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Todd Library to use computers for checkout

REBECCA STONE
Staff Writer

Filling out cards to check out books will soon be obsolete, thanks to the Todd Library's Project For Automated Library Systems (PALS).

Over 50 terminals, placed throughout the library, now provide quick responses to book searches. In the past, all information had to be retrieved through

the card catalog.

Now the latest benefit of the program will be implemented beginning Oct. 1. Using bar codes on the books and on students' MTSU identification cards, library personnel will be able to check out students without the cards now in use.

To date, about \$420,000 has been spent on PALS. David Robinson was hired four years ago

to head the library's automation program and said the process involved obtaining bids from 30 computer companies.

The new system also has a feature that can keep students from having to stand in line for a terminal at the library. Anyone with a personal computer and a modem can log onto PALS by calling 898-5660.

Another extra that students

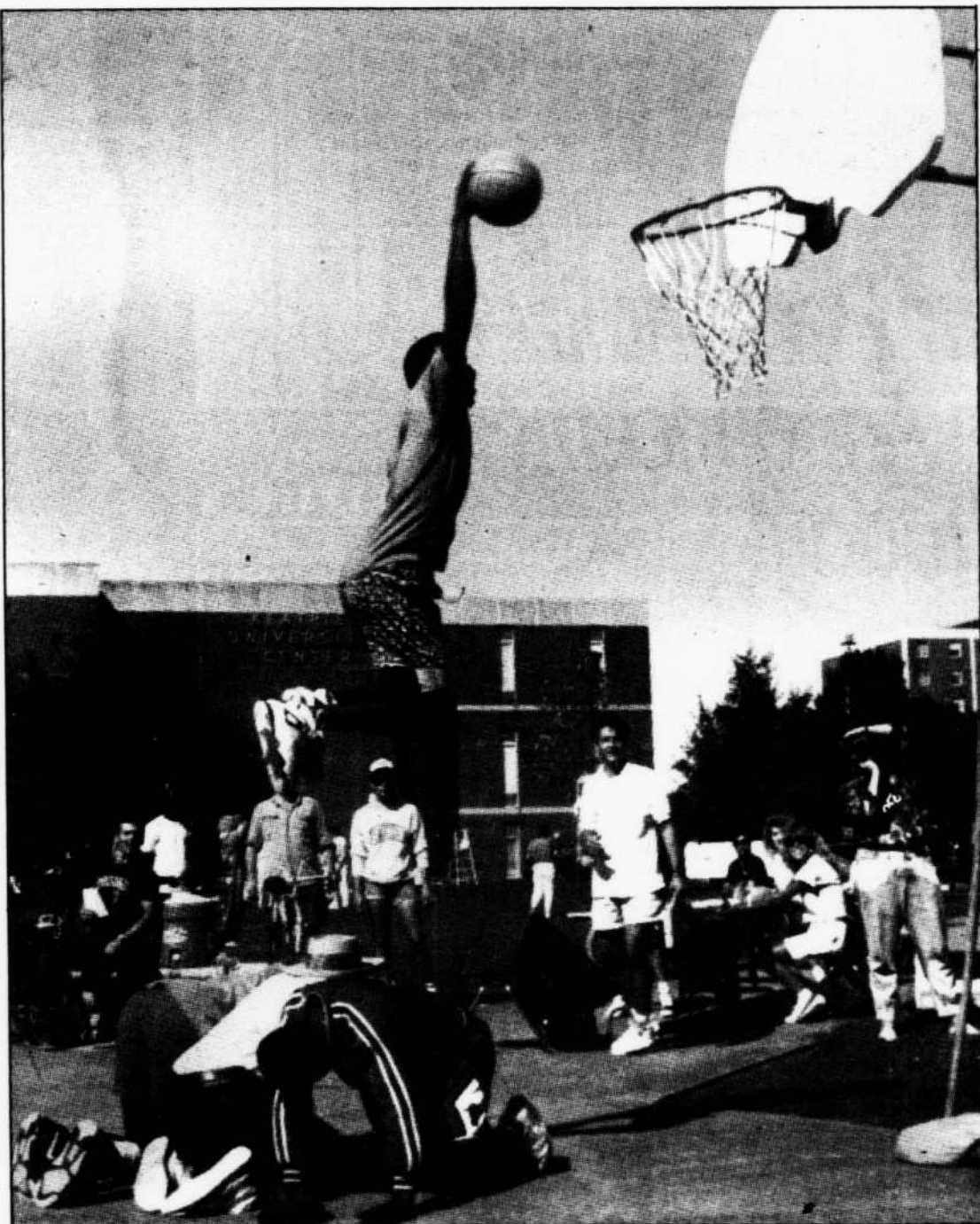
have requested are printers for the terminals, Robinson said. These would allow users to print out the information and would alleviate the trouble of writing down the title and call number.

However, there is currently not enough money in the budget to buy and maintain printers. In the event that an extremely large amount of information is obtained in a search and a hard copy

is needed, an off-line printout can be requested from the reference desk and picked up the following day.

Other future improvements call for additional terminals to be placed throughout the campus and in residence halls. For more information on PALS, contact David Robinson at the MTSU library at 898-2572.

Airborn...



Carl Lambert/Staff

TOUCH THE SKY: Kenneth Hunt, an MTSU sophomore, is up, up and on his way to a basket in the slam dunk contest at Saturday's FamFair. The dunking contest, won by sophomore Donald Whitmore, was just one of the events held at this weekend's family activities day. Fireworks, a picnic, concerts and, of course, an MTSU football victory were all part of the fun. For more on FamFair '90, see the special photo essay on page 9.

'Pro-life' prof cleared on lecture methods

SHANTELL KIRKENDOLL
News Editor

School administrators do not consider MTSU sociology professor Donald Schneller in violation of any school policy for presenting his pro-life views of abortion in class.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Jones, sociology department Chairman Peter Heller and Liberal Arts Dean John McDaniel met with Schneller Wednesday following a series of complaints about the professor's anti-abortion teaching tactics. The group apparently found

Schneller was within his teaching rights.

Several complaints from students had been lodged with the sociology department chairman about Schneller's 'pro-life' teaching methods. Schneller had been accused of interrupting class sessions with discussions about abortion and referring to pro-choice advocates as "murderers."

"The discussion we had with Dr. Schneller was very thorough and informative," said Jones. "We tried to go over the whole area of his course and the methods he uses to teach it."

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ASB proposes parking switch for students

JENNIFER BAILEY
Assistant News Editor

The topic of debate at Wednesday's ASB meeting was getting the new faculty parking spaces behind Wood and Felder Hall changed back to student spaces, said ASB President Todd Burnett.

"It's very unsafe for females living in Wood and Felder to park behind Cummings and walk through that area at night," said Burnett, referring to the approximately 45 spaces around the portables that were changed from student to faculty parking.

"We hope, through the meeting and student support, to get those spaces changed back to student," Burnett said.

He added that the ASB had also compiled crime statistics that

will show the need for those parking spaces for female students. Burnett said that MTSU and Murfreesboro were growing quickly, adding to the criminal element that affects both places.

"This town is not as safe as people think it is," Burnett said. "We need to be committed to making this as safe a campus as possible."

Two other safety related projects the ASB is working on are an emergency phone system and a designated driver program.

The emergency phone system would involve putting a phone with direct access to Campus Security on a pole in different parking lots around the campus.

The ASB is also "starting work now on information to change the

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Campus Capsule

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The MTSU Horseman's Association will meet Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Livestock Pavilion. Group pictures will be taken. Anyone interested in learning about horses is welcome. Come join the fun!

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Sigma Tau Delta, MTSU's chapter of the national English honor society, will meet Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 4:30 in Peck Hall, room 108. All English majors or minors are cordially invited to attend.

An exhibit of Japanese containers will be featured in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building throughout October. For more information, contact the Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

Attention! The MTSU Home Economics Faculty will host an open house Oct. 5. Come see the newly renovated facilities, meet the faculty and visit with students. The building will be open from 2-6 p.m.

An African-American Writers Festival, to be hosted by Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Missouri, will be held from Sept. 27-29. All activities are free and the keynote speaker will be June Jordan, essayist, poet and political activist. For more information, contact Denise Douglas or Eleanor Bonice at (816) 932-7600.

Alpha Kappa Psi, the nation's oldest business fraternity, will conduct rush meetings on Sept. 25, from 4-5 p.m. and on Sept. 26 from 5-6 p.m. in the KUC, Room 316. meetings are open to all students majoring or minoring in business who have a g.p.a. of 2.5 or above.

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Applications for freshman, sophomore, junior and graduate senator positions are now available in the ASB Office,

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Applications for Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) are now available in the ASB office, room 304, KUC Building, and must be returned no later than Wednesday, Sept. 26

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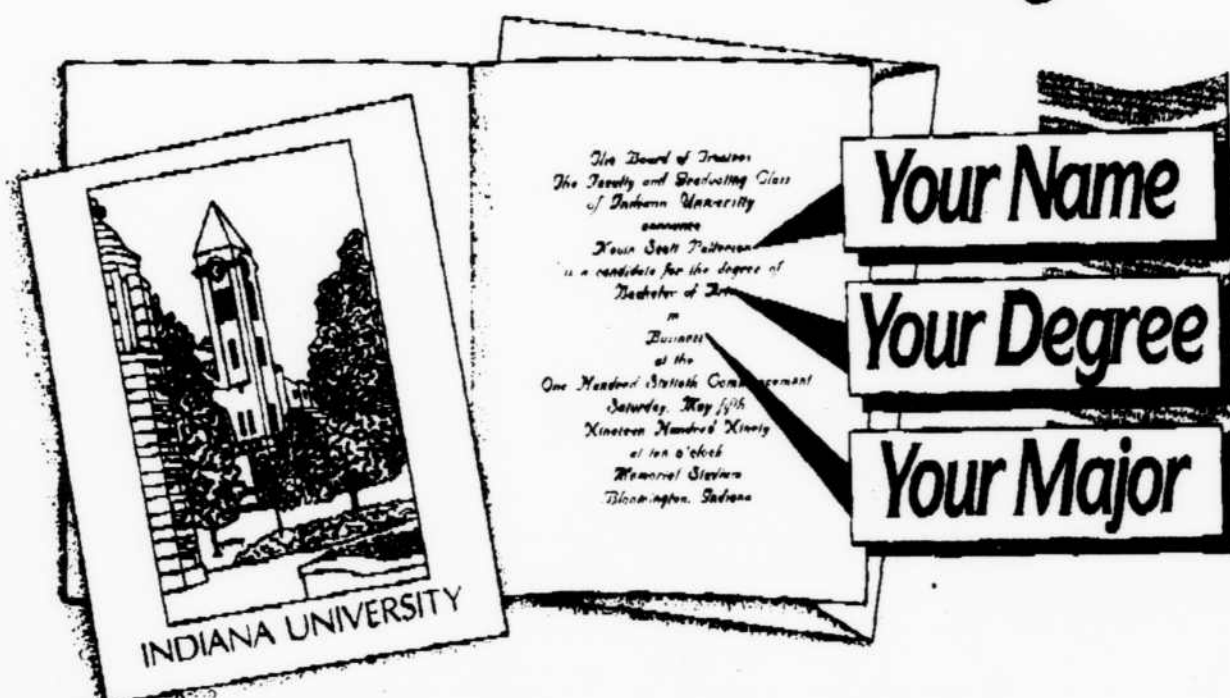
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MTSU avoids student loan trouble

CHRIS BELL
Managing Editor

The troubles that have befallen a major player in the student loan system won't directly affect students at MTSU, according to Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid.

But those problems, along with a high loan default rate at some schools, may make getting help for school harder for everyone, Wrenn said.

This summer, officials with the Higher Education Assistance Foundation (HEAF), the nation's largest guarantor of student loans, told the U.S. Department of Education that HEAF did not have enough cash to reimburse banks when students fail to repay loans. Campus officials feared that if banks lost confidence they would be reimbursed for defaulted loans, they would simply stop making student loans.

HEAF, a private non-profit agency based in Kansas, is the largest of the 55 guarantee agencies in the country. It has guaranteed \$8.8 billion in student loans or more than 17 percent of the \$51 billion student loans currently outstanding [Editor's note: see related story].

The federal government has agreed to a \$200 million loan to keep HEAF afloat.

In Tennessee, most student loans are guaranteed by the Tennessee Student Loan Assistance Corporation (TSAC), an agency set up by the state government. It has not reported the type of

financial troubles that have plagued HEAF, but several schools here do have large default rates.

According to a report compiled by U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon's office, several proprietary, or "for profit," schools have default rates drastically higher than most public schools.

These include Draughtons Junior College in Memphis, with a 48.4 percent default rate and the Health Care Training Institute, also in Memphis, with a 65.5 percent rate. These two schools are also owned and/or associated with former Department of Education Em-

ployees, according to Gordon.

"Taxpayers deserve to know that former Department of Education employees, people who were suppose to be preventing this kind of problem a few years ago, are now running operations with exceptionally high default rates," Gordon said. "Without any real concern for helping the student make a wise career choice, some of these programs look to be failing miserably to deliver on their promise of first-rate training and waiting jobs. The people who run these schools know better."

Currently, MTSU has a low default rate, with only about 3.1 percent of students defaulting on their loans.

But the problems in the system will probably affect the way students must apply for loans, according to Wrenn. Tighter controls on loans will mean tighter requirements on loan applications.

"I would anticipate that students will have a few more hoops to jump through," he said. "This is not good for financial aid in general."

The number of students receive-

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Student loan process detailed

College Press Service

The federally guaranteed student loan program has five key players: students, schools, lenders, guarantee agencies and the U.S. Department of Education. Here's how it works.

A Student Applies for a Loan

First a student goes to the campus financial aid office. There, campus aid officials use federal guidelines to do a "needs analysis." It will determine if the student qualifies for a loan and how much money the student can get.

Going To the Bank

If the student qualifies, he/she then applies at a qualified lender (a local bank or credit union that

meets federal guidelines) for a loan. The lender then decides whether to make the loan.

The Guarantee Agency

Students, however, don't make very good credit risks. They typically have no credit history to show banks they honor their debts and they have few assets a bank can seize if they fail to repay their loans.

So the federal government, hoping to encourage banks to help students get money for education, set up agencies to guarantee banks that they can get their money back even if a student borrower doesn't repay them. There are now 55 guarantee agencies in the U.S. which are recognized by the federal government.

The agencies keep students, school and lenders abreast of federal loan regulations and make sure they follow them.

Where the Money Goes

When the bank agrees to lend the student, say \$2,500, it will take part of the money as an "origination fee," send part of it to the guarantee agency as an "insurance" payment and write a check to the student for the remainder.

The student then uses the proceeds to pay his or her tuition.

The bank pockets the "origination fee" to cover its expenses in processing the loan and the guarantee agency puts the "insurance" payment into an account to

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Schneller also talked with Interim President Wallace Prescott and said he was told by Prescott that he was not currently under investigation.

"The president said it was an unfortunate use of the term [investigation]. What he was referring to is the meeting with Dr. Jones and chairman of the sociology department and the dean of liberal arts.

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size of classroom numbers," Burnett said.

He explained that the numbers should be taken down from above the classroom doors and put on the student's level with a Braille equivalent.

The open forum that was held Wednesday will be a new once-a-

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use if it has to reimburse a bank for money that a student fails to repay.

When a Student Defaults

When a student defaults on a loan, the bank has to try to track the student down to get him or her to repay.

If the bank can't collect its money, it can then ask the loan guarantor to reimburse it. The guarantor makes sure the lender really tried to collect the money. If it did, the guarantor then pays the bank. The agency then asks

"In that meeting I showed defense showing my objectivity and pointed out to them facts which I thought were relevant to the case."

According to Jones, Heller had talked with two students and Prescott had one student visit him. "It is a long standing policy to follow up on student concerns and bring it to the attention of teachers," Jones said.

month feature at ASB meetings, Burnett said. All students will be welcome to come to the meeting and express their opinions about any subject they feel deserves the attention of student government.

In other ASB activity, the ASB's gavel and stand, missing since this spring, was returned to Burnett Thursday morning by *Sidelines* Managing Editor Chris Bell. ■

the U.S. Department of Education to reimburse it for the total amount of loan.

Yet if a guarantee agency does a bad job by approving loans to too many deadbeat students, the Education Department won't reimburse the guarantee agency for the entire amount the agency owes to a bank. If more than five percent of the loans it guaranteed are in default, the agency can get only a partial reimbursement from the Education Department.

How The Current Crisis Started
The biggest loan guarantor in

Non-traditional students now majority of student population

REBECCA STONE
Staff Writer

A good look at the people in the grill, library, or any heavily used area is enough to prove that not every MTSU student is the 18- to 24-year-old, single traditional type. In fact, enrollment figures indicate that non-traditional students may be in the majority, perhaps as much as 60 percent of the student body. The number of non-traditional stu-

dents is expected to grow steadily in the future.

Faye Johnson of the sociology department defines a non-traditional student as one who is aged 25 to 45 or who is of traditional age but is married and/or has children. These students once felt like outsiders, but through the founding of the Association of Non-Traditional Students, they now fit in better.

ANTS was started years ago

to enable students to cope with college life, and special problems. The club provides support, special services, programs and advice to any non-traditional student who wishes to join.

For more information about the Association for Non-Traditional Students, or any other questions regarding non-traditional students and their special needs, contact Faye Johnson of the Sociology Department. ■

the country — called the Higher Education Assistance Foundation (HEAF) — had guaranteed too many loans that couldn't be collected. As a result, the Education Department had been reimbursing HEAF for only 80 percent of the money HEAF was repaying to banks.

Consequently, HEAF is paying out more money to banks than it can collect from students or the federal government.

What Could Happen Next

Some observers fear that local banks and credit unions, worried that the guarantee agencies won't have enough money to reimburse them for defaulted loans, will stop believing the money is truly

guaranteed and consequently will stop making college loans to students. ■

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ing aid here has drastically increased over the past decade. Wrenn estimated that about 60 percent now receive some form of aid as compared to 40 percent in 1980.

Two immediate problems facing MTSU are recent changes in the way aid is distributed to students, and space and staff limitations for the financial aid office itself.

Beginning in 1988, the government began sending students their loan checks in two separate

parts. While the total amount was the same, students had to find ways to cover the additional money needed at the beginning of the semester.

"It's killed us," Wrenn said. About 15 percent of MTSU students had to apply for deferments this fall to obtain extra time until they could pay their tuition.

With the increase in the students getting loans, the financial aid office has also had a drastic increase in its workload.

"The real problem is space," he said. "We've gotten some additional staffers and we're working on more. The question is where do we put them? In the halls?" ■

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The admission prices are much less than commercial theaters. Matinees are \$1.50 and evening shows are \$2.00. Major box office hits are released to the college market at the same time that they are released to the video stores. You can usually see the newest releases quickly (no waiting for a copy to show up on the shelves) and for less at the KUC Theatre. (Plus you don't have to pick them up and take them back!)

The KUC Theatre underwent extensive renovation this spring and now has real cush-y theater type seats, state-of-the-art professional projectors, and a new sound system. The fall movie schedule is being completed as new releases are announced by the films companies. We are trying hard to be current and dependable for inexpensive entertainment. If you have any suggestions please call 898-2251, we are open to ideas for films programming.

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Opinions

Portable buildings present problem

If you thought Peck Hall was ugly there's a little surprise waiting for you on the west side of campus.

Three trailers, with 42 offices, have been placed behind the Bragg Graphic Arts Building. The total cost of purchasing, installing and furnishing the portable offices, estimated at \$210,000, was well under the budget figure of \$300,000. Until additional offices in the Jones Hall Annex and the mass communications buildings are finished, these buildings will help ease the campus' office space crunch.

But there are a few bugs in this rosy picture and most of them revolve around the buildings themselves. For starters, they're ugly. Real ugly. They have also created problems for handicapped students.

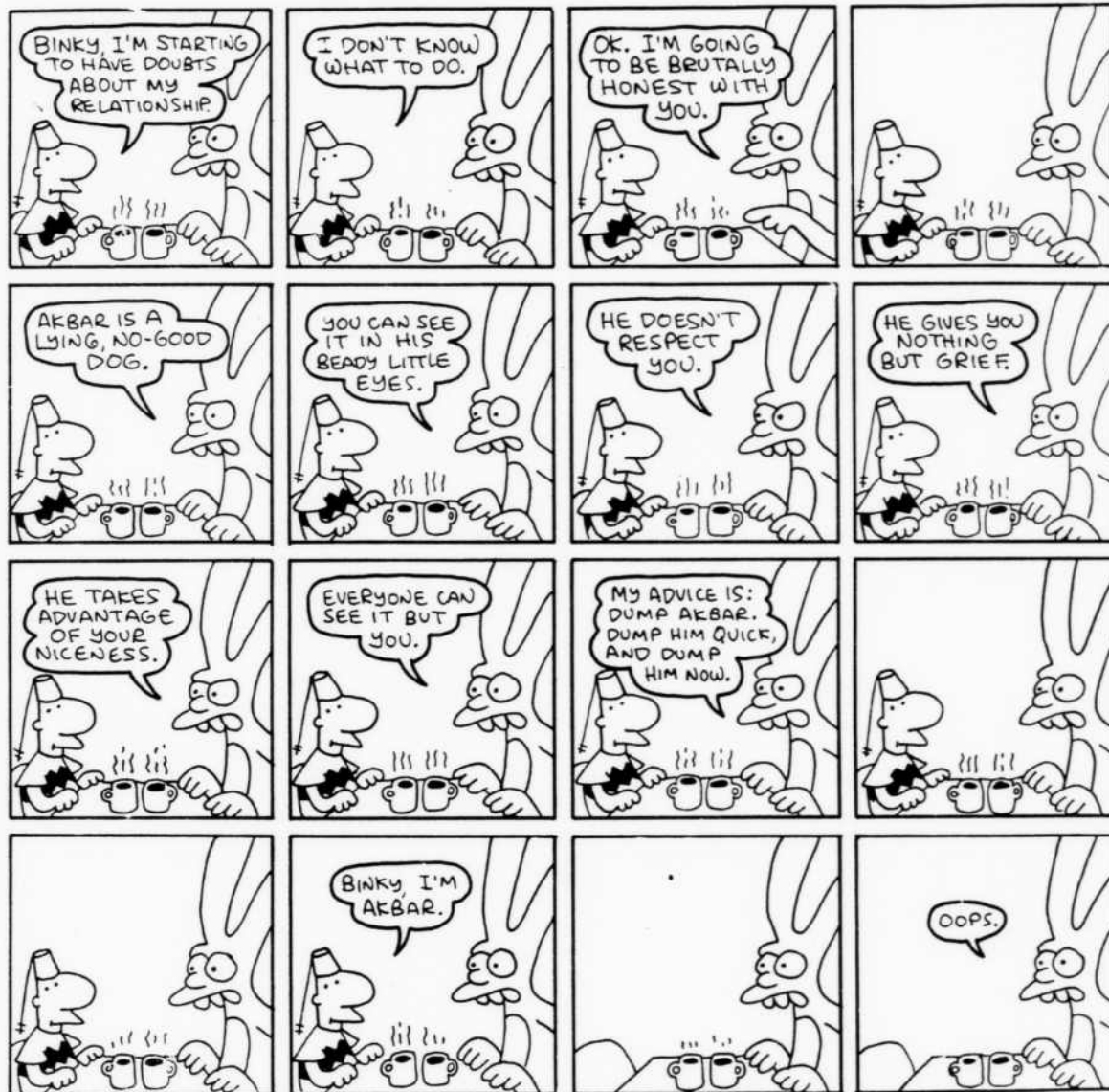
The portables look relatively nice for portables. Which doesn't mean much. The once-pleasant lawn between the BGA and the parking lot now resembles a housing project.

All the area needs now is a few chickens running around, a series of brightly colored mailboxes and an old Chevy Nova jacked up on some concrete blocks and the scene will be complete. We could call it "The Sam Ingram Memorial Trailer Park" or maybe the simpler "Garland Acres."

More seriously, the placement of the portables has also blocked off major routes used by handicapped students for getting across campus. Director of Handicapped Services John Harris said the buildings haven't presented any major problems for these students, but MTSU should be working to make its campus easier, not harder, for the handicapped to navigate.

For several years now, MTSU has been locked in a sometimes heated battle with the state for additional funds for constructing academic buildings. These half-assed offices are proof that the university *needs* those funds. They may be a cheap solution to the problem, but mainly they just look cheap. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Students differ with Schneller's account

Dr. Schneller is hiding behind the pro-choice/pro-life debate to avoid the issue that is really being argued against him. To inform everyone what initiated this problem, I will share what occurred in his juvenile delinquency class this summer.

At the end of the last class period, before finals, Dr. Schneller attempted to exhibit his pictures of aborted fetuses. Since it was the end of class, everyone left without looking at them, I never thought they would be brought back up.

Unfortunately, this was not the case. On the day of the final exam (a comprehensive final over 18 chapters), Dr. Schneller brought up the fact that we did not look at his pictures last time. A student spoke up saying that this issue was touchy with many people and that this was not the appropriate time for this to be brought up. Dr. Schneller felt that it was a good time to talk about it. Another student simply asked that this discussion be delayed until after the test since the test was quite important and we were anxious to begin. She made this request five times before the test was ever handed out. Meanwhile, Dr. Schneller in-

sisted that we look at his pictures, except for those "ladies who have had abortions who would not want to see them." This made it sound as if any female not looking at his pictures may have had an abortion, not that this was his intention, but this was the way many interpreted it. Another student brought up the issue of extra credit and he seemed to consider the possibility for a few minutes, but never brought it back up. When it was pointed out that not everyone agreed with his point of view, he would not allow an opposing view to be voiced; instead, he continued to express his intense anger about the issue. Finally we were given the exam, after the testing environment had been totally destroyed from the emotionality of the issue. Yet, during the exam he once again brought up how important his pictures were and that he wanted them to be seen not only by his students, but he said he intended on circulating them among the faculty as well. Not only was this unprofessional, it was blatantly rude.

Immediately after the exam, before the consulting with Dr. Heritage, four of us went to the office of the sociology department and asked the secretary to

interrupt Dr. Heller's class so that we could speak to him about this matter immediately. We explained to him that we were not protesting Dr. Schneller's opinion, but his tactics. Unknown to each other, we each separately went to consult with Dr. Heritage about what had happened and to inquire about what other steps we could take to insure that other classes were not unfairly forced to listen to information irrelevant to the course subject. She directed us to the President's office. So I must correct Dr. Schneller in thinking that Dr. Heritage is trying to "silence" him. I think that it would have been unethical and unprofessional of her to call him and say something about this since she is not in his department. Instead, she directed us to someone who would be able to ethically approach him with this matter.

The argument here is not the debate of the abortion issue, it is a matter of an instructor knowing when to properly express his opinion on a topic not related to the course subject matter. One may argue that this issue is a relative topic in marriage and family, but it is quite questionable in juvenile delinquency and deviant

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behavior. Furthermore, it is quite inappropriate before a comprehensive final examination upon which many grades are riding. He should anonymously survey the class beforehand to determine whether or not it would be to his benefit to discuss, objectively, an issue of such heated debate.

I agree that Dr. Schneller has a right to his opinion and should be able to voice it, but there is a time and a place for an opinion to be voiced and before important tests is not that time. Actually, unless the subject had a relation to a course, it is not the right place either. Granting him this, he must remember that we have a right to our opinions, whether they agree or disagree with his own. And we, as students, also have the right to expect to get what we pay for in a class, which does not include having grades balance on a controversial issue, whether intentional or implied.

So do not be fooled into thinking this is another abortion debate. That would dismiss this problem. Instead, remember it is a debate about how far an instructor's personal opinion can be forced on students in a classroom.

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Abortion's relevancy in class questioned

In reference to the so-called "issue" on abortion that is evident in Dr. Schneller's classes, I would like to express some thoughts since I was in Schneller's juvenile delinquency class this summer.

I am not opposed to discussing abortion in the class room, whether pro-life or pro-choice. I am opposed to the discussion of the topic when it is not relevant to the class, such as juvenile delinquency. In no way, shape or form was the abortion issue on the syllabus or material to be tested over. As a matter of fact, this was not brought up until the day before the final.

Dr. Schneller brought pictures of aborted babies in and asked that each one of us look at them. Not too many of us payed attention to him and we left his class. Some looked at his "nasty" pictures, some did not.

Around rolls the next day, the final. A comprehensive exam over 18 chapters. Before the final was given out, he stated how much trouble he had gone through to bring the pictures to class and was upset that many people had ignored him. We asked him to please hold this discussion until after the exam, for thoes who

wanted to hear it. One girl raised her hand asking for all who looked at his pictures if they could receive extra-credit. Schneller thought about it, considered it, but after he saw the look on my face, decided that it wouldn't be a good idea. He then threw in his "World War II" story and interrupted us once again during our final exam.

My main point is not to criticize Dr. Schneller's feeling and views on the issue, because he does have the right, as anyone else, to express them. Yet, I don't see a juvenile delinquency class, and especially a final exam period, as a time for a lecture on abortion. In my own opinion, I feel Dr. Schneller uses the classroom as an "outlet" to "superimpose" his views on others.

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Abortion not the question

In response to Dr. Donald Schneller's Sept. 17 column in *Sidelines*, I feel that a point was missed.

This is not a pro-life/pro-choice issue. It concerns the proper teaching methods relevant to course material. As a student at MTSU for four-and-a-half years, I have never been so outraged by a professor's behavior in class.

Dr. Schneller seems to believe that I am a "pro-abort student trying to attack him." I'm not a pro-abortionist — I believe in having

freedom to choose.

I was recently enrolled in Schneller's deviant behavior class, where abortion wasn't discussed in the text, but was a major part of Schneller's lectures.

Dr. Schneller was anything but tactful and sensitive in his so-called "objective" presentations of abortion. The students in my class were not given the option of looking or not looking at folded photos, as Schneller said he had *always* done. The photos were held up for a good majority of the class period. Many students were offended at the repeat showings of the pictures. How sensitive is that?

I chose this deviant behavior course in hope of learning things that were relevant to the course material. My right as a student, wanting to be educated in a class I paid to have, was violated by a man's personal pro-life views.

Dr. Schneller speaks of his academic freedom in class — what about the students?

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Classroom place for both sides of issues

I feel I must respond to the letter by Don Schneller in Monday's *Sidelines*. First, let me assure you I know both Dr. Schneller and Dr. Heritage. Dr. Schneller is a kind, warm, caring individual. I like him as a person. I feel the same is true of Dr. Herit-

age. It is unfortunate that I must say the similarity, in my opinion, ends there.

I do not accuse Dr. Schneller of lying, but his depiction of himself as a teacher is, in my opinion, inaccurate. Sadly, I know he believes what he said is true, but I know few students of his classes, other than juvenile delinquency, who would agree that he is fair, understanding, or balanced in his classroom presentation. He appears to be unable to accept that he is capable of error.

Dr. Heritage is a good teacher and a highly ethical person. She has no vendetta against Dr. Schneller, has a large number of students coming to her with complaints about him. Far from behaving unethical, Dr. Heritage used, in my opinion, highly ethical and moral judgement. Complaints about a faculty member in the sociology department should be taken to the head of the sociology department, not a teacher in the psychology department. Charges by Dr. Schneller that this is unethical are baseless. The head of his own department is the proper person to investigate complaints,

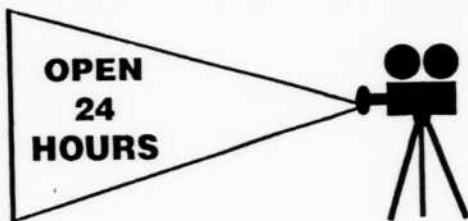
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not a teacher in another department.

The attack on Dr. Heritage is another example of Dr. Schneller attacking those who openly disagree with him. He has done it with other faculty members in the past and I'm sure that most of his former students will be glad to offer examples of what he has done to those who question him in class.

Dr. Schneller needs to recognize that, right or wrong, his passion for his personal views have detracted from his ability to be balanced and has seriously undermined his credibility as a teacher. Is this new? No. I took a class from him in 1987. Nearly 1/3 of the students in the class dropped the class when Dr. Schneller announced that he was to replace the scheduled instructor. I remained but will not take a class from him again for the very reasons expressed in the complaints published in *Sidelines*.

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**Schneller sincere,
but out of line**

I am one of the students who dropped Professor Schneller's

deviant behavior class this semester. I do not know Dr. Jeanette Heritage. I went to see the head of the sociology department on two occasions. Once before I made the decision to discuss my feelings and once after to get a transfer. Dr. Heller provided an appreciative ear and never took either side of the issue. He encouraged me to stay in the class if I felt I could.

I also went to see Professor Schneller after the first class to discuss my views. I wanted to see if I felt that our differences would affect my grades. I found Professor Schneller to be very likeable and I respected his position because I felt he was doing more than just providing lip service in his pro-life stance. He also does community service with juvenile delinquents. I did not feel that my grades would be adversely affected by our difference.

After reading his rebuttal to the article in *Sidelines*, I feel compelled to comment on some of his remarks.

Professor Schneller states that he announced on the first day of class that he would be showing photographs of third stage abortions and that students had the option of dropping the class. In

the class that I attended, what Professor Schneller said was that he would let us know before he showed these photos and anyone who did not wish to see them could skip that class.

Sounds fair enough! This would be a much less radical move for the students who were required to take it.

In reality, on our third class meeting after 15 minutes of class, Professor Schneller pulled out these photos with no prior warning and showed them. He spent the next hour of class in a shouting match with a least half the class waving these photos at us.

I did not drop the class because of these pictures. As a midwife, I have seen pictures of dead babies before. He said that these were photos of a fetus found in a dumpster behind an abortion clinic in Nashville. By the looks of the macerated condition of the fetus, in my opinion it had been dead awhile. This would pose a serious health hazard. Don't they have garbage pickup in Nashville? Could it be a fetus that had died in utero and it was aborted because it was already dead? We may never know. Who is this photographer who stalks back alleys and rummages through

dumpsters?

Can we call Professor Schneller's approach to teaching objective? He spent parts of each class that I attended (three) promoting his biased pro-life opinion. These classes according to his syllabus were not supposed to be about abortion. The class that turned into an hour-long abortion debate I had hoped would be a discussion on the upcoming test and help make clearer deviant behavior theory. The two abortion classes were scheduled for later. Does devoting one class to the other side make it o.k. to push your side the rest of the time?

I dropped Professor Schneller's class because I felt I wasn't getting the education I had signed up for. I signed up for deviant behavior, not pro-life behavior or abortion behavior. I did not want to spend the semester listening to Professor Schneller's impassioned preaching. I'll read the book. I am now in a class where the professor is teaching what's in the book and on his syllabus.

Is this really a question of academic freedom or soapbox theatrics?

Professor Schneller seems to have a lot to offer. Perhaps he should be teaching a subject that

he is not so personally involved in.

We as students have academic rights too. We deserve to be presented with facts. No biased opinion. Both sides of this controversial issue can present statistics to prove their point. They both can display women who have been wounded on both sides of this battle.

My personal view is pro-choice/anti-abortion. I feel as a woman that this is a choice only the individual can make. As a midwife, I try to provide women with a low-cost choice to keep their child. I try to provide them with support whatever their decision.

This is not a perfect world! When women have better means of birth control, when 40,000 children a day are not dying of starvation and when all children who are now waiting to be adopted have loving homes then maybe we will be equipped to deal with the babies that are being aborted.

Until that time, I choose to work on the problem of the children already being born. Many of these children have no choice and all too often, NO LIFE. ■

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SEEING SPARKS: The fireworks show during halftime of the MTSU/WKU football game was the highlight of FamFair. The stadium was filled with oohhs and aaahs as the pyrotechnic extravaganza lit up the sky over MTSU.



MTSU PARKING PROBLEM?: FamFair didn't draw quite as many as expected, as this photo shows. Although game attendance was high, only a few hundred came for the earlier activities.

FamFair 1990

Good times for all

STAFF REPORTS

MTSU celebrated the family weekend in a different way this year.

FamFair gave students and their families the chance to roam about campus and learn more

about what MTSU has to offer.

Many of the academic and student departments set up booths and demonstrations to promote their organizations as well as MTSU. Many outstanding campus and community speakers lectured on subjects ranging from the Middle East to recycling projects.

Dot Harrison, Director of Public Relations, was pleased with FamFair overall.

"I was delighted with the way everything worked out, but I was disappointed with the turnout," she said, commenting on the light attendance.

Attendance was estimated between 400 and 500 people.

FamFair concluded with the MTSU/WKU football game. "The students' section was just filled with excitement," Harrison said.

The fireworks display at halftime was spectacular. "They used more fireworks [at the game] than the city of Murfreesboro on the Fourth of July" said Carl Lambert, junior Photography major. "I was on top of the Boro and saw the whole thing."

Harrison hopes that FamFair will be an annual event. "It is something that, if we keep doing it, will grow every year."

The people that did attend certainly enjoyed themselves. ■



OUR FEARLESS LEADER: ASB President Todd Burnett spoke to students and their families during FamFair. The Blues Crusade provided a musical backdrop for the day's activities. Other speakers included Dr. Ron Messier of the History department, and Dr. Patrick Doyle of the Biology department.



HANGING BY THREADS: Jennifer Reed rappels from the top of Forrest Hall.

Photographs by Carl Lambert

Page meets the King in Dread Zeppelin



TCB, MAN, TCB: Tortelvis, Italy's leading Elvis impersonator, stands among the members of Dread Zeppelin. The band's act is mostly reggae covers of Led Zeppelin tunes. Their first album "Un-Led-Ed" is available in record stores now.

REBECCA LUXFORD College Press Service

"I was actually created by aliens, and I was patterned and modeled after the most popular person to ever walk the earth, who of course is Elvis Presley. And I look like him, and sound like him, and everything, and a lot of people mistake me for him, but I'm actually not."

Are these the words of a *National Enquirer* interviewee? The real subject of those Elvis sightings at the Burger King in Kalamazoo? Nope. Meet Tortelvis, the Elvis impersonator who sings lead for Dread Zeppelin, arguably the strangest new group this season.

The group's repertoire consists almost entirely of reggae covers of Led Zeppelin songs, which are now collected on "Un-led-Ed", its

newly released album from IRS Records.

The record already has climbed to 23rd place on the album charts in the Aug. 31 edition of CMJ New Music Report, a trade magazine that tracks the college music scene.

The music is as eccentric as Tortelvis, who just a few months ago was claiming to be the actual legitimate son of the king himself.

Chicago Sun-Times, Friday, March 16, 1990: "...my Daddy, who of course was Elvis Presley..."

The Daily Texan, Friday, March 2, 1990: "My Daddy who, of course, is Elvis Presley..."

Chicago Tribune, Friday, March 16, 1990:

"Q. You are the son of Elvis Presley?"

A. I'm the legitimate son, yes."

Then again, he might have come from outer space.

"I'm really vague about the aliens themselves," Tortelvis admits. "All I know is that as a child, for the first couple years of my life, I believe I orbited the earth in Skylab or something and I fell down into Daddy Telvis's backyard in California. He's the one who raised me from a small child, and the way he figured out that I was modeled after Elvis Presley was, of course, by my *beautiful singing voice*."

As for where he got the idea for the reggae/Zepplin thing, "It was actually Elvis Presley's idea. He came to me in 1977. He just told me simply, 'Do Led Zeppelin songs reggae style, the way they were supposed to be done.'"

But then there were rumblings from nonbelieving lawyers from Graceland. "Well, boy we've had quite a bit of problems with [the son-of-Elvis story]," the singer recalls. "We've had bad PR people and rumors getting around, but it's actually not true, that whole thing. Oh yeah, I guess rumors have gotten around that I'm the illegitimate or legitimate son of Elvis, but it's not really true."

"They changed the story on their own," says David Millman, an IRS publicist, of the band's recent disavowal of the Elvis story. "They would get bored doing the same show all the time."

Just to be safe from legal claims that the band was trespassing on any Graceland copyrights, the record company issued a video press kit along with a letter from company President Miles Copeland letting everyone know that the band was kidding. IRS's mock-tabloid bio of the band carefully avoids all Presley references.

"Writers press me for details all the time," says Millman. "What are their real names? Where are they really from? But I always say the less that's real about this band,

the better."

So, in the interest of fact-free journalism, here's that man with the *beautiful singing voice*, on how the band got started.

While making his appointed rounds as a milkman, "I ran into the back of a Ford Pinto. In case you're wondering, it didn't blow up or anything, but out popped five reggae musicians, and I pretty much hired them on the spot, and we've been doing it pretty much since then. That was about two years ago."

Thus destiny was served. "Yeah, it was just pure luck. Yeah, that was one of the things that was just fulfilling the whole. The whole thing made sense to me, you know? Everything kind of fell together."

The lucky guys in the Pinto were rhythm guitarist Jah Paul Jo, bass player But Mon, percussionist Ed Zeppelin, lead guitarist Carl Jah — who Tortelvis calls "one of the top 500,000 guitar players ever to live in the Richmond, Virginia area" — and drummer Fresh Cheese, "the former light heavyweight champion of the world."

Although he wasn't in the ill-fated Pinto, no Dread Zeppelin show is complete without the sixth Dread, Charlie Hodge, whose sole function is to bring Tortelvis water and towels on stage.

"He pretty much makes the show happen," says Tortelvis. "If I sweat, he wipes me down. If I'm thirsty, he gives me water. If I'm hungry, he'll give me a jelly doughnut, or a peanut butter and banana sandwich."

Like any man of destiny, Tortelvis is sure of his future. "I've got only 13 more years to live," he states. "I'm 29 years old now, and I probably will be dying at the age of 42, just as Elvis did and Elvis's mother did. So I've pretty much got to do everything that I want to do within the next few years."

Dread Zeppelin's whole *National Enquirer*-inspired gestalt may be silly, but if you hear the music, you won't be able to dismiss them as pure novelty. Sure, the whole concept of an Elvis impersonator fronting a band doing reggae covers of Zeppelin tunes is wholly preposterous, but their version of "Whole Lotta Love" cooks like nobody's business. No matter what Tortelvis's real name and life story are, he really does possess a *beautiful singing voice*.

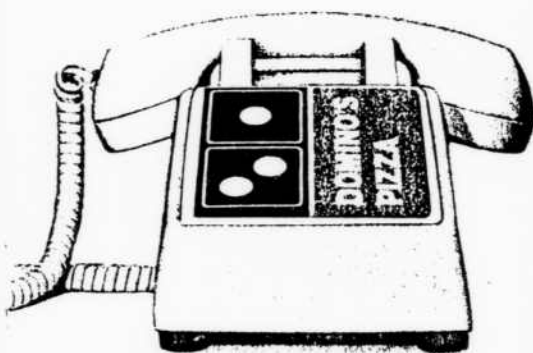
If you're already a fan, however, Tortelvis has a very special message for you: "There's something wrong with my lip! There's something wrong with it! Charlie, help me out with my lip here, would ya? God, Charlie, get away from me."



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Abstract exhibit shows spectrum

LISA VINSANT
Staff Writer

Walking through the Art Barn Gallery, it's hard to believe that fall has just arrived. "Summer Breeze," "Spring Morning," and "Wild Flowers" are just a few of the Howard Hull paintings that greet viewers as they enter his latest exhibition.

Hull is a graduate of MTSU. He received a B.S. in Art in 1960, and an M.A. in Curriculum and instruction in 1961. He is now Professor of Art Education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Professor David LeDoux, who is responsible for bringing the exhibition to MTSU, was a teacher of Hull's when Hull was a student at MTSU.

When LeDoux took an Art Orientation class to see the exhibition, reactions varied. The students were told to select two favorite paintings.

"Red Mountain," quipped one female student.

"Bicycle," said a male student, who looked as if he could have been a biker himself.

"Festival," said sophomore Donna Thompson, an advertising major. "The work is upbeat," continued Thompson. "I think most of the pictures are cheerful and

festive. It reminds me of a party."

Two other female students had similar comments, "Reminds me of the Mardi Gras!" they declared simultaneously.

The one thing that everyone did agree on, was that there was a strong sense of nature in Hull's work.

LeDoux said that this sense of nature is most likely indicative of Hull's background, growing up in the beautiful land of West Virginia.

"My paintings have always been involved with landscapes in one form or the other. Sometimes they are panoramic and at other times just 'slices' of nature," stated Hull in his Artist's Statement. Hull further explained that there are no hidden meanings in his paintings.

"They are made to be enjoyed as one sees them, not to be 'figured out,'" stated Hull. "I am a pragmatic person. They are straight-forward compositions of color and shapes as seen in nature."

Though there are no secrets to Hull's paintings, much is still left to the imagination due to the abstractness of his work.

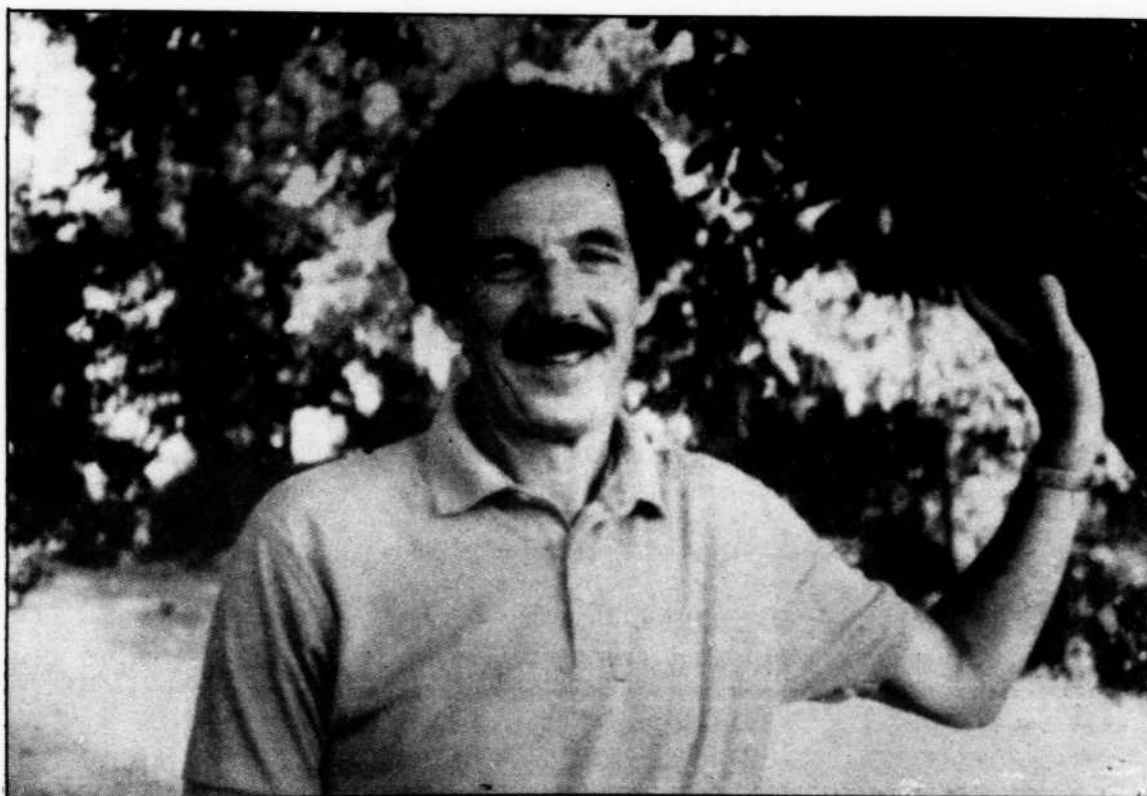
Looking at "Festival," it's easy to interpret the bright color splotches as confetti, and the

painting does have a certain "festive" feel as Thompson pointed out. But there are still questions to be answered. Is that streak of green and red a watermelon rind, left by some party-goer? Are

those vertical lines streamers, thrown in a passing parade?

And in one of Hull's darker paintings, "Cave," is there a cave man peering from the black background?

The best idea is to let viewers decide for themselves. The exhibition will be on display until October 5, 1990. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. ■



ARTIST RENDERING: Selected works from Howard Hull, an MTSU graduate, are on display at the Art Barn Gallery through October 5. Hull's abstracts have been shown around the country in private shows and galleries. The Art Barn Gallery is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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Cousteau lecture enlightens audience

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Assistant Features Editor

Peter Burchell of the Cousteau Society presented his lecture to a gathering crowd in the Learning Resource Center Wednesday night, with topics ranging from saving the Amazon River to preserving Antarctica for future generations.

Burchell began his introduction, to the dismay of the audience, in French. After a brief pause, Burchell looked up at the audience and laughed, "Ha, just kidding."

He then began his discussion of the research the Society has done and what it has ac-

complished.

The Cousteau Society, a non-profit organization headed by Jean Michel and Jacques Cousteau, is an outspoken advocate of water preservation. According to Burchell, when the Cousteaus sit down discuss issues with world leaders, they begin with one straightforward phrase.

"Before we begin talking, I want you to know that you are not just speaking with me, but with the 350,000 members of the Cousteau Society that I represent. Now, we can talk."

One of the issues the Society is working for is ending the use of drift net fishing.

The nets used in drift net fishing, called "curtains of death", are 30 to 60 miles long, and trap anything in their path. Much attention has been focused on the tuna industry (who fish with such nets), because dolphins get caught in the nets and are not released.

However, due to lobbying efforts of groups such as the Society, many countries are reducing their use of the nets. Japan, one of the largest users of the nets, has agreed to reduce its use also.

Burchell also mentioned the campaign against oil tankers with single hulls, such as the Exxon Valdez. He referred to these tan-

kers as "floating eggshells". These ships, which are approximately a quarter of a mile long, have hulls that are only 1 inch thick.

Burchell also noted that Exxon hired 12,000 people to clean the beach after the spill. What many people don't know is many of these employees were paid \$16.95 an hour to sit on the beach with a roll of paper towels to clean one rock at a time.

"So much for high technology," he said.

Burchell went on to discuss the Delta Expedition on the Amazon River that the Calypso undertook in 1983. The Amazon, which is the world's largest river, is 4,000

miles long. The mouth is 35 miles wide, with waves reaching heights of 25 feet.

Comical pictures of pink river dolphins in the slides accompanying the lecture provided a laugh break for the audience.

"There's a legend the natives have about the pink dolphins," said Burchell. "The legend says the dolphins can change their shape into that of a human female. When a man in the village is accused of cheating on his wife, he claims he couldn't help it."

"The dolphin made him do it."

On the serious side, however, Burchell claims that 50 million acres, roughly the size of Oregon, are lost every year. This is due to the "slash and burn" techniques used by Brazilians.

Brazil pays people to raise cattle in the forest. Originally, the natives went into the forest and would cut down roughly five acres. They planted grazing grasses or crops in that area, but within five years, the crops and grasses would die. The underdeveloped soil could not support this type of growth.

Now, the Brazilian cattle farmers slash and burn 100 to 500 acres, but once again, the soil is still underdeveloped. After five years, though, the cattlemen continue to cut down another 100 to 500 acres.

It is important to note there are species of fungi and other decomposer plants containing substances that could hold cures for Hodgkins disease, heart disease, types of cancer, and possibly Alzheimer's disease. At the rate of the destruction taking place in the Amazon, these drugs could be lost forever if something is not done by the Brazilian government.

Burchell wrapped up the lecture with a plea for action to keep the Wellington Convention from being ratified. The Wellington Convention is a group of representatives from different countries who want to begin oil drilling and mineral exploitation of Antarctica.

If these operations begin, said Burchell, the changes made in Antarctica's ecosystem could be disastrous.

The most important change would be the destruction of the land in Antarctica itself.

"If [mineral exploitation and oil exploration] is Antarctica's future, [Exxon] Valdez will happen all over again," said Burchell.

Individuals who would like to protect Antarctica can sign petitions to make sure the Wellington Convention does not come to fruition. Lobbying efforts by the Cousteaus have resulted in convincing the presidents of France and Australia not to sign the Convention. ■



Sports

Raiders topple Topplers

Campbell has career-high night rushing

ELIZABETH POPOWSKI
Staff Writer

MTSU Junior tailback Joe Campbell ran for 204 yards and two rushing touchdowns to lead MTSU to a 20-7 victory over rival Western Kentucky Saturday night.

Campbell bested his own personal record of 195 yards set against Tennessee Tech last season.

The win is expected to move MTSU into first position in the NCAA Division I-AA polls. The Blue Raiders were in second place in last week's poll behind Furman.

The Furman Paladins dropped a 20-3 contest to Division I-A powerhouse Florida. They may not be unseated from the top spot because of their opponent. The official poll will be released this (Monday) afternoon.

The game moved the Blue Raiders to 3-0 on the season.

The loss was the WKU Hilltoppers' first this season. They fall to 2-1.

MTSU dominated the first half, both in total yards and on the scoreboard. The Blue Raiders held a 14-0 lead when the teams

left the field at the halftime break. MTSU had 303 total offensive yards, while holding WKU to only 99.

MTSU received the kickoff but was unable to gain ground with the ball and was forced to punt the ball away.

The Hilltoppers also had problems and couldn't move the ball on their first possession either. At that point the contest looked to be taking the shape of a defensive struggle.

But the next time the Blue Raiders got the ball, the offensive machine started to roll. 14 plays and less than 3 minutes later, MTSU put seven points on the board.

The drive was set up by a 22-yard pass from quarterback Phil Ironside to tight end Steve Dark. Campbell scored his first touchdown of the night as he scrambled across the line from one-yard out. Matt Crews' extra point attempt was good.

The Hilltoppers still couldn't put their offense in motion, and the Blue Raiders were given another opportunity with the ball only seven plays later.

This time it only took four plays for the Big Blue to add another

score. The Raiders began the drive from their own 20-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Campbell moved the ball to the MTSU 15-yard line. On the next play, Ironside connected with Dark for a 68-yard bomb, moving the Blue Raiders to the WKU seven.

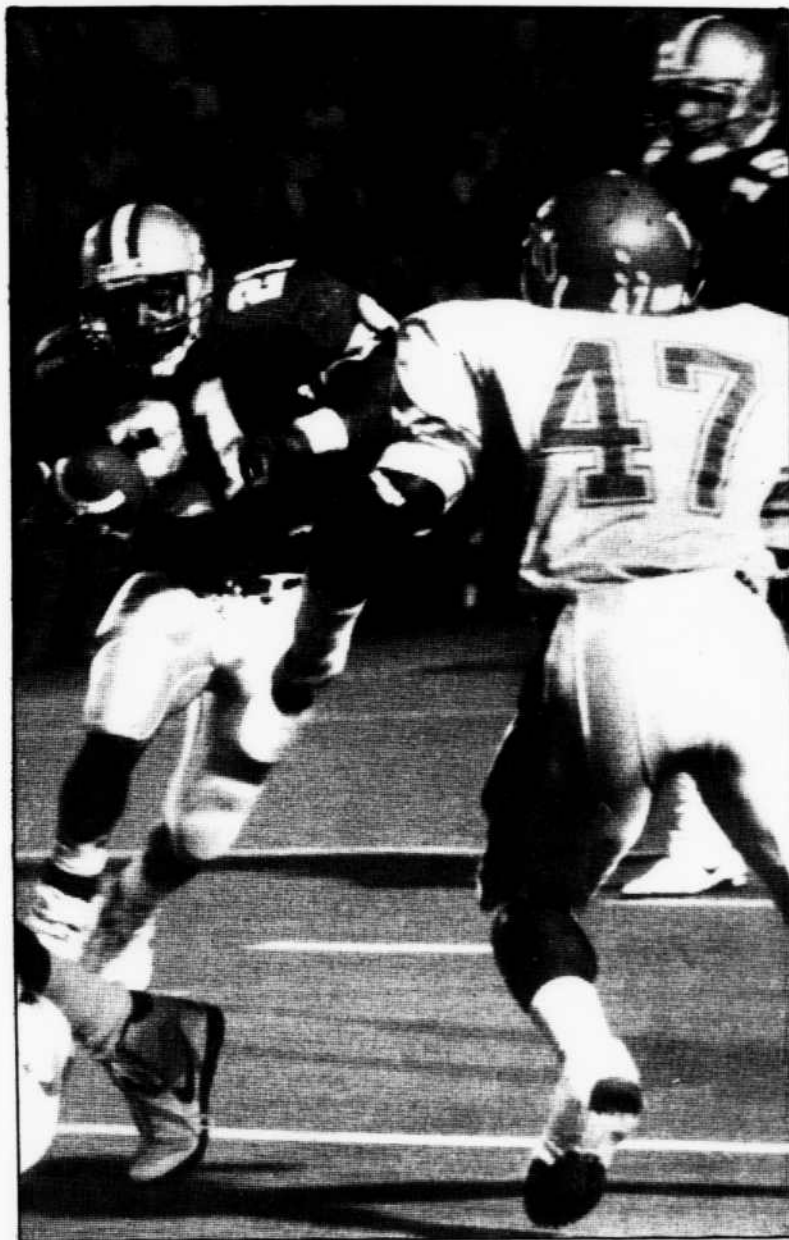
Campbell scrambled to the one-yard line and Ironside scored on a quarterback keeper a play later. Crews added the point-after-touchdown. The quick score took only 1:14, with 0:52 left in the quarter.

Neither team got on the scoreboard in the rest of the half. The only time that either team was in scoring position was midway through the second quarter. MTSU's Crews attempted a 22-yard field goal, but the kick was wide.

Campbell already had 127 yards at the half.

MTSU scored again on its first drive of the third quarter. The possession was highlighted by a 27-yard pass reception from Ironside to flanker Vince Parks. Ironside scored the touchdown first with a five-yard run, but the play was called back because of a

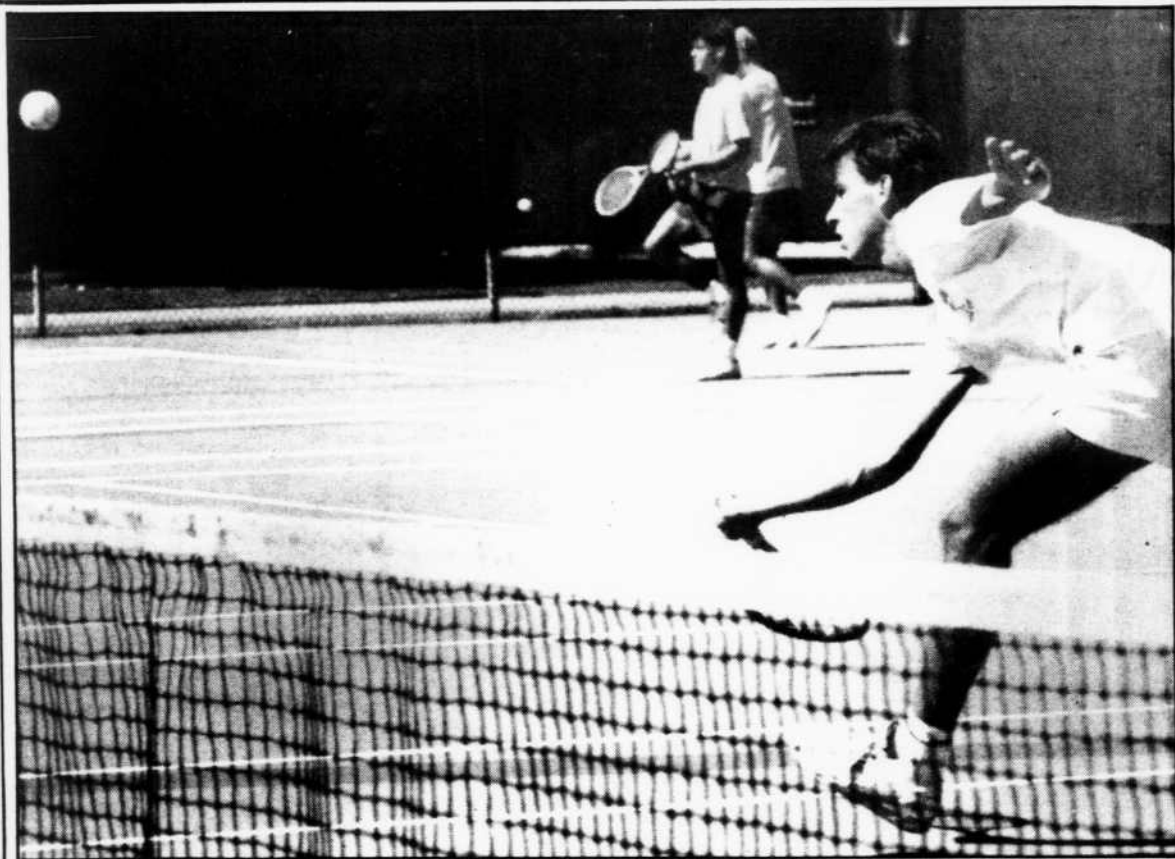
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Helen Comer•Staff

A RECORD NIGHT: MTSU tailback Joe Campbell rushes for a few of his 204-yards during the Raiders win Saturday. The juniors rushing total was a career-high.

Out Of Reach



Helen Comer•Staff

REACH FOR IT: Blue Raider tennis star David Thortan reaches for a volley in tennis action Saturday. The Raiders hosted the largest tournament ever at MTSU with teams from the mid-south area competing. Be sure and check the paper Thursday for complete results of men's and women's tennis action.

MTSU expected to take top spot while ECU is moving up

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Two OVC schools will be looking to move up in the NCAA Division I-AA polls when they are released today.

These two are MTSU and Eastern Kentucky. Both of the squads had very successful weekends.

MTSU downed Western Kentucky in a battle of the top 20.

Going into the contest, the Raiders ranked second while Western was 14th.

While the Raiders disposed of the Hilltoppers, Florida took down the I-AA top-ranked team.

The Gators handed Furman a 28-3 setback and are expected to lose their top ranking to the Blue Raiders.

If the Raiders are billed no. 1, it will be the first time since 1985 that they have been on top of the polls.

Eastern Kentucky made the journey to Statesboro, Georgia a happy one. The Colonels downed the defending I-AA national

champs 42-34, breaking a 38-game win streak at Paulson Stadium.

The Colonels were ranked no. 8 heading into the contest but will likely move up a notch or two with the win.

The last time the Eagles were defeated at home before Saturday was in 1985 when the Raiders handed them a 35-10 setback. Coincidentally, the Raiders went on to go undefeated but Southern ruined all hopes of a national crown when they came to Murfreesboro in the playoffs and ended the Raiders' season with a 28-21 upset victory.

Whether each school moves up in the rankings or not, they are expected to have their hands full this weekend.

MTSU will have to hit the road to play UT-Chattanooga, a 44-9 loser to Georgia Tech Saturday but a talent-laden club.

Eastern will make the trip to Bowling Green to take on Western Kentucky. When these in-state schools collide, there's no telling what the outcome will be. ■

Baseball leaders are letting leads slip away

It's crunch time and noone seems to want to step forward and pull out the pennant.

Well, all but one at least. The Oakland A's have extended their American League West lead to 10 games over the Chicago White Sox.

Heading into the final weeks of the season, the A's are the only club to lead their division and not handing out invitations to be overtaken.

In each of the other three divisions, the clubs have blown big leads and are in danger of losing the divisional races and watching the World Series at home.

In the American League East, the Red Sox have lost a controlling lead and have dropped 7-of-

game lead over the New York Mets.

Pittsburgh and the Mets have been playing rather poorly lately.

In the past ten games the Pirates have posted a 3-7 record while the Mets haven't enjoyed much more success with a un-sparkling 4-6 mark.

The losses have allowed Montreal to slip into the race but it may be too little too late for the Expos.

Talk about blowing a lead, how about the Cincinnati Reds. The club that has led my two-digit numbers for a majority of the season has now let the Dodgers close the gap to four.

The Reds bats have cooled off since the All-Star break and they have been struggling ever since. It's a good thing the club had a record start because if they hadn't, they would most likely be sitting in third place right now behind the Dodgers and Giants.

OK, now you know that the races are tight. Who do you think will pull it out? Here are my picks.

Of course the A's will win but the Red Sox will be their opponents instead of Toronto, despite the loss of Clemens.

In the batting race, the old man George Brett will pull out the crown over Ricky Henderson. Brett will finish at .328 while Henderson will have a .319 average.

Detroit first baseman Cecil Fielder will not get 50 homers. The big slugger will fall short with 49.

In the National League it will be New York vs. Cincinnati in the playoffs.

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'Round The Horn By Tony J. Arnold

10 games over the past week-and-a-half to allow the Toronto Blue Jays to slip their heel in the door.

After deadlocking the race and taking the lead for a short time, the Jays lost two straight and the two clubs were knotted with identical 82-70 records heading into action yesterday.

One blow for Boston is that star pitcher Roger "The Rocket" Clemens may be lost for the year with an injury to his pitching arm.

In the National League, the divisional leaders are hanging on by the skin of their teeth.

The Pittsburgh Pirates entered action yesterday with a slim 2½

In The Majors



East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Boston	82	70	.539	—	3-7	Lost 1	46-27	36-43
Toronto	82	70	.539	—	6-4	Lost 2	43-37	39-33
Detroit	73	79	.480	9	5-5	Lost 2	36-39	37-40
Cleveland	73	80	.477	9½	9-1	Won 6	38-37	35-43
Baltimore	69	81	.460	12	6-4	Won 4	37-39	32-42
Milwaukee	69	82	.457	12½	2-8	Lost 5	34-37	35-45
New York	61	91	.401	21	3-7	Won 1	33-41	28-50

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Oakland	97	54	.642	—	7-3	Won 3	50-27	47-27
Chicago	87	64	.576	10	7-3	Won 1	45-29	42-35
Texas	80	71	.530	17	6-4	Lost 1	45-30	35-41
California	75	76	.497	22	5-5	Lost 1	41-36	34-40
Seattle	74	78	.487	23½	4-6	Lost 1	38-41	36-37
Kansas City	70	81	.464	27	4-6	Won 1	43-34	27-47
Minnesota	69	84	.451	29	4-6	Won 1	38-39	31-45

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Pittsburgh	87	65	.572	—	3-7	Lost 1	44-30	43-35
New York	84	67	.556	2½	4-6	Won 1	51-27	33-40
Montreal	81	70	.536	5½	7-3	Lost 2	43-29	38-41
Chicago	72	79	.477	14½	6-4	Lost 1	38-41	34-38
Philadelphia	71	80	.470	15½	6-4	Won 2	37-36	34-44
St. Louis	68	84	.447	19	4-6	Won 1	34-44	34-40

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cincinnati	85	66	.563	—	5-5	Won 2	42-30	43-36
Los Angeles	81	70	.536	4	7-3	Won 2	44-32	37-38
San Francisco	77	74	.510	8	4-6	Lost 1	42-30	35-44
San Diego	71	80	.470	14	5-5	Lost 3	37-42	34-38
Houston	70	82	.461	15½	6-4	Lost 1	45-30	25-52
Atlanta	61	91	.401	24½	3-7	Won 1	36-44	25-47

Note: Records Do Not Include Yesterdays Games



Hey students — Hit the road!

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Hey folks, do you want to have some fun?

The Blue Raider football team will be traveling down the road to UT-Chattanooga this weekend and will need all the support they can get.

So far this season, the home games have drawn crowds of 15,000, 12,500 and 14,000. The

students have been a large portion of this mass but the team really needs your support on the road more than at home.

The UTC trip is about an hour-and-a-half drive from Murfreesboro.

When the kickoff is booted Saturday night, the Raiders will most likely be the number one team in the Division I-AA nation.

Just pile up with your buddies and hit I-24 and roll toward Chat-

tanooga.

Let's really get behind our team and help them all we can so they will bring us the national title home this year.

Let's also show the other in-state schools that we, the students at MTSU, are the most vocal, supporting and best student body around.

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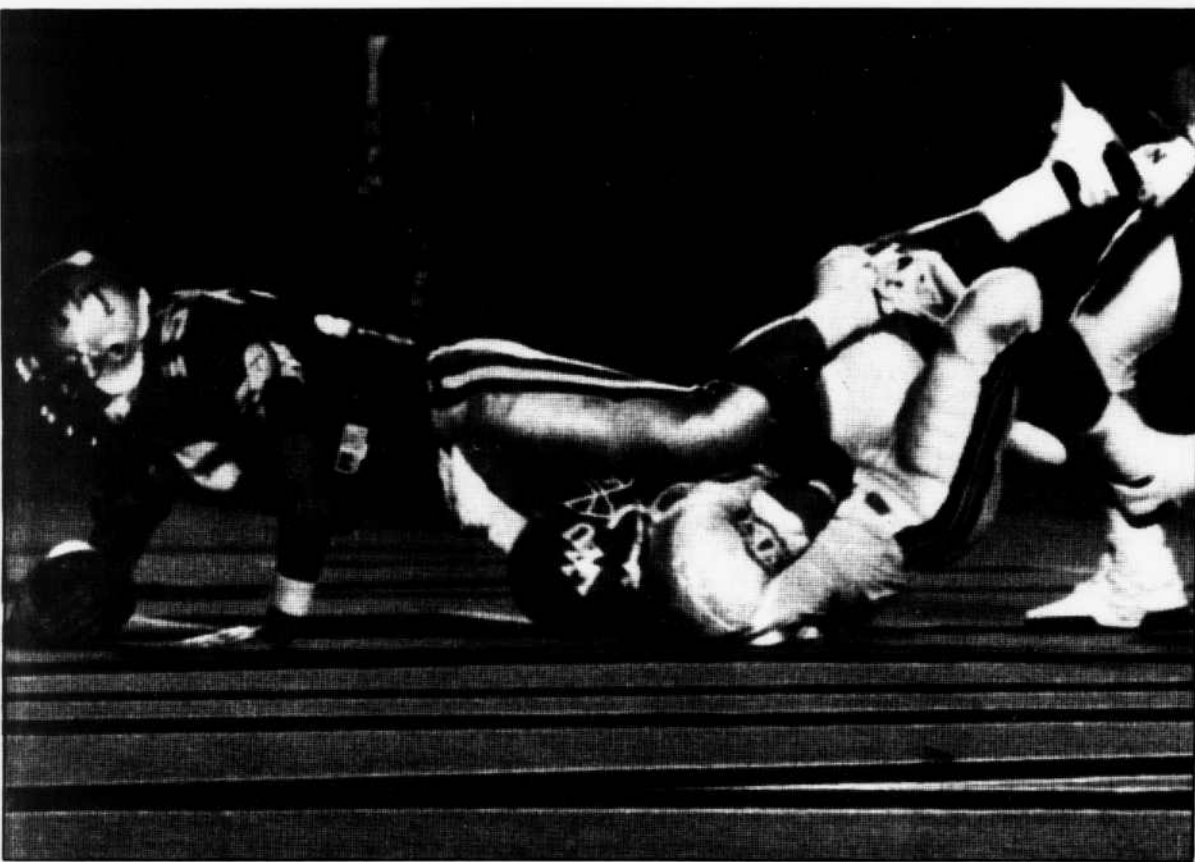
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Helen Comer•Staff

GIVE HIM SIX: Not so fast. This touchdown by MTSU quarterback Phil Ironside was called back because of a holding penalty. However, tailback Joe Cambell scored the TD two plays later and the Raiders went on to avenge last years 31-16 loss to Western Kentucky by whipping the Hilltoppers 20-7 Saturday night.

BLOW from page 14

The Mets will have to beat Pittsburgh in a one-game playoff after they tie with identical records at the end of the regular season.

The Reds will not allow the Dodgers to close the gap too close and will prevail in the end.

When the Mets and Reds face off, the Reds will win in seven.

The batting race will go to Willie McGee even though he plays for the A's and Ryne Sandberg will win the homer title with 40.

The A's will take the series in six. ■

Clarification

In the editorial "Chi-Diving" in the Sept. 20 issue of Sidelines, it was not intended to imply that members of the Sigma Chi fraternity were responsible for the violence at MTSU football games.

BLUE from page 14

MTSU holding penalty.

On the second opportunity, Campbell added six more points to his rising total when he added another one yard run. The extra point attempt failed as Crews kick-hit the upright and bounced back into the endzone.

The Hilltoppers got on the board late in the third quarter. The score was set up when WKU recovered a Blue Raiders fumble on the MTSU 49. The Blue Raiders gave them 25 yards of the scoring drive with two penalties. Hilltopper tight end Milton Biggins caught a 12-yard pass from quarterback Scott Campbell for the six. The extra point was added by Steve Donisi.

The Blue Raiders made it within eight yards of another touchdown early in the fourth quarter. However, the offense couldn't put the ball over the goalline. Crews field goal attempt was wide to the left.

MTSU had 495 total offensive

yards in the game. Ironside threw for 211 yards.

WKU finished the night with 275 yards. Tailback Don Smith led the Hilltoppers with 109 rushing yards and one reception for five more yards.

Free safety Marty Carter led the Blue Raiders defense. He had nine stops and one pass breakup.

Three players finished the game with eight tackles: defensive end Mike Caldwell, linebacker Randy Horn, and linebacker Scott Boykin.

The win gives MTSU eight straight victories in the regular season.

The Blue Raiders are on the road for the next two weekends, and will not return home again until the UT-Martin contest October 13.

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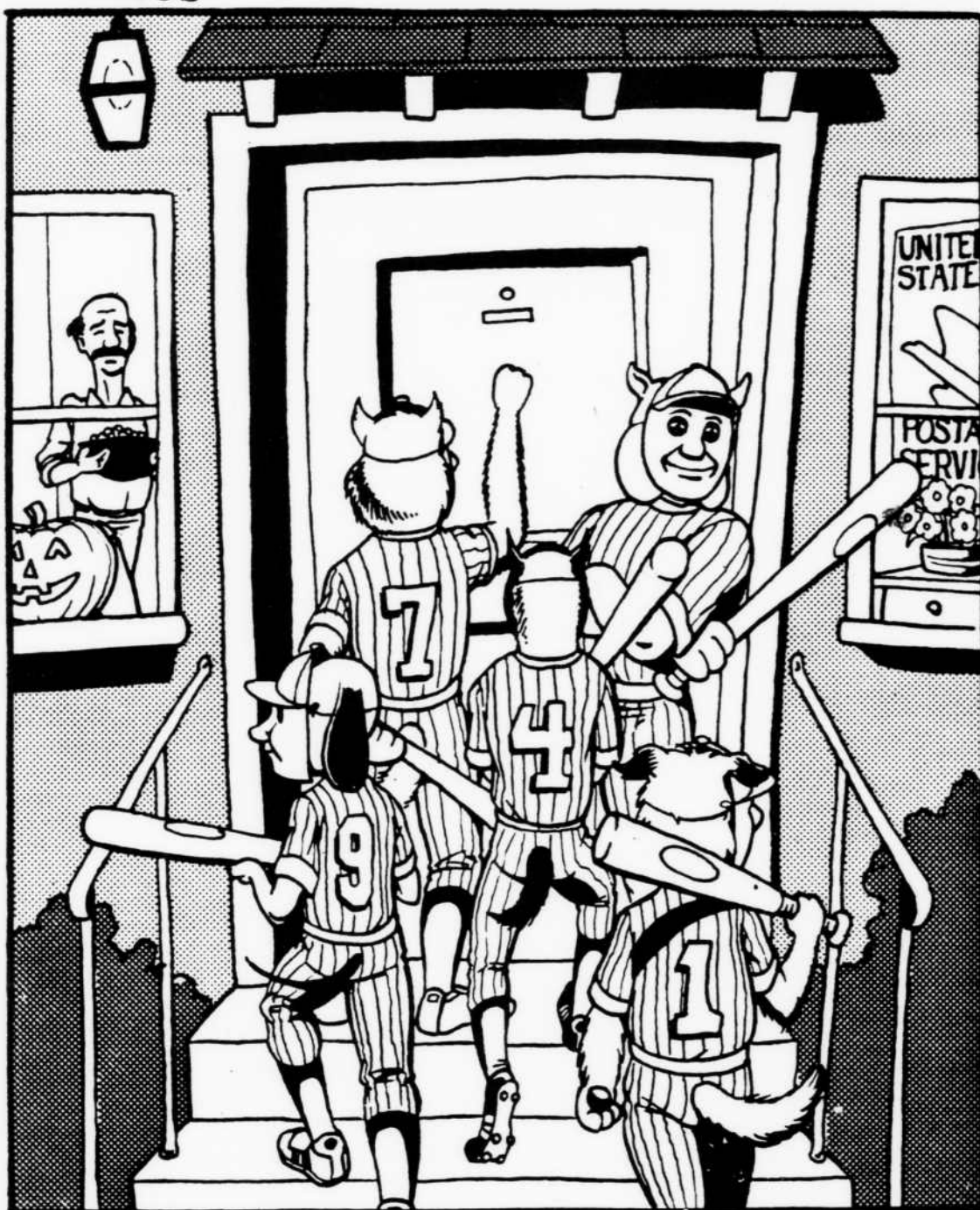
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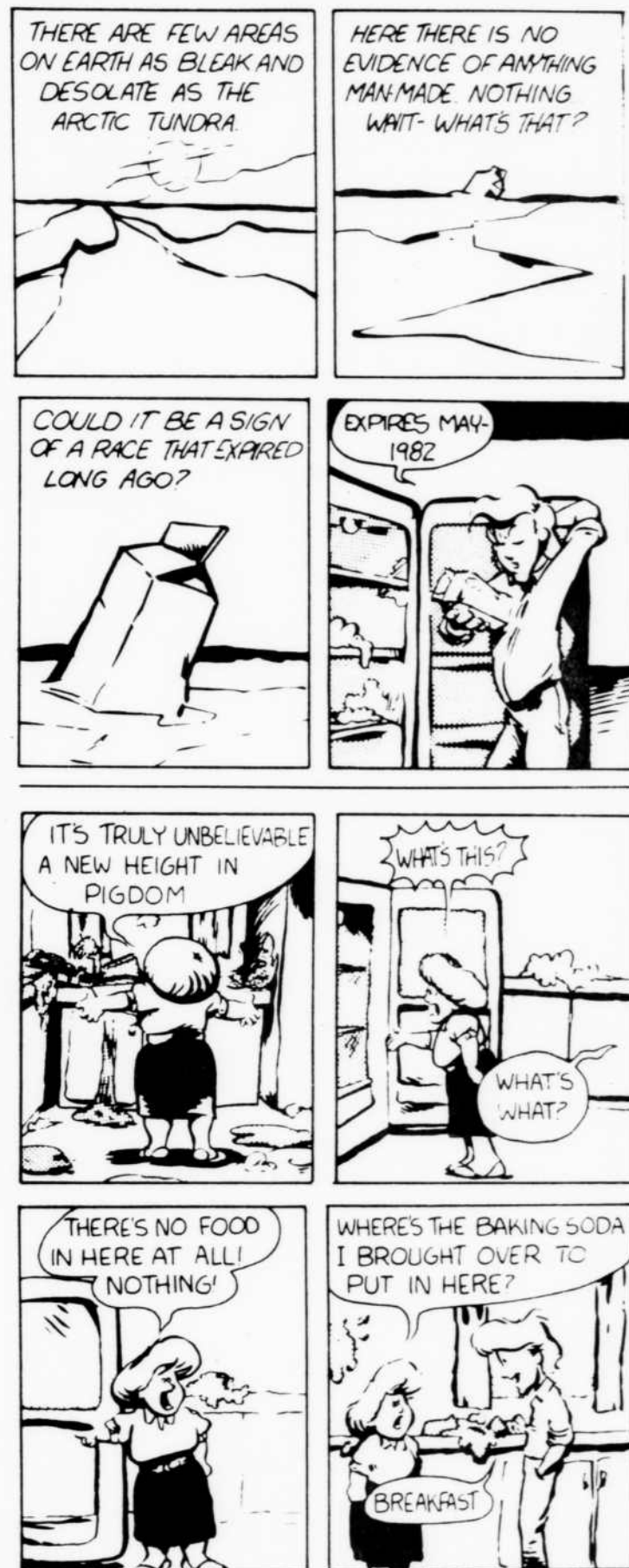
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