

Unsatisfactory plumbing upsets campus residents

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Problems with plumbing residences on the Middle Tennessee State University campus are becoming a reoccurring dilemma for several university officials.

Students and residents of the family housing complex have experienced difficulties with overflowing drains, while students in Sims Hall and Deer Hall have found themselves short of hot water for bathing.

According to Ellen Brown, a tenant in family housing, her bathtub has been regurgitating about six inches of water nightly for the past two months.

"Every morning my husband and I get up and find about half a foot of water, dirt, hair and I don't know what else in our tub," she said. "It's beginning to get a little annoying."

Brown has repeatedly reported this to family housing officials.

"The officials and maintenance people we've talked to have been very responsive," Brown stated. "Everytime we call, they come over and do what they can to the drains, but the problem keeps occurring. It's pretty obvious to me that something else has to be done."

Dan Zlotky of MTSU's Administration and Supervision Department stated that the problem could be more than just clogged drains.

"The family housing apartments are 10 to 15 years old, so it may

just be a problem of old pipes. But, it could also be anything from a collapsed pipe or something else," he said.

Daniel Sinclair, of the university Housing Office, stated that maintenance of the family housing plumbing system was hindered by the way the pipes were set up.

"The plumbing in those buildings was not designed very well. The clean-outs are under the building, and they're not very accessible. So, we can't clean them regularly," he said.

Another problem is the fact that the plumbing from several buildings run together creating a bottleneck effect on occasion.

Sinclair also said that the problem may necessitate replacement of some of the current plumbing in family housing or digging a new line from the apartments to the main drain for the complex.

According to Sinclair, either of these steps would take a minimum of one month to complete and would be highly expensive.

"The problem with family housing is that they have to try to remain competitive with other apartment complexes as far as rent rates go. An operation like this would be a major capital undertaking, and that would be reflected in the rates," he said.

In Sims Hall, several students have reported they are being forced

to walk to other dorms to shower because of a lack of water in their dormitory.

"Every morning there are quite a few of us who get up to take a shower and there's no hot water. So we have to walk to another dorm so we don't freeze in the shower," a Sims Hall resident who wished to remain anonymous said.

Mike Vaughan, residence hall director for Sims Hall, felt the problem may be that the students aren't allowing the water to warm up before starting to shower.

"I use the same water and mine has been very hot," he said. "The main problem may be that the first people who get in the shower in the morning need to let the water run awhile. Early in the morning there is no hot water in the pipes and you have to run some through." Earlier this week, Deer Hall was left with no hot water after a valve in the boiler room quit functioning. The problem was immediately corrected and hot water was restored.

Sinclair and Vaughan both stated that there was a need for students who were experiencing these types of problems to report them to university officials so the problems can be alleviated.

Sinclair said, "If students will report these things, we will do everything we can to get them corrected as soon as possible."



Frank Conley

MTSU President Sam Ingram examines the *Sidelines* production room with Entertainment Editor Michelle Braunger during open house Tuesday night.

Admissions makes ACT video

By ROBERT McCONNELL
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee State University Admissions Office has just completed a video entitled "Use of ACT Data in Admissions and Recruitment." It is to be shown nationwide to all American College Testing Mid-State workshops over

the next four years.

ACT Mid-State workshops are held throughout the United States 10 to 12 times each year, Dean of Admission and Records Cliff Gillespie said. Persons attending these seminars are college admissions officers and high school counselors.

One of the purposes of these workshops is to teach college and high school administrators how to utilize ACT information in day-to-day admissions office operations.

At the nationwide ACT meeting held in Iowa City, Iowa this summer, the regional administrators decided to produce a video that would illustrate how the ACT data is used by various universities in admissions and recruitment, Gillespie said. Administrators in the Atlanta, Ga., ACT office recommended MTSU for the nationwide video because of the university's extensive use of ACT data.

"The corporate vice-president of ACT said, 'That's who we're going with. Obviously, MTSU knows what they're doing,'" Gillespie said.

Gillespie received a letter in July from ACT Vice-President David Crockett requesting the cooperation of MTSU's Admissions and Public Affairs in putting together a 10 to 15 minute high quality video tape illustrating how the university uses ACT programs and services.

The video will be converted into a 16 millimeter film for use in the mid-state workshops.

Gillespie wrote the script for the video, Pat Jackson, of engineering and technical services, directed and edited and Ted Gray, of admissions and records, produced the film.

Jack Ross of photographic service and Suma Clark of publications and graphics respectively did photography and publications.

Gillespie said most of the planning was done the last two weeks of July. The filming was completed the first week in August. The video tape was completed for the Sept. 1 deadline.

The video discusses MTSU's admission policies concerning the ACT.

The freshman student entering MTSU must have a minimum score of 16 on the ACT or a minimum high school grade point average of 2.0. The ACT composite score is determined by these two factors.

If the composite score is less than 15, the student will be required to take more tests concerning their placement in developmental courses.

"ACT is important for admission decisions and for placement of freshman students," Gillespie says in the video.

The video also covers MTSU's effective Yield Reports, which indicates which parts of the state the majority of students come from. Gillespie says this is especially helpful because it helps establish primary and secondary recruiting areas.

Recruitment statistics revealed that students attend MTSU from 80 of the 95 counties in Tennessee. In addition, students come from 40 states in the nation, and over 40 foreign countries are represented at MTSU.

The video features the various

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Survey compares campus parking problems

By CHRIS BELL
Editorial Editor

[Editor's note: This is the first story of a three-part series on student parking at Middle Tennessee State University.]

While parking stickers outnumber parking places at Middle Tennessee State University, the situation is not uncommon when compared to other local schools.

A survey of four other universities showed that MTSU parking problems are more the norm than the exception.

MTSU has 6,000 to 6,200 parking spaces and has sold more than 10,000 parking stickers, according to Nancy Weatherly, chief clerk with Campus Safety and Security.

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville sells two parking stickers for each commuter parking space, according to Joe Cates, supervisor

of parking. Non-commuter stickers are sold at the ratio of 1.3 for each space. UT has 3,259 commuter spaces and 1,978 non-commuter spaces. There are also 700 spaces at the agricultural pavilion, which is a half-mile from campus.

Memphis State University has 7,163 spaces, but has sold approximately 16,000 decals, Vernon Spence, supervisor for parking and traffic at MSU, said.

The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa has 11,104 student parking spaces and sold 13,442 stickers, according to Capt. Clarence Gregg, director of police and parking services at UA.

Another 250 space lot will open before the semester is over, Gregg said.

However, at Tennessee Tech approximately 6,500 decals have been sold for the roughly 7,000 spaces,

said Charles Groce, director of safety and security at Tech.

The cost of parking also varies from school to school.

Parking stickers are the least expensive at UA. The stickers are \$10 per year, according to Gregg.

"That's probably the cheapest in the United States," Gregg said.

MTSU stickers, however, are actually cheaper at \$5 per year, according to the MTSU Fall 1987 Class Schedule.

Commuter stickers are \$20 per quarter at UT, with non-commuter stickers going for \$31 per quarter. At MSU, student stickers are \$10 per semester.

Parking fines vary as well, with improper zone fines ranging from \$2 at the University of Alabama and Tech to \$15 at Memphis State.

At Tennessee Tech, Groce said the fines escalate from \$2 for the

first offense to \$4 for the second, \$6 for the third and so on with no limit.

Steps are being taken at each school, except Tech, to deal with parking shortages.

A 500 space, four level parking deck is being planned at UA, Gregg said. The deck could be expanded to five or six levels if the demand increased in the future.

Alabama is also using removable tags this year, much like MTSU's. While only faculty and staff have the tags this semester, they are expected to use the entire university this spring.

A parking garage is also under consideration at UT, but no definite plans have been made, according to Cates.

Memphis State will introduce gated parking lots in January, Please see Parking page 3

Pavillion addition costs 3.1 million dollars, should help parking and attract business

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

A \$3.1 million addition to the livestock pavillion on campus should aid the parking situation and bring added prestige and exposure to Middle Tennessee State University, officials said Thursday.

Charles Pigg, director of campus

planning, said the pavillion would primarily be used for livestock shows and related events.

"It will be used for all kinds of livestock sales, shows, exhibits and that type of thing," Pigg said. "The sales ring will enable the livestock people to auction off bloodline stock."

Construction should be finished on the addition by the end of November, Pigg said.

People from 36 states attended the National Junior Pole Herford show held at the pavillion in the summer, Pigg said.

"I am sure they went back and some of them talked about the Mid-

dle Tennessee State University campus. We had people on campus that may have never been here if it were not for the show," Pigg said.

He added that the pavillion was being worked on at the time of the show.

Along with the addition, a 650-space parking lot is being built, Pigg said.

"We have not specifically addressed students using the lot, but I think if it doesn't interfere with a big show, they will be able to use it," he said.

"Those kind of shows would be few and far between in the school year," he said. "About 95 percent of the time in the fall and spring semesters, it could be made available to students."

Pigg added the pavillion is not primarily a MTSU facility.

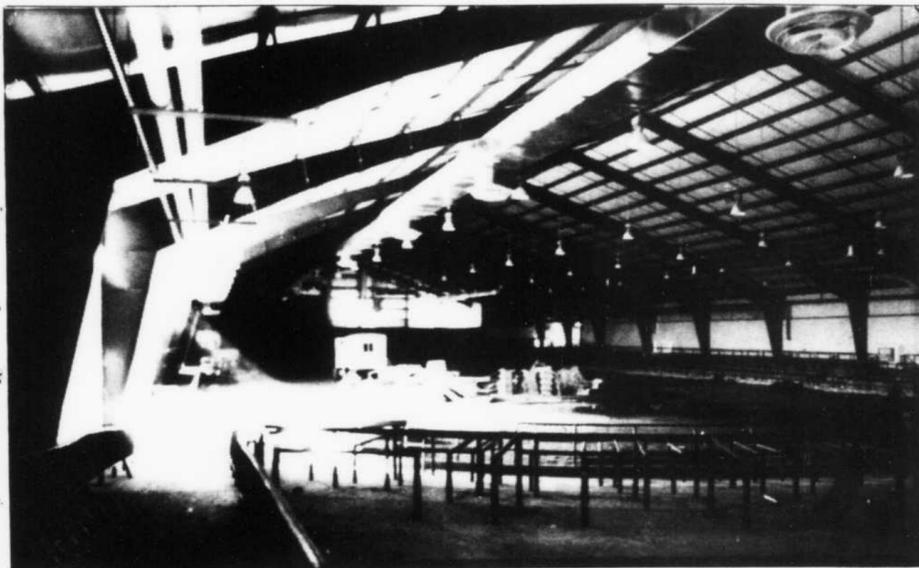
"We sorta inherited it," Pigg said. "First and foremost, it is a Tennessee facility. We get second call on it."

"We maintain and operate the facility," he said.

The state provided money specifically for the addition, Pigg said.

"The people in the livestock industry said they needed a larger arena for shows," he said.

Money was not taken from academics to expand the pavillion.



Kelly Lorenz

The new 3.1 million dollar Agricultural Pavillion addition is expected to draw the attention of local businessmen to MTSU and possibly aid parking.

MTSU student in pageant

By KIM HARRIS
News Editor

Donna Bilbrey, a senior at Middle Tennessee State University, has been selected to compete in the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

Bilbrey, an advertising major, is a transfer student from Tennessee Technological University. She is planning to graduate in the spring of 1988.

"Right now, I'm concentrating on finishing school. That is my primary goal. I'd like to stay in Tennessee and get a job in Nashville," Bilbrey said.

"I'm really excited. I don't know what will happen, but it's [the pageant] going to be fun," Bilbrey said.

Bilbrey has participated in various pageants. This summer, she was named first runner-up in the American Cover Miss Pageant. She was also named Miss Photogenic in the pageant.

The Miss Tennessee USA Pageant will be held Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel in Nashville. Molly Brown from

Leona, Tenn., is the current reigning queen. The pageant is the official state finals to the Miss USA-Universes Pageant.

Contestants will be judged on poise-personality, swimsuit and formal competition. The women will also be interviewed by the judges.

Some of the prizes Miss Tennessee USA will be given include a scholarship to the American Institute of Modeling, a round trip flight and three weeks stay at the Miss USA Pageant, the crown and banner, \$500 cash, a color portrait and a gift certificate.



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Notice to all Greek Women on this campus that are not members or affiliated with any MTSU Panhellenic Sorority. Please come by Dean Smith's office, Room 130 Keathley University Center as soon as possible.

The BSU will provide a free ride for anyone without transportation to the grocery store or around town. Call 893-5035 for more information.

Campus Recreations is having an overnight bike trip on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10-11. For more details, call the Campus Recreation Office at 898-2104.

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

The Honors Lecture Series for Fall 1987 continues Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 Peck Hall. Guest speaker will be Dr. Muhammed Yusuf from Tennessee State University. Lectures are free and open to the public.

The Tri Beta Biological Honor Society will hold its annual picnic for all new and former members on Monday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Murphy Athletic Center Pavillion. Cost for former members and guests is \$2. For more information contact Dr. C. Wymer Wiser at 898-2064 or Box 455.

WMOT-FM needs student volunteers and interns. For more information come by Room 200 Learning Resources Center or phone 898-2800.

The Association of Non-Traditional Students will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14 in Room 313 Keathley University Center at noon. Mrs. Barbara Martin from Health Services will speak.

The Phi Mu Delta Pre-Professional Honor Society will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in Room 104 Davis Science Building. Dr. Lisa Lowe, a Murfreesboro pediatrician will speak.

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ASB amends Electoral Act of 1983

By CHRIS BELL
Editorial Editor

The Associated Student Body House made several changes in the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983 during their meeting on Wednesday night.

According to House Bill Five, "Votes shall be counted in the presence of one member of the MTSU Students Affairs Administrative Staff."

The bill which passed by a voice vote will "allow an impartial observer to witness the election tallies," of ASB elections.

The possibility that the vote count session is open to the public was raised by House member Brian Conley.

The election tally is conducted during an official meeting of the Election Commission, House Secretary Leslie Gardner said.

If these are official meetings, then they are open to any interested parties, according to Tennessee's Open Meetings Law, also known as the "Sunshine Law," Conley said.

No action was taken to prove the validity of Conley's statement.

House Bill Six, which would have changed the registration fee for Homecoming queen candidates was tabled by a voice vote.

The bill would increase the fee. House Bill Four removed the limits on verbal campaigning for ASB offices. According to the bill, verbal campaigning "may take place anytime a student so desires to voice their candidacy."

"This is to clear up problems like

those that occurred during this spring's campaign," Swindler said in describing House Bill Seven.

The bill will give the Election Commission the ability to rule on any policies not currently covered in the Electoral Act, providing they did not "deviate from the provisions of the ASB constitution or the United States Constitution."

The bill was passed by a unanimous voice vote after adding an amendment to include the Tennessee State Constitution to the provisions previously listed.

House Bill Eight will allow students to sign more than one petition for candidates for ASB office. It was passed by voice vote.

House Bill Nine, which raised the amount candidates for ASB offices can spend on campaigns, was also passed by a voice vote. The limit on candidates has been raised to \$300 and speaker candidates to \$200.

A resolution to create two student commissions on Murfreesboro was also passed.

Ralph Swindler defeated Brian Conley 22 to 17 in a vote for speaker of the house, pro-tempore.

"The pro-tempore speaker fills in for the speaker of the house when he can not attend a meeting," Hennessy said.

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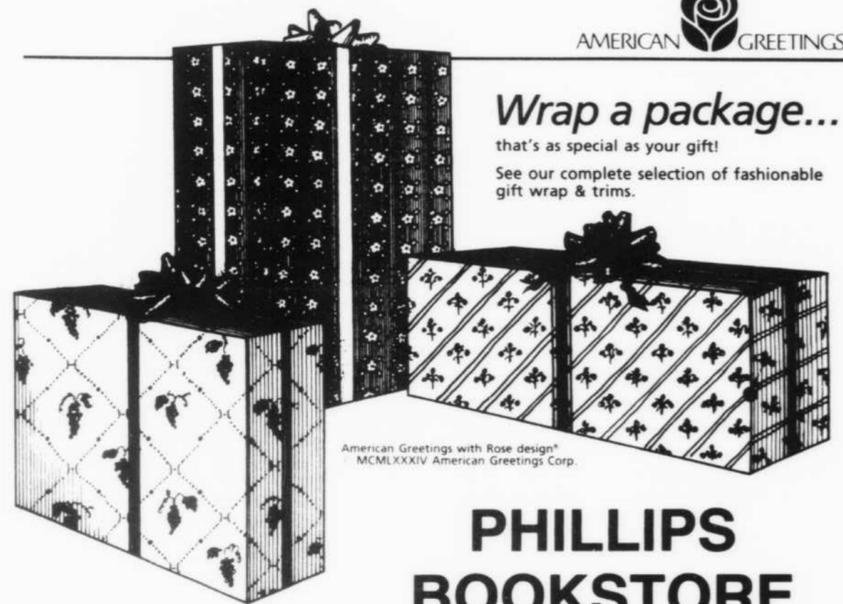
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GOP leaders speak at meeting

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Tommy Hopper, political director for the Tennessee Republican Party and Toni Wright, campaign manager for 5th District congressional candidate Terry Holcomb, spoke at the Oct. 7 meeting of the Middle Tennessee State University College Republicans.

Hopper, a late addition to the scheduled speakers, urged the organization to become heavily involved in the 1988 presidential campaign.

"As for '88, I think we are going into the most important election we've ever faced," he said. "'80 and '84 were important, but if you don't think the Democrats can wipe out the accomplishments of the last eight years, you're wrong. They have a majority in the house. They have a majority in the senate, and with a president, they can do it and do it quickly."

"There is not a Democrat in the race right now, including Al Gore, who can lead this country like we've led it the last eight years," Hopper added.

Hopper pointed out that under the Reagan administration, the United States has enjoyed 59 consecutive months of economic growth, a rise in family income, a 25 percent increase in black employment since 1982 and the creation of over 200,000 new jobs a month since 1982.

Hopper berated the Democratic Party for what he called "a campaign of disinformation" against President Reagan.

"Paul Simon sees unemployment is ten percent. It's less than six percent. Richard Gephardt says, and I quote, 'our economy is in a broad state of decline.' The truth is we are in the longest economic expansion in the history of the United States."

"Bruce Babbitt has said 'Reaganomics' has made the '80s the slowest growth decade since World War Two. In fact, this decade has set post-war records for economic growth and expansion," Hopper said.

"We really shouldn't be surprised. Democrats do have a problem with reality. They think you can spend yourself rich. They solve problems by throwing money at them. They reduce the deficit by raising taxes, and they try to make the nation strong by cutting defense," he continued.

Hopper also stressed the impor-

ance of the 1988 race for the seat in the U.S. Senate now held by Jim Sasser.

"Here in Tennessee, we have the opportunity to bring home, unquestionably, the weakest senator we have ever sent to Washington. Jim Sasser is out of step and out of touch with Tennessee," he said.

According to Hopper, Sasser has maintained a record of nonvoting and big spending while he has been a member of congress.

"The National Taxpayers Union, one of the best and most fair reporters of congressional spending, ranked Senator Sasser as the seventh biggest spender in the current congress," Hopper stated.

In conclusion, Hopper exhorted the audience to become involved in the political process. He also wants students to initiate a grassroots movement to elect more Republicans to state and local governments.

Wright, who appeared on behalf of Holcomb, also spoke of the importance of a grassroots effort by Tennessee Republicans, and asked them to support Holcomb in the upcoming special election to fill the 5th District congressional seat vacated by Nashville Mayor-elect Bill Boner.

Wright also stated that Holcomb was looking forward to speaking at MTSU in the near future.

Holcomb, who was to be the main speaker of the meeting, has been called to Washington to be briefed by President Reagan on the administration's initiatives for the upcoming months and to seek support from Washington Republicans.

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Spence said. The lots will require a card to enter them, with the cards costing \$60 a semester. The cards will be sold on a one to one basis with the spaces themselves, meaning a card-holder is guaranteed a space.

Research assistance on this article was provided by Brian Conley and Kim Harris.

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academic schools, including liberal arts, basic and applied sciences and business and education.

The new video is expected to boost admissions in colleges and universities throughout the United States.

"It is a great morale booster for the admissions staff when the American College Testing Center selected them for such a prestigious honor," Gillespie said.



P.L.M. Harrison

Aashid Himons of African Dreamland performed a benefit at Mainstreet Wednesday night. Himons style is Mississippi delta blues; his message is women's rights and anti-apartheid. The band is known for its benefits for African refugees. This benefit was given to raise money to help Himons pay medical bills he incurred while fighting Thuracy and pneumonia.

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EDITORIAL

Parking is a problem

When compared to problems like hunger, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or the population explosion, campus parking seems trivial. But to the students who have to spend 45 minutes every day looking for a parking space, it is definitely important.

There are approximately 6,200 parking spaces available on the MTSU campus, while there are more than 10,000 cars registered with Middle Tennessee State University Public Safety and Security.

There is, however, nothing new about parking problems. In *Sidelines* ten years ago, stories ran about the lack of student parking places. The same articles could be run today with only the names and numbers changed.

Many MTSU students are commuters.

When a student doesn't live on campus, a place to park is a necessity.

Students naturally expect good teachers, well equipped classrooms, labs and an up-to-date library. We should also expect a place to park when we come to school.

A parking garage, more lots on the unused portion of campus, prohibiting freshman from bringing cars to school, these are just some of the possible solutions. University students, faculty, administration and staff need to discuss these and other ideas and decide which best suits the needs of MTSU.

But we need to do it now. The current parking problem, though serious, is not yet at the crisis stage. Acting now will prevent such a crisis from occurring.

Shh! This is a library!

Dishing out my tuition did enable me to the use of all MTSU facilities, did it not? Then, why can't I use the Todd Library in peace and quiet when, once in a blue moon on leap year, I decide to study there? The following are three whys and three ways to avoid the occurrence of bothering me again.

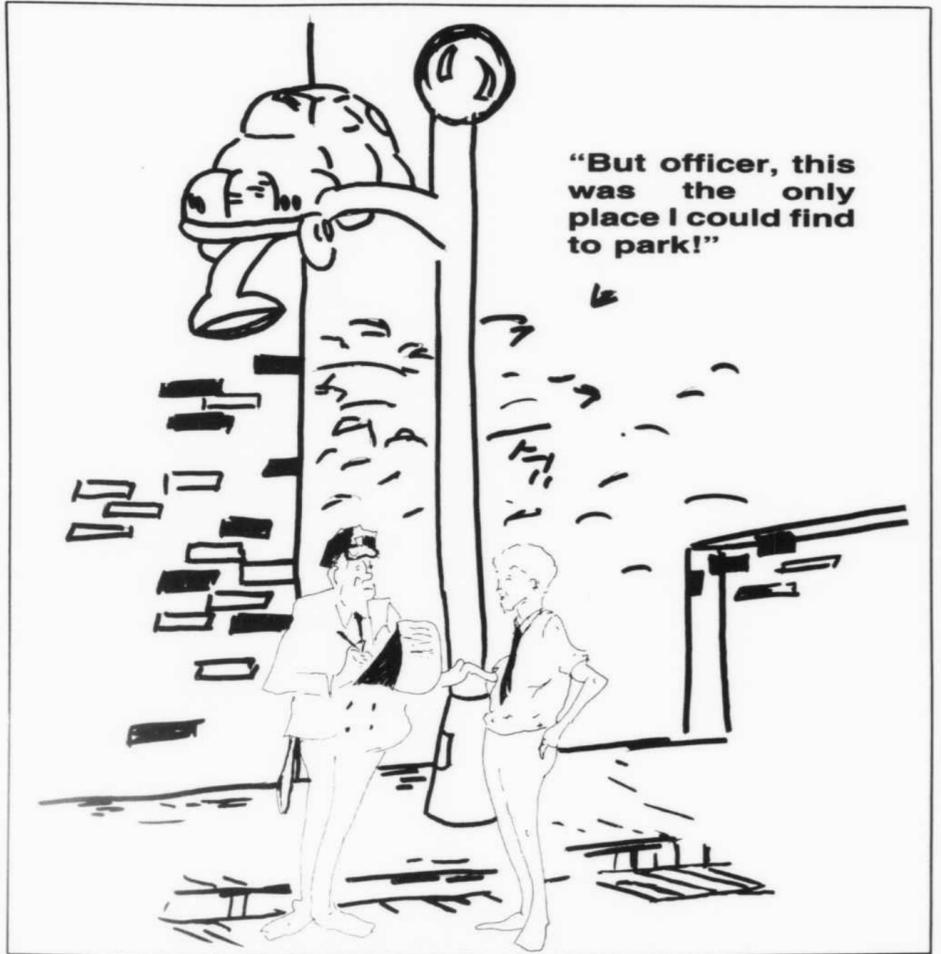
1. Must you speak to the geek/geekette you have ignored all your high school years? Don't speak to the geek/geekette in the library. The reason you ignored this person in high school is most likely still relevant in college. Being bored or knowing no one else on campus is

It is great to make new friends and find a date for the game, but not in the library while I am studying.

Refrain from speech especially whispering. Do you realize how annoying it is when two people whisper? Why do I always sit near the five-person German study group when I have one hour to cram for a mid-semester French exam? Take the group study to a room or out of the library. The library is for individual studying and individual research. Go talk! 3. I realize while working in the library it can get pretty rough listening to the wind blow, but do the

Patch and Kali may even catch the boat and sail around the world with Bo and Hope to live happily ever after.

If my tuition contributes to these salaries, why bother me? Just because library workers are paid to be in the library does not mean they can talk. Go hangout on the library steps to talk.



The Wall: College burnout can happen to any student

Marathon runners experience an unpleasant phenomenon about 20 miles into their 26 mile act of masochism. They call it the "Wall." Somewhere around the 20-mile marker they experience overwhelming fatigue, confusion, pain and doubts about their ability to go on.

College students have a "wall" of their own. It usually occurs somewhere in the midst of the junior year and the symptoms are very much like those experienced by runners, except that the pain is

psychic rather than physical. Students who have been dedicated and enthusiastic about school in the past suddenly find it difficult to drag their eyes across the printed page with any hope of remember-

every other aspect of life. Discontent feeds off discontent until, for a short time at least, it feels as if all of life is in shambles.

Short of leaving school, however, there are ways to recharge the bat-

Take care of yourself and don't let your appearance deteriorate. How you look has a very material effect on how you feel.

Establish a routine and stick to it. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate as long as you allow time for school, work, homework, rest and recreation. It is important to have at least one thing a day to look forward to, something you can reward yourself with after you've fulfilled the day's obligations. I reward myself with a Bette Davis movie, circa 1940, especially the three-hour movies she is famous for. A good tear-jerker is wonderfully cathartic. An entire day's self-pity can be sobbed away in one-and-a-half hours.

Seek the encouragement of friends and family. Anyone who has gone to school for any length of time has hit the "wall." Even if they can't offer any advice, it's good to be able to talk to someone who understands what you are going through and who will encourage you not to give up. There is nothing trivial about the "wall." Like depression, it can cover your perspective and so must be dealt with. Good friends can help you over the hump.

Like runners, you will get your second wind in time. Just hold on until it comes gushing in. Until then, don't feel like the Lone Ranger if you've hit the "wall." I could use a few words of encouragement myself right now. Guess I'll go plug "Now Voyager" into the VCR.

Stacye Langston

not a good motive for speaking. Go hangout on the steps of the library to talk.

2. It is nice and polite to strike up conversations, but NOT in the library. Even if he is a 6'5", blond and blue eyed, gorgeous as they get with a pea-sized brain linebacker. DO NOT pick him up in the library.

library maintenance workers have to break at the table where I sit. I appreciate all the "Days of Our Lives" updates, but I really need peace, quiet and solitude.

I am sure Patch and Kali will some day get it together. She will either get her marriage annulled or her husband will conveniently die.



Kate Lapczynski

ing what they have just read. Papers and assignments get left to the last moment, sometimes quite deliberately, almost as if the stress of procrastination was something to be desired. Classes become a drudgery, homework a trial, tests an ordeal. Apathy tinged with guilt becomes the operative emotion.

The "Wall" stops a lot of students cold. Ironically, with their goal so close at hand, many students drop out of college during their junior year. Some convince themselves that they are just taking a break to recharge their batteries. For some, this is a viable option. For others, it marks the end of their college experience. Others merely allow the malaise to overtake them and wind up on probation, or worse, dropped from school.

The "Wall" doesn't necessarily stop everyone. It merely wreaks havoc for some students. Because school is such a big part of the student's life, an unhappy attitude toward school tends to spill over into

teries. The first step is to develop a businesslike attitude about school. Approach it as something that simply must be done. Once in the work force, you will find yourself faced with unpleasant, boring and unstimulating tasks. Hopefully, your job won't contain many of these, but realistically there will be times when you will be forced to assume responsibilities you find abhorrent. They will be part of the job and you will do them because not doing them will cost you your job. Not performing well in school can have the same effect. It won't be as immediate an effect as being fired, but the results will be the same. Keep your long-range goals in sight and do the job.

If you have hit the "wall," it is important than ever to take good care of yourself. Pamper yourself with a healthy diet, plenty of rest and exercise, even if it is just to take a short walk every day. This will not only exercise your body and get you into the fresh air, but it will give you solitary time for thought.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Perfessor" meets students

Dear Editor,

I writes this little note to ya'll coz it's yer newspaper what's gien me some grief of lates. Ya' see, I woz bounding up the stairs of Peck Hall at a dead run, late for my 8 a.m. stats class, when thissy-here gang of past and present students blocks me path.

"What's your hurry?" a sassy frat-boy askus me with a tone of real smearchiness.

"Yeah," says another, "We're tired of you always showing up late and then coming down hard on us for missing a few classes here and there. Your attendance policy stinks."

"Now, wait jest a sec there," I says scouting for a break between these young hard-bodies in case I havta makes me a dodge-and-dash outta there. "My attendance policy is for your own good coz ya'll 'yoo-gees' (that's what I calls undergraduates when I wants to put 'em in their place) are too immature to know what's best for ya's."

"We pay our money. We don't need to be told to attend class and then be forced to by your attendance policy. It is a violation of our rights!" exclaims one paticlear snooty female I foggily recall settin' in my class once er twice.

"Well," I starts off after thissy little missy, "you do pays yer monies, and I 'preciate that. Now's to make right-sher ya'll gets yer duly paid-up fistful of knowledge and edgecaation I'mma gonna knock-down yer grade if you don't come ta class."

"You don't care one bit about our education, Dr. Kendrick. You know if you didn't make us come to class with your threats then no one would," booms out a voice from the group. It sounds like one of those football jocks to me, the way he spits out "Dr. Kendrick" like he'd just as soon chew it up and swallow as let it come outta his mouth. Before I can retort, another voice, one I think I've heard before, years back in me smart days, come from the mob.

"Yeah, you teachers shouldn't have to make students come to class. You should be able to excite students, show them the value of

the classroom; teach them not just the subject material, but instill a yearning to attend class, to participate in the discovery of new ideas, to explore intellectual obstacles, and to conquer differing views in the pursuit of a higher truth."

A great silence fills the stairwell and I can tell the steams gone out of this lynchin'. As they all turns to leave me standing on the stair, I raise me arm up over me head and points a knowin' finger at 'em all.

I shakes it back and forth and growls at 'em, "I ain't no TEACHER! I'mma PERFESSOR! I don't teach, I preffess. And ya'll best bees theres when I do."

So ya see dear edter, I shery would like it iffing' ya'll would go back to writen' about politics, greeks, and local bands and leave the edgecaation to us 'ens what are qualified to knows what's what. Thankee very much.

Skip Kendrick, PhD.
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STEVE BEAT — By KENT WHITAKER



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ENTERTAINMENT

AFTER CLASS

Theatre performs magic

By BILL CLAIBORNE
Staff Writer

Dark of the Moon, an eerie but charming play by Howard Richardson and William Berney will kick-off this year's season Oct. 15, 16 and 17 at Tucker Theatre. All shows will begin at 8 p.m. The story is set in the hills of East Tenn. with a dialogue that is rich with colloquial expressions. The plot effectively mixes romance, religion and witchcraft into a cauldron of deceit out of which no one escapes.

There is no one hero or villain to distinguish in this cast of 27. Many characters go through radical changes. The haunting and somewhat disturbing climax is reached comfortably by way of a down-home style that enchants and even humors the audience.

The story revolves around the trials of a witch boy and a mountain girl who fall in love. They face the ridicule and contempt of the town folk. The result is memorable and surprising.

Many actors associated with the play over the years have experienced bizarre sometimes intimidating circumstances during the production. There have been two ac-

tors who have died during a performance. When superstitious cast members removed *The Bible* from the revival scene, the show was abruptly cancelled. This cast, however, prefers to overlook those mysterious incidents — for obvious reasons!

This year's premier performance is directed by Phil Martin, a newcomer to Middle Tennessee State University. He too has an equally interesting background.

After graduating from the University of Utah in 1981 with a degree in musical theatre, Phil Martin got the opportunity to put his skills to work. A friend and fellow alumnus, Bill Poor, asked Martin to come to New York, N.Y., to assist him in constructing a musical adaptation of *Dark of the Moon*. With several new songs offered to a reconstructed dialogue, Martin impressed both Poor and the author Howard Richardson. However, legal problems soon arose. Martin left Poor and Richardson to the task of settling copyright negotiations, while opting for a more practical

means of development.

Martin was advised that success and acceptance of his material, might be best realized by performing and developing his creation in regional theatre.

Martin's goal has always been to teach theatre. Since he needed a testing ground for his work, this was his next obvious move. Martin found a position at MTSU open last August. He took the position not knowing the planned scheduled performance of *Dark of the Moon*.

This coincidence, unfortunately, will not result in the musical version being presented — this time. Martin hopes to present many of his original works.

Reservations for the show are needed to assure seating. General admission seats are \$3.50, but students get in free with a valid MTSU ID. The show may sell out, so make your reservations early. Call 898-2716 or stop by the MTSU Theatre box office, located on the first floor of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, for more information.



Jack Ross

Appalachian Townsfolk enjoy themselves at a country dance in *Dark of the Moon*, the first of four shows presented by the Theatre Department.

Choral series opens Sunday

By MICHELLE BRAEUNER
Entertainment Editor

The Middle Tennessee State University Chorale Society will perform *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn Sunday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

"Three notable guest artists will join the chorus in this performance," said Raphael Bundage, choral conductor.

Carol Allred, a graduate student at Eastman School of Music, will sing the parts of Eve and Angel Gabriel. Tony Boutee, a cantor at St. Thomas Church of New York City, will be heard in the roles of Angel Uriel and the narrator. Edward Byrom, professor of church music at Mercer College, will sing the parts of Adam and Angel Raphael.

Based on the Book of Genesis

and Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Haydn's oratorio portrays the creation story in music.

"*The Creation* will be performed in a new English translation which illuminates Haydn's picturesque musical language with an understandable English text," stated Bundage.

This concert marks the premier of the MTSU Choral Series. The next production is Handel's *Messiah* to be performed Sunday Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. The final event of the series is Brahms's *Requiem* set for Feb. 21.

Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and \$2.50 for students for each of these events.

The Choral Series is just one of the many fine musical series offered by the MTSU music department. Other events include opera,

piano, and even the symphony at little or no cost to the MTSU student.

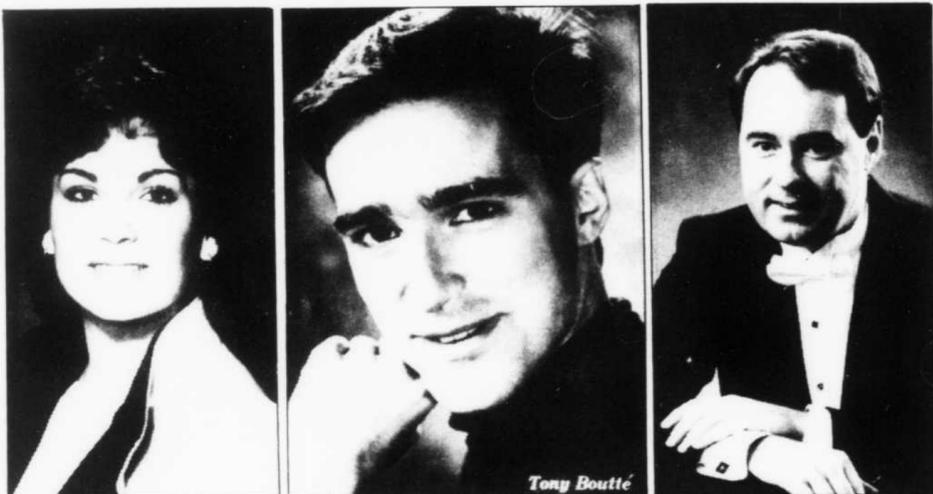
Tuesday, Nov. 29, marks an evening of opera with scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* and *Ruddigore*. This performance is free and open to the public.

Another on-going program is the piano series. This includes a wide variety of concerts, workshops and master classes with such artists as Amanda Penwick and Anthony de Mare.

Tickets for these events range from \$1.50 to \$3.50 for students.

For more information on these or other programs offered by the MTSU music department, call 898-2223.

However, this Sunday come see the MTSU Chorale, and listen to some heavenly music.



Carol Allred, Tony Boutee and Edward Byrom are guest soloists in the Middle Tennessee State University Chorale Society's production of *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn, to be presented Oct. 11 in the Wright Music Building.

Four Star Events

Have you ever found yourself with nothing to do? Have you found yourself with no money to do anything with? Then this column is for you. In it the reader will find a wide variety of diversions. Most are free, but a few have a minor charge.

☆The Middle Tennessee State University photographic gallery will exhibit the work of Arthur Fellig (Weegee the Famous), master of "hot news" photography. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Learning Resource Center. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

☆The Keathley University Center art gallery presents *Private Architecture*, the artwork of Libby Byler. Ms. Byler, a graduate of MTSU, uses paint, photographs and videos to create "a little bit of soul for public view".

☆The MTSU theatre department will present *Dark of the Moon*, Oct. 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. in the Tucker Theatre. Admission is free with a valid MTSU student ID. Call 898-2716 for reservations.

☆The MTSU music department will sponsor The University Community Symphony Orchestra with guest cellist Leslie Parnas Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. Call 898-2223 for more information.

☆The Fines Arts Committee Presents *Denny Dent & His Two-Fisted Art Attack* in the Keathley University Center Theatre. Dents performance combines music, dance and paint. You must see him to believe him.

☆The MTSU Chorale will present Haydn's *Creation* Sunday Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. Admission is \$2.50 for students. Call 898-2223 for more information.

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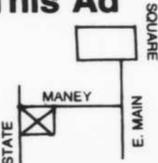
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SPORTS

MTSU football could appear on ESPN if strike continues

By CHUCK MORRIS
Sports Co-Editor

Middle Tennessee State University's football team has a chance to join their basketball counterparts on ESPN this fall if the National Football League strike continues.

ESPN, according to their college football publicist Diane Lamb, has made preliminary discussions with some football conferences, including the Ohio Valley Conference.

The network would like to use these games as alternative programming on Monday nights if ABC decides to drop the replacement NFL games.

But there is the catch, ABC would have to quit carrying the Monday night NFL games.

"We would have to wait until they [ABC] weren't carrying a game," Lamb said. "Until then, the point is moot."

The games being mentioned as being moved for television are the Oct. 17 game against Eastern Kentucky or the Nov. 14 game against Murray State, both MTSU home games.

"ESPN might be willing to televise our games against Eastern Kentucky or Murray State," said John Stanford, MTSU athletic director.

OVC Information Director Jon Verner confirmed that the conference initiated contact with ESPN.

"We have talked with ESPN for their commitment on carrying college games," Verner said. "Right now, they are sticking with the replacement games."

"If the NFL stays on strike, ESPN might be willing to televise college games. For now, they are staying with the NFL games as are the other networks."

A spokesman with ABC Sports, who could not reveal her name, would not comment on how long the network planned on carrying replacement games on Monday nights if the strike continues.

MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly commented Wednesday night on a WSIX sports call-in show that their had been discussions that MTSU might be on television, but not the Winston-Salem game, already scheduled on a Sunday afternoon.



TIM BENNETT

Middle Tennessee freshman catcher Jay Owens beats the throw home in Wednesday's game against Roane State. MTSU beat Roane State 13-0 and lost last night to Western Kentucky 2-1.

Blue Raiders battle Miss. Valley St. 'On the Road Again' in Memphis

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

When Nelson wrote the song "On the Road Again," he must have had the 1987 Middle Tennessee State University football team in mind.

After opening the season with a three game road trip, MTSU returned home for a brief one game homestand last Saturday against Austin Peay State University.

Once again they find themselves on the road again. They travel to Memphis, Tenn. this weekend to play Mississippi Valley State in the renovated Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

The game will mark the first time MTSU and Mississippi Valley State University have ever played. It will also be the first time the Blue Raiders have played in Memphis since playing Memphis State in 1954.

The Tigers downed MTSU 27-7 in that contest.

"This is our first trip to Memphis and we need to go there and win this game as badly as any game we play," football Head Coach Boots Donnelly said. "We need a win so we can come home and get back in the conference swing against Eastern Kentucky."

MTSU evened its season record at 2-2 with a 38-16 thrashing of Austin Peay last weekend and will be looking to go back over the .500 mark.

The Delta Devils are 1-4 this season under new Head Coach Ken Pettiford, a Tennessee State graduate.

They have lost to Alabama A & M, Florida A & M, Jackson State and Southern University. The Delta Devils lone victory came against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, coached by Archie Cooley, MVSU's coach in 1986.

"They're a hard team to figure," Donnelly commented. "They have played so very well against some pretty strong teams. I think their record and their scores aren't really much of an indication of what kind of team they have."

In the past, Mississippi Valley has been known as an offensive threat with a powerful passing attack. That is not the case this year, according to Donnelly.

"On film, it doesn't look like they throw the ball as much as we thought they would," Donnelly explained. "It looks like they will be content on running a lot, but they will still throw the ball about 40 times."

MSVU's running attack could create a problem for the Raiders. MTSU has not been extremely effective against the rush this year and that worries coach Donnelly.

"Austin Peay is not a very good offensive team," Donnelly stated. "But they rushed for over 300 yards against us."

Mississippi Valley has had trouble putting the ball in the end zone this season, resulting in three shut-outs in their first five games.

"It looks like the reason they are not scoring is they make a mistake here or there," Donnelly said after

seeing films of MVSU. "They are not getting the ball in the end zone because they are being penalized, jumping offsides or a ball is being dropped or fumbled."

MSVU has talented personnel on both sides of the ball. Their biggest threat is on the defensive side of the ball with All-American linebacker Vincent Johnson. Johnson is affectionately called "The Undertaker" by his teammates. Johnson is close to breaking a school record for tackles in a career.

Donnelly's main concern is how the Blue Raiders play in the second half.

In the four games this season, MTSU has been outscored 60-35 in the second half and have scored only one touchdown offensively in the last three games.

"Our second half problems are a puzzle and it is a concern to me," Donnelly said. "We are not getting the ball on offense in second half and when we do have it we aren't doing anything with it."

MTSU has some outstanding personnel as well.

Tailback Gerald Anderson has scored eight touchdowns this season, which gives him the OVC lead in scoring and ranks him third in the nation.

Split end Robert Alford is 10th

in the nation in all-purpose yards and 17th in punt returns. Alford had a 77-yard punt return for a touchdown against Austin Peay, which earned him OVC Specialist of the Week honors. He injured his knee late in the game against the Governors and is listed as probable for MVSU.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Bowl Stadium Saturday, Oct. 10. The game will be the second half of a college football doubleheader. The first game, which begins at 1:30 p.m., will feature a clash between Alabama and Memphis State.

●This week's Ohio Valley Conference schedule features three conference matchups including a battle between Eastern Kentucky and Murray State, the top two teams in the coaches' preseason poll.

Offensive fireworks are expected at Tennessee Tech as Youngstown State comes calling. Trenton Lykes, Youngstown State's quarterback, and Patrick Pope, Tennessee Tech's signal caller, were co-offensive players of the week.

Morehead State visits Austin Peay and Grambling visits Tennessee State in other OVC action.

●Eastern Kentucky's Myron Guyton and Lorenzo Fields and MTSU's Doug Hintemeyer were also named players of the week.

Sports Briefs

Blue Raider Golf Invitational Mon. and Tues.

The Middle Tennessee State University golf team will host the first Blue Raider Invitational Tournament Monday and Tuesday at the Old Fort Golf Course in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Coach Walt Rogers said that there are 12 teams entered in the tournament, including three separate MTSU teams.

Teams in the tournament besides MTSU will be Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee State, David Lipscomb, Union, West Georgia, Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Jackson (Miss.) State, Lewis University of Chicago, and Emory College of Atlanta.

Campus Recreation announces sign up dates

Campus Recreation will be holding sign ups for a golf tournament Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. The tournament will be Oct. 14 at the Veterans Administration golf

course. For more information, call the campus recreation office at 898-2104.

Blue Raider tennis team has busy week ahead

The Middle Tennessee State University tennis team has a busy week ahead of them next week.

The Blue Raiders will travel to Nashville Monday afternoon and play Trevecca College. On Tuesday afternoon, the University of the South will come to Murfreesboro to play the Blue Raiders on the courts next to Murphy Athletic Center.

MTSU will sponsor an open tournament Oct. 16-18. Teams scheduled to compete are Tennessee Tech, Western Kentucky, Trevecca, David Lipscomb, and MTSU.

Coach Dale Short would like a good crowd to come to Murphy Athletic Center, see some good tennis and get loud, unlike professional tennis. "I like to see crowds get rowdy and loud a little bit," Rogers said.

Playoffs at a glance

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	Minnesota at Detroit, 2:07 p.m., if necessary Wednesday, Oct. 14	Tomorrow's Game St. Louis at San Francisco, 7:25 p.m.
AMERICAN LEAGUE	Detroit at Minnesota, 2:07 p.m., if necessary Thursday, Oct. 15	Sunday's Game St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.
Wednesday's Game Minnesota 8, Detroit 5, Minnesota leads series 1-0	Detroit at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m., if necessary	Tuesday's Game San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:25 p.m., if necessary
Yesterday's Game Detroit at Minnesota, night	NATIONAL LEAGUE	Wednesday, Oct. 14 San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:25 p.m., if necessary
Tomorrow's Game Minnesota at Detroit, 12:07 p.m.	Tuesday, Oct. 6	Wednesday, Oct. 7 San Francisco 5, St. Louis 0, series tied 1-1
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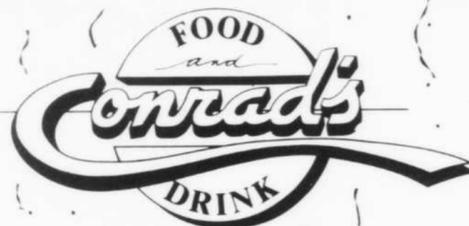
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