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# 'Sinister forces' responsible for '50s 'Red Scare': panelists

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

McCarthyism and the subsequent "Red Scare," which permeated American society in the 1950s and froze free speech in the United States, was not just an affair occurring on the national level, a leading scholar said.

"The Red Scare was not something that occurred just in Washington or Hollywood," said Don Carleton, director of the Barker Texas History Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

"It was a cold war waged on Main Street," explained Carleton, who authored *Red Scare! Right Wing Hysteria, Fifties Fanaticism, and Their Legacy in Texas* which detailed the "back-yard" McCarthyism prominent in America during the Red Scare.

Carleton made the comments Thursday as part of a symposium on the "Red Scare!" sponsored by the John Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies in conjunction with the MTSU School of Mass Communication.

During the symposium, panelists and commentators painted a dim picture of a country plagued by "sinister forces" bent on squelching a perceived communist infiltration of society. During the '50s, the panelists agreed, America was held at bay by an FBI director trampling over the constitutional rights of Americans, of legislators at the state and federal level who attempted to purge the United States of the Red menace, and of housewives and local

activists who brought the national fight against communism to America's back yard.

Other panelists were Athan Theoharis, Marquette University history professor and co-author of *The Boss: J. Edgar Hoover and the Great American Inquisition*, and Ellen Schrecker, assistant professor at Yeshiva University and Stern College for Women and author of *No Ivory Tower: McCarthyism and the Universities*.

In addition, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Studs Terkel provided commentary on the panelists' remarks and John Henry Faulk, holder of the Seigenthaler chair, moderated the event. Faulk's life was directly impacted by the Red Scare as he was blacklisted by AWARE, Inc., a private watchdog organization, and successfully sued for a \$3.5 million judgment to help end such private endeavors.

Most Americans, especially those who were not alive at the time that McCarthy was running the country, hold a mistaken belief that Sen. Joe McCarthy was the sole promoter of the communist witch hunt.

"The role that very ordinary people played in McCarthyism has been obscured," Carleton said. "The next-door neighbor, PTA and school board were just as active as Joe McCarthy. Local Red scares occurred in Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana and Wisconsin."

Carleton sarcastically quipped that each of these states is known for being a hot bed of activism and communist insurgency.

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## Operator hours cut Campus phone directory released

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

Anyone attempting to contact a campus operator after 4:30 p.m. can no longer obtain phone numbers of students on campus unless it's an emergency situation, university officials said Friday.

An agreement through the Student Affairs office two years ago provided a student to work as a temporary operator for campus directory assistance between 4:30 p.m., when the regular operators left, to midnight until the Housing Office printed a phone book listing the names of students living on campus, said Robert LaLance, vice-president for

student affairs.

Someone will still be available on the campus operator lines to give numbers in case of emergencies, LaLance said.

"We get a set amount of student (worker) dollars every year. We decided this was a service we could do without," LaLance said. "We had to make priorities to decide who needs that money the most."

However, LaLance said, it would be good to have someone manning the information lines.

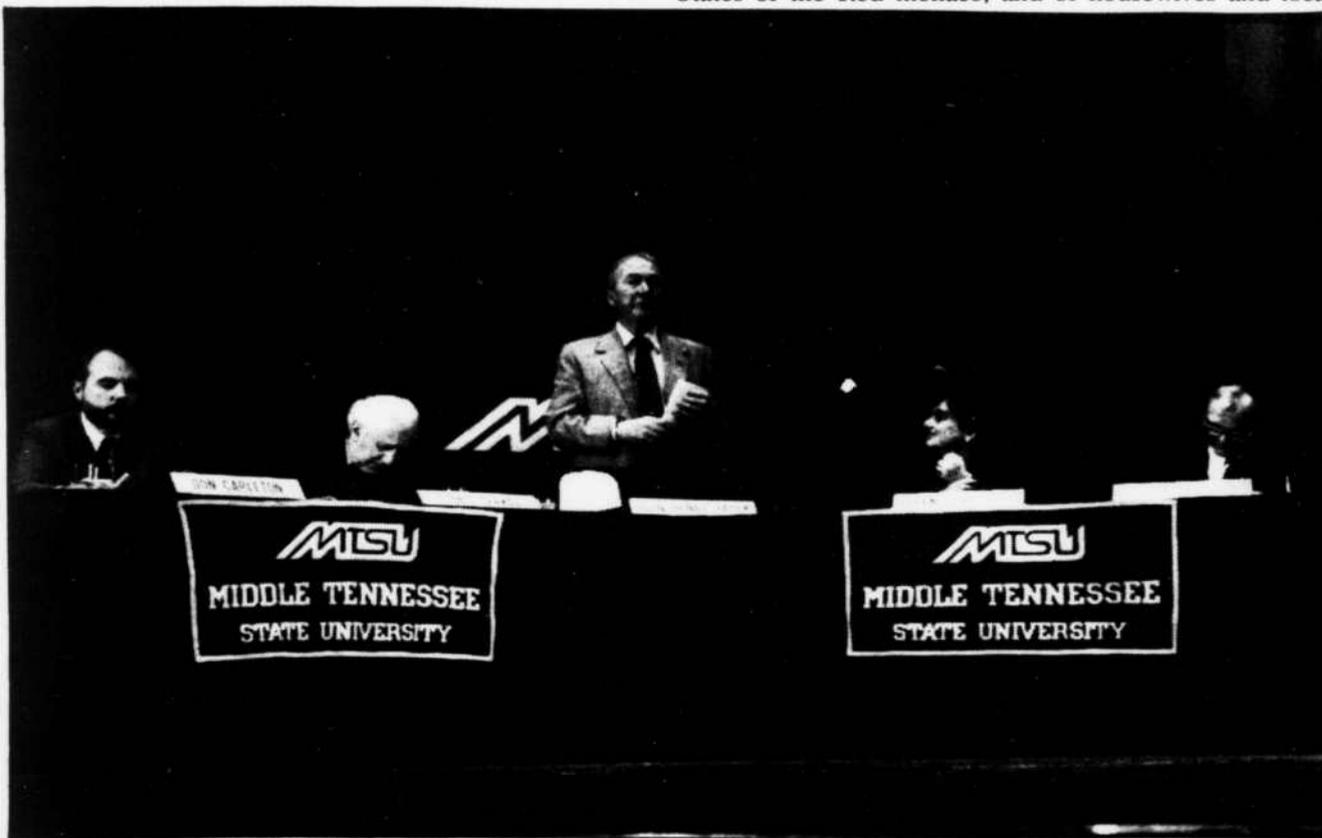
"I wish we had somebody to man the phones for that time. It would be a nice service," he said. "But with a finite number of dollars

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Studs Terkel, Pulitzer prize-winning author, comments on the other panelists views during the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence symposium Thursday.



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(l to r) Don Carleton, Studs Terkel, John Henry Faulk, Ellen Schrecker and Athan Theoharis were members of the panel which spoke on the 1950s "Red Scare." They

concluded the symposium with questions from the audience.

# Carter speaks of presidential campaign

By KIM HARRIS  
Editor

Former President Jimmy Carter spoke of this year's campaign, his life since the presidency and recent developments in United States-Soviet relations to a group of journalism students and media advisers this weekend in Atlanta, Ga.

"This [presidential] campaign has been one of character assassination," Carter said. "The attacks have been effective, but they have alienated the public."

Carter spoke briefly and then took questions from the annual convention of about 1,500 members of College

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Media Advisers and the Associated College Press.

Responding to a question, Carter said the polls change people's opinions in two ways.

"First of all, a lot of people, say five or 10 percent, like to support the person they think will win. Secondly, the news media respond even more eagerly to be on the band-

wagon.

"The media treats that person with kid gloves," Carter said.

Carter attributed Dukakis's recent slip in the polls to a combination of labeling and his campaign.

"Dukakis was caught by surprise at the deluge of the negative attacks made. He responded inaccurately and too late," he said.

"There has also been a high distortion of what liberal is.

"With me, the media never knew if I was liberal or conservative. I was conservative on matters such as the fiscal budget, the deficit and local government and liberal on others."

He added that the press has felt "an unprecedented inclination to protect Reagan."

"There have been terrible mistakes such as the Iran-Contra scandal, but it was not dealt with to the degree that it was with Nixon. My question is, how can you not compare the two?"

"I don't think Bush or Dukakis will have that Teflon covering that Reagan has," Carter said.

"A lot more attention will be paid to the truth, competence and compassion of the next president."

Since his presidency, Carter has been evasive of the public eye. Last year, however, he became active within the Democratic Party and in his home state, Georgia. Carter listed three reasons for his "coming out."

"Number one, I have a higher percentage of friends in Atlanta. Two, time heals all wounds, such as losing the presidential bid in 1980, and, three, an exciting agenda at the Carter Center."

The Carter Center is located in Atlanta and has been active in conducting research on recent developments with glasnost, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's program of political and social reforms.

Carter listed several reasons for his faith that glasnost is working.

"Glasnost is real," he said.

"I base this on personal meetings with Gorbachev and daily observations with what goes on in the Soviet Union from news broadcasts."

According to Carter, the Carter Center is the only center in the western world with several Russian linguists that have categorized recent Soviet newscasts. A view that has been both critical and praising of the Soviet Union has slowly evolved, he said.

"The Soviets have seen a new level of religious freedom. Out of 400 religious prisoners that have been detained, house arrested or worse, already 300 have been released with the rest promised to be released soon," Carter said.

Prohibition on printing and distribution of bibles has been lifted, he said. Twenty thousand bibles were sent

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from the states in August. Currently, the Soviets have been given 150,000 copies. The United States is working for a goal of one million.

Carter said he would like to continue teaching as University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta and working at the Carter Center, addressing vital world issues such as peace in the Middle East, arms control and domestic policies. It is unlikely that he will seek the presidency again.

"I am never again going to run for public office, but I am secure in the fact that I have the Secret Service to protect me for the rest of my life," Carter said.

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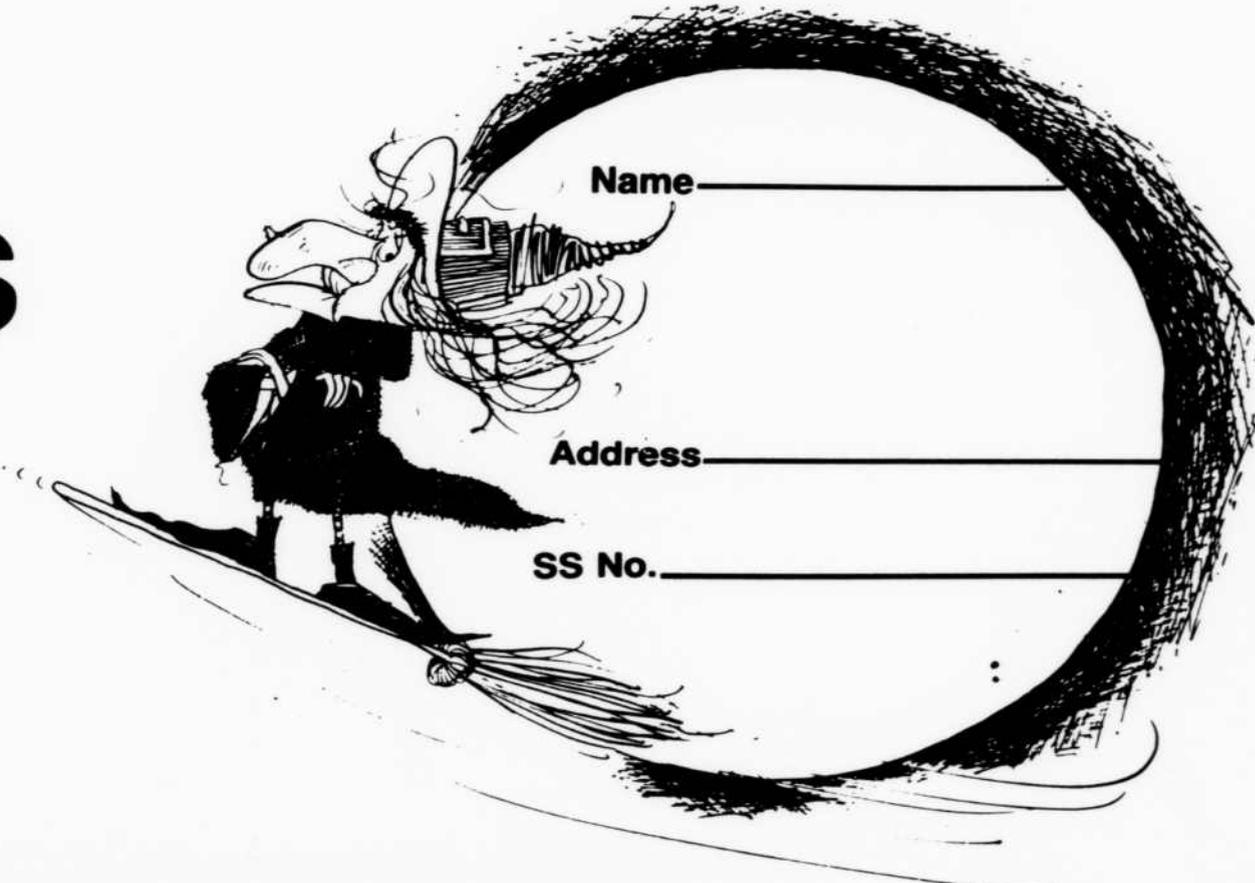
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# MTSU host of first annual sci fi mini-convention Nov. 5

By SEAN STEPHENSON  
Assistant News Editor

On Saturday, Nov. 5, MTSU will be host to the first annual Murfreesboro mini-convention sponsored by MTSU and Gamma Psi Phi, the science fiction club of MTSU.

"MTSU Will be assisting us [Gamma Psi Phi] in putting on Murfreesboro's first convention," Jonathan M. Lampley, Gamma Psi Phi's president, said. "We are really thankful for all of their cooperation."

"The reason this is called a 'mini-con' is because of the con only lasting one day, and only eight hours at that," Lampley continued. "We were not able to have the con for more than one day. That would entail more work than we could give."

"We first looked at several local hotels to hold the con at," Larry Underwood, Gamma Psi Phi's vice-president, said. "But that would have cost us more money in advance that we didn't have."

"We'll be lucky to just to break even," Lampley said.

"Despite many hardships, this con has finally gotten off the ground, and I'm simply overjoyed to be a part of this," Rod Willis, Gamma Psi Phi's newsletter editor, said.

"At the con, there will be many items of interest including an art show where artists, local and non, will be showing their work," Underwood said. "This seems to be shaping up well," he said.

"There will also be many dealer tables where comic dealers and such will be able to display and sell much of their goods," Willis said. "Dealers will include the Great Escape and Games Extraordinaire from Nashville, the Bookstop from Murfreesboro, Comics Plus from Smyrna and Centaur Books and Comics from Tullahoma plus many private dealers. There will also be baseball cards, records and tapes, movie memorabilia, and much more."

"We are very pleased to have as our special guest Martin Powell. Powell is the author of *The Verdict* and the *Scarlett and Gaslight* mini-series, both put out by Eternity Comics," Lampley said. "Powell will also be featured in one of our many panels."

"Panels will include an introduction to science fiction, an introduction to fandom, a writers panel and a slide show on *The Dark Shadow* by Nashville's leading consultant on the subject, plus much more," he said.

"We will also be showing many movies. We will have three separate rooms for the showing of these movies," Underwood said. "The movie room categories include cult movies, mainstream and animation and fantasy movies."

Following the con, Jabbs will be hosting a special party for the con members. Admission will be one dollar and the band Bam Bam will be featured.

The con will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Keathley University Center.

Tickets are four dollars in advance and five dollars at the door. They can be purchased by calling Jonathan M. Lampley at (615) 893-0121.

Any other information can also be obtained by calling Lampley.



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Two sorority members play water basketball Friday during the Sigma Chi Derby.

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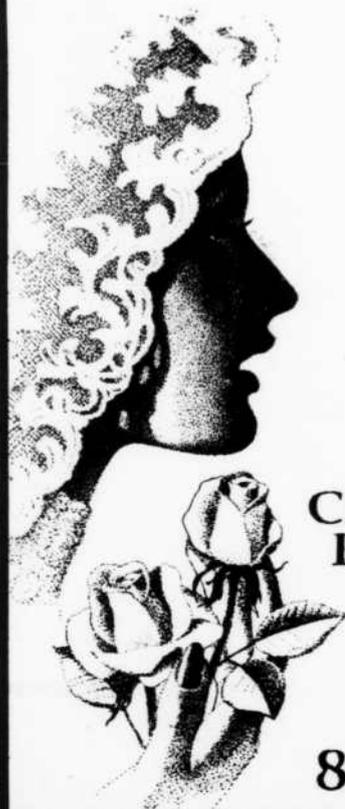
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Anti-communist efforts even permeated schools, libraries and churches — "the very soul of the nation."

Power elitists in communities used McCarthyism to get their candidates elected to public office, Carleton said.

"It was just good, sound political strategy to get people elected to office," Carleton said. "It could be used as a tactic against anyone."

In addition, scare tactics and blaring, bold headlines by newspapers added to the problem, Carleton said.

"Newspapers played a decisive role in encouraging the committees' red baiting. It sold newspapers," Carleton said, adding that the "respectable, establishment newspapers" were among those contributing to the problem.

Another group, which added to the hysteria and allowed McCarthyism to work, were the universities, Schrecker said.

During the depression, many college students and professors joined the Communist Party because they felt it was a legitimate solution to the country's woes, Schrecker said.

However, during World War 2, the toleration of communism among the general population ceased because of the flip flop by Joe Stalin. At the beginning of the war, Stalin opposed Hitler, but later signed a non-aggression pact with the German leader.

At that point, most academicians quit the party. However, when the legislative investigating committees began their work, they asked the professors "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?", many people refused to answer the question because the committees would then demand the names of other members.

Sen. McCarthy said pleading the Fifth amendment was the "most positive proof attainable that the witness is a communist," Schrecker said.

When a witness refused to answer the question, they were then brought before a university committee, Schrecker said.

"Untenured people were uniformly fired. About 70 faculty members lost their jobs" as a direct result of the red hunts, Schrecker said, adding that many other people were simply not rehired.

"The professors were fired even though it was never proven that they subverted their classes or had been bad teachers," she said.

One person said the "card-holding members of the communist party are out of bounds within the teaching profession," Schrecker said.

But none of this would have been possible without the assistance of J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Schrecker said McCarthyism should have been named

"Hooverism."

Hoover was an expert at manipulating the media, and at subverting the constitutional processes which are supposed to provide a checks and balances as a watchdog over the FBI, Theoharis said.

"They disseminated information to government agencies and reporters for purging dissident faculty members," Theoharis said. "The FBI was an educational agency that sought to shape public opinion and public policy."

Hoover let masses of information leak to the press and congressional officials bound on purging America of the Red menace, Theoharis said.

However, when some official organization would request information on suspected communists, Hoover would institute a policy of not filing the requests, Theoharis said. Therefore, congressional oversight committees would not be able to gain access to information that could incriminate the FBI director and lead to his dismissal.

"Hoover was brilliant in dealing with access to information," Theoharis said.

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for student help, it doesn't seem practical to keep a full-time person to staff the line."

LaLance added that someone is at the student information line off-and-on until about 10 p.m., at extension no. 2782.

"I feel confident in saying (that) if someone is persis-

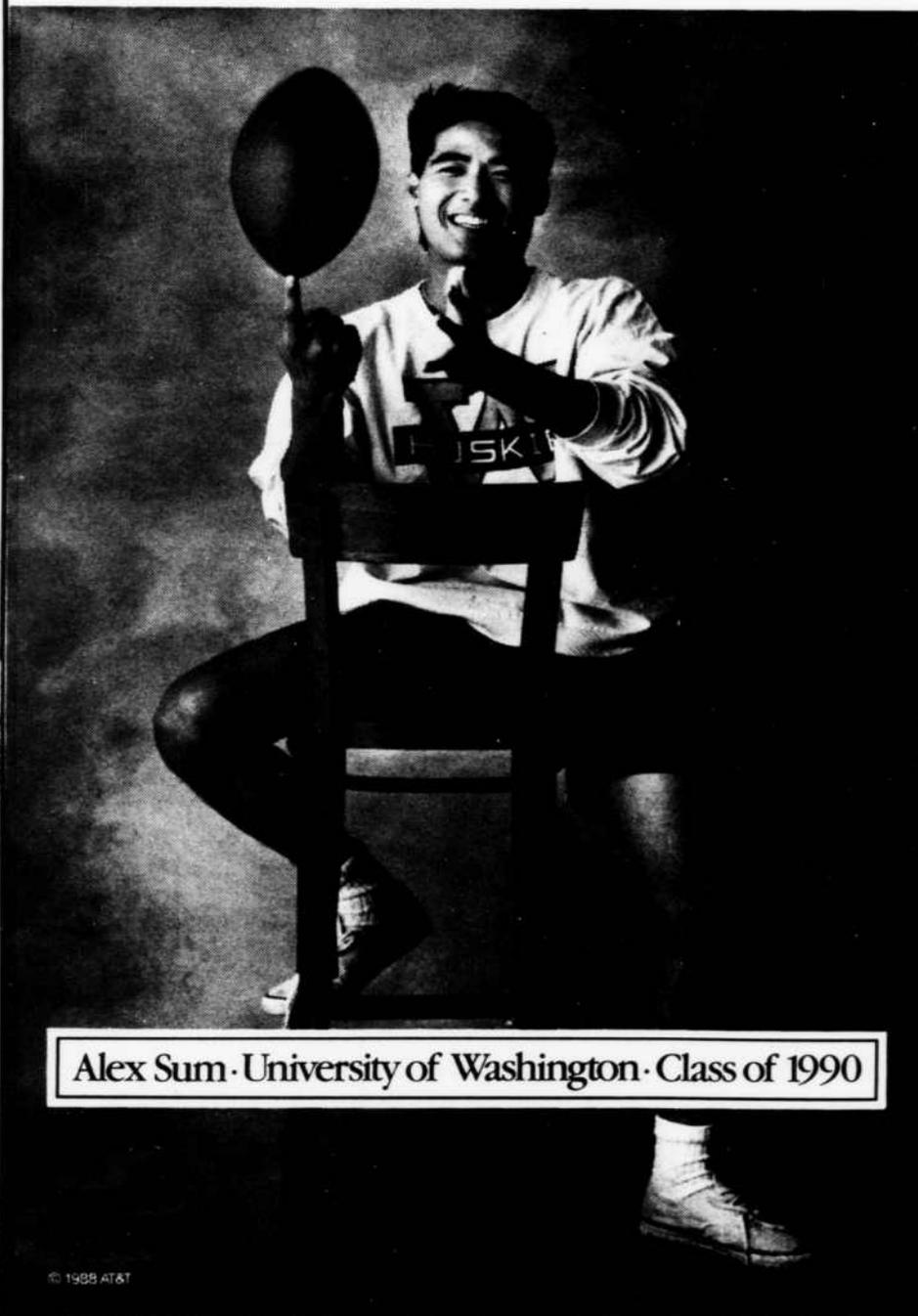
tent for a 30-minute period, they'll get someone," LaLance said.

The university has someone who is responsible for checking the Keathley University Center on a regular business, and thus, is in and out of the office a lot, LaLance said.



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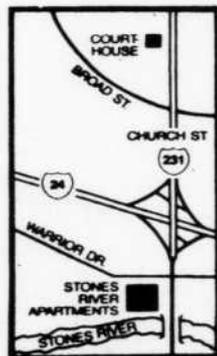
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**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Banquet**, being held at the Patterson Park Community Center, East Castle Street, Murfreesboro, Nov. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. Speaker for the day will be Rosemary Owens, dean of continuing education at MTSU. Tickets are being sold. Contact Renee Martin at 896-9222 or Dexter Johnson at 890-9187.

The **Office of Continuing Education** is offering several classes during the month of November, including Wealth Accumulation, Yoga III, Jazz for Teens and Adults, Creative Movement and more. Call 898-2462 for more information.

**Tau Omicron** meeting Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 324, KUC. A food drive for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy will be conducted. All members are encouraged to bring a few non-perishable items to donate.

**International Student Banquet:** The Church of Christ Student Center will host a free dinner meal complete with live bluegrass musical entertainment for all international students on Monday night, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Call 896-1529 to make a reservation.

**Women's Assertiveness Training "Say No Without Feeling Guilty"** to be presented by Dr. Beryl West, psychology department, Nov. 1-3 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 226, Peck Hall.

The **Society for Creative Anachronism** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Patterson Community center. For more information, contact Kelley Hale at 896-9356.

## Two charged in kidnapping

By LISA NEWTON  
News Editor

A 17-year-old accused in the kidnapping of an MTSU student will be tried as an adult on aggravated kidnapping, grand larceny and aggravated assault charges, a judge ruled Friday.

John Ike Driver was arrested last Monday after being spotted in a 1974 black Volkswagen belonging to the kidnapped student, authorities said.

Debbie Renee Heady, 19, was also arrested in the case and faces similar charges. Heady was in the car and arrested at the same time as Driver, Lt. Bob White of the Wilson County Sheriff's Department said.

Driver and Heady were turned over to Wilson County authorities after their arrest and charged with armed robbery, aggravated assault and grand larceny since the initial crimes took place in Wilson County on Friday, Oct. 21, according to White.

The car, originally green and carrying plates registered to MTSU student Greg Lannom, had license plates registered to Driver and had been spray-painted black, White said.

A police officer pursued Driver and Heady Monday in the Volkswagen until they stopped and ran on foot. Driver was chased by a police officer and eventually arrested in a field near the Wilson County/Rutherford County line, White said.

Heady got back into the VW and led two police cars on a six or seven mile pursuit, stopping only after police officers shot an ignition coil in the engine.

According to White, Driver is being held on a \$40,000 bond.

Heady's court date is scheduled for Nov. 3 in the Wilson County General Sessions Court.

## The Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for SPRING SIDELINES EDITOR

Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA, must be full-time MTSU students this semester, and must enroll for at least nine hours of coursework in the spring semester.

Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. A transcript and letters of recommendation are required. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14. For more information please call Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2338.

## President's Club elects new president Thursday

By DEANNA KALAS  
Staff Writer

A new president and new officers were elected for the President's Club during its meeting held Thursday night.

Andre Richardson, president of the United Students Association, was elected as the new president of the President's Club. Richardson was unavailable for comment.

Sarah Massey was elected as the new vice-president, and Amber Maxwell was elected as the new secretary. Both were also unavailable for comment.

The meeting lasted about 40 minutes, according to

Harry Hosey, president of the Associated Student Body (ASB).

Hosey said that only about 23 presidents showed up for the meeting.

"Some of the letters we sent out . . . had the time," Hosey said, "but didn't have the date."

Sherry Taylor, the last president of the President's Club, spoke about the formation of the club.

"(Taylor) introduced herself and told a little bit about the president's club and when it was formed . . . and why it was formed," Hosey said.

Also present at the meeting were Ted White, Direc-

tor of Minority Affairs, and Todd Burnett, ASB House Speaker.

According to Hosey, Burnett spoke about ASB House Representatives. He explained how they were elected and appointed, and encouraged them to be at the meetings.

Hosey explained to those present how, by being active in it, the President's Club could in return help them.

The President's Club was formed about two-and-a-half years ago, according to Hosey. The club consists of presidents or executive officers of all the clubs and organizations at MTSU.

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## Thirty-three reasons not to vote for George Bush

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### 1. J. Danforth Quayle, senator

**2. Feeble Balance of the Supreme Court** — When former Justice Lewis Powell yielded his seat on the Supreme Court, the left/right balance shifted as the conservative Judge Kennedy was finally selected to fill the vacant slot. Though Kennedy voted against the Reagan/Bush Administration by favoring the use of a special prosecutor to investigate such figures as Oliver North (see No. 17) he has since voted exactly as the Administration wishes.

With other less-than-Reaganite judges such as Thurgood Marshall only a hop, skip and a jump away from an iron lung, the fading equality of the court stands to be jeopardized by Bush appointments.

**3. Slandering the A.C.L.U.** — The perniciously "liberal" A.C.L.U. that Bush has degraded at every turn is an organization founded to protect civil liberties, meaning inalienable rights for everyone. The A.C.L.U. has filed lawsuits on behalf of such noted leftists as Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan.

Simply, the organization is committed to the freedom of information and the right to a fair trial. To that end they have argued on the side of socialist demagogues like Oliver North and Lyn Nofziger.

Most criticism of the organization's so-called "liberal agenda" rests on the fact that the A.C.L.U. supports quotas for minority hiring, a position that the group does well to support because **affirmative action is the law.** Bush' criticism is unfounded and, indirectly, racist.

Yes, the organization has expanded their caseload since their inception, but that is primarily because the definition of civil liberties itself has expanded.

What cases the A.C.L.U. takes and what it supports are two different things. To say that the causes the A.C.L.U. backs are what they believe in is absolutely false. The group takes cases that no one else will accept, cases that are the valid expression of a viewpoint, in order to make it more possible that everyone's perspective will be fairly argued.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance Push** — This diversionary tactic distorted what Michael Dukakis did do — veto a bill making the pledge mandatory because, in his state, that was *unconstitutional* — while maligning Dukakis' character and making up things he did not do — such as conspiring to make the schoolkids of this country become communists — or worse, card-carrying A.C.L.U. members — by refusing to allow them to lip-sync a pledge (that was incidentally written by a socialist writer for a youth magazine) that they don't fully comprehend anyway.

**5. "The Panamanian Candidate"** — Bush says he knew almost nothing about Manuel Noriega's drug involvement until the Panamanian dictator was indicted for drug trafficking (against White House wishes) in February. I beg to differ.

Noriega's drug involvement was well-known by the early '70s, and the U.S. had considered indicting him even then, but it was felt extradition could not be arranged. In 1976, then-CIA Director Bush met with Noriega, then a paid CIA informant.

According to journalists Joe Corason and John Kelly, "Before the Director of the CIA meets with a foreign official, agency procedure requires that he be briefed exhaustively about that official's background, character and relationship to the CIA." Bush knew nothing, eh?

This year, Bush claimed that to the best of his knowledge, Noriega had not been on the CIA payroll. Why then did the next CIA director, Stansfield Turner, take Noriega off the payroll? What kind of dirt does Noriega have on Bush regarding these many years of U.S.-endorsed drug-running. Good stuff, apparently, since Noriega is reputed to have boasted earlier this year that he had "Bush by the balls."

**6. Support of apartheid in South Africa** — Reagan/Bush claim that they are employing gentle negotiation to end minority rule in South Africa. So gentle, in fact, that the country went a step farther to the right and towards stricter enforcement of apartheid in the recent South African elections. Good work, guys.

**7. Racism, part one** — Ronald Reagan received nine percent of the black vote in the last election. George Bush wants less. He has spent almost no time campaigning in black areas.

The only black consistently mentioned by Bush is Willie Horton, the furloughed Massachusetts prisoner who committed rape while on leave. Bush has used Horton's face in national ads, the implication being that big, black men will invade your white, suburban homes and violently deflower your daughters if you vote for Dukakis.

### 8. J. Danforth Quayle, vice president

### 9. Barbara Bush

**10. Iran-contra scandal** — Journalist Christopher Hitchens compiled a list of executive level lies about this scandal. He votes that in a meeting documented by Bush's chief of staff, Bush discussed "heavy

arms, militant functions, trading for hostages and all the rest of it," with an Israeli go-between Amiram Nir. This meeting was held July 29, 1986. In November, Reagan lied — four times in one day at one picture — about his endorsement of the affair. He later issued a retraction.

As Hitchens put it, "The question is not, Did North and Poindexter tell Reagan? It is, can Reagan claim to know less than his Vice President did?"

**11. Administration slashing of student aid and student loans** — Seems like this would raise a little ire among the college crowd. I was thinking. But then I remembered, silly me, that those cut out of the picture by Reagan/Bush are not on campus to complain.

**12. "Star Wars"** — What began as a proposed "protective bubble" over the nation was downscaled to an anti-missile system, and as the technology gap grows, this wild-eyed scheme is still being revised to meet lower expectations. Odds are that it will wind up as a \$4 billion umbrella with a Department of Defense seal engraved in the handle.

**13. Ol' Blue Eyes** — Frank Sinatra, yeeceh, has endorsed the Bush/Quayle ticket.

**14. Racism, part two** — Michael Dukakis goes to Hispanic neighborhoods and speaks Spanish. George Bush, thinking he was off-camera during the Republican convention, referred to his grandkids of Hispanic heritage as "the little brown ones."

**15. Tax lies** — During one of their debates, Bush said that Dukakis raised the Massachusetts income tax five times. Wrong, he did it twice.

Meanwhile, Reagan/Bush claim to have cut taxes, conveniently forgetting about the increase in Social Security tax. The front page of last Friday's *Wall Street Journal* notes that would-be Bush Treasury secretary, James Baker, thinks tax hikes aren't out of the question in a Bush presidency.

### 16. Marilyn Quayle

**17. Oliver North** — Beyond the public speaking panache, the man who would be shadow king is now right where he should be — under indictment.

**18. Lie detector tests for media "leakers"** — Reagan/Bush wanted staff members who dared to tell the public what they should know to be subjected to lie detector tests. As we all know, a positive reading on a lie detector means one of three things: 1) You're lying, 2) You're not lying, 3) You're really nervous about being selected to play the lead in the Reagan/Bush adaptation of *1984*.

**19. The Nixon Connection** — While head of the Republican National Committee in the '70s, Bush supported the indefensible Richard Nixon.

**20. Lee Atwater** — One of Bush's handlers, advises Bush that the truth should never stand in the way of a good soundbite, meaning a little snatch of dialogue that sounds good but ain't necessarily true.

**21. Roger Ailes** — Ditto. Ailes is the puppet-master. He holds Bush's leash and whips the candidate around as he pleases.

**22. Tax "simplification"** — 'Nuff said.

**23. George Bush, drug czar** — Since being named head of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction Service, Bush has done so well as a drug kingpin that the head of the Drug Enforcement Agency labeled him a "liability." Chief accomplishment: The amount of cocaine flowing into the country has tripled.

**24. J. Danforth Quayle, drug czar** — Bush has promised to make Danny the country's main weapon against drugs. Look for coke to be sold at K-Mart by '89.

**25. The Administration sale of off-shore drilling rights**

**26. The Administration sale of forest land**

**27. "Trickle-down" Reaganomics**

**28. Farm foreclosures**

**29. CIA assassination brochures** — This kind of crap was supposed to stop years ago, but when an ex-CIA head is in the v.p. slot....

**30. The sound of Barbara Bush cooing, "I love you too, Mr. Kissinger."**

**31. "Evil Empire" flipflop** — This is our penalty for not voting for George in 1980, when he was a *moderate* Republican.

**32. THE D E F I C I T**

**33. J. Danforth Quayle, president** — Imagine Danny negotiating with Gorbachev: "Why sure, Mikhail, you can have the Virgin Islands. Just toss me a bottle of Stol and let me have a go with Raisa."

## Longer hours needed

For the past two years the university has paid a person to staff the campus information lines after the regular operators leave at 4:30 p.m. to release the phone numbers of students living on campus to anyone desiring the information.

However, the lines are only staffed from the beginning of the semester until the Housing Office prints a "phone book" listing the names and numbers of everyone living on campus.

This book is usually available in October for students living on campus and anyone else who wants one. However, the university does not tell anyone when this is available.

While numbers can be obtained on the campus information line in the case of emergencies, many students not living on campus need numbers in "non-emergency" cases — getting in touch of someone for a project or to find out what you missed in class.

The majority of students do not live on campus and therefore do not have access to the campus directory — or know they need such a directory until it is too late.

For this reason the university should spend the extra \$3,000 or so to provide this service after 4:30 for the students not living on campus.

## 'Public-access' means accessibility for all, not the just the mainstream

By BOBBI OHS  
Guest Columnist

True or false: TV was created in 1924 by a Russian spy, Vladimir Zworykin, whose lifelong goal was to produce a generation of American people with such slack intellectual instinct that he and his beloved Russia could someday lead the entire population around by the nose.

OK, you're right, it's a trick question. Vladimir Zworykin did invent the tube in 1924 (that's "iconoscope" to all you technocrats), but he was a legitimate Russian immigrant whose designs for television were probably altruistic, not sinister. How could he have imagined the idiot-chic world of Three's Company re-runs, America's Most Wanted and Geraldo? Let alone the Gay Cable Network, American Atheist Forum and the White Aryan Resistance show, Race and Reason From Atlanta?

Wait, you say. Is this truth mixed with fiction again? Who programs TV for atheists, gays and the KKK? Why, the cable public-access channel in a community near you, that's who.

Specifically, cable companies, in exchange for exclusive franchises from many city governments, must provide public access channels equipment and training for community groups...free of charge and editorial control. The cable company in Nashville is in that group. Yes, you can watch American Atheist Forum and the Gay Cable Network in Middle Tennessee on a cable public-access channel. You can also see programs produced by people with mainstream ideas and lifestyles. And if they choose to do so, the local Ku Klux Klan can schedule a show of their own. They do in 20 American cities.

The point is, "the people" (lofty connotation applied) are programming cable public-access channels on a first come, first serve basis. How does this affect the prosaic, remote-control-carrying middle-class? Most squirm a little, sniff, and eventually shrug (the dance o' the 80s). A very few folks get out the yellow pages and start shuffling allies together for a program featuring their own ideas. But in Kansas City, Missouri, the city council started drawing

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# Superpower ice-breaking not a sure sign of thawing relationship

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

*Glasnost* and *perestroika* have become buzzwords around the world since Mikhail Gorbachev came into power in the Soviet Union. Hopefully, everyone knows this simple fact.

Gorbachov has begun to reform the Soviet Union with his programs of *openess* and *restructuring*. These programs reached a new height Wednesday when two Soviet icebreakers assisted American efforts to free two whales trapped in ice off the northern coast of Alaska.

Anyway, these Soviet icebreakers came in to help save the whales. (See page 5 of the Oct. 27 issue of this prestigious publication).

Reports said the Soviets even flew U.S. and Soviet flags in a show of cooperation. This was a landmark event in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Two superpowers with a history of non-cooperation assisted each other in a great humanitarian effort. This was simply awesome beyond belief and bodes well for future cooperative efforts for good by the big boys on the block.

This was truly a great step in U.S.-Soviet relations. I mean that.

However, the American public should also look at the

situation in Gorby's park. He is attempting to sell the Soviet and American people on *glasnost* and *perestoika*.

Gorbachov knows that for his reforms within the Soviet Union to have any effect on foreign policy the American government and the American people must think he is sincere about the changes. The American people have to be assured he is not just playing con man.

During the recent talks which led up to the INF treaty (another great step in U.S.-Soviet relations and a darn good treaty to boot), Gorbachev proved he is a master at manipulating the mass media and the American public.

With great skill he convinced everyone he was a great guy and meant really well. Most people believed he was a really neato guy.

Frankly, I believe the man is sincere and is doing great work. But he should never be trusted. The American people must realize that, while Gorbachov is a great guy and U.S.-Soviet relations have improved tremendously with the work he and Reagan have done, the primary goal of the Soviet Union is world dominance.

The United States and the Soviet Union are friendly, but we are still enemies. This business of helping the United States save the whales is great, but it has to be looked on with glasses tinted to what the Soviet leader is doing within his country. By saving the whales, the Soviet Union is trying to convince the American people that Gorbachev's reforms are going through and the U.S.S.R. can be trusted.

Whether the liberals like it or not, the United States is the big brother of the free world. We are the leaders for freedom and liberty. Granted, we are not as powerful as we once were since other countries are back on their feet following World War II; but we are still the big boys on the block.

We must take the lead in assessing what Gorbachev is doing and how much we can help or if the U.S.S.R. can be trusted. We need to remember, for the betterment of the free world and for the sake of freedom, that they can't be.

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lines. When a controversial group wanted time on the channel, they changed the charter. Now cable channel 30 in Kansas City is a "local origination" channel whose content is governed by American Cablevision, the exclusive franchise holder. There is no room now for the regular KKK access on the revised Channel 30.

Enter the American Civil Liberties Union. In a matter of days, the ACLU will file a lawsuit charging that the city council of Kansas City, Mo., violated the Constitutional rights of the Ku Klux Klan. Creepy tone to it, eh? Aryan extremist rhetoric, protagonist in this scene, in part because the city council couldn't shrug. But more because they couldn't be leaders...leaders who would empower members of the community to counter-program the white supremacist group with mainstream outrage.

The real problem is this: The very group that saw fit to provide Kansas City with public access does not understand the progressive nature of the medium. Public access demands that we GIVE SOMETHING BACK. If we get used to using it, the country will again stand on the cutting-edge of democracy.

...Which brings us round to our man Vladimir. Maybe Zworykin would have been downright mortified to know something he started brought us Race and Reason From Atlanta every Saturday night at 8:00. But would he have been proud to know so few used his inventions to respond to those SOB's with guts and meaning? Democracy is a use-it-or-lose-it thing. And our biggest challenge as American people is to keep thoughtful pace with the new choices technology brings.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Gun enthusiasts, criminals agree: Handgun controls ineffective

To the Editor:

Doug Stults' editorial of Oct. 13 perpetrates a terrible injustice against all gun owners, especially owners of handguns. He depicts handgun owners as nothing more than uncouth redneck murderers. I am a handgun owner, but I do not "spit tobacco juice all over my body" or "get off" on the thought of shooting someone. It may even surprise Mr. Stults to know that I can also read. I did not like what I read.

Mr. Stults compares the high number of handgun deaths in the United States to the extremely low rates of death in other countries. He says this is because of the strict gun control laws of those countries.

The citizens of Great Britain, one of the countries mentioned, are absolutely prohibited from owning or possessing handguns. This summer, British authorities went a shocking step further, making it illegal to be in possession of any knife larger than a pocketknife! What will be next — a ban on baseball bats? While this is a shocking development, something even more alarming occurred in Great Britain this past summer.

London police have never carried guns. However, this past summer, for the first time in history, London police began carrying guns. The reason? They were simply no match for the armed criminals on the streets! Isn't it amazing British citizens are prohibited from owning handguns yet criminals can readily obtain them?

Mr. Stults' editorial only feeds the popular myths about handguns. Allow me to dispel some of these myths.

The purpose and design of a handgun is *not* simply for the taking of a human life. There are thousands of sport shooters and hunters, myself included, who use handguns for their respective sports.

Another popular myth: If handguns are banned, crime will be reduced. Nothing could be further from the truth. In 1986, the U.S. Justice Department published a report entitled "The Armed Criminal in America." It was based on a survey of 1,874 prisoners who had used a handgun to commit a crime. An incredible 84 percent said they obtained their guns illegally. Seventy-five percent said they

would have used a sawed-off shotgun if handguns were unavailable. Fully 82 percent said gun laws affect *only* law-abiding citizens. This is what the National Rifle Association has said for years.

Simply, a criminal will commit crimes regardless of whether handguns are available or not.

As a footnote, I should mention that the two men who conducted this survey had originally intended to use the survey as evidence for stricter gun laws. After viewing the results, they both promptly reversed their positions.

The final myth the editorial propagates is that of plastic handguns that escape detection by airport security systems. At the present time, no such gun exists! This rumor started approximately three years ago when a new pistol, the Glock 17, came on the market. It is composed of only 17 percent plastic; the remaining 83 percent is pure steel. In several tests, the gun proved to be positively identifiable on the Linescan X-ray machine at the Miami International Airport. Even the plastic frame showed up on X-ray!

With technology advancing at such a rapid rate, an all-plastic handgun may eventually be produced. This is why the NRA has pushed for legislation requiring future manufacturers of plastic handguns to have a steel plate embedded in the plastic. This would ensure the gun's detectability at airports.

While I applaud Mr. Stults' consternation over the alarming increases in crime, his answer to the problem is far more dangerous. Instead of making it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to obtain and use handguns legitimately, why not make life tougher on the criminals? We have mandatory jail sentences for DUI offenders, so why not impose compulsory jail terms for anyone who obtains and/or uses guns illegally?

The time has come for people to finally realize that preventing law-abiding citizens from obtaining firearms will in no way prevent crimes from occurring.

Warren K. McIntosh  
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## Running over hoses dangerous

To the Editor:

This letter is concerning the Mainstreet article in Monday's issue of *Sidelines*.

The article stated that Stan Crabtree ran over a firehose. As a volunteer firefighter, I know firsthand the dangers of running over a charged hose.

The first is obvious — the possible destruction of the hose resulting in loss of valuable water and time, and the loss of the structure involved.

Second, and less obvious, is harm to a firefighter inside the building.

Nozzles on the hoses are capable of creating a fog-stream of about a 120 degree angle. This creates a "wall" of water for the firefighter. He can walk right up to a fire of considerable intensity and be protected from heat and flame.

If this "wall" is even temporarily disturbed, the firefighter can be engulfed in flames. Although firefighters wear protective equipment, the gear is not designed for prolonged flame contact.

Under no circumstances should a motorist cross a hose line unless directed to by the proper authorities.

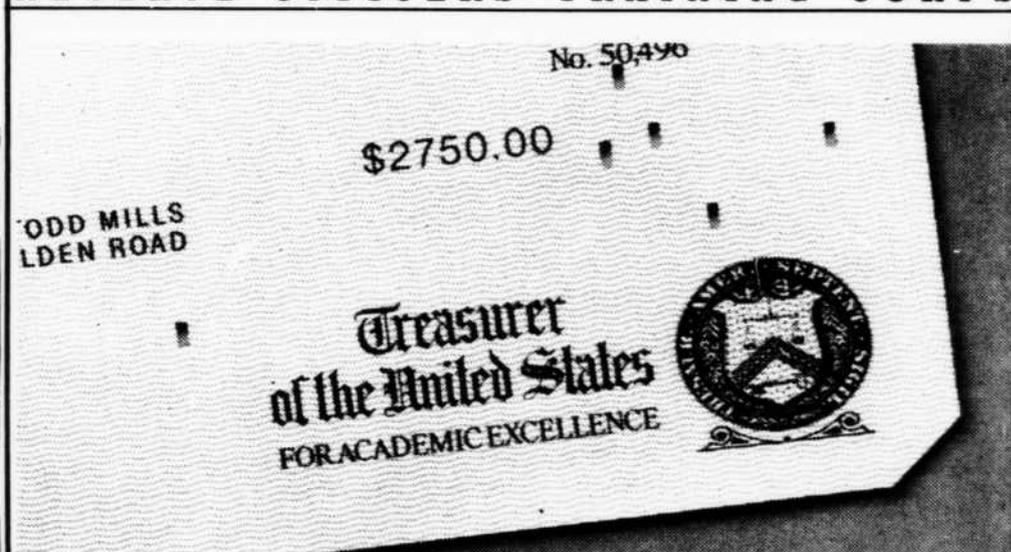
I realize the owner and employee were worried about the equipment, but the structure as a whole and a firefighter's life is much more important.

Tim Bennett  
Box 1654

### NOTICE

As everyone has noticed, this publication has been flooded with letters concerning the "H-word." Due to the subject matter and the wide disparity of opinion regarding such actions, we reserved several column inches of space for comment. However, it seems that the saturation point has been surpassed. Therefore, barring a new and exceptional development, we're going to let this baby rest for a while. Thanks to everyone who submitted letters.

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## SPORTS

*In Kentucky Saturday***Raiders, ECU to battle for OVC title**

By CECIL JOYCE  
Sports Writer

MTSU's Blue Raiders face Eastern Kentucky this Saturday in what is the biggest game of the year for both schools.

So, here it is, David Letterman Fans, the top six reasons why MTSU will defeat Eastern Kentucky:

1. Pass Defense — The Blue Raiders rank first in the nation in pass defense, allowing only 723 total yards this year in the air with 20 interceptions, led by Don Thomas and Tommy Barnes with five each, and Chuck Swafford with four.

2. Rushing Defense — MTSU allowed -10 yards rushing against Austin Peay and has gotten stronger as the season has progressed.

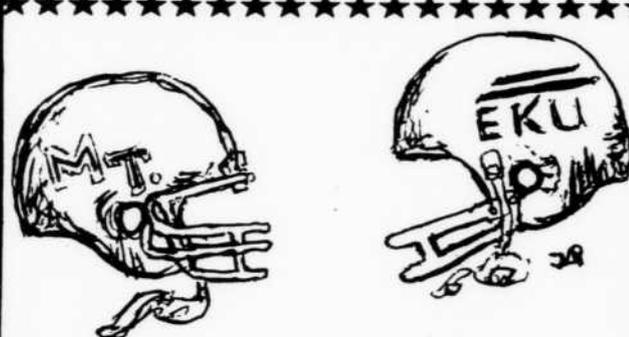
3. Total Defense — Take away both the passing game and the running game, there leaves very few points to be scored by Eastern.

Also, going against the Colonels is the fact that MTSU has given up only three points in their last three games.

4. Punt Blocking — Sorry, folks, if history repeats itself during Saturday's game, statistics show that at least half of the Colonel's punts will be blocked by excellent special teams players, including Barnes, Swafford, and a host of others.

5. Rushing Offense — The Raiders have had an outstanding year in the running game, led by sophomore Wade Johnson, who has 481 yards rushing this year, and freshman Joseph Campbell, who has gained 435 yards.

6. Quarterbacks — MTSU provides an excellent combination at the quarterbacking position to fill everyone's need. First, you have starter Marvin Collier.

**Raiders vs. Colonels**

Richmond, Ky. Saturday,  
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Reserve quarterback Phil Ironsides has shown great consistency and has a strong arm to match.

In the "Biggest Game of the Year" prediction: MTSU 27, ECU 17.

By ANTHONY  
HILDRETH  
Sports Writer

Eastern Kentucky, led by a very balanced rushing attack, will defeat the Blue Raiders of MTSU in the big OVC showdown this Saturday in Richmond.

Many factors are considered when determining the outcome of this game, the probable "title" game in the OVC this year.

MTSU is going to have a difficult time stopping the Colonel running game, led by Elroy Harris and Tim Lester. Harris has gained 853 yards on 160 carries this season through the game against Western Carolina. Lester has 609 yards on just 92 carries. Harris is second in the nation in scoring and leads the OVC in both rushing and scoring. MTSU will not stop Harris.

Eastern Kentucky's defense should also tame the Raiders offense considerably. They have allowed only 112 points all year, only an average of 14 points a game scored against them.

The Colonels will be avenging last year's 17-16 loss to the Blue Raiders. This will add extra incentive to win.

The home-field advantage will prove deadly to the Blue Raiders, whose both losses have come on the road. Also, a factor is that it is a night game and both MTSU losses have also come at night.

Eastern Kentucky leads the series 19-17 — be ready to chalk up win number 20 Saturday night.

Another factor to consider is that ECU has won five in a row. They are on a hot streak and they don't plan on breaking that streak Saturday night.

Chris Coffey, who was the OVC's defensive Player of the Week, should turn in another excellent defensive performance, enabling the Colonels to prevail behind Head Coach Roy Kidd.

In general, the Colonels should and will defeat MTSU this Saturday and prevail as OVC champions.

Prediction: ECU 24, MTSU 21.

**Lady Raiders seek 8th championship**

Helen Comer/Staff

MTSU's All-American candidate Tawanya Mucker will lead the Lady Raider's into their 1988-89 season seeking their eighth consecutive OVC championship title.

By MICHELLE  
GALLOWAY  
Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raider's basketball team are beginning their 1988-89 campaign for their eighth straight OVC title.

The team will be led by senior All-American candidate Tawanya Mucker.

Last year, she was leading scorer in 20 out of 30 games. She set a new Lady Raider record last season by averaging 23.1 points per game. Mucker also led the team in rebounds with a 9.2 average.

"Mucker is certainly going to be one of the country's better players," said Head Coach Lewis Bivens, beginning his second season.

Also returning from last year's 28-8 season is senior guard Sandy Brown.

A transfer a year ago from Walters State Community College, Brown became one of the nation's leading 3-point scorers hitting 84 of 182. She averaged 15.7 points per game.

Perhaps one of the most consistent players on the team is senior Lianne Beck. She was an Academic All-America selection last year, with a 3.92 grade point average in pre-med.

Beck led the team last year in assists with 128 and also in free throws netting 42 of 50 for an 84 percent accuracy.

Stephanie Capley, a strong inside player will continue her strong contributions to the Lady Raider squad.

Last year, Capley averaged 11.2 points per game and 6.7 rebounds. She blocked a total of 17 shots last year, which added trouble to many opponents.

"Beck, Brown and Capley should all be improved," said Bivens. "We have the potential for another solid

season, but potential is the key word."

Junior Christy Scruggs, will be a probable starter at the point guard position.

Also returning are junior Marla Davenport and sophomores Deborah Bell and Julie Harrison.

New to this year's team are freshmen Libby Newton, Shanna Wright and junior transfer Aletrice Thompkins.

Lost from last year's squad are Kim Collier, Angie Bartlett and Carla Berry who all withdrew for personal reasons.

"There are some very talented teams looming on the horizon in the OVC," explained Bivens. "We're going to have to go out and prove ourselves all over again. It could well be one of the better conference races in recent years."

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# MTSU's ROTC wins flag football tourney

By MICHELE CHERRY  
Special to Sidelines

The rains didn't dampen the spirit of the MTSU ROTC flag football team as they won the first annual Tennessee ROTC Football Champ Trophy.

Five teams met in Murfreesboro for the Tennessee ROTC Invitational Flag Football Jamboree.

The five teams that participated were Tennessee State University Air Force, Vanderbilt Army, Austin Peay Army, Vanderbilt Navy and host MTSU Army.

MTSU dominated the first game, defeating Vandy Army 13-0 in a steady downpour of rain. In spite of two inches of mud on Candlestick Field, MTSU grounded out two touchdowns on runs by Capt. Reginald Beatty and Cadet Dan Clark.

MTSU's defense held the small but quick Vandy team to a shutout.

In the second game, MTSU's defense stunned TSU Air Force with a string of interceptions and quarterback sacks. Linebacker Robert Graves sprinted in four touchdowns on two of his three interceptions.

MTSU's experienced offense rolled in four more touchdowns to make it a 39-0 victory.

Next, unbeaten Vanderbilt Navy met MTSU with a bruising defense backed with an equally experienced offense. MTSU's only clear advantages lay in the running game and the defensive line's ability to control Vandy's quarterback.

Scoreless at halftime, MTSU bounced back to score twice in the second half on a Rick Wade pass to 2nd Lt. Mike Hopkins and a spectacular run by Capt. Beatty, making it a 14-0 win. MTSU advanced to 3-0 and Vandy Navy dropped to 2-1.

The MTSU team played unbeaten the Austin Peay Governor's Guards in the final, but by far the most exciting game of the day.

Both teams were evenly matched with the exception of size; the Gavs were somewhat larger. Austin Peay dominated the first half, leading 6-0 at halftime.

The Gavs' secret weapon was their cannon-armed quarterback, who threw a pass over 60 yards down-

field to score their first touchdown.

MTSU's defensive line effectively shut down the Gavs' running game, forcing them to the air to gain

yardage.

In the second half, MTSU's offense got into gear, grinding out short yardage plays to finally score and tie the game.

Austin Peay rebounded after the kickoff with another 60-yard plus completion on a fourth down play. This put the Gavs on MTSU's 10-yard line, and

they scored two plays later to make it a 12-6 contest with four minutes left in the game.

MTSU received the ball deep in their own territory and began to move the ball. Tight end Doug Echols caught two passes and Capt. Beatty carried one to put MTSU over midfield and onto enemy turf.

On third and long, Wade hurled a pass to 2nd Lt. Hopkins, tying the game at 12-12.

Wade kept the ball on an option on the extra point attempt and scored, putting

MTSU ahead 14-12 with 2:15 left.

After the kickoff, Austin Peay's offense crumbled under a furious pass rush and was forced to punt.

MTSU received and began to run out the clock. Tense moments followed when an Austin Peay defender stripped Wade of the ball, giving the Gavs another shot from midfield. Again the defense rose to the occasion when Robert Graves intercepted a pass, sealing MTSU's victory with a few seconds left in the game.



(Standing L. to R.) Joe Jackdon, Jeff Burriss, 2nd Lt. Robert Curee, Capt. Reginald Beatty, Mark Smelzer, Steve Mounce, Robert Graves.  
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# Broncos look to rebound

By HANK LOWENKRON

Associated Press Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Injuries, a major change in the coaching staff and his attempt to do too much have tracked Denver in its bid for a third consecutive appearance, quarterback John Elway says.

Wide receiver Mark Johnson spent four weeks on injured reserve after suffering a broken collarbone while making block. Tight end Clarence Kay bruised his spinal cord in the season opener. And Elway missed Denver's 39-21 loss to Pittsburgh last week with a sprained ankle.

All three are back for Monday night's nationally televised game against Indianapolis — a game both defending AFC and defending divisional champions hope can turn around their season. Denver is 4-4 and battling Seattle for the AFC West lead. Indianapolis, 3-5, is far behind AFC East leader Buffalo.

Elway questions his handling of the club's injury problems.

"Anytime you see injuries to starters, you feel that there's some slack that has to be picked up," he said. "I have, in situations, tried to do too much and put too much on my shoulders. When we lose one (receiver), it forces us to move everyone around."

Mike Shanahan, the offensive coordinator for Denver during most of Elway's career, became the head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders last February. Joining Shanahan in the move to the Raiders were former Denver assistants Alex Gibbs and Nick Nicolau.

"We haven't been executing nearly as well as we have in the past," Elway said. "I think some of that has to do

with the fact that we've got some new coaches. It's taken a while for everyone to get comfortable with the new coaches."

Elway has completed 224 of 410 passes for 1,580 yards, but only seven for touchdowns. And he's been intercepted 11 times in seven games, one fewer than his total in 12 games last season.

Elway, an elusive scrambler in his first five NFL seasons, also has been sacked 17 times for 124 yards.

"We've got a lot of injuries during the game and had to put different people in there just to get through the game and they don't make the correct adjustments," said Denver coach Dan Reeves. "The quarterbacks and the receivers aren't on the same page."

Denver acquired Tony Dorsett, second on the league's all-time list in rushing and scrimmage yardage, in June — a move some predicted would help the Broncos to the Super Bowl victory that eluded them in three previous appearances.

"Tony has played well," Reeves said. "He's done everything we've asked of him."

"I think there's been too much emphasis on the fact that Tony's been back there," Elway said. "Tony picked up the offense real well. I think what we've done is get away from what has made us successful in the past — to get Tony the ball as far as running on first down and those type of things."

Elway can be expected to throw frequently against Indianapolis, a team that yielded 444 yards passing to Tampa Bay in its last game and 315 to Buffalo a week earlier. The Colts are 22nd in the league against the pass.

## Flutie-led Patriots roll by Bears 30-7

By the Associated Press

Doug Flutie, sent back to the scene of his college stardom by the Chicago Bears, rose up to throw four touchdown passes yesterday in leading the New England Patriots to a 30-7 upset romp over the Bears.

## NFL Roundup

Falcons 27, Eagles 24

At Philadelphia, second-year quarterback Chris Miller threw for three touchdowns as the Falcons, 2-7, snapped a five-game losing streak.

Browns 23, Bengals 16

German Fontenot returned a blocked punt one yard for a touchdown and set up another score with an 84-yard kickoff return as Cleveland, 6-3, moved within one game of Cincinnati in the AFC Central.



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49ers 24, Vikings 21

Reserve quarterback Steve Young scrambled 49 yards for a touchdown with 1:58 remaining as San Francisco, 6-3, rallied past Minnesota, 5-4.

In other NFL action last night it was: Rams 12, Saints 10; Dolphins 17, Bucs 14; Cardinals 16, Cowboys 10; Jets 24, Steelers 20; Giants 13, Lions 10 (OT); Seahawks 17, Chargers 14; Raiders 17, Chiefs 10; Bills 28, Packers 0.

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## LIFESTYLES

## Golf U.S.A. offers food, fun

By GARY BUCHANAN  
Lifestyles Editor

Where in Murfreesboro can you hit the driving range, have some chicken wings and a beer, buy some golf clubs and play miniature golf, darts, video games and billiards all in one location?

Golf U.S.A., that's where. The complex, located on Highway 96 at Interstate 24 opened in July and has been received with a great response, according to manager Ronnie Gruenberg.

"We did better than we expected to do," said Gruenberg. "The response has been tremendous."

Gruenberg, you might say, has been with Golf U.S.A. "from the ground up." It was Gruenberg who helped think of the idea for such a complex, bought the land and began construction.

Along with Ken Abdo, the other owner, Gruenberg supervised the construction of the complex.

"We designed everything to be suited for the community needs," said Gruenberg. "We wanted to build something that would appeal to many different people."

MTSU was taken into consideration in the choice of the location because the entertainment would appeal to college students, Gruenberg said. Gruenberg, however, said that he sees many children and older customers, rather than the college crowd. He attributes this to the variety of activities at Golf U.S.A.

"We have young kids come in to play video games, older people get on the driving range and browse in the pro-shop, and we have younger and older people on the miniature golf course," Gruenberg said.

Gruenberg and Abdo looked into the idea heavily before beginning to build the complex. They wanted to make sure their idea would work. They went to a seminar in Baltimore on driving ranges and did a lot of research to see if the business would be a success. They were still worried,

however, as there are not many similar complexes to observe as a model. They have, however, been happy with their success in their first three months of operation.

Golf U.S.A. features something for the whole family, said Gruenberg.

There is a 60-station driving range, an 18-hole "Crystal Falls" miniature golf course and a pro-shop for the golf-minded individual.

For the not-so-golf-minded, Golf U.S.A. offers a game room with video games and billiards and a special room set up to test your skill at dart-throwing.

A large part of the operation is a restaurant/lounge called "Birdie's," which features drink and food specials, such as their chicken wings, served in a cozy atmosphere. Birdie's also features a "drink or drown" night for the true beer drinkers in the crowd.

Although Birdie's backs up to the driving range and the golf course, Gruenberg said he has had no problems with somebody having a little too much to drink and driving some balls on the range. He said the reason for this is that the lounge is almost a separate part of the complex in itself.

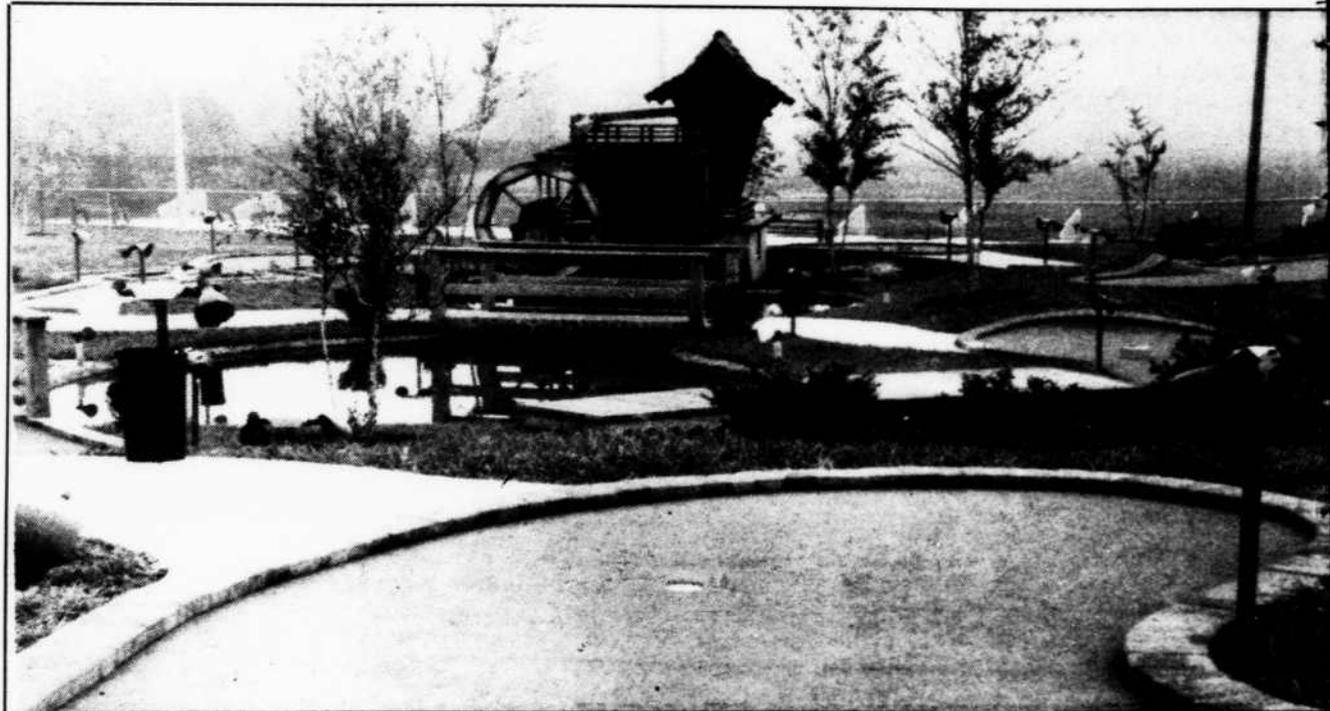
"Most people will just come in and have some dinner or a few drinks and then leave," said Gruenberg. "They usually will not do anything else while they are here."

As for the future, Gruenberg wants to expand on his success with the business. He mentioned plans to enlarge the complex and include activities such as a go-cart track and a batting range.

"We have always had intentions to build batting cages on the east end, and have discussed a go-cart track as well," Gruenberg said. Fall miniature golf leagues are also in the plans for next year, to keep people coming throughout the year. Gruenberg has plans to keep the complex open year-round.

For this winter, Gruen-

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Michael Johnson/Staff

One of the challenging holes on the "Crystal Falls" miniature golf course at Golf U.S.A. The complex also boasts a driving range, restaurant/lounge, a game room and a pro shop.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Editor's Note

In a story concerning a senior vocal recital in the last issue of *Sidelines*, it was incorrectly reported that the performance was the only senior recital of the semester when in fact it is the only senior vocal recital of the semester. Also, a name mentioned in the article was misspelled. The spelling of the name is Kurt Von Schmittou. *Sidelines* is happy to set the record straight.

The MTSU Dance Committee is sponsoring a Halloween dance tonight from 8 p.m. - midnight, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. "Autumn" will provide the dance music for the evening, and a costume contest will be held with prizes awarded. Admission to the dance and contest is \$2.

## Holy cartoon homicide! Robin blown to bits by Batman's enemy The Joker?

By LARRY McSHANE  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — He's punched out the Penguin, wrestled the Riddler and crushed the Catwoman. But after 48 years of crime-busting, Robin — yes, the Boy Wonder, Batman's earnest if excitable teen-age sidekick — has been blown to bits by the Joker.

Death comes this week for Robin when DC Comics distributes Batman issue number 428, the third installment of the four-part "A Death in the Family," in which the younger half of the Dynamic Duo is dynamited by the clown prince of crime.

"It was very odd. I realize all this stuff is made up, but everybody here felt like the family of an accident victim, waiting for the doctor to come out and say, 'There's still hope,'" said Dennis O'Neil, editor of the Batman series.

The Joker, by the way, is doing more than undermining the quality of life in Gotham City these days; his incendiary eradication of Robin comes under his duties as Iran's new ambassador to the United Nations.

But it won't be Joker, Batman creator Bob Kane, or

O'Neil facing murder charges for the killing of Robin — it's the readers of the Batman comics who voted in a phone in poll to kill off the teen superhero born in 1940.

A 900 number was set up on Sept. 15-16 by DC to allow fans to phone in the fate of Robin, who — in case you've forgotten — is the ward of Gotham City millionaire Bruce Wayne. It's the first time DC has allowed its readers to decide a character's future, said O'Neil, who also killed off Batgirl in the late 1960's.

The final totals: 5,343 for the death penalty, 5,271 against.

Ooof!

There is some good news. The dead Robin is NOT Dick Grayson, the original Robin and Batman's campy cohort on the television program; Grayson split with the caped crusader in 1984, grabbed a new costume and became "Nightwing," head of the new crime-fighting team published under the title "The New Teen Titans," DC said.

The not-so-dearly departed Robin was Jason Todd, a kid off the streets who became Wayne's new ward and the readers' new whipping boy. Angry letters to the editor labeled Robin II a "vindictive, vengeful little brat" and "wimp."

# Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!

## Local favorite Spence releases upbeat album

By JACOB C. MALL  
Staff Writer

It's kind of hard for me to be impartial on Judson Spence's, or this album's merits.

Ever since I saw this upbeat rocker right here in Murfreesboro at Mainstreet this summer, I became an instant fan of him and his unique style of music.

After all, when the guy opened his show with an acapella version of "Amazing Grace," I knew he was going to break into the world of music.

With great anticipation, I awaited the release of Spence's first album on Atlantic Records, which is a great label for Spence because of their past experiences with new artists.

Atlantic is no "new-comer" to newcomers. They've broken such musicians as John Coltrane, Led Zeppelin and Debbie Gibson (to be diverse) into the music business.

And I wasn't disappointed.

Spence's current hit, "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah," although repetitive, has a "danceable" beat to it, as the teenagers would exalt on "American Bandstand."

Spence has a flare for writing hits. Every one of the songs on this album is distinctive and memorable.

One of the best things about this album is the personnel that Spence has on the album. He has done himself a great benefit by surrounding himself with only top-notch musicians, as all successful artists do.

For a debut album, Judson Spence is produced remarkably well. Most of the cuts were recorded in Hollywood at the A & M studios.

"Hot and Sweaty," another song on the album, was recorded at Mastermix studios in Nashville. This is fitting, as many of Spence's following is in Nashville and Murfreesboro.

Spence is a one of the many "one-in-a-million" shots in music. The difference is that he has a great possibility of making it big in the business. His musicianship is outstanding, his songs are strong, and his live-performance ability is unbelievable.

Basically what it comes down to is that Spence's album is uplifting and enlightening. Spence's songs deal with subjects ranging from one-night stands to

drinking and doing drugs.

One song on the album, "If You Don't Like It," deals with personal conviction and Spence doing his own thing.

In the song, Spence sings "I don't want no false seduction, and trade my soul to get thrills. I don't have to drink when I'm dancing, I like to control my moves. I don't need no headache in the morning, I just want a solid groove."

If you like to dance, listen to this album. If you enjoy rhythmically complex syncopation, there are cuts on this album you have to hear.

The main thing that really sold me on this album and Judson Spence himself is the lyrics. He gives all the glory to Jesus on the credits of the album, and his lyrics are favorable.

In other words, this album makes you feel good. I enjoyed it I think you will too.

I can't wait for him to make his way back to Murfreesboro.



Helen Comer•Staff

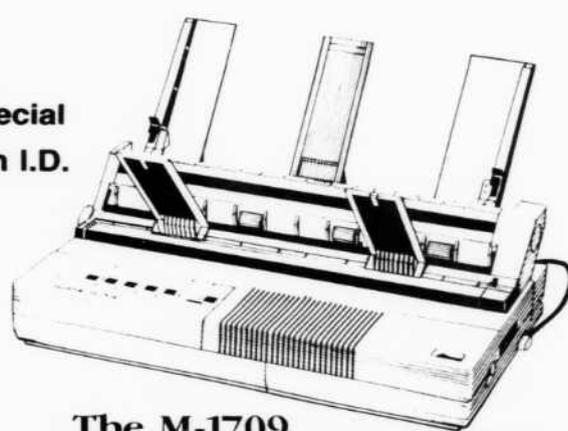
Judson Spence during a recent performance.

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berg hopes to keep the customers coming in by offering activities indoors in the lounge and game area.  
"We're starting a dart league at the first of the year, and we're having a seminar on November 6. It will be a free seminar with dart professionals here," Gruenberg said. "We've found many people are interested in darts."  
Gruenberg that those interested in the dart seminar and league can call 459-3236, and ask for Wayne or Pat.  
Gruenberg said that he hopes that Golf U.S.A. becomes a place for the whole family, because there is something for people of all ages.  
"This place is designed to provide an alternative form of entertainment than rather just going to a movie," Gruenberg said.  
The complex is open from 8 a.m. to around 11 or 12 p.m., depending on the size of the crowd, he said.

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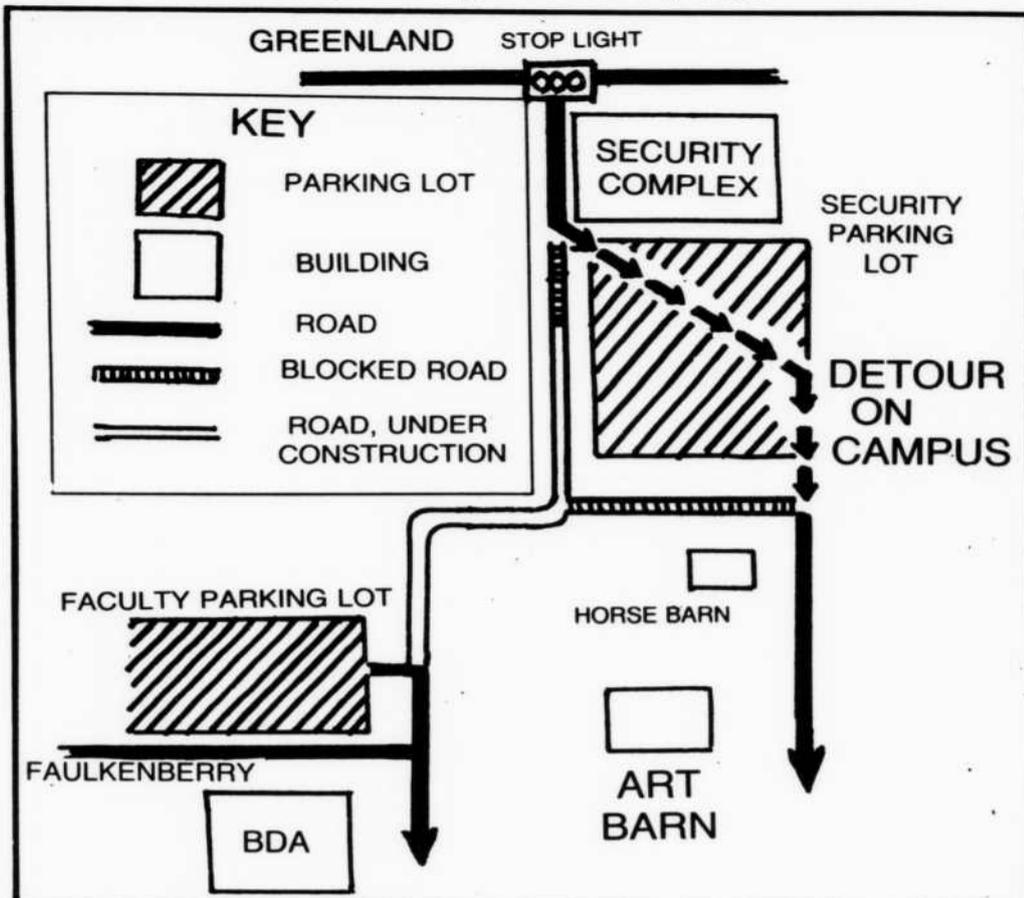
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For access onto campus using C Street, which is the name of the street before the curve, where it turns into B Street, cars will be detoured through the Campus Security parking lot to connect with C Street again.

For access into the parking lot in front of Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, cars will be detoured to a new entrance east of the one normally used.

## FM radio station switches format to gain new listeners

By GARY BUCHANAN  
Lifestyles Editor

Have you listened to your radio lately?

If so, and you've flipped through the stations a couple of times, you've probably noticed a drastic format change at the spot labeled 100 on your FM dial.

Formerly the "Rebel," FM-100 was bought and re-

named WLRT, the "Lite-100," featuring light music listening.

This change was due to ratings points, according to general sales manager Ned Horton.

"The main reason for the change from the other format was the (low) rating success," Horton said. "That killed our revenue."

WLRT plays light contemporary music and targets its music toward the 25-54 year-old age bracket.

Demographic studies by the station has shown that approximately 55 percent of all persons in Nashville are in that age bracket.

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The MTSU Special Events Committee brings vaudeville back as they present "Bounce, Ooo La La and Sparkplug in a performance Wednesday, November 2, in the K.U.C. Courtyard. Comedy and surprises are on the agenda as they will perform juggling, balancing, comedy and skits. The show is free and open to the public.

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- The Last Temptation of Christ**, by Nikos Kazantzakis. (Touchstone, \$8.95.) Fictional re-interpretation of the gospels.

Compiled by The Chronicle of Higher Education from information supplied by college stores throughout the country. September 15, 1988

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While adult contemporary music generally appeals to the 20-40 age group, Lite-100 is attempting to expand that to reach those over 45, whom studies show prefer the "easy listening" music.

"I think they felt it would be more profitable with an older audience," Horton said "This format is in other markets in the country and it works well."

Horton realizes, however, that his station is not alone in trying to persuade that age group to listen.

Horton said that they are in competition with radio stations WMIX 96, WLAC 106, and EZ-93 on the FM dial.

"We're all going after the same 25-54 age bracket and the adult contemporary audience," Horton said.

Horton also mentioned that his station was trying to appeal to people that usually listen to the several country stations around the area.

"There's enough Kenny Rogers and other country music that will appeal to the



country listeners," he said.

WLRT made its radio debut on Oct. 21 and WLRT is trying to make a dent in the competitive Nashville radio market while making a name for itself.

Horton has not received

much feedback about the new format, but mentioned that he has received several negative comments from loyal "Rebel 100" listeners.

Horton said he believes that this move is in the best interest of the station as it will bring an "older audience with more money to spend."

He noted that the average progressive rock (the former "Rebel's" format) listeners are usually younger, college students that don't have much money to spend.

The 25-54 year-old age bracket means a different approach to advertising and a new batch of advertisers on the station.

"Now we can sell Buicks instead of advertising for record shops," Horton quipped.

WLRT is owned and operated by the Nashville-based GMX Communications.

## Painter gives workshop/lecture

From staff reports

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## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

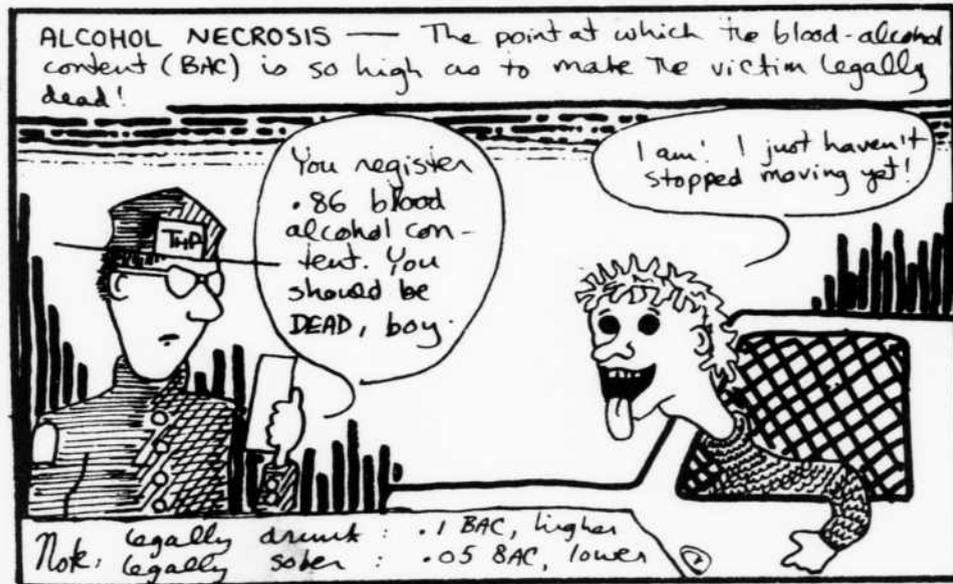


## Captain 6-Pack

By CHRIS SMITH

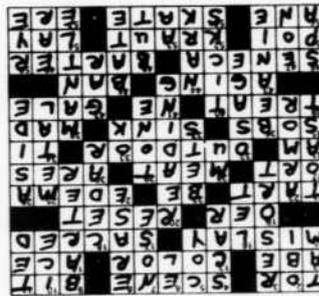


## THEM DEFENSIVE BUCKALOOS by G. Lisa Figg



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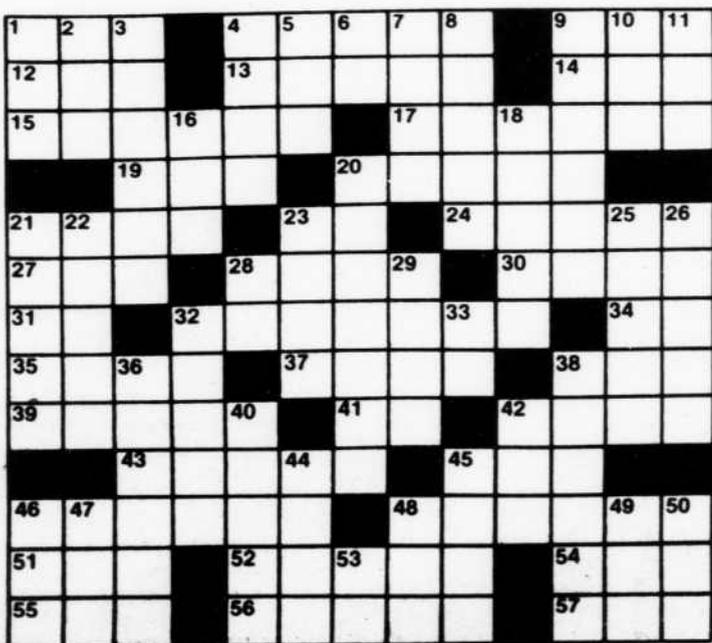
WILL QUAYLE'S  
DAD KEEP US  
ALL  
OUT OF WAR?



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## Crossword Companion



### ACROSS

- Rocks on hilltop
- View
- Piece
- 16th President (abbr.)
- Hue
- High card
- Place incorrectly
- Declared holy
- Over (Poetic)
- Redo
- Sharp taste
- Exist
- Accumulation of body fluids
- Scrap of food
- Veal
- Gr. God of War
- Morning (abbr.)
- Wilderness
- Seventh musical tone
- Cries
- Slope downward
- Irate
- Entertain
- Direction (abbr.)
- Very strong wind
- Growing older
- Stop
- N. Amer. Indian tribe
- Sell
- Hawaiian food
- German (slang)
- Put
- Saturated hydrocarbon (suf.)
- Glide along
- Before (Poetic)

### DOWN

- Scottish cap
- Wide Japanese sash
- Place for relaxation
- Blemish
- Sly
- Elevated railroad
- Part of face
- Remove; rub out
- Sell
- Frozen water
- Spread grass for drying
- Lease
- Aromatic, reddish wood
- Perusing
- Warm thoroughly
- Protective body covering
- Wagers
- Iron
- To one side
- 12th Gr. letter
- Distinct pitch
- Sioux tribe
- Alright
- Small brimless cap
- Sleeveless coat
- Clock clickings
- Fish
- Informer (Brit. slang)
- Take away; subtract
- Mineral spring
- Age; eternity
- Conjunction
- Hearing organ
- Cereal grass
- Community College degree (abbr.)