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Collider hearing draws MTSU students, locals

By KIM HARRIS
Interim Editor

Townpeople and students alike attended the public hearing held in the James Union Building Thursday on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to comment on or listen to concerns about the Superconducting Super Collider.

will be taken away.

"The second group is people who are scared and lack information. I feel bad about that since it is my job to inform," he said.

Quirke said he was concerned about the groundwater if the SSC should come to Tennessee.

"Through igneous rocks, there is the potential for the

miles southeast of Nashville in Bedford, Marshall, Rutherford and Williamson counties.

The SSC itself will be housed in a 53-mile underground tunnel, the center of the ring being 10 feet wide and a surface area of 30 feet both above and below.

"This is a level at which radiation has been measured to be at such low levels so as not to be harmful," Quirke said.

Pat Sanders, of the SSC Fact-Finding Group, was one of the opposing speakers at the hearing. In a telephone interview yesterday, she disagreed with Quirke.

"If these particles are going to be split at the speed of light, who's to say they can be controlled and that 30 feet of covering will be sufficient?" Sanders said.

Sanders voiced concern about Snail Shell Cave, the second largest cave in Tennessee that is speculated to hold at least 30 million gallons of water. A Western Kentucky geologist, Nicholas Crawford, is currently looking for a way the SSC can bypass the cave and connecting

groundwater to become contaminated near the ring," he said. "If an accident occurs, the radiation will be contained within the wells around the ring.

"This is a very safe project. The potential for environmental impact is very small."

Brian Quirke, public information officer for the DOE

"The state will be responsible for replacing these wells."

The \$4.4 billion proton accelerator, which will break protons in an effort to investigate the basic structure of matter, will encompass an area of 15,830 miles. If located in Tennessee, the SSC will be located approximately 30

water system.

Economic considerations, dust particles and leachate from SSC construction were also discussed.

In addition, Sanders said she was disappointed at the overall turnout and the fact that only five state officials were there.



Helen Comer•Staff

A panel from the DOE were at MTSU in a series of public hearings about the SSC.

ASB delays radio station, approves 1988-89 budget

From Staff Reports

The Associated Student Body Congress delayed action on a proposed campus radio station but approved the 1988-89 ASB Budget, totaling \$14,273, during a short session of the house and senate last Thursday.

The group also gave support to resolutions calling for an electronic automatic door in the Keathley University Center and the placement of speedbumps in front of the Monsharey Residence Hall. Action on a resolution calling for a student programmed radio station, a major theme of ASB President Harry Hoesy's presidential campaign, was tabled until the next meeting, at Hoesy's request.

The proposal will be reintroduced when a definite site for the station can be found, Hoesy said. The ASB has been discussing possible homes for the station with University Housing.

The congress unanimously approved the 1988-89 budget with little discussion. Of the \$14,273 total budgeted for next year, \$10,413 from the university's allocation to the ASB and \$3,860 is from supplemental sources.

The largest expenditures include \$2,500 for this year's homecoming celebration, \$2,500 for printing of the student handbook, \$2,100 for office supplies and \$1,000 for Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

Another of Hoesy's campaign promises, automatic doors for handicapped students, was the subject of another resolution. House Bill Three, which called for the university to install such a door in the KUC, was unanimously approved.

The door would be placed in the KUC entrance near the post office boxes and would allow the door to be manually and automatically opened. It would be funded by the university if they accepted the proposal, Hoesy said.

"The school should be obligated to pay for this," Hoesy said.

Two suppliers who carry the door charge \$1,700 and \$1,800, according to Hoesy.

The resolution to place speedbumps in the parking lot behind Monsharey, House Bill Four, was also approved, though after creating the most discussion of the meeting.

The area needs such an obstacle according to bill sponsor Scotty Tucker, because the curve linking the dorm's parking lot and Loop Drive "is a hazard with drivers moving at a higher than safe rate of speed and...there are no signs or roadway obstacles to warn drivers of this hazardous situation."

Many house and senate members questioned the need and usefulness of speedbumps.

"Most people know the road," Junior Senator John "Hoss" Cartwright said.

However, once Speaker of the House Todd Burnett told the group that the university would be responsible for the installation of speedbumps if they accepted the resolution, it was unanimously approved.



Helen Comer•Staff

Shirley Ychalskovky, from Indian Mounds, Tenn., protested the collider to the DOE representatives Thursday.

Brian Quirke, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Public Information Officer, was on hand to comment.

"This is a very safe project," he said. "The potential for environmental impact is very small."

"This does not mean there will be any change."

Quirke said the DOE has met "a lot of opposition"

concerning the SSC during this 45-day period (September-October) of public hearings.

"Basically, there are two groups of people opposed to the Super Collider," Quirke said. "The first sees that the community will change. We won't be able to mitigate the traffic increase or the houses that

MTSU flu season coming; active students susceptible

By KIM HARRIS
Interim Editor

Each year influenza kills 10,000 people.

In an epidemic, 40,000 lives are lost.

According to Don Young, physician's certified assistant to MTSU, flu season is right around the corner — mid-October to the first of November. This year's flu is Type A.

Symptoms include a temperature of 102-104, upset stomach, chest discomfort, headache, fatigue and general aches and pains.

Young placed a strong emphasis on the flu vaccine, in particular for those in the high-risk category. Those at high-risk include those suf-

fering from hypertension, diabetes and epilepsy.

Young dispelled the popular myth that the flu vaccine gives a person the flu.

"The flu shot does not give a case of the flu," he said. "It takes two or three weeks for the antigens to build up."

Some active students may lower their resistance, Young said, making them more susceptible to the virus.

"Every year, several students get the flu and have to drop out of class because they get so far behind. This year I'd like to see that avoided," Young said.

Placement office sponsors resume workshop for students

By LYNN HOPKINS
Staff Writer

The MTSU Placement Office will sponsor a resume workshop titled, "Does your resume wear blue jeans?" on Oct. 10 and 11 at the Keathley University Center.

The free workshop, at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 and 11 a.m. Oct. 11, is designed to help students write a good resume that reflects a professional image, according to Martha Turner, director of placement.

"Participants will have the opportunity to sample resumes and schedule an appointment if needed for any additional assistance," Turner said.

For more information, contact Turner at 898-2500.



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Let me count the ways...

Martin Williams discusses the contribution to American Jazz by musician Duke Ellington.

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New business dean named by State Board of Regents

By TANJA FORTE
Staff Writer

The State Board of Regents appointed Barbara Haskew as MTSU's dean of business Wednesday, to replace Ben McNew, who resigned last spring.

"Haskew has agreed to take the position and will be here to take over full-time on October 11," Robert Corlew, vice president of academic affairs, said.

Having been with TVA since 1980, Haskew is leaving her position as chief of the rate design staff.

Haskew previously worked at MTSU for the economics and finance department as a professor from 1970 to 1973 and as chairwoman from 1973 to 1980.

McNew resigned the position to take a job at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark.

Dwight Bullard has been the acting dean of business, according to Corlew.

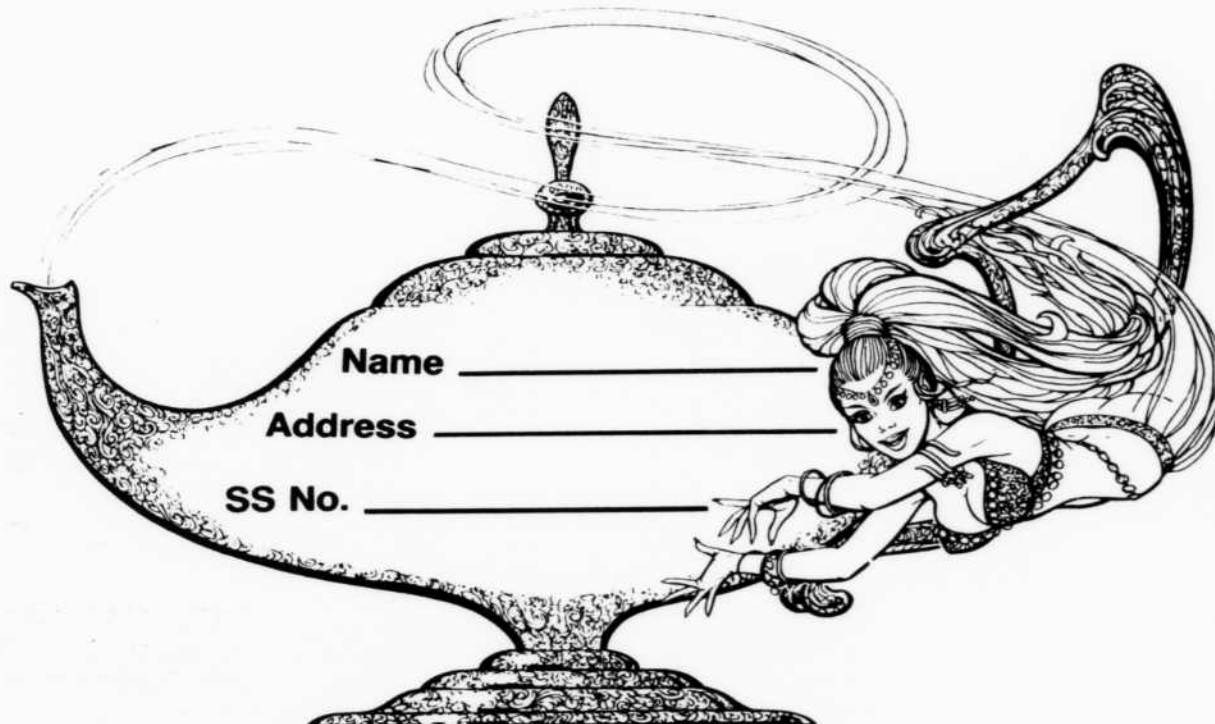
Haskew has a B.S. and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

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Here it is! The formation of the first official Dungeons & Dragons of MTSU.

Get in on the first level and fight your way up! New monsters, new people, and new DM's will all be gathering to adventure at the UC Lounge (2nd floor) at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, A.D. 1988. In character? Please check all weapons and brews off campus — Thank you! (Males or Females Preferred) Can't make it? Send a scroll to RC Silk, P.O. Box 1165.

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Any writers wishing to join our staff may stop by or come to our weekly meetings in the JUB Room 306. Or call MTSU on Thursdays at 7 p.m. ext. 2478 and ask for Ken or Tanja



Helen Comer•Staff

Beware...

MTSU Security Officer Paul Boyd talked to students at J apartments concerning rape prevention. He said to always pre-plan what to do in case of an attack and do not be overwhelmed and freeze if you are attacked. Mace is not recommended, he said, but if it is carried, make sure you know how to use it.

PR speech part of club recruitment

By Ronda Rawlins
Staff Writer

Cynthia A. Ford, promotions manager of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, will speak Wednesday to the Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA).

Ford will give a lecture about her career at 2:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center, room 318.

All public relations majors and minors are invited to attend, along with all interested persons. For more information, write to PRSSA, Box 630.

PRSSA is a club established to aid public relations majors in obtaining a greater understanding of the field and to provide a means to make professional contacts.

CAMPUS CAPSULE

Tau Omicron will have its first annual interest meeting/picnic on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 4:30-6:30 at the Picnic Pavilion beside Murphy Center. All interested junior and senior females with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or more are invited to attend. If there are any questions, please call 898-2533 after 2:00 p.m. and ask for Evelyn.

The Flying Raiders of MTSU will be offering a flight safety seminar on Thursday, 6 p.m. in Room 103 Alumni Gym. Dick Edwards and Orley King will be the guest speakers. Extra credit will be given to aerospace students for attendance.

MTSU faculty and staff may purchase season tickets for four plays at half price this year. The faculty/staff price is \$5 per ticket. The 1988-89 season begins with *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh this fall. For more information, contact the speech and theater department at 898-2640.

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IN THE NEWS

Astronauts practice emergency procedures

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Discovery's astronauts, marking the halfway point of their mission in a smoothly running craft, reassured a "worried 14-year-old" Saturday that America's space program is "back on track."

The five men of Discovery also rehearsed a new emergency escape plan, performed two experiments devised by students and planned to test a system of talking lights that would prevent space snoopers from eavesdropping on shuttle communications.

Discovery commander Frederick H. Hauck, speaking on a television downlink from the craft, read what he called a "particularly meaningful" letter from Phillip J. "P.J." Morgan, a Brooklyn, N.Y. high school student.

In the letter, the student described himself as a "worried 14-year-old that is worried about the future."

"I feel some of America's future is riding on you and your crew's shoulders," the letter said.

Hauck said he called Morgan before Discovery's launch on Thursday and said the youth was concerned "whether we were still capable of doing the things that make us a great country."

The astronaut said he hopes youngsters everywhere "can see we are back on track and we have a lot of technological benefits that will come in the future."

172 killed in worst ethnic violence

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Army troops and police reported an uneasy calm in two southern cities Saturday, one day after ethnic violence left at least 172 people dead.

Officials said Sindhi nationalists in apparently coordinated attacks fired Friday from moving cars on Mohajir immigrants in buses and marketplaces, killing at least 140 in Hyderabad and 32 in Karachi.

Area hospitals, however, reported a higher toll — 217 fatalities and 400 injuries, including several Sindhis killed in retaliatory shootings Saturday by Mohajirs who set up roadblocks.

Army troops eventually drove the rioters from the streets of Karachi by nightfall.

"The situation is returning to normal," Chief Minister Akhtar Hil Kazi, the top executive of Sind province, said in a statement.

Both Hyderabad and Karachi, Pakistan's largest city with 8 million residents, have been the scene of bloody ethnic clashes between Mohajirs and Sindhi separatists who want Sind province to be independent of Pakistan.

Government's budgetary work is done

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan signed on Saturday the last of 14 spending bills for fiscal year 1989, praising Congress for passing them on schedule and avoiding the "perils of Pauline budget games" of previous years.

"For the first time in years, all the government's budgetary work is done," Reagan said in his weekly radio address.

"The last of the government's 13 appropriations bill have been delivered to me and I have signed them," he said hours after Congress approved the money to keep federal agencies operating. The usually rancorous budget process was eased this year because Congress and the White House had cut deals that virtually guaranteed approval of the spending bills even before Reagan introduced his budget.

Lawmakers finished work on the bills minutes ahead of Saturday's start of the new fiscal year. It was the first time since 1976 that the House and Senate had passed the bills separately and on time.

MTSU to host business ventures with aid from computer network

From Staff Reports

MTSU will be the host to a program designed to match investors and businessmen by computer, MTSU President Sam Ingram said Friday.

The Tennessee Venture Capital Network will provide a way for those with ideas for new business and those with the money to invest in such business to get together, Ingram said.

The initial \$55,000 funding is provided by a \$45,000 grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority and \$10,000 from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

"It will work the way a computer dating service does," Ingram said. "This will provide a good opportunity for the state."

The TVCN will be under the direction of the school's computer department and should fund itself through users

fees after the first year, said Tom Burks, director of telecommunications and computer services at MTSU. The system will use a computer database to match investors and businessmen by several factors.

Investors will fill out forms indicating the amount they wish to invest, the area of the state they are most interested in, the age of the company and the company's products. They will then receive a list describing various businesses.

If they express interest in any particular one, the investor and businessman will be connected by the network. Once that has been done, the TVCN is out of the picture.

Unlike similar programs, the TVCN will not hold any money, but will simply put people in touch.

Work has already begun on setting up the network and it should be officially open by Dec. 1, Ingram said.



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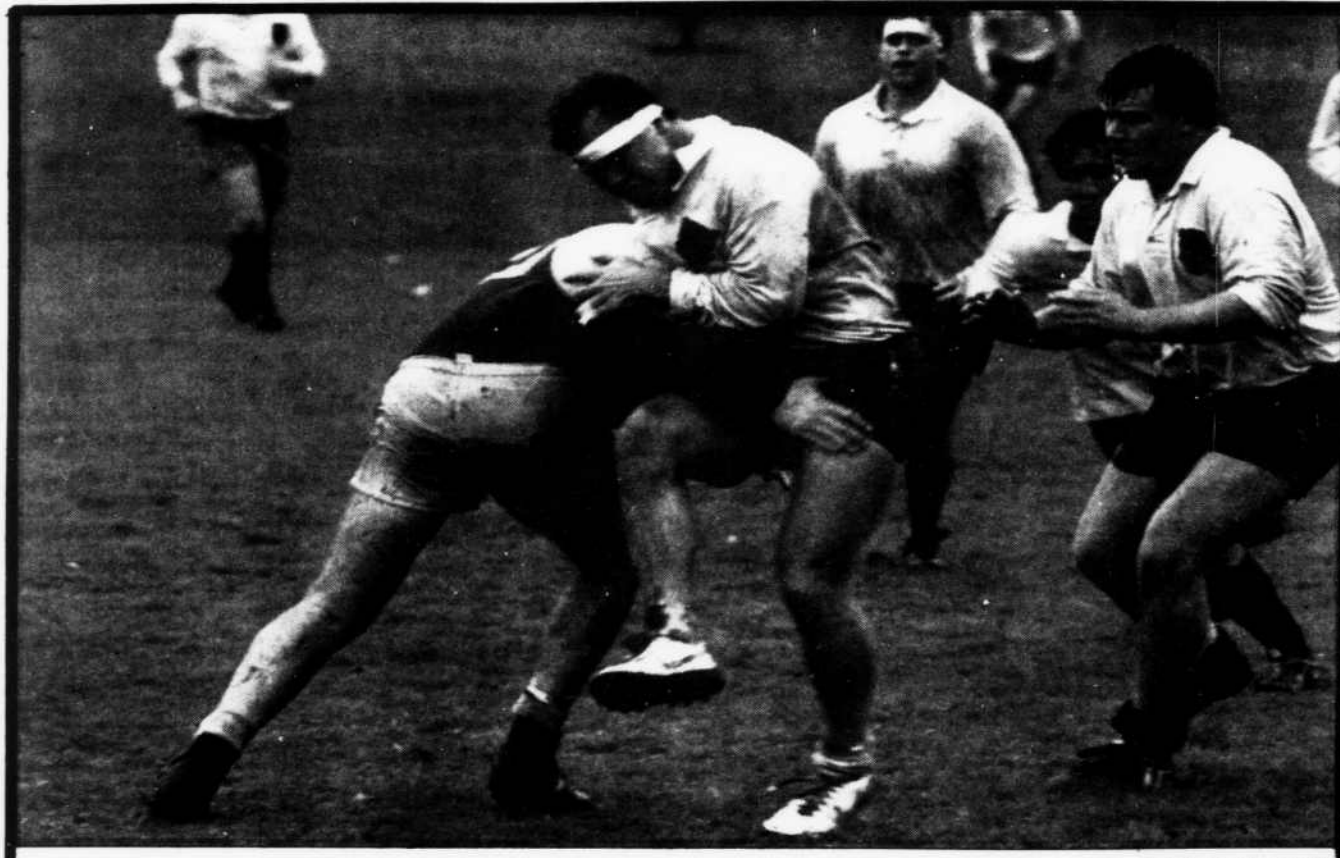
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One of MTSU's Moosemen takes down a Nashville Tech. player during Saturday's game. The Moosemen won with a score of 12-4, 12-10.

Frank Conley/Staff

MTSU freshman charged with car break-in attempt

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

An MTSU freshman was arrested Friday on charges of attempting to break into an automobile and possession of burglary tools, an officer with MTSU campus security said.

David Rapetti, 18, of Nashville, was arrested Friday at 11:40 a.m., officer Brian Grisham said.

A preliminary hearing in Rutherford County General Sessions court has been

scheduled for Oct. 18.

A maintenance worker observed Rapetti while he was attempting to break into a car in Greenland Drive Parking lot, Grisham said.

"Another officer and myself looked in his car and saw a lock jock under the seat," Grisham said, adding that Rapetti was apprehended while walking to his car at 11:40.

Rapetti later confessed to trying to break into the car,

Grisham said.

While he could not comment on this specific case, David Hays, associate dean of students for men, said such charges, if proven, could result in university disciplinary action.

"I can't comment on a specific case. Something of this nature would be a violation of university rules as well as state law and is subject to disciplinary action," Hays said.



Game organization underway; decision to be made on meets

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

A Dungeons and Dragons and Games Club may be organizing on campus if enough people show up at the first meeting on Tuesday.

Richard Silk, organizer of the club, said that to start a campus organization, there must be 4-5 members signed up to submit to David Hayes, associate dean of students. Silk is expecting anywhere from 10 to 40 people at the meeting in the Keathley University Center Lounge across from the Grill at 6:30 p.m.

At the meeting, the players will decide how many nights a week they will meet, according to Silk. He explained that one of the meeting times may be a Saturday, for convenience.

Silk explained that to avoid routine or boring games with Dungeon Masters (the people who begin and control the games), there will be, if there is enough interest, six or seven Dungeon Masters.

The Dungeon Master will be free to choose any game they want to run, Silk said. They can choose to play Gamma-world, Dungeons and Dragons, Swords and Sorcery, etc.

"Being college-aged, we will use all published spells and player character types, as well as monsters," Silk explained.

In a Dungeons and Dragons game, there is usually one Dungeon Master and four or five players. The players begin on the first level and go on to higher levels as the difficulty of the game increases.

Beginners will learn the basics, such as how to fight, to use spells and to find and avoid traps. As the player learns the skills, it becomes easier to advance levels, though the monsters become more complex and dangerous.

The players change levels by assessing the experience points they gained as the mission is accomplished.

The number of monsters slaughtered are experience points, plus the value of gold, jewels and artifacts acquired on the missions. The points are divvied up between the players at the end of the mission.

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EDITORIAL

Jerry Garcia is a god

By CHRIS BELL
Staff Columnist

"We can never go back..."
George Bush, 1988

The other day on "All Things Considered," the radio news program, there was an interview where some geek was saying that even though he had spiked hair and was wearing a leather jacket he was going to vote for George Bush.

Is this supposed to be some kind of surprise? Of all the stupid notions people had about "punk," the notion that it was another politically radical movement was the dumbest. While some performers, like The Clash and Elvis Costello, used punk to express liberal/radical views, most punks were "right-wing, if they have any politics at all," in the words of Dee Dee Ramone, one of the fathers of punk and a violent anti-hippy himself.

Of course now "alternative" music is about as political as politics itself: all surface flash and symbols deprived of any deeper meaning than what the nightly news reads into them.

Punk was notable because it played off raw emotion. The music of the 1970's that was based on thinking could be as dumb, but good-natured, as the Greatful Dead or as intelligent, but cold, as Steely Dan. The Sex Pistols blew all that away by denying, for good or ill, the power of thought.

Now, a decade later, George Bush is trying to do the same thing. No wonder he's a big hit with mousse crowd.

Of all of the people that I used to know
Most never adjusted to the great big world
I see them lurking in book store
Working for the Public Radio
Carring their babies around in a sack on the back
Moving careful and slow
All of these people are much brighter than I

"Let's go get them faggots, boys"

By DOUG STULTS
Editorial Editor

Apparently, a lotta youse out there in the real world are wondering if this miserable excuse for a publication hasn't gone on some sorta 'alternative lifestyle' binge, what with all these articles on homos and lessies and everything. To calm your fears, of course we have. Here's a preview on some upcoming classifieds you'll find tucked in the back of our ever-friendly pages:

ATTENTION: MTSU transvestites wanted for article. Fryouts are Monday-Friday in the JUB. Please bring own laid skirt and matching pumps. All other accessories applied. Fishnet hose available upon first-come, first-serve basis.

ATTENTION: MTSU morphodites wanted just for fun. Drop by anytime from dusk to dawn and ask for Deviant behavior Editor Anthony Stinnett.

ATTENTION: Victor Vale, this summer you made the comment, which you later stressed must be taken in its proper context, that "Apartheid is a good thing." If you possess the "intestinal fortitude" to dredge up a cohesive argument or this tidbit, there is a column in the paper waiting just for you. Hope this won't cut into the time you were reserving to run this year's pledge drive for the United Negro College Fund.

In any fair system they would flourish and thrive
But they barely survive

They eke out a living and they barely survive
It's money that matters
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It's Money That Matters

Randy Newman, 1988

The Bush campaign seems to take raw greed as a given in most people. Not just your usual, "I'd like one of those" greed, but the amazing "I'd like *all* of those" greed that seems to have sprung up from the evil heart of our obsessions.

If the 70's were the "Me Decade," the 80's are the "I Decade." In the 70's, the cry was "pay attention to me." Now it's "I am the center of the universe. Move pig. That BMW is rightfully mine." From the top of Trump Tower to an Olds '88 full of Crips the motive is the same. "Hey, you know I'm a selfish s.o.b., and you are too!" Bush didn't say that, but he could have. And so could a lot of other people these days.

Something like the Amnesty International tour would leave many Bush supporters puzzled, looking for some "motive" beyond a simple commitment to basic human dignity. "Yea, that's nice, but where's the bucks?"

People want to feel bad and good at the same time. Guilty but happy.

Flip that burger and don't worry about that guy on the street. Either he's insane or he wouldn't work anyway. And

Please see **Garcia** page 8

Last word on the KUC story: After reading this thing (is it more fun in Braille? I must find out.) several people have been overheard making it perfectly, vividly clear just how much they differ from the gawddarned queerbaits portrayed in Mr. Stinnett's awkwardly written but rigorously researched piece of journalism.

In fact, there are certain people who ramble on for 10, 15, 20 minutes to the effect that if any faggot S.O.B. invades their personal space, well, that gayboy'll have a pipe slung upside his head so fast he'll think he's conked his head on one of them toilets we've been hearing so much about! By God!

Listen to this for a good quarter-hour or so and you'll start to wonder, y'know, just why somebody would go to this length to prepare for an attack by one of the notorious gangs of roving gay rapists that are terrorizing the campus. Why this much trouble to envision and create whole response cycles to the spiraling Homosexual Threat? Seems that you just have to ponder, right, why a person would detail a type of physical interaction with a gay in order to prove that he wants nothing to do with, with, *touching* one of that kind.

Hmmm, this incredible denial might possibly be a ruse to hide a sinister secret of unutterable consequences. Maybe this superhetero is one of ... Them. Nahhh, couldn't be. (Could it?) Please feel free to spread rumors, the nastier the better. Best one wins a copy of our secret list of administrators who have ever had a mistress lying about the house.

Really, such a list exists

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JANUARY 1989

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Six-pack up for grabs in contest

Here's a thrilling contest for all you six-pack sleuths out there in the wild blue yonder.

A few issues of the paper ago, Captain Six-Pack, that much-maligned and despised cartoon hero that graces the back page every Monday and Thursday, appeared in somewhere in the interior of this beloved rag.

If you can find him — and you are the first person to come up to the third floor of the James Union Building with proof — you win a free six-pack of ... Well, you'll find out. Black Label seems to be the brew of choice, though. Sorry.

By the way, be sure to have a fake ID along to make things kosher.

SIDELINES

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Sidelines, Middle Tennessee State University's student produced newspaper, is published every Monday and Thursday.

Bush is new antichrist

By DOUG STULTS
Editorial Editor

Greetings from the high hacienda of pablum-puking liberals. As semesters roll on, picking up dust and grime and hatred, there inevitably appears certain loose ends that scream out for comment. Along that line, as we spin through another psychedelic autumn, let us first consider the dreaded election.

After the September 25th debate between Comrade Dukakis and Herr Bush, ABC indulged in a shockingly coherent commentary. Issues were discussed, attitudes were mulled over and all the number-crunchers were barred from the room. "What's the deal?" people all across the land were whining to their Significant Others. The mere cameo appearance of substance in a televised political rap session is enough to bring the pollsters in on the run, foaming with disgust. (You can almost see it: "Seventy-eight percent of the respondents felt the use of thoughtful analysis was a dangerous precedent and demanded to see more polls, the Gallup poll showed.")

Sho' 'nuff, all this talk about talk was only bottled timekiller. ABC's next big news on the shootout was this little revelation: "Forty-five percent thought Michael Dukakis won the debate, while 36 percent thought George Bush did." Oh, *great*. Hopefully, he'll win the batting title and sweep the Dodgers in four games.

The shopworn argument against polls says that the little demons turn elections into horse races where the candidates are nags to be bet on and shied away from as the odds change on the toteboard. That's a good analogy but not the best.

A better metaphor for 'elections by poll' is to say that they are like cola taste tests. Most of us heathens who bet on horses actually bring a smidgen of passion to the contest — it's not so much the bet that counts as it is living or dying with your pick.

But in the electoral version of the Pepsi Challenge, ("Here darlin', chew on this cracker stamped 'no tax hike' and take a swig of this here Coke-uh-Coluh") the polls are increasingly precise, increasingly technical. Meanwhile, thoughtful consideration of the choices — never a trend, but surely never this absent — is a phenomenon that has been taken out back and bullwhipped.

I used to think Richard Nixon, the nation's most heinous mass-murderer still at large, was the Antichrist. Now I realize it's George Gallup and all those other opinion-seekers that think they've bottled democracy in its rawest form and are only too happy to share their little snippets of Pure Truth with all us plain folks among the quivering masses.

Come to think of it, maybe they are not to blame either. More likely we should be lynching irresponsible poll-junkies like the quasi-paper *USA Today* and any TV network cluttering the airwaves. The information from polls goes straight to the nervous system, bypassing the brain. You never hear anymore why a candidate is ahead, only that they *are* ahead.

Voting from the mind is hard enough. But now even voting from the "heart," (whatever that is) has been tossed straight out the window.

Moving on ... Advice to all the dweebs under the age of 25 who are using artificial gray in their hair: Stop it, stop it now. Instead of looking like a mature thirtysomething, you look like a dorky 21. As the ugliest kid on campus, I know wherefore I speak.

But back to the political biz. Note that transcripts of the following exchanges are provided courtesy of any number of freespeakers floating around town. As Stan Mack subheads his cartoons, "All dialogue guaranteed overheard."

Man in bank: I don't know what to think about that debate. Not much of a choice.

Loan teller: Oh, I know it. Only thing, though, Dukakis didn't smile much. He seemed kind of remote.

Man: Well, he went to Harvard. They think they know everything, but they don't! ... And (sudden look around for any blacks hiding behind plants or clinging to chandeliers) he gave in quite a bit to Jackson, you know.

Teller: Oh, ye-yusss. He shore did. But I guess Bush isn't much better ... but he will help the economy, though.

When folks say "economy," the listener must determine which definition of the word they are referring to. The first sense of the term refers to the economy in general in which a phrase like "Bush won't raise taxes, thus continuing the supply-side policies that have made this proud nation hum like a buzzsaw in heat for, well, 'nigh six years now, mystically ignoring the billboards that read 'Budget deficit ahead, collision imminent. Please prepare to eject and settle down for a life of sharecropping'."

Using the second, personal sense of the word, "economy" can be translated as "Bush won't raise taxes. Despite the fact that Brother George will be buying more nuclear-powered conversation pieces than you can sneak into a cornfield at midnight, I'll still have more spending money in my coin purse, bub. If you don't think about the deficit redlining and showering everybody with surprise gifts marked "Bankruptcy," then it won't happen. Trust me."

Herein lies the Republican secret. They have legalized the long-outlawed election-rigging scam of vote-buying. Where a few decades back, a prospective voter might have

found his check waiting for him at the polling station, the Republicans are now telling their drones to wait a few months, the I.R.S. will get your bribe to you as fast as it can.

Lower taxes means more cash in the cookie jar, okay? Lower taxes means more bucks borrowed from the void, agree? Wait a minute, you say, a mite peeved, *Congress* made the annual budgets lo these eight years. Ron and his team of crack astrologers were innocent bystanders trampled in the rush to give another fix to the welfare addicts.

Wrong. Painfully wrong. Co-Presidents Nancy Reagan and Nostradamus wanted even more \$\$\$\$ created out of bullet-thin air than those sniveling Scrooges in the dual houses of legislation would agree to conjure. Remember that talk, way back when Lennon was still alive, about balancing the budget and Nautilizing our defenses till the nation's pectorals gleamed like steel cables in rose-colored light? George became the voodoo priest's zombie, his lapdog.

Speaking of lapdogs, let's shoo away another fogbank clouding the noble proceedings ongoing here at this worthless imitation of a newspaper. To zoom to the heart of it — M.A. Brown was not fired for the you-know-what article.

But neither was he fired for the official "academic reasons." That was a technicality, never before used to unseat any past editor committing the same sin. Was Brown railroaded out of his job? Let's put it this way, his unconventional but effective editing style didn't agree with the unnamed Student Publications Coordinator (please see staff listing on page 6) or her fave pick, Interim Editor Kim Harris.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

In regards to the gay rights coalition on campus, I have reached a conclusion and have this to say: let them have their own organizational charter.

Now, before all my friends and fellow Americans think I've gone crazy, let me state for the record that I despise homosexuality and lesbianism. As far as I'm concerned, they are sick, pitiful creatures who need professional help rather than media coverage. I think they are morally wrong and socially abnormal. And until cloning is perfected, they can't reproduce in their "normal" mode.

The questions about gays loom like a dim eclipse over MTSU — who are they? How many of them are there? What do they want? How many are infected with the AIDS virus? I keep hearing all these questions day after day and it's getting really old...

You see, gays are not going to just go away. They were around before the Bible was written, although our first literary references to them appear there. Dictators such as Hitler, Stalin and others have executed many thousands of gays in their opposition eradication programs. Senator McCarthy persecuted them in his 1950s Washington witch-hunts. None of them ever succeeded in getting rid of the gays.

I say allow them an organizational charter, if for no other reason because the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives them that right. For years, the Nazis, KKK and everybody else with a cause have fought legal battles for their freedoms of expression, assembly and so on. Guess what — they always won and made the concerned majority look like idiots in the process. I'm not saying it's right, but it is the law.

Who knows, in a few years they may produce a real homecoming "queen." I hate to think what their float might look like though. In all seriousness, giving the gays the right to assemble as an organization might result in their congregating and "cruising" someplace else besides the campus restrooms. Think about that. If it helped reduce graffiti and damage to the restrooms, in addition to apprehension of straights being accosted by gays, it might be an even trade-off.

Again, I'm not trying to help the gays of MTSU. What I am trying to do is enlighten my fellow straights (heterosexuals) that fighting gays is a losing battle on this issue. Our best alternative is to quietly recognize their constitutional rights and hope that they are mature and socially conducive in exercising them...

Dan Clark
MTSU Box 719

To The Editor:

Many sexual deviants have found themselves "placed on a shelf" by the "new morality in America." There is an overcentralization and conservatism that stifles individual endeavors in America (particularly in certain regions.) Such authorization functionalism violates everyone's personal freedoms either socially or individually. The government attempts encouragement for adherence to legitimate directives of constitutional authority. For example, in none states it is unlawful for gay males to share the same bed. Of course, they have to be caught. This is a silly means of expectation to achieve the goals of morality. It is also ultimately impersonal in an attempt to make a distinction and parameter for the moral order. America needs to stick with enforcement of the fundamental personal and societal rights for safety from crime, violence attack.

Kim McLemore
MTSU Box 881

LETTERS POLICY

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hey, pretty soon you'll be assistant manager and then the big bucks start rolling in.

You've got a job, what more do you want? Did you think life was going to be *satisfying*? Flip that burger.

Look, it's really hard to be glib about this. Everyday when I go outside I feel like the things this country was supposed to stand for have been turned into bad jokes.

There has to be more to this election than economic success. There has to be more to the United States than jobs created and military strength.

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SPORTS

Brave-ry

New rule decides Raiders fate

By Staff Reports

Alcorn State used the newest rule in college football to slip past the seventh-ranked Blue Raiders, 21-19, last Saturday, in a non-conference game in Jackson, Miss.

Gerry Butler, Alcorn's sophomore reserve quarterback, came off the bench to complete eight out of nine passes for 91 yards and devastate the Raider defense.

There was no score in the game until Braves' place kicker, Kevin Coburn booted a 37-yard field goal.

The Raiders went to the locker room behind 3-0 at the half.

Butler then ran for a 57-yard touchdown on a keeper. The extra point increased the Braves' lead to 10-0, with 14:07 remaining in the game.

The Braves' defense then got into the action, as defensive end, Bennie Good sacked Raider quarterback Marvin Collier for a safety, taking the score to 12-0.

Finally, MTSU's defense got the Blue Raiders on the scoreboard, with a blocked punt by defensive end,

Kenny Tippins. Raider's free safety, Tommy Barnes scooped the ball up and ran eight yards for the score. Joe Lisle's extra point made the score 12-7.

The Raiders then took the lead 13-12, when Joe Campbell scampered three yards for a touchdown.

MTSU's quarterback problems continued, as Collier threw two completions in the contest for only 11 yards.

Alcorn's defensive end, Jerrott Stewart intercepted a two point conversion attempt in the fourth quarter

from Raider reserve quarterback, Phil Ironside, a University of Tennessee transfer. Stewart then ran 97 yards for two points giving them a 14-13 lead.

The newly instated rule gives the defense the opportunity to score two points on a two point conversion attempt by the offense. If a ball is fumbled, or intercepted, it can be run the length of the field by the defense and awarded two points.

"It's a stupid rule, but it's a rule and we have to live with that rule," Donnelly

said. "Phil forgot about the rule. We don't blame him, and we can understand that."

Ironside, in his first action as a Blue Raider, led the offense in the fourth quarter, completing four out of 14 passes for 42 yards.

Later, Brave's fullback Calvin Gaines added a touchdown with a 31-yard scamper up the middle of MTSU's defense. Increasing the Braves' lead to 21-13.

With five seconds left, Ironside threw a three-yard

touchdown pass to tight-end Anthony Green, which brought the score to 21-19. A two point conversion attempt to tie the game failed, as it was out of the reach of the receiver.

"It was a crazy game from one end to the other," Donnelly said. "We were flat and we deserved exactly what we got."

The loss halted the Raider's two-game winning streak and dropped their record to 3-2. MTSU will host Mississippi Valley State Saturday at 1:30.

NBA bans former Blue Raider

By Associated Press

Duane Washington, who played two years at MTSU, tested positive for drug use following his arrest by Newark police on cocaine possession charges last week, the league said.

Washington, of the New Jersey Nets, was banned from the NBA on Friday for at least two years with a drug-related problem.

"It is unfortunate that this incident has occurred," said Nets vice president and general manager Harry Weltman in a written statement on Friday. "We have followed the league's directives and decisions and have no further comment."

Washington, 24, was arrested last week by two uniformed police officers in a South Ward area in New Jersey known for narcotics activity. He was charged

with possession of cocaine and possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a vehicle, said police Capt. George Dickscheid.

Dickscheid said Washington was approached by two officers. They saw the Nets' player sitting in a parked 1986 Pontiac Trans Am and another man standing next to the driver's window talking to him.

When the other man saw the police car approaching, he left, Dickscheid said.

Washington began driving away as the officers neared but was blocked by a double-parked car and backed his car back into a parking space, Dickscheid said.

Officers found six vials with a substance believed to be cocaine inside the car,

Dickscheid said, adding that Washington identified himself as a professional basketball player employed by the Nets.

According to the NBA-Player's Association drug policy, Washington was subject to a mandatory drug test following his arrest; the positive test results were confirmed by the PDIA Laboratories in South Plainfield, N.J., the league said.

MTSU basketball Coach Bruce Stewart expressed sympathy for his former player, who earned All-OVC honors as a senior after the 1986-87 season.

"I thought it (the suspension) might be coming," Stewart said. "It's too bad, because he was an excellent player for us. I talked with his family earlier in the week to express our sym-

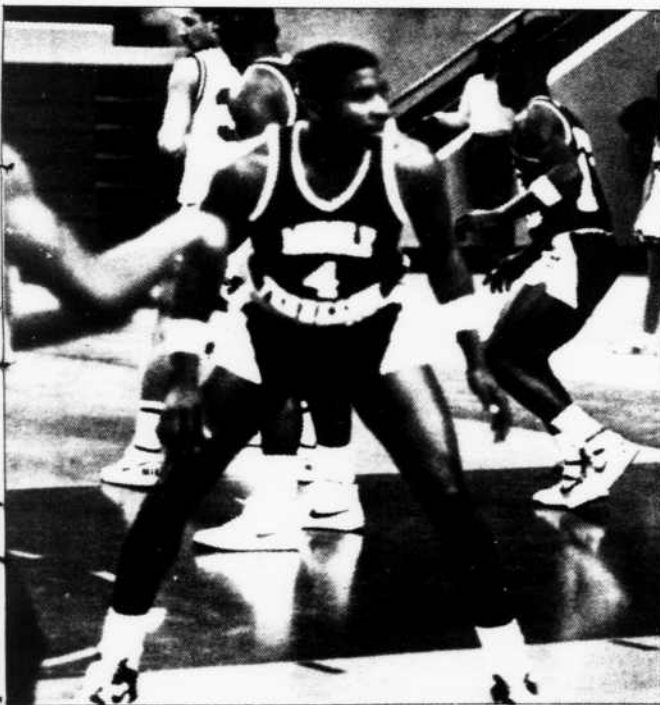
pathy. Hopefully, Duane can get through this little period of adversity and get this situation corrected."

MTSU regularly tests athletes for drugs, but Stewart would not comment on Washington's collegiate drug tests.

"That's a matter of confidentiality between myself and the trainer," said Stewart, who added he would like to talk with Washington after things settle down.

Washington is the fifth player banned from the NBA for drug use; the first was former Nets star Michael Ray Richardson, who became eligible to reapply to the NBA earlier this year.

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Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Former Blue Raider stand-out, Duane Washington, faces drug charges after his arrest last week.

MTSU adds Rifle team

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

National Guard Capt. Joe Wells has been named to coach the newly established MTSU rifle team.

"A team is made up of four people," said Wells. "We will probably have an A-team and a B-team. We are in the process now of scheduling matches this

fall. We expect to have four matches this fall and five or six this spring."

"The only reason that we got a rifle team," said Athletic Director, John Stanford, "is there is hardly any cost; all we pay for is the traveling and food."

OVC teams Murray State and Tennessee Tech, were both represented in the Olympics, said Stanford.

The rifle team will be a co-ed team and the members do not have to be in the ROTC.

"There was a team here until 1975," said Wells. "Then it fell by the wayside, so we are trying to get it going again. Well, we have got it going again."

The rifle team is the newest edition to MTSU's athletic department.

U.S. best showing in Seoul

From Associated Press

OK, so the Soviets still dominate the medal count and the United States missed the bus in one boxing class and lost at its own game in men's basketball and women's volleyball.

But those bloopers aside, the Seoul Olympics have

been the most successful full Olympic competition for Americans in 18 years. And U.S. Olympic officials say this is just the beginning.

"The Olympics have been well within our expectations, and there is no question that we will con-

tinue to do better in a multitude of sports," said Robert Hemlick, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

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Indian Hill's 'unique' course



Frank Conley•Staff

Paul Hahn, Jr., tees up as he entertains the crowd at Indian Hill's grand opening yesterday. Hahn has performed in 54 countries and 49 U.S. states. He also gave many tips on golfing as he conducted a hour-long clinic.

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Located just minutes from Murfreesboro, is the highly-regarded Indian Hills, arguably the best golf course in the state.

A total of 340 acres claim the newly established golf course area, 185 acres for the course, the rest is of housing and subdivisions.

The price of this originally-designed course will bring in \$100 million over a year period, said General Manager, Al Goehle.

"We have over 25 staff members and a local first class golf pro in Joe Bernardz."

The 18-hole championship course, which is a par 71, 6486 yards, will run through a private subdivision. Anyone buying a house in the planned community receives a membership in the golf and athletic club.

The initiation fee is \$1,000, which includes the immediate family. The initiation fee is \$500 for single persons under 25 years of

age.

"Plus, a \$95 monthly fee will entitle the golf club, golf course, an Olympic swimming pool, lighted tennis courts and a championship croquet area that will be constructed for next spring." The club also offers jogging trails, multi-purpose courts, and a playground for the children.

Construction for the club and course have been underway for almost 14 months on the golf course, said Goehle.

"The 20,000 square foot club house has exercise facilities, weight-lifting rooms, saunas, restaurant, bar and lounge area, just about anything you'd ever want," said Goehle.

The course is still under some construction but a majority has been completed.

"The back nine will be open for members and their guests," said Goehle. We will probably open the front nine next spring."

"This is a unique course to Middle Tennessee, there's usually 6,480 yards from the

championship tees to the greens," said Goehle. "The course is generally tight off the tees."

Goehle went on to add that "one would ordinarily choose the irons, more than the woods."

"The greens are relatively small, with a lot of breaks," said Goehle. "There are three holes which water comes into play, so the course is pretty wet."

Goehle hinted that the course could someday become a PGA tour stop.

"It is too early to schedule tournament play of any kind for the next year," said Goehle. "It usually takes two years of maturity before we can hold tournaments, golf courses take that long for the grass to grow or mature."

MTSU's Golf Team have already placed their bids

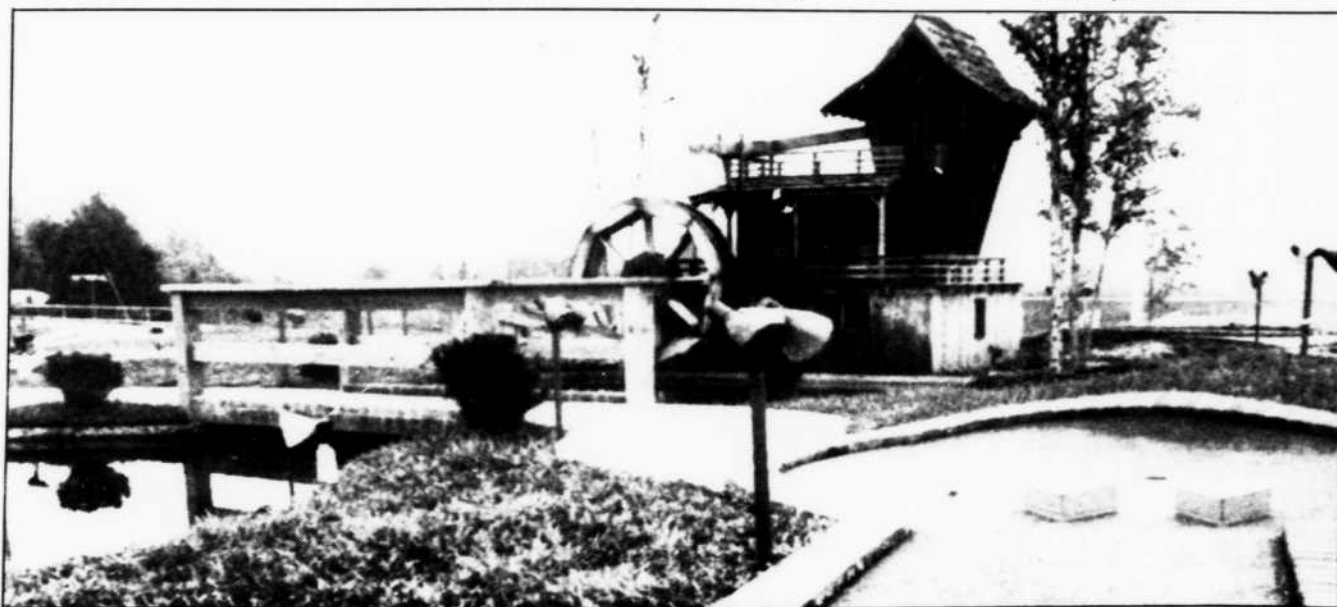
into making the course their home turf.

"I think that it is great," said Blue Raider Golf Coach, Walt Rogers. "Especially if they let us play there, nothing has been resolved for sure. But we can't have too many golf courses, especially if a school is playing the best teams."

MTSU usually plays at Stones River Golf Course for their home games.

"We intend on making this the home course for the MTSU Golf Team," continued Goehle. "We want to have a strong affiliation with MTSU. In fact, Head Football Coach, Boots Donnelly has bought a house and is going to live in Indian Hills."

Indian Hills is bordered by the Stones River offers lot in four separate subdivisions in which to build free standing homes, as well as townhouses and condominiums on the beautiful land, just south of MTSU on Hwy. 231.



Michael Johnson•Staff

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McGaughy wins again

Campus Rec Tourney

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Paul McGaughy has become a champion that has been hard to knock off the top.

McGaughy was the defending champion from last year's Campus Recreation open division tennis tournament and has prevailed to the top again this year.

McGaughy, a Kappa Sigma fraternity member, defeated another Kappa Sigma member, Blake Hamilton in straight sets 6-1, 6-2 in the single elimination tourney.

"I felt Blake is a really strong player," said McGaughy. "He just didn't play up to his capabilities."

The Kappa Sigs had a total of four members that

earned their spots in the semi-finals.

"Blake is a good friend, I was glad to win, and I was happy the Kappa Sig's dominated the tourney."

McGaughy said he had hoped the Interfraternity Council would include ten-

nis into the All-Sports race that frats have during the course of the school year.

Part of the total programming involves the All-Sports tournament. It involves a major category that includes the four major sports: football, basketball, volleyball and softball.

It also involves a minor category, that also includes four sports: whiffleball, bowling, racquetball and golf.

Frats get so many points for each place that they

earn in that specific sport.

Each sport is of a different value. The major sports are worth more than the minor ones. The frat with the highest total of points

at the end of the year wins the All-Sports trophy.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon currently holds the All-Sports trophy.

David Yenzer, president of the IFC, said that this would be brought up at the next IFC meeting later this evening.

"We are either going to include it or use it as a trial sport this time," said Yenzer.

"I was under the mistaken impression that tennis was already involved into the All-Sports," added Yenzer. "I can't imagine anyone opposing that tennis be enforced."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon currently holds the All-Sports trophy.

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With one more day to go, a sudden run of gold medals by the United States has put it in close competition with the East Germans for second place. Americans are No. 1 in track and field success in less followed sports like Canoe-Kayaking.

The games have produced a new roster of U.S. Olympic stars: Florence Griffith Joyner, Matt Blomdi, Ray Mercer, Janet Evans.

"We are much improved since Montreal," said Mike Moran, a spokesman for the USOC. "Our return home is going to be very pleasant."

That wasn't the case after the 1976 Montreal Olympics. U.S. athletes came home smarting from a third-place finish, behind the Soviet Union and East Germany and plagued by bickering between various athletic associations and the athletes.

"You had organizations squabbling over who had

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Frank Conley/Staff

Paul McGaughy, serves in his winning match in Campus Recreation's open division tennis tournament.



**DRINKING AND DRIVING
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OVC coach hospitalized, double by-pass surgery

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Head Football Coach Bill Baldrige of Morehead State University underwent a double by-pass open heart surgery last Thursday night.

Baldrige, 44, had been undergoing tests at Lynchburg General Hospital to determine arterial blockage

around the heart, the university said.

He remains in Lynchburg General Hospital in serious but stable condition in the hospital's coronary care unit.

Initial reports indicated Baldrige was suffering from the same type of blockage that has resulted in two previous angioplasty

procedures — certain methods sometimes used to widen narrowed arteries.

"He'll be away from the offices for weeks," said Randy Stacy, Morehead's Sports Information director. "But he is coming along well, very well."

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Hayes to return from Seoul Wednesday

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Almost two years ago, MTSU Track Coach Dean Hayes was selected as assistant coach of the U.S. men's track and field team for the '88 Olympics in Seoul, Korea.

"It was a weird feeling," Hayes said before he left. "I don't think there's a question, for any coach, that the epitome of his coaching career is to be a member of an Olympic staff, for two reasons. It is an honor by your peers and you are selected by a nation-wide committee."

Wednesday, Hayes will return to Murfreesboro from his trip to the Olym-

pics in Seoul.

According to his wife, Jan Hayes, Hayes has loved the Olympics but said that the food was terrible.

Hayes was asked to help establish a track and field program in China. While in Seoul, Hayes negotiated with China about organizing a track and field clinic.

This clinic will carry him to China this December.

Coaching international meets is nothing new to the veteran coach. This was his fourth international event.

Hayes has coached the World International Games twice and the World Championship Games once.

Hayes' career as men's track coach at MTSU has been filled with success,

from the time he took over the men's program, until

the men's track program was abruptly ended two years ago by the OVC.

As MTSU men's track coach, Hayes led MTSU to nine out of ten outdoor championships, including the last seven in a row.

He also led MTSU to 6 out of 10 indoor championships.

Hayes has served as president of the NCAA Track Association and was named National Coach of the Year, Division I, in 1981.

Since the halt of the men's track team, he has



Olympic Coach Dean Hayes

transferred his coaching to the women.

His first season as their coach was a successful one, as the women's cross-country team placed third in the OVC their highest ever.

Hayes took a sabbatical leave for the semester but will continue to help with the women's track program.

A coach is only allowed to serve on the Olympic staff once, based on guidelines set forth by the Olympic Committee, but once has been enough for Hayes to prove his winning record.

The USA Track and Field team has claimed 13 medals.

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the power. The rate of athletes was being decided by guys in blazers who smoked cigars in back rooms," Moran said.

So great were the problems that President Ford established the Presidential Commission on Olympic Athletics.

"There were questions about whether the athletes were getting the support they needed," Helmick said.

The result was the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 and a sweeping change in the U.S. Olympic landscape.

Today, instead of one athletic organization running all sports, there are 38 different governing bodies, from track to handball, each with its own healthy budget.

Athletes, once closed out of the decision making, now have a say in who will compete, how training will be conducted, even what uniforms and luggage the teams will use.

There is more money available. The USOC had

\$149 million to spend prepared for Seoul. It had \$9 million for Montreal. The committee already has budgeted \$200 million for the 1992 Games, most of it coming from corporate sponsors.

The funding has had a large impact, and because funding has allowed competitors to stay in training, the delegation's average age is 26 — which is two years older than the 1984 team.

Nowhere is this more obvious than in the success of women's athletics. The track team, average age 25, has won six gold, one shy of their mark in 1984, a year where the strong Soviet and East German teams stayed home. Gold medalists Florence Griffith Joyner, Jackie-Joyner Kersee and Evelyn Ashford are all veterans of the 1984 Games.

"The young women who are running well are people who are older," said Fred Thompson, the assistant U.S. coach.

Olympic Medals

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USSR	Gold	55	Silver	30	Bronze	46	Total	131
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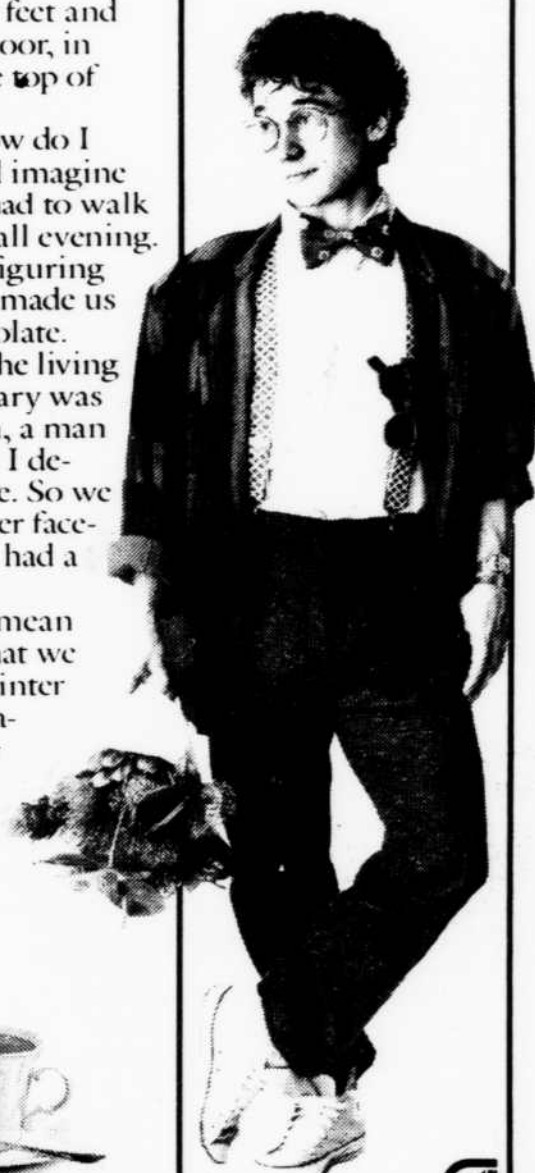
Intro. to The Short Story

When Carla told me that my date was a little short, I thought she was talking dollars and cents, not feet and inches. So there I was at the door, in my spiked heels, staring at the top of my date's head.

All I could think was, how do I get myself out of this? I could imagine how my legs would ache if I had to walk around with my knees bent all evening. So to stall for time, while figuring out how to fake malaria, I made us some Double Dutch Chocolate.

When I brought it into the living room, I discovered that Gary was a chocolate lover too. Ahh, a man after my own heart. Okay, I decided I'd give him a chance. So we sat down and saw each other face-to-face for the first time. He had a nice smile.

After some small talk—I mean conversation—I discovered that we both love Updike, hate the winter weather, and both have miniature schnauzers. So, we made a date to introduce Shadow and Schatzi next week.



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LIFESTYLES

MTSU student finds showing sheep a family affair; All her "wooly" friends show off for judges at shows

By STACEY KING
Special to Sidelines

Every summer, the Gordons hitch their navy blue truck personalized with a royal blue stripe to their matching goose-neck trailer, and the G-Five Farm takes to the road.

Marla Gordon, an MTSU sophomore, is off to show sheep.

Every year, about mid-May, Marla begins to prepare her sheep for showing. She slips nylon halters over the sheeps' heads, and then begins to walk them, or "do laps" with them to train them to lead.

On the morning of the show, Marla dons her faded denim cut-off shorts, a red t-shirt and blue flip-flops. With garden hose, dish-washing liquid and brush in hand, Marla begins to wash all 48 show sheep. She says that they are not hard to

wash, but they throw water when they shake, and she gets a bath, too.

After she washes them, Marla and her dad, David, groom them. A technique called "carding" is used to brush the sheep's wool. Carding involves the use of a straight, six-inch-by-three-inch board that has hooked wires on it. These wires grab the wool and pull it out to make the wool appear fluffy. After carding, the sheep are covered with blankets to keep them warm.

The classes for competition vary in size. Sometimes, a class may have 23 or 24 other sheep. The classes are divided by age and breed. To show a sheep, Marla must first line them up side-by-side with the others. She then places the legs in a four-square position to form a rectangle.

The judge checks the sheep for flaws and weaknesses by rubbing its body with his hand.

"Good showmen make sheep's weaknesses less noticeable and try to use the wool to cover weak spots," says Marla.

After the judge has checked the sheep for breed character or good breed characteristics and for muscle and fat content, he lines the sheep up head to tail, to get a good look at the side view. He then has them walk to judge their mobility, makes his decision and lines the sheep up according to placement.

Marla and her family show sheep in 15 different shows. They travel from Jonesboro, Tenn., to Memphis. They also show in Georgia and Kentucky. The season runs from mid-June to October, and the national

competition takes place in November.

For Marla, showmanship is an integral part of sheep showing. A typical outfit is a western shirt, blue jeans and cowboy boots. At the Tennessee State Fair there is a division especially for showmanship. It is called the "Wool and Woolies," and requires the contestants to wear wool garments.

At this year's competition, Marla wore a long black skirt and red wool sweater. She also wore a sequined hat that sported a black veil. Her sheep wore a bright red halter that complemented its shiny black head. Marla and sheep won first prize in the contest.

There is money to be made showing sheep, Marla says, although it depends on the premiums offered in each particular show, deter-

mined by the size of it. "The most money I've made in one show is \$1200," she says.

The money made in sheep showing, however, is many times reduced to take care of expenses. "You have to have quite a few sheep to make up for travelling expenses," said Marla.

Marla shows four different breeds of sheep: Suffolk, South Downs, Dorset and Montadale. Her favorite is the Suffolk. These sheep are very large with white wool. They have solid black legs and head. Marla calls them the "Jolly Green Giant of Sheep" because they are a very easy-going breed.

Her favorite sheep, named Beauty, won every show it was entered in. Unfortunately, a freak accident, a copper poisoning, caused its death.

Marla continued to say that she enjoys showing sheep for the sport because of the comradeship of the circuit families.

"Families become close because you practically live together all summer," said Marla. "I wouldn't trade any of the friends I have made through showing sheep."

Marla's herd of sheep has grown to a total of 130, with 48 of them being show sheep.

When people talk to Marla and discover that she shows sheep, she hears exclamations like "Sheep! You show sheep?!"

"My friends have a lot of fun aggravating me about my sheep," laughed Marla. "They call me the 'Sheep Woman,' among other things."

New season on "boob tube"; Many old, new friends back

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Editor's Note: This article is part one of a two-part series focusing on the new fall television season.

Well kiddies, it's that time again, time for a new batch of programs to inform and entertain us during the fall television season. This is a time for "boob-tube" addicts everywhere to rejoice, as their weekly heroes and heroines return to the small screen.

Actually, the new fall season is 2 weeks late this year due to the writers' strike. This probably sent several addicts into withdrawal just yearning to see ALF insult someone, or Dave and Maddie throw things at each other.

But now it's time, time for a new season with some old friends, and as usual, many new ones. Let's take a peek at the new shows slated for this fall.

Sunday evening must be "old folks" night, as we see many old friends back to try their luck again. Remember *That's Incredible*? You

know, the show where you could see such oddities as a man putting himself in a 3x3 glass box, and staying there for the entire show? Well, it's back in a show called *That's Incredible Sunday*, with hosts John Davidson and Christine Ferrare. Whoopie.

More old friends are seen with the return of *Mission Impossible*, with Peter Graves returning to his role as Impossible Missions Force Chief Jim Phelps. Graves will be joined by a new cast, and they will be acting out the original scripts.

Disney returns to Sunday evening with *The Magical World of Disney*. Almost all of us grew up with this Sunday night staple, and its returning in big fashion with its usual batch of specials, including a new *Absent Minded Professor*, starring Harry Anderson, of *Night Court* fame.

Monday evening premieres two great new shows, *Murphy Brown* on CBS, and *Almost Grown* on ABC.

Murphy Brown is a television reporter with a nose for news, and a sweet tooth for nailing her interview subjects to the floor, while trying to balance her own pitiful personal life. Candice Bergen stars in this surprising show, the best new show of the season. This will give Monday Night Football and NBC's Monday Night Movie a run for its money in the ratings.

Almost Grown, an ABC offering, will chronicle the relationship of a couple, played by Eve Gordon and Tim Daly, as they love, fight, reconcile, and fight again. This is a fairly often-used premise, but it works in the two-hour premiere.

Tuesday evening takes viewers to TV 101, a high school journalism class with Jason Robards starring. On the wave of success of the popular *21 Jumpstreet* on the Fox network, this show will take off on that same idea, as the high schools kids of America will save the world.

Stay tuned for the rest of the week in the next issue.

Williams lectures on Ellington and his contribution to music

By MARLA CARTWRIGHT
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Major American composer Duke Ellington was the subject of a lecture given Wednesday in the Saunders Fine Arts Department.

Martin Williams, noted jazz historian and critic from the Smithsonian Institution Press, delivered the discussion illustrated with selections from Ellington's works.

Among the musical excerpts presented were works from *Midnight Indigo*, *Suite Thursday*, and *Daybreak Express*.

Williams stressed that Ellington was "not a tune writer but a musician in the strictest sense."

He also discussed various composing techniques, specifically where each note is played on a different instrument. The overall effect is that of one sound from three or more instruments, Williams said.

"Ellington took his mission as a musician seriously, but most of the time he didn't take himself seriously," Williams said.

After his lecture, Williams opened the discussion and accepted questions from the audience.

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**Martin Williams
jazz historian**

Various aspects of Ellington's life and musical works were touched upon.

One question concerned the reason for the overall moodiness of his music.

"Was he happy in life?" one audience member asked. Williams replied that Ellington was a complex man—difficult to get close to and difficult to under-

stand.

Another audience member queried about how Ellington employed improvisation techniques in his compositions.

According to Williams, Ellington used improvisations in his writing to expand previously written compositions because of the turnover of his band.

From the 40's era on, Ellington had a several band members come and go, Williams said.

The topic of high-tech electronics used to restructure old musical classics such as Ellington's works was raised by an audience member.

Williams expressed general misgivings about these techniques, saying he really didn't know very much about them.

He also expressed negative feelings about reorchestrating Ellington's works.

"Reorchestrating Ellington makes as much sense as reorchestrating Beethoven," Williams said.

"Heartbreak Hotel" shows Elvis rediscovering his roots; David Keith resurrects legendary rocker one more time

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Why is Elvis still so hot? You would think that a man that died in 1977 would still be dead, right? Wrong.

Elvis Presley, the King of rock and roll in his time, has come back strong, as his name is probably heard as often now as it was twenty years ago.

Y-107 in Nashville recently offered \$10 million for Elvis if he came walking into their station. This, following a book entitled *Is Elvis Alive*, has spawned a wave of "I saw Elvis" from fans claiming to see the late great one in a shopping mall to eating a "pecan log" in Stuckey's.

So here we go again, with of all things, another Elvis movie, this one called *Heartbreak Hotel*. But you might be surprised. This movie is not a documentary which chronicles the dark side of the singer's life, nor is it a concert film. It is a fictional story of Elvis, played by David Keith, helping young man find his

dream, and the singer rediscovering his roots. In doing so, writer and director Chris Columbus succeeds in giving the audience a look into the human side of the King.

Heartbreak Hotel is set in an everyday small-town in the year 1972. The story centers around a wanna-be rock-and-roll star named

singer, succeeds, and Elvis joins the household for a while with him and his mother, Marie, played by Tuesday Weld.

There, Elvis takes Johnny under his wing, and "shows him the ropes" of performing, and in so the family gets a new sense of hope in those few whirlwind days.

It may sound hokey, but *Heartbreak Hotel* is actually a fine piece of work, and a movie definitely worth checking out. Even if you're not a fan of the blue-suede-shoed wonder, this movie will appeal to your sense of hope and compassion as a legend teaches a family a little bit about courage while at the same time finding out where his life is going.

Heartbreak Hotel is a very personal project to writer/director Columbus, who scripted a movie based on what he would have told Elvis in 1972. "Heartbreak Hotel is about isolation," Columbus explains. "Elvis was an incredibly wealthy person who became iso-

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Chris Columbus

Johnny Wolfe, played by Charlie Schlatter, and his dream to break out of the small town and hit it big. Johnny's life at home is crumbling, and the time is right to move on. His hero is — yep, you guessed it — the one and only Presley.

Johnny cooks up an idea to kidnap the legendary

lated with his wealth and status."

It was his respect for the rock legend the reason that he chose Elvis for a subject. And it was also this respect which led Columbus and his staff on a search for someone to play the King.

Linda Obst, producer, explains how that search resulted in the casting of

Knoxville native David Keith. "We were looking for someone who embodied Elvis," she says. "From the very beginning, he was not intimidated by playing a man who is still idolized by millions, and who is also one of his own personal heroes."

Keith doesn't resemble the singer much in the face,

but his actions and compassion in the part is what the producers were looking for in the search.

Keith, a big Elvis Presley fan, sang several of the songs in the movie. Backed up by the T. Graham Brown, Keith delivers new versions of *Ready Teddy*, *Love Me*, and the title track.



Elvis (David Keith) teaches rocker Johnny Wolfe (Charles Schlatter) his fancy moves.

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Student takes directing job

By Lee Ann Myers
Special to Sidelines

The image of a middle-aged director who gives an air of pensiveness and nobility does not fit her everyday persona. The reason being, she is *not* anything of the sort.

She is wearing a black sweatshirt, cut-off blue jeans with black tights underneath, tennis shoes and a pair of pink sunglasses that hold back her hair. She gives the impression of openness by her casual movements and her big, dark eyes that express as well as her voice.

She is Shannon Parnell, who will direct the first all-student directed and produced play, *Crimes of the Heart*.

How did she receive this honor? She was chosen by the theatre department for the director's position be-

cause of her stage experience at MTSU. In her three years here, Parnell has been in seven productions, and knows the finer points of theatre such as stage managing and the technical aspects of the craft.

Nodding her head, she unreservedly admits that she is nervous about directing. "I would have signed up no matter what play it was," she exclaims.

This experience, Parnell says, is a great opportunity and she already has an idea of what she wants done with the production. The play itself provides a great chance for Parnell as a director, and part of the reason is the combination humorous/dramatic script.

Crimes of the Heart, involves the story of the three McGrath sisters, from Hazelhurst, Miss. They have been separated for

some time but are reunited when the youngest sister Babe gets out on bail for shooting her husband in the stomach.

When questioned about the shooting, her only reply is that she "didn't like the way he looked."

Meg, the little sister, returns from Hollywood after trying to make it as a singing star, only to make it into a psychiatric ward.

Lenny, the eldest, is "having a bad day," because it's her thirtieth birthday, and the only thing she has received is old chocolates from a hated cousin and "shrunk ovaries."

It is humor and drama combined; life is taken so seriously in all its absurdity.

Parnell says that a certain type of "look" is something she does not require for this production. She knows what she is looking for; it is

all within the person who performs.

"They (the actors) could be anything," says Parnell. "They could look any way. The key would be an actor who could convince."

"The actors will have to find an in between point to be convincing," says Parnell of the only major problem she sees with the production.

Because most of the characters in *Crimes* are in their late twenties and early thirties, they do not have a distinct way of walking or behaving that induces a special age. They are not especially young, and they are not especially old.

Having four sisters herself, Parnell relates to the characters.

"The sisterly feelings are there. They (the McGrath's) make you sympathize with them. They make you laugh and cry. Each one of them has a personality quirk," says Parnell.

Part of the job of director is relying on feeling and first impression to get ideas. An initial vision is a feeling that you get just from reading the play. It's up to the director to take that idea and feed it to the designers to create.

"(We) take that feeling

and turn it into a visual image that (we) want to portray to the audience," Parnell explains.

Parnell visions *Crimes* as "real funny, but kind of in a bittersweet way."

Parnell is not the mysterious or out-of-reach director that is sometimes conjured up in the mind. She knows what she wants from *Crimes of the Heart* and promises to make it a fine production.

"It's not a play that makes you feel bad or sit down and really think. It's fun, but you get something without realizing that you get something out of it... That's if it's good," she says.

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The Arts and Humanities Council of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and the Tennessee Arts Commission are presenting the professional marionette troupe "Wood N' Strings Theatre" in a public performance at 7 p.m. on October 6, 1988 at the Cox Gym on North Maple St. The performance is free and open to the public.

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