



HOWARD ROSS

Blue Raider Book and Supply, the off campus alternative bookstore, is in competition with Phillips Bookstore.



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A student browses through the many items available in Phillips Bookstore located on campus.

## Bookstores battle for dollars

By DOUG STULTS  
Staff Writer

"No one can sell textbooks cheaper than we do," Earl Harris, Phillips Bookstore manager, said.

Harris defended the bookstore against charges of inflated pricing.

"Ninety-five percent of the campus bookstores nationwide have the same or higher prices than we do," he said.

Textbooks are marked up 20 percent from the publisher's price. According to Harris, this is not enough to cover overhead.

"We do not want to make money off of required items," he said.

Phillips Bookstore makes most of its money from items which students are not required to buy for school — drugstore items and T-

shirts, Harris said.

Harris said he did not anticipate making any changes at the bookstore in response to its newest competitor — Blue Raider Book and Supply.

Blue Raider Book and Supply opened earlier this year. The new bookstore, located on Greenland Drive, is an alternative source for textbooks and other items.

Both bookstores purchase used books at half of the publisher's original price.

Harris does not feel that there is room for another bookstore.

"I don't see why anybody would want to get into the off-campus textbook business," Harris said.

Blue Raider Book and Supply manager Brian Young said that his

company thoroughly researched the area before deciding to open.

"We are part of a three store chain with a lot of backing," Young said. "We plan to be fully established within three years."

Young noted that a prior competitor to Phillips Bookstore, Blue Raider Bookstore, went out of business due to "a dozen" reasons including an exorbitant building lease and land rental fee.

Harris commented on the differences between his store and Young's.

According to Harris, the Blue Raider Book and Supply buys old editions of textbooks that are no longer part of the curriculum at Middle Tennessee State University. They sell them to students who

are unaware that they are no longer being used.

Harris declined labeling this practice misleading.

"I won't say that," Harris said. "I'll let you say that."

Young called Harris' account a "distortion."

"All old editions are labeled as such in the inside front cover next to the price. Also, even if you did

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## 42 percent needed for ASB activities

By ROSEMARY COLLINS  
Assistant News Editor

The Associated Student Body has requested that 42 percent of the approximate \$28,000 available in the Student Activity Fee fund be given to them, ASB president Holly Lentz said.

The student activity fund is generated by the two dollar fee required of students at registration. According to student activity fee guidelines any student groups or organizations "in good standing" can apply for the available funds.

Included in the 42-percent the ASB has requested is \$8,500 needed to pay the ASB secretary, \$1,990 for Homecoming activities and \$2,252.50 for the Great Bowls of Fire Championship Chili Cook-Off.

The ASB started the fund in 1979 when president Mike McDonald proposed the fund, Lentz said.

"The ASB formed it to help student-body organizations to get funding services to the students," Lentz said.

"We asked for so much because we're the only student organization for the entire campus," Lentz said.

"The money that we've requested is less than ten percent of the projected cost of Homecoming and the Chili Cook-Off. The rest of the money is coming from the private sector," Rob Marlin, Homecoming director, said.

The projected cost of the Chili Cook-Off is \$8,500, and most of this money has been contributed by the private sector. Some of the contributions came from Coca-Cola, Budweiser and 103-WKDF, a Nashville radio station.

The total cost for Homecoming

this year is estimated at \$6,500, however, the dance is estimated to make \$5,000 from the \$5 ticket sales, Marlin said.

"The dance was created for independent organizations and for people who don't belong to organizations. We wanted to have a big party for the entire student body and alumni so that everyone could be a part of Homecoming," Lentz said.

Lentz said the money requested for the secretary is necessary.

"The ASB must have continuity. We use the secretary in a very necessary way. Billy [Patton] knows the nit picky things because she has been here eight years, and the ASB administration changes each fall," Lentz said.

"The Chili Cook-Off is the official fund-raiser for the ASB, and we are expecting \$7,500 profit which will go into the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation Scholarship Fund," Marlin said.

Twenty-six entries for the Chili Cook-Off have been taken, and all but three of them are outside organizations, Marlin said.

"This is good PR for MTSU, and we may expect to turn up applicants away," Lentz said.

Only 54 entries for the cook-off can be accepted. Student organizations must enter before the Oct. 9 deadline, and business organizations must enter before Oct. 20. The Cook-Off will be Oct. 27 at Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village.

"We asked the City Council to approve alcohol there for that one evening, and they unanimously approved it. It will be for beer only, which we thought was a big accomplishment," Lentz said.

## Family Day tours planned

By SYBIL HENLEY  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee State University is hosting the 1987 Family Day Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m., Public Relations Director Dot Harrison said yesterday.

The theme of Family Day is "Make a life, not just a living." Harrison said the theme was chosen from one of two slogans printed on the Family Day advertisements. The original slogan was "Our graduates make a life, not just a living."

"We shortened it because we liked it, and it is true. It has been picked up on the new admissions material," Harrison said.

There will be two featured guests present at Family day, and they are

both MTSU alumnus. Karla Winfrey, WSMV-TV consumer reporter and Tony Troiano, WKRN-TV sportscaster will be on hand. Former Miss Tennessee, Shelly Mangrum, was scheduled to appear, but she had to decline because of shows in Las Vegas by The Nashville Network. TNN will produce a tape of Mangrum to be featured throughout the event.

"Everyone seems to like the idea of featuring graduate students," Harrison said.

Harrison said she hopes every organization and group will have displays and demonstrations on the track area. Groups such as the Dance Club and the Karate Club should add "a lot of life," she said.

There will be a \$6 fee per person,

and that fee includes tickets to the tailgate party/lunch (complete with a dixie band) at the Greenland Drive parking lot and the Blue Raider vs. Eastern Kentucky home football game. Harrison called it a "package deal."

"Meal tickets do not work on Saturday, this is the reason for the \$6 fee. In addition, if the student gets into the game with his ID, he can not sit with his family in the reserved seating. This is quite a deal," she said.

There will also be motorized bus tours that will run every 15 minutes, Harrison said.

"We are getting really good responses," Harrison said.

## Holcomb cancels speech

By M.A. BROWN  
Assistant News Editor

Toni Wright and Dan Hazelwood, campaign manager and youth director for 5th District Congressional candidate Terry Holcomb, will speak to the Oct. 7 meeting of the College Republicans in Room 318 Keathley University Center.

Holcomb was to be the key-note speaker. However, he accepted an invitation from President Ronald Reagan to visit Washington and was forced to back out of the date.

"We're disappointed that Terry can't make it, however, we are excited about his meeting with President Reagan," Middle Tennessee State University's College Republicans president Mark Davanport stated.

"I think they [Wright and Hazelwood] can give us all the pertinent

information on Terry and what he stands for," he continued.

"Principally, we'll be discussing the ability of college aged students to affect political campaigns," Hazelwood commented.

Hazelwood, 21, was hired by Holcomb in August to be the campaign's youth coordinator.

Wright, 43, was Holcomb's campaign manager in the candidate's unsuccessful attempt to unseat Bill Boner in last fall's congressional race.

"Terry is especially interested in education and the future. The theme of this campaign is 'Leadership for the Future.' We feel that youth organizations, such as the College Republicans, are a big part of that future," Hazelwood said.

"My role in this campaign is to help young people get involved," he added.

"Young people are the future and they have a right to lead the political process. Supporting a political candidate is the best way to start that process," Holcomb stated.

Holcomb, who is a native of middle Tennessee, spent 20 years as a teacher at Montgomery Bell Academy, Belmont College before beginning his political career.

Holcomb graduated Vanderbilt University with a bachelor of arts degree. He also has a master's degree in Communications from Memphis State University.

"A good education is the best road to opportunity in America. Support for educational programs is the best investment in our nation's future," Holcomb said.

Holcomb is attempting to become the first Republican con-

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## Half of traffic tickets tossed out

By DOUG STULTS  
Staff Writer

About half of student traffic ticket appeals are thrown out by the Associated Student Body Traffic Court of Middle Tennessee State University, William Newberry, chief justice, said.

The ASB Traffic Court convenes each Monday and Tuesday to hear explanations from ticketed drivers who feel they should not have received a citation.

Tickets are appealed to the office of the Assistant Dean of Students and relayed to the court.

Defendants may choose to have a public defender aid them in presenting their case. Public defenders are familiar with campus traffic regulations and court procedure.

Two student justices and the chief justice check to see that tickets in question were issued cor-

rectly and are free of technicalities. Defendants are questioned about the violation, and the justices evaluate their explanations.

Justices are selected by the ASB president from a pool of students expressing interest in student government.

Court proceedings are not open to the public unless the defendant waives their right to a private hearing. Hearings are taped in case of later review.

Defendants are dismissed after their cases are heard. The justices reach their verdict in private. The chief justice does not vote unless the two student justices can not agree.

Justices do not tape their discussions concerning decisions on tickets, but they do explain their reasons in writing. As stated in the student handbook, their decisions

are subject to review by the ASB president.

Defendants who are unable to appear before the court may submit a written excuse for consideration.

Agreement to appear but failure to do so results in automatic denial of the appeal.

All fines collected are subtracted from the state funds pledged to the university. If the university was slated to receive \$100,000 from the state but collected \$5,000 from parking violators, MTSU would get \$95,000.

Since the court is entirely staffed by students, there is a better chance that members of the court will know the defendants than there would be in a conventional court.

In a recent case, Newberry served as a witness for the defendant. Newberry did not feel this was a conflict of interest.



WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

Rick Thompson, Kenneth Wood and Larry Quesenberry of Shelbyville, TN prepare fish at last night's Fourth Annual Grand Slam Auction and Fish Fry.



# Campus Capsule

The College Republicans will hold a registration drive Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up booths will be outside Phillips Bookstore in Keathley University Center. For more information contact Mark Davenport at Box 2893 or 895-6723.

The MTSU National Press Photographers Association Student Chapter will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 Bragg Graphic Arts Building. A seminar on electronic flash photography will be held. Free and open to the public.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will initiate new members at its meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. in Dining Room B James Union Building. Meeting does not include dinner. Membership fee is \$37.50.

The Language Department will be offering tutorial services for Spanish and French students. For more information contact the language department at 898-2981.

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The Sociology Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 317 Peck Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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# Parents petition for childrens' IDs

By KIM HARRIS  
News Editor  
Because they possess no Middle Tennessee State University Identification card, children who live with their parents in Family Student Housing must use MTSU facilities as guests, Jean Strong, president of Family Students and Actions, said yesterday.  
In order to use the facilities, chil-

dren must bring a parent or friend with them, Strong said. They also have to pay in order to attend MTSU ball games, he added.  
"If they want to use the facilities, they [the children] should have the same rights as we [the students] do," Strong said.  
Strong called the children of married students the "lost little segment," and he said there has never been any attempt to get them in-

volved in campus activities.  
Strong said he talked to Associated Student Body President Holly Lentz about getting IDs for the children.  
"Holly was super," Strong said. "She was totally agreeable."  
The ASB drew up a petition "to show a real need" in getting the IDs through, Lentz said.

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The *Sidelines* Staff cordially invites the campus community to an Open House on October 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the *Sidelines* office, Room 310 James Union Building.

Staff members and the Student Publications Coordinator will be present to answer your questions about the campus newspaper and share your ideas.







HOWARD ROSS

MTSU ROTC Blue Berets practice precision drill team routines in preparation of Homecoming.

#### Holcomb

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gressman from the 5th District since the Reconstruction Era.

Although he was defeated by Boner in the last election, Holcomb's vote count was the largest for any Republican attempting to gain the seat.

The 5th District seat became open when Boner was elected mayor of Nashville in September.

A special election has been set for Jan. 19 to decide who will succeed Boner in Washington. Primaries are set for Dec. 3.

"We are putting special emphasis on this election, and we urge all students who are registered voters in Robertson and Davidson Counties to participate because every vote makes a difference," Davanport said.

Davanport and Hazelwood both stated that Holcomb would reschedule another date to speak at MTSU.

#### Bookstores

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buy one by mistake, we issue full refunds for two weeks from the date of purchase," he said.

Young said a MTSU professor returned to an old edition so his students could save money. He noted that each student saved over \$30 because the old editions were available.



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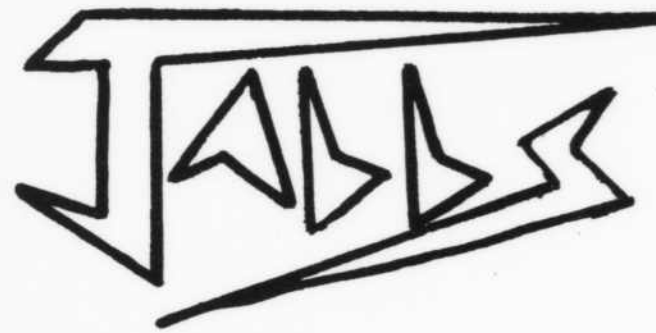
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# PHILLIPS BOOKSTORE



# EDITORIAL

## World Series nears

Chapter two of the "Road to the World Series" begins tonight in St. Louis with the San Francisco Giants playing the Cardinals. On Wednesday night, Minnesota opens the big against Detroit. The playoffs would have to be the Twins.

Minnesota, occupants of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (also called the "Homerdome" or

San Francisco general manager, Al Rosen, is my choice as Executive of the Year in Major League Baseball.

Rosen's acquisitions of third baseman Kevin Mitchell, pitchers Dave Dravecky and Craig Lefferts from San Diego and pitcher Rick Reuschel from Pittsburgh have put the Giants over the hump in 1987.

The emergence of young stars like Will Clark, a college All-Amer-

from its starters, they will win the series. But if too many St. Louis flyers get on base, give the series to the Cardinals, especially if the series goes six or seven games. Remember that St. Louis has playoff experience after winning the N.L. Championship Series in 1985 before losing the World Series to Kansas City.

●The University of Tennessee, I'm sure, is writing *SPORT* magazine for another story investigating Big Orange football. Tennessee downed California 38-12 two days after the current story hit the newsstands.

●A new prize giveaway was introduced at Saturday's Middle Tennessee State University-Austin Peay football game. The giveaway, taking place of last year's "Lucky Seat Giveaway," requires fans attending Blue Raider home games to purchase programs to be eligible for over \$500 in merchandise. The programs contain a lucky number on the back of the program. Saturday's programs were a complete sellout—420 programs were sold.

●Believe it or not, Tennessee Tech and MTSU are tied for the conference lead with 1-0 league marks. That's not the unbelievable mark, Tech is now 3-1 on the season, not bad for a team that won only three games during the 1983-86 seasons.

●The first week of the Scab (National) Football League has just been completed. I watched some of the St. Louis-Washington game. The placekickers missed at least four field goals, while I was watching. (It was such a good game that I started watching the Toronto-Detroit baseball game.) As a placekicker in high school, this game gave me professional ambitions. I can miss field goals, does this make me SFL material.

Another note from the SFL: Steve Beat, a late signer with the New York Jets, did not play in Sunday's game against Dallas. I did notice many skate punks on the sidelines in place of the striking New York Jets cheerleaders.



**Chuck Morris**  
Sports Co-Editor

the "Home-Dome"), has lost only 25 games at home in 81 contests. The Twins have the advantage of playing four games at home in the playoffs and four, if they win the playoffs, during the World Series.

The Twins may have a psychological advantage over Detroit. 28 against Texas. Detroit played an exhaustive three-game series against Toronto Friday, Saturday and Sunday to decide the division title. Detroit clinched the win Sunday with a 1-0 win over the Blue Jays. Toronto and Detroit had played consecutive one-run games. It will be tough for Detroit to play a game of such importance after a series just as important.

For the season, Detroit held a 4-8 record against the Twins for the season.

Detroit has all the statistical advantages, but I think Minnesota will win the series because of their home-field advantage.

The National League Championship Series has been decided since Oct. 1, but St. Louis and San Francisco are more evenly matched than the American League combatants.

The Giants, making their first playoff appearance since 1970, are the favorite coming into the seven-game series, despite St. Louis leading the National League East most of the season.

ican at Mississippi State, Candy Maldonado, after being traded from Los Angeles in 1986 and Mike Aldrete, a second-year player that can play the outfield or first base, have helped the Giants hit 200 home runs this season.

St. Louis is a team of opposites offensively compared to the Giants. The Cardinals do not depend on the home run. Why should they when they have speedsters playing six everyday positions?

St. Louis, led by left fielder Vince Coleman's third straight 100-plus stolen base season, has stolen nearly 250 bases. The Giants have swiped only 124 bases.

The Cardinals have the best on-base percentage in the league, .344, which gives them a chance to steal those bases. The Giants on-base percentage is only .324.

San Francisco has the best pitching staff in the National League. The Giants compiled a team ERA of 3.69 with seven 10-game winners. St. Louis was fifth in the league with an impressive 3.91 ERA, but has only three 10-game winners, and John Tudor has won 10 games since August after coming back from a broken leg in April.

St. Louis has built its team around their home field, Busch Stadium, and they will get to play four games there, though neither team hopes that it is necessary.

If the Giants get good pitching

## Could you be a Grill-monger?

Shall we observe? Take a seat anywhere in the Keathley University Center Grill and look around you. You can tell where each person's interest lies just by noticing where they sit.

We have the greeks (yes, there are lots of us), the ROTC men, the faculty and the independents. Within each of the groups there are

yes, the signs of a true Grill-monger! a) They have no food, maybe something to drink. b) Definitely up on local gossip. c) They sort of blend in with the scenery. They're just always there.

In order to experience Grill life, one must stay for at least an hour. You also must sit in a strategic loca-



**P. Kristen Bowker**

different types of Grill people. These I'll attempt to divide into groups.

(1) The casual visitor — Someone who just passes through to say hello.

(2) The meal taker — Someone who can be found religiously at certain times of the day eating meals.

(3) The Grill-monger — Ahh

tion where you can observe who comes and goes.

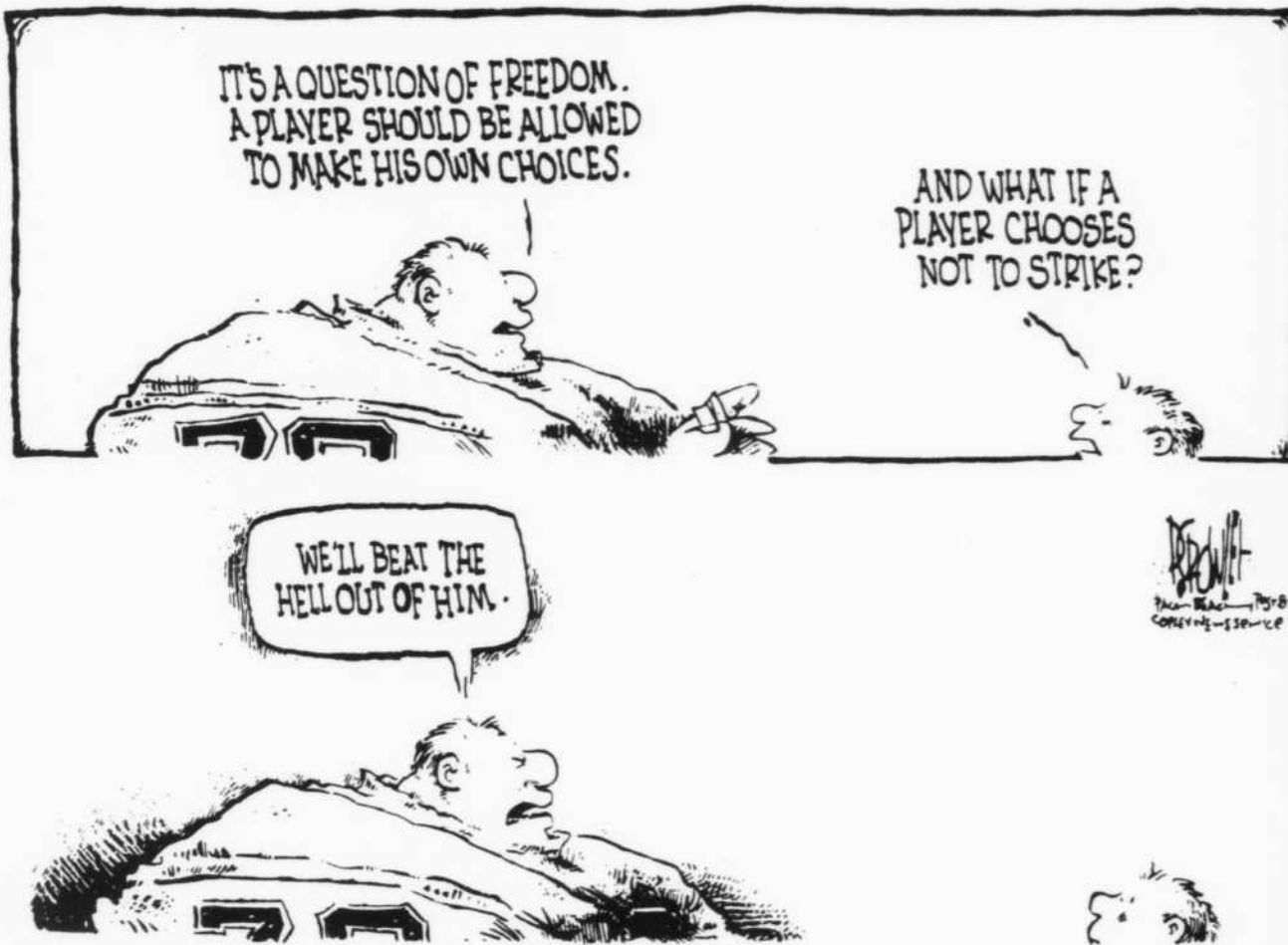
Personally, I sit at the Kappa Delta table to watch and talk to Greeks. But you don't have to be a Greek to enjoy the Grill life. I know a guy, very much an independent, that I can always find at a certain table.

You may think Grill life is a waste

of time; time we should spend growing and learning. Let me ask you, where else on this campus can you meet all walks of like on neutral ground uninhibited by the classroom barriers? Where else can you truly experience college life? Where else can you really scope on that possible date undetected?

Some of these things may be very trivial, but I honestly believe that they are all steps in the process of growing up.

We must mature not only intellectually but psychologically, and you can't do that in the Learning Resource Center or the quiet of the library alone.



## Take our readers poll

Another issue of the paper. Just another issue to read, make paper airplanes out of, wear on your head like a hat and throw away. Who cares, anyway?

Well, we do. The staff of this

enjoy this besides us? I know my parents do, but they're a special case. Besides, they like public television and white wine. But besides my parents, do any students read this puppy? And what do they think

It's easy. All you need is a pen or pencil (ones with Snoopy on the side are O.K. but none of that Hello Kitty stuff), a copy of the paper (which you should have if you're reading this) and a I.Q. above room temperature. And we'll even settle for two out of three.

When you finish the questionnaire below, just send this to *Sidelines* or drop it in the letters box in the Keathley University Center Grill. And if you're really interested, we're having an open house tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. With free food!

We're in Room 310 James Union Building and, as always, financial contributions are welcome.



**Chris Bell**  
Editorial Editor

paper would like for *Sidelines* to be something other than fuel for a paper drive. We sure don't do this for the money (I made \$1.01 an hour according to my last paycheck).

The question is, does anyone

about it?

Well, we're about to find out. Welcome to the First Unscientific *Sidelines* Readership Poll. This is where you can make your insignificant little voice heard. Just like the editors up here.

### The First Unscientific *Sidelines* Readership Poll

It's fun! It's easy! It's better than pretending to take notes in class!

● I USUALLY READ THE PAPER:  
☐ EVERY ISSUE  
☐ WHENEVER POSSIBLE  
☐ ONLY WHEN I'M BORED IN CLASS

● MY FAVORITE SECTION OF THE PAPER IS:  
☐ NEWS  
☐ SPORTS  
☐ EDITORIAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ PIZZA COUPONS

● I MAKE IT A POINT TO READ:  
☐ ALL OF THE PAPER  
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☐ MORE CAMPUS NEWS  
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☐ CHRIS BELL  
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☐ THE NEW YORK TIMES  
☐ USA TODAY  
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☐ THE ELECTRIC CRUTCH  
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☐ THE CRAZED RAVINGS OF A MADMAN  
☐ FILLER, AND LOTS OF IT  
☐ PIZZA COUPONS

■ Non-*Sidelines* questions ■

● THE LAST PLACE I SAW A ROACH WAS:  
☐ IN THE GRILL  
☐ UNDER MY BED  
☐ IN MY BED  
☐ TEACHING ENG 111

● WHAT I ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE IS:

☐ GOING TO FOOTBALL GAMES  
☐ GOING TO THE BORO  
☐ STAYING UP UNTIL 3 A.M. TO WATCH "MR. ED" RERUNS

● I ALWAYS SIT IN THE SAME PLACE IN THE GRILL:

☐ AS PART OF A COMPLEX MATING RITUAL  
☐ BECAUSE THE SEAT HAS MY NAME ON IT  
☐ SO MY FRIENDS WILL KNOW WHERE I AM

● I FEEL THE GREATEST PROBLEM FACING MTSU IS:

☐ SKATE PUNKS  
☐ BAD ROBIN LEACH IMPERSONATIONS  
☐ PROFESSORS CRUISING FOR CHICKS ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Conley column negative

Dear Editor,

The "Attendance policy wrong" article is an example of irresponsible reporting. Would you shoot at a target if it was surrounded by innocent bystanders?

Conley's target was obviously the Middle Tennessee State University professors. Perhaps one or two got his message and considered changing their policy.

THINK realistically! Who is also receiving a message (a very negative message)? Maybe the borderline student who isn't real sure about his or her ability to pass at the college level. This student is looking for a good excuse to skip class. Perhaps a good reason would be the "Attendance policy wrong" article.

You might say to me, "this student wouldn't make it through anyway, so I did him a favor."

The question I have is "do you

want to be a positive or negative influence on other MTSU students?"

My view is to let the fellow student find out for himself if he is capable and be a positive factor if you can. He or she might be capable but have low self-esteem or some other problem.

This article doesn't help my image of the *Sidelines* reporter, but I will continue to read it. I refuse

to be influenced by negative and unnecessary reporting. Unfortunately some undecided students probably will be.

**Roy Young**  
Box 4736

### Inmate seeks pen-pals

Dear Editor,

My name is Dennis Rumsey. I

am an inmate in the Arizona State Prison. The reason that I am writing you this letter is that I would like a pen pal who would like to write and be friends. I have no family and it is lonely here. All I want is someone to write, talk and be friends with.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## AFTER CLASS

### Murphy is Raw

By BRIAN CONLEY  
Entertainment Writer

It only took Eddie Murphy two minutes to answer all questions concerning the name of his 1987 World Tour.

The language he used was *Raw*. Ed [what he called himself throughout the 1½ hour show] began by saying that newspaper critics generally give him bad reviews.

Ed is usually miles away from the concert site a few hours after it ends, however, he cordially invited all newspaper critics in the audience to "suck my (Murphy's) dick."

He explained that this takes away their right to ask him to "suck their dicks" in the articles they write.

Ed's jokes made the crowd of approximately 9,000 people in the audience laugh. People of all ages attended and enjoyed.

Paul Mooney, the opening act, gave a solid performance.

Describing Oprah Winfrey as "Aunt Jemimah with a goddamn degree" and poking fun at the Pope's visit were the high points of the 45 minute opener.

Mooney said he was in Los Angeles while the Pope visited. Mooney saw a black bishop kiss the Pope's ring, and he said the act threw him for a loop.

"I only thought black bishops were on chess boards."

Ed's show began with a 5 minute montage of clips from memorable *Saturday Night Live* episodes and movies.

After that, he launched into what could be considered one of the best routines in comedy today.

He said in his perfect impersonation of Bill Cosby, who he proclaimed as one of his idols, Ed's show is for adults.

"All men fuck around on their women," Murphy proclaimed. "It's a man thing. We have two heads, and we think with both of them."

Ed attacked homosexuals. At least one national gay rights group has bought full-page ads saying Ed is a homophobic — scared of homosexuals. Ed said he was not scared of homosexuals.

"Faggots are putting gerbils up their ass," Murphy said.

"Instead of hanging out at gay bars, they will hang out at pet shops. They'll see a gerbil in his cage, and say 'ooh, he's hot!'"

Eddie Murphy gave the audience a tremendous show. Giant screens made it easy for everyone in the audience to watch his outrageous facial expressions. I can't wait for the movie.



Eddie Murphy floors standing room only audience during MTSU performance of his *Raw* tour.

### Tiny Tim appears

By Michelle Braeuner  
Entertainment Editor

Allan C. Hill's Great American Circus will perform at the Old Fort Park agricultural showgrounds all day today.

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# SPORTS



TONY STINETT

## Students, band key to success

I have been associated with various sports since I was a sophomore in high school. There have been some exciting moments and there has been some heartbreak. However, from my experiences with sports I have discovered one thing — fan support does make a difference in the play of athletes.

Fan support comes into play in every sport, regardless of the level. Whether it be high school, college or even professional ball, a packed stadium is one of the biggest motivational tools that a coach could possibly have, in my opinion.

A packed stadium is also a serious reflection on the teams.

Middle Tennessee State University's football team began its season with three road games. Over the three game period the Raiders posted a 1-2 record. The season opener, at Vanderbilt drew a large crowd and consequently the Raiders rolled to an impressive 55-19 victory.

The other two games drew a very small student crowd, which is typical for away games. MTSU lost both games.

Yet, when MTSU hit Horace Jones Field for the first time this past weekend I must say that it was rather impressive to see the stands full of spectators with the exception of a couple of sections.

It was even more pleasing to see the student body packed from top to bottom. The fact that the student section was packed was pleasing; yet, it was even more satisfying to see you, the students, generating excitement and supporting YOUR team.

Yes, your team. I consider it a privilege to be able to back the quality-type teams that we have at MTSU. Some students don't have the opportunity to support a winner, fortunately we do.

The play of the Raiders against Austin Peay was a complete turnaround from the way the team had performed over the past two weeks. I feel that this was a direct result of the student support.

Of course, I am sure Head Coach Boots Donnelly preparing the team also had something to do with it.

MTSU's nationally acclaimed band has always been there, but I have noticed that this season they have backed the team 100 percent. They too are an important part of football.

It is uplifting and exhilarating to hear the band creating spirit amongst the spectators.

Basically, what I am trying to say is that you the students, cheerleaders, band and yes, you too 'Ole Blue had a great part in the Raider victory on Saturday and it showed.

Keep it up and remember that you are a vital part of the sports scene. Your support is significant in the success of our teams.

Evidently it is realized by the student body that you have a good thing going here and to be involved is a big part of the college life.

After next weekend, when the Raiders hit the road again, they will be home for four of their last six games.

Those four games could have a tremendous bearing on the Raiders conference and playoff chances.

Two of the four games will be against Eastern Kentucky and Murray State, picked to finish first and second, respectively in the OVC.

Your support could be a vital factor in the Raiders championship hopes. Therefore, make it a point to back your team, remembering how lucky we are to be able to support a winning team. After all, we could have teams the caliber of Tennessee Tech or Tennessee State or even Vanderbilt, perish the thought.

## Raiders blast Peay in home opener

By M.A. BROWN  
Assistant News Editor

There's no place like home — that was the theme for Middle Tennessee State University Saturday, as the Blue Raiders crushed visiting Austin Peay State University 38-16 in their home opener.

The Raiders came into the game reeling from a grueling three game road trip in which they lost the final two games.

But, with a crowd of just over 11,500 fans packed into Red Floyd Stadium, the Raiders found new life against the Governors.

As they have in every game this season, the Raiders opened the contest with an offensive explosion.

Midway through the first quarter, the Raiders took possession at their own 41-yard line. From there, MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier took control.

On first down, Collier hooked up with flanker Garrett Self on a 17-yard pass to the Austin Peay 42.

Two plays later from the Governors 30, Collier lofted a pass to the end zone, where flanker Mike Pittman made a spectacular over the shoulder reception for the

score. Kicker Joe Lisle added the point after touchdown.

Later in the quarter, Lisle added a 36-yard field goal to give the Raiders a 10-0 lead after the first 15 minutes.

On their first possession of the second quarter, MTSU increased their lead, as they launched an 11 play 67-yard touchdown drive, capped by tailback Gerald Anderson's 15-yard run.

With their lead standing at 17-0, the Raiders scored again as Collier hit split end Robert Alford with a 45-yard strike to key a drive that

ended in another Anderson touchdown run.

The first half was a nightmare for the Austin Peay offense.

Number one quarterback Dale Edwards is out for the year with a broken leg, and second string quarterback Sammy Gholston missing the MTSU game with a case of "turf toe". This situation forced the Governors to start third string quarterback Jerome Morris.

Morris, a sophomore from Birmingham, Ala., completed only three passes in the first half for 25 yards before being replaced by

flanker Rico Ransom late in the second quarter.

The Governor offense mustered only 157 total yards in the first half, while turning the ball over twice. A 38-yard field goal by Tom McMillan was the only Austin Peay score of the half.

MTSU, on the other hand, rolled up 281 first half yards, 167 rushing and 114 passing, and entered the locker room leading 24-3.

"I thought we played well in the first half," Head Coach Boots Donnelly said. "We were displeased with the way we played the past two games, and we were going to play today."

First halves haven't been the Raiders' problem so far this season, however, as they have led at halftime of every game.

But, after halftime the Raiders have been a totally different team.

With 12:05 left in the third quarter and the score holding at 24-3, Austin Peay's Reid Barr punted from his own 37-yard line.

MTSU return man Alford received the kick at the Raider 37, cut right, and 77-yards later waltzed into the end zone to increase MTSU's lead to 31-3.

On Austin Peay's next possession, Raider linebacker Don Thomas returned an interception for a 16-yard touchdown to effectively end the game at 38-3.

Austin Peay added two late touchdowns to complete the scoring.

"We were going to try to play two halves today, but when we got the punt return and interception we kinda geared down," Donnelly said.

"We shouldn't be that way. We should try to keep playing," he added. "That's where we need to improve. We have to start playing for 60 minutes regardless of what the score is."

For the game, the Raider offense was led by tailback Gerald Anderson, who rushed for 98-yards and two touchdowns in only two and a half quarters of action.

The outstanding performer of the game, however was linebacker Don Thomas.

Thomas, a junior from Flintville, Tenn., finished the game with a team high ten tackles, six of them solo. He also recovered one fumble, intercepted a pass and recorded a sack.

"This is Don's first time around the horn, but he is playing so hard and so determined right now. It's so pleasing to me," Donnelly commented.



FRANK CONLEY

MTSU fullback Wade Johnson gets stacked up at the MTSU 25 yard line by a trio of Austin Peay defenders. Johnson rushed five times for 52 yards in MTSU's home opener on Saturday.

## MTSU-TSU rivalry looking for alternate site

By TONY STINETT  
Sports Co-Editor

School officials from Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University are looking for an alternate site for the Middle Tennessee-Tennessee State rivalry.

The alternate site would be used if ever there occurs a conflict in using Vanderbilt Stadium, which is where the game is currently played.

Officials are looking to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis as a possible site for the game. Both TSU and MTSU play in the Liberty Bowl this season. The crowd that each team draws will have a direct impact on the decision.

TSU played Jackson State earlier this season in the Liberty Bowl and

drew a crowd in excess of 20,000.

MTSU will travel to Memphis this week for a 7:30 p.m., non-conference game against Mississippi Valley State.

The MTSU-MVSVU game will be the nightcap of a double-header. Memphis State will host Alabama in the afternoon game.

Though the OVC may be looking for an alternate site, Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly is not anticipating a move.

"Number one, we have no intentions of moving the game to the Liberty Bowl unless there is a conflict with using Vanderbilt Stadium," Donnelly said.

There are two alternatives which Donnelly currently foresees if a con-

flict does arise in using Vanderbilt Stadium.

"If a conflict does occur to where it is not feasible to use Vanderbilt's facilities then there are two things we will have to consider," Donnelly said.

"The first thing is that we have to decide if we would make as much money (as the teams made playing at Vanderbilt) by moving the game to Memphis or if we would make more money by playing at MTSU one year and at TSU the other," he added.

Of course, MTSU's home field seats only 15,000 and TSU holds

about the same. The last two MTSU-TSU games have drawn in excess of 25,000, meaning in order to make at least as much money, ticket prices would have to be increased.

"There are two additional things to consider. First, we could move the game to Memphis and keep the ticket prices the same as they have been for the past two games. Or we could play a home-and-home and increase ticket prices in order

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## Bike club holds MDA benefit

By TONY STINETT  
Sports Co-Editor

Murfreesboro's Bicycle Club has teamed up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association in an effort to benefit the Nashville/Middle Tennessee Chapter.

The club is sponsoring its first "Ride to the Cure" which will be a 100 mile ride through Murfreesboro, Shelbyville, Bell Buckle and Wartrace.

The century ride will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a mass start at 8:30 a.m., leaving from Riverdale High School.

The century ride is designed for the adventure-some at 100 miles; however, there are shorter distances mapped for the beginning bike riders.

These shorter distances are 10 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles and 62 and one-half miles.

The cost to enter MDA's "Ride to the Cure" is \$16. The entry fee includes a free chance for the drawing on a Schwinn Sprint Bike, which is being donated by Skeddadle Bike Shop.

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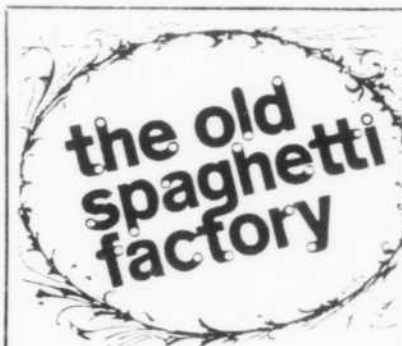
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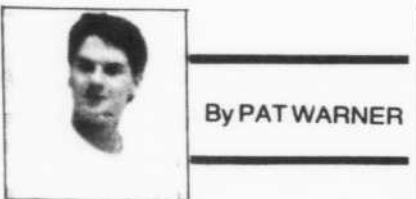
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By PAT WARNER

## Childish behavior gets you nowhere

It was hot on that summer afternoon when Johnny Osing and I played one-on-one kickball in my backyard. It seemed to get hotter as the day went on.

I find it fitting to bring this up, even though my editors are second guessing me right now. You see, even though we were just 11 years old, Johnny and I were ahead of our time.

I kicked the ball hard and over into Johnny's yard and began to run the bases. Johnny slipped, so I advanced to second and then rounded third looking to score.

Just as I stepped on homeplate, Wham! I got hit by the ball.

"Gotcha, you're out," Johnny yelled while he jumped up and down celebrating his fielding.

"No way," I retorted, "the tie goes to the runner."

Well, we began to argue and what started into a friendly game, soon became ugly. He began to use words I only heard my brother say when he hit his thumb with the hammer. Well, we parted company that night vowing never again to play kickball with each other.

This vow soon became in stone, because Johnny and I would never talk after that. He would play in his yard, while I would play in my yard. The rest of the summer days dragged on after that.

"Why don't you just make up, then you will have someone to play with," the adults reasoned time and time again. But that would mean some serious pride swallowing, and after all, he should apologize. I was safe!

Well, to make an already long story short, Johnny and I never patched things up and played again. In the fall he moved away.

I began to think of this story of Johnny and my childish behavior after these weeks of the NFL strike talks. The two sides in this big kickball game, the owners and

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winning some of the prizes that will be given away can do so by securing pledges per mile. This is optional and is not required. The only requirement for the ride is the \$16 entry fee.

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Registration forms can be obtained from the sports department



"I'll lead, you follow!" MTSU prop Robert Keith (right) and Chattanooga lock-forward Billy Everly strike an unusual pose as Keith makes the tackle in Saturday's match.

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to make as much money as we do by playing at Vanderbilt.

"I do not think that it is fair to increase the ticket prices, so as far as I am concerned regardless of where the game is played the ticket prices will remain the same," Donnelly added.

Donnelly does not expect a large turnout for the game based on the records of the two teams.

MTSU enters the game with a 2-2 record, while the Delta Devils own a 1-4 record.

"I believe that turn-outs are based on records and neither of us have a great record. There is a game earlier in Memphis State and Alabama and hopefully some of

those people will be enticed to stay for our game and get a taste of Division I-AA football," Donnelly said.

Tennessee State has played in the Liberty Bowl several times before. This will be the first in quite awhile for MTSU.

"TSU has already ripped the water there. They play there during their regular season and they have a great deal of support in Memphis," Donnelly commented.

MTSU has support in Memphis as well and recruit in the Memphis area so this location could benefit the Raiders.

"We recruit the Memphis area pretty heavily, we've got some fans over there and we had been looking for some time for a game in Memphis," Donnelly said.

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players, are acting just like Johnny and me.

Last night, Gene Upshaw met with the player representatives to discuss their strike situation. As of this writing, it looks like they will drop their hard-line stand on free agency and work out the strike. I commend them for this, but why didn't it come sooner?

Another question which cluttered my mind is why do players who average \$300,000 a year to play a game, which they love, strike? Only in America, I guess.

After this two-week episode of textbook child psychology, if I ever see Johnny again, I will challenge him to another kickball game. But this time I will have an umpire near, because I was safe!

Other thoughts from the cheap seats:

●After this weekend's scab ball games, NFL Films could easily come out with another football folies tape. You have many fumbles, missed field goals, an interception-to-fumble-and-finally-touchdown play in New Orleans, a helmet turn around which got stuck on the punter's head in the Miami game and many shots of empty stands.

●A special thanks this week to George Camp, who so graciously granted me the chance to use his state-of-the-art typewriter to type this column.

# Flag football season closes, playoff's around the corner

By CHUCK MORRIS  
Sports Co-Editor

The Middle Tennessee State University Campus Recreation flag football league is coming to a close this week.

The 1987 playoffs will begin Oct. 12 with the top two teams from each division advancing to the playoffs.

Two of the leagues stronger open teams, "Can't Stop the Nuts" and the "Skidmarks," were suspended after being involved in a bench-clearing brawl on opening night.

The suspension of the two teams have left the open division wide-open.

"X," a participant in the South-eastern Conference, is probably the favorite in the open division with the absence of the "Nuts," last year's runner-ups, and the "Skidmarks."

In the Fraternity Division, the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has played excellent ball all year. The Pikes, led by quarterback Matt Brooks, have won three straight campus

championships while not losing a single game.

From the games I have seen this year, it looks like the ROTC, Pike 2 and Kappa Alpha 2 teams are battling for the two playoff positions from the Campus Ivy League.

In the dorm divisions, "On Dez" and Sims have looked strong in the Dorm Mid-Atlantic Conference while Monshe Ray, "Blade Runners" and the "Invincible I's" will battle for two playoff spots.

I have not seen any Sorority League games, but Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omnicron Pi and Delta Zeta were the preseason favorites.

In the Girls Dorm division, Reynolds is the strongest team that I have seen. The other three teams, Lyon Angels, Monohan Dorm and Felder Hall, are battling for the final playoff spot.

In the Girls Open, "Why Not" is definitely the strongest team. "Why Not" is quarterbacked by All-OVC basketball player Janet Ross. Their best running back is speedster Kim Webb, who happens to hold all

MTSU point scoring records for career, seasonal and game.

My personal prediction for the upcoming playoffs: Pi Kappa Alpha will win their fourth straight campus championship behind the play of Brooks. In the women's championship, I haven't seen anyone that could possibly challenge the "Why Nots."

●Some key games this week in campus recreation football: Alpha Omnicron Pi plays Alpha Delta Pi Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Busch Stadium in a game that may decide which of the two teams go to the playoffs.

The Pikes play two games this week in an effort for another undefeated season. They will play Sigma Chi Wednesday night and Beta Theta Pi Thursday night.

Felder Hall plays Monohan twice and Lyon in an effort to make the playoffs. All three games are at Busch Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Sports at a glance

### Volleyball team splits in tri-meet

Middle Tennessee State's Volleyball team ran its record to 7-4 this weekend with a victory over Sanford. The Lady Raiders posted a 15-11, 13-15, 15-13 victory in the first match before losing to Troy State 16-14, 13-15, 3-15 in the second match. MTSU will travel to Clarksville to compete against Austin Peay tonight at 7 p.m.

Women's cross-country team posts impressive victory

MTSU's women's cross-country team captured the Fisk Invitational, a five kilometer race, with 44 points in Nashville on Saturday.

MTSU didn't have any runner place in the top three, yet still managed to place high enough to win the event.

Missy Wright finished fourth with a time of 19:48 and teammates Becky Brown and Cathy White finished fifth and sixth, respectively. Tracy Robinson placed 12th, Ursula Langford 19th and Susan Howle 20th.

Snell continues to run well

MTSU's men's cross-country team did not field a team team in Saturday's Fisk Invitational, but that didn't stop Phil Snell from turning in a fine individual showing. Snell, who has been running well all season, placed seventh overall.

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Thursday, October 29th 8:00 p.m.  
Murphy Center  
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- short story (250-500 words)
- long story (500-2,000 words)
- b/w photography
- art \*

Submit written work typed double-space with name, address, and phone number on a cover sheet only. We will also consider faculty work for inclusion. Deadline for all submissions is Oct. 12.

\*The Fall issue will be totally black and white. If the piece depends totally upon color, it is advisable to submit it in the spring, when the issue will be in color. 3-D pieces will be accepted, but not judged for the contest.

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