

Cook-Off first Murfreesboro appearance

Budweiser Clydesdales coming to MTSU

By KIM HARRIS
News Editor

The Budweiser Clydesdales will make an appearance, as part of the Homecoming festivities, at the Oct. 27 "Great Bowls of Fire" Chili Cook-Off, Homecoming Director Rob Marlin said yesterday.

The horses will be housed at the Middle Tennessee State University Horse Barn Oct. 23-28, during the week of Homecoming, Marlin said.

"It is a rare honor that MTSU's facilities would be selected to house these horses. Budweiser is very particular as to where they are housed," he said.

The Chili Cook-Off will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., during which time the Clydesdales will be outside the pay gate, Marlin said. Admission is \$3 to the event.

Because of the addition of the Clydesdales to the event, Marlin is expecting an extra turnout of approximately 3,000 spectators.

"We're expecting an extra 3,000 people, a boost of 40 percent," he said, referring to those interested in seeing the Clydesdales.

In addition, there will be a VIP team at the cook-off consisting of



The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, representatives of Anheuser-Busch for more than 50 years, make 300 appearances annually, logging more than 90,000 miles.

Gov. Ned McWherter, Congressman Bart Gordon, Mrs. Tennessee 1987 Margo Jacobs, 103 WKDF-FM disc jockey Carl P. Mayfield, MTSU President Sam Ingram and Associated Student Body President Holly Lentz, Marlin said.

WKDF will broadcast live at the cook-off and Mel and the Party Hats will be on hand to provide entertainment.

There has been a "phenomenal response," Marlin said.

The number of entries, 55, is a record entry for any chili cook-off

in the Middle Tennessee area, Marlin said. Civic organizations, the business community, every major fraternity and sorority and several residence halls will all be represented at the cook-off.

The \$25 entry deadline, which was to be today, was officially closed last Thursday. The entries were "first come, first serve" and 11 had to be turned down because of overbooking, Marlin said.

"The Clydesdales had little bearing. The response was primarily influenced by the extreme amount of preparation and PR [public relations]. The Clydesdales will be the key ingredient to get outside people."

Marlin said the goal of the cook-off is to raise \$10,000 for the MTSU Foundation.

"It will be the largest single organization contribution, and it will be in the name of and on behalf of the student body," he said.

The Clydesdales' appearance is expected to boost the agricultural department and future admissions, Marlin said.

Student audience aim of AIDS movie, video at Health Services

By WIL MILLER
Staff Writer

"The AIDS Movie," a videotape currently available for viewing at the Middle Tennessee State University Health Services center, is a powerful and informative piece of film for a student audience.

Instead of being overly technical, the film brings the problem to the viewer in a language he can understand.

It opens with a counselor, Dr. David Brumbach, speaking with a college student on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

AIDS is an opportunistic disease, one that breaks down the immune system enough to let other (often rare) afflictions come into the body.

Kaposi's Sarcoma, a form of cancer previously associated with Mediterranean men, and

pneumocystis, a rare form of pneumonia, are two of the more common diseases that ravage the body after the HLTV-III virus has damaged the immune system.

Cracking skin, a dry cough, night sweats, aches joints and a constant feeling of fatigue are several of the symptoms of AIDS.

"Several of these symptoms will appear at once, and they are not necessarily indicative of AIDS," Dr. Brumbach emphasized.

"It's AIDS is a blood-borne disease, and it's impossible to transmit without involving oneself in unsafe activities," Dr. Brumbach disclosed.

The use of intravenous drugs, when a needle is shared by several different people, is one way that the HLTV-III is spread.

Another means of transmission is intercourse without a condom. Dr. Brumbach specified that AIDS is not only spread through anal intercourse, but by any form. The AIDS virus, while concentrated in the body fluids, is also collected in the mucous membranes of the body.

The film introduces us to Susan, an ex-intravenous drug user, Paul, a homosexual male and Sunny, a heterosexual female who has had two bisexual boyfriends.

Dr. Brumbach and the three people who tell their stories in the film stress that there is no reason for anyone to get AIDS there are ways to prevent it. They all implore the viewer to use protection and to stay away from intravenous drugs.

Susan got married before she was diagnosed. Her story was the most bothersome. She felt she was paying for the mistakes she had made.

Paul was trying to keep a positive outlook and to pray for the best — a cure.

Sunny, bedridden and feeble, had resigned herself to dying.

The film ended with Paul saying, "We've all got to keep a positive attitude."

Then the screen blacked out, and before the credits rolled, we learned that Susan, Paul and Sunny had all died a couple of months after the film was produced.



WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

Shelly Neill, a Vanderbilt University student, made a "cushioned" landing at Orley Field last week after completing a skydiving course taught by Orley King. Please see page 10

Percy Priest may be site for new zoo

By ROSEMARY COLLINS
Assistant News Editor

The Zoological Society of Middle Tennessee is considering a site on Percy Priest Lake, owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, as the location for the Nashville zoo, Connie Cloak, executive director said.

"We have hired engineers and planners to research the site and tell whether it is feasible concerning water and sewer locations," Cloak said.

If the site is found unacceptable and a second site will be considered, and if that is also unfeasible then the society may purchase land, Cloak said.

The society should receive the engineers report before the first of the year as to whether the site is acceptable.

"The main goal for the zoo in general is research, education and recreation, and the zoo makes a difference in saving endangered species. Also Nashville is the largest city in the country without a zoo," Cloak said.

"More people in the U.S. go to zoos than all other sporting events, approximately 120 million people

go to zoos," she said. The cost of running the zoo will depend on the site, but a medium to large zoo costs approximately \$1 million to \$2 million a year, Cloak said.

"We are striving for self-sufficiency with the concessions stands and gate admissions," she said.

The animals will exist in a natural habitat, and there will not be any cages, concrete or bars. Instead the zoo will use such features as hidden moats, artificial rock work [cliffs] that will contain the animals naturally. Wire and glass will also be used.

Few, if any of the animals are caught in the wild, actually most of the animals will come from other zoos, Cloak said.

The zoo will open before all of the phases are completed. This is done to get repeat customers to see what has been added and to gauge what the public wants. We have a five year plan, and the zoo is scheduled to be open by 1992, Cloak said.

Currently there are 775 members in the Zoological Society

The society held its annual meeting last night and discussed the cur-

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Wide range of music available at Center

By GREG ADKINS
and
WACINDA STRICKLAND

Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Popular Music is a "center of excellence" according to Paul F. Wells, director of the Center.

"The Center is unique because it was built from the ground up. Most music archives start with a large collection that is donated or

acquired in some other way. All we had was an idea," Wells said.

While the Center collects all forms of American popular music, its main focus is on gospel and rock-n-roll.

The Center is currently trying to collect paraphernalia from the entire realm of popular music. The archives contain monographs, serials, recorded discs, sheet music, micrographs, audio tapes, video

tapes, manuscripts, photographs and posters.

"You can't understand popular music by collecting one type of music, so our interests are fairly broad," Wells said. "Our chief goal is to convey the complexity of music in social and cultural history."

With 32,000 pieces on hand, the Center houses the largest sheet music collection in the Southeast. This collection includes over 2,500

pieces of sacred music.

"The collection grows daily," Wells said. "Even though we're not very visible on campus, we stay busy."

The Center has become the new publisher of the *John Edwards Memorial Foundation Quarterly*, a journal containing information in the field of American Music Scholarship.

The Center will host a meeting of the Sonck Society for American Music and the International Association for the study of popular music in the spring of 1989. Wells and his staff are also attempting to document the music played by local bands.

"The Center could potentially be the most exciting thing for MTSU and the RIM program," Don Cusic, recording industry management professor, said.

Cusic believes the Center could have "national and international impact in a relatively short amount of time."

RIM classes will use the Center for Popular Music by sponsoring projects which will require student usage of the materials in the Center.

"An example of a future project would be a scavenger hunt so the students will learn how to find information," Cusic said.

The Center for Popular Music is located in the Learning Resource Center and is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



FRANK CONLEY

Students browse through some of the 32,000 pieces of sheet music available at MTSU's Popular Music Center.

Policy changes for committees

By WIL MILLER
Staff Writer

Poor student attendance at Associated Student Body meetings has led to a sticky attendance policy, according to Jo Willey, ASB chief of staff.

The policy change, which went into effect on Aug. 17, 1987, allows student committee members one unexcused absence. Two such absences will result in the student being terminated from the committee. Students are required to report in advance if they are unable to attend a meeting.

"These are university committees, and our [student] input is important," Willey said.

"The policy is designed to ensure more student participation and to make our voices heard. The only way to ensure this is to make sure committee members are informed and up to date," she added.

"If people aren't concerned with what's going on on campus and in the community, they have no business being on ASB committees," Willey said.

The minutes of each meeting are taken and sent to ASB offices where attendance is checked. A commit-

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Who's Who bids available now

By GREG ADKINS
Staff Writer

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is taking applications for new members.

Juniors, seniors and graduate students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better, or students who have made outstanding contributions to the university are urged to apply.

"The honor has been around for a long time, and only the elite students are chosen," Judy S. Smith, associate dean of students, said.

Applications can be obtained from the Associated Student Body office in Room 304 Keathley University Center. Deadline for returning a completed application is Nov. 2. No late applications will be accepted.

Only 60 Middle Tennessee State University students will be chosen. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of the faculty senate president, three ASB officers and eight members of the faculty senate.

Who's Who is a national organization formed in the 1930's. They are best known for their annual directory of outstanding students.

Campus Capsule

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

Delta Zeta and Sigma Chi will be hosting a pre-game cookout Sunday, Oct. 25 from 11:30 p.m. - 1 p.m., before the MTSU vs. Winston Salem game in the pavilion at Greenland Drive parking lot. All students and Blue Raider fans are invited. There is no charge. First come, first served.

The Sociology Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 317 Peck Hall prior to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

The Honors Lecture Series for Fall 1987 continues Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 Peck Hall. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ed Woods of MTSU's Chemistry and Physics Department and Dr. J.H. Ding from the Peoples Republic of China. Lectures are free and open to the public.

WMOT-FM needs student volunteers and interns. For more information come by Room 200 Learning Resources Center or phone 898-2900.

ANTS will meet on Oct. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the MTSU Placement Office Keathley University Center. Martha Turner will speak about the services provided by that office.

The Association of Recording Management Students will meet Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 322 Keathley University Center.

The Public Relations Student Society will meet Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 316 Keathley University Center.

MTSU's Student Chapter of ASPA will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 221 Keathley University Center.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities or Colleges applications will be available in the Associated Student Body office. Deadline to file your application is noon on Nov. 2, 1987.

The Honor Student Association will hold a faculty fireside discussion on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Dr. Hague's home. For more information go by the Honors Office, Room 106 Peck Hall.

American Society of Women Accountants will have Alumni Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Western Sizzlin — S.E. Broad St. Dress: Professional.

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Stock market suffers largest drop in modern era

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[Editor's note: Tokyo is one day ahead]

Frantic selling that swept through stock markets around the world Monday continued with ferocity Tuesday morning as share prices plunged when Tokyo and Australian stock markets opened.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei average of 225 stocks dropped 972 points in early trading to 24,775. Market experts said the Tokyo exchange was flooded to sell orders, a fallout from Monday's devastation on Wall Street, which erased \$503 billion off the value of U.S. stocks and drove the Dow Jones average down 508 points.

In Sydney, the first hour of trading Tuesday cut the value of Australian stocks by 20 percent, dropping the index for all ordinary shares to 1,645.80 from Monday close of 2,064.70.

One broker said it was "everything you ever imagined a stock-market crash to be."

On Monday, stock prices around the world plummeted, taking their cue from Wall Street's downward spiral late last week. Panic selling gripped stock exchanges in Tokyo, Hong Kong, London, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, and other financial centers, with records set for one-day losses.

Wall Street's tumble continued Monday, as the stock market plunged out of control in a selling panic that rivaled the Great Crash of 1929. The fall drained more than \$500 billion from the value of stocks

and sent shock waves around the world.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 508 points around 1,738.74, according to a preliminary reading — a loss of nearly 1,000 points since the market's peak Aug. 25.

Shares opened the trading day Monday in the Far East with a nosedive, with investor confidence shaken after a record single-day decline on Wall Street Friday.

Stocks fell sharply Monday on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Nikkei Stock average of 225 selected issues dropped 620.18

points to close at 25,746.56 — the sixth-largest drop in the history of the Tokyo market.

Losing Tokyo stocks outstripped gainers by a commanding margin of 863 to 111, with 69 other issues unchanged.

In Hong Kong, a selling wave swept the stock market exchange Monday. The Hang Seng index fell 420.81 points to 3362.39, a record one-day plunge of 11 percent. Volume totaled 4.185 billion Hong Kong dollars, or around \$537 million, up 12 percent from Friday.

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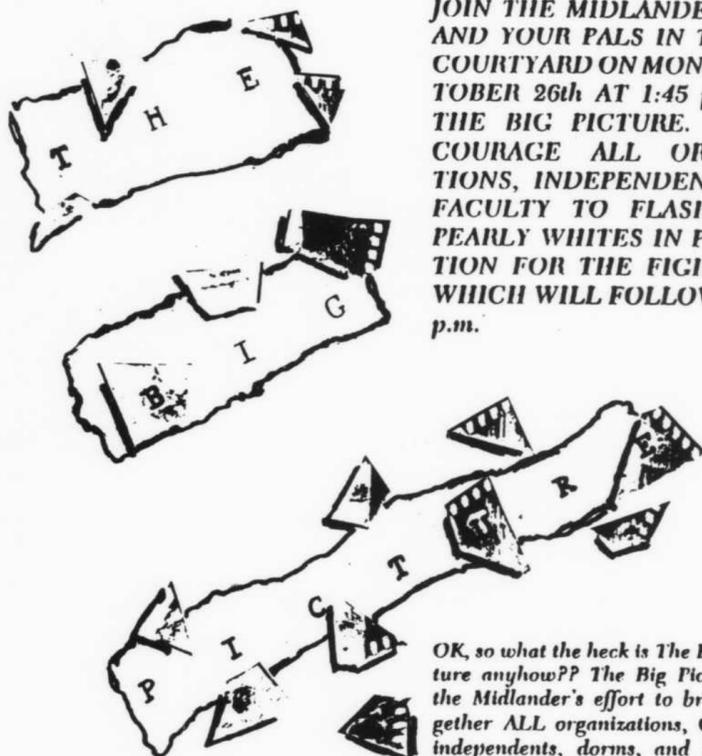
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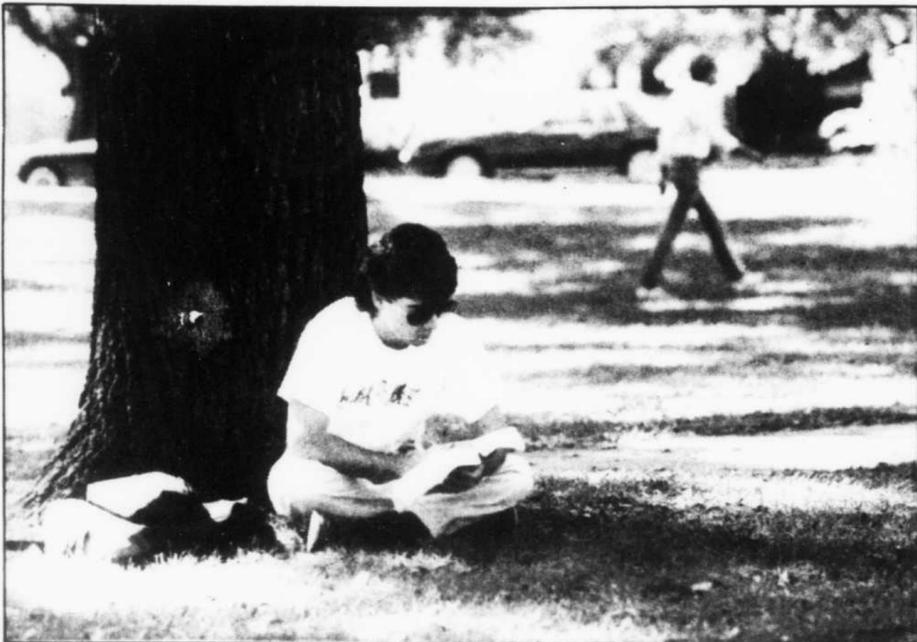
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FRANK CONLEY

Brett Hart, a junior, enjoys the fall weather while studying between Cope and Peck Hall.

Stock market

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Stinging losers were also posted Monday in Sydney, Taipei and other Asian centers.

In London, where trading begins as the business day in the Far East is winding down, stock prices plunged on the London Stock Exchange. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index finished at 2,052.3, down 249.6 points, or 10.8 percent, from Thursday's close.

London market indexes weren't computed on Friday because trading was suspended following a hurricane early Friday morning that caused a black-out in London.

The FT-SE index lost more than 150 points Monday in the opening two-and-a-half hours and then plunged more when Wall Street opened drastically lower. The final decline was between four and five times larger than the previous record drop set Aug. 6 when the index fell 6.0 points to 2,261.4.

Brokers attributed London's massive decline to "herd instinct" and said it was exacerbated by the electronic price systems that the London Stock Exchange has used in the year since the "Big Bang," the sweeping liberalization of the British financial markets.

Elsewhere in Europe, share prices plunged in nervous trading in Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Zurich, Milan and other financial centers.

Committee

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teeing report sheet outlining the meeting is now required of each member. Report sheets are then sent to the ASB office.

Student irresponsibility is not the only culprit. Many times the ASB office is unaware of meetings. On occasion ASB members have learned of these meetings after the minutes have been sent to the office.

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ASB indexes bills to alleviate chaos

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

The Associated Student Body's Bills Review Committee has begun work on a collective index of bills enacted by the ASB.

According to committee Chairwoman Jo Willey, the purpose of the committee is to compile an index of all ASB bills to facilitate reference to these bills.

There is a definite need for such an index, Willey said.

"We were sitting around hunting for a bill this summer, and we just couldn't find it because the bills weren't organized. We decided it would be a good idea to form a committee to organize all the bills," Willey said.

The committee is charged with the task of reviewing the present list of ASB bills, and to compile an index of these bills which will include a description of each. A separate book of invalid bills will also be compiled.

Committee members are currently working separately to review

the backlog of bills they are faced with indexing.

"This project could take a long time. We have a stack of bills as big as the Nashville Yellow Pages," Willey said with a laugh.

Willey did state that the committee should finish their work before the administration of current ASB President Holly Lentz leaves office at the conclusion of the 1987-88 school year.

"Right now we're working at our own pace, but we should be finished before Holly leaves office," Willey said.

Upon its completion, the index will be kept in the ASB office at all times and will be available for student review upon request.

Willey, who also serves as ASB chief of staff, was appointed to chair the committee earlier this semester.

Other committee members are Carol Glenn, Tracy Holiday and Bill Watson.

Lee reappointed to committee by TN Governor for 1987-88 year

By NATALIE WALKER
Staff Writer

Frank Lee, chairman of Middle Tennessee State University's criminal justice department, has served as a member of Gov. Ned McWherter's Tennessee Correctional Institution Board of Control for 15 years and has recently been reappointed.

"The board's main duties are to review jails recommended for certification and to decide budget matters," Lee said.

"This group has an important job, they must insure jail facilities meet standards prior to being certified and contract for space where we can house state prisoners serving sentences for local crimes," Gov. McWherter said in a prepared statement.

Other board members include David Welles, legal counsel to Gov. McWherter; Bruce Mallard, chairman of the criminal justice department at Tennessee State University; Steve Norris, commissioner of the Department of Corrections; Fate Thomas, Davidson County sheriff; Warren Roberts, Madison County sheriff and Bill McWherter, warden of the Lake County Regional Prison.

The board is required by law to meet quarterly, but members also meet when expecting jails, Lee said.

Zoo

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rent activities and progress of the upcoming Nashville zoo and presented several supporters special service awards.

Recipients included Art Elliot, general manager at WKRN-Channel 2, for the \$10,000 awarded to the society by the Knight Foundation. Senator Douglas Henry Jr., Senator Joe Haynes and Representative Ben West for supporting the

general assembly bill that awarded the society \$50,000 in matching funds.

The Zoological Society is sponsoring a membership drive, and for \$25 anyone can be a member.

However, you don't have to be a member to be a "zoobooster." The society needs volunteers for various activities such as marching in the Christmas parade, manning booths and helping in displays. Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a member can write to P.O. Box 25187, Nashville, 37200.

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EDITORIAL

Editor cleans house

This is supposed to be a cute and catchy opening paragraph where I explain that this column deals with some "housekeeping" details. Unfortunately, I'm too tired to be funny. Sorry.

Letters To The Editor: During the past several weeks, the paper has received a great many letters. Thanks. It's hard to know how people are responding to the paper unless they tell you.

shared by others. [Warning! Warning! Danger Will Robinson! Useless personal anecdote ahead!] In a recent issue of the *Atlantic* there was a piece by David Owen titled "Help for the T.V. shy," where Owen talked about how some television programs embarrassed him by how bad they were. They were so bad he had to leave the room or hide his head. I've always felt stupid because I do the same thing. It's a

the policy of the paper to use the actual language of the speaker in quotes. Eddie Murphy does use those words in concert. And to properly convey the experience of seeing him live, those words were needed.

It might have been better, if we had pointed out Murphy's language before the concert, but I feel the paper was correct in running the review. I can understand, however, if anyone feels we were out of bounds. It's a little shocking to see words to the effect of "munch my beef jerky" in the newspaper, but most people use those words in real life. And that's what we're trying to write about.

Campus Capsule Policy: Take a good look at the Campus Capsule. Notice the part about inclusion of any notice "being at the discretion of the editor?" Space is a funny thing in a newspaper. Sometimes we have way too much, and I get to prattle on for pages in a column like this. Usually, however, we don't have room for all of the submissions people send to Campus Capsule.

We're sorry, but news comes before free advertising. — which is what CC basically is. If it is crucial that you have something printed, buy an ad. That way your notice will be published.

This is also a good time to talk about what we can and can't cover in news stories. We cover as much as we can, but we're only humans working for sub-minimum wage. It also helps if you tell us about a potential story. We're always looking for story ideas; just call 898-2815. But remember, what goes in the paper is at the discretion of the editors. And also remember the difference between a story and free advertising. A car wash is not a news story.

Sidelines Staff Meetings: If you're really interested in how the paper works, let me invite you to our weekly staff meetings. They're usually Wednesday, sometime around 3:15 p.m. Call just to make sure. We don't have any food, but come by anyway. And feel free to bring food yourself. I like those Pepperidge Farms cookies myself.

World Series Prediction: Twins in four. Didn't want you to think I was just going to moan and whine for an entire column. Hey, am I starting to sound like Larry King or is it my imagination?

those few moments of airtime is of little consequence.

Donaldson, for instance, has made a career out of insulting anyone who crosses his path. Just ask Jimmy Carter.

Contrary to Donaldson's beliefs, the proper reporting of newsworthy events does not require the abandoning of civility, and acting like a refugee from Romper Room does not help in the gathering of information.

The most unsettling aspect of Donaldson's argument outside the White House is his comment that the principals had no right to criticize him.

The purpose of true journalism is to inform the public. Therefore, members of the public are the news media's customers. If customers do



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task can be accomplished in a matter of seconds.

In addition to speeding up the check-out process, for the first time the library will be able to tell you what books you have checked out and when they are due back. Also, overdue notices will be coming out much sooner, thus preventing fines from piling up while overdue notices are laboriously hand written. Rather than being surprised at registration by mega-overdue fines,

lar language, or even for books under a hundred pages long — for those of you with a date tonight and a book report due tomorrow.

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The library's computer system would also be tied to the university's mainframe computer. It would then be possible to sit down at any computer terminal on campus, or any personal computer with a modem, and access the same information that you now have to go to the library to get.

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These changes will benefit everyone. Sooner or later everyone at the university needs to use the library. It is the library's job to make sure that you find what you need as quickly and painlessly as possible. Computerizing the library will go a long way towards that goal.



David G. Robinson
Todd Library

book is checked out? What if you could do this from a computer terminal in your dormitory, faculty office or from the comfort of your own living room?

If a plan, developed by the Todd Library staff, to automate the library goes into effect, these will be just a few of the benefits that a library computer system will offer library users.

Anyone who has ever checked out a book from Todd Library has suffered through the time consuming task of filling out, by hand, one of those little cards with the holes down the sides for every book. With computerization that will be a thing of the past. With literally just the wave of an electronic wand over your ID card and over the bar-code label on the book, a four-minute

a computerized library system can notify you within days by mail. You can then rush right over to the library with those books, where the staff could be so thrilled about not having to track you down that they probably wouldn't charge you a fine at all! (...for the first couple of days, anyway.)

The masterpiece of computerization for the library, though, would be the Online Public Access Catalog. No longer would you have to go to the card catalog and spend hours going through drawer after drawer of little filing cards arranged in some arcane system that only the librarians seem to fully understand. Instead, you could sit down at a terminal, and in seconds be presented with a list of books on your topic. It will even be possible to have that list printed so you don't have to scribble down titles and call numbers.

With the card catalog, you can only search by a very few restrictive access points, such as the author's last name, the full exact title of the book or the proper Library of Congress subject heading. With an Online Public Access Catalog you can search ANY word in the title, subject heading, author's name, etc. You can limit your searches to books published before or after a particular year, books written in a particu-

lar language, or even for books under a hundred pages long — for those of you with a date tonight and a book report due tomorrow.

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Chris Bell
Editorial Editor

When you write a letter, however, just don't state an opinion — back it up with some kind of arguments. It's nice that you think students should be forced to attend class at gunpoint, but please tell us why. Gory to make this sound like working on a research paper, but otherwise the letters column turns into a twice weekly voyage into crankiness.

Please remember to include your MTSU box number and telephone number (for verification only; we don't print them) with your letter. And if you're too lazy to mail them, you can put them in our new box in the KUC Grill. Which brings me to my next point.

The KUC Grill Letters Box: Near the front right entrance to the grill, on the side of the *Sidelines* rack is a box for letters to the editor. It's kind of hard to see, but it's there. Look for the small blue box with the really sloppy paint job. Yes, I painted it. It was just put in a few weeks ago and should make sending letters to the paper much easier.

So get writing. Now. Yes, I mean now. Don't even bother finishing this column, it will be here when you get back. Go write a letter, and put it in that box.

Back? OK, next point. The Purpose of Editorial Columns: A lot of people seem to be confusing articles and columns.

A news article is written in news style and tries to present an objective view of an event. An editorial column is a person's viewpoint on an event or issue. Columnists can write anything they want as long as they avoid libel suits. That's why the news and editorial sections seem to contradict each other at times.

One of the great powers of writing is to make people aware that their feelings and thoughts are

strange little quirk, and it was a strange little quirk. It made me aware that I wasn't alone. That is what good writing can do.

It's fine if you don't like what a columnist says (in fact some columnists hope you'll disagree with them), but don't continually question their right to write. And if you want to write a column yourself, just call me.

In Praise of Editorial Columnists: For those people who have turned in work, thanks. I feel pretty lucky to have assembled some great writers and some writers capable of future greatness this semester. You can figure out who's who.

A special note to the teachers and staff members who have contributed editorials. *Sidelines* is the MTSU campus paper, and students aren't the only people on this campus. There is still time for university faculty and staff members to write if they want. Of course, if you don't care enough about the university you work for to pick up a pen or pencil, hey, it's all right with me.

We can also use more student columnists. This page is pretty weak on political commentary so any political science majors, or heck, anyone who can tell the Democratic presidential hopefuls apart, give me a call. That's all right with me. Yes, I'm talking about the Eddie Murphy review that ran a few weeks ago. A lot of people were shocked by the language in the article, but it's important to note that it was *Murphy's* language.

As long as I've been here (two years, on and off) it has always been

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Television news forgets integrity

It is becoming increasingly apparent that a key element of journalism — integrity — is being forgotten by news correspondents for the major television networks.

Following a recent press conference by President Reagan, ABC's Sam Donaldson, CBS's Bill Plante and NBC's Chris Wallace engaged

and in his absence we are left with a band of babbling marauders.

Increased ratings for television newscasts have propelled the major networks to the forefront of this nation's information media. This, in turn, has increased the importance of network correspondents, and this new power has forced these



M.A. Brown
Assistant News Editor

in a 20 second eruption of simultaneous questioning.

Each man was attempting to gain the President's attention, but neither of the three was willing to yield the spotlight to one of his counterparts for even a fraction of a second. The resulting commotion closely resembled a barroom brawl.

Several days later, Donaldson and Plante publicly embarrassed themselves again by grouping a shouting match with a group of high school principals gathered outside the White House.

This engagement came about after several of the principals expressed their disgust with Donaldson for shouting a question at President Reagan as he entered the White House.

These incidents prove that the days of real broadcast journalism are over. Walter Cronkite is gone

correspondents to become more like show business stars than journalists.

To Donaldson, Plante and Wallace, informing the public has taken a back seat to gaining a few minutes of airtime at the top of an evening newscast. How these men gain

STEVE BEAT — By KENT WHITAKER



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Column hits home with reader

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to *Sidelines* and to Kate Lapczynski for the fantastic article "Some students don't fit in usual categories" which ran in the Friday, Oct. 2, 1987 edition. Kate's insight has hit many nails on the head. For an infinite variety of reasons, many students at Middle Tennessee State University are returning to or are beginning their college careers at non-traditional times in their lives. But a second chance or late chance usually provides a determination that can not be subdued or denied.

On Dec. 19, 1987, my daughter and I will "graduate" from MTSU — it has been difficult. We have sacrificed a lot. The times have been lean, but we're almost finished. We are very proud of our accomplishment. Good luck to all the other non-traditional students and their families who follow.

Lorraine G. Hardison
Box 5979

Resident addresses racetrack issue

Dear Editor,

I would like to share a concern I have about an issue that possible could permanently destroy the character of this great city.

I was born in this town 29 years ago, and I grew up here. I went to MTSU and then lived in several different towns during a seven year period. During that time, I couldn't wait to move back to Murfreesboro because it is a great city, and it's where I want to raise my children. My concern is that many students who are not planning on living here after they graduate may be disillusioned by the so-called glamour or fun and not give any thought to what a racetrack would do to this community.

The university students are very important to this community, and I am proud of them and the university for the way they have helped preserve the character of this town. Because this racetrack issue is very

important to this community, I would like to say to those students who are planning on having a family or making a permanent residence here, please think about the future and ask yourselves — would I want to live near or would I want next to a racetrack with all of the negative influences that come with it? To the students that will be moving on, I would say please consider this community as part of your family and voting against the racetrack as one of the most important positive contributions you could make to this community.

I have talked to many people who are familiar with cities that have racetracks, and I have never heard anything good about them. One person said that during racing season his children would seldom go out of the house.

I know that university students are very responsible people. I was just concerned that because of their studies and university activities some might not give this issue much thought. However, I also hope that every person would try to understand my concern as a parent and citizen. I would like to close by saying please think of the future of our town and what is right. Thank you.

Rick Thigpen
515 N. Fawn Tr.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Students must act to solve parking woes

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to your editorial entitled, "Parking is a problem." As a daily commuter, I feel that parking is a serious problem, but I am sick and tired of all the re-hashed articles pertaining to this subject in *Sidelines*.

I am aware that to restate an issue is to put it in the minds of Middle Tennessee State University officials. The underlying fact is that these are the people who have adequate parking spaces provided to them.

I truly believe that we need more than written words to enlighten these officials into action. It is the responsibility of the student body to provide concrete solutions to this problem and to voice these opinions to this university's president,

Sam Ingram and the Parking Committee. As soon as we (the students) get off our duffs, then they (the officials) might get off theirs.

One option, as mentioned in the Oct. 9 issue, is a parking building. I personally feel that this is an excellent solution. I would be more than willing to pay an increase in my parking fees to provide funds for such a facility. The parking situation is in shambles, and the students at MTSU need to do something about it.

Wendy Harris
Box 4082

Reader split on editorial columns

Dear Editor,

I applaud Dr. Kendrick's earlier reply to the issue concerning class attendance, but I ask him: what of the students who are just not interested at all in the course?

On another topic, Mr. Cartwright's article on interracial relationships struck me: does a mind give an issue any thought only when faced with it? It may be advantageous to mull over these various "issues" before one can be tripped on them. Such thinking compliments an individual's awareness of his or her goals in life.

J.M. Cook
Box 6196

Make up your mind!

Dear Editor,

What in the name of Allah happened to you over the weekend? Were you struck by some exotic case of jellyfishness?

When I read your editorial in Friday's edition I cheered "Finally someone with some back-bone in taking on the parking problem!" Yesterday (Tuesday) I read your article entitled Survey compares parking problems and was infuriated.

Did you have an operation or something? So what if U.T. has a parking problem too? Does the fact that most schools railroad their stu-

dents make it O.K. for MTSU to do the same? A lot of other schools have an abundance of rape and muggings; does that mean that we should stand by and let it happen here too? I'm sure if it does you people will write me article saying "Hey, don't sweat it, this kind of thing happens at U.T. and Tech too." Why don't you make up your mind? Why don't you're on.

Dave Bird
Box 5794

Greeks aren't the only ones who use Grill

Dear Editor,

I agree with the letter in your last issue written by Marc Miller and company pertaining to the Grill-monger article. The paper is for all to read — not just the Greeks. Therefore, the staff should keep its partisan remarks out of the paper.

I also don't agree with P. Kristen Bowker in that everyone goes to the grill to watch the Greeks. I certainly don't. I have better things to do with my time. I go to the grill to eat and chat with my friends. If I wanted to watch Greeks that bad, I'd stake out the frat houses with a pair of binoculars. Greeks are humans, not gods.

As a proud independent, one of many, I ask that the staff please keep their social affiliations to themselves. I'm not interested.

Bethlyn Anderson
Box 8731

More comments on Murphy review

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Brian Conley's article in the Tuesday,

Oct. 6 issue, entitled "Murphy is Raw."

Although all abusive language used in the article were direct quotes of Mr. Murphy, I do not feel that it was called for. Many people read *Sidelines*, and it is the responsibility of the writers and the editors to edit these columns. I was offended by seeing this extensive abuse of the English language in our paper, and I am sure there are others who felt the same way.

In the future, I hope the staff of *Sidelines* will show a little more respect and consideration for the morals of others.

Monte Casto
Box 4155

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Letters to the editor are encouraged and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest and space.

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AFTER CLASS

First show a success

By TERRY BANKER
Staff Writer

"Dark of the Moon," written by Horney Richardson and William Berney, was entertaining.

The play, directed by Phil Martin, attempted to show an interesting parallel between the southernized Scottish folklore and the sometimes devastating powers of Christian persuasion.

The story revolves around a young witch boy's [John] desire to become human in the attempt to gain the love of the young Barbara Allen. However, in order to become human, the witch boy must go along with certain requirements that are imposed on him by the conjure folk.

As the story unfolds with the love of the misfits, the audience begins to wonder if the relationship will actually work out. With the supposed birth of the dead witch baby, the town folk become obsessed with the notion that the marriage should not be permitted to remain. Barbara Allen and John are caught in the middle of their opposing worlds.

The conflict in the plot is derived from the histories of Barbara Allen and John the witch boy. Barbara Allen, played by Daphne Hiers, is in the world of hell raising and

brimstone "heal me" religeon. John, played by Earl F. Smith III, is caught within the conventions of demons and witches. Which world is worse?

During the revival, the christians of the town force the demoralizing will of God. John is haunted by his equally mesmerizing cohorts, his witch sisters — his dark-sided lovers, whose bargain with the conjure man eventually murders Barbara Allen.

The audience is left to their consciences to decide who to align themselves with, or even if they should align themselves with anyone?

The excitement of the show was largely due to the ensemble play of the cast. The town folk epitomized the ironies of the religiously walled. They portrayed the small town /big family idea to its best. Delightful caricatures of the past were brought to life by Miss Metcalf's (Tracy Howard) dance with the boys, Hank Gudger (Tim Meadors) and Edna Summey's (Jenny Alexander) confession of lust in the barn, and Uncle Smellicue's (Bill Claiborne) portrayal of the general store urchin.

The sensitivities of Hiers' Barbara Allen were sometimes lost under the mischief of Smith's witch

boy. At times this became a problem, especially during Hiers' lovely ballad. A sound system for Tucker Theatre would have captured these lost moments.

Supporting duet teams contributed to the backbeat of the play. Katherine Huddleston and Don Sullivan's conjure folk added depth to the believability of the folklore. Neno Ray Russell and Rob Allen's supporting roles were integral parts of the performance's success. However, the mystical eeriness and dark-sided evil of Margaret Dill and Ashley Suzette Haber's witches dominated the rhythm of the play and directed the dark-sided thoughts and inhibitions of the audience.

Was this a comic tragedy or a tragic comedy? Director Phil Martin left the choice to the audience. The scenic designer Michael D. Sniderman contributed to the choice by creating a set with the phosphorus glow echoing the glowing wedding ring of Barbara Allen, and the eagle-like tree characterizing the desires of the witch boy. The open ended directorial decisions and the limited conscience oriented options imposed on the audience left them with an awkward picture of a successful play. "Dark of the Moon" succeeded.



Don't forget, the prize in the "Tina Turner Trivia" contest is two free tickets to Tina's Oct. 29 concert at Murphy Center. For additional entry blanks and full rules stop by the entertainment desk in the *Sidelines* office. Hint: check the library for answers to the trivia questions.

Assassins to perform

Staff Reports

Jimmy Thackery, a member of the well known blues band — The Nighthawks — will appear with his own band — The Assassins — Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Mainstreet.

Formed over two years ago as a vacation band from The Nighthawks, The Assassins released "No Previous Record" on the Seymour Recod label. *The Commonwealth Times*, a student newspaper in Richmond, called it "the best rock 'n' roll album of 1985."

Realizing that the band was too exciting for just a part-time venture, The Assassins are now a full-time force on the American music scene.

Their latest album, "Partners in Crime," covers everything from a smooth version of Eddie Hinton's

"Everybody Needs Love," to Jim Thackery's title track, to Johnny Burnette's rockabilly "Lonesome Train." While many may call The Assassins a blues band, the group's influences go beyond the basic 12-bar blues. From the acoustic Mississippi sound to the electric blues of Chicago, they derive a sound they call "Mississippi River Music."

Thackery, on lead guitar and vocals, is best known for his work with The Nighthawks. Thackery has created a basic and overwhelming guitar style. Thackery has toured all over the United States, Europe and Japan with The Nighthawks. He has played with Robert Cray, Muddy Waters, Albert Collins, Los Lobos and the 1980's Blues King Stevie Ray Vaughan.

"I saw The Nighthawks at Can-

trells." Phillip Austin of Mainstreet said. "Thackery was incredible, simply incredible. He left the stage and played better under the table than most people would play onstage."

On the skins, Brian Alpert has played with jazzmen, rockers and bluesmen. Alpert has given The Assassins a strong backbeat.

Other Band members include Dave Strong on lead guitar and vocals, Alex "Rockin' Daddy" Holland, lead tenor and alto sax player, Bruce Harrison on keyboards, guns and money and Wade Matthews, the BMOB-Big Man On Bass.

The Assassins professionalism and experience make them one of the most exciting bands around. Join the crowd at Mainstreet and get Assassinated.

New Band hits Mainstreet

By MICHELLE BRAEUNER
Entertainment Editor

They're back and they're ready to party. The Questionnaires, a Nashville-based rock band, will appear at Mainstreet Thursday, Oct. 22.

The newest of the "new music" genre, the Questionnaires have proven that "Music City" means more than just country.

The leader of the group, Tom Littlefield, is the grandson of jazz bandleader Woody Herman. A California native, Littlefield has chosen Nashville as a place to create his kind of music. "Maxine,"

"Boomtown" and "All Right Here," are songs in which Littlefield addresses his concerns about the city.

"If you're writing songs, or if you're painting or anything else, you're going to be inspired by where you live," Littlefield said in an Aug. 7, 1987 interview with the *Nashville Banner*. "Nashville is a real interesting place to me. It's got a lot of history, both in music and in other things that I find neat and weird."

The band is a quartet, with other members being guitarist Doug Lancio, drummer Hunt Waugh and

bassist Chris Feinstein.

Since their creation two years ago, The Questionnaires have been performing to sold-out crowds all over the mid-south region. Touted as "the talk of the town" after their rousing performance at the Rock Extravaganza, this group has gone on to become one of the most popular bands in the Nashville area.

This weeks performance will mark the second time The Questionnaires have appeared at Mainstreet this semester.

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SPORTS

Last second miss propels Raiders

Raiders upset Eastern 17-16

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Some wise, old philosopher once said, "Football is a game of inches." Middle Tennessee State University's Blue Raiders found out how true that statement could be in their Ohio Valley Conference showdown with Eastern Kentucky.

With no time left on the clock, a 52-yard field goal attempt by Eastern place-kicker James Campbell glanced off the right upright to give MTSU a heart stopping 17-16 victory over the fourth ranked Colonels in Saturday's contest.

"I thought we had a whale of a ball game today. It was two quality teams going head to head and boots to belly," MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly said. "We didn't come in here looking to tie or just lose close. We came in to win, and we played our hearts out."

The two teams struggled through three quarters with MTSU holding a slim 9-3 lead on the strength of a six-yard touchdown run by tailback Gerald Anderson and a 43-yard Joe Lisle field goal.

The fourth quarter proved to be the real battle, however, as the Raiders needed every ounce of heart they could muster to hold off

a furious rally by Eastern to propel the victory.

Early in the fourth quarter Eastern quarterback Lorenzo Fields fumbled deep in Colonel territory. Raider defensive end Kenny Tippins recovered the ball, and the Raiders were in business at Eastern's 12-yard line.

Two plays later, Anderson dove across the goal line to extend MTSU's lead to 15-3.

Quarterback Marvin Collier then increased that lead to 17-3 as he eluded several Eastern defenders to complete a pass for the two-point conversion to fullback Tony Pearson.

"We were all around him [Collier]," Eastern Head Coach Roy Kidd said. "I thought we were going to grab him any minute before he threw it, but he got it in there somehow."

With a 14 point lead and 12:36 remaining in the game, the Raiders seemed to be well in control of the game, but this turned out not to be the case.

The Colonels took the ensuing kickoff and marched 84-yards in six plays to cut the deficit to 17-10.

Eastern tailback James Crawford rushed for 50-yards on the drive.

Please see Football page 9



WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

MTSU free safety Tommy Barnes (top) and defensive end Kenny Tippins (bottom) team up for a tackle against Eastern Kentucky's Elroy Harris in the Raiders' 17-16 upset.

Netters host fall classic

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Tennis players from six area schools gathered in Murfreesboro Saturday for the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider Fall Classic.

The tournament, which was held in an open format, featured 30 players from Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Trevecca and Tennessee Tech, along with eight players from MTSU.

Players were seeded by a blind draw before the tournament began.

In singles action, Magnus Bergland, a native of Sweden who plays for Trevecca, defeated UTC's Philippe Signore 7-5, 6-4 in the championship match.

The doubles championship was won by Western Kentucky's team of A.J. Deo and Scott Viowells. The duo defeated UTC's Signore and Bill Kopp in straight sets 7-6, 7-6. As for the home team, the Raiders didn't fair so well.

"We didn't do as well as I thought," MTSU coach Dale Short

said. "We came into the tourney a little flat, and it showed."

Ilmar Mutli, who drew a first round bye, advanced to the tournament's third round by defeating teammate Chris Coffee 6-4, 6-1. Mutli was downed in the third round, however.

Senior John Gallaher also began the tournament with a victory by defeating Western's John Rebol 6-0, 6-1 but ran into trouble in the second round as he dropped a straight sets decision to Vandy's Mark Agah.

Agah knocked off the Raider's Jeff Raiper 6-0, 6-1 in the third round.

MTSU's other senior, Chris King, defeated Keith Holzbeirlein 6-3, 6-2 in the first round. In the second round, King lost to UTC's Signore 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

No MTSU team advanced past the first round in doubles action.

"I was looking for different combos in doubles. Obviously it didn't pan out," Short commented with a laugh.

"That's what these fall tournaments are all about," he added. "We want to see who we've got that can play together and get everyone ready for the spring schedule."

The Raiders will play in a Pro-Am tournament to be held this Saturday at Stones River Country Club from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.



TIM BENNETT

Magnus Berland, a native of Sweden, follows through on his overhead serve during the Blue Raider Fall Classic.

Lady spikers drop two of three

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State University's women's volleyball team suffered two set backs in three games last weekend at the Mid-Ohio Valley Conference tournament held in Morehead, Ky.

The Lady Raiders defeated Youngstown State but lost to Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

MTSU was beaten by Eastern Kentucky in the first match 15-9, 15-6 and 15-4.

After losing the first game of their match to Youngstown State, 15-8, MTSU bounced back to defeat the MTSU Penquins in the second game 15-10. The Lady Raiders won the following two games of the match 15-6 and 15-9 to set up a showdown with Morehead State.

The Lady Raiders lost to Morehead in a closely played match, 15-5, 15-9 and 15-10. The experience of the Lady Eagles proved to be the difference in the match.

Despite dropping two of the three matches, MTSU coach Dian Cummings was pleased with the overall performance of her team.

"We played good overall," Cummings said. "Eastern and Morehead are usually head and shoulders above the rest, but this time I felt the teams were more even."

Despite the sub-par performance by the Lady Raiders, they still have a legitimate shot to make the OVC tournament at the end of the season.

The Lady Raiders must finish playing the remainder of their southern division OVC schedule before they will know if they will make the OVC tournament.

"We have some big OVC games coming up," Cummings said. "We have a good shot at the tournament if we can beat Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay."

MTSU will face league-leading

Austin Peay on Oct. 27 and Tennessee Tech on Nov. 3. Both matchups are at home.

In fact, the remainder of the Lady Raider schedule is in their favor with five of their last nine matches at home.

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Kidd upset by stunning loss

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

You could almost see the smoke rising from Eastern Kentucky head football coach Roy Kidd's ears Saturday afternoon as he addressed the press following the Colonels heartbreaking 17-16 loss to Middle Tennessee State University.

Kidd, who has seen his share of defeat in his 24 years as head coach at Eastern, was visibly upset after watching a fourth quarter rally by his Colonels fall one point short of victory. Eastern came up empty when kicker James Campbell's 52-yard field goal attempt bounced off the right upright on the game's final play.

"We had a chance to win, you

know, but sometimes you don't win. That's the way the cards bounce," Kidd said.

"He [Campbell] just told me he felt like the rush was coming, and he raised his head. You tell me when you kick an extra point or field goal that the rush don't come. I've never known anybody to line up to kick an extra point that they didn't come after your ass," he added.

Perhaps the most upsetting aspect of the game to Kidd was the officiating.

With only seconds remaining in the contest and Eastern driving, the Colonels were flagged for illegal

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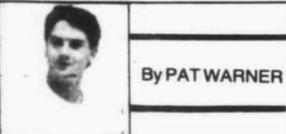
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By PAT WARNER

Weird happenings bring on changes

Jim Lynch had a fitting phrase for times like these:

"It gets weirder and weirder." Jim, the sports editor I worked with for the past two summers, would use this phrase everytime things got away from normal. When I first started working with him, he hardly ever said it, but, as time went on, he said it more and more and more. I guess this is a type of measurement for the time in which we live today.

With Jim's phrase in mind, here are some sports things which got my attention.

● What about the hi-tech happenings at Horace Jones Field on a Blue Raider football Saturday? With all of the emphasis on boosting ticket sales, many changes have been made this season.

When the Raiders score, a loud blast comes from the heavens. It is probably fireworks, because I don't think that God takes sides in football games, unless Notre Dame is playing.

Also, there are flags waving and prizes to be given away. By the way, what happened to that pot of money some lucky Blue Raider fan could plunge into at halftime on Saturday? Did someone steal it or something?

Also, there is a sound system for everyone! The band has a megawatt system so those in the nosebleed section can hear them play. Plus, the cheerleaders and Larry Tolbert, the public address announcer, have a sound system as well.

In addition, someone said there is also a football game going on! Wow, how exciting. So, for the price of a ticket, or by showing your student identification card, you get the fireworks, band blaring, cheerleaders cheering AND a football game.

● What about Nashville wanting to get a professional sporting team?

The Music City's biggest sporting event is the All-Star Country Games. Now they want a pro team. With the overall portrayal of the country music business in Nashville, they will probably field a team of country music stars and turn them loose on the National Basketball Association (NBA). The Nashville Hee Haws will take on the Celtics. That'll pack 'em in the arena.

Let's see, you can have the Judds playing forwards, Hank Williams Jr., at the point, George Jones at the other guard and Randy Travis at center. Look out Lakers!

● What about these Glorious Ladies of Wrestling?

Is it the 20 minute workout or the World Wrestling Federation (WWF)? I don't know nor do I care. I turned the channel to a more wholesome sport, the National Hockey League (NHL).

With the happenings around here, I can hear Jim now, "It gets weirder and weirder."

● Clinche's abound in sports stories, so I will add another. When talking about the MTSU volleyball team, Rodney Dangerfield leaps to mind. They get no respect. Attendance is low and media attention is even lower. The volleyball team plays tonight. If you aren't doing anything, drop by and check it out. It might be fun!

● Journalist have a bit of an unwritten rule about not criticizing one another. You see, we have enough criticism coming from the outside, therefore, we don't need it from the inside too. But the Tennessee is worthy of some today. On Sunday, I got up and went to the paper box to get a paper to read about the Blue Raiders beating Eastern Kentucky.

Deep inside the section, (page 11) I finally found a story about the exciting game. On the front page they had stories about Vandy's latest loss and Tennessee getting blown out. Also, on the bottom left of the page there was short stories previewing what was inside. There was a brief about Tennessee State, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech. Where's Middle? Did we or did we not knock off the number four team in the nation? Oh well. It gets weirder and weirder.

Spurling's success based on desire

Raider profile — Steve Spurling

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

Steve Spurling's football career at Middle Tennessee State University has been one that has experienced success, yet one that has also faced several obstacles.

During his career, Spurling has been coached by three offensive line coaches in five years. During the spring of his second year, he broke his arm during a practice and missed several weeks of practice. Also, during his second season, he was moved from the offensive guard position to the offensive tackle slot.

Yet, as all good athletes do, Spurling found a way to overcome the obstacles and acknowledge them in a positive manner.

Playing under three different offensive coordinators has not affected Spurling's style of play. It has only made him knowledgeable of the various styles of each of the coaches.

"You have to get use to each coaches' personality and their coaching techniques," Spurling, a senior from Chickamauga, Ga., said. "With each coach, you also have to learn a new offensive scheme. I can't say that playing under three different coaches has hurt me. You have to be able to make the adjustment. I have learned a lot from all of the coaches."

When Spurling made the move from guard to tackle in the spring of 1985, he was pleased because of

the uneasiness he felt about playing the guard position.

"I enjoy playing tackle a lot better than I did playing guard," Spurling said. "I felt like I was out of position. It seemed like we needed a tackle to fill in last year, and they put me there. I felt like I played pretty good."

Head football coach Boots Donnelly agreed.

"Steve does not have the greatest speed in the world as far as run-

ning," Donnelly said. "Offensive guards require a great deal of feet movement. I thought that we hindered Steve to a degree, playing him at guard, but that's the type person he was. He played the guard. When we moved him to tackle, I think he's become a better tackle than he would have ever been a guard."

At about the same time Spurling made the transaction, he suffered a broken arm that set his progress back a few months.

"After I broke my arm, I had to

receive surgery," Spurling explained. "They had to put a plate in my arm to help strengthen it back up. It set me back a little because I wasn't able to work out for about three months."

Spurling's career hasn't been all adversity. He was a part of the Raiders' 1984 team, which played into the semi-finals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. He was a starter on MTSU's 1985 OVC champion MTSU team, which went undefeated and made it to the quarter-finals of the playoffs.

During Spurling's career, thus far MTSU's record is a sparkling 32-11.

Spurling was recruited by the likes of Clemson, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama, just to name a few. Yet, he chose MTSU.

"When they were recruiting me, they seemed to care about my future," Spurling said. "I saw their schedule and records, and it seemed like every year they were improving under coach Donnelly."

Donnelly has been very pleased with Spurling's performance on the field, but he is even more impre-

ssed with the type person Spurling is.

"Steve is a very humble, quite, sincere and very honest person," Donnelly said. "That's his nature. That is the way he came here five years ago, and he hasn't changed.

He is a great individual and makes good grades, and he is very well liked by other members of the team. His motivation is of self-motivation. He does by and just, just as good as he can do everyday.

"The biggest thing Steve Spurling has contributed to the team is consistency," Donnelly added. "He is consistent everyday. His honesty, as far as his character is concerned, and his will to do what coaches ask him to do has rubbed off on a lot of other people."

Over his five years at MTSU the one thing that Spurling has enjoyed more than anything is being able to make good friends.

"The friends that I have made on the football team are the type friends that will last forever," Spurling concluded.



WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

MTSU offensive tackle Steve Spurling (left) and guard John Tate (right) look on during Saturday's game against EKU.

Basketball team faces tough schedule

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

The 1987-88 Middle Tennessee State University basketball schedule has been released, and it includes several quality teams that are consistent post-season tournament teams.

According to head basketball coach Bruce Stewart this year's schedule is one of the toughest since he took over the MTSU basketball program in 1984.

"This is definitely the toughest schedule we have had since I have been here," Stewart said. "We have got some quality post-season tournament teams coming into Murphy (Athletic) Center, giving people a chance to see solid division one basketball."

The MTSU roundballers are the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions.

In addition to the OVC schedule, which includes 16 games, MTSU will also bring Marshall and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga of the Southern conference into Murphy Center. UTC will be in town on Dec. 12, and the Marshall game will be on Dec. 22, closing out the first half of the season.

MTSU will also be playing a home-and-home series with Louisiana Tech and Akron, who dropped out of the conference after last season. The Zips are now an independent. Arkansas State is also a new non-conference foe on the Blue Raider schedule.

MTSU will travel to McNeese State while hosting Cumberland University, Georgia College and Kennesaw College.

The Raiders will open their season, Nov. 16, against the Fort Hood Tankers in an exhibition game at Murphy Center.

The first of two highlights that will occur in the first half of the season will take place on Nov. 21 when the Raiders host Virginia Tech in the opening round of the National Invitational Tournament.

Should the Raiders win that game, the second round would be played on Nov. 24. The teams and sites for that game will be drawn up after the first round.

The semi-finals and finals will be held Nov. 27 and Nov. 28, respectively, in New York. Both games will be televised nationally on USA-Television.

The second highlight of the first half occurs Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 in Lexington, Ky., where the Raiders will be taking part in the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

MTSU will play the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in the opening round while Kentucky plays host to Miami of Ohio.

MTSU will open the OVC schedule Jan. 9, playing host to Tennessee Tech. During the conference schedule, three MTSU games will be televised live nationally on ESPN. Those games are: Feb. 5 at Tennessee State, Feb. 12 against Eastern Kentucky and Feb. 27 at Austin Peay.



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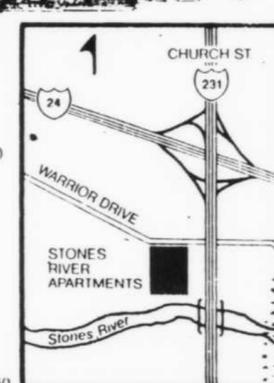
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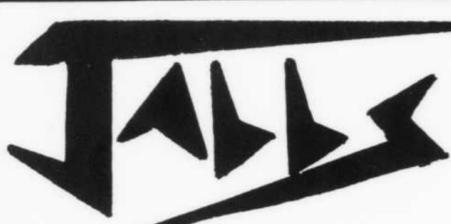


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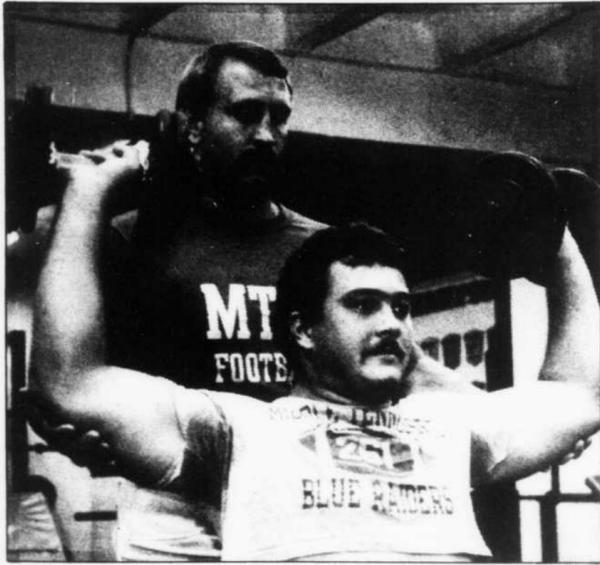
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MTSU weight and strength coach Doc Kries teaches Mitch Carson the correct way to work out with weights.

Cross-country team places third

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State University's cross-country team placed third in the four team Alabama A&M Invitational tournament, held Saturday, Oct. 17, in Huntsville, Ala.

North Alabama won the tournament with 30 points. Alabama A&M placed second with 37 points followed by MTSU with 51 points.

Tennessee State came in last place with 111 points.

Missy Wright, MTSU's top finisher, placed fifth overall with a time of 19:42 in the five kilometer race.

Becky Brown finished second for the Lady Raiders and seventh overall with a time of 20:14.

Finishing third for MTSU and ninth overall was Kathy White with a time of 20:46.

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including the touchdown from 21-yards out.

Following a Raider punt, the Colonels took possession at their 38-yard line with just under seven and a half minutes left in the game.

Crawford again cut through the Raider defense gaining 40-yards on three carries to move Eastern to the MTSU 13-yard line.

Three plays gained the Colonels eight yards, and the game came down to one play—fourth-and-two from the five.

Following an Eastern timeout, quarterback Fields faked to Crawford and swept untouched around left end for the TD to bring the Colonels within one point at 17-16.

"I think that was an excellent call," Donnelly said. "Somebody was going to have to take Crawford. They knew that, and he [Fields] just turned the corner."

"That's all we'd done all day is hit in there. I would've bit on it too if I was in there," Kidd said.

Kidd then elected to shun a two-point conversion attempt and kicking what would have been a game tying extra point.

But kicker Campbell's attempt sailed far to the left of the uprights, and MTSU retained their one point lead.

"Two never entered my mind," Kidd said. "I thought our chances of making the extra point were better than making the two. I felt like we could stop them, get the ball back and have a chance to win."

As it turned out Kidd was right.

MTSU was only able to run 3:05 off the clock on their next possession, and Eastern took control of the ball on their 31-yard line with 1:22 to play.

Six plays and 23-yards later, the Raiders were penalized for pass interference with no time remaining on the clock, giving Eastern a chance for the possible game winning field goal from the MTSU 35-yard line.

A Red Floyd Stadium crowd of 11,000 held their collective breaths as the kick bounced off the uprights, and the Raiders escaped with the victory.

"Eastern was picked to win this game," Donnelly said. "Eastern was playing with seniors and upperclassmen, and we were fighting this thing with a lot of young kids. I thought our performance was outstanding. We fought like crazy."

The victory boosted the Raiders overall record to 4-2 for the season, and left them tied with Youngstown State atop the OVC with a 2-0 mark.

Raiders reap benefits from changes

Last in a series

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

In the first two parts of this three part series on the Middle Tennessee State University weight program, headed by weight and strength coach E.J. "Doc" Kreis, we focused on the size and development of the facility.

The final part of this series will focus on how people associated with the weight room feel about the changes that have been made, and if they feel the changes have been beneficial.

Head football coach Boots Donnelly "Basically, no matter how much money you have in a weight room and no matter how good looking

in a regular room it is, you have got to have a guy that has the knowledge and expertise and also a guy that can motivate athletes into spending a great deal of time in the weight room. That's what Doc Kreis' fortay is. He has a great mental ability to communicate with athletes and a great desire to spend a lot of time with athletes. Therefore, our weight room, in essence is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Without Doc Kreis our program would be where it was six or seven years ago because our coaches have to coach, and they don't have time to get athletes into the weight room. Without him we would be in a lot of trouble."

Don Thomas, MTSU linebacker, "The weight room is that excitement, you know, I don't know what happened.

"Hell, the game wasn't lost at the end. The game was lost way back there. We fumble a punt and they get a field goal out of it. We miss a field goal...they get a field goal, and we miss an extra point. Then we fumble down here on the 19-yard line. You know, there's the ball game right there," Kidd said.

"Middle is a well coached football team. Boots Donnelly and his staff did a great job today. When you can't out coach 'em, you've gotta out play 'em. The only damn thing about it is that I hate to come down here and give the son of a gun away," Kidd concluded.

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procedure. After the penalty, the referees continued to let the game clock run, according to Kidd.

"Hell, that [the penalty] hurt because it took away our first down," he said. "What surprised me was the clock ticking off. I thought after a penalty the clock stopped."

On the next play with Eastern at the MTSU 46-yard line, the Raiders were penalized for pass interference. The ensuing walk-off of 11-yards moved the ball to the MTSU 35-yard line.

"I thought pass interference was a 15-yard penalty...and they didn't give us 15," Kidd said. "With all

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bigger and we have better equipment. Overall, it is a lot better for the athletes because with Doc here and his teaching skills, we have a more physical team. We also have a good attitude about working out."

Garrett Self, MTSU flanker, "Doc Kreis has turned the weight program around 100 percent. It's a total 180 degree turn. He has put a lot of time, his own money and weights into the program. He has taught us more about weights and the right way of doing things. He's a tremendous asset to the program. Doc would do anything for anybody, and we feel the same for him."

Brad Cowan, MTSU defensive end, "Our strength has increased, and our explosive lifts have increased. We have learned a lot. We don't just lift, we know what the lifts are doing for us and what lifts to do at certain times."

Mike Pittman, MTSU receiver, "When I first came here, there was carpet on the floor, a couple of benches and one or two squat racks, and I was really shocked. But, Doc has done a tremendous job within

the year that he has been here, and I believe that he will continue to do a great job.

"Weight, speed and strength is a big part of playing the game, and we need to compensate for the size that we are in order to overcome and achieve the goals we are looking for."

Jack Pittman, MTSU defensive lineman, "I have been injured this season, and I had surgery. Doc has worked with me and a lot of other players who have been injured and put us on his rehabilitation program. It's really helped me get back sooner than a lot of people thought I would.

"Before Doc came, a lot of us didn't work out. He made us realize how important it is to get into the weight room."

Steve Spurling, MTSU offensive lineman, "Doc helped give the players a positive attitude. He brought a lot of better weights in, which has made the room a lot better.

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Instructor Jon Hiett gives last minute instructions on the proper way to exit the aircraft over the drop zone to (L-R) Tim Bennett, Robert Nunley.



Shelly Neil, a Vanderbilt student, gathers her chute in the afternoon wind at Orly Field.

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Jon Hiett explains the use of an altimeter to (L-R) Shelly Neil, Meredith Prichard and Ashley Hofwolt. If their chutes did not open at the 2,500 feet level, they were to deploy their reserve chute.

A Form of Higher Education

Last Wednesday afternoon MTSU student Tim Bennett and three other students from Vanderbilt University gathered at Orly Field to take their final exams for a skydiving class. The exam was a 3,200 foot jump from a Cessna 182 airplane.

Orly King owns the skydiving school that the students enrolled in. The class was taught by Jon Hiett. King has over 700 personal jumps to his credit, and Hiett has over 400.

The students all agreed that it was curiosity that brought them to this point. They wanted to "see what it was like."

"I had always wanted to try it [skydiving] and see what it was like," Tim Bennett said.

Shelly Neil said she was a "little scared" before she jumped from the plane, but she said that the jump itself was "great."

All of the students passed their exams.



Orly King discusses Tim Bennett's descent and explains the wind's affect on his landing.

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John Hiett and Orly King (L-R) prepare to fold and pack the chutes that the students used for their initial jump.