

Security director sought for campus

By RENEE VAUGHN
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Sidelines Staff Writers

Vice President of Student Affairs Jack LaLance has requested that the position of university police chief, vacated earlier this year by Matthew Royal Jr., be replaced with a director of security, *Sidelines* learned last night.

MTSU President Sam Ingram confirmed that he received a memo yesterday from LaLance requesting permission to advertise the new position.

"I hope that the new chief will be able to define his new role and the function of the department," Ingram said, "and security is an important part of that job."

ACCORDING TO Ingram, the function of the new appointee will be quite different from that of a typical police chief.

"We would want someone who had experience in police work; whether or not he had been a police chief before

wouldn't matter," Ingram said last night.

"The role of the university police department is much different than that of a city police department," Ingram added.

The president estimated that it will take at least five weeks to advertise for and select a new director of security.

"WHOEVER IS chosen will report to [Dean of Students Paul] Cantrell," LaLance explained last night.

Supervision of the University Police Department was delegated to Cantrell by LaLance earlier this year.

A front-page story in Sunday's *News Journal* referred to Cantrell as "chief by default" of university police under the present arrangement.

Reliable sources close to the campus police force told *Sidelines* this week that procedural regulations have been overlooked in recent weeks, causing low morale

among police personnel.

TWO EXAMPLES cited include utilization of unorthodox disciplinary measures and an overabundance of bureaucratic red tape.

According to one source, an officer cannot even order a car towed on campus without first calling Cantrell.

A story confirming the resignation of Acting Police Chief Larry Nixon that appeared in Friday's *Sidelines* stated that reporter Dennis

Myers had contacted Cantrell Thursday night.

YESTERDAY, in a phone call to *Sidelines* adviser David Badger, Cantrell denied that that conversation ever took place.

"I want a retraction," Cantrell told Badger.

In response to Cantrell's request, Badger stated: "I have discussed this matter with Mr. Myers, and I am prepared to back him all the way. *Sidelines* stands by its original story."



photo by Don Harris

Senior Tom Frost, from Clarksville, really jumps into the spirit during yesterday's fight song competition in front of the UC. In the background are Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon

fraternity. Their combined effort received first place in the mixed group competition. In the fraternity division, Sigma Phi Epsilon was first and in the sorority competition, Chi Omega received first place.

Swift recourse saves Harvey

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Editor in Chief

Harvey is back.

Our illustrious totem pole has been retrieved from the clutches of the Tennessee Tech students.

Mike Williams, director in charge of the war on Tech, said that on Friday afternoon, after a long period of planning their actions, MTSU students from ASB, Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon visited the Tech campus and turned two pigs and four roosters loose in the cafeteria.

"The pigs were dyed blue and greased with Vaseline, but it didn't take them long to apprehend the animals. They were well fed, and the pigs relieved themselves in the cafeteria," Williams said.

Later that day, Steve Long, the Tech mascot, was captured to be used in bargaining negotiations for Harvey.

Long was doing a promotional appearance at Burger Queen in Cookeville

when Williams went in and purchased a coke. He asked Long if he could take the coke out to the car to his sick brother.

Randy James, president of the ASB, was wrapped up in a blanket in the back seat of the car when Long walked up to the vehicle. The mascot was abducted by the students and brought back to the MTSU campus.

Tech cheerleaders came to Murfreesboro to plea bargain for the return of their mascot around 12:30 a.m.

"We negotiated until about 1 a.m. Saturday morning," Williams said.

The MTSU students had originally demanded Harvey and two cases of beer, but then changed their mind to just retrieving the statue.

No negotiations were completed Friday night because the cabinet of the Tech student government voted not to return Harvey in exchange for their mascot.

The MTSU captors decided to hold the mascot until after Tech's homecoming game this past Saturday, and then return him to the school, but keep the \$1,100 golden eagle suit.

Kent Syler, one of the kidnappers, said they had originally threatened to clip two tail feathers off of the suit every hour after midnight Friday that Harvey was not returned, but this was only a threat tactic.

But Syler did admit to clipping one tail feather for a souvenir.

"There were \$500 warrants out for our arrest. The guy at the Burger Queen had called the police," Syler laughed.

Saturday morning around 10 a.m., Williams said he received a phone call from the Tennessee Tech cheerleaders saying they had boycotted the homecoming parade and were planning to strike at the game unless their mascot was returned.

"We negotiated the release and went to the Days Inn in Lebanon where we swapped Harvey for Long. He was released at 12:45 p.m. Saturday and made it back in time for the game," Williams said.

Unfortunately, the wood and glass case Harvey was housed in was not returned along with the totem pole.

James said Harvey will eventually go back on display in the near future, but he is being closely guarded until then.

During their press conference concerning the recapture of Harvey, the ASB office received an anonymous phone call warning that Tech would seek retaliatory measures soon.

James warned students, "Tech will be down here this week. I would like for MTSU students to watch for Tech people or people they don't recognize. There were 15 on campus yesterday [Sunday]."

Scanty demand pulls magazines off shelf

By STEVE SPANN

Sidelines Editorial Editor

Penthouse and *Playgirl* magazines have been removed from the University Bookstore because there has "never been any real demand for them," according to bookstore director Charles Phillips.

"We ought to take them off [the shelves] if they're not selling," Phillips said yesterday. "We have limited space."

Magazines are sold in the bookstore only if they are in demand, according to Phillips, and there is "no demand for any [magazines] not back there [on the racks]."

Playboy magazine, however, continues to be sold by the bookstore.

"Circumstances are curious that they [*Penthouse* and *Playgirl*] should disappear at this time," Christian Haseleu, an instructor of mass communications, said yesterday, in apparent reference to the recent controversy over the textbook *Show Me*.

A survey of 100 male and female students on campus yesterday, however, would seem to contradict the bookstore's claim.

The random survey of 50 male students, conducted by *Sidelines* reporters, revealed that 49 (or 98 percent) had read or looked at *Penthouse*, while 33 (or 66 percent) had purchased the magazine before.

In addition, of 50 female students randomly surveyed, 33 (or 66 percent) responded that they had read or looked at a copy of *Playgirl* recently, and 17 (or 34 percent) said they had purchased at least one copy.

Most students interviewed indicated they felt the discontinuance of the magazines by the bookstore was wrong.

"I don't think it's right," one male remarked outside the grill.

"I think they ought to leave them down there," a female

student added. "I might want to buy one someday."

Glenn Hoover of Middle Tennessee News, the company that stocks the magazine shelves, said in a telephone interview yesterday that MTSU was the "only university" his agency serves that has carried the magazines in recent months.

"They didn't sell very well," Hoover remarked. "Sixteen per month was about the average on *Penthouse*."

A spokesman for Capitol News, another company that stocks magazines for campus bookstores, said accounts that handle *Playboy* usually order *Penthouse* also.

"*Penthouse* is number one in many areas," remarked the spokesman.

Capitol News serves both Vanderbilt and Tennessee State universities. The recent summer session at Vanderbilt saw 35 issues of *Penthouse* sold, while only 26 were originally ordered.

The magazine was in such demand, according to the Capitol News spokesman, that more issues had to be reordered. At Vanderbilt, every issue ordered is sold some months, he added.

At Tennessee State University, only a few issues of *Penthouse* are ordered, and all but two or three are purchased every month.

Vanderbilt consistently orders more copies than MTSU, although MTSU sold more copies (16, according to Hoover) than Tennessee State and they continue to order.

Some of the magazines that appear in abundance on the shelves of the MTSU bookstore include: *Cosmopolitan Living* (23 copies); *Amateur Radio* (10 copies); *Modern Bride* (10 copies); and *Beautiful Living* (20 copies).

Others include *Soap Opera Digest*, *Quilt*, and *New Shelter*.

Reynolds Hall now coed; baseball team moves in

Reynolds Hall became MTSU's first "coed" dormitory recently when the Blue Raider baseball squad made the basement their full-time dugout.

"It was a situation where we needed to move males out of a rented house onto campus," David Bragg, director of university housing, explained. "This was the only space available."

The area, which was occupied last semester by the University Police, consists of 10 rooms. There are tentative plans to renovate the basement to 20 rooms, according to Bragg.

"We had planned to make the spaces available for females next semester, and we will if there is a need for female housing," Bragg said. "But it is really too early to say."

"I anticipate at this time," Bragg continued, "that if the gentlemen cause no problems, and if the ladies have no objections, the arrangement will probably stay as it is."

The basement is separated from the women's dorm rooms in Reynolds by two double doors, which can be used only as an emergency exit.



Members of the ASB, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Chi officially returned Harvey back to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell yesterday. MTSU students recaptured the totem pole this weekend by negotiating a deal with the student government at Tennessee Tech.

photo by Don Harris

Sidelights

Luscious Legs contest underway

Vote for the best legs on campus today and Wednesday in the First Annual Luscious Legs Contest. Votes will be cast in the basement of the UC by dropping spare change into the "ballot box" below the picture of the selected pair of legs.

The contest is sponsored by the MTSU Chapter of the Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA), and elections will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. both days.

'Who's Who' applications available

Seniors interested in having their names submitted for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* may pick up applications in the ASB office, on the third floor of the UC beginning today.

The applications must be in to Byron West, ASB speaker of the house, by Nov. 4.

A 12-member committee will select MTSU students for *Who's Who*. Seniors with a 2.8 overall average, and those who the committee feels have made an outstanding contribution to MTSU, are eligible.

Big band sound

Blues Crusade performs jazz

By STEPHANIE AUTEN

Special to Sidelines

Tradition may be found in many aspects of the university, including the big-band sound of the MTSU Blues Crusade.

Under the direction of John Duke, associate professor of music, the jazz ensemble features original compositions by band members as well as arrangements selected from the

libraries of the jazz greats, including Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, Buddy Rich and the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Orchestra.

The group, which performs numerous concerts throughout the year, is scheduled to appear Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in Old Fort Park for the Rutherford County Arts and Humanities Council; Nov. 13 at the Martin College

Fine Arts Series for Tullahoma and Shelbyville High Schools; and Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in the new recital hall in the Wright Music Building.

Auditions are held for the Blues Crusade at the beginning of each semester and are open to anyone. For more information about the band or auditions, contact Duke at the music building.

Authors speak Monday

By BILL WARD

Sidelines Staff Writer

Studs Terkel and Robert K. Massie, celebrated chroniclers of contemporary America and czarist Russia, respectively, will headline next Monday's Nashville Book and Author Dinner at the Opryland Hotel.

Three other prominent writers will also speak at the 7:30 p.m. dinner, which is open to the public. John Seigenthaler, host of the PBS series "A Word on Words," will serve as master of ceremonies.

All five guest authors have had books published within the last six months. They are:

- Terkel, *American Dreams: Lost and Found*;
- Robert Massie, *Peter the Great*;
- Suzanne Massie, *Land of the Firebird*;
- Minnie Pearl, *Minnie Pearl: An Autobiography*;
- Barbara Goldsmith, *Little Gloria . . . Happy at Last*.

Terkel's work features interviews with 100 Americans from sundry social and economic backgrounds. As with his earlier publications, *Working and Hard Times*, he displays a remarkable ability to delve into the hopes, dreams and frustrations of everyday people.

Robert Massie, whose earlier *Nicholas and Alexandra* sold more than a million copies,

researched the life of Peter the Great for 12 years and has come up with an incisive biography of the last Russian czar.

Suzanne Massie has edited all of her husband's works, and her recently published probe of pre-revolution fine arts in Russia is the definitive study on the subject.

Ms. Pearl's autobiography, co-written by Joan Dew, covers all of her 70 years, focusing on the four decades she has spent on the Grand Ole Opry.

The latest work by Goldsmith, a founder of *New York* magazine, is a detailed account of the 1934 custody trial for 10-year-old Gloria Vanderbilt.

Preceding the dinner will be an optional hospitality hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$11 at most Nashville bookstores or may be purchased at the door for \$12.

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BY DEBBIE MAGEE

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"Pvt. Benjamin," produced by and starring Goldie Hawn, delightfully follows Judy Benjamin's growth and development from a sheltered, pampered little rich girl to a confident, competent woman.

Pvt. Benjamin expects to find fancy condominiums, big yachts and fun in the sun at Ft. Biloxi, Mississippi. Instead, she finds dull, green fatigues, dormitory-style living quarters, and Captain Lewis, a hard-core military woman, brilliantly portrayed by Eileen Brennan.

Benjamin gets a rude

awakening, literally, when she arrives at the base. After being awakened on the bus, she is bounced out onto the ground by Sgt. Ross, Capt. Lewis' tough assistant. "What the hell is this, hell week?," she indignantly asks only to be answered with, "No, Benjamin, this is the Army." And she finds out what he means.

After cleaning the latrines, scaling over walls, falling in water, running and getting into a fight, Benjamin is ready to quit.

When her domineering father and fluttering mother arrive, she has a golden opportunity to get out. But to everyone's dismay, she decides to stay.

Through determination and will, Pvt. Benjamin becomes a good soldier and earns the respect and friendship of her peers. She also makes an enemy—Capt. Lewis, who sets out for revenge, one way or another.

During a weekend leave in New Orleans, Pvt. Benjamin meets Henri Tremont, a French gynecologist, and they spend the night together. Months later, she is transferred to Belgium to work for SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) in the procurement office. She visits Henri in Paris and falls in love.

But Capt. Lewis is also in Belgium and decides she has the perfect opportunity to get rid of Pvt. Benjamin. Henri is a member of the Communist Party, so Pvt. Benjamin is given an ultimatum—the Army or Henri.

Henri, dynamically portrayed by Armand Assante, is a gorgeous, sexy, self-centered "ladies' man. By realizing that marrying him will again make her become a dominated little girl, she discovers that she has finally grown up.



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Piggy eyes title, crown

Ms. Piggy, campaigning as the Ad club's homecoming queen candidate, yesterday took time out of her busy rounds of personal appearances to grant *Sidelines* an exclusive interview.

Dressed in a purple, strapless gown, complete with evening gloves, Piggy talked candidly about her career and the future.

She said that if she wins the title of MTSU homecoming queen she hopes that she can go on to win similar contests at Alabama, UCLA, and "perhaps even Harvard."

While campaigning around campus, she was met with whistles and propositions. One professor even blew her a kiss.

"This is a major sex symbol

Bonfire Friday

Homecoming hijinks scheduled

Homecoming week gets underway today with homecoming queen elections, and it winds up Saturday with the Kenny Rogers in concert at Murphey Center.

Voting booths will be open in Peck Hall and the lobby of the University Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for both homecoming queen and her court, and ASB senators.

Tonight, for 50 cents, residents of Wood Hall will be giving dancing lessons on clogging, the Virginia Reel and

MTSU hosts Contest of Champions

The 19th annual Contest of Champions, sponsored by the MTSU Band of Blue, was held Saturday on Horace Jones Field. High School bands from Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana competed for the honors.

Competition ran from 10:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m., with Franklin High School capturing the Governor's Cup, awarded to the top Tennessee high school band, upsetting McGavock High School's eight-year hold on the trophy.

Meade County High School, Brandenburg, Ky., was the recipient of the Grand Champion Award, given to the high scoring band overall.

Awards were received as follows: 1st place—Meade

we're dealing with here," said Carey Moore, president of the Ad club and Piggy's personal manager while she is in town.

Moore said that Piggy's campaign slogan is, "You've elected dogs before, why not Ms. Piggy?"

This greatly upset the ever gracious Piggy who said, "That isn't very nice at all."

Kermie the Frog, linked romantically to Piggy, is scheduled to arrive in town Friday night if she makes the finals in homecoming competition.

"We'll be making bacon Friday night if everything works out all right. Kermie's so excited for me," she giggled.

When asked to reveal some of her beauty secrets, Piggy reluctantly admitted that she gets six hours of sleep and a steady diet of good food.

"I eat caviar, prime rib and lobster, but my very favorite is frog legs," she said.

"I hope this [her homecoming nomination] will further my career," the star of "The Muppet Movie" said.

As for furthering her career, Piggy said that she had been considered for the Dolly Parton role in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Town," but she and her advisors "felt it wasn't in character to do this."

"I might make one about this," she said.



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Jeff Ellis, director of homecoming, gives Ms. Piggy a kiss on the cheek for good luck in her bid for the homecoming queen crown.

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Lighting: Investigation leads to plans and action

At an important committee meeting investigating the lighting on campus Friday, a map was submitted, and approved, with lines drawn to indicate critical and advised pathways where lighting should be optimal.

The map, prepared by Dean of Women Judy Smith, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell and University Police Capt. Larry Nixon, had red and green lines drawn together, designating the critical pathways where lighting is to be top priority in that area, and green lines only where lighting should be done properly.

Cantrell said, "We identified on the map the areas of extreme importance. One of which was the pathway from one side of the campus to the other."

This is only part of the committee's dedication to the improvement of lighting on campus.

Shrubs and trees have been trimmed and cut down in the past two weeks to meet this goal of improved lighting.

The need has been there for some time, and finally positive action has started.

The map was given to Mike Crain, the university's energy management coordinator.

He's setting up a top priority meeting with a man from the Tennessee Valley Authority to measure the amount of light we now have and how much we need in the designated areas.

This measurement should give the university some indication of what the campus lacks in the way of safely lit pathways.

Hopefully, with the improved conditions and safer walkways, there will be no areas that will greatly need extra lighting that are within the range of existing lights.

Election: Students should avoid lack of concern

It's election time again, except this time, we aren't choosing between Carter, Reagan or Anderson.

This time we are choosing five beautiful women students to be our school representatives in this year's homecoming.

With more than 40 contestants to choose from, five will be chosen for the homecoming court.

Saturday at halftime, a queen will be crowned that you, the students have taken time to vote for.

Also on the ballot will be names for senators one senior, two graduate and five freshmen senators.

This may seem like a trivial thing to vote for, but senators carry more weight and represent more people than a representative does in the house. There are numerous ones to choose from, but you must make the choice.

Traditionally student voter turnout has been depressingly low. But this year, we can break tradition and start a new trend in college life: a concern for student impact on the university rather than a feeling of being lost in a sea of apathy.

Today is the last day to make your vote heard.

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Viewpoints



punchline

by Danny Tyree

Judicial tampering decried

SOCIETY may cost Murfreesboro resident Judy Watson her leg.

Oh, the insensitive observers in the crowd may claim that it was the work of a couple of cold-blooded holdup men. But others claim know that each and every one of us share the blame.

Or at least that's what we could possibly hear from the defense in the trial of the trio who are charged with holding up H & S Pharmacy in Lewisburg a week ago Saturday morning. The suspected trio allegedly stole an undetermined amount of drugs, threatened to shoot the pharmacist, took everyone's valuables and at one point planned to kill all the witnesses.

It was reported that when Mrs. Watson and her husband Richard arrived at the pharmacy, the bandits allowed them to enter. Apparently without provocation, they shot Mr. Watson in the leg with a pistol and shot his wife in the thigh at point-blank range with a sawed-off shotgun.

Lewisburg was held in the grip of a reign of terror until three suspects were arrested, one around noon Saturday and the others nearly 24 hours after the senseless mayhem.

THE DEFENSE may want to

claim that authorities arrested the wrong people. It will be up to the prosecution to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable shadow of a doubt. In America, it is a constitutional right that accused persons are innocent until proven guilty.

It's possible that they may plead guilty in an act of plea bargaining, so they may receive a lesser sentence than deserved or present a "sob story." It is this sort of judicial tampering that I must protest. What kind of country will we have if none of us are required to accept the responsibility for our actions?

None of us are helpless puppets. We get where we are by the choices we make. Each of us has the capacity to direct our lives toward certain ends.

Invariably, in criminal trials, someone will cry, "But the poor robbers had a bad home life. That's what forced them to turn to a life of crime."

One of my high school teachers used to talk about his parents always cursing and fighting and slapping the kids around. Instead of growing up to be just like his parents, he chose to avoid their mistakes. The last I heard, he and his wife had NEVER uttered a curse word.

ALL OF US have the choice of patterning our lives after a bad

example or rising above our environment.

Another common cry at criminal trials is, "The institution of prison corrupted the accused. Time behind bars brutalized him and explains his behavior."

One of my friends did time in the state pen and he's still one of the nicest fellows you'd want to meet.

Another common defense is the plea that, "They were under the influence of drugs!"

If so, they chose to be. Even so, they were still coherent enough to ask for the narcotics they wanted by name and to drive a getaway car.

Whoever the guilty parties in the Lewisburg case may be, the punishment that our criminal justice system applies to them will be a result of the choices they made:

They chose to turn to a life of crime.

They chose to rob the store during business hours, when innocent bystanders were present.

They chose to kick the elderly delivery man in the face, apparently because his arthritis prevented him from lying on the floor quickly enough.

They chose to shoot Mr. and Mrs. Watson in cold blood.

They chose to shoot at a deputy sheriff as they fled.

But will the punishment fit the crime? Even if Mrs. Watson doesn't lose her leg, she could spend more time in the hospital than her attackers will spend in prison. At best, if convicted, the responsible parties will be free in a few years. The employees and customers who were in the store during the ordeal could be emotionally affected the rest of their lives.

To add insult to injury, one of the suspects currently held was on parole from the Alabama State Penitentiary for armed robbery. If this individual has repeated his earlier crime by being found guilty in the Lewisburg case, then he must have been one tremendous actor to convince the parole board that he deserved to be unleashed on the world.

MERCY and justice are basic to the American Ideal. But justice isn't meant only to let criminals off easy; the people of Lewisburg and Murfreesboro deserve justice also.

Danny Tyree has been working for Sidelines since February. He composes his columns in a treehouse on the outskirts of town, and is rarely seen but often heard.

minimum wage

by Phyllis Hamm

Reagan a step back for women

The women's movement, with roots in the pre-Civil War abolition movement, could face a serious setback if Ronald Reagan is elected president.

This year, the Republican Party has decided not to support the Equal Rights Amendment. It is ironic that in 1940 it was the

Republicans who first supported ERA.

Passed by Congress and presented to the states for ratification in March 1972, ERA must be ratified by three more states before the 1982 deadline in order to become law.

This is not precisely where the problem with Reagan lies. The problem is that the next president could, during his term, conceivably name five Supreme Court justices. These judges will be the ones to determine whether or not ERA is successful in its aims.

Last week, in an attempt to solicit women's votes, Reagan promised to name a woman justice. BIG DEAL. Anyone who would select a Supreme Court justice simply because she is a woman has to be dingy. Knowing Reagan, he would probably select some dumb-blonde actress, or maybe a monkey. (Was Bonzo a boy or girl?)

The Equal Rights Amend-

ment, which was first introduced to Congress in 1923, states simply that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Many women, like Phyllis Schlafly and her Stop ERA movement, express a fear that their daughters will be packed off to war the minute ERA becomes law.

Granted, women may be drafted just as men, but, after all, what fair? I don't relish the thought of going to war, but is my brother's life worth any less than mine's? Just as all men do not physically qualify to be in the infantry, neither will women.

People have also expressed a fear that our children will be herded into the same bathrooms and locker rooms, further demoralizing our society. There is such a thing as the right to privacy, a right which Americans have enjoyed for a

while and which I seriously doubt will be compromised.

I'm not trying to say that the Equal Rights Amendment will solve society's ills, there are problems which no constitutional amendment can solve. There will always be some stereotype to combat, and some bigot to argue with, but I see ERA as a useful weapon to fight these problems with.

Therefore, all should consider the election of the next president carefully. He will be there only four years, or eight at the most, but the justices he appoints could serve the next 25 or 30 years. These justices will be interpreting not only the Equal Rights Amendment, but also rights concerning freedom of religion, and the always-present racial question.

Phyllis Hamm can often be seen chasing squirrels near the square on Sundays.

Perspective

criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

Casey: The scum also rises

Editor's note: Steve Spann had not been seen or heard from since Metro Police Chief Joe Casey announced last week that marijuana means heroin, stealing, murdering and electrocution. Spann was finally located in his room early Monday morning, curled up like a worm behind his desk. He was unable to speak and apparently bleeding from both ears. When asked if he had a column, he simply pointed to his typewriter. This is what was there:

LET'S face it.

The majority of people in this country are flirting with insanity in one way or another. Unfortunately, this illness extends into all walks of life... including law enforcement.

The illness is apparent in our National Stance in Washington, but for those of us still dying on our feet in Murfreesboro, there is no greater pain or more hideous evidence of the plague than the knowledge that the highest-ranking police official in Nashville advocates electrocution for some marijuana users and equates its use with robbing, killing and harder drugs.

Right now my better instincts tell me to drive to Nashville and tell this typewriter through the front window of the courthouse. But the latest breaking of my faith in the criminal justice system has plunged me into a deep, dark hole. And the only way to leave the hole is by a theoretical explanation of Casey's comments, rather than resorting to cheap vandalism.

We all think of the criminal justice system as existing to reduce crime and keep individuals from committing unlawful acts. However, given Casey's statements last week, the criminal justice system makes more sense if we think of it as maintaining or managing crime.

A foundation for the above theory can be found in the works of the French criminal theorist Emile Durkheim, who main-

tained at the turn of the century that "crime" served an important function in society. His belief can be applied to Casey's ideas about cracking down on marijuana offenders.

THE SYSTEM works like this: A law is passed, it is violated, and the deviant is punished. When the violator is punished, it is not just by the courts, but by all of society.

Social life is based on a set of norms and values, and laws are passed to set the limits of acceptable and unacceptable behavior. When this happens, all of society unites in its efforts at recognizing the individual as a deviant.

Because it is necessary for society to constantly relearn what is acceptable, boundaries of behavior are continually drawn and retraced by the police. In this way, individuals in society are in a constant learning process as they see those breaking the law punished.

In recent years, marijuana has come to be regarded as somewhat less dangerous than originally thought, and even medically helpful in some cases. However, it has not proven to be without harmful effects, so it remains illegal.

There is doubt that anyone would argue against the idea that the movement to decriminalize marijuana has had some effect even in Murfreesboro. It is no longer regarded as an instrument of insanity and has even found its way into the upper echelons of society.

THIS gradual trend of viewing marijuana as less dangerous than before has caused confusion among members of social communities all across the country. Community solidarity everywhere was threatened by an influx of new acceptable lines of behavior that included smoking marijuana.

But, with members of power elite groups in society like Casey and the police announcing that marijuana means heroin, stealing, murder and electrocution, the belief that marijuana is harmful is reaffirmed. Therefore, the acceptable lines of behavior are relearned.

So, the deviant who uses marijuana does not harm society, but instead helps to preserve it, as the criminal

shows the rest of society what is unacceptable behavior.

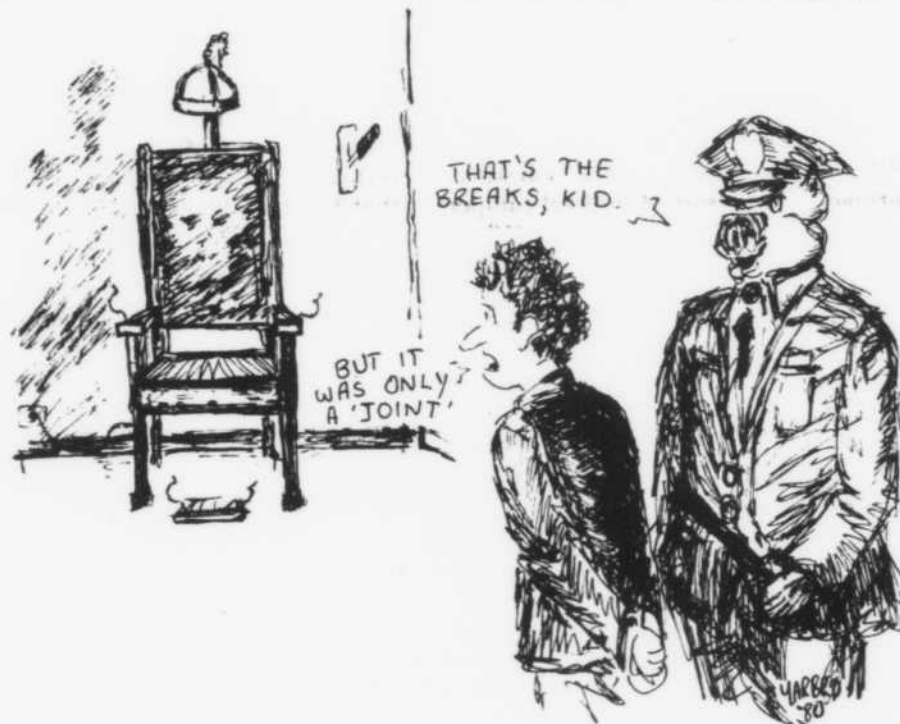
This is certainly the only realistic view to take of Casey's statements, as his insistence on electrocution for some marijuana offenders has been recognized in most circles as the words of a man impervious to brain waves known to man.

I have established that society derives a benefit from crime. Given that, it follows that society acts in a way to promote deviance and crime.

How is this done?

When you begin to ask this question, you start to realize that there are few laws on the books that cover acts that are inherently wrong. For the most part, a "crime" is something that is defined by society, and, at some point, someone decided that smoking marijuana was wrong.

PERHAPS it's time we defined the act of mental illness in public office as being a major criminal offense. If some marijuana offenders should be electrocuted, then maybe punishment for public officials who have lost touch with the rest of society like Casey should be... a fate worse than death.



as i see it

by Chuck Keller

Blitzkrieg on Tech

When I was asked to tag along with a few friends for a trip to Cookeville, I gladly and readily accepted the offer.

The objective of the day's trip was pure and simple (dramatic pause for special effect): raid and attack Tennessee Tech University. The plans had been explained to me the night before in the quiet and cozy atmosphere of the Campus Pub. The whole thing was very detailed but straight and to the point, wasting no time getting in and getting out.

Six o'clock came early the next morning. I showered, shaved and prepared myself both physically and mentally for the upcoming events.

The trip up there was somewhat cramped. Five people sitting in a compact car is not my idea of traveling with comfort but it got the job done. I was somewhat confused (the result of awaking at an early hour) with my surroundings and kept asking what I thought were pertinent questions. My questions were answered (between laughs, snickers and jeers) as well as possible by all members of our group. Finally, I decided that it would be best for all if I kept my mouth shut and enjoyed the remainder of the ride.

Eventually, we reached our desired destination at the appointed time. Gratefully, we piled out of the car and began looking over the principle target—the Tech cafeteria. While making our way around the building, we were approached by a lady requesting our help. In her car was a box containing about 24 vases of flowers that were to be used for an alumni banquet.

The woman wanted us to help her carry the box to the banquet room. It wasn't in our plans but we just couldn't pass up a "gimme" like this. We all had the same thing in mind and fearing neither God, man nor beast, we carried the flowers in one door and out another. We quickly loaded them into the back of the car, covered them with newspaper and went to a local shopping center to meet with the attack team.

The attack team consisted of four people, four chickens and two pigs. Trying not to draw attention to ourselves, we began to coat the baby pigs with a blue dye. Each pig was thoroughly covered with the dye and was then covered with a generous amount of Vaseline.

With precision timing, the attack team struck at fifteen minutes to twelve with the precision that made the raid on Entebbe look like a scouting expedition. The cafeteria doors were kicked open, and several boxes containing animals were tossed into the crowded room.

The first of three roosters took flight in the general direction of the salad bar while the other two set out for parts unknown. The pigs became excited by the activities surrounding them and relieved themselves near the exit and underneath the tables.

Security officers eventually captured the animals and restored order. We then began to make good our exits through separate doors. As I was turning a corner, I bumped into the flower-lady (minus the flowers), who was being followed by two more security officers.

"Excuse me," was the only thing I could think of to say as I executed an about-face and started the other way. I kept my composure and fought back the urge to run. This bit of split-second decision-making probably kept me from being caught. At any rate, I wasn't even followed.

We met in the parking lot and very casually left the campus and headed back to the safe and secure confines of MTSU. Afterwards, I headed to the sanctuary of the Buzzard Farm, where I spent the remainder of my weekend.

No matter how outrageous this tale may seem, it can probably be understood only by Someone Who Has Been There.

Chuck Keller is currently majoring in Criminal Justice Administration, but is planning to make a career as a pig taxidermist.

from our readers

'Sidelines' credibility attacked

To the editor:

It seems to me that *Sidelines* has done it again. Why don't you people check out the credibility of someone's story before you put it in print? I am specifically referring to the editorial by Dennis Myers of *Sidelines* Oct. 14.

In this editorial, there were at least four main facts that were totally off base.

Point one is that, according to the sports information director at the University of Missouri, there has never been a Dennis Myers on their team. I don't know if Mr. Myers is responsible for that or if another editor was, but it seems to be poor journalism.

It looks like someone is trying to tack credibility to an article that has none.

Point two is that Mr. Myers stated that coach Donnelly should have been the one to suspend those players, not the commissioner's office. According to the commissioner in an interview which appeared in the *Nashville Tennessean* Tuesday, Oct. 14, the control of suspensions of that type is set up in the conference by-laws to be

taken care of in the commissioner's office.

Point three concerns the statement that Coach Donnelly has refused to tell the press that he does not condone unsportsmanlike conduct. However, in numerous interviews I have heard Donnelly say that he doesn't condone what happened.

And finally, point four, none of the four MTSU players that were removed from the game received suspensions. Also, the Morehead player removed from the game had no action taken against him.

Why can't you leave our football team alone? Has Dennis Myers started a personal vendetta to have Coach Donnelly fired?

Why do you have to give it space on the editorial page when you have a sports section?

I can tell you why—your sports staff practices good journalistic standards. Our football team has received its punishment, whether it be just or not, so why do you have to continue printing adverse things on the subject?

And if you decide to keep on, why not let the people on your staff who know about sports do the writing?

Tom Frost
Box 1473

Editorial editor's reply: Dennis Myers' article in last week's paper was not an

Looks like jealousy and sour grapes already here for Miss Piggy and quest for the crown

To the editor:

I'm writing this in reference to the sick humor of the MTSU Advertising Society.

I, as a legitimate candidate for homecoming queen, do not appreciate the poor taste that this group had in submitting Miss Piggy's name for nomination. Although I cannot speak for the other candidates, I feel that I have worked too hard to have this race taken as a joke.

Granted, the nomination of Miss Piggy was "cute"—stupid but cute. But I feel that the

editorial, but merely a column reflecting his own personal opinions and not those of *Sidelines*. However, I regret if certain facts were misconstrued, as *Sidelines* strives for accuracy on all pages. As for a sports story appearing on the editorial pages, I make no apologies.

Steve Spann

homecoming director and committee have worked too hard to have this year's activities and halftime made a joke of.

Can you imagine the embarrassment of the school and the court and queen if we got a girl in a pig costume standing on the football field at halftime this Saturday?

Okay—the fun's over, so let's get serious, if you think you've got a chance, "Miss Piggy," take your mask off and run legitimately.

Name withheld by request

Employees voice opinions

To the editor:

This is not to belabor the point of the Bookstore vs. Mass Communications Department, but only to let the *Sidelines* readers know how the employees of the bookstore feel. Some people seemed to think that the "mere clerical" employees had no feelings about displaying *Show Me*.

For the record, Mr. Earl Harris had no comment about the book since last year and the majority of employees in the bookstore stand behind Mr. Harris' decision.

The book is, in our opinion, not one that we wanted to put on the shelf, mainly because of the children who come into the store. We are a public bookstore open to anyone of age. Whenever we are aware that there will be a lot of children in the store, especially all summer when the camps visit MTSU, we remove *Playboy*, *Penthouse* and *Playgirl* from the floor.

As far as "academic freedom" is concerned, the book was ordered when we were asked to order it, and was made available to those who wanted it.

There appears to be little demand for this book. We ordered two last fall and sold them and then reordered one. This book has yet to be purchased.

Concerned Bookstore Employees

Murray's defense halts Raiders 38-6

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Murray State rolled to an impressive seventh straight win Saturday afternoon in Murray, Ky., where they handed Middle Tennessee State's Blue Raiders a 38-6 loss.

The Blue Raiders had trouble from the opening snap, trying to move the ball against the unbelievably sticky Murray defense, and found themselves scrambling defensively almost every series to contain the high powered Racer offensive attack.

"What they gave us was a good ole county behind-the-barn whipping," Raider head coach Boots Donnelly said after the contest.

"They were without a doubt the strongest team we've played all year," Donnelly said. "Their offensive linemen are extremely big and fast, but their defense was what was so tough . . . they just literally smothered us."

Things looked bleak for Middle from the beginning as the Racers took the ball in for touchdowns on both their first and second possessions.

THE FIRST SCORE came on a drive of 60 yards, which ended on a 16-yard run by Nick Nance, and the second on a drive of 89 yards, which was capped by a 41-yard pass from quarterback Gino Gibbs to Anthony Robbins.

Nance added one more score in the second quarter when he rambled in from nine yards out to give Murray a 21-0 lead, much to the delight of the 16,000 fans who were jammed into the stadium to watch their number one ranked division I-AA team.

The statistics tell the whole story for the first half as MTSU was outgained in total offense 310-38 and were outdone in first downs 16-2.

MTSU came into the game without the services of their number one quarterback Brown Sanford who was sidelined with arm problems. Tailback Sammy

Bryant was called on to do the job.

"WE KNEW coming into the game that we were going to be limited offensively due to our quarterback situation," Donnelly said, "but I think all things considered Sammy did a credible job, he just couldn't do it . . . well, there wasn't really anything to do. They just lined it up and brought it right down our throats."

The third quarter started as a carbon copy of the first as Murray scored on their first possession on a 73-yard pass play from Gibbs to Robbins, and they moved out to a 28-0 lead.

MTSU saw its only chance to score in the quarter go amiss when Gerald Robinson's 49-yard field goal fell short with a little more than five minutes to play in the third period.

MURRAY SCORED their final touchdown of the afternoon on a drive initiated by second string quarterback Mike Borowiak who hit tight end Verney Caesar with a one-yard pass to increase the lead to 35-0. Freshman kicker Jeff Lancaster added a 43-yard field goal minutes later to finish the Racer scoring.

The Blue Raiders only score of the day came on an 80-yard drive in the fourth quarter that



photo by Greg Campbell

Quarterback Sammy Bryant is tripped up by Murray's awesome defense during Saturday's action. The Racer defensive unit literally

was capped off with a 29-yard touchdown strike to Kolas Elion from Bryant. The extra point try was blocked, and the following onsides kick was recovered by Murray. The game was all but over.

"We've gotten to a point where our defense is really

starting to get worn down," Donnelly said. "The pressure of having to be on the field so much is starting to effect them a lot, and I think it really showed during the last half."

Final statistics showed Murray with a whopping edge in every category. In first downs

put the squeeze on the Blue Raiders, swamping MTSU 38-6 in Murray, Ky.

22-6; offensive plays 72-54; total yards 504-151; and number of punts, 11 for MTSU and five for Murray.

Defensively, James Griffin led Middle with seven tackles followed by Dennis Mix, Charles Porter and Tim Dickerson, who all had six.

Offensively, Bryant carried the ball 20 times for 60 yards

and was six of 16 passing for 61 yards. For the Racers, Nance had 98 yards on 10 carries, while Robbins picked up 177 yards on five pass receptions.

MTSU's record falls to 0-6 for the season and 0-3 in the OVC. They will host rival Austin Peay next Saturday for homecoming at Floyd Stadium. Kick off is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Sports

Western, Racers perfect so far

Western Kentucky, along with the Murray State Racers, emerged from Saturday's football lineup with a perfect record to remain on top of the OVC standings.

The Hilltoppers soared by Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles 28-17 in Cookeville Saturday to run its seasonal record to 6-0 (3-0 in the OVC). Morehead State downed Youngstown State 20-14 in the only other OVC matchup besides the Murray-MTSU game.

In non-conference action, Austin Peay drubbed Nicholls State 35-16, Eastern Kentucky rolled by former OVC member East Tennessee 25-6 and Temple defeated Akron 16-7.

Tech saw its homecoming hopes dashed when Western put the game out of reach in the

OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Murray	3-0-0	7-0-0
Western	3-0-0	6-0-0
Eastern	2-1-0	5-1-0
Akron	1-1-1	3-3-1
Austin Peay	1-2-0	3-3-0
Morehead	2-2-0	3-3-0
Tenn. Tech	0-2-0	3-3-0
MTSU	0-3-0	0-6-0
Youngstown*	0-0-0	0-5-1

mid-fourth quarter. Fullback Troy Snardon's one-yard run for a touchdown gave the Hilltoppers a 28-10 lead with five minutes remaining.

Western quarterback John Hall, 1979 OVC Player of the Year, only had one completion in eight passes on the day. His backup, Ralph Antone, replaced

Hall in the third quarter and quickly led the Hilltoppers on a 77-yard scoring drive.

Tech kicker Wayne Anderson booted a 20-yard field goal for the Golden Eagles' first score.

In a designated league game for Morehead, the Eagles grabbed a victory from winless Youngstown State by a

touchdown. The host Penguins scored on their first offensive play, a 48-yard run by Robby Robson, but could not keep up with Morehead defensively.

OVC total offense leader Sonny Defilippis led the Austin Peay Governors past Nicholls State in Clarksville Saturday. Defilippis ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 122 yards and two touchdowns to freshman Ondra Woods.

Eastern Kentucky quarterback Chris Isaac passed 19 yards to Steve Bird for one touchdown while Jerry Parrish ran 33 yards for another in a 25-6 rout of East Tennessee.

In a non-league game at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium, Temple's Bob Clauser kicked three field goals to down Akron 16-7.

Triumphant trio gets victory for Raiders

Middle Tennessee captured the Tennessee Intercollegiate Men's Cross-Country Invitational Saturday as the "triumphant trio" of Ross Dowland, Joe O'Laughlin and Robert Willis crossed the finish line hand-in-hand.

The three men, covering the 5-mile course in 24:40 in out-distancing other TIC members, took first, second and third places for MTSU.

This was the second such occasion in which the 1980 Blue Raiders joined hands to share the victory. Two weeks ago in the David Lipscomb Invitational, the same trio, along with freshman teammate Jeff Skinner, finished the last 50 yards of the race hand-in-hand.

Blue Raider Dana McCutcheon ran a 25:44 in the TIC, finishing tenth in the pack of 33 runners, while Skinner placed 13th, running the course in 25:58. Tim Webb and Phil Walker placed 15th and 24th, respectively.

The Blue Raiders totaled 29 points with Vanderbilt following with 42 points.

Coach Dean Hayes' team will meet its strongest competition Saturday when they travel to Morehead, Ky., for the OVC championships. O'Laughlin and Dowland are ranked among the top 10 in the OVC.

Lady Raider netters even fall record 2-2

Middle Tennessee's women's tennis team evened its fall record to 2-2 last week with a win over Tennessee Tech and a loss to Murray State.

Carolyn Newgreen and Tarja Ojala scored the only points for the Lady Raiders in Saturday's 6-3 defeat by Murray. Newgreen and Ojala teamed up to win their number two doubles after grabbing singles victories at the number two and three spots, respectively.

"Murray is so tough," MTSU coach Sandy Neal said. "They didn't even have their number two player and still beat us 6-3. They are supposed to be the best in the league this year and they are."

The match loss followed Thursday's win over Tech, also 6-3, where MTSU notched wins at all but the number six singles and number three doubles. The Lady Raiders defaulted in the second doubles position because of an ailing Tarja Ojala, who had a cold.

Middle Tennessee plays its last match of the fall practice season here tomorrow afternoon against Western Kentucky. Last year's match was the first time ever that the Lady Raiders defeated Western.



photo by Greg Campbell

Lights! Action! Middle Tennessee's baseball squad will be playing under bright lights when the season opens next spring. Blue Raider field is in the process of becoming one of the few Triple-A lighted college fields in the area.

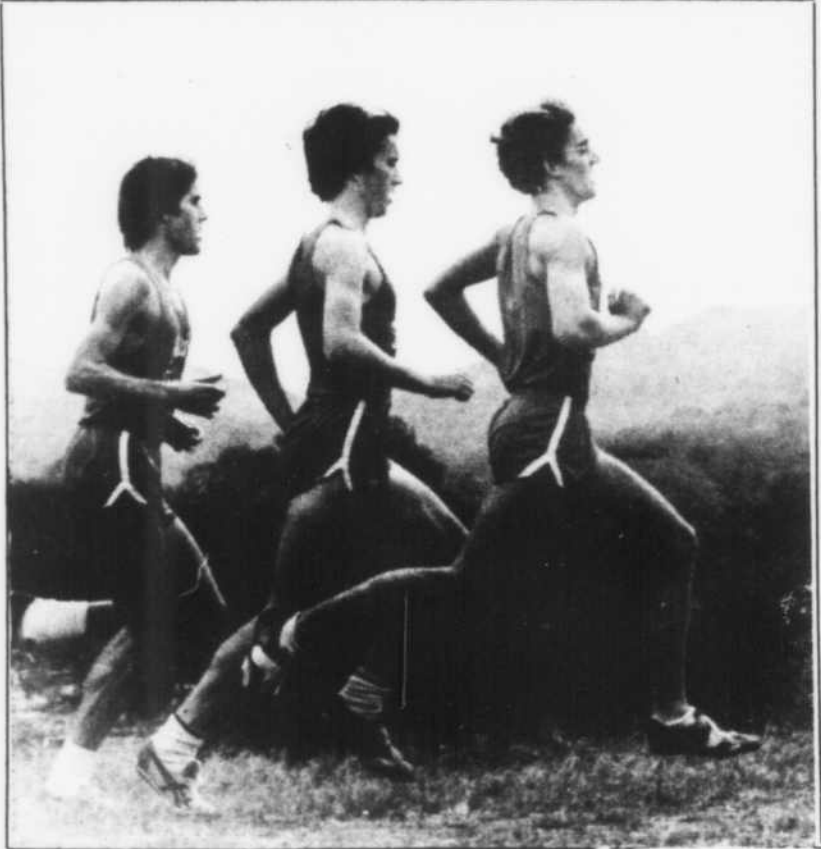


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MTSU cross-country runners Ross Dowland, Joe O'Laughlin and Robert Willis (l to r) are in the midst of their championship journey.

Tide, Bear become Georgia's best fans

By BILL WARD
Sidelines Staff Writer

By a strange quirk of fate, the Georgia Bulldogs now have more fans than any other team in the Southeastern Conference. Besides their own considerable following, the 'Dogs currently have millions of Alabama backers pulling for them to go undefeated in conference play.

Oddly enough, a perfect SEC record for Georgia will enable the Crimson Tide to set up a national championship showdown come New Year's Day. If 'Bama and Georgia tie for the SEC championship with perfect records (which seems likely since they don't face one another during the regular season), the Bulldogs would go to the Sugar Bowl since the Tide went last year.

Thus, if Bear Bryant's boys can remain unbeaten (and considering their play against UT, that seems a fairly likely prospect), they would be in quite an enviable position. That's because there are no bowl-eligible undefeated outfits in any major conference except for the SEC and SWC, and the Tide will face the only two unbeaten independents during the regular season.

There are only seven other major-college teams with perfect records so far: Notre Dame, Southern Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Baylor, UCLA and North Carolina. Alabama will get a first-hand chance to knock Southern Miss (Saturday) and the Fighting Irish (Nov. 15) from the unbeaten ranks; another one will fall when Texas meets Baylor (Nov. 22); and UCLA, which must still play USC and some other toughies, has been declared ineligible for postseason play by the PAC-10.

In addition, North Carolina has to play at Oklahoma and Clemson, and Georgia must face a tough South Carolina outfit. Upsets are possible in other contests as well. By the time season's end rolls around, it's quite likely that 'Bama, Georgia and the Texas/Baylor winner will have the only unblemished marks.

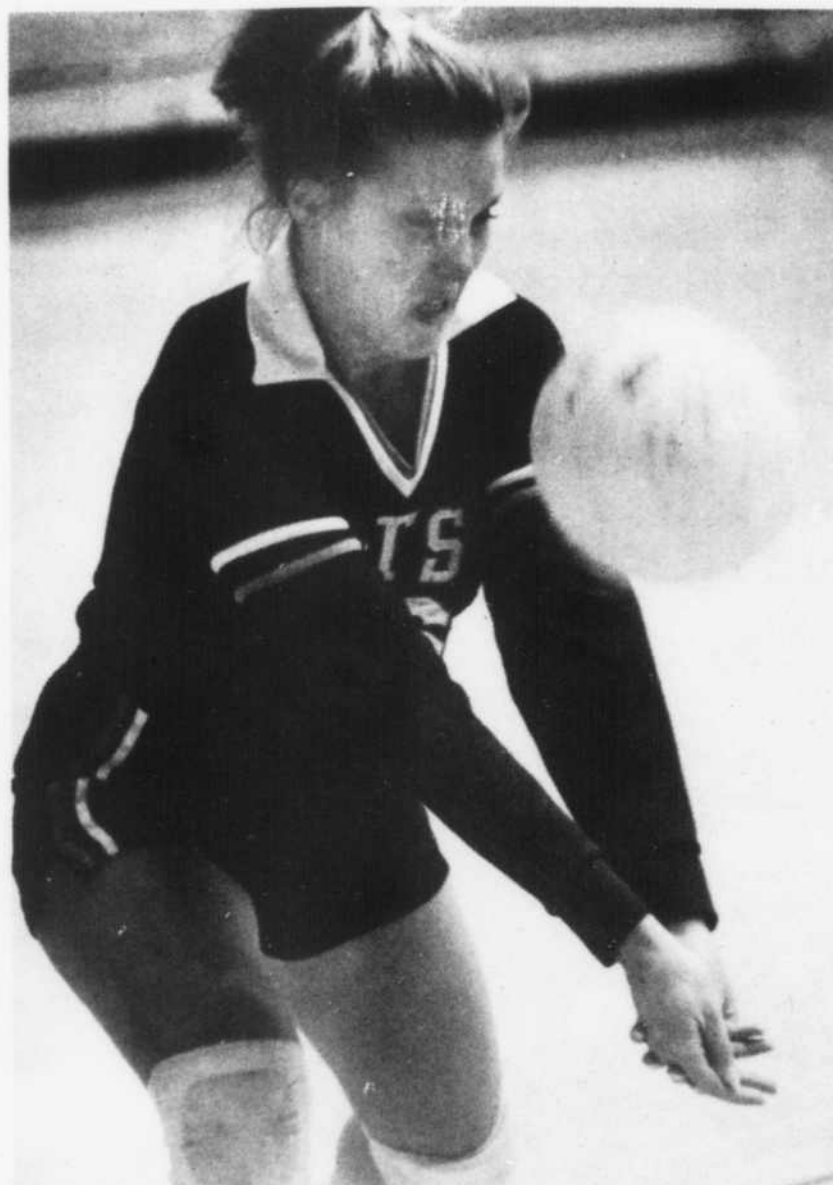
At that point, the Tide would almost surely choose to face the team with the highest ranking: either Texas or Baylor in the Cotton Bowl or Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. If Georgia loses a conference game and Alabama doesn't, though, the Tide is locked into the Sugar Bowl.

Of course, Alabama must remain undefeated themselves, but it's quite obvious that they're loaded again, perhaps even moreso than usual. And during the past few years, the Bear has been able to get his players "up" for the big games, largely because there are so many talented players on the bench anxious to supplant the starters, and even their old nemesis, the Fighting Irish, should fall this year.

And that's why the 'Bama fans are so heartily rooting for Georgia to continue its winning ways and letting the Bear worry about the rest of the regular season. After all, no one wants an unprecedented third consecutive national championship more than he.

Here is a continuation of this man's "guesstimates" at which games should be televised on ABC later this season.

NOV. 22—This would be an ideal day for a tripleheader, as virtually every conference title will be decided in a single matchup. Besides the traditional MICHIGAN-OHIO STATE, OKLAHOMA-NEBRASKA and USC-UCLA battles, check out these new kids in town: TEXAS at BAYLOR (both could be unbeaten), SOUTH CAROLINA at CLEMSON, and FLORIDA at FLORIDA STATE. Why ABC is handing over Thanksgiving (the 27th) to the pros instead of moving a couple of these games to Turkey Day is incomprehensible. Sadly, demographics could well decide who we see this day, although Texas-Baylor looks like a prime sleeper.



Ow, that hurts!

Senior volleyballer Jill Carroll makes a defensive dig in one of the Lady Raiders' recent matches. The MTSU volleyball team dropped two tournament matches over the weekend with Mississippi University for Women and Memphis State at the Memphis State Invitational. The Lady Raiders are taking this week off in preparation for next week's four straight days of competition.

Champion gymnast talks, has workshop here today

World-class champion gymnast Kurt Thomas will present a workshop and lecture here today.

Sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, Thomas' evening lecture in the LRC Multi-Media Room at 8 p.m. follows an afternoon workshop at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

A member of the 1976 U.S.

Olympic squad and this year's U.S. men's team that did not participate in the Olympics, Thomas has become known as the greatest American gymnast ever with his "Thomas Flair" maneuver.

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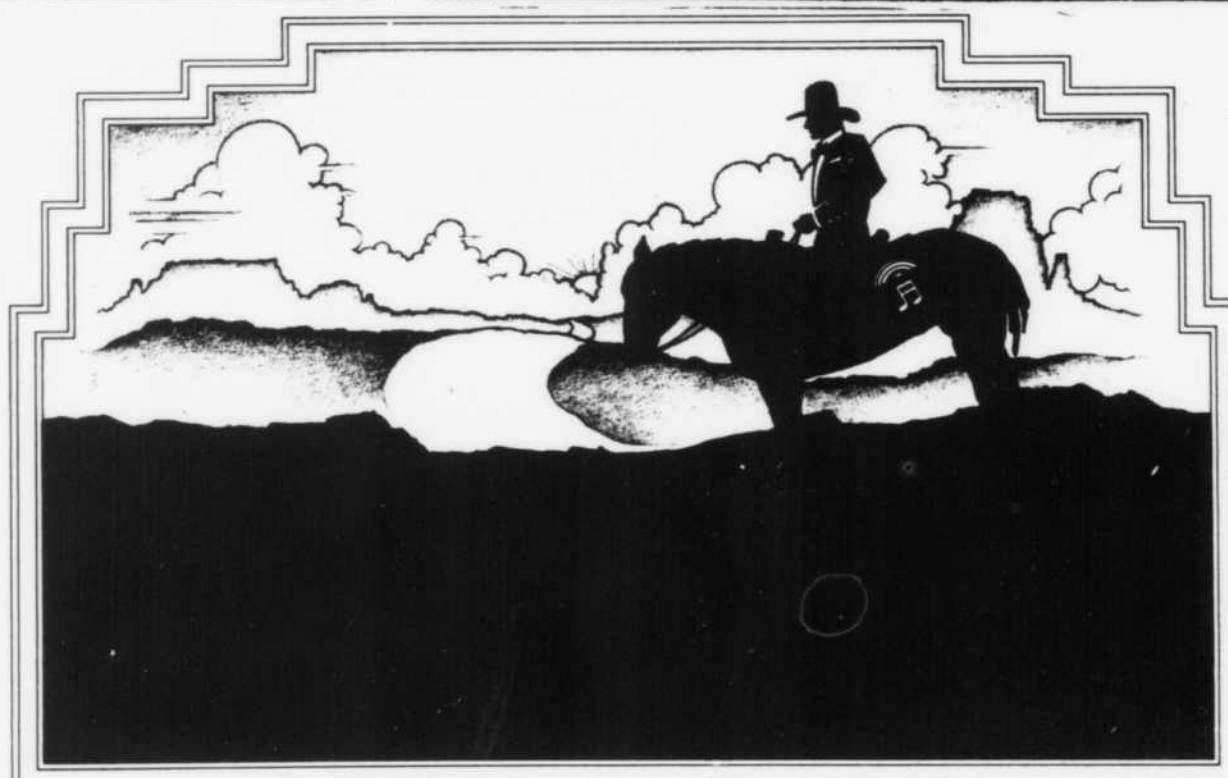
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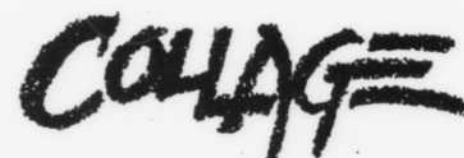
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