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## Woman raped on campus

By BRIAN CONLEY  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Murfreesboro police are looking for a suspect in the reported rape of an MTSU student's wife who was attacked near Student Housing at approximately 10 p.m. last Monday night, Dorothy Harrison, MTSU public relations director, said.

"A young woman was accosted in a breezeway in Married Student Housing," Det. Sgt. David Dinkins of Murfreesboro City Police said. "The male drug her next to the far back dumpster and into the field behind Married Student Housing and raped her."

"She never saw a weapon but the male threatened her and told her to do what he wanted or else," Dinkins said.

After the rape, the woman returned to her apartment and washed before calling campus security, Hickerson said.

"We called the city after going over everything, to assist us with the investigation," Jack Drugmand, chief of campus security, said.

The victim gave police a description of the rapist.

"He is a white male around 6 foot, stocky build, medium length dark hair, a blue windbreaker, blue jeans and tennis shoes," Dinkins said. "He was last seen headed to the parking lot by the field in Married Student Housing."

## If assaulted call police first

The first and most important thing a rape victim should do after being attacked is call the police, Det. Sgt. Eddie Peel of the Murfreesboro Police Department said yesterday.

"Don't call your boss, don't call your mom and don't call 16 friends," Peel said. "Call the police first."

Time is an essential factor in a rape investigation, Peel said, and the sooner the police can get to the scene, the more likely they are to catch the rapist.

It is also important that the police arrive before the scene of the crime is disturbed, he said.

"Don't move things, don't clean up and don't call people in to tramp around," Peel said.

Rape victims should not wash themselves before calling the police because they will be medically examined and the doctor's findings may be used as evidence, Peel said.

"It may be hard to do, but you should try to keep your head and remember everything," he said. "Keep a mental picture of the suspect in your head."

Rape victims who need help or counseling can contact the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center at their 24-hour hotline number, 327-1110.



James M. Buchanan as he appeared in 1977 when he visited MTSU and lectured on his economic theory of public choice. The inset shows the 1940 *Midlander* photo of Buchanan as a senior.

## Given for economic theories

# MTSC grad wins Nobel

By DALE DWORAK  
Sidelines News Editor

A 1940 graduate of Middle Tennessee State College has been awarded the 1986 Nobel Memorial Prize for Economic Science.

James M. Buchanan, 67, a native of Murfreesboro and a professor of economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., was announced the winner of the \$290,000 award by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm yesterday. The award was given for his work in the field of "public choice," a field he "more or less created," according to Reuben Kyle, chairman of the economics and finance department at MTSU.

Public choice theory seeks to address the decision-making processes of governments in relation to economic issues.

"It involves the economic aspects of political decision making," Kyle said. He added that this theory was used to explain the regulation of businesses by governments and decisions surrounding the "use of

public resources."

Whether or not a nation should build roads or invest in other public capital expenditures is part of public choice. Kyle also said that the decisions effecting the rise or fall of defense spending are studied in public choice.

Buchanan attended the old Buchanan School in Murfreesboro and graduated from MTSC, now MTSU, in 1940.

During WWII Buchanan served on Admiral Chester Nimitz's staff. Nimitz was commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He received his master's degree from the University of Tennessee and his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1948.

Buchanan presently operates the Center for Public Choice at George Mason University, Kyle said.

According to the *Midstater*, the MTSU alumni paper, Buchanan is "one of only 52 living scholars listed in British historian Mark Blaug's book, *100 Great Economists Since Keynes*."

"It is my understanding that most of the recent awards have been of a joint nature," Dot Harrison, director of public relations for MTSU said. "But Buchanan's was an individual award. He has gained attention as the founder of the public choice theory of economics."

Buchanan is the brother of the former Liz Whorley, who is now the wife of Texas millionaire and MTSU benefactor Harry Bradley.

"It came as a total surprise," she told Harrison over the phone. She added that Buchanan had previously been considered for the award in 1984.

The award will be presented to Buchanan in Stockholm in December.

In 1971 Buchanan was named a Distinguished Alumni of MTSU.

In the 1940 *Midlander* Buchanan was listed as being a member of the Sigma Club and a student of social studies and mathematics.

## Senate bill to streamline House membership rules may change

From Staff Reports

The ASB Senate passed a bill Tuesday intended to streamline the House of Representatives and make the House more effective.

The bill will amend the ASB Constitution to make the number of people included on the House roll more flexible, Senator Brian Conley, sponsor of the bill, said.

"Currently, all organizations are members of the House of Representatives," Conley said. "My bill will change the number of representatives to include just those organizations which have submitted the name of their representative to the speaker of the house."

"This will make it easier for the House to obtain a quorum and do business," Conley said.

Conley's bill also changed the deadline for submitting the name of the representative to the ASB.

"Right now the deadline is the first House meeting," Conley said. "If the bill passes, the deadline will be six weeks after the first official

day of classes.

"This allows enough time for the organizations to choose a representative, and it is early enough so that the House can start doing business," Conley said.

The bill passed the Senate unanimously and will go before the House at the next meeting.

"The bill will also have to pass a referendum at the next election in accordance with the ASB constitution," Conley added.

In other business by the Senate, the freshman senators were confirmed, a committee to look into how accessible the library is for handicapped students was formed, and a resolution to paint a crosswalk on "B" street was passed.

The five freshman senators were sworn in by ASB Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Higdon. They were: J.B. Cox, Marcy Griggs, Clint Lewis, William Newberry and Christy West.

The library committee was formed because of a resolution passed by the ASB last year that

called for an upgrading of the library's accessibility to the handicapped, ASB Speaker of the Senate Doug Roth said.

"The three senators selected will meet with three representatives and the library head to look at ramps and elevators which have been installed since the resolution passed," Roth said.

The three senators which volunteered for the committee are Clint Lewis, William Newberry and J.B. Cox.

The resolution, which also passed unanimously, called for a crosswalk to be painted on B Street.

"The crosswalk will be painted on B Street before the curve near Wood Hall," Roth said. "Due to the sharp curve there it is difficult for cars to see any student crossing the street, especially handicapped students."

The bill must be passed by the House before it becomes effective, Roth said. The administration must also approve it.

## Handicapped get free parking

By BRIAN CONLEY  
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

A state law passed by the Tennessee General Assembly makes it illegal for state agencies to charge for handicapped parking decals.

"In 1986, 'State agency' was added to the list of groups which are prohibited [by Tennessee An-

notated Code 55-21-105] from charging fees for handicapped parking," a memo from Susan Short, State Board of Regents General Counsel and Secretary, to all the memo states. The law previously applied to only counties, cities, towns and municipalities.

The memo was sent to all univer-

sity presidents on Oct. 2, Debbie Cassette, a State Board of Regents legislative services secretary, said.

It is not known at this time if the university will require the handicapped to have a decal to park on campus.

"I can't say right now if we will require a decal yet," Jack Drugmand, Chief of campus security, said. "I have not heard anything official on it yet."

"I called the president's office this afternoon to get a copy of the memo," Drugmand said.

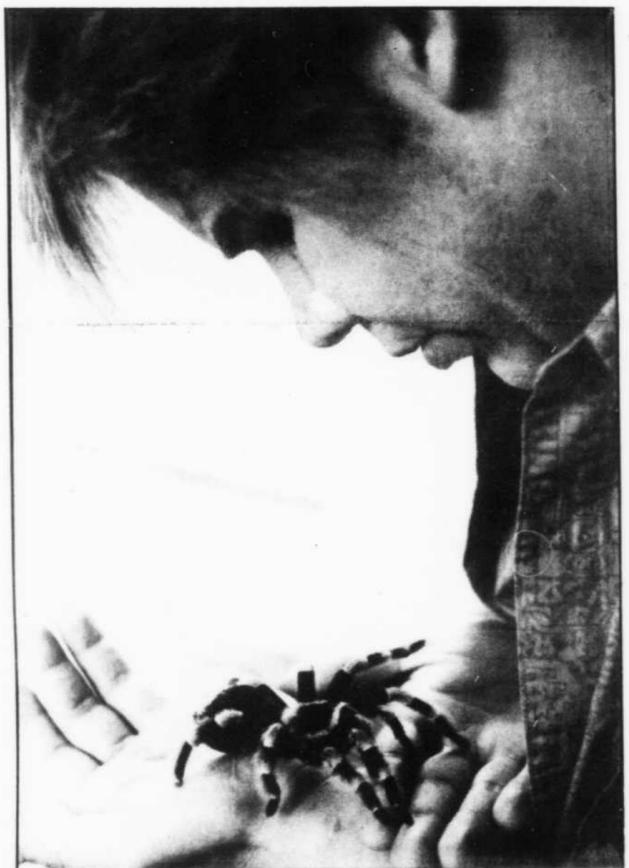
The memos were sent out "two to three days ago," Frank Yates, MTSU institutional research director and the person responsible for sending out the memos, said.

"I feel I sent security a copy," Yates said.

Although the official word was not handed down to the Board of Regents until Oct. 2, the bill was signed by Governor Lamar Alexander on April 15th, Rep. Mike Murphy (R-Nashville) said.

"As I recall the bill was supposed to go into effect immediately after passage," Murphy said.

No one *Sidelines* was able to contact knew if those persons who purchased handicapped stickers from the university between the time the bill was passed and now will be given a refund.



Andrew Turman lets Sheba, his pet tarantula, crawl along his hand. Turman is a student at MTSU and lives on campus but Sheba lives off campus since being evicted by Housing.

## Sheba eats crickets but prefers hamsters

By CRYSTAL NELMS  
Sidelines Managing Editor

Sheba is light and graceful, with soft blond hair, and although she is quite docile, she occasionally indulges in a live baby hamster for lunch.

Sheba is a tarantula. Andrew Turman, a 20-year-old junior at MTSU, bought Sheba for \$30 two years ago in Texas. She lived in Andrew's dorm room until recently when University Housing officials forced Andrew to find her another home.

"She had to leave my dorm, and now she has to live at a friend's house," Andrew said. "She did not bother my roommate. He liked her."

"I do not get to see her very often," Andrew said. "I only see her once or twice a week."

"I was real mad when they told me I couldn't keep her in the dorm," Andrew said. "I was mad, because she is my baby."

Sheba lives in a large aquarium. The floor of the aquarium is covered in dried-corn litter. There is a three-sided box in Sheba's aquarium, and she likes to get in-

side it. "She goes into it [the box] because it's dark," Andrew said. "She likes the dark."

"She crawls up the glass walls of her aquarium," Andrew said. "She could spin a web, but she doesn't."

"When the top was left off once, she crawled out," Andrew said. "Nothing can freak you out more than coming home and not being able to see your tarantula in her cage."

Sheba is about 7 inches long when she stretches out. Her eight legs are each about 3 inches long. She has two mandibles, or feelers, at the very front of her body. Sheba has black, beige and blond hair, and her legs are accented with little strips of burnt orange hair. The blond hairs stand straight up. They are poisonous.

"The hairs are poisonous, but they only cause a rash," Andrew said. "It goes away real fast."

Sheba has two small eyes and two large eyes. They are on the top of her head.

(Please see Sheba page 2)



John Harris, director of handicapped student services, rides Spring as part of the recreational activities provided by Handicapp Student Services for the disabled students on campus.

Kim Damron/Special

# Campus Capsule

**CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY:** All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday publication or 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* cannot guarantee submissions will be published.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship has a free supper every Wed. night for all interested. Join us for supper, fellowship and singing in a home-like atmosphere.

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The Muslim Studenty Association will present a lecture about "Islam in America." Dr. Malik, a TSU psychology professor, will be giving the lecture at 6 p.m. Wed. Oct. 22, 1986 in Room 220 Peck Hall.

Phi Beta Lambda will be having a meeting on Thur. Oct. 23 at 3:30, in Room 202 of the Business Building. We hope to see all members at the meeting. Anyone else interested in joining PBL please feel free to attend the meeting.

The Kappa Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will present its 5th Annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant, Thursday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. The pageant will be held at the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from any member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

A study skills/test anxiety seminar will be held Wed. Oct. 29 and Thur. Oct. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Rom 315 of the Keathley University Center. The seminar is being sponsored by the guidance and counseling office in conjunction with the office of student organizations and minority affairs. Students may register for either seminar by calling extensions 2987 or 2670 by Tue. Oct. 28.

## Sheba

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"All the eyes do is sense light," Andrew said. "She just sees shadows. She finds and kills her prey by vibrations or motions in the air or on her."

Sheba has never bitten anyone. Andrew has tried unsuccessfully to make her angry. He says he gets curious, and he wants to know how it feels when she bites.

"I tried one time for about 15 minutes to get her mad," Andrew said. "I poked her with the dull end of a pencil. She would not get mad. She's real docile."

A tarantula's bite feels like a bee's sting. They have fangs in their mouths which they use to latch onto their prey. "When they are going to strike, they stand on their back four legs," Andrew said.

Tarantulas only bite as a last resort. They will use their poisonous hairs to frighten off enemies first.

Sheba has a bare spot on her back. Andrew has pet her in that spot, and the fur has just rubbed

off.

"Once a year she will shed her skin like a snake," Andrew said. "She steps out of her body through a crack. When she does this everything is already there."

This process is called molting. When a tarantula molts, she acquires a new, dark-brown coat. If a tarantula is wounded, when molting takes place, the wound will be healed. For instance, if Sheba lost one of her legs, the leg would be replaced the next time she molts.

Male tarantulas stop molting when they reach maturity, but the female continues to molt annually as long as she lives. With the privilege of molting, she retains the advantage of replacing appendages and rejuvenating herself.

Sheba's menu consists mainly of crickets and tap water. Occasionally Andrew will give her a baby hamster for a treat.

Sheba will not eat anything that is dead. She likes to kill her own food.

Sheba eats approximately 10 crickets every two weeks. Andrew

feeds her every two or three days.

"It takes her about 10 or 15 minutes to eat a cricket," Andrew said. "She can rip a cricket apart. She does not eat the entire cricket, she just sucks out the insides and leaves the shell."

"She can go without food for two years, and she can go without water for three months," Andrew said.

Andrew buys Sheba's crickets at a local bait shop. Crickets cost about \$1.50 for 40.

"Sheba doesn't do any tricks," Andrew said. "She's not real intelligent, but she's graceful. Just to look at her is aesthetical. She's intriguing and beautiful."

"When people crowd around her, she gets real startled," Andrew said. "I don't like that. The more upset she gets, the more likely she is to strike."

Sheba is a loner. She likes to keep to herself. She's very laid back.

"She doesn't mind contact with things — people for instance — but she doesn't go looking for it," Andrew said.

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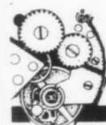
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Each submission should include the name, p.o. box, and telephone number of the artist. Submissions can be brought to the Collage office in the James Union Building, room 306.

**Deadline for Submissions is October 25, 1986!!!**

For further information contact James Tucker, editor, at 898-2533, or in JUB room 306 on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 - 11:00.

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# Editorials

## Proposed House reorganization bill will benefit ASB

The ASB Senate recently passed a house reorganization bill that is designed to streamline the house of representatives.

If the bill is passed, campus organizations will have six weeks after the first day of classes in the fall to submit the name of their house representatives and alternates to the speaker of the house. Any organization that fails to comply will forfeit its seat in the ASB House for the academic year.

During that six-week period, organiza-

tions who have not submitted the proper paperwork cannot send a member to vote at House meetings.

*Sidelines* urges members of the house to support this bill with their vote during the house meeting next week.

This new bill will help alleviate some of the problems that have traditionally plagued the House of Representatives in the past and damaged the effectiveness of that legislative body.

It is ridiculous for the ASB House to at-

tempt to conduct business with the constant fear of a quorum call hanging over their heads.

If the bill passes both the House and the necessary referendum before the general student body, it will enable the House to more easily obtain a quorum of its members during meetings.

Once the House is able to regularly establish a quorum, it will be able to move faster and more efficiently on bills presented before it.

This bill will also encourage organizational leaders to carry out their duties by appointing or calling for the election of a person to represent them in the ASB. After all, the House represents the general student population in the MTSU administrative process.

If this bill is passed, some of the dead weight that impedes the progress of the ASB in establishing better student/administrative relationships will be weeded out.

## Letters to the Editor

### Letter misinterpreted

Dear Editor,

Recently it has been made apparent to me (by many letters and phone calls) that my previous letter to the editor ("We're not Southern ya'll") was not taken in the spirit in which it was intended.

The letter was a joke — nothing more. Just because I am proud of my Northern heritage (as you are proud of your Southern heritage) does not mean I hate Southerners or that the South is a terrible place. I happen to think that the South is

as beautiful as are the vast majority of the people who live here. If I didn't, I certainly would not have chosen to attend school in Tennessee.

To all those nice people who so kindly pointed out (some *did* do it kindly) that my letter was being misinterpreted — thank you. I apologize to all those who believe my letter was an insult to the Southerners — it was not intended as such.

Susan E. Browning  
Box 7364

### ASB ruins homecoming

Dear Editor,

Nothing irritates me more than a teacher who doesn't do their homework. I know most of you have had teachers like this before, but you were too afraid to say anything.

An incident occurred in which I took a 50-question, multiple choice/true-false examination. The test was relatively easy. It took about 30-minutes to complete it. I took this exam two weeks ago, and I still haven't gotten it back yet.

What is this teachers' problem? I try to be flexible when it comes to getting tests back, but enough is enough. There is no excuse on God's green Earth why it should take a teacher two weeks to give an exam back to the students. Well, maybe if the teacher were paralyzed from the waist up this might be a legitimate excuse. Now I understand teachers are just as busy as we students, but you don't see me turning in assignments two weeks late. If the teachers need help grading them, I certainly will

be willing to help them out.

Let's face it teachers, students are naturally curious to know what they made on an exam (at least they should be). So do us a favor and try to have our exams ready within a week. This isn't asking for too much is it? Ya'll gester on the stick.

Jerry Dye  
Box 6905

### Homework? Who, us?

Dear Editor,

In Tuesday's *Sidelines*, you printed an article praising Homecoming 1986 Activities Week. To my sisters and our service sorority, Omega Phi Alpha, Homecoming 1986 was a disaster — thanks to the ASB who sponsored the activities. We participated in every homecoming event this year.

When we participated in the Fight Song competition, we received a first-place plaque in the female open division. Later, Troy Baxter, the ASB president said that we were mistakenly put in the

wrong category. They took our plaque and we were told we would receive third place in the open mixed division instead.

During Activities Day which started half an hour late, we participated in all the relays except the mystery event. We were not given the opportunity to participate in this event because they canceled it for our category, (which ever one that may be) but the social Greeks did get the chance to participate. Talk about unfair!

For the Banner competition, we painted a banner and won first place. We have yet to receive any kind of award for this.

Also, we were told that the winners of the spirit trophies would be announced during the game last Saturday. True, the Greek winners were announced and trophies given to them, but our category's winner was not. The ASB office told us they did not have them tallied but that we won second place. We haven't received anything for this either.

To us, Troy Baxter and the ASB need to get themselves together before they start patting themselves

on the back for a job well done when it was definitely the opposite. The activities week was so unorganized, it was truly pathetic.

Troy Baxter, you owe us one huge apology! To you I say: Get it together or get out!

Dana Pogue  
Box 6311

### Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space.

All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. Telephone numbers will not be printed and are for verification purposes only. When warranted, requests to withhold names will be honored.

We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and space.

Address all letters and inquiries to: *Sidelines*, Box 42, or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building.

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## Collegiate Concerns

### Standards becoming tougher

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer American colleges are easing entrance requirements for minorities than were doing so at the end of the 1970s, says a study on admission practices at the nation's campuses.

At the same time, an official of another organization that sponsors the entrance examination required for many universities says he believes girls tend to score lower on the test than boys because they tend to come from poorer backgrounds.

The study of admissions practices was conducted by Educational Testing Service researcher Hunter M. Breland. Breland, following up a similar admissions study in 1979, surveyed 2,203 two- and four-year colleges last year.

He found that 39 percent of the four-year private institutions in 1979 said they granted exceptions to their admission requirements for minorities. But last year only 25 percent did so. At the four-year public campuses, the percentage granting exceptions to minorities decreased from 45 percent to 40 percent.

Four-year colleges accepted 76 percent of all students who applied.

### Professor says to worry about grammar

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — If rock'n'roll lyrics really influence American teen-agers, parents probably should be more worried about poor grammar than pornography, says a Georgia English professor.

Double negatives and clichés often sprinkle the lyrics of contemporary music, although more attention has been focused recently on critics' objections to pornography and references to satanism found in some songs, said Marion Barber Stowell, a rock music aficionado who teaches at Georgia Military College.

Still, Stowell questions the extent of influence that rock music has

over teen-agers. She contends many youngsters favor beat to content and don't pay much attention anyway to either suggestive language or poor grammar.

Concern raised by Tipper Gore, Jr., D-Tenn., and other people about the effect of lyrics on their children is misdirected and slanted, Stowell said at a recent convention of the Popular Culture Association in the South.

"It's much ado about nothing," said the 60-year-old, who holds a doctorate in English. "Rock'n'roll is sexy music, not seductive. The good beat makes you feel good ...

up among white, Hispanic, Asian and American-Indian students.

Breland also found that even though many colleges expected a massive enrollment decline in the 1980s as the post-World War II baby boom generation passed into adulthood, the enrollment bust never materialized.

He said four-year colleges have boosted their recruiting budgets by 63 percent since 1980, more than double the inflation rate. A tenth of the four-year colleges increased their recruiting budgets by 100 percent.

Highlights of Breland's study were released at the annual conference of the National Association of College Admission Counselors, which sponsored the research along with ETS, the College Board, the American College Testing Program and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

At a separate debate on college entrance tests at a convention of admission counselors, a College Board executive said girls have always scored far below boys on the

math portion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test because they take fewer math courses.

The executive, Fred Dietrich, vice president for programs at the College Board, said that until 1972, girls outscored their male counterparts on the verbal half of the SAT, but since then they have fallen behind.

Among this year's high school graduates, the boys scored 437 on the SAT verbal to the girls' 426. On math, the boys scored 501 to the girls' 451. The average score for both sexes was 431-475.

But for the 12th consecutive year, more girls took the test than boys: 519,271 to 481,477. That is a 52-48 margin.

Dietrich said the College Board, which sponsors the SATs, has found from student questionnaires that the girls who take the SAT are a "larger and more diverse" group than the boys. The average girl's parents have less income and less education than the parents of the average boy who takes the test, he said. The girls are "less economically and educationally privileged."

Rock music has never shocked me."

She presented a research paper on rock lyrics at the 15th annual meeting here of the association, which was organized in 1971 to study popular culture.

In her study, she said songs by artists such as Prince and some heavy metal groups cited among the worst examples of pornography by Gore's group, the Parents Music Resource Center, are not generally played on the radio.

"The kids buy them on albums and cassettes, usually with their parents' money," she said.

Stowell acknowledges that some

what incenses their parents."

From its inception, the central theme in rock'n'roll has been individuality and freedom from restraint," she said. "This freedom has always been interpreted by parents as an imposition and a threat to their authority and it always will be. Yet miraculously, teen-agers do not seem to be adults and most of them quite responsible ones."

If the average teen-ager is being influenced by lyrics "the teacher of English grammar is particularly disadvantaged," she said.



### Dunn victorious in UT mock election

Republican gubernatorial candidate Winfield Dunn defeated Democratic opponent Ned McWherter in the University of Tennessee-Knoxville mock election.

UT's Student Government Association President in Chattanooga, Mike Meyer, said the issues Dunn stands for "are liked by students."

"His progressive approach to economic development and his support of quality education are well received by people our age," Meyer said.

According to a recent press release from Dunn, his campaign expresses the importance of "the youth vote."

As reported in *The Daily Beacon*

### Drive honors memory of UA students

In memory of Dawn McCreery and Wendy Offredo, two University of Akron students who were murdered Sept. 1, several campus organizations are joining forces to sponsor a petition drive and letter-writing campaign.

The petitions and letters urge state legislators to pass House Bill 364 which was introduced to the state legislature March 11, 1985.

The bill would require the director of the Ohio Department of Transportation "to make a survey of all overpasses in the state and to require certain overpasses to be screened."

A chunk of concrete thrown from an overpass on Interstate 77 disabled the vehicle in which McCreery and Offredo were riding. This incident allegedly led to their murders.

As reported in *The Buchtelite*

### Students wishing to study longer can

Students who are turned away from libraries at 11 p.m. at the University of Texas can continue to study until 3 a.m. in the University Teaching Center, a Students' Association committee member said.

"I see the room as supplying a need to the students who need a place to study or place that's quiet," SA Student Services Committee Member Paula Stout said.

As reported in *The Daily Texan*

# Art / Entertainment

## 'Crocodile Dundee' predictable version of Australian slapstick

By ANDREW TURMAN  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Deciding that I was tired of writing favorable movie reviews, I flipped through an entertainment section of a Nashville paper. It was tough, but I finally narrowed the choices down to two movies. It was "Jumping Jack Flash" or "Crocodile Dundee". I figured that too many people are criticizing Whoopie Goldberg right now, so why not critique Paul Hogan's new film.

You must know who Paul Hogan is. You should know his face, if not his name. He's the guy that does all those TV advertisements for Australia. The ones that have increased tourism in the kangaroo country almost 50 percent. He has that savage tan, a sunny disposition and a charming accent (G'day!).

What I did not know, is that he reads avidly. He must, for his latest movie is an oversimplified version of E.M. Forster's novel, "A Room with a View", which was also recently released as a film. "Crocodile Dundee", the antithesis of "A Room with a View", reminds me of a "Reader's Digest Condensed Version" of Hemingway. You just don't get the exact content and meaning of the original.

The basic story line is the same. A man and a woman meet in an exotic land, they kiss, fall in love and then they go back to the woman's hometown. Just as the woman is about to marry a pretentious wimp, she and our hero kiss again. When he is about to leave her forever, she realizes that she

truly loves him, and they embrace, professing their "love" for each other. End of movie, up with the house lights and let's go grab a beer.

Luckily, Hogan's version (which he co-wrote) doesn't have any of the plot complexities associated with "A Room with a View". The only recurring theme is his catch-all phrase, "No worries, mate!" There is no social comment, except for perhaps his wistful portrayal of the stereotypical macho male. And the wry, cerebral British humor has been replaced with a hybrid of Australian and American slapstick.

### Movie Review

Paul Hogan stars as the dynamic Mick "Crocodile" Dundee, a game hunter who got his nickname after he was bitten by the toothsome lizard he was poaching. Linda Kozlowski plays the American reporter who is doing a story about his escape from the jaws of death. She tires of his chauvinistic ramblings about women, and she leaves to finish the hike they made to see the site of his hike with danger. When she stops at a stream to get water, a monster crocodile rushes toward her. Luckily, Dundee was hiding in the bushes, spying on her, and he saves her by killing the mighty animal with his bare hands (er, a knife, yeah, that's it!). He proves once again, the vulnerability and ineptitude of women when faced with a threatening situation. And we all know how true to life that is!

The couple then go to her wilderness, the concrete jungle, New

York City. You've seen this before. The alien you are faced with situations he doesn't understand, and he makes humorous mistakes, much to the delight of his native friends and the movie viewers alike.

It is similar to watching reruns of "Mork and Mindy", or as a better example (or worse, depending on how you look at), the new television sit-com, "Perfect Strangers". I really think we should laugh at people that are not familiar with our customs. After all, if they come over here, they should know the language and our history!

Mick just cannot comprehend the New York scene with its prostitutes, pimps, transvestites, and muggers. They just don't have those things in the outback. Nor do they have new-fangled machinery like escalators or bidets.

Of course, all predictable movies have a predictable ending, and this film belongs in the "predictable genre." After in the "predictable genre." The journalist's pompous boyfriend at a posh Italian restaurant, and again rescuing her — this time from muggers — Dundee then decides to...well, why spoil it for you?

Don't worry if you don't have the misfortune of seeing Mick Dundee this time around. As with most potential box office smashes, there is always the promise of sequels. Personally, I can hardly wait for the next four or five to come out. So if you don't get a chance to see "Crocodile Dundee: the Unthinking Man's 'Room with a View'", just wait for the next one, "Dundee Meets Rambo: the Final Conflict."



This drawing, by Auburn, Alabama artist Janice Koeing Ross, is currently on exhibit in the Keathley University Center at MTSU. The exhibit, which runs through Oct. 31, is free.

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# Sports

## Blue Raiders shooting for 7-4 final record

By ANDY REED  
Sidelines Sports Writer  
Seven-and-four.

Those are the final numbers the MTSU football team is shooting for as the Blue Raiders embark on the second half of their season.

MTSU is currently 2-4 after last week's 24-12 win over Akron. If the Blue Raiders win the remainder of their games, they would finish with a 7-4 mark. A respectable record, but still the worst since going 6-5 in 1981.

"We're just going to win them all. Who knows what can happen," Blue Raider cornerback Robert Mullins said. "We're just shooting for a winning season."

"Right now we're trying to get out of the well," said MTSU coach Boots Donnelly, whose team is sixth in the OVC with a 1-2 record.

"We dug this hole for ourselves and we've got to get out of it."  
"We've just got to win and let the chips fall where they may."

With the Raiders all but out of the conference race for this season, the best MTSU can realistically expect is a 7-4 season and possibly a second- or third-place finish in the conference.

But to win the rest of them, the Blue Raiders must start by defeating Southwest Missouri Saturday afternoon (1:30 p.m. kickoff) in Springfield, Mo.

Saturday's meeting will be the first ever between the schools. The Bears, like the Raiders, own a 2-4 mark after beating Jackson State 10-6 last weekend in Jackson, Miss.

"Southwest Missouri is a young ballclub that has struggled a bit

early and seems to be finding itself," Donnelly said. "They have played solid defense all season and put together some offense against Jackson State on a very wet and slippery field."

Sophomore Scott Hartwig quarterbacked the Bears' wishbone offense by handing off to running backs Ryan Jackson, Tony Gilbert and Elijah Dukes.

"Our past history against the wishbone has not been very good," said Donnelly, who noted that

### Golfers seek another trophy

Staff reports  
The Blue Raider golf team is in the midst of its last tournament, aiming to bring back another addition to its trophy case, head golf coach Walt Rogers said.

The team began competing in the Wallace State tournament

while Hartwig does a good job with the wishbone, he is not in the same class as Georgia Southern's Tracy

Ham, who has been so proficient in the bone against MTSU, the offense has been renamed the ham-bone.

Trying to stop the Bears' bone will be a defense which was opportunistic in the win over Akron. MTSU intercepted four passes last week, including two by Mullins, and also recovered a fumble.

Linebacker Roosevelt Colvard Thursday and will compete through Saturday.

"We'd like to continue our record of bringing home a trophy from every tournament," Rogers said.

The team captured second place Tuesday at the Nashboro Collegiate Classic. Blue Raider captain Jared Melson won the tournament as an individual with a score of 150. Melson, Chuck Liner and Ron Graham were named to the All-Tournament team.

Melson was also named to the Union City All-Tournament team on Sept. 30. Liner captured All-Tourney honors after losing a 5-hole playoff for first place at the University of Alabama.

### Rough for Rec refs

By MAURICE PETWAY  
Sidelines Sports Writer

It's the intramural championship game — one second to go in the game, ball on the one inch line, quarterback tries to sneak over, he surges, his flag is taken — does the ball break the plane before the flag was stripped?

"Hairline calls are the toughest to make because people get angry and violent when they go against

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also intercepted a pass last week while dominating the defensive statistics with 17 tackles, including 14 solo stops. That earned the senior from Forsyth, Ga., OVC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Offensively, the Raiders snapped out of two-game doldrums against Akron as all-conference quarterback Marvin Collier, still bothered by an injured shoulder, returned to the MTSU lineup and completed 8-of-10 passes to spark the team. Tailback Dwight Stone rushed for two touchdowns while backfield

mate Gerald Anderson added a third TD.

Collier's return may have been for just one game as he was banged on his injured shoulder late in the game and is a questionable for Southwest Missouri, according to Donnelly.

In addition to Collier, other hurting Raiders who may not see action against Southwest Missouri are linebacker Mick Mathis (who didn't play against Akron), split end/punt returner Robert Alford and defensive end Kenny Tippins.



Blue Raider Melinda Sandy (center) goes up for the kill against Murray State Tuesday night. Cindy Snyder (11), Wanda Johnson (15) and Melissa Arms are ready for the block. Murray State beat MTSU 3-1.

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**Rough**

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their team", Jill Bailey Campus Recreation official, said.

Bailey is one of the MTSU students who officiate basketball, volleyball and flag football intramural games part-time. Bailey said it is

not always easy, but most of the time it is fun.

"Basketball is my favorite (to officiate)," she said. "I also love to do volleyball games. Football is my least favorite sport to officiate."

How does she feel when a player yells at her?

"It depends on what kind of

mood I'm in, after so many people have yelled at me. It really doesn't phase me anymore," Bailey said. "Sometimes games are so heated you'll have butterflies before the game but then they go away. In addition, sometimes I will make a call and realize that I shouldn't have made it," she said.

Bailey said she called a volleyball game two years ago and got booed.

"I was scared to show my face on campus," she said. "One time I was doing a basketball game, and I threw three guys out of the game and they followed me outside after the game."

Bailey also remembered about the incident when her roommate was pushed down after a game-deciding call.

"My roommate and I were doing a football game, the score was tied with 30 seconds left in the game," Bailey said. "The offensive player was tackled so we called a penalty on the defense, this caused them to lose the game. Their coaches came out and pushed my roommate down."

"People laugh at you if you are a girl they think you don't know what you are doing," Bailey said.

"You have to be tough, tougher than a guy because they are going to be hard on you."

Bailey said she enjoys working for Campus Rec because she gets to meet most of the people on campus.

"The most gratifying thing I get out of being a Campus Rec official is when someone comes up after the game and says, 'Good game Ms. Ref,'" Bailey said.



Frank Conley/Staff

Jill Bailey takes time out from officiating Campus Recreation activities to play a flag football game with the Little Sigmas. Bailey referees volleyball, basketball and flag football.

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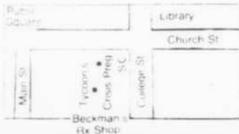
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