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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first in a series of articles dealing with alcohol and drug use by students. Alcohol Awareness will be celebrated Oct. 30-Nov. 4.

By **DIANE GRIFFIN**
Staff Writer

"I lived in blackouts."

"I didn't want to live anymore."

"I knew what my problem was; it was alcohol."

These are not the words of a stereotypical skid row wino. Only five percent of the nation's alcoholics live on skid row. Meet Sharon (not her real name), a recent MTSU graduate and recovering alcoholic.

Sharon could easily be the prototype for the all-American girl. She is pretty, intelligent, friendly and witty. At a young age, Sharon progressed through all the stages of alcoholism and came very close to dying as a result. She is living proof that alcoholism is a disease without prejudices.

Sharon had her first drink at 12. Even as a young drinker, Sharon said she did not drink "normally." "When I was 17 in high school, I still had a choice," she remembered. "Maybe I could have stopped then."

Sharon transferred to MTSU in the fall semester of 1983, a move she said was another attempt to stop drinking. "I used to go from school to school, thinking I'd wipe the slate clean and not drink. I made it here a total of three weeks without drinking."

Sharon moved into a dorm room with someone she didn't know, "so I could hide my drinking from other students...I thought every single person at school knew what I was doing," she explained. "I thought they cared."

Soon Sharon stopped attending classes and was drinking heavily. One night at 3:30 a.m., she called her mother and asked for help. Alarmed at the sound of Sharon's voice, her mother called an ambulance. "It was a good thing," Sharon said. "When they put me in detox, I was malnourished. They couldn't tell when I had eaten last. That's what I call my bottom, and it was."

Treatment involved short stays at two hospitals and a treatment center. Sharon said she doesn't remember much of the detoxification period, but she does remember the group therapy: "You spend a whole lot of time in groups. The point of that is to let you know that you're not alone. That's really important...When you get that low, you think you're the only one."

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Helen Comer • Staff

MTSU student Doug Stults helps Jim Vincent, an employee of Roses, register to vote. Mark Brown and Stults registered approximately 60 voters in front of Roses Thursday and Friday in order to increase the number of voters in the November presidential election. The registration was bipartisan because Brown and Stults said they wanted to register voters without being selective. Many people did not realize that Saturday was the deadline to register.

Amnesty International to take "prisoner"

By **LISA NEWTON**
News Editor

"Prisoners of conscience" will be tied up and verbally accosted by "human right's oppressors" this week at a demonstration to promote 'National Human Rights Now!' Week (Oct. 9-15), organizers said.

MTSU's chapter of Amnesty International will have a table set up Tuesday and Wednesday in the Grill in an effort to promote the week set aside for human rights.

From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., the group plans to tie up a "prisoner" in a chair with a "human right's oppressor/fascist" verbally accosting the person.

The campus group hopes this demonstration will catch people's attention and stir their curiosity enough to ask what is going on, Bill Steber, co-chairperson for the campus campaign, said.

Also at the table will be a video promotion. Steber said the 20-minute film will illustrate the 30 points of the International Declaration of Human Rights. In the video, different artists display their interpretations of the points.

Amnesty International will also have a petition for people to sign to add to the signatures on the declaration. The names will be added on the 40th anniversary of the signing of the declaration in early December.

Harris named Sidelines gets second editor

By **CHRIS BELL**
Staff Writer

Kim Harris, summer *Sidelines* editor-in-chief, was selected Thursday by the MTSU Student Publications Committee to serve the remainder of former editor M.A. Brown's fall term.

Brown was automatically dismissed as fall editor-in-chief during a Sept. 20 meeting of the committee when Student Publications Coordinator Jackie Solomon informed the committee that he was only enrolled for six hours, three less than the nine hours required by *Sidelines'* operating papers. Brown has since withdrawn from school.

"The way the papers are written, he's removed himself," Chris Hassleu, committee chairman, said at the time. Although Brown asked for an exemption from the rules, no committee members acted on his request. Harris was named interim editor at that meeting.

Harris, who has also been news editor for the paper, and Marla Cartwright, current lifestyles co-editor, both applied for the permanent position. Both were grilled on grades, experience and editorial attitudes during Thursday's meeting.

Both women said they would enforce deadlines and attempt to improve the content of the paper.

"Just because you get rid of the editor doesn't mean you get rid of the problem," Cartwright said. She emphasized the need for more "campus related" editorials and a regular consensus editorial.

Harris also mentioned the need for more issue-related editorials and said she wanted a paper that would "make them think."

The committee then closed the meeting to the public and discussed the matter for almost 30 minutes.

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Harris was chosen by a vote of three to zero, with two members abstaining, according to one committee member. The primary objections to Harris came from faculty member Lois Bragg, an English professor, who questioned her academic record, the source said. Both Bragg and Hassleu abstained from the vote.

"Both applicants were strong and both could do the job," Publications Committee Chairman Chris Hassleu said. "We selected Kim primarily for reasons of continuity."

Harris said she had mixed feelings about her selection. "I wish I had gotten the position under different circumstances," Harris said. "However, I feel the paper will continue to improve both in content and graphics. The staff has been, for the most part, supportive and that has helped in this transitional period."

"I applied because I felt I had a good staff to work with, one of the best in a while. I also wanted the paper to continue as a quality publication."

Cartwright said she will probably go before the committee again in November when they select a spring editor for the newspaper.

Peck honor finalists selected

By LAURIE EVERETT
Staff Writer

Nineteen MTSU English majors have been nominated for the prestigious Peck Scholarship, with the task of whittling that number down to six or seven just beginning, officials said.

A select few of MTSU's best and brightest in the English department will receive approximately \$1,400 each from the Peck Scholarship fund, said Charles Dean, English professor chairing the Peck Scholarship committee.

The scholarship was set up 14 years ago in the memory of Richard Peck, long-time chairman of the MTSU English Department, to recognize outstanding English majors. This is one of the largest scholarship fund on campus with an endowment of approximately \$120,000, officials said.

"We believe that these students are among the best, and will go on to distinguish themselves in the fields of journalism and business," Dean said.

The nomination process began several weeks ago, with each English professor nominating students who have exhibited exceptional abilities in English, Dean said. Any undergraduate of graduate English major is eligible for the awards.

"The person who nominated each student explained why each student deserved to be rated among the best in our discipline," Dean said.

After being nominated, each student gave the committee information about their academic achievements, their academic goals and professional interests, Dean said. The committee will meet weekly through the first of November to look over the nominations and select this year's Peck Scholars.

"We will look at overall grade performance and also look at the evaluations that the English teachers have made," said Dean. "We'll look at the student's writing ability, thinking process and their store of information ... and their own professional goals."

"We want to know there is a serious commitment on the part of the student."

This year's crop is better than usual, Dean said. "There is bound to be some disappointment," he said. The award ceremony will take place in early November and will be open to anyone wishing to attend, Dean said.

The committee consists of Dean, Virginia Peck, wife of Richard Peck, three other English professors and Clay Tucker, former dean of the School of Liberal Arts.

ACT reconstructs test after 30 years

By JENNIFER BAILEY
Staff Writer

Several formatting and scoring changes will greet high school students taking the ACT Assessment — a

nation-wide test of basic skills used to gain admission to colleges — in October 1989, officials said.

Subscores in usage/ Please see ACT page 4

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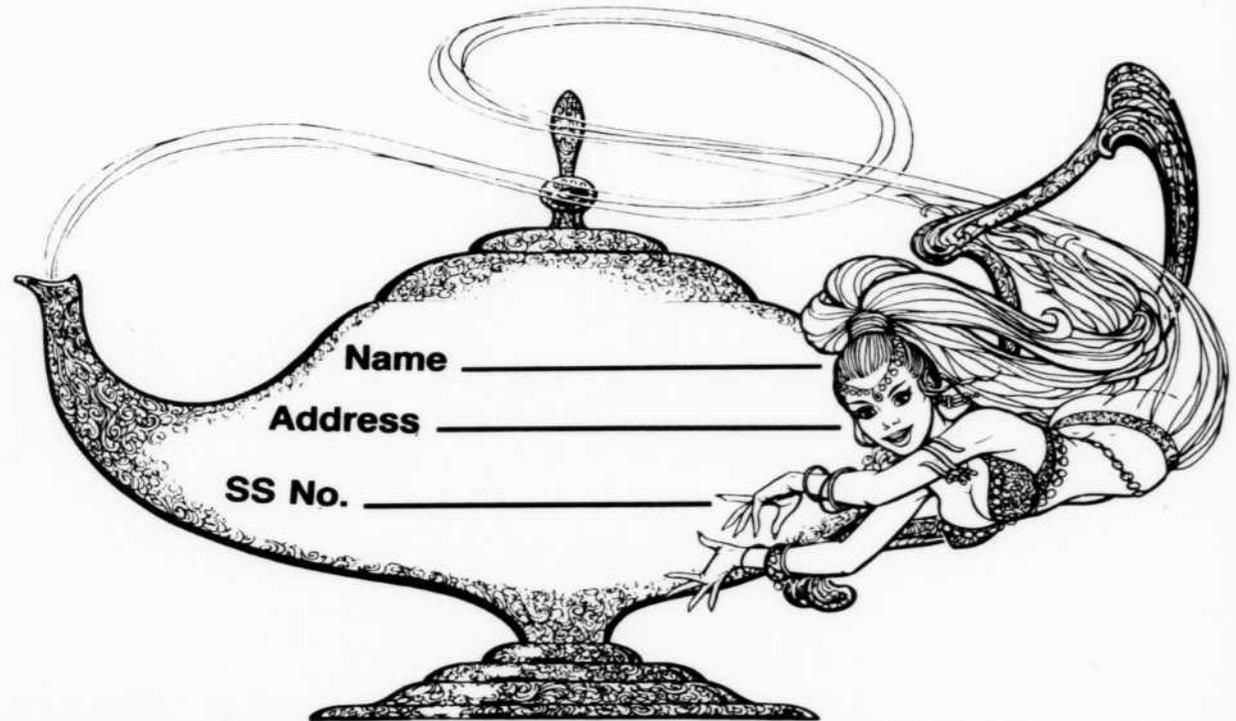
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At first, Sharon had only three things on her mind. She was willing to (1) let them get the alcohol out of her system so that she could (2) get out of the center, in order to (3) kill herself. However, some of the repeated messages began to filter through her "real sick thinking." They eventually convinced her to attend some Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, but it was not long before she fell into the trap many recovering alcoholics fall prey to — relapse.

"I had a bad day one day. That's all it took. Just one bad day of about probably 10 minutes worth of thinking...I thought 'Maybe you can drink. Now that you know where to go, you can do it.' I started drinking, and it was the same thing again...It seemed worse though because the guilt was worse, and I'd already forked out about \$4,000. My family could no longer deny it. I had withdrawn from school. I tried to work, but I couldn't hold down a job," she said.

Feeling desperate, Sharon then sought treatment out of state at another detox center which she said "scared the holy daylights out of me." She woke up strapped to a bed, and a woman who was taking blood out of her arms told her she had gone into delirium tremens the night before.

Sharon said she thought, "No way. I'm 23 years old. I didn't go into DTs last

night." From there, it was on to another treatment center for 60 days and then to a halfway house where she was taught various social skills: how to handle a job interview, how to face rejection without drinking and how to have fun without alcohol. "I didn't think that was possible," she said.

"I decided my life was in order. I bought a new car...I could dress myself again, and it was that serious before. I could carry on a conversation with people...I came back to MTSU. Within three weeks, I was drinking again, got in a three-car accident on my way home in which I totaled all three cars, including my brand new one."

Sharon ended up in jail for DUI. This was not her first arrest. She had been arrested once before for DUI and other times for public drunkenness. Because it was her second DUI offense, she had to spend 48 days in jail, and "this time my folks didn't come get me." This was a turning point for Sharon.

"You may not care what happens to you, but when you start running around on the road, jeopardizing everybody else, you know it's time to stop," she said.

"When you get in a blackout, you're going to do whatever because you're not thinking straight," Sharon explained. "I can honestly say that I never purposely got into a car, knowing I'd been drinking and thinking I was okay...I know

so many people in AA, young kids who have been in accidents that killed other people. I thank God that I didn't kill anybody. All the times I got into cars, woke up in a panic the next morning, not knowing where I was, then realizing I was home, running out to the front of my car looking for blood and dents. Just not knowing was a hell in itself."

Sharon said she decided she was ready to listen to other people and let them help her stop drinking. She was sick of living her life in jails, hospitals and treatment centers.

"I had to accept the fact that I could never drink again like 'normal' people...I wouldn't have lived another five years at the rate I was going," she said, "but I had to want to live. For eight years, I had been wanting to die."

Sharon still attends AA meetings and expresses her concern for others who are in trouble and may not know it. Professors, she said should look for warning signs of alcoholism in their students such as excessive absenteeism.

Sharon said she had one professor who recognized her problem, called her attention to it and advised her to seek medical help. She was trying to take an exam in his class one day, and her hands were shaking so badly that she couldn't keep her answers between the small lines.

"Every morning that you

are here, you smell like a brewery," he told her. "You're always drunk. I don't think I've ever seen you sober. I'm surprised no one's ever taken you aside and told you this, but I think you need medical attention. Your coloring is off. You're yellow. That tells me your liver is shot."

Sharon said that if it were not for that teacher, she wouldn't be back here today. "He reminds me of what I'm doing, of how important it is to keep at it and not to drink," she said. "All of sudden, I had to be mingling with normal people again in an environment where I almost died. Since I've been back, I'm a new girl."

Her advice to students who think they might have a drinking problem?

"If you even think you might have a problem, why not go find out, be evaluated, take an assessment test," she said. "If you have to go to work or to class, and you think you would rather drink instead, chances are you have a really bad problem, and it only gets worse. I can vouch for that."

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A student programming production!

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mechanics and rhetorical skills will be added in English; mathematics subscores in elementary algebra, algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry and trigonometry will be added; reading subscores will be added in social sciences, sciences, arts and literature; and a new category of science reasoning will be introduced, said Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions, records and information systems.

"College teachers will be able to look at the ACT subscores and see exactly what a student is having trouble with," Gillespie said. "We're becoming more precise in knowing more

about the individual student."

Previously, the test contained four basic scores in English, mathematics, science and social studies, with a composite score of all four areas.

The changes in the test will not have a great effect on admissions, Gillespie said, explaining a composite score of every group and subscore will be given.

"The challenge for MTSU will be to take this new information and utilize it in counseling and advising new students," Gillespie said.

The test places a new emphasis on reading and reasoning skills, Gillespie

said. Students will not find the test harder, just different.

This is the first major change in the test for approximately 30 years.

The revised version will be used in determining admissions for the January 1990 admissions.



Campus Capsule

MTSU faculty and staff may purchase season tickets for four plays at half price this year. The faculty/staff price is \$5 per ticket. The 1988-89 season begins with *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh this fall. For more information, contact the speech and theater department at 898-2640.

Improving Proofreading Skills Workshop open to department heads and their staffs. The times are 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24 and 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26. The workshop fee is \$15. Call Continuing Education at ext. 2462 for information.

The Baptist Student Union will sponsor a variety show on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center. No auditions, no talent needed.

Co-op Jobs-starting Spring 89 and Summer 89. Computer information systems, computer science and computer technology majors in Nashville, Oak Ridge, Smyrna, Spring Hill and Tullahoma. For more information, visit Room 101 Peck Hall or call 898-2613.

Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will be available in the ASB office Room 304, KUC today. Applications must be returned by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The Society of Professional Journalists is having its initiation ceremonies Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Quincy's located on Broad Street. Various Nashville media personalities will present a workshop on the media's role in election coverage. For more information about SPJ, please contact Glen Himebaugh at ext. 2205.

The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) has announced the testing dates for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) as follows: Oct. 15, Jan. 28, March 18 and June 17. Further information on registration procedures and deadlines, fees and testing center locations is available in the GMAT *Bulletin of Information* for 1988-89. Individual copies are available in Room 329, KUC.

Cholesterol screenings, sponsored by Nashville Memorial, will be available during the coming week at these Middle Tennessee Kroger stores: 831 S. Tennessee Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 1776 N. Field Blvd., Murfreesboro, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 297 N. Lowry, Smyrna, Friday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost for the screening is \$4. Results will be available within 30 minutes.



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Tea time...

The 1987 Homecoming Queen Stefanie Sorrell, senior, and Homecoming queen candidate Tricia Daugherty, senior, sit and talk at the President's Mansion Sunday during the annual Queen's Tea. The other candidates for the 1988 Homecoming Queen are Melita Melson, sophomore, Jan Snell, sophomore, Rita Stone, senior, and Terri Page, junior.

Sauerkraut-eating fest spices Chilli Cook-Off

By VICKIE PIGG
Staff Writer

Channel 4 consumer affairs reporter and MTSU graduate Carla Winfrey and Nashville Police Chief Joe Casey are two of the special celebrity judges for the competition.

Walk the West will begin third performance at 7:30 immediately following a sauerkraut eating contest.

Tickets are \$4 in advance in the Keathley University

Center basement or \$5 at the door.



Defense-oriented karate course offered to women

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

A self-defense karate course open to the general public and designed especially for women will begin Oct. 12 on campus.

The six week course, taught by MTSU karate instructor Michael Payne, will teach women basic street

self-defense and some exercises in karate.

The students will learn flexibility and breathing techniques, how to handle themselves physically and how to ward off attackers.

The fee for the class, which will meet once a week for six weeks, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 12,

is \$30. The class begins at 6 p.m. and continues for an

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MTSU frat helps HELP

From Staff Reports

The Mu Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi will sponsor a lip-sync contest Wednesday to benefit Project HELP, according to the president of the fraternity.

The proceeds from the contest, to be held at 7 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room, will go to Project HELP, an MTSU program designed to Help Educate Little People (HELP), from birth to three years old, with any physical or mental handicaps.

The coverage charge to the contest is a \$1 donation. The first place winner will receive \$25, second place receives \$15 and third place, \$10.

Eleven contestants have entered so far, according to Vincent Windrow, president of Omega Psi Phi.

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- Wednesday, October 12** — Scavenger Hunt, KUC Courtyard, 3 p.m.
- Thursday, October 13** — Activities Day, Lawn between Cope Administration and Peck Hall, 3 p.m.
- Friday, October 14** — Residence Hall Decoration Contest Judging, 10 a.m.; Bonfire/Pep Rally, Cummings Field, 7 p.m.; Homecoming Party after pep rally, The Boro Bar and Grill
- Saturday, October 15** — Parade Line-Up, 7:45 a.m.; Parade, 9 a.m.; MTSU vs. Morehead, 1:30 p.m.; Amy Grant in Concert, Murphy Athletic Center, 8 p.m.

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To the Editor:

Despite the fact I'm pushing forty, I never felt old until I came back to college. I found that everything and nothing has changed in the past 15 years.

I have been reading the student publication with interest. In reading some articles, and especially in reading the letters to the editor and editorial comment, I found that in the last twenty years or so, someone turned back the tide of good taste.

Before you tell me I'm naive and have had my head in the sand, remember I AM the "beat generation," the "free love" generation, the "do it if it feels good" generation. I was there for civil rights, women's lib, war protest. And I was a college student when Kent State happened. How many of you remember Kent State? So none of this, "You just don't know what's happenin', man" stuff. I am not shocked by radical ideas. I know all the dirty words and their meanings. But I am a doctor's daughter who grew up on a farm — I know enough about bodily functions and anatomy, and I've shovelled enough manure that I don't need to constantly talk extensively about either subject to show how "with it" or "honest" I am. Perhaps if some of the men and women writing for the paper had some more "hands on" experience with the nitty gritty of life, they wouldn't find it so fascinating.

After reading Mr. Stults' editorials of October 3, I sat and wondered, "What is this fellow trying to say? Is he trying to be funny? Is he trying to prove what a deep thinking individual he is?" My conclusion was, "None of the above. He is late on the deadline for an assigned article, he had ground glass for breakfast, and the ground glass is coming back on him." My impression of Mr. Stults from his writing is that he is not a very nice person to know.

Political satire is wonderful. I grew up on L'il Abner and Pogo. I still read "Doonesbury" and "Bloom County." They make me laugh, even when they are pointed. Mr. Stults was not funny, he was offensive. I feel it would do him good to spend some time watching Mark Russell. He needs to read a couple Art Buchwald books, and maybe

some Andy Rooney. They are class acts. They do not name call and they have a point to make. I think the editorial editor was trying to make a couple points, but the rhetoric was so strong and the pieces so disjointed that I couldn't quite make out what those points were.

I do not defend the way either candidate is running their campaign — or the way any candidate does, necessarily. However, before Mr. Stults begins broadbrushing conservatives, he should sit and do some serious sociological thinking based on maturity and experience.

Really think about the implications of government-mandated, employer-supplied health care. Think about the inflationary cost of the \$4.55 minimum wage. Talk about the consequences of getting another state governor in office (we've had two in a row now) who will have to start over learning where Moscow and Tokyo are.

Let's remember what party it was that brought us the Viet Nam war — my father was nearly sent over during the Kennedy (Camelot) administration, (1962 or '63.) Perhaps Mr. Stults does not remember his American history and discussions of previous protectionist trade policy. Instead of throwing around names and generalizations, let's hear an *intelligent, productive* listing of problems and suggestions for their solutions from a mature viewpoint. What I'm hearing from the editorial pages of *Sidelines* makes me pray that *my* future is not in the hands of the younger generation!

The bottom line is that all of us "fellow Americans" are responsible for our own politicians and our own tax hikes. We demand service and protection, and want "big business" to foot the bill. Until all of us are willing to get into the political process as candidates, until all of us are willing to seize the "American dream" the way many immigrants from other countries are, then we have little right to gripe, and we certainly have no right to be abusive.

I'm wondering if Mr. Stults is actively involved in the grass roots (nomination and primary processes) of a political party? Has he sought political change by writing insightful letters to elected officials? I wonder as well how his GPA

would stack up next to an exchange student from the Orient (who is also working against a language barrier)? Or perhaps he feels he has nothing to learn against from classes taught by totally out-of-date, seriously misguided old fogies. I have one of those in my chemistry lecture class — the young man, not the old fogey. That's the part that hasn't changed. It's really strange to be part of a generation that once said, "Never trust anyone over 30," and now realize that we are the brunt of the same attitudes. Maybe the attitude is just a function of being young — to quote a cliché, "What goes around, comes around."

Am I part of the "I" generation that wants the Donald Trump dream? No. I am a married woman with two children I want to send to school. I live in a rented house and drive a leased car. No, I do not have medical insurance, so you better believe I take care of myself! Maybe that's the biggest difference. Experience. It knocks chips off your shoulders, and makes you realize that if you're gonna point out the problems, you better have more than cutesy rhetoric to offer as a solution.

Mr. Stults, go out and get married (and stay married), have a couple kids (and worry about raising them, educating them, keeping them drug-free), and start your own business with your own money. Live for about 10 more years, learn how to get your point across in an intelligent and comprehensive manner, make your arguments in an organized fashion and support them with facts that are not cluttered with slogans such as "the nation's most heinous mass-murderer still at large," and other inflammatory rhetoric. And if you don't like the politics, go for it — change it. Run for office. Try your hand at changing, making, enforcing the laws and economic policy of the land. Then when you write an editorial, it will be worth reading.

Rene Spicher
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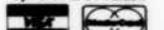
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SPORTS

Raider defense key to lopsided win

By CECIL JOYCE
Sports Writer

It was a sweet victory Saturday afternoon as the Blue Raiders used every defensive technique possible in defeating the Delta Devils of Mississippi Valley State 40-3.

The game was mauled by penalties and lasted close to three hours. It was a longer day for Valley than Middle Tennessee.

"I thought we came back very well from last week," head coach Boots Donnelly said. "The defense set us up

very well and they gave us good field position early in the game."

The defense did indeed do a fine job, especially the special teams. All but one of the Devils' punts were blocked (a total of 4), one of them going for a touchdown by Chuck Swafford and another for a safety by Donald Stuckett.

The Blue Raider defense held the Devils' offense to only 52 net yards rushing and 59 yards passing for the day.

The defense, led by

Swafford, Kenny Tippins, and Tommy Barnes, not to mention many others, caused three turnovers and three sacks.

"We felt like we could block a lot of kicks coming in today," Coach Donnelly added.

The offense was paced by Joe Campbell, who gained 78 yards on 15 carries.

"I thought the defense came off of the ball very well today," Campbell said.

Starting quarterback Marvin Collier, although completing only 4-of-12

passes and two interceptions, played considerably better than past games.

"He turned it loose much better today," Coach Donnelly replied. "I am glad to see him throw his first touchdown."

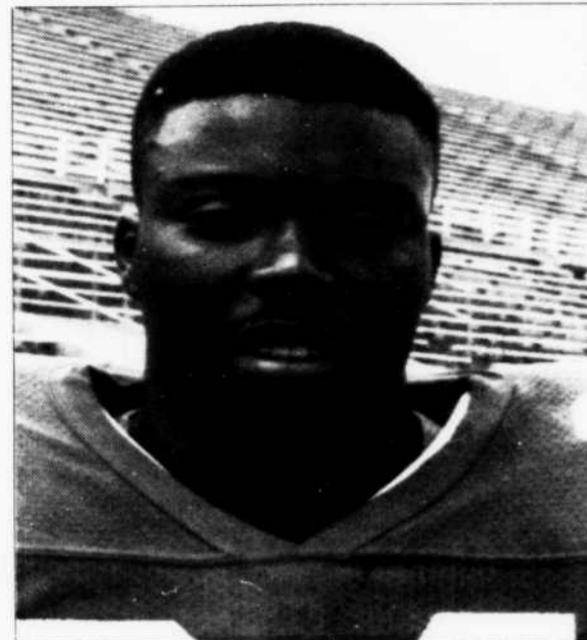
Another bright spot in the day was the fine performance by reserve quarterback Phil Ironside. He completed 7-of-9 passes for 71 yards and helped set up the final touchdown late in the game when MTSU had their second string in the game.

"Phil did what he does best today, going back and passing the ball," Coach Donnelly said. "He can do a great job as long as he has the protection of the front line."

The running game was balanced, with Collier adding 29 yards and Todd Davis gaining 18 yards and one touchdown late in the game. The receivers were led by Ken Donaldson and Melvin James with three apiece.

Matt Crews started his first game of the year as place kicker, hitting all of his extra points and converting one of two field goal attempts. The miss came on a 50-yard attempt.

Donnelly, in reply to the kicking situation, "I was very pleased with Matt, we may have some competition at our kicking game...let the



Blue Raider cornerback Chuck Swafford, intercepted a punt and ran it back for a touchdown on Saturday giving MTSU one of their 40 points against the Devils of Mississippi Valley State. Final score was 40-3.



Frank Conley/Staff

Tailback Joe Campbell, devastated the Devils defense as he rushed for 78 yards in 15 carries. The Blue Raiders scored a season-high 40 points in the game.

chips fall where they may."

Coach Donnelly also said that Joe Campbell is the starting tailback for the moment, but that could change at any time.

This game was a big confidence builder before heading into OVC conference play next week. The Raiders improved to 4-2 with the Homecoming game next week against Morehead State. Mississippi Valley fell to 2-4.

Injured players Ricky Martin and Tony Bradley are expected to be back for the Homecoming game

next week with Morehead State. Marty Euerard, who was seldomly used in the game, is also expected to return.

"We are a very healthy team right now," Coach Donnelly replied.

The Blue Raiders showed a lot to their fans on Saturday by getting their highest point total of the year, while only allowing a field goal to MVS early in the game.

Can MTSU keep up their excellent blend of offensive output and defensive dominance? Only time will tell.

Baseball season concluding with chaos

By JASON ALLEN
Sports Writer

Yes, it's that time of year once again. The regular season is over, the playoffs are in full swing, and the World Series are just around the corner. As for now, here's a few passing thoughts concerning our Great American Pastime...

The 59-consecutive scoreless innings by Dodger's pitcher Orel Hershiser was the most remarkable feat of the season, even surpassing the perfect game pitched by the Red's Tom Browning.

If anyone deserves to win the World Series, it has to be the Boston Red Sox. The Mets won it in '86, the Dod-

gers in '81, and the A's in '74. The Red Sox last World Championship came in 1918.

Next time you think about it, take a look at Dodger's manager Tommy Lasorda's pants. I believe these pants would fit Refrigerator Perry.

Speaking of big, you should also take a look at some of the umpires. Many could use a visit to Weight Watchers in the off season.

The Red Sox have two players from Tennessee on their roster. Pitchers Mike Smithson and Tommy Bolton both currently reside in Nashville.

The Oakland A's will probably field a pretty de-

cent football team. Their roster includes Dave Parker (6-6, 245 lbs.), Mark McGuire (6-5, 235 lbs.), Jose Canseco (6-3, 235 lbs.), Dave Henderson (6-2, 225 lbs.), Eric Plunk (6-5, 220 lbs.), and Don Baylor (6-0, 225 lbs.).

The A's remind me a lot of Cincinnati's Big Red

The World Series puts the Super Bowl to shame. While most of the Super Bowls are boring blowouts, the World Series is consistently a six or seven game thriller.

Let's either get rid of the designated-hitter altogether or use it in both leagues. It should be man-

catchers like Johnny Bench anymore.

Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner continues to make a mockery of his team by making yearly managerial changes and ridiculous trades. I wish someone could fire him.

The Baltimore Orioles beat out the Atlanta Braves by one game as worst team in baseball. The Orioles lost 107 games, while the Braves could only manage 106...

The Cincinnati Reds will continue to be a second place team as long as they are managed by Pete Rose and owned by Schottzie the Dog.

Oakland's domination of Boston in the playoffs is no surprise. The A's won nine of 12 from Boston this season, including all six at home. The A's out-homered the Red Sox 13-1 in those games.

There are no bigger hot dogs in baseball than the Met's Len Dykstra, Wally Backman, and Gary Carter...

There's nothing funnier than to watch Dodger's manager Tommy Lasorda when he's mad.

Getting thrown out for using pine-tar on a glove? Give me a break. I've tried it before and it doesn't work...Until next time...

Commentary

Machine of the 1970's.

Yes, Wade Boggs is a great player, but I'd still rather have Mike Schmidt or George Brett in their prime.

datory in the World Series. Nobody wants to see two outs and the bases loaded with the pitcher coming to bat. They just don't make



Frank Conley/Staff

The lead pack in the biathlon pedals their way down Lascassas Highway yesterday. Loren Hartman won the biathlon in a time of 1:21:00. Over 150 athletes took part in the event and many from out-of-state. The Blue Raider biathlon was the first of several activities for Octoberfest, Homecoming 1988.

Homecoming begins

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Not many people even bother to consider running, much less running and cycling in 60 degree weather.

But despite the weather, approximately 150-200 people actually entered the Campus Recreation sponsored biathlon yesterday.

News travels fast as several athletes from as far away as South Carolina, Wisconsin and Kentucky entered the biathlon competition.

"It went very smoothly," said Pam Carothers, director of the event. "I've heard a lot of compliments."

The biathlon is the first of its kind and plans are underway in making it an annual event, which will probably take the place of the annual Raider Run.

"Many have asked why don't we just have a biathlon," said Carothers. "So we've been at work on this since late in the summer."

The course was mapped around the MTSU campus. The biathlon consisted of a 5 km run, a 30 km bike ride and another 5 km run.

Entrants from 5-years old to 65-years old competed in the event.

First place overall, went to Loren Hartman in the 21-29 year old men's category with a time of 1:21:00.

Second place overall, went to his brother Bert Hartman in the 21-29 year old men's category with a time of 1:25:30.6.

Third place overall, went to Stephen Schmidt, who finished first in the 35-39 year old category.

Everyone who entered the contest received a T-shirt and water bottle. Top winners received a cycling jersey and gift certificate from Skedaddle Bicycles.

Other sponsors for the event included Dominos Pizza, Bud Light, Coca Cola, Tenneco, 10-K and the Boro Bar and Grill.

It was obvious that the weather was the least of things on these athlete's minds.

Each finisher was applauded as they crossed

the finish line, which is seldom heard in other sports.

Despite how physically grueling this sport is, it builds a lot of confidence individually, just to finish.

"This was a good event for not only the school but also the community," said Carothers. "There was a big turnout and a lot of people helped us out, the frats and sororities and many others."

Approximately 20 officials spotted the course and helped in the overall planning of the event.

Afterwards, the athletes were treated to pizza from Domino's.

Midnight Basketball Madness

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Blue Raider's Basketball season will begin October 14, at the midnight hour in the Alumni Gym.

At one minute after midnight, the men's basketball team will officially begin their basketball season with Midnight Madness.

During the night, there will be dunking contests, special half-time prizes and

an autograph session, in addition to a blue-and-white intersquad scrimmage.

NCAA rules state that men's basketball season begins October 15.

"We are just getting a head start on the rest," said new Graduate Assistant coach, Al Wells. "We are excited about the team this year and we hope to have a successful season."

Midnight Madness will be free and open for the

public as well as students. "This is for the devoted true fans of the Blue Raiders," said Wells.

"Since it's homecoming week, this is the perfect time for it," added Wells. "We expect a big turnout."

OVC Basketball Media Day is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington, KY. Activities are scheduled to begin at approximately 10 a.m.

Volleyballers face rival Tech

The MTSU Lady Raider Volleyball team will continue their season with a

match up against arch-rival Tennessee Tech.

The game will be played in the Alumni Gym at 7

p.m. on Tuesday. The Lady Raiders will not play at home again until October 20 against Tennessee State.

Blood Analysis Day conducted

MTSU Wellness Center will be conducting a Blood Analysis Day on Wednesday 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The analysis will feature 29 profile tests such as sodium, calcium, potas-

sium, iron and total protein.

Dick LaLance, director of the Wellness Center, said in the past, these tests have revealed many life-threatening medical situations.

Medical technicians will conduct the profile test. A 12-14 hour fast and a fee of \$13 is required.

The analysis is open for all faculty, staff and students.

Blue Raider Homecoming '88

From Staff Reports

MTSU's 1988 Octoberfest Homecoming will live up to its name, as a variety of activities are being offered to returning alumni.

Friday's activities will tee off with the Annual Men's Alumni Golf Tournament, scheduled for 8 a.m. at Murfreesboro's Old Fort Golf Club, Hwy. 96. The Ladies' Alumni Golf will start at 9 a.m. at Murfreesboro's Stones River Coun-

try Club.

The cost for either is \$22, payable in advance. Reservation deadline is tomorrow. Winners of the four-person scramble will be announced at the game.

At 3:30 p.m., Friday, Alumni from the 30's to the 80's will bat against each other in the Annual Alumni Baseball game. Special guests will be the 1968 Blue Raiders who will celebrate the 20th anniversary of

their OVC championship led by Coach Jimmy Earle.

Players should report to the baseball clubhouse at 1 p.m. for uniforms. A reception will be held after the game at 6:30 p.m. at the baseball homecoming headquarters, Best Western/Wayside Inn, 231S near I-24.

A bonfire and pep rally at 7 p.m. for both students and alumni concludes Friday's events.

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LIFESTYLES

Barry Drake presents 60's era

By **MARLA CARTWRIGHT**
Lifestyles Co-Editor

Images of the revolutionary artists flash on the screen and the melodic, but sometimes angry, music they created fill the darkened room.

For those of us who lived through the social and political upheaval of over 20 years ago, the trip down memory lane can sometimes be very disturbing but a little reassuring.

For those of us who can only remember the era through misty black & white visions of Vietnam newsreports and fragments of lyrics, the excursion can be educational, filling in the gaps of our recollections.

Be at the LRC multi-media room tonight at 8 to skip down the yellow brick road following Barry Drake, who will present his exciting multi-media lecture discussing the music and the motives behind the music of the 60's.

Barry Drake grew up in the New York area and followed the music scene throughout the country from the Brooklyn Paramount to Fillmore East. He was on the street in San Francisco during the "summer of love" hanging out with the bands that were creating the culture.

Drake has recorded albums for Capital, and has toured the US and Europe for 20 years. Drake is also a respected dealer and collector of rare records.

So when the subject is music, the man knows what he's talking about.

Among others, the artistic contributions from The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, The Supremes, The Beach Boys, Simon & Garfunkel, The Rolling Stones and Otis Redding will be explored.

What goes around comes around. Somehow the new, revolutionary ideas of a decade become only an icon.

There must be some unwritten commandment somewhere that after 20 years pass, the fads of that era mystically metamorphasize from boring throw-aways to totally cool style.

Sure, kids today are wearing tie-dyed shirts and love beads, letting their hair grow long and straight, and talking about human rights, peace and freedom, but most of these kids weren't even born yet when the real 60's happened.

You've got to do more than dress like hippies to understand what they were doing and why.

Attend Barry Drake's free presentation tonight to find out what the 60's were really all about. And if you were there for the 60's the first time around, I'll see you there.



Musician Barry Drake to present a lecture on 60's music

Monday through Friday The good news — the beginning of Homecoming week, see the News section, page 5, for a schedule of events.

The bad news — the beginning of Midterms.

Monday LRC Multi-Media show at 8 pm - Barry Drake presents *60's Rock - When the Music Mattered*.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Monday and Tuesday the movie *Crimes of Passion* rated R, showing at the KUC 3:30, 6, 8:30 pm.

Wednesday Honors Lecture Series continues with Dan McMurry, MTSU Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Dept., speaking on "Homelessness: What the Government Should/Should Not Be Doing", PH 107, 3:30 pm.

Wednesday and Thursday The movie *Full Metal Jacket* rated R, showing at the KUC, 3:30, 6, and 8:30 pm.

Friday Amy Grant in concert, Murphy Center, 8 pm. Her opening guests are popular recording artists Michael W. Smith and Gary Chapman (coincidentally her husband).

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Sci-fi film *Alien Nation* has right ingredients

By **MARLA CARTWRIGHT**
Lifestyles Co-Editor

What would happen if you took the "veteran-cop-takes-on-a-new-partner-he's-not-so-sure-about" element from *Lethal Weapon* and mixed in the rampant prejudice from *Betrayed* and pureed in big chunks of realistic science fiction from flicks like *Alien* and the classic original *Star Trek* series?

How about the newest science fiction action film from 20th Century Fox Film Corp. Sounds like using up leftovers to make soup, huh?

However this concoction has the potential to be more than the house special because of the ingredients from several high-grade talents.

Gale Ann Hurd, who produced the smash hit movies *Aliens* and *The Ter-*

minator fame joined forces with Richard Kobritz, who produced supernatural hits like *Christine* and *Salem's Lot* to produce the thriller *Alien Nation*.

The movie focuses on two police detectives from different worlds who are forced to put aside their mutual distrust of each other to solve a murder. They overcome racial prejudice but uncover something far more dangerous



James Caan and Mandy Patinkin star in 20th Century Fox's new movie *Alien Nation*.

Buchanan Players present *Antigone*

From Staff Reports

Faced with either jeopardizing the love of her life or standing by her personal principles, a young woman must decide what to do.

Antigone, the principle character in Jean Anouilh's adaptation of the play of the same name, is the woman in question.

MTSU's Buchanan Players will present the play *Antigone* starting Oct. 12 through 15, beginning at 8

pm in Tucker Theater.

Starring in this production are Gina Brandon in the lead as *Antigone* and Susan M. Cummings as the Nurse.

When Jean Anouilh's adaptation of *Antigone* opened in occupied Paris in 1943, it attracted much attention and controversy. In the title character, Anouilh gave his audience a figure who was able to resist authority and for some Parisians she served as a model for those who opposed German rule. But Anouilh's attitude about this supposed heroine is not at all clear. *Antigone's* motives are personal and selfish, and Anouilh's Creon, who issues the solemn edict which she opposes, is made to seem quite reasonable in this play.

While it is most certainly a moving drama, this production of *Antigone* also explores issues surrounding the notion of personal liberty and social responsibility within the context of organized society. *Antigone's* demand for absolute freedom of expression is contrasted with the valid needs of society for stability and order. In this version, which the Buchanan Players hope accurately reflects Anouilh's intention, neither claim is clearly favored or condemned.

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The Buchanan Players present the play *Antigone* starring Susan Cummings (Left) as the nurse and Gina Brandon (Right) as *Antigone*.

Dead Ringers pits twins in thriller

From Staff Reports

David Cronenberg's psychological thriller *Dead Ringers* starring Jeremy Irons and Genevieve Bujold, tells the story of Beverly and Elliot Mantle, twin doctors whose involvement with a beautiful ac-

cess causes their strange relationship to undergo a terrifying change.

Jeremy Irons, in a major acting challenge, portrays the Mantle twins, the founders of a Toronto-based fertility clinic. Beverly Mantle is the introverted clinician

who deals with the patients daily but is personally very shy and uneasy with women, while his brother Elliot is a glib extrovert, who politics for the brothers in the world of medicine and is successful with women.

Genevieve Bujold plays the actress Claire Niveau, who indulges in drugs, but is supremely capable and independent. Unable to have children, she visits the Mantle clinic and enters the insular world of the Mantle twins. As her involvement intensifies, she becomes the catalyst that changes their relationship, compelling

them to question the strange ties that bind them.

"I think of *Dead Ringers* as a real departure," says Cronenberg, whose personal and distinctive science-fiction/fantasy films (including *Videodrome*, *The Dead Zone*, and the Oscar-winning *The Fly*), have gained him international recognition.

"*Dead Ringers* is not science fiction. The film is much more naturalistic. So whereas the art of *The Fly* was to make the fantasy seem absolutely real, the challenge in *Dead Ringers* is the reverse - to make reality seem fantastic."



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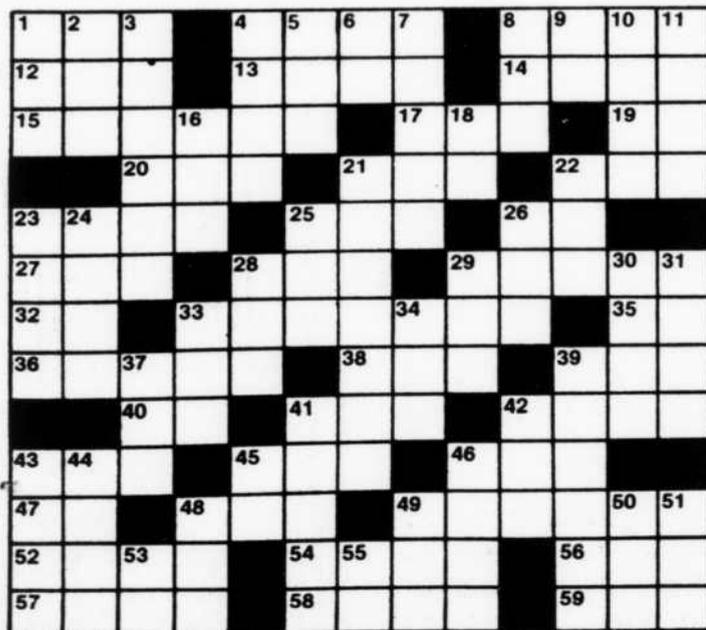


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19. Sur. God
20. Boy
21. Inferior
22. Edge of cloth
23. Always
25. Create current of breeze
26. Leave
27. Small rug
28. Heat source
29. Courtesy title for woman
32. Exist
33. Sand build-up on shore
35. 4th musical scale note
36. Law
38. Sick
39. Tap gently
40. Actual weight (abbr.)
41. Morning breakfast item
42. Cut
43. Fall behind
45. Pertaining to (suf.)
46. Small, temporary bed
47. I am (cont.)
48. Employ
49. Not awake
52. Bastion
54. S.E. Asia bird
56. Recent form (pref.)
57. Great Lake
58. 12 months
59. Three (pref.)

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2. Beer
3. Wooden hammer
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5. Picnic pest
6. Indefinite pronoun
7. Couch
8. Water barrier
9. Be
10. Disastrous
11. Cheese
16. Listening organ
18. Division of the psyche
21. Wound cover
22. Built to transport bricks
23. Send forth
24. Holds flowers
25. Good time
26. Fish
28. Sit (p.t.)
29. Bad (pref.)
30. From a distance
31. Spouse
33. Repair with thread
34. Large
37. Pester; annoy
39. Inventor's sole right
41. Foe
42. Poland (abbr.)
43. Living organism
44. Love
45. Exist
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