

State funding questioned at Regents

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Editor in Chief

The recent cut in state-appropriated funds and the uncertain future of state funding were two major items discussed at the Tennessee Board of Regents meeting Friday.

MTSU President Sam Ingram talked about the cut in funds.

"One of the more significant items discussed had to do with the finance committee raising questions on funding."

"Seventeen percent of the state government budget is public higher education, and 40 percent of the state impoundment of funds came from higher education," Ingram said.

He added that the board has asked State Commissioner of Finance Lewis Donelson to look at his decision in light of those facts and the fact that other

departments had gone untouched.

But Ingram was not optimistic about the board's move.

"I don't think it will make any difference," Ingram said.

"I hope he *will* consider it, but I'm not too optimistic. I feel he has already made up his mind on what he is going to do."

Donelson spoke at the Regents meeting, and Ingram said he explained his actions to the group.

"Donelson said he reviewed the actions of his predecessors, and none had impounded money from grades K through 12," Ingram recalled.

"Donelson added that just the reductions of personnel created what he believed to be an equitable reduction. His position was he had been fair with the exception of K through 12."

In other action, the board also

approved the revised procedures for evaluating tenure and promotion.

"This makes a small change in the student evaluation forms and provides that the results of the Departmental Review Committee go directly to the dean rather than the chairman of the department," Ingram explained.

"It also eliminates the School Review Committee," he added.

President of the MTSU Faculty Senate Jan Hayes said the other major difference was that the University Evaluation Committee and the vice president of academic affairs meet separately from each other.

"The person being evaluated can also go directly to the president without going through the Grievance and Appeals Committee," she added.

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee recommended the Blue Ribbon Committee to the president for the task of organizing new procedures.

Hayes explained that the Blue Ribbon Committee answers directly to the president.

Ingram said he is pleased with the new procedure and is hopeful concerning the outcome.

As it stands now, the professor is reviewed by the departmental chair and the departmental peer evaluation committee separately. Both of those decisions go directly to the dean of the school that does not have a committee.

The dean, in turn, will send his decision on to the University Evaluation Committee and the vice president of academic affairs. They will meet

separately and send their decisions on to the president.

Ingram then sends his final decision to the Board of Regents for final approval.

Also discussed was a four-day week plan for nine of the 10 community colleges in the Regents system. This is being organized during summer school for the colleges, but it has not been recommended for the six regional universities.

"They have not been able to find enough justification for the universities to do this," Ingram said.

The board approved the \$31.7 million capital improvement budget for 1981-82 and a five-year capital improvement plan for the Regents institutions.

MTSU received three approved capital maintenance projects. One is for alterations in the chill water system, to be

done in the next school year. The estimated cost is \$67,000.

The last was to replace the light-control unit in the Dramatic Arts Building, costing an estimated \$95,000.

A committee established to study athletics at all of the 16 schools in the system will collect information on expenditures, scholarships, academic records, role and scope of the programs, funding requirements, allocation of resources and related practices.

Ingram explained that this committee is putting together a questionnaire to be distributed to all of the community colleges and universities in the Regents system.

Although it has not been finished, he estimated it would be near the end of spring before results could be tabulated.

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Interns benefit from legislature

By STEVE SPANN

Sidelines Editorial Editor

MTSU and 28 other universities in Tennessee are involved in a legislative internship program that professor Frank Essex, MTSU faculty representative in the program, calls the "greatest experience any undergraduate in Tennessee can have."

The program involves selecting a number of students each year to perform duties as interns with the Tennessee General Assembly in Nashville. Eligibility for participation in the program is limited to students in Tennessee colleges and universities who are in their junior or senior years or are graduate students.

"It is not a political science program," emphasized Essex. The program is open to people in virtually all academic fields."

MTSU was most recently represented in the state assembly in the spring semester of 1980, when Connie Lundt, Edward Carter and Jeff Devasher were selected as interns.

Since the program's enactment here in 1974, most MTSU students chosen to participate have come from the areas of political science, economics, history and mass communications.

Although four or five students have applied each year for the spring semester program, Essex said it has "not had the response we wanted."

"Anyone is potentially eligible, but we would like applicants to be those who have demonstrated through their record the highest degree of academic achievement," said Essex.

Each participating college or university appoints a member of

its faculty as its official representative to the program. This representative is expected to help in the program and in the general administration of the program on campus.

At MTSU, a university level committee, composed of the Dean of Liberal Arts, former interns and Essex, evaluates applications and determines whether or not to send it on to the state committee.

Essex technically has the power to make that decision himself, but he feels it "best to involve additional personnel."

Faculty representatives from across the state, such as Essex, control much of the screening process. They send to the state committee only those applications they feel will make it.

"Interns receive 12 hours credit and get a letter grade. They must do written projects

for the university," Essex said.

The projects are then evaluated by Essex and the supervisor of the position they are assigned to.

The interns serve in jobs similar to staff positions, and they are actively involved, though there are some mundane tasks and experiences well.

"The experience can be beneficial for citizenship training, and as potential members of groups that will have positions on legislatures in the future, it should enable them to be more effective," Essex commented.

Anyone interested in applying for a position as an intern for the spring semester should see Essex in the political science department on campus. MTSU is allowed to have four interns, but they have never had that many because there have never been four highly qualified candidates.

"People shouldn't conceive of it as a political science program, as the legislature passed it, and they were interested in people in virtually all majors," Essex added.

Essex called the legislative internship program one "that attempts to offer to a highly motivated student the opportunity to be exposed in a practical sense to the operation of the Tennessee legislature."

"It's better for two to be in a box than for one not to have a box at all," Summar commented.

The reason for the shortage, according to Summar, is an unusually large enrollment this semester.

"We're doing what we can to avoid the situation next semester, but you just can't do it overnight," Summar remarked.

A notice was placed in boxes with double occupancy more than two weeks ago concerning the correction of the problem. The notice stated in part:

"It has been decided that students who are sharing a post office box throughout the fall semester 1980 will be refunded



A variety of colors and textures are prominent in the fall trends which are featured today in "clothesline." Demetra and Paul model some of the latest clothes in the Sidelines fashion spread on pages 6 and 7.

Former dean Beasley dies at 85

By LIZ THOMPSON

Sidelines Copy Editor

Memorial services were held yesterday afternoon for Nathaniel Craig Beasley, who served as dean of admissions and records at MTSU for 37 years.

Beasley, 85, died Sunday at Rutherford County Nursing Home after a stroke.

The services, which took place in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, were introduced by President Sam

Ingram and included eulogies by friends of the former dean.

Mary Hall, who taught at the Campus School during the same time period in which Beasley was chairman of the education department, referred to him as a man who held to "very firm convictions."

"He was stubborn as a mule," Miss Hall said affectionately.

She added that he was a man who knew all the students by name and was always willing to

help them whenever he could.

E.W. "Wink" Midgett, professor emeritus, eulogized Beasley as "a man who insisted on living the simple life."

"If he was worth \$2 million, he wouldn't have lived any differently," Midgett said.

A native of Marshall County and a resident of Murfreesboro for 53 years, Beasley also served as commissioner of education and director of loan, scholarship and development foundations for four years.

For more than 30 years Beasley held the office of secretary-treasurer of the Middle Tennessee Education Association.

Dr. Will Bowdoin, retired dean of the school of education, and Dr. Homer Pittard, an MTSU alumnus, ended the services with tributes to the former dean.

"Lives like Dean Beasley's form the building blocks of this community and of this university," Bowdoin stated.

"Dean Beasley was the epitome of stability and continuity of this institution," Pittard added.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Mary Beasley of Murfreesboro; two sons, William Beasley, Murfreesboro, and Nathaniel Beasley, Charlotte, N.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Hamilton Baker and Miss Mary Beasley, both of Winchester; and six grandchildren.

one half the rental fee (\$1.50) each."

The notice also stated that if one student decided not to continue sharing a box, he or she would be put on general delivery and would receive the full \$3 refund.

"The refunds are being processed through the business office, so it will take a little while for the checks to arrive in the boxes," Summar said.

This proposal was "as fair as you can be, in my opinion," Summar declared. The cutoff date for complaints to the post office was a week ago Monday.

"If the students would just come and talk to us, we could explain the problem to them," Summar said about the numerous complaints received by the post office.

Summar also said that only a few students came to the office to register complaints, and those who questioned the policy "didn't really mind sharing a box."

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N.C. Beasley

Sidelights

Voters registration drive held

Young Democrats will hold a voter registration drive in the University Center basement from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Spanish department to host picnic

The Spanish Department will host a picnic at East Fork Thursday.

For fun, fellowship and practice speaking Spanish, meet in the parking lot between the baseball field and the Dramatic Arts Building at 4:30 p.m. with food and a friend.

Student Ambassadors meet

There will be a meeting of the MTSU Student Ambassadors in 324 UC, Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.



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With the chill in the air, the intramural flag football season got underway yesterday with a competition between Judd Hall and H Hall.

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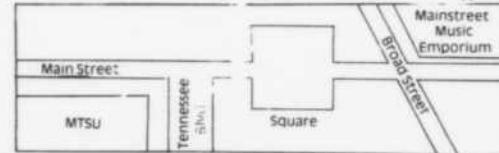
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Wheelchair softball a first

By ERIC STEINBERG

Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU will take a giant step forward in the field of handicapped athletics today when it hosts a wheelchair softball game at 5:30 p.m. on the band practice lot.

"To my knowledge, this will be the first wheelchair softball game in Tennessee," said Wally Cantrell, who currently develops disabled students' recreation programs for the campus rec office.

"We also have plans in the future to play wheelchair football, basketball, track and field events and do a little wheelchair square-dancing too," Cantrell continued.

Wheelchair basketball has been played at MTSU for a long time with the Rolling Raiders, the wheelchair basketball team, planning to compete with the Music City Wheelers and the Nashville Wheeleats later this year.

When Cantrell first came to MTSU in 1962, he wanted to major in health, physical education, recreation and safety.

"The assistant chairman of the HPERS department [at that time] denied me the opportunity to major in HPERS because I was handicapped," Cantrell said. "However, [A.H.] Solomon, the current department head, is more than willing to work with me."

Solomon said he agrees that there is no reason to deny any student the opportunity to major in that field.

"We not only have a legal obligation to disabled students," Solomon noted, referring to the Education for All Handicapped Act of 1975, "but it is also proper that we should let them participate."

"Times have changed in 18 years," he added. "We have become much wiser since then."

Cantrell said he feels that MTSU is the "perfect place" for disabled students to go to school.

"It is so flat you can get around with ease," he observed. "We can't have these disabled students just sitting in their chairs and not getting any exercise."

"In years to come, there will be more wheelchair students coming here, and the Rolling Raiders will be their opportunity to get involved in sports. We are

opening doors, and it's up to them—if they want to go through them, they're there."

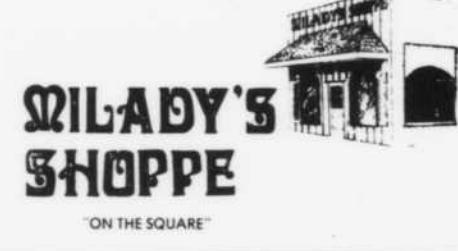
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National award

Sad tune makes writer happy

By CARRIE LEECH
Sidelines Staff Writer

The pain of love turned into the pleasure of winning for a junior at MTSU when he was awarded fourth place in a nation-wide country music songwriting contest.

Jeffrey Pack, from Palm Beach, Fla., received notice of his win soon after the official announcement Sept. 1.

The remuneration for placing so highly was nothing to sing about—"a portable radio, a few albums, T shirts, things like that on the regional level, and I suppose more of the same from the national contest," Pack explained.

The contest, the first Pack had ever entered, had 15,000 entries from throughout the United States. It was judged by a panel of country music professionals including Barbara Mandrell and her producer, Tom Collins.

Mandrell will record the two first-prize winning songs and they will be distributed on a special single to radio stations throughout the U.S. that helped promote the contest sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Pack entered the contest on a regional basis by submitting his creation to a radio station in Palm Beach. He won that contest, and his song went on to compete in the national contest against about 140 other regional winners.

The criteria for the judging were originality of music and lyrics, quality of composition and uniqueness of expression.

Entitled "The Pain You Put Me Through," the song is about an unhappy love affair.

"It's a real downer," Pack said, "but it's something people can identify with."

Pack began taking guitar lessons nine years ago and is self-taught on piano. He has written around 200 songs for both instruments but none have ever been published.

Pack said he listens to "everything," musically speaking, but that his favorite musician is Jerry Jeff Walker.

Inspiration for songs comes from looking at life, Pack said. He also admitted that he enjoys

writing lighthearted, up-beat songs as well as sad ones.

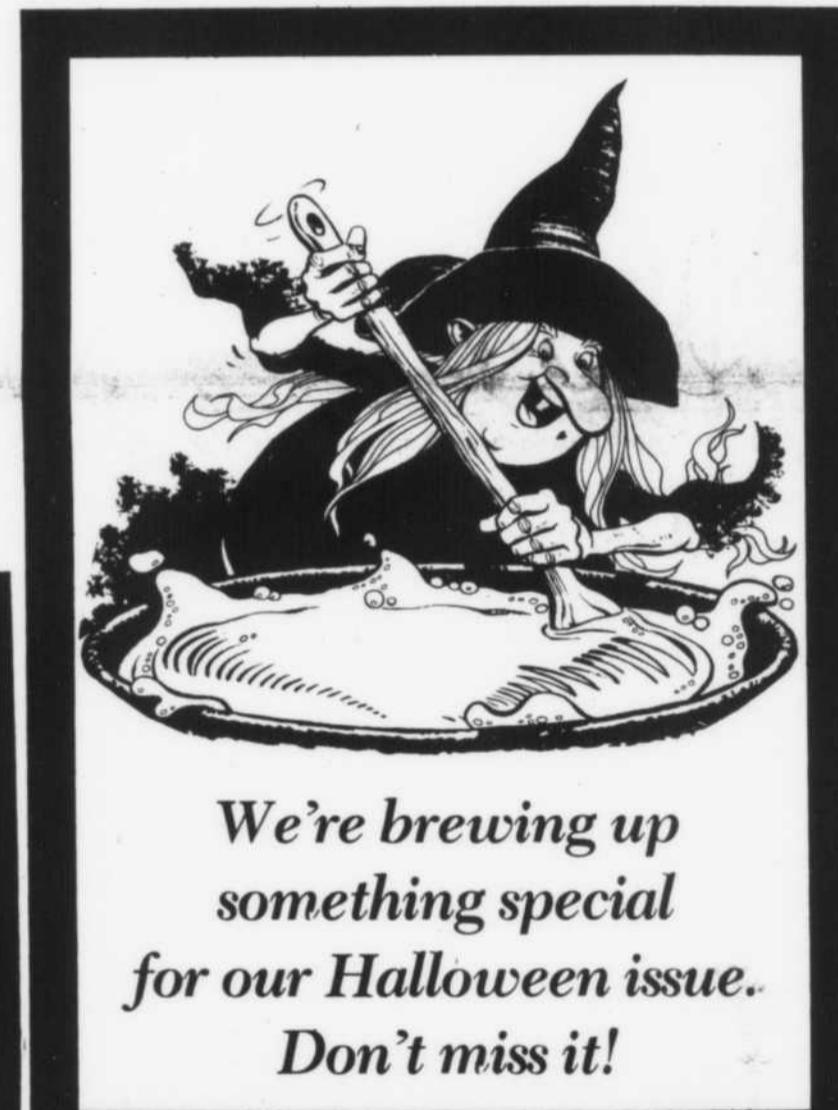
"They are harder to develop, however," Pack added.

Pack, who is working on a double major in recording industry management and marketing, said he plans to do

postgraduate work in business administration. He said he seeks a career in middle management and would like to go to law school sometime.

Does he have an eye on Music Row in Nashville?

"I might," he replied.



"The pain you put me through, for the sake of loving you . . ." These lyrics won fourth place for songwriter Jeffrey Pack in a national country music songwriting competition. Pack said he has written over 200 songs and none have been published. He makes it look easy to compose as he strums his guitar.



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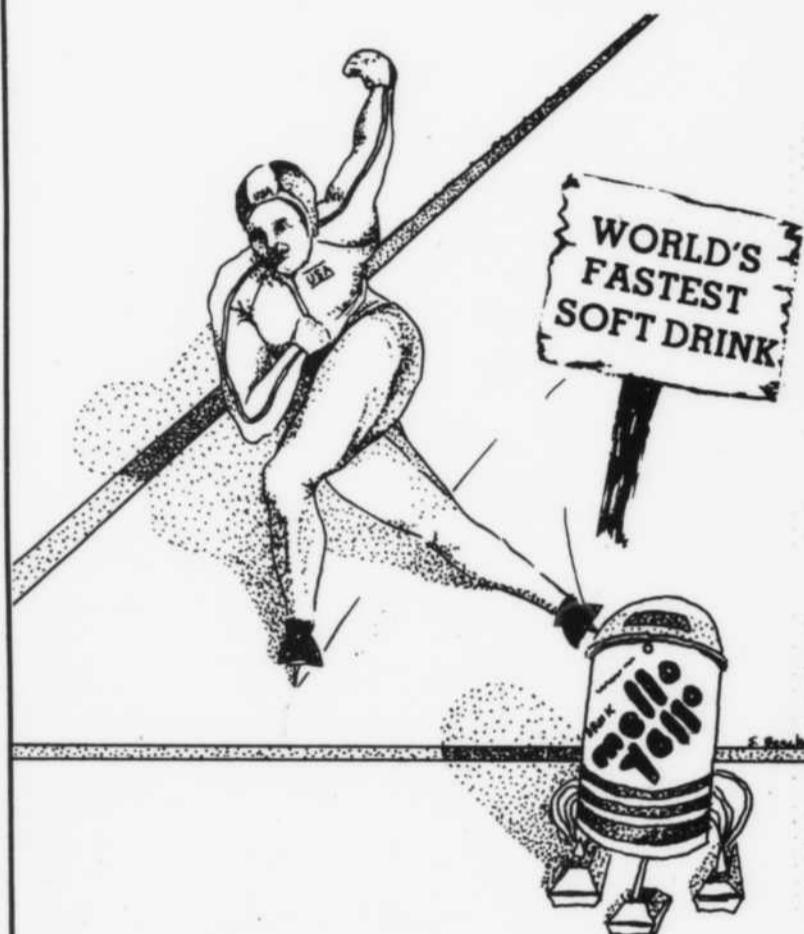
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It is therefore part of our role to define ourselves.

We feel the main purpose of *Sidelines* is in training students to become journalists or to work in the print media. But not all of our reporters are majoring in journalism or are even planning a career in this field.

Students working for *Sidelines* not only gain an education in their classrooms, but they are also meeting new people and talking with interesting faculty members and students across campus.

We also strive to educate you, the reader, by informing and providing insight into campus and national issues. Sometimes there is not enough campus news to fill our pages, so we feel students would be interested and should be concerned about what is happening outside of the realm of campus life.

Many students do not read an off-campus newspaper, nor do they watch television news. This restricts their exposure to issues that effect our daily lives.

So *Sidelines* hopes to serve as an instrument in relaying this information to our readers.

Even though we are not a daily paper, we still strive to cover important campus events as thoroughly as possible.

With new, inexperienced reporters, it is sometimes difficult to achieve this goal.

Also because we do not have adequate staffing, sometimes there are simply not enough bodies to go around.

But one thing we are not—a bulletin board for groups to announce their meetings or a public relations tool for the faculty, administration, ASB, sports, campus recreation, mass communications department or any other organization in and of itself.

Because these groups have a need for information and coverage, we strive to touch the important and interesting facets of each.

But we are here to inform the campus of activities that relate to all students.

It is for this reason that we are not always able to cover every single thing that happens.

Sometimes we simply do not know about the event and encourage students and others to call us, informing the staff of an important meeting that could effect many students on the campus.

The staff is only human, and being human, we will make mistakes.

This can be expected of every paper even though we attempt to eliminate all errors or incorrect statements.

It is through our editorials and columns that we provide leadership to the students.

We do not delude ourselves into believing that what we say will be agreed upon by everyone. But what we hope to do is make students think about how they feel on the issues.

Perhaps if we can make students become aware of their own feelings, then we can encourage them to become more interested, and hopefully more involved, in social concerns.

Also students can voice their opinion by writing letters to the editor.

These provide feedback to us on the staff and to the college community at large.

If there is anyone, student or faculty member, who has any suggestions on how to make *Sidelines* a better paper and more informative, then please feel free to contact us. We are interested in how you feel.

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Viewpoints



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criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

Raw fact and rude humor

"I think we are in Rats Alley, where the dead men lost their bones."

When T.S. Eliot wrote those lines in 1922, he probably had no notion how applicable his words would be to the current situation at MTSU, where crusty faculty members are driven to the point of disgust from reading columns in *Sidelines* by "unworthy" students.

One such faculty member is assistant professor Phil Harper, who responded to my column "Onward Christian Voters" with the statement, "Perish the thought of releasing on an unsuspecting public 'journalists' like Steve Spann."

Now it is time to leave behind that bent seance of his and get back to the raw facts and rude humor that will allow me to defend both my point of view and worthiness.

Harper took issue with several points in my column, and I herewith shall respond with a vengeance to as many as space permits.

POINT 1: Concerning a White House transcript that was released showing that President Carter and the Rev. Jerry Falwell had in fact not discussed the issue of "known practicing homosexuals" being on the president's staff, Harper asks, since when was a White House transcript proof of anything?

If you doubt the validity of that piece of correspondence,

then I am sure you would be interested to know that the infallible TV star the Rev. Falwell conceded in a recent issue of *Newsweek* (concerning that very statement), "I shouldn't have said it. Obviously it was a reckless statement."

If you also doubt the authority of one of the country's leading news magazines, then I must advise you to check practically any other recent national news magazine or ask someone who saw a recent edition of "60 Minutes" on CBS. I'm sure they'll tell you that religious/political extremists like Falwell have been caught up in some Nazi-style gigs that would have embarrassed even Martin Bormann.

POINT 2: Harper asks why I feel "Christians for Reagan" is a contradiction in terms. I would have gone into more detail in my initial column, except I felt that anyone with the least bit of knowledge about Ronald Reagan would realize the blatant contradiction and foul hypocrisy of that man being supported by any Christian organization.

How can a group, in the name of love and kindness for all mankind, support someone who is opposed to equal rights for women, advocates a cutback in social programs for the poor and needy, and over the last four years has proposed U.S. military action in distant corners of the globe?

Mr. Harper, there are some combinations that, because of their very nature, are simply too contradictory to ever be resolved. Like a priest who is also a practicing nudist with a \$200-a-day smack habit wanting to be Pope Naked the First...or a vegetarian pacifist with a .44-Magnum fetish who wants to run for president but doesn't want to give up his membership in the National Rifle Association. Such is the combination of Christian groups endorsing Reagan for president.

POINT 3: Harper asks why only Christian leaders like Falwell are less understanding of democratic principles.

Given the widespread

ignorance in our country, there are in fact millions who do not understand democratic principles or how to bring about change in a pluralistic society, but not all of them are staging massive movements like Falwell's, in which the church is directly involved in getting government representatives elected or defeated.

I also seriously doubt, Mr. Harper, that you understood my point in the first place. The danger that lies with Christian political groups actively involving themselves in politics is their insistence, on any given issue, that one (and only one) correct answer exists. They exclude any other point of view, regardless of relative merits.

In a pluralistic society such as ours, law is regarded as a body of rules established through consensus. My point is that the emerging Christian political groups do not recognize this point, and, to that end, they will try to affect governmental policy so it will reflect their own selfish interests, rather than the interests of society as a whole.

POINT 4: Harper asks, when is a concern for traditional values equated to a lack of concern for the poor and minorities?

For a movement that is based on so-called traditional values of morality, life and family, notably absent from the Christian political groups platform is a concern for minorities and the poor. I'm not sure where you have been since the turn of the century, but in this country, it has been traditional as a matter of social and moral good to show concern and offer aid to those less fortunate than ourselves. A lack of concern for these people is an idea that has long since vanished from this country's accepted political and social beliefs.

POINT 5: Harper proposes that I am suggesting having to choose between politics and religion and advocating not allowing one to involve himself in both.

Had you read my column a little closer, you would have

seen that my opposition to mixing religion and politics is specifically based on the nature of the current movement, not with its very existence. It is a universally accepted ideal that political systems should reflect a society's moral system, and the institution of religion has as much right to involve itself with politics as any other.

However, the nature of the current Christian political movement, which adopts a highly moral tone although led by men of doubtful character and groups of questionable financing, is something that we should all be concerned about. The leaders of this movement are no more trustworthy or honest or interested in what is best for the whole nation than the very politicians they hope to remove from office.

At this point, I must offer another quote from T.S. Eliot: "Between the ideal and the reality...falls the shadow." Such is the nature of the Christian political movement, which offers moral solutions but also seems to have its own moral problems, as clearly pointed out in my last column.

It should also be noted, even at risk of stating the obvious, that one can involve himself in religion and not be a part of any church-sponsored political movement. The great American thinker Ralph Waldo Emerson once remarked that, because he was a religious man, he did not go to church.

POINT 6: Harper also asks if my discomfiture resulted from my thinking that only those of my political persuasion are capable of participation in our form of government.

Harper obviously missed the boat here, as this type of thinking, endorsed by Moral Majority and the Christian Voice, is exactly what grates on my nerves so badly. Not even a person with a brain as original or genuine as the Sloat Diamond could possibly have the audacity or split personality necessary to endorse the very idea that he opposes with such a vengeance.

Who now is "unworthy," Mr. Harper?

I rest my case.

Perspective

punchline

First Amendment interpreted

It's a crazy world, isn't it? Some of the people who shout the loudest about maintaining "separation of church and state" are themselves the biggest violators of that principle.

You see, there are a lot of people who are appalled by the very notion of evangelical groups like Moral Majority and Christian Voice becoming involved in politics. They fear legislation may be passed that limits their decisions in matters that they feel should be left strictly up to the individual.

These people feel that things like abortion, homosexuality and marijuana use should not be regulated by the government. They say that such matters should be left up to the individual's conscience, not to "Puritanical" moral codes.

More and more we see the First Amendment being interpreted to place a straitjacket on Judeo-Christian values, while letting humanist doctrine run rampant.

I've seen some pretty outlandish interpretations of the original intentions of the First Amendment. But, honestly, do you really believe the Founding Fathers were big enough ignoramus to believe that we could fill all our government offices without letting religious people (traditional or humanist) take part?

as i see it

'Buzzard Farm' a mellow life

Since my last column, people have been asking me several questions.

First and foremost is: "What and where is the Buzzard Farm?"

Well, the Buzzard Farm is one of the few places in this world where one can go to forget all of the day's troubles and "mellow out." Needless to say, many of you are probably thinking this is a drug-induced state of being. That is far from the truth.

This feeling is just a natural high—an inner peace that comes with the knowing of one's inner being ("Reality, what a concept"). This feeling doesn't come easily. It is the end result of many long and painstaking hours of searching your very

Did they really think we could have a representative government without Christians, Jews and humanists lobbying for their causes? Did they really believe the government shouldn't interfere with immoral acts like murder and theft?

Wasn't the First Amendment originally intended to prevent the establishment of an official state church, supported by taxation and characterized by mandatory attendance? Now, some of the embellishments of this principle (doing away with religious oaths as a requirement for holding office, for instance) have been logical extensions of the idea. But would our freedom-loving forefathers really be proud to see the American Civil Liberties Union telling town it can't display a Nativity scene?

The case against the evangelical movement is so full of hypocrisy that I scarcely know where to begin.

William F. Buckley Jr. summed up the situation brilliantly: "Interference by church with state is most handily defined as when a churchman tells his parishioners something that affronts the liberal orthodoxy."

The "wall of separation" argument has long been used selectively, and hypocritically,

by left-wing elements. Where was the cry of "separation of church and state" during the 1960s when priests marched for civil rights, against the Vietnam War and with Cesar Chavez? When the National Council of Catholic Bishops lobbies for liberal legislation, where are the protests by liberals?

Furthermore, as anyone can see, when you declare that it is wrong for someone to pass judgment, you are passing judgment yourself!

Does anyone truly believe that "rule by conscience" doesn't impose upon those who disagree? The legalization of gambling wrecks families. Relaxed restrictions on marijuana would put more potheads on the highways. "Gay rights" would force parents to entrust their children to teachers whom they consider morally repugnant.

According to the liberal orthodoxy, a person should be able to get an abortion, sleep with a member of the same sex or smoke marijuana if his conscience tells him to. But if a minister's conscience compels him to speak out on political issues, he's supposed to stifle those impulses? Care to run that one past me one more time?

It is unimaginably obscene for a self-professed Christian to

claim that his soul is any more precious than another person's. But a society does need certain standards of behavior.

Every group is going to have its self-serving opportunists, intolerant zealots and errors in judgment. But does that mean we should tremble over the very existence of the NAACP, the PTA and the VFW?

Mr. Buckley gave sound advice when he said we should be vigilant to guard against specific excesses by organizations like Moral Majority. But a blanket condemnation of their goals is the epitome of an intolerant attitude.

I do not belong to Moral Majority or any similar groups. I've never even been very impressed by the majority of TV evangelists. I do believe that God hears the prayers of Jews. If Jerry Falwell or any other minister tells me to do something that I find objectionable, I will refuse.

But I also believe that the First Amendment was written to protect religious values from government tyranny, not to protect the government from religious values. Our democracy will stand only if Christians, humanists, Jews, Moslems, etc., retain the right to voice their opinions and check the abuses of each other.

by Chuck Keller

soul. But enough on what the Buzzard Farm is—how about the where?

The exact location of my place of refuge is unknown except to my closest and best of friends. However, the farm is so far away from civilization that we don't get "The Grand Old Opry" until Thursday night. The air is clean, skies are blue and the grass is greener *without* the septic tank.

Even though it is located in the sticks, there are forms of entertainment on the farm. Television is allowed, but only certain shows can be viewed ("M*A*S*H," "Barney Miller" and "The NFL Today" are just a few examples).

Acid rock music has been

forever banished from the farm, and, believe it or not, Waylon, Willie and the boys fill the airwaves. And, on occasion, Robin Williams, Richard Pryor or George Carlin will spew forth from the stereo.

The whole idea of the farm is to forget the troubles, trials and tribulations facing mankind, if for only a few fleeting minutes. For this reason, only limited sources of news are allowed to reach the insides of the farm. (A vote was taken by frequent visitors to the farm, and it was decided that Walter Cronkite and "Doonesbury" would be the sources of information.)

This is just a brief and vague description of the Buzzard Farm. For further information,

write me a letter in care of *Sidelines* and I'll do my best to answer as soon as possible.

Now, as for the second most asked question. No, I will not apologize to anyone for what I wrote in my last column. Also, I am upset about David Deehoe's letter in which he apologized for me.

I did do some research this weekend, and never once did I find a play written by Shakespeare in which he called his audience "illiterates" or "fools." Nothing more will be said concerning this topic. So, until I make my next trip from the farm, have a nice day—and may they be what you want them to be.

from our readers

The footbrawl follies

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the "gang-up fight" in the third quarter of the Morehead/MTSU game Saturday night.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold: to ask why such an event occurred and to let the Blue Raider football team and coaches (herein referred to as "you") know that I am very upset and hurt with what I saw Saturday night.

I was the person who voiced my support. I couldn't stand it when I heard people put you down and automatically say that you'd lose the next game.

I was the person who kept saying that, "I'll bet that we win at least two or three games this year. Give them a chance. They've got some good, new talent and mixed in with the experience the other group and

the coaches have from last year. They're gonna' come through! Give them a chance."

Well, you came through great during the first half! I was really happy and proud. You were looking good—you made some mistakes, but redeemed yourselves.

But, that "fight" Saturday night . . . I find it hard to see how you will redeem yourselves from this.

I am at a loss as to an opinion for you now. After what happened, I didn't even care whether we won or lost. One thing is for sure—we didn't deserve to win. You didn't deserve to win.

How could you do that Raiders?

Why did that have to happen? Please redeem yourselves.

Name withheld by request

Blind optimism rears its head in face of the cruel truth

To the editor:

The spate of articles appearing recently in the *Sidelines* concerning political activism by Christians is reassuring. While negative, the articles indicate the long overdue Christian political involvement is having a telling impact on the American political scene.

I'm not sure, however, that your writers are seeing and hearing the same people I am. As I view and listen to James Robison and Jerry Falwell I hear them proclaiming a message of love, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation.

The ability of writers such as Dennis Myers (Sept. 23, p.4) to use unsupported rhetoric like

pseudo-religious apartheid, discrimination, demagogues and intolerance is both amazing and frightening. Do those writing for the *Sidelines* not take courses in logic argumentation, etc.

A Nashville police official was quoted on the front page of *The Tennessean* Sept. 27 as saying one of the reasons for Nashville's 23% crime increase is "the low moral standard" which prevails.

I'm thankful for the efforts now underway, so loudly decried by your writers, to change the trend. The sleeping, silent majority now understands the obligation to become politically active.

Phil Harper
Box 188

retrospect

by Dennis Myers

Weekend battles: winners and losers

While one MTSU team was taking out its losing frustrations by beating up on an opposing player, another MTSU team was busy winning a few and losing a few.

The MTSU debate team, although not finishing well enough to make it to the octo-final round of the fourteenth annual Earlybird debate tournament, did show much spirit and enthusiasm; but most importantly did not embarrass the university by beating up any of their opponents.

Which brings us to the topic of this article: Should other worthwhile student teams and activities be hampered by budget cuts, while the university continues to pour good money after bad into a football program riddled, not only with a losing record, but with poor sportsmen as well?

I want to make it clear from the outset that I am not against football; as a matter of fact I love football, and nothing would please me more than for MTSU to have a football team. But guys, it takes more than eleven players to make a football team—it takes a little class. Is it fair to other programs to cut their budgets to the bare-bones to support organized chaos?

Last year it was the wrestling program; before long it will be the tennis team or basketball team, or some other worthwhile team to get axed so that we can support a football program which is deplorable at best.

Why cut out decent programs in order to fund Boots and the Blue Losers? Why not cut the football program funds and spend the money on winners—or at least on those programs which can lose with dignity?

Imagine that you are the head of a large corporation and you have one division which is consistently losing to the competition. Now imagine that this division not only loses, but has shown it doesn't believe in the fundamental premise on which your corporation was founded. What would you do?

First, you would probably bring in new management; but before long you realize that the new management isn't any better than the old management. Imagine further, that this division keeps on losing. What do you do? If you smart you'll cut your losses by either selling the division or refusing elaborate funding until they prove they are worthy of it.

This is exactly the problem at MTSU. The administration has tried new management, but what has happened? The division—the football team—not only continues to lose, but now it can't even lose with dignity.

It's time for the administration to wake up, to reduce football funds and distribute them among the university's winners; or at least among those programs which can still lose with dignity.

There are many well-deserving student activities which could use these funds. The debate team, for example, hasn't the money necessary to attend workshops, travel to tournaments, or even to buy sufficient stationery without resorting to using the team members' own money; and the debate team has a history of winning.

Wouldn't it be deserving to have the football players pay for their own pads or use their own money to travel to and from games? After all, to the winners, or at least to those who can lose like men, should go the spoils.

food for thought

by Billy Edwards

Spiritual inspiration at Horton Haven Retreat

This past weekend I had the opportunity to attend the annual men's retreat at Horton Haven Camp in Chapel Hill.

About 50 men and boys from all across Middle Tennessee attended the one day affair of spiritual inspiration and fellowship.

Speaker for the retreat was Mr. A.E. Horton of Tracy City, Tenn. Mr. Horton has returned to the states after having spent 52 years as a missionary in Angola.

I went with four other men from Murfreesboro, among whom was MTSU physician Dr. Bob Hackman, who was one of the directors of the camp. Others that went with us was Tom Stanford, Ike Avaritt and Larry Lee.

Horton Haven Christian Camp and Conference Grounds is located one mile east of Henry Horton State Park just off Highway 31-A in Marshall County.

The camp was started by several concerned Christian men who wanted to see a camp raised up in the glory of the Lord and be used for His glory. By the providence of God, the six men who originated the ideal were brought together. And in 1974, Horton Haven was born.

Everything at Horton Haven has been built by men who gave freely of themselves to build a camp which people could enjoy and where God could be glorified.

Located on the Duck River, the camp occupies 125 acres of land. Included on the land are four cabins, along with a staff cabin, a conference cabin, a new dining facility and, volleyball and basketball courts. There are also hike trails and outdoor camping facilities for those who enjoy being close to nature.

Horton Haven is a Christ-centered ministry with a total commitment to the word of God and a genuine concern for the needs of others.

When the camp is not being used for Horton Haven-sponsored retreats and summer camp activities, the facilities are available to other evangelistic Christian groups who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thoroughly enjoyed my short time at Horton Haven, particularly because of the fine Christian people I met. I pray God's richest blessing on them and their ministry of helping others grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

clothesline

Fashions are modeled in today's paper by Demetra Arnold, Cary Blade, Joe Berry, Keya Crigger, Allan Evans, Jennifer Lewis, Tannia Reese, Melissa Smith, Rick Ward and Paul White.

Men's fashions were provided by Burkhart's and Pigg and Parson's. Women's clothes were supplied by Burkharts and The Davis Shop.

Fashion photos were taken by Charlie Hunt and Don Harris.

Stay warm, step in style



Matching textures creates an interesting effect. Here Paul is wearing navy corduroy pants with a gray sweater.

Cowboy craze, unique accents highlight fashion

Along with the change of season comes the change of texture and color.

And with the "Urban Cowboy" craze comes the Western trend. The look is pulled together with jeans, corduroys, flounced plaid skirts, quilted vests, denim skirts and jackets, and, of course, leather boots.

The boots are perhaps the most expensive part of the look, and prices range from \$50 to \$210.

One thing that will definitely add to the look is a dark-colored shirt with pearl snap buttons and white or light yoke designs. A special touch is a bandanna-fabric bolo with "silver" tips.

Accessories are a must in any wardrobe. One of the newest looks is neckwear. Clip-on ties, schoolboy ties, and bow ties look good with button-downs. For rounded collars, snap ties will lend a special emphasis. To add romance, a crocheted collar will make any sweater more feminine.

Purses are staying basically the same—any size clutch will go with almost anything. For a new look, try the quilted nylon and leather shoulder bags.

Belts are sticking along the narrow lines, in leather or cloth.

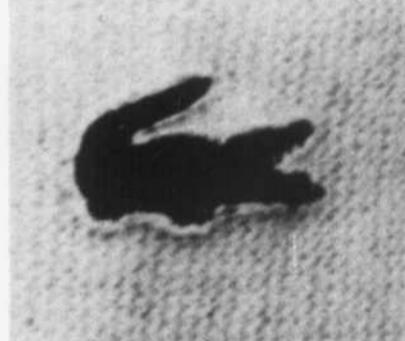
Fall footwear holds different styles for different tastes. Preppies will rejoice with the return of the penny loafer and top-siders. New, narrow saddle shoes and the brightly colored



Wool and tweed are important fabrics this fall. Demetra is wearing soft purple wool pants and her sweater is striped with shades of purple. This will be a big color this year. Cary is wearing a brown velour sweater and his pants are brown tweed.

moc-boot are also good pre-styles. Leather oxfords with stacked heels and velvet-covered pumps definitely provide a classy look.

The greatest variety this fall is in outerwear.



An Izod cable knit sweater is a new item this year and looks great here with khaki pants, as worn by Allan. Jennifer is wearing a pleated wool plaid skirt. This will be a very popular item this fall.



Important for fall is a variety in colors. Joe is wearing a wine colored wool sweater with tweed pants in shades of gray.

type convertible hoods, while here in the South many students rely on turtlenecks and tweed sport jackets to keep warm.

American fashion for the college-aged is fortunately not as restricted as in Great Britain, where what you wear strictly defines attitudes and social class.

So, since nothing like that will hold you back around here, there's no excuse for not helping yourself to the wide variety offered in this year's fall fashions.



Aviator blouson jackets available in fabrics ranging from sable to quilted nylon. These coats can be worn over dresses, or casual pants. Fur is big, and lengths are 3/4 or 7/8 for all coats.

Women's wear classic, soft

By JULIE GEE and
MONICA KIMBALL

Sidelines Staff Writers

One of the most exciting things about the exit of summer is seeing what new fashions are going to come out this fall, and the look this year is soft and classical.

It is the year of the plaid—anything that is plaid will make it on the fashion scene.

But the most favored plaids are the skirts, and there are a wide variety of styles to choose from: pleats, flares, and kilts.

Knife-pleats and kilts are perhaps the preppiest look for fall and winter. Both of these are a return from the '50s, when the preppie look originated. The flare skirt is a classic, and all three can be dressed or "prepped" up.

Skirts are much looser and fuller now than ever before.

Pleats matched with a plaid design in wool results in a look that can be dressed up with a crepe blouse and pumps, or worn casually with a sweater and low heels.

Area prices range from \$35 for a blanket plaid flare skirt to \$42 for a tartan plaid kilt with a fringed side.

Another great plaid look is the jumper worn with button-down, blazer, or sweaters.

Sweaters are fall's favorite this year and are chic now in such soft fabrics as cashmere, mohair, angora, boucle and traditional wool.

Sweaters are longer and sweater dresses are shorter. Sweater sets are showing up this fall and can be separated for more versatility.

Wearing a hip-length sweater with one of last fall's narrower skirts creates a new look of sleekness.

The classic is the crew-neck

Shetland sweater. Prices may vary, but the average Shetland costs about \$19. There's usually an extra charge for monogramming, but it adds a definite touch of class to an already good look.

Another sweater style is the fur-blend cowl neck. Prices for these are around \$25. Fur blends can add a soft look to bright plaids.

Also making a return this year is the Fair Isle sweater, which comes in a wide range of colors, from baby yellow to shamrock green. Popcorn knits and bright solid colors are also stylish this year.

Great going with everything is the blazer.

Jackets are hip length this year and can be belted.

The put-together look of a tweed suit that was in last fall isn't to be seen this year. Instead, the pieces are worn with separate skirts, pants and dresses.

Velvets look great with flare plaid skirts, although they generally run higher than wool blends—velvets are about \$74 and wools about \$66.

Another favorite is gray flannel. Pants, blazers and skirts are all available in this versatile material.

The colors you'll be seeing vary from tweeds and brown shades to reds and blacks. The new look attributed to this fall is the mixing of the natural and bold shades. Winter white is beautiful, and pearl-colored wool skirts and pants are very fashionable this season when worn with a multitude of colors.

Fall is a time for experimenting, now more than ever. So have fun in putting together your wardrobe this year, and remember, the word is color.



Knits and corduroy look good together as shown here by Melissa and Allan. Her hand-knit sweater is natural-colored and paired with purple baggies. His wool and angora sweater is shades of beige and brown. This is combined with dark brown pants.



Colors are the key to fashion dressing this fall and here Cary is wearing tweed, a popular style this year. Tania's angora and wool sweater is purple, and her skirt is the new, fuller look in shades of purple and rose.



Bright colors will be attention-getters this year and here Jennifer's sweater is bright purple and fuchsia. She is wearing it with tan cords.



The buttoned-down oxford shirt is perhaps one of the most popular features of the fall trend. Available in a variety of colors, with or without monogramming, this look can be worn in a dozen different ways.



Keya is wearing a wool sweater striped in three of the biggest colors this year—red, navy and green. Her navy pleated skirt is an important addition to any wardrobe.



Above, Melissa ties together three different, yet classic colors. Her blouse is wine, her pants are black and her jacket is muted rose. To the right, jackets are big fashion news this year. Jennifer is wearing a tailored silver velvet blazer, while Melissa's rose colored jacket has a more relaxed style.



Motes' car crash crux of "Wise Blood"

By MARK HELTON

Sidelines Staff Writer

The pivotal scene in John Huston's latest film, "Wise Blood" (adapted from Flannery O'Connor's novel), is when Hazel Motes, a self-ordained preacher just released from the army, is pulled over to the side of the road by a state trooper.

The trooper tells Motes he pulled him over not because of any crime he has committed, but because the state trooper doesn't like his face. He is then told to get out of his car. The trooper shoves the car down an embankment and into a lake.

This scene marks a major turning point in Hazel's life.

For the rest of the film, he is

obsessed with his own repentence concerning the atheism he preached earlier in the film.

Hazel's car had separated him from the rest of the world, insulating him from a city of religious Southerners. When he loses his car, his alternative way of life is jeopardized. He then struggles in vain in his attempt to keep from falling back into a Christian life-style.

He takes his crusade of unbelief to the street corners of Macon, where he encounters a hustler named Hoover Shoates who tries to turn Hazel into a financial asset by collecting donations from a few of his faithful listeners.

When Hazel refuses to let him

be his manager, Hoover recruits a bogus preacher in his mirror image and upstages his crusade of a Church of Christ without Christ.

Hazel becomes incensed at the idea of competition, and one night follows the bogus preacher to a back road, where he runs over and kills him with his car.

The next day when he is pulled over by the state trooper, Hazel is sure that he is going to be arrested for the murder he committed the previous night. Instead, the trooper tells him

that he doesn't like his face and pushes his car into the lake.

Huston uses this scene to obscure the viewer's sense of cause and effect and reveals the dramatic technique used to depict Hazel's confusion about himself and the people he encounters in the city.

Everything seems to conspire against Hazel's clear distinction of ideals. He finds out too late the fine line that separates the religious from the atheistic. Religion is sold on the street side by side with prostitution, and his realization of this fact drives

him further into his own purgatory. He then blinds himself and remains alone in his boardinghouse room.

"Wise Blood" is a successful film that lets the viewer come to the realization of Hazel's fate before he does, and yet it remains an open premise: the viewer is able to piece together seemingly unrelated scenes and recognize obscure elements in them.

The conflict that arises within him, and between Hazel and those he encounters during his crusade, creates a tension that balances Huston's film and gives each scene an ironic tone not found in O'Connor's novel.

Huston has created a unique tale of the American South. "Wise Blood" is his best work in years.

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Game film shows Eagle start of brawl

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Editor

An MTSU game film shows that a Morehead player apparently started the altercation that took place in the fourth quarter of Saturday night's football game.

The brawl, which began a free-for-all between both teams, took place with 12:35 remaining in the game after MTSU's Jerry Lockhart returned a Morehead punt to the Raider 34-yard-line.

After Lockhart was tackled, wild confusion and a melee ensued at the end of the Blue Raider bench. Blue jerseys could be seen by the spectators, with MTSU players piling on in the sidelines brawl.

Morehead's bench also emptied, as the Eagles crossed the field to take their turns swinging.

The MTSU game film shows Morehead defensive end Charles Franklin charging into Blue Raider offensive lineman Bill Cherry after Lockhart was tackled, apparently triggering the incident.

Perhaps the most violent outcome of the battle live on the scene was Franklin being carried off the field on a stretcher after things were finally cooled down.

The film, however, showed an official calmly watching the supposed "brutal beating" of Franklin. When the tension subsided, Franklin emerged from the pile under his own power and ran approximately five or six yards.

At this time, Franklin, not knowing where he was going, impaled into the shoulder pads of MTSU fullback Paul Carter. Franklin's neck can be seen to snap back just before he runs over and falls to the ground.

Morehead trainers called for Franklin to be carried off the field on a stretcher because of a new NCAA rule stating that any player rendered unconscious is required to be carried off in this manner. The Morehead player

suffered a mild concussion, but was back on the sidelines before the game was over.

Watching the play and waiting to take the field, Cherry was leveled when Franklin slammed into him. The game film showed Franklin extending his arms as he broke through the sidelines and into Cherry.

At this point, several of the MTSU players standing near Cherry came to his aid and began piling on. The film does not show exactly what was being done to Franklin except that a group of Blue Raiders were scuffling and kicking near the area where he was supposed to be. A lot of the kicks seen by spectators, however, were feet shuffling to gain leverage in the spillage of "Quik Kick" drink.

"We've got a little kicking here that we don't condone at all," head coach Boots Donnelly said in narrating the film.

The entire Morehead squad then came across the field as the fighting continued between both teams for at least five minutes.

"Normally you would see opposing coaches turn and stop their players and get them back and keep them over there [on their sidelines], and then everybody else comes to break it up," the MTSU coach said.

After the entire Morehead squad arrived on the scene, a series of altercations began and things got out of control for the game officials.

The film showed that during the free-for-all, three MTSU coaches were swung at by Eagle players, one of them being knocked out while trying to stop the action.

Offensive coordinator L.C. Helton was hit by a Morehead player in the midst of the mob and fell to the ground. MTSU assistant coaches Ed Bumio and Steve Burkhalter were also swung at by the opposition.



photo by Gene Braham

Following the brawl in Saturday's game, MTSU offensive coordinator L.C. Helton gathers himself as he picks up his broken glasses. Helton was knocked to the ground by a Morehead player

The film also shows Blue Raider cornerback Boo Ingle being clubbed in the back of the neck after he tried to calm down the situation between his team and the Eagles.

A lot of what appeared to be fighting to the spectators was seen on the film as players and coaches trying to stop the violence.

Morehead's Sports Information Director and coaches declined comment on the brawl. "The athletic director has

taken the film and no one is allowed to see it," Jim Wells, Morehead's SID, said.

Four MTSU players, including Cherry, and one Morehead player were ejected from the game.

The OVC Commissioner Jim Delany has called a meeting between both schools' athletic directors to see if stricter action should take place. Delany is currently in New York talking to network officials in a trip that could not be cancelled. The

during the free-for-all. In the background, MTSU coaches are regrouping their players after the five-minute altercation that disrupted the game.

meeting has been set for this Friday, however.

"The commissioner will be looking at all films available," the OVC Sports Information Director Jon Verner said. "The more angles we have, the better we can tell exactly what happened."

Another occurrence that took place in the second play of the fourth quarter will also be included in the film that MTSU forwards to the OVC commissioner. The incident showed wide receiver Kolas Elion being

elbowed in the head by a Morehead player on the sidelines as Elion attempted to catch a pass.

A film taken by the MTSU television crew supposedly shows close-ups of Blue Raiders kicking Morehead players and dragging Franklin into the drainage ditch where he is ganged-up on by the players. The full game, including the brawl, should air on Murfreesboro cable television, Channel 12, at six p.m. tomorrow.

Carolinians dominate tennis tournament

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

The third annual Blue Raider Tennis Classic was a Carolina dominated affair with the Lady Tarheels of the University of North Carolina edging the Lady Gamecocks of South Carolina 69-68 in total points.

Alabama was a distant third with 29 points, followed by Miami of Ohio with 18, Vanderbilt with 17, MTSU and Western Kentucky tied for sixth with 10 points and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock finished seventh with four.

The tournament marked the first official matches that the Lady Radars have played this season, and head coach Sandy Neal said it was easy to see that they have a long way to go.

"We kind of figured it would go this way," Neal said. "We were playing with two walk-ons plus Leigh Morel has been pretty sick lately, so we really hadn't had that many good practices."

Neal was impressed with the play of Australian freshman Carolyn Newgreen who played well in both her singles and doubles matches.

"It usually takes a freshman awhile to get adjusted to college play, and if you're from a foreign country you have to get used to a whole new atmosphere too," Neal said. "I knew she could play well, but I really figured on her adjustment period to take a little longer."

"Not to make any excuses but North and South Carolina are two of the best teams around," Neal continued. "It's good that the girls have a chance to see what they have to shoot for this early in the season."

The Lady Raiders are scheduled to face OVC opponents Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 4, Murray State on Oct. 17, and both Tennessee Tech and Western Kentucky on Oct. 18.

OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Western	2-0-0	4-0-0
Morehead	1-0-0	2-1-0
Murray	1-0-0	4-0-0
Akron	1-1-0	2-2-0
Austin Peay	0-1-0	1-2-0
Eastern	0-1-0	2-1-0
MTSU	0-1-0	0-3-0
Tech	0-1-0	2-1-0
*Youngstown	0-0-0	0-3-0

*Ineligible for title



photo by Gene Braham

Blue Raider tailback Sammy Bryant crosses the goal line to score MTSU's only touchdown in Saturday's game. Morehead edged by the Blue Raiders, 17-10, in both teams' OVC opener.

O'Loughlin passes Dowland to victory

By PAM CRABTREE

Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's Joe O'Loughlin and Ross Dowland stole the show at the Middle Tennessee Cross Country Invitational Friday.

In the men's division run, O'Loughlin and Dowland both ran neck and neck until they reached the 3-mile mark where O'Loughlin pulled out to ice the race.

O'Loughlin finished the 4-mile course with a 20:45 as Dowland came into sight. Dowland sprinted to the line to gain a finish time of 20:51.

The third Blue Raider to cross the finish line was Robert Willis in sixth place with a time of 21:26. Jeff Skinner and Dana McCutcheon placed 18th and 19th respectively. Team scores were not computed in the men's division.

"I feel like it was a solid performance," MTSU coach Dean Hayes said, "and the guys did an excellent job. We're mainly working on getting ready for the OVC meet."

Lady Raider Jane Simms was clocked with an excellent time of 13:37 as she placed ninth in the women's two-mile race.

Volleyball squad travels to Maryville

The Lady Raider volleyball squad will be traveling to Maryville tomorrow to face host Maryville College and UT-Chattanooga.

The Lady Raiders are coming off a disappointing showing at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational last weekend in which they did not win a match.

Team captain Jill Carroll saw action in the tournament after being hospitalized last week for a concussion.



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MTSU's Ross Dowland was outdistanced by teammate Joe O'Loughlin in Friday's cross country invitational race. Dowland turned in a time of 20:51 to take second place in the run at the Veteran Administration Golf Course.

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Western Kentucky remains tops in OVC

Western Kentucky remains number one this week in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Middle Tennessee shares the bottom spot with three other teams.

Western, beating Austin Peay 20-14 Saturday afternoon in Clarksville, is now 2-0 in OVC play. The Hilltoppers rolled up 440 total yards in the game with Nate Jones accounting for 183 yards rushing.

Austin Peay led early 7-6 but Western regained the lead in the second quarter on an 11-yard run by Troy Snardon. John Hall passed to end Ricky Gwinn for a two-point conversion, putting Western ahead 14-7.

Hilltopper placekicker Jim Griffiths kicked two field goals to increase the lead to 20-7.

Austin Peay tallied a touchdown late in the game on a 1-yard plunge by quarterback Sonny DeFillipis to end the scoring for the day.

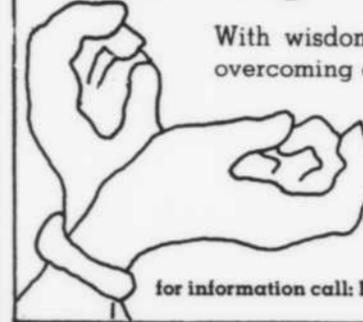
Murray State remains undefeated as the Racers edged Tennessee Tech 10-3. Murray's defense once again was brilliant, as it held Tech minus six yards rushing and 27 yards passing.

Murray tailback Nick Nance rushed for 120 yards and scored the lone touchdown of the game. Tech lost for the first time this year.

In nonconference games, Akron was trounced by Indiana State 27-9 and Youngstown State gave the nation's top-ranked Division II team, Northern Michigan, a good battle, bowing 10-7.

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