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Bill Greene, vice president for business and finance, explains the seriousness of the water crisis in Murfreesboro during an emergency meeting of top administrators yesterday. Members of the university community have been asked to cut back on water usage for an unspecified period of time.

## Water shortage causes worries

By ANGIE GALLOWAY  
and LIZ THOMPSON  
Sidelines Editors

The Murfreesboro City Council last night unanimously passed an ordinance which sets emergency guidelines for the declaration of a water shortage effective Saturday at noon.

Jim Clark, director of the city water and sewer department, recommended the ordinance to help conserve water by reducing consumption.

"The water level is 48 inches below the crest of the [Walter Hill] dam," Clark said, adding that without any cutbacks, the water supply will last two weeks; with cutbacks, possibly three.

Clark expects the situation, which affects 35,000 people, to worsen. Water to help alleviate the current shortage may be leased from three sources: Smyrna, which may provide Murfreesboro with 15 to 20 percent of its water needs; Brown's Mill, which may supply three or four days' worth; and Eagleville, which will provide whatever it can spare.

"Last year, the rains came at regular intervals," Clark said, "and there was always rain at

the right time. This year, we have been behind almost all summer."

Clark added that the city has had such a dry September and October that the lack of rain has "almost put us out of business."

Clark said the city's main concern is to keep businesses open, but he is requesting that they cut back on their use of water. If the condition gets any worse, Clark warned, there may have to be a profit loss for businesses.

"The last resort is to cut into the production figures," Clark added.

Councilman Donald Wiseman asked the news media to encourage citizens to cut back on such non-essentials as water as washing cars, using water for dust control and watering plants and lawns.

"We don't propose at this time to cut anyone off or to cut anyone back," Clark explained. "Just remember, you might want to drink it tomorrow, so don't flush it or throw it away today."

The ordinance will go into effect Saturday unless enough rain falls to affect the water level, Clark said.

Only Murfreesboro Mayor W.H. Westbrooks can call off the emergency status of the ordinance.

Clark, who contacted MTSU officials yesterday afternoon concerning the shortage, said the university would be closed only if there were just five days left in the water supply.

Top MTSU administrators met yesterday afternoon to discuss what students and members of the MTSU faculty could do to help alleviate the emergency water shortage.

"The university uses about 8 percent of the city's consumption of water," Bill Greene, vice president of business and finance, said. "The city is asking us to help cut our use."

Robert Lalance, vice president of student affairs, said that "students in the residence halls account for one half of university water consumption."

The university administration is asking the students to cut down on shower time by turning the water on, soaping up, then rinsing off. Flushing toilets frequently and hooking up hoses to university water supplies for washing cars is discouraged.

The university will be not be watering plants or washing motorized vehicles during the shortage. ARA food services has been asked to use plastic and paper utensils instead of metal and glass ones in the three cafeterias.

Harold Jewell, superintendent of buildings and grounds, claimed the primary cause of the shortage was the summer heat wave.

Jewell suggested cutting back water usage in the chilling plant as another possible conservation measure.

"In order to keep the proper balance in the cooling towers chemicals, we have to bleed off so much water," Jewell explained. "It is adjusted from day to day according to what the tests show."

He said he would reduce the chemical at all points and "maybe even go so far as to let the chemicals build up."

But the last resort, Jewell said, would be to cut it off completely.

"These cutbacks are for everyone," Lalance added, "not just residents on campus."

## Eruption at St. Helens

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens unleashed a major eruption Thursday night, spewing steam and ash to 30,000 feet, scientists said.

The 10:05 p.m. PDT blast sent a plume drifting south-southwest, Jim Hocutt, spokesman for the state Department of Emergency Services, reported.

The eruption came just hours after an urgent warning by scientists that the mountain could erupt again.

The warning was issued when more than a dozen earthquakes — including a major 3.0 on the Richter scale — shook the mountain earlier Thursday as steam and ash poured from the volcano.

After a 1,000-foot plume of steam and ash erupted Thursday night, scientists warned that an eruption "is a possibility in the next 24 hours."

The "seismic sequence" on the southwest Washington

mountain was similar to the events preceding a July 22 eruption, Craig Weaver of the U.S. Geological Survey, said.

When the scientists observed what Weaver called "a real escalation in events," the Federal Emergency Management agency warned law enforcement agencies that another eruption is capable of occurring in the very near future, Joyce Routson of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said.

"Due to an increase in the number of seismic events occurring around Mount St. Helens, the University of Washington has issued a warning that an eruption is possible," Routsen said.

The 7:02 p.m. earthquake, measuring about 3.0 on the Richter scale, was centered just beneath the volcano's crater, she added.

"If it's going to go, it's going to go in hours... or within a

day," Steve Malone, a seismologist with the University of Washington had predicted.

"We're watching the stuff (earthquake activity) build. If it follows the way it has in the past, true to course, we're going to have an eruption," he said.

A quake of 3.0 on the Richter scale of ground motion is considered just below the level that can cause slight damage in a local area.

Earlier in the day, lazy steam puffs barely cleared the summit of the mountain, and officials said no ash emissions were reported. Early autumn snow clung to the inside of the crater rim at the 8,400-foot level.

Small "seismic bursts," or class B quakes that are too weak to be rated on the Richter scale of ground motion, have rattled the volcano throughout the week. But the 3.0 quake coupled with continuous steam Thursday changed geologists' minds about the seriousness of the recent seismic activity, Routsen said.

## Request on parking passes Senate

By RENEE VAUGHN  
Sidelines Managing Editor

A resolution requesting that university police not ticket students with resident stickers who park in commuter lots was among five bills passed by the Associated Student Body Senate on Tuesday night.

"The ASB Traffic Court has a policy of throwing out tickets given to students with green [resident] stickers who park in blue spaces anyway," Mark Ross, senior senator and sponsor of the bill, said. "So most people will park in a blue [commuter] space anyway."

Ross stated that the university policy on parking had been altered this year so that resident students may no longer park in commuter lots without receiving parking tickets.

"I don't think we should make the coeds walk blocks just because they couldn't find a parking space near their dorms," Ross said.

But Raleigh Green, junior senator, protested the bill, "If you open these spaces up to dorm residents, there won't be any spaces close to campus left for commuters."

"There are plenty of parking spaces on campus, just not many convenient ones," he said.

Other bills that passed include requests for investigations into the funding of university parking facilities and dorm construction, both initiated in the House's last session.

"There is some evidence that when bonds were issued for the construction of Cummings and High Rise, the parking lots were included," Ross said. "We also pay for lots through parking tickets and stickers."

Ross explained that the money from parking tickets and stickers now goes into a general fund where it is spent on such things as scholarships and athletics rather than on parking-related needs.

"I urge investigation of the situation," Ross said.

The Senate also passed resolutions requesting the painting of parking lines in the H-Hall lot and the construction of additional mailboxes by the MTSU post office.

## Nixon resigns

### Campus captain leaves office

By DENNIS MYERS  
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU Police Capt. Larry Nixon has left his position as acting chief of the department effective upon the acceptance of his resignation by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

"I have resigned my position as administrative officer and acting chief upon acceptance by the dean," Nixon said when reached last night.

"The situation is this—all I have done is ask to be taken off of administrative status and put on classified status," he continued.

Dean Cantrell has refused to confirm or deny the acceptance of Nixon's resignation.

"He [Nixon] has asked for a decrease in rank until Jan. 1 because he is going to leave then anyway," Cantrell explained when contacted last night.

Several sources have told *Sidelines* that Nixon's resignation may have stemmed from a few alleged incidents involving students who have been caught smoking marijuana in their dorm rooms.

"I am aware that Capt. Nixon has resigned from his administrative capacities, but I was not aware it was tied to any marijuana incidents in the dorms," Jack Lalance, vice president of student affairs, said.

Nixon explained that campus police "will either take the students before the judge downtown or to the dean of student affairs, depending on the quantity of marijuana they are caught with."

"Some kids in the past, on one or two occasions, were not taken to the dean nor were they taken downtown," Nixon stated.

*Sidelines* has learned from sources that on at least a few occasions Detective John Driver of the University Police allegedly arrested some students smoking marijuana on campus and, rather than reporting it to the dean, made a record of the incidents and personally dismissed the charges.



photo by Don Harris

MTSU Police Capt. Larry Nixon has left his post and asked to be placed on "classified status."

These same sources have disclosed that Driver may be facing disciplinary penalties from the administration concerning these incidents.

"To my knowledge, if Driver had been fired, these incidents didn't play a big roll in the decision," Nixon said concerning the possible dismissal of Driver.

"However, I have been off work for three days and do not have any official confirmation as to Driver's dismissal. It is news to me if he has been dismissed," Nixon continued.

"Officer Driver has many good attributes. J.D.[Driver] and I are close friends," Nixon said.

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### Peck Hall had power outage Wed.

Where were you when the lights went out in Peck Hall? You were probably in the dark from 11 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Wednesday because of a power outage from a blown fuse.

The blackout occurred when a representative from the Tennessee Valley Authority was metering for electric power consumption and checking voltage, according to Charles Pigg, director of Campus Planning and Construction.

Students looking forward to classes being cancelled were disappointed, however, as the Murfreesboro Electric Department came to the rescue with a new fuse, and power was restored.

## Sidelights

### Professor performs in concert

Music professor Jerry Perkins will perform in concert with the MTSU Community Orchestra at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Wright Music Annex.

Perkins will perform a piano solo from MacDowell's Second Piano Concerto.

The concert will be free and open to the public.

### Activity fee funds available

Funds totaling \$3,225 currently remain in the student Activity Fee Fund and can be allocated to student or organizational projects.

Applications must be received by Dean of Students Paul Cantrell by Oct. 31.

Monies will be appropriated for projects scheduled between Nov. 1, 1980 and Jan. 31, 1981.

### Homecoming court elections slated

Elections will be held next Monday and Tuesday for the homecoming queen and court, two graduate, one senior and five freshmen senators. Polling places will be located upstairs in the University Center and on the first floor of Peck Hall. Polls will be open both days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## MTSU Equitation team steps high into season

The MTSU Equitation Team got a high-stepping start on the intercollegiate season with a trip to Ohio, where they earned the distinction of "high-point college" at Miami University's ride-off competition.

On Oct. 11, the team traveled to Miami in Oxford, Ohio, to compete against Purdue University from Lafayette, Ind. MTSU won "high-point Western team" and the "reserve high-point rider" awards.

First place in the hunt seat competition went to Danita Talley and Bonnie Alexander; Mandy Bowling and Valerie Shaw won second place; and Beth Hall won the ribbon for third place.

An Oct. 10 competition at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, garnered top honors for Judie Evans and Alexander in the hunt seat division; Karen Bartholomew and Shaw won third-place awards; Karen Baker, Donny Shull and Marilyn Meyer won fourth-place ribbons; fifth place went to Terry Ralston and Sarah Gilbert; and sixth-place awards went to Bowling and Deborah Moore.

Alexander received individual honors at the Kenyon College

intercollegiate horse show as "high-point rider."

In other divisions, Angie Mason, Deborah Cordell, Jennifer Newbrough, Donna Mattox and Evans won fourth-place awards; Baker, Meyer, Paulette Rooker, Deborah Naev and won fifth place; sixth-place awards went to Bartholomew, Mason, and Gael Watson; and Alexander was named "reserve high point rider."

In the stock seat competition at Miami University first-place honors went to Deborah Moore and Holly Puder; second place to Marie Vaughn and Donny Shull; third place to Krista Procto, Sharon Marshall and Cordell; fourth place to Mason, Shaw and Beth Hall; fifth place to Frank DePeters, Allison King, and Kent Brown; and sixth place to Teddy Byrd and Bowling.

Eleven Colleges from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia competed in the Region VI opening show of the 1980-81 season.

On Nov. 1 and 2, the MTSU Team will travel to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., and Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

### Play review

## 'Rivals', a stimulating production

By DEB SANDY  
Sidelines Copy Editor

The MTSU University Theatre's season opening last night may have begun slowly, but the end result was a stimulating presentation of Richard Sheridan's ribald classic "The Rivals."

The production, directed by Dorethe Tucker, speech and theatre instructor, was enthusiastically received by the crowd of theatregoers.

The time period and the setting were subtly integrated in the minds of the audience by the delicate background music introduced before the curtain rose.

Exceptional performances were given by Laura Leopard as

Mrs. Malaprop, David Cummings as Captain Jack Absolute and Allan Barlow as Bob Acres.

Although the timing was inconsistent at the beginning, the players soon warmed up to crisp, clean delivery.

In Act 1, Scene 2, the exchange between Mrs. Malaprop and Sir Anthony Absolute was positively hysterical in its wit and ease of delivery. The minuet music that played throughout the scene suggested the mood and feeling very nicely.

Leopard's enthusiastic portrayal of Mrs. Malaprop was cleverly controlled. Mrs. Malaprop's juxtapositions and misapplications of words were magnificently accomplished.

The make-up in this case was

truly excellent. Leopard was a very convincing elderly aunt.

Barlow was quite a show stopper in Scene 3 of the same act with his hilarious facial expressions and ease of movement although he was hampered by poorly directed blocking. Other than this, the direction was adequate.

The most even performance of the night came from Cummings. His facial expressions and overall control of every scene was the mainstay of the production.

English accents were used by most of the cast in portraying their characters. David Armitage presented an accomplished Irish accent in his role as Sir Lucias O'Trigger.

The surrealistic set effectively emphasized the absurdity of the situations presented throughout the play.

Costuming for the production was stylish and beautiful. Pat Anderson as Lydia Languish looked stunning in every scene, wearing a gown of white silk trimmed in pearls and lace. Mrs. Malaprop's costume presented her outrageous character before Leopard said a word.

The simplicity of the

properties and scene decoration cleverly counterbalanced the opulence of the characters and their costumes.

Barclay Randall presented a very amusing caricature of the overly enthusiastic lover, Faulkland. His mood projection warrants particular notice.

Act 2 opened with an impressive display of precision timing. Armitage and Allen were electric in the farcical humor they presented in Scene 1.

Scene 2 presented some of the best overall acting of the production. Martin McGeachy was particularly effective in this scene as the blustery Sir Anthony. Anderson shined in her portrayal of the lovestruck Lydia.

The production ended on a triumphant note as all the respective lovers were reconciled, the sentimental Lydia to her Captain and Julia to her Faulkland.

Also in the production were Gerald Dunn, Thomas; Terry Randolph, Fag; Linda Connolly, Lucy; Valerie Galloway, Julia; Jim Null, Errand Boy; and Kevin Guinn, David.



photo by Lisa Gwin

Lydia Languish, portrayed by Pat Anderson, is being proposed to by Capt. Jack Absolute (David Cummings) in "The Rivals." The play continues tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. It is free to MTSU students.

### Students to vote on rec. facility

MTSU students will vote during spring registration on a proposal for a \$3 million recreation facility that will include a pool, racquetball courts, bowling alley, weight room and gymnasium.

If approved by a 60 to 70 percent vote, construction of the facility would begin in the lot behind K Apartments, according to Glenn Hanley, director of campus recreation.

After the proposed facility opens, MTSU students will be assessed a mandatory \$10 to \$20 per semester at registration.

The building, which will take approximately one year to complete, would be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., according to Hanley.



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As she holds the pamphlet "What You Should Know About Giving Blood," Pooh Lindsey, sophomore from Knoxville, now knows that giving blood can be slightly painful. She survived the experience as did 368 other blood donors at the ROTC blood

drive yesterday. The Red Cross conducts a one-day blood drive on campus every semester.

## Regents debate school dollars

NASHVILLE (AP) — The enrollment-based formula used to divide tax dollars among Tennessee's colleges and universities should allow more money to schools with higher standards, an official said Thursday.

Chancellor Jack Reese of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville said he favors raising the enrollment standards at UT, but not if the institution will suffer when the 1981-82 budget is approved.

Reese's comments came after Finance Commissioner Lewis Donelson announced last month he was holding back 5 percent of the budget for colleges and universities to make sure the state doesn't go in the red. There also is the prospect of no additional money next year because of a tight state budget.

The 16 colleges and universities under the control of the state Board of Regents report a total fall enrollment of 96,400, a new record. University of

Tennessee officials report 43,210 students at their Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin campuses, a slight increase.

That means educating more students with fewer dollars, officials said. Moreover, schools losing students — and there are at least four this year — would face additional budget cuts under the Tennessee Higher Education Commission enrollment-based formula.

That has led to some debate of growing and declining institutions about whether the THEC should change its student population rule in effect since the 1981-1982 funding.

The THEC has promised it will not penalize those institutions trimming their enrollments if they are caused by higher entrance standards. And Reese said he may take the commission up on that promise.

Meanwhile, Regents Chancellor Roy Nicks said higher enrollments mean good news and bad news for administrators and students.

"The overall increase in students this fall and continuing growth are positive measures of the institutions' value to students

and the state in meeting needs for quality higher education programs and services," Nicks said. "But in a sense, I'm not pleased at all, because we do not have the enough money to provide all the services we should."

Nicks said the impoundment, along with the likelihood of no new state funding next year, dim prospects of sustaining higher education programs "let alone upgrading them."

Among the enrollment changes:

- Austin Peay, down 1.2 percent to 5,384 students;
- Memphis State, down 2.9 percent to 20,625;
- East Tennessee State, down 10.2 percent to 9,153;
- Tennessee State, down 1.4 percent to 8,318;
- Volunteer State Community College, up 11 percent to 3,471;
- Tennessee Tech, up 5.6 percent, to 8,098;
- Middle Tennessee, up 3.6 percent, to 11,275;
- UT-Martin, up 3.1 percent, to 5,328;
- UT-Chattanooga, up .7 percent, to 7,600;
- UT-Knoxville, down .4 percent, to 30,282.

## TVA tries to control A/C

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Over the objections of Director Bob Clement and rejected bidders, the Tennessee Valley Authority awarded a \$2.7 million contract Thursday night to Motorola Inc. for 20,000 devices that will allow TVA to turn off home air conditioners by remote control.

Clement voted a year ago in favor of the project, costing a total of \$7.7 million, but said he has since learned that the U.S. Department of Energy is working on an \$8 million similar effort in Athens, Tenn.

"I voted 'yes' last October, but I had only been on the board two months and I was not aware at that time the Athens Utility Board was working with DOE," Clement said Thursday.

"However good, it doesn't make any sense for TVA to spend money on this program when one of our own distributors is doing an even more in-depth study of the same question."

TVA Chairman S. David Freeman and Director Richard M. Freeman, however, said there are few similarities between the projects. Chairman Freeman called the DOE's program an esoteric research experiment, involving complicated, unproven technology.

The TVA program to put the devices in 50,000 homes during the next three years, he said, is a commercial demonstration that will return \$1.40 in benefits to consumers for each dollar it costs.

## Homecoming show, dance on Wed.

By JIM DEMARCO  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Country and bluegrass music fans will be treated to a special homecoming show and dance on Wednesday when Riders in the Sky and Johnny Gimble perform in the Tennessee Room of the JUB at 8 p.m.

Gimble, who was voted "Instrumentalist of the Year" in 1975 by the Country Music Association, appeared in the recent movie "Honeysuckle Rose" with Willie Nelson and has taped several "Hee Haw" episodes for this season. The Academy of Country Music voted him top fiddler in 1978 and 1979, and the Music City News Awards honored him as top instrumentalist in 1976.

When he first started out in 1949, Gimble joined Bob Willis and his Texas Playboys. In the 1950s, Gimble did a number of recording sessions with Lefty Frizzel, Ray Price, and Marty Robbins.

### Harry S. Truman scholarship open

Applications for the Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship are being accepted by Everett Cunningham, MTSU professor of political science, through Nov. 10.

The scholarship fund, established by Congress as a memorial to the 33rd president, offers up to \$5,000 per year to an eligible student from each of the 50 states who is planning a career in some form of government service.

To be eligible, a U.S. citizen enrolled in an accredited institution must be a second-semester sophomore or a first-semester junior in fall of 1981, have a 'B' average and be pursuing a field of study which will lead to a career in government.

A statement that the student plans to pursue a career in public service must be included in the application, as well as a list of the applicant's public service activities, leadership positions in high school and college and a transcript of high school and college grades.

In addition, the student is required to submit a 600-word essay in which he discusses the pertinent public-policy issue of his choice.

Three letters of recommendation—one from a faculty member in the student's chosen field of study and another by a person who can attest to the student's leadership potential—must also be submitted.

In 1968, Gimble came to Nashville, where his fiddle and mandolin accompanied Merle Haggard, George Jones, Chet Atkins and Johnny Rodriguez.

Gimble and the Texas Swing Pioneers were featured on the "Austin City Limits" television show this season.

With their stage props of sagebrush, cacti and fenceposts, and their colorful Western garb, Riders in the Sky evoke memories of the singing cowboys of the 1940s. The group is well known for its ability to sing Western harmony and their overall showmanship. Between songs the cowboys make tongue-in-cheek references to imaginary campfires and bunkhouses.

Their shows are sometimes preceded by a showing of "Desperate Trails" or another Western film.

The evening is being presented by the Dance Committee and the Special Events Committee.

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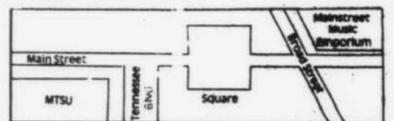
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## from the editor

### Water: Shortage means action to avoid consequences

Due to the shortage of water in Murfreesboro, MTSU students, faculty members and staff are all effected by the problem.

Because the university uses eight percent of the city's water supply, we all have a responsibility to do our share to help with the emergency situation.

Some of the suggestions include: campus residents taking less time in the shower, using less water when bathing, not flushing toilets until necessary, and not being excessive in cleaning rooms and cars.

Even though the city ordinance declaring this an emergency situation does not take effect until noon on Saturday, now is the time for everyone involved in any aspect of university life to begin cutting back and taking steps to conserve water.

Students may think that if the water supply gets too low then school will be cancelled. This could possibly be true, but this action will be used only as a last resort when the supply has reached the point where it will last only five more days.

Citizens in the community are being asked to cooperate in this time of crisis, and we as members of the university community have been asked also.

Active cooperation from our part can help to earn the respect of the city and community.

But if we squander our water and do not use it wisely, then other drastic measures will be sought.

Closing school sounds like a good idea to many hard-working students who need and deserve a break, but if the school is shut-down for any length of time, then lost time in the middle of the semester will be virtually impossible to make up.

Immediate and effective action is required. We are in a position to help out and now is the time.

### Isolationism: Poll shows idea rejected

Despite United States setbacks in Iran and Afghanistan, most Americans of all ages and political parties reject an isolationist approach to world affairs, according to a poll released Thursday.

Only 17 percent of 2,001 people interviewed in August by the Roper Organization said they felt the United States should rely on its own strength to protect its international interests.

This significant survey reveals that most Americans realize that in today's world an isolationist stance is both impossible and undesirable.

No longer can United States foreign policy be conducted in a manner that recognizes only a few "superpowers" as being important. The post-World War II period has been marked worldwide by the emergence into the spectrum of international affairs countries that previously were regarded lightly.

Add to this the increased economic dependence of America on other countries, and the conclusion can be reached that we can no longer concentrate on just our own affairs.

More than half those surveyed said they thought the United Nations was doing a poor job, but most who had an opinion favored more American participation in the organization.

The percentage of Americans who thought the United Nations was doing poorly was up from 39 percent in a 1977 poll to 53 percent this year, according to Roper.

So, although Americans feel the major world organization for international affairs is doing poorly, they continue to believe that a concern for international affairs is an important function for our federal government.

The poll does not reflect the often-considered impression that Americans are looking inward to themselves for inner strength and a "going it alone" attitude.

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# Viewpoints



## guest column

by Jerry Mecaskey

# Concept of 'goodness' examined

Are you good? I mean are you really good?

Do you fulfill the demands that your personal definition of good requires of you?

Whether or not you do is of little consequence within this column. You're not on trial and neither am I. I just want to talk about the subject of "good" for awhile.

Folks, I'm good. I don't mean good at this or that, but I'm just out and out good. Although I can't quite pin down just exactly what good is, I know that its part of me (and you too). Unfortunately, some folks are so adept at covering up this good that they tend to be a bit on the evil side.

Humans are capable of some not so good behavior. The fact is, at times, we just downright stink. As children, we beat each other up because one of us just so happens to be slightly bigger than the other. Adults, on the other hand, have different prerequisites. Now money and connections, not physical size, make the difference.

Our basic intolerance of anyone who gets in our way is intrinsic to our ideal of the Great American Hero. We idolize just about anyone who, in a sense, "rapes, burns, pillages or plunders" without forethought of the consequences.

Just look at the box-office receipts of movies made by John Wayne, Charles Bronson and Clint Eastwood. The Duke, Bronson and Eastwood are among my favorites, and it honestly hurts to write that last sentence. But we must face the fact even when it hurts.

Even our military powers are based on this principle. Neutron bombs; napalm bombs; and even the "father of them all," the atomic bomb, are results of this attitude. The government has more bombs than they can use. But what is truly amazing is the fact that they want to make more.

This not only includes bombs, but, also other tools and implements of destruction and death which will get the job done in a more humane fashion.

Astounding! The average schmuck doesn't have a power hang-up. He may get mad but will in time cool off. Sadly enough, a majority of us have realized that the average schmuck isn't in power.

Let's face it, to get to the top you have to be endowed with certain characteristics, some of which are unpleasant, but still lurking in the depths of our souls. It makes you kind of proud to be a schmuck, doesn't it? Though some of you aren't; know what I mean?

But don't get me wrong. If the Russians landed in California, I would gladly pack my baseball bat and head west for the playoffs. But even Jackson Browne and some very, very

good tequila can't make me feel good about our sense of national direction.

Now, I'm not down on just the military. I am down on this facade of pride and its importance in everyday life. Sooner or later, (sooner than you think), this whole ego trip will kill us. And I do mean kill.

We must remember that part of being good is being able to roll with the punches, not running from the fight (or running to it either) but simply rolling.

And I'm talking to everyone: Democrats, Republicans, Independents, revolutionaries and whatever else you may be. The only requirement is that you be capable of engaging in cognitive thought.

But, to complete the full circle, most people are basically good, and the proof is all around us. We have confronted this proof often, but because of the pressures of everyday life we often fail to notice them.

Don't you think its time for me to discuss what I think is the major quality of a good person?

Yup, you guessed it. Now I'm going to talk about love.

Letting others know you care about them is not the easiest thing in the world to do. Especially in our throw-away society. We also have the bad habit of mistaking brotherly love for sexual love which it isn't.

Example: two men can love each other and be totally "straight." But let them express this love and they will be branded socially and morally unfit. I strongly feel that this is why we would rather send a card, its safer.

Almost everyone loves. The existence of love is good proof that there is a glimmer of good in you.

But, unfortunately, there are bad kinds of love. We don't always put something that is basically good to positive use; i.e. "third rate romance, low rent rendezvous." But when you free it up, love is the most powerful aspect of your goodness.

Good is nothing more than a concept. And the only way to measure good is through our actions.

Actually, when you think about it, you can't pin good down to any certain definition or measure it, although we do have a feel for it and know it when we see it. However, because of the twisted and decadent ways of our society, we are scared to death of each other.

When you stop to realize the goodness of your fellow man, the fear slowly subsides. Oddly enough, this kind of thinking can get you burned, and for the first few hours it hurts like hell.

But with the proper treatment, the pain will cease and the burn will heal. Eventually we become conditioned to this way of life and learn to live with the possibilities and risks of being burnt again.

It all boils down to this: when you get near the fire, there is the chance of being burned. But to stay away means that eventually, you'll freeze to death.

Jerry Mecaskey is a student from Springfield, Ill. This is his first column for Sidelines.

# Perspective

## retrospect

### Problems of covering problems

by Dennis Myers

IN THE PAST few months many controversial subjects have been explored in "Retrospect," and the plan is to continue this format. However, recent feedback (both pro and con) from readers and friends has convinced me to clarify certain positions stated in my column.

• Many think that the column is intended to give the administration and certain faculty members a hard time. This is not true.

• Many think that the column is intended to vent anger or frustration with individual personalities. This is untrue.

• Many have applauded the column, but have done so on the basis that a paper should present more stories which may embarrass certain people. This is not the purpose of any newspaper.

• Many have applauded the column because they feel the campus needs a little gossip to liven the place up a bit. While this may be true, it is not the intention of the column.

**THE PURPOSE** of "Retrospect" is to present current problems confronting students, faculty members, and the community-at-large. That is, to cover timely events in such a way as to move from the actual details of the problem to the larger and more encompassing concept they represent, while also relating to historical or contemporary illustrations of the problem.

Some people may denounce a columnist's right to criticize the football coach, the bookstore, or the administration, but, in fact, every tuition-paying student and every faculty or staff person has the right to criticize the university. These people are the university.

Many readers have asked for my opinion of the administration. These questions were usually phrased, "Do you think the administration is really that bad?"

I really think we have a "darn" good administration at MTSU and would not feel ashamed to compare it to the administration of any of the better-known universities. I also believe we have a fine faculty and a good student body.

Neither of these feelings, however, would prevent me from writing a column pointing out some serious shortcomings within the university. It is the duty of a columnist or a reporter to try to give his readership timely, interesting news or analysis of such news. Hopefully, the news will spur a reaction from the readership and, in turn, cause the readership to act, either by writing letters to the paper or by becoming a part of the solution to the problem.

The greatest forum for discussing topics of interest in this country always has been, and probably always will be, the press. It is through this vehicle that we, as a society, have been

able to examine serious problems confronting our people and through this examination make decisions concerning those problems.

**THE PEOPLE** are entitled to know what is going on around them. They are also entitled to hear opposing viewpoints. However, it would be impossible for the people to exercise these rights without the press.

The sports staff of WMOT, according to John Egle, was appalled at my recent article on Coach Boots Donnelly. It was claimed I had no right to print such an article and that the story was not at all good for the university.

However, we are no longer in the Dark Ages, and articles of this nature are both timely and deserving of space in a newspaper. To censor material of this type is to view only one side of an issue. The purpose of a university is, if nothing else, to get students to open their minds to varying inputs and then to reach a decision based, not on single-factor explanations, but on all applicable factors.

Unfortunately, when a columnist deals with issues that are polarizing in nature, it sometimes hurts someone's feelings. This may be sad, but it is something that must be endured in order to attain the greater good.

This should not mislead readers into thinking that the columnist is not also the one who gets his or her pride or feelings

hurt. By taking a stand on a controversial issue, a columnist stakes part of his or her reputation on the line, and no matter what the stand taken is, someone will find fault with it.

**THAT IS** to be expected as part of the pain that goes with the joys of writing for a newspaper. It is this pain from which we all grow. It is much like the pain any person in the public eye must endure when his position on a particular matter is attacked. The important thing which keeps this pain from destroying one is that, no matter how much it hurts, one can have the self-satisfaction of knowing that his or her views were expressed and discussed.

I thank the many readers who have expressed their views on "Retrospect," and I hope this clears up some questions many have asked. It is your support which makes this job all the more enjoyable to me.

*The tag line with last week's column that identified me as an ex-member of the University of Missouri's "Fighting Tiger" football team was run without my knowledge or approval. It was a humorous attempt (as were others that day) by my editorial editor, and he accepts full responsibility for the mistake. I have never been (or claim to be) a member of the Missouri football team, and I deeply regret the appearance of the tag line.*

# from our readers

## Negative mudslinging charged

To the editor:

Much has been written of late about the incident that occurred during the MTSU-Morehead State football game which resulted in suspensions of players of both teams.

Almost all of the comments on this have been extremely negative, and in many instances the accusations made toward the players and the coaching staff have been ridiculous.

While I do not condone violence, this attitude of negativism will do nothing to help our team in the future, and it seems that the newspaper's columnists, Dennis Myers in particular, have done nothing to promote anything positive for the football program and I think another viewpoint must be expressed.

Mr. Myers, to profess to be an ex-member of a nationally ranked Missouri football team, it seems that you either know very little about the aspects of the game or have very little knowledge of the past history of MTSU football since the Murphy era.

However, my opinion is that when you were a member of the Missouri Tigers you probably were nothing more than a water boy, because from your columns about the incident, you did nothing but stick mud in your face.

One week you say that football subsidies should be lowered and the players should have to raise their own funds. How ridiculous. Tennessee members of the OVC receive much less money for their athletic programs than the Kentucky schools, and this limits these schools from the outset, because lack of funding results in trimmed budgets.

Actually, MTSU—as well as the other Tennessee schools—

could use more funding for their programs for recruiting, weight programs and other important areas, and negativism from you (Mr. Myers) and others with your same attitude cannot help in the vital areas of outside donations which are so vital to building a winning program and promoting school spirit.

In your rambling article in last Tuesday's *Sidelines*, you really showed how much you really knew about the incident and the relating circumstances in general. It seems that you were actually venting your anger against a very successful coach (Father Ryan, Vanderbilt, Austin Peay), possibly because of your general ignorance of the total situation. When you said that Boots could not let you view the game film, if you had kept up with the incident at all you would have known that OVC Commissioner Delaney requested the films from both schools so the entire incident could be viewed thoroughly and fairly.

Just maybe you went to the coach's office with nothing but negativism on your mind, and it is a known fact that negativism does nothing but bring on negativism.

In your last article, Mr. Myers, you raised the question of why Coach Donnelly did not suspend the players himself and why he hesitated to do it.

It is a known fact that the situation was going to be controlled by Delaney from the onset. He viewed the incident from the press box, because he brushed aside appeals by the institutions involved to handle the incident themselves.

So, Mr. Myers, how could Boots discipline these players when actually the situation was out of his hands to begin with? There was no way.

Mr. Myers, you further showed your ignorance by saying that we had a coach who promoted violence and ill-tactics and should be relieved of his duties.

When Boots Donnelly took over his duties at MTSU, our football program was at an all-time low. I have been here for four years, and before Boots came to our school, the football team was composed of nothing more than a bunch of quitters that lacked integrity and effort.

Football is an emotional experience, and although the incident should not have occurred, there was no reason to put the blame on the coaching staff for it. (Last weekend, for example, in the Syracuse-Temple football game, a brawl began that eventually led to altercations in the stands.) Should their coaches be blamed for that?

If you were at the game, Dennis, you would have noticed that there were far more players

trying to pacify the situation than there were fighters.

If and ever you were a member of the Missouri football team, Mr. Myers, why don't you go and try to help our team instead of trying to help destroy it through gutless tactics?

Finally, I will leave with a statement concerning the incident from the office of Commissioner Delaney that was taken from the Oct. 10 issue of the *Nashville Tennessean*: While dealing out punishment to some players, Delaney also praised "the many players and coaches from both institutions who remained of their faculties during this altercation and attempted action to bring the situation under control."

So, Mr. Myers, instead of becoming a football critic in columns, maybe you should start giving lessons on the two easy ways to sling mud.

Dan Greene  
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## Ronnie can still dance

To the editor:

I would like to respond to an editorial by Steve Spann entitled, "Ron Reagan's last tango."

Once again the argument of liberalism over conservatism has been brought forth and once again the errors of judgment must be pointed out. Mr. Spann stated that Reagan is looking cross-eyed when he says that the American public has been subject to injustices.

I call double-digit inflation and rampant unemployment social injustice.

Ronald Reagan, unlike the other candidates, has pointed to specific areas for our economic problems.

He has pointed to the government's over-expenditures and to the incredible growth of useless federal programs and grants.

True, there are useful programs, but you usually have to dig into the pile to find them. He also has pointed to the incoherent over-production of currency which is produced to pay for these programs that we don't have the money for.

Jimmy Carter has blamed our economic ills only on OPEC and the fact that we are putting so many people out of work (black and white)?

Greg Roy  
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# hmm...uh...wha?

by Alan Sissom

## Comical censorship

In a recent issue of "The Comics Journal," a very literary and intelligent fanzine about comics, a case of censorship was reported involving a comic strip written about the abuse of drugs.

The story "Child's Play" was to appear in a Marvel Comic book called "Daredevil," and it featured the effects of the drug "PCP" (Angel Dust) on teenagers and younger children. However, the conscience of the powers-that-be in comics refused to approve the story.

PCP is more dangerous in some ways than most drugs and, it can be smoked, ingested or sniffed. The story was written by Denny O'Neil, who has produced similar stories for another company but has never had any problems before.

The trouble itself seems to stem from a regulation of the Comics Code Authority, which says that drug addiction shall not be shown in a comic book if it involves children who are presented knowingly using or trafficking those drugs.

Apparently, the projected story shows children not only using PCP, but dying from overdose.

The Comics Code Authority, the censoring machine that has been cutting out "destructive" scenes from comic books since the mid-50's, was designed to help children. This statement isn't as clear as it might seem, because it can easily cause arguments about what "helping children" means. The comic story that the Code refused to approve was reportedly written in order to warn children.

This "comic" situation reveals the classic censorship argument. One group argues that children should be protected from evil drugs and not given the opportunity to see someone who doesn't live respectably. Then another group answers that children should see life at its worst, so they will be aware of the possible dangers.

I am not in a position to know which is the correct side, so I am not going to suggest that either is the right point of view. However, I do feel that the problems that children will face as adults shouldn't be taken lightly. And placing these issues in the pages of comic books doesn't make it a humorous situation.

For that reason, I sincerely hope that a copy of "Child's Play" will soon be available on comic stands everywhere. Maybe my hope won't be in vain.

*Alan Sissom is a commercial art major and writes only when he gets time or money, which is rare. This is his first column for Sidelines.*

# and so it goes

by Jeff Bauer

## The noble experiments

The times they are a-changin'. It used to be that anyone caught using, misusing, or abusing dangerous drugs could expect to receive the full force of the law.

This is no longer true. There is now an unacceptable degree of moral latitude present in this country which allows these criminals to roam the streets. I, as one concerned citizen, am thoroughly disgusted.

Fortunately, in this age of perilous complacency there are a few men who stand up and represent the truly decent people of this country. Nashville's Metro Police Chief Joe Casey is one such man. He understands what these marijuana users are doing to our women and children. And he is out to get them, too. (I'd say it's long overdue.)

In an interview last Tuesday with Linda Solomon of *The Tennessean*, Joe Casey said the penal "price" now for selling the drug is not "expensive enough." When asked what he would consider to be an appropriate penalty, Casey responded, "People have to pay with their lives. I think the penalty ought to be the electric chair and it ought to be used."

Smoking marijuana causes people to rob and kill, said Chief Casey in his stunning rebuttal to all common, statistical, and empirical knowledge concerning the drug. Smoking one marijuana cigarette leads to smoking another cigarette, which eventually results in a person using narcotics like cocaine, LSD, and heroin, he continued.

He said that marijuana harms people as much as any other narcotic. And I believe him, despite the fact that this is contrary to available medical evidence. And despite the fact that most people know that marijuana is not a narcotic.

Chief Casey further justified his idea of the death penalty to people who sell marijuana saying, "...he [the seller] ought to be electrocuted because, in essence, he has killed that person [the buyer]."

He did mention, however, that all "law-abiding citizens" can do something to amend the situation.

"They could say they are not going to put up with it. They can demand the laws in this country be made stiffer and they can demand the courts give the penalties the laws call for," Casey said.

He said when he referred to stiffer laws he meant instituting the death penalty for some offenders.

I agree with Chief Casey wholeheartedly and applaud his efforts in trying to kill off these hardcore criminals. In fact, I believe that Joe Casey ought to be given the funds to really do some outstanding work. My idea would be to have him set up a market shop that pretends to sell marijuana to unsuspecting criminals. Once the would-be robber and/or killer attempted to purchase the drug, he would be apprehended and electrocuted in the back room of the store.

Let us convince the courts to stop wasting their time with petty cases of rape, arson, and murder. It is time now to concentrate on the more serious issue of marijuana users. And remember, if the good Lord had wanted us all to smoke marijuana, He would have legalized it, like alcohol.

*Jeff Bauer, a computer science major, is reputed to be the ghostwriter of the underground pamphlet, "The Uncertain Role of the Head and the Awful Stupor Factor."*

# Allen's inner self revealed in 'Memories'

By RENEE VAUGHN  
Sidelines Managing Editor

If Woody Allen's empathetic followers have chuckled at his many mishaps, broken love affairs and neuroses, they now also may have to endure the unabashed self-analysis he takes to the screen in "Stardust Memories."

Complete with all due hang-ups, guilt and symbolic manifestations, Allen affords himself the opportunity to spend two hours with the quintessential analyst—his audience.

In "Stardust Memories," Allen reaches into the annals of his highly successful filmmaking career and recreates the redheaded magician of his childhood, resurrects his early films as song-and-dance slapstick comedies and explores the deep-seated, reflective "meaning of life" exposes of his later work. He does this with a combination of flashbacks, flashforwards and surrealistic

metaphors which leave the viewer pondering how it all fits together.

In contrast to his previous "serious" films, such as "Interiors" or "Manhattan," Allen adds a mere skeleton of a plot to "Stardust Memories," tying together a Freudian theme.

The protagonist, Sandy Bates (a.k.a. Sidney Finkelstein), is played by Allen. A filmmaker and a star, Bates has been badgered by his agent and other "business advisers" into attending a workshop on his films to be held one weekend at the Stardust Hotel. It is there that he encounters hundreds of his fans, ghosts of past love affairs and every "heavy" question that has come before him as an artist.

Allen incorporates few scenes that are genuinely funny and without moralistic overtones. He does, however, recycle scenes from earlier films—such as the famous lobster scene in "Annie

Hall" which reappears here as a flapping pigeon that has flown into Bates' open apartment window.

Most of the film is spiced with Allen's perpetual dilemma: How to enjoy wealth and success in a world of poverty and failure.

"I look around the world and all I see is human suffering" is a typical Sandy Bates-Woody Allen line from "Stardust Memories." Others offer reconciliation of his success-oriented guilt with such rationales as "We live in a society that puts a big value on jokes" and "Only in art and masturbation can you control life."

Throughout "Stardust Memories," Allen knocks his audiences for being shallow and ungrateful. He resents pressure to be funny and counters this with the even deeper reflection that mankind is loathe to face reality. In addition, he chastises

his film-editing and production crews for altering his work.

Leaving the theatre after a showing of "Stardust Memories," the audience is likely to be silent and self-conscious. With merely one word, the viewer can become a part of Allen's film audience, which he mocks.

The performance by Charlotte Rampling, who plays Doris, Bates' ex-lover, is excellent. Her dark, mystic but troubled countenance is effectively portrayed, even though

it seems unlikely that she and Bates could have ever gotten together.

The black-and-white filming by cinematographer Gordon Willis (who also photographed "Manhattan") is heavy with shadows and lurid effects. It is within a dreamlike vision that most of the action takes place.

Actresses Jessica Harper and Marie-Christine Barrault, who portray Bates' present romantic interests, have shallow roles that are mainly passive, compared

with the camera's active lighting effects and settings.

Popular and original music was arranged by Dick Hybran, complementing elaborate production design by Mel Borne.

"Stardust Memories," in the end, is essentially a vehicle for writer-director Allen's hostility, symbolized in the film as a black bear-like creature who murders Allen's friends, fans and family members.

The film's audience, however, is the ultimate victim.

## 'Ordinary People' real as life

By CHUCK CAGLE  
Special to Sidelines

Robert Redford's directorial debut on "Ordinary People" was neither inspired nor a fluke of nature, but, instead, a consummate piece of artistry by professionals who gave their all.

Starring Donald Sutherland, Mary Tyler Moore, Timothy Hutton and Judd Hirsch, "Ordinary People" describes the emotional upheaval and subsequent breakup of an affluent suburban Chicago family due to the drowning of its favored son some months before. It is primarily the story of Conrad (Hutton) and his journey back to emotional stability after blaming himself for Buck's death and his subsequent suicide attempt.

On this journey, Conrad is aided by his father (Calvin, a great departure in roles for Sutherland) and his psychoanalyst (Hirsch, who continues to illustrate why he is so wasted in his role in "Taxi"), and hindered, if not completely thwarted, by his mother (Beth, remarkably portrayed by Moore

in another character reversal from her television roles). The journey is full of human emotion, misunderstanding and lack of communication which has the audience spellbound from start to finish.

The opening scene of a chill autumn day sets the somber tone of the movie, while restrained minor chords let a melancholy feeling surround the audience.

Excellent, the cinematography is excellent, enmeshed with a musical score (adapted by Marvin Hamlisch) that never overpowers but is more than adequate in all aspects. One scene in particular—the family sitting around the dinner table, shot from a doorway—gives the impression of a family portrait, the door frame acting as a picture frame and giving the impression of solidarity within the setting.

It is this ironic solidarity that fills the movie. Moore, obsessed with the death of her favorite and letting pride dictate her social mores, refuses contact with Hutton, who picks up on his mother's spite and realizes

she would have preferred his death to Buck's.

Sutherland perceives the same, but he is unable to interfere in the discord because of his sympathy for his son and his own spinelessness. Hirsch, the near-faultless psychiatrist, will not believe Beth hates Conrad, and only after a visit from Sutherland does he begin to perceive the complexity of the problem.

During all this, Redford directs the family solidly holding onto virtues that fell apart with the death of Buck months before. It is a telling portrait of a family at war with itself and one another—a redundancy of terms in one sense, yet not in another.

"Ordinary People" is full of real human beings, and for this reason, if no other, it is a powerful statement on the American way of life. The characters are fully rounded, and each is an individual. And this is the reason the movie stands out.

It is a statement on life as real as the neighbors next door, or the people—ordinary as they are—within our own home.



Following treatment at a mental hospital after his suicide attempt, Timothy Hutton attempts without success to communicate with his mother, Mary Tyler Moore, in "Ordinary People."

## Mary Tyler Moore's son killed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Mary Tyler Moore, whose movie "Ordinary People" deals with the accidental death of one son and the attempted suicide of another, has seen her screen role turn into real tragedy.

Her only child, Richard Carlton Meeker Jr., 24, was killed late Tuesday night when he triggered his own shotgun and shot himself in the head, police said.

A coroner's investigation was trying to determine whether his death was suicide or accidental, said Lt. Dan Cooke, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Meeker, a messenger at CBS Television City in Los Angeles, died shortly after a phone conversation with his girlfriend in Fresno. He was at home in the rented house he shared with two women students near the

University of Southern California when the gun fired about 11 p.m., police detective Jerry Ferrin reported.

His housemates, Judy Vasquez, 21, and Janet McLaughlin, 22, both said the shooting was an accident.

"He had been talking to his girlfriend on the telephone," said Vasquez, a student at California State University at Northridge. "I asked how his day went. He said, 'Fine,' and we spoke a few more words. I heard the gun click, and it went off."

McLaughlin, a USC student who said she and Meeker had "grown up together" in Fresno, added that the phone call to Fresno "had absolutely nothing to do with the shooting."

The identity of Meeker's girlfriend in Fresno was not immediately known.

"At no time did he seem

despondent," McLaughlin said. "He came into my study where I was writing a story. We talked. He said he was bored, but it was just a remark in passing. We even discussed fixing up the house we had rented."

Ferrin said, "He was loading and unloading the short-barreled gun when it went off, the blast striking him in the head."

The shotgun was a short-barreled .410-gauge. McLaughlin said Meeker usually kept it in an accessible place because he worried about burglars.

Ms. Moore's office in New York said the actress flew to Los Angeles as soon as she learned of the shooting. She has been living in New York since her play, "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?" closed there several months ago.

Meeker was pronounced dead at Western Park Hospital about 11:30 p.m.

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MTSU's usual starting tailback Sammy Bryant (15) will handle the quarterback chores tomorrow at Murray State. Kickoff is 2 p.m.

# MTSU, Racers clash

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Editor

Talk about your mismatches.

Undefeated Murray State, which shares the top spot in the I-AA polls with South Carolina State, hosts winless Middle Tennessee in bluegrass country tomorrow at 2 p.m.

The Racers, defending OVC champions, are sporting a 6-0 overall record and have a 2-0 mark in the conference. The Blue Raiders are looking for their first win after five straight losses and an 0-2 OVC start.

Murray has allowed only two touchdowns all season, while giving up only 172.8 yards and six points per game. Those figures are good enough to put Murray on top of the nation's total defense category.

In last week's 20-6 defeat of UT-Martin, Murray shut the Pacers down to only 58 yards rushing, eight in the second half. The victory was the Racers' 14th consecutive regular-season win, setting a new school record.

"Our defensive philosophy is in our defensive front," Murray coach Mike Gottfried said. "We play a lot of quick people. All our people can run."

Last year's All-OVC Defensive Player of the Year, Terry Love, is expected to line up as free safety against the Blue Raiders after being involved in only 21 plays so far this year.

"We're got our fingers crossed that he'll be healthy [after a sprained ankle] and will be able to play the entire game," Gottfried said.

"They haven't missed him at all," MTSU coach Boots Donnelly said. "They just throw other people in there who get the job done."

Junior linebacker Donald White is fourth in the conference with 62 total tackles for the Racers.

Even though defense is Murray's forte, the Racer offense has had a good bit to do with the team's success so far. Quarterback Gino Gibbs, a junior college transfer from College of the Canyons, is averaging 119 yards total offense a game.

Meanwhile, back at the Blue Raider camp, Middle Tennessee ranks last in both team offense and team defense in the OVC.

The biggest news in the MTSU lineup is the decision to use Sammy Bryant at the quarterback spot. Usual starting quarterback Brown Sanford is still suffering from "biceptal tendonitis" and will not start against Murray.

"We'll let Bryant go with it as long as he can handle it," Donnelly said. "We feel confident that he can do the job."

Freshman Leroy Pugh will get the starting nod at the tailback position that Bryant will be vacating.

"We have to control the football," the MTSU coach said. "We would have won against Eastern if we had moved the ball, because our defense played tremendously for three quarters."

So far in the 1980 campaign, the Blue Raiders have averaged 194 yards in team offense, while giving up an average of 418.2 yards per game.

"All the pluses are on our side, though," Donnelly said. "We have nothing to lose going there."

Last year Murray downed MTSU 29-8 in the Blue Raiders' homecoming game. Tomorrow's matchup is Murray's turn for homecoming.

## Sports

### Jones resigns asst. athletic director post

Dr. Patricia L. Jones, Middle Tennessee's assistant athletic director in charge of the women's program, announced her resignation Monday, effective immediately.

Dr. Jones has accepted an administrative position at the University of Alabama and will assume her duties there shortly.

MTSU Athletic Director Charles "Bubber" Murphy said it had not yet been decided whether Dr. Jones' vacancy would be filled soon.

According to Murphy, MTSU President Sam Ingram will make a decision to either advertise the position or name an interim to carry out the duties this year.

"We feel real sure that next year he'll let us hire somebody anyway," Murphy said.

Dr. Jones came to MTSU during the summer of 1975 to take over the reins of the women's athletic program and to coach the women's basketball team.

Just this past season, the MTSU's women's basketball and tennis teams won OVC championships, and their respective coaches, both hired by Dr. Jones, won Coach of the Year honors in the conference.

When Dr. Jones arrived in 1975, only basketball and tennis were recognized intercollegiate sports for women at MTSU.



Dr. Patricia Jones

Now Middle Tennessee supports women's programs in basketball, tennis, cross-country, indoor track, outdoor track and volleyball on the intercollegiate level.

In her first two years at MTSU as head coach of the women's basketball team, Dr. Jones led the Lady Raiders to respective 15-9 and 20-5 seasons.

Her two teams set a number of school records that still stand today. Most notable of those records is the team winning percentage of 80 percent compiled by her 1976-77 unit which finished 20-5 for the year.

In accepting the position at the University of Alabama, Dr. Jones will be moving back to her original hometown of Tuscaloosa.

### Lady Raiders sweep UT-Martin

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU's women's volleyball team swept rival UT-Martin in three games Tuesday night to push its regular match record to 7-1.

The match victory was the fifth consecutive win for the Lady Raiders in regular season play.

Middle Tennessee pulled out a close first game 16-14 to take the lead in the match.

"The scores didn't show how well the team played," MTSU coach Beth Glass said. "It really wasn't as close as it looks."

The second game saw the Lady Raiders pass by UTM 15-10, with a third game 15-13 win securing the match.

"We played really well," Glass said. "The hits were really good—we were blocked only four times all night."

Tuesday's win over the Lady Pacers was only the second time the MTSU volleyballers had downed UTM. The first defeat came last year during the Middle Tennessee Invitational, with the Lady Raiders winning the championship game with UTM.

"It was one of those fun nights," Glass said. "Everybody played well; everybody got to play. It was a team victory."

Sophomore Sue Hicks came off the back row in Tuesday's third game to make one of the best defensive plays of the season, according to the coach.

"We had some good coverage," Glass said. "Sue had a beautiful pick-up, a great save."

The Lady Raiders were bolstered by the return of two-time All-Stater Jackie McReynolds. McReynolds played her first match after being sidelined with a sprained ankle in pre-season practices.

"We're glad to have Jackie back," the coach admitted. "She's still injured, but her presence was really felt. Other people didn't touch the ball when she spiked."

"The injuries [of McReynolds and Arlene Hale] have added more depth to the team," Glass said, "because our freshmen got to get some experience early."

McReynolds is still favoring her ankle, according to the coach, "but she loves to play and will give it her all."

The Lady Raiders are traveling to Memphis today for the two-day Memphis State Invitational. Besides the host Lady Tigers, Ole Miss, Mississippi St., Auburn, UT-Martin, the Mississippi University for Women, and Jefferson Community College will be competing with Middle Tennessee.

"We are hoping to come back with a trophy," Glass said.



Lady Raider volleyballer Arlene Hale spikes the ball in preparation for this weekend's Memphis State Invitational.

### Ward's Weekend Winners

by Bill Ward

**ALABAMA at TENNESSEE**—Johnny Majors, wily fellow that he is, has been holding back his most potent offensive weapon—the blazing speed of wide receivers Anthony Hancock, Willie Gault and Mike Miller. Not fully utilizing these men cost Majors the Georgia game, but the Alabama game matters more to Vol fanatics. With the Vols' mediocre running corps crippled, look for UT to fill the air against the Tide, with Hancock and all—SEC tight end Reggie Harper the primary target. It may not be enough, for Alabama has more talent and a lot more depth, and the Vols' defensive ends top two are out, which could prove disastrous against the Wishbone.

No matter how "up" the Tide is, Tennessee will be "upper" and will make a game of it until the 'Bama depth wears them down. Like Rutgers, virtually every Tennessee defender will come up to the line, daring the Tide's QB's to throw. I'd love to go with the Vols, and a late miracle pass could win it, but it looks like ALABAMA by 4.

**DALLAS AT PHILADELPHIA**—Both of these ball clubs can—and will—coast into the playoffs in the hapless NFC (only four teams above .500 and a 5-11 mark so far against the NFC), but this game is important in establishing superiority among these two powerhouses. The real key is the health of the Eagles' Wilbert Montgomery, and who wins the fumble fight between Wilbert and Tony "Turnover" Dorsett. The Cowboys' young, rather slow secondary has gained a lot of confidence in the last three games against the Packers, Carmichael and underrated tight end Keith Krepfle. Danny White leads the loop in passing, but so would Phyllis George against that schedule. PHILADELPHIA BY 6.

Favorite	Underdog	Points
College		
NO. CAROLINA	No. Carolina St.	by 3
CLEMSON	Duke	by 24
MICHIGAN ST.	Wisconsin	by 10
Wake Forest	MARYLAND	by 1
OHIO STATE	Indiana	by 11
PITTSBURGH	West Virginia	by 11
GEORGIA	Vanderbilt	by 37
VA. TECH	Virginia	by 3
PENN ST.	Syracuse	by 3
Purdue	ILLINOIS	by 3
IOWA	Northwestern	by 21
Michigan	MINNESOTA	by 4
NOTRE DAME	Houmy	by 25
SMU	Aronson	by 1
AUBURN	Ga. Tech	by 6
MISSISSIPPI	Florida	by 1
MISSOURI	Colorado	by 17
Iowa State	KANSAS	by 14
OKLAHOMA	Kansas St.	by 35
NEBRASKA	Okla. St.	by 17
Baylor	TEXAS A&M	by 3
MIAMI (Fla.)	Miss. St.	by 10
UCLA	Oregon St.	by 10
So. Cal.	OREGON	by 6
FLORIDA ST.	Boston College	by 4

Louisiana St.	KENTUCKY	by 3
Texas Tech	RICE	by 3
TULANE	Air Force	by 21
ARIZONA	Wash. St.	by 24
WESTERN KY.	TENN. TECH	by 4
MURRAY ST.	Middle Tenn.	by 22
Morehead	YOUNGSTOWN	by 2
AUSTIN PEAY	Nicholls St.	by 6
Akron	TEMPLE	by 1
EASTERN KY.	East Tenn.	by 24
Pro	JETS	by 3
Seattle	Minnesota	by 1
CINCINNATI	Green Bay	by 14
CLEVELAND	Dallas	by 6
PHILADELPHIA	MIAMI	by 3
Buffalo	St. Louis	by 3
WASHINGTON	Kansas City	by 4
DENVER	Atlanta	by 1
NEW ORLEANS	New England	by 4
BALTIMORE	Detroit	by 3
CHICAGO	SAN FRANCISCO	by 7
Los Angeles	Tampa Bay	by 7
HOUSTON	Giants	by 17
SAN DIEGO	Oakland	by 10
PITTSBURGH		

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# Writer 'guestimates' ABC college games

By BILL WARD  
Sidelines Sports Writer

Only an idiot would claim to know what factors motivate the ABC sports moguls in deciding what college football games to televise nationally and regionally (the old it-takes-one-to-know-one syndrome, you know). Still, there are some pretty obvious choices for televised games for the second half of this season. Be forewarned, though: common sense and logic, which are rarely part of ABC's decision-making process (try money and demographics), could be used in formulating this man's "guestimates" at what games, were and should be beamed into our living rooms this fall.

Oct. 25—OKLAHOMA at IOWA STATE, PITT at TENNESSEE, BEST-SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI at ALABAMA. One of the nation's best-kept secrets is the fact that Iowa State is unbeaten and will likely remain so after this week's game with Kansas. The Hawkeyes currently rank eighth in the nation in total offense and third in total defense (behind Navy and Nebraska). Their clash with the Sooners should be at least on regional TV and may be telecast nationally if ABC decides not to go national with the later Oklahoma-Nebraska tilt. (A team can only appear on national TV twice, and the Sooners' game with Texas last week makes one.)

If Tennessee upsets Alabama, ABC will surely keep its cameras in Knoxville for next week's matchup with Pitt, where Vol mentor Johnny Majors won a national championship in 1976. If Alabama wins tomorrow, their contest with Southern Miss, also undefeated, should be shown regionally.

Nov. 1—VANDERBILT at MEMPHIS STATE. Naw, just joshin'; actually, SOUTH CAROLINA at GEORGIA is an absolute natural: big rivalry, Georgia's unbeaten (and Vandy and Kentucky won't likely change that), while Carolina has lost only to Southern Cal. And the Gamecocks have the current Heisman Trophy frontrunner in tailback George Rogers, whose father will be released from a Georgia prison the week before the game; George Sr. will be seeing his son play for the first time.

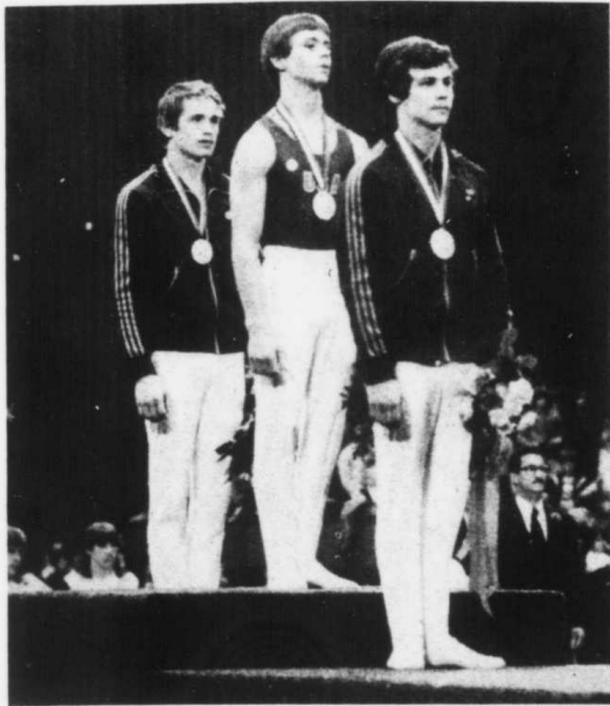
ABC cares a lot more about such soap opera trappings than they do about the fact that they "owe" Rogers (and most other Heisman candidates) one after showing early Heisman fave Art Schuster and Ohio State twice, including a meaningless fiasco against Minnesota on the same day that Notre Dame and Michigan engaged in one of the most exciting clashes in recent years. Besides, the whole nation is anxious to see Georgia's freshman phenom Herschel Walker, who just might upstage Rogers here.

If perchance ABC, in its infinite wisdom, shows this game only regionally, a couple of Midwest battles look enticing: NORTH CAROLINA (currently unbeaten) at OKLAHOMA, and MISSOURI at NEBRASKA, always a great game.

NOV. 8—Two great regional matchups: NORTH CAROLINA at CLEMSON will likely decide the ACC title, and the "Tiger Den" is an exciting place to watch a ballgame; and BAYLOR at ARKANSAS is a key SWC contest. The Bears are undefeated and boast the third-ranked offense in the land.

This would be an ideal weekend for a regionally televised OVC clash, but, alas, there's nary a good one on tap.

NOV. 15 (a.k.a. Cut-and-dried Saturday)—NOTRE DAME at ALABAMA, probably for the number-one ranking. Both teams should maintain their unblemished records until this shootout in Birmingham, and this is an intense rivalry anyway, seeing as how the Irish knocked the Tide out of the 1/21 spot twice in the '70s. Even if Alabama should fall to UT or Southern Miss, this skirmish will be shown nationally.



U.S. champion gymnast Kurt Thomas (center) will hold a workshop here in Alumni Memorial Gym at 4 p.m. Tuesday in conjunction with a lecture that night. Thomas' speech in the LRC Multi-Media Room at 8 p.m. is sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee.

# U.S. gymnast Thomas speaks here Tuesday

World-class champion gymnast Kurt Thomas will be presenting a workshop and lecture here on Tuesday.

Sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, Thomas' evening lecture in the LRC Multi-Media Room at 8 p.m. follows an afternoon workshop at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Thomas has been credited with transforming men's gymnastics into a popular public sport that has reached the crowd-pleasing level of women's gymnastics. The 5'5", 127 pound graduate of Indiana State has become the greatest American gymnast ever with his "Thomas Flair" maneuver.

This summer Thomas went on a five-city tour with the U.S. National Team that missed the Olympics because of the U.S. Boycott.

A member of the 1976 U.S.

Olympic team at Montreal, Thomas has been awarded all kinds of honors and medals in various amateur competitions. In 1979, he won both gold and silver medals at the World Championships while receiving 4th All around at the World Cup.

Men's gymnastics requires competition on the stationary rings (suspended seven and a half feet above the floor), the pommel horse (the leather apparatus with two handholds on top), the horizontal bar, the vault and a floor exercise.

Thomas' lecture Tuesday night is free and open to the public. Additional workshop information can be found by calling 898-2551.

Thomas' workshop here on Tuesday will include instruction for both novice gymnasts and those who have had training.

# OVC teams see action tomorrow

Both OVC leaders are back in conference action this week as Murray State has its homecoming game against Middle Tennessee, while Western Kentucky travels to Cookeville to face the Tennessee Tech aerial show.

The only other intra-conference game pits Morehead against Youngstown State in a designated league game for the Eagles. Three non-league outings are scheduled.

Tennessee Tech will be looking for an upset of the nation's fourth-ranked I-AA team for its homecoming game with Western. Hopes for a Golden Eagle upset rest upon the passing arm of Tech quarterback James Aaron. He has passed for 884 yards and five touchdowns in five games.

Wayne Anderson, whose 45-yard field goal in the 7-3 loss to

Jacksonville State was his eighth without a miss this season, provides Tech with a fine kicking game.

Western Kentucky can score by the run or by the pass. Of the Hilltoppers' 19 touchdowns this season, nine have been by the rush and eight by the pass. Quarterback John Hall is the OVC's top passer, having completed 36 of 58 passes for 653 yards and six touchdowns. The running game is led by fullback Troy Sardon (96.4 yards per game, 6.1 yards per carry) with six touchdowns, and speedster Nate Jones (404 yards, 5.6 average). Western routed Tech last year 49-7.

Morehead, who lost to Austin Peay last week 23-21, plays Youngstown in Ohio tomorrow in a contest designated as a

conference game for the Eagles. As a team, Morehead ranks fourth in the OVC in total offense but sixth in total defense. Youngstown State, although coming up on the short end of a 42-17 score against Western Kentucky, outgained the Hilltoppers 339-271 and scored their first offensive touchdown of the year.

Austin Peay (2-3) hosts Nicholls State (2-4) in a night game tomorrow. As a team, Peay ranks second in the league in offense, averaging better than 315 yards per game with quarterback Sonny Defilippis being the OVC total offense leader and wide receiver Steve Puthoff being the league's leading receiver.

Akron (3-2-1) got back into its winning way last week with a

21-10 win over Eastern Michigan in the Zips' homecoming game. Tomorrow the Zips travel to Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia to face Temple University (1-4).

The seventh-ranked I-AA Colonels of Eastern Kentucky host winless East Tennessee (0-6) in Richmond, Ky., tomorrow afternoon.

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