

Annual birthday celebration features variety of activities

By MARK FEARING
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee State University Founder's Day celebration got off to a slow start yesterday as afternoon showers fell on the campus, but as the sky's cleared the day became festive.

The celebration brought out many residents of the university community. People of all ages enjoyed a relaxing afternoon on the lawn.

The crowd enjoyed games and live entertainment, including German bands, bluegrass bands and a barbershop quartet.

"Approximately 35 clubs and organizations sponsored booths at the carnival," Pam Carothers, coordinator of Founder's Day events, said. "The rain gave the celebration a slow start, and I don't believe that we had as many people here as last year."

"Many businesses outside of the community donated prizes for the booths to give away," Carothers said.

Booths included such things as basketball free throws, snow cones,

balloon bursts, trivial pursuit, face painting and chance prizes.

Clowns and magicians amazed and stunned little children and grown-ups. Clowns created balloon art and performed juggling tricks.

Susan Brown, a resident of Wood Hall, helped with the dorms balloon bursting booth. She worked all during the carnival.

"I appreciated how the coordinators of Founder's Day organized and set up the tables and found prizes for the booths to give away," Brown said.

"They worked very hard and really deserve a hand. The events turned out very well," Brown said.

Brown added that last year Wood Hall barely broke even on their carnival booth, but this year was a much greater success.

The carnival culminated in an outdoor picnic. The aroma of the barbecue permeated the lawn between Peck Hall and the Cope Administration building.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked on open grills, while beans, cole slaw and potato salad were also

served. The chefs were MTSU faculty members, staff members and administrators.

The only complaints from students [who wished to remain anonymous] were "the hamburgers were cold and there were too many flies."

Many faculty members from the past attended the picnic. Lane Boutwell, for whom the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building was named, said that he and his wife Margie were enjoying themselves at the 76th anniversary celebration.

Boutwell was the chairman of the theatre department. The Boutwells live two blocks from MTSU, and they come back to campus often.

Boutwell began teaching at MTSU in 1947.

"The university is eight months older than I," Boutwell said.

"Founder's Day looks like a success," MTSU President Sam Ingram said.

Chief of MTSU Public Safety and Security Jack Drugnand said that he estimated the crowd to be *Please see Founder's page 2*



John Hood, an MTSU alumnus, speaks at the Founder's Day ceremony at the Cope Administration Building. Hood was one of many who spoke on the past, present and future.

Developmental studies program sees drastic enrollment increase

By DAVE CUTRONA
Staff Writer

Only seven percent of the approximately 5,000 Middle Tennessee State University students enrolled in developmental studies courses this year are likely to graduate, the Developmental Studies Program director, said Wednesday.

In comparison, 30 percent of all students at MTSU graduate, director Carol Bader said.

"We hope to see this percentage increase," she said.

"Currently, 41 percent of all MTSU students are enrolled in the developmental studies program," Bader said Wednesday.

According to Bader, when the program started three years ago, 250 students enrolled. Last year, enrollment quadrupled to 1,000 students and this year saw nearly 5,000 students assigned to the program.

"This rapid increase has put a real strain on the program," Bader said, "due to the fact that we are understaffed and the classes are larger than we would like them to be."

"We are trying to bridge the gap for the students who are not quite prepared for the college curriculum immediately after high school," Bader said.

The courses within the develop-

ment studies program include elementary and intermediate algebra, basic writing, Bader said.

The program is anything but easy, as the students are put through a "rigid" schedule, Bader said.

During the second scheduled class meeting, each student is required to take a comprehensive exam covering the course, Bader said. This test is then graded by three different people to assure

that the student is placed in classes in accordance with his/her individual level of understanding, she said.

Once a class is assigned, it cannot be changed or dropped, Bader said. A grade of C or better must be attained in order to pass the class.

Bader also said the attendance policy allows no more than three absences in classes scheduled on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and only two absences in classes scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday.

Call 2424 for escort from MTSU security

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

During evening hours, any student or faculty member can call 2424 to have a student patrolman escort him/her across campus, Jack Drugmand, chief of Public Safety and Security, said.

The service is provided daily after dusk, Drugmand said.

"I don't want to give it [the service] a beginning and ending time," Drugmand said. "I'd have to say, 'Ha, Ha it's 12:30 and they're off.'"

Public Safety and Security encourages people not to walk alone across campus, Drugmand said.

"We encourage its [the escort service's] use," Drugmand said.

"The important thing is that they call," Grant Gillespie, student patrolman, said. "We don't mind it a bit."

Generally, within a few minutes of the call, a patrolman will be at the scene, Drugmand said.

"There are times when it will take longer," he said. "The student patrolmen are out there locking

buildings, or they may be escorting someone else.

"We are generally staffed enough that they'll get to it within a couple minutes. They [the callers] are told how long it will take for the patrolman to get there," he said.

The escort service will soon be the target of an ad campaign to increase awareness on campus, but the department has not yet worked out all the details, Gillespie said.

"We will hang posters in the lobbies of the dorms and around campus to encourage people who walk by themselves to call," Gillespie said.

Gillespie said the posters are laid out and need to be printed.

The idea is to prevent any incidents, Gillespie said.

The seriousness of the job does not prevent the student patrol from enjoying their duties, Gillespie said.

"We've heard a lot of funny jokes," Gillespie said. "Usually we jockey on a pretty decent conversation. Most people are pretty nice."

ASB revives suggestion boxes

By CINDY ANDERSON
Staff Writer

The two campus suggestion boxes which are located in Peck Hall and the Keathley University Grill, were recently opened after two years of neglect, according to Associated Student Body President, Holly Lentz.

The box located in Peck Hall contained two-year-old election material that was stained with mold. The Keathley University Grill box did not contain material that was moldy, but its suggestions had also been overlooked.

The reason for the negligence of the boxes left with the former ASB President, Troy Baxter, Lentz said.

"Troy Baxter suggested that I tear them out," Lentz said.

The ASB is going to do just the opposite, Lentz said. Plans have been made to clean up the boxes and possibly to repaint them, Lentz said.

Lentz wants to encourage everyone to put their suggestions in because the suggestion boxes are a great way for her to keep in touch with the students.

"There are 11,000 students," Lentz said, "so there's no way I can talk to each individual."

When someone puts in a suggestion, the ASB office will try to get back to the student to see if that student can help the office make the suggestion possible, Lentz said. For this reason, ASB asks that everyone put their name and box number on the suggestion.

"I really want people to sign it [the suggestion] so we can talk about it," Lentz said. "If they don't, of course, we can't talk about it."

Unsigned suggestions will be given the same consideration as the signed ones, Lentz said.

The boxes will be opened at least once a week, Lentz said.

Midlander's future in students' hands

By REGINA BURTON
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee State University's yearbook, *Midlander*, may be facing its last year due to low yearbook sales and lack of interest from students, according to Student Publication Coordinator, Jackie Solomon.

Midlander sales are behind the goal of 2,700 yearbook sales by an approximated 488 sales.

"It's a reality now," said Jean Roesler, co-editor of *Midlander*. "All universities are having a problem with low yearbook sales."

According to Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, the decline in yearbook sales is nationwide, and can be credited to a change in the attitudes of the students.

Roesler said that lack of interest in the yearbook is partly due to the rising number of commuters attending MTSU. "They have other responsibilities such as jobs and families, and have no time to get involved in campus activities. Therefore, they do not purchase yearbooks," she said.

Midlander is "not a class identity" publication as like a high school yearbook, LaLance said. For more than 63 years, the *Midlander* has been used for more than a

source of memories.

"Our yearbook is a publication that serves more than students. It is used in recruiting and as research information," LaLance said.

There are two misconceptions about the *Midlander* that cause lack of sales, Solomon said.

First, students have the idea that extra yearbooks are ordered for additional sale at the end of the year. Only enough books are ordered to cover the purchases, Solomon said.

"Students have from fall registration until spring registration to order a yearbook," she said. "Extra yearbooks are only ordered if the staff meets their budget."

The *Midlander* is one of the least expensive in the country, Solomon said, costing only \$13.50. Students can purchase their copy by stopping by Room 306 James Union Building during regular business hours, ordering at spring registration, or by sending a check payable to the *Midlander* at Box 94, MTSU.

Another misconception is the deadline, Solomon said.

"Students can only buy the yearbook until January 19th," Solomon said. "After that date, no more orders will be accepted," she said.

Many changes have been made in this year's *Midlander* edition to generate more student interest, ac-

ording to copy editor, Laurie Jobe. This year's edition will be about 100 pages shorter and will not include some traditional sections such as sports, organizations and academic departments. However, the areas of campus previously covered in sections will be included in the yearbook, she said.

Also, *Midlander* will contain many color pages, candid shots, and the traditional students portraits.

Portraits will be made September 14-18 and September 21-25. Undergraduate portraits will be taken both weeks in the Keathley University Center lounge from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Senior portraits will be taken in Room 305 of the KUC, September 21-25 only. Appointments for seniors can be made by calling 898-2815. Seniors will be able to walk in on the 25th, but will not be guaranteed a short wait.

Inclusion in the yearbook is free. The portrait company will contact the students separately concerning the prices of portrait packages.

Midlander staff is preparing to boost sales by advertising, *Midlander* with posters, buttons, flyers, T-shirts, and a possible fund raising fun run, according to Solomon.

"We will sell more yearbooks in January. I'm confident of that," LaLance said.

National search underway for minority affairs director

By KIM HARRIS
Assistant News Editor

A committee has been appointed to screen applicants for the position of Director of Minority Affairs, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

The position was vacated this summer with the resignation of former Minority Affairs Director, Phyllis Hickerson, Cantrell said.

Hickerson resigned on July 8 to accept the position as Supervisor of Secondary Education of the Rutherford County School Board, Cantrell said.

The university has been conducting a nationwide search for qualified applicants to fill the position, Cantrell said.

"It has been advertised in compliance with affirmative action to equal opportunity," he said. "We are following the guidelines set by the *Guy vs Alexander* suit."

"We have advertised in a national magazine as well as the four primary newspapers in Tennessee. As a result, the search is costing in excess of \$1,000 to advertise," he said.

The appointed committee consists of chairman David Hayes, associate dean of men, B. J.

Campbell, criminal justice administration, Richard Parrent, admissions, Holly Lentz, Associated Student Body president and Rhonda Rippy, a minority affairs student.

The committee has received 43 applications so far, Cantrell said.

The biggest problem has been trying to keep the service delivery function going, Cantrell said. The delivery function handles all organizational forms for registration, tutorial programs and Systems Alert, Cantrell said.

"Systems Alert is a form in which all professors can report problems such as absences, financial problems, and emotional problems," Cantrell said.

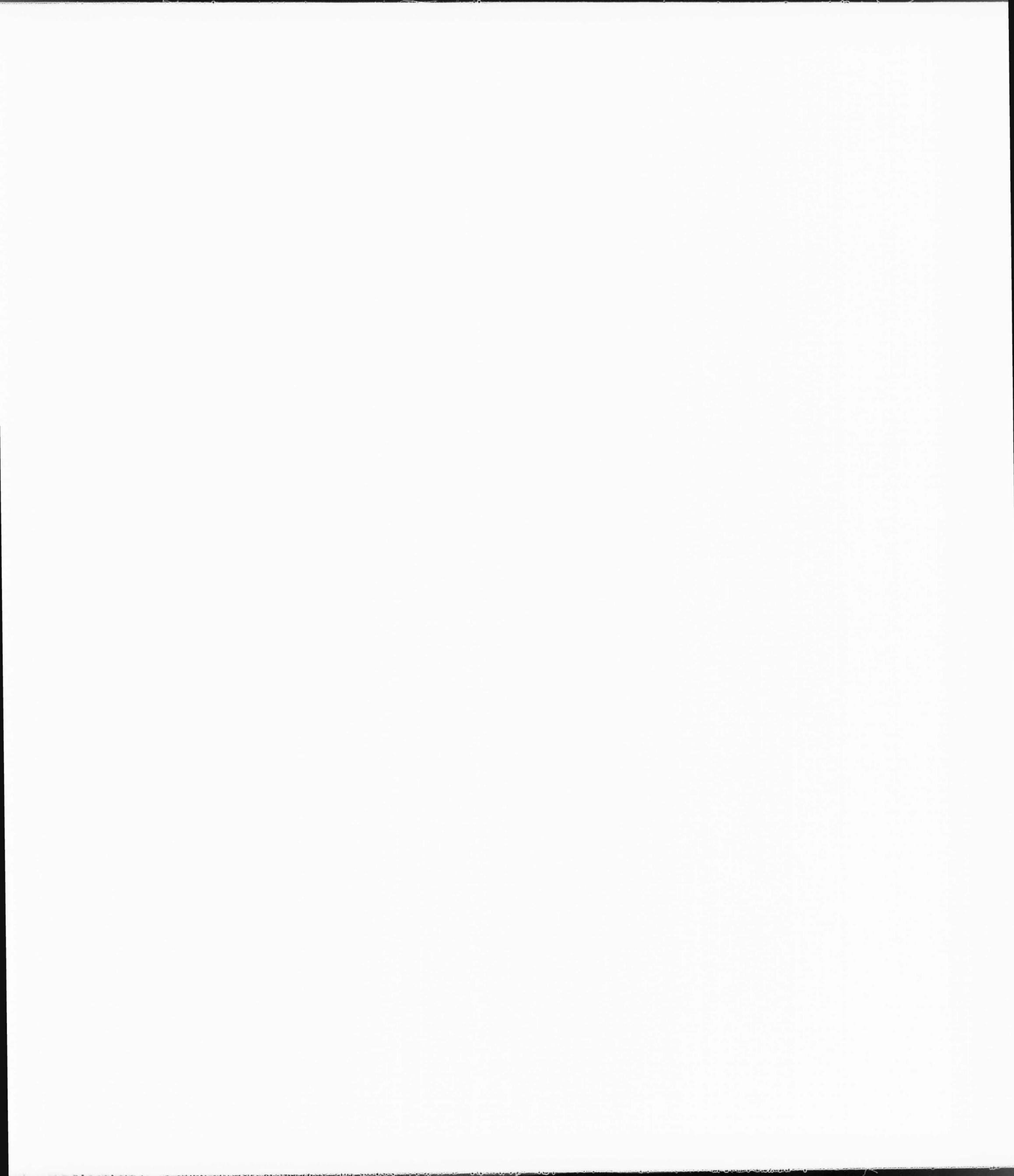
The Minority Affairs office is in charge of all student organizations and student minority programs, Cantrell said.

The office is also responsible for assisting the Admissions office in the analysis and recruitment of minority students — which is handled by the Bi-Racial Committee, Cantrell said.

In addition, the Minority Affairs office offers seminars in stress management, time management and study skills.



Melissa Foster and Bart de Jourdan of the Campus Wellness and Fitness Center provide a beneficial service at the Founder's Day carnival.





Wayne Cartwright

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Corlew and Lt. Col. Schley Frazier present honors at the ROTC awards ceremony held yesterday.

Plates with MTSU logo available to students

By KIM HARRIS
Assistant News Editor

Depending on the response, Middle Tennessee State University students may be sporting the MTSU logo on their license plates this spring, Dot Harrison, director of public relations, said.

In addition to the logo, students may also have their plates personalized with numbers or letters, Harrison said.

When the plates are issued in March, students will be able to exchange their current plate for the plate they have ordered, Harrison said.

"It is a state legislative decision that every four-year university may have these plates, if they wish," Harrison said.

"Response has been good, but that doesn't mean the plates have been ordered. We have had a lot



A minimum of 100 orders must be filed with the Tennessee Department of Revenue by Sept. 15 in order for the plates to become available, Harrison said.

Students interested in the new plates can pick the order forms up at the Public Relations office located in Room 205 Cope Administration Building, Harrison said.

The deadline for ordering the plates is November 30.

The new plates with numbers ranging from 1 to 999 will cost \$25 each plus the regular Rutherford County fee of \$51.50. Plates with names or initials will cost \$50 each plus regular fees, Harrison said.

of students asking for order forms and they have been very enthusiastic," she said.

Craig Jenkins, an administrative assistant to the Director of the Department of Revenue, reports that only three orders have been received from MTSU students through Sept. 9.

"They [MTSU students] have a way to go if they want to order," Jenkins said, "but, at least half a dozen schools haven't orderend any at all."

Any schools that do not meet the minimum order requirements will have to wait until next year to try again, Jenkins said.

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between 2,000 and 2,800 people. Monty Clark a senior at MTSU brought his pet ferret "Bubba" to the Founders' Day celebration.

"Many people have never seen a ferret before," Clark said. "He is an attention getter. People are amazed at how little and unique he is."

At the ceremony on the steps of the Cope Administration Sam Ingram presented Associated Student Body President Holly Lentz

with a plaque containing the original draft of the ASB constitution.

"I am really proud to accept the first draft of the ASB constitution," Lentz said.

The plaque will be hung in the ASB office, she said.

Reflections of the Past and Promises for the Future was the theme of the ceremony on the Cope Administration building stage.

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Student organizations desiring to make application for Activity Fee Funds for the fall semester of 1987 may secure applications in Room 126 Keathley University Center. The deadline for completing and returning the application is Sept. 18.

The requirements for registration of student organizations state: There shall be a required orientation session of presidents of campus organizations early in the semester, in which MTSU policy governing the operations of student organizations will be explained. In order to meet this requirement, the president/representative of each organization is invited to attend one of the three scheduled orientations for student organizations. The meetings are scheduled for the following times: Monday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. in Room 322 Keathley University Center, Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. in Room 322 Keathley University Center and Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 322 Keathley University Center. Those organizations not meeting this requirement may be declared inactive for the 1987-88 academic year. Call 898-2987 if you have any questions.

The Student Home Economics Association will have its first monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, Room 106 at 3:30 p.m. Both prospective and existing members are urged to attend.

Auditions for Host, Co-Host, and Interviewers for Channel 28 will be held Monday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7 p.m.-8 p.m., Room 120 Learning Resources Center (studio A). Call 895-0989.

Adv. for the American Society of Women Accountants Business and Orientation Meeting Sept. 17 at 4:30 in Room 316 Keathley University Center.

ASB Elections for 5 Freshmen, 1 Sophomore, and 1 Senior Senator will be held on Oct. 1. Pick-up qualifying petitions and elections rules at the ASB Office, Room 304 KUC.

Residence Hall Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 a.m., VA Golf Course on Lebanon Hwy. Entry fee, \$12.50, due 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 to MonSchaRey Hall GHD. Call 3887 or 4711 for more information.

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Approximately \$24,000 saved through Ride-Sharing service

By MARGARET FITE
Staff Writer

According to a report submitted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, commuting students saved \$24,000 last year by participating in the Middle Tennessee State University Ride-Sharing program.

The report, prepared under the direction of Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance, was submitted in an application for state funding for the Ride-Sharing program.

"The Department of Transportation provides \$1,875 each year in funding for the Ride-sharing program," LaLance said. "The university is required to match \$625, making the total budget for the program \$2,500."

The annually prepared reports have generally estimated student transportation expense savings from \$25,000 to \$45,000 — depending on the price of fuel and

the degree of participation in the Ride-Sharing program, LaLance said.

The majority of the program's \$2,500 budget is paid in wages to student coordinators, LaLance said.

According to LaLance, the number of students registering for the Ride-Sharing program this fall was down 10 percent from last year's total of 178.

"We have more car pools originating in the greater Nashville area than anywhere else," LaLance said.

He reported that as many as 14 car pools are initiated in Nashville during a semester, while communities such as Brentwood, Gallatin, Manchester and Tullahoma usually generate less than four car pools each.

The Ride-Sharing program began seven years ago, LaLance said. It was prompted by students'

needs to conserve fuel and cut transportation costs during the energy crisis of the late 70s.

Students registering for the Ride-Sharing program must submit their names, addresses and desired ride times to the program coordinator. The coordinator searches for similarities in locations and schedules.

Names, addresses and phone numbers of possible car pooling candidates are mailed to applicants about one week after registration.

Ride-Sharing registrants who are unable to coordinate a satisfactory car pool are urged to notify the program coordinator for further assistance.

"We keep the names of those students at the top of the stack of people needing rides," LaLance said.

Students who register late are sometimes likely candidates for car pool arrangements, LaLance said.

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Censorship on the rise



Dr. Larry Burriss
Mass Communications

What do the Bible, the New American dictionary, the Wizard of Oz and The Gettysburg Address have in common? Believe it or not, they are all books and writings that have been banned by right-wing groups bent on imposing their own brand of sectarianism on American schools.

A report released by People for the American Way indicates that censorship in American schools is on the increase, and that southern states, including Tennessee, lead the nation in book burnings and attempts at judicial censorship.

But, some encouraging news also emerged recently, as federal appeals courts in Cincinnati and Atlanta overturned lower court decisions that would have either banned books from the classroom, or would have forced school boards to adopt individual educational programs tailored for every belief, dogma and quirk one could think of.

I think it interesting that fundamentalists say they want to take us back to the original ideals that founded our nation, yet are doing everything they can to see that those ideas subverted and eliminated, generally in the name of religion.

One should recall that the first English speaking settlement, Jamestown, was not begun as an exercise in religious freedom, but was founded as a business venture. And the Pilgrims, who landed at Plymouth some 13 years later, were hardly models of toleration and understanding.

The nation was founded on the notion of understanding and the ac-

ceptance of ideas different from ones own, and on the idea that one should be allowed to explore an avenue or inquiry and ask any question and challenge any authority. In fact, our own Declaration of Independence clearly states that the people have been given, by God, the right to life and liberty. That liberty includes the right to read. And by the way, some right-wing groups have tried to have the Declaration excised from textbooks.

The report by the People for the American Way is a chilling reminder of just how fragile our freedoms are. But the courts in Cincinnati and Atlanta have also shown that there are people willing to stand up and defend those rights.

(1) Communication is a two way process

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Daffy Duck: a real hero



Tracy Miller

I was sitting around the other day, drinking malt liquor and watching television with a friend, we decided that the real reason for the decline of the United States wasn't drugs, greed or even skate punk - it was the fall of Daffy Duck from comic genius to straight guy for a mouse.

In the 1930s, Daffy was symbolic of America itself. Down but not out, brash, energetic and refusing to play by the old rules. He was as much of a hero as Bugs Bunny, but with an insane touch. Much like Bugs was before his commercial heyday.

In one of Daffy's first cartoons, "Daffy Doc," the duck violently assaults, harrasses and nearly decapitates an innocent Porky Pig. But since Daffy did it all in an attempt to become a doctor we can forgive him.

In his War World II cartoons, Daffy made the transformation to complete hero. Now his insanity was unleashed on the Nazis, who deserved every bit of it. He is still as crazy as ever, but just as much credit to the country as Bugs Bunny.

But after the war, the duck's

glory years came to an end - ironically at the same time he would reach his greatest fame. The near meteoric rise of director Charles "Chuck" Jones marked the beginning of the end of the Duck as hero.

Jones directed the Bugs and Daffy epics like "Pronoun Trouble," (remember - "Rabbit season, duck season, rabbit season, duck season") and "Duck Amuck." In these films, and Daffy's solo efforts like "Duck Dodgers in the 24 1/2 Century," Daffy received more exposure than he would ever get again. But they changed Daffy.

He became cowardly, sadistic and greedy. He always played the stooge to Bugs, changing from the protagonist to antagonist. In a sense he played the classic role of a tragic hero.

But the worse was yet to come. As the 1950s went on Daffy was reduced to a series with a rodent. With Speedy Gonzales the duck hit bottom. These cartoons were poorly written, sloppy drawn and just plain bad.

From here on Daffy was a broken duck. Unable to attain even the slightest victory.

His loss was America's loss. The

rebel was doomed, forced to be a part of the mass production line. As the country fell in the eyes of other nations, so did Daffy in our own eyes.

Today American animated heroes live only in reruns, and most Saturday morning cartoons are made in Japan, just like everything else. Daffy has become more of a symbol for this country than we ever would have imagined.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yet more vocabulary words

Dear Editor,
In response to "Hoss" Cartwright's vocabulary quiz in the September 1 issue, I felt compelled - which means urged or forced to respond.

I was an active member in a sorority and was a fraternity little sister for four very enjoyable years. I am now a graduate student working on my masters degree and I am still keeping in touch with my close friends, otherwise known as sorority sisters and fraternity brothers. To this day it still angers me to see unknowledgeable people like "Hoss" insult our organizations

without having a full understanding of them!

Sororities and fraternities are different - a word he uses to satirically claim we aren't. We are comprised of individuals with different backgrounds, majors, and interests, who have become greek members for various reasons. We don't buy friends - we make them through our own individual personality and interests.

We are only about 8 percent of the MTSU campus population but comprise 95 percent of the activity. If "Hoss" and others who feel as he does would see all the good we greeks accomplish, not only with campus participation but with philanthropies (meaning charities), then perhaps he might feel less inclined to be so carefree with his obviously limited vocabulary.

P.S. Holly Lentz, "the cute chick" you referred to in your "article," is greek and her vocabulary, as you pointed out, is extensive (meaning large)!

Cory O' Donnell
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Conley editorial draws ire

Dear Editor,

Brian Conley's Tuesday, September 1, article about the textbook controversy is reprehensible. He flagrantly misrepresents the facts about the court cases, makes unsubstantiated allegations concerning the beliefs of fundamentalist Christian, and needlessly resorts to name-calling.

No one even vaguely familiar with constitutional law is gullible enough to believe that a federal judge would blatantly disregard the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, by singing out one religious belief and saying, "This is what the schools should teach." Yet Conley, apparently without compunction, quotes Judges Hand and Hull as having said precisely that. How ludicrous! The facts are quite to the contrary. Judge Hull, for example, in deciding *Mozert v. Hawkins County Public Schools* wrote, "... any accommodation of the plaintiffs in the schools would

have the effect of advancing a particular religion..." Consequently, the judge refused to direct the schools to provide alternative textbooks, which the plaintiffs had requested. This is a matter of public record. So, Conley either did not investigate the facts or ignored them.

In one swoop of the pen Conley writes, "The fundamentalists believe [that] every religious belief they do not hold is wrong." Yet he offers absolutely no evidence to substantiate this broad accusation. Such an all-inclusive and unfounded accusation demands more proof than Conley's *ipse dixit*.

Conley refers to the children of these Christians as "brats." Whether the arguments of the plaintiffs in these court cases have merit or not, there is no question concerning the sincerity of either the parents of children. Conley's name-calling is rude and unwarranted.

I am disappointed by such shoddy journalism.
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ENTERTAINMENT WEEKEND

'One and Only' at TPAC—'S Wonderful



Stephanie Zimbalist and Tommy Tune become each other's *One and Only* in the hit Gershwin musical *My One and Only* which opened TPAC's 1987-1988 theatre season.

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

After her somewhat calculated performance as Laura Holt on NBC's detective series — *Remington Steele*, I was completely surprised with Stephanie Zimbalist's acting, singing and dancing ability in Tuesday's opening performance of *My One and Only* at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC).

In the touring company of *My One and Only*, which takes place in 1927, Zimbalist plays Edith Herbert to Tommy Tune's Captain Billy Buck Chandler.

While Herbert is a famous swimmer, Chandler is a pilot whose dream is to be the first to fly non-stop to Paris and in so doing, gets his "picture" on the cover of *Time* magazine.

As the play begins, three men — "The New Rhythm Boys" — give a sort of vaudevillian performance of the first number — "I Can't Be Bothered Now."

While these guys appear throughout the play, they really have very little to do with anything in the play, other than filling time with musical comedy while the sets or actors are changing. They serve their purpose with the same unforgettable style as the three "Dowp girls" in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The play actually "begins" after "The New Rhythm Boys" exit the stage and the curtain goes up revealing the first set — the Pennsylvania Train Station.

Chandler (Tune) is at the station to pick up his new propeller, when he is left almost "speechless" at the sight of a paparazzi surrounded Herbert, (Zimbalist) who has just arrived in town with her "Aquacade" show.

As I said, chandler is almost "speechless" he does however break into the almost incoherent "Blah, Blah, Blah," whose lyrics go something like: "Blah, blah, blah, eyes/Blah, blah, blah, smile...."

Another highlight in the play comes after Chandler returns to his hangar, where he begins to read an

interview with Herbert. The interview is recreated for the audience with the appearance on the right side of the stage of Herbert — sitting in a half moon shaped couch, being interviewed by a reporter.

While Chandler sings "Soon" — which tells her how he hopes to meet her, Herbert sings her answers to the reporter with "Boy Wanted". This was the first chance to hear just how beautiful Zimbalist's singing voice actually is.

It is also the first time Chandler realizes he is not exactly what Herbert has pictured as her "one and only," and to ready himself for her, he goes to visit Mr. Magix (played by multiple award winning actor Charles "Honi" Coles).

Mr. Magix is sort of a tailor/soap shop where the owner just sits around and gives advice on how to love a girl the "High Hat/Sweet and Low Down."

When the two are "rescued" — or more accurately, when Herbert is forced to leave — by her swimming coach, Chandler is once again left alone, where he decides to

forget about her and "Strike Up The Band" for himself.

The title tune is performed when Chandler returns to Mr. Magix for further coaching. When Chandler doesn't quite understand what Mr. Magix is talking about, Magix (Coles) says the unforgettable line from the play: "You're gonna make me get up out of this chair aren't you?"



When Coles does get up, it is unforgettable. Tune and Coles together, were the perfect blend for a classical tap dance. I'm not sure if it was part of the show, or not, but after the two finished their number, the applause from TPAC encouraged Coles to "get out of his chair" again for what appeared to be some spontaneous moves.

Towards the end of the show, Chandler finally finds Herbert and his "one and only" becomes his bride in a superb dancing wedding performed by Reverend Montgomery.

Following the curtain call, the audience gets one last, but just as impressive, cast dance number as an encore.

My One and Only continues at TPAC through Sunday Sept. 13. For ticket information call toll-free 1-800-24-SHOWS.

Next up for TPAC's Broadway Series is *I Never Sang For My Father*. This drama stars Daniel J Travanti (*Hill Street Blues*), Harold Gould (Rhoda's father on *Rhoda*) and Oscar nominee Dorothy McGuire.

Cats, *A Chorus Line*, *South Pacific* and *Big River* — three award winning musicals and *I'm Not Rappaport* will be featured during the remainder of the 1987-1988 season.

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Captain Billy Buck Chandler (Tommy Tune) gets Mr. Magix (Charles "Honi" Coles) "out of his chair" for one of the hottest dance numbers in *My One and Only*, running through Sunday at TPAC.

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SPORTS



By PAT WARNER

"Wildcat's" prediction holds true

My grandfather could predict if we were going to rain by his trick knee. The knee would get stiff, the clouds would come and we got a good 'ole gully-washer. Simple!

Middle Tennessee football offensive coordinator Charlie "Wildcat" Butler must also have a trick knee or something. He predicted long ago that it would rain last Saturday night at Dudley Field, and he, like grandpa, was correct.

Even though there were no rain clouds in sight, and the weather was pretty pleasant, there was still rain, of a different sort.

Being a MTSU student athletic trainer I am privy to many long football practices. During one on a hot August afternoon, I overheard Coach Butler tell the offensive team something which came back to me during the game.

"Gentlemen," he said, "We will score 45 points against Tennessee State." The offensive team seem to agree with their mentor by cheering loudly, but I didn't.

Even though I knew we would pull off a victory, I only thought we would win by a field goal or so. I didn't think Coach Butler was on the mark with his prediction.

Here was a first-year coach saying the offensive team, which could only muster six points against State last year, would blow out the Nashville Boys. I kinda chuckled.

Those chuckles came back as I saw the scoreboard roll and roll and roll up points on Middle's side. Coach Butler was correct, and then some!

Wow, 55-19!
I was really impressed with the way our team handled itself before the game. They didn't tease the Big Blue, they saved it for the game. Very Classy.

I liked the way the team represented TSU into the Big Bruised. Marvin Collier and Gerald Anderson are back and look very healthy after their bout with injuries last season. Also, some of those hits disheveled out by the defense sounded like trucks colliding. I bet the Big Bruised were eight deep in the twilight Sunday.

The OVC title must be the next step for the team, but let's not count the championships before they hatch. There are nine teams which lie in front of the Raider's destiny. (I didn't count Winston-Salem, just because.)

Next is Georgia Southern, the two-time Division I-AA champs. This game will be as tough, or even tougher for the Raiders. I just hope Wildcat has another prediction, I'll be listening.

Other thoughts from the Cheap Seats:

●Over 30,000 were there to see the game Saturday. This has got to have some university officials salivating. Last year Middle grossed about \$80,000, of which the football program saw little. Hopefully this year the administration will give the money where it is due.

●Speaking of crowds, there was an impressive turnout at the Lady Raider Volleyball game last Thursday. The Lady Raider spikers looked pretty good in their opening OVC win over TSU. Maybe there will be crowds like that at all of their home games, they deserve it.

●And congrats to Tony Burt and Dwight Stone, members of last year's football team, as they made it on an NFL team. Tony plays for Seattle while Dwight plays for Pittsburgh. Burt showed his stuff last Friday on national television by recovering two fumbles, led the team in rushing and got the Most Valuable Player of the game, outshining the illustrious The Boz. Best of luck guys, and remember to write.

MTSU humiliates TSU 55-19

By M. A. BROWN
Sports Writer

It was billed as a "Clash of the Titans." But, as it turned out, only one Titan stood up for the game.

What was supposed to be a war between two football rivals turned into an eve of destruction, as the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders rolled into Vanderbilt Stadium and crushed the Tigers of Tennessee State University 55-19.

"We were surprised," a jubilant MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly said. "When you play a team that has the quality of TSU, you don't expect to win the way we did or score that many points."

Score points is exactly what the Blue Raider offense did—all night, amassing more points against TSU than any opponent in the history of the school.

MTSU scored on seven of eight possessions in the first half, and effectively ended the game for all intents and purposes with a 41-7 lead at the end of the first thirty minutes.

Quarterback Marvin Collier led the Blue Raiders on a ten play 64 yard touchdown drive to open the game, which was highlighted by Collier's 14 yard pass to senior split end Robert Alford on third and nine from the MTSU 37.

Senior tailback Gerald Anderson capped the drive with a five yard plunge into the end zone to give the Blue Raiders the only points they really needed on the night.

Following a Tiger punt, the Blue Raiders again drove into TSU ter-

ritory, but had to settle for a 42 yard field goal from sophomore walk-on Joe Lisle.

Lisle, who would finish the night with seven extra points and three field goals in as many tries, was pressed into service when starting place-kicker Dick Martin was declared academically ineligible.

The Blue Raiders struck gold on their next possession, as Collier again hooked up with Alford for 26 yards to begin a drive that culminated in another Anderson touchdown run, and gave MTSU a commanding 17-0 lead.

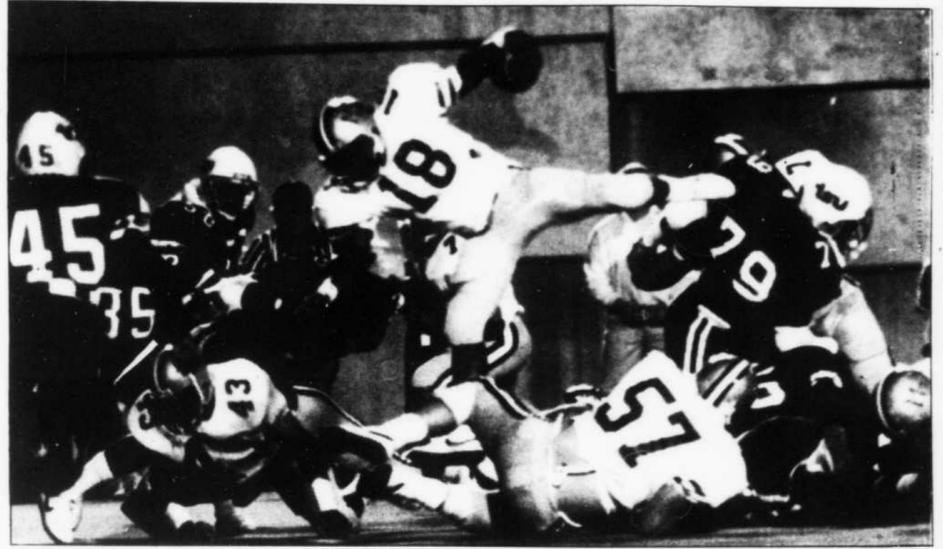
TSU quarterback, Stacy Greer, who would spend most of the night being hounded by the MTSU defense, showed his only signs of life in TSU's next possession as he guided the Tigers on a nine play, 80 yard touchdown drive.

TSU scored when halfback Melvin Waters fumbled attempting to dive into the end zone and tight end Victor Winfrey fell on the ball.

The moment of glory was short-lived for the Tigers, however, as the Blue Raiders once again drove for the end zone.

Tailback Anderson scored his third touchdown of the night on a 21 yard scamper on the first play of the second quarter to increase the MTSU lead to 24-7.

From that point the Blue Raider defense took control, as defensive end Kenny Tippins forced TSU's William Robinson to fumble at MTSU's 35 and Tommy Barnes re-



Tim Cope

Middle Tennessee's Gerald Anderson bounds over Tennessee State defenders for a touchdown. Anderson finished the game with three touchdowns and 137 yards rushing.

covered to set up another Blue Raider scoring drive, capped by Collier's eight yard toss to fullback Wade Johnson.

The MTSU defense continued to dominate the remainder of the half, led by junior linebacker Don Thomas who broke up two passes and intercepted another to set up a Lisle field goal of 40 yards to complete the first half scoring, and send the Blue Raiders into the locker room leading 41-7.

Thomas ended the night with seven tackles, one interception, and

covered five other passes. "We can build from this game, but we did have a lot of mistakes," Thomas said. "It just turned out that tonight was Middle's night."

For the evening, the Blue Raiders limited the TSU offense to 392 yards while intercepting two passes and recovering two fumbles.

But, even more impressive was the MTSU offense, which rolled up 513 yards total, including 353 in the first half.

The Blue Raiders were led on the ground by tailback Anderson

who piled up 137 yards on 23 carries and tied a school record he already held with 11 other people by scoring three touchdowns.

Wade Johnson, a 5-10, 170 lbs. freshman who was filling in for injured starter Tony Pearson at fullback, chipped in 100 yards rushing on seven carries.

Another record performance was turned in by senior split end Alford, who broke a 22 year old record for yards receiving in a game with 168 yards on six receptions.

Flag Football sign-ups scheduled

From Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee State University's Campus Recreation has announced that sign-ups for intramural flag football will be held Monday, Sept. 14.

The sign-up meeting will be held in room 219 of the Alumni Memorial Gym at seven p.m.

The teams begin play Monday, Sept. 21 on the intramural field located between Cummings Hall and Deere Hall.

Last year, Pi Kappa Alpha held

off a late rally to beat Can't Stop the Nuts 14-12.

The Pikes, led by quarterback Matt Brooks, won their fourth consecutive campus championship.

Alpha Delta Pi downed Cummings Hall 33-18 to win the ladies title.

For more information, contact Bruce Foster, graduate assistant in charge of football, at the MTSU Campus Recreation Department, located in room 201 of Alumni Memorial Gym, or call 898-2104.

Blue Raiders open in grand fashion over Temple

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Writer

The defending OVC champion Middle Tennessee State baseball squad kicked off its exhibition season in an impressive style with a 20-3 thrashing of Tennessee Temple at Reese L. Smith field on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Led by starting pitcher, and last year's OVC Most Valuable Player, David Richardson, the Blue Raiders jumped to a 4-0 lead after three innings.

MTSU blew the game open in the fourth inning, however, when

the offense exploded for six runs.

After catcher Jay Owens drew a lead-off walk from Temple pitcher Pat Brown, center fielder Scott Duff slapped a two out double to left, advancing Owens to third.

Shortstop Ed Pye followed with another double which scored Owens and Duff. Pye then scored on Chris Whitehead's single.

Mike Young and Mike Messerly followed with singles to lesser the bases before Owens singled in his second at-bat of the inning to score Whitehead and Young.

The final run of the inning scored

on Temple catcher Cullen Cameron's passed ball.

The Blue Raiders went on to add three runs in the sixth, six runs in the seventh, and one run in the eighth.

"We got off on the right foot," new head coach Steve Peterson said. "We're hard at work this fall. We open up February 19 against Memphis State, and we're a long way away from that, but we'll be ready."

"We have a good nucleus of players," he added. "We should be a pretty solid ballclub."

Sidelines selects defensive team

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

The long-awaited Sidelines Pre-season defensive team has finally been compiled and ready to hit the shelves.

Ohio Valley Conference football is known for its defense, and for that reason alone, it is safe to say that all who make our elite team are deserving of the honor.

Jack Pittman of Middle Tennessee State University is one of the top defensive linemen in the OVC.

Pittman played as a regular last year and is the only returning regular on MTSU's defensive line. In only his third year, Pittman has showed an extreme amount of maturity and added strength.

If he lives up to his expectations he could also be an All-American candidate.

Eugene Banks and Harold Torrens of Eastern Kentucky University will lead a very talented defensive line at EKU. Both were all-conference last season for the Colonels.

Brad Cowan of MTSU should be one of the most talented defensive ends in the conference this season.

Cowan, in only his third season of collegiate football, has proven to be a very heady player. He has the ability to read the opposing offense and he also has surprising speed.

Willie Prather of Murray State is the other pick at defensive end. Prather will be replacing Tony Woodie, who played the position with a great deal of consistency the past few seasons.

Prather has big play potential, much like that of Woodie and he is also very consistent.

Kenny Tippins of MTSU could also come on as a strong candidate at this position.

Don Thomas of MTSU is

perhaps the smartest linebacker in the league.

Thomas, a junior, has played over the past two seasons. In 1985, he was primarily a special teams player and last year he was a reserve-part-time starter.

This season Thomas will be replacing all-OVC linebacker Roosevelt Colvard as a full-time starter. He has a great deal of consistency and is an excellent contact hitter.

Despite his youth, Thomas has a great deal of maturity and has the knack to be in the right place at the right time.

Thomas Squires of Tennessee Tech University is a very physical player at the linebacker position.

He caught the attention of several opponents in 1985 when he racked up 62 tackles in the last four games of the season, an average of 15 per game.

The only question mark is how well will he bounce back from a shoulder injury sustained last season.

Danny Copeland of EKU is a sure pick in the secondary. He has excellent speed and is also a threat as a kick-off returner.

Tim Broadway and Kirk Brunson of Murray State University should stabilize the Murray State secondary. Both are multi-talented athletes.

Jimmy Isom of Tennessee Tech returns as starting free safety for his team, where he registered 82 tackles as a starter last season.

Isom is at the top of his game this season, he should be even better this year and that means trouble for opposing offenses.

Greg Burke of Morehead State University led the OVC in punting the last two seasons and broke the MSU and OVC record with a single

season average of 44.07 yards per punt last year.

Burke finished third in the nation in punting last season and now that MTSU's stand-out punter Mark Morrison and Tech's Scott Meadows have graduated, Burke should be a clear-cut favorite at this position.

●Scott Woodburn, the executive director of the Blue Raider Athletic Association has achieved his first goal, which was to raise \$200,000 by MTSU's first football game of the season.

Woodburn met and achieved his goal. On Friday, Sept. 4, the day before the season opener, Woodburn announced that \$207,000 had been raised.

The funds are to help pay for the athletic department scholarships.

●Don Thomas and John Tate were the recipients of two OVC awards this week. Thomas was named the defensive player of the week in the OVC. Thomas recorded seven tackles, broke up five passes and intercepted a pass in the Raiders 55-19 trouncing of Tennessee State.

Thomas is a junior linebacker from Flintville, Tn.

Tate was named the OVC rookie of the week. Tate, an offensive lineman from Dalton, Ga. opened holes in the TSU defense, which led to the Raiders gaining over 500 yards in total offense.

Another noteworthy performance was turned in by placekicker Joe Lisle. Lisle, a sophomore walk-on from Nashville was making his collegiate debut against TSU.

Lisle was perfect on the night, kicking seven extra points (one shy of a school record) and hitting on two field goal attempts (both in excess of 40 yards.)

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