

Mail schemes rip off student investors

By ERIC STEINBERG
Sidelines Staff Writer

Forms on campus bulletin boards promoting work-at-home mail-advertising businesses may be schemes that defraud unsuspecting investors, according to U.S. postal authorities.

Essex House and CMONA, two of the companies sponsoring

these operations on campus, are currently under investigation by the postmaster general, according to Postal Inspector Arnold Bell.

"What we probably have here is a chain-letter pyramid," Bell explained. "My advice would be not to send in any money."

These schemes offering pay

for stuffing envelopes are probably illegal, and anyone who has been cheated or has any knowledge about similar schemes should report them to the U.S. Postal Service immediately, Bell said.

Information obtained from the Better Business Bureau in Nashville states that this type of operation usually sells information to investors encouraging them to sell similar information to others; this is deceptive and misleading.

Good work-at-home companies, according to the Better Business Bureau, don't use bulletin-board advertising

because they have all the applicants they need.

A potential investor's first step, when entering into these programs, is to send the company \$15 along with an order form. The ads then claim that they will pay 40¢ or 50¢ for each envelope stuffed and returned to them. They also offer bonuses for stuffing hundreds of envelopes.

According to the postal inspector, the "employee" actually serves to supply the company with names of additional potential investors, and the sole purpose of this program is to induce more and more people to

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send in the initial \$15 investment.

"Most people never get their investment back," Bell said. "The only ones who win are the people at the top."

The use of the mails to defraud is prohibited by federal statute. The penalty is five years' imprisonment and/or a \$2,000 fine.

It's hard to catch the responsible parties, postal authorities claim, because most people don't bother to report such schemes since their loss is so small.

"When we do find that a lottery is being operated, we immediately try to stop them by obtaining a temporary restraining order in federal court," Bell said. "This gives the postmaster authority to return all of the company's mail back to the sender."

"At least this way the people who have sent in money get their checks back. Then we try to prosecute the guilty parties."

Before investing in anything, postal authorities warn, ask yourself: Does the investment sound really too good to be true?

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Toxic-shock may go undiagnosed

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Editor in Chief

MANY MILD cases of toxic-shock syndrome go undiagnosed yet may still result in eventual toxic-shock death, according to recent findings by the national Center for Disease Control.

"The problem has been that the women come in with symptoms of the flu and they die within 24 hours of reporting in," Don Young, physician's assistant at the MTSU infirmary, said.

"Who thought to ask if they had a tampon in?" he said.

After autopsies were performed on women who had died suddenly from what appeared to be the flu, Young said, a connection was found in light of the fact that most patients were on their period and/or had worn tampons.

Young explained that Dr. Gary Swinger, the doctor in charge of communicable diseases for the Department of Health for Tennessee, sent him a letter stating that a study might be conducted on this campus concerning TSS.

The report by the CDC stated women who have milder symptoms may not report the cases. Most cases are characterized by a sudden onset of fever (greater than 102 F), vomiting, diarrhea, body aches and an itchy rash.

The rash varies in location and intensity. Less severe cases usually last for a shorter time and seem to clear once tampon use is discontinued.

Over 400 cases of TSS have been reported, and 40 women have died in the United States.

In Tennessee alone, 25 cases were reported and two deaths have resulted.

In nearly all the Tennessee cases, women have become ill three to six days after the onset of the menstruation period and have been using tampons exclusively. Of 16 cases where the tampon brands were known, 11 were Rely, three Playtex and two Kotex.

The patients have all been white females from ages 12 to 34.

"This college community has the ideal age," he said. "We have a very select populace where this could happen."

"The thought is this—the tampons are too good. They are put in place and they are working by staying in place.

They stay there so long a staph bacteria begins to grow. That's the toxic-shock."

Explaining that everyone has staph bacteria somewhere on their body, Young said approximately 10 percent of the women have some in their vaginal area.

"It is when the rough surface of the tampon scrapes the bacteria that colonies begin to build up within a matter of two or three hours," he said.

"But, not all women have staph in their vagina," Young emphasized.

He said prevention is the best treatment for the syndrome and, to effectively prevent toxic shock from occurring, women should wear tampons only when needed for convenience and use sanitary napkins at night.

Student's action makes 'cents'

By DENNIS MYERS
Sidelines Staff Writer

There are only a few times in one's life when one can express inner emotions in a truly gratifying manner. Recently, Bert Barnett, an MTSU freshman, cashed in on one of those moments.

Last week, Barnett was fined \$20 for reckless driving and \$5 for improper equipment when he was nabbed by Officer Kerri Nelson of the Campus Police for driving his "bike" on a campus sidewalk.

BARNETT'S "BIKE," you see, is a baby-blue pneumatic-tired motor scooter which he uses for transportation to and from campus.

(A similar "bike" owned by Barnett was stolen last year; since that time, he has kept his new "bike" locked up to the bike rack in front of the LRC.)

The \$20 fine was issued because Barnett was riding his "bike" from the bike rack to the street. When confronted by Officer Nelson, he was informed that this action constituted "reckless driving."

The \$5 "improper equipment" fine stemmed from the fact that Barnett does not have a valid Tennessee operator's license.

Now, one shouldn't be misled into thinking this is his fault: Bert is an epileptic and cannot be issued an automobile driver's

license until he is free of seizures for a year.

Understandably, Bert refused to let a small detail like not possessing a license prevent him from driving, since he was aware the Campus Police already knew about his activities.

How did the police know? IT SEEMS that Bert may have been stopped on a few occasions by the Campus Police and warned to be careful about his driving.

One time, Bert recalls, a patrolman contacted the station and asked if Bert was allowed to ride his "bike" without a license; the person at the station said that this was all right.

"Once before I was stopped by an officer," Bert stated. "He called the Campus Police on the radio, and whoever was on the other end told him I didn't need a license to operate a motor scooter."

Well, Bert found out that sometimes the law is the law, and sometimes it isn't.

Bert, never one to be trifled with, decided nonetheless to doublecheck with a real police department—and, sure enough, you have to have a driver's license to operate a motor scooter.

ON THE DAY Bert was stopped by Officer Nelson and given the ticket, Nelson threw in

a surprise bonus for Bert—a Dean's Citation.

"I was issued a Dean's Citation for being 'belligerent,' but I was not belligerent at any time—I did not interfere with Officer Nelson," Bert said.

"I was contemptuous in that I called him a 'sanctimonious SOB,' but I did not interfere with Nelson's duties," Bert claimed.

Which brings us to the interesting part of this story. As mentioned earlier, Bert is not one to be trifled with; this time he felt the police were trifling.

Forty-eight hours later, Bert calmly stopped by Murfreesboro Bank and Trust, on his way to pay his fines, and cashed a check for \$25—entirely in pennies. He then went to Cope Administration Building and paid his fine.

NOW, FOR those of you who are having trouble with your arithmetic, \$25 is 2,500 pennies. Since 2,500 pennies weigh about 20 pounds, and since the Campus Police have to take the money to the bank . . .

Now do you get the idea? "There are times in one's life when a letter to the editor just won't do," Bert growled. "This was one of those times."

Bert, who was quickly learning the value of appropriate outlets for his emotions, added: "I feel that

there is a great injustice when you can't express them.

"Emotions are an important part of a person's character and, if you'll notice, the administration's setup does not allow for emotional expression," Bert concluded.

THOSE WHO think Bert's action was a true form of self-

expression, one which didn't resort to insubricity (except, perhaps, in the opinion of the officer who had to carry the money to the bank), applaud Bert for his actions.

Let's see now, if 2,500 pennies weigh about 20 pounds, and if a semester's tuition is \$285, then 28,500 pennies should weigh about . . .



photo by Gene Braham

Freshman Bert Barnett paid for his mistake all right—in pennies. Barnett took 2,500 pennies into the business office last week to pay a ticket issued to him by the University Police.

Tickets issued by campus police

By ERIC STEINBERG
Sidelines Staff Writer

Campus police have issued ten citations in the past four days during a crack down on motorists violating traffic laws at the corner of Womack Avenue and First Street.

According to Sgt Jim Burkhalter, police will remain at the intersection and continue to write citations until the problem is corrected.

"Motorists are starting to get our message," claimed Campus Police Officer Mark Morgan. "People have been calling the police station to find out if we were really watching the intersections."

"We're not just watching that intersection either," Morgan continued. "We're watching them all."

Parents who complained that the corner was unsafe for children boarding school busses have been pleased with the police results.

"I have been very pleased with the fact that there has been police protection for the children," Susan Woodfin a Family Student Housing resident and parent said.

"The presence of police at the corner has been a deterrent to would-be traffic violators who endanger the safety of our children through their carelessness," Woodfin concluded.

Sidelights

Ambassadors' deadline nears

The application deadline for Student Ambassadors is Nov. 21. Applications can be picked up, and must be brought back to room 205 in the Administration Building. Students applying for Student Ambassador must have a 2.5 gpa and must be a second semester freshman. For further information, contact Dot Harrison at 898-2919.

Theatre production shown

See *How They Run*, a University Theatre production, will be shown Nov. 13-15 and 18-22 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Arena Theatre at 8 p.m. each night. Admission is \$3, but MTSU students are admitted free with ID's.

Students arrested at Berkeley; 3,000 protest Reagan's victory

By JOHN RICE

Associated Press Writer

Campus activists who watched a rally against President-elect Ronald Reagan dwindle into a sit-in over a hodgepodge of university causes, say they'll be back with hopes of building a new nationwide student movement.

Fifty-two people were arrested Wednesday as police dragged protesters out of a University of California administration building. On Tuesday, 3,000 people marched in the streets of Berkeley to protest Reagan's victory.

Protesters said they planned another rally today.

One demonstration "probably won't do anything. But more and more demonstrations are going to do something," said student Teresa Clarke. Others shouted they hoped to spark a student movement similar to that of 15 years ago.

"We're going to be doing this a lot," said satirist Stoney Burke, one of the protest organizers.

Campus police arrested 35 students and 17 others after a 5½-hour protest that moved from Sproul Plaza, site of anti-war rallies of the 1960s and early 1970s, to the campus ROTC building and then to the administration building, where 150 people occupied a stairwell.

All 52 were charged with misdemeanor trespassing and 10

were charged with resisting arrest. They were released on their own recognizance and no arraignment date was set.

The rally was called "to build an educational movement against Reagan... when Reagan reinstates the draft and begins to cut back social programs," said Joe Lambert of the Berkeley Progressive Students Organization.

But the election was only a "catalyst" for a protest encompassing long-standing campus issues, Ms. Clarke explained.

Inside the occupied California Hall, dissidents handed out communist leaflets, denounced the campus ROTC—chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, ROTC has got to go"—and demanded an end to the university's involvement in nuclear weapons research for the government, support for a campus child care center and increased Third World enrollment.

"I'm doing it [protesting] just to make a point about what's going on," explained one student.

The noisy sit-in between the first and second floors began about 2 p.m. As the protesters walked in, most university administrators walked out and the building was sealed off. Two men arrested then on counts that included disturbing the peace later were released on bail.

Campus recreation winners named chess, football and table tennis

Individual and team winners were announced by Campus Recreation this week.

Brian McCarthy was named the winner of the chess tournament and David Frietag and Mabmoud Tabari tied for second.

In table tennis in the men's division, Hingson Chan took first and Gene Mathis won second. Diana Myers won in the women's division and Susie Reaney second.

These winners will be representing MTSU at the ACUI Regional V finals at ETSU in February.

In intramural football, women's division, Kappa Delta took first; Felder Hall, second; and the Special Ladies, third.

In the men's greek division, Sigma Chi won first place going undefeated, 7-0; Pi Kappa Alpha was second; and Kappa Sigma, third.

The men's campus/open division was won by Total Wreck beat Randy Glover who took first and second place, respectively. K-Apartments won the male dorm division, Smith Hall, second; and I Hall, third.

Holbrook brings Twain to life

By RENEE VAUGHN

Sidelines Managing Editor

Since a 1949 touring engagement with his wife, Hal Holbrook has nurtured a working relationship with a man who died in 1910.

Growing from a two-man act that courted high school audiences to a 90-minute special on national TV, Holbrook's fantastic presentation has transported the figure of Mark Twain, perhaps America's most endearing author-lecturer, into the hearts of a new generation.

"Occasionally a happy thing happens. An actor finds a role in which the memories of his own experiences rush out to join those of the character he is creating," Holbrook states in his book *Mark Twain Tonight!*

"In all matters of opinion, our adversaries are insane."

"IT IS much the same as if you make the acquaintance of someone at a party and found that you shared common interests, experiences, convictions—and you talked all night. My relationship with Mark Twain has been something like that. I find in him reflections of myself."

Holbrook, who has invested more than a decade researching Twain's photographs and writings to authentically recreate the words, mannerisms and "spirit of brooding sadness" embodied in Twain, will bring his virtuoso presentation to Nashville's Tennessee Performing Arts Center on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m.

Holbrook has no set program for his presentation; rather, he culls his lectures from six hours of Twain material for an

evening in tune with his mood and the mood of his audience.

"BY THE end of the show it is my hope that everyone in the audience can feel that they might have been seeing Mark Twain," Holbrook has commented.

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."

For verisimilitude, Holbrook uses props: an old pocketwatch, wire glasses in a worn black case and a silver penknife used to cut the ends of the three cigars he smokes during his performance.

There is no evidence that Twain ever actually smoked while he was speaking, Holbrook writes. In today's society, the cigar emphasizes the casualness and uniqueness of Twain's style that his "habit of loosely lounging about the stage" represented to audiences in 1885.

"I do have, I think, something in common with Mark Twain, just as have many other people who have read and loved his books," Holbrook has said.

"WHEN I read Mark Twain, my actor's well begins to stir and bucketfuls of memories come hand-over-hand from it."

Twain, born Samuel Langhorne Clemens in 1835, began his career as a pilot on the

Mississippi River. He later became a newspaper reporter and then a world-famous author and lecturer.

"The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter—'tis the difference between the lightning bug and lightning."

He first used the famous nom de plume "Mark Twain" in 1863 after hearing the shouts of workers measuring the depths of the river.



photo by Gene Brahm

Children from the MTSU Day Care Center take advantage of beautiful Middle Tennessee weather to frolic in the autumn leaves.

'My Turn'

Clayburgh's acting saving grace of film

By MARK HELTON

Sidelines Staff Writer

Claudia Weill's film "It's My Turn" is the latest Hollywood production about how a liberated woman functions in contemporary American life.

Much like its recent predecessors, Weill's film deteriorates into a soap opera for mature adults, and winds up with the woman feeling liberated after struggling with a false dilemma all along.

Review

Kate Gunzinger played by Jill Clayburgh, is a Chicago math professor who is facing one of the most important decisions in her life.

She must either accept a prestigious position at a New York college and move in with Ben, an ex-baseball player

played by Michael Douglas, or commit herself to her present lover, portrayed by Charles Grodin.

KATE GOES to New York to attend her father's wedding, and during a pre-nuptial gathering, she meets and falls in love with her soon-to-be stepbrother, Ben. They become inseparable, and most of the film is taken up with lengthy scenes in hotel rooms and along busy city streets.

Yet when the film finally begins to move, Weill frustrates the viewer by including lengthy scenes that only emphasize the slick dialogue of Eleanor Bergstein's script and the acting talents of the two main characters.

Weill makes the mistake of concentrating the viewer's

attention on the characters rather than the context of the film.

Kate never really comes to a decision about her future, rather, she talks herself into a position and thinks it to be the right course to take.

CLAYBURGH'S performance is the film's saving grace. Kate is not a brilliant heroine, but a klutz who blunders through every scene with a charm unbecoming of her more liberated sisters.

She turns a seemingly distraught person into a lovable

character who is always at odds with the world. With Clayburgh's portrayal, men and women alike are able to identify with her.

In spite of good acting, "It's My Turn" goes nowhere. In the end, the viewer does not know which course Kate will take any more than she does.

This confusion over the direction of the film weakens its premise and relegates it to the status of a made-for-television movie. "It's My Turn" is an enjoyable film not because of its power to enlighten but because of the acting of its cast.

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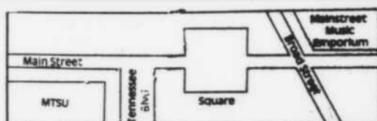
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from the editor

Carter: *Defeated, he promises smooth transition*

By this time, all students acknowledge who will inhabit the White House for the next four years.

But what many fail to remember is that Jimmy Carter will remain in office for two and a half more months. And these two and a half months could have a very definite turn of events for the incoming Reagan administration.

Carter could just sit back now and show Reagan the ropes without doing much, but that would not be as effective as attempting to end up on a good note when leaving office.

One opportunity might arise in the next two months that could have a long-term effect on the Supreme Court.

There have been rumors that Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall might resign from his position to let Carter appoint a liberal justice to the court.

There is the possibility that in the next four years as many as five of the nine justices could relinquish their seats on the nation's highest court.

If Marshall does retire before Reagan assumes office, then President Carter will have the chance to appoint a replacement for at least one of these.

Unfortunately, if the appointment comes up for approval after Reagan takes office, a very uncooperative Congress must approve the request before anyone is confirmed to the vacated seat.

Another situation the president could have a hand in solving during his last few weeks in office is the hostage crisis in Iran.

He has already pledged to solve this problem before he officially hands the reins over to Ronald Reagan.

With more than two months left to deal with the Iranians, Carter is under no strict timetable, but he is under pressure from the American public.

The Iranians' misunderstanding of the American political system did not prepare them for the "waiting to make a careful decision" stance by the U.S. government.

If they had announced their ultimatums earlier in October, maybe, just maybe, Carter could have had time to deal with them effectively enough—and get the hostages released—to become the country's hero.

But their big mistake was announcing their judgments on the eve of the nation's elections.

The American system of checks and balances works against quick, hasty decisions and agreements with foreign countries. A rash decision or action from the president at that time could have meant disaster for the hostages.

However, one must not lay the entire blame for Carter's defeat at the feet of the Iranians.

The important issue now is what will happen during the often chaotic and overlooked period of "lame duck" presidencies, when the power switches from the outgoing administration to the incoming one.

One thing is certain, Carter still has a chance to solve some very pressing issues. One of those should be to get the 52 American hostages back from Iran.

Also, if possible, Carter should try to appoint a liberal to the already ultra-conservative Supreme Court bench.

Carter has promised that this would be the smoothest transition in history.

That remains to be seen.

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On this date in 1960, Nixon tells reporters following gubernatorial loss in California: "You won't have Dick Nixon to kick around anymore."

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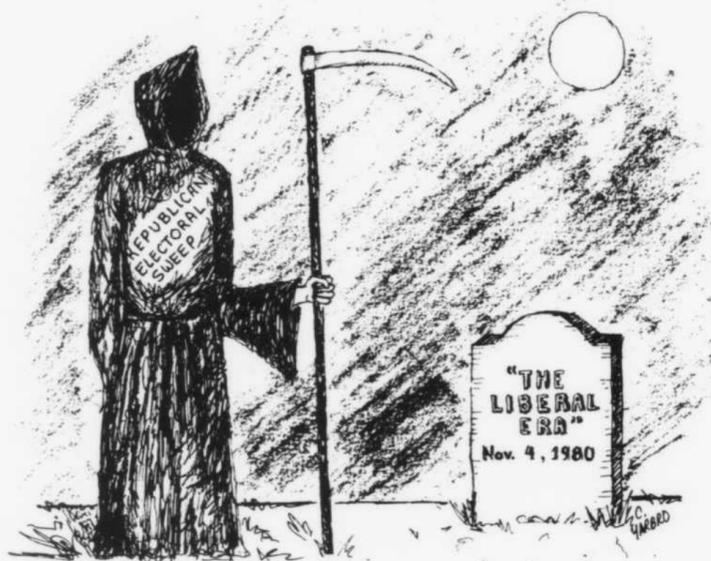
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Viewpoints



retrospect

Rightists, religion and Reagan

by Dennis Myers

THE RACE is on by various groups to take responsibility for Reagan's election. It's interesting that the first group to jump out front and claim credit for Reagan's landslide victory is the Moral Majority.

The pompous braggarts heading the Moral Majority are sending ominous warnings to George Bush telling him that he better behave himself because he is expendable and non-essential to the ticket.

They have also warned Reagan that his "job" isn't permanent and that he better behave.

President-elect Reagan has been careful not to identify with the Moral Majority since the election. Recently his aides have disclaimed any notion that the president-elect feels he owes the Moral Majority a debt for his victory.

SEN. GEORGE McGovern of South Dakota was defeated for reelection because of what he termed the "misrepresentations" and "lies" told by the advertising campaign of the Moral Majority in his state.

Because of this, McGovern

thinks that a grass-roots campaign needs to be undertaken to expose the Moral Majority for what they really are—ultra-right wing conservatives covering up their beliefs by the legitimacy of religion.

I think McGovern is giving the Moral Majority too much credit when he blames them for his defeat, but his point is very well taken. The organization does need to be taken to task for their high handed tactics.

It is amazing that a man like Falwell, an *honorary* Doctor of Divinity and a leader of the Moral Majority, can become the self-proclaimed leader of the Evangelical Movement. The saddest part of all, is that he gives the legitimate spiritual leaders of this country a bad name.

If Falwell were a medical doctor, the profession would label him a quack and demand that the government put an end to his chicanery.

LEGITIMATE religious leaders have admitted publicly that Falwell and the Moral Majority have clouded spiritual matters and have made harsh

judgements of truly decent politicians.

Interestingly enough, some of the recent indictments handed down to congressmen have gone to those whom the Moral Majority supports.

This fact points to the fallacy of the Moral Majority's self-styled righteousness. It ably shows that they are interested only in conservative politics—not moral leadership.

This is not to say there is no place for conservative politics, rather, it is to say it shouldn't be disguised under the umbrella of religion.

It is refreshing to learn of ABC's election exit poll which illustrates that the American public has not been fooled by the tactics of the Moral Majority.

OF THE 8 percent of the American voters who thought religion was an important facet of their decision to vote for a particular candidate, 65% felt that Jimmy Carter was the more religious candidate.

This should be reason enough for President-elect Ronald Reagan to disclaim any debt

which Falwell, and others, think is owed them for his victory.

Perhaps the best thing that could happen to the Moral Majority would be for Congress to pass laws requiring that religious preachers pass the same rigid standards as doctors, lawyers, and plumbers, before they are allowed to conduct religious services.

HOWEVER, THIS is unworkable because the constitution protects them from government interference. Men like Falwell know this, and this is why they can get by with preaching their version of religion.

Reagan's new administration will be swamped by claims like those made by the Moral Majority, but he must not fall prey to their invidious desires.

The president-elect must rise above the pressures of special interest lobby groups and work toward solving the many problems which confront our nation. People like Falwell only confuse the real issues of the day with grandiloquent skulduggery.

from our readers

Reader responds to 'Collage' criticism

To the editor:

I was more than a little amazed when I read the Woodson/Lambert letter attacking *Collage*. I was amazed initially because, up until reading this dreadful calumny, I had heard nothing but good comments on *Collage*.

Surprisingly, these comments came from faculty and students alike. Is it possible that everyone else is wrong, and only Woodson and Lambert are right? One would scarcely think so.

Imagine how my amazement grew when I read, "I cannot understand why more people do not compete and have their works appear in print."

One would assume that, with these two ladies' high opinions of their critical abilities, they might have contributed some of their literary output to *Collage*; such was not the case. Neither lady submitted so much as one line to *Collage*. Does this not explain my amazement?

Perhaps it does in part, but

there was a further element which puzzled me: it is my understanding that Ms. Woodson is not even an MTSU student. Whence cometh thou, Woodson? Should we in future submit *Collage* to outside approval? Perhaps for you to edit?

Before you sharpen your blue pencil in anticipation of doing just that, let me suggest you procure a manual of style and a thesaurus—your letter leaves much to be desired. Three points are illustrative thereof:

1. "...this is an overgrown and bogus high school." Come now, surely you don't mean "bogus" do you? I would suggest you also add a dictionary to the above list.

2. "As for the layout and the artwork contained in this magazine, it is up to par with the literature." Instead of "it is," in future substitute "they are." At this point, consult your manual of style.

3. "The graphics is spotted. . . ." Don't you really mean "are spotted"? Again, you should consult your manual; try "subject-verb agreement" to begin with.

A timeworn saying opines: "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones." May I suggest, Ms. Woodson, that before you heft your next brick, you take heed of the material from which your own dwelling is constructed. Does it seem to have no substance?

In truth, it may be as fragile as the structure you would attack. Need I say more?

Hail of dead cats follows Carter

To the editor

Jimmy we loved you in Seventy-six,
But Billy and Libya never quite mixed.

You asked and we granted a justified chance,
Then we turned and you stuck us with a Lance in the pants.

Then up goes the food bill too much to conceive,
And high interest rates we just couldn't believe.

An inflation vacation is what we all seeked,

Yet those figures have soared like a St. Helens' Peak.

So in steps the cowboy to play as peanut

As those same ones that loved you now slam the door shut;

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So E Pluribus Unum, In God We Trust.

We send Jimmy to Georgia forever to lust.

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Hilltoppers celebrate?

Raiders take on Western

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

Western Kentucky just might be planning a celebration after tomorrow's football contest with the Blue Raiders.

It'll be homecoming day when the undefeated Hilltoppers host winless Middle Tennessee. But that's not really what the celebration would be all about.

Western, which gained sole possession of the OVC lead last week with Murray's loss to Eastern, can at least clinch a share of the league title with another OVC win.

"Our kids need to remember that we'll be playing for the conference championship," Western head coach Jimmy Feix said. "If we can win this one, we're at least OVC co-champs, and that's incentive enough to work hard this week."

The Toppers, ranked third in the nation's I-AA poll, fought off a stubborn Morehead outfit last weekend before a regional television audience and prevailed 17-7.

"I think when you look at somebody like that," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said, "Western Kentucky has a great deal of incentive to play—we don't have anything but our personal pride."

Fullback Troy Snardon, who tops the OVC in rushing with an average of 97.8 yards per game, leads the Western offensive attack. Snardon rushed for a career-high 160 yards in last week's triumph over Morehead to be named co-OVC offensive player of the week and ABC-TV's most valuable player.

Topper tailback Nate Jones, ranked fifth in the OVC with a 75.6 yard average per outing,

adds to a tough offense that rolls up 359.8 yards each game. Feix also has the OVC's top passer in senior John Hall, last year's OVC offensive player of the year, but does not hesitate to go with sophomore Ralph Antone when necessary. Hall has thrown for 738 yards and six touchdowns while Antone has completed 12 passes for 254 yards and three touchdowns.

"The only thing more impressive than their offensive backs, is their offensive line," Donnelly said. "They are extremely big. Even their fullback outweighs any of our linemen."

Despite an 0-7 record, and a defense which allows an average of 411 total yards a game, the Blue Raider defenders limited team offense leader Austin Peay to seven points in a 7-3 loss in their last outing.

"That Middle Tennessee-Austin Peay score is a good indication of what we're in for," Feix said. "They play good, hard-nosed football. And, a team that can do that can beat you if you're not careful."

Middle Tennessee's tough defense is anchored by sophomore lineman Tim Dickerson with 60 tackles and linebacker Robbie Ridings with 59 tackles.

"They've got a lot of good young people and they seem to be overcoming some injury problems," the Western coach continued. "But they're a real good defensive team and our information indicated that they have been rapidly improving in the past few weeks. It'll be quite a challenge for us."

Blue Raider offensive lineman Bill Spurlock will be back in action after minor knee surgery sidelined him two weeks ago against Peay.



Middle Tennessee had an extra week's practice after an open date to prepare for OVC leader Western Kentucky. The winless Blue Raiders, sporting an 0-7 record, challenge the undefeated Hilltoppers, who have an 8-0 record, in Bowling Green, Ky. tomorrow. A win for Western could clinch at least a share of the OVC title.

photo by Dan Qualls

Sports

Simpson confused about lineup

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Don't be surprised, if the next time you see Blue Raider basketball coach Stan Simpson he's brushing up on the old game of eeny-meeny-miniey-moe.

The second-year head coach may have to resort to such means to choose his starting five for the first game—which is only a little over three weeks away.

"Everybody keeps asking me who's going to start," Simpson quipped at yesterday's OVC pre-season press luncheon at Nashville's Airport Hilton, "and I'm not the kind of coach who will dodge those kind of questions. So I'll tell you, Jerry Beck is going to start."

Everyone laughed, and continued to laugh, as Simpson coasted through his five minute preview of the 1980 Raiders. But to be honest, Simpson doesn't really know who is going to start Nov. 29 at Western Carolina.

It really doesn't seem to matter because for the first time in several years MTSU will be blessed with excessive depth on the bench.

If you've dropped by a recent Raider scrimmage you'll know that the hardest thing to keep track of, was who was on who's team, because the players changed so often.

"You can tell there's a different feeling at practice this year because all of the players know we should be pretty good," Beck, a pre-season All-OVC first team selection said. "There are a lot of guys who are going to play, and the competition is really helping us improve."

Along with a host of recruits, a couple of top notch transfers in Willie Johnson and Danny Mayfield from Dayton and Clemson, will play a big role in this years success.

"I guess the big difference between this year and last, is that the guys who were playing last year knew they were going to play all the time, so the people playing behind them didn't really push them in practice," Johnson said. "But we've got around eight or nine guys who will play a lot this year so the competition is pretty intense."

Along with Beck, Chris Harris also received some pre-season recognition as the Knoxville native was named to the second five on the All-OVC team.

As a team MTSU was picked to finish third behind the league and Western Kentucky in a poll of the league's coaches.

"Our outlook for this year has improved, but so has everybody else's in the league," Simpson said. "We've definitely got our work cut out for us."

Simpson and his team will have to pull things together quickly with the tough schedule they'll be facing—especially within the conference.

MTSU will play seven of their first nine OVC games on the road, but will have the luxury of finishing conference play with the last five games at home.

Following the Nov. 29 game with Western Carolina in Cullowhee, N.C., the Raiders will return to Murfreesboro for their home opener with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.



MTSU head basketball coach begins his second year at the helm with the 1980-81 season. After spending seven years as an assistant, Simpson took the head coaching job last season and led the Blue Raiders to a 13-13 season. This year, however, the team is picked as third in the conference, and there is so much talent, that the coach is undecided on a starting lineup.

Ward's Weekend Winners

by Bill Ward

FLORIDA VS. GEORGIA—Talent-wise, the Bulldogs are about a touchdown better than the Gators, but the coaching edge (Charlie Pell over Vince Dooley) just about makes up for it. Pell is the second-best coach in the conference, which means he could well be the best in the country. But even Pell will have a tough time figuring out how to defend the awesome Herschel Walker, the best runner ever in the SEC.

Walker is one of two important freshmen in this tilt; the other is Gator QB Peace, who's started the last three games for injured Bob Hewko. The 'Dogs offensive balance and the inside running of Walker (Florida's only loss came to LSU, as the Tigers ran inside all day) spell the difference here, but Pell will have some surprises in store. **GEORGIA BY 3.**

NEW ENGLAND AT HOUSTON—The key here is how well Snake Stabler controls the ball for the Oilers. Coach Bum Phillips calls Snake "my move-the-chain quarterback," and Houston will try to utilize Earl Campbell and their short passing game to keep the ball out of Steve Grogan's hands.

The Oilers will play a wide-open game on offense, featuring blazing Stanley Morgan and wily Harold Jackson at the wide receiver slots. Their defensive line must put some pressure on Davler, and their four linebackers, as well as the eminently unenviable (sorry about that, Howard) task of bringing down Campbell, he of the 36-inch thighs. Monday night viewers will get a first-hand view of Oilermania, as the most rabid fans in footballdom, including one woman who died her hair Oiler blue, will pack the Astrodome, which provides the final edge. **HOUSTON BY 3.**

Favorite	Underdog	Points	UCLA	Oregon	by 6
College			WASHINGTON	Arizona	by 13
KENTUCKY	Vanderbilt	by 6	WASH. ST.	Oregon St.	by 10
ALABAMA	LSU	by 27	ARIZONA ST.	California	by 14
Georgia	Florida	by 3	Murray St.	AUSTIN PEAY	by 10
Southern Miss	AUBURN	by 7	WESTERN KY.	Middle Tenn.	by 15
SYRACUSE	Navy	by 7	Eastern Ky.	LIBN. TECH	by 10
PENN ST.	N.C. St.	by 13	Morehead St.	TENNESSEE BAPT.	by 7
North Carolina	CLEMSON	by 1	NO. MICH.	Akron	by 7
RUTGERS	Virginia	by 4	WEST. ILL.	Youngstown	by 2
DUKE	Wake Forest	by 6	Pro		
MICHIGAN	WISCONSIN	by 28	Dallas	GIANTS	by 7
PURDUE	Iowa	by 21	Pittsburgh	TAMPA BAY	by 17
OHIO ST.	ILLINOIS	by 31	CHICAGO	WASHINGTON	by 7
Indiana	MINNESOTA	by 10	CHICAGO	Washington	by 1
MICH. ST.	Northwestern	by 4	MINNESOTA	Detroit	by 1
MISSOURI	Iowa St.	by 1	Atlanta	ST. LOUIS	by 3
OKLA. ST.	Colorado	by 3	San Francisco	GREEN BAY	by 4
Oklahoma	KANSAS	by 6	Buffalo	JETS	by 4
NEBRASKA	Kansas St.	by 41	LOS ANGELES	Miami	by 7
Texas Tech	TCU	by 3	Cleveland	BALTIMORE	by 4
BAYLOR	Arkansas	by 10	SEATTLE	Kansas City	by 3
TEXAS	Houston	by 1	SAN DIEGO	Denver	by 6
SMU	Rice	by 4	Philadelphia	NEW ORLEANS	by 10
Notre Dame	GA. TECH	by 10	OAKLAND	Cincinnati	by 10
ARMY	Air Force	by 3	HOUSTON	New England	by 3
FLORIDA ST.	Va. Tech	by 8	*HOME TEAMS CAPITALIZED		
USC	STANFORD	by 3			

Earle ends up on other side of officials

By BOB GARY
Sidelines Sports Writer

On February 22, 1979, Jimmy Earle resigned as head basketball coach at Middle Tennessee State University.

After his resignation, he stayed on at the university in the capacity of assistant athletic director. Almost everyone had picked Earle as the eventual successor to the legendary Charles "Bubber" Murphy as Athletic Director.

But then, Jimmy Earle left MTSU. He took a one year leave of absence to become the head of the newly-formed Central Basketball Officiating Service Agency (CBSOA).

It's a big job, and after no less than ten years of ranting at nearly every official in, and out, of the Ohio Valley Conference, Earle admitted that it's a little strange to be on the other side of the fence—taking up for officials, rather than screaming at them.

"It's strange, it really is," Earle said. "But, I enjoy it. I enjoy very much the opportunity to travel, and meet people from all over the country involved with basketball."

The traveling of which he speaks is extensive. The CBSOA supervises a total of 93 officials that work games in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southwest Conference, as well as games involving some independent schools like Penn. State and South Carolina.

"We work with a total of 24 schools," Earle said. "We get the schedules and assign the officials. Also, we seek out new officiating talent for the association. Basically, anything that involves basketball officiating in the ACC, the SWC, or any of our independents, is in our charge."

Earle explained that the CBSOA is an experiment, in that it exemplifies the first time a concept for assigning officials like this has been used in basketball.

"The concept, I think, is very good," Earle said. "The only drawback is the expense of the operation—it does cost some money."

"What we're trying to do is avoid situations where one team may see the same official too many times in one season."

"Under our system, the maximum number of times any one official will work the same floor in the same season is twice," Earle continued. "And the maximum number of times he'll see the same team in a season at home, or away, is three."

The extent of the CBSOA's experimental life is one year, which also happens to be the length of Earle's leave from MTSU. What happens at the end of that year?

"My plans right now are to return to Middle Tennessee when I finish here [CBSOA]," Earle said. "And, as far as I know right now, I would come back as assistant athletic director."

Earle compiled a record of 162 wins and 102 losses while head coach here, a record enviable at any level of the game.

There were scattered, unconfirmed reports concerning whether he would get back into coaching somewhere else after leaving MTSU, but according to the coach himself, he says, "no thanks".

"I really don't want to get back into coaching," the former MTSU mentor said. "I'm not looking for any coaching positions. I feel better healthwise than I have in years—my friends tell me I look more relaxed."

"But I do miss it—I miss it a lot," Earle said. "When I go to an ACC school and sit in the stands and watch their practice, I really miss it. But, I think I'll just stay in the administrative end of things."

Earle paused for a moment, and then he thoughtfully expressed one of the main reasons he left coaching when he did: "I wanted to leave the game with a good taste in my mouth. I've seen so many coaches stay around until they're fired, or have to resign after a bad season, and they leave the game with bitter feelings."

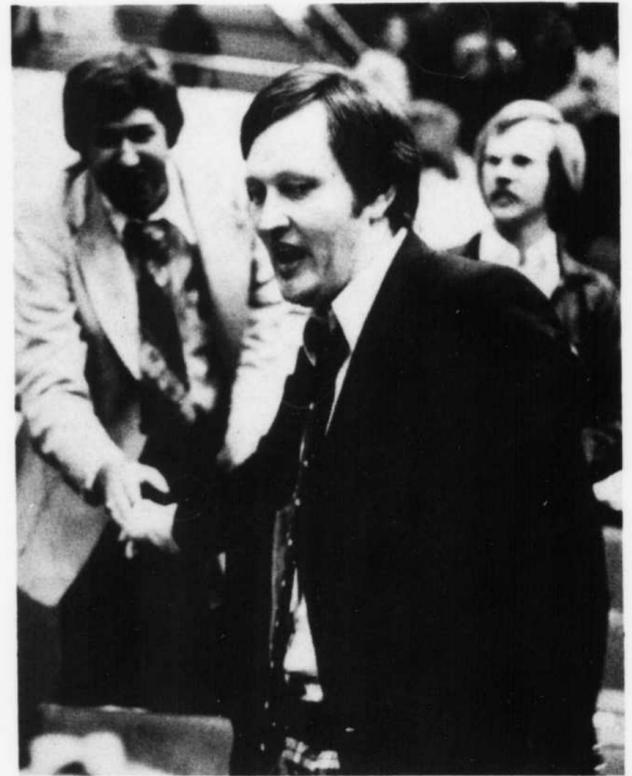
"I didn't want that. I've had a good relationship with basketball—made a lot of friends in the game—I can feel good about the time I spent in the game," Earle concluded.

On homecoming weekend, Jimmy Earle was inducted into the MTSU athletic Hall of Fame, an honor which befits the winningest basketball coach in the school's history.

He has said he will return to the university when his job at CBSOA is done. But is there any speculation as to what the future holds past then?

"Who knows what the future holds?" Earle said. "Who knows?"

Whatever the future holds for Jimmy Earle, it's sure to be as successful and productive as his career in basketball.



Former MTSU coach Jimmy Earle is now on the other side of the officials for a change. Earle is currently working with an officials' organization that pools basketball referees. The one-year experimental idea will supposedly keep officials from seeing the same team game after game.

OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Western	5-0-0	8-0-0
Murray	4-1-0	8-1-0
Austin Peay	3-2-0	5-3-0
Eastern	3-2-0	6-2-0
Akron	1-3-1	3-5-1
Morehead	2-4-0	3-5-0
Tenn. Tech	1-3-0	3-5-0
MTSU	0-4-0	0-7-0
Youngstown*	0-0-0	0-7-1

*Ineligible for title

Murray-Peay headlines OVC

Western Kentucky faces Middle Tennessee tomorrow in hopes of notching at least a share in the conference title, while other OVC teams are battling just as hard on the gridiron for conference wins.

Murray State, needing a win to keep its OVC championship hopes alive, travels to Clarksville to play red-hot Austin Peay. Tennessee Tech hosts Eastern Kentucky as Colonel coach Roy Kidd looks to become the winningest football coach in OVC history.

Outside the league Akron visits Northern Michigan, Morehead State travels to Liberty Baptist and Youngstown State challenges Western Illinois.

Both Murray and Peay would deeply enjoy a win tomorrow. While Murray is still racing for the conference title, the Governors need a victory to assure them of a fourth consecutive winning season, something that has never before

been accomplished at that school.

Austin Peay quarterback Sonny Defilippis leads the league in total offense with 1629 yards to rank 16th in league history, just six yards behind Murray head coach Mike Gottfried, a former Morehead signal-caller.

As a team, Austin Peay sports the league's top offense, averaging 367.4 yards per game, while the Racers have the OVC's best defense, allowing only 194.8 yards per game. Murray

State leads the series 12-9, winning 24-10 last year to break a three-game losing streak against the Governors.

Eastern Kentucky's defending national I-AA champions looked like their title last week with a 24-14 victory over top-ranked Murray last week. Tennessee Tech ran into powerful Troy State in Alabama and came out on the short end of a 52-3 score. Eastern leads the series over Tech 22-14-1 and won last year 35-0.

Morehead's Dorrton Hunter leads the Eagles into a game with non-conference foe Liberty Baptist College tomorrow. Hunter is now the third leading rusher in the OVC and ranks among the national leaders in all-purpose yardage. Liberty Baptist and Morehead have one common opponent, James Madison University. Morehead defeated JMU earlier this year and JMU downed Liberty Baptist.

Wide receiver Miller leaves Raider squad

Senior wide receiver Larry Miller has left the Blue Raider football team and is not expected to rejoin the squad before the end of the season.

Miller, a 6-4, 180-pound Clarksville native, was tied for second in pass receiving on this

year's team, with seven receptions for 61 yards.

MTSU Sports Information Director Ed Arning said that no official word has been released on the situation but confirmed the report that Miller had left the team for personal reasons. Raider coach Boots Donnelly was unavailable for comment last night.

Apology

Last Friday's issue of *Sidelines* contained a back-page feature on the National Football League that did not have a by-line. Bill Ward, a junior mass communications major from Nashville, was the author of both stories. *Sidelines* regrets the omission.

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