

## New year hopeful

# Ingram encouraged by enthusiasm

By JEFF ELLIS  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Improving faculty morale and gaining the faculty's trust of the administration could be the keys to the betterment of instruction at MTSU, President Sam Ingram said yesterday.

And the faculty, both new and returning, seem to have "come back enthusiastic," according to the MTSU chief executive. Thus, Ingram is encouraged about the new academic year, his first full one as president.

"I'm impressed with the enthusiasm of the faculty and students," Ingram said. "I get the feeling that it's going to be a good school year."

Meetings with members of a blue ribbon committee to be appointed by the faculty senate will hopefully lead to determinations of what actions should be taken to improve faculty morale. The faculty senate, in their first meeting of the academic year in July, approved a motion to appoint the committee following Ingram's request. Ingram made the request during a meeting with members of the senate's steering committee. He indicated at that time that he hoped to make use of findings in

the senate's survey on morale.

Ingram said he hopes also to continue meetings with student groups and academic departments. He plans to schedule regular meetings with an ASB-appointed student group. The purpose of the meetings, Ingram said, is "so I can continue to get a feeling of student views."

Among plans for the coming year, the president cited an expansion of the doctor of arts program to include degrees in five additional areas, including psychology, chemistry, biology, mathematics and history. The State Board of Regents has approved the plan which is now being considered by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

In meetings last week, however, THEC spokespersons indicated the proposal would be studied by a Nashville area advisory council before approval is given. Membership on the council will be limited to the presidents of each public institution in the area; a vocational technical school director; one president of the private two-year institutions in the area, chosen by his or her colleagues; and representatives of the University of Tennessee; the

State Board of Education; THEC; Vanderbilt University; Meharry Medical College; private four-year institutions; the Tennessee Senate; and House of Representatives.

In addition to the MTSU request, the council will consider Memphis State University's proposal to offer a doctor of education program at Tennessee State University in Nashville. Ingram said it would be January before THEC's decision is made.

Further, Ingram said a study would soon begin to determine the implications of a change in the funding formula for THEC monies. The formula, announced last week, would use the quality of educational offerings as a gauge for funding to Tennessee institutions of higher learning. If the plan is adopted, Tennessee would be the first state to implement such a program.

"I've indicated to faculty that I would like additional proposals from departments and schools on how to improve instruction," Ingram said, explaining that "if someone wants to find a better way of teaching," the University would offer its support.

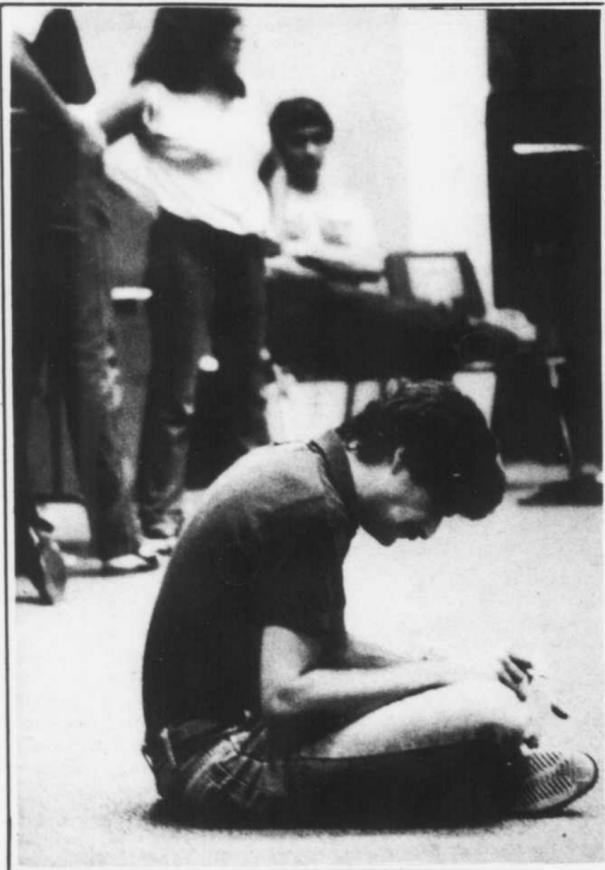
He said particular attention will be paid to improving courses in general education requirements.

"What happens in the classroom is the most important thing that happens at Middle Tennessee State University," Ingram said.

Ingram also announced yesterday that Bill Greene has been appointed budget director. Greene, formerly an administrative assistant to the president, will direct various changes in the University's budget.

The president praised the efforts of David Bragg, director of housing. "By and large, considering that both the director and assistant director resigned, things have gone extremely well. David's doing an exceptional job," Ingram said.

He said within a year, plans should be made to prevent future housing problems and to improve management and maintenance of on-campus dorms. He further noted that "we'll be trying to make an assessment" to determine the feasibility of constructing more residence halls, but no plans will be started until figures from this semester's registration are available.



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A frustrated student works and reworks and reworks and reworks his schedule some more while going through the agonies of registration.

## Five percent rate increase to be used for repairs

By ANGIE GALLOWAY  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Due to a desire to improve maintenance and to financially "break even," students are being charged as much as a 17 percent increase in housing rates this fall.

David Bragg, director of housing, said, "The rate increase is due to the fact for the last six or seven years, the housing department has always operated at a loss. This year the increase will help the department break even as well as have a five percent gain to improve maintenance in the dorms."

Last year alone, the department operated at a \$100,000 loss, he said. Usually the loss was made up from auxiliary enterprises such as the food services and the bookstore to help make up the loss, Bragg said, but the State Board of Regents said housing was not supposed to do that anymore.

Originally, the increased revenue would not make or lose any money for the department, but through concern over the con-

ditions of the halls, the Board of Regents suggested a five percent increase over the break-even to generate revenue for maintenance. The increase depended on whether the dorm was air-conditioned or not, he said.

Bragg said, "The housing office, which usually operates a \$2.2 million a year budget, is charging a five percent increase meaning \$111,000 incumbered for maintenance." This does not include the break-even increase.

Married student housing operated at an increase of just about five percent and that would normally go to cover the losses of the other halls. Their increase was not as much, he said.

"The money will be used for repairs on the dorm rooms, lobbies, furniture in the dorm and more," Bragg said.

This summer student helpers repainted I-hall to figure the time and cost to repainting the dorms, he explained. "We painted some

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## Students pay hefty bill; four years cost fortune

By JANE MIER  
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MTSU students pay almost \$1,000 per semester in tuition, books and room and board. Add about \$2500 for such things as personal expenses and transportation, and in four years you'll have a hefty bill over \$10,000.

This semester, a student can expect to pay anywhere from \$216 to \$501 in tuition — an increase of seven per cent over last year. Costs in semester schools in the system for undergraduate students have increased from \$201 to \$216; from \$221 to \$237 for graduate students; and \$468 to \$501 for out of state students.

Costs for housing this semester runs from \$260 for a non — air conditioned dorm to \$290 for air conditioned dorms. Apartments on campus cost \$355.

Costs for books, transportation and personal expenses vary from person to person. MTSU's financial aid office suggests \$100 for books, \$75 for transportation and \$200 for personal expenses per semester.

Earlier this year, a budget revision for all state schools included a recommendation from Governor Lamar Alexander to increase tuition costs, according to Jim Vaden, vice chancellor for business and finance of the State Board of Regents.

"There's really a combination of factors involved in the increase, however," he said. "Inflation is a considerable portion and we're heading for a recession at the moment, if we're not in one already."

Tennessee is also at the maximum of its revenue —

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## About 252 students housed in local motels

By ANGIE GALLOWAY  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Feelings of loneliness and isolation are the main complaints of the students staying in three local motels until spaces are found on campus.

The Days Inn and the Travel Inn are across the street from each other, but the Jackson Motel is in the center of Broad Street with no other students around.

Melissa Parker, a freshman from Nashville staying at the Jackson Motel, said she liked the motel better and there was more space than in a dorm room. "Housing said they would be moving students in the Jackson Motel on campus first," she said.

The vans come at different intervals to take students to the campus. Parker said, "The vans came at night to take us to the mixer (Friday night) and it will take us to the campus for meals, too."

"The housing department foresaw the problems that parents would call about and took care of them," she said.

Keith Baldrige, a freshman from Shelbyville, said it was hard to find friends on campus, but it was not hard to find places to eat. Hardee's, Arby's and the Jackson Motel restaurant are within walking distance.

Baldrige said his parents were happier because the motel is restricted to "A" type housing, no visitation.

The manager of the Jackson said only about 5-6 boys were staying there. Terry Lamb, manager of the motel, said 84-86 students were staying in 34 rooms at a discount rate of \$15 a day per room. The student only pays \$290, the amount for a room on campus and the housing department is making up the difference to the motels.

If the student is placed in a dorm that costs less than \$290 a semester, they will get a refund, according to David Bragg, director of housing.

Another student staying at the Jackson is Martha Hennessee from Columbia. She said, "There is no closet space and we can't have cooking utensils like a popcorn maker." But she was glad she had a place to stay and said it was better than the university saying no. Hennessee was amazed at how

many people were staying in the motels.

At the Days Inn, freshmen and transfer men are staying. Alice Welborn, manager of the Inn, said 50 rooms were occupied by 100 men and the dorm director, Greg Denton, had one to himself. The Days Inn is also charging a discount rate of \$15 a day for a room. Each room has two double beds and the maid comes in and cleans once a week. "They have access to the pool and they have been a real nice group," Welborn said.

Denton, the director, said "Housing will start pulling guys out of here in a week or so after they get the ones out of the Jackson Motel first."

"The school is really doing this as a service to students who wouldn't be able to go to another school," he

said. A lot of the students have a sense of bewilderment because they are not in touch with the university very much. Housing is going to work out a "C" type arrangement with visitation, but at present it is still "A" type, Denton said.

Kandee Kinser, the director of the women at the Travel Inn said 95 girls are being roomed there. A couple of mothers expressed concern about security, but the manager will be at the front desk all night long and the city police patrol the area. The Travel Inn is only charging \$11 a night per room for the girls.

Kinser said the shuttle buses picked up students six times Monday between the motels and school and brought them back about seven times to the motels. "We are trying to get the vans to stop in front of the Old Main or

University Center, places that are familiar to the new students," Kinser said.

The parents and students all knew what they were getting into when they came here, but were still concerned about transportation. Both Kinser and Denton said about 50 per cent of their residents have cars.

Bragg said about 252 students have checked into the motels. The bulk of the motel students should be on campus in three weeks, then students in overflow and three to a room will be found places to stay, he said.

"The housing office should know by Wednesday or Thursday how many no-shows there are so we can start moving students staying in the Jackson Motel into the dorms by Thursday or Friday," he said.



Students filled Murphy Center as they registered for the fall semester. An estimated 10,000 students were to go through registration.

## Parking decals available after shipping delay

Due to a delayed shipment of MTSU parking decals, MTSU Police Capt. Larry Nixon said parking tickets will "probably" not be issued before the middle of next week.

Nixon said the parking decals were not delivered to the police department until about 2 p.m. Sunday, leaving those who registered Saturday without decals.

Nixon said decals for those who registered Saturday will be issued Wednesday and Thursday around 8:30 a.m. Students who live in dorms will obtain their decals in the UC Theatre and commuters may get theirs in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Nixon, who said approximately 6,000 decals will be issued Wednesday and Thursday, said, "It will

put a strain on us, but won't be that bad."

After Thursday, those wishing to get parking decals will have to obtain them from the University Police department located in Reynolds Hall, after they have been paid for them in the business office in the Cope Administration Building.

# News Digest

## TSU's enrollment down 32%

NASHVILLE (AP) — Merged with the University of Tennessee at Nashville this fall under a federal court's desegregation order, Tennessee State University's enrollment is running 32 percent behind projections.

According to officials, the merged school should have had 10,950 students this fall. Grey Hall, dean of admissions and records, said 7,477 have registered. Applications are to be accepted until Sept. 7 and officials hope to cut the shortfall by half.

Hall said Monday, "It looks like once we're through we might be down 15 percent. I'm pretty sure we'll get 8,500 and we'll be happy if we get 9,000."

He thinks most of the decline is from the former UTN downtown campus but blames part of it on a freeze on foreign enrollments, snags in a computer registration program and resignations in the UTN engineering department.

The legal battle leading to the July 1 merger order effective this semester began 11 years ago. "I think this will be the lowest enrollment we have," Hall said. "It takes awhile for some people to forget."

## Soviet ballerina to go home

NEW YORK (AP) — Soviet ballerina Ludmila Vlasova has satisfied U.S. officials that she wants to return to the Soviet Union of her own volition and will return home, Donald McHenry, the chief U.S. negotiator, said Monday.

## Lawyers stall Bishop's death

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Jesse Bishop was scheduled to die in the gas chamber today, but public defenders are stalling to give the confessed murderer more time to live.

Bishop had opposed appeals and other legal delays, calling them a "farce" that violated his rights and "prolonged the suffering" for him and his family.

But U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist on Saturday issued an indefinite stay of execution, and provided a series of questions to be answered by the attorney general's office and the public defenders who asked that the execution be stopped.

Rehnquist set a deadline of midnight Tuesday. The defenders were expected to wait until after the current death warrant for Bishop expired at midnight tonight.

That would mean a new warrant would have to be issued by the Clark County District Court judge who originally sentenced Bishop in the event the Supreme Court lifted the stay.

Under Nevada law, the sentencing judge can schedule the execution no earlier than 15 days after signing a warrant.

Bishop, 46, pleaded guilty to the murder of a newlywed casino patron during a robbery. He is being held in his Nevada Maximum Security Prison cell 20 feet from the gas chamber.



photo by Larry McCormack

A campus policeman is surrounded by cars while directing traffic during the peak of moving in. Over 3000 students moved into the dorms.

## Potted plants add life to dreary dorms

By LISA HUMAN

Sidelines Features Editor

Thank heavens for potted plants! Without them, dormitories would still be dull, drab and boring.

Not only do potted plants add to the appearance of a room, but they can be inexpensive and easy to care for if you know which types to buy, Emily Arnold, owner of Emily's Plants and Accessories, said.

Don't rush out and buy the first thing with green leaves that catches your eye, certain plants are more suited for dorm life than others.

For instance, plants that require low to medium light grow better in dormitories than plants that need full sunlight.

If your window faces north, (get out the old compass) purchase a plant in the low-light category. Low light plants are generally characterized by dark green leathery leaves and include the philodendron, pothos and corn plants.

They require water approximately once a week, depending on the humidity of the room.

Cactus are also low-light plants. "The less light they get, the less water they need" is a general rule to follow for cactus, Arnold said.

If the morning sun wakes you up each day, your room is in the perfect position for growing plants. Eastern sun is the best type light for plants, since it is not extremely hot

in the afternoons. However, windows facing east or west provide plenty of sun for plants in the low or medium light category. This category includes peperomia plants, piggybacks, weeping figs, and most other potted plants found around Murfreesboro, with a few exceptions.

African violets are one exception. They would need artificial light to survive in a dorm. "African Violets are really hard to grow," Arnold said, "and I would not recommend them for college students."

Ferns are also difficult to grow in dormitories because they require more moisture than other plants. However, it is possible to grow them in dorms according to Jean Woodall, employee of Jetton's Floral Company. "Ferns like to be sprayed a lot," Woodall said, adding that they must be watered two or three times a week.

The False Arabia is popular among collage students because it resembles a marijuana plant, however, this plant requires humidity and plenty of sun light. Students who do not want to spend a lot of time watering and pampering plants would be better off purchasing something else, Arnold said.

Plants especially recommended by a local florist for college students include the snake plant, which requires water once every two or three weeks, the jade plant,

which needs little water or care, and vines that have bark already planted with them.

Apartment dwellers may be interested in floor plants to decorate their rooms. The Eucc and the Dragon Tree are good stalky floor plants relatively easy to grow. The Corn Plant and War-nike make good floor plants and range in price from \$13 to \$25. Floor plants are more expensive because they are bigger and take longer to grow than desk plants, which cost anywhere from 50 cents to \$6.

Whatever type plant you purchase, there are a few basic tips that may be helpful in caring for them.

- Clay pots hold moisture better than plastic containers and are better for the plants.

- Leaf shines that improve the appearance of plants are available at plant stores, but since some shines contain chemicals hazardous to the plant, it is a good idea to wash the leaves off after shining them.

- Ivory liquid is a good soap to wash plant leaves in.

- For plants that need extra moisture, a small vaporizer in the room may help the plant grow.

The best tip Woodall had for growing plants was to give them plenty of "tender love and care."

"They aren't really hard to grow," Woodall said, "but I think a person has to care about plants in order to grow them well."

Plants don't require much care, but if you aren't able to spend any time at all on them, Zan McCormick of Emily's Plants and Accessories recommends another popular type of plant...artificial.

## Convention to offer ideas

The Tennessee Women's Career Convention, scheduled for Oct. 26-27 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, offers students a new method of exploring careers, according to Gail Larsen, convention director.

Designed to match qualified women and employers and to build career success through a program of nearly 50 workshops and seminars.

"Over 100 major businesses and organizations will participate," said Larsen, a personnel specialist who originated the idea for the convention and who organized the sponsoring company, Career Conventions, Inc. "These organizations will have exhibit space where their recruiters will meet with the several thousand women expected to attend convention."

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## Fortune

producing abilities, Vaden added. The state is not capable of totally funding all of its many agencies and departments, much less able to handle increases in the various school systems.

"If a student wants to go to college, I believe that he still can

go, despite financial difficulties," Vaden said. "Many different types of financial aid programs are available. There's a lot of scholarships that go unclaimed because people just don't take the time to talk to a financial aid advisor."

## Repairs

rooms in H-hall and the lobby. The department wants to hire a student paint crew to do more painting," Bragg said.

"Maintenance has changed the mattresses in Sims and we hope to

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change them in five more halls soon," he said.

Bragg said the good thing about having more students is the university gets more money from the state.

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# Tanning stores offer safe tans?

By JEFF ELLIS  
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Tanning without the sun became a booming business throughout the area this past summer with no less than three businesses opened for that purpose in Murfreesboro alone.

Advertising for local exponents of this fad promises prospective customers "a golden tan" simply by standing in a closet-like cubicle covered in silver reflective paper and using ultraviolet sunlamp bulbs.

"Does it work?" and "Is it dangerous?" are the two most-asked questions regarding the practice. The answers to both questions appears to be "yes."

In order to get to the bottom of the situation, I became a guinea pig. Yes, folks, for three weeks I visited each of the tanning salons in Murfreesboro — Tanfastic Tanning Huts in Jackson Heights Plaza; the Suntan Store in the Mall; and Suntan Village in Corner Village. And what happened?

I didn't turn into a double for a Maine lobster. I wasn't mistaken for a traffic light. And best of all, I didn't contract skin cancer.

Let's face it, a golden tan is exactly what I need. You see, I'm so white that if you put me in a white suit, you'd have trouble seeing me. The fact is, I just don't tan very easily.

Authorities on the subject would not be surprised to hear that. According to a panel of dermatologists, in a report to the Food and Drug Administration, those fair-haired persons whose ancestors were from northern Europe have more difficulty getting a good, dark tan than other people. That's the category into which I fall.

Further, we fair-skinned Nordic (alright, so I'm not Nordic) types are more likely to burn — and to develop skin cancer.

So, I was a bit skeptical about the entire operation. But the methods used by the three tanning salons supposedly offer a quick, painless way to develop a tan that even those California sun gods and goddesses would envy.

"This is safer than the sun," explained Sherry Daniels, manager of the Tanfastic outlet. "We take out the harmful rays of the sun."

Pat McHugh, one of the investors in the Suntan Store, said, "We

think it's the safest way to get a tan."

Joanne Wilgus, an MTSU student who works for the Suntan Store, said, "I'm sure if there is something wrong with sunlamps we would have heard something about it long ago."

Using a computer to analyze clients' answers to a series of questions, the Tanfastic people determine the length of time it takes to get a tan. For example, on my first visit, I stayed in two minutes and 30 seconds, equivalent to two and a half hours in the sun.

One push of a button, after you've answered the nine questions, and Tanfastic can give you a complete schedule for 20 visits — the number of visits it takes to be ready for Malibu.

Westinghouse fluorescent sunlamp bulbs are used by both the Suntan Store and Suntan Village because officials claim they produce the safest, middle range wave lengths of radiation. Suntan Store spokespersons contend their method is better than others because of the type of reflective materials used in the booths and the size and shape of the tanning booth.

"We have been working on our equipment for three months prior to our opening," said McHugh.

The Suntan Store does not use a computer in determining the length of the visits.

A big drawing card for the firm is its use of leg bronzers — special lights directed toward the client's legs — to ensure a better tan on that part of the body.

Clients at each salon are required to keep their eyes covered with cotton balls during each treatment in an effort to guard against possible eye injuries. Each place has private dressing rooms adjacent to the tanning booths. Thus, one can wear as much as he or she wants — or wear nothing at all.

At the end of the prescribed time limit, the lights (operated by salon employees outside the booth) go off, you step outside, get dressed and you're back out on the street in no time.

Does it work? It seems to. Tanfastic's advertising indicates that a "slight blush" should appear within six hours of the initial

treatment. Well, sure enough, I could tell a difference — I was blushing "all over."

The Suntan Store says that persons should notice some difference in their skin coloration, most notably on the face.

It's true — about four hours after the treatment, friends were noticing a more healthy glow to my face. By that evening, I looked even more healthy and glowing — to the extent some people thought I had taken to wearing facial bronzers (the macho word for make-up).

But while the practice has its obvious advantages, there are drawbacks as well.

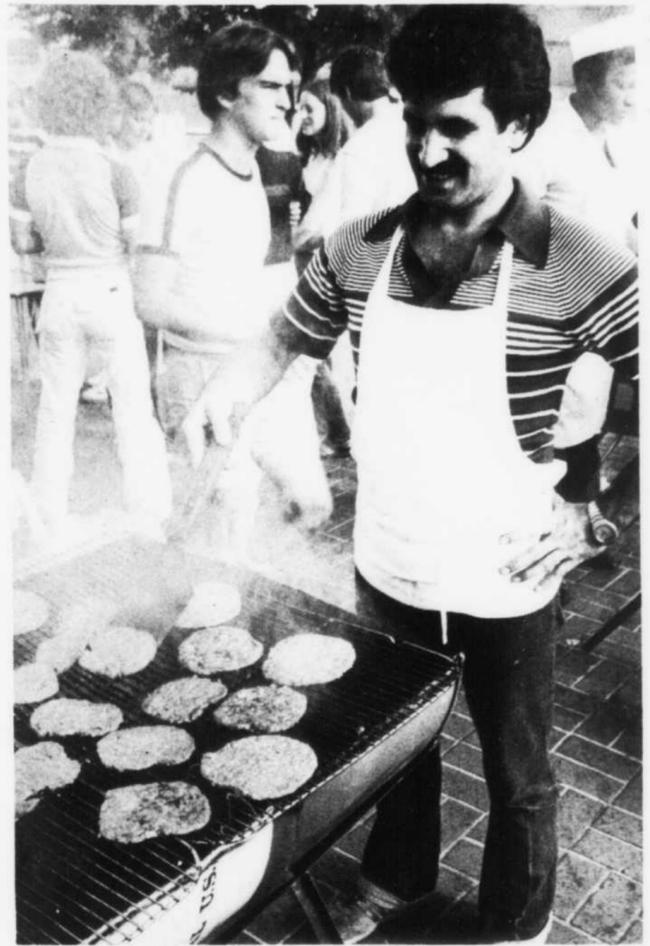
The Food and Drug Administration recently conducted an investigation into the enterprise following complaints by customers that they had sustained injuries following tanning treatments at commercial outlets.

"We started looking into it (tanning salons) as a result of some complaints in Mississippi," reported Robert Fish, a supervisory investigator in the FDA's Nashville office.

"I'm unsure of how we'll come down on tanning salons in a regulatory sense," Fish said, explaining that some regulations have been proposed, but the investigation is "still in an information gathering stage."

An article by Deborah Van Brunt, a consumer specialist with the FDA, which appeared in the March 1978 edition of the *FDA Consumer*, "Sunlamps: Putting Safety First," attempted to explain the relative dangers of overexposure to the rays of sunlamps.

The article warned that long term exposure to ultraviolet radiation can lead to premature aging of the skin. The skin, after repeated exposure, may develop a leathery texture or become



A student cook prepares hamburgers at the picnic for new students at High Rise last Friday.

photo by Larry McCormack

## 'Collage' is changing

*Collage*, MTSU's student creative magazine, is off to a fresh start this fall with a lot of changes in store, according to Jackie Gearhart, editor-in-chief.

"For the past few years, the magazine has been published only twice a year," Gearhart said, "but this year we plan to put out four issues."

The main reason for the change is that "We want to make sure our presence is known on campus. A lot of people don't even know that a student magazine exists, and so our main thrust of effort this year will be in promotion," Gearhart explained.

The promotion is not only to attract readers, but also to elicit contributors to *Collage*, since it relies mainly on student, faculty and alumni submissions.

Another change in *Collage* this year will be its appearance. It will be changed from a 9 x 9 size to 9 x 12. Besides the fact that this change will cut printing costs, Gearhart also feels the change in size will "draw attention to the magazine since it has been the half-size for so long."

Although plans are not definite yet, *Collage* hopes to sponsor a "graffiti board" somewhere on campus. The purpose is to provide an outlet for students to "be creative and make their mark on MTSU without having to resort to bathroom walls," said Gearhart.

Another campaign to promote student interest is the cover contest. Artists and photographers are invited to send entries to the "Creative, Captivating, Canny *Collage* Cover Contest." The picture may be either black and white or color, and need not follow any specifications other than being "creative and eye-catching," according to Gearhart.

A readership survey was conducted last year by former editor Jeff Ellis to find out what the students and faculty liked and disliked about *Collage*. The results of the survey will be beneficial in compiling the magazine to suit its readers, Gearhart believes.

"We plan to have the contents, especially the feature articles, be more campus oriented," said Gearhart, "since, after all, we are MTSU's creative magazine, not Nashville's or Tennessee's, but MTSU's."

"We feel that one of our main purposes," Gearhart continued, "is to serve the campus community by informing it of all the interesting things that happen at MTSU and perhaps by doing so, to reinforce the spirit that strengthens campus unity."

The deadline for submissions to *Collage* is Sept. 20. The deadline for feature articles is Sept. 17 — this includes entries to the cover contest. Submissions may be sent to *Collage*, box 61, or brought to the *Collage* office on the third floor of the JUB. The first issue is expected to be out by mid-October.

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# from the editors

## Give us a break, Andy

Following his resignation some weeks ago, former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young told reporters that a serious rift could develop between members of both the black and Jewish communities because of the controversy.

Come on, Andy. Give us a break!

The former ambassador resigned following the discovery that he had held unofficial meetings with leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization. News of the meetings has created serious diplomatic problems between the United States and Israel.

Further, Young's comments have helped to fan the flame of an extremely volatile situation. Should such a controversy be allowed to continue, it could result in blacks and Jews becoming adversaries in virtually every sector of American life.

If this happens, it will be a sad commentary on the career of a promising politician.

Young, a former congressman from Georgia, was one of the first blacks named by President Jimmy Carter to his cabinet following the 1976 Presidential election. In his years as ambassador to the UN, Young has been an outspoken champion for the rights of many.

Granted, we may never know the full story behind Young's resignation. Is it true that he was the scapegoat, forced to resign? We probably will never be certain. What we will be certain about is the breach, however, which may have developed as a result of Young's remarks.

Moderate leaders of both factions are seeking to cool the tempers, urging rational discussions of their differences. They acknowledge that some black leaders are using the situation as a platform for airing their grievances. Both black and Jewish leaders fear that if the furor continues, it could destroy what has become a strong, viable force in American life — an alliance of the two groups.

"This should not be a black-Jewish confrontation. It is simply a difference between an ambassador and his government," said Morris Abrams, a New York attorney and former head of the American Jewish Committee, who fears the consequences if the Young-PLO incident becomes an ethnic argument.

A black leader, John Lewis, deputy director of ACTION, a federal anti-poverty agency, said that other black leaders are "doing a disservice to a black community" by making the controversy the cornerstone of a serious split between the two groups.

Lewis cited the cooperative efforts of blacks and Jews as a major contribution to the civil rights movement in this country. "If it hadn't been for the white liberal element in the country, particularly the Jewish community, we could not have made much of the progress we have made in the civil rights movement," Lewis said.

Yet, some would gladly throw away an alliance which has helped to better the lives of all minorities in America.

If this is allowed to happen, the adverse effect it would play on other American minorities cannot be predicted. Leaders of both sides would do well to remember that through consolidated efforts, much can be achieved. Fighting against each other, however, their achievement will ultimately be a setback.

## What would Miss Scarlett say?

In these days of electronic mass media, people are given an opportunity to see and hear things which heretofore were inaccessible.

The relative ease with which one may travel from one end of the world to the other has given many people a chance to see places they otherwise may never have known existed.

Thus, a more cosmopolitan, more educated and better informed populace has evolved. Urbanization has resulted and regionalism is slowly fading away.

With once-thriving sectionalism slowly disappearing, it would appear that the various geographical regions of the United States are becoming more and more alike. So much so, in fact, that Southerners will someday probably be almost indistinguishable from their northern, eastern and western counterparts.

And what will be lost? The "Southuhn" accent, that's what.

The days of soft R's and a long drawl are numbered. It's all because of a feeling that a southern accent indicates ignorance, stupidity and downright red-neckness.

Y'all just don't realize that soft "ahs" and long vowels are a part of the "Southuhn" heritage. Just as important as mint juleps and magnolias, the "southuhn" accent is one of those things that helps to make the natives a bit more special, a bit different, from all those other folks.

Hush our mouths, but we all know that "Southuhnuhs" have long considered themselves to be a quite special breed. It's those long, drawn-out "wuhds" like Mississippi and Chattanooga, and those short "wuhds" like 'Lanta (Atlanta for you yankees) and y'all, that make the "Southuhn" dialect so unique.

All ovuh, people are taking diction and speech classes to rid themselves of their accents. Acting coaches urge budding thespians to lose their drawl and sound more "middle American." It's all around. Go up north and people laugh the first time you use the word "y'all." It's enough to make you want to burn your copy of *Gone With the Wind*.

Shoot, we know the antebellum days of the old South are gone (with the wind, as it were.) But, it's the heritage of a people which makes them what they are in the present and what they will be in the future.

Perhaps there are times when the lack of an accent is advantageous. But the lovely, musical lilt of a Southern drawl will always be acceptable south of the Mason-Dixon line, and perhaps someday, north of it as well.

We can only hope that something which has been a part of Southern life for hundreds of years will never vanish. But we'll think about that tomorrow.

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# Viewpoints

"LET'S SEE NOW, THE DEAL INCLUDES COMPLETE CONTROL OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN EXCHANGE FOR PEACE"



## pops' people

by Larry Popelka

## 'Playboy' advisor gives straight answers

Jim Petersen doesn't look much like Ann Landers. Sitting in a small cubicle 14 floors above the hustle and bustle of Chicago's Michigan Avenue, he wears jeans, a leather jacket and a pair of thick, wire-rimmed glasses while wiggling his bare feet in a deep shag carpet.

Jim Petersen doesn't talk much like Ann Landers, either. "I'm the rudest boy in California," he announces defiantly. "I'm the rudest boy in Connecticut. And I'm the rudest boy in Acapulco."

In fact, Jim Petersen doesn't even like Ann Landers. "She usually sounds like she belongs in a Greek tragic chorus," he says sharply. "She's around to be a bitch."

Yet Petersen is quickly becoming America's new version of the 60-year-old answer lady.

Each month he receives more than 500 letters from people with problems. He responds to subjects Ann wouldn't dream of discussing. And his monthly column in *Playboy* magazine is read and digested by millions of young adults.

Petersen is the *Playboy* Advisor, the person most *Playboy* readers turn to when they have a problem. Everyone who writes gets a personal reply and — unlike those who write Ann — a straight answer, whether the question is about stereo equipment or sex in an elevator.

Recently I visited Petersen in his *Playboy* Building office, a small room cluttered with books, photos of nudes and all sorts of "equipment," such as handcuffs and chains.

As I arrived, Petersen, a 30-year-old bachelor who has been the

advisor for six years, was shuffling through a stack of letters. Content with a pile on his lap, he began taking inventory of the day's mail, which included:

- A letter from a young wine connoisseur. Question: What's the best place to store red wine? (Answer: The Cellar).

- A letter from a man having an affair with a woman married to a gay. Question: The woman is pregnant and wants an abortion. Who should pay? (Answer: This was a toughie. Petersen decided to survey the staff).

- A letter from a man on the West Coast complaining that a bondage lady named "Mistress Micki" had suddenly disappeared. Question: Can you find Mistress Micki and her sensational motorized cross? (Answer: No. "I thought about asking the editors to let me go out looking for her," Petersen explained. "But then someone reminded me how she would probably show her gratitude once I found her.")

There were other letters, too. People wanting to know about cures for baldness, the dangers of herpes and ways for dealing with impotence.

"I do things that Ann Landers is not around to do," Petersen told me. "She doesn't always help people because she's too busy preaching. I believe in straight information. My philosophy as far as sex goes is anything is all right as long as it doesn't hurt someone. And very few things actually do."

Petersen seems to enjoy talking about sex. "I know as much about sex as anyone in America," he boasts. "Sometimes even doctors call me up for advice. I know more about sex than they do."

Petersen gets his information from reading regular medical publications and current studies. He is on a number of mailing lists, and almost all new scientific research information is sent to his office.

"We also have unofficial test bedrooms," Petersen told me. "At least in spirit. If anyone on the staff does anything new, I hear about it. I guess I'm sort of like Santa Claus. I hear about everything here."

Sometimes he hears about things twice. He directed me to a hand-scrawled letter pinned to the wall — what he called his letter of the month.

"Dear *Playboy* Advisor," its female writer began. "I have always wanted to make it on an airplane. . . ." She went on to describe how she finally did "make it" with two handsome strangers sitting next to her. Her question: Is what I did illegal? (Answer: No.)

"When I read it for the first time it sounded familiar," Petersen recalled. The reason was that the two handsome strangers were *Playboy* photographers who had told him the same story a few weeks earlier.

While such tales sound made up or rare at best, Petersen swears that they are all real. "I made up a question one month that I thought needed to be asked," he said. "But later that month a letter asking the same question came in, and it asked it better. I haven't made up any since then. You can't invent a letter that's stranger than the truth."

But if there's anybody who could, it's probably Petersen. Last summer in an attempt to gain publicity, he and *Playboy* sent out a press release to several news

outlets saying that he was sick of his job and thinking of quitting.

"Finally some guy from the Associated Press came out and asked me if I was really quitting," Petersen said. "I said, 'That's news to me. But sometimes they have a funny way of telling people these things around here.'"

With the reporter in need of a story to show his editor, Petersen went on to talk about how he thought jogging was replacing sex as an American pastime.

"Everybody's out there running a 7 1/2 minute mile," Petersen moaned. "My girlfriend does it. She does 10 miles a day. And while she's done it, I've gone six weeks without sex. You don't feel like sex after running."

His story was picked up by dozens of newspapers around the country, but today he still says his motive for publicity — the thought of quitting at the age of 30 — was valid.

"I've thought about quitting ever since my first year here," he said. "I'd rather be a rock 'n' roll musician. I have a tape of some of the songs I wrote and recorded, and I'm getting better."

But the thought of giving up his job as the new generation's advice king is hard to accept. Besides, there are too many fringe benefits to being the *Playboy* advisor.

"I manage to screw up my life at regular intervals," he told me. "But whenever I have a problem I get very excited because it gives me a chance to find out a new piece of information. That's why it's such a great job. It pays me to have fun."

Ann Landers should have so much fun.

By David Arnold

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## Cloosclub



Ed. Note: "Just how straight is the buckle of America's bible belt?" is the first in a semester-long series of in-depth and investigative features to be included in *Sidelines*. Next, we take a look at the worth of a college education in "College: is it worth it?" coming up in Friday's *Sidelines*. Next week we investigate cheating on campus in "An easy way out?"

# Perspective

## 'Survivors' say coming of age in south is difficult

By JEFF ELLIS

Sidelines Editor in Chief

Chris has known since he was four years old.

Mark finally acknowledged his feelings at the age of 19.

And Tom "always knew," but wasn't sure what to call it.

Chris is the son of a Marine Corps officer and grew up on bases throughout the country, spending most of his life in Memphis.

Mark and Tom have similar backgrounds — both are from large, caring and typically Southern families.

Chris, Mark and Tom are homosexual. And, according to the three men, growing up gay in the buckle of America's bible belt is no small task. It's a painful, sometimes dangerous and often disheartening experience.

But they did it.

Each man says that his family background is not the type usually associated with homosexuals, one with a weak-willed father and overbearing, castrating mother. On the contrary, each says he is from a stable, every day American family.

"Lots of times, when someone finds out I'm gay, they ask if I had an overbearing mother or if anyone else in my family is gay," says Tom. "I always answer no to both questions. As far as I know, I'm the only gay person in my family."

Mark is also a member of a family which by modern standards is large. He is one of five children, the only one of whom is gay.

For Chris, growing up as part of a relatively well-adjusted military family played no obvious role in his sexual development. But living on a naval base offered numerous opportunities for experimentation with other boys his age — experimentation which eventually led to his first sexual encounter with a man.

At the age of 13, Chris' initial experience was with a 19-year-old Marine. After a somewhat furtive beginning, he says, "one thing led to another."

When he was 15, while being examined by a doctor, the physician made a sexual overture — which Chris accepted. At 16, it was with another teenager.

Tom's first experiences with members of his own sex came at an early age. "We did the kind of things most kids do," he says. But he also admitted to "playing doctor" with the little girls in his neighborhood.

And although he always knew that he was "different," it was not until he was in the sixth grade that he became aware that there was a name for it. "Someone told a joke about queers and I didn't know what he meant, so I asked a friend. Then, I had to look it up in a dictionary to understand what it meant. That's when I realized 'what I was' had a name," he remembers.

*'I had slept with as many girls as with men. I would be with a woman and at the same time see men I'd wish I could be with instead of her.'*

Mark's earliest sexual encounters were with girls, although he had feelings for men which he chose to hide away in the recesses of his mind. He was 19 years old before he decided to take the initiative and go with his feelings.

It was then that he first went to a gay bar. "I was real withdrawn," he recalls. "When you're exposed to this type of world, you don't just fall into it. You have to get used to a lot of things."

Going to a gay bar for the first time did nothing to alleviate the feelings of guilt which seemed to wrack his mind. "I always drank before I went," he says.

Mark was drinking to become less inhibited, to be freer with his emotions and feelings. But his desire to conform, to live a life that was a paradox — to be both gay and straight at the same time — did more to reinforce his guilt feelings than to lessen them.

"It was very nerve-shattering. It was a complete turn-around from where I was heading," he confesses.

Realizing that he was living his life for those around him, Mark decided to make a change. "I finally started living for myself," he says.

His family had some difficulty accepting his way of life, but now the wounds which may have been present then, have disappeared. "They love me," he says.

Despite a wish to live for himself earlier in life, Chris waited until he was out of high school before coming out. Prior to that decision, he says, "I felt miserable. I kept hearing stories about people being socially outcast because they were homosexual. I didn't want that for myself."

"I didn't want to go through the torment that some people do when they come out in high school."

Since coming out, Chris says, "I feel much more at ease about myself and because of that, I feel much more at ease with other people."

But when she heard the news, Chris' mother "took it very poorly." Within days, his sister had been told. She determined that the key to "straightening" out her brother was psychiatric help.

The psychiatrist made a pass at him. "My father kind of accepts it now," Chris smiles. "He just wants me to be happy. He knows that I'm happier now than I have ever been."

Happiness seemed unattainable during his freshman year in college. During February of that year, Chris says he "hit rock bottom." He credits an understanding girlfriend with preventing his suicide. "If not for her, I don't think I'd be here today."

## Just how 'straight' is the buckle of America's bible belt?

Of the three, only Tom remains in the closet. "I'm basically a coward, I guess," he admits. "But for so long I've felt so guilty about what I am that I've never been able to bring myself to totally come out. Most of my close friends know I'm gay, but most people assume that I'm straight."

When he finally discovered that his sexuality had a name, the shattering consequences of proclaiming his preferences became all too real for Tom. His need to be an "all-American, boy-next-door" type seemed like an impossibility.

"I tried to change. I prayed I would wake up and want girls. But it never happened. And I hated myself for it," he says.

His self-hatred is only one example of the feelings experienced by homosexuals growing up in the bible belt. Hating oneself, however, is more debilitating than anything else could possibly be, according to Tom. "When I let myself become freer with my emotions and accepted my sexuality for what it is, then I slowly began to like myself more."

Tom's first deeply sexual experience was with a senior when he was a freshman in high school. "He told me he'd make a man out of me. In a way, I guess he did," he laughs.

The friends who have been told of his homosexuality have accepted it with little fireworks. "There was one girl that I had gone steady with for almost two years and I finally decided that it was unfair to lead her on, so I told her that I was gay. She knew what I was going to say," he says.

The young woman was then faced with dealing with Tom's sexuality — a rather unique problem with which few people are capable of dealing. "She accepted it and told me she loved me regardless of it. She wasn't in love with me, but she told me that if she had given herself the chance, she could have fallen deeply in love with me.

"In my own way, I loved her very much," he supposes. "But I would never have been satisfied with her."

Mark and Chris have also had involvements with women. Chris says that he had always "had a girlfriend" while in high school and from all outward appearances was considered straight.

"Before I started going to the bars, I had slept with as many girls as with men. I would be with a woman and at the same time see men I'd wish I could be with instead of her," he maintains.

And when someone suggests that the "right" woman could change his ways, Mark answers with the retort: "Hell, I've had the best of them." Finding the "right" partner could be an equally difficult chore for the three young men.

Chris, at age 19, was introduced to Jim, a man eight years his senior. "It felt so natural — being with Jim," he says. After a cross-country relationship of some months, Chris left the South for Jim's home in

California where he remains today.

Since leaving for the West coast, Chris believes he has "emotionally come a long way."

"I've always liked being around older people and I still feel that way. I'm attracted to older men," Chris says.

Most research into the subject indicates that homosexual couples do not have as stable and long-lasting relationships as their heterosexual counterparts. Chris contends that his relationship with Jim does not fit the description.

"Sure we've had our share of fights, but we've always pulled through. I just don't feel complete without him," he says. "People create their own problems by thinking them. If you think something is not going to work, then it's not going to. You've have to have an optimistic outlook."

Mark says that his three year relationship with his lover will last. "It'll last for as long as I want it to last. I'm a one person-person," he said.

"Basically, I wanted a person who allows me to do what I want to do. We're together because we want to be, not because we have to be."

Tom, however, has not had a serious affair with another man since he was a senior in high school. "At that time," he says, "I thought it was a very serious thing, but after it was over I didn't take long in recovering from the loss."

"Since then, I haven't been involved with anyone in a deep relationship." Although he admits to brief encounters, he says there is "nothing to write home about."

His lack of a deep-seated union with a man is attributed by Tom to his efforts to appear straight. "I have to be very careful because of the position I'm in. I don't believe my position in society would be affected that much if I came out, but later there might be difficulties in employment because I'm gay. Prejudices against gay people could affect my career goals."

"I only know a few other gay persons on campus and I think that limits my social life very much. Because of the impression most people have of me, it's difficult to break the barriers — they don't seem to trust me. They seem to resent my image," he says.

Tom has had sexual relations with women, but his preference for men remains. He does, however, entertain the faint hope of someday getting married and having children — an idea not uncommon among gay men.

Sex seems to play a more important part in gay relationships than it does for heterosexuals, if one chooses to believe the research findings. And while Chris, Tom and Mark agreed that sex is an extremely vital part of any relationship — gay or straight — they said that sometimes it is overplayed.

"I didn't want just a sexual relationship," Chris argues. "I wanted a loving relationship with another man. But a gay couple might be more open to the sexual end of a relationship."

"I don't think sexuality should be such a great concern. I think I have something else to offer," says Mark.

Tom also believes he has more than sex to offer a partner in a relationship. "Certainly sex is important, but it's not necessarily the most important thing. I think it's more important to deeply love and care for another person."

*'I can't believe God will punish me for doing what comes naturally for me.'*

Loving and caring for other people is one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. That same faith, however, includes the teaching and a belief on the part of many that homosexuality is a sin — a sin for which punishment in hell is the result.

For a person who is both a Christian and a homosexual, the ambivalence of such teaching can lead to great emotional upheavals. Through thoughtful soul-searching, Mark, Tom and Chris seem to have achieved peace with their God.

"I believe in God. Everyone chooses a religion which better suits them. I don't want to violate the written rules of God — the ten commandments — and I think I follow them the best I can," contends Mark, adding that he frequently prays.

Chris also prays because, he says, "I really do believe in God." "I think a lot of people don't understand God. He just wants you to love other people. I can't believe God will punish me for doing what comes naturally for me," he says.

"I sincerely believe in God and I don't want to burn in hell for an eternity," says Tom. "I think that has been the cause for much of my anxiety about being gay. It's difficult to accept something that you're told is a big, black sin."

Like Chris, Tom believes that punishment for doing what comes naturally for not only him, but thousands of other people, is not a part of Christian teachings. "I find it very hard to believe that God will punish people for something that is a part of them. Very few people choose to be homosexual; they just are," he says.

"Being gay to me," Chris says, "is just that, being. Your sexual preference should be no more than just your sexual preference."

"There are some people who have made a whole career out of being gay. They eat, sleep and breathe being gay. You don't go around asking straight people about their sexual habits, so why should you ask a gay man or woman that?" asks Tom.

Should you ask any of the three men what he wants out of life, he would most likely answer happiness and good fortune.

"I want to be totally committed to someone. To feel that I'm the most important person in someone else's life and who is important to me. I will feel more secure and at ease with my sexuality and myself when I find that," says Tom.

"I feel that gay people are more sensitive to people's feelings. I think they are more compassionate people, are more feeling people. A gay person can express his or her feelings better, I think," Mark says.

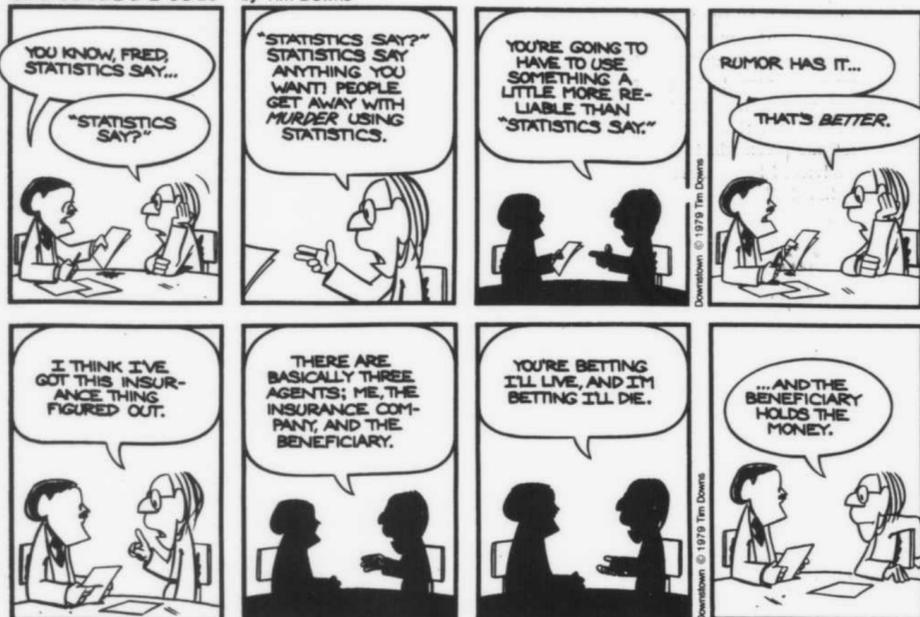
Mark is now 25. It's been six years and he can better express his feelings now.

Chris is 20, living in San Francisco and he's happy, something which seemed impossible when he was growing up on a military base in Memphis.

Tom is 22 and he knows who he is now. And after a somewhat shaky start, he accepts his sexuality.

Mark, Chris and Tom are gay. And they grew up in the bible belt. And they have survived.

### downtown by Tim Downs



### from our readers

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the administration, faculty and student body who helped make this years ASB Retreat a tremendous success. I feel the ideas and input which were expressed at the Retreat will be a great asset as we work together for the betterment of MTSU in the coming year.

Kent Syler  
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## College days begin

**Janet experiences typical life of a freshman**By LISA HUMAN  
Sidelines Features Editor

Sharing her bucket seat with a clothes hamper and a grocery bag, Janet was off to school at last.

An hour and a half later her Pinto, filled to capacity with six suit cases, her sister and countless number of boxes, arrived at

Murfreesboro and Janet began her college life, which turned out to be typical of what most freshman experienced the first week at school.

As for most freshman, the first matter of business on campus was to get moved in. Anxious to find out who she would be rooming

with, Janet checked into Monahan hall only to find that someone had already moved in to the side of her room with the window and left her the side with the light switch and door.

For the next few hours Janet unloaded boxes and tried to figure out which drawers to put what in.

After that she sat down and began staring at the blank white walls and brown cabinets that surrounded her. The two posters she had brought from home brightened up one side of the wall, but there sure was a lot of work to be done to that room if she was to live there.

A little bored, Janet began looking at her roommate's pictures to get an idea of who she would be living with. A few minutes later they met.

Once that traumatic experience was over Janet began wondering about the next big affair — registration.

"I sat up until 12 Friday night

working on my schedule," Janet said, "but registration wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I'm glad it's over, though."

Saturday night, Janet stayed up until 1 a.m. talking to her roommate and friends in the dorm. After all, you can't get to know people really well until you confide in them about the boy you left behind and the boy you met in your SOA group.

Sunday she stayed up until 2 a.m., decorating the room with posters and contact paper she had spent \$15 on earlier in the day. Janet's broke, but the room is charming.

Monday she slept late, rented a

refrigerator and went to Nashville.

In addition to attending the dorm — mixer, going to Wesley Foundation and buying her books, that is the extent of Janet's college life up to now.

She expected a few more parties to be going on this weekend, but other than that, Janet said she likes MTSU pretty well. "Everyone is friendly and has been real helpful," she said.

Like most freshman, Janet is finally beginning to meet people, has settled into her dorm room and is looking forward to finding out what the rest of college life has in store for her.

Several months ago, judges for the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, named MTSU's *Sidelines* the best student newspaper in a four-state region.

And we plan to repeat as winners in the competition in 1980. But to do so we must go beyond the efforts made by last semester's staff — we must work even harder to assure the success of *Sidelines*.

So, this fall our readers will see more in-depth and investigative reporting, more opinion writing, more comprehensive sports reporting and increased campus-wide coverage.

Entertainment will be an important part of our paper as "Intermission," a regular Friday section, makes its debut on August 24. Reviews of movies, concerts, plays and exhibits will be featured along with notes on special programming at WMG and a look at the television season.

"Viewpoints," the *Sidelines* opinion page, will feature "From Cell Block F," a regular Friday column by Mary Ann Richards with "Pop's People" filling that space on Tuesdays. And in every issue, readers will find probing, strongly opinionated editorials covering a broad spectrum of subjects.

But if we are to succeed, we need help. Reporters, photographers, graphic designers and advertising salespeople are needed to make the newspaper the best it can be. It takes a special kind of person to work at *Sidelines* — someone who is genuinely interested in the welfare of the student body and the well-being of the University.

Working at *Sidelines* affords one the opportunity to get hands-on experience with the latest technological advances in the field of mass communications.

It'll take a lot of work, but it will also be a lot of fun. Persons interested in making *Sidelines* the best student newspaper for another year should stop by the newsroom in room 310 of the James Union Building or call the office at 898-2815 and ask for Jeff Ellis.

And throughout the coming year you can watch an award-winning publication strive for a higher plateau — becoming the best student newspaper MTSU can have.

# Sidelines

watch us make it happen

**WISE offers services to campus**

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Any woman on campus or in the Murfreesboro area who is in need of information or help in career planning, financial or legal aid, or any other problem can find help with WISE.

WISE, Women's Information Service for Educational and other needs, is now in its third year on campus and, according to June Anderson, chairperson for the program, is "rapidly growing and developing marvelous rapport with other community agencies and industries."

Jeanette Heritage, who is co-director of the program with Jan Hayes, calls WISE "an information service."

"Approximately twenty-five faculty women help answer the phone and do counseling. We now have a full-time secretary and an answering service that takes messages twenty-four hours a day," she said. "We have also moved our office from Jones Hall, which was rather out of the path of most

student traffic, into the James Union Building."

"We get about twenty to fifty calls a week," Heritage said. "There is such a variety of people that call or come by. We offer advice and counseling or refer people to the right people."

A few of the services offered by WISE are information on financial and legal aid, news about day care centers, assistance with job hunting and help in writing resumes, and information on the public health and welfare departments, Heritage added.

This past spring, WISE received a grant from the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA). The \$14,034 funded a program designed to upgrade the educational skills of women and men in the community.

"Fifty-one people participated in our program, fourteen of whom were men," Anderson explained. "It was a great success. Many people decided to enroll in the university for courses this fall and seventeen people signed up take a

GED test."

Seven MTSU teachers helped with the program. Courses that were taught included reading, writing, math, improvement of self-image and a how-to-study sequence. The reading level of the people enrolled in our program increased one to five years, Anderson noted.

At the present, WISE is trying to raise funds to offer another skills — upgrade program. "We receive several letters and phone calls each week from people in the community who want to know when the program will be repeated," Anderson added.

WISE members are also currently working on a book which will be published sometime in 1980. The book will outline the workings and success of WISE so others may establish similar programs.

Any woman or man with a problem or in need of information or advice can contact WISE by calling 898-2193 or can come by JUB room 206.

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**From quails to quilts**

**Continuing Ed. offers courses**

By ELIOT MITCHELL  
Sidelines Staff Writer

If you don't like breaking your leg skiing, or sewing your fingers together while trying to make a quilt, or if you don't like to die, then the Continuing Education Department has some classes for you.

Classes include snow skiing, quilting, living with dying, modeling, disco dancing, speed reading, quail hunting, genealogy along with over 30 other classes. Each class has a fee plus a minimum and maximum enrollment number.

The *Snow Skiing* class will be taught in Boone, N.C., at one of the largest ski schools in the southeast. The class will consist of a four-day trip to Appalachian Ski Mountain, December 16-20. A \$35 deposit must be paid to MTSU by December 9.

*Quilting* will be taught by Dona Vickrey on Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., in the Home Economics Building, room 110. The class will begin on Oct. 2, and the fee for the class will be \$20 and will be closed after the first 25 students.

Carl B. Freitag will teach a class on *Living with Dying* that will help individuals lose their fear of dying. The class will include lectures and discussions, film strips, video tapes and several lab exercises. It will be taught in the Dramatic Arts Building room 216 on Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22. The fee will be \$30.

*Modeling I*, a class designed to teach visual poise, facial structure, hair care and modeling, will be taught by Joyce Neil in dance studio A, in Murphy Center, 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays. The class will cost \$25 and starts September 24.

If you would like to swing with the girls like John Travolta or sway with the men like Olivia, then you want to take *Disco Dancing*. The course will be taught in four sections, all on Thursday. The first two sections start September 6 with classes at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The following two sections will be on October 18 with classes also at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The fee for each section will be \$25 per person or \$40 per married couple.

The *Speed Reading* course will be on Thursdays starting on September 20 at 7 p.m. The coordinator of the class will be Dr. Alma Jean Harrington. The class, which has a \$30 fee, will meet in the Kirksey Old Main Building, Room 123.

A *Bird and Quail Hunters Seminar* will be Sunday, Oct. 7, 1-6 p.m. at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill, Tenn. The fee will be \$10.

Finding your roots will be the subject of the *Genealogy* course. It will be taught by Susan Danial on Thursdays starting Sept. 20. Fee for the course is \$20 and the class will meet at 7 p.m. in room three of Todd Library.

**Mulligan photo exhibit in LRC**

By ALAN ROGERS  
Sidelines Copy Editor

Prints by Steve Mulligan will open the first photographic show of the 1979-80 academic year in the LRC photo gallery.

The photo gallery, located on the main concourse of the LRC, will feature Mulligan's work, Sept. 16 - Oct. 4.

In a statement explaining his work, Mulligan said the photographs were shot using a variety of formats, approaches, moods, and lacking in central theme consistency, but "I try to maintain a certain level of quality.

both in print and in image."

Harold Baldwin, curator of the gallery, screens and chooses all works which will be shown in the LRC. An internationally — recognized gallery, MTSU has been exhibiting photographs since 1970.

"We don't have any trouble scheduling shows," Baldwin said, "we're booked through 1983." He also said the MTSU gallery is "popular for beginning photographers," those artists who are not so well known and just beginning to exhibit their works nationally.

In addition to beginning

photographers, the MTSU gallery has shown the works of such notables as Richard Avedon and Ansel Adams. The exhibits in the gallery run for three weeks each throughout the school year. Exhibits scheduled for this semester include:

- Sept. 16 — Oct. 4, Steve Mulligan
- Oct. 7 — Oct. 25, Visual Studies Workshop (a collection by four photographers)
- Oct. 28 — Nov. 15, Benjamin Porter
- Nov. 18 — Dec. 6, Jane McGinnis



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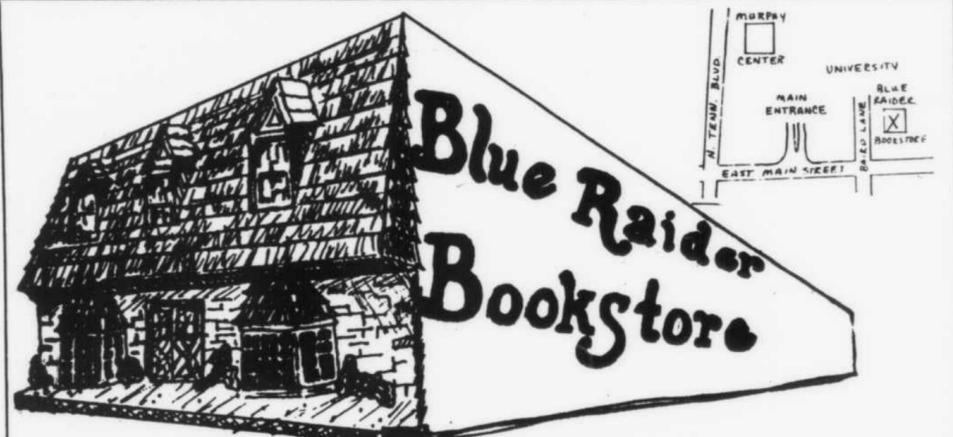
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# Eastern picked tops in the OVC four others given chance at title

By HENRY FENNEL

Sidelines Sports Editor

Squatters rights to the 1979 football honors in The Ohio Valley Conference seem to lie in Richmond and Bowling Green, on the campuses of Eastern and Western Kentucky University.

In a poll of the seven head coaches in the OVC, Eastern Kentucky was picked to up-end defending league champion Western Kentucky. The voting was a near dead heat with Eastern collecting four first place votes to Western's three. Eastern totaled 68 points to Western's 66.

Tennessee Tech, the third place team, received 48 points. Murray State finished fourth in the voting with 40 points. Austin Peay collected 30 points for the fifth spot. MTSU was in the number six spot with 22 points, while Morehead trailed in the voting with 20 points. Points were awarded on a 12-10-8-6-4-2 basis, with a first place vote being worth twelve points.

The two Kentucky schools were the dominate force in the conference this past season and both are returning the strength of last year's lineups. Eastern and Western were undefeated as their annual match-up rolled around in November. Western nipped the Colonels on their home field by a score of 17-16 and claimed the '78 conference crown. The Western-Eastern match-up will be played at Eastern this season and that could very well explain the edge given to the Colonels in this year's pre-season balloting.

Murray State made the biggest jump in the poll as it compares to the order of finish in the OVC last year. Murray was picked to finish fourth in the league for the coming season after finishing in a tie for dead last this past year.

The Racers feature one of the most explosive running games in the OVC. All-Conference tail-back Danny Lee Johnson returns after rushing for a league leading total of 1217 yards in '78.

Tennessee Tech has been selected to finish in the identical third place spot they held down this past season. Tech returns a whopping 17 starters from their '78 team which finished 4-2 in the OVC.

A number of coaches have pointed to the balance in the OVC this year. First year head coach Watson Brown of Austin Peay looks for some spirited competition in the conference play. "With the number of players that are returning for all of the schools, this may be the strongest and most competitive the OVC has been in many years," the Gov's head coach explained.

Head Roy Kidd of Eastern Kentucky expressed much of the same sentiment. "I believe our league is going to be stronger and more balanced than last year. I don't believe there will be any dominant team. In fact, any of three or four schools could win the championship," Kidd said.

Morehead's Tom Lichtenberg calls the OVC "as tough as any of the 1-AA leagues. Lichtenberg will be entering his first year as head coach at Morehead after leaving a coaching position at Iowa State. "I

think there are some players at Morehead who could play at Iowa State, and I know the other schools have their share of talent."

Head coach Mike Gottfried of Murray didn't leave out anyone in summing up the league race. "It looks like a real dog fight between Eastern, Western, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay. Morehead State will be an improved team and we remember the job Boots did at Austin Peay, so I don't think we should underestimate Middle Tennessee," Gottfried stated.

Jimmy Fiex, the head man at Western, sees the race as a five team affair. "We all know Eastern and Tech are going to be hard to beat, but Murray State and Austin Peay would be excellent darkhorse choices," said Fiex.

Tech's head coach Don Wade and MTSU's Boots Donnelly varied slightly from the standard view of the race. "Eastern and Western should be head and shoulders above the rest of us, but you can bet the rest of us will be in there battling," Tech's Wade said.

Donnelly summed up the possibilities this way. "Look at the league standings the past twelve years," the first year Raider chief said. "Either Eastern or Western got at least a share of the title in nine of those years, with Tech and Austin Peay slipping in there now and then. Well, nothing has changed for 1979. Eastern and Western are still the toughest, with Tech and Austin Peay having a chance to slip in there if the cards come up right."



## Gov's pegged as 'Angry Red Men'

In 1978 Austin Peay finished with a 6-4 won-loss record under then-head coach Boots Donnelly. Donnelly promptly packed his bags at the end of the season and moved a few miles down the road to take the head coaching job at his alma mater, MTSU.

Peay is now preparing for the '79 season under first year head coach Watson Brown. Watson has tabbed his first team "The Angry Red Men". To be sure, no one is quite certain what the 'Red Men' are so angry about. (Unless it's Donnelly's departure) The '79 Gov's return a lot of talent, especially in the skill positions.

Three of four secondary players are back from one of the top pass defense teams in the nation last season. A total of seven defensive performers return for the '79 campaign. "The major assets of our team are on defense" says coach Brown.

All-OVC safety Lynn Hailstock enters his senior season for Peay. Watson has tabbed Hailstock as the team's best athlete and a definite

professional prospect. At 5-10, 185, the Peay safety has ranked among the league leaders in defensive stats for the past two seasons. With the loss of All-American safety Mike Betts to graduation, Hailstock will be counted on to provide leadership in this year's secondary.

All-OVC cornerback Joe Grimsley enters his third and final season with Peay. Grimsley led the '77 team with five interceptions. This past season he had three interceptions to go along with 41 unassisted tackles. Grimsley is also good for some explosive punt returns. He scored the winning touchdown last season against UT-Martin on a 70 yard punt return with only seconds remaining.

Dexter Freeman, a 6-1, 180 pound cornerback, is the third returnee in the Governors defensive secondary.

The defensive strength doesn't stop in the secondary. Up front will be Dexter Brown (6-1, 250), who many considered to be one of the top defensive linemen in the OVC.

Tackle Richard Wozniak (6-5, 230) could be a pro prospect with some improvement in his junior and senior years. Nick Nordica, a 6-3, 220 pound defensive tackle, is said to have great potential in the defensive line.

Defensive question marks appear to be at the end and linebacker positions. Peay's two returning linebackers will be pushed by newcomers. A converted secondary player, Ernest Dunson (5-11, 180), has been given a look at one defensive end position. Mark Daniel (6-1, 215) returns at opposite side defensive end.

Senior Steve Brewer earned the starting quarterback spot midway through the '78 season, using the opportunity to grab OVC Offensive Player of the Week honors twice. He led the Gov's to four of their six wins.

Donald Brown and sophomore Craig Woods, will be Peay's top runners from '78. Woods turned in some sterling late season performances as a freshman.

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## Ohio Valley Conference

### 1979 Football Preview

Editor's note: This is a first in a two-part look at OVC football in 1979. Friday we will look at Eastern, Tenn. Tech and the Blue Raiders.

Tuesday, August 28, 1979

## Sports

## Fiex's 'Toppers thrive on optimism

By SCOTT ADAMS  
Sidelines Sports Writer

Things are looking up for Western Kentucky University football coach Jimmy Fiex as he enters his 12th year at the Hilltopper helm.

With only seven seniors gone from last year's team that posted a 8-2 mark and captured the school's seventh Ohio Valley Conference crown with a perfect 6-0 record,

Western appears to have the makings of another solid ballclub.

The Hilltoppers return nine starters on offense, with All-OVC selections John Hall and Eddie Preston heading the list. Hall, a junior quarterback who was the league's leading passer a year ago, could be among the premier signal-callers in Division 1-AA this season. However, spring practice sessions saw him pressured by freshman Ralph Antone and sophomore Marty Jagers for that quarterback spot.

"We have had some trouble in recent years with depth and experience at quarterback, but that problem seemed to remedy itself last year," Fiex said. "And things look solid there now. Antone and Jagers are both very capable young men and I expect them to keep John (Hall) on his toes."

Preston, a popular target of Hall's, returns for his final season at split end as one of the outstanding receivers in the league. At the tight end positions, junior Ricky Gwinn and senior Kirby Bennett appear to have things well in hand.

Fiex hopes he has found the strong, powerful fullback he has been looking for in Troy Snardon, a sophomore who was moved from the defensive secondary to the backfield during spring drills.

The offensive line appears to be solid, with second-team All-OVC picks Jeff Alsup and Pete Walters returning at guards. Phil Rich and newcomer Jeff Dungan will probably man the tackle positions. The 6-7, 260-pound Dungan was a first-team All-SEC Freshman Team selection while at Vanderbilt, and after attending community college for a year, has signed to play at Western this fall. Greg Gallas has recovered from a

knee injury that sidelined him most of last season and is the leading candidate at center.

Western's defensive unit, the stingiest in the OVC last year, returns eight starters.

Second team All-OVC choice Charles DeLacey heads an established group of linebackers. Former All-OVC selection Carl Estelle and Mark Dunkel, who performed admirably as a freshman last season, sophomore Dave Cross and transfer Donnie Evena give the Hilltoppers some depth at linebacker. Sophomore Tony Wells returns at nose guard while senior defensive end Alfred Rogan is expected to battle it out with sophomore Preston Holt and redshirt freshman Larry Taylor at one of the end positions.

The 'Toppers return three starters in the secondary, the OVC's most effective in 1978, with first-team All-OVC pick Carl Brazley leading the way. Brazley, who grabbed five interceptions to lead the league last season, has a supporting cast of senior Craig Smith and sophomore Barry Bumm.

Junior Ray Farmer, one of the best punters in the conference last season with an average of 39 yards per kick, returns with another year of experience under his belt.

Western fans, who played L. T. Smith Stadium with an average 16,580 fans per game to lead the OVC, had something to shout about early this season as they were chosen to finish second to Eastern Kentucky in the pre-season poll.

According to Fiex, the Hilltoppers will couple a strong passing attack with a "keep 'em honest" ground game and a tight, aggressive defense to spearhead the team's drive toward the OVC title.

## Murray's Racers contain unknown quantity

Those men who spend the most time following OVC football, the league's coaches, seem to be stumped on the subject of Murray State football for '79. In the recent coaches poll of season predictions, Murray State received at least one second, third, fourth and fifth place vote.

The average left the Racers in the fourth spot for the pre-season poll, ahead of MTSU, Morehead and Austin Peay, but behind Eastern, Western and Tech. The Racers seem to have an unknown quantity about them.

Eastern Kentucky's head coach Roy Kidd tried to explain the mixed

Murray votes. "Some of the league coaches have heard about all the junior college transfer players Murray has picked up and others haven't," he said. Murray has in fact signed 11 junior college transfers in hopes of bolstering the sagging defense of '78.

It's obvious the Racers have few problems on the offensive side of the ball. They were the third best rushing team in the OVC for '78 and the second most effective passing team. Murray averaged over 203 yards running the ball and just over 143 yards passing per game.

The '79 offense will feature tailback Danny Lee Johnson, the '78 Offensive Player of the Year in the OVC. Johnson rushed through opposing defenses for 1217 yards this past season.

Murray head coach Mike Gottfried is approaching the coming season with guarded optimism. "We should be a better team, but it may not be reflected in the won-loss column," the Racer skipper said. "It seems everyone is improved. Our goal in '79 is a winning season."

Six defensive starters are back,

and two others from last season have been moved to offense. Gottfried will seek much needed improvement over a unit that ranked sixth in league stats in '78. The Racer defense yielded an average of 341.2 yards last year.

Defensive co-captain Tony Boone (6-0, 195), second in tackles and assists among those returning on defense, will head the linbacking core.

The secondary is rated by Gottfried as one of the strongest areas on the team. Greg Evans, a regular at cornerback in his freshman season, and junior college transfers Terry Love and Ken Gowdy give the Racers a solid defensive secondary base.

Only two of six starters return in the defensive front. This will be a prime area of concern for Murray. Guard Jeff Gardner (6-2, 230) and end Glenn Jones (5-10, 188) are fixtures in the Racer "wide tackle six" defense.

The offensive line looks to be good enough and big enough. The Racer front is anchored by unanimous All-OVC pre-season choice Vernon Broadnax.

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Murray coach Mike Gottfried is looking for his best season ever as the Racers head man. His team has been picked to finish fourth in the OVC.

**Softball to kick off activities**

# Rec. department slates schedule

The Campus Recreation Office operates an equipment check-out service which makes available to the students a variety of equipment for them to utilize in their recreative pursuits. The check-out room is located in the lobby of Alumni Memorial Gym. Students may check out equipment by simply presenting a validated student ID card.

Equipment available includes basketballs, footballs, frisbees, golf clubs, handballs, horseshoe sets, racquetball racquets and balls, soccer balls, softball bats, balls and bases, tennis racquets, volleyballs and nets.

All equipment is expected to be turned in on the same day as checked out for use. The only exception is through prior approval of Campus Recreation Office.

Due to the renovation of the campus swimming pool, it will be closed until mid-October.

Handball/Racquetball courts will be utilized as follows for the Fall Semester, 1979.

Fridays and Saturdays — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sundays — 1 to 6 p.m.

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Courts will be scheduled by the Campus Recreation Office, Alumni Gym, Room 203. To make reservations call 898-2104, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

• Courts will be scheduled in hourly segments beginning on the hour.

• Courts may be scheduled one day in advance (Saturday, Sunday and Monday may be scheduled on Fridays).

• Only one reservation for any given day will be accepted per telephone call or office contact.

• Courts not scheduled or scheduled courts not claimed by five minutes past the hour are available to the present party or parties until the next clock hour.

• Dependents may schedule courts for Saturday and Sunday.

• Courts may be closed at various times as posted due to athletic contests and other functions in Murphy Center.

For further information concerning any aspect of the campus recreation program, please contact the Campus Recreation Office, Room 203, Alumni Memorial Gym, or call 898-2104.

- Activity:**  
Softball  
3 on 3 Basketball  
Tennis Singles  
Badminton  
Softball Open Tournament  
Frisbee  
Handball Singles  
4 on 4 Co-Ed. Basketball  
Air Hockey  
Whiffleball  
Table Tennis  
Chess  
Free Throw Contest  
Racquetball Singles  
Mini-Marathon  
Backgammon  
Volleyball  
Table Soccer  
Pool  
Bowling  
Volleyball Open Tournament  
Bridge  
Basketball  
Handball Doubles  
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Softball Open Tournament  
Track Meet

**SIGN-UP DATE:**

- Aug. 29
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 10
- Sept. 13
- Sept. 17
- Sept. 14 thru Sept. 19
- Sept. 19
- Sept. 20
- Sept. 18 thru Sept. 24
- Sept. 25
- Sept. 25 thru Oct. 1
- Oct. 2 thru Oct. 8
- Oct. 9
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 11
- Oct. 9 thru Oct. 15
- Oct. 17
- Oct. 16 thru Oct. 22 (noon)
- Oct. 23 thru Oct. 25
- Oct. 26 thru Nov. 1
- Nov. 5
- Nov. 6 thru Nov. 12
- Dec. 4
- Jan. 8
- Jan. 14
- Jan. 29
- Mar. 4
- Mar. 24
- Apr. 2
- Apr. 16

Games tournament sign-ups will extend over several days and entries will be taken at Games Room and the Campus Recreation Office.

## Softball meeting slated

The Campus Recreation softball league will kick-off the list of fall semester activities with a sign-up meeting at 7:00 in the Alumni Memorial Gym on Wednesday night. All persons wishing to enter a team should meet in the balcony

of the gymnasium. Only one representative is needed to sign up prospective teams.

Following the beginning of the softball league will be 3 on 3 basketball, with the sign-up meeting scheduled for September 6.

## Freeman resigns post

Jim Freeman has resigned his position as MTSU sports information director to take a similar position at Daytona International Raceway in Daytona, Florida.

Freeman will be in charge of promoting stock car racing events at the track. He will be leaving his post at MTSU at the end of this week.

A committee has been appointed to recommend a successor to Freeman. The decision should be announced some time today.

Ed Arning, an MTSU graduate, is the favorite to fill the post. Arning served as Sports Information Director for the Ohio Valley Conference following his graduation.

## Hayes signs Oakland duo

Two former Oakland High School track performers have signed grant-in-aides with MTSU. Harry McKee and Josh McMurray, two excellent half-milers, will be joining coach Dean Hayes this fall.

McKee and Murray were both members of Oakland High School's two mile relay team that set records in the Optimist Relays, the Baylor Relays and the Brentwood Relays. The team also finished second at

the state meet. Their best effort was 7:53.1.

Individually, McKee has run 1:57.4 in the 880, 4:28.3 in the mile and 9:32.0 in the two mile. He finished ninth in the state cross country championships and won the two mile run in the district meet this past spring.

McMurray has been clocked at 1:56.0 in the 880 and 9:59 in the two mile run. He finished third in the state in the indoor two mile, and was 18th in the state cross country championships. He also won the 880 at the district and regional level. Both prospects were coached at Oakland by Charles Harper.

"We've been keeping an eye on these young men for a long time, and are happy that they decided to come with us," said Hayes.

Hayes indicated that both McKee and McMurray would be key members of the Blue Raider cross country team this fall, and will help MTSU defend their OVC indoor championship this winter.

## Peay

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After catching 32 passes in only eight games in '78, junior Steve Putoff returns at wide receiver. Putoff is a pre-season All-OVC choice.

Senior center Steve Burns (6-2, 230) anchors the Gov's offensive line. The coaching staff is depending on some younger players to develop quickly up front on offense.

Austin Peay opens the '79 season this Saturday against James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Gov's open their OVC schedule with defending champion Western Kentucky in Clarksville on September 22. MTSU is scheduled to play in Clarksville on October 27.

## Murray

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Broadnax, a tackle, is the biggest man in the valley at 6-6, 375.

Murray's starting quarterback of a year ago, Mike Dickens, is gone. Last season's top reserve, Ricky Ray, and junior college transfer Brian Crall are even in their race for this year's starting role.

Punting and place-kicking responsibilities may be handled by freshman David Tuck. Tuck averaged 44 yards punting and kicked five field goals for Butler County High School in Kentucky last season.

Greg King, the second leading receiver on the team last year, returns at split end. Jerry Powell, a starter at cornerback a year ago, earned the second wide receiver spot in the spring. Kris Robbins, who operated in a backup role at tight end in '78, will get the starting assignment for the coming season.

Murray begins its search for the winning season this Saturday at Southeast Missouri State. The Racers OVC opener will be at home against Tennessee Tech on September 22. MTSU will host Murray on October 13.

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**Members sought for committees****Students involved in planning campus events**

By LISA SMITH  
MTSU News Bureau

Students become mini-entrepreneurs at MTSU, choosing big-name entertainment who will appear on campus, publicizing events, and working to produce them. It's all part of the Student Programming committee in the division of Student Affairs.

Student Programming involves the students in educational experiences outside the classroom. Established to plan and present activities to serve the cultural, educational, recreational and social interests of all students, committee members have almost unlimited opportunities to express themselves creatively and prove their leadership skills outside the classroom.

Student Programming functions through five sub-committees composed completely of student members with a chairman elected from the membership. Freshmen and new students can be active on all committees. The committees are: Ideas and Issues, Films, Fine Arts, Special Events, Dance and Games. Each one is responsible for activities in the related areas.

The Ideas and Issues committee brings to campus well-known, thought provoking speakers who discuss contemporary issues in their specialized fields. These speakers often include famous authors and poets, environmentalists, politicians, futurists, mentalists and psychologists. Some past speakers have been Nikki Giovanni, author and poet; Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientist and U.F.O. specialist; The Amazing Kreskin, popular mentalist; and Dr. Joyce Brothers, psychologist. Members of the Ideas and Issues committee select speakers, help with publicity and act as hosts.

The Films committee is responsible for selecting, booking, and showing full-length feature films. Committee members sell and take tickets, and run the projectors. Two different films are shown weekly on the second floor of the University Center in the UC Cinema. Three feature times are offered each day with an admission of 50★ for the matinee and \$1 for the two evening shows. Comedy, adventure, science fiction, classics and many major studio releases are screened throughout the semester for the students' viewing pleasure.

Outstanding performances in the fields of art, drama, classical music, jazz, mime theater, art films exhibitions, multi-media presentations and dance are all sponsored by the Fine Arts committee and are scheduled throughout the year. Past events include the Murray Louis Dance Company, The New Shakespeare Company, the Broadway show *Cabaret* and the Sinking Creek Film Festival. Committee members select the entertainment, plan the schedules, help with the publicity, and host the events. Every spring the Fine Arts committee brings free to campus a week-long "Fine Arts Festival" which includes presentations of drama, dance, music and art.

Many of the world's best known professional entertainers are brought to MTSU in concert by the Special Events committee. Some have performed several times at MTSU. Elvis Presley performed five times and John Denver has appeared twice, not to mention the single performances of others such as The Who, Commodores, ELO, Boston, Olivia Newton-John, Earth, Wind & Fire. . . and the list goes on. Students on the committee select the performing groups, help with publicity, help sell and take up tickets, and usher at concerts.

One three-year committee member said, "Being on the Special Events committee is a lot of fun; you get to be around people, plus see the concerts for free." The committee also presents *Showcase*, a series of new concept entertainment featuring upcoming artists in an informal atmosphere. Four years ago Steve Martin was co-sponsored by Student Programming during Freshmen Orientation week. "At the time he was a rising star, and look where he is today," said a senior who remembers the comic's appearance.

The Dance committee sponsors campus-wide dances featuring some of the best how bands in the South and special disco dances. Students on this committee select the bands and shows, help sell tickets, act as hosts, and help decorate. Admission price for these dances is 50★ per person with MTSU student I.D. A homecoming dance and Mid-Winter Frolic are sponsored yearly by the committee in cooperation with Residence Hall Programming. These are free to MTSU students and their guests.

All students are eligible and encouraged to join any committee, according to Harold Smith, director of Student Programming. There are openings for members on all MTSU Student Programming committees and once you are on a committee, you may remain a member as long as you are at MTSU. Interested students should go by the office of Student Programming, UC 308, and fill out an application. When an opening is available, applications are reviewed and applicants are selected according to their committee preference and to the date they applied. With MTSU Student Programming, college can be more than just going to class and studying.



During Rush Week, fraternity parties are a common sight. Sigma Nu is no exception. Their house on East Main was the site of one of many up-coming parties to introduce prospective pledges to actives. The Panhellenic Rush is set to begin September 10.

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION ALL DAY****Wednesday August 29, 1979 and****Thursday August 30, 1979****Dorm Students Register in UC Theatre**

**Off-Campus Students  
Register in Tennessee  
Room, James Union  
Building**

**Faculty and Staff  
Registration to be  
Announced Later**

***Bring ARC and know license number***