

# Floyd: changes to maintain security on campus

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON  
Editor

Changes in the University Police recommended by the recent police study will make campus security as "good as or better than" it is now, Executive Assistant to the President Otis Floyd said Monday.

Except for cuts in personnel and the removal of the student monitoring the faculty parking lot by Jones Field, the changes will go into effect Friday for a one-week trial period, Floyd said.

SECURITY WILL be as good, he said, because personnel cut from other areas will be used on foot patrol.

The motor patrol will be reduced from two cars

with two officers each to one car with one officer and will patrol only the campus and perimeter streets. The second car will be available for backup.

In addition, the university will still be able to use the overtime budget when extra police personnel is needed, Floyd said.

ON-CAMPUS coverage will be enhanced, also, he said, by eliminating all off-campus patrolling and by removing city police radios from campus patrol cars. University Police will still backup city police when called.

"We're doing more (off-campus) than outlined in our duties," Floyd said. Budget overruns cost the student, and that is what the study tries to

remedy.

Students will still call University Police instead of city police for help, he said. The University Police will decide whether city police should be called in.

"THERE WILL BE very few additional calls to city police than there are now," he said.

"We are not inviting them to come through campus anymore than they do now."

A controversial part of the \$18,700 study states that the duties performed by University Police last year included 1,800 hours of off-campus patrolling and "associated work."

"THIS IS supported by documented records, such as one-third of all traffic stops were off cam-

pus, 40 percent of arrests were off campus," the study says.

Off-campus arrests do not include those initiated on campus.

University Police Chief John Bass disagreed with these findings at a press conference with Floyd and study author Joe Garner.

Floyd said Monday, "If Chief Bass can give hard data to substantiate that the figures are in error—which he hasn't—I'll take steps to initiate corrections."

ALTHOUGH the study recommends reducing the police force from 12 officers to seven officers, only one temporary employee will be cut before (continued on page 2)

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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### Anti-nuclear rally to be held by UCAM

By MIKE CROWDER  
Staff Writer

The MTSU Chapter of the United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War will participate in the UCAM National Convocation on Nov. 11, Chapter President Stuart Jones said last week at the group's organizational meeting.

MTSU will be joining all 500 national chapters in the week-long observance of the convocation, entitled "Solutions to the Nuclear Arms Race," Jones said.

Included in the repertoire of activities are a rally, a film festival, a concert featuring a local musician and possibly a '60s day.

DURING the meeting, other objectives for the fall semester were set by Jones and were unanimously accepted by the members of the chapter.

The new chapter's most immediate objective is to draft a

set of questions to send to all candidates running for the U.S. House and Senate from Tennessee to ascertain their positions on nuclear disarmament and the nuclear freeze issue, Jones said.

UCAM plans to endorse candidates who are in favor of a freeze on nuclear weaponry and other "anti-escalation" issues, faculty adviser Marlyne Kelbey said.

In addition, the organization plans to join with eight other chapters of UCAM in drafting a letter to Sen. Howard Baker concerning his vote against the recent Congressional nuclear-freeze proposal and his support of the Clinch River Atomic Breeder Reactor. (continued on page 2)

#### Computer breakdown

Due to the breakdown of the computer, the publication of *Sidelines* was delayed for one day.

We apologize to our readers and our advertisers for any inconvenience the delay may have caused them.

### Raiders to display talents on ABC

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

ABC will telecast the MTSU vs. Akron football game this Saturday from Horace Jones Field, Athletic Director Jimmy Earle said Monday.

The game, originally scheduled for 7:30 p.m., has been moved to an 11:35 a.m. time slot to facilitate the telecast.

"WE ARE hoping for a large crowd to turn out for the game," Earle said.

"This will be good exposure for the team and the university and will also boost our recruiting."

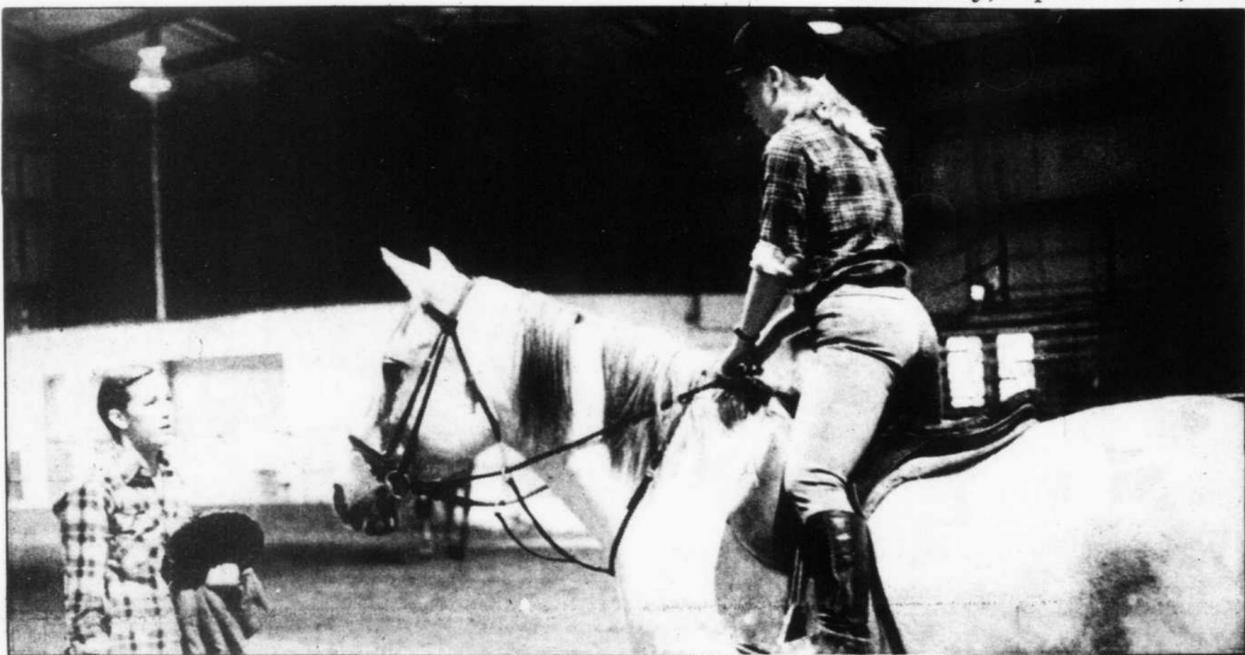
The game will be shown on the ABC affiliate in Nashville,

WNGE, and on regional television in four states.

"THERE WILL be some hardship involved in making the change from the evening to the afternoon time slot, but the revenue gained from the game will be well worth the trouble," Earle said.

The exact figure on the amount of money the school will gain from the telecast is unknown at this time. However, it is known that all schools in the OVC will receive a share of the revenue from the telecast.

Akron and MTSU will receive a double share of the revenue for being the participants. The OVC office will also get a share.



Ridin' high

Mandy Boling is mounted, as sister, Sally, keeps a watchful eye on her at the first MTSU Riding Club practice.

### Banner withdraws Beard endorsement

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Political Writer

The conservative *Nashville Banner* withdrew its endorsement Friday of Republican Robin Beard's attempt to unseat Democratic Sen. Jim Sasser,

citing Beard's use of "outdated conservative demagoguery."

Although Beard could not be reached for comment, an unnamed Beard aide said the withdrawal indicated the *Banner's* lack of a sense of humor about the Republican's campaign tactics.

IN A lengthy editorial, the *Banner* criticized Beard for refusing to support President Reagan's \$98.3 billion tax increase proposal and for using "unprincipled" campaign tactics.

"Rep. Beard has shunned the mood of the people of this state and has instead decided to continue his Senate election drive by campaigning on outdated conservative demagoguery," the *Banner* said.

The tax increase proposal, which Beard voted against, was "necessary as a mid-course correction in the ad-

ministration's effort to fight unemployment, the rising deficit and interest rates," the *Banner* said.

"WISDOM often dictates change as an essential part of adjusting to shifting conditions and of keeping abreast of developments which can occur overnight," the conservative daily said. "Sometimes yesterday's remedies are no longer valid and require extensive re-thinking and readjustment."

Throughout the campaign, Beard has accused Sasser of "flip-flopping" on issues, using a pink, wind-up toy mouse to illustrate his charge.

"We fully understand that ploys and gimmickry have their place in the campaigning process, but they must have substance" the *Banner* said.

"TO THIS day, Rep. Beard still chooses to let the weary mouse jump while sidestepping discussions of the real issues," the editorial continued.

The *Banner* also chastized Beard for failing to disavow an ultra-conservative right-wing organization which, during a paid campaign swing across the state for Beard, accused Sasser of being a "murderer" because of his vote to table an anti-abortion amendment.

In making the charge, the group used a "gory" photograph of an aborted fetus, which the group said was killed by Sasser's vote.

"We had held out hope that Rep. Beard would quickly denounce this tasteless mess of irresponsibility, but he waited five days before only partially refuting the statement," the *Banner* said.

### Diplomat foresees no major changes in US-West German relationship

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
MTSU News Bureau

An election of a Christian-Democratic chancellor in West Germany would result in no substantial changes in the United States-West Germany relationship, a West Germany diplomat said here Wednesday.

Some analysts expect the Bundestag, or parliament, to elect Helmut Kohl, leader of the Christian Democratic Party, Friday when it will take a no-confidence vote against its eight-year chancellor, Helmut Schmidt.

"THE difference may be in

style and rhetoric," said Karl Paschke, a spokesman for the German Federal Foreign Office.

"While Helmut Schmidt is sometimes openly critical of political decisions in the United States, Helmut Kohl may be more soft-spoken in this respect."

Paschke, a 22-year veteran of the German foreign service, made the comments during a two-day visit to MTSU, sponsored by the consulate general of the Federal Republic of Germany.

AS A result of the changes in government, Paschke predicted

West Germany could undergo "interesting and substantial" changes if the Green parties, a coalition of environmentalists, are able to pick up seats in the March 3 national elections.

"So far the Greens have not shown any understanding for any positive attitude towards the functioning parliamentary system," Paschke said. "They just consider themselves representatives of one particular issue."

In regard to the Soviet pipeline controversy, Paschke said his government could not (continued on page 2)



Blue Raider defenders Tim Dickerson (65) and Emanuel Toles (82) converge on Morehead's Mike Hanlan last week. MTSU's game with Akron will be telecast Saturday across the Southeast.

# Security

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the trial period, Floyd said. "It looks like we will be cutting some personnel (after the trial period)," he said. "But as long as we stay within our budget, no students will be cut." **STUDENT** patrolmen's duties, roles and schedules may be adjusted to assure sufficient

coverage during peak periods and to conform with the budget, he added. Any displaced student workers will be transferred to other campus jobs. Floyd and Bass will meet with the president at the end of the trial period to make the final decision on the implementation of the study recommendations.

# UCAM

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"CLINCH RIVER is nothing more than a huge processing plant to build atomic weaponry," Jones said. The breeder reactor is being used to meet the "current need

for weapons-grade plutonium," Jones added. In the letter, Baker will be told "exactly and most explicitly" if he doesn't alter his stand on Clinch River, UCAM will actively work against him in 1984.

ANOTHER OF the chapter's objectives is to raise money by selling "atomic fireball" candy and giving buyers of the candy a chance to win five pairs of fifth-row tickets to the Alabama concert scheduled for Oct. 23.

A booth will be set up in the UC in front of the bookstore beginning early next week to sell the candy. The price of the candy and a chance for the tickets has not been determined, said Connie Haele, the chapter's ASB representative.

To gain more recognition, another objective of UCAM is to enter a candidate in the contest for MTSU Homecoming Queen.

IF THE organization can find somebody who is attractive, who is willing to spend the time and effort required to win the contest and who shares the political convictions of the members of UCAM, that person

## Diplomat

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understand the Reagan administration's request that the West Europeans cancel the contract while the United States continues to sell grain to the Soviet Union.

"THAT IS a double standard that we cannot accept," Paschke said. "And as a matter of fact, the Western Europeans are not accepting."

Paschke denied the charges that West Germany has not been tough in reacting to Soviet aggression in Poling and Afghanistan.

"We have made both our position on Afghanistan and also on the situation in Poland

will be entered into the competition, Kilbey said.

The organization also plans to raise money by showing the film "Dr. Strangelove" and by having a party at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

## McEuen to appear

John McEuen, of Nitty Gritty Dirt Band fame, will appear in a noon show sponsored by the Special Events Committee Thursday, Sept. 30 at the U.C. Theatre.

McEuen performs in an original way with acoustic instruments and wants people to hear what he plays. He plays baroque, classical, pop, bluegrass and traditional music with the fiddle, mandolin, guitar and banjo.

Also appearing next week is nationally known lecturer Jayne Lybrand, a communication specialist who will lecture on the use of body language Wednesday, Sept. 29 in room 221 of the LRC at 8 p.m.

Lybrand has lectured to various groups including students, educators and even to White House Administrators.

abundantly clear," Paschke said.

"THE Americans also have not reacted in a tangible way. The reaction has been mostly rhetoric."

The deal to buy natural gas from the Soviet Union will not result in an over-dependence by Western Europe upon the Soviets, Paschke said. The amount purchased from the Soviet Union will only be five percent of West Germany's consumption.

Paschke said the deal would be good even if Western Europe were more dependent on the Soviet Union.

"A dependence works both ways," Paschke said. "We believe that to bring the Soviet Union into interdependence with Western Europe—technologically and economically—will make their attitude more moderate, more peaceful. They will think twice before they hurt themselves by cutting off gas supplies to us."

Paschke said the pipeline controversy has not resulted in any major crisis within the NATO alliance.

"It is only one difference of opinion as we have had differences of opinion all over the years," he said.

THIS AND other controversies with Europe have shaken the image of President Reagan abroad, Paschke said.

"People like him as a person. They like him as a leader. But they have certain doubts as to the wisdom of the foreign policy that is being followed by the United States in regard to East-West relations," the diplomat said.

The West Germany government also disagrees in the rhetoric concerning armaments, Paschke said.

WHILE WEST Germany is pleased with Reagan's stated intentions in arms reductions talks, "we find somehow puzzling talk coming out of Washington about huge arms programs and the new development of generations of missiles," Paschke said.

With present technology, even a conventional war "would make World War II look like a toy war," he added.

Since maintaining large arsenals is very expensive, the money could instead be used to aid the Third World," Paschke said.

"To me it is a chilling thought to know that more than half the world is living way below the poverty margin," Paschke said. "That is really the potential for world-wide crisis in the not-too-distant future."

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## On-campus woes revealed

By TERESA BOWERS

Staff Writer

Well, you finally made it to the Junior status in college.

**THE FIRST** item on the agenda is to get out of the dorm and into the exciting apartment life. Both ways of living have their advantages and disadvantages.

All summer was spent apartment hunting after convincing the parents that dorm rent is going up again and it would be less expensive to live, eat and most importantly study in an apartment.

**THE FIRST** week is exciting until being late for your 10 a.m. class becomes a habit because the only way to get a parking space is to follow a likely candidate around the Bell Street parking lot.

Studying becomes harder in an apartment because you do not have that straight-A chemistry major living next door willing to do your homework for a small fee.

Remember when you could just walk to the basement when there was laundry to be done or if you had a hunger attack in the middle of the night. The most you can find in the apartment to munch on is cold pizza or stale potato chips. Nutrition loses its value when you are on your own with little money.

One advantage that is hard to get used to after moving out of the dorm is not receiving a front door greeting from the tired and suspicious looking man in uniform after a hard night of

partying. Sometimes you wish there would be a dorm guard waiting to escort you through the apartment when you get home late and your roommate has gone away for the weekend.

## Campus Capsule

A COMPUTER SCIENCE seminar will be conducted today in UC 305 until 5 p.m.

PI SIGMA EPSILON will induct new members from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

UNITED WAY is having a luncheon at noon today in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

THE KUNG FU CLUB presents a Chinese martial arts and breaking power display at 1 p.m. today in the UC courtyard.

THE SPECIAL EVENTS Committee meets from 4 to 7 p.m. today in UC 322.

THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS Society will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. today in KOM 200.

JAYNE LYBRAND will lecture at 8 p.m. today on body language in the Multi-media Room of the LRC.

"JAPANESE FOLK TALES" is the topic of a lecture to be given by Margaret Ordoubadian of the English department at 2 p.m. today in the faculty lounge of the JUB.

JOHN MCEUEN will present the noon show in the UC theatre Thursday.

PHI MU DELTA will hold its first organization meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 200 of the DSB.

A PEP RALLY will be conducted in the UC courtyard at 12:05 p.m. Thursday.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE deadline is the end of the workday Thursday. Applications may be picked up in Dean Cantrell's office, UC 126.

ASB will hold a joint meeting of the House and Senate from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday in UC 324.

THE LEBANON RUN of 5,000 meters is slated for 2 p.m., Oct. 3 at Cumberland College. A shorter "fun run" also is scheduled and participants will receive t-shirts.

A BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT sponsored by Campus Recreation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday in AM 203.

THE HPERS DEPARTMENT is experimenting with eight-week activity courses to begin Oct. 18. Students wishing to attain full-time status can register in the HPERS office through Oct.

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# Editorial

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## Banner editorial support withdrawn with cause; some reasoning unclear

The Nashville *Banner's* withdrawal of their endorsement of Senate hopeful Robin Beard has snapped shut a mousetrap of Mr. Beard's own design. Yet while we support the main action taken by the *Banner's* editorial board, we disagree with portions of their supporting argument.

The tactics of the Beard campaign have been nothing short of deplorable. The television ads on such emotional issues as forced busing, foreign aid to communist countries and charges that Sen. Jim Sasser has "flip flopped" on major issues were reminiscent of the visual vulgarity in ads sponsored by NCPAC two years ago.

We concur with the opinion in the *Banner* and the *Commercial Appeal* that the Beard campaign is responsible for the anti-abortion message spread across Tennessee by E. E. McAteer of the Christian Right's Roundtable.

The Beard campaign's denial of responsibility is no different from the attorney who submits evidence from a lie detector test to a jury, knowing the judge will call him out of order. The information, while capable of being erased from the official record, cannot be erased from the mind of the listener.

These sordid gimmicks, designed to strike the emotional nerves of Tennesseans, have failed to address important matters of substance. In failing to provide a real foundation upon which the voters in Tennessee can judge him and his position on issues, he has allowed them to wander amidst the rubbish of half-truth and innuendo.

In many cases, it would also appear

that Beard has not been in touch with the needs and desires of Tennesseans. He has presented his ideas on the issues and his answers to problems, all the while failing to heed the pleas for jobs and economic recovery.

For all these reasons, as well as others, we can support the *Banner's* actions, however there are reasons we feel the *Banner* should be criticized.

Almost one-half of the editorial addresses the question of Beard's opposition to the recent tax increase requested by President Reagan. This has only a vague relationship to the senatorial race in this state.

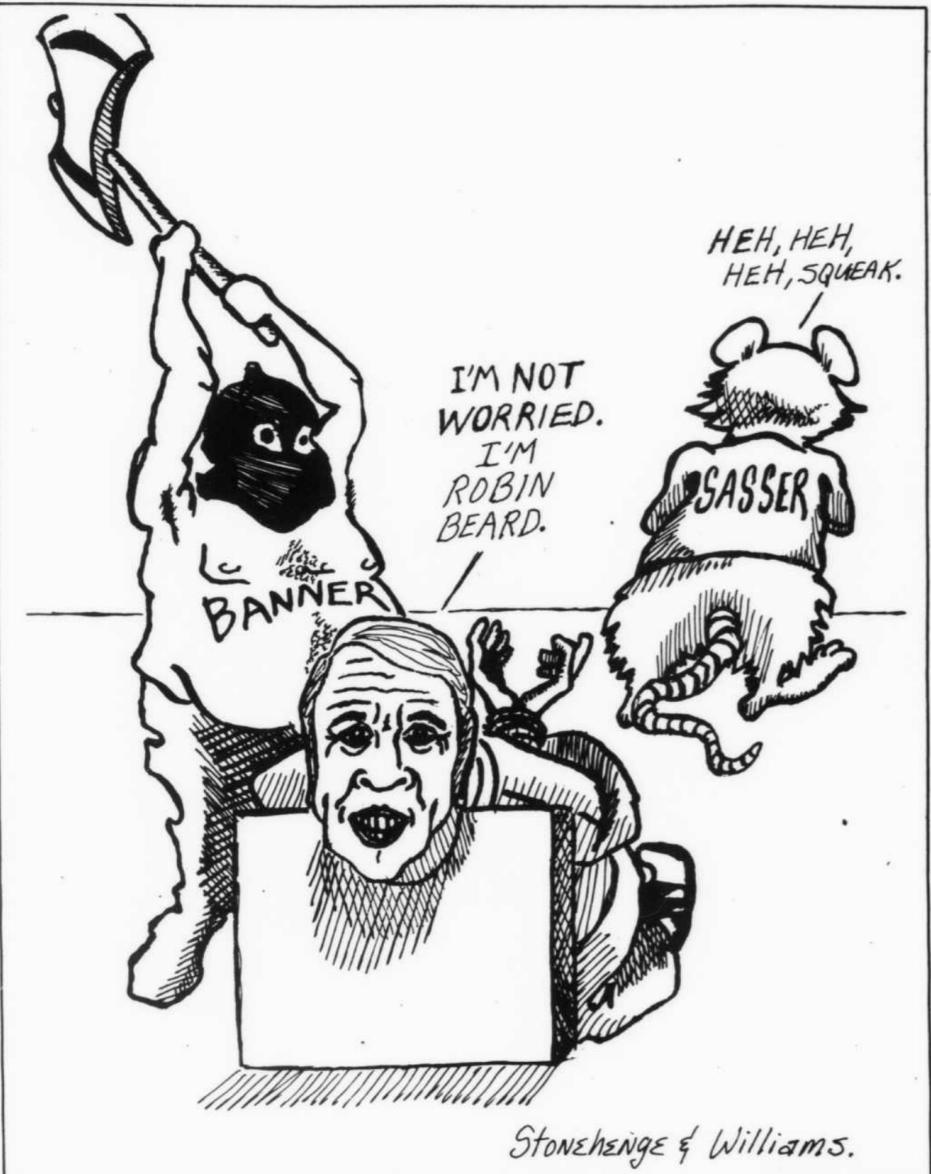
We feel the *Banner* is attempting to punish Beard for his failure to support the Reagan administration's policy. A policy which the *Banner* apparently supports.

We also criticize the *Banner's* policy of speaking out too early on whom it feels deserves endorsement. This policy has led to an endorsement that did not consider all factors.

Questions have also arisen concerning the *Banner's* leaving of the proverbial "sinking ship." It would seem the editorial board has seen fit to withdraw their endorsement in the face of conservative complaints concerning Beard's position on national issues.

While we don't intend to condone the tasteless tactics of the Beard campaign, neither can we condone the *Banner's* withdrawal of their endorsement for all the reasons they have stated.

While Beard may have set the mousetrap, the *Banner* has sprung it.



## 'Commitment' more than word; meaning implies responsibility

by Dr. Ralph Hillman

Times are-a-changin', but then you knew that. Things are not as they were years ago; you knew that too. But a lot of things are as they were because people really haven't changed. Yes, social moods change, fads come and go, but the human nature we all carry remains constant. I WOULD like to deal with the concept of "keeping your word." More current terminology would call it "commitment." When we say we are going to do something, be responsible for an activity or sometimes just be present, how many of us feel obligated to carry through?

recognized that you have "the problem." However, most of you also discount your contribution or responsibility for it. Now college types, here's the rub: Once you are aware of the problem, the problem becomes yours and no one is to blame for the resulting problems but you. Behavioral changes must be made in order to conform to the expectations created by your verbalizations and membership commitments. THERE is a beautiful twist for those of us who are supposed to put up with people whose word doesn't mean anything. We don't have to put up with it. The next time Colley Co-ed signs up to give a speech and

could not seem to be there at the required time or do the required tasks? How many groups function with a membership list and then a separate list for those who will actually serve the group as leaders and workers? WE ARE a nation of joiners, generally because "it will look good on our resume." Too often the motivation is what can the group do for me. Even after joining, people who are not committed to the group by word and deed are still asking what the group membership "is going to do for me." Those of us who are members of groups and committed to those groups owe ourselves a break. The uncommitted will never help the group and only make the leading and working harder for those who are committed. AS LONG AS the uncommitted continue to "get by" with their behavior there will be no change in them. They will continue to keep every group they participate with from reaching their possible potential. As committed members of groups we must work to purge the organization of its deadwood and then be more selective in the membership recruitment process. Only by being firm in our standards can we help our organization. Only by rejecting others can we possibly begin help and change those who are not committed.

## Guest view

by Terry Morrow

Authority and popularity change people. In Chattanooga, I had the honor of interviewing Mark Hamill. To his fans, he is cute and irrepressible. He is the All-American boy with a cute child-like face. I was excited at the prospect of interviewing him. I ARRANGED an interview with him a week in advance. He agreed to show up, but on the day the interview was scheduled, no-show. So I arranged a second interview with him. He again failed to show. Then I arranged another. Again he did not show. Finally, I called and discovered he was on his way out of town for good. He informed me if I wanted an interview, I would have to be at his motel room before he left town—in fifteen minutes! AFTER arriving to get the interview, not only was Mark rude, he insisted I had no right to interview him. I was just a pesty fan!

Who made him the star he is today? We fans did! WHO SPENT their hard earned money in order to watch his movie—which earned him millions of dollars? We fans did! Recently, Olivia Newton-John did not respond to my requests for interviews, fan praise or even a good glance. Security was tight. AS A photographer and I entered Murphy Center, we were greeted at the door by a security agent who informed us that cameras were not allowed. We were told that a clause in Olivia's contract specifically stated that no pictures should be taken. However when the concert began, a buzz of cameras were going off. We were given no special privileges to cover this concert. WEEKS PRIOR to Olivia's arrival, we had arranged "press passes" (which we were told were not press passes, but

merely a free ticket that allowed us in to see the performance.) With these "free tickets," we had no rights as journalists. We were part of the audience let into the show free of charge—that was it. Obviously, the press—especially the student press—is not taken seriously by celebrities. AS ANOTHER concert is coming up at MTSU, journalists are told that pictures may not be taken of Kenny Rogers because of copyright laws protecting him. I can understand that security is for his own good. After all, one John Lennon incident is enough. But when does security become an excuse to hide from fans? Public exposure comes with the territory for a superstar. Allowances must be made. TOO MANY celebrities have forgotten where they come from and who they are. Most can ride on the crest of their names. They can fool their fans for a while, but eventually the truth will be revealed.

## faculty perspective

Our culture really helps us by providing polite situations where the words are said even though both parties "know" the action is not to be forthcoming. The best example that comes to mind is "ya'll come see us, ya hear?" AN uninvited Yankee might misunderstand and actually feel invited to visit, but generally it's a polite way to say goodbye. In essence, our young people are trained by example to offer verbal commitments which will never be realized. Our family training also helps young people learn not to keep their word. How many parents do you know who do not hold their kids responsible for what they say? They excuse them by saying "Little Johnny didn't mean it." RATHER than disciplining them for inappropriate verbalizing or seeing to it that the kids carry through, these young people are taught they really have very little impact on their environment or the people in it. Many of you long ago



then doesn't show up for class, I'm not going to accept her excuse. Instead, I'm going to lower her grade and with tongue-in-cheek, thank her for still speaking to me. The next time Peter Preppie signs up for a committee assignment and then doesn't show up, I'll actively work to purge him from the organization. THERE ARE legitimate reasons for not keeping your word and I will continue to show the compassion I believe is necessary, however to be "present with your roommate's senile grandfather for hemorrhoid surgery" is a bit much. Other areas that need membership are memberships in groups which often carry differing degrees of commitment. How many pledges never become active because they

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# Commentary

## 'Musing

by Campy Rodgers

The attitude of followers of current music celebrities is beyond my belief.

Just the other day, I happened to run into a forlorn concert reviewer. He had apparently written a review which some people disagreed with—vehemently! They let him know it, too.

I FOUND this poor chap, F. Thomas Morris, huddled beneath his desk. The desk and the wall behind it were plastered with a slightly moldy cover of tomatoes, bananas and grapes.

"What happened?" I asked. "They didn't like my review of the Julia Figg-Newton concert," he replied, picking a tomato seed from between his teeth.

"That's too bad. What'd you write?"

"I WROTE about the loud, slurring noises she made into the microphone and the fact that I didn't know whether to pogo or waltz, and I said she was selling sex and not music."

"You have difficulty expressing yourself clearly, don't you?" I said, attempting to lighten the atmosphere.

It didn't work.

"I wrote what I thought," he said, as he began to tremble with anger. "But I never thought those...those...those fanatics would think it was the final judgment."

"MAYBE YOUR throne wasn't white enough."

He gave me the evil eye (I guess it could have been a grape seed), so I promised to check into it and left.

Just outside the building, I ran into a fine student named Studly Manor. Actually, he ran into me; I couldn't have missed him if I'd tried.

"HEY, CAMPY!" He slap-

ped me on the back with a thud and laughed while I coughed.

"Did you hear how close I got to Julia Figg-Newton last Sunday night?" he asked.

"No, but I bet I find out."

"Yeah," he said, with bits of Copenhagen spitting from his mouth. "I had real good seats, especially when she bent over to exercise during the song 'Let's Get Frisky.'"

"I SAW ev-e-ry-thing," he said, grinning like a newly converted voyeur.

"Mildly disgusting, but it suits your taste," I replied. "What'd you think of the review in the paper?"

"Musta been some faggot who wrote it," he muttered. "It was clear to me that she was awesome."

"What about her musical portion of the concert?"

"WHO CARES? With a body like hers I didn't go to listen."

For 15 bucks, I figured he could have gotten more for his money on Lower Broad, but then he probably wouldn't know what to do with it anyway.

Throughout the day, I became increasingly taken aback by what I found out in other conversations.

Many of Julia's ardent male supporters knew little about her before the "Frisky" album; it was this release that propelled her new image—of a vixen in heat—to the forefront of American music.

ON THE OTHER hand, the female sector of the JF N Fan Club was also irate about the review, but for different reasons than the boys. They claimed it over-emphasized her sexual exploits on stage and did not comment enough on her music.

One young lady, Kitty Goode, complained loudly about the criticism in the review.

"He just wasn't fair to her old image at all," she wailed. "I don't see where he thinks he knows so much about the entertainment industry."

"I DON'T understand," I said. "After all, her conceit was not promoted on the basis of her old image."

"Her old stuff is good stuff! He hardly talked about that part of the concert at all," she complained.

"I agree, but what about the ban on minors at the concert due to explicit scenes and suggestive actions?"

"Well, I can't help it if she showed a little skin. For \$15, I guess my boyfriend should have gotten to see something, but those idiots who complained that the ban was her fault are just plain wrong."

"WHAT DO you mean?"

"Anyone who knows anything about the industry knows that she probably had nothing to do with the ban," she said, appearing to be knowledgeable.

"Ah, so you're a RIM major?"

"No, elementary ed."

Shaking my head, I went back to te office and slumped into a chair.

"HANG IT UP, F. Thomas! There's no need for reviews or reviewers. Everyone has become an expert by his own admission."

"Why do you say that?" he asked.

"It would seem everyone's mind is made up. Like concrete...permanently set and all mixed up. Whether she's selling sex or a job, they've put you out of a job."

"Well," he said, looking about the still messy room. "I wonder if I could write a song for Julia and call it 'Let's Get Fruity!'"

"At least we know the audience relates well to the topic."



## Some Like It! Some Don't!

by Stonehenge and Williams

What is running through campus like a pig in heat, copulating with a variety of our religious beliefs and the foundation upon which our government is built? Prejudice!

What, another article trying to resolve the age-old problem of prejudice? Hell no! Prejudice has been in this country, since the beginning of time. (Yes, even before Wallace.)

SO, WHY not make the best of it?

I believe it to be true that all blacks are more gifted than whites, however, they are dumber and don't get acne. Also, all Indians are drunkards, Chicanos' cars are mostly bondo, all Orientals are named Wong and own laundromats, all Hebs have huge noses, dominant mothers and own delis. All Irish are red-nosed potato-eaters.

But, there are a few prejudices that are less prevalent in these United States. (Stand when those words are spoken,

son.)

THROUGHOUT my many years of travel from Elbertsville, Ind., to Tibet, I have compiled a list of bias, new and exciting prejudices to take place of the old worn-out ones.

They are as follows:

•ALL SAMOANS are fat! Not just chubby or plump but downright round. This is because all they eat is deep-fried, pickled monkey livers.

•UKRANIANS are all whores, but nobody will buy them. Who wants a slimy, beet-eater in their bed? I know I don't, and any God-fearing American wouldn't either.

•MONGOLIANS don't have genitals, people from Barbados don't exist, Welsh people only fart when they're happy and only happy when they fart. Goteborg residences smell like rotten head-cheese and, finally, the Cambodians are only in it for the publicity.

In conclusion, I would like to

say, why use the old when you can use the new? Who would drive a '62 Suncrust station-wagon when they can have an '82 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow with reclining bucket seats and a Jensen sound system?

Don't put yourself through the embarrassment of being caught using such decrepit phrases as Wop, Cracker, Wet-dodger, Chink, Catholic, Peck-dodger, Oreo, Frog, Spear-chucker, Sigma Nu, Dago, Heb, Kraut, Spic, Mick, Nip, Hun, Limey, Gook, Pinko and the good old American stand-by, Nigger.

PLEASE, if you have to display your prejudices, use your creative capacity when calling someone a derogatory name.

But better yet, if you're disgusted by the descriptions used in these off-color phrases, think of how you'd feel if they were used about you.

You might not use them at all.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Special events needs changes

To the Editor:

When I was thinking about writing this letter, two questions were racing through my mind.

The first one I heard in the grill several days ago: "Did you get the backstage passes to the Kenny Rogers concert?"

THE SECOND is my own: How much country music can I stand?

Three major concerts are scheduled this fall by our Special Events Committee. Two are country acts. Both are repeats.

I realize that it's nice to make points with the Music Row people in Nashville. I haven't lined up a job after graduation either.

THE QUESTION is how many people on this campus would make Kenny Rogers or Alabama their first choice on a list of possible concerts?

On tour this fall to name but a few are "The Gap Band," "The Who," "Crosby, Stills and Nash," "Linda Ronstadt" and "Billy Joel" (who may be here).

This of course, limits consideration to major acts. There are literally hundreds of acts suited to smaller venues.

YOUR friends may not be impressed if you get backstage passes to Christopher Parkening or Gene Cotten. This may be a problem. The longer the special events machinery is in place, the less responsive it seems to be to the desires of the people who, through their registration dollars, pay the bills.

Has anyone ever asked you how you would like Special

Events to spend your money? Do you personally know any of these people who exercise your proxy? Do you know who staffs and runs Special Events?

I don't really hate country music but enough is enough. I would like to see broad based student input as well as a shift to student interests from an appeal to the Nashville market.

DON'T WORRY. Nashville is well cared for by Nashville promoters.

By the way, the answer is 'Yes' the backstage passes are all lined up. Did any of the rest of us get an invite?

I didn't.

Sincerely,  
Tom J. Hollis  
Box 7457

### Student claims 'sensationalism'

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the disgusting sensationalism I have found in the *Sidelines*. Never have I found such an excellent example of abuse of freedom of the press.

Early last spring I considered joining the *Sidelines*. For personal reasons I declined.

HOWEVER, the manner in which the RA parking situation is being handled reminds me of the answer I received to the question of where to find enough news to publish a campus newspaper twice weekly.

I was answered "If we can't find news, we make it."

I laughed considering this to be a joke. Obviously this is not.

THE *Sidelines* is supposedly a true representative of the news

of the MTSU campus. It has failed at this task. Its latest being the "cartoon" published Tuesday, Sept. 13. This quip of horror has led me to believe the *Sidelines* to be in a class with such papers of "The National Enquirer," "The Star," and "The Globe."

As a sophomore at MTSU, I have heard no true grips from the student body concerning the RA parking places. The only complaints come from the *Sidelines* and two members of the ASB, namely David Kessler and Mark Ross. The ASB seems enraged that they were not consulted before the matter was decided. *Sidelines* is simply trying to start the year with a "bang."

Parking is a problem on campus, but have these parking places really hindered the student body in any way? I believe not.

OUR RAs work long and hard to keep our dormitories safe, quiet and liveable. They deserve much more than reserved parking places. They deserve our respect and support.

I feel the student body should and generally does stand behind their RAs: in the dorms, in the



parking lots and at times against the *Sidelines*.

Sincerely,

Edythe R. Carroll  
Box 6109

### Football strike elicits response

To the Editor:

I agree with you in two of the three editorials in your [last] Tuesday's paper. But in the one about the football strike, I think you have gone off the deep end.

How many jobs can you go into right out of college that pay around \$43-45,000 for six months work? Just for one season? If you do a good job, you will get a raise. So your raise goes to \$75-85,000 plus bonus. And then there's the Super Bowl!

Did you know that Archie Manning makes \$600,000 for six months work? That's after only 11 years. How many people would make that kind of money in business? How many people are unemployed and would go to



work for \$12-15,000 per year? A job right out of college might offer \$15-19,000.

These players are nothing but greedy jerks and the owners should give them five days to report back to work or be fired. There are others (Rookies) who would gladly take their places.

To get an NFL team now, an owner has to put up \$20 Million. Do you think a player out of college wants to help with that? Do you think these players want to help out with a loss if there is a bad year?

Sincerely,

Norval Baker  
Box 1549

### Gemayel's laud not deserved

To the Editor:

I would like to take exception to the cartoon on your editorial page of Sept. 17. To link the names of progressives such as John Lennon and Martin Luther King with Mr. Gemayel seems to me to be an historic travesty.

PERHAPS Gemayel could



have brought peace and stability to Lebanon; that is debateable. However, rather than a humanitarian and peacemaker, he was the junior warlord of a one-family faction of Lebanese politics.

The "Christian" militias are under the control of a party called the Phalangists—a name like that of the Spanish Fascists of Franco, the Falange.

It seems to me that his name should be inscribed with those of other rightist warlords who also died by the sword, such as Adolph Hitler and the "late-great" Anastasio Somoza, whose family ruled Nicaragua after the U.S. Marines left in 1932.

THE RIGHTIST armies are no more willing to lay down their arms than the leftist Lebanese and Palestinians.

There are obviously no easy or logical solutions to the struggle in Lebanon. Those who want a genuine peace should not enshrine any of the military leaders in this conflict as peacemakers.

Sincerely,

Milo Guthrie  
Box 141



# Fallon's hubby meets Music City Survival key for 'Dynasty' star

By TERRY MORROW

Feature Editor

Life is rough for Jeff Colby. Last year his wife had an affair, his son was kidnapped, and when he finally embarked on his own extramarital fling, his mistress betrayed him by trying to steal corporate secrets. Some people just can't win.

But Colby's alter-ego, John James, star of the television drama "Dynasty," is a definite winner. Virtually overnight, he has become Hollywood's newest sex symbol, rivaling Tom Selleck and Burt Reynolds.

NOW IT IS not uncommon for women to stop James on the street with a bit of advice for the wayward Colby.

The instant recognition was unnerving at first, James said, but he's learned to accept it—and like it.

"You've got to remember, it's not me they are looking at," said the 26-year-old actor. "The character of Jeff is just one dimension of my own personality."

"Jeff is bruised and bitter. He needs to take on rougher skin

just to survive."

THE TRIALS and tribulations of the characters on "Dynasty" echo the show's own struggle to survive in the series-act-series world of television.

Since the beginning, the show faced obstacles that have caused other series to fail. James said casting problems, network scheduling, disapproving critics and the normal disagreements between cast members created an uphill struggle for the show.

The show originally was titled "Oil" instead of "Dynasty," he explained. However, ABC executives felt the first name was too similar to "Dallas," and it was changed just before the pilot was finished.

As if a switch in titles wasn't confusing enough, the actor cast in the lead role of oil tycoon Blake Carrington quit three days prior to finishing the pilot episode.

"Not many people know that George Peppard was the original Blake," James said, adding that Peppard was replaced by John Forsythe.

NETWORK scheduling was the show's next hurdle. The network decided to air the show Monday nights opposite the

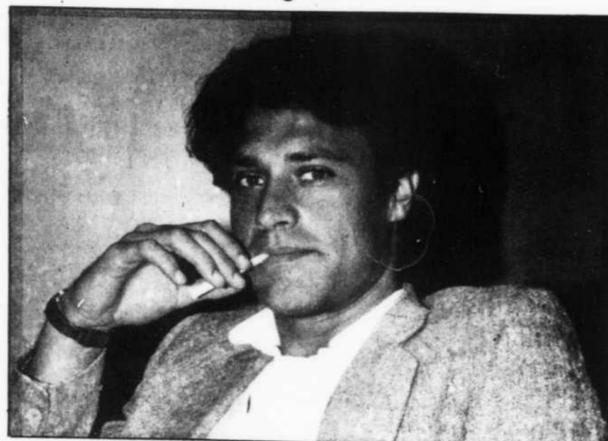


Photo by Katherine Castry  
Will Jeff Colby get his son back from a mysterious kidnapper? John James, who plays Jeff, says he will.

highly rated "M\*A\*S\*H." To some, it appeared "Dynasty" didn't have a chance. After the early episodes, some critics prematurely blasted the show, saying it was just another "Dallas."

"I knew it would be difficult at first," James said. "We were considered a soap opera."

"But, 'Dynasty' isn't a soap opera. The original soap operas were called that because they were sponsored by soap companies and most of their plots

lingered on much longer than the ones on our show."

AMONG THE reasons "Dynasty" has survived, James emphasized, is the high production standards for the series.

To perpetuate the prosperous aura of the Carrington clan, the producers use fine clothing, real silver and china and expensive jewelry, he said. The fact that the series was nominated for an Emmy may be a result of this attention to detail and indicates critics have accepted the show.

At the end of last season, the show faced another crisis: a major cast overhaul, with some key characters being written out. Many reasons have been given for the cast change, but James said he never gets involved with "the politics of the show." The character Jeff Colby is safe for another season.

"I WAS never in fear of my job," he pointed out. "I just go to work and say my lines."

Unlike many actors who support themselves with part-time jobs until their big break comes along, James got his break early—landing the part of Tom Bergman on "Search for Tomorrow."

He got the part while attending New York's American Academy of Dramatic Arts and decided to leave the school.

HOWEVER, he considers his choice of career over college as the wisest decision he ever made.

Otherwise, he said, "I'd still be waiting for my phone to ring."

James advises young actors to dedicate themselves to their acting. Dividing their time between classes and their acting pursuits is difficult, he said, alluding to his own experience.

LIKE HIS character, James is a survivor in an ever-changing profession.

"This business tends to make you insecure," James added.

His image as a sex symbol was enhanced when he was featured in a recent *Us* magazine reader's poll as the Favorite Male Newcomer. The story carried a provocative picture that oozed sensuality and animal magnetism that may become his trademark.

OUTSIDE projects are a rarity since being Jeff Colby takes up so much of his time, James said, and his recent trip to Nashville to attend the WNGE fall celebration was his "vacation."

This summer during a break in filming, he did manage to do a guest spot on the "Love Boat," where he boarded the cruise ship in Istanbul. His shipmates on the Mediterranean venture were Marie Osmond, Shelley Winters and Ernest Borgnine.

The episode was such a success, James said, that ABC has decided to use it as the "Love Boat's" fall season opener.

IN HIS OWN series, James assured "Dynasty" devotees that Jeff will get his kidnapped son back and a new love interest will come into his life.

After all, conflict, sexual escapades and adventure are a way of life for Jeff. To James, it's a living.

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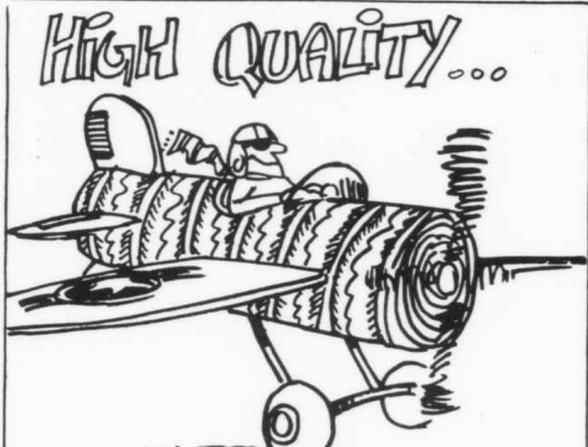


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# Raiders smash Morehead St.; undefeated after four games

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

MTSU secured its fourth victory in a row and its first conference victory Saturday night by sliding past Morehead State with a score of 30-0.

A healthy throng of Raider loyalists braved cool temperatures and overcast skies to watch the victorious bonanza.

**THE RAIDERS** donned their white uniforms in the OVC opener and stormed onto the sidelines, while the band formed a massive MT on the grid. The stage was set for explosive football—Blue Raider style.

The Eagles came into the contest with a 2-0 record. They were ranked 10th in the nation in total defense and first in rushing defense in the latest NCAA Division I-AA poll. The Blue Raiders sport the top-ranked defense in the nation in that poll.

MTSU ground out 183 yards with a steady running attack led by elusive tailback Vince Hall. Hall racked up 80 yards on 16 carries to lead all rushers and

added two touchdowns.

**THE 183 yards** was a severe thrashing of the 23 yards per game average on the ground that the Eagle defense boasted.

Quarterback Brad Zeitner expertly paced the squad, even though he was only 4 for 10 passing for 68 yards and one interception. Half of that total came on a Zeitner-to-jolly aerial.

The supremacy of the Raider defense was evidenced by a lowly 31 yards on the ground for Morehead. The Eagles only managed 68 yards total offense for the evening.

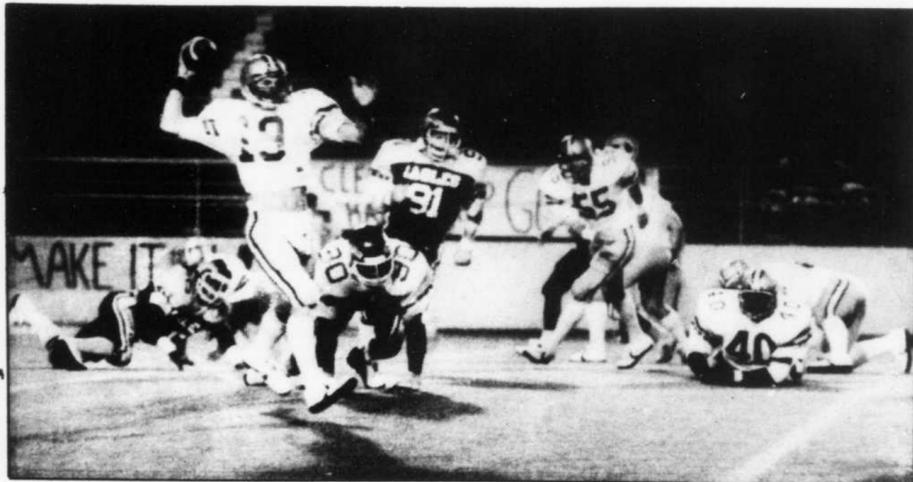
**THE FIRST** quarter of play the fans saw an enthusiastic Raider army take a 7-0 lead when fullback Danny Colwell blasted into the end zone from 13 yards out, leaving several moaning Eagle defenders in his path. That score was set up by a Greg Casteel fumble recovery. Colwell's punishing running style and devastating strength have made him one of the most feared men to tackle in the Raider stable.

MTSU got the ball back on the next series, when big defensive end William Thomas made a crowd pleasing interception. The Raiders failed to capitalize because Zeitner threw an interception in the closing minutes of the quarter. The first quarter ended with the Blue Raiders on top 7-0.

Early in the second quarter, Brad Zeitner brilliantly directed a drive that began on the MT 27 yard line and culminated in a touchdown.

**THE DRIVE** was sparked by the backfield tandem of Hall and Colwell. Hall took the ball around the left side for a ten-yard pickup, and Colwell followed with a 34-yard ramble. After a face mask against MSU, the ball was spotted on the Eagle 5. Four plays later, Hall scampered into the end zone as the Raider following exploded. It was 14-0 with 9:28 remaining in the half.

The rest of the half remained scoreless, although Kelly Potter did give the fans a pacemaker special when his 53-yard field



Quarterback Brad Zeitner throws on the run against Morehead State last Saturday night.

goal sailed wide of the mark. The kick was long enough, and appeared to be good from the fans' viewpoint, but the official made the gathering moan when he signaled the nullification.

The quarter also saw standout defensive end Dennis Mix unload on Eagle offensive players more than once. Mix revived the big-play excitement that the fans continually scream for.

**THE THIRD** quarter saw the ball exchange hands several times, and neither team could generate much in the way of offensive firepower. The defensive play from both teams was exceptional in this quarter.

Middle Tennessee began another scoring drive on their own 30-yard line. This Raider march spotlighted a 17-yard sprint for Vince Hall and an acrobatic reception from split end Marshan Jolly, who took it for 34 yards and a key first down for the men in blue. Hall made the score 20-0 when he fell into the end zone from one yard out. The PAT conversion made the tally 21-0 with 2:00 left in the third period.

After taking the kick, the Morehead offense was stagnant, and the wave of death known as the MTSU defense caused Morehead QB Mike Hanlin to fumble. It was rapidly pounced upon by hungry Dennis Mix.

**THE BLUE** Raiders were anxious for another score to

increase the margin. Coach Donnelly sent the Raider offense back onto the field with steam pouring from their angry nostrils. Four plays later the team had turned into fire as freshman tailback Kevin Baker scored his first touchdown in a Raider uniform. The kick after gave the MTSU team a resounding 28-0 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Jimmy Merryman's kickoff was bungled by Eagle return man Rick Calcutt, and the ball bounced out of bounds at the Morehead 7-yard line. Mike Hanlin attempted to pass his way out of trouble on first down and nearly had his pass snatched away by Raider safety James Griffin.

**HE ONCE** again tried to get out of deep territory on second down, but his plans were dashed by MTSU's death monger. Defensive tackle Tim Dickerson engulfed quarterback Hanlin in the end zone, and his attempt to throw the ball resulted in an intentional grounding penalty and a Raider safety.

The remainder of the game consisted merely of formalities as the Blue Raiders were preparing to put the mule in the barn in the form of a 30-0 slashing.

The Raider squad proved themselves worthy of some respect after the victory, for the Eagle team was the first "real" opponent the unit had played to

date. **DEFENCE** was again bright as usual in the win. The platoon amassed an amazing 17 tackles for a total loss of 108 yards.

The swarming and awe-inspiring force was led by defensive hammer Dennis Mix, who had five tackles and four assists.

Charlie Gregory added four tackles and five assists. James Griffin devastated ball carriers from his safety spot with six tackles and two assists.

**MOREHEAD** was anchored defensively by Mr. Frame, Ken Alexander, who led the squad with nine tackles and four assists. Linebacker Dan Gooch contributed four tackles and eight assists.

The victory marked the first shutout for the Raiders since 1976, when Ben Hurt's boys defeated these same Eagles by a score of 21-0.

The victory pushes the team to 4-0 on the year and 1-0 in the conference. The Blue Raiders face their biggest test of the year when they welcome the Akron Zips in the last of four-straight home games.

The Akron game will be the last home game until homecoming, which means there are only two home contests remaining.

Coach Earle, Hale won the TSSAA championship during his high school career.

**ALTHOUGH** Lee, Hale and Taylor make up the nucleus of the team, Coach Earle is in touch with several junior colleges in hopes of recruiting two or more other players for the spring season.

Although the bulk of golf tournaments take place in the spring, several tournaments will be held this fall.

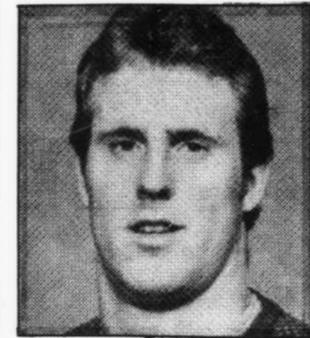
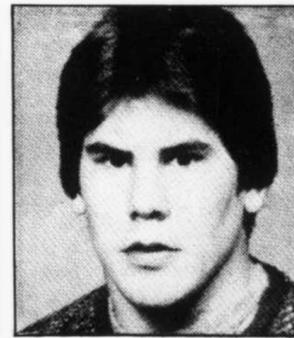
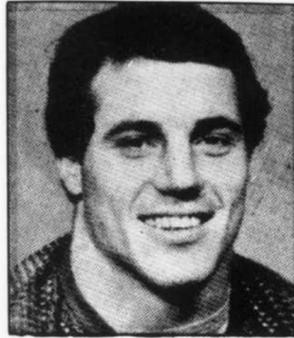
On Oct. 4 and 5 the MTSU team will play at Austin Peay in

the Governor Collegiate Classic. On Oct. 10 and 11, the team will participate in the Annual Tri-State Tournament at Picwick State Park.

**IN THE** six or seven tournaments to be played in the spring, Eastern Kentucky, the defending OVC champs, is, according to Coach Earle, "the team to beat."

Last year, MTSU tied for third in the OVC championship.

Coach Earle, who has also coached baseball and basketball, replaces former coach Austin Clark.



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## Golf squad opens 1982 campaign October 4

By LYNNE BONNEY  
Sports Writer

As pre-season golf approaches, the new golf coach, Jimmy Earle, is confident of his young, yet qualified, team.

The present team consists of only three players. Bud Taylor, the only returning player, is a sophomore from Carthage.

Eric Lee, a freshman from Columbia, was signed by former coach Austin Clark in the spring.

Scott Hale, who transferred from Ole Miss last year, will become eligible to play in the spring. He was signed on by

# Commodores almost take the Crimson Tide; Volunteers fall to rugged Auburn unit

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

SEC football action kicked into high gear this past weekend with all ten teams hitting the field and six of those squads engaging in key conference battles.

The big surprise was the Vanderbilt vs. Alabama contest. Nobody was giving the Commodores a chance to win this game, but Vandy proved to many what a few already knew—the Black and Gold are tough and are capable of winning in the SEC.

VANDY completely dominated the second half and would have possibly won the game if given an extra minute to operate.

The Commodores looked weak in the first half and Bear's boys headed to the locker room at halftime with smiles on their faces and what they thought would be an easy victory in the pocket.

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Page led the way for the Commodores, while injuries forced starter Whit Taylor to the sidelines. Page had an exceptional afternoon in guiding the 'Dores in the heartbreaking loss.

Other stars for the Vanderbilt platoon included the devastating Allama Mathews at tight end and the tobacco chewing punter, Jim Arnold.

The heart breaking loss dropped the Commodores to 1-2 on the season. Vanderbilt welcomes Tulane in their first home game of the season.

Tennessee dug themselves deeper into trouble by being whipped 24-14 by a vastly-improved Auburn unit.

The War Eagles ran roughshod over the struggling Orange defense piling up a whopping 357 yards on the ground, with Lionel James' 129 yards spearheading the offensive bombardment.

THE VOLS' Alan Cockrell enjoyed another super game. He hit 16 of 28 passes for 212 yards and both Tennessee touchdowns, including a 78-yard howitzer to the blistering speed-merchant, Willie Gault.

The Vols will entertain Washington State at Neyland Stadium this Saturday. A loss could nail the Big Orange coffin shut.

Meanwhile, Auburn will host Nebraska in what is shaping up to be a bloody encounter. The Cornhuskers are coming off a disappointing loss to Penn State and will be screaming for vengeance when they hit the playing field.

AUBURN on the other hand, could skyrocket into the wire services' top 12 with a big victory.

Explosive Florida remained unbeaten as they dropped a tough Mississippi State club 27-17, in spite of a beautiful 258-yard passing performance by Bulldog quarterback John Bond.

The Georgia Bulldogs ran their record to 3-0 with a 34-18 victory over South Carolina with the "human steamroller" Herschel Walker plowing for

143 yards and John Lastinger hitting 8 of 13 tosses for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

OLE MISS fell to powerful Arkansas 14-12 despite another great performance from sophomore quarterback Kent Austin, who connected on 18 of 31 passes for 229 yards.

In other games involving SEC teams, Kentucky fought to a 13-13 tie with Kansas, and LSU took an axe to the head of hapless Rice, murdering the Owls 52-13.



Vandy punter Jim Arnold

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### From behind the Mike

by Chip Walters

By CHIP WALTERS

Columnist

Is the Ohio Valley Conference office running scared?

We can only speculate what the OVC office will do next. For the purpose of refreshing our memories, this is what has happened within the last year.

BASKETBALL has had most of the changes. There will now be a new stripe on the Murphy Center floor, as well as the rest of the gym floors around the conference, 19 feet away from the basket.

This is for the infamous three-point-play. The Blue Raiders have the distinction of having the first three-point goal in NCAA history scored against them, just two seasons ago at Western Carolina.

The next change we will see in basketball is the installation of a 30 second shot clock.

THE question I have is, why haven't they used it all along? The women have.

It's not to say that I am the greatest fan of the shot clock; I'm not. The only thing I see is the need for parity in the men and women's game.

Last and certainly not least in the basketball area is the changing of nights for games.

INSTEAD of the usual Thursday-Saturday schedule, it will now be a Friday-Saturday setup.

This is the most outlandish of all the changes.

Most of the towns in the OVC, such as Murfreesboro, Clarksville, Morehead, and yes, even Cookeville, are only large enough to have three high schools at the most.

WHEN DO high schools play basketball? On Tuesday and Friday nights.

It looks like the conference is trying to cut off the hand that feeds it.

The reasoning the conference has for changing the setup is that they don't want the student-athlete to miss as much school as it has in the past.

THAT reason is pretty sound, I guess. But the name of the game in intercollegiate athletics this day and time is spelled M-O-N-E-Y.

This center for higher learning and achievement has long been known as a suitcase college.

MIDDLE Tennessee has had its largest crowds of the year on Thursday nights. Everybody heads home to Mom on Friday.

If there is not some way to keep the students up here on the weekends during basketball season, the prospects of filling Murphy Center to capacity will look awfully dim.

If the OVC doesn't want its student-athletes to miss school,

why don't they schedule all the games for Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

I THINK it would be easier to pull people away from a boring NBA game on Sunday, than a good, competitive high school game on Friday night.

As for the other change, the conference is dropping track as a conference sport.

Middle Tennessee would suffer the worst from this change.

COACH Dean Hayes has brought glory to the track program here at MTSU, as well as the rest of the conference.

Last year, the Blue Raider tracksters finished 11th as a team at the NCAA indoor track meet.

As of now, I understand the MTSU athletic department plans to drop the sport altogether, instead of going independent.

TRACK doesn't have the greatest cash-flow coming in from gate receipts, but it is a program that has instilled pride in its athletes and brought prestige to itself.

It will be a sad day when Dean Hayes cleans out his office, but I know there are much bigger and better things awaiting him.

Maybe they might even make another basketball change, by using a smaller ball, so it will be easier to play STUFFERINO in the coliseums around this league.



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