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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT VOICE

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Carel E. Lambert/Staff

PERFECT. Ben Rodgers, a sophomore, draws a four piece abstraction for Klaus Kallenberger's drawing class in the Art Barn last Wednesday.

MTSU behind in funding *Other TBR schools receiving more state funds*

BRANDY BERRYHILL
News Editor

MTSU receives less state money than other four year institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents for improving current problems with classroom space, staffing, benefits, and curriculum the Tennessee Higher Education Commission said.

In the past seven years, MTSU has grown 48 percent, but still gets the lowest amount of state funds because of a "funding formula" that is used by TBR to regulate state funds.

"The reason we receive the second lowest support is how the funding formula works," said Director of Budget and Planning Ramona Taylor.

"You'll get more funding from the funding formula with a higher level of courses," Taylor said. "If we brought more students into graduate schools, it might affect our funding," Taylor said.

Because of the program mix and the credit hours of students in the Graduate, Masters, and

'MTSU's growth alone deserves special consideration, and the funding formula does not account for that,'

RAMONA TAYLOR

DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND PLANNING

Doctorate programs the funding formula gives more money to schools such as Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State University because they have more specialized higher level courses.

"I think that because of the program mix we have, we get penalized," said Executive Assistant to the President, Dr. Earle Thomas.

Funding for classroom space is part of the formula that MTSU has trouble with because of the amount of students enrolled. MTSU has the greatest need for more classroom and library space than any other TBR four year institution.

"That part of the formula gives only so much money per square foot of existing space," Taylor said. "We're receiving fewer dollars because we have less space," she said.

According to Taylor the

buildings at MTSU are being worn out faster than normal which also worries administrators about the future.

"Physically we can't hold anymore students. We've increased enrollment standards which may affect our rate," Taylor said.

Because MTSU uses part-time and student employees along with adjunct employees on campus, it is given the lowest support for administration benefits of all TBR schools.

"Only full-time employees are eligible for benefits. The formula bases their appropriations on what was actually spent on the administration's benefits last year," Taylor said.

"We need to add full-time faculty," the Director added.

The amount of money allotted for MTSU's faculty,

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IN THE NEWS...

WASHINGTON (AP) — Using harsh language against an old ally, President Clinton said organized labor is strong-arming lawmakers with "roughshod, musclebound tactics" to scuttle the North American Free Trade Agreement.

A top AFL-CIO official called the assertion "a cheap shot" and "simply not true."

In a rare and sweeping Sunday morning television interview, Clinton also insisted that North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb.

"We have to be firm about it," he said, but refused to discuss the possibility of a pre-emptive strike against the communist nation's nuclear facilities.

Clinton, appearing for an hour on NBC's "Meet the Press," reiterated his support

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Senate extends Phillips' hours, adds parking

Three resolutions passed to add bookstore hours, allow cordless phones and increase green parking

**HEATHER SMITH
MELONIE HAMES-PACK**
Special to *Sidelines*

The SGA Senate passed three resolutions last week: extending the hours of Phillips Bookstore, allowing cordless phones in housing and putting green parking spaces in front of the new nursing building.

The residents of Corlew Hall are currently having to park in front of Cummings and beyond. This poses a safety hazard for Corlew residents, walking back to the dorm from their cars late at night, said senate sponsor Larry Beaty.

The nursing building is being built on a parking lot that was formerly used by the 400 Corlew residents.

"The university has made no compensation for this loss," said Beaty.

About 77 parking spaces will be built around the new building but the color of those spaces has not yet been determined. The university Traffic Committee will decide what color code this area will be designated.

Speaker of the Senate Brian Hopper sponsored a resolution to extend the hours of Phillips Bookstore in the mornings. The bookstore now opens at 7:45 am.

The resolution contends that students in need of school supplies before their 8 am classes do not have enough time to go to the bookstore and be on time for class.

"Phillips Bookstore should

meet the needs of its customers. The bookstore needs to open 15 minutes earlier in the spring," the resolution states.

The Senate also passed a resolution to allow cordless telephones in the dorms.

"Technology has advanced to the point that interference caused by cordless phones and other past reasons for the cordless phone ban are not present," the resolution states.

The resolution points out that the MTSU Student Handbook does not say anywhere that cordless phones cannot be used in the dorms. In other SGA-related activity, residents of campus housing will be able to regain status as university organizations and will be eligible for representation in the SGA as early as spring.

Officials claimed ineligibility for representation resulted from a lack of communication. Every

organization represented in SGA must have a current constitution on file.

"I never knew that we had to update the constitutions," said Bernice Hughes, assistant director of housing.

Students at the open forum meeting with President James Walker at Smith Hall voiced concern over the lack of representation. Students and administrators were initially concerned that some type of conspiracy existed to prevent or impede residents of campus housing from participating in SGA, said Vice President for Student Affairs Bob LaLance.

LaLance said that after looking into the situation, his office found that some halls neglected to keep their constitutions updated and became inactive.

Efforts are currently under

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Carl E. Lambert/Staff

SUITING UP. Kevin Winston, Junior from Knoxville, puts on a hazardous chemical suit in his Environmental Science Technology class last week. Bobby Chaffin, a health and safety officer for Ferguson Harbor, Inc. of Hendersonville offers a helping hand.

Sidelines would like to welcome our two newest staff members. Brandy Berryhill, a Sophomore Public Relations major, recently accepted the position of News Editor. Corrie Cron, a Freshman Broadcasting major, has been hired as Assistant News Editor.

SIDELINES

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Sidelines is the student publication of Middle Tennessee State University. *Sidelines* is produced entirely by students and is published on Mondays and Thursdays. Staff meetings are every Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the *Sidelines*' office located on the third floor of the James Union Building. News tips are welcome, 898-2815 (MTSU Box 42). *Sidelines* is an equal opportunity, non-racially identifiable, educational institution which does not discriminate against the handicapped.

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

TODAY

MTSU STUDENT AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS are available in the Public Relations office, Cope Administration Building 205. Student Ambassadors serve as hosts and hostess for university activities. Students must have been on campus for at least one semester and have a GPA of 2.5. Deadline is November 15. Contact Gayle Robinson at 898-2919 for more information.

THE ART BARN GALLERY PRESENTS "ACCOUNTS SOUTHEAST: YURIKO YAMAGUCHI", an exhibition of five sculptural installations organized by the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. The exhibit runs through Nov. 18 and hours are M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call 898-2455 for more details.

GAMMA BETA PHI WILL HOLD THERE INDUCTION FOR NEW MEMBERS at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. New members as well as old members are asked to attend. There will be refreshments after the meeting. Contact Melissa Davenport at 898-4168 for more details.

THE MTSU WOMEN'S CHORALE IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS. All MTSU women who enjoy singing are encouraged to join. Members are not required to be music majors, in fact, the chorale welcomes women from all majors and no audition is required. The Women's Chorale meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:40-2:55 p.m. in Saunders Fine Arts 117 for 1 hour credit. To register, sign up for Chorus 0370-01, call number 05125. For more details call 2487.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFICE IS SPONSORING THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COFFEE HOUR from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the JUB. All are welcome. Contact George Pimentel at 898-2238 for more information.

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFICE IS SPONSORING THE FIRST ANNUAL STUDY ABROAD FAIR for students and faculty interested in opportunities to study internationally. The fair runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB and is free and open to the public. Contact George Pimentel for more details.

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFICE IS SPONSORING "FACULTY FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS," a lecture on faculty opportunities in the Fulbright programs at 2 p.m. in JUB room 202. Dr. Rolater from the History Department will be the lecturer. Contact George Pimentel for more details.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

PSY CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB will be having their meeting from 4:30-6:00 in Peck Hall 201. The topic will be Admission to Graduate School with Warren Jones, Chairman of Psychology at UT, as the guest speaker.

ONGOING

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is held at 4:45 p.m. Thursday. Women's Bible study is held at 4:45 p.m. Mondays. Contact Michael at 898-3716 for more information.

THE WOMEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM is seeking managers/statisticians. Anyone interested should contact Coach Karen Green at 898-2450.

THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets from 9 to 10 p.m. at the PSF House every Wednesday. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Hume at 849-3490.

THE SGA SENATE will be in session at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in KUC 316. Attendance is mandatory.

THE BHAKTI-YOGA VEGETARIAN CLUB meets from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in KUC 314. The meeting is open to all students. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION meets every Monday at 7p.m. in KUC 305. New members are welcome. Call Andrew Welug at 890-5097 for more details.

THE EQUESTRIAN TEAM meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Hannah Walker at 896-7839 for more details.

THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at 5 p.m. in the Wiser Patton Science Building Room 201.

A WOMEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is meeting at the Camels Group, 1231 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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On Thursday, Nov. 4, *Sidelines* ran a front page story entitled "Rutledge resident protest new hall director's actions. The story contained a quote which was credited to a student named Jennifer Carr.

A mistake was made. Not only did Ms. Carr not give the quote, she is not even a resident of Rutledge Hall. The misunderstanding was due to a mix-up on in the writer's notes.

On behalf of *Sidelines*, I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused to Ms. Carr. In the

future, we will take extra precaution before crediting quotes on breaking stories.

JASON WHATLEY
EDITOR

Bicycle accident encourages safety course for students

RICK WARD
MICHELLE MITCHELL
Special to *Sidelines*

A bicycle-auto accident on the afternoon of Oct. 28 left a MTSU freshman with 20 stitches, a sophomore with a shattered windshield, and authorities with a sense of the need to educate cyclists of traffic laws.

At 3:30 that Thursday afternoon, David Jason Money, a freshman, was travelling the wrong way on a one-way portion of C street between the Cummings and Corlew Halls when he ran into Sophomore Cheryl Britcher's 1992 Ford Mustang.

Money was thrown onto the hood of the vehicle, shattering the windshield. According to MTSU police officials, Money was treated at a local hospital for a concussion and facial injuries requiring 20 stitches.

"She must not have seen him," said MTSU police lieutenant John Wagner. "It's a miracle no one got hurt more seriously," he added.

Wagner indicated a need for education in traffic laws concerning bicyclists. At the beginning of the spring semester, cyclists are encouraged to attend the bicycle safety course that is being offered.

"Bicycle riders are more

vulnerable than motorists," Sgt. Reggie Farmer said.

Those who attend the course will be advised to wear helmets and to abide by the same traffic laws as motorists. The safety course will provide students with answers to any questions they might have concerning safe cycling, and will emphasize the importance of bicycle and vehicle safety, Farmer said.

"Due to the density of population on campus, bicyclists especially need to be more aware of the traffic laws," Wagner said. "Being on a bicycle doesn't exempt you from following the law."

Funding from state leaves MTSU short...

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administrators, and support staff is only \$3,274 per full-time student, about \$200 less than some TBR schools.

An income and expenditures graph shows MTSU's actual revenue and expenditures are now balanced. Before now MTSU had saved money and used it for some of the school expenses.

"We're being efficient, so why do we get the least amount of money?" Taylor questions.

"We don't have excess revenues, the growth has eaten up all the excess revenues," Taylor said.

Taylor explained that the TBR only takes into consideration the amount state funds that a school used the previous year, instead of what may be necessary for the current year causes a problem.

"MTSU's growth alone deserves special consideration,

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MTSU receives the lowest support for instruction per full time equivalent (FTE) students (\$1.9 million below average).

MTSU receives the lowest support for administration (\$1.2 million below average).

Senate...

From Page 1

way to update and revise resident hall constitutions and to activate representation of dorm residents in the SGA, said Housing Director Ivan Shewmake.

"Involvement in student government is one of the best vectors to acquire leadership and skill," said Shewmake. "We encourage residents in student housing to get involved in campus activities. It's a great way to learn social responsibility."

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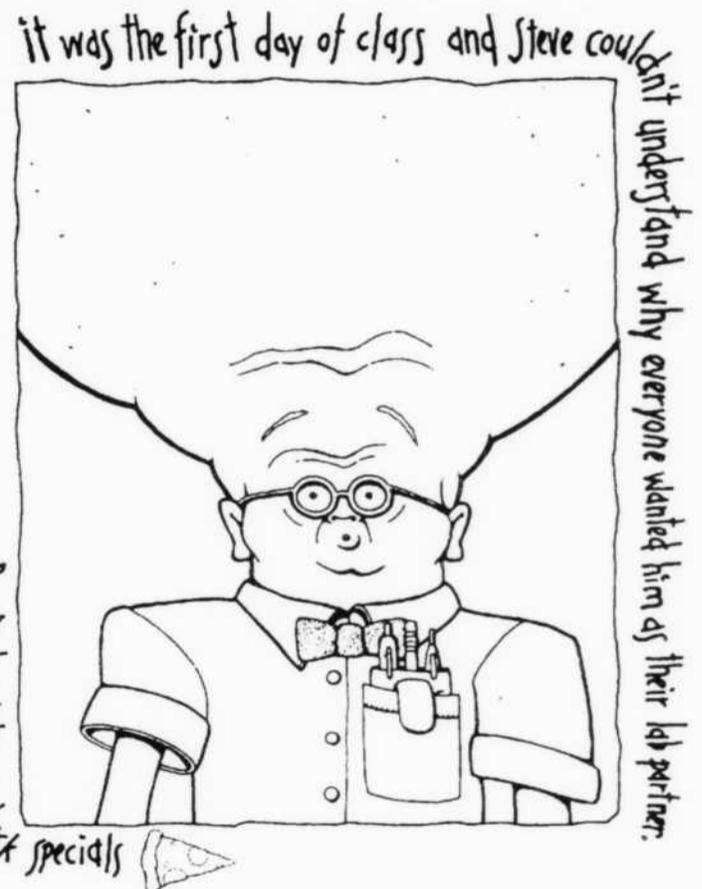


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Rec center construction to begin this month

DEREK BOWERS
Special to *Sidelines*

Construction on the new \$11.75 million campus recreation center is scheduled to begin in November said the director of campus recreation.

The multi-million dollar facility will be paid for entirely with funds from student fees, said Glenn Hanley, campus recreation director. The actual process for getting those funds is more complex, however.

State school bonds are sold to private individuals to raise money, said Ramona Taylor, budget and planning director.

The funds raised from these bonds are then given to the university to pay for a project, which in this case is the campus recreation center. The student fees are then used to pay off the bonds that were sold by the state.

The 120,000-square-foot building, designed by Thomas Miller and Partners of Brentwood, will be located in the fields behind family housing.

Projected completion date for the center is January 1995, despite the fact that construction was scheduled to begin this summer.

The new center will include an indoor pool, six racquetball

courts, six basketball and volleyball courts, four sand volleyball courts, a 6,000-square-foot weight room, a sun deck, an aerobics room and a climbing wall with modular holds.

"All recreation equipment will be state of the art," Hanley said.

As to the present location of campus recreation, Hanley said more classes would be held in the Alumni Memorial Gym, and the current free-weight room would be converted back into a gymnastics room. The weights currently being used will be distributed to dorms for use by students residing on campus.

Volunteers build hope

BRENT ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Halloween gave one charitable organization the opportunity to ask the Nashville community for support

The local Ronald McDonald House, "Home. For Awhile, Inc.," sent volunteers into the Nashville community to ask for donations to support the non-profit organization on Oct. 29, 30, and 31.

One hundred volunteers, including some relatives of sick children who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House to be close to their loved ones and several Nashville church youth groups, went door to door in full costume to assist in the fund raiser.

According to "Home. For Awhile's" executive director Gina Miller, they hoped to make raising money fun for all those involved.

"Halloween seemed a good time to do this because people were out trick-or-treating anyway," Miller said.

"We thought our volunteers could have a good time while making a much

needed contribution to the Ronald McDonald House, Miller said. "At this time we are still counting the money raised, but we hope to have five to six thousand dollars when the counting is over," she added.

The money raised will go to operational costs of the house, an 11,000 square foot facility which houses up to sixteen families at a time.

The Ronald McDonald House of Nashville is one of about 150 nationwide, which provides a home for families of sick children being treated in local hospitals.

The Nashville house is located on Fairfax Ave., easily accessible to most area hospitals and just one block away from Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Other Tennessee Ronald McDonald Houses are in Knoxville, Memphis, and Chattanooga.

Anyone interested in participating in next year's "House to House for the Ronald McDonald House" or other community fund raisers should contact the Nashville house, 343-4000.

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Bean dinner puts Democrats on road for '94

STAFF REPORTS

The Rutherford County Young Democrats expect to draw at least 200 people to their bean dinner from 6 to 9 pm, Saturday, November 13 at the Lions Clubhouse at Cannonsburg.

The major democratic candidates for governor, congress, county and city races have been invited to the first annual fall fund raiser for the Rutherford County Young Democrats. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$5.

'We want this fund raiser to be successful so that we can turn our focus from having money to operate to playing an active role in getting Democrats elected in 1994.'

**KIM HARRIS
PRESIDENT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS**

"The format of the dinner is come-and-go. There won't be any speech-making," Fund raising Coordinator Jackie Bell said, "just good old-fashioned hand-shaking and simple food to benefit our

Young Democrats club."
"As the slogan implies, we are 'On the Road to '94,'" President Kim Harris said, "We want this fund raiser to be successful so that we can turn our

focus from having money to operate to playing an active role in getting Democrats elected in 1994."

In addition to the bean dinner, the Rutherford County Young Democrats will also host a campaign workshop sponsored by area Young Democrats in the Lions Clubhouse from 1:30 pm to 5 pm. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Featured speakers are Cathy Young, Tennessee Democratic Party fund raiser; Sandra

Stapleton, Sen. Harlan Matthew's district director; Thomas McFarland, Chattanooga attorney; State Sen. Andy Womack; and State Rep. Mac Owensby.

The Rutherford County Young Democrats achieved state-wide recognition at the Tennessee Young Democrats convention this year by beating out 41 other clubs state-wide to win Club of the Year. The organization had the fourth largest delegation at the convention in Memphis.

Oustanding Seniors compete for Fellowship

STAFF REPORTS

Middle Tennessee State University's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society is inviting applications from outstanding college seniors for competitive fellowships.

Fifty fellowships for first-year graduate or professional study, each worth up to \$7,000, will be awarded. An additional thirty honorable-mention awards of \$1,000 will be given.

The criteria used for selection include scholastic achievement, high standardized test scores, honors and enrichment programs, leadership and participation in university and community activities, expression of study plans and career goals, and of evaluations by faculty.

Phi Kappa Phi, founded in 1897, has more than 250 chapters at universities and colleges throughout the nation. It is the only major national scholastic honor society that recognizes academic excellence in all disciplines.

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Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1993. A new contest opens January 1, 1994.

Local couple establishes \$30,000 scholarship

MARY CARR
Staff Writer

Ernest and Frances Smith of Murfreesboro have given \$30,000 to establish the Ernest and Frances Leadership Performance Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen who have achieved outstanding academic and leadership success during high school.

The \$30,000 endowment will generate a \$1,500 per year scholarship, covering all tuition costs.

Recipients must maintain a 2.8 grade point average in order to receive the scholarship money for a full four-year college career.

"We just think education is the key to the future in everything, we just want to advance it," said Ernest Smith.

According to Anne Deming, vice president of Development and University Relations, the Smiths are long-time contributors to MTSU in financial support and service.

"Their latest, very generous gift will provide a permanent endowment for scholarships for our best and brightest students for years to come," Deming said.



Jack Ross/Special to Sidelines

THANK YOU. President James Walker accepts the \$30,000 grant from Ernest and Frances Smith of Murfreesboro for the Ernest and Frances Leadership Performance Scholarship

"We are grateful to the Smiths for their thoughtfulness and generosity."

The Smiths said they are impressed by what MTSU has to offer to the community.

"Seems to me we're always going to concerts or games or something on campus," Ernest Smith said. "I'm not sure the community always takes

advantage of what's available at MTSU."

Smiths' careers were spent as social workers in the areas of counseling and parent-child relationships. They saw firsthand the role of a good education plays in the quality of life.

"MTSU is pleased to receive this generous donation and support from Ernest and Frances

Smith," said President James Walker. "It is the kind of support that allows the university to maintain its commitment of providing quality programs and support for deserving students."

Other Leadership Performance Scholarships have been established in the past. The Bill and Rita Lynch scholarship was established in May, 1992.

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Perot, Gore to debate free trade Tuesday

JAMES MARTINEZ
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — To the jangled strains of gospel music, Ross Perot preached Sunday against the North American Free Trade Agreement and chided the White House for not debating him in front of thousands of his supporters.

"This is talking straight talk to the American people, not hiding behind closed doors," the Texas billionaire told a fairground rally of about 3,000 people who cheered him amid a sea of signs reading "No NAFTA."

Perot told the crowd neither President Clinton nor Vice President Gore would agree to "look you in the eye" and debate NAFTA at the rally.

The Clinton administration initially proposed the debate, but rejected the hostile audience in Tampa. Perot then agreed to debate Gore on CNN's "Larry King Live" program Tuesday night.

"The President of the United States was on one of the morning shows today and said, 'I feel lonely, I feel isolated from the American people.' — He could have been here right?" Perot shouted. "If he would come out and spend time with you, he would understand that this thing

'The President of the United States was on one of the morning shows today and said, 'I feel lonely, I feel isolated from the American people.' — He could have been here right? If he would come out and spend time with you, he would understand that this thing will devastate the American people.'

ROSS PEROT
FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

will devastate the American people."

Perot told the crowd he was appearing despite being told by the FBI in Dallas earlier Sunday that he was the target of death threats.

He said he was told that a Mexico-based "mafia-like group" in favor of NAFTA sent six Cubans to kill him either at the Tampa rally or at the debate, which will be broadcast from Washington.

A spokeswoman for the FBI in Dallas, Marjorie Poche, said "We're not confirming or denying" Perot's statement.

Perot contends that NAFTA — which would set up a huge free trade zone by eliminating trade barriers between the United States, Mexico and Canada — would cost hundreds of thousands of jobs as U.S. companies open shop in Mexico, where labor is cheaper and environmental laws

less restrictive.

Clinton says free trade with Mexico will create 200,000 new jobs by 1995.

Frequently playing a recording of the Hank Williams gospel tune "I Saw The Light," Perot warned his audience not to be fooled by his adversary's arguments.

"If we let them play Lawrence Welk music and say, 'Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful,' we're going down the drain."

With a congressional vote on the pact looming Nov. 17, Perot said the media is promoting the debate with Gore like it was a "heavyweight boxing match or the Super Bowl."

"This is not a game," he said. "It's a dead serious discussion involving the jobs of millions of good, decent, hardworking Americans."

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for Russian President Boris Yeltsin and exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. And he said U.S. troops in Somalia would renew efforts to clear supply lines for humanitarian operations.

Jordan to have elections today amidst Israeli talks

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Candidates made last-minute appeals Sunday for votes in Jordan's first multiparty elections since 1956, in which proponents of peace with Israel are expected to retain a majority in parliament.

Monday's elections come after Israeli officials confirmed over the weekend that Jordan and Israel are close to reaching a peace agreement. King Hussein has not yet made any public comment.

While Muslim fundamen-

talists are expected to win the single largest bloc in the 80-seat lower house of parliament, conservative and tribal members who support Hussein's pro-peace policy are expected to keep a majority of seats.

The bicameral legislature must ratify any peace agreement, although Hussein retains ultimate authority with the power to dissolve parliament and rule by decree. The 40-seat upper house is appointed by Hussein and normally backs him.

Republicans to propose welfare reform legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reforming welfare is now such a popular idea that Republicans are racing to beat President Clinton to the punch while moderate Democrats press the White House to overhaul the system in time for

their 1994 campaigns.

House Republicans just finished their version of welfare reform legislation and plan to introduce the 154-page bill Wednesday. It ends welfare to most non-citizens, requires mothers who apply for assistance to identify their child's father, and limits lifetime benefits to two years.

Centrist Democrats, meanwhile, have sent notice to a White House that needs their votes that they intend to help the president keep his campaign promises to impose time limits and work requirements.

"We want him to know that he does not have to back down and settle for window dressing around the edges and leave the dry rot to continue to weaken the entire structure," said Rep. Nathan Deal, D-Ga.



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House to revise SGA constitution

HEATHER SMITH
Special to *Sidelines*

The SGA House of Representatives has proposed that the discriminatory clause be eliminated under the "Mandate of Student Rights" in the SGA constitution.

Currently under the "Mandate of Student Rights" the constitution states: "admission to the University's services, facilities, and activities is open to all full-time students without regard to race, creed, sex or national origin."

The Constitution Revisions Committee decided to add to the list sexual orientation and disabilities. The addition was a "cosmetic measure" to modernize the constitution, said Brian Hopper, committee member and Speaker of the Senate.

The House amended the proposal from the committee at their last meeting. The amendment suggests that the sentence should read:

"admission to the University's services, facilities and activities is open to all full-time students."

"The proposal was amended in the best interest of the students," said Speaker of the House, Drew Bergman. "I am scared that it may be too ambiguous. It opens up the student population to badgering," Bergman said.

"I don't like the amendment at all," said Elizabeth Millsaps, chairman of the committee. "I feel that it is going to defeat itself. If the discriminatory clause is not written in black and white and is too vague, it can be interpreted the wrong way," Millsaps said.

"If the House is going to keep rewriting our suggestions from the floor we might as well not have a committee at all and just let them yell out whatever they want to," said Hopper.

The amendment must now find a sponsor in the senate and pass through the senate before any changes in the constitution will be made.

Children's author to speak on campus

YVONNE BARTHOLOMEW
Staff Writer

Children's author Dean Hughes will speak at the university as a part of the "Pen Pals Project".

The author will make his presentation Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the James Union Building.

Hughes will discuss his books and writing career with local school children, members of the public and MTSU faculty, staff and students.

"This is a project funded primarily by the Friends Linebaugh Library and receives other support from the MTSU Public Service Committee, the Tennessee Humanities Council and area Parent/Teacher Organizations," said Ellen

Donovan.

Hughes was an associate professor of English at Central Missouri State University from 1972-1980 and a part time visiting professor at Brigham Young University from 1980-1982. He is now living in Provo, Utah.

Hughes gave up his tenured teaching position to write full-time.

He is known for a series of books featuring a character called Nutty Nutsall and another series dealing with a team called the Angel Park All-Stars, which follows the Little League team through an entire season.

Hughes said he tries to keep his stories humorous but with a purpose.

"I try to make kids laugh," said Hughes, "but I also like to



DEAN HUGHES

make them think." For more information on Hughes' visit, contact Ellen Donovan at 898-2653.

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A word from the Editor...

Where's the fairness?

In order to ensure that each school within the Tennessee Board of Regents receives their "fair" share of the limited supply of state funds, the TBR has uses what they like to call "the funding formula." This "formula" can rarely be explained by even the most educated administrators. In fact, most administrators I've talked to here at MTSU have conceded that they don't understand the formula and even called it "unfair." According to data produced by the Tennessee Higher Education Council, those administrators couldn't be more correct.

The facts show that although our enrollment has increased by about 48 percent in the last seven years, more than any other four-year institution in the Tennessee Board of Regents, MTSU ranks at the bottom for money appropriations as dictated by the TBR's "funding formula."

While MTSU has only 96 percent of the needed classroom space available, all other four-year institutions in the TBR, which are receiving more money per full-time equivalent (FTE) student, have more than adequate classroom space. In fact, Tennessee State University, which consistently receives the most state funds per FTE student has 250 percent of their needed classroom space. At the same time, MTSU has only 59 percent of the library space needed to accommodate our current enrollment. That's 18 percent lower than the school with the next greatest need, Austin Peay.

Despite this need, MTSU receives \$2.8 million less than the average TBR university for additional space.

Further facts show that MTSU has 14 percent fewer faculty, 45 percent fewer administrators, and 55 percent fewer clerical and support staff than the average four-year institution in the TBR.

MTSU also ranks second from last in the amount of instruction and academic support dollars per full time equivalent student. We receive \$3,274 per student while TSU tops the list once again with \$3,489.

The TBR also awards our faculty, staff, and administration with the lowest support for benefits. MTSU university employees currently receive some \$3.4 million less than the average TBR institution.

There are reasons why schools like Austin Peay, East Tennessee State, Tennessee State, and Tennessee Tech receive more money than our university. The most common excuse is that MTSU does not offer the same caliber of programs. For example, a school offering doctorate programs will have a better chance of receiving more funding than a school not offering either as many doctorate programs or offering them to as many students.

However, another reason is that MTSU has traditionally cut corners and generally has been frugal with our limited pool of money. This conservative fiscal policy has manifested itself through the use of adjunct faculty, part-time employees and student employees. Since MTSU is able to save money, the state awards the university less money.

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Moral decay, not guns, is the real problem

Twenty thousand troops. Got that! Twenty thousand troops will soon be shipped to Bosnia. We already have thousands in Somalia. It seems ironic to me that Mr. Clinton, the anti-military, Pro-gun control President sure likes to use both a great deal.

He wants to send arms to people in another country, but doesn't want American citizens to have guns. Can you see where this could end up in a few years? Taking away the right of American citizens to own a gun would be the worst mistake this country has allowed to happen in many years.

Okay, I realize that the anti-gun lobby just wants to establish



COLEY JACKSON
Managing Editor

a five day waiting period. In Tennessee there is already a seven to fourteen day waiting period because all applications have to be cleared through the sheriffs department. No one with a felony record can buy a gun.

Recently, a woman living in a northern state needed to buy a gun, after repeated threats on her life from her imprisoned husband. She bought a gun the day he was released and that night he tried to

kill her, but she shot him. If she had to wait five days to buy that gun she might have been dead. There is also a bill in Congress to increase the yearly tax, \$100 to \$3000 a year, to keep a license to sell firearms, that would put a lot of dealers (an estimated 75 percent) out of business. There is also a huge tax increase proposed for ammunition. These are just a few of the little tricks that the liberals are using to choke down on gun owners and dealers. The problem is that the anti-gun people will not stop with a five day waiting period. It just gets them a little closer to their final objective: a total ban on guns.

For the last few years the
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Search for cure instead of fault

How many of you have had the flu that's going around here yet? Trust me, it's a joy not to be missed. Most of us here at Sidelines are hacking and wheezing away as we work into the night to put together this edition for you. As I sit here, feeling as if I swallowed a baseball and had it get stuck in my throat, I can't help but reflect on how I came to have this malady strike me down.

I suppose the cause of this illness can be attributed to the actual bacteria in my body. But that still doesn't answer the question of who is to blame for



JAY TRAVIS
Copy Editor

this. After all, this is the 90's, and in this age of political correctness, there simply must be blame assigned to the cause of everything. If you don't believe me, just ask Ronald Reagan. I'm sure he is familiar with the concept.

So now the question becomes one of whom to assign blame for

the way I feel. Here we have a number of choices arise. The direction in which the blame shall fall for any issue in this day and age all depends on which side of the fence you stand on (or, if your last name is Clinton, which part of the fence on which you sit!).

Since I am a card carrying Republican, I suppose my illness is the fault of the failed Clinton health program. After all, the President (oh, I'm sorry, I meant the other president, Hillary) is supposed to be answering the peoples' prayers about the state of health care in her country. But

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plight of homosexuals not as simple as conservatives try to say

I would like to personally commend Mr. Eddy Dyer for his letter to the editor which appeared in Oct. 18 issue of *Sidelines*. It has, no doubt, shown the true struggle that many individuals in this country face on a daily basis, including lesbians, gays, and bisexuals.

It is a shame that Mr. Dyer views the courage many lesbians, and gay men have exhibited as a simple statement of, "Hey, look at me; I'm homosexual." It is not that simplistic at all.

There are many reasons as to why a heterosexual in this society would not feel the need to "affirm" his/her sexuality via social activism. For one, this society has already affirmed heterosexuality. A heterosexual, for example, does not have to censor day-to-day conversation; does not have to watch over his/her shoulder while holding hands with someone they love; has the legal right, if they so choose, to consummate the love they share with another human being; does not face the possible loss of housing, job opportunities, family, friends, their children, property, or their very lives based upon who they are and whom they happen to love. A homosexual person however, must face all of the above mentioned (and more) every single day.

As for special rights... I fail to see Mr. Dyer's logic. How is it possible for a segment of society to petition for "special" rights when that segment is lacking certain basic rights held by the rest of society?

Mr. Dyer so eloquently stated that, "When you make claims, you'd better back up those claims with facts." The facts are that there are no "equal" rights in America. Discrimination against individuals based upon sexual orientation, race, sex, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability and socio-economic status still exists.

Therefore, Mr. Dyer, if you feel that it would benefit the heterosexual community to charter an organization in order to address its needs, feel free to do so. Lambda will not stand in your way, nor will I. In fact, I would like to meet with you to further discuss these issues—without discussion understanding can never be achieved. How about it?

CHRISTY OSBORNE
Box 8636

Editor needs to keep his religious, intolerant views to himself

Regarding your Halloween (Oct.) editorial, do

you really think the issue here is the nonimportance of God in education? First Amendment "rights for the vast majority"? Censorship? Denying God and/or denouncing your beliefs?

Are you unfamiliar with the notion of separation of church and state? Is it such an incomprehensible or foreign concept to you that MTSU, as a STATE institution of higher education, should be free of religious affiliations, or that faculty should refrain from associating themselves with particular religious activities (such as prayer in class or graduation ceremonies, etc.) while acting in their OFFICIAL capacity as state employees? Has it not occurred to you that students already have at least TEN "moments of silence" BETWEEN classes to kneel, pray, shout, chant, burn incense, or otherwise offer utterances of petition or devotion to a Divine Being, "if they so choose"?

And what of choice? Have you forgotten why the Pilgrims and the Puritans headed west across the Atlantic in the first place? Something called freedom of religion, maybe? (What a radical concept!) Are you honestly so tunnel-visioned as to think that the Judeo-Christian Belief is the One, the Only, the True Way in America? It obviously isn't, given the presence of several hundred alternative religions, whether or not you agree with their doctrines, and whether or not you also comprehend that freedom of religion includes freedom from religion. (And who says Zen Buddhism is a pagan religion, anyway? That's news to me, and probably also to a few wiccans I know.)

Oh, yes, and about those ads that promote "partying and getting drunk"? Please point one out. Every "party ad" I've seen lately in this illustrious paper encourages the *responsible* consumption of alcohol. These establishments pretty much have to, if they want to keep their beverage licenses, don't you think? Or did your implied discontent at selling these ads stem from a personal yearning to limit readers' responsible choices in refreshment and recreational consumption?

For that matter, is not your disdain of alternative religious *news*, cop-killer music *reviews*, and "immoral acts or lifestyles" *articles* simply a subtle (or not-so-subtle) censorship urge of your own? Are new ideas so scary? Or do you merely relish the notion that information is power and that you are the gatekeeper with the power to disperse or withhold that information and thereby to dictate our morals and values? You seem to assume that we have no brains with which to think for ourselves.

Is *Sidelines* a narrow, moralistic, religious
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Gun control advocates often forget the real problem...

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anti-gun lobby has focused a great deal of effort on fully automatic weapons. In order to purchase a fully automatic weapon one must go through a great deal of red tape. Your background is checked and FBI agents follow you. They ask people what kind of person you are. If this all checks out (about a six month process) then you get a third class license.

Let me stress this point: There has never been a violent act or a robbery with a registered fully automatic weapon. A person caught in crime with one of these weapon gets a mandatory sentence of at least 15 years. The weapons used in these crimes have always been illegal and

committed by people without licenses. Logical sense would tell you that if we as good citizens are not allowed to own these weapons then only the criminals will have them. Laws don't stop them now and further laws will do nothing either.

Connecticut recently proposed a law to ban all automatic weapons in their state. First of all Colt, one of the world's largest weapons manufacturers, is in Connecticut. Secondly, the state of Connecticut owns a large portion of Colt, so the state would be breaking the law it made. So what would the state do? Would they close a successful, 130 year old, employer of hundreds, so that they can pass a law?

'The weapons used in these crimes have always been illegal and committed by people without licenses. Logical sense would tell you that if we as good citizens are not allowed to own these weapons then only the criminals will have them. Laws don't stop them now and further laws will do nothing either.'

Due to the liberal control in our big cities, police officers are not armed with the weapons to fight the gangs that have the arms. For instance, New York City police officers are only allowed to carry 38 caliber revolvers. Their criminal counterparts have a vast array of automatic weapons.

If the gun control activists want to worry about a weapon they can worry about the so called "Saturday Night Special". This is a cheaply made, cheaply bought

Patriot sees South as 'occupied territory'

It is very difficult for me to understand how someone can consider the Southern Confederate States to not be occupied territories of the Federal United States.

First of all, we do not have free will in our own states. The federal government tells us how to educate our children, what type of health care is or is not acceptable for our own people and what we can or can not do with our own land. They even decide what crops our farmers may or may not plant. Why, the federal government even comes into our state and tells us when our children are to be considered adults, when we must go and fight in the President's wars and even has the ability to dictate to us how liberal or conservative the morals of our communities must be.

The long list of programs that Mr. Hoenie submitted in his letter addressing my beliefs are in reality strong testimony to the runaway powers of Federal government. Most of those programs were state-founded programs that the Federal government has usurped from state control. Many more of these programs have been forced upon us against our will. Still others were enacted by government to the detriment and destruction of similar programs already in existence by the states and private enterprise. And as far as any responsibility for a part of the national debt, I think perhaps government owes a debt to society for frivolous and wasteful mismanagement of funds.

Furthermore, Hoenie states that he wouldn't even consider the Southern states independent



SCOTT HAMILTON
Special to
Sidelines

unless we paid back federal investments in these programs. Simple enough, once the federal government allows us to reinstate our natural form of government. I will happily lead the way in petitioning my Confederate congressmen to make reparations for these wonderful benefits, provided that the assessment of what we "owe" doesn't exceed the cost of repairing the damages done by the federal government to our land. These damages include but are not limited to: repairing the damages from toxic wastes left by government sanctioned strip mining, the destroyed marshlands that were laid waste in the name of protecting us from floods, the polluted water table, chemical waste dumps and the like. We might let them off the hook for war and "Reconstruction" damages, but I kind of doubt it.

You see, we Southerners have neither the desire to forget what the occupying forces have done to us, nor are we of a mind to let you off easy for it. This is especially true, since you Yankees have the audacity not only to refuse to apologize for the violation of our national borders and the rape of our populace, but to even have the bloody arrogance to tell us that we were wrong for not wanting to be a part of your country. Hoenie is right about one thing,

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militia. Now, you may say the times were different then and there is no chance of that need. It would be conceited to think we could never be invaded. Besides, the Constitution wasn't something that our forefathers meant to have changed every 20 years.

An old saying that goes "guns don't kill people, people kill people," is totally true. In Switzerland every man owns a weapon by law. That a law not even found in the United States. The Swiss crime rate is also very small. This shows just a little more evidence that the moral decay and lack of appropriate punishment for criminals are the real reasons why murder rates are so high in this country.

(\$20), inaccurate .22 caliber automatic handgun that is used in the majority of the crimes with weapons. Legitimate gun manufacturers don't make these weapons and very few dealers will sell them. Gun collectors and users also don't buy these guns. These are not to be confused with the higher quality small pistols such as the Beretta.

The Constitution gives every American the right to own a gun in case they are needed in a

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we are a part of the United States. We were made a part of the United States by Yankee fire and sword and we are not likely to forget it. A forced union is not a union; it is an occupation, and that is in fact what the Southern states are, i.e. occupied.

I feel that other rebuttals of direct and indirect nature must be addressed as well. If the flags of the Confederacy stand for hatred of the Black races, why then was it seen flying over the jubilant crowds who were seen celebrating the fall of communism in Eastern Europe? Does the music of Hank Williams, Jr. target Blacks in some form of musical racial assault? After all, that flag is one of his trademarks. The answer to all of these questions, of course, is no. Not one of the flags of the Confederate States of America stands for racial hatred. The flags of the Confederacy are used to show revolution; a desire for change. That is not to say I condone this. Actually I think it is quite heinous that the symbols of my downtrodden country are so desecrated. This applies to the Nazis, KKK, and all others abusing these images, as well as the Crips and Bloods who have been seen displaying the Southern Cross of St. Andrew. To say that the symbols of slavery are the symbols of the Confederacy is simply ridiculous. Equally ridiculous is the statement that Malcolm X does not represent hatred. Malcolm X, who has made such grand socially harmonious statements as, "all White people are blue-eyed devils", not to mention the infamous "By any means necessary" speech. A man who exhorted others to violence is as guilty of violence as those who actually committed the act. Those who expound the aforementioned statements are

'The claim that anything that is offensive to "any one taxpayer" should be banned is particularly ludicrous. Were we to abide by that ideology, every single cultural, national, ethnic, religious, historical and personal symbol in existence throughout the world would have to be erased. No matter what it is, every symbol is personally offensive to someone.'

very definitely making themselves known as racists, and that's what that X means to me.

The claim that anything that is offensive to "any one taxpayer" should be banned is particularly ludicrous. Were we to abide by that ideology, every single cultural, national, ethnic, religious, historical and personal symbol in existence throughout the world would have to be erased. No matter what it is, every symbol is personally offensive to someone. Considering that we live in a so-called democracy, the majority opinion should hold. If the majority of the people living in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Franklin County, Canon County, MTSU or wherever, desire a symbol similar to, connected with, or related to their Confederate heritage, then they should have the right to it.

Anytime a minority opinion dictates to the majority opinion, resentment will grow and breed hatred. If you of the minority opinion are going to threaten us with the resurrection of Nat Turner, you may as well threaten us with a repeat of the St. Bartholemew Day Massacre and then attempt to do it. Whether you like it or not, the South is rising again, even as we argue. The fact of the matter is that we have you to thank for it. Until you began the assault on those things which are held dear to us, Southern nationalism was at a minimum. Now, because of such things as the removal of Nathan Forrest, attacks on the Georgia

flag, and the Congressional attack against the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Southern nationalism is rising daily. In fact, TNT and CNN conducted a poll that shows 65 percent of all people living in the South are in favor of a free Southern nation. This poll also shows 35 percent of all Blacks in the South are in favor of a free Southern nation. The statement has been made that if we continue to assert our natural rights, we will be surprised in the end result. This is very wrong. Oh, there will be some very surprised people, but it won't be us.

As it stands, attacks against our heritage must stop. Those symbols of our heritage that have been removed must be replaced and the legislative pull of the racial hate group, the NAACP, must cease. If the NAACP elects to alter their agenda to improving Black education, Black health and cleaning up Black communities, we have no problem with that. But they need to just leave us alone, or they will be severely surprised. We are no longer prepared to endure your hatred, and we are prepared to fight to maintain our heritage, "by any means necessary". I am prepared to sacrifice for my cause; can you

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TBR isn't being fair...

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During the 1988-89 fiscal year, MTSU had more savings than any school in the state. With about \$6.5 million in savings, the administration was able to fund many of the needs of our quickly expanding enrollment. By most definitions, this policy of saving money during the good times and cutting spending and drawing from savings to help pay for services in the lean times is good management; unless you're the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Now our savings is down to almost nothing. Yet instead of rewarding MTSU for practicing sound fiscal policy, we have been punished for trying to watch our dollars.

You see, the funding formula used by the TBR to determine state appropriations to its member institutions does not look at the total amount of money used by a school in its previous year. It only takes into consideration the amount of money requested and used from state funds. In other words, since

MTSU has been drawing from its own savings, instead of the taxpayers', we receive less than those institutions which choose not to draw from their savings.

I'm sure that the funding formula is very intricate. I'm also sure that much thought and debate went into its creation to ensure that the formula is fair. Nevertheless, no matter how many academicians have pondered the ramifications of the funding formula, one point is very clear. MTSU, while clearly having the greatest need for more money, is consistently receiving less and less.

Do students of ETSU, TSU and TTU really need more money than students here at MTSU? Do students of other universities really deserve more adequate space than we do? Does our faculty really deserve less benefits than the faculty of other schools? Why must our students be taught with fewer faculty and served by fewer administrators who are also understaffed? Where is the fairness in that?

Blame the real problem...

From Page 10

guess what, I and most of my friends are ill. Is this a sign of the times or what? Perhaps Mrs. Clinton's master plan doesn't allow for Republicans to be healthy. Could this be a conspiracy?

Which brings us to the next theory. Perhaps this is all part of some conspiracy to eliminate Republicans from the face of the earth. A virus, created by the government labs, is released into the general population and then health care is only provided to a select few. A plague would then wipe out the enemies of those in power without their own hands getting dirty. I like to call this my "They're all out to get us" theory. After all, being paranoid about sinister forces trying to eliminate one group or another by some supposed genocidal plotting is politically correct nowadays. My only problem is that as a Republican, the list of those who are supposed to be out to get us is so long, I would probably be dead by the time I eliminated all the suspects down to the supposedly guilty party.

I'm sorry, did I say supposedly? I forgot, in political correctness, facts are secondary to the accusations they are to support. In other words, it doesn't matter if my cold is caused by a virus or bacteria, if I claim it to be the fault of some politically incorrect adversary, and can manage to take a fact or

two out of context enough to at least seem to support my position, then in the eyes of the media and the minds of the special interest groups the accused is guilty as charged.

What was that? You said, "Oh, come on now, Jay, don't you think you're being a little extreme just to make your point?" Well, as long as I make my point, no extreme is too far to go. Just ask any unemployed logger out west who no longer can support his (or her) family because a spotted owl might have to find a new nest. I guess the logger is supposed to find a new "nest" in the government welfare programs. Thanks, Mr. Gore and all you other environmentalist wackos out there. Thanks from all those loggers and all those others who have lost their dignity from losing their jobs to save the precious wildlife. I guess they can blame you for what plagues them.

But in the meantime, the question remains. Who do I blame? Well, here's a novel idea for our time. How about I just shrug my shoulders and say, "It doesn't matter who's to blame for what's wrong with me. All that matters now is that I try to cure it." With this really original approach to life, I have found one tends to get a lot more accomplished. O.K., it's not original. But occasionally, even an old conservative like me can hit on something that works.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

tabloid? Or is it a student-run university newspaper dedicated to training budding journalists in professional media etiquette AND serving the diverse (keyword here: *diverse*) interests and needs of its target audience — US, for better or worse the members of this campus? First-class paper? Maybe eventually, if you keep at it.

If you want to be ignorant, suit yourself. If you want to whine, call your congressperson. If you want to preach, start a church. If you want to be a journalist, write like one.

PENELOPE WISEMORE
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Homosexuality is clearly defiant to God's Word

Is homosexuality okay? This heated debate seems to be more spirited than ever. In last week's *Sidelines*, an article appeared in which homosexual relations were deemed fit in the eyes of God. I feel this revelation to be totally out of line. The article contains many inconsistencies with the word of God. Although the Bible is very difficult to understand, it clearly states types of sexual behavior which are sinful in the eyes of God. These behaviors can be found throughout the Bible, and they are clearly in defiance to God's word. As a Christian, I am obligated to determine the morality of an issue. I have to decide if a certain action is right or wrong. By evaluating specific types of behavior, I proceed to live according to the teachings of the Bible. If people openly state homosexual actions are an "abomination that doesn't necessarily make them

homophobic. Whether people want to admit it or not absolutes do exist in this world. God definitely judges us by "the way we use our genitalia. The Bible openly speaks against adultery, and I dare say adultery involves the use of genitalia.

Although I admit gays sometimes face fierce discrimination, I feel they deserve no more rights than the average, heterosexual citizen. Homosexuals deserve only those rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. I know in today's society everyone isn't treated equal, but in the end the judgment of God will come before everyone. His judgment shows no favoritism for everyone is accountable for sin in the eyes of God.

The morality of such issues is very important to the future of our country. although I admit my shortcomings in the eyes of God, I think as Americans we should

begin to realize the implications and messages our actions send. For God judges man by his actions, thus we need to bring back the traditional Christian values which may bring our nation back into a proper status.

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JFK anniversary sparks courses

November 22 marks the end of the third decade since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The mysterious circumstances surrounding his death still spark debate, not just among assassination buffs, but in college classrooms as well.

On the 30th anniversary of the tragedy that unfolded in Dallas, the nation will be deluged with television clips, newspaper stories and memorial events. Hot debates over the "lone gunman vs. conspiracy" theories will be the order of the day.

Colleges and universities throughout the country offer seminars and classes on the subject. In some college classrooms, director Oliver Stone's movie, "JFK," will be watched by many students born more than a decade after the tragedy.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, one professor is wishing the movie craze will end so that students in his class can grasp the objective facts of the case, which he says are far more damning than the movie.

"I do not know what happened to President Kennedy," said David Wrono, a professor of history who has taught a course called "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy" for 15 years. "But I do know that the institutions of America failed us. When we investigate the critical facts of the assassination, the situation is much worse than the theorists pose."

The 30-year-old murder is a "crisis in our history," said Wrono, who has taught history for 30 years at Wisconsin and began reading and collecting data a month after the assassination. "We were a decent and honest and trusting people. But things changed then."

Wrono contends that the murder was never properly investigated and the society was failed by the media and other institutions that did not investigate to see if government officials were being honest in their investigation of the case.

"Frankly, 'JFK' has been a hindrance to this course. It excites people. It's touchy-feely, warm and fuzzy," Wrono said. "And it takes weeks for students to realize that the movie does not articulate the major questions. The movie raises false issues. The valid issues are much more serious and critical than the movie suggest."

"Most murders are not solved," said Wrono. "And 30-year-old murders that are re-opened have a minimal chance of being solved." The major point is that the information is so muddled we can't find out. That's the real crime of Dallas," he said.

"I have no trouble packing this class," Wrono said. "Students are stunned when they investigate the facts."

He noted that former students still write and call him to discuss the

College alert

KAREN NEUSTADT
College Press Service

assassination.

Wrono blasts the newest book on the Warren Commission report titled "Case Closed," calling it "the most dishonest and knowingly corrupt book ever published on the Kennedy assassination." The book says the Warren Commission was correct in its conclusions that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in shooting Kennedy.

In the city of Dallas, a disquiet still surrounds the historic event.

"The young people in this country are what keep me doing this," said Larry

"Aggies for Truth," have put their names on the petition.

The nation's first college class about the assassination, going strong since 1977 at the University of Texas-Arlington, has attracted the curious high school students to former CIA agents, since its inception.

The instructor, Jim Marrs, is a former investigative newspaper reporter and author of "Crossfire: The Plot that Killed Kennedy" - one of the two books that "JFK" was based on. Marrs, a self-confessed conspiracy theorist, has been collecting data on the event since 1963 when he was a police reporter in Lubbock, Texas.

Marrs says he immerses the class in the historical events surrounding the assassination and has students bone up on the Yalta agreements, the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba, the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency and America's involvement in Southeast Asia in the '60s.

It was not until a Senate hearing on the assassination in 1984, said Marrs, that the average citizen began to question the happenings in Dallas in November 1963. That's when Marrs' class began to fill.

"In the beginning, when I asked who thought Oswald acted alone, every hand in the room would go up. By the fall of 1984, no one raised their hand," said Marrs, noting that a 1984 Senate hearing on the assassination raised questions never heard before by the public.

Marrs, who befriended Oswald's mother after the shooting, said he believes her account of the event, which was that her son did not act alone and was part of a larger plan to remove Kennedy from office. Marrs is convinced that the president met his death because he started to pull troops out of Vietnam.

This fall at Southern Connecticut State University at New Haven, students sat on the edge of their seats as Bob Harris, a former electrical engineer for the Saudi Arabian army and assassination buff, gave what he calls a "comedy-scare" routine in which he laid out what he considers absurd government explanations for Kennedy's death.

The culprit, Harris tells the audience, was the Central Intelligence Agency, acting under the protection of the United States government. Harris, like many conspiracy theorists, believes that there were two gunmen involved in a plot to increase American involvement in Vietnam and to overthrow Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

At Marquette University in Milwaukee, a new course entitled "The Kennedy Assassination" requires students to watch the "JFK" film and then compare its version of the event with other accounts.

Students grapple with evidence on the assassination that includes eyewitness testimonies and still photographs and learn to make conclusions from conflicting data.

College assassination buffs will be watching Dallas on Nov. 22 when hundreds will gather for a conference at a downtown hotel near the historic motorcade route where the drama unfolded. The conference, which features discussions, eyewitness accounts and displays of merchandise and books, is sponsored by the Austin, Texas-based Assassination Symposium on Kennedy (ASK).

These hard-core buffs will hear Norman Mailer, Pulitzer-Prize winning writer and author of a new book on Lee Harvey Oswald, discuss his version of what happened on Nov. 22, 1963.



LISA LARSEN/LIFE

JOHN F. KENNEDY'S WEDDING TO JACQUELINE BOUVIER, 1953

Howard, founder of the JFK Center in Dallas, a 6,000 square-foot building that is a repository of assassination information.

"Since the 'JFK' movie, I've received calls and letters that it inspired them to write. I find it very rewarding," he said, noting that the center displays a petition with 65,000 names demanding the case be reopened by local Dallas authorities.

"We're collecting information and evidence," Howard said to prove that Oswald, the rifleman who shot the president, did not act alone. Howard acted as a consultant for Stone in the filming of the "JFK" film.

The movie, based on a book researched by Howard and written by a Texas journalist, has fired the imagination of the country's young people, and it may be this generation that finally gets to the truth, Howard said.

At Texas A&M University, a group of 100 students, who call themselves

"We get an awful lot of police officers," Marrs reported. "They realize that everything about the investigation was done contrary to standard."

So many flocked to the Arlington campus after the release of the "JFK" film, Marrs said, that the class had to move into an auditorium. There was also an overflow class in 1988, the 25th anniversary of the assassination.

"I'm trying to give them the breadth and depth of the story. From day one, the reporting was one-sided because the reporters were at the Dallas city hall receiving information from the FBI," he said.

Until the American people bother to study the details of the case, Marrs said, they will accept the status-quo thinking on the case. However, as more information is uncovered, he predicts an eventual groundswell of public opinion demanding a re-examination of the Warren Commission Report.

311 performs at Exit/In

Music. It's the best way to describe 311's unorthodox, unconventional debut album of the same name. One of the freshest, most daring young bands in modern music, 311, incorporates a full range of styles to accomplish the seemingly impossible - a rapping, rocking, reggae, rhythmic album, with a style and substance decidedly their own.

This Omaha, Nebraska, band's sound simply defies description, even while it exceeds expectations. When vocalist Nicholas Hexum, guitarist Timothy J. Mahoney and drummer Chad Sexton graduated from high school together in 1988, they formed a group called Unity, throwing away the stereotypical categories of most bands.

After an unfortunate breakup, due to a keyboardist who didn't work out and Hexum's departure for Germany, the band luckily reunited as 311, with added members P-Nut on bass and SA on vocals.

Making their debut, 311 opened for alternative favorites Fugazi on June 10, 1990, at Sokol Hall in Omaha. The electrifying performance sparked a fervent local following, and 311 released their first self-produced album, *Dammit*, soon after.

The band's second album, *Unity*, was a best-selling local release that consolidated their growing reputation. Continuing on the trail to total diversity, *Hydroponic* followed four months later. 311 continued to play locally, selling out show after show, until they eventually moved to Van Nuys, California, in search of a

Music Rewind



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Life! Editor

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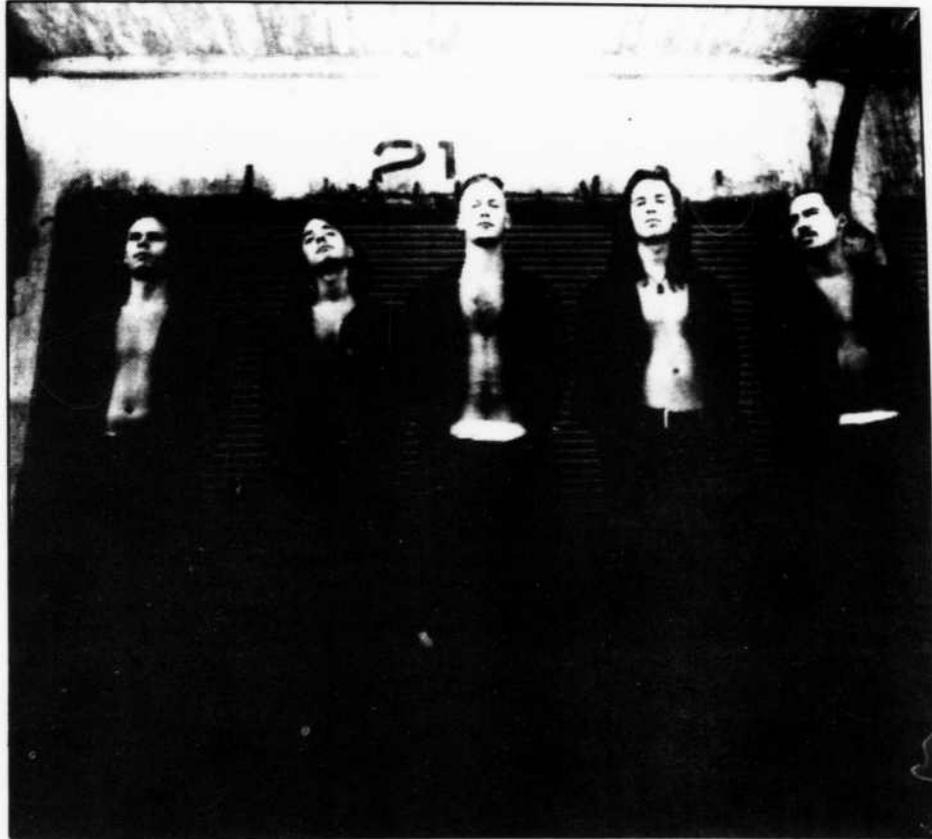
The unique, high-energy sound of 311 first caught the attention of Capricorn Records in March 1992.

"We were very taken with them. They flow from genre to genre with such ease, but not at the expense of their musicality," explains Don Schmitzerle, Capricorn's vice president and general manager.

Featuring such songs as "My Stoney Baby," "Hydroponic" and "Freakout," all 12 mesmerizing songs on *Music* highlight an exciting mix of what 311 likes to call "Rock-style rap." Incorporating a jazzy, melodic pace, "My Stoney Baby" is impelling and risque. High-paced "Do You Right" is a new-style salsa, sure to start your feet grooving. "Paradise" begins with an engaging guitar riff, slows into a melodic, reggae chorus, then cranks it with a heavy metal barrage, further demonstrating 311's unrestrained musical style.

"I'd like it to be the party album to end all party albums," Hexum says of *Music*, produced by Eddy Offord, who worked with Yes.

"Music will be the album that people put on when they get together and want to have a good time," he predicts enthusiastically. "Just as Led Zeppelin brought blues to a diverse audience in the 1970's, 311 will bring rap to fans of all types of music in the



311

'90s."

"Don't try to label 311 or try to compare us to anyone else," Hexum insists. "Terms are just shortcuts to listening to the music and figuring it out for yourself."

They are such an unusual mixture of music they will remind you of everyone and no one. 311 really can't be compared to anyone else. I admit that I was toe-tapping and dancing

around when I listened to the album. It is well worth a listen, and if their live show is anything like their album, the Nov. 12 appearance at Exit/In should be a blast!

They will also be appearing in the area at Flamingo's in Knoxville on Nov. 13 and New Daisy Theater in Memphis on Nov. 14. As their song "Nix Hex" suggests, "The rhythm will make you want to move your body."

Cajun fais do-do to be held at MTSU

Middle Tennessee State University Photographic Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of its November exhibit, featuring the work of Southwest Louisiana photographer Philip Gould.

The exhibit, titled "Cajun Music Zydeco", takes its name from Gould's recently published book by the same title. The exhibit will feature thirty-four 16' x 20' color photographs, selected from the 105 images shown in the book. His work in this book is the first major photographic work to explore the dynamic, yet traditional, worlds of these very popular musical styles.

Mr. Gould's work has also been featured in two earlier books on Louisiana and Cajun culture, as well as in the pages of Smithsonian, National Geographic Traveler and Louisiana Life.



The Arts

ELIZABETH DOMEN
Life! Editor

To mark the opening of the exhibit and bring the music to life, two public lectures and a traditional Cajun Fais Do-Do will be held on Monday, November 15. Gould will speak about the making of his book at 1 pm in room 101 of the Bragg Graphic Arts building. Musician and author Ann Savoy will present a lecture titled, "The History of Cajun & Zydeco Music Through Image and Sound," at 3:30 pm in room 104 of the Mass Communications building.

At 7 pm in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building the Fais Do-Do (dance) will begin. Rutherford County resident and Louisiana native Abe Manuel and his family band will open the

festivities. Also, Manuel's, of Milton, TN, will be catering the MTSU event with authentic Cajun fare.

At 8 pm the featured, internationally renowned, Savoy-Doucet Band from Eunice, Louisiana, will play. The band features cajun accordionist Marc Savoy and cajun fiddler Michael Doucet, with Ann Savoy on vocals and guitar. The dance is \$5 per person, including food.

Middle Tennessee State University Photographic Gallery is located in the Learning Resource Center on campus. The exhibit will be displayed from November 7 through December 9, with the following hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm, Saturday 8 am to 12 noon and Sunday 6 pm to 10 pm. Exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.



PHILIP GOULD

Wesley Foundation presents longest running musical

The Wesley Players of the Wesley Foundation at MTSU will present the popular musical *The Fantasticks* November 3-7, at the Wesley Foundation, 216 College Heights Ave., Murfreesboro, TN.

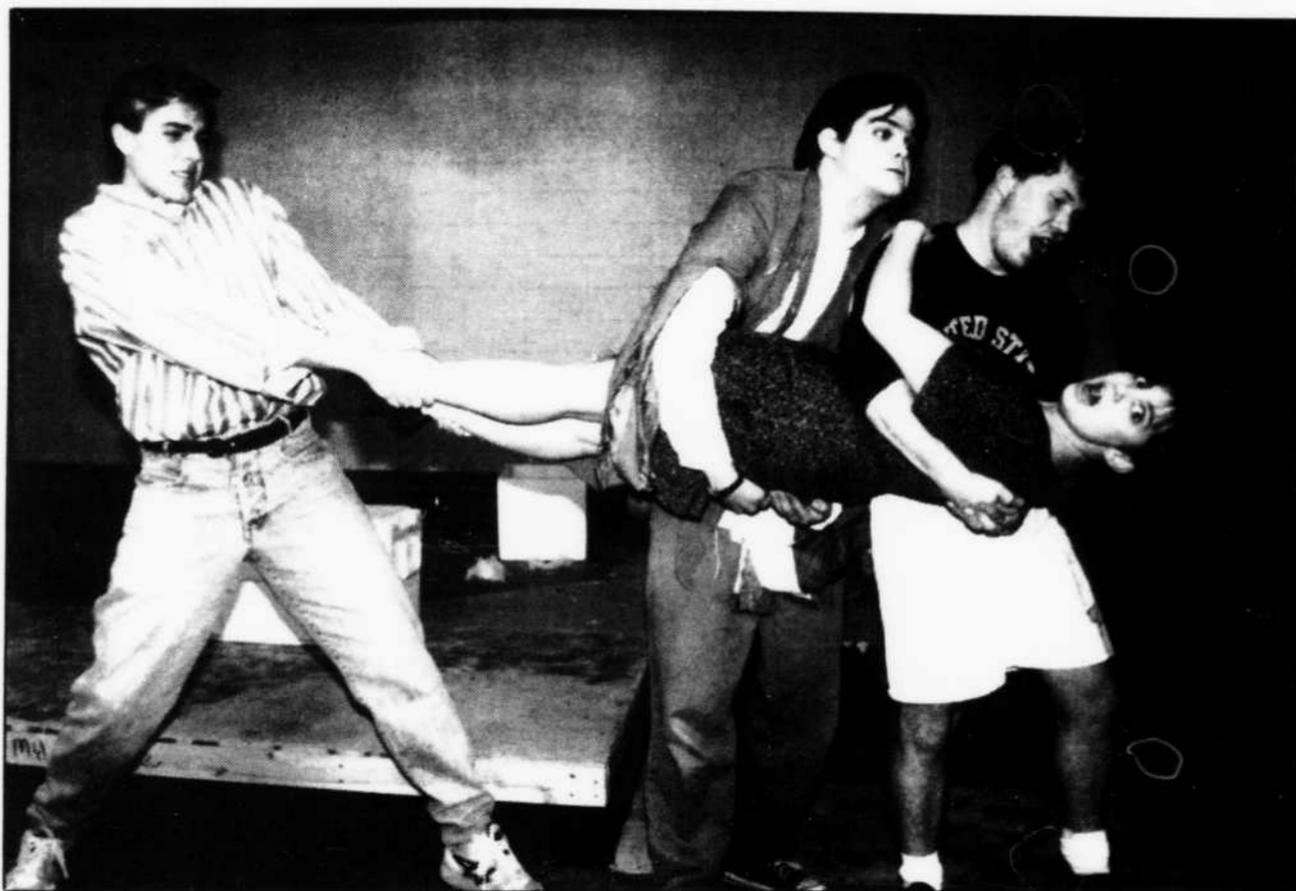
The lyrical style of *The Fantasticks* has made it the longest running musical in the world with over 10,000 off-Broadway performances. With a whimsical and poignant flair, it reveals the folly and fragility of young love, age and human nature - truly a musical for everyone. The audience recognizes a bit of themselves in its characters and situations.

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Five performances will be offered within each performance beginning at 8 p.m. A dinner theater will be held on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

The Fantasticks is directed by Jeff Gibson, a senior theater major at MTSU and a native of Goodspring, TN.

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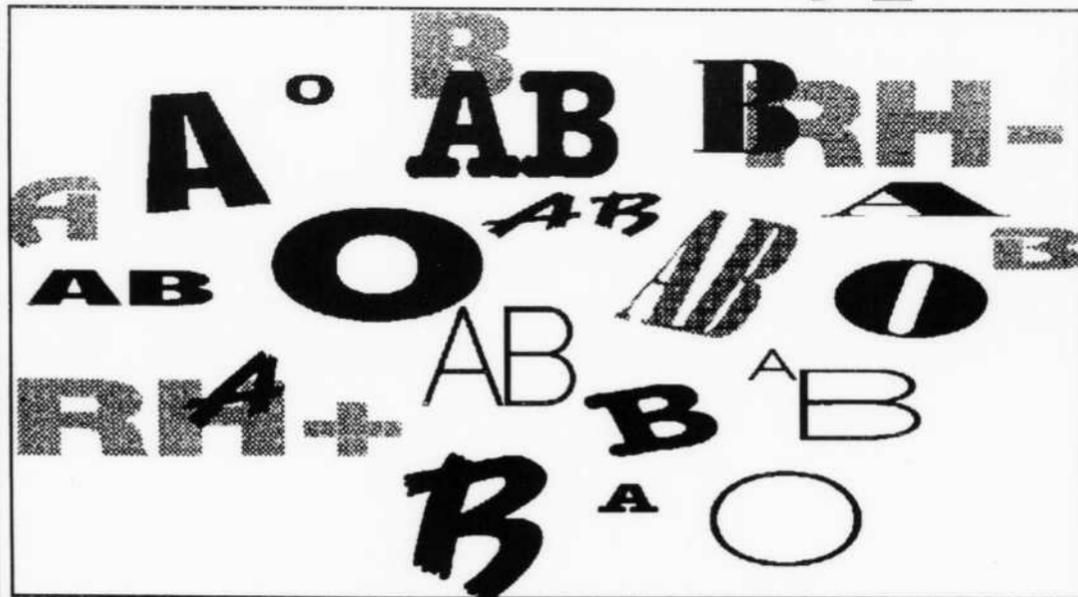
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SHOP OF HORRORS: (From Left) Shannon Rowlett Jones, costume studio manager, with Joy Wardon, Wendy Beth Solomon, Diana Skelton Fisher work on costumes for the "Little Shop of Horrors," which starts the first week of December.

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Middle Mangles the 'Bone'

MT's Bayless leads way to 44-10 victory

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

It seemed as if Christmas had come early for the Middle Tennessee State football team Saturday as the Blue Raiders pounded OVC rival Austin Peay 44-10 in the final home game of the season.

The visiting Governors turned the ball over five times in the opening half and Middle took advantage scoring 23 points en route to the victory. Peay fumbled the ball away on two of its first three offensive plays, one of which Derrick Carroll picked up and rambled 41-yards for the score.

"We didn't protect the ball and that's something we haven't done all year," commented APSU head coach Roy Gregory. "When you turn it over as much as we did you're not going to win football games."

The Gobs only held possession for eight offensive plays in the opening 13 minutes of the contest which somewhat surprised Raider mentor Boots Donnelly who had been worried



Carl E. Lambert/ Staff

ATTACK FROM THE BACK: A host of MTSU defenders pounce on a Governor during the Raiders 44-10 win Saturday at Horace Jones Field.

about stopping APSU's wishbone offensive attack going in.

"Early in the game we controlled the fullback, controlled the quarterback and controlled the pitch," said Donnelly. "When you do that, there's not a lot left for them to do offensively."

But there was some offensive work for Middle and especially tailback Kippy Bayless. Bayless scored on a 3-

yard run just minutes into the game. He rambled 24-yards for a touchdown pass from Kelly Holcomb in the second and added a 65-yarder in the third. As if that weren't enough, he capped off the day with his second 3-yard run in the final quarter of action.

In total, Bayless had 109 yards on

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Five seniors say so long by continuing home win streak

CHARLES ALY
Sports Writer

For five Blue Raiders, Saturday's game versus the Governors of Austin Peay was especially meaningful.

Despite the runaway conference victory, MTSU's playoff hopes remain dim - more than likely making Saturday's contest the last home game at MTSU for those five seniors.

Scott Dirkson, a tailback, flanker Curt Watkins, defensive tackle Mike Jordan, defensive guard James McKenzie and cornerback Adrian Owens were honored in a pregame ceremony.

All got the starting nod, save Dirkson who is still nursing an injured knee, and all served as team captains for the game.

Jordan, 6-4, 250 out of Waverly, made the first tackle of the game which resulted in a fumble returned for a touchdown by end Derrick Carroll.

"He was kind of bobbling when I hit him," Jordan admitted.

Jordan has played in seven games racking up 20 tackles including a fumble recovery and a sack. (Note: statistics do not include the Austin Peay game.)

"It's kind of mixed emotions," he said. "I think we had a lot of talent coming in, things just didn't fall together right. I think next year they're going to have a good team."

"I'm pleased with the way we're coming back at the end of the season - coming off this win and going to Eastern."

"We seem to be coming together," agrees McKenzie. "I think our main problem is consistency with a young team."

Through eight games, McKenzie had totalled 27 tackles with an interception.

"I think I had a pretty stable career," he said. "I've had my ups and downs just like life. I think it was pretty good."

Owens, 5-11, 180-pounder from College Park, Georgia, missed two games with knee problems but still managed 24 sticks and three

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Board Bozos are back in business

Fair Board to make attempt at bringing NASCAR to Nashville

The ignorance on Nashville never ceases to amaze me.

I picked up the sports section of *The Tennessean* the other day and read "Fair Board to run Raceway next year."

This should be good.

You will remember about a month ago I wrote about this problem. The Board had filed for bankruptcy for the second time in ten years because they had put unreasonable stipulations on past raceway operators which kept them from making a profit.

When they held a meeting last month of people who wanted to lease and operate the raceway, the prospective lessees all said the Board's new stipulations were, at best, unreasonable.

"I defy you to show me a track in the country that is run like this," said Norman Partin.

Get ready to watch, Norman.

The Board has decided that because no one was willing to meet their requirements for operating the track, they are going to do it themselves instead of leasing it out.

This should be good.



WARREN WAKELAND
Staff
Writer

Edd (Tex) Townsend, the fair manager, said the Board has not endorsed anyone for the position of track manager and is currently taking applications for the job.

I'll apply for the NCAA executive director's job and I'll apply for job of commissioner of baseball. I'll even apply for Dr. Walker's job if it ever comes open. But I wouldn't get near the Fair Board job if it was the last job on Earth AND Mars.

Townsend says that any profits made will be put directly back into the raceway and fairgrounds.

Wake up, Tex. There haven't been any profits. Do you really believe that all of a sudden this place is going to become a gold mine because you're running it?

These are the people who a few

months ago went to the latest raceway operator, Boyd Adams (who's leaving because he couldn't make a profit), and asked if he thought \$100,000 was a good season purse size for a 20-week season.

At Highland Rim Speedway, where the purses are considerably less than at NMR, they pay out an average of \$12,000 per week.

Last year, Adams paid out a total of \$453,000 in purses, or a little over \$22,000 per week.

The Fair Board's suggested payout comes to \$5,000 per week.

This shows how in touch the Board has been to how Adams was running the track. And now they are going to run the place.

This is going to be like having a sixth-grade class running a pro football franchise.

How can Mayor Bredesen allow this? Certainly he must realize how badly this will reflect on his city.

How can we as racing fans allow this?

It is public knowledge that

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STUDENT LINE STANDINGS

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THIS WEEK'S TOPS
 Congratulations to Kurt Herrman, Bob Seedlock and 'Line' leader William Wood all posted 12-2 marks. Two games were disregarded since they ended in a tie.

Chris Hutton 14-1
 Tommy Keith 118-36
 Jim Kirkendall 108-46
 Rick Kleban 105-33
 Ryan Lewis 110-43
 Anne Lisle 111-43
 Ken Malone 12-4
 Jordan McCollum 41-20
 James McCowan 12-4
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 Dennis Mitchell 10-5
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THIS YEAR'S TOPS

Picker	W-L
William Wood	121-33
Tommy Keith	118-36
Bob Seedlock	115-39
Brian Moore	113-41
Michael Barry	113-41
Forrest Moegle	112-42
David Robinson	112-42

Jason D. Reed 110-44
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MTSU cross country teams finish at OVC Championships

JOEL FREY
 Special to Sidelines

Middle Tennessee State's cross country season ended Oct. 30 at the Ohio Valley Conference championship in Morehead, Ky.

Both the men's and women's teams competed with the men finishing seventh overall and the women ninth.

Eastern Kentucky University won the conference title in both the men's and women's divisions.

For the men, MTSU's top individual performer was Jeff Lingwall, who finished the race in 17th place.

The first woman to cross the finish line for the Blue Raiders was Nikki Woodall. Coach Dean Hayes feels both Woodall and Lingwall are the best in the conference at their distances.

Lingwall is the defending OVC champion at the 10,000 meters and Hayes said that Woodall is "an incredible runner in the half mile."

Hayes said he feels that the

'We tend to place more emphasis on track and less on cross country and I guess it shows in our results.'

DEAN HAYES
 MTSU TRACK COACH

cross country season's main purpose is to give his track runners the opportunity to stay conditioned and focused for the indoor season.

"It is very difficult to have both an outstanding cross country team and track team. We tend to place more of an emphasis on track and less on cross country and I guess it shows in our results," Hayes said.

Middle Tennessee's first indoor track meet of the season will be at Murphy Center on Dec. 11.

Teams in that competition include Murray State University, Tennessee State University, Western Kentucky University, and the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

Student 'Line' in its home stretch with three weeks left

TONY J. ARNOLD
 Sports Editor

Time is growing short for the first student 'On the Line.' Including the picks below, there are only three weeks remaining for those of you who need to make up some ground. However, both William Wood and Tommy Keith are looking extremely strong and it appears as if it might go right down to the wire.

Including last weeks totals, Wood has amassed 121 victories while Keith has 118.

Due to two ties this week, we only had 14 games of record and since it is going down to the wire, we will try and print everyone's standings weekly if there is enough space to do so.

We'd like to note that we have had a highly successful

number of responses each week despite a number of which started sending in late in the year when they really had no chances at winning the whole thing.

Some people have suggested that we determine a winner by winning percentages, but we clearly stated at the beginning of the year that we would go by records. Besides, someone may send in for two weeks and go 15-1 in each of them with an incredible winning percentage. However, this would be unfair to those of you who sent in weekly because the more you send in, the more losses you'll have and the lower your winning percentage will be.

Also of note, if your standings don't reflect some weeks you probably didn't get your picks in on time. We post that they need to be in by Friday. Sometimes, picks come in the following Monday and if it has been

postdated, we have counted them. But some people have brought their picks in and simply put them in the box the week following the games they were supposed to pick. Needless to say, these don't count.

Due to the success of this event, we are now strongly considering doing a basketball 'Line' for the students, staff, alumni, or anyone who'll send in. We don't know exactly how it will be set up but we think it'll probably be similar to the current football picks with a list of the top games being printed on Monday's.

In order to get your ideas on this we are printing the total standings above and a survey box in their usual place on this weeks picks.

Please let us know if you are interested and/or feel free to call or write in anytime and let us your ideas or suggestions for improvements.

ON THE LINE	PICKS OF THE WEEK						Basketball Anyone?
	Visitor	Game	Home	Visitor	Game	Home	
<p>Rules</p> <p>Participants entries must be received by Friday, Nov. 12. Simply place a mark beside your predicted victor.</p> <p>The person(s) with the most picks correct will be mentioned weekly along with the top total records. Complete standings will be printed every month.</p> <p>Pickers with a perfect week will qualify for a MTSU T-shirt. The picker with the best total record at the year's end will receive a plaque and a spot on the 'Line' bowl picks.</p> <p>If a game has MTSU 'vs' Hawaii, it means the game is at a neutral site.</p> <p>Send entries to 'On the Line', Box 42, MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tn. 37132 (Box 42 if sent through campus mail), or come by the JUB, room 310 and leave them in the sports mailbox.</p>		MTSU at Eastern Ky.			Arizona St. at UCLA		<p>Currently we are tossing around the idea of having a student basketball 'Line' next semester similar to the weekly football one. Please check a box below and let us know if you'd be interested in participating.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Number _____</p>
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		Florida at S. Carolina			Illinois at Penn State		
		Auburn at Georgia			Virginia at Clemson		
		Fla. State at Notre Dame			Kansas at Colorado		
		Indiana at Ohio State			Marshall at Furman		
		Miss. St. at Alabama			Michigan at Minnesota		
		Louisville at Texas A&M			Tulsa at Arkansas		

Eastern survives scare

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Eastern Kentucky 35 SE Missouri 21

Cape Girardeau, Mo. - Leon Brown scored with 3:53 left to push Eastern Kentucky past Southeast Missouri 35-21 Saturday.

SEMO (1-8 overall, 1-6 OVC) was down 21-14 when Jon Riley scored on a 10-yard pass with 11:07 left in the fourth quarter to tie the game. But Brown came back on a 10-yard run to make it 28-21 for Eastern's Colonels (6-3, 6-0). Brown then secured the win with another touchdown in the last minute of the game.

Brown ended the game with 25 carries for 136 yards and three touchdowns.

Samford 10 Tenn.-Martin 0

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Marcus Durgin set a school record for career interceptions and Anthony Jordan rushed for 104 yards as Samford defeated Tennessee-Martin 10-0 Saturday.

The Bulldogs (5-4) took advantage of six Tennessee-Martin (4-5) turnovers and scored all the points it needed in the first half.

Samford moved 76 yards in 11 plays on its first possession,

capping the drive with Bart Yancey's two-yard scoring pass to Ed Smith. Jordan had 53 yards in the drive, 28 rushing and 25 receiving.

A 53-yard Bulldog drive in the second quarter ended when Dawson Ingram kicked a 23-yard field goal with five seconds left in the half.

In the second half, Samford was within the Tennessee-Martin 10-yard line three times but failed to capitalize. Ingram missed a 23-yard field goal, Yancey was called for intentional grounding and the third time the clock ran out.

Durgin intercepted two passes for 16 total, breaking the old mark of 14 set by David Primus in 1991. Durgin had been tied with Primus.

Samford gained 258 yards and 15 first downs while holding the Pacers to 121 yards and seven first downs.

Tenn.Tech 24 Tenn.St. 21

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Michael Jones passed for 241 yards as Tennessee Tech held on to defeat Tennessee State 24-21 Saturday night.

Tennessee State (3-6, 3-3 Ohio Valley Conference) rallied for three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

The Golden Eagles (7-3, 6-1) controlled the game until the last quarter. Jones threw a 38-yard TD with 9:20 left in the second quarter. He also completed a 16-yard pass in the third.

The Tigers had a chance to tie the game and go into overtime, but Brian Pruitt missed a 35-yard field goal with no time remaining.

The Golden Eagles have been allowing an average of 279.2 yards a game but gave up 447 to the Tigers. They had 345 total offensive yards.

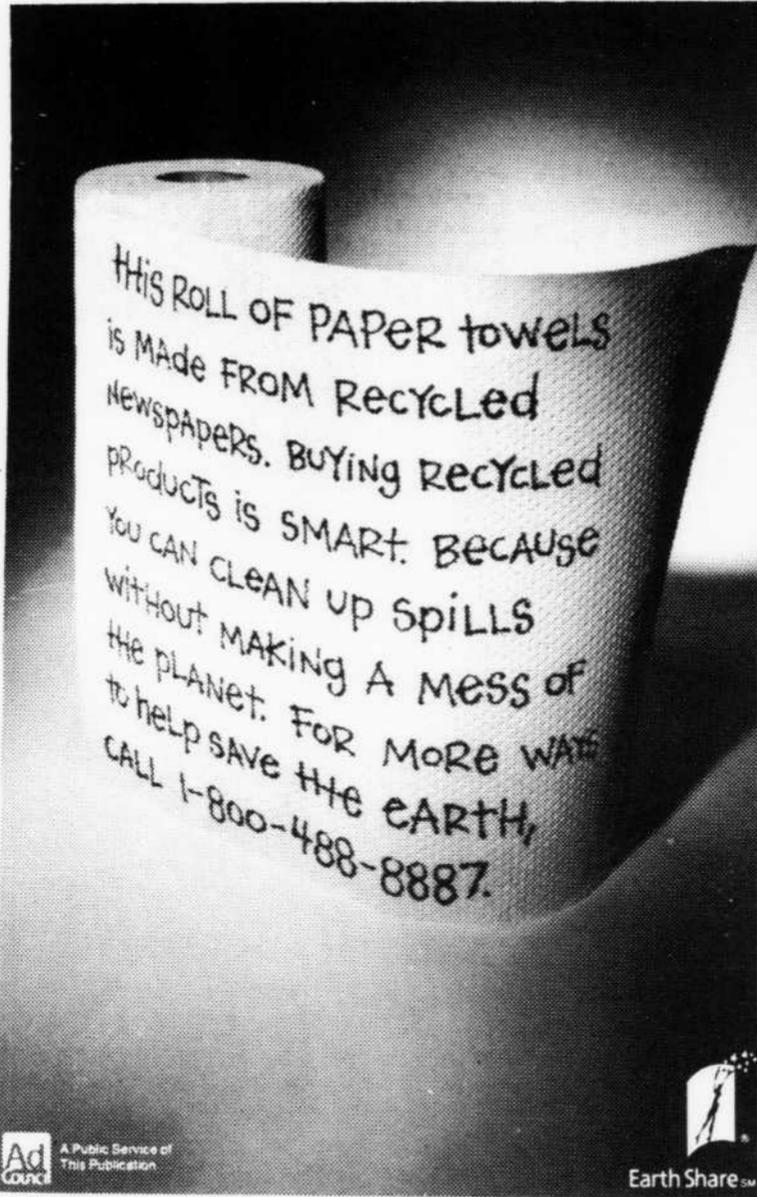
Murray State 39 Morehead State 0

MURRAY, Ky. - Freshman quarterback Cory Rodney threw two touchdown passes and caught another in his first start as Murray State beat Morehead State 39-0 in OVC action.

Freshman receiver Norman Mason also had two touchdown catches for the Racers (4-5, 4-3 in the OVC).

Morehead State (3-6, 2-4) had two interceptions, one fumble and a blocked punt in the first half as Murray State went ahead 25-0 at halftime.

Rodney threw his first scoring pass, a 20-yarder to Wayne McGowan, with 8:58 left in the first quarter. Five minutes later, he caught a 24-yard pass from McGowan.



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HALSTON SOPHIA LOREN STETSON

MTSU breaks Peay's 'Bone'....

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the ground and had three catches for 98 yards. That eclipse of the 100 yard plateau pushed Bayless above the 1,000 yard mark of the season, becoming only the seventh Blue Raider of all time to accomplish such a feat. Yet he wasn't through yet.

It was the seventh 100 yard game of the season for Bayless, tying another Blue Raider record. Only MTSU's greats Vince Hall and Joe Campbell had seven century mark performances. Bayless broke the school record for touchdowns in a season. His fourth of the day and 15th of the season broke Campbell's season record of 14 set in 1991. More?

You bet. He set a new school record for points scored in a season with 90 that was formerly held by kicker Matt Crews.

"I think all of this is great," admitted Bayless. "I owe everything I accomplish to the team, but I do have a great feeling inside right now."

"I had no idea I was so close to records for scoring or touchdowns. I really didn't know. This all comes as such a surprise to me. One major reason I came to MTSU is it produces great tailbacks. We have a tailback-oriented offense and I'm just doing my part."

His part helped the Raiders rack up 381 yards in total offense, 187 coming on the ground and

194 through the air. It was also important in the fact that MTSU kept it's slim playoff hopes alive with a convincing victory and it is a motivational boost heading into next week's showdown with OVC leading Eastern Kentucky.

Nevertheless, Donnelly opted to take a lighter look at the victory.

"We missed some scoring opportunities today like we have all year," Donnelly said. "But all in all, it was a very satisfying win."

Eastern enters the game coming off a 35-21 victory over Southeast Missouri. Kick-off in Richmond has been changed to 6 p.m. (CST) so it can be televised live of SportSouth.

Seniors continue winning ways....

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interceptions.

"I've had a lot of good years here," he said. "I thank God I was able to make it through all the hard times and tough times. He blessed me to come this far."

Murfreesboro native Curt Watkins, 6-1, 180, had a good day against Peay. Going into the game the former Riverdale Warrior had 12 receptions for 177-yards.

After dropping his first pass against the Governors, Watkins caught his next two for 32 yards and recovered a fumble on punt coverage.

"I've really got mixed emotions," he said. "Everyone said it was for the seniors. We

got fired up about that.

"That first pass, I was so pumped up and I just jumped up when I really didn't have to jump and it just bounced off my hands."

Dirkson, whose knee has kept him out of all but two games, has a total of 57-yards rushing with two touchdowns.

The 5-10, 180 pounder only saw one play against Peay and re-injured his knee during it. The injury will keep him out the rest of the year.

"It's real tough," Dirkson said, obviously upset that an injury ended his last season as a Blue Raider.

The Carthage Tennessee native has also been the victim of a problem most teams would love

to have: Too many quality tailbacks.

"I'm a team player," he said. "My number was called and I was always ready. I always gave 100 percent"

That number is significant for another reason: While Dirkson and all the others have been Blue Raiders they won 100 percent of their home games.

"I think it's a credit to them that they've been here for four or five years and they've never lost on this turf," said coach Boots Donnelly.

"These guys lined up here as freshman and when they left as seniors they had never lost."

"Undeclared on our home field - I feel pretty proud about that," Owens said.

Racing coming to Nashville....

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NASCAR wants to come back to Nashville. It is also public knowledge that NASCAR will not work with the Fair Board.

Has Bredesen attempted to work with NASCAR to iron out the problems and get big-time racing back here? If he has or is, no one in the Nashville media knows about the talks.

Certainly he must realize the economic impact NASCAR could have on Nashville. While the conflict goes on here, NASCAR watches this buffoonery and puts more distance between

themselves and Nashville.

This conflict could also mean the end of racing at NMR.

See, the Board is only capable of looking at this from a business perspective. They must consider the fact that they are already in bankruptcy when drawing up an operating plan.

In bankruptcy, you have to present the court with a plan that says how you will turn things around and how long it will take.

I have a hard time believing the Fair Board can put together a feasible plan they can live with that any judge who knows anything about racing would approve. A plan will have to be

approved before racing can continue.

If they do get a plan approved and they aren't making any money halfway through the season, the bankruptcy court could shut down the season and not blink and eye.

The situation is despicable.

Townsend says that no one "wants racing to succeed more than the Fair Board."

I guess they're planning on eating their racing smart pills in great abundance, because if you look at the examples they have set in the past, there aren't enough smart pills to do the job.

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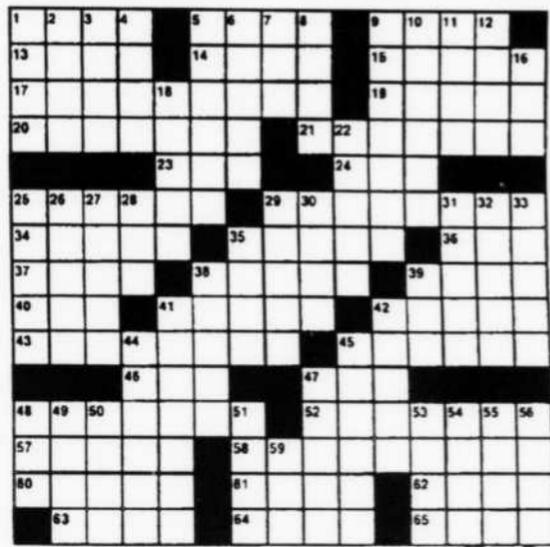
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As she gazed into the mirror, Sally realized that the kids at school weren't teasing . . . she was, indeed, a cow.

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