

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Analysis: Beard, Sasser tactics heat campaign

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Political Writer

Although the Democratic incumbent Jim Sasser is favored to defeat challenger Robin Beard in the Nov. 2 U.S. Senate campaign, the race has been heated with charges and counter-charges of lies and distortion.

Attracting the most attention have been a series of extremely negative ads accusing the incumbent of "flip-flopping" on the issues, supporting Communist governments and opposing social legislation.

IN SPITE of the rhetoric, each candidate has

made a mad dash to find the medium ground on the issues.

The following is a summary of the stands each has taken on some of the issues during the campaign.

**ECONOMY.** Sasser, calling the country's 10.1 percent unemployment rate a "human tragedy," has tried to make the election a referendum on President Reagan's economic plan.

**BEARD'S** insistence on "sticking with supply-side economics, surprise side economics and Bonzo economics has helped create an economic crisis," Sasser charged last month.

Following a line begun by Reagan, Beard offered to "accept the 2.7 percent unemployment that's increased in the last 18 months if he'll take credit for the 7.4 percent that was in place when we started."

Beard said the unemployment rate could have "been prevented" under the Democratic administration. He said the best way to improve the economy is to end the "Carter-Kennedy-style deficit spending" by passing a constitutional amendment requiring Congress to balance the budget.

**SASSER** has also announced his support for the balanced-budget amendment.

Beard has criticized Sasser for making unemployment an election issue.

"I think all public officials have a responsibility to the American people to be as supportive of the recovery as possible," Beard said. "Continuing to exploit the hardships of those who cannot find jobs for political purposes strikes me as the most cruel of all political tactics."

**SASSER**, in turn, charged Beard cannot discuss jobs "because he has been a front-line soldier for Reaganomics."

"I think these people who are unemployed appreciate the attention that is being given to them because it may be the best way to get something done for them," Sasser said.

To improve the economy, Sasser has proposed a 10-point plan designed to lower interest rates and reduce government spending.

**HIS PROPOSAL** calls for an easing of the money supply controlled by the Federal Reserve Board, a deferral of the third year of the Kemp-Roth tax cut and an increase in the top marginal rate for wealthy taxpayers from 50 to 57 percent.

Beard's plan calls for continuing the efforts begun by Reagan, including further reductions in budget deficits, enactment of the balanced-budget amendment, support for the third round of tax cuts and restoration of youth differential in minimum wage laws.

The Republican said recent gains within the stock market and decline in interest rates are signs of economic recovery.

**SASSER** replied that while Wall Street is making gains, "it's Main Street that's paying the bills." He also questioned whether Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, had "traded supply-side economics for election-year economics."

**ABORTION.** Beard has charged that Sasser was guilty of a "monumental" flip-flop last month in casting the deciding vote to kill the Helms anti-abortion amendment.

An ultra-right wing group on a paid swing

across the state for the Beard campaign went on to label the incumbent a "murderer."

**THE HELMS** measure would have banned federal funding and encouraged a quick review of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"Although he had cast preliminary votes favoring the anti-abortion amendment offered by Sen. Jesse Helms, it was quite significant that Sasser demonstrated anew that he votes for abortion when it really counts," Beard said.

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Photo by Lesley Collins

Senator Jim Sasser



Photo by Lesley Collins

Congressman Robin Beard

## Sasser accepts suggestion of Murfreesboro citizen

By DOUG MARKHAM  
News Editor

Sen. Jim Sasser yesterday called a suggestion by a Murfreesboro citizen to give job priorities to the unemployed with the greatest need a good idea.

Sasser, who faces Rep. Robin Beard in the November Senatorial election, said he will relay the idea to the Department of Employment Security.

**THE INCUMBENT** was in Murfreesboro to answer questions from a panel of citizens who quizzed him on the faltering economy and high unemployment.

"Do you think that a program for screening people on the basis of who is the most needy is possible?" asked Jim Burch, an unemployed photographer and father of two.

"I think that would be an excellent idea," Sasser answered.

**SASSER TOLD** reporters after the forum that the idea sounded good and he would carry out his promise of making a proposal to the employment security office, which would have to research the idea for feasibility.

John McFarland, a dairy farmer, told Sasser he did not think grain embargoes on

foreign countries are fair to American farmers. He asked the senator if there is a way the farmers could be compensated for their losses.

"I favor direct action to help our farmers before it is too late," Sasser said, referring to the increasing number of farmers declaring bankruptcy.

Sasser said he favors a plan that would force those countries importing grain to sign a five year contract obligating them to purchase the grain.

**HE ALSO** favors the Domestic Content Bill—a bill that would mandate goods manufactured in the United States to contain 90 percent American parts—because it would create more U.S. jobs.

The senator used Mexico to explain how foreign made parts are adding to U.S. unemployment.

"[Mexico] is where the engines are being made for the light engine trucks that will be made at Nissan," Sasser said.

"With this bill these parts might have been coming from Tennessee and not Mexico."



Photo by Debby Naeve

## No beer sold on Sunday

City voters will vote Nov. 2 on the referendum that will determine whether beer can be sold on Sunday. This is the second time the referendum has been voted on in the city. It was defeated in 1980 by approximately 230 votes.

## THEC debates Japan Center allocations

By MARTY WATT  
Staff Writer

Funding for the Japan Center was the main item on the agenda when the MTSU administration discussed the school's appropriations with representatives of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Tuesday.

Joining President Sam Ingram and the Vice Presidents of the University in Nashville were supporters of the Japan Center, including Rep. John Bragg (Dem.-Murfreesboro), John Parrish, of the Economic and Community Development Commission, and Esther Seeman, Japan Center director.

**MTSU HAD** requested \$48,000 for the Japan Center, but THEC recommended only \$30,000, a 13 percent cut from last year.

"In the past, we have made individual decisions on worthiness of special allocations," said Wayne Brown, executive director of THEC.

"We are now in a transition period, trying to work special allocations into the formula," he said, referring to the formula used to figure the amount of money allocated for each item.

**BROWN** asked why the school needed more money for this project.

"The more we do, the more we get requested to do," Ingram answered.

"With all the industrial development such as Nissan and Bridgestone coming in the area, can we afford to do less?"

**SEEMAN** said she was shocked with the cuts.

## Beer sales examined from different angles

By KEVIN H. CRUZE  
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Editor's note: This is the second article of a four part series

Opponents and advocates of the upcoming referendum on Sunday beer sales seem to be approaching the subject from different angles.

Most people who are actively supporting the referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot point out the economic advantages of its passage while opponents emphasize the possible increase in alcohol related incidents and the affect it would have on the quality of life in Murfreesboro.

**THE REFERENDUM** asks that beer sales be allowed until 1 a.m. Sunday and resume at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The present law states that beer sales be suspended from midnight Saturday until 6 a.m. Monday.

Jackie Goff, owner of Goff's Barbecue and Market on Thompson Lane, is actively supporting the referendum.

**ACCORDING** to Goff Murfreesboro merchants lose Sunday business to Smyrna where beer sales are allowed on Sunday.

In an article in *The Daily News Journal*, Goff said that the city would profit from tax revenues now lost to Smyrna.

"Let the people make their own decisions," Goff said when questioned yesterday.

"We just want to let the people know it's on the ballot. Nothing we say will change anybody's mind."

**GOFF** was involved with a similar referendum in 1980 which failed 4,402 to 4,624.

About this time Goff said, "I think we'll win. It'll be close but I think we'll win."

John Pittard, the only member of the Murfreesboro City Council who voted against having the referendum, said in a telephone interview yesterday that it is "wrong to look at the sale of beer and liquor in terms of money to justify it."

**HE WAS** referring to statements concerning the possible increase in tax revenue from the Sunday beer sales.

"In my business [he is an attorney] when you see the number of people that alcohol affects, it is difficult to deal with the issue on how much revenue it would bring in," according to Pittard.

The Sept. 22 issue of *The Daily News Journal* carried an article in which Pittard said that the sale of beer seven days a week could alcohol-related offenses.

**ACCORDING** to that article there were 157 non-traffic arrests in August. Of those, 110 were for public drunkenness, Pittard said.

That same month police made 59 arrests for drunken driving, he noted.

You cannot, however, legislate morality, Pittard said.

**THE QUESTION** is not a matter of religion or morality according to Pittard; instead, it concerns "the quality of life" in Murfreesboro.

"It is a question of right and wrong and what people want," Pittard said.

## Joe Garner; wallet stolen from car

By GAIL HURT  
Staff Writer

One of the first victims of crime on campus since the changes were made in the University Security force was the man who designed the system—Joe Garner.

Garner, president of Joe Garner and Associates, Inc., of Knoxville, had his wallet stolen out of his car while he was jogging at Murphy Center on Tuesday night.

**HE SAID** he didn't think the burglary had anything to do with the recent changes in the

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## Analysis

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Sasser said that while he has voted in the past to limit federal funding of abortions, he voted against the Helms amendment because of "profound constitutional and medical questions."

**THE PROPOSED** amendment would have prohibited medical schools which receive federal aid from teaching abortion techniques.

"I have been advised by a number of physicians that it would have interfered with the medical treatment of a pregnant woman by her gynecologist and it would have prohibited medical schools from training medical students in emergency procedures which might be necessary to save the life of a mother," Sasser said in a statement released after the vote.

Sasser said the proposal

would be "an unwarranted and unprecedented intrusion by government into the personal lives of women and their families to interfere with their right to receive proper and necessary medical treatment."

"I **REMAIN** personally opposed to abortion, and I will continue to vote to restrict federal funding of abortions to only the extreme cases," Sasser said.

• **PRAYER.** In another advertisement, the Beard campaign has charged Sasser with being an opponent of voluntary prayer in schools.

After the advertisement aired, the Sasser camp released a statement calling the ads "a premeditated attempt to confuse the public about Sen. Sasser's true positions. In five votes in 1981, Sen. Sasser supported an initiative to prevent federal agencies from



Photo by Debra Naeve

### Pi Sigma Epsilon Trade Fair

## Garner

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security force. "The only thing it says is I wasn't as careful as I ought to be."

Garner said he jogs regularly and was at Murphy Center to run around the track a few times.

"**WHEN I** go somewhere, I'm very security minded," Garner said.

"I dropped my wallet in the trunk of the car, locked it, and put my keys in my warm-up suit."

After he was inside the center, he laid his jacket down on the floor that had the keys in it. When he went back to get his jacket, his keys were gone.

**HE USED** a coat hanger to get into his car and hot wired his trunk to get it open. That's when he discovered his wallet was gone along with the \$80 to \$100 and three credit cards it contained.

The changes made at University Security were not responsible for his loss, Garner said, because the security at Murphy Center was not reduced.

"It wasn't changed one iota. Even if there had been an officer sitting out there parked, it would have been unlikely that he or she would have been suspicious under the circumstances," he said, referring to the fact that the person used a key.

"**I DON'T** think you could have expected an officer to be suspicious in that case."

"Officer [Greg] King was very helpful," Garner said of the officer who responded to the call. "He did a very professional job."

"My personal reaction is I don't like being ripped off, just like anybody else," Garner said.

**CHIEF OF** Security John Bass said that while this is not the first time a car has been broken into and something stolen, this is the first time this approach has been used. Usually windows are broken, and something in sight is taken.

Police believe that someone may have seen Garner lock his wallet in his trunk and follow him inside. There are no suspects in the case.

## Japan

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"We consider [the center] really important." **BROWN ASKED** Parrish if the Japan Center and the CEDC duplicate any services.

"The commission is designed to attract industry. Once they get here the Japan Center really takes over," Parrish said.

"The center helps with the cultural matters we can't handle." **INGRAM ADDED** that MTSU would not want to duplicate any services.

Bragg said he didn't want the center to become totally self-supporting.

"[The legislature] would lose control if the state did not add some money to the center," he said.

"The center must not be owned by Japanese or American industries. We want state control at all times."

**THE LEGISLATURE** would be willing to fund the center as long as is needed, Bragg said.

Seeman said the objectivity of the center must be maintained and cannot be bought.

Brown agreed. **THEC** would consider the \$16,000 to \$18,000 increase, he said.

**ANOTHER ITEM** high on the university's priority list was student aid.

MTSU requested \$100,430 to fund student aid, but **THEC** would recommend only \$83,500.

"All institutions are being funded at their 1982-83 levels," Brown explained.

**BRAGG** observed that under Gov. Ray Blanton fees had been raised \$5 million, and under Gov. Lamar Alexander an additional \$40 million.

"The increase was necessary," Bragg said.

"But the Legislature will not change the current relationship of fees to appropriations."

**FEES ARE** set at a percentage of per student appropriations. "If the legislature increases funding, student fees must go up," Brown said.

"I can hang my hat on that," Bragg said.

**INGRAM EXPRESSED** concern about further fee increases. "There has been a 50 percent increase in fees at MTSU in the last three years," Ingram said.

MTSU also requested \$150,000 for the operation of a **LANDSAT** installation.

**SINCE THE** request was made, MTSU has received equipment from NASA. Ingram did not press for the additional money.

The state Wildlife Resources and agriculture agencies also requested funding for **LANDSAT** operations.

"We will try to avoid duplication of services," Brown said.

**BRAGG SUGGESTED** that any future money appropriated by the Legislature for **LANDSAT** be given to MTSU with the understanding that any agency needing to use the facility could use it.

After the meeting, William Greene, MTSU vice president for business and finance, estimated the success of the meeting.

"**I THINK** we'll come out with about a \$1,000 increase overall in general funding and a total for the Japan Center of anywhere from \$30,000 to \$48,000," Greene said.

"Overall, I'm satisfied," he said.

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# Homecoming celebrated in many ways

By LUCY CARTER

Associate Editor

Some students attend all the homecoming activities, more go to the homecoming football game and even more to the concert after the game, this week's interview of students revealed.

Most of the students agreed that homecoming activities are an integral part of college life.

**BUT JUNIOR** Freida Myers disagreed.

"For some it is, and for some it's not," Myers said.

There are many reasons that students attend homecoming activities.

"I GO to a lot of the homecoming activities," sophomore Kalyso Gouvakis said.

"It's fun and raises the university's spirit."

"It also shows more support for our football team which adds to their morale."

**JANE McCAIN** agreed.

"I attend because it's part of the school spirit," McCain said.

Bryan Baskin, sophomore, can't participate as much in homecoming as he would like, he said.

"I go to the dance and the game," Baskin said. "I would go to more but I've been kept so busy—too busy to really get involved."

**HOWEVER**, Myers said that she did not go.

"First of all," she said, "I don't like football, and second, I work. Besides, it's all just a social ritual that really doesn't interest me."

**THE STUDENTS** also proposed a few ways the university might increase

enthusiasm and attendance at the various homecoming activities.

Gouvakis and Myers agreed that all the events need to be publicized more.

"A lot of students don't know about all the activities, or they're not members of the organizations having the events," Gouvakis explained.

"**THEY** really need to advertise if they expect anyone to come."

"If all the departments, like the political science or psychology departments or any other for that matter, would support and push the activities more, then naturally, more students would become interested and participate," Gouvakis said.

McCain had another suggestion.

"**THE SCHOOL** needs to

get more student input the year before," McCain said.

"Make [students] feel they're involved in the planning and the decisions."

"Another reason for the low attendance is just that a lot of students don't care or they don't have dates."

## Campus Interview

Basking complimented the university.

"**THEY'RE** doing rather well for such a large college," Basking said.

Myers had a suggestion of her own.

"I think they should spread the activities out over a greater period of time, maybe have the concert on another night rather than on homecoming night."

## Jackson Sun editor to visit MTSU

Mass communications students at MTSU will benefit from the expertise of Reid Ashe, publisher and president of The Jackson [Tenn.] Sun, who will visit classes Monday through Wednesday.

Ashe's visit will be made under the Editor-in-Residence Program conducted by The Newspaper Fund and The American Society of Newspaper Editors in conjunction with the MTSU mass communications department.

"**WE ARE** pleased that Ashe has agreed to spend three days with our students," said Alex Nagy, department chairman.

"His knowledge and involvement will benefit them in so many ways."

In addition to meeting with communications classes here, Ashe will critique *Sidelines* with its staff and address a dinner meeting of the MTSU

chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists.

Joining *The Sun* as a reporter in 1973, Ashe advanced to the posts of editor and publisher in 1978 and was named president in 1979.

**PRIOR TO** his work in Jackson, he worked for the Washington [N.C.] *Daily News* and was assistant editor of *Technology Review*, the alumni magazine at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ashe received a degree in electrical engineering from MIT in 1971 and participated in the Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development in 1978.

He is a director of the Tennessee Press Association, a former president of the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Association, chairman of the Technology Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and a member of the southern regional advisory board of the American Press Institute.

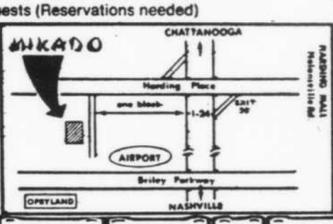
**IN JACKSON**, Ashe is president of the board of directors of the Jackson Family YMCA and a member of the Jackson Symphony board and the Rotary Club.

An instrument-rated pilot, he is a member of the MIT Educational Council and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

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## PACs corrupt system; voters' voice neglected

Political action committees are greasing the palms of members of Congress and the gears of the political machinery.

Due to this relatively new "funding mechanism," the concept of government of the people, by the people and for the people is quickly losing its relevance in the American political system.

IN 1974, Congress amended the federal election laws in an attempt to curb the influence of wealthy contributors and to discourage under-the-table contributions by large corporations and unions.

The net effect has been the creation of newer and more complex problems, as well as the mushrooming of the number of PACs and the amount of contributions they make.

This year, PACs number 3,149 as compared to 117 ten years ago, and the estimated total disbursement of PAC funds by the end of 1982 will reach a record \$240 million.

WHILE MANY may argue, especially those in the corporate arena, that the PACs' role is substantially limited by a \$5,000 to \$10,000 ceiling dictated by federal law, there are members of Congress who disagree.

"You can't buy a Congressman for \$5,000. But you can buy his vote. It's done on a regular basis," said Rep. Thomas Downey, Dem.-New York.

That's what the PACs want.

THERE IS AN alarming correlation between the contributions of a PAC and the voting record of the contributee on legislation targeted by the PAC as being of "special interest."

Early last spring, the American public was treated to its first taste of the bitter fruits of PAC contributions.

The National Automobile Dealers Association contributed \$40,750 to members of the Energy and Commerce Committee in an attempt to kill

legislation that would require dealers to inform buyers of known defects in used cars.

MANY CONSUMER groups, not so amply endowed, lobbied for this legislation, but as the NADA hoped, the legislation was not passed.

The injection of PAC funds into campaigns can be likened to the drug addiction of a junkie, according to Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Dem.-Ind. The injection has reached the point of becoming a "must" for all campaigns: local, state and national.

And no end appears to be in sight.

"PACs ARE visibly corrupting the system," said Rep. James Shannon, Dem.-Mass.

This virtually "free" campaign money is having a damaging impact on the structure of the American political system as it has diminished the role of political parties as a basis for grass roots input into the political process.

However, the major, and most obvious effect, has been the negation of the ability of individual, single-interest constituency groups to have their concerns successfully acted upon.

THE ABUSE OF the American system perpetrated by PAC contributions must be curtailed.

This may include the elimination of PACs' power of contribution altogether, yet such a cleansing action will not be initiated by those who continue to benefit from the contributions.

One alternative would be partial public financing of Congressional campaigns. This, however, would add extra weight to the already overbalanced strength of the incumbent.

In the end it will be the pressure from the people to whom the candidate looks for his source of legitimate power—the voters of the district.

This is a matter too serious to overlook in 1982, 1983, . . .



## Guest view

by Dale Dworak

Last week I was shocked to hear a young lady ask a professor, "Since you were against the Vietnam War, do you believe in patriotism?"

What has happened to the ideals of the American nation when patriotism is equated with unswerving devotion to a government policy that one feels in his or her conscience is wrong.

ACCORDING to this definition, the Germans who ran the crematoriums at Auschwitz were patriots because they followed "orders." And by this definition, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and all the other heroes of the American Revolution were traitors, not patriots.

These men did not support the policies of their government: the parliament and the King of England. Many believed in out-right rebellion and the overthrow of British rule.

They believed rebellion was the only way to establish "liberty and justice for all." Yet had the rebellion failed, they would have been publically hung as traitors to the government.

CALVIN Coolidge once said, "Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your

country."

The dissidents and the so-called radicals of the Sixties were looking out for their country by fighting against a war this nation had no sane reason to be involved in.

Are not the environmentalists, the American Civil Liberties Union and the newspaper editors, who are not afraid of taking an unpopular stand, looking out for our country.

PATRIOTISM in the United States means standing up for what you believe in even when it appears to be a lost cause. It means being vocal and loud, vicious and annoying.

Truth should have no respect for falsehood. It means searching for the truth even when it may, as in the case of Vietnam, Watergate and the Pentagon Papers, shock this country to its very foundation.

Conscience is the keystone of American patriotism. The great Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas once said, "The right to dissent is the only thing that makes life tolerable . . . The affairs of government could not be conducted without it."

WHEN in 1977, 16 year old Deborah Lipp refused to stand and say the Pledge of

Allegiance because she did not feel there was "liberty and justice for all," it was the conscience of an American patriot speaking out.

Thomas Paine, one of the greatest dissidents of all time said, "It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself. Infidelity does not consist in believing, or disbelieving, it consists in professing to believe what one does not believe."

How many of us are this patriotic? Or rather how many of us keep silent about what our conscience tells us is wrong?

LET US never equate American patriotism with "following orders" or unswerving devotion. I fear the day when there is no more protest; when everyone agrees with the actions of the government for when that day arrives, America shall be no more.

"So lead your life," as an old American saying goes, "that you can look any man in the eye and tell him to go to hell."

Let us follow the advice of George Washington, "Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

Be an American patriot!

## Here and Now

by Maxwell Glen and Cody Shearer

A few years back, when a well-known company equated baseball with the virtues of hot dogs, apple pie and automobiles, we should have realized something was rotten.

Though not poisonous, fattening or over-regulated, America's favorite pastime seemed sure to suffer from an illness common to American industry: skyrocketing salaries, entrepreneurial shenanigans, worker dissatisfaction and the like.

LAST season's unprecedented seven-week strike confirmed our fears that America's Grand Old Game is serious business and, like so many others, could be crushed under the weight of ludicrous commercialization.

The problem is that while player salaries have risen 25 percent since 1972, gate receipts—baseball's single largest revenue source—are up only 59 percent.

In order to pay for their multimillion-dollar sluggers, team owners have transformed a spectator sport into a multimedia spectacle.

TRIPS TO the ballpark today approach visits to Disney

World. We're drawn into the stadium by free posters, decal-covered windbreakers and team mugs.

Once inside, we're seduced by ragtime bands, computerized scoreboards, firework displays and sexy base sweepers. Keeping one's eye on the field is now a sideshow.

Even at traditional ballparks such as Wrigley Field (home of the Chicago Cubs), owners feel compelled to recruit "The Chicken" and other clowns which roam the stands and entertain the fans.

WHATEVER gimmicks owners dream up, gate receipts can never keep pace with free-agent salaries (the average baseball player earns \$185,000 annually; football players collect about \$83,000).

In 1980, despite near-record attendance levels, only nine of 26 baseball teams earned a profit.

In the future, a team's success—at the bank and on the field—will be more closely linked to its ability to harness the local television market. Teams with large television audiences, Los Angeles and New York for example, will

fare far better than those without, such as Seattle or Milwaukee.

SHORT OF revenue-sharing schemes, which function in professional football, the already successful baseball teams may be the only ones to grow richer and better.

What could prove devastating, however, are the numerous cable television agreements now under negotiation.

Already, Chicago White Sox fans must pay a \$52.95 installation fee and \$21.95 per month for a decoder box to watch their club on television.

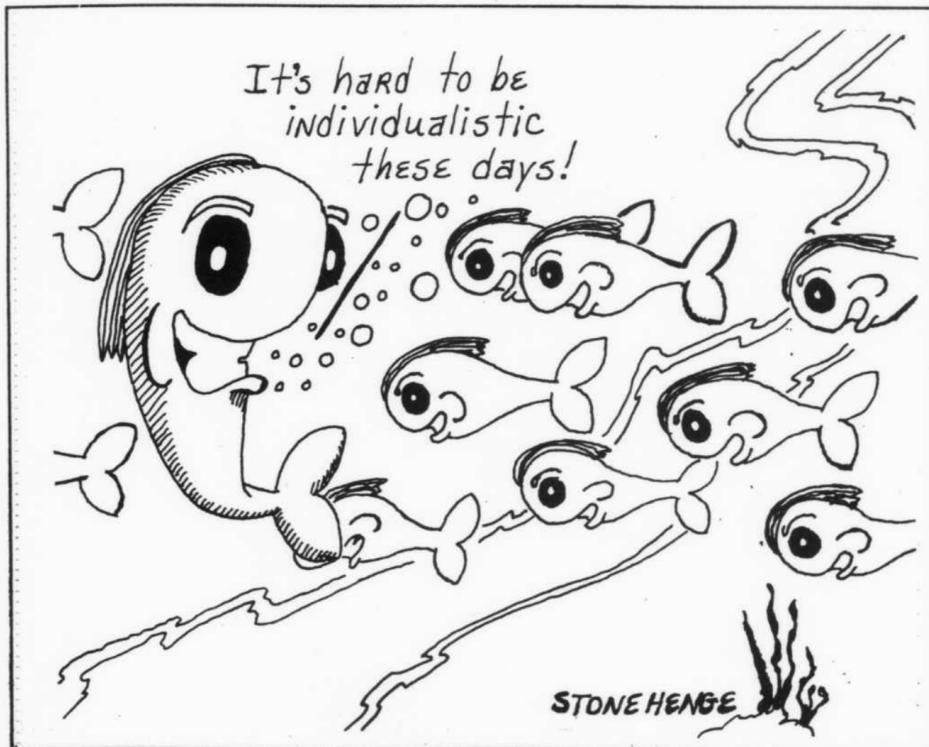
"SURE, WE expect some protest from our fans, but if they want their team to be competitive, they've got to understand the economics of baseball today," explained a Chicago White Sox Spokesman recently.

"So it's loot, loot, loot for the home team,

If the fans get mad it's a shame,

Pay 'em less than one, two, three million bucks,

And you're out of the Old Ball game."



# 'PM' gal bags old career for television stardom

By TERRY MORROW  
Feature Editor

Wouldn't it be nice to get an exciting job with thousands of people loving you and have no formal training?

If that sounds impossible, you probably don't know Debbie Baer McCurdy who hosts *PM Magazine* on WRCB-TV in Chattanooga.

ALMOST overnight, Debbie went from grocery clerk at a Reds Food Store in Chattanooga to instant local television stardom. But it wasn't easy, she admitted. There was a lot of work involved.

After leaving high school, Debbie, now 25, decided to go to Tennessee Temple and major in communications.

"I thought about teaching," she said. "But, I wasn't really sure."

DEBBIE didn't have to linger over a decision too long. While working as a bag girl/clerk at a store and studying hard in college, she

learned of auditions at WDEF-TV in Chattanooga, the CBS affiliate. They needed a weather girl, and the auditions were opened to the public.

"A lot of people encouraged me to try for the job," she remembered. "I ran home and dug out a map of the United States and started to memorize the locations of all the states."

After getting the job, Debbie stepped into the world of local television, a competitive market where the name of the game is ratings and tough schedules.

"THERE IS a lot of competition among the stations here," Debbie said.

She became a hit as the weather girl and her career took an instant leap. People started recognizing her as "that girl on channel 12."

Debbie is an easy lady to recognize, unlike many females who do local television. She's a brunette with a child-like face and a welcoming, tooth-filled smile.

MONTHS passed, and Debbie was offered a job by the NBC affiliate in Chattanooga, WRCB. This job also involved weather reporting. After heavy thinking, she made the transition from CBS to NBC, and her popularity grew.

Her popularity grew so much, in fact, she was offered another job with the NBC station soon after coming there as host of a newsmagazine show called *PM Magazine*.

This all came about within a two year period. In that time, she went from check-out clerk to host of a highly-rated television series.

"I LOVE doing *PM*," she said. "It has so much variety and I love meeting the people."

If variety is what she wants, *PM Magazine* is tailor-made for the talents of Debbie Baer McCurdy. In the two years the show has been on in the Chattanooga area, Debbie has jumped out of a plane, forged

high mountains, traveled extensively locally and abroad, all in the name of a story.

*PM Magazine* only employs six full-time staffers. So, Debbie has a large hand in the production of the series. Not only does she host, but she also writes, produces, edits, brings in story ideas and helps with the overall quality of the show—pretty big tasks for a former check-out clerk.

THE HOURS are often long and the work is challenging, she said. But, her toothy smile, which helped make her a household word in the Chattanooga area remains.

Meeting new and different people is what Debbie loves most of all. Doing a game show or other "hosting" duties is what she would like to do in the future.

If experience is what experts say is needed in today's competitive job market in order to be successful, Debbie Baer McCurdy has just proven them all wrong.



Chattanooga's *PM Magazine* co-host Debbie Baer McCurdy stands in the WRCB-TV Channel 3 cutting room as she reviews tape for a future excerpts from the show.

# Cynical Billy Joel pulls curtain on anger

By GINA FANN  
Special to Sidelines

Listening to Billy Joel's new album, *The Nylon Curtain*, one is aware that the formerly angry young man has become only cynical. He's changed his settings from New York City and its suburbs to the rice paddies of Vietnam and the mining towns of Pennsylvania.

But the change isn't shocking—just acceptable.

IN ITSELF, the album is a good one. It's balanced, it has the requisite amount of cynical lyrics (especially in the first cut, "Allentown,") and the music and production quality are exceptional.

To the die-hard Billy Joel fan, however, there's something missing. There are no examples of that famous sensitivity which propelled *The Stranger* and even *52nd Street* to the top.

He should not be forced to conform to past successes, however, and Joel does an admirable job of getting into cuts that are a little strange, a little different and which obviously mean a lot to him.

"Goodnight, Saigon," which some reviewers have called the definitive Vietnam veterans' anthem, is simply amazing. Joel captures the feeling of camaraderie which pervaded the armed services during the 1960s and early 1970s, especially in his use of a chorale effect during the refrain. The tune smacks of early Bob Dylan material in the first measures, and the bitterness against the war and the friends who were lost in it make the song something to think about.

THE SINGLE release from the album, "Pressure," is rather unusual in that it is different from anything Joel has done before. But it's good.

"She's Right on Time," the nearest thing to a love song on the entire album, is also rather bitter and cynical. After Joel's recent separation from his wife, that's understandable. "A Room of Our Own" has some of the most bizarre lyrics on the album, simply because of the subject matter. Joel is discussing his life with his ladyfriend, and



Billy Joel's latest LP, *The Nylon Curtain*, is not as angry as his previous releases, but it's certainly one of his more cynical.

the changes in their relationship make for some strange phrasing. "You got yoga, honey/I got beer/You got overpriced/and I got weird" are definitely unusual, but also poignantly funny.

Other cuts on *Nylon Curtain* are in the vein of the work on *Glass Houses*: rather new-wave, but appealing all the same.

"Laura," "Surprises," "Scandinavian Skies" and "Where's the Orchestra" balance the rest of the set well.

It may be only because of the phenomenal success of *The Stranger*, but I rather miss the old Billy Joel. I hope that he'll be able to balance the old and the new a little better in the next album.

# Canadian trio sells out in a rush after lean years

By MIKE JONES  
Concert Review

After long years on the road and some 10 albums, Rush has finally sold out.

In the Nashville concert Wednesday night, the Canadian power trio showed that its eventual on-coming sell-out to commercialism had finally arrived in a sledgehammer show that saw the band limit itself to its most recent material.

HAVING seen the group perform on its last four tours, it was hard to give the show a high merit based on the material it performed. Nonetheless, Rush always manages to please, and has forged for itself a niche as one of the most exciting and explosive concert bands around.

Part of the reason it has become such a concert hall favorite is the drumming of the wizardly Neil Peart. Peart is

simply amazing behind the kit. Every beat is expertly placed and on Wednesday, his ferocious pounding was the highlight of the show.

The lights dimmed to a blaring tape of the theme from the Three Stooges and when the explosive lights came up, the band was in place for a blistering "Spirit of the Radio" to get things underway.

THE BAND beat the song into the crowd with a sledgehammer, and the backbeat of Peart's full out pounding and the throbbing bass of Geddy Lee drove the crowd to fever pitch.

The patented Rush movie screen was used on the following number as the cover of the popular album "Moving Pictures" appeared and the group went into the hit "Tom Sawyer." The third number was the Rush classic

Freewill."

The band quickly lapsed into a brief set of new material from the new album "Signals." "Signals" is by far the band's weakest effort to date, yet the songs were brought magically to life in the concert setting.

RUSH PLAYED all but one song from its new LP.

The highlight from the new material was the song "Subdivisions," in which the screen was again incorporated to show a strikingly accurate portrayal of youths' lives in suburbia. "Subdivisions" is one of the most powerful and well written songs of recent years.

Other songs from the new album included "The Analog Kid," "Chemistry," "Digital Man," and the new single "New World Man."

RUSH'S salute to the launching of the space shuttle was the centerpiece for one of the closing numbers, "Countdown." The screen was filled with a NASA film of the liftoff while the band blazed away on the number. Unfortunately, the effects and power of the music did little to enhance the moment and one of the greatest events in the history of the United States was somewhat muddled.

Most of the material from the show was derived from the last two albums, "Moving Pictures" and "Signals." Many of the songs were rehash from the last tour, as were many of the effects.

The group was not loyal to the die-hard fans at the show, as it really neglected its early material. Only when the band settled in for two of the acoustic numbers during the

show, did the fans erupt loudly.

"CLOSER to the Heart" and "The Trees" from the *Farewell to Kings* and *Hemispheres* albums brought perhaps the most response from the audience, as Neil Peart rolled into some simply devastating closing trips around the kit.

The band closed with a unique semi-medley of some older material. "2112" was the first song of the closing set, with the "Overture" section and "The Temples of Syrinx" following close behind. The shortening of this Rush classic does nothing but hurt the number, and the band has chosen to delete the major portion of the song on the last two tours.

Right behind "2112" was the lofty "Xanadu," in which the threesome blazed through the meat of that number.

RIGHT behind that was a portion of the instrumental "La Villa Strangiato." The final number saw the band dip back into its first album for the Zeppelinesque "In The Mood," which has become a concert standard.

After a brief exit from the stage, the band returned to play yet another song from the *Moving Pictures* LP.

The instrumental "YYZ" was highlighted by the devastation of Neil Peart behind the drum kit with the annual solo. Peart simply knocked the crowd all the way to Memphis with the dynamic session behind the toms.



Rock group Rush has achieved commercial success after many years. Their concert and album, *Signals*, have been very popular within recent months.

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## Sports

## Austin Peay ready for gridiron action

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

Austin Peay rolls into Raider country for the annual Homecoming event this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Peay has not had the best of seasons for the 1982 campaign, with the Governors falling to 1-2 in the conference and 2-4 overall. The lone conference victory came against the Morehead State Eagles.

Though Peay's record does not exhibit it, the fact is that the Gobs have a very explosive offensive attack. The loss of 1,000 yard rusher Floyd Jones has done little to phase the backfield with replacements doing the job.

The current backfield for the Gobs is anchored by freshman Freddie Motes, who currently ranks seventh in the conference in rushing. This is quite an accomplishment for a first year man.

RIGHT behind Motes in the rushing standings is none other than his explosive partner,

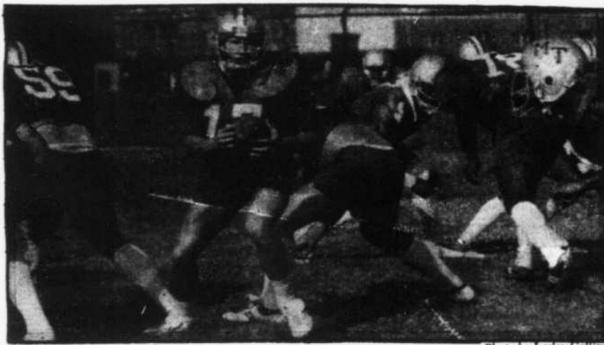
fullback John Brown. The powerful fullback is picking up some 5.2 yards per carry.

Quarterback Mike Katzman is the lowest ranked passer in the conference for starting quarterbacks, yet has been known to provide some offensive firepower at times.

One of the biggest factors in the downfall of the Governors for the '82 season is the turnover. The Gobs frequent turnovers began to show in their loss to Western Kentucky, and have slowed down little since.

THE GOVERNORS are coming off a hearty smacking in the fanny from Youngstown State. The Penguins took it to the Angry Red Men in the form of a 31-9 blasting.

Defense is not one of the strong points for the men in red either, as the Peay defensive unit is giving up some 25 points per game. If Middle Tennessee has the advantage they had against Murray, the Gobs could be sent home in a box.

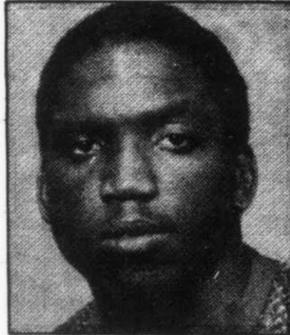


Blue Raider practice this week was in preparation for Homecoming battle with Austin Peay this Saturday.

## Freshman Baker grabs OVC Rookie of the Week

Kevin Baker, who has played in a reserve role behind tailback Vince Hall, was awarded the OVC Rookie of the Week for his outstanding outing against Murray State.

The six foot, 190 pounder from Memphis ran up 108 yards on only nine carries. He blew the fans into submission at Murray with a blistering 71 yard touchdown run on the day.



Tailback Kevin Baker

## Blue Raiders hungry; Homecoming nears

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee will be hot on the heels of victory number three in the conference when the Homecoming gala culminates with the Austin Peay game this Saturday.

The Middle Tennessee did not mess around against Murray State as the Racer defense allowed some 470 total yards from the wave of Blue death.

TAILBACK Vince Hall led the charge with 197 yards on the day and excited the fans several times with the explosive running style that has rapidly become his trademark in the conference.

Coach "Boots" Donnelly notes that though it is Homecoming, the game is still important in terms of the outcome.

"We've had plenty of experience playing in Homecoming games this year," noted Donnelly. "But, really Homecoming is for the fans; to us it's just another important league contest."

THE RAIDERS defensive

unit was led last week by senior standout at defensive end, Dennis Mix.

This will be the last game that the Raider seniors will see action at Horace Jones Field, and the spectacle of the Homecoming events should provide the fitting exodus for these talented youths.

The game should turn out to be an offensive explosion that could very well be decided on the big play, yet the Raider defensive unit has allowed only 10.4 points per game, which could hamper the Peay offensive bombardment.

THE BLUE Raiders are again ranked number one in the conference in team defense, while Austin Peay ranks seventh in the eight member Ohio Valley Conference.

In the category of team offense, the two are almost evenly matched. Austin Peay is averaging some 300.2 yards of total offense per game while the Blue Raiders are hot on their pace with 299.7 yards per game.

## MTSU fraternity all-stars prepare to do battle with Tech Greeks



Jeff Carlton of SAE rambles upfield in intramural action this past week.

By MAT WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

MTSU senior David Fuqua is a young man who has seen many places and done many things. On Nov. 20, he will get a chance to do something he has never done—coach a football team.

Fuqua will lead a group of all-star players selected from the various MTSU fraternities up to Tennessee Tech for a battle that promises to be highly intense.

"I'M EXPECTING some guys to get bloody before its over," the bearded coach said jokingly.

Each fraternity will pick two representatives and Fuqua will choose four at-large players from those remaining. Never at a loss for words,

Fuqua already has his defensive anchor picked—Ted Rapp of Sigma Chi.

"WE'RE thinking about bringing Rapp out in a cage," he laughed. "He plays like a man possessed and seems to feel no pain."

Rapp is a quiet and friendly individual off the field, but once the opening whistle blows he turns into the Dick Butkus of fraternity football.

"It will be tougher than any game we've played this year," noted the bruising Rapp. "The key to defense is getting to the quarterback," he added.

ON THE subject of quarterbacks, the MTSU squad will boast one of the best around in Mike Robinson of SAE, who possesses great quickness and can throw the ball into the next

county.

Fuqua said the game used to be played on an annual basis, but was discontinued due to scheduling conflicts.

However, due to the efforts of Fuqua, ASB President David Kessler, IFC President Byron Smith, Campus Recreation Director Glenn Jamley and Athletic Director Jimmy Earle, the series will be reinstated on a rotating cite basis.

"THE WHOLE idea behind the game is to promote unity among the fraternities and beat an arch-rival such as Tech," claimed Smith.

Earl thinks the contest will be tremendous. "The game is a great idea because it promotes student involvement," he pointed out.

Involvement is the key.

"I PLAN on playing everybody on the team," the outspoken Fuqua injected.

The contest will be played by Tennessee Tech fraternity football rules, which differ somewhat from those used at MTSU.

"Downfield blocking is legal and we'll use two-hand touch instead of flags," Fuqua explained.

PASSING may be the deciding factor in the battle.

"They'll put the ball in the air about 75 percent of the time," the coach noted.

Fuqua knows that a victory will be difficult on the Tech home field and hopes MTSU participants will turn out in full force to generate some intense fan excitement.

## From behind the Mike

by Chip Walters

By CHIP WALTERS  
Columnist

Homecoming is defined as an occasion or celebration of a return to a place regarded as home.

This weekend there are hopefully going to be so many alumni back "home" at MTSU, that you can't stir them with a stick.

MIDDLE Tennessee State University means a great deal to these people. Right now, it may just mean a place to go to school to you, but it will mean much more to you in the future.

There are a lot of weekends where students put on their traveling shoes and hit the road to either home or somewhere for the weekend. A good example last weekend was the large group of students on hand in Knoxville.

Every weekend that Tennessee is at home, there is always a good throng from this great institution.

I KNOW there aren't 95,000 fans at one of our games. I know we don't play the Alabama's, the LSU's, the Florida's, and all the rest, but

for our league, we play what I think is an extremely good brand of tough, hard-nosed football.

When the Big Blue is at home, they never stay at home game, stay up here this weekend. You may not believe how much fun it can be sitting in the stands raising total hell while you are well on your way to a good hangover.

Homecoming '82 will really be something special. Middle Tennessee has not won a homecoming game under the regime of Boots. Last year Austin Peay upset the Raiders in Clarksville, 14-9.

ALL OF this coupled with the alleged statements earlier in the season by Governor coach Emory Hiale, that Coach Donnelly tried to tear down the APSU football program by questioning the academic eligibility of the players that were signed while Donnelly was the mentor of the Gobs, should make it very interesting.

Take that back. I should say the sparks are going to fly and we've got a real headknocker

on our hands.

RAIDER RAMBLINGS: Last week, the flea, Vince Hall, had one of the best afternoons that a Raider back has had in probably a month of Saturdays. Hall picked up 197 yards on the ground, which is only 22 yards shy of the school record of 219 yards rushing for a single game.

DON'T BE surprised to see number 10 at the controls for the Blue Raiders when game time comes around tomorrow. Last week Butch Hamby passed for over 100 yards against hapless Murray.

VAN CAME in the game when the outcome was still really in doubt. At the time of his entry, the Raiders only held a ten point advantage.

Austin Peay has had some injury problems this year, to say the least.

The Gobs have lost 23, count 'em 23, players to injuries this year including two running backs with broken legs. This is a devastating problem, since you can only have 60 on some form of scholarship.

Make your plans to be there as the Raiders Race to Victory!

## Fall baseball closes with Old Timers classic

The fall baseball season comes to an end and the Blue Raiders will hang up the cleats for the winter months with the annual Old Timers game this afternoon at 3:30.

Players from the past in Blue Raider baseball will come back to face the 1982 fall team in

what promises to be a memory filled afternoon for all.

Coach John Stanford and the 1982 Blue Raiders recently closed out their regular fall schedule and will frolic with the old timers in the last contest until the spring sky again permits the playing of America's favorite pastime.



The MTSU Tennis Team will be the host of the upcoming Homecoming Tennis Tournament

## Homecoming tennis tourney on slate

By CODY MARLEY  
Sports Guy

Rackets will swing and so will the fans as many of the South's top tennis players compete in this weekend's MTSU Homecoming Tennis Tournament.

A field of 64 players will start battle at 2 p.m. Friday and continue through Sunday. The contest will take place at the Varsity and High Rise Courts.

## Raider Rally a must for pavement pounders

By MARIA SALAS  
Sports Writer

Campus Recreation's annual Homecoming run, Raider Rally '82, is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at MTSU's Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.

Raider Rally '82 will include a mile fun run and a five mile main event.

THERE is an entrance fee of \$1 for MTSU students, faculty and alumni and \$5 for all other participants.

Interested participants can

sign up at the Campus Recreation office in Room 203 of the Alumni Memorial Gym until Friday.

Participants can also sign up at the run Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

T-SHIRTS will be given to the first 200 people to sign up. A first, second and third place award will be given for the five mile run.

Campus trophies only will be given for the two mile fun run.

The tournament is the Blue

Raiders last big meet of the fall season. Next spring the team will start hopping all over the country again traveling from Richmond, Virginia to Las Vegas.

"I WOULD like to invite all of the university's lovely co-eds out to the tournaments," LaLance added.

The matches on Saturday start at 8 a.m. and on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Women's divisions are: 19-under, 20-29, 30-39 and 40 and above.

Co-sponsors for the event are the MTSU alumni office, Anheuser-Busch Inc. and Godfather's Pizza.