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## Nightmare on North Maple Street...

Sandra Rennie•Staff

An unidentified Freddy Krueger is among the many thrills one will encounter at the Murfreesboro Jaycee's Haunted House located at Cox Memorial Gym on North Maple Street. The house will be open every night until Halloween. Ticket price is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years old and younger.

## All Hallow's Eve spells holiday

College Press Service

Campus and city officials across the nation this year are swearing they will be better prepared for what has probably become the unofficial National Student Holiday: Halloween.

As with spring break, the other nationwide collegiate festival, many schools are promising crackdowns and rule changes to try to prevent some of the worst excesses and even injuries that have plagued campus Halloween celebrations in recent years.

No one is sure how all this started, or how Halloween, of all days, turned into the biggest college party night of the year.

Ernest Kaulbach, a professor of Middle English at the University of Texas, says it derives from students' childhood practices of putting on costumes and "trick-or-treating."

"Now it gives them the chance to put on a costume and party," he said.

But it's more than just an excuse for a party, says Chech, a University of Miami student who goes by just his last name. "There will be parties no matter

what, but Halloween is different because there is more to the party than just drinking five kegs."

— Southern Illinois University's much-copied Halloween bash has grown to host more than 20,000 people who crowd streets, throw beer bottles and hurt each other.

— In 1979, revelers at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst vandalized local stores, prompting UMass to impose a five-year ban on school Halloween parties.

— In 1985, at the University of Illinois Champaign campus, windows were smashed, bonfires were lit, fistfights erupted and partygoers were showered with glass from broken beer bottles. A visiting student was struck in the head with a beer bottle, lapsed into a coma and had to undergo brain surgery.

— Southern Illinois University's 1988 bash sent more than 300 people to the hospital because of lacerations on the face from broken bottles, one person was stabbed and a woman was raped.

In response, many col-

leges and college towns are moving to dry up Halloween with new rules and regulations this year.

According to legend, All Hallows Eve gives devils six

hours starting at midnight on Oct. 31 to do all the evil they can before they have to go back to hell in the morning, Nov. 1, the start of All Saints Day. ■

## Civil rights memorial erected in Alabama

From Staff Reports

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A quarter of a century after state troopers halted the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, the nation's first memorial to the civil rights movement and its martyrs will be dedicated in Montgomery this Saturday.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit public interest foundation based in Montgomery, provided the funding for the \$700,000 memorial through the sale of land owned by the center. The memorial, located a block from the church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached during the Montgomery bus boycott and down the street from the first White House of the Confederacy, was designed by Architect Maya Lin, best known for her work on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Lin's design is intended "to remember the civil rights movement, to honor those killed during the struggle, to appreciate how far the country has come in its quest for equality and to consider how far it has to go," she said.

"A circular black granite table and a curved black granite wall are the focal points of the Memorial," Lin wrote in her description of the Memorial. "Set in a plaza, the granite table records the names of 40 martyrs of the civil rights movement and chronicles the history of the times in lines that radiate like the hands of a clock. Water emerging from the table's center flows evenly across the table's top over the inscriptions."

Behind the table is a 9-foot high curved granite wall. Inscribed on the wall, beneath a thin sheet of water, are the words from the Bible that Dr. King chose for his first

## Conference is global in scope

JOHN DEMPSEY

Staff Writer

MTSU will host the World Conference on Aerospace Issues in an effort to seek solutions to congested global airspace Nov. 8-10 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

The conference will bring government, consumer and industry leaders together in a workshop atmosphere.

According to MTSU's special projects coordinator Rem Schiul, "the entire scope of problems" in aerospace will be addressed. Issues include safety in today's crowded skies, the planning and development of airports in the future, freer access by domestic and international air traffic to major airports, better use of existing airport capacities, upgrading of runway lengths and optimum security at airports.

*"There will be people coming in from all over the globe to meet at the conference." — Rem Schiul, MTSU special projects coordinator*

"There will be people coming in from all over the globe to meet at the conference." Confirmed speakers include U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sam Skinner, Dutch KLM Airlines President Henri Wassenbergh and "Father of the Wayport" Jim Sheppard.

MTSU's Office of Special Projects is looking for up to 100 student volunteers to serve as "transcribers" for Thursday's brainstorming session. Transcribers will be furnished two meals and Thursday night's lodging at the hotel. Volunteers are now being selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those interested can call Schiul at 898-2554.

Each student will be assigned to a small brainstorming group and will be responsible for recording the session's

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speech during the Montgomery bus boycott and his historic address at the March on Washington — "[We will not be satisfied] until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Visitors to the memorial will encounter both the bitterness and the hope that characterized those times, said Rev. Murray Branch, chairperson of the Civil Rights Memorial Advisory Committee.

"There is an opportunity here not only to mourn the tragedy of lives that were lost, but also to celebrate the achievements that were won," Branch said. "There is no denying the brutality and injustice that was suffered here; 13 of these people were killed in Alabama, 18 in Mississippi, and seven of them were just children. But this is not a monument to suffering, it is a monument to hope. The history of the movement, as seen through these lives, proves that ordinary people can change their world. That is what we hope young people today will learn from this memorial."

Hundreds of relatives of those who died during the struggle for equality will be honored guests at the dedication. Veteran civil rights activists Julian Bond and Rosa Parks will be among the speakers. The dedication will be held at a public ceremony on Sunday, November 5 at 2:30 p.m. at 400 Washington Avenue in Montgomery. On Saturday evening, November 4, more than 500 family members of those who died will meet for the first time and have an opportunity to share their memories at a private banquet. ■

# News Briefs

## History dept. hosts conference

"Women's History: Where has it Been, Where is it Going?" will be the keynote address given by Elisabeth Perry of Vanderbilt University at the Tennessee Conference of Historians, Nov. 3 and 4, in Murfreesboro.

The event will be hosted by the MTSU department of history.

Professors from Arkansas Tech, East Tennessee State University, Memphis State, Vanderbilt and MTSU will conduct sessions on "The Writer and Politics," "Seeing Red: Anti-Communism in Modern America," "Two Directions of Reform: Religion and Education," "Problems in Historical Analysis," and "Views of Conflict: Interwar Britain." Each session is divided into two presentations.

A reception is scheduled from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Garden Plaza Hotel. All conference sessions take place Nov. 4 in the Keathley University Center. Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., with the keynote address scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Registration is from 9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in Room 318.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10, with the registration deadline being Oct. 31. The public is invited to attend any of the conference sessions.

— STAFF REPORTS

## WMOT extends fund-raiser

The jazz station, WMOT-FM 89, located on campus has extended their fund-raiser for another week, in hopes of gaining new annual contributors.

"This time we are really trying to increase our new member level," said Laura McMomb, development coordinator.

McComb also stated that the station is about a third to a half of the way to reaching its goal.

This is the second of two fund-raisers WMOT has each year, one in the spring and one in the fall to raise money for the day-to-day cost of operation. The money also goes to pay for the National Public Radio dues.

"Our dues alone for NPR are over \$62,000," McComb said.

In addition to fund raisers, WMOT also receives money from the federal and state levels. — RUSTY GERBMAN

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ideas. The notes from these meetings will be carried back to MTSU to be typed by the student. These transcriptions will then be taken back to the conference on Thursday evening to be readied for evaluation on Friday morning.

Efforts from MTSU's departments of aerospace, geography/geology and political science made the world conference a reality.

"The aerospace conference has been an all-MTSU affair," Schuil said. "MTSU has the largest aerospace program...in the country, with over 600 aerospace majors." Hosting the internationally attended meeting, he said, "will provide MTSU with a worldwide reputation in aerospace."

At the upcoming conference, the university will advocate the use of wayports as the overall solution to crowded global airspace. The wayport concept calls for construction of airports of the future — complete with runways designed for hypersonic and suborbital aircraft — in rural areas for connecting flights which currently use crowded urban areas.

Wayport proponents say benefits of the wayport concept include an easing of airspace crowding, better efficiency in flight scheduling, tighter airport security and a reduction in air traffic noise in urban areas. ■

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# Campus Capsule

**Sidelines** is now accepting applications for assistant editors for news and sports. Applications are also available for staff writer positions.

The **Associated Student Body** is requesting canned food donations to aid victims of Hurricane Hugo and the California earthquake. Food may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the ASB Office, Room 305 KUC, Monday thru Friday.

The **Concerned Faculty Women** will give a report on its salary equity study. Lester Levi will give an update on the presidential search at 1:30 p.m. today in Dining Room C, JUB.

The **Blue Knights**, MTSU's Chess Club, will meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 314 of the KUC.

The **Sigma Club** will have its next Quiz Bowl on Nov. 1 and 2 from 7-9 p.m. It will be televised live from the LRC. For more information call Scotty Tucker at 896-3894.

The **Lambda Association of MTSU** is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information, write to P.O. Box 624, MTSU.

The **Biology Club** in conjunction ROTC will sponsor a rappel off of Forrest Hall today from 5 p.m. until dark. The club also plans to rappel off of the fire training building located on Highway 96 Dec. 3.

**Who's Who In American Universities and Colleges** applications are available to all juniors, seniors or graduate students with a 2.8 GPA or above. The applications are now available in the ASB office room 305. ASB office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Deadline is Nov. 1 for returning applications to the ASB office.

The **MTSU Mathematics Organization** will have its next meeting Monday, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. in Room 304, BUS. Ms. Lora Brewer will give a presentation entitled "Math Anxiety." Anyone interested in mathematics is welcome to attend.

**Former President Gerald Ford** will be the speaker for a major lecture sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Free Enterprise on Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. in Tucker Theater, BDA. His topic will be "America's Present and Future Economic Challenges."

**Tau Omicron** members will have their picture taken for the *Midlander* on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. at the KUC Lounge, across from the Grill.

The **Fall 1989 Honors Lecture Series** continues with "Library Automation" Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 107. David Robinson, MTSU automation librarian will be speaking.

The **MTSU Club of Sigma XI and The MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee** will present a lecture by Dr. Arthur C. Upton of the New York University Medical Center entitled "Prospects for the Prevention of Cancer." The lecture will be held in Room 100 Davis Science Building at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Campus Capsules should be submitted in writing and brought to Room 310, JUB or sent to Box 42, MTSU. Deadlines are 4 p.m. Friday for Monday's paper and

## CORRECTION

Mary Jo James, an MTSU retiree, was incorrectly identified as Beverly Youree, Youth Education and School Personal Services, in a front page photograph Thursday. *Sidelines* regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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# OPINIONS

## Drunk driving not a Halloween treat

Despite what you might think, your biggest danger this Halloween isn't from tricksters rolling your yard, hoards of children dressed up as those mutant turtles and demanding candy or even the friendly neighborhood Satan worshipers sacrificing your goldfish to conjure up the spirit of Bette Davis.

It's from yourself.

In recent years, Halloween in the fall and St. Patrick's Day in the spring have unofficially turned into the official holidays of college students. Translated into English, that means these days have turned into an excuse for many of us to take the day off, drink until we lose all motor skills and work on our Jim Morrison impressions.

From a purely personal standpoint there are many arguments against this, unless you think waking up in your own vomit after an evening with the tequila bottle falls into the category of "fun." Excess drinking, however, doesn't just affect the drinker.

Drunk drivers kill. Significant progress has been made in recent years towards increasing our awareness of that, but many people still insist that since they have driven drunk 1000 times before, they can do it one more time. But one more time is all it takes to take a life.

While the newspapers and airwaves are full of "reasonable drinking" ads these days, please remember: just because it's a children's holiday doesn't give you an excuse to act childish, especially behind the wheel of a 2,000 lb. automobile after a few drinks. ■



## Letters to the Editor

### Fraternity member attacks paper's attack on Greeks

Dear Editor:

After reading the Opinions section Monday, Oct. 23, 1989, I realized that the article on a half-baked homecoming is nothing more than an attempt to attack the Greek minority on campus. Why does *Sidelines* insist on printing these articles? Believe me, and I believe I speak for a large group of Greeks, we know you do not like us. You do not have to keep on attacking us to prove this point.

As to the article itself. Homecoming is not just for Greeks, or the student body, but also for the alumni of this university. Yes, the Greeks do get active, but this is because they want to, not because it is for them. The alumni of our separate fraternities and sororities come back to see their school and organizations and how involved their organizations are in school.

Other students, other than Greeks, are encouraged to participate. Any dorm or non-Greek organization are allowed to enter the open competition in homecoming. So, for ever wrote this opinion, if you do not like the way homecoming is planned, get on the ASB or the homecoming planning committee.

But it is obvious by the word choice and positioning of the article, this is nothing more than another prejudiced attack on those of us who are more active on campus.

Shawn Patrick Reese

A proud member of the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi  
Box B-074

P.S. It is called a fraternity not frat!

### Campus TVL member questions convention coverage

Dear Editor:

Rarely do I expect *Sidelines* to cover the abortion issue objectively, but the pro-abortion PR piece that was the lead story in the October 16th edition failed to meet what minimal expectations I did have.

While I realize conflict has news value, I wonder why the focus was on the protestors outside, relegating the revelation of TVL's legislative agenda to secondary importance. Counter-demonstrations by one side of the abortion issue at a gathering of the other is stale news. Why was MTSU's Students for Choice given banner coverage while there was no mention of the fact that MTSU's TVL group was a co-host of the convention? Why was there no quote from sociology prof. Don Schneller, faculty adviser of TVL and convention director, to balance the three paragraph quotation of Lee Caldwell? Students for Choice was given publicity as *Sidelines* acknowledged them as a chartered student organization without mentioning TVL's existence as same. Was this story suppose to focus on the TVL convention, or be a feature on Students for Choice?

While conversely the story should not be slanted towards us, there was not even a causal mention of keynote speaker Jean Garton's address, MTSU faculty and students involved in the convention or the story of 16-month-old Amy Wimpee, who would have been aborted if the doctor had been able to secure her parent's permission, since "advanced" medical technology indicated she would be born horribly deformed. She was, in fact, born in perfect health. Miss Wimpee is not TVL's poster child, proof positive that abortion kills babies.

In the future, *Sidelines* should strive for more professional standards and resist the urge to be a pro-abortion mouthpiece.

Finally, a factual inaccuracy. Lynn Ray is not the state president of Tennessee Volunteers for Life. He is the executive director and TVL's only full-time employee. Jane Hubbard, a volunteer, is the statewide president of TVL.

Mike Turner  
Secretary,  
Volunteers for Life of MTSU  
Box 607

Editor's Note: Thanks for all the letters this semester, but please — no more letters about the homecoming queen vote or the abortion issue. An amazing backlog of letters has developed here and we'd like to give a chance to as many people as possible.

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Letters to the Editor

Writer wonders who hires and fires at newspaper

Dear Editor:  
I read *Sidelines* and I have a question.  
Who is in charge?

It is my understanding that the Editor-in-Chief is the one with the power to hire and fire staff members. Based on that understanding, I find it interesting that Glenn Himebaugh can write a letter *demanding* the resignation of a *Sidelines* staff member whereupon that person vanishes without an explanation.

I am inclined to wonder if News Editor Jeremy Rolfs was removed due to his incompetence or because a faculty member (who has no authority to *demand* anything of *Sidelines*) called for this dismissal.

Chris Bell is presently under attack by a faculty member for his coverage of a news event. Will he be fired? If so, why? Is it because of his inability or because a member of the faculty joins with Himebaugh in calling for the resignation of these "poor" journalists.

We readers will not know unless the editor makes some kind of statement.

Again I ask, who is in charge?

Daniel Mangrum  
Box 287

Paper's staff defended against faculty criticism

Dear Editor:  
I am NOT writing this letter to call for the resignation of any *Sidelines* staff member. What I would like to do is commend the staff for their efforts.

The editors and writers for *Sidelines* are *students*. They go to school and work in addition to producing the paper; that's an awful lot of priorities, responsibilities and challenges to meet on a weekly basis and mistakes are bound to happen.

Furthermore, *Sidelines* is a *student publication*; demands by faculty for "resignation or dismissal" of staff are an unneeded and unwanted pressure.

To the professor who was disappointed by the paper's coverage of the TVL conference, I suggest you grin and bear it. If you want to control the content of the paper, pay for an ad.

Keep up the good work, *Sidelines*!

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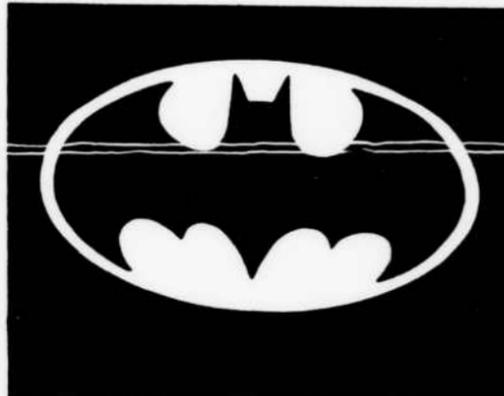
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## Students haunt to help

**DENA MASH**  
Special to Sidelines

The folks from Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center have some devilish pranks up their sleeves.

They're going to slash, chop, spurt and haunt in the classic vein, but modern movie monsters won't be neglected either.

A simple white brick house perfect for Ozzie and Harriet has been transformed into a bloody chamber of horrors — but this chamber of horrors is for a good cause.

A large banner hanging from the eave of the front porch screams the underlying purpose for the ghoulish pranks: "Haunt for Holly."

"The reason we're doing this is to buy an electric wheelchair for Andrew Holly," explained Scott Womble, a junior at MTSU who helped organize the haunted house. "This is too much trouble to do for fun."

"Holly is an older gentleman who lives at Murfreesboro Health Care Center," Womble explained as he poured over a list of tasks yet to be done for opening night.

The haunted house "is our fund-raising project for the year," explained Womble who estimated the minimum cost for the wheelchair to be \$3,000. "All we've spent is about \$35 for plastic and light bulbs," he said. "The students are responsible for their own costumes."

Pausing in his effort to ready the house for haunting, Womble wondered, "Is it weird for a Christian Center to be having a haunted house?" Shrugging his shoulders, he got back to work.

The front yard of the house is now a makeshift cemetery. The graves of Dracula, Jason, Cujo and Freddy Krueger are marked

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Bobby Bogle, a former MTSU student, wins the prize for outrageous Halloween spirit by decking out as a Playboy bunny while at a Nashville nightclub. Trish Worsham, at right, laughs at his

ensemble, which he completed with tube socks "for that extra touch." Bogle claims that he has "never been fondled as much — by men or women" — as when he wears his bunny suit.

## Rutledge Hall offers treats

**JULIE KUCHINSKI**  
Special to Sidelines

Halloween may be fun, but it is not always safe for kids.

This year, children who live on or near campus will not have to walk down strange, dark neighborhoods to get bags full of goodies.

Children are invited to trick-or-treat in Rutledge Hall. The dorm is located beside the James Union Building, and trick-or-

treating will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Luckily, this year, Halloween is on a Tuesday, which is a visitation day.

"We are trying to provide a safe environment for children trick-or-treating," said Lisa Hammonds, Rutledge's president.

The girls who are participating in the event will hang paper pumpkins on their door to designate that candy is available. The children will be led through the halls by a scary residence

assistant.

"I am happy to be doing something to keep the kids off the street," said Terri Plummer, one of the R.A.s who will lead the children through the halls.

All ghosts and goblins are welcome to the trick-or-treating.

Also, on Halloween Eve, a pumpkin carving party is planned. The residents will carve pumpkins to be used as decorations throughout the halls. ■

## Student artists' project on compact disc available

**MIKE GRAY**  
Staff Writer

RIMusic VII, the new compilation CD produced by RIM faculty and students, is now available for purchase at Phillips Bookstore.

The 70-minute recording contains various styles of music ranging from jazz to alternative rock.

"This CD features the work of some of Tennessee's most talented young artists," said Chris Haseleu, assistant professor in the recording industry management department and director of the Center for Recording Arts and Sciences.

"It wasn't a RIM project only," said Haseleu. "The music and art departments helped too. It was everyone working together that made it all work."

This is the seventh in a series of recording projects, and the second to be released on CD. Haseleu commented that the technical quality of the RIMusic VII CD, which is completely digital, is much better compared to the previous projects. He also said "the music is as good or better than the others."

Initial production began a year and a half before the final product was made available.

The first step was to solicit demo tapes from the campus. Flyers, memos and mentions in "campus capsule" brought in more than 100 tapes.

In February 1988, students from two RIM 467 (studio production) classes selected the songs to be used on RIMusic VII. The album's engineers are students who have completed the Advanced Technology of Recording class, and they were chosen by the student producers. Each composition was given 30 hours of studio time in which to record and mix their production.

"Recorded in the university's digital audio studio, RIMusic VII demonstrates our commitment to continue to provide an educational experience that is high quality, relevant and up-to-date," explained Haseleu. "The students have experienced the pressures and pleasures associated with modern music production."

The project also promotes the university by showing the rest of the world MTSU's musical talent. One thousand copies of RIMusic VII CD were pressed and several hundred copies have already been distributed to

the music industry. CDs have been sent to music trade magazines, including *Billboard*, as well as other music-related magazines like *Rolling Stone*, *Keyboard* and *High Fidelity*.

MTSU's RIM department has received its fifth nomination for a technical excellence and creativity award as an "outstanding recording school" by *Mix Magazine*.

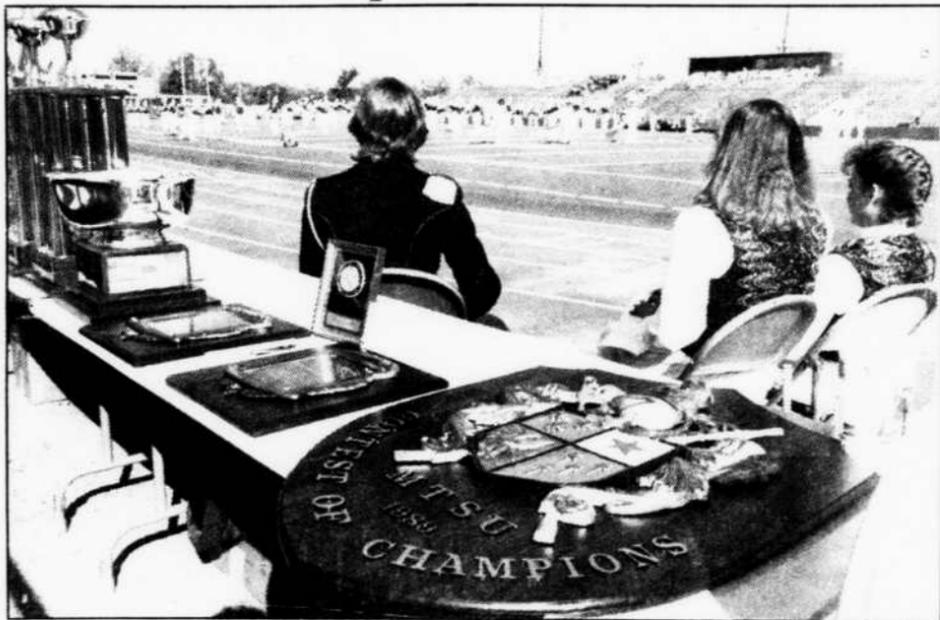
More than two dozen pieces of cover art were submitted during a competition in an Advanced Graphic Design Class. The winning entry appears on the package and on the disc itself.

Donations were used to pay for the pressing, mastering, and packaging of the album. Contributions were given by individuals and various university organizations. Sales of RIMusic VII will help reimburse the expenses that were incurred during the project.

The CD is for sale at Phillips Bookstore for \$9.95. There are also plans to sell the product at local record stores.

No LPs have been pressed, but the cassette will be out soon and will cost around \$7. ■

## Battle of the Champions. . .



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

The MTSU Band of Blue was host to 26 high school bands from Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio in the Twenty-eighth annual Contest of Champions on Saturday. As each band member, decked in uniformed splendor, awaited at attention to hear, "Band, you may begin your performance!" booming from the press box, the crowd filling the stadium held their breath. Above, Jeff Robinson, Angie Regg and Carolyn Butler, left to right, members of the Band of Blue, watch the performance

of the Ripley High School Marching Band. Top winners were Grand Champions, McGavock High School; First Place in Class AA, McGavock; Reserve Grand Champion, North Hardin; First Place in Class A, Colonel's Brigade and Guard; Second Place in Class AA, North Hardin High School; Second Place in Class A, Harrison Co. High School; Honorable Mention, Overton High School; Tennessee Governor's Cup, McGavock; Kentucky Governor's Cup, North Hardin.

# RIMusic VII: production polished, music plain

**CHRIS BELL**  
Contributing Editor

RIMusic VII, the latest album from MTSU music and RIM departments, may be the best ever in the series.

From the marbled cover artwork to the detailed liner notes it is as well done as most professional quality releases.

The same applies to the soul quality on most tracks, which take full advantage of the digital recording facilities in the university's studios.

But as impressive as the record is, I don't think I'll be listening to it very much. There's something a little

cold about it, like it was done as, well...as a class project or something.

The problem lies not in the sound or in the playing, but in the songs themselves. There isn't anything *wrong* with most of them, but there is precious little right with them either.

Of course, there are exceptions to the rule. Robert Means' "Nehru Jacket," Rodney Malin's "Crash Course," Mark Shenkel's "Don't Believe I'm Leaving" and Mike Crowe's "Beer Drinking Song," all match well-crafted lyrics and music to the quality production and playing that runs through the record.

Too often the remaining songs seem to have no reason to exist beyond being a showcase for the musicians involved. From jazz to rock, the styles show plenty of professionalism but not much passion.

This has been the greatest flaw of previous RIMusic albums, and it may just be that songwriting is a harder skill to hone than playing or producing. But I'm afraid too many people involved have forgotten the reason people make and listen to music.

Everyone who picks up an instrument can't wind up showing us their explorations of their soul like John



living room like nothing else I'd ever heard and I'd spend hours looking at the amazing guys on the cover who must have actually made this thing.

Most of what gets played on the radio or on my own turntable is usually pure trash. However, from the Clash's *London Calling* to Randy Newman's *Sail Away* to Daniel Lanois *Arcadia*, there have been times when a record managed to do things to my mind to take me out of my own self-obsessed world.

Coltrane or Peter Gabriel, but a song should be more than background noise or a place to show off.

When I was five years old, my father brought home Creedence Clearwater Revival's *Cosmo's Factory*. That damn record made me dance around our

The hit, to twist the 4-H motto, my "heart, head and hands" — soul, mind and body.

So, if I sound a little preachy here — if I sound like I'm asking too damn much from a simple pop song — I'm sorry. It's just that simple pop songs have meant an awful lot to me at times.

Despite all my complaints, this effort is worth buying just for the wide range of local talent it displays. But when the next RIMusic is put together, I just hope the organizers remember there's more to a record than variety and production quality. ■

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THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY

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with cardboard tombstones. The earth around Freddy's grave has been disturbed and his marker reads "body never found."

The interior of the house is partitioned with heavy black plastic secured with silver tape. Sheets of shredded plastic serve as doorways from room to room.

The kitchen looks very plain — white appliances and green tile on the floor — except for the small red-streaked feet suspended over the sink, the hand wedged between the doors of the refrigerator and the grotesque head oozing with red gummi worms sitting in a baking dish.

"People better watch their fingers or they'll look like that thing coming out of the fridge," sneered Sheila Dickson, another haunted house helper, as she banged the table with an authentic-looking rubber meat cleaver.

Womble walked into the kitchen to give Dickson a crash course in blood-making. "You could really eat this," laughed Wom-

ble as he poured a bottle of red food coloring into a bowl of corn syrup.

Brett Humble plunged his finger into the bowl and tasted the "blood." "Not bad," he laughed, showing the front teeth he has blackened with makeup.

Cotton cobwebs and little plastic spiders are strung through the house; yellow nooses and dried leaves litter the floor, and a Bible lies in a chair next to a songbook in an unfinished room. "I think the house is used for Sunday morning classes," Womble said. The house is owned by North Boulevard Church of Christ, a major supporter of the student center.

The haunted house is located beside the church at 1114 E. Lytle St. The student center is located on Bell Street across from the campus parking lot.

Back out on the front porch, Johnny Trail hammered and sawed all night on a makeshift casket. "I was going to dig one up, but that's too much trouble," laughed Trail. "I decided I'd just build this one."

Trail will be the star of the "Chainsaw Massacre Room," which has a small wood frame crawlspace that visitors will have to struggle through.

Another student, Phil Newport, got an idea for the Chainsaw Massacre Room. "We could sit a girl here with her head under the plastic like this," he said as his body jerked in spasms. "She'd look like a fresh kill."

According to Womble admission to the haunted house is \$2.50 or \$2 with a valid MTSU I.D. The house will be open 8 p.m. to midnight Monday and possibly Tuesday, depending number of visitors on Monday.

"Besides raising money for Andrew Holly, I hope this will help bring the student center together," said Womble.

Literature that details the center's upcoming activities will be passed out to visitors as they leave the house.

In the front room of the building, two young women sing the theme to "A Nightmare on Elm Street," and Amy Jett, Brett

Hampton's girlfriend, lays on a bed with pink sheets a stuffed bunny and a ragged doll.

Hampton, who tried his character out at a student center devotional, jumped from behind the shredded plastic and slices his hand through the air. "I'm your boyfriend now!" he roars in his best Freddy Krueger voice.

"I'll have to wear diapers all night long," giggled Jett. "I'll be so scared." ■

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# SPORTS

## Rugby team falls to Ft. Knox, 25-6

KEN SALTER  
Editor

MTSU's Rugby team couldn't overcome their own injuries and the experience of Ft. Knox as they fell 25-6, Saturday.

The loss drops MTSU to 4-3.

Frank Wilkens scored the try for MTSU and Jim Dudak added the conversion for MTSU's only score.

"Ft. Knox is a military team that has a lot of college graduates playing for them," team member Doug Wolfe said. "There were six players who played for them who didn't the last time we played them. They have several players who come there for a short time and they play until they get assigned somewhere permanently. Because of that, they are really hard to prepare for.

"You have to give them credit, though, they are

playing well. They are undefeated in their last three games."

MTSU beat Ft. Knox last spring, but they several members that participated Saturday did not play then.

In addition to having the experience of Ft. Knox, MTSU has been plagued by injuries.

"We have six people on the team who are injured, so we're playing short," Wolfe said. "One of our best players, Brian Reed is out with torn ligaments and we had two players who were sick and ended up playing when our starting hooker went out."

Wolfe said that he added to the list of injuries when he injured his knee in the game. He said he wasn't sure how bad the knee was injured. ■



Sandra Rennie/Staff

### Get that ball...

MTSU and Ft. Knox rugby players fight for the ball during their game Saturday afternoon. Ft. Knox won the game 25-6 to drop MTSU's record to 4-3. The win by

Ft. Knox avenged a loss to MTSU last year. MTSU was hampered in the game by injuries to several key players.

## Briefly

### Thomas takes fourth at OVC meet

From Staff Reports

MTSU's womens cross country team third place in the Ohio Valley Conference championship for the third consecutive year, Saturday.

Kiya Thomas was the highest finisher for MTSU as she placed fourth, preventing a sweep of the top five by Eastern Kentucky, who won the womens championship for the eighth year in a row.

Thomas finished the race in a time of 18:40 and Karen Barnes completed the course in 19:40 to take ninth.

Other MTSU finishers included Michelle Welch, who finished 19th (21:24), Leigh Weathers, 20th (21:25) and Linda Brewer, 27th (22:37). ■

## A's, Dave Stewart celebrate after World Series sweep over Giants

(AP) — The decade that began with a split season ended with a split World Series. The final result, though, was intact.

The Oakland Athletics, the men on a mission, are baseball's best. Like all great teams, they let nothing get in their way — not injuries, not the San Fran-

cisco Giants and not even an earthquake.

"I'm happy, but I feel guilty for being happy," said Dennis Eckersley, who saved Saturday night's 9-6 victory that clinched a sweep. "But it took me 15 years to do this, so I'm going to enjoy it."

There was no champagne in the clubhouse celebra-

tion and there will not be a parade through downtown Oakland, which is still cleaning up from the Oct. 17 earthquake. And while this series will be remembered more for tragedy than triumph, that does not diminish or taint the Athletics' accomplishment.

"Even before the first game, I stated that no mat-

ter who won this thing, the Bay area would win," Dave Stewart, the most valuable player, said. "The earthquake was tragic and we have expressed our deepest sympathies to the families of those lost in the earthquake."

"On the bright side, the

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# Evaluate games by performance

How many times have you heard announcers of Television say that having a week off either won or lost a game for one of the teams involved?

Probably several.

As MTSU's Blue Raider football team begins preparing for their upcoming game with Eastern Kentucky, it is inevitable that the open week that they have just had will be considered important regardless of the outcome of Saturday's game.

For example, if MTSU shuts down EKU's outstanding running back Marcus Thomas and has a good day against EKU's defense, coach Boots Donnelly will have to field questions like "How important was the open week in this victory?" Stories in next Sunday's newspapers are bound to make reference to how with the week off the Blue Raiders came out with a lot of intensity and played better than in past games because they got some much needed rest.

### A Grain of Salter by Ken Salter

From Eastern's standpoint, if they lose it will be because they had such a tough game with Murray State in their previous game that they couldn't maintain their intensity against MTSU.

However, if MTSU should lose there will be an interesting twist of events.

Should EKU come into Murfreesboro and beat the Blue Raiders, the open week will have been a hinderance. It will be said to have broken the momentum that MTSU had established against Austin Peay. If the offense doesn't look sharp or the defense makes a large number of mis-

takes, it will be because they weren't sharp after having a week off.

At the same time, the Colonels will be said to have used the momentum created by their win over Murray to beat MTSU.

It seems crazy that not having a game Oct. 28 could be such a determining factor in a game on Nov. 4. Whatever happened to preparation, talent and desire to win deciding the outcome of the game?

These are the real reasons for winning or losing games and Boots Donnelly and Roy Kidd would probably be the first ones to say so.

When Saturday's clash between the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference is over, judge the outcome by which team played better or which one didn't make the big mistakes. Don't let the simple fact of who played or didn't play the previous week overshadow the events that transpire on the playing field. ■

# Bengals beat Bucs in NFL action

(AP) — Boomer Esiason threw five touchdown passes, and the Cincinnati Bengals broke out of a two-week slump in a big way with a 56-23 victory over Tampa Bay, their most points in 17 years.

Esiason's scoring pass, a 1-yarder to Rodney Holman, ended a string of seven straight quarters without a touchdown and helped the Bengals erase a 16-14 Tampa Bay lead.

"We had a lot of frustration built up the last two weeks, and somebody had to pay for it," Esiason said. "Unfortunately, today it was Tampa Bay."

Cincinnati (5-3) scored 42 straight points against the Buccaneers (3-5).

Esiason completed 17-of-28 passes for 197 yards.

In the rest of the NFL, it was Cleveland 28, Houston 17; Chicago 20, the Los Angeles Rams 10; New Orleans 20, Atlanta 13; Buffalo 31, Miami 17; Phoenix 19, Dallas 10; Pittsburgh 23, Kansas City 17; Green Bay 23, Detroit 20 in overtime, and New England 23, Indianapolis 20 in overtime.

## Browns 28, Oilers 17

The Browns resorted to trickery to beat the Oilers, getting one touchdown on an 80-yard Bernie Kosar flea-flicker and another on a 32-yard halfback option pass to Eric Metcalf.

Both went for second-half touchdowns and Kosar threw a conventional 80-yard TD pass to Webster Slaughter as

Cleveland (5-3) overcame a 10-0 deficit after getting just 57 yards total offense in the first half.

## Bears 20, Rams 10

Quarterback Jim Harbaugh relieved Mike Tomczak in the second quarter and sparked Chicago (5-3) over Los Angeles (5-3).

Harbaugh directed a 39-yard drive when he got into the game with 5:50 left in the second quarter, leading to Kevin Butler's 35-yard field goal for a 3-3 halftime tie. Then, he engineered two second-half touchdowns as Brad Muster and Harbaugh scored on 1-yard runs.

## Saints 20, Falcons 13

Dalton Hillard slurred over from one yard out with 2:12 to go, lifting New Orleans over Atlanta. Saints linebacker Pat Swilling sacked Chris Miller three times and forced two fumbles as New Orleans evened its record at 4-4. Atlanta fell to 2-6.

Saints scores came on a 21-yard pass from Bobby Hebert to Hillard, the rushing touchdown by Hillard and field goals of 32 and 44 yards by Morton Andersen.

## Bills 31, Dolphins 17

Thurman Thomas and Larry Kinnebrew each rushed for 100-plus yards and a touchdown as Buffalo kept the ball on the ground on 51 of its 60 plays in improving to 6-2.

Thomas ran 27 times for 148 yards and scored on a weaving, 30-yard run. Kinnebrew added 121 yards in 21 carries, scoring on a 1-yard run.

Miami fell to 4-4

## Cardinals 19, Cowboys 10

Mike Zordich returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown, and Al Del Greco kicked four field goals as Phoenix dropped Dallas to 0-8.

Zordich's third quarter interception off Steve Walsh put Phoenix (4-4) ahead 13-3. Cedric Mack tipped the pass and Zordich pulled it in.

## Eagles 28, Broncos 24

Keith Byers ran for his second touchdown with 5:25 left after a botched Denver punt return lifting Philadelphia to 6-2. Randall Cunningham threw two touchdown passes for the Eagles.

Denver (6-2) rallied from 14-0 and 21-7 deficits for a 24-21 lead early in the final quarter on two TD passes and a 10-yard run on a quarterback draw by John Elway. ■

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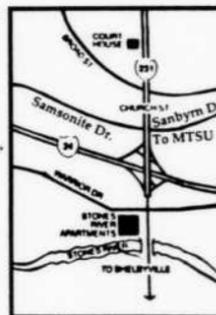
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two areas have joined together to turn this thing around. So in my point of view, there was no way we could lose."

Stewart, as much as anyone, symbolized a season of excellence that was framed by sorrow.

Each day after the earthquake, Stewart, an Oakland native, spent hours in the hardest-hit areas of the city, lending what help he could. At the same time, the three-time 20-game winner was on his way to becoming the series MVP.

"Because of the three years and the consistency, people probably looked at me and said this guy deserves something," Stewart said. ■

# Eastern downs Murray, sets up title showdown

(AP) — It was not until a 2-point conversion pass by Murray State's Michael Proctor fell to the turf in the final seconds that Eastern Kentucky knew it had set the stage for an Ohio Valley Conference showdown with Middle Tennessee.

The Colonels (8-0 overall, 4-0 in the OVC), ranked No.1 in Division I-AA, were taken to the limit by Murray State (5-3-1, 2-2) Saturday, before coming away with a 38-36 victory.

Eastern travels to Murfreesboro to face MTSU, who is 5-3 overall and 3-0 in the OVC, Saturday where a victory would secure the OVC title for the Colonels.

A win by Middle, which still must face Murray State and Tennessee Tech, would give the Blue Raiders the inside track to the championship.

In Saturday's other OVC games, Morehead State edged Austin Peay 23-22 and Tennessee State nipped Tennessee Tech 21-19.

Eastern Kentucky had taken a 38-30 lead over Murray State on a 23-yard field goal by James Campbell with 7:23 left before Murray mounted its final scoring drive.

Murray State moved 78 yards with Proctor, who passed for 280 yards, scoring from the 1 to narrow the Colonels' lead to 38-36.

On the 2-point conversion play, Proctor was under heavy pressure from the Eastern Kentucky defensive line and his hurried pass fell incomplete.

Freshman running back Marcus Thomas scored on runs of 1, 3 and 71 yards and gained 128 yards on 19 carries for Eastern Kentucky.

Chris Swartz is now the

top gun for the Eagles after passing for 170 yards against Austin Peay to push his career total to 5,598 yards compared to Phil Simms' career effort of 5,545 yards.

Austin Peay led 22-14 midway through the third quarter before Morehead State rallied behind a 5-yard scoring pass from Swartz to Anthony White and took the lead in the fourth quarter on Mitch Fedak's 28-yard field goal.

Tennessee State has given itself a shot at its first winning season since 1986.

The Tigers must win meetings with Austin Peay and Southern University to finish 6-5.

Melvin Waters rushed for 69 yards and scored on a 13-yard run to give Tennessee State a 22-12 lead with 4:27 left to play. ■

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