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After sub-committee makes proposal

Regents approve MTSU building expansion

JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) approved a \$2 million last Friday for a proposed expansion of Jones Hall, which houses faculty offices.

TBR's Finance and Business Committee met last Thursday and reviewed a plan in which MTSU would pay \$1 million from its reserve fund and TBR would fund the remaining \$1 million. TBR approved that proposal at Friday's meeting, which took place at Tennessee Technical Institute.

The building could provide as many as 80-90 offices and still maintain the standard of 10 feet by 12 feet, according to Charlie Pigg, director of campus planning.

Pigg also said that, in his opinion, all of the building would be used only for offices.

The extension is for both ends of Jones Hall, officials said.

"The general plan," Pigg said Sunday night, "is to add three floors to both the north and the south ends of the building."

Although it is much too early to set a definite completion date, Pigg said, the fact that half of the money will come from MTSU will speed the process.

"We'll use MTSU's \$1 million to get the planning started," he said. "That way we'll be ready when [TBR's] money comes through," Pigg said, referring to the fact that TBR has scheduled their share of the money to come out of the 1990-91 fiscal budget. "We're thinking about the summer of 1991."

And though the new building annex will help MTSU's office space problems, it will by no means end them.

"We currently need about 23,000 square feet of office space," Pigg said, and "the new building will give us no more than 12,000 to 15,000 square feet."

Pigg said he was "enthusiastic" about the project. TBR's approval of the proposal does not mean the exten-

sion will definitely take place, a TBR official said.

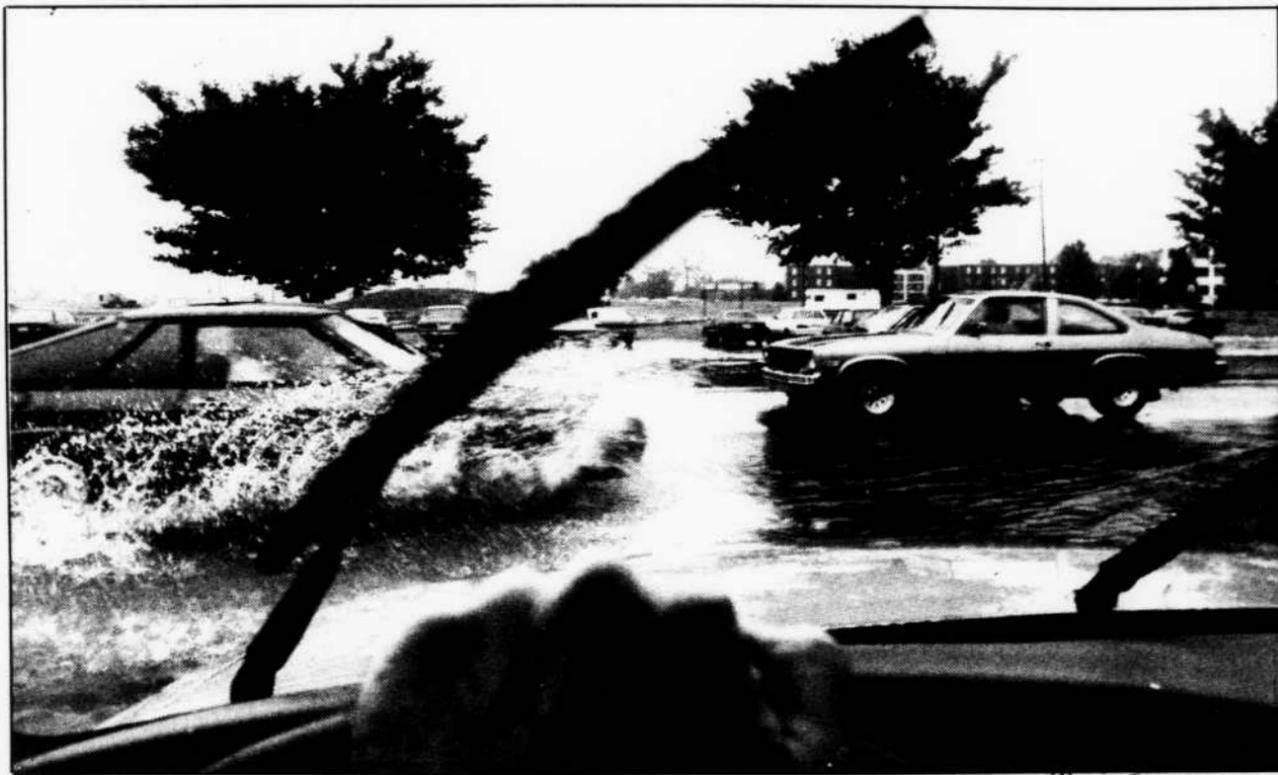
"The proposal will still have to be reviewed by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and the Tennessee State Building Commission," said Howell Todd, vice chancellor and executive assistant to the chancellor.

THEC will review the proposal when they meet in October.

Todd said he felt that the \$2 million expansion would help ease the "somewhat cramped conditions" of MTSU. "This should help some," he said.

And though Pigg agrees that the building will help, he also said he was "curious" to see how the Jones proposal would affect a separate proposal for a brand new building.

"The new building was planned for next year's budget," Pigg said, "and was considered the top priority. It would generate 65,000 square feet, about 40 classrooms, and cost about \$5.5 million. I'm interested in seeing how the Jones Annex will change the way people think about the new building." ■



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

MTSU felt the effects of Hurricane Hugo this past week as students, faculty, and administrators walk, drove, and sloshed thier way through the water.

Housing finds 'missing' master key early Friday

Key never lost or stolen, but 'checked out' to a contractor

JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

The master key capable of opening any room in J and Ezell apartments reported missing last Wednesday by University Housing authorities has been found, Housing officials said early Friday morning.

The key had not been misplaced or stolen as Housing had originally suspected, officials said, but had in fact been checked out to City Tile, a Housing contractor.

Since the key was not stolen, no locks would be changed, Director of University Housing Ivan Shewmake, said.

After finding the key Wednesday, Housing officials assigned extra security to J and Ezell apartments and began looking through key sign-out logs in hopes of finding an entry showing that the master key had not been returned.

Shewmake said Housing found just such an entry, dated Aug. 3, 1989.

"We found a 'no-return' from early August," Shewmake said.

When asked why the no-return had gone unnoticed for more than 50 days, Shewmake said, "that's a good question."

The director explained that Housing had lost their full-time secretary over the summer, and it had been her responsibility to keep inventory of the keys.

Housing has recently hired a full-time secretary. "The addition of our new secretary should take care of the [key control] problem," Shewmake said.

Shewmake said the key had been checked out to Doug Young, owner of City Tile, a contractor responsible for all work done in Housing bathrooms.

Under normal circumstances, the director said, master keys are only checked out for a one-day period. But if a contractor plans on doing weekend or long-term work, Housing officials will sometimes let them take a key out for several days.

Shewmake said that Young had thought it would be

College News in Briefs

From the Associated Press and College Press Service

Florida College runs sexually 'suggestive' advertisements

Daytona Beach (Fla.) Community College, (DBCC) in hopes of convincing students to enroll, recently ran a series of sexually suggestive ads in the personals of local newspapers.

A sample: "Single woman looking for intellectual man to discuss English literature, philosophies of the Western World, and to take some classes of mutual interest at Daytona Beach Community College. Signed — Bright Eyes"

In another ad, a fictional "Sally" offered to let any man who took an air-conditioning class at (DBCC) take her to the movies. ■

Test says average college student earns \$6,000 yearly

The average annual income for college students in the United States is more than \$6,000, according to a nationwide survey based on syndicated research and interviews with 1,200 full-time students at 30 colleges and universities.

The study was conducted for American Express by College Track, a market research and consulting firm.

The survey indicated the average student had \$155 in monthly discretionary spending, with 65 percent having savings accounts, 19 percent owning stocks, 19 percent owning bonds and 14 percent with certificates of deposit. Fifty-one percent had a credit card. ■

Top colleges under investigation

US Dept. of Justice accuses schools of price fixing

From College Press Service

About 20 of the nation's most prestigious campuses are being investigated by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, which suspects them of illegally agreeing to fix the prices they charge students, federal sources said last month.

Officials from 23 schools meet each spring to discuss applicants, how much to charge them and how much aid to offer them. The Justice Dept. says it is now investigating those and other schools, in order to determine whether or not these

annual meetings amount to price fixing.

The schools contend the meetings are necessary to avoid bidding wars for top students.

But the meetings — and any agreements in which schools collectively set their rates — may violate antitrust laws, which forbid price-fixing by private, nominally competing commercial companies.

If found guilty of price fixing, the schools could be subject to hefty fines, the Justice Dept. said.

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of paying fixed prices angered some students.

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"That would upset me and a lot of my friends, too," said Colby senior Robert Scott. ■

MASTER KEY from page 1

"O.K. to keep the key for as long as he needed it. But that's not the way we do things in Housing."

Yet Shewmake also said that when Young checked out the master key, he was not given a specific time or date to have it returned.

Young also said he had been given no deadline.

"I've got two ongoing contracts with the university," City Tile's owner said, "and I need that key constantly. I was never given a specific time to have it back by, because I'm always using it," Young said, adding that he was still in need of the key when he returned it Friday to Shewmake.

Young also said that he "found the whole idea of the key's being missing" to be "silly," because, as far as he was concerned, it was never really missing.

"Whoever reported the key 'missing' never went back and checked the key logs," Young said. "Otherwise, they would have seen that it was checked out to me."

Shewmake said he plans to stiffen the Housing key policy, and give daily return times.

"From now on," the director said Friday, "keys will need to be returned to the Housing office every day, regardless of how long any particular job may take."

Young said he would have "no real problem with deadlines," but added that he thought they might extend work time.

Shewmake also said that he stands behind firm key regulations.

"Few things," the director said, "are as important as key control." ■

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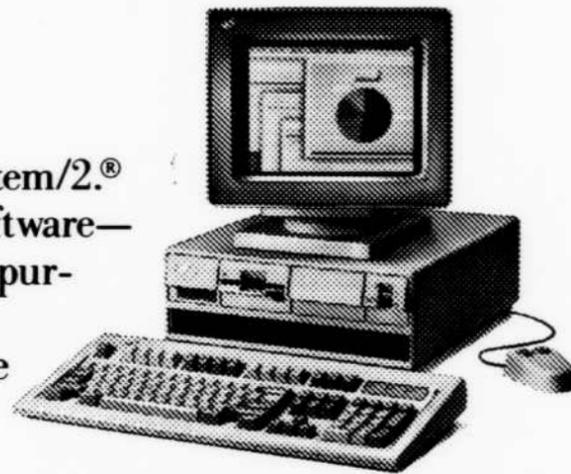


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The Society of Professional Journalists will initiate new members and hear a panel of three Nashville media professionals tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 305 of the KUC. The meeting is open to anyone interested in print, broadcast and photojournalism.

The MTSU College Republicans will meet Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 318 of the KUC.

MTSU's Ad Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Shoney's Inn on Church Street at I-24. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The Psi Chi Honor Society will have its annual picnic Sept. 24 from 2 - 6 p.m. at the Picnic Pavilion behind Murphy Center.

ASB Elections for Freshman Senate and Homecoming Queen will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Polls will be open in KUC Lobby from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Applications can be obtained from the ASB office.

Alpha Kappa Psi will host an interest meeting Monday, Sept. 25, and Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 313 of the KUC building and on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 318 in the KUC.

A Pool and Barbeque Party, sponsored by Campus Recreation and Student Programming Dance Committee, will be Sept. 26 from 6-9 p.m. at the pool in Murphy Center. There will be food, drinks and a D.J.

The Honors Lecture Series will continue this Wednesday with a lecture entitled "How to make money in the 1990's," scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 of Peck Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Anyone interested in meeting and talking with candidates being considered for the position of director of minority affairs is invited to stop by Room 324 of the KUC from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, and Wednesday, Sept. 27. ■

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OPINIONS

New addition to help ease space shortage

This past Friday, the Tennessee Board of Regents gave approval to a planned \$2 million expansion of Jones Hall for offices and possible classrooms. This agreement may mark the beginning of the end of the university's overcrowding problems and of friction between MTSU and the TBR.

If approved by the state legislature, MTSU will put up \$1 million from its reserve funds with the state matching that figure. Construction would start by next summer with completion in time for the 1991 fall semester.

President Ingram and other members of MTSU's administration have repeatedly stressed the problems created by the university's unexpected growth. The Jones Hall addition, like the Mass Communications building now under construction, appears to be an excellent step toward coping with that problem.

However, while recognizing the importance of this agreement, it is vital to understand there are still several steps left before construction can start. The administration must keep up the pressure until the state legislature actually approves the fund request.

If MTSU's students, administration, faculty and staff want an excellent university, they will have to continue to work for it. As in baseball and golf, the key is to follow through. ■



Both the Murfreesboro City Council and the Rutherford County Commission have expressed interest in purchasing a 498 acre tract bordered by the Stones River for a possible landfill.

Letters to the Editor

Student questions quality of Career Day

Dear Editor:

Another Career Day has come and gone — and I have left it severely disappointed. You management majors who went to the Career Day at Murphy Center know what I'm about to say.

The variety of businesses that came to Career Day was poor. There's not much more I can say about the quality than that. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate the trouble the businesses took that did show up. I guess I was expecting to find jobs at Career Day that required my management degree. I found all kinds of retail management jobs and sales rep jobs. The problem is that *none* of these jobs required a degree, especially a management degree. Every management job I looked at called for only a high school diploma or a GED. The pay levels offered reflected this attitude.

These facts leave some questions running through my mind:

- 1) Was the turnout of area businesses low because they feel that our management degree is worthless? After all, most of those businesses that did show required no more than a high school diploma.
- 2) Did the Placement Office fail to aggressively recruit more businesses to come to Career Day?
- 3) Nissan is right down the road from us. Was Nissan or any of its suppliers, or any local manufacturers contacted? If so, why did only one manufacturer (of signs) show up?
- 4) Have we (management majors) gone for the wrong degree? The FBI representative told me: "We're hiring accountants, lawyers, engineers, and students who are fluent in a second language. Any one else must have 3 years of post-graduate work experience. (Here's the best part) — "Be a farmer for 3 years or work at Wendy's for 3 years. It doesn't matter. Just go get some work experience." Any experience will do; it doesn't have to be managerial experience. Is this a trend we don't know about, or just an isolated incident?

How can we improve the variety of businesses that come to Career Day? I don't believe more *student* participation

at Career Day is the only answer. A catch-22 problem exists. Students and businesses won't show at functions where neither feels needed.

Thursday's Career Day was pretty damn depressing. It seemed more of a "Temporary Job Day" than a *Career* Day. I'd like to prevent another "Temporary Job Day" from happening. If it takes having students contact businesses and begging them to come to Career Day, then count me in. I'd like to help out any way possible.

If anyone has any *serious* suggestions, please write me at MTSU, Box 3238. Let's see if we can get some businesses to come to Career Day that want our degrees. ■

Have a nice day,
Bob Pawlick
Box 3238

No tolerance needed for drugs

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading your article "War on Drugs goes up in Smoke." I have a great news flash for you: not almost all of us abuse some drugs! I can't believe that you allowed such a generalization in your paper.

In the entire 22 years of my life, I have never done, nor do I ever plan to do drugs. I know that people who do drugs try to make themselves feel less guilty committing a crime by saying that everyone does it, but I am living proof that they are wrong. Also, all through high school and college, I had many friends who did *not* do drugs.

Just recently, I had my first child and I hope to heaven that people like the one who wrote that article are not the ones making the drug laws in the future. I want my daughter to grow up in a NO TOLERANCE world.

I hope they throw every person taking one toke or one snort in the deepest and darkest hole in prison. ■

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FEATURES

Scheduled activities include step shows

Delta-Delta week begins

by BRIAN WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will host their first "Delta-Delta Celebration" this week with various entertainment activities scheduled daily. The theme of the week is "We Got Our Thang."

The list of the planned activities is as follows: Today, there will be a display of the sorority and fraternity's paraphernalia (colors, pens, letters, etc.) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Keathley University Center.

On Tuesday, there will be a lip-sync show in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building beginning at 8 p.m. Ten acts are scheduled to perform, including an act from the sponsoring sorority and two acts from the Fraternity Interested in Delta (LIDS) and the Delta Knights, the sorority's male counterparts. Admission for the show will be

free. Wednesday will feature a "Fraternity Feud" in the Learning Resource Center beginning at 7 p.m. The event is based on the popular Family Feud game. Sororities and fraternities will be dueling with each other for various prizes. Fraternities scheduled to compete are Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, Gamma Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi. Sororities scheduled to compete are Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Kappa Alpha and

Delta Zeta. Admission will be \$1.

On Thursday, there will be a dance at the Elks Lodge, at 2406 Greenland Drive, beginning at 10 p.m. During the dance, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority will perform a special "step" show. (You have to see it to believe it.) A \$3 admission will be charged.

On Friday, the members of Omega Psi Phi will perform a step show at 5 p.m. on the concrete dial in front of KUC and the Davis Science Building.

On Saturday, there will be a Mardi Gras Celebration at the National Guard Armory. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 the day of the event. Advance tickets will be on sale throughout the week starting today at the display table.

Proceeds will go to the newly established Delta Sigma Theta/Omega Psi Phi scholarship, awarded to an outstanding black freshman.

To conclude the week's activities, there will be a private picnic for the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Also during the week, the organizations will sponsor a clothing drive to provide clothes for needy families in the Murfreesboro area.

Information about any of the programs can be obtained from the Student Information and Minority Affairs Office located in the KUC, Room 124. ■

Campus movies reviewed: *Equila Sunrise, Beaches*

by BRIAN WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

Equila Sunrise is one of those rare movies where there is no villain, no good guy and no heroine.

It is simply a movie about four people's lives that collide in one major conflict.

Equila Sunrise contains many quality ingredients. Top-rated stars Mel Gibson and Kurt Russell are the main characters in this mix of love and intrigue, playing a drug dealer and a federal agent, respectively.

The problem is that their conflicting jobs are also in conflict with their close personal friendship, which began way back in high school. Michelle Pfeiffer helps build the story, starring as an owner of a eatery, Valleys Restaurant. Pfeiffer, cast as Jo Ann Anson, falls in love with both Gibson and Russell, creating a complicated love triangle. Also, Raul Julia, who plays a Mexican drug dealer, spices up the movie with some good dramatic moments and adds a surprising

twist. It is full of surprises, ironic plot developments, and a love scene that makes a day-soap opera look like a Saturday morning cartoon. All of these elements are deftly mixed together by writer and director Robert Towne.

Equila Sunrise is cool and smooth. While it may not have the kick a movie of this genre should have, it still quenches the thirst for good entertainment.★★★ *Equila Sunrise* will be showing at KUC

Theatre today and tomorrow at 4, 7, and 9 p.m.

Another movie with the theme of friendship will also be showing on campus this week. *Beaches*, for all of its intent, is a movie that is hinged on the age-old saying "True friendships can last forever."

It's the friendship between Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey's characters that, from beginning to end, emotionally attaches moviegoers to the main characters.

Midler, in her first dramatic role since *The Rose*, and Hershey star in this enduring drama of two friends who are as different as night and day.

Beaches shows their relationship with its ups and downs, marriages and pregnancies and the conflicts that test their friendship.

Unfortunately, the movie tends to force you to enjoy the soft and tender moments only at specific points, instead of letting them flow throughout the picture. Every 30 minutes, emotions change, making one feel like he is on an emotional roller coaster.

Midler and Hershey shine in their roles. Their performances are very appealing and both, as always, demonstrate the marks of a good actress.

Beaches is definitely not a movie to be buried in the sand.★★★

Beaches will be showing at the KUC Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday at 4, 7, and 9 p.m. ■

Armed & dangerous



Sandra Rennie•Staff

Four-year-old Michael Richardson chases other kids with a loaded squirt gun on the first fall weekend at the Family Student Housing playground.

Theatre tickets available

JILL McWHORTER

Features Editor

Season tickets are now on sale for a new season of MTSU theatre productions beginning Oct. 11.

Reserved season tickets may be ordered at \$10 each, including all taxes. Special half-price season tickets are available to members of the MTSU faculty or staff.

A season ticket entitles the holder to a discount on individual tickets, a reserved seat in the Tucker Theatre and the guarantee of a preferred performance night in the Arena Theatre, a general admission theatre. Both theatres are located in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Season ticket holders may purchase extra tickets for friends at \$3.50 each when reservations are made for each performance. The extra tickets will be held at the box office and all seats will be together.

With advance notice, ticketholders' previously reserved performance dates can be changed.

Season ticket reservation forms must be

returned by Oct. 4. For more season ticket information, call Deborah Anderson, director and publicity coordinator, at 898-2640.

The MTSU University Theatre schedule is as follows:

◆ **Twelfth Night**—by William Shakespeare; directed by Maarten Reilingh. This classic comedy will run Oct. 11-14, at 8 p.m. at the Tucker Theatre.

◆ **The Boys Next Door**—by Tom Griffin; directed by Deborah Anderson. This comedy/drama about people who have bigger problems than what to wear, how their hair looks or where to be seen will play Nov. 14-18, at 8 p.m. at the Arena Theatre.

◆ **The Nerd**—by Larry Shue; directed by Susan M. Cummings. This comedy full of belly laughs will run Feb. 20-24, 1990 at 8 p.m. at the Arena Theatre.

◆ **Picnic**—by William Inge; directed by Maarten Reilingh. This Pulitzer Prize winning drama of love and life in a Mid-western town during a holiday will run April 11-14, 1990, at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. ■

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Following the huge success of last year's *Conscious Party*, Ziggy Marley and his siblings have come back with another great reggae album.

Once again, they have teamed up with producers Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth of Talking Heads and Tom Tom Club fame to mingle grooves which are both rootsy and contemporary.

As the children of the late Bob Marley, Ziggy and the Melody Makers have established themselves as a respectable band. Although he sounds similar to his

father, Ziggy still has a voice that is his alone.

While keying on political and racial issues, Ziggy's songs make their point without being too preachy.

Considering the young band's steady maturity and development, the Melody Makers just may dominate the 90s.

Lenny Kravitz LET LOVE RULE Virgin

Mix 60s psychedelia with a great groove and you have *Let Love Rule*, the debut album from Lenny Kravitz.

Sometimes he sounds like John Lennon and other times he sounds like Prince. With this combination, Kravitz has a soulful album which rehashes earlier styles of music while still sounding fresh.

Like Prince and Lennon, Kravitz controls most of his music. He does all lead and background vocals and plays guitar, bass, organ and drums. He also produced

and wrote all songs on *Let Love Rule*. His wife, Lisa Bonet, co-wrote with him on two of the cuts.

Kravitz lacks the lyrical wit of Lennon and the musical genius of Prince, but his songs still stand strong.

One particular track that stands out is "Mr. Cab Driver," which has a clever approach in denouncing racism. "Blue for Sister Someone" and the title track also deserve special attention.

With the closing years of this decade being a constant reminder of the past, Lenny Kravitz fits in perfectly.

Exene Cervenka OLD WIVES TALES Rhino Records

Even though Exene Cervenka is the lead vocalist for the band X, don't expect her new album to be a punk album.

Old Wives' Tales is a folk-like album which displays punk only in spirit. What you can expect to hear is one of the best albums of the year. Cervenka does not have an outstanding voice, but it suits her songs perfectly.

There are several styles of music present on her latest. "Famous Barmaid" sounds like a Tom Waits

number, while "He's Got a She" sounds like X.

Exene writes great lyrics and she still brings that Patti Smith influence with her.

Reviewed by Mike Gray
Staff Writer

Dream Theater WHEN DREAM & DAY UNITE Mechanic/MCA



If Poison makes you sick and Slayer kills you, then a little dose of Dream Theater.

Dream Theater takes the progressiveness of Rush Fates Warning one step further with constant tempo changes and dynamics which grab your attention.

Each song is a story in itself. The musicianship superb, and even the keyboards sound great. The metal band, aside from the mighty UFO, has incorporated a decent keyboard sound into their music.

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didn't make metal sound like pop.

The vocalist sounds a bit too much like Geddy Lee at times, but nevertheless, he's good.

Listen to "Status Seeker," "The Killing Hand" and the instrumental "Ytse Jam."

This is an album that has much to offer and is so fresh that you will probably not tire of it easily.

Kreator

EXTREME AGGRESSIONS

Epic

What's Kreator? For those of you unfamiliar with thrash metal, let me describe it. The guitars are fast, the drums are furious,

and lyrically, it's the kind of stuff that gives the PMRC nightmares.

This West German quartet has the energy which most thrash bands can only dream of. With this energy, they provide an intense, no-holds-barred account of society's ills.

There really aren't any weak songs on this record, but pay particular attention to "No Reason To Exist," "Love Us Or Hate Us," "Some Pain Will Last" and "Betrayed." Look for a video for "Betrayed," which was filmed at the Acropolis in Greece, on *Headbangers' Ball*.

Kreator isn't for everyone. But for those who enjoy brutal thrash metal

played with incredible intensity, this is it.

Fates Warning
PERFECT SYMMETRY

Metal Blade/Enigma



With the release of its fifth album for Metal Blade Records, Fates Warning continues to amaze with its refreshing, progressive sound.

One look at Hugh Syme's album cover concept (famous for his imaginative

Rush covers) and you know this album is different.

Hailing from Connecticut, Fates Warning writes music with substance. Song topics delve into psychological dilemmas one might face in an increasingly uncertain future. This album was not written with radio in mind or with the seemingly endless numbers of fans into "pop metal."

Standout tracks include "Through Different Eyes," "Static Acts," "At Fates Hands" and the dreamy ballad "Chasing Time." Watch for the "Through Different Eyes" video on MTV's *Headbangers' Ball*.

If you're looking for mental metal with a fresh sound this is an essential buy.

Testament

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Megaforce Records



What a yawn this one is! Testament's long-awaited follow-up to "The New Order" album falls short of the mark.

The San Francisco based band has built quite a following with their power metal sound. Metal radio loves it and it's flying out of the stores, but it lacks both the crunch and speed which they've become known for.

Lyrically, Testament covers topics such as television evangelists, political corruption, and the greenhouse effect.

The musicianship is particularly good, with Alex Skolnick being as good or better a guitar player as any in this genre of metal.

Top cuts are "Blessed In Contempt" and the frenzied "Nightmare (Coming Back To You)."

For those of you new to the Testament sound, you're probably better off checking out their other two releases entitled *The New Order* and *The Legacy*.

Reviewed by Nels Hendrickson

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SPORTS

Baseball heats up in final week

With just one week left in the season for Major League Baseball, there seems to be plenty to choose from in the four races.

In the National League East, the Chicago Cubs hold the league's shakiest four game lead. Cubs fans have been let down so many times that they probably won't feel secure until the Cubs hold a four-game lead with one game to go.

The East race is perfect because who lurks as the only threat to the Cubs' title dreams? The St. Louis Cardinals, of course. These arch rivals of the Cubs are the perfect team to provide the chase, and the three game season-ending series in St. Louis between the two teams makes this

The Salter of the Earth by Ken Salter

race definitely worth watching.

Although the Cardinals will provide a challenge, this looks to be the Cubs' year. They continually get the clutch performance when they need it, which is what it takes to win a division crown.

They also have the talent in players like Ryne Sandberg, Jerome Walton, who is probably going to be Rookie of the Year, Shawon Dunston and Andre Dawson. The Cubs have good starting pitchers in Mike Bielecki, Greg Maddox, and Rick Sutcliffe, with a bullpen anchored by "Wild Thing" Mitch Williams to secure the wins.

Of course, in addition to good play and talent, it takes luck to win the division, and the Cubs have gotten their share of that. A prime example of being lucky came when the Mets were playing in Wrigley, and late in the game the Cubs' Mitch Williams hit a three-run homer to break open a close game.

The National League West isn't much of a race as it is just a matter of time until the San Francisco Giants wrap things up and head to their second National League Championship Series in three years.

The NL West race might not be exciting, but a Giants-Cubs NLCS would be — the sentimental favorite Cubs colliding with the powerful Giants, who boast the best three, four, and five combination in the Major Leagues in Will Clark, Kevin Mitchell, and Matt Williams. This could be the most exciting NLCS in the 1980s.

The American League East is also an excellent race as the Baltimore Orioles and the Toronto Blue Jays are battling to be the AL East representative.

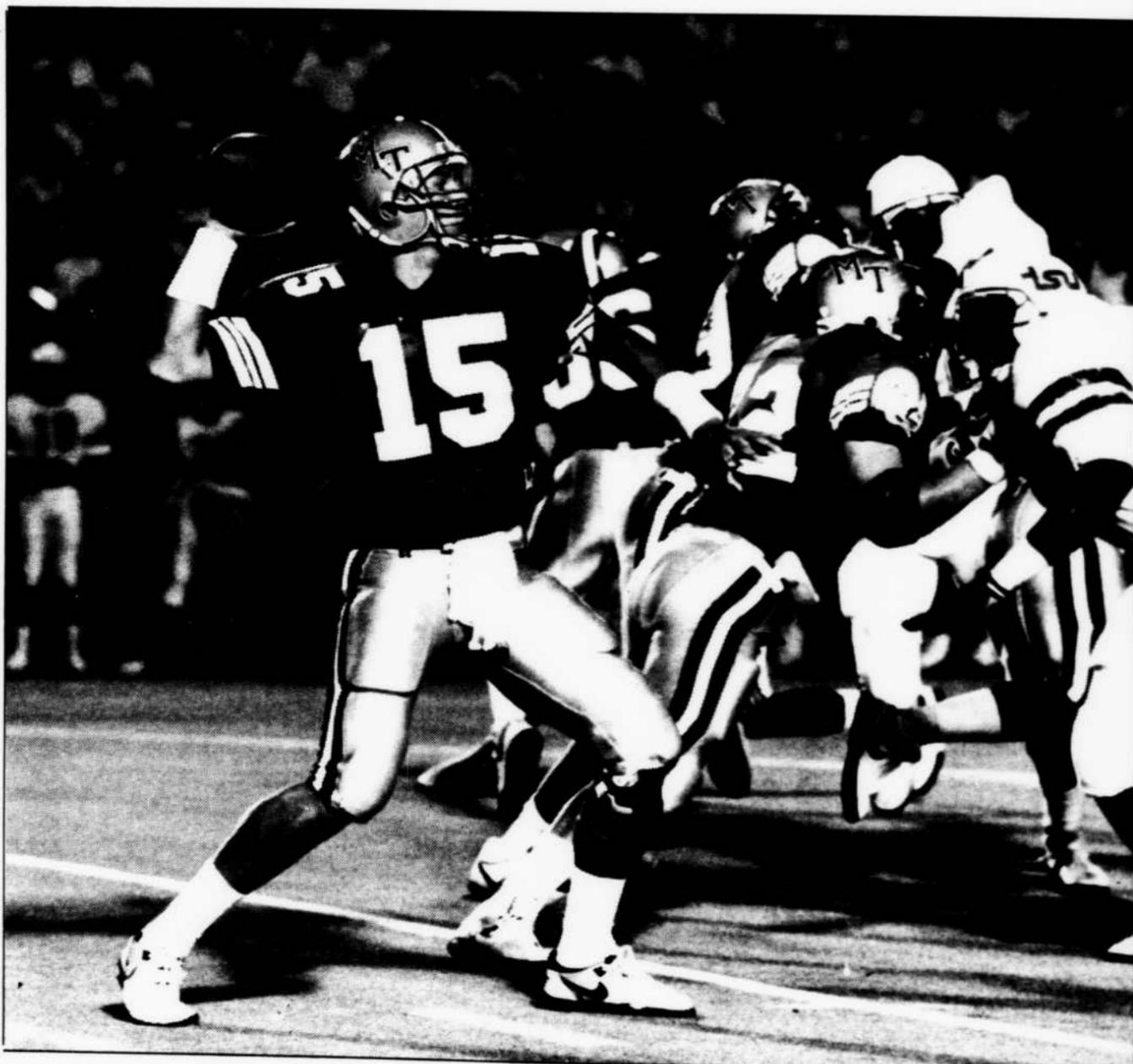
Baltimore is the classic cinderella team, as they rose from being the worst team in the majors a year ago to challenge for the AL East crown.

Toronto is probably the best team in the East, but they have been overshadowed by the rise of Baltimore. The Blue Jays have something to prove, however, having gotten a reputation for choking when it comes to crunch time in the past.

This clash of wills between the Orioles — trying to prove they weren't a fluke — and Toronto's desire to prove they can win the big one should provide an exciting final week, which will culminate next weekend when the Orioles and Blue Jays end the season with a three-game set in Toronto's Skydome.

Whoever wins the East will have an enormous challenge in the AL West's Oakland A's, who are clearly the best team in the American League. The A's have the pitching, hitting and enough defense to put almost anyone away. They have a starting rotation of Dave Stewart, Mike Moore, Bob Welch and Storm Davis — all of whom have won 17 or more games, and a bullpen that has Dennis Eckersley.

Their hitting includes Carney Lansford, who is second in the American League in hitting, along with Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Dave Henderson and Rickey Henderson. ■



Looking for a win...

Quarterback Phil Ironside and the Blue Raiders will be looking to rebound from a 26-0 loss to Georgia Southern on ESPN. The game was the first time the Blue Raiders

had been shutout since 1986. MTSU will be looking to break their two-game losing streak when they host UT-Chattanooga in their home opener Saturday.

Sandra Rennie•Staff

Georgia Southern, Hugo blow away Blue Raiders in heavy rain

from staff reports

There were no excuses after MTSU's 36-0 drubbing at the hands of Georgia Southern, even though there could have been.

Hurricane Hugo lurked just off the coast of Georgia — which is just 30 miles from Statesboro — and dumped torrential rains on Paulson Stadium throughout the game.

"I would like to blame something on the weather, but it seemed to be raining and blowing on the winners and losers alike," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said. "We just got a good whipping from an awfully good football team."

That they did. The Eagles, ranked third in last week's I-AA football poll, racked up 322 yards rushing, while their defense held the Blue Raiders to

just 67 yards of total offense in handing MTSU their second consecutive loss and first shutout since 1986.

Georgia Southern fullback Joe Ross and quarterback Raymond Gross led the Eagles' rushing attack.

Ross pounded out a career-high 182 yards and Gross collected 111 yards. Ross' performance marked the third straight game a runningback has gained over 100 yards against the Blue Raider defense.

"We just played together," Gross said. "We played as a unit, and that's how we won the ball game."

As if the Georgia Southern attack wasn't potent enough, the Blue Raiders helped out, as they turned over the ball seven times. Five of the turnovers led to Eagle points.

The tone for the game was set on its first play.

After returning the opening kickoff to the 40-yard line, the Blue Raiders fumbled on their first play from scrimmage. Georgia Southern immediately drove down the field and scored their first points, a 24-yard field goal from place-kicker Mike Dowis — the first of four he would make on the night.

"We couldn't hold onto the football," Donnelly said. "We couldn't pass it, and we couldn't kick it."

MTSU's plan to throw the ball against Georgia Southern fell through thanks to Hugo and the Eagles' defense.

"We had hoped to be able to pass the ball against them," Donnelly said. "But their rush and the wind wouldn't let us do that.

Their defense completely took our running game away."

Tailback Joe Campbell's performance echoed Donnelly's words, as he managed just one yard on eight carries in the first half. Back-up tailback Ricky Martin was the leading ground gainer for the Blue Raiders, netting 54 yards on eight carries.

Quarterback Phil Ironside also struggled, hitting on just 3-of-9 passes for 17 yards.

In addition to being the first time that MTSU had been shutout since 1986, when Austin Peay turned the trick 7-0, it was also just the second time in nine years (100 games) that the Blue Raiders had been shutout. ■

Fall slate time to evaluate talent for baseball team

CHRIS DRUMRIGHT
Staff Writer

MTSU's baseball squad is gearing up for another exciting spring as their fall season winds down.

The fall season is when starters are determined, who will play certain positions, who will make the team, and who will be cut. It is also a time to get a feel for the overall outlook of the upcoming season.

Scores of the games and statistics aren't kept closely, as the important thing in the fall is for the coaching staff to evaluate talent.

"I don't try to win," head coach Steve Peterson said. "I look at the performances."

There is very little bunting, and no take signs, which makes fall baseball different from the regular baseball season played in the spring. Playing this way allows the coaches to see how the players react to different situations.

Workouts are more difficult in the fall due to the physical and mental strain of trying to make the team or trying to earn a starting spot.

Walkons, transfers, and freshmen will get a good look during the fall and will receive most of the playing time.

Returning players are pretty much established and will use the fall as a time to get back into shape.

The fall season also gives Peterson a chance to improve his team after a disappointing 1989 season.

"I'm not satisfied with last year," Peterson said. "I expected to win the conference. That's what we were shooting for." ■

Eastern, Murray produce only wins for conference

(AP) — Eastern Kentucky put yet another game-breaking running back on display as freshman Markus Thomas rushed for 126 yards and two touchdowns for the Colonels, who upheld the Ohio Valley Conference's honor with a 24-3 whipping of Western Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky, the No. 1 team in Division I-AA, and No. 15 Murray State, which topped Southern Illinois 24-11, were the only OVC teams

to post victories as the league went against a schedule of outside opposition.

Other games Saturday saw Southwest Missouri down Austin Peay 41-3, Florida A&M top Tennessee State 21-9 and Liberty topple Morehead State 34-14.

Tennessee Tech had the weekend off.

Eastern Kentucky (4-0) won for the 24th straight time in Richmond, Ky., with Thomas leading the way.

Thomas scored on a 63-yard run in the third quarter and capped off his evening with a 22-yard scoring burst in the fourth quarter.

The Colonels never trailed, moving 71 yards on their first series to take a 7-0 lead on a 35-yard scoring pass from Lorenzo Fields to Vincent Ware.

In a game played in Atlanta, fullback Stacy Lemay carried 21 times for 82 yards as Florida A&M defeated TSU (1-3). ■

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