointed out, "It is doubtful that everything on the campus is 'hunky-dory,''' and legislators were exhorted to draft bills and resolutions for consideration by the ASB.

THEC to propose phaseout of university remedial education

From STAFF and WIRE REPORTS

NASHVILLE—A phaseout of remedial education at the state's colleges and universities will be proposed tomorrow to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, an official said Monday.

Wayne Brown, executive director of the Commission, said the phaseout at four-year institutions would be set over the next few years but would go into effect immediately at Memphis State, Tennessee-Knoxville and Tennessee Tech.

"THE CURRENT fiscal year will be the last year that remediation dollars will be expended at Memphis State University, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Tennessee Technological University," Brown said.

It's reported that the three schools have some of the best records in that area. For example, Memphis State reported that 72 percent of the first-time freshmen who took the American College Testing Program examination scored at least 16, which many administrators consider an adequate score for college success. At UT-Knoxville the rate was 88 percent and at Tennessee Tech 81 percent.

OF FIRST-TIME freshmen at MTSU who took the ACT test, 64 percent scored 16 or above, Frank Yates, director of institutional research, said yesterday.

Brown said there is some discussion about how remedial education should be phased out at the other state institutions.

He said some of them have drawn a large number of students who had been underprepared for college.

THEC'S LONG-RANGE plan is to transfer all remedial education courses to the community colleges and technical schools, John Bogert, assistant director for government relations, said yesterday.

Bogert said THEC hopes that more stringent requirements in the state's high schools and the implementation of the Better Schools Program will reduce the need for remedial education on the college level.

A timetable for phasing out the remedial programs at MTSU has not yet been devised; instead, the staff recommendation to the full commission is to add \$75,000 next year to the present base of \$149,000 in remediation already established here, Bogert

BROWN SAID MORE than 40 percent of the first-time freshmen at Austin Peay need remediation, and more than 75 percent of first-time freshmen at Tennessee State University.

"Obviously we can't phase out these programs overnight," Brown said.

Campus Capsule

THURSDAY

THE SOCIAL WORK Program is sponsoring a workshop from 12:45 to 4 p.m. on "Supervision in Social Work Practice" in Room 324 of the University Center. The workshop is free and open to the public.

NOTICES

THREE SUBCOMMITTEES from the University Rules Committee for 1984-85 have been organized and will begin reviewing all rules and regulations currently published in the student handbook, Rescue, immediately. The meetings are scheduled as follows: The Subcommittee on Rules and Disciplinary Procedures will meet Thursday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m. in Room 19 of the Drawing Building: the Subcommittee on Housing Regulations will meet at 3 p.m. the same day in the second floor faculty lounge of Peck Hall; and the Subcommittee on Student Life will meet the following Thursday, Nov. 15, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the University Center. All meetings are open, and students are encouraged to provide input regarding recommended

rules changes for academic year 1985-86.

THE JSA IS accepting scholarship applications for the spring semester. Forms are available at the MTSU Financial Aid Office in Room 212 of the Cope Administration Building, in the psychology department office in Room 103 of Jones Hall, and in Room 206 of the James Union Building. Women students who are at least 23 years of age are eligible for the JSA scholarships. Completed applications are due Nov. 23. Mail the completed form to Box 523, MTSU.

THE WEEKLY SERVICE, "MANNA," takes place every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union across from the Alumni Gym.

THE MID-CUMBERLAND HUMAN Resources Agency urgently needs people to deliver meals for its meals-on-wheels program. Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily. If you can spare one or two hours a week, call 896-3407 or 890-2677 for more details.

Supervision workshop scheduled

By BERT BACH Sidelines Staff Writer

A workshop emphasizing "employee-supervisor supervision" will be offered Thursday in Room 324 of the Keathley University Center, according to Karen Lee, director of the MTSU Social Work Program.

The workshop will be conducted by Mary Henry Bloch and Haisaura Rubenstein, social work instructors at the University of Tennessee branch in Nashville, Lee said.

BLOCH WILL LEAD a workshop entitled "Improving the Quality of Supervisors-the Supervisee's Point of View." This emphasis on the supervisee is one unique aspect of the conference, Lee said.

"I've seen a lot of different workshops and some on supervision, but they always are on how to be supervisors and never really how to be a supervisee [supervised],"

Registration for the workshops will be at 12:45

Thursday. The workshop will immediately follow the registration, Lee said.

The workshop, sponsored by the MTSUsocialwork program, is funded by the Public Service Committee through the MTSUOffice of Continuing Education.

Football Gala to benefit Muscular Dystrophy

From STAFF REPORTS

The stage is set for the second annual Muscular Dystrophy Football Gala.

A game between MTSU students will be played this Thursday night on Horace Jones Field.

KICK-OFF FOR the battle is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Admission for the game is \$2, with all proceeds going to The Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Over 3,000 turned out for last year's gala and its sponsors, the brothers of the Kappa Alpha Order, expect an even larger turn-out this

The two squads have been practicing in the early morning hours for almost three weeks now.

WTVF and Channel 39 are expected to cover the game for their news casts.

Soviet dissident slated for Nov. 13 address on campus

From STAFF REPORTS

Exiled Soviet dissident Alexander Ginzburg will speak here on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center's Multi-Media Room.

Ginzburg, 48, has been active in the human rights movement in the U.S.S.R. from its beginning.

HIS FIRST OPEN opposition to the Soviet government's repressive policies began in the 1950s when he edited the first typewritten literary journal Sintaxis, a collection of poems by young Moscow and Leningrad writers. He was sentenced to two years of forced labor and was forbidden to resume his journalism studies at Moscow University upon his

After years of odd jobs he came to world attention when he was arrested for compiling the White Book on the celebrated trial of writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuri Daniels. He and three other dissidents were tried in the internationally famous "trial of four."

Ginzburg was sentenced to five years of strict regime

AFTER HIS RELEASE in 1972, Ginzburg settled in Tarsua, 70 miles from Moscow, where he met Alexander Solzhenitsyn, author of Gulag Archipelago. The two established the Russian Social Fund, a charitable organization to aid Soviet prisoners and their families.

Ginzburg expanded his human rights activities in 1976 by helping to found the

Moscow Helsinki Watch Group, a citizen's organization that monitored the Soviet Union's adherence to humanitarian provisions of the Helsinki Accords and prepared thoroughly researched studies on Soviet human rights violations.

Despite protests from the International League for Human Rights, Amnesty International, the U.S. based Alexander Ginzburg Defense Committee (members included Arthur Miller, Saul

Senator Daniel Moynihan) and the intervention of Nobel Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, in 1977, Ginzburg was once again imprisoned.



Paramedics from the Rutherford County Ambulance Service assist Belinda Overkleeft after she fell in front of Kirksey Old Main.

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS YOUR MIDLANDER GREEK PHOTO.



Sorority and Fraternity write ups MUST be turned in to the MIDLANDER office by Thursday!!!

TUESDAY Nov. 6 (At respective houses)

Sigma Chi Pi Kappa Alpha 3:00

Sigma Alpha Epsilon **Delta Tau Delta** 5:00 3:20

Kappa Alpha Order 5:30 Alpha Tau Omega 3:40

6:00 Sigma Phi Epsilon Kappa Sigma

Alpha Gamma Rho

WEDNESDAY Nov. 7

(In the lobby of the Learning Resources Center)

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Phi Beta Sigma 4:00 3:15

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ooking ahead to '88 election

Come election time, it is a fine and honorable tradition for newspapers to endorse particular candidates seeking public office—even college newspapers. Usually such endorsements are made at the behest of the newspaper's publisher.

Because we have no true publisher. as such, and because of the total absence of a consensus on the part of our editorial staff, we have chosen not to offer formal endorsements of any candidate.

On this, the very day we elect our various political leaders, perhaps it is, strangely enough, an opportune time to look ahead to 1988. That's right: 1988.

Right now, the public is properly tuned into that strangest of all cultural phemomena, American politics—and all the mud, money and misinformation that fuels it.

It's a rare opportunity. Over the next three years, all the intricacies of the process—the accusations, the insults, the promises, the great jokes-will have faded from our memory, and only the most banal and obvious observations will remain: Reagan was tough and presidential: Mondale was basically Mondale. Ashe got the "collaring" he deserved, and Bart Gordon's self-proclaimed "Victory Tour" (...but the kid is not his son) provided as much entertainment—if unintentional—as anyone could hope for from a House

So much for 1984.

For a moment, pretend it's 1988presidential primary season, to be exact. The reader will note that out of a spirit of generosity to each, neither Ronald Reagan nor Walter Mondale are included.

The Democratic roster will most certainly sport at least a couple of familiar faces.

Gary Hart—Hart's early strength in the 1984 primaries was a real surprise, but he'll need to do quite a bit of unofficial campaigning (keeping his face on the 6 pm news) before 1988 to win it this time.

If we assume (for a moment throwing a bit of our spirit of generosity to the wind) that another four years of Ronald Reagan have pushed public fear of the arms race to new highs, Hart could conceivably ride to the nomination—maybe even the big job, itself—on a theme of arms reduction and drastic cuts in military spending.

There is no question that he scores big in glamour and likeability, and the core of an 1988 campaign organization is already in place. Hart is the dark horse for the Demo's primary race-darker still for the presidency, but he will be somewhere

in the thick of it throughout. Mario Cuomo-Cuomo is the Democrat's Democrat—a seasoned, stately liberal, ethnic governor from a northern industrial state who came up from the bottom of the economic

ladder. Most any Democrat would be comfortable with Cuomo at the helm. Comfortable, yes—but, entusiastic? It's easy to foresee Cuomo coming down with a bad case of "Mondale syndrome" (our generosity seems to be getting less and less spirited) but he appears to have the Constitution to overcome it. Like Hart, he will be in the thick of it-but with slightly

better odds. Jesse Jackson-Jackson will be heavily involved in promoting the candidate he favors, and he will wrest many more concessions from the

party's leadership than he did in 1984, but he will not seek the nomination. He will, however, be given a cabinet post, should the Democrats gain the presidency. From now on, Jackson will be an increasingly powerful fixture in the party.

Louis Farrakhan—Jesse won't run, but Farrakhan will. No party with any intelligence would nominate-or accept-him, but he will run, most likely as a candidate for an independent fringe party of his own formation. It won't matter: even Black Muslims will refuse to vote for him.

Geraldine Ferraro - Her fans may be outraged, but here goes: after 1984, Geraldine Ferraro (the generous spirit getting dangerously low) is history—simple as that.

She has proven beyond doubt that her gender was the only strength of any consequence she brought to the Democratic ticket. A long and fruitful Congressional career is hers, but that's where it all ends for Gerry.

Walter Mondale—After the big loss he suffered in 1984 (so much for generosity), Mondale may seek political revenge on an American electorate that refused to accommodate his candidacy by running again. He will not succeed. There will never be a president named Walter Mondale.

What we are left with is the strong probability of a Cuomo/Hart pairing (or vice versa) and, going out on a perilously thin limb, the possibility of our own Albert Gore as a vicepresidential contender.

The Republicans are the big question mark for 1988. There are plenty of qualified hopefuls in their ranks—but none looks presidential in any real sense.

George Bush—Bush is the obvious choice, if only because of his tenure as Reagan's vice president. By then, Republicans will commonly refer to Reagan's second term as the "days of glory," (in much the same way Reagan referred to the Carter/Mondale administration as the "reign of error"). Bush will benefit heavily from the association.

Howard Baker - Baker's presidential hopes will finally collide head-on with political reality early on. Baker is a moderate, and there simply is no room in the Republican party for such men-unless you count the VP spot. Like Mondale, Baker is tailormade for the vice presidency-and not much else.

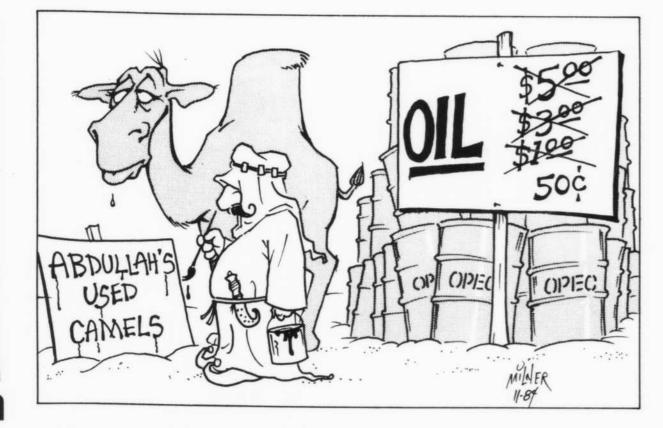
Robert and Elizabeth Dole-There has already been talk of both Doles on the same ticket, but Republicans have no use for the novelty and fun of politics. Neither Dole will be strong enough to make any gains in 1988. Look for one or both to come on strong in 1990 or so.

Jack Kemp-If John Glenn is doomed to be the Gerald Ford of Democratic politics, then Kemp is, likewise, doomed to be the John Glenn of Republican politics. He represents the sort of political convictions that are so bland as to draw as much laughter as they do boredom.

A Bush/Baker team is the Republican's best bet, and conventional logic will hold true: Bush and Baker will be the nominees.

So here we are back in 1984. Will you be ready when Bush says he "kicked Cuomo's ass" in their debate, or when Cuomo replies that he "busted Bush's balls"?

For now, let's get on with the 1984 election—but remember, you heard it



How about those OPEC'S!

By TOM MILNER

Sidelines Columnist

with People causes sometimes behave strangely, even illogically. There are two perfect examples in this week's news.

First, take the Baby Fae case. (As of this writing, the infant who received a baboon's heart is surviving and improving steadily.) Now, I can understand how some people might recoil from the thought of putting an animal part in a human infant; it does seem rather macabre-grist for the Bmovie horror mill. Then there is the possibility that the heart will simply wear out after a period of time equal to the life-expectancy of a baboon. These are legitimate concerns (though I believe that the positive medical implications may outweigh them, if the procedure proves successful).

The most indignant hue

and cry, however, comes from a group of animal rights activists. To listen to them. you'd think the baboon was sacrificed on a bloody altar, struggling and screaming as wicked physicians ripped its

heart out. They simply cannot stomach the idea of an innocent animal dying to preserve human life. To those lamenting the baboon's demise, I would pose this question: How many hamburgers did you eat last year?

Then we have the everpresent anti-pornography crusaders. One courageous group is staunchly picketing 7-11 stores in Nashville, condemning that convenience store chain as the primary purveyor of filth in the area. I find this rather amusing, since most major

bookstores sell the same magazines, as do the countless other convenience markets.

Somehow these diligent do-gooders have overlooked the half-dozen shops in the downtown area which peddle real pornography, including child sex and bestiality. But then, who wants to picket on Lower Broad? That could be dangerous.

To close on an upbeat: How 'bout them OPECs? At the risk of being childish, petty and otherwise unfashionably callous toward third-worlders, I'm tickled to see those guys sweat for a while. They skinned us good in the mid-1970s; now they have more oil than they can sell. Boohoo. Looks like they might have to trade in their Rolls Royces for Cadillacs. Life is rough.







Dworak offers '84 predictions

By DALE DWORAK Sidelines Columnist

Here are the long awaited Rant n' Rave political endorsements:

If anything should be endorsed this year it should be the guarter. What a horrible selection of choices we are offered this year: Reagan or Mondale, Gore or Ashe, Simpkins or Gordon. Perhaps we should all sleep in Tuesday and pretend it was all a bad dream.

I endorse the quarter because of its flexibility in this current political situation. It allows us to put a candidate's name on either side and then flip to decide which out of this situation of "the evil of two lessers" will be chosen. Afterwards, we can blame fate for making us vote the way we did.

On a serious note, I endorse Walter Mondale for president. At least he is brave enough to face the deficit. Though his commercial doesn't mention it, Reagan's deficits also "work against us." And at least Mondale will try to talk to the "bear" before trying to blow it away.

Despite his "wimp" image, I think Mondale would be a strong leader. And frankly, Reagan and his ideas of Gunboat Diplomacy scare me. But then I guess someone has to keep the Nicaraguans from invading southern Texas and capturing the northbank of the Rio Grande as a beach head towards world conquest.

While there are a lot of good things I could say about Albert Gore, the less said about Victor Ashe the better. Who is Ashe?

Despite the fact that he wears a three-piece paternity suit, I kind of like Bart Gordon. It could be that I'm tired of hearing that Joe Simpkins (what a name) is a veteran. I'm a veteran, tooso what? Also, good old Joe had the nerve to interrupt me while I was drinking my morning coffee and reading the paper-a foolish move on anyone's part.

I, myself, am going to vote against the abolishment of package liquor stores. You can vote on that however you want and have a good argument either way.

Getting out of politics for a moment, I'd like to ask the University to buy the library a new globe. The one by the reserves room has such countries as Belgian Congo and French North Africa. I think it may be just a wee bit out of date.

Well, get out there and vote. All us curious people are dying to see if the pollsters are right, and Reagan is really going to win by a Johnstown/Jonestown flood. Watch your koolaid-I mean your TV-for the results. I'll be asleep.



60's civil rights movement changed things-they're worse

By CLYDE CRAWLEY Sidelines Columnist

I don't know about you, but all I can say is "God bless America!"

This is being written last week, but shortly after you read this, CBS, NBC and CBN will have declared Ronald Reagan the winner and still champion. CBS and NBC will get their info from polls. God will tell Pat Robertson.

Every so often, the Earth seems to heave a deep sigh, tilt on its axis, and slam the brakes on its normal rotation. This week and last week have been the first times this has happened since the last Blue House party. This time there are some major international incidents which have precipitated this global schiz-out. (Which should give you some idea of the power generated at a Blue House party!)

Actually, the proximity in time of the assassination of Indira Gandhi, a very disturbing little race war in

the normally peaceful little burgh of Franklin, Tenn., sonic booms frightening Nicaraguan natives and the impending re-election of Mr. Reagan has wiped out every trace of Waldensian tranquillity generated by my now historic camping trip. Things are bizarre and getting more so by the minute.

I can go several different directions at this point. Many of you might expect this writer to take off on one more pre-election tirade against Reagan, but I promised my editor not to go off and insult the old buzzard again, so I won't.

I'm simply still on my quest for comfort, and terrestrial dysfunction does not contribute to my comfort. Although I pretend to be a connoisseur of the curious, this much change is acutely unsettling.

Our Campus seemed to be a fairly safe, secure place: a little stroll around MTSU, maybe take a tranquilizer or two, and I might be able to recapture the casual coolness of, say, D. de la Blanc, a suitable nom de querre for the avant garde man-on-campus.

No way. There are weird things on this campus. Really. At least there were yesterday.

Walking past the back of

Clydelines

the old music building, I noticed a small, grassy meadow-with a glass double door opening into the building at the far end of the courtyard. I was afraid to look, but I'll bet those doors are only visible from the outside! On the inside, they don't exist. I figured if the ATO house can have a ghost, the music building can have its own entrance into the nether reaches of the Twilight Zone.

Ambling along, i spotted our luxurious new sign in front of Murphy Center. I imagined archaeologists 25,000 years from now

sifting through the rubble that was once MTSU and finding this sign. I can just see the write-up: "Standing outside the arena, which was possibly used for human sacrifice or cannibalistic orgies, is a phalliclike structure indicating this civilization's preoccupation with male performance. Notice the distorted and exaggerated glans..." I'm not going to even hazard a quess at what those future archaeologists will have to say about the LRC.

Another thing I've often wondered about is the third section of the U.C. Grill-the side partitioned off by glass and brick. Why is it there? What's more, who sits in there? Where did those people come from? But the biggest mystery: why haven't the Greeks invaded this room? They're the ones who came up with the "exclusive seating" b.s.; why not an exclusive room? Remarkably, though, they haven't. I'm taken aback.

(As Hunter S. Thompson

once said, "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro." At this point, my weirdout threshold was at an alltime low. Not only have I turned pro, I'm nearing retirement.)

Back to the U.C. The new movie showing is entitled The Evil Dead. It is touted as being the "most ferociously original horror film of the year" by none other than the master of mayhem himself, Stephen King. No one under 17 admitted. The planet must still be slightly askew because where are those protectors of our passions, our moral mentors-the churches? Show a little T & A and you've crucified the Son of God afresh, but present ghastly, gruesome, gory scenes of zombies eating humans, ripping their heads off-I mean there's cottage cheese all over the place-and you don't hear a

I don't understand, or want to be around, people who think sex is evil but excessive hyper-violence is

fine. This is weird inconsistency at best and bizarre dementia at worst. Our fair planet doesn't even skip a beat here-this reasoning has become all common, habituation has set in. My axis is tilting now.

And I experienced fullblown cerebral spin-out when I heard (actually read) that there is racism on this campus. That's like admitting that humans breathe air. Of course there are racists here. One, maybe two, of them even write for this paper.

I went through the 1960s, saw the worst of the race riots on TV-Birmingham, Watts, Boston. But the Civil Rights Act passed, and we thought we had won, hoping attitude changes would follow. And they did-they got worse.

So my only hope of finding my Eldorado of comfort is to transfer to Comatose State next semester. I'll probably take Thorazine I and II.

So long. It's been weird.

<u>Letters to the Editor</u>

Racial bomb is still here with us -and ticking, too

To the Editor:

The insidious bomb of racism lies ticking within the structure of society and, of course, the university.

"What is wrong with them? What do they want?" people ask, referring to charges of discrimination and racism made by students at MTSU and other state schools. "What is their point?"

I'm not sure of all the points, but I feel certain that racism, like sexism, has not evaporated into thin air over the last two and three decades. The bomb may no longer be explosive, but it emits noxious fumes that only the desensitized or unconcerned can ignore. The burnt cross taped to John Turner's door is but a symbol of the more subtle messages conveyed in a society not too long free of sanctioned prejudice.

Only through open dialogue and willingness to listen can the air ever be cleared and the bomb dismantled. Willingness to listen does not always lead to agreement, but silence often does promote fear. suspicion and hostility. Speak up, MTSU students, speak up.

> Cecilia Mynatt Box 5724

Racial charges are only imaginary... what's real story?

To the Editor:

Lately the media has made a lot out of some charges of bigotry and prejudice at MTSU. Follow-ups by reporters have not found any support for those charges, yet Mr. Turner, of the Black Student Association, continues to rant and rave about conditions here.

He keeps the media's attention focused on a nonexistent problem and sheds a bad light on a school that does not need that kind of publicity. As both a teacher and a student, I am doubly irritated by Mr. Turner's reckless actions.

Anyone who would try to deny that bigotry and prejudice exist here (or anywhere people of various types are gathered) is a fool. But is it beyond what we would term ordinary for a diverse group like ours (especially in the SOUTH)? Definitely not!

If this is such a crisis situation, where have all the complaints been before, or, for that matter, where are they now? Mr. Turner is

building his soapbox on bubbles soap (his imagination). Congratulations, Mr. Turner, you have gotten your publicity, but what's the real story?

If there is a real story, it is of America becoming a land of opportunity and rights for only its minorities (and their abuse of them). It is not the story of equal rights being achieved for all.

There is no office of majority affairs on campus, but we all pay for an office of minority affairs. We have no White Student Association (or feel the need for one), nor as many non-blacks (percentage-wise) on financial aid (aid often given by race, not need).

yelling Are we discrimination, Mr. Turner? Or how about the real world we face after graduation. I love those firms who claim to be equal opportunity employers and affirmative action employers as well. Want that discrimination removed, too, Mr. Turner?

Face it, Mr. Turner, your minority is easily getting more than the 10 percent you claim you deserve (you pay less than that into the system). Yet you babble on about your unfounded charges so you can get your publicity and give your organization some status among your minority. It must be nice to make things up and still get credit for presenting half-truths. If a white male were to complain about discrimination, he would be lucky if anyone listened, let alone believed

I am not a Southerner raised in a prejudiced environment, but with people like you, Mr. Turner, who make up outlandish and unsupported charges against a system already stacked your way, I am certainly being pushed toward prejudice. Maybe that was your real goal.

> Robert L. Jenkins Box 1616

Racist actions show bad side of today's South

To the Editor:

They are burning crosses again; I must be in Tennessee. This kind of racial animosity has all but died in most parts of the country, thank God.

This kind of incident only serves to reinforce that hillbilly backward stereotype. Intelligent, freethinking people have put racial prejudice behind them

as a mistake of the past. The South might rise again, but it won't have the

support it once had. I for one would turn against my race, and my heritage, to stand up for black people and help stamp out blind prejudice.

Michael Vaughan

Capital punishment is only a 'quick fix' for society's ills

To the Editor:

In response to Tom Milner's column in the Sidelines of Oct. 12 entitled "Death row should be just that," I would like to suggest that there are many people in America that are not only victims of a "cold and ruthless society," but also victims of a culture of violence.

Many people on death row have, like Mr. Milner, made the mistake of seeing violence as a quick and easy solution to their problems.

I disagree with Mr. Milner that the important question of death row has much t do with criminal's guilt. It has, I believe, more to do with the question of how we in a civilized society should treat the serious offender.

I would like to ask Mr. Milner two questions. First, what do you think is accomplished by capital punishment? Second, have you looked at the research that might support your answer to the first question?

If you had, I think you might have been in for a big surprise. For example, not only does capital punishment fail to deter homicide, there is some research that suggests it does just the opposite.

Capital punishment is just one more "quick fix" that has not worked. May I suggest to you that you put on your thinking cap and go back to the drawing board.

And by the way, if you're really concerned about homicide and carnage, focus your creative talents on the biggest group of killers of all, drunk drivers. If you can find an effective way of dealing with these killers. you will have done mankind a great service-and please don't suggest the electric

The failure of the current punitive approach to dealing with drunk drivers is probably due to its inability to deal with underlying cultural and personal problems.

Capital punishment fails to deter serious crime for the same reason. I understand Mr. Milner's frustration, but I can't accept his solutions.

> **Donald Schneller Professor**

Will the real Ron Smith please stand up-and pay fines

To the Editor:

Whoever has devised a method of outwitting the MTSU reserve book system please come forward.

On more than one occasion I have received notice from MTSU's library concerning an overdue book from the reserve library. There are about four or five Ronald (Ron) Smiths in attendance at this univeristy, and for some reason, I have been the victim of mis-identification for the Ron Smith who chronically keeps reserve books past their due date.

The library personnel have been friendly and understanding of my situation. Certain personnel have even begun to recognize me as "the other Ron."

I feel that the library should devise a better system of record-keeping for the books taken from the reserves room. Apparently just noting the box number and student ID is not enough.

Perhaps if the student's social security number was also noted, the occurrence of such mistakes would lessen. I don't know how many other students have experienced the problem I have, but the matter needs investigation. My grades, transcript or registration process has not been affected as of yet, but this can happen in the future, according to university policy.

Ron Smith Box 9263

Redneck re-run irks Libertarian pickup 'trucker'

To the Editor:

Concerning Clydelines in your Nov. 2 issue: Are you so desperate for filler material you must reprint a Clydelines from the summer issues? And why was it not tagged as a reprint, as most papers do as standard procedure?

Clyde's redneck article was somewhat funny but offensive and lacking in intelligence.

I drive a truck with a gunrack, chew Red Man, drink beer and listen to AM music. I also vote libertarian and favor a verifiable nuclear weapons freeze. Calling me a redneck, Clyde?

I am getting tired of the constant stream of complaints from Clyde and others who aren't happy in Middle Tennessee or at MTSU. Hey, no one

holding a gun to your head. If you don't like it here, leave and quit bugging those of us who are happy here and want to get an education.

Henry Howard P.O. Box 7080

Editor's note: Mr. Crawley chose to extend his midterm vacation through last week, and requested-as many of our readers havethat we reprint the column in question. It is our policy to clearly identify previously printed material, but because of a mix-up in the editing process. identification was deleted before the column reached our production staff.

We apologize for this

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From the Negative Side Former Editor's made his choices

By MARK SHERROD Special to Sidelines

Do you know who to vote for? Well, I know who I'm voting for-God only knows why. Maybe I should do a little explaining.

First, let's examine the race for the big house. In the right corner, an over-the-hill actor and user of Geritol, Ronald Reagan. Just what has this guy done for me in the last four years?

I'm paying fewer taxes-I think. My car won't run and I don't know how I'm going to pay the November rent. Tuition has gone up and my grant went down.

In the left corner, a whining beak-nosed liberal who has little enough sense to be a resident of that American tundra land called Minnesota.

Walter Mondale, you bore me to death. Why, for heaven sakes don't you give Americans an alternative to President Devo-hair? You whine about the poor factory worker, the under-privileged black youth, and overspending on the Defense department-offering no valid solutions.

My vote goes to Reagan because he believes in the free enterprise system. I have no other reason. He may destroy our environment, the court system and take away moral choices of abortion and prayer in schools, but at least someone might make money off of the whole thing.

(For the love of Pete, I hope some valid candidates emerge in the next four years.)

Who wants to be the next junior senator from the state of Tennessee? Albert Gore, Democrat, vs. Victor Ashe, Republican. This one is easyfolks. Ashe has no brain and also his ears are too big. (Oh, God. I'd better include Ed McAteer so he won't label me a homosexual.)

And now for that mudslinging event known as the 6th District congressional race. Joe Simpkins, Republican: the only man in the race that is a veteran, family man, and sports a bald pate.

Bart Gordon, Democrat: he, like his Democratic counterpart, Walter Mondale, should audition for Saturday Night Live's Whiner family. I still can't believe he said that he wasn't sure if there is enough medical evidence to prove that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.

Come on Bart, I smoke two packs a day-I know.

There is no reason to vote for any of these candidates I have recommended-only reasons not to vote for their opponents. This is sad. No wonder the American people stay away from the polls in droves.



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Campus Concerns

Editors Note: This is the second in a two-part series on job hunting. "Campus Concerns" is a regular feature, covering topics of interest to MTSU students. Letters to this column are welcomed.

Once you've mailed your cover letter and resume, it's time to prepare for a possible interview.

CLOTHING IS very important.

According to Ted Gray, field recruiter for MTSU admissions and the only image consultant in Tennessee, employers, except in the creative fields, all like pretty much the same look.

For men, this means a medium dark, conservativelystyled business suit. For women, the trends are relaxing, and while a suit is important when job hunting, a more informal style of dress is accepted in the office.

"THE BIGGEST MISTAKE college students make is in not investing in quality clothing at the front end," Gray explains. "Better quality clothing lasts much longer and the quality and fit of clothes is one of the criteria people judge

"Good grooming is another key element to success," he added. "Poor hygiene or a disheveled appearance are distracting in a conversation, so the person doesn't remember you, or what you said, but an aspect of your appearance.

Once you've landed an interview and groomed yourself for success, you're ready to shake hands with God-the personnel director.

DR. JAMES COVINGTON, director of the Guidance and Counseling Center, stresses that a person should appear relaxed and confident in an interview situation.

While nothing can replace confidence, the guidance center provides counseling to build self-esteem and teaches relaxation techniques.

"Be confident, but don't be a con man," Covington suggests. "Present yourself as you are."

"THE INTERVIEWER knows you're not perfect. You should be willing to talk about your good qualities and your faults, your likes and your dislikes, but do not present a negative image. Don't undersell or oversell vourself."

Covington feels that the interviewer is looking for people who relate well to others. He says that most trouble in the workplace comes from people who can't get along with coworkers.

BOTH COVINGTON and Turner feel that the ability to communicate is very important. Equally vital are showing the interviewer initiative by researching his company, being attentive to the conversation and showing a genuine interest in the job and the firm.

"Hey, how's the job situation looking these days?"

"Pretty good. I've already had one interview and I have an appointment for one on campus next week."

That's great. Best of luck!

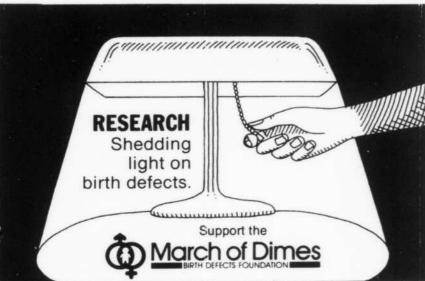
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Chicago tickets Sell yourself go on sale here

By MARIA ORDONEZ Sidelines Staff Writer

Special Events committee seemed to be all smiles yesterday morning as the line for the Chicago concert tickets started to

"This seems to be the best year yet that MTSU has brought in some big name entertainment for the students, besides just country acts," Vicky Hie, a student waiting in line for tickets, said.

"IT SEEMS THAT they, the committee, have begun to listen to the demands of the students more this year than in the past," Hie added.

In light of ticket sales for concerts this year, such attractions as Chicago, Rod Stewart and Elton John seem to be what the students have "demanded." Springsteen,

scheduled to appear in early December, seems to be another sure seller for the committee to cash in on.

"This is the first time I have ever come this early to get tickets," Hie explained, "but it seems with the type of concerts this semester, it was a must if I wanted to get good seats."

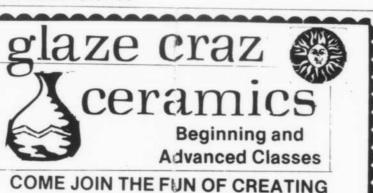
"MOST EVERYONE I have talked with about this year's concert series has seemed pretty happy with the committee's choices."

The variety of acts that has been presented this year has produced an unusually high rate in ticket sales and concert attendance.

"The only thing I see them missing is a good soul or funk-type concert. Prince would be nice," Hie said.

"The only problem I see with these good shows is the long line. Whoops! There's my number."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Rogers returns

Stars make Murphy country capitol

By BILL STEBER Sidelines Staff Writer

It is not enough to say that Kenny Rogers generates excitement at his concerts: he generates hysteria. When the bearded balladeer was led onstage, a thousand hearts skipped a beat.

Hordes of starry-eyed women flocked around the hexagonal-shaped stage equipped with bouquets, posters and an arsenal of blinding flashcubes. Flower shops around Murfreesboro were evidently looted and wiped out Saturday morning because there were enough roses thrown onstage to furnish an entire fleet of Macy's parade floats.

THE SHOW WAS opened by Sawyer Brown, a group relatively unknown in the commercial market-but talented none the less. Winning the grand finals on last season's "Star Search," this young, energetic band has been touring the country, riding the wave of its television success.

Seizing the opportunity to reach a large audience close to Nashville, Sawyer Brown was bursting with enthusiasm throughout its short set. With its up-beat, modern country songs and excellently harmonized vocals, the band just might become the new Alabama.

Lead singer Mark Miller dedicated a surprising version of Hank William's hit, "Your Cheatin' Heart," to all the mothers in the audience. Starting out with a typical Roy Rogers, clippetyclop beat, Miller flew into an Elvis impersonation for the chorus by swinging his arm windmill style and bouncing off his knees while the rest of the band kicked up the beat to a full rock and roll gallop. The crowd ate it up.

NEXT CAME Loretta Lynn's gorgeous little sister, Crystal Gayle, dressed in a glittering off-the-shoulder red dress. After a quick opener, she did a bluesy rendition of Willie Nelson's hit, "Night Life," sounding almost like a jazzed-up Patsy

The organ and saxophone additions provided by the band made her otherwise normal hits take on a much more interesting, bluesy

Gayle explained that the reason she hasn't been touring thispast year is because of the time she has been spending with her 14month-old baby girl. She then proceeded to do a number of her hits including "Talking In Your Sleep," "Have You Left the One You Left Me For?" and everyone's favorite, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" with help from her sister, Peggy Sue, who served as back-up vocalist.

GAYLE CLOSED her part with country standard "Rocky Top," which got the crowd stomping and singing \(\) around the centered stage to

in classic Grand Ole Opry style.

But the highlight of the evening was, of course, the greybearded "hunk" of country music, Kenny Rogers. Perhaps it was because the show was so close to Nashville, or maybe it was due to Kenny's personality, but there was definitely a sense of affinity in the air Saturday night.

After the mob was forced back into the seats and the raving ladies were calmed, Kenny started playing on the humor of the crowd. Upon picking out a woman in the third row wielding binoculars, he exclaimed "Good Lord, woman, what do you think you're going to see from there?...It's enough to make a fellow paranoid!"

AFTER A FEW songs, Kenny said that he would let the audience decide if his next song, "(I Guess I'm) Crazy," would be his next single since he put a great deal of value in the opinion of the home folks. The song, Kenny said, with a hint of whimsical and deliberate sympathy, was written by a 17-year-old boy from Nashville who "...might not ever write another song again." His attempt to waver the crowd's opinion was unneeded, however, judging from the roaring applause the song received.

Then after singing his hit, "Love Will Turn You Around" from the movie, Sixpack, four video screens lowered



Photo by Melissa Given

Kenny Rogers, the "gray-haired hunk" of country music, gets into one of his many hits. MTSU's Murphy Center hosted Rogers, Crystal Gayle andSawyer Brown in the second big country concert of the semester.

show a special home movie.As the scenes of Kenny's baby playing, taking its first steps, etc., filled the screens, the proud father sang "You Are So Beautiful" amid the "oohs" and "aahs" from the adoring crowd.

Many of his songs were regarded by some as dead, unlively tunes due to the frequency of them in his shows. Only the die-hard fans did not notice a certain feeling of blahness in many of his older songs.

The biggest speciality of the show was the walkaround stage equipped with an impressive lighting system. The fantastic combinations of stage and floor lights excited the uptempo songs and added shades of enchantment to the slower ones.

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