

Sidelines

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St. Jude's week activities continue

Sigma Nu St. Jude's week is quickly coming to a close this week, but the fund raising activities for the research hospital will continue all month under the sponsorship of the fraternity

In the scene above, project director Gary Ellis [second from left] joins other members of the MTSU Sport Parachute Club after their exhibition jump yesterday. Ellis jumped from the plane with the club members, his first jump ever, and a successful one as well.

The week's activities will come to a close tomorrow with the 15 mile walk for life, starting at the University Center at 11 a.m.

Swine flu vaccine available on campus Monday

A swine flu vaccination clinic will be held here on campus Monday, as part of the county-wide program to stem the spread of the disease,

according to Student Affairs Dean Robert MacLean.

"This is pretty short notice, but the details of the clinic have just

been worked out," the dean commented. The vaccinations will be given from 1 to 5 p.m. in UC room 324.

MacLean said both monovalent vaccine and the bivalent vaccine for the elderly and persons with certain illnesses would be available.

MacLean explained that the drive to vaccinate all Americans began after the discovery of a new strain of flu virus (officially called A/New Jersey/76) during an outbreak of a

respiratory ailment among recruits at Ft. Dix, N.J. in February. Twelve cases of the flu were confirmed, and one person died as a result of the disease.

After that death, and resultant predictions that the "swine flu" might spread in epidemic proportions during early 1977, Congress ordered the most massive immunization program in history—with a potential of distributing more than 200 million shots.

Delegates for TISL chosen

Delegates, alternates and staff members planning to represent MTSU in this year's annual Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) were chosen Wednesday night by Mike Wesson, Middle Tennessee TISL coordinator and Art Swary, director of external affairs.

Tentatively scheduled to serve as delegates at the legislature, to be held Nov. 10-13, will be Wesson, Buddy Creasman, Butch Burns, Margaret Alexander, Bill Mason and Mark Floyd, along with ASB president Richard Langford.

The group will be accompanied by 11 alternates and five staff members.

Resolutions to be presented at the student legislature by MTSU

delegates include marijuana decriminalization as well as consumer protection, environmental and student rights legislation.

TISL offers collegiate government leaders from over 20 colleges and universities across the state a simulated environment of the state legislature.

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Ten pieces of priority legislation are then chosen to be taken to the state legislature for review and consideration.

A bill which now allows one student member on the Board of Regents originated at TISL.

Campus traffic committee makes various light proposals

Various recommendations to improve lighting at areas on and near campus was approved Wednesday by the Traffic Commission.

Committee member Tom Wells outlined several places which he had observed to be in need of improved lighting for the protection of students walking in the campus area at night.

Wells termed the lighting facilities "pitiful" along Crestland and Fairbanks streets—an area where many off-campus students reside.

"The area is thick with bushes and presents a problem," Wells said. "It is also an area of a recently attempted rape. If they could trim the shrubbery around there, it would solve a lot of the problem."

Other areas Wells cited as extremely in need of improved lighting were the Bell St. parking lot, the property behind president Scarlett's house, around the criminal justice building, between Cummings and H dormitories and at the Greenland Drive parking area.

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Professor examines Carter, Sasser victories

by John Pitts

The victories of Jimmy Carter and Jim Sasser in Tennessee reflect the elimination of "the grand divisions" of political influence in the state, according to MTSU economics Professor Barbara Haskew.

Haskew, who appeared in advertisements for Sasser and worked in his campaign, was a delegate to this year's Democratic National Convention, where Carter easily won the nomination over several challengers.

"There are now many more Democrats in East Tennessee, but there are also more Republican voters in the middle part of the state," commented Haskew, who said this trend meant that "more of a two party system" is at work in Tennessee, traditionally a strongly Democratic state.

Sasser's victory demonstrated that "he had more strength than was obvious before the voting" and that "he had a very broad base of support" among Tennesseans.

Haskew credited Sasser's former chairmanship of the state party with much of his success, where he worked to "build the party back up" after Republicans Winfield Dunn and Howard Baker captured major state positions, during the



Staff photo by Thom Coombs

Dorm residents in Smith Hall munch "Georgia caviar" while watching the election returns Tuesday night. So far, there is no evidence of an upswing in peanut consumption on campus.

landslide reelection victory of President Richard Nixon.

In addition, Haskew said that Sasser's father, once involved in agricultural matters for the state, also gathered support for Sasser among "people willing to work at the county levels."

The candidacy of the challenger Sasser was also aided by "a strong voter turnout, and the presence of a popular presidential candidate on the ticket," Haskew said.

"I consider Sasser to be very moderate," Haskew said, despite the liberal image of the man pointed by state Republicans.

Haskew said she was not sure

"what impact Carter will have on the economy," although she cited his statements yesterday that he would "look very carefully" at the present economic indicators and movements before determining what actions to take. She added that wage and price controls are unlikely "early in the Carter administration."

A tax cut, similar to the one approved by the Congress after Lyndon Johnson's election in 1964, would "stimulate the economy by increasing the people's purchasing power," Haskew explained.

For the future, Haskew said she was unsure of the effects the Democratic sweep might have in the 1978 state elections, although she observed that at least three Democrats would likely be vying for the governor's seat a group that would probably include banker and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate Jake Butcher, Nashville mayor Richard Fulton and Public Service Commissioner Bob Clement, son of the late governor Frank Clement.

On the Republican side, Haskew said that Sen. Howard Baker or Brock might make the governor's race, and that unsuccessful candidate Lamar Alexander and former governor Winfield Dunn might compete for Ray Blanton's post in 1978.

Hartsville 'nuclear neighbor' to speak to campus group

The next meeting of the Environment Club, scheduled for Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in UC room 305, will feature Mrs. Faith Young as guest speaker.

She was selected to speak because she has an interesting neighbor: the Hartsville Nuclear

Power Plant, which is located across the road from her home.

Young will attempt to answer the question: Do nuclear plants make good neighbors?

The Environment Club wishes to urge all who are interested to attend the meeting.

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Presidents view higher education in forum

by Laura Lewis

University President M.G. Scarlett, faculty senate president Bob Jones and ASB president Richard Langford offered their views on the future of higher

NEWS

education in a presidential forum held Wednesday in the U.C. grill.

Following a brief presentation of speeches from each of the three presidents, they and other members of the MTSU administration answered questions about university policies from the audience.

Stressing student involvement in the ASB, Langford told students that "you each have an obligation to the university. And as far as the ASB goes, you are the ASB. If you don't make the most of it, it's your fault. We're giving you the opportunity to get involved."

"For example," Langford continued, "we had approximately 100 to 150 students involved with the homecoming committee. That's good, but it's not enough. We always need people to come up to our third floor office in the UC. Our theme is 'if you've got a problem, we can help,' but you have to come to us."

Langford urged students to get involved in the university recruitment program on Saturday, Nov. 13, which is to be an all-out campus effort to draw interest in MTSU from high school and junior college-area students and to increase university enrollment.

Campus organizations, administrative and faculty members are scheduled to participate in the program.

"I'd like for every student to bring one person onto the campus and show him what MTSU has to offer," Langford asserted.

Jones told students that changes need to be made in the present "head-count" funding policy for Tennessee colleges and universities.

"That policy was fine in the 50's and 60's, but it's not too good for the 70's," Jones said. "And by the 80's, there is expected to be a decline in college enrollment, which could be disastrous for higher education."

"For you in the immediate future—it's a very bright one in Middle Tennessee," Jones added. "The faculty is going to improve and so is the teaching. It will bring benefits to you as a student."

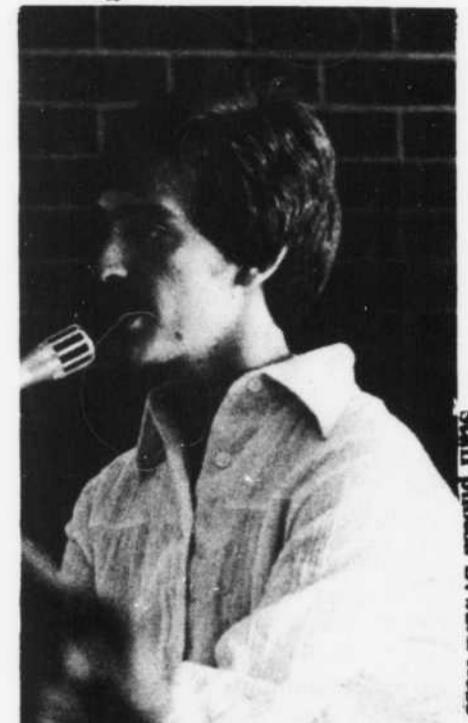
Jones said that he endorsed Richard in his request for student



University president
M.G. Scarlett



Faculty Senate president
Robert Jones



ASB president
Richard Langford

Staff photos by Jack Ross

involvement.

"It's going to be needed in the immediate future," Jones stated.

Scarlett, in his speech, spoke on

changes which may need to be made in future university policies.

"You'll see a tremendously rapid drop from the 18-24 age-group in

college enrollment," Scarlett predicted. "Therefore, if we are to maintain our facilities, we're going

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Final exam schedule:

Classes Meeting At:

9:25 TTh
1:40 TTh
4:00 T, 4:15 T, 4:25 T, 4:30 TTh, 4:55 T
6:00 TTh, 6:00 T
7:00 T, 7:15 T, 7:25 TTh

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7:15 Th, 7:25 Th

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Will Have Exams:

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 8, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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Wed., Dec. 8, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 9, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Thurs., Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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Thurs., Dec. 9, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 11, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 13, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30
Monday, Dec. 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Presidents, other officials answer questions

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to have to look for new clienteles to replace that age-group, which is where we draw most of our college students."

"Higher education will have to look toward industry and higher age-groups if it is to maintain its standards," Scarlett said.

"We may have to change classroom format into the form of shorter work-shop-like classes," he continued. "We may have to start taking our course teachings outside the university. More flexibility will be required. We'll be increasing our centralization."

Scarlett noted that with the increasing costs of university facilities, the administrative staff has had to direct its attention toward state levels.

"The main thing I want to get across is that most of us in the central administration have as much interest in student affairs as we've had before," Scarlett said. "But right now we don't have as much time. We need invitations to



ASB president Richard Langford answers a question from the audience during Wednesday's presidential forum in the grill annex.

your meetings and we need to get feedback from you."

In a question and answer session, Langford responded to the question, "how effective has the ombudsman program been?"

"We've been slow this year in the implementation and effectiveness of the ombudsman program because of a changeover in directors," Langford explained.

"The problems presented under the ombudsman program have been more individualistic, but we have solved some of them," he continued. "Our extent is not that limited and we'll be glad to work on any help needed."

Scarlett responded to the question: "Are four more years (in college) really necessary?"

"Students are seeking briefer educational periods that direct them toward an occupation," Scarlett said. "This helps them get a more immediate job. But we need

to look at our long-term future—not just making sure that we have an immediate job."

"Colleges and universities should make a special effort to provide the student with occupational opportunities," he added. "They need to do a better job of providing the student with job possibilities so that the student won't start on a program where he later can't find a job."

Jack Carlton, vice-president of academic affairs, responded to the question: "With an open admissions policy, how can the university maintain its already lagging academic standards?"

"I wasn't aware of a literally open admissions policy," Carlton said. "There are restraints on admission, but the academic standards are becoming more and more difficult to maintain."

"We're having to depend on the number of students to keep on an adequate budget level," Carlton said. "We're having to maintain the lowest possible standards in order to maintain that budget level. The impression right now is for the faculty to do its best to improve.

Dorm casino party planned

A casino party has been scheduled for Nov. 18 from 8 until 11 p.m. for Wood, Felder, Clement and Gore Halls for the second event of residence hall programming, according to Randy Sides, director of mens' programming.

The casino party will be in the lobbies of Wood and Felder Halls. "There will be everything from crap tables to horse races," Sides said.

"In one of the lobbies, there will be live entertainment, and the other one will contain the games. When students enter the lobby,

there will be a huge Las Vegas sign above the door. In the games area, there will be 1920's music, and guests may dress in '20's attire if they wish," said Sides.

The money to be used will be "fun money," and at the end of the night, the person with the most money will be presented with a prize, Sides explained.

Residents of these dorms will have to present their dormitory activity cards which will be checked along with their I.D. cards to be admitted to the party, Sides said.

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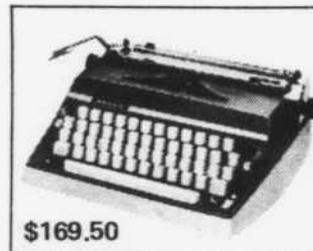
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Tutoring service failure due to non-participation

by Paulette Parkhurst

This will probably be the last semester to maintain a tutoring service because of lack of participation and finances, according to Mrs. Emily Ruffner, director of women's programming.

The tutoring service presently meets on Tuesday 7-9 p.m. in the University Center in room 310 under the direction of Bruce Gunn, and will continue until Nov. 30, Ruffner said.

The ASB is going to cooperate by mailing the students a tutoring request sheet. If the student needs help, and a tutor is not available, he may designate if he wishes to have his name sent to the department chairman or through the suggested routes to obtain a tutor, said Ruffner.

Ruffner explained how many of the departments offer help to the student who is having difficulty with his classes.

In the Aerospace department, Dr. Randall Wood said the student could see his instructor or his academic advisor. Also, he could

contact Alpha Eta Rho or their little sisters who provide academic and personal help.

In the Accounting and Information Systems department, Dr. Harold Wilson said there was an accounting lab on Monday from 12 until 1 p.m. and Tuesday from 12:05 until 1:40 and 3-4:30 p.m. Those interested in help in information systems may receive it on Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. and Thursday at 12:05-1:40 and 3-4:30 in OM 202.

"The faculty has given it no consideration as it hasn't been brought up to date," said Dr. Lon Nuell of the Art department.

In the Nursing department, Dr. Betty McComas said no tutoring program has been set up, but "we do have practice sessions for nursing students." The faculty is available for help.

The student may see his instructor, said Dr. Robert Alexander of the Agriculture department and Dr. John Patten of the Biology department.

In the Chemistry department, a tutoring session is held every other

Wednesday from 5:30 until 6:30 in the Davis Science Building in room 106.

The student can work with his individual instructor, said Dr. Frank Lee of the Criminal Justice department.

In the Economics and Finance department, Dr. Ed Daley said assistance may be received from instructors.

In the Education department, "we have no program for tutoring college students, but an extensive program for elementary and secondary students. College students needing help should see their professor, said Dr. Ralph White.

"We have no tutoring service, but the student may see the instructor," said Dr. William Beasley of the English department.

In the Foreign Language department, Dr. Roy Shelton said if the student needs help, he can call the department chairman at 2981.

In the Geography and Earth Science department, Dr. Ralph Fullerton said the student may check with the department secretary in OM 301 B to set up a tutoring session.

The student may contact the instructor or the department chairman, said Dr. Robert Corlew of the History department.

In the HPERs department, Dr. A.H. Solomon said the department

has no policy or system for tutoring, but the student is encouraged to contact the instructor of the class.

The student may contact the instructor in the course where he's having trouble, said Dr. Neil Ellis of the Industrial Studies department.

For students in the Home Economics department, Mass Communications department, and the Military Science department they may contact their individual instructors, according to the department chairmen.

In the Mathematics and Computer Science department, Dr. Spraker said sessions are held in the Business Building in B 304 on Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday at 12 noon.

The student should see the individual instructor for help or a tutoring session, said Dr. Donald South of the Sociology department.

Students in the Music department, Philosophy department, Psychology department, Political Science department, and the Speech and Theater department, they can contact their individual instructors, according to the chairmen of the departments.

In the Management and Marketing department, Dr. F.J. Brewerton said that the students should contact the department chairman if they need help.

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Sigma Chi takes spirit, house trophies

Sigma Chi fraternity captured the Homecoming spirit and house decoration trophies last week, in competition judged by the spirit committee of the ASB.

Armed with shakers, tamborines and a trumpet, the Sigma Chi's celebrated their victory during the loss to Austin Peay.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon took second place in the homecoming house decoration, a repeat of last year's competition.

Despite the cancellation of the parade, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity won the float competition, with NORML second. Schardt hall won dorm decoration competition as well.

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Concerned students also uninformed

To the Editor:

This letter is in rebuttal to the letter published in the November 2 issue of *Sidelines* concerning the homecoming queen elections. This letter was signed "Concerned Students"—concerned, yes, but informed, no. There are several factual errors in the letter that totally negate its purpose.

One question that was brought up is "How can an election be right if the ballot is wrong?" This is easy enough to answer. The first part of the Supreme Court ruling was "the ballot was valid." Therefore, did

the question need to be asked in the first place? I think not.

The letter states more than once that the procedures followed conducting the election were invalid. This is a complete falsehood! The second part of the Supreme Court ruling was that "the election commission was grossly negligent in communicating to the students the rules and procedures of the election." This is the exact wording of the ruling, and obviously does not say that the election procedures were invalid.

The other accusations in the

letter were only biased opinions with no factual backing.

Also, in a related matter, let it be known right here and now that the ASB and its officials have not been, are not, and will not be influenced by any kind of threat. This type of behavior is not only childish and unbecoming of college students, but is also illegal on this campus according to *Rescue*. If it continues, it will be dealt with appropriately.

The homecoming queen and court should in no way feel belittled by the letter in question, as the election was found to be completely valid by the ASB Supreme Court.

I don't blame "Concerned Students" for not signing their names. If I sent a letter to be published with so many errors in it, I wouldn't want my name known either.

Danny Dunkleberger
ASB Election Commissioner
Box 1

Fan likes 'personal' show

To the Editor:

Though your review of the ZZ Top concert in September galled me, I said nothing. But now you've struck again in your review of the Homecoming concert.

It was not the concert that was lacking but your review of it. Sure, maybe it wasn't in the class of the large bands such as Kiss or Aerosmith, but for \$5 or \$6 it was well worth the price.

Both groups played their music in a manner which seemed very personal and beautiful. Though I'm mainly a hard rock fan, I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

The main item in review that particularly raised my ire was your reference to Karen Willis' outclassing both Murphey and Seals and

Crofts. In my opinion, as well as most of those with whom I've talked, she sucked!

Stephen Dotson
Box 1344

Abortion ends no life?

To the Editor:

Take an embryo out of a female's womb at 89 days and it's going to be an unliving mass of tissue.

So what does abortion end? Not a human life, for that entity is incapable of functioning without the mother. What a legal abortion ends is an unwanted pregnancy, no different that the contraceptives

that should have been used 89 days earlier.

When the recipient of the abortion goes to the clinic, whether she is a 16-year old, scared to death, or a "welfare mother" tired of bringing children into a hostile world, she, whatever her individual reasons for her choice, not only ends her worry over a burden she is unable to bear, but with birth control information and contraceptives made available to her, she greatly lessens the change for a return trip.

Mr. Denton's article ended with a reference to Charles Manson with obvious dislike for the fact that he has not been executed. Charles Manson's mother was an uneducated, poor prostitute who should never have had children.

Wouldn't it have been much easier if Charles Manson's mother, while that embryo was unable to live on its own and was still just a part of her, had an abortion?

She could not offer a child the proper diet, care and educational opportunities necessary.

Rather than have an unwanted child become an unwanted ward of the government, a creature of government institutions, give that person a chance to wait until they can properly care and plan for that child.

Tom Wells
Box 8449

Reader sees 'damn shame' in local concert situation

To the Editor:

I'm writing in regard to the recent concert of Seals and Crofts and the upcoming concert of Earth, Wind and Fire. I guess some people might consider these groups exciting, but I, and I'm sure many others on campus, disagree.

I think it's a damn shame that a school as large as Murfreesboro with a building like Murphy Center can't get some really good groups here.

This is my first year here, but I came to two concerts last year, The Who and the Volunteer Jam. I admit that these were two of the greatest concerts I've ever attended, but I don't understand what's happened this year.

I hear that the Volunteer Jam isn't even going to be held here. Let's get some good hard rock like

Aerosmith, Boston, Foghat, etc., here and have some real excitement for a change.

Name withheld by request



Response from students in the section has been great, and has abortions, concerts and problem

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Victim of G questions ca

To the Editor:

After being accosted by representatives of Gideons International earlier this week, I wondered if representatives from other political and ideological organizations would be allowed to disseminate political and ideological organizations would be allowed to disseminate political and ideological literature on campus.

The questions I ask is: Would someone who wished to distribu

Abortion

To the Editor:

The questions of the times have been hashed over and over again this election year. Perhaps none were settled. Being a divergent and versatile nation these debates are going to continue. Justly so.

One interesting point brought up is the very emotional topic of abortion. In a recent column the author expressed his own an

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on campus this week which
d be interpreted by some
viduals as being offensive.

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Experience cited on abortions

To the Editor:

In reply to Greg Denton's article
opposing abortion: I strongly
disagree to any type of antiabortion
amendment and to Greg Denton's
views on abortion. I have had first
hand experience and I know that an
abortion is the answer to many
problems facing a young pregnant
woman.

When I found out I was pregnant

I knew it must have been a mistake.
I had used an effective contra-
ceptive. But, no means of birth
control today is 100 per cent
effective and some (like the Pill)
have serious disadvantages.

Being unmarried at the time, my
lover (now my husband) and I
talked the situation over, weighing
the possible choices, and finally
decided on abortion.

One of the reasons we chose
abortion as our answer was based
on our families. We both come from
upper-middle class families and
there had been three illegitimate
births in them within the last few
years. We just didn't feel they
could or should be put through
another one.

We had planned to be married
but not as soon as the pregnancy
would require. Also, major finan-
cial difficulties would present
another problem. Neither of us felt
emotionally mature enough to have
the large responsibility of a small
child on our hands.

And what about the condition of
our world? With inflation and
unemployment rising, why bring
another dependent human being
into the world without knowing
what tomorrow could bring. I would
not want a child to go through hell
in this life only because I couldn't
be open-minded enough to think of
that child's future welfare. Trying to
be an educated individual and
choose the best possible solution
for all concerned, I had an abortion.

I am not saying abortion is the
best answer for everyone. It is
something that should be thought
out and carefully understood before
attempting or there could be
serious emotional difficulties later.
Abortion was the best answer for
me and for others involved in my
life. I don't regret my decision
because I know my husband and I
can have children when we really
want them and we will have more to
offer another child when the time is
right.

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Bug encounter horrifies diner

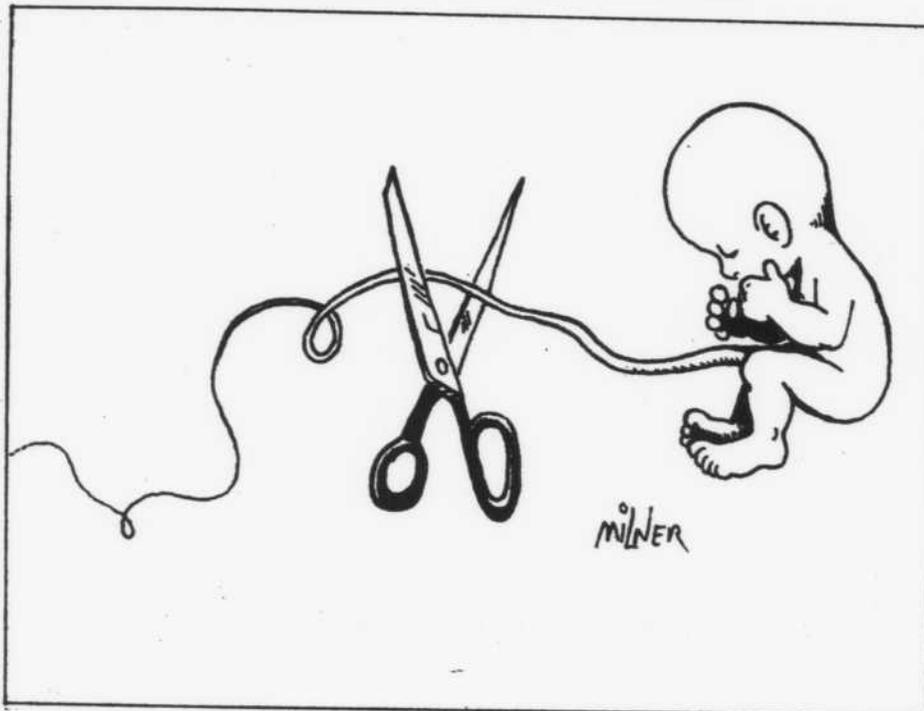
To the Editor:

Recently I was having lunch in
the grill. I had ordered a hot ham
sandwich, and after taking a few
bites I noticed a roach between the
ham and the slice of bread.

Naturally I was horrified, and
took the sandwich (roach and all)
and showed it to the manager. She
offered her apologies and offered
my money back. She went on to say
"Once a place becomes infested
with bugs it's hard to get rid of
them."

It seems that if the management
is aware of this bug problem they
should warn the students of the
hazards of eating! "Warning: the
food on campus may be hazardous
to your health."

Beverly Huddleston
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Condemnation 'a cruel position'

ewhat misled views on the
ect. Let me clear the air of
of the cloudy points made.

eing a more conservative
on, I too am personally against
concept of abortion. My
ment is not on this point at all.
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many, "who for selfish reasons"
find themselves faced with an
unwanted pregnancy. I do not see
how Mr. Denton can lable these
people as selfish. Most adults
realize that right or wrong,
mistakes do happen in the passions
of human life.

Most people are not unfeeling
monsters who care only for
themselves. To label someone in
this type of trouble as "selfish" is a
very simplistic avenue of
condemning them.

Surely Mr. Denton does not
believe those who have an abortion
are then merrily on their way
without feeling some doubt or
regret for the rest of their lives.

I agree we must hold the line on
the continued scientific encroach-
ment in the basic threads of human
society. However, in the black
market existing before the legaliza-
tion of abortion you found filth and
desperation running rampant in the
hack clinics across the nation. In a
nation with medical standards as
high as ours, would it not be as
immoral to allow these under-
ground clinics to continue?

A constitutional amendment

prohibiting abortion would only
further the power of Big Brother
into our homes and personal lives.

The Constitution is something
that has been amended only 16
times since the Bill of Rights. Our
Forefathers saw a need to prevent
the watering down of the
Constitution that would make it as
useless as the constitutions of other
nations. These men realized if we
ratified every amendment on every
moral issue of our times, how many
volumes would it take to house our
Constitution.

Finally, Mr. Denton, you used a
play on words in which you
contradict yourself. At one point
you say, "Who are you to say who
is better off dead? God, perhaps?"
However at the end of your column
you seem to imply that Charles
Manson deserves the same fate.
Obviously, there is a lack of
consistency here.

Your personal concern for the
rights of the unborn seems sincere
and admirable, but to sweepingly
condemn the actions of others on
such an emotional issue is indeed a
cruel position to take.

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Alpha Delta Pi captures Stunt Night

by Cathy Wood

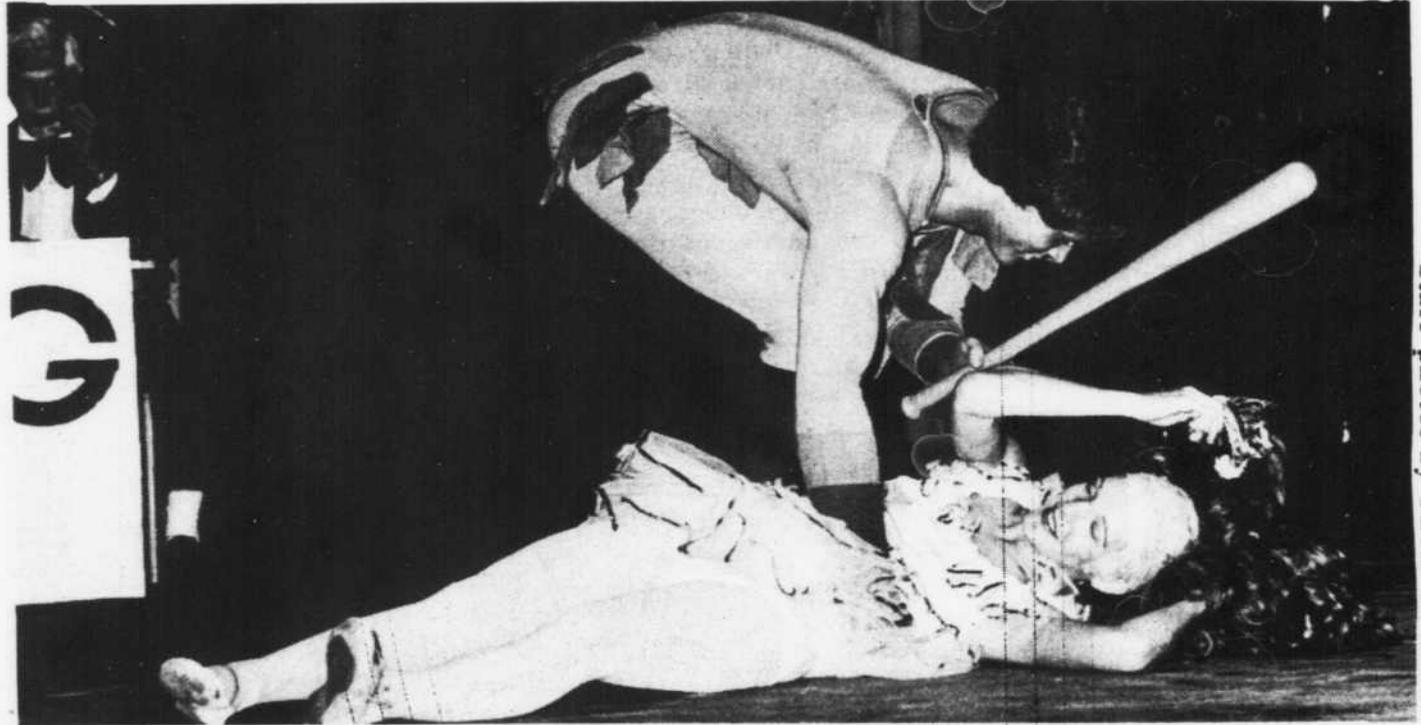
Alpha Delta Pi sorority won first place for the fourth straight year in the Biology Club's Stunt Night last night in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Second place went to Kappa Delta sorority for portraying an evening in a girls dormitory, "The Girls Who Don't."

ADP presented a classic skit entitled "Little Red," a musical spoof on the children's story "Little Red Riding Hood" while honorable mention went to Delta Zeta Sorority for a satire on the soap-opera "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," and to Kappa Alpha Order for a look at the television game show "The Gong Show."

Six other organizations entered the competition: MTSU Performing Arts, Co. ("High Prices"), Gymnastics Club ("The Great Gig in the Sky"), Sigma Chi Fraternity ("Night Court Live"), Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society ("Presidential Debates"), MTSU Chemical Society ("Blazing Beakers"), and Wesleyan Foundation ("J.T. Cool and the Fools").

Providing between-act entertainment for the near-capacity



Staff photos by Thom Coombes

A pair of Kappa Alphas go through their satirical skit of 'The Gong Show'

crowd were Mike Durham, Wendy Carr, Bobby Deith, a soft-singing trio currently appearing at the Filling Station.

John Hood, vice-president of Murfreesboro Bank & Trust, was the master of ceremonies. Judges included Dr. Glen Littlepage,

assistant professor of psychology at MTSU, Mrs. Sharon C. Littlepage, RN, and Dorothy Harrison, director of the MTSU News Bureau.

Stunt Night is sponsored annually by the Biology Club. Campus groups present skits and musical numbers for trophies. Money from

the admission price goes to the George Davis Scholarship Fund.

Impromptu entertainment was given by Joe Lay of the Wesleyan Foundation, rendering his now-famous imitation of Nashville furniture dealer John F. Lawhon.

ENTERTAINMENT



Kappa Delta members perform their routine, 'The Girls Who Don't'



Delta Zeta nabs second

Earth, Wind & Fire tickets placed on sale today

Tickets for the Nov. 19 concert with Earth, Wind and Fire will open sale today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Programming office on the third floor of the UC.

Prices for the general admission show, which will have the Emotions

open the bill, have been set at \$6.50, with a \$1 discount to all MTSU students with a valid ID.

Students are urged to get tickets early, as all remaining tickets will be sold for \$7.50 the day of the show.

Jazz concert set for Tuesday

A Jazz Ensemble concert has been set for next Tuesday at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. It will start at 8 p.m., and will run for approximately 90 minutes.

Vocalist W.O. Smith, III, who recently appeared in the CBS pilot movie Nashville 99, and the Augmented Nine will headline the show while John Duke directs.

Also appearing will be the Performing Arts Company Dancers, under the direction of Anne Holland.

Derringer off solo trail

by Steve Huhman

Derringer—"Derringer." This is not another Rick Derringer solo album. Rick Derringer is now just the lead guitarist and principal songwriter for the group, Derringer. Other members are bassist Kenny Aaronson by way of Dust and Stories; drummer Vinny Appice, brother of infamous Carmine, and guitarist Danny Johnson. None of them are any taller than Rick.

Derringer is a literate heavy metal band, playing good but not amazing songs featuring moderate-

ly interesting instrumental work. Nothing here is as exploratory as some of the stuff on Derringer's first solo LP, but it will provide you with good boogie or good listening,

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which ever way you lean. Obviously, the band was put together to allow Rick to tour with his material. Lyrics are frequently by Cynthia Weil, for those who care.

—mini-review—

Angelo—"Angelo." Angelo is an enigma in more ways than one. He goes by one name, and this, his first album, contains no personal information and no music information. Sometimes he writes whole songs, but more often conceives music and gets lyrical help from

female word-smiths. On the album, he produced and arranged as well as singing and playing keyboards. playing keyboards.

He also has impressive friends. Several members of Chicago, a random Beach Boy, Donald Byrd, and ace sessionists Tom Scott and Jim Gordon.

Listening to the album reveals that Angelo considers himself primarily a singer, because that is what is emphasized. The arrangements are calm and in the background, designed to influence your emotions without distracting your attention from the vocalist. His voice is pleasant but demonstrates no unusual tone or range. Blandness predominates. Even "We're All Going Down Together" projects a laid-back feeling, despite a quick tempo and some cutting electric guitar licks.

Some people like musical oatmeal, but not me. Too bad Angelo's music is not as impressive as his friends.

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In new SF magazine

No Trekkie rip-off

by Tom Wood
Entertainment Editor

Upon first skimming through the pages, and noting the \$1.50 price on the cover, I thought the new publication *Starlog* was just another rip-off of the undying *Star Trek* fan.

The cover depicted the *Enterprise* pulling away from a red planet and its solar-eclipsed sun with portraits of Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock in the foreground.

It also promised a "complete guide to all 79 episodes" and "rare color pics" within the *Star Trek* collector's section, so you can understand the misinterpretation of the cover.

But one unusually slow night, I decided to more than just browse through the issue, and lo and behold, it surpassed all expectations.

Inside were features on Lindsay Wagner, ABC's *Bionic Woman*, the syndicated television show *Space: 1999* (which area science fiction buffs are deprived of), two new remakes of the classic *King King*, and a story on the filming of a movie in Georgia entitled *Squirm*, in which giant worms prey on humans.

Also included were their log entries, the latest news from the world of science fiction. Evidently, this magazine's focus is centered on science fiction in television, books and movies.

And now the second issue of *Starlog*, a quarterly magazine, is out.

The collector's section in this one concerns *Space: 1999*, and how the early part of the second season will fill in gaps and details the first season left out. It doesn't make much difference to the midstate viewer, however; he doesn't know what he missed to begin with.

Among the features in this issue are an in-depth look at the recent movie *Logan's Run*, *Flash Gordon*, the new television season and science fiction, movie soundtracks, comics, and an enlightening look at the H.G. Wells-inspired movie, *War of the Worlds*.

Also mentioned within the 67 pages is an interview with Gene Roddenberry, the creator of *Star Trek*, and the upcoming *Star Trek* movie Roddenberry is producing.

According to the story, the movie is "untitled, unwritten and uncast but it's about to go into orbit."

A couple of other interesting notes mentioned are new movies entitled *Superman, the Man*, and another named *Vampirella*. Both characters are quite famous in the world of comics.

The story says Mario (The Godfather) Puzo is writing the script of *Superman, the Man*, and that while no one has been signed to play Supes, Marlon Brando had been signed to play his father. And as for *Vampirella*, she will be portrayed by former *Playboy* Playmate Barbara Leigh. Hmmm.

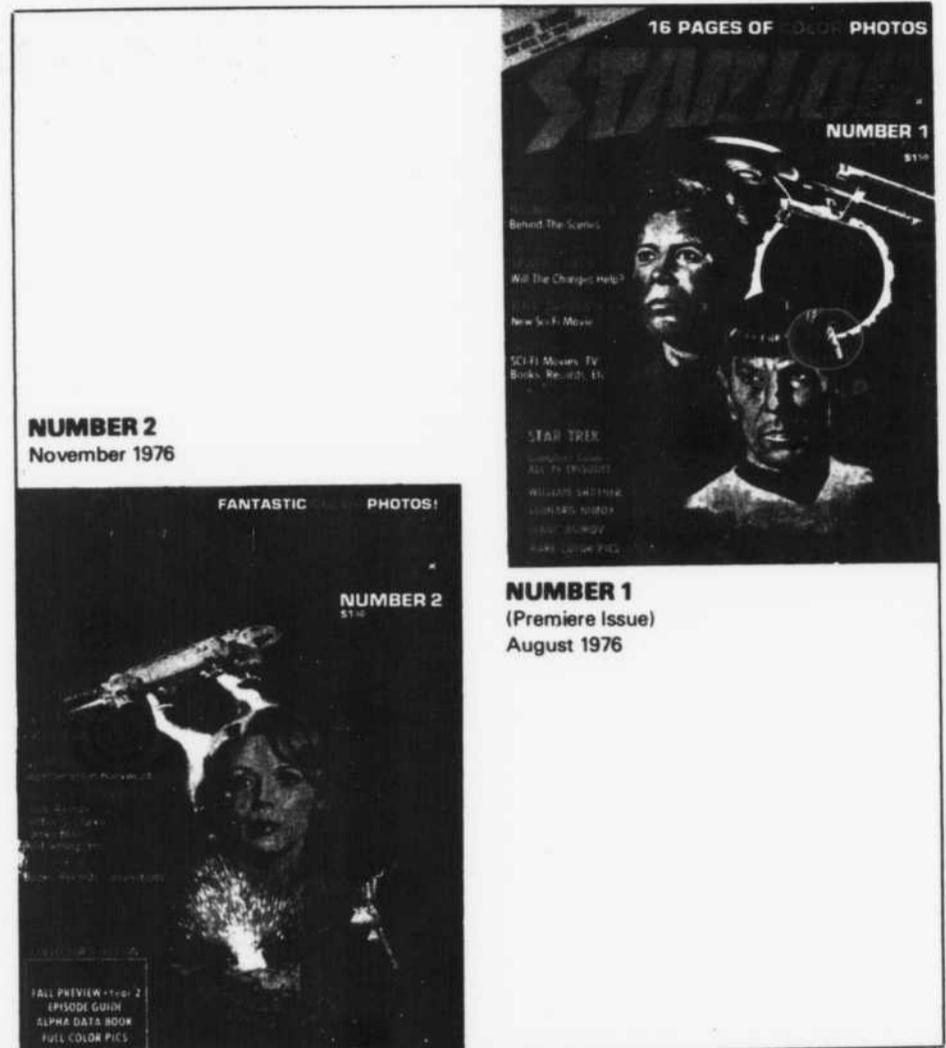
The mag seems geared toward the younger science fiction fan, although many of them would seem too young to remember some of the older movies or shows talked about.

But at least it is an honest attempt to publicize the many realms of science fiction rather than neglect future events coming. It doesn't live in the past, as some other magazines have, and gripe about how nothing new is planned.

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Battered Blue Raiders limp to Western

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Ben Hurt needs six million bucks...he wants to buy a bionic quarterback.

MTSU's second-year football savior will send the slumping Blue Raiders into nasty L.T. Smith Stadium at Bowling Green Saturday at 1 p.m. without a healthy quarterback. Western Kentucky's swarming Hilltoppers provide the opposition.

SPORTS

"We are down, but we are not out," Hurt told the weekly faculty press luncheon yesterday. "This is a very tough situation to deal with."

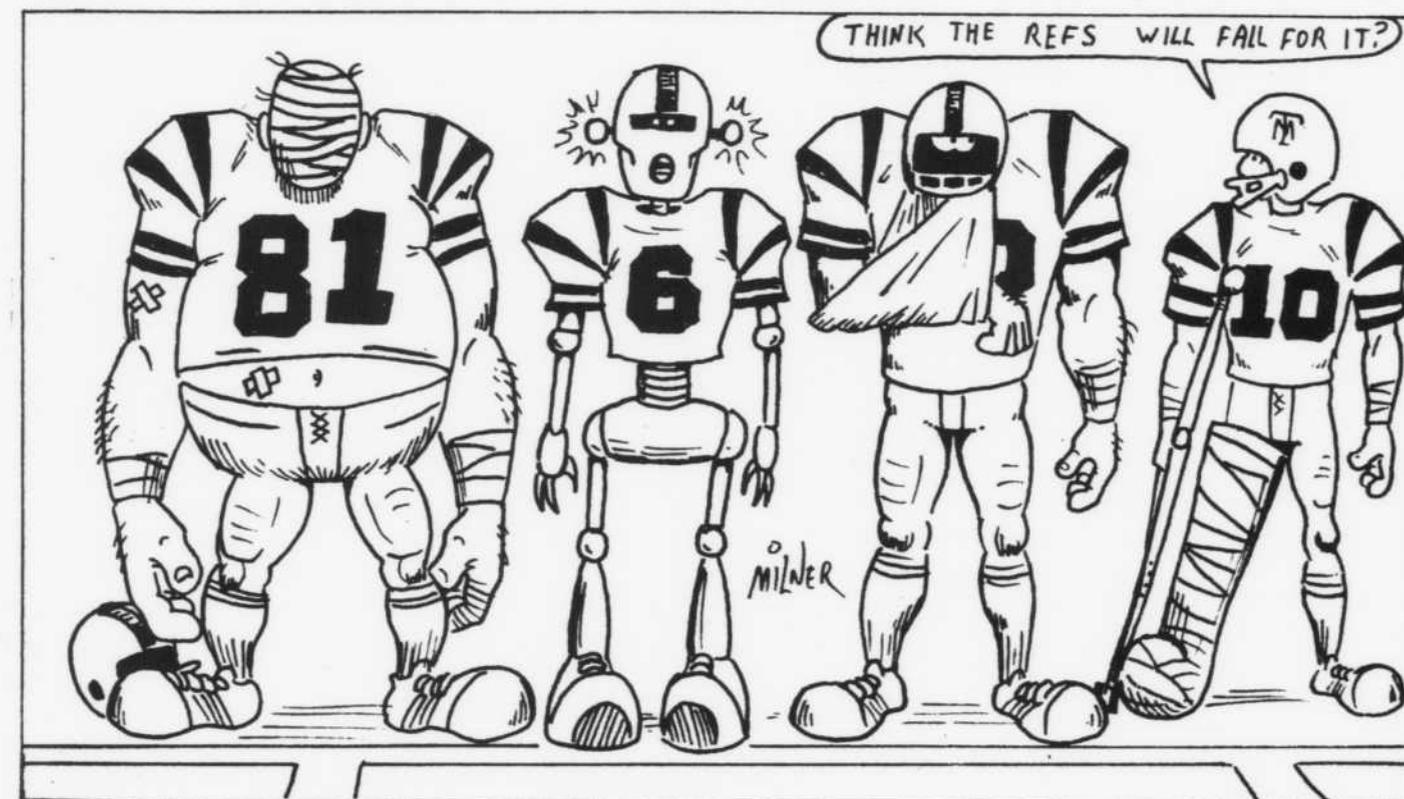
Consider MTSU's plight:

—Playing without regular quarterback Mike Robinson who underwent surgery Saturday to repair knee damage suffered last Saturday in a 21-9 loss to Austin Peay.

—Having to play second-string quarterback Ricky Davis, who did an admirable job against the veteran Peay defense, despite a severely bruised right thumb suffered on the second play he directed against the Govs.

Davis, by the way, is a freshman.

—Substituting third-string quar-



terback David Tucker instead, who is better running, but less effective passing than Davis, though Tucker had a shoulder separated earlier this week in practice.

Tucker, too, is a freshman.

—Or going with punter Randy Saunders, a high school quarterback, who has been the field general for the scout team during the practice this year.

"We will just have to wait and see what happens," said Hurt. But quarterback is not his only position

of concern.

Besides Robinson's injury, defensive backs Ronnie Cecil (knee surgery), Pat Siegfried (broken ankle earlier this year) and Stan Murphy (hairline fracture of the ankle) are unavailable for the Western contest.

But Western's offense, as in years past, doesn't fill the air with passes. "They just try and run over you. The offense does no tricky things," said defensive line coach Ray Hughes.

Tailback Jimmy Woods, now the conference's second leading rusher behind Mike Moore, "is a tremendous football player and they try and get the ball to him 30 to 40 times a game," Hughes said.

...Starting right tackle Steve Sullivan (6-5, 245 pounds) has left the team and returned to his home in Chattanooga. The redshirt freshman vacated his I Dorm room early Tuesday morning. Freshman Bill Ming will take over Sullivan's line position.

Nashville Wheelcats set game in Alumni Gym

The dunk is back but odds are better than even that you won't see one Nov. 18 in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

What you will see may totally amaze you.

The Nashville Wheelcats, a basketball team that plays from wheelchairs, will battle the Yuma Rolling Wrecks at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available through Sigma Chi fraternity.

Now in its 24th year, the Wheelcats are one of the oldest wheelchair basketball teams in the nation.

They have been National Wheelchair basketball champions three times, and have been among the top four teams on numerous other occasions.

The Wheelcats play approximately 40 games a year against teams from all over the nation.

The River City Wheelers fell to the Wheelcats last weekend in Memphis 64-20, in the season opener.

"We didn't press them too much or anything," Ed Spencer, Wheelcats' president said. "We probably could have won 200 to nothing, but they are a new team and we didn't want to do that."

During halftime of the games people are picked from the audience to play against the Wheelcats.

"It really shows them what it's all about," Spencer laughed. "We have had six points scored on us in the past five or six years."

There are more than 190 wheelchair basketball teams in the nation. The Wheelcats compete in the Southern Conference, which currently has seven member teams from throughout the Southeast.



S-T-R-E-E-T-C-H—An intent Nashville Wheelcat reaches for a rebound in last year's battle with the Yuma Rolling Wrecks. The Wheelcats and Yuma's play here again Nov. 18.

Gold medal barrier doesn't derail Rigby

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Once her miniature body climbed gracefully atop the balance beam, one could almost detect the Olympic anthem playing in the background.

The Alumni Memorial Gymnasium became Munich during the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. Ringside seats were available for a glimpse of history.

The Ideas and Issues Committee brought Cathy Rigby to MTSU. Rigby is the Babe Ruth of American gymnastics. Her show was a home run.

She is the best...all 59 inches of her.

"I really enjoy going around the country and giving these gymnastic clinics and lectures," said Rigby who was in the midst of a week-long tour Tuesday.

She gave a two-hour clinic and demonstration in the Alumni Gym, and followed with a speech in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. She had a captivated audience



John Lucas' forward roll for Cathy Rigby

"I started in a recreation department near our home. I just asked the coach one day if I could try out. He said sure." Cathy said.

That was in 1962. Cathy was 10. Six years later she would be the youngest person in American sports history to earn a spot on the Olympic team.

The 1968 Olympics found the United States team finishing higher than ever before. Cathy finished 15 all-around, as the youngest mem-

ber on the team. This was the highest an American had ever placed in Olympic gymnastics.

After the Mexico Olympics, Cathy's suitcase saw the world. "There was international competition almost every month in almost every country," Cathy remembered.

By 1970 the World Games were on hand. That was when Cathy Rigby truly shocked the world.

"That was the turning point in my gymnastics career," Cathy

said. "The competition was really tight, really top notch. And when it was all over I was fortunate enough to win a medal—a silver medal on the balance beam."

The medal was the first won by American gymnast in international competition.

All the national television stations, newspapers from Maine to Hawaii and many radio stations "came knocking at my door. My whole life was changed. They told the country I was the great hope for a medal in the '72 Olympics."

The judges said Cathy had a minor falter in compulsories. The top 10 gymnasts were separated by 1.5 points. Cathy knew she was had.

"Judging in the Olympics is completely subjective, and unfortunately it is often political. It's very difficult for a human being to be fair all the time. It's much easier to not be fair most of the time.

"It was hard to smile after doing the best routine of your life, and receive a score that only reflects the political views of the judges."

Today, Cathy Rigby has a family. Her husband, Tommy Mason, and one-year old son, Buck, were more important than a rematch with Olga Korbett.

"My family is what matters most. We just broke ground for an academy in California and I have a summer camp. I just enjoy traveling and giving youngsters tips that might help."

Who knows? Maybe Cathy Rigby inspired the 1988 Olympic gold medal winner in the Alumni Gym Tuesday. Maybe Cathy Rigby can get a part of that Olympic gold yet.

'Framed Mr. Nice Guy'

MTSU professor relives grid mistreatment

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

For a second, former All-Pro running back Tommy Mason scratched his head, obviously perplexed, and let his mind wander back to Gainesville, Fla.

Suddenly Mason smiled. He remembered the incident MTSU



Dr. Jon MacBeth and
Tommy Mason

physical education professor Dr. Jon MacBeth had just described. It was a happy reunion.

It was 1958. Mason played for Tulane and was the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher on a last-place team. Tulane was visiting the Florida Gators.

MacBeth was a hard-nosed Gator fullback, and like Mason, played defense. Jon described what happened:

"I was little then, but I always was looking for somebody to hit until the whistle blew," MacBeth described. "I saw Tommy standing away from the ball, which was far downfield. I tried to put him in the nickel seats, and blindsided him with a very hard lick. As he came up I rushed to hit him again.

"But he recovered about the time the referees looked back and started to grab me. They saw him and threw the flag—15 yards for unsportsmanship conduct," MacBeth laughed.

Jon MacBeth played against Mason four years in college. Tommy was drafted in the first round (1961) by the Minnesota Vikings, and later played for the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins.

"Tommy Mason is everything that somebody would like to be,"

Jon said. "He was the Mr. Nice Guy of professional football, too."

What about the Gainesville slugfest?

"Tommy said that was the only time in his football career that he got flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. It was his only fight during a game. everybody respected Tommy Mason; at least everybody I ever knew did," MacBeth said.

"And I framed him," Jon admitted.

...Mason married gymnast Cathy Rigby four years ago... "She just had too much pressure put on her by the media," Mason said of Cathy's Olympic ordeal in 1972.

"She was fully expected to win a gold medal. I don't think that was asking too much abilitywise, but it certainly wasn't practical with the judges they had."

...Mason now does color announcing for the San Diego Chargers football team... Former Nashville newscaster Hope Hines does the play-by-play...

Mason almost was a Dallas Cowboy... "The Cowboys really wanted to draft me, but they had traded away their first-round pick the year before for Eddie LeBaron. So Minnesota drafted me," Mason said... The Cowboys were stuck with a guy named Bob Lilly.



Cathy Rigby
Gymnastics' Babe Ruth

Castleberry passes for Intramural win

by Gary Pryor

Operating from the shotgun offense, quarterback Ken Castleberry scored 13 points to lead the Baptist Student Union/Presbyterian Student Fellowship (BSU/PSF) to a 15-0 win over Gore Hall in intramural football yesterday at the IM field.

BSU/PSF began its first scoring drive when quarterback Ken Castleberry dropped back to pass. With the offensive line shoving Gore defenders to the outside, Castleberry saw a hole and sprinted for a 20-yard TD. He ran the conversion in to make it 7-0.

Again the Gore offense was shut off, and BSU/PSF initiated another drive. From his own 10-yard line, Castleberry ran the ball 25 yards for a first down.

Castleberry then lobbed a wobbly pass, which was tipped by

Gore defenders, and David Dunn grabbed it for a gain of 15 yards.

Gore, operating deep in its own territory, could not contain the rush of defenders Cantrell, Steve Davis, Don Peek and Bo Burnett.

From the two-yard line, a bad snap in the shotgun formation resulted in a fumble in the endzone, giving BSU/PSF a safety and a 9-0 lead going into halftime.

In the second half BSU/PSF defensive back Don Peek intercepted a pass from Gore quarterback Ted Hackett

Castleberry had a 10-yard pass completion, but Gore defensive tackle Mike "Moose" Black began a tremendous pass rush to stop the BSU/PSF threat.

IM Spotlight

Gore then mounted its first serious offensive march, with back Ronnie Adcock sweeping the ends on pitchouts to pick.

A last-ditch effort by Gore began

with a 10-yard pass to Adcock, but then Hackett threw a pass that bounced out of a Gore receiver's hands and was intercepted by corner back Roger Vandergriff.

Castleberry then put the game out of Gore's reach with a 25-yard touchdown run to make the final score 15-0.

In other intramural action, the undefeated Earl's Pearls (now 5-0) had a big win over once-beaten Ramblin' Wrecks (now 3-2), 18-0. The Smith Hall Bad Bombers defeated the Kool Club 19-6.

Basketball opener admission is free

Basketball begins at MTSU Nov. 16 when Pat Jones' Raiderettes open the season with Shorter College and Jimmy Earle's team plays the Venezuelan Nationals.

"We feel like we are going to have some good teams this winter and we want everyone to come out and see them," Athletic Director Bubber Murphy said. Admission is free Nov. 16 with women playing at 5:15 and men at 7:30.

Earle's Raiders start the regular season Dec. 1 against Arkansas-Little Rock, and the Nov. 16 exhibition will give fans a sneak preview.

The Raiderettes have their next game with Vanderbilt at Murphy Center on Dec. 1.

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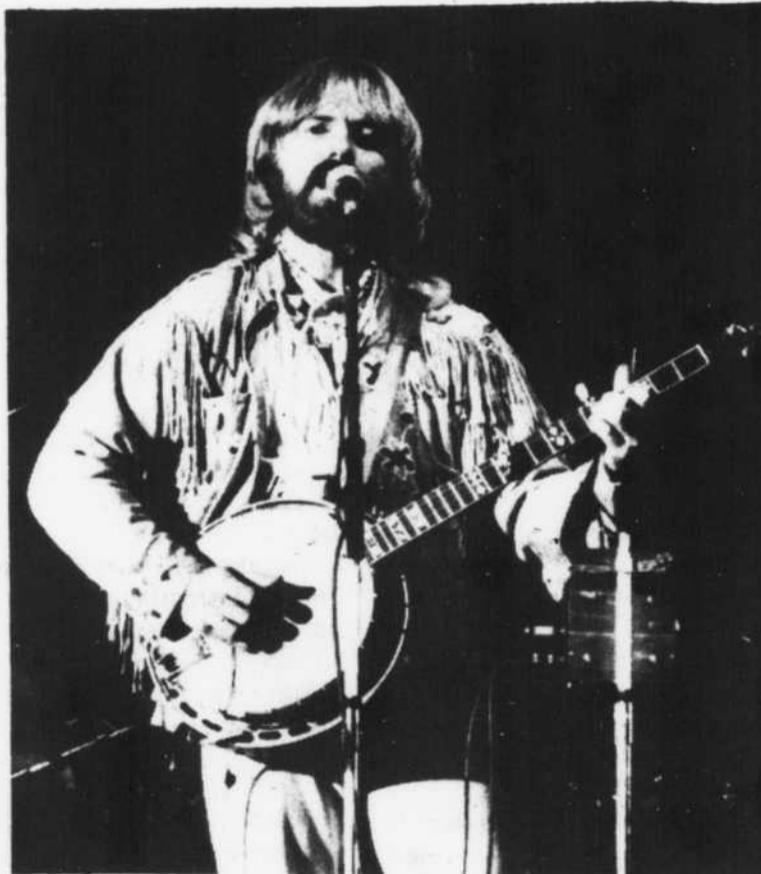
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11:30 a.m.—NFL Football (Philadelphia vs St. Louis)

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Belinda Coile dominates the net against Trevecca Tuesday as MTSU swept past the Trojans, 15-2 and 16-14:

In one of the Lady Raiders' better showings, MTSU jumped to a 10-0 lead in the opener and coasted to victory. In the second game MTSU's second team overcame early mistakes to pull out the win.

Tonight the Lady Raiders will play in the Austin Peay Invitational, a 10-team tournament which concludes Saturday.

Staff photo by Thom Coombes

Harriers 'slip' in mud

by John Bliven

"It was a five mile run in a mud bath" were the words of cross-country coach Dean Hayes after the Tennessee Intercollegiate Meet at Percy Warner Park in Nashville, when the Raiders placed fourth with 121 points last week.

The University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State, and Vanderbilt placed among the top three. "I feel we did well, and performed well against some tough competition," said Hayes.

Dennis Votava paced the Raiders with a time of 26:01 and 15 overall, while Randy Oliver was next with 26:11 and placed 16 for the Raiders.

John Lerchenfeld clocked in at 27:09 for 23 place, while Jim Gilbert, Linton Whaley, and Lou McBee placed 30, 37 and 40

respectively.

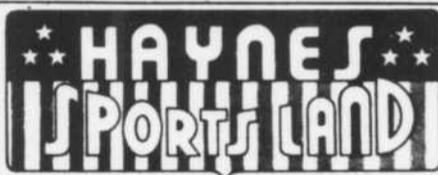
Because of prolonged rain, the meet took place on a saturated field of mud. "We hadn't done a great deal of practicing in different conditions but we did well," said Hayes.

Eyeing the OVC Meet at Clarkville tomorrow with optimism, Hayes feels MTSU will place in the middle (either fifth or sixth).

He also said MTSU is in a big district with tough competition, namely East Tennessee State and Western Kentucky, who are nationally ranked.

Hayes predicted ETSU and Western will vie for first, with Murray State third, Eastern Kentucky fourth; Morehead, Tech, and MTSU battling for the bottom four positions with Peay.

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