

Enrollment, vehicle registration increase

**11,696 students register for classes;
freshmen make up largest percentage**

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

As of Aug. 25, the number of students registered at Middle Tennessee State University was 11,696, Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said.

The biggest increase was among first-time freshmen, he said.

"Out of the approximately 3,000 new students, 2,000 were first-time freshmen. This is a 10 percent increase," Gillespie said.

Registration went relatively smooth. Gillespie said the two major concerns were the considerable wait for schedules and the number of students who were not prepared to pay their fees.

"We wish people didn't have to stand in line so long to receive their schedules, but this is the problem with the card registration procedure," Gillespie said.

"There were also a considerable number of students who were not prepared to pay [registration] fees," he said. "Many did not know what

to do. We counted 245 people in this situation."

Changes in the registration process are underway. The university is working on installing a New Student Information System which would be a complete new management system, Gillespie said.

This system is being installed in all the state universities as a new way to handle the additional information.

In addition to the New Student Information System, plans for pre-registration have been addressed.

"Last semester, the idea of telephone registration was introduced," Gillespie said.

"This would enable students to call in their schedules from the dorm room. However, this alternative will have to wait until the New Student Information System is installed," Gillespie said.

"It [telephone registration] would be an immense help," Gillespie added.

50th ASB kicks off year at annual retreat

By JERRY OSBORNE
News Editor

Student leaders, faculty members, staffers and administrators kicked off the 50th anniversary of the Associated Student Body at the ASB retreat last weekend at Tech Aqua Resort on Center Hill Lake.

A fishing tournament by the administrators 23 pounds to the ASB's 0), a barbecue, a "grudge" softball game between the administration and the ASB (won by the ASB by default) and workshops highlighted the two days of events.

ASB President Holly Lentz used the occasion to outline changes that she will propose to be made in the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983. Those changes include provisions to allow potential candidates for office in the ASB to speak to any individual or group concerning their desire to seek office at any time throughout the school year.

Lentz also proposed that the electoral act be changed to allow students to sign more than one qualifying petition for candidates seeking the offices of President, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House and respective class senators. However, Lentz proposed that students signing petitions for Homecoming Queen be restricted to signing no more than five petitions.

Lentz said that she has an open door policy at the ASB office, and that she and her staff want everyone to come by whenever they want to.

"Come by anytime you have questions," Lentz said. "That's what we're there for."

Ivan Shewmake, director of university housing, said the members of the ASB were able to help break loose the log jam in negotiations to bring cable television access to all dorms on campus.

"By spring, all residences will have access to cable television," Shewmake said. "Involvement with student government has a big impact on what happens on campus."

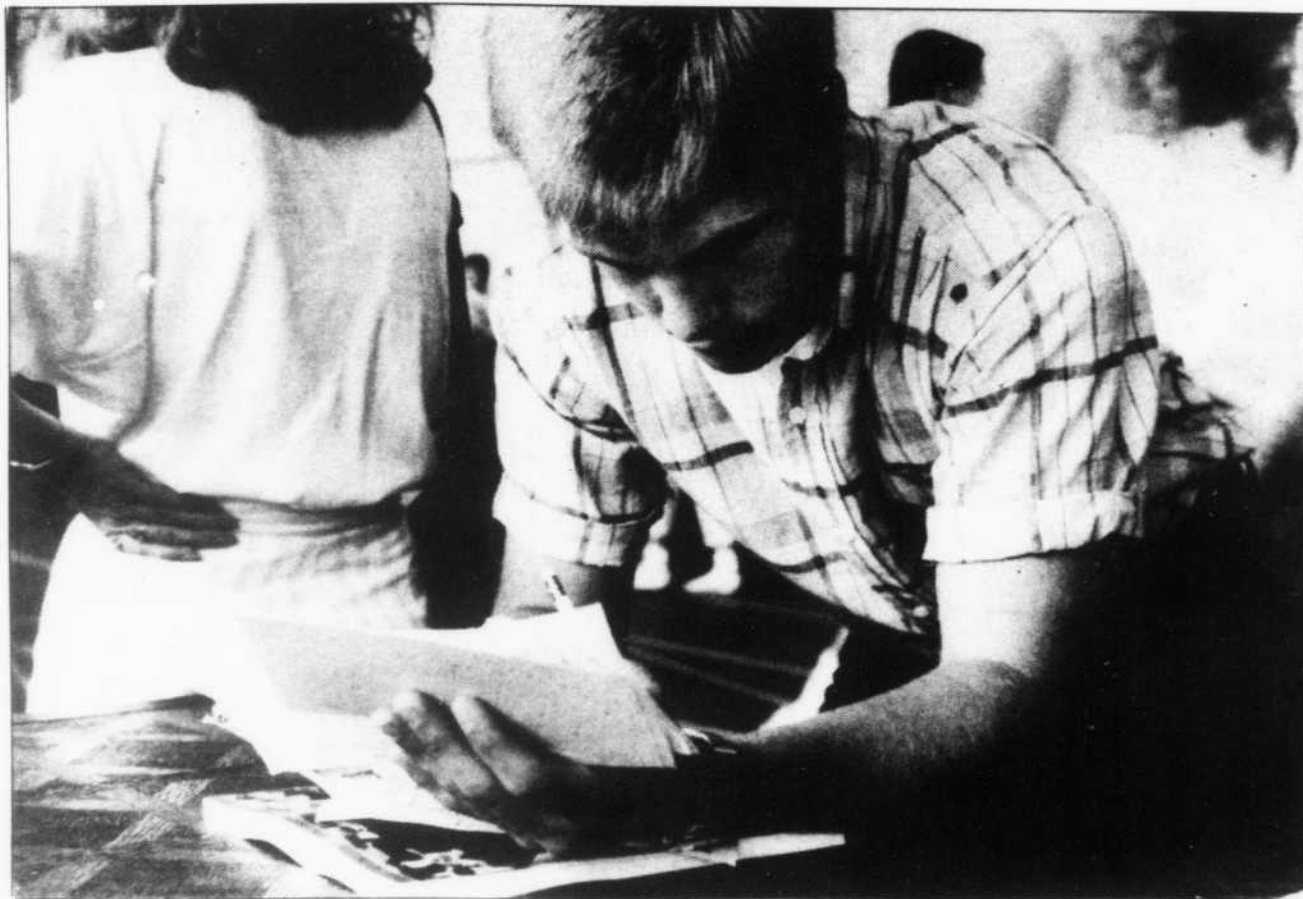
Dorothy Harrison, director of public relations, announced that Family Day will be starting at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 17 at Murphy Athletic Center. This year every academic department will have a booth on display around the Murphy Athletic Center track for the parents' visit.

"There will be food and tickets to the football game all for \$6," Harrison said.

Homecoming coordinator Rob Marlin said this year's homecoming will be an activity that "everybody" can be a part of.

"When it's over [homecoming], everybody can say, 'I had fun,'"

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Freshman Hunter Hughes checks over his class cards during registration at Murphy Athletic Center. More than 11,600 students have registered to date, an MTSU record.

Attempted rape nets man four years

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

James Todd Sewell, 22, pleaded guilty in Rutherford County Criminal Court to the attempted rape of a Middle Tennessee State University student.

Sewell was sentenced to four years in prison last Thursday and was ordered to undergo psychiatric counseling for the April 18 attempted rape. Brian Grisham, Public Safety and Security officer, said.

"Sewell approached the girl in her car on the south side of Schardt Hall at about midnight," Grisham said. "He engaged her in conversation and then attacked her."

Grisham said Sewell forced the

woman to partially undress, but a car drove by the scene and distracted Sewell, allowing the 19-year-old victim to force her attacker out of the car and to slam the door on him.

"She gave out a description and we put it out on the radio," he said.

City officers saw the car, which had Nashville plates, and pulled it over, allowing MTSU officers to conduct a "show-up" or face-to-face confrontation.

Grisham said he and the victim drove to the scene and that she identified him as her assailant.

Officers charged Sewell with assault with the intent to commit rape.

"The attempt was shown when he tried to force her clothes off," Grisham said.

There has been one reported rape on campus in the past three years and one attempted rape, Grisham said. There have also been a few cases of sexual battery.

Grisham said that sexual battery is when a person touches another person's genitals or exposes him or herself to another person.

The number of sexual batteries on the MTSU campus has dropped dramatically in the past three years. There were 11 reported sexual batteries in 1984, while 1986 saw one such crime, Jack Drugmand, Public Safety and Security chief said.

AIDS information films at Health Services; director says material dramatic, technical

By CRYSTAL NELMS
Editor

Middle Tennessee State University's Health Services office has purchased six films that are designed to educate students, faculty members and staff members on AIDS.

AIDS stands for Acquired (not inherited) Immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS is a breakdown of the body's immune deficiency systems which produces susceptibility to certain diseases. People with the full blown form of AIDS suffer from unusual life-threatening infections and/or rare forms of cancer.

Most people who are infected with the AIDS virus are not currently ill. Since the symptoms are not apparent, these victims can only be identified by a blood test.

The Health Services office has decided to show the films at various times in the lobby or privately upon request because of the growing concern involving AIDS. The films can be seen Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The newest film, THE AIDS MOVIE, was reviewed by the Health Services office in the spring. It tells about three AIDS patients, one of whom is the girlfriend of a bisexual. The other two patients are

a homosexual and an intravenous drug abuser.

"This film is dramatic, and I think that is why kids can relate to it," Barbara Martin, director of Health Services, said.

Martin is concerned with a message in THE AIDS MOVIE because it says that people who use condoms will never have a sexually transmitted disease.

According to Martin and other leading authorities, this is an erroneous statement.

"Nothing is 100 percent effective," Martin said. "You just don't

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Centers for Disease Control redefines AIDS

By ROBERT BYRD
Associated Press

The nation's AIDS count, now at more than 40,000, will start a noticeable jump Tuesday as federal health officials begin counting thousands of cases they have never before recognized.

The increase comes from a change in the official Centers for Disease Control definition of what AIDS is, in clinical terms.

There will be no dramatic announcement that thousands of Americans believed to have suffered from other diseases actually had AIDS. And the disease will not suddenly be found to be attacking groups not previously considered at risk.

Rather, the CDC will begin listing in its AIDS statistics patients whose physicians may have presumed they had the deadly disease, but whose cases did not meet the agency's definition.

As those cases are added into the total, more Americans than ever

before will be deemed AIDS patients — and AIDS fatalities, which now number more than 23,000.

Federal health officials estimate that the case count could jump by 10 percent to 15 percent.

"I expect there will be a jump over the course of a month or two," said Dr. Tim Dondero, chief of branch for the CDC's AIDS program.

"We know that a number of states have a backlog of cases initially picked up and labeled 'suspect' cases, or 'AIDS-like disease,' that will now qualify as AIDS under the new definition. How long it takes to report them, we do not know."

The goal is to give state and local health officials a more accurate picture of how widespread AIDS is. Dondero said researchers have, since the disease was first reported in 1981, been careful not to be too quick to pronounce a case AIDS.

The new definition, approved by

**10,000-plus autos
compete for spots**

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

The total number of cars registered on campus this semester is over the 10,000 mark.

"There are 8,695 student [auto registrations], 690 faculty and administration, 570 staff, and 52 handicapped this semester," Nancy Weatherly, chief clerk of MTSU's Campus Safety and Security, said.

"There are 6,000 to 6,200 parking spaces available, which is 60 percent close to the average norm," Charles Pigg, director of campus planning, said.

"In the first part of the fall semester, parking is a problem, as everything is filled, even the Greenland parking lot," Pigg said.

"The biggest problem we have now is students pulling in on the grass near the Bell Street lot area. They just don't seem to understand that they can't park there," he said.

Tickets have already been given for violations on Bell Street.

"There have been no definite plans for any additional parking lots and won't be until the need is established," Pigg said.

"If our survey of available parking indicates we need to provide additional spaces, our next big lot would be on the east side of campus where there is an access road to the city by-pass," Pigg said.

Pigg routinely surveys available parking at peak parking times.

The change from parking decals to transferable permits has been beneficial, Weatherly said.

"We have had no more problems than usual as far as theft. In fact, there have been fewer reported," Weatherly said.

Decals in the past have been attached to the front or back of car windows and even on the outside, but due to damage done to cars in trying to remove them and decay caused by weather, the idea for new permits was established, Weatherly said.

The new permits are transferable. Each person registers himself or herself and moves the permit from one vehicle to another. The owner of the permit — not the vehicle — is responsible for violations.

"We talked about using the hang-type from the [rear-view] mirror but concluded that it would be a distraction dangling when driving," Weatherly said.

The new permit can be attached to the front windshield with a plastic pouch or laid on the dash.

"Basically, what it amounts to is that the students now have a choice," Weatherly said. We have had very good comments."



Frank Conley

Sorority rushees feed the ever popular "Gummi Worms" to fraternity rushees during Greek activities day on Aug. 19. Greek organizations sponsor several events during rush week.

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Marlin said.

There are many activities planned for homecoming this year. They include a championship chili cook-off and Jalepeno pepper-eating contest, a treasure hunt (worth up to \$2,000 in cash and prizes), a Tina Turner look-a-like and lip-synch contest, a possible Tina Turner concert, a fight song competition, a bon fire and pep rally, a black and white photo contest, an essay contest, a fine arts contest and a parade, Marlin said.

According to Marlin, this years parade route will be reversed. The parade route will begin at the Murfreesboro Public square and will end at the Greenland Drive Parking Lot.

Jean Roesler, Co-Editor of the *Midlander* and Crystal Nelms, *Sidelines* Editor both spoke about plans for student publications this fall.



Members of the ASB gather at Tech Aqua for their annual retreat. Administrators joined student leaders for two days of fun, organization and planning.

Second annual Founders' Day set

By **BRIAN CONLEY**
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee State University will celebrate its 76th birthday a day early this year with games, roving magicians and a performance by jazz-legend Maynard Ferguson.

Founders' Day has become a yearly event "because of a mandate from students and faculty," said Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs.

"To elaborate, last years celebration was viewed to be a major success and resolutions from both the student government and Faculty Senate suggested it be continued on an annual basis to nurture the comradery and friendship that occurred last year," LaLance said.

MTSU President Sam Ingram also said last year's festivities fared well.

"I was very pleased with it," Ingram said. "It represented one of the best public relations and morale

booster events we've had in a long time."

"The entire year was a good one to not only look back and see where we have been but where we want to go."

Bob Womack, a 30-year professor in the Youth Education and School Personell Services Department, will emcee a 7 p.m. ceremony Sept. 10 in which several current and former students will relate their university experiences.

Representative John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, current ASB President Holly Lentz, MTSU biology professor Patrick Doyle and Phyliss Hickerson, former director of minority affairs will be among the speakers.

Zadie Key, former secretary to Earl Keese, dean of basic and applied sciences will also bring her recollections on MTSU to the festivities.

"An annual Founder's Day celebration should, over the years,

help MTSU regain and continually build on that sense of community and family that was a very natural part of our university when it was small," LaLance said.

Carnival games and entertainment will begin the celebration at 1:30 on the lawn between the Cope Administration Building and Peck Hall.

An old-time vaudeville show will follow at 5 p.m. A picnic supper will be served on the lawn from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets for the

supper are \$2 and may be purchased in advance at the Alumni Office.

Jazz Trumpeteer Ferguson will give an 8 p.m. performance at the Tucker Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

A street dance featuring Cruise Control in front of Kirksey Old Main will end the celebrations. It will last from 10:30 p.m. until midnight.

Interviews are now being conducted for the position of Assistant News Editor. All interested students should contact Jerry Osborne, News Editor, extension 2337 or come by Room 310, James Union Building for appointment.

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Campus Capsule

The Association of Recording Management Students (ARMS) will hold their first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 1, in Room 324 Keathley University Center at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers from Valley Audio will talk about the new studio and upcoming events and projects will be discussed.

Student organizations desiring to make application for Activity Fee Funds for the fall semester of 1987 may secure applications in Room 126 Keathley University Center. The deadline for completing and returning the application is Sept. 18.

Students wishing to keep their name, address, phone number or classification from being given out by the Keathley University Center Office should come by Room 208 Keathley University Center to fill out a Non-Release of Information Form. The Office should be contacted as soon as possible. A new request must be made each semester.

Freshman Records are available in the Associated Student Body Office, Room 304 Keathley University Center, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. and Thursday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. in Room 324 Keathley University Center. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend this orientation.

Petitions for Freshman Senators will be available in the Associated Student Body Office, Room 304 Keathley University Center on Friday, Sept. 11. The date for Freshman Senate elections is Thursday, Oct. 1, and elections will be held in the Keathley University Center 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Peck Hall 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 5:30-6:15 p.m..

Gamma Beta Phi will have a general business meeting on Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room Learning Resources Center. The organization will elect an Associated Student Body representative.

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If you need assurance of publication, place an advertisement in *Sidelines*.

Beta Theta Pi receives national affiliation

By JERRY OSBORNE
News Editor

Beta Theta Pi received a charter from the national fraternity at its 148th General Convention in Asheville, N.C., recently, Ken Ventimiglia, Middle Tennessee State University chapter president, said Saturday.

"Our former colony was pronounced the Epsilon Theta chapter," Ventimiglia said. "Our affiliation came when Ken Poff and Jimmy Gore, who were members of the Delta Kappa chapter of the

University of Tennessee, transferred to MTSU."

Since its birth on campus, the colony has made accomplishments in intramural sports, academics and in all aspects of university life, Ken Poff, chapter counselor, said.

"We set our standards high," Poff said. "Our members must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA. We put emphasis on academic ability."

"Last semester proved to be the highlight of the colony's existence as the Betas pledged more men than any other fraternity on cam-

pus," Ventimiglia said. "We won the male division of the Tau Omicron all-spring competition, captured the greek softball tournament and won a trophy for the highest overall GPA."

Beta Theta Pi was founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1839 and plans a long and prosperous life at MTSU, Ventimiglia said.

"We would like to thank everyone who made our existence possible," Poff said.

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say never."

A second film, Sex, Drugs and AIDS, is directed mainly at high school students, however, Martin believes that the film is good for college students too.

The third film is, AIDS — What Everyone Needs To Know.

The other three films go together to form a series, and they are: The Clinical Story Of AIDS: An Interview With Paul Volberaig, The Search For The AIDS Virus: An Interview With Robert Gallo and Viruses, Retroviruses, and AIDS: An Interview With Luke Montagnier.

Volberaig works at San Francisco General Hospital — a hospital that has its own AIDS division. Gallo is the leading American researcher on AIDs and Montagnier is the leading French Chemist researching AIDS.

"The series is more technical than the other three films," Martin said. "They all have pertinent information from the leading authorities."

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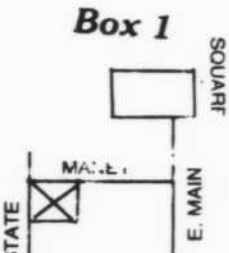
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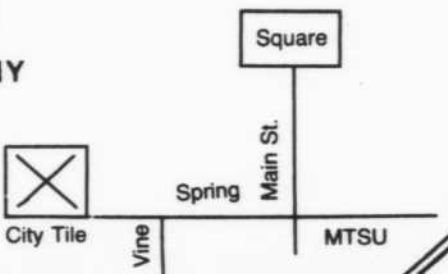


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EDITORIAL

Growth new challenge for MTSU

Middle Tennessee State University is already one of the finest institutes of higher learning in the state. But right now we are, in the immortal words of George Clinton, "standing on the verge of getting it on." With proper planning, the possibility exists for MTSU to become as important to Tennessee as Vanderbilt University or the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Nashville, only 30 miles away, is one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States. Soon that growth may translate into large increases in MTSU's enrollment.

While Nashville will almost double in population during the 1980s, most of those moving to the mid-state area are too young to have children of college age. Give them time.

MTSU's Five-Year Strategic Plan, published in 1986, predicted a 2 percent increase in enrollment by 1991. But university attendance has increased 3.2 percent this year alone. When the children of this area reach college age huge increases are possible.

But only if MTSU is prepared to handle this growth. The Strategic Plan states "few program changes are projected," and "For its present enrollment, the physical facilities at MTSU are adequate in some areas but inadequate in others." This may have been

the case in the early 1980s when the information for this plan was compiled, but the situation has changed.

If extra growth occurs, the school is obviously unprepared in such areas as parking, student housing, registration, class size and classroom space. But these concerns can be handled if the proper authorities can be motivated.

Some kind of long-term plan is needed to cope with this growth, preferably before the old plan ends in 1991. And if any changes are made, extra money will be needed. The university's financial resources are controlled by the State Board of Regents. So any kind of plan will have to involve both the university and the regents.

There are many other changes the growth itself may bring. New courses and majors will need to be added, especially in the Graduate school. The greek system will undoubtedly need new houses, perhaps even a "fraternity row" on campus. The nature of Murfreesboro itself will change as the university population increases.

Most teachers love to tell stories about students who had great potential but failed to do anything with it. Right now MTSU has just that, great potential. Let us hope we are able to do something with it.



Frank Conley

Cars as far as the eye can see filled Middle Tennessee State University parking lots last week as school began. Parking problems are just one of the growing pains the university faces as the mid-state population soars.

Sidelines starts new semester

Welcome to the pages of Middle Tennessee State University's *Sidelines*. My name is Crystal Nelms, and I am the fall editor.

As a student, faculty member or staffer at MTSU, you will automatically receive a free subscription to *Sidelines*. The university newspaper will be available to you on Tuesdays and Fridays at various locations on campus. I encourage you to pick it up and read it.

Student newspapers are a necessary part of "the college experience." Student staff members do all of the work at *Sidelines*. State and local newspapers do not cover events on our campus. We as student reporters provide the community with information about school events. We serve a vital role in doing so.

There are two sections of the newspaper that are always open for contributions from the campus community — not just newspaper staff members. The staff welcomes letters to the editor and editorial columns. We encourage everyone to speak out through the pages of the newspaper.

I would also like to extend an



Crystal Nelms

invitation to anyone interested in writing for *Sidelines*. Come by James Union Building Room 310 and fill out an application.

Some members of the campus community scream in fits of anger that the *Sidelines* staff does not cover everything all the time, and I would like to take a little time to explain the why of this issue.

Some of the staff members at *Sidelines* are new writers with little or no experience while others have worked with the paper for many semesters. It is usually the more experienced writers that put out the quality work. Let me remind you that everyone has to start somewhere, and that in semesters to come those beginners will be the experienced writers.

There are no full-time staff members working for the paper. No one has time to sit by the phone waiting for news to happen. We

have classes too. We do the best we can with the time we have — most of our free time is usually spent in the office.

I know that the university community does not owe the staff members at *Sidelines* anything, but I would like to ask a favor of you anyway. I ask you — the students, faculty members and staffers at MTSU — to give my staff a fair chance. Don't judge my staff before you have seen their work. We are not responsible for problems that you may have had with the paper in the past.

Each semester the *Sidelines* staff changes. We are a new staff with fresh ideas. All I ask is that you give us a fair chance.

If anyone should need information concerning *Sidelines* feel free to contact me at 898-2917 or come by Room 310 James Union Building.

Student publications important part of everyone's university experience

By Jackie Solomon
Publications Coordinator

This time of year excites me. Born in a university hospital to a pair of teachers, raised on university campuses and employed by universities most of my professional life, I am thrilled by the phrase "Back to School." It's lonely around here in the summer. Welcome back.

This year, I am especially happy to be at MTSU and in the job I hold. I foresee a banner year for student publications. Several things have happened over the summer that point to potential success for *Sidelines*, the *Midlander* and *College*.

- As of July 1, the position of the student publications coordinator became an administrative, rather than faculty, appointment. This means that the publications will have full-time, 12-month coordination from a professional manager who has no teaching responsibilities. In addition, this means that the student publications are fully governed by the Student Affairs division and have no formal connection with an academic department. I believe that this change will make the publications more responsive to the needs of the entire campus.
- The yearbook staff has already begun production on an excitingly different product and has planned

a number of activities for campus groups. Be sure to have your portrait made (free) during Sept. 14-25. Undergraduate portraits will be made in the Keathley University Center lounge during this period. Senior portraits will be made Sept. 21-25 only in Room 305 of the Keathley University Center also, if you didn't buy a yearbook at registration, you can purchase one through the *Midlander* office, Room 306 James Union Building.

- The *Sidelines* staff has been learning an upgraded version of their Mergenthaler typesetting system. In addition to the upgrade, two additional terminals were purchased by special funds allocated by MTSU President Sam Ingram last spring. The new equipment should help the staff make deadlines and produce a more professional-looking newspaper.

- Collage*, the magazine of the fine arts at MTSU, is planning to hold a creative contest once again this year. Be sure to watch the pages of *Sidelines* for contest rules, categories and deadlines.

All three of the student publications are written, edited, designed and produced entirely by students without editorial control by faculty or administration. In this sense they are a total learning experience for

the students. However, the newspaper, yearbook and magazine "belong to" the entire campus community and need your ideas, criticisms and commentary if they are to adequately serve your needs.

I encourage you to contribute to one or more of the publications in any way you can. Whether you are faculty, administration, staff or student, give something. Call if you have a question or idea. Write a letter to the editor if you feel strongly about some issue. Participate when your department's photo is taken for the yearbook. Buy a yearbook and get your portrait taken. Cooperate with student reporters if they wish to use you as a source. Write a poem for the magazine. Read our publications.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Art offerings on campus

Dear Editor,
Thanks for the story on art exhibitions as a part of extracurricular offerings on campus.

Many students are unaware of how many unusual activities are offered on campus and so your information should prove useful to them.

A good university is a culturally diverse environment and offers a richness of experience which can be beneficial to all. But, of course, one cannot take advantage of such things unless one knows about them.

The Art Department offers a regular program of exhibitions in two galleries, the Art Barn Gallery, and the UC Gallery. Work by artists of national and regional note is shown as well as work by the Art Faculty and students. There is no charge for these shows and everyone is invited to attend.

All the best to you and your staff for this coming school year.
Sincerely,

David LeDoux
Professor, Art.

Bookstore offers big bucks

Dear Editor,
If I was ever in need of a zillion dollars fast, I don't think I would try to make a rock video, or play

the stock market or even try to get a part on "Dallas." I would try to open a bookstore on some unwary College Campus.

You see Ms. Editor, the easiest way to make money is to have a monopoly on something. If you can put your monopoly establishment in a location where students can not avoid going, you can hardly lose. Let's say that I put a mini-bank inside my bookstore. Its only purpose is to draw in students that

need to cash their checks from mom and dad. That would surely cause a high percentage of them to spend their money in my store.

Now that the students are in my store, I can make them feel like they're out of high school and really in college. I will take their required texts and price them up 3,000,000 percent! They have to buy their books for class; I'll make my first zillion the first semester!

One zillion dollars isn't enough. I know what I'll do. At the end of

the semester, I'll tell the students that if they let me buy back the books for one millionth of what they paid for them, I'll give them a vacation for two at any Motel 6 in

downtown Smyrna! That way I can get all my books back and do it again! I can keep making zillions.

Yes Ms. Editor, that's the way I would make my zillions. Maybe Someday.

Terry Banker
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Try vocabulary quiz



"Hoss" Cartwright

For the beginning of a new semester, I've put together a vocabulary list with crucial definitions for all "Middle Tennessee State High School" students.

Registration - That idiotic, unorganized procedure in which one sweats for five (or more) hours at Murphy Athletic Center.

Rush - The graceful period in which, one week after arrival, the greek organizations descend like hornets, just to learn your name and shoe size.

Post-Rush - The period following rush, in which the greeks somehow forget who you are.

High-Rise - Excellent for Panty

raids, pathetic for food.

KUC Theatre - Shows pretty good movies, but forget relaxing in those Neanderthal chairs.

Walter Hill - MTSU's favorite beach. The surf isn't too good, but bring your 70-quart Igloo Cooler.

Todd Library - The week before exams you'll know where it is.

R.A. - (I'm not even going to touch this one.)

Fake I.D. - What every freshman needs to survive.

"Different" - What all greek organizations claim to be.

HPER - The nearest you'll get to a perfect A.

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Textbook ruling victory for all religions



Brian Conley

Fundamentalist Christians across the country were dealt a major setback last week when the 6th and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeals overturned two cases.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Hull in Greeneville, Tenn., ruled in Oct. 1986, that the Hawkins County School Board violated the rights of 14 fundamentalist Christian students when it suspended them for refusing to read material they (or their parents) found religiously offensive.

The school board was ordered to provide supplemental material and to pay the parents \$50,000 for "out-of-pocket" expenses.

Recently Chief Judge Pierce Lively of the 6th Circuit Court said, in an opinion written for a three-judge panel, the families, led by Church Hill, Tenn., homemaker Vicki Frost, did not supply evidence saying any student was forced to believe in the values brought forth in the books or even say they believed what they were reading.

In the case overturned by the 11th Circuit Court in Atlanta, the trial judge, U.S. District Judge Beverly Hand, banned the textbooks because 39 history and social studies books improperly excluded religious references and five home

economics books promoted secular humanism (definition to come later).

Hand's order turned the First Amendment requirement on the separation of church and state to an "affirmative obligation (by the government) to speak about religion," ruled U.S. Circuit Court Judge Frank Johnson Jr., in an opinion written for a three-member appeals panel.

Those decisions reaffirmed my faith in the legal and judicial system.

If the Frost case, dubbed "Scopes II" by some, had not been overturned, it would have sent Tennessee and American school systems into a state of chaos not unlike that of armageddon.

Tennessee Attorney General W.J. Michael Cody says it best, "...if Judge Hull had not been reversed, the ruling would have opened the door to a cafeteria-style education system where parents and students could pick and chose textbooks for particular subjects," Cody said.

In other words, student A could pick book A, which promoted fundamentalism and said secular humanism is for heathenistic slime and evolution is the way it is, for his history class.

While student B could chose

book B which championed atheism and say creation is poppy-cock.

How would it be possible for a school system to provide a unified curriculum system? It wouldn't. Imagine a class where every student had a different textbook. The teacher would never be able to cover all the material the student would need to compete in the national job market.

The business of awarding them \$50,000 for "out-of-pocket" expenses like private school is bunk. If the parents do not like what the schools are teaching they should send their brats to a private institution (like a mental institution since the kids will need therapy to deal with life after they leave home).

In the Alabama case, a similar situation existed. If a parent says a book violates their religious belief, it

gets thrown out. Therefore, every Buddhist, Taoist, Hindu, Baptist and Atheist will get books thrown out. What will be left?

Educators will be afraid to say anything fearing a secular humanism lawsuit.

Secular humanism, by the way, is a catch-all phrase (invented by the people so far in right field on the religious baseball diamond they are in the bleachers) to include everything they consider "Godless."

The fundamentalists believe every religious belief they do not hold is wrong. If you are not a fundamentalist you are a "Secular Humanist."

Judge Hand and Judge Hull's rulings promoted those beliefs. They singled out one religious belief and said "this is what the schools

should teach."

As the judgements by the respective appeals courts say, they were wrong. This is not a country with one predominant religious denomination.

There are thousands of beliefs in this country. It is impossible to include them all. Those parents should not be worrying about what their children are believing.

If they can't teach their children to ignore what they consider "Godless" writings and secular humanistic writings, how are they going to help their kids avoid drugs and crime?

By sheltering them from every-

thing evil? I would hope not.

Both cases will eventually go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Educators and non-fundamentalists everywhere should pray (or meditate if that suits your fancy).

Rehnquist and the Reagan courts agree with Lively and Johnson.

Otherwise what's next — the abolition of the freedoms of religion and speech? The union of church and state with the emplacement of a fundamentally hard line (or completely left wing) basis of thought.

For the children I have not had yet and for Americans everywhere, I hope not.

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Vocabulary

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Kentucky - The nearest place to park in the morning.

Grandma - The first relative to kick the bucket this semester, explaining your week of absences.

Holly Lentz - That cute chick who's always in the grill, using big words like "Academic," "Authority" and "explore monogamy."

Sesame Street - The only show on

after "Wheel of Fortune."

Public Relations - A major you might claim until you think of a real one.

Ed Kimbrell A cool and wacky kind of guy until you take his tests.

Absence Policy - Who needs parents?

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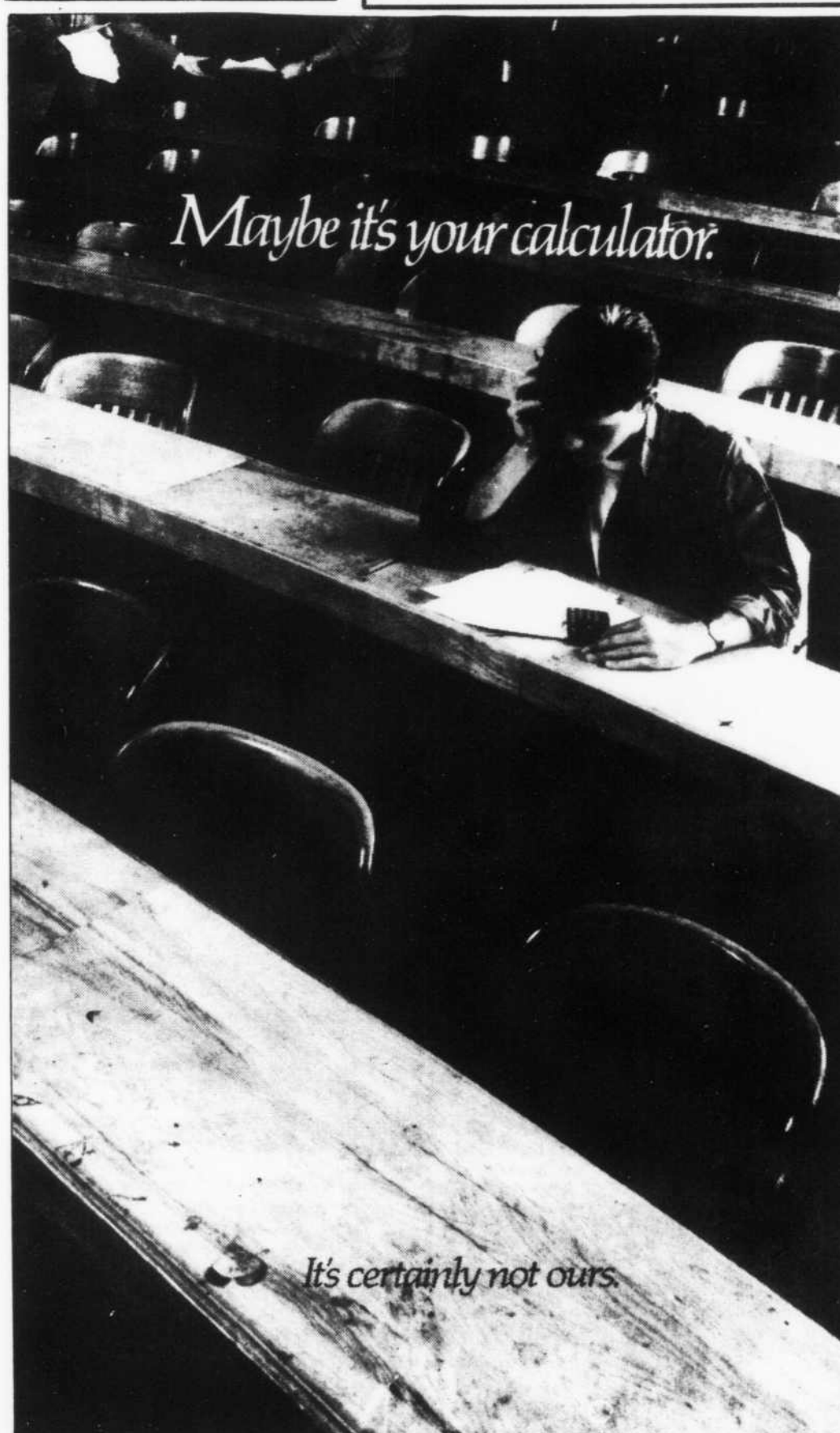
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AFTER CLASS

Tennessee Room hosts "Savage" show



Joe Savage

By LORI MCCLURE
Staff Writer

What exactly is the Joe Savage Experience? If I had listened to the common response to that question,

I would not be writing this article. Being new here on campus, I had never even heard of Savage, and after seeing a couple of advertisements for the Savage show, my in-

terest was piqued. It seemed, however, that everyone I asked about the show had only one response: "Don't go."

They wouldn't tell me why. They would only tell me that I wouldn't like it. So I forgot about it until Thursday night about 8 p.m. when the boredom of dorm life got to my roommate and me, and we decided to go over to the James Union Building and at least see what Savage sounded like.

Needless to say, the Tennessee Room was not brimming with people, and those of us who were there had to wait almost an hour and a half for Savage and his band to appear.

It was worth the wait. Savage was loud, wild and completely off the wall. For two hours he never ceased to excite or shock the crowd. He said early in his show that what went on between the songs was just as important to him as the songs themselves, and he spent a good deal of the show talking to, dancing with and picking on various members of the audience.

Savage provoked his crowd into getting up and into the show by doing it with them. The wilder the crowd got, the better Savage got. It seems a lot of people thought that Savage was going to be vulgar and offensive, and while he spared no one in the crowd, he was never any more or any less offensive than any other rock 'n' roll performer. He just did it on a more personal level. That, in a nutshell, is what

made the whole Savage Experience. Savage encouraged the audience to be themselves and by the end of the show everyone was doing exactly that. People were slam dancing, singing and necking in the corner.

I know someone out there is going to read this and say, "What about the snakes?" Yes, Joe Savage did have a couple of rather large, scary-looking snakes that he teased the audience with. He never chased anyone around the room with the snakes or let them roam freely through the audience.

Yes, he did start up a chainsaw on stage, but it was nothing more than a prop.

I also know that someone out there is saying, "But what about Savage's talent?" Admittedly, Joe Savage is not the greatest singer in the world, however, he didn't sound that bad.

His band — especially the violin — cranked out some interesting versions of some familiar and unfamiliar tunes. That's why it's called the Savage Experience instead of the Joe Savage concert. You don't go to see Savage to listen, you go to join in the madness, and have a great time doing it.

The next time Joe Savage makes a stop in Murfreesboro, do yourself a favor and don't ask anyone what it is all about. Just bite the proverbial bullet and go find out for yourself what a great experience the Savage Experience can be.

Rumble Circus means loud fun for fans



Rumble Circus

By CRYSTAL NELMS
Editor

LOUD FUN!!!!

That is where the name Rumble Circus came from. Rumble Circus, a four-member band from Nashville, wants people to have lots of "loud fun" at their shows or while listening to their music.

Rumble Circus says that having a "fun element" in their shows is important. The band focuses a lot of energy on movement and jokes. They are against a show of just music, music, music.

Lead guitarist Jeff Cease explains that the band wants to "put on a show that we would want to see."

Bass guitarist Erich Hubner explained that they do not like "frivolous fun."

"We like to think of fun in terms

of entertainment," Hubner said. Other band members include Alan Johnstone, drummer and Jeffrey Williams, vocalist. Each member of the band participates in the writing of music and lyrics. They all have very different personal taste in music and that shows in their style.

Rumble Circus rehearses in an old recording studio building in East Nashville. The building also houses a woodshop and a fundamentalist church.

The band is currently working on an EP tentatively titled *Frogs*. It will contain singles such as "Cold Plastic Margarine." The band's song titles tend to be strange. Their song titles do not sound so weird once you've heard them say, "come smell us." They explain this by saying that they like to "smell different for every show."

Rumble Circus recently received a contract offer from the Wing-PolyGram label — a new division of PolyGram Records. Hubner explained that the contract was "not exactly right." They turned it down.

They are hoping that their album will come out on their label — Galabraxas. That label name is only tentative. Their EP will be produced by Chris Bogan and them-

selves.

"We get a lot of request for Rumble Circus, so I guess a lot of people like them," John Roski, Music Director at WRVU-FM said. "We have only had positive response to their music."

Rumble Circus will be playing at Mainstreet on Wednesday, Sept. 2. They will also play at the Cannery on Saturday, Sept. 5. On Saturday, Sept. 12 Rumble Circus is opening for The Replacements at the National Guard Armory in Nashville. Go smell them.

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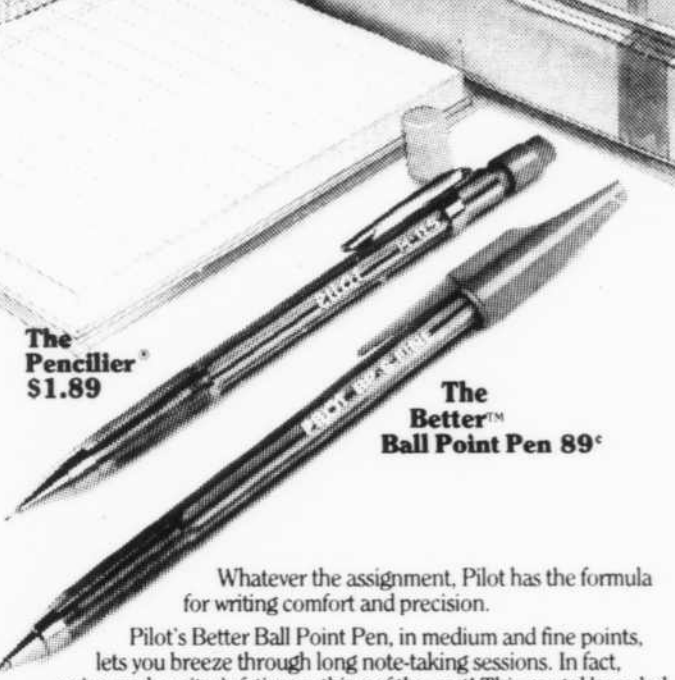
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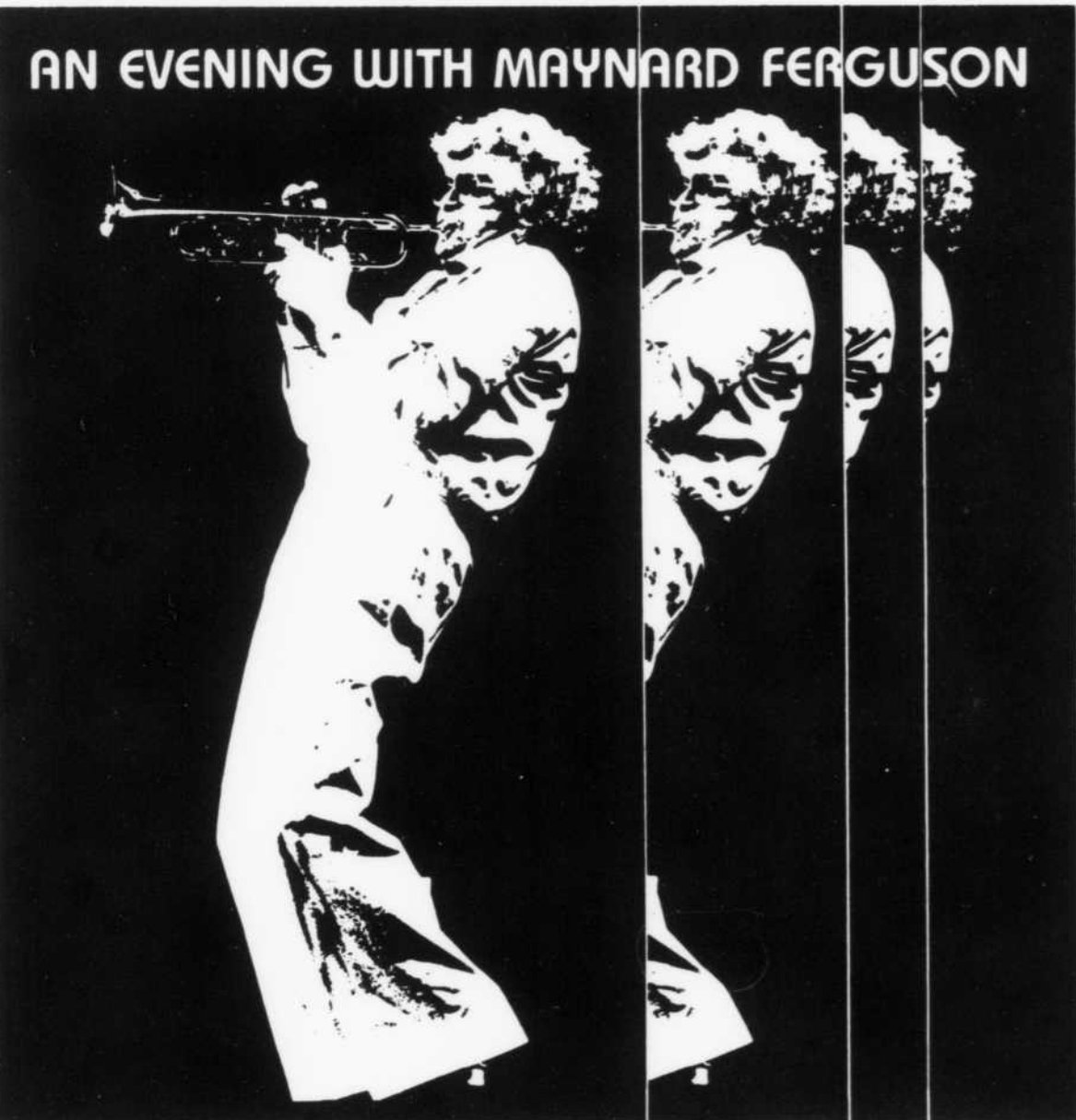
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'Questionnaires' provide answers with original music



By WHIT HUBNER
Staff Writer

It was 10:15 p.m. on the first Thursday of the new semester. The only entertainment that seemed to be present at the dimly lit club — which reeked of old beer and sweat from past shows — was a nervous

THE QUESTIONNAIRES

booking agent, wondering why attendance was at half-mast. The regulars, the past and the present friends seemed content with their own conversations when a voice boomed out of the sound system: "Welcome to Mainstreet, please give a big round of applause for Deacon Fields."

The four young musicians that make up this act worked their way onto the stage and burst into a new sound for the group. The new

The Questionnaires

sound concentrated less on thrash and more on melodic sounds and the much improved vocal ability of singer/guitarist, John Alexander.

Even with the new approach, Deacon Fields had trouble keeping the audience's attention. It soon became obvious that this crowd would not be satisfied until The Questionnaires hit the stage.

By 11:30 p.m. the crowd had grown to a healthy size and the tension had grown to equal proportions as the time approached for the first show since March from lead singer Tom Littlefield and the rest of The Questionnaires.

The crowd came alive as they saw the figures climb onto the stage and no sooner did The Questionnaires strap on their instruments and blast into their first song for the night "Fools Parade," did the crowd fi-

nally find it's way to the dance floor.

On first notice it appeared that bass player and newest member of the band, Chris Feinstein ("Stein") and drummer extraordinaire Hunt

Waugh had developed into a powerful rhythm section, thus allowing guitarist Doug Lancio to move freely from crunching chords to tasty solos, above and beyond those of rival guitarist Warner Hodges of Jason and the Scorchers.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Littlefield, undoubtedly leading the band, harnessed the talent behind him to create an incredible sound for his songs. Tunes like "Playing in the Coal Mines" and "Everything Changes (Nothing Changes at all)" proved Littlefield's songwriting ability as one to be reckoned with.

While the crowd went wild for the old standards "Rose Tattoo," "Guns and Love" and "Red Tears," it was the new tunes like "Windows to the World," "I Wanna Destroy You" and "Shake It Down" that strengthened the Questionnaires spot in the hearts of it's audience.

After an hour and fifteen minutes of non-stop rock and roll, the group left the stage only to be called back on for an encore, their regional hit "Slug City" — seemingly about a town a little slow for Littlefield's taste.

Backstage, Littlefield stated influences ranging from Brian Williams to Iggy Pop and Hank Williams to Tom Petty, as early building blocks for his writing talent. It seems to this reporter that if The Questionnaires can continue to

work with the caliber acts they have in the past — .38 Special, Jason and The Scorchers and The Georgia Satellites. If Littlefield can continue to write songs of this quality, they will no longer be known as "the best unsigned act in Nashville."

The next time you can see The

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Rivers needs different kind of break

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

For the past three or so weeks, everytime I go to the grocery, I see the mourning face of Comedian Joan Rivers splattered across such "rags" as *The National Enquirer* or *The Star*. Can't these bloodthirsty tabloids let a person grieve in private?

Sure, Rivers is known for her no-holds-barred style of put down, but even the "Queen of Crude" deserves more compassion than she has been receiving since her husband Edgar Rosenberg killed himself by taking a combined overdose of alcohol and valium.

After seeing headlines like: "Joan blames herself for Edgar's death," I was uncertain about last week's cover story of *People* magazine.

The cover boasted a banner headline which read: "Joan's Tragedy," and was accompanied by a photo of Edgar and Joan Rosenberg (she is referred to as Rosenberg throughout the article).

My uneasiness was somewhat lessened when I read the caption under the cover photo: "Joan and Edgar in one of her favorite photos." As I began reading the "exclusive interview," the article proved to be a very touching account of the Rosenberg's lives together since Edgar suffered a near fatal heart attack three years ago.

The article also pointed out that even in a time as painful as this is for Rivers, she still finds humor to help the pain. One instance of her humor was explained in the article when after someone had said some-

thing "nice" about Edgar at the memorial service, Rivers walked away from the crowd of people and began crying.

Rosenberg's daughter Melissa tried to comfort her mother by telling her it was alright to cry. Rivers replied: "Classy people don't cry." Melissa said, "When Prince Charles' horse died, Princess Di cried." Not missing a beat, Rivers retorted: "Well, Princess Di doesn't have any class."

Rivers stated in the interview that she doesn't know exactly what she will do since Edgar — her "rock" — is gone.

September 20 will mark Rivers' return to work. She will be a presenter on the Emmy Awards, which are being broadcast by Fox — Rivers former employer.

New students can fight uneasiness

ERIK HUTCHINSON and
NEAL EATON
Staff Writers

All right, let's get a head count of all those first-timers here at Middle Tennessee State University. Ready? Okay, raise your hand if this is your first time at this thing called "College". Let's see now, one, two, three,...., 1,000, 1,001.

With so many new students, we thought that we would help you get over the stress that is commonly known as "CULTURE SHOCK." So we have put together a few things that you can do to relieve your stress.

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Center and go to the game room, the grill or even the movie theater. If you have a car, you can try out the park, the shopping centers or even the skating rink. If that's not what you find relaxing, you can go to a museum, play a board game or even take a drive in the country.

But even as you come up with your own ideas, be warned that several factors may bring your attempts to a screeching halt. For instance, money may be the culprit that stops your futile attempt. Also, the lack of transportation may thwart most of your plans, but don't let that get you down. Try going to Murphy Center and using its facilities. Make use of the raquetball courts, tennis courts, swimming pool, weight room, basketball courts and even

the track. If you don't like sports and prefer the more relaxing couch potato activities, try watching T.V., or renting a movie (and a VCR if that needs to be done) or reading a magazine or a book.

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SPORTS

Eastern Kentucky favored to win conference championship again

By CHUCK MORRIS
Sports Co-Editor

The Eastern Kentucky Colonels and the Murray State Racers, Ohio Valley Conference co-champions last season, were picked by fellow coaches to finish 1-2 this season.

The Colonels, ranked number three in the pre-season Division I-AA top twenty, lost 17 seniors from last season's squad which was eliminated by Arkansas State in the semi-finals of the I-AA Playoffs.

The Racers have 23 seniors and 19 juniors returning for first-year coach Mike Mahoney. Murray State lost in the first round of the I-AA Playoffs under former coach and current Virginia Tech mentor Frank Beamer.

Eastern Kentucky received four votes for the number one position, while Murray State received two. The other first place vote went to Middle Tennessee State University.

The Blue Raiders, a disappointing 6-5 last season, was picked to finish third.

Youngstown State, in their final year of OVC competition, was picked fourth. The Penguins were followed by Austin Peay State University, Tennessee Tech, and Morehead State.

Here is a complete preview of the upcoming season:

AUSTIN PEAY: Seventh-year coach Emory Hale returns an experienced offense led by senior quarterback Dale Edwards (6-0, 170) and junior tailback Mike Lewis (5-10, 185).

Last season Edwards set APSU single-season marks for most pass attempts (259), completions (130) and yards (1,623).

Lewis, a Palmetto, Fla. native, gained 1,032 yards last season to become only the third Governor running back to do so. He also led the Governors in scoring, 54 points on nine touchdowns, and receiving, 29 catches for 244 yards.

Edwards and Lewis will be operating behind an offensive line which Hale calls "the best since I've been here."

The line will be anchored by Pre-season All-OVC tackle Roy Berkemeier (6-4, 290), a senior from Pigsah, Ala.

The Governors face a tough schedule, opening at Kansas State of the Big Eight Conference on September 5.

EASTERN KENTUCKY: The Colonels were picked to win the conference despite losing 17 seniors, eight of which were starters.

The Colonel defense returns eight starters from the 1986 squad

which led the conference in best defense (allowed 287.2 yards total offense).

The defense is led by Preseason All-OVC picks Eugene Banks, Harold Torrens, Aaron Jones, Anthony Harper, and Danny Copeland.

Banks, Torrens, and Copeland were All-OVC selections last season for the defending OVC co-champs.

James Crawford, preseason all-conference pick at running back, is looking for his third straight 1,000 yard season. Last season Crawford gained 1,288 yards and scored 13 touchdowns.

The one glaring weakness at Richmond is the placekicking position. Roy Kidd must replace All-American kicker Dale Dawson, who scored 244 points in his career at Eastern, a school record.

Scheduling is not in the Colonels' favor. Because of Akron dropping out of the league after last season, Eastern Kentucky will have only four home games, only two of which are conference opponents (Murray State and Austin Peay).

MOREHEAD STATE: Bill Baldrige led the surprising Eagles to a 7-4 finish last season, which tied the school record for victories in a season, and earned him Coach of the Year honors.

This season the Eagles won't be surprising. Morehead lost 19 seniors, including 10 offensive linemen. They also lost All-American guard Billy Poe and All-OVC quarterback Adrian Breen.

Freshman Chris Swartz (6-2, 180) and senior Lance Jansen (6-1, 180) are engaged in a two-way battle for the starting quarterback job. Swartz is the better running quarterback while Jansen is a better thrower.

A bright point for the Eagles is the return of seven part-time starters on defense and the return of all-conference punter Greg Burke.

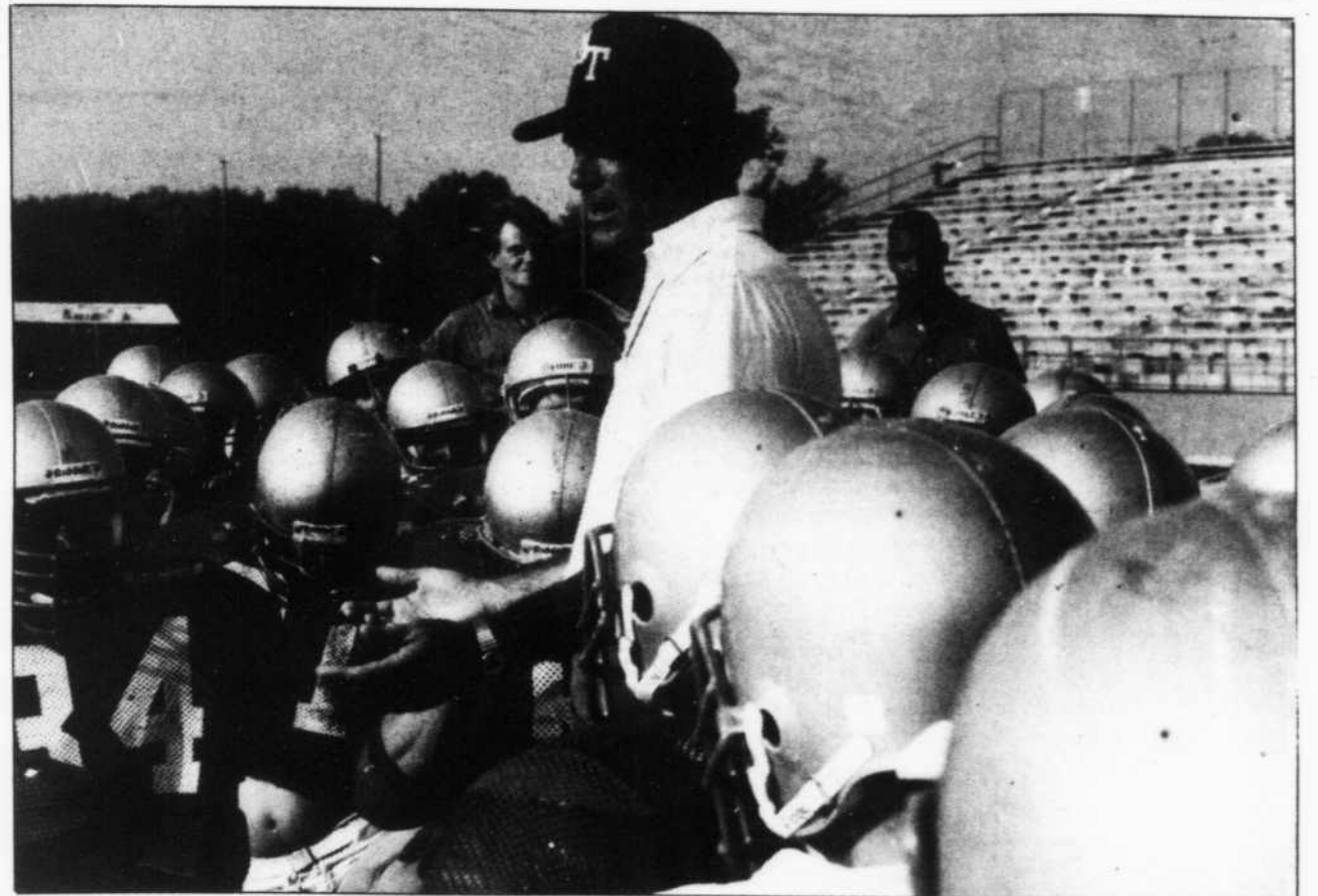
Burke led the OVC in punting last season with an average of 44.07 yards, which broke both the school and conference records.

MURRAY STATE: Former Murray State coach Frank Beamer did not leave his successor, Mike Mahoney, with an empty cupboard.

The Racers return 10 offensive starters and five defensive starters along with placekicker Paul Hickert.

Mahoney has a interesting dilemma at the tailback position, one that any coach would love to have.

Mahoney has three tailbacks returning that has combined for 4,840 yards rushing and will conclude their careers as the top three



Wayne Cartwright

Head Football coach Boots Donnelly gives his team a pep talk after last week's scrimmage. The Blue Raiders play their season opener against Tennessee State September 5 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

touchdown scorers in Murray State history.

Junior Rodney Payne (6-1, 195), senior Bill Bird (5-11, 215), and senior Willie Cannon (6-2, 200) hope to be the tailback.

Payne gained 838 yards last season despite missing a game because of injury. Bird, regularly a fullback, probably will moved back to his

fullback position despite performing well at tailback in the absence of Payne. Cannon was the leading freshman rusher in Division I-AA in 1983. He was redshirted last season to concentrate on academics.

Mahoney has NCAA record-setter Paul Hickert returning. Hickert kicked a 62 yard field goal last season that proved to be the winning

margin against Eastern Kentucky and ensured their co-championship.

TENNESSEE TECH: Jim Ragland and the Golden Eagles will be the surprise team of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Golden Eagles return 61 players and had, according to Rag-

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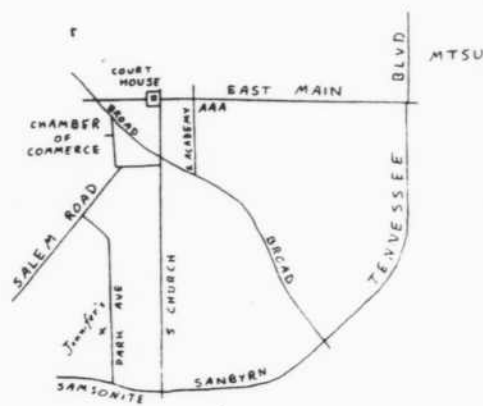
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Blue Raiders must fill holes, gain maturity to be competitive

By TONY STINNETT
Co-Sports Editor

As the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider football team prepares to kickoff their college season this Saturday night at Vanderbilt, several people are asking quite a few questions.

One of the most often asked questions is, "how well will the Blue Raiders be able to bounce back from a very disappointing 6-5 season last year?"

I, for one, say that the Blue Raiders will comeback in a very strong fashion. Last year was a fluke!

The Raiders probably had one of the most talented teams in the conference, however, early injuries to key personnel in the first half of the season sent the Raiders into a dismal tailspin.

MTSU was playing without the likes of All-OVC players such as quarterback Marvin Collier, offen-

sive lineman Cecil Andrews and tailback Gerald Anderson.

Those three athletes were a vital cog in the MTSU offensive scheme. To have them all out at the same time was very damaging.

Despite having true freshman filling in two of the three spots the Raiders were still in every game they played with the exception of one.

As is always the case at MTSU, the Blue Raiders came back from an embarrassing 1-4 start to win five of their last six games.

The question isn't, will the Blue Raiders bounce back. The question is, will Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly be able to find replacements for some outstanding personnel.

The MTSU squad lost all five of its All-OVC players from last year. Gone are linebacker Roosevelt Colvard, tailback Dwight Stone,

fullback Tony Burse and offensive guard Cecil Andrews.

The loss of these OVC competitors are not the only holes that have to be filled.

During mid-summer senior All-OVC free-safety Dajuan Buford was indefinitely suspended by Donnelly for disciplinary reasons.

Once fall camp got underway, it was learned that freshman fullback Terrell Allgood, who went through spring drills with the Blue Raiders, was ineligible under the proposition 48 guidelines.

Allgood had come out of spring practice as the top fullback although junior college transfer Jimmy Hull was giving him a solid challenge.

Midway through the fall drills Hull also left the team and the fullback position was left wide open. Thus far it still hasn't been

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Sidelines selects offensive team

By TONY STINNETT
Co-Sports Editor

Another exciting year of college football is upon us and with the return of the sport comes several preseason polls concerning teams and their outstanding athletes.

Not to be left out, the *Sidelines* sports staff has named their own All-OVC preseason team.

There are several great athletes around the conference this season and several deserve recognition. Of course, it is impossible for everyone to gain recognition, therefore, we have selected those athletes we feel will make the greatest impact around the conference.

Beginning with the offensive lineman: **Steve Spurling** of Middle Tennessee State University has quietly developed into one of the most dominant linemen in the league over the past three years.

While other linemen around the conference were going "overboard" to get recognized, Spurling was quietly developing into one of the top linemen in the conference.

After making the move from guard to tackle midway through last

season, he was noticed by some as the best tackle in the conference over the last half of the season.

This season Spurling's actions will be recognized and by season's end he will be All-Conference first team and an all-american candidate.

Despite being in only his second year of college football, **Bob Malia** has exhibited all the qualities to make him one of the best offensive linemen in the OVC and one of top in the country.

Malia has surprising speed for a player his size and his off-season dedication to the sport has made him a top-flight athlete.

MTSU stepped into the line last season when All-OVC guard Cecil Andrews was injured. Malia exhibited a great deal of competitiveness that will carry over into this season.

Roy Berkemier of Austin Peay was dubbed a preseason pick last season but never quite lived up to his billing. In this his senior season Berkemier will live up to all expectations.

John Jackson of Eastern Ken-

tucky will also be a big help to the Eastern Kentucky offensive line. He is capable of opening several holes against opposing teams and he has a great deal of speed.

Doug Hintemyer of MTSU rounds out an elite group of offensive linemen. Over the past few years, he has mastered his position at center as well as anyone over the past three years. Hintemyer's maturity over that period of time will make one of the top center's in the conference.

Elliot Fedd of Youngstown State is the pick at tight end. He has great natural ability and can block just as well as he can catch the ball. Fedd should also be a pro prospect.

Marvin Collier of Middle Tennessee State University is by far the best all-around quarterback in the Ohio Valley Conference. There is no question to that.

However, Collier missed several games last season and all of the spring drills due to offseason surgery. It is uncertain if Collier will be back to his freshman form that carried him to OVC Offensive

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Athletic director John Stanford will make fundraising his top priority. Stanford took over the job in July.

Peterson gets baseball job

From Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Director John Stanford named his long-time assistant to the baseball head coaching position he vacated in July.

Stanford named Steve Peterson to the position, a move that has been expected since Stanford was named athletic director.

Peterson, in his first move as head coach, named Ronnie Vaughn as his assistant coach.

Peterson, a native of Huntsville, Ala., joined the Blue Raider coaching staff in 1984 to assist Stanford with head coaching duties and responsibilities. Peterson also coached at MTSU from 1976-78.

From 1978-84, Peterson was the head coach at Roane State Community College. Peterson compiled a 153-96 record while at the Harri-man, Tenn. school.

His 1981 club captured the Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association championship. He was named coach of the year in 1981 and 1984.

Peterson is a 1973 graduate of Jacksonville State (Ala.) University and earned a masters degree from MTSU in 1977.

Vaughn, also from Huntsville, Ala., was an outstanding athlete at Huntsville's Grissom High, playing football and basketball, as well as baseball.

Vaughn went on to become a junior college star under Peterson's coaching at Roane State in 1980 and 1981.

He joined the Blue Raider squad for the 1982 and 1983 seasons.

After helping lead MTSU to the 1983 OVC Southern Division title, he played a year of professional baseball at Bristol, Va., in the Detroit Tigers system. He then returned to MTSU as a student assistant coach, working primarily with the squad's catchers.

Stanford to upgrade athletic program

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Writer

To most people a collegiate coaching career that included a record of 402-272-4 would be more than enough to feel satisfied, but not to John Stanford.

After a 14-year career as the baseball coach with the most wins in Middle Tennessee State University history, Stanford stepped down from his position this summer to become the school's new athletic director.

"After 24 years (in coaching) I felt like I needed a new challenge," Stanford said. "I had some good years, and some bad years, in baseball, but they were all enjoyable. I'm just looking forward to a new job, and that's what I'm doing right now."

Stanford replaced Jimmy Earle, who resigned as MTSU's athletic director earlier this summer.

Stanford, a 1962 graduate of MTSU, spent six years as a coach at Shelbyville Central High School and three years at Motlow State Junior College prior to becoming head baseball coach at MTSU in 1972.

Originally from St. Landry, La., Stanford, 50, stated that he came to Tennessee to attend college with friends he had made while playing baseball in the Army.

"To make a long story short," he

remarked. "We all fell in love with Tennessee girls and have been here ever since."

Upon graduation from MTSU, Stanford spent two years as a pitcher in the Washington Senator's minor league organization, going as high as the AA level before beginning his career as a coach.

When asked what qualities he possessed which would help him in the position of athletic director, Stanford replied, "One thing is experience. I coached football in high school, and I've been in coaching for 24 years. It's my livelihood, so I should know a little bit about it."

"I feel like most of the things I decide about the coaching staff, they can feel comfortable about...because most things concerning athletics I think I have a pretty good background in."

The responsibilities of an athletic director are tough at any school, but especially at a school the size of MTSU. Stanford well knows the troubles his new job entails.

"We've had a good athletic program at MTSU, and we've got a good coaching staff. There's one thing that's the bottom line, and that's money. Money to run a good program that can compete on a national level."

"When our basketball team plays someone like Notre Dame," he added. "I don't think Notre Dame

worries about recruiting expenses that much. Other schools like the University of Tennessee, or whoever, they don't have to worry about the money situation as much as we do, and that's a big difference. We're trying to get that level closer by what we're doing now."

Several initiatives have been introduced to help raise money for the MTSU athletic department, including reorganizing the Blue Raider Club into the new Blue Raider Athletic Association, and hiring Scott Woodburn as its associate director. The major purpose of the B. R. A. A. is fund raising for the athletic department.

"I learned from coaching baseball that sometimes I had to go out and raise funds to run the kind of program I wanted," said Stanford. "Coach (Bruce) Stewart (men's basketball) and Coach (Boots) Donnelly (football) have both had to raise funds to meet recruiting budgets, for scholarships, for operating money, and whatever, to stay on a good level and compete nationally. Tennis and other minor sports have had to do the same thing on a limited budget. One of

my big priorities is to take them out of the fund raising business and let them coach."

Stanford also admitted that he felt the steps that he was taking in the MTSU athletic department would make the school a model for other OVC schools.

"I think all eyes in the OVC will be focusing right here because we're going out on a limb to raise more money for our teams," he commented.

Aside from financial worries, Stanford feels that the Blue Raider athletic program is in excellent condition, and the football and basketball teams should challenge for the OVC crowns.

"Everyone is organizing and moving in the right direction," he said. "Coach Stewart has taken his program to the NIT and NCAA tournaments, and Coach Donnelly has played for the national championship, so the coaching is in good hands."

"The football team has a lot of young players and they'll be tested early, but if they stay healthy, they'll challenge some people," he continued.

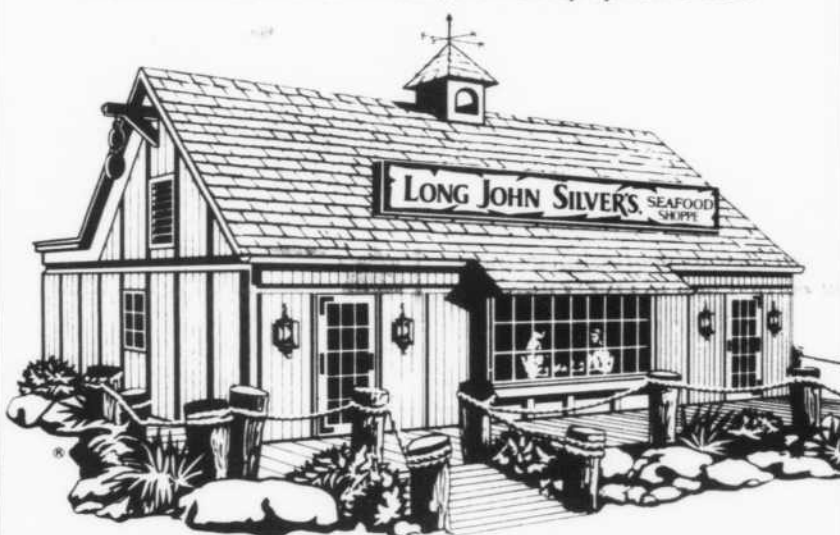
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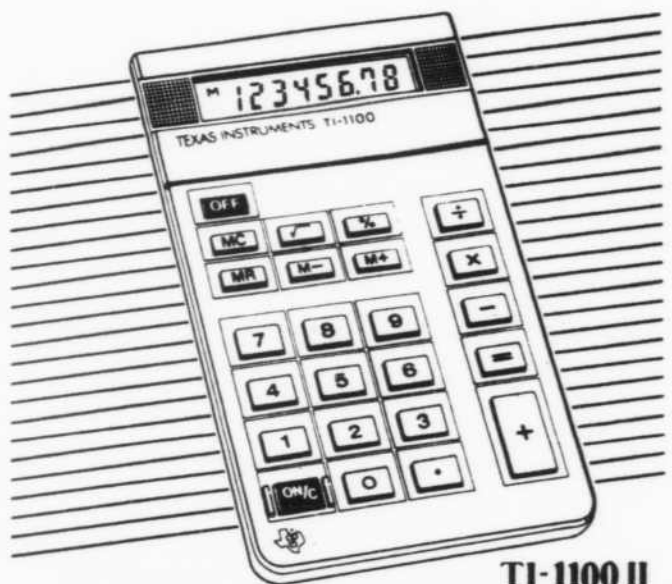
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Keith exits for UT position

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Writer

Women's Track Head Coach, Thomas Keith, is leaving Middle Tennessee State University to become an assistant women's head coach at the University of Tennessee.

University of Tennessee officials contacted Keith about the job in late July after hearing about him through several Southeastern Conference coaches. Keith accepted the offer August 7.

Keith stated several reasons why he accepted the UT coaching job.

"It's an opportunity to win the national championship and a chance to work with a first-class program," Keith said. "Some of the best athletes in the world are at Tennessee."

He also added that the investigation into the women's track program had nothing to do with his decision to leave the MTSU track program.

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completely settled. Tony Pearson, Wade Johnson and Pierre Womble are all competing for the top spot.

Senior Gerald Anderson should man the tailback slot as capably as he did two years ago, when he gained more than 1,000 yards and was a first-team All-OVC selection. It appears that Anderson has completely recovered from shoulder surgery that sidelined him last season.

The loss of punter Mark Morrison to graduation hurt the Blue Raiders, but what hurt even more was the departure of freshman Jim Cornette from the team during fall camp due to personal reasons.

Cornette was battling senior Kevin Cox for the punting chores. Cox is now in the drivers seat for the position. Though he is somewhat inconsistent, he usually gets the job done.

The placekicking duties took a turn for the worse when junior Dick Martin was ruled academically ineligible. Martin had kicked 75 extra points and 14 field goals in two seasons.

Junior Joe Lisle now has the responsibilities of placekicking and he has come on strong in fall camp to nail down the number one slot.

Even though the offensive line is very young, it is also talented. The right side of the line should be very stable. Steve Spurling is the only senior on the line and he plays right tackle. Sophomore Bob Malia will handle the right guard position.

The defensive line also has only one senior, Sam Boxley, however, it too should be very stable.

Buford's ouster from the team left the defensive secondary a bit more of a question mark than it might have otherwise been.

Tommy Barnes will take over for Buford at free safety with a great

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land, "the best recruiting class in 10 years."

Tech returns six seniors that were redshirted during 1986.

Fullback Eddie Hayward, all-conference in 1985, quarterback Patrick Pope, tailback Lorenza Rivers, running back Terry Goodloe, linebacker Thomas Squires and cornerback Mike Brown return for the 1987 season.

Hayward and Squires join wide receiver Kenneth Gilstrap (5-10, 170) and defensive back Jimmy Isom (5-11, 186) as preseason all-conference selections.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE: Jim Tressel and the Penguins are ready for their final season in the OVC.

Youngstown returns their field leader, Trenton Lykes, for his senior season. Lykes threw for 2,188 yards last season and connected on 60.3 percent of his passes, second highest in the league. He also threw 10 touchdown passes.

The Penguins also return preseason all-conference tight end Elliott Fedd (6-2, 210). Fedd, a good blocker with good speed, caught 35 passes last season and scored three touchdowns.

Tressel stated that his defensive unit has improved, especially with the addition of speed.

Free safety Jerry Dunlap, a transfer from South Carolina, was voted defensive captain before ever playing a down with the Penguins.

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Play of the Year and the Raiders to an 11-0 season.

For that reason we are going with Trenton Lykes of Youngstown State. It is no secret that Youngstown State has one of the most potent offenses in the conference. They also have Lykes to put the points on the board. Lykes has all the tools to make him a frontrunner at his position. He was the leading passer and total yards leader in the OVC last season and ranked 11 overall in passing efficiency in the NCAA.

Though everyone is picking James Crawford of Eastern Kentucky at tailback, our staff is going with Mike Lewis of Austin Peay. Lewis, a junior, is very explosive and if he gets the holes you can count on some yardage. Gerald Anderson of MTSU is also a strong candidate to take the honor, if he has completely recovered from last year's injury.

Eddie Hayward of Tennessee Tech is a strong candidate at the

deal of experience. Darrien Thomas is a returning starter and Chuck Swafford has the tools to make him the other starter. Don Thomas and Andre Dyer will handle the linebacker positions while Brad Cowan and Kenny Tippons are showing a great deal of progress at the defensive end slot.

The only solid position is with the receivers, where Robert Alford, Mike Pittman, Garrett Self, Vic Esposito and Joey Holley all have a great deal of experience. Newcomers Kenny Donaldson and Micheal Gordon will provide a great deal of speed.

Marvin Collier seems to be back from his shoulder injury of last year and has regained number one quarterback status. Collier's back-up,

fullback position. Hayward set out last season as his redshirt year. He is stronger this year than he was in 1985 when he gained over 1,000 yards from the wishbone.

Robert Alford of MTSU is without a doubt, the best receiver in the conference and one of the best in the country — on any level.

Alford has an enormous amount of speed and great leaping ability which compensates for his lack of height. He is also a big threat on the special teams (punt returner and kickoff returner).

Stanley Howard of Murray State is the other pick at receiver. He is the only returning all-conference player from last year's championship squad. Howard has dangerous speed and the ability to blow pass would-be defenders.

Paul Hickert of Murray State is the top choice for kicker in our poll. He enters this season with a string of 44 consecutive points after touchdowns, a school record.

Sidelines will run the All-OVC Preseason defensive team on Friday.

Van Dangler is very smart and is a solid back-up.

There are only two things for sure right now. Number one, the 22 players that Boots puts on the field will all give 100 percent for 60 minutes and secondly, Tennessee Tech will be a lot better this year. After all, how can you be any worse than 0-10? Except maybe 0-11.

TSU — OVC, will it work?

By PAT WARNER
Sports Columnist

This year the Ohio Valley Conference welcomes a new school to the ranks of competitors.

Tennessee State University will become a member with their teams competing in everything but football this year and all sports next year.

Based on their past track record of scams and unsportsmanship, I only give the Big Blue three or four years under the OVC banner, then they will pull out.

There are two simple reasons they will pull out — money and rules.

First of all their football team will lose money. For years they have been playing different schools for money, like last year when they played Mississippi Valley State University in the Hoosier Dome at Indianapolis, Ind. Being a member of the OVC means the Tigers will have to play six conference games, not for money, but for a conference championship.

They will be losing money games, something which college administrators are leery.

Another factor is that Vanderbilt University will no longer let TSU play at their stadium except when they play Middle Tennessee State University.

Since Hale Stadium is rundown and many junior highs have declined to play there, TSU's pocket

money for home games will decrease sharply.

This alone is the biggest reason why the Tigers will pull out of the OVC.

We all have heard rumors of Tennessee State breaking eligibility rules and such. Now they will have the OVC looking over their shoulders and checking up on them. Even the weak OVC will probably find some discrepancies with the way the Big Blue Machine is run.

Once they find out they have to follow the rules of the OVC and NCAA, Bill Thomas and company will be looking for the door.

This is not to say the Big Blue should quit the OVC.

Rather, the conference will probably be the best thing to happen to some of its sports.

Now the basketball, volleyball and other teams will have an outlet to reach the NCAA postseason tournaments. Also the type of play in these sports will be upgraded due to conference competition.

The OVC will actually help the Big Blue!

But I don't think they will stay around long enough to see the improvements the OVC will give them.

With the OVC, the Tigers can become a legal national power in many sports, they have the talent. Whether they remains to be seen.

Four years, tops.

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Sidelines Sports Briefs

CROSS-COUNTRY: Coach Tommy Smith is looking for anyone who is interested in running for the cross-country track team. No experience is necessary. "We would enjoy talking to anyone who is interested and would like to give them a chance," Smith said. For more information, contact coach Smith at 898-2450.

RUGBY: Any person interested in playing rugby for Middle Tennessee State University should meet at rugby practice. Practice is held on Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. on the Greenland Drive field. Interested parties can also contact either Eric Raney at 895-3549 or Tony Neely at 895-0477.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: The women's tennis team is looking for players and a manager. Financial assistance may be available. Some experience is necessary. Those trying out will compete against other perspective players. For more information contact Sandy Neal at 898-2450.

GOLF: Golf coach Walt Rogers is looking for anyone who is interested in trying out for the golf team. For more information contact coach Rogers at home anytime at night. His phone number is 890-3100.

BASKETBALL: The Blue Raider basketball team will be holding its annual fund-raiser on Thursday, Sept. 10. The 2nd annual golf scramble will be held at Old Fort Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the shotgun start. There is a \$60 entry fee for four man teams. Students can play for \$30. Corporate Tee and Green Sponsorships are available by calling the MTSU Basketball office at 898-2450. Registration forms can also be obtained from the basketball office.

ATTENTION: PUNTERS AND PLACEKICKERS! Any Middle Tennessee State University student who is interested in trying out for the respective positions on the Blue Raider football team is asked to meet with Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly in his office on Monday, Sept. 7 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Anyone interested in trying out will have to meet the MTSU and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility rules — there are no exceptions to the rules.

Any persons interested must meet with coach Donnelly at the date and times that have been set. Donnelly's office is located in the athletic offices located in Murphy Athletic Center.

Despite youth, volleyball could challenge for OVC championship

By TONY STINNETT
Co-Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee State University's women's volleyball team is young and somewhat inexperienced, nonetheless, coach Diane Cummings is very optimistic about the upcoming season.

"We have a lot of young kids and some new kids that I think will be good," Cummings said. "We still have a lot of work to do because we really haven't done all of the things that we wanted to get done by the start of the season."

Some of the incoming talent will be a nice welcome for MTSU's volleyball program.

Freshman Tyan Cook was the state's most valuable player last year and according to Cummings she has great all-around talent.

Kyeitia Beason, from Stratford is also an exceptional young talent. Beason claimed the long jump record in the state of Tennessee last year and she was never defeated over the entire course of the season.

Beason was named the female Athlete of the Year in Tennessee by the USA Today and she will be

a vital asset to the Lady Raider program.

Cummings will be entering her fourth year as the women's volleyball coach and now that she has established her system things are looking up for the volleyball program.

"It always takes a coach awhile to get established," Cummings said. "This is honestly the first year that I have felt good about going into the season. I don't like to be overly optimistic, but I do believe that we will have a good team this year."

This will be coach Cummings first season with all recruits that she has brought into the program and with four returning players to mix with the new talent she has the right to enter the season with an air of enthusiasm.

Perhaps the only thing that isn't in the favor of the Lady Raiders is the fact that they will be playing one of the toughest schedules in a long time.

"I think our schedule is extremely tough," Cummings said. "More than 80 percent of our games are against division one

teams."

The volleyball teams in the OVC are trying to play tougher schedules so that the conference will be more competitive and have a chance at gaining an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

Cummings firmly believes that her team has a tremendous chance of finishing in the top four in the conference and possibly winning the southern league, which is made up of Middle Tennessee, Austin Peay, Murray State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

"If we play good solid ball we can be in the top four in the conference and go to the end of the season tournament," Cummings said.

"The last two years we have been left out, so our goal is to win the southern league and be one of the top four teams in the conference."

To win the southern league and compete in the tournament is the goal of the team.

However, the most satisfying part of the season would be to beat Eastern Kentucky.

"Eastern has won the conference every year since we joined the NCAA," Cummings said. "I will not be totally satisfied until we beat them."

MTSU will open their volleyball season Thursday night against Tennessee State at Murphy Center.

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