

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Pryor to speak at graduation this Saturday

The president of Columbia State Community College will address more than 500 graduates and their families at MTSU's convocation Saturday.

Harold S. Pryor, the president of CSCC for 14 years, was the head of Austin Peay State University's education department for the 17 years prior his present position.

SET FOR 11 a.m. in Murphy Center, the graduation ceremony will be followed by the President's Luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building honoring graduates and their families.

The invocation will be delivered by Fred Colvin, associate professor of history here, and degrees will be conferred by President Sam Ingram.

Degrees will be presented by Delbert Meyer, vice president for academic affairs, and the academic deans, Edwin Voorhees, Harry Hodge, Ben McNew, Robert Corlew and Mary Martin.

Pryor, who is a member of the National Education Association, is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Education.

## News Briefs

MTSU President Sam Ingram met last week with Murfreesboro officials to discuss the extension of Northfield Boulevard through the campus.

Ingram disagreed with city officials over the location of the road, saying that it would be poor long-range planning to dissect the university.

He said city officials had presented the same plan for the last eight years, and that past university presidents had rejected similar proposals.

Ingram said that in future years if the university expanded people would wonder why the university would allow a major street to be routed through the middle of the campus.

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The home and personal belongings of the late Jack McFarland, a charter member of the MTSU Foundation, were sold at auction for about \$100,000 last week.

The former newspaper publisher, reputed to be worth more than \$5 million, died in April without leaving a will.

McFarland left no immediate survivors.

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**WASHINGTON** — John W. Hinckley Jr. will return to court tomorrow to tell a federal judge he will not "at this time" seek release from St. Elizabeths Hospital where doctors diagnosed him as mentally ill and dangerous.

U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker ordered Hinckley to appear in person, although the Presidential assailant has agreed in writing to waive a hearing on his release.

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About \$1.5 million in state funds were lost last week when state workers received a holiday on election day, while another \$1.5 million will be lost Nov. 2, the *Nashville Banner* reported yesterday.

Gov. Lamar Alexander has pushed for legislation to abolish the holiday, opting for a holiday on the employee's birthday.



**Evil Knievel**

Bradley Abrams, a resident of Family Student Housing, jumps his bicycle over two neighborhood friends, while supporters looks on.

## Tyree pledges funds for higher education

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

Knoxville Mayor Randy Tyree, prior to defeating state Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien last week for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, pledged to increase funding to higher education and not to increase costs to students.

In a position paper on education, the Democratic nominee said the state of education in Tennessee is "deplorable," adding that the state ranks 49th in the country for total expenditures on education.

"THE STATE contributes relatively little to our children's education, the students score poorly on national tests, the cost of higher education is skyrocketing and the state is terminating and reducing essential programs," Tyree said.

"Yet, education is good business—\$136 million in educational expenditures created \$1.1 billion in economic activities."

Tyree said more expenditures on education are necessary



Democratic gubernatorial nominee Randy Tyree, accompanied by his wife, is shown during April's State Democratic Party Convention held in Nashville.

because of the dismantling of the Department of Education and returning of responsibility for education to the states.

HE NOTED estimates indicating the University of Tennessee alone could lose 5,000

students because of decreased federal assistance.

"Therefore, a great many of our qualified young people will be denied the opportunity to obtain a college education," Tyree said.

Tyree said a good educational system is necessary to enable the state to attract industry.

"INDUSTRIES today not only want skilled employees, but also require good educational systems for their employee's children," Tyree said. "Industries are much less likely to locate in a state where the workforce is low-skilled, students perform poorly on national tests and low contribution to education exists."

In addition, Tyree made several other proposals about education:

- Make a special effort to improve teachers' salaries and working conditions.

TYREE noted that, in Tennessee this year, the starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree is \$10,305, while a teacher with a doctorate and 15 years experience gets \$15,830.

"It is no wonder, with the array of alternative careers available to highly qualified college students, they do not choose teaching as a profession,"

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## Coed opposes the proposed abortion bills

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

*Editor's note: During the next few weeks, Congress will consider legislation which would outlaw abortion under any circumstances—including rape and incest.*

*Too often, during the debate of social issues, the real objects of the laws are never heard from.*

*In this interview with a 31-year-old MTSU coed, Sidelines looks at one individual who has experienced this dilemma firsthand.*

**Question:** When did you have your abortion and what were the circumstances?

**Answer:** I had an abortion in 1975 at Planned Parenthood.

To be brief, five years earlier my doctor informed me that I was sterile, and that I didn't have to worry about using birth control. So, I didn't worry about it, and I ended up pregnant.

Which is why I had an abortion. I was unmarried, I knew who the father was. We were good friends, but we didn't want to get married. And abortion was really the sensible thing to do.

**Q.** Abortions were legal?

**A.** Abortions were legal. I am certainly glad they were.

I think that probably when I



went to have it my head was in a good place. I wasn't freaked out or hysterical or anything like that.

I was also probably the oldest person at the clinic. Most of the people were in their teens. You know, there were some girls there with their mothers who looked like they were about 14.

I felt like I was in a better position. I knew exactly what I was doing. I knew it was the only route I could take.

It was still very, very hard on me. It was terrible.

**Q.** What was the experience like?

**A.** Well, first of all it was painful.

You don't know how painful it's going to be until you're in

there going through it.

Secondly, I got out of the thing and turned on the TV—I guess it was the next day—and some woman who was against abortion started talking about the morality of it, which was real hard on me.

You literally go through a sort of pregnancy—a false pregnancy. It took me almost a year to get over it—I'm saying physically, as well as emotionally, because physically I was just messed up. I was ill.

What I'm saying right now sounds as if I'm against abortion, but I'm not. What I resent are lawmakers who have never experienced the process making my decisions for me.

**Q.** Speaking of the psychological

pressure, did you ever consider your abortion as being murder, as some anti-abortion people characterize it?

**A.** I feel very strongly about that.

I think that the right-to-lifers—or anyone who thinks that abortion is murder—are fooling themselves.

The minute any human being makes a decision to have a child they are taking on the responsibility of the death of that child.

Regardless, the child may live to be 80, the child may die in childbirth—either way, we do have the responsibility for life and death—both of them simultaneously.

**Q.** What would your life have been like now if you had been unable to have the abortion?

**A.** I wouldn't be in school now.

I probably would have married someone that I didn't love and be divorced by now. My child would be six.

I would have missed out on a lot of things. I would have missed out on a marriage to another man that I loved very much. I would have missed out on his children—my stepchildren.

The only regret I ever have had is that nagging wonder of

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## Services merge for improved efficiency

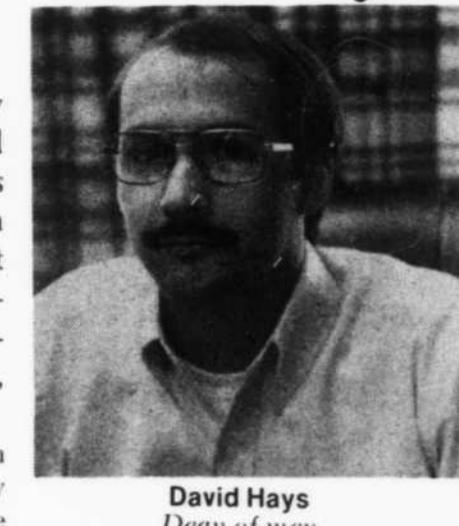
By NITA COOK

Staff Writer

The offices of Visually Handicapped Services and Disabled Student Services will be combined to form Handicapped Student Services Monday to increase efficiency, according to David Hays, associate dean of men.

"There will be no reduction in services currently offered by these offices," Hays said. "We will be looking for ways to improve services currently offered and expand to offer other needed services."

"WE WANT to be more active in recruiting handicapped students to MTSU from high school. We believe we can do better with the combined office."



David Hays  
Dean of men

Handicapped students sometimes faced confusion as to which office they needed to go to for help with their particular handicap, and state offices often did not know which office they needed to contact, Hays said.

Now all issues dealing with the handicapped will be handled through one office, according to Hays.

THE NEW office will be housed in Rooms 120 and 122 of the University Center. Moving will take place Aug. 12 and 13 from existing offices.

The new office is currently occupied by the Office of Student Information and Minority Affairs, which will move to UC 124.

Hays will have ultimate supervisory and budgetary responsibility for the Office of Handicapped Student Services and his office will move along with the handicapped offices.

A GRADUATE student will be chosen later this week as coordinator. The graduate student will be responsible for day-to-day operations and will serve as initial contact person for students and parents. This student will receive an annual salary of \$3,725, a fee allotted to first-year graduate assistants, and will have registration fees paid.

One coordinator's position will be eliminated through this change and the \$2,000 budgeted to fund that position will be used to provide support services in the new office.

The administration also hopes to eliminate duplication of services, according to Hays. Pre-registration for mobility- and visually impaired students will be combined, and volunteers for wheelchair attendants and readers for the visually impaired will be handled through the same office as a result of the change.

THE OFFICE of Visually Impaired Services was funded by the state Division of Services for the Blind, which decided last year to stop providing funds for that office.

## ACT chairman to be speaker at conference

The chairman of the American College Testing (ACT) Program will be the keynote speaker at the 39th Annual Education Conference here Aug. 19 and 20.

Ralph Tyler, chairman of the program that administers the ACT test, will speak at the banquet to be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 and again at the conference at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 20.

"WE'RE FORTUNATE to have a man of Dr. Tyler's stature," said Delmar Pockat, director of student teaching here and chairman of the conference planning committee.

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## New legislation shows hypocrisy

"A conservative government is an organized hypocrisy," noted Benjamin Disraeli in an 1845 speech.

The present Reagan administration is a prime example of the hypocrisy in our country today.

**RONALD REAGAN** managed to get elected during this country's most conservative era by promising to get government off the people's backs. Yet, this administration is regulating the American people more than any other recent administration.

For example, Congress is presently considering several pieces of social legislation, including proposed constitutional amendments banning abortion, instituting school prayer and restricting the use of bussing in alleviating racial segregation in the schools.

Ironically (or is it really ironic?), Reagan is supporting all of these proposals.

**WHAT** happened to the proposal to get government off the people's backs?

A newly passed bill will also seriously damage individual freedom.

The bill, which is headed for a conference committee after passage by both houses, would deny federal student aid to any male student who refuses to register for the draft.

**HOWEVER**, the legislation makes no allowances for those who have not

registered for moral or religious reasons.

The intentions are perhaps good if they are aimed at the person who because of sheer apathy or disregard fails to register.

Unfortunately, apathetic individuals don't refuse to register. They simply comply with government orders without concern for the possible implications. But those who do refuse to register have much stronger reasons which cannot be ignored.

IN AN interview with *Sidelines* earlier this semester, one such resister explained the reasons for his actions:

"I don't feel that a few handfuls of people have the power to say that other people are going to die. And so I don't accept that [from] President Reagan or Mr. Brezhnev or anyone else."

"By registering for the draft we're telling them: 'It's OK. We'll register. And when you want to start the draft up, you know where I am—just give me a buzz.'"

YET, the legislation gives no legitimacy to one's right to morally disagree with an order.

The present punishment should be enough. Right now, those refusing to register face a possible \$10,000 fine and a five-year prison term.

Therefore, another individual freedom goes to the wayside.

As we have said before, Mr. President, your actions speak more loudly than your words.

## Some concluding remarks

Indeed it has been an interesting semester.

In the space of 10 short weeks, *Sidelines* has been able to report stories concerning significant news events. In campus news, we told of:

- gubernatorial candidates exchanging criticisms here;

- the retaining of MTSU's English doctorate despite pressure for elimination;

- a federal court ordering two teachers reinstated after MTSU violated their rights by dismissing them;

- the freshman grade-point average dropping to 1.78, while two fraternities are in danger of losing their national charters because of poor grades;

- the State Board of Regents stiffening mathematics requirements;

- an ex-convict pleading guilty to the rape of an MTSU coed, while an alleged accomplice awaits trial;

- Vice President Bush visiting the area;

- fall applications increasing over 9 percent;

- the possibility of an additional cut of \$290,000 in personnel costs in the near future;

- and much more.

We have seen the hiring of new personnel, including a vice president for academic affairs, a personnel director and a fund-raiser.

THROUGH special in-depth articles we have looked at the cheating problem at MTSU, at the job-hunting process and at the effect of recent court decisions on tenure. We have gone beyond the cold debate of social issues to examine the stories of a male student who would rather go to jail than register for the draft and a coed who has experienced the abortion dilemma firsthand.

Editorially, we have not been a bit shy. We have examined the lessons of Watergate, the Hinckley decision, the Equal Rights Amendment, the need for organized voting by students, the nuclear arms race, President Reagan's unwillingness to be open about the most important issues, the use of drugs in the professional sports arena, the balanced budget and school prayer amendments and the issues of the Aug. 5 election.

All in all, it has been a semester that I am extremely proud of. I am also very thankful to the staff members that have made it possible. In addition to those mentioned in the staff box above, the reporters whose bylines you see in this issue have really made our coverage possible.

MY UTMOST gratitude goes to the administration, especially President Sam Ingram, for the attitude of openness toward the student press. While coverage certainly would not have stopped without that cooperation, their helpfulness has certainly made MTSU one of the better informed campuses in the state.

Perhaps the only regret that I have for this semester is the lack of reader involvement in the issues we handled.

*Sidelines*, like every legitimate newspaper, provides an avenue for you to get your views across—through Letters to the Editor. Unfortunately, very few took advantage of that forum this semester. Since many of our views were extremely controversial, we would have liked to have given space to those who see things differently.

Perhaps in the coming semester, this forum will be used more actively. Like we mentioned in our first issue, *Sidelines* is your newspaper.

—PHIL WILLIAMS



## Federal Reserve Board's policy damaging to Tennessee economy

By ALBERT GORE JR.

U.S. Congressman

The Federal Reserve Board's reaffirmed commitment to a tight monetary policy unfortunately signals no relief from the soaring cost of credit to small businesses, farms, publicly owned utilities and the auto and housing industries in Middle Tennessee.

Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee recently, FED Chairman Paul Volcker said the central bank will stick to its same monetary growth standards through 1983—a stand that is certain to send more businesses and investors into bankruptcy. The FED has left a trail of financial destruction and high unemployment by fueling a surge in interest rates.

ALL OVER the state and across the nation, farmers have found it increasingly difficult to borrow money to plant and raise their crops, small businesses are having trouble trying to keep inventories and renew notes, and the housing and auto industries have seen fewer customers willing to invest in their products because of the high cost of borrowing.

As a result, Middle Tennessee

is on a disastrous course—facing a prolonged recession.

The FED's failure to control interest rates goes back to 1979, when, under Volcker's leadership, it changed its whole

## Guest view

approach. Its philosophy is that tighter and tighter money is good for the economy. But in reality, the FED's current strategy is simply not working.

**THE COSTS** of new autos and houses have risen—inflated by high-interest loans. Farmers who borrow at high interest rates to maintain land and crops will have to recover the rising costs by hiking food prices for consumers.

And as each of these sectors look for savings, the people whose jobs depend on the success of their ventures are being left without work. Moreover, potential customers cannot buy products, so producers cut output and layoff employees.

The FED seems oblivious to the damage caused by its unreasonable direction in

controlling the growth of money supply. The voices of those who are suffering under this plan have been apparently ignored by the FED.

IT IS FOR this reason that I am supporting—and have cosponsored—legislation that would make the Federal Reserve Board more accountable to the elected representatives of the people.

The legislation I endorse would allow the Congress to remove the Chairman of the FED board of Governors by a three-fifths vote of both houses. It would also require that some representatives on the seven-member Board come from the agricultural, commercial, industrial or financial sectors with assets of less than \$150 million.

It is important that the Board represent small businesses, farmers and community banks and small financial institutions.

The war against inflation must continue to be waged, but it is important that the FED realize the change its tight money policy has done to our nation's economy. It has made a serious mistake that must be corrected.

by Gary Trudeau

DOONESBURY



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# 'Officer' presents truth, emotion

By JANENE GUPTON

Movie Critic

It could have been just another cheap sex film set on a naval base. The amount and degree of bedroom scenes qualify it.

But there is more to "An Officer and a Gentleman" than sex.

IT'S A story about people faced with the challenge of discovering themselves and probing their beliefs. Some meet and conquer those challenges; others are destroyed by them.

Richard Gere portrays Zachary Mayo, a young man who, as a child, discovered his mother had committed suicide. Mayo was sent to live with his father—a sailor in the Philippine Islands who had more than one girl in each port and was more interested in his ladies than in his role as a father.

Because of his unsupervised childhood, Mayo becomes a tough survivor who has no home and no real roots.

"AN OFFICER and a Gentleman" centers on his desire to become a naval flight officer, a goal representing his last hope to belong somewhere and to be somebody.

Mayo must prove himself worthy of being an officer and a

gentleman.

Deborah Winger plays Paula, a girl who frequents the naval base where Mayo is stationed hoping to land a husband fresh out of officer's school.

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SHE, as well as the other local girls, is suspected of using any means to trap a candidate into marriage.

Her challenge is to decide if she is one of those girls and to convince Mayo that she is not.

The plot centers on Mayo, his struggle to better himself, and his love for Paula.

BUT THERE are many subplots, all intricately connected with the main plot.

There is Sid, an naive Okie whose involvement with a local girl who is out to catch a husband by any means cost him his life.

And there is candidate Seager, a woman who has to overcome self-doubt just to make it through the obstacle

course set for her by the school.

MANY FILMS introduce a character and leave his situation hanging or quickly—almost as an afterthought—mention what happened to him later. Not so here. Writer Douglas Day Stewart fleshes out each of these relationships to the fullest, keeping everything tied together.

Many scenes in "An Officer and a Gentleman" center on basic training drills. Leading the officer candidates is Sgt. Foley, superbly played by Louis Gossett Jr. One could take Goddett's Foley, put him in a real naval base, and never suspect that he was a fraud.

"An Officer and a Gentleman" is about real issues. Gere, Winger and the other actors present emotional performances in a film about serious situations.

Not everything works out for the best of everyone. Still, as the credits roll by, the viewer feels satisfied with the outcome.

"An Officer and a Gentleman" is one of the better films of the summer.

child, of having the stigma attached to them.

And I'm very much for it in regard to rape or incest. We are finding that more and more such cases are being reported because women are angry and not afraid to press charges.

Q. Do you think the proposed constitutional amendments will have a serious impact on women?

A. If these amendments—the Helms or Hatch amendments—pass, then girls all over this campus might as well start using their birth control method before they go trotting out to dinner at night. If they get raped going to the student center, you can bet they won't be able to find their congressman.

Additional, it seems like the bills are just another political ploy to "keep the little woman at home."

Yet the men will suffer as well as the women. If a woman gets pregnant and doesn't have the option of an abortion, the man will have the responsibility loaded on his shoulders to marry her—whether he wants to or not.

And, of course the amendments will increase the welfare lines and add to the population explosion. The rich will get richer.

My greatest fear is that they're dangerous because they will put women in the position of being helpless—and once again at the mercy of a coathanger.



**The king and who**

Yul Brynner, the king of Rodgers and Hammerstein's award-winning musical, "The King and I," will recreate his original Broadway role in a two-week run Aug. 31 at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

## Good credit rating takes planning, care

surance, etc.

- Capacity is judged by present and future income and

## Consumer Corner

current financial obligations.

When applying for credit—whether it is in the form of a department store credit card (sales credit) or a cash loan (cash credit)—be prepared to answer questions concerning your job, housing, credit accounts and any outstanding debts.

IN YOUR answers, the creditor will be looking for indications of stability (such as living at one address or holding one job for a long period of time), sound financial habits (such as having a checking and/or savings account), the amount of indebtedness in

the future.

SINCE the use of credit depends on the promise to pay, a lender is going to make sure you are "creditworthy" before he extends credit to someone. Creditworthiness is usually measured by three factors: character, capital, capacity.

• Character is important as an indication of your integrity in money matters. (That is, your willingness to pay and your record of financial responsibility.)

• Capital is measured by financial resources including any equity in home, car, in-

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Tyree said,

• Education must become a high priority on local agendas and the state and local governments, teachers, parents and students must join together to find solutions to the current educational gap in the state.

• "A special effort needs to be focused on the delivery of vocational and technical training which produces workers with the skills prospective industries need."

In addition to being chairman of the ACT program, Tyree has been a science teacher, a university professor and the

IN A SEPARATE position paper on the economy, Tyree said the most critical issue facing Tennessee is the economic decline.

"Since the present governor assumed office in 1978, unemployment has risen from 5.8 to 11.2 percent," Tyree said. "This is an increase of 138,000 persons."

In a speech here in June, Gov. Lamar Alexander defended the role the governor can play in solving the state's economic

problems.

"THE ECONOMY is a principal concern on everybody's mind, including mine," Alexander said, "and I want to do everything I can to improve it."

"But Tennesseans know that the problems we've got in the economy right now are based in Washington. We need a president and a Congress who can get the interest rates down, stop spending so much and give us a chance to move on ahead."

## Education

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Tyler has been at the forefront of American education for many, many years," Pockat said. "I would not hesitate to say that Tyler is perhaps the most respected individual in education today."

In addition to being chairman of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavior Sciences at Stanford University, where he presently serves as Director

author of numerous books.

HE HOLDS a Ph.D. degree

from the University of Chicago

where he also has served as

Chairman of Education and

Dean of Social Sciences.

Tyler was founder of the

Center for Advanced Study in

the Behavior Sciences at

Stanford University, where he

presently serves as Director

Emeritus.

Registration for the conference will begin Friday at 7:30 a.m. in Murphy Center or in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The banquet will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Cost is \$6 and those wishing to attend should contact David Singer at 898-2810.

## Abortion

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whether it was a boy or a girl.

You know, to be honest you do consider if your life might have been for the better—if you would have had someone to fill up a lot of the lonely times.

But I didn't love the father, I was alone and didn't think it was possible to raise a child fairly and provide for its welfare on my own.

Of course, if anything had been wrong with the child it would have been all the worse. I wouldn't have been able to bear the burden financially, and neither would my family have been able to help me.

There really wasn't any way out but the way that I took—that I saw.

Q. Even though it was a traumatic experience do you still favor the right to have an abortion?

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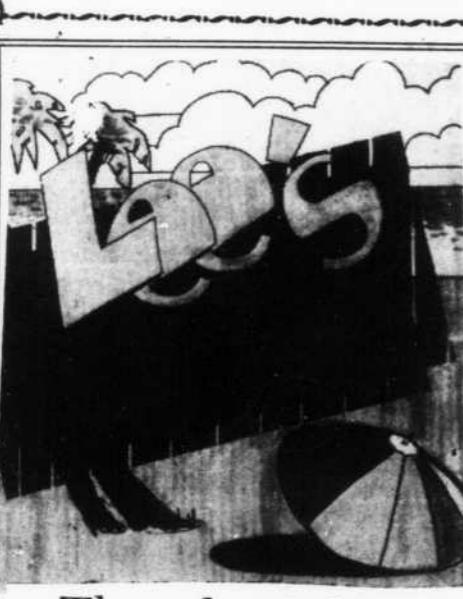
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# MTSU Sports

## MTSU boasts strong defense as fall practice starts

By CRAIG ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

It might be hard to believe, but the opening game of Middle Tennessee's 1982 football season is less than one month away.

Blue Raider players will be reporting for fall practice tomorrow and the preseason picks and All-Star selections will come Thursday at the annual Ohio Valley Conference coaches' gathering in Lexington, Ky.

**THE RAIDERS** will go into their fourth year under head coach James "Boots" Donnelly and this year's crop of 16 seniors

**'Now's the time for fans to get behind these guys'**

will be Donnelly's first senior class.

"We'll have 16 seniors that's decided this football program means a lot to them," Donnelly said Friday.

"They've really fought for what they believe in [during] the 3½ years I've been here."

**DONNELLY** said he believes "now's the time for MTSU fans to get behind these guys."

"They've spent some long, tough days and have stuck with it. I hope our fans can reap some rewards from that work."

Last year, MTSU fans witnessed a topsy-turvy season that saw the Raiders finish with a 6-5 overall record and a 4-4 OVC mark to put them in a tie for fourth place in the league. Both records were the best showing for a MTSU football team in nine years.

**THIS SEASON**, Donnelly said Blue Raider fans can expect MTSU "to do what we've always done—only hopefully we'll be better."

With every starter returning on the Raiders' defensive unit except for defensive back Ricky

Cox, there's reason to be optimistic about MTSU's season.

"We should be a lot better defensively this year than we were last year because of leadership," the coach said.

The "Big Blue" defense was opportunistic last year, giving MTSU the breaks that helped them win five of their first seven games.

**THE DEFENSIVE** unit completed the season as the sixth best passing defense in Division I-AA, allowing an average of less than 115 yards through the air to their opponents in 10 games.

They also held the opposition under 250 yards per game to rank as the OVC's second-best overall defensive team. The only team to better MTSU's defensive mark was Eastern Kentucky.

MTSU's All-OVC performers from last year, linemen Emanuel Toles, end Dennis Mix and free safety James Griffin, will bolster the defensive effort again this season.

**SCOTT BURTON**, a junior, and Albert Lane will battle for [Ricky Cox's] position, and they'll also have some incoming competition," Donnelly said.

Nevertheless, the Raiders will have to be careful, or the dreaded old word called "depth" may creep up on them.

"Depthwise, we could get hurt defensively," Donnelly said.

"WE'VE JUST got too much of a gap between our senior players and the freshman class. Depth will be a big concern all around."

So barring any serious injury problems, MTSU should be defensively sound.

However, the Raiders' offense is a different story. Last year, they were the least productive in the conference.

**AS FOR** this year, Donnelly said, "We'll be young offensively—I'm talking about inexperience."



'Boots' Donnelly  
Head football coach

MTSU had what was termed by many as being a very good recruiting year and Donnelly feels that, overall, "we've got some guys that have the potential to come through for us."

An individual whom many hope will continue to be a bright spot on MTSU's offense is sophomore All-OVC placekicker Kelly Potter.

**THE NASHVILLE** Father Ryan product set an NCAA record last year for the number of field goals made by a freshman in one season. He connected on 13 of his 15 field goal attempts.

Just with Potter's successful

### We'll be young offensively'

field goals, he scored one-fourth of the Raiders' total amount of points last season.

With all these accomplishments within one year, one wonders where Potter will go from here.

"WELL IT ALL depends on where Kelly Potter wants to go," said Donnelly. "I think he has the attitude and the pride and he'll attempt to improve."

"If he comes back in with the attitude I think he will—he'll have a good year," Donnelly

added.

"Whether he repeats what he did last year, I don't know."

Elsewhere offensively, Donnelly said, "the quarterback slot is wide-open."

**SOPHOMORE** Van Smith saw limited action last season and is remembered for his two touchdown passes in the win over Murray State, the No. 1-ranked team in Division I-AA at that time.

He will be challenged by junior college transfer Brad Zeitner, who Donnelly said "got better through spring practice, but needs to improve on toughness and the physical aspect of the quarterback slot."

Smith did not go through spring drills due to a finger injury.

"We've got to have someone in the quarterback slot who's a leader and can move the ball," Donnelly said.

**THE BLUE** Raider coach said MTSU will have a relatively small offensive line and no "great-name running back."

Josh Johnson should be ready to prove himself at running back after battling some lower back

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**HE ALSO** indicated the "weather could be a big factor at Youngstown."

"Our schedule is one that's not conducive to winning the OVC championship, but the championship's been won on the road before," Donnelly said.

For the record, the Raiders have won only three out of the nine OVC road games they have played during the past three seasons. However, two of those three wins came last year.

**OVERALL** on the season, the Raiders gathered more wins on the road last year than they did at home.

This year, MTSU will play seven OVC games and will lead off the season against three Division II schools—Savannah State, Elizabeth City and Liberty Baptist. They will also visit new Division I-AA independent, Western Kentucky.

"It'll be a good year for competition," Donnelly predicted.

Raiders appear to be junior split end Marshan Jolly and senior tight end David Little.

"**LITTLE IS** good and we'll put him up against anybody," Donnelly said.

"Jolly is a proven player, but he needs to do some more things with the football after catching it," he said.

Donnelly stresses that "attitude will be number one—the enthusiasm, the spirit."

"**WE'VE GOT** a great deal of pride and that can overcome a lot of problems," the coach said.

One of the problems to be overcome is the fact that MTSU plays five of their last six games

## Guill aims to boost attendance

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports Editor

An enthusiastic, energetic graduate assistant from Clemson University's athletic fund-raising department has started his first week as MTSU's promotions—ticket manager and fund-raiser.

Rusty Guill, 23, is a 1980 graduate of Clemson and has a bachelor's degree in business. He was working on his master's at Clemson when he accepted MTSU's fund-raiser position.

"**TVE ALWAYS** wanted to get into some type of athletic work," Guill said yesterday.

At Clemson, he assisted in sports promotions and worked with IPTAY—Clemson's fund-raising organization.

"**I-Pay-Thirty-A-Year** is the number one organization in the nation of its type as far as dollar donations," Guill said.

**WITH CLEMSON'S** football team winning the national championship last season, Guill worked with ABC, NBC, Mizlou TV network and the networks at

several visiting schools.

When Clemson played in the Mirage Bowl, Guill worked with producers from Japan. Additionally, he assisted in the handling of ticket sales as an undergraduate and as a graduate assistant.

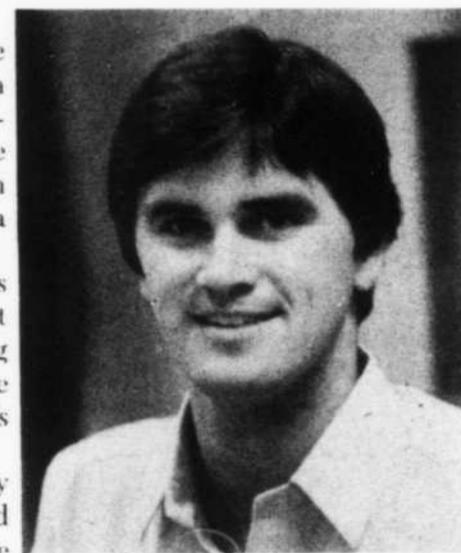
Guill said a couple of his short-range goals will be to boost attendance during the upcoming football season and acquire more publicity for MTSU's sports program.

**"WITH THE** student body we've got and the alumni and the size town we have—we ought to fill up the football stadium or basketball arena," Guill said. One of his long-range goals is to have sellouts at basketball and football games.

He will also try to work closely with students to build spirit.

"I think my age is a plus for me because I can relate to [students]," Guill said.

**HE ADDED** that working with fraternities, sororities and



Russell Guill  
Athletic fund-raiser

alumni will also be a part of the job.

"We want to try to do some things at the games to create some enthusiasm and excitement," Guill said.

Eventually, he would like to see MTSU have "a fund-raising program self-supporting as far as providing scholarships to athletes."

## Brad Story burned in gas line explosion

The freshman designated hitter for MTSU's OVC baseball champions last season was seriously burned Wednesday in a gas line explosion in Huntington, W.Va.

Brad Story, employed in West Virginia for the summer, was burned on "60 percent of his body, mostly on his back and arms," according to MTSU

Sports Information Director Ed Arning.

Story was flown to Vanderbilt Hospital early Friday morning and underwent surgery.

MTSU Coach John Stanford said yesterday that Story's surgery "went all right" and he is "now in isolation and can't receive any visitors."

"Brad is in a lot of pain, but

the doctors are encouraging about his improvement," Stanford said. "He won't be back in school for a while."

Story appeared in 33 of MTSU's games last season and batted .275 with 25 hits and one home run.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Story of Dickson, Tenn.

## SportSpeak

By CRAIG ARNOLD

Sports fans, it's been fun covering MTSU and OVC sports for you this summer, and I hope to meet you in *Sidelines* sometime again in the future.

Right now folks, it's time to stick my neck out and briefly preview the upcoming Ohio Valley Conference football season.

**I PREDICT** that Eastern Kentucky will win the OVC race with only one conference loss; Murray State will finish second in the standings, and Middle Tennessee will finish third by virtue of pulling out a big victory at Youngstown and winning a thriller in Cookeville.

From there, it'll be a fight for the other five spots.

Look for Youngstown State to pester everybody in the OVC. They've got good speed and will be tough to beat at home. I believe they'll finish fourth.

**TENNESSEE** Tech will probably be this year's dark

horse. Tech will be very hard to knock off in Cookeville and has Murray and EKU at home. I pick the Golden Eagles to finish fifth.

Akron will scare Tech to death before they get out of Ohio, but it won't be enough for a celebration. Look for the Zips to wind up in sixth place.

Austin Peay will suffer a bitter cold defeat in November at Akron and will fall to a seventh-place finish.

**IN THE OVC** cellar we'll probably find Morehead State. But don't let that fool you. They seem to give people fits on the road.

Back at the top of the heap, last year's Division I-AA runner-up Eastern Kentucky will be strong on defense and will have All-OVC tailback Terence Thompson returning to lead the offensive attack. Their kicking game will be sound, with three lettermen returning.

Murray State will have 13 starters back from last year's team which finished No. 9 in the nation in Division I-AA. By the way, Murray has scheduled their homecoming for October 16.

That's the day MTSU rides into town.

**MIDDLE** Tennessee's Blue Raiders have a swarm of defensive players returning for action this fall, but the offense will be a little young.

I won't hide the fact that I'm glad MTSU is playing three Division II schools at the beginning of the year. I think it'll probably help the offense get ready for the OVC games.

If the offense gels, and Kelly Potter exercises his valuable toes and there are no serious injuries, MTSU will have a good year. If not, there might be a lot of terribly long road trips for the Raiders.

*Olivia Newton-John*

Sunday Sept. 12, 1982 8:00 pm.

Great seats are still available! Tickets may be purchased at the MTSU ticket box office in room 309 of the University Center.