

Safety steps planned

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Editor in Chief

A special university committee convened Friday to discuss ways of keeping the campus well lit and to study designs for a lighted walkway for women, according to MTSU President Sam Ingram.

The committee was formed in response to heightened awareness of a need to insure the safety of women on campus, Ingram explained.

"The committee looked at the total problem and tried to ascertain why the lights are out for three weeks and not replaced," Ingram said.

The Murfreesboro Electric Company installs and maintains the more than 300 lights on campus.

Ingram said student foot patrols will report burned-out lights to the maintenance department, which will, in turn, get in touch with the electric company.

"Each light has a pole number and a lamp number," Mike Crain, the university's energy management coordinator, said. "There was a mix-up in communications somewhere."

Crain noted, however, the

problem was solved after he obtained a copy of the blueprint of campus lighting facilities from the electric company and distributed copies to foot patrols and maintenance people.

Although Ingram said he wants the campus well lit, he claimed the cost of lighting the entire campus was prohibitive.

"One of the groups is planning to establish certain highly lighted routes students can travel on," Ingram said, "and another group will see what shrubs and trees can be cut back."

According to Ingram, the committee will decide on recommendations which he hopes will be inexpensive.

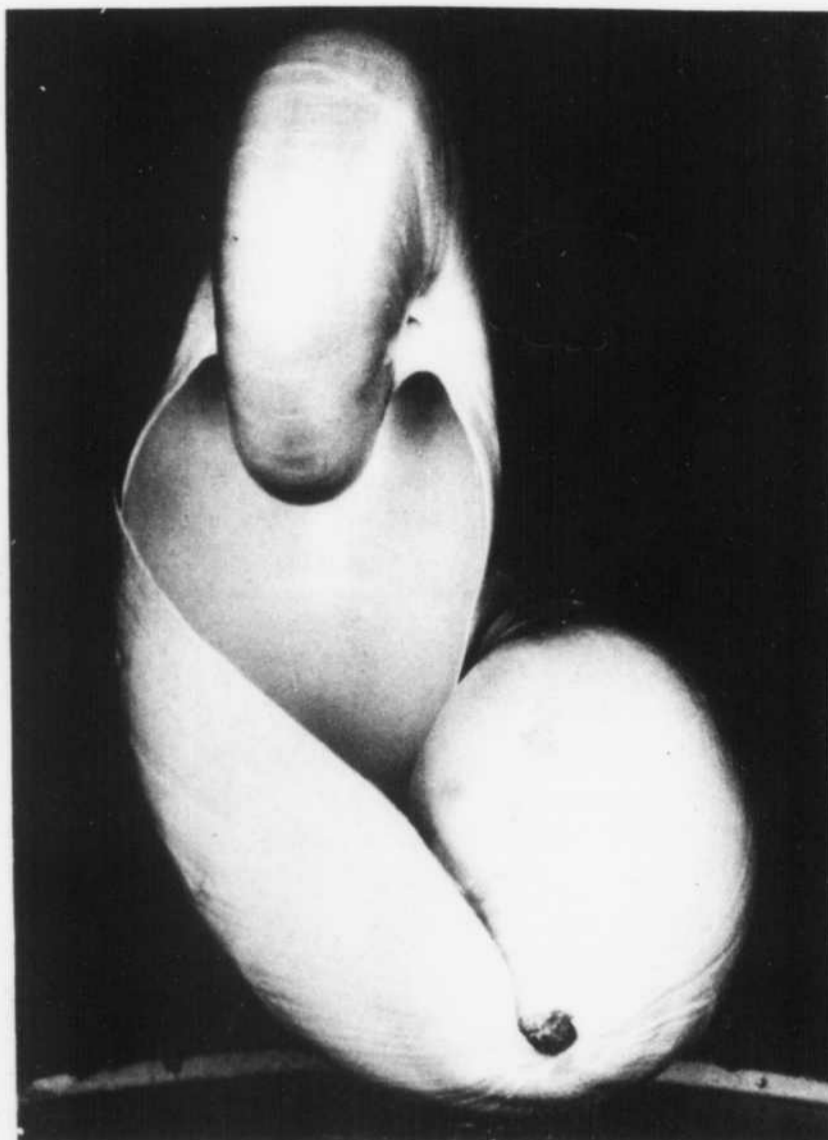
"We don't have much money anymore," Ingram said.

Ingram also expressed his concern about student safety.

"My feeling is that the safety of the students has to have high priority. We will look closely at what will provide at least the minimum safety."

A committee composed of Capt. Larry Nixon of the campus police; Judy Smith, dean of women; and Paul Cantrell, dean of men, has been

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Edward Weston's "Shell Print" is one of many selections from the internationally known "MTSU Collection" on display at the Photographic Gallery through Thursday.

Last chance coming up to see Gallery exhibition

An exhibit featuring the work of photographers Richard Avedon, Edward Weston, Ansel Adams and others will be presented through Thursday as the MTSU Photographic Gallery celebrates its 10th anniversary.

The gallery, located in the Learning Resources Center, is open to the public at no admission charge.

Containing over 550 prints from both professional and student photographers, the gallery is listed among leading galleries internationally and has bookings through 1983.

Harold Baldwin, professor of photography at MTSU, stated that the gallery had its beginnings when he decided to try to enhance his students' understanding of the in-depth compositional aspects of photography. Searching for existing photos and finding no galleries that exhibited photos, Baldwin sought to create MTSU's own display.

After exhibiting works from MTSU instructors Joseph Smith and Ida Read and holding a number of fund-raising drives, the MTSU Gallery opened with

an exhibit from the Museum of Modern Art.

The gallery today has a special fund for the purchase of photographs, which has resulted in a substantial investment for the university, Baldwin explained.

"We bought a couple of prints for the gallery collection from nearly every exhibit we have held," Baldwin said.

In 1969, when the gallery first opened, few people were interested in photos, according to Baldwin, so he was able to buy many of the prints for a very small investment.

"Some of our photographs have increased in value 600 to 700 times," he said. "One is now quite valuable. We paid \$90 for it several years ago, and it could be sold easily now for \$15,000."

The MTSU photography department got its start 13 years ago with one course and eight students, Baldwin said.

Lightyear, the Gallery's annual publication featuring work from the year's exhibitions and from student photography, is also in its 10th season.

"It's coming out in about five weeks," Baldwin said.

Operation ID threatening to burglars

By RENEE VAUGHN

Sidelines Managing Editor

A theft-prevention program begun recently on campus will provide students a better chance to recover stolen articles and act as a deterrent for would-be burglars, according to Martha Hammond, speaker of the ASB Senate.

Operation ID was begun by the campus police department in cooperation with the Dorm Residents' Hall Program and the ASB to help students track down

stolen merchandise and aid police efforts in identifying confiscated goods.

"We're engraving the students' Social Security numbers and the letters 'MTSU' on any items they wish to have identified, like stereos, TVs and bicycles," Hammond said.

Information such as the object's serial number and brand name, as well as the owner's name and address, is filed by the campus police for reference use. "Then, if their item turns up

as stolen, police in Nashville, Murfreesboro or on campus will be able to let them know," Hammond explained.

"The program is pretty well nationwide now," Hammond continued. "They know when a number is engraved on [an item] that the owner has participated in an Operation ID."

Hammond said a lot of students have expressed fear that the identifying process might damage their appliances.

"It's not any more noticeable than the serial number that's already on there," she protested.

"One thing that is big on this campus is bicycle theft," she continued. "With 'MTSU' and a Social Security number engraved on the frame of a bike, someone should be much more hesitant to pick it up."

According to Hammond, the university is providing the identifying service for any student who wants it.

"We hope most of them don't ever have to use it," she said, "but, if they do have something stolen, it will be there to help."

Student helpers, university policemen and ASB workers will bring the service to each dorm during the next several weeks. They will visit Clement and Gore on Oct. 7; Judd and Simms, Oct. 9; Reynolds and Lyon, Oct. 13; Smith and Beasley, Oct. 15; McHenry and Miss Mary, Oct. 16; J and K apartments, Oct. 20; Married

Housing, Oct. 21; and High Rise West and Cummings, Oct. 22.

Students who aren't able to attend the engraving sessions at their residence should call the campus police station and talk to Capt. Larry Nixon or Officer Mark Morgan about making an appointment.

"Capt. Nixon is working to get stickers to put on the doors and windows of Operation ID participants to discourage burglars," she said.

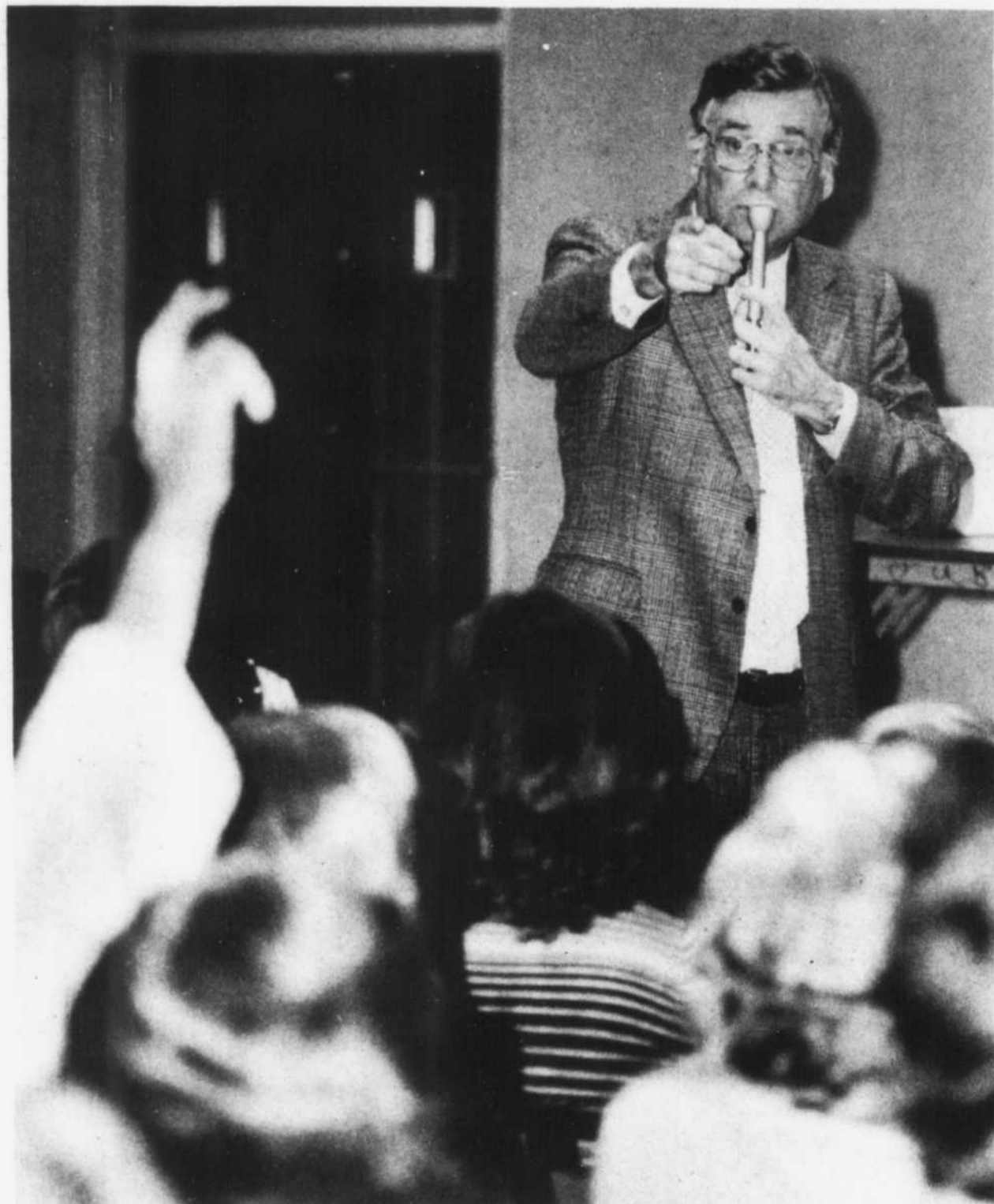


photo by Mark Holland

Gene Roddenberry answered questions from curious Trekkies at Sunday night's campus presentation. More than 400 people came to hear Roddenberry speak and view films from the "Star Trek" era.

Roddenberry a success

By JANE MIER

Special to Sidelines

In creating "Star Trek," Gene Roddenberry launched a phenomenon without parallel in show business.

Starting in 1966, the show ran for three seasons on NBC. After that, "Star Trek" went into 47 other countries and was syndicated in more than 160 markets throughout the United States.

As the "Star Trek" legend has grown, its followers have expanded into the millions. And about 450 of these piled into the James Union Building Sunday night to hear Roddenberry and view some of his footage.

But perhaps the biggest news he brought with him is the fact that Paramount Studio contacted him last week and announced it wanted to bring "Star Trek" back to television.

"We couldn't get [William] Shatner and [Leonard] Nimoy back on a weekly basis," Roddenberry said, after the cheering died down. "I don't think I'd come back myself."

He explained the schedule for a science-fiction series is hectic: 14-hour days, six or seven days a week.

"I think we could get all the old crew back if we did something like six two-hour television movies per year," Roddenberry said. "I'd like to see 'Star Trek' back, but it would have to be in a different way."

Roddenberry showed a

blooper reel, perhaps the favorite film of the night. It was composed of mistakes from 78 hours' worth of episodes—all the flubbed lines, the trips over props, walks into doors that were supposed to open but didn't and the inevitable, sometimes-deleted ½% *cls.

"The actors in the show are unusually intelligent and bright," he said. "They recover from their mistakes in ways much funnier than any writer could ever write."

Background footage from the production of "Star Trek—The Motion Picture" was also shown. Included in the never-aired clips were the construction of the new Starship Enterprise, the creation of Vulcan and several special-effects sequences, including Veger's first attack on the Enterprise bridge.

"I was pleased with the picture," Roddenberry reflected. "Just getting the thing done made me happy. I was at the studio for five years with it, and two of those were trying to talk them into doing the movie."

Then "Star Wars" happened and the studio said okay.

"The problems we had with the movie were something," he recalled. "I worked with an executive for five weeks before realizing he thought we were making a movie of 'Lost in Space.' And other executives didn't like the idea of having a bald woman [the Deltan]. I told them to think of her as 'naked-headed,' and they bought it."

This project marked the first time a movie was made based on a television series, according to Roddenberry.

"Star Trek," reaching outside TV, claimed science fiction's Hugo Award. It is the only series to have an episode preserved in the Smithsonian Institution ("City on the Edge of Forever"), and the 11-foot starship model is also displayed there. The original USS Enterprise from the show inspired the naming of NASA's space shuttle.

Roddenberry remembered this occasion.

"I was watching the unveiling of the craft on television with Leonard Nimoy and some others," he recalled. "When they brought it out, the band struck up not 'The Star Spangled Banner' but our theme!"

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appointed to discuss plans for a pedestrian walkway on campus.
The committee has reviewed a route that would begin in front of the women's dorms and the James Union Building, proceed toward the loop past Peck Hall, the library, the UC and the LRC to C Street. Then the route would continue toward both high rises and on down the street

to H, I, J, K and Married Student Housing. Cantrell explained.
He added that the route is intended especially for women to use.
"We will work with the campus police in terms of zoning off the campus," Cantrell said. The foot patrols will work the areas in "high concentration."
Approximately seven students

are serving on foot-patrol duty, and Cantrell said more volunteers are needed.
"This way we can make sure female students and residents can travel with a reasonable amount of protection, but," he warned, "the girls have to be smart and stay out of the dark areas by themselves. We can only suggest it is a safer route."
Crain said many of the lights

on campus are for ornamental purposes rather than functional.
He explained that when he took a tour of the campus one night last week, he noticed the lights around Peck Hall had sufficient wattage, but the type of lighting used was recessed.
"It shoots straight down instead of lighting the area," Crain said.
He also noticed a similar

problem around the Learning Resources Center.
"The whole loop could use more lighting," he stressed. "There is room for improvement."
"If we define the corridors and raise the lighting levels in those corridors, those will be the most-traveled areas of campus. We have to decide how to raise

those levels," he explained.
Crain said a change in the type of lighting on campus was being studied.
Currently, most of the lights on campus are mercury vapor. Crain said high-pressure sodium lights, which are being considered, have a greater output, decline at a slower rate than the mercury vapor and use less electricity.

Sidelights

Homecoming elections rescheduled

Homecoming elections have been rescheduled for Oct. 20 through 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the U.C. and Peck Hall. The ballot will include the Homecoming queen and court, five freshman senators, five graduate senators and one senior senator.

Ocoee raft trip set Oct. 18-19

Campus recreation is sponsoring a raft trip down the Ocoee River Oct. 18-19.
Sign-up ends Oct. 13 with a cost of \$20 for each participant. Sign-up is first come, first serve.
There is a mini-marathon race coming up Oct. 15. There will be different distances for different skill levels. The sign-up deadline is Oct. 13.

Murphey reaches back to Austin-sound roots

By BILL WARD
Sidelines Staff Writer

Michael Murphey created the Austin Sound. Pass it on.
It's one of music's best-kept secrets, to be sure, but Murphey was a progenitor of that infectious blend of folk, rock and country music that has spawned a cult following for the likes of Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings.

Murphey, who appears at the Main Street Music Emporium on Thursday, was hanging out in the Texas capital and filling the soon-to-be-famous World Armadillo Headquarters throughout the early Seventies. A mesh of rock rhythms, folk improvisations and country melodies, his highly original music foreshadowed the sundry styles that have brought countless singer/songwriters prominence in the past decade.

It was during this period that A&M released Murphey's first, and perhaps best, two albums, "Geronimo's Cadillac," whose title song was Murphey's first national hit, featured a number of catchy tunes and lyrics that were sentimental without being sappy. His second LP, "Cosmic Cowboy Souvenir," was released soon after a throat operation, and Murphey's crooning is much smoother, but not slick.

Shortly thereafter, Murphey made two moves: from A&M to Epic records, and from Austin to the Colorado Rockies. At the same time, his music became more stylized. Indeed, Murphey's 1974 monster pop hit, "Wildfire," is almost syrupy-sweet.

His financial stability virtually secured by "Wildfire's" huge sales, Murphey bought a small ranch in Taos, N.M. and devoted himself to a laid-back lifestyle and infrequent touring, mostly for benefit concerts. He has been particularly active in

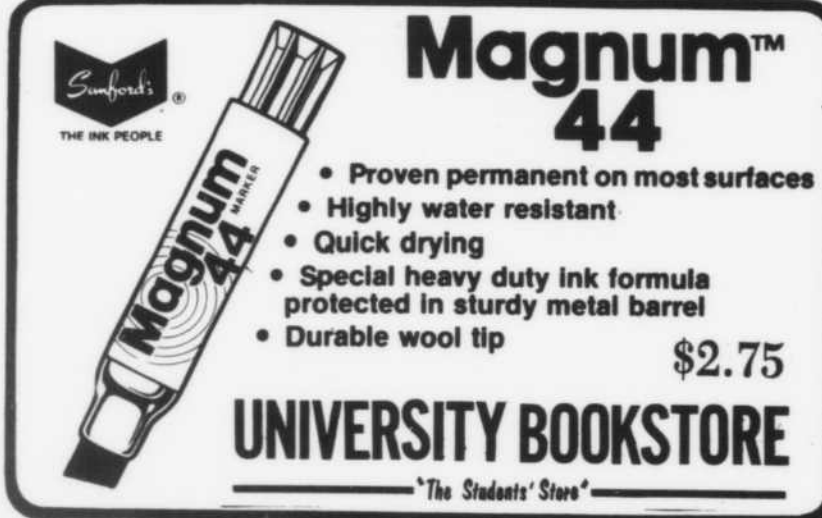
the conservation of native Americans and the conservationist Sierra Club.
In fact, Murphey's interest in the plight of Indians has brought him into a new avocation—filmmaking.

He wrote the music for "The Divided Trail," a documentary on the problems of native Americans in urban areas which was nominated for an Academy Award. He is currently working on a number of film scripts.

Still, music remains his primary interest, and he recently formed a new band which reached more towards his musical roots than his mid-Seventies offerings.

Recent concerts by the performer have focused mostly on the early country/folk/rock songs. Besides the fiddle, mandolin and occasional dobro instrumentation, Murphey himself has even taken to playing an accordion.

Thus, Murphey has "regressed" to the "Redneck Rock" which caused *Rolling Stone* in 1972 to call him "the best new songwriter in the country." Except now he is one of the best of the old ones.

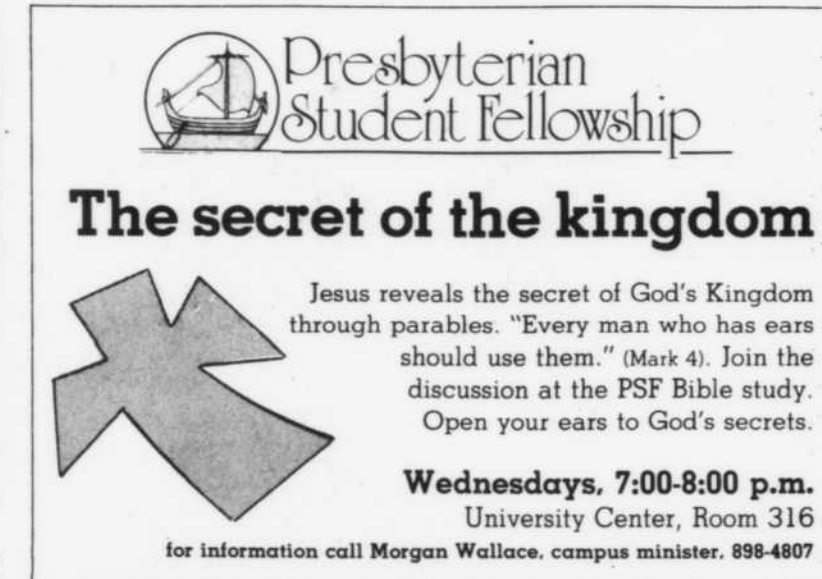


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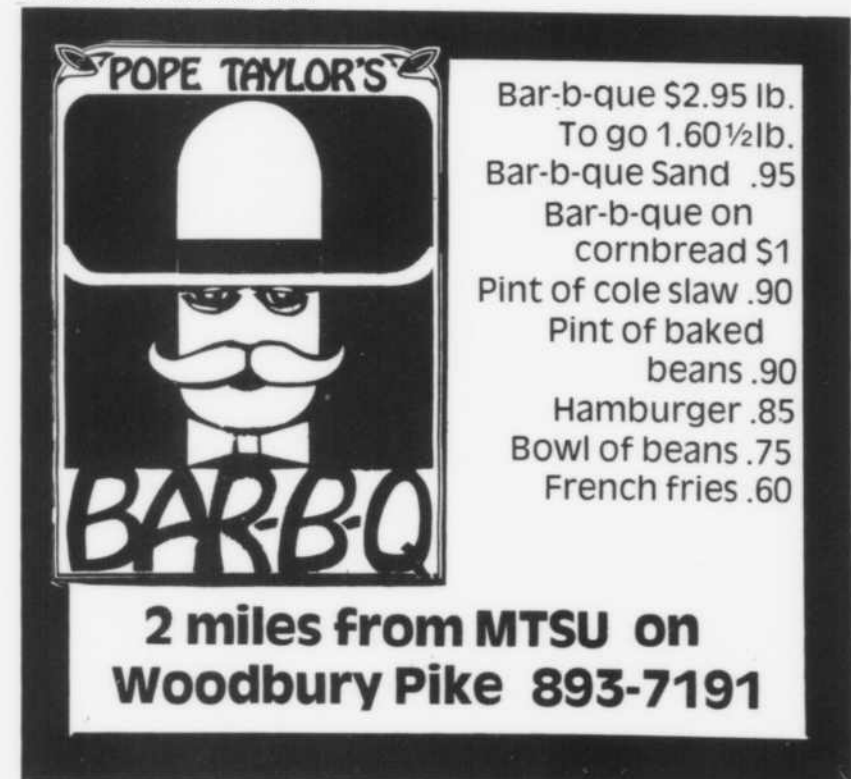
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Toxic shock effect linked to Rely

CINCINNATI (AP) Procter & Gamble Co. said last Monday it was recalling its Rely tampon, which has been cited by the federal government as linked to toxic shock syndrome.

The company asked retailers to remove Rely from store shelves and offered refunds to users who have the unused product on hand.

Toxic shock syndrome is a recently discovered bacterial infection related to tampon use. The national Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has received reports of 299 cases since January. The illness has caused 25 deaths since 1975.

The Center for Disease Control reported last week that women who use the Rely brand of tampon run greater risk of the disease than women who use other brands.

The disease occurs mostly in women 30 and younger, during or just after their menstrual period. It is characterized by sudden onset of high fever, vomiting, diarrhea and rapid drop in blood pressure often resulting in shock and a sunburn-like rash.

The link between the disease and tampons was found earlier this year after studies conducted in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Correction

Sidelines wishes to retract the statement concerning the dunking machine used to make money for St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis. The machine was sponsored by Sigma Nu Fraternity only, not in cooperation with Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Sidelines regrets the error.

'Star Trek'

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"I turned to Leonard and said, 'My God, they're playing a song from a television show! We're in trouble.' To which he replied, 'It's like living in a Mel Brooks movie.'"

"The Cage," the pilot for the series that NBC never aired because they claimed it was "too intellectual" for the public, was also shown. Clips of this show can be viewed in "The Menagerie," a later "Star Trek" show. Roddenberry also showed "Spacebourne," actual footage taken by astronauts and NASA of outer space.

"The Star Trek Experience," presented by the Fine Arts, Issues and Ideas and Special Events Committees of Student Programming, was about three hours of pure Trek. It was a chance for Trekkies to indulge in their favorite subject, and a chance for others to discover how much more there is to the "Star Trek" legend.

White Berets' recruiting effort built on reputation

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON

Sidelines Staff Writer

Posters, white uniforms and drill demonstrations will highlight next week's recruiting drive by the White Berets, MTSU's ROTC drill team, according to Lt. Cadet Sharon Longwith.

Only four cadets from last year are still drill team members.

"One requirement to be in the White Berets is being a member of ROTC," explained Longwith, the Berets' supply officer. "To remain in ROTC, a commitment for a three or four year enlistment in the Army must be made.

Most of last year's cadets went inactive in order to consider this commitment."

The problem with low membership is further complicated because 'not everybody can make it to our meetings,' Longwith said.

The Berets' national reputation, accrued through the the corps' past successes in competitions such as Mardi Gras, enhances the recruitment effort, Longwith said.

"We are going to be more military this year," Longwith advised. "This will help our Individual Drill Review."

IDR is competition similar to Simon Says, she explained. A driller gives individual orders that all participants must carry out immediately or be eliminated.

"In the past, we allowed extra motions in our parade routines that are not allowed in IDR," Longwith continued. "This made it necessary to think twice before every move."

The Berets motto for this year is "Daring to Dream."

"We are going to improve ourselves without regard to the limitations forced on us. It's just a sense of challenge," Longwith said.

For the first time members white berets during their ROTC activities, a privilege formerly reserved for the Forest Raiders, MTSU's Ranger unit.

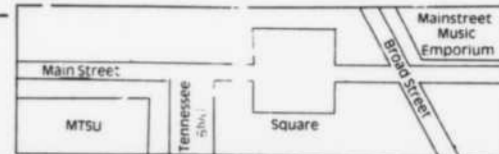
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ERA push: *Boycott upheld by Supreme Court*

The Supreme Court on Monday, with much wisdom, allowed a feminist-inspired boycott to continue against those states that have not yet ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

The court, without comment, rejected arguments by Missouri officials that the National Organization for Women violated federal antitrust laws by encouraging other groups to withhold business from non-ratifying states.

In the ERA boycott case, two lower federal courts had ruled that the NOW-promoted boycott, currently joined by more than 300 organizations and local governments, is a "political activity" exempt from antitrust laws and protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom to petition the government.

NOW was sued by Missouri officials in 1978 after the state began to feel the financial impact of groups holding their conventions and meetings elsewhere.

This is a testament to the way state governments ultimately fail the concerned constituency that does not have the necessary financial clout to make themselves heard. For several years now, organized groups of women have attempted to make themselves influential in the political process.

However, with the Missouri case as an example, one can see that women have been unable to make a significant impact on government officials until they strike where it hurts—in the pocketbook.

Missouri Attorney General John Ashcroft had argued the boycott "substitutes raw economic power for the ballot box... What NOW would propose... is a system in which all pressing issues of the day are decided by muscle."

Organized interest groups which appear late on the scene often find it difficult to gain the recognition that other groups may already have.

This is because they are not a part of the existing power structure in the political arena. To gain recognition and be taken seriously, organizations have to make themselves heard.

Women's groups should not be held in disregard simply because they conform to accepted patterns of behavior for interest groups.

NOW lawyers responded to the attorney general's comments by saying such behavior "is not only an accepted but a necessary element of our system of government."

This last assessment of the NOW lobby seems the most realistic one. As a concept, lobby groups came into existence in order to influence government policy in a favorable way to their own interests.

So, it is the practice of every lobby group to try to influence the political process. It's hypocritical that Missouri officials would make an exception and charge women's groups with using "muscle."

Fortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court also took this point of view, and it is a credit to the judicial system of this country that the current feminist-inspired boycott was allowed to continue and not have federal antitrust laws applied to the NOW organizations.

It is not that NOW is attempting to financially force states to accept the Equal Rights Amendment, rather, women are just trying to "persuade" state officials to think clearly on the issue and hopefully see it from their point of view.

To that extent, they are no different than any other lobby or interest group in this country, and should be viewed accordingly.

It is accepted political practice in this country to allow groups to be heard and express their respective point of views.

This right has been upheld once more by the Supreme Court concerning NOW's efforts, and only rightly so.

Viewpoints



criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

Ron Reagan's last tango

As editor of the editorial pages of *Sidelines*, I feel compelled in this election year to offer to readers my assessments of the candidates in the race for the White House.

Incumbent Jimmy Carter was reviewed in Friday's edition, and now it is time to ask the question: What valid claim does Republican ex-actor Ronald Reagan have to the presidency?

To answer that question, we must examine Reagan himself, which must be done with cautious skepticism. On the outside, he appears as possibly the most charming and instantly likable candidate. But, as noted political analyst Theodore H. White has concluded, "Underneath smolders a prophet's wrath at what he believes to be the stupidities and injustices visited on the American people by their government."

In his campaign, Reagan has stressed not his particular stand on the issues but, rather, his attitude as the reason he should occupy the Oval Office.

This attitude is representative of a new paradoxical process in this country—the undermining of traditional authority by people who think of themselves as guardians of tradition.

Why has Reagan been chosen

the leader of this movement? Because he offers something to the right wing that has been notably absent for years—relaxation. It is with an air of friendliness that the ex-governor espouses his reactionary views.

Reagan is most popular with those who supported George Wallace, but who felt shame after he stimulated their hate glands. In contrast, Reagan softly hums to these same voters now, and gives his permission to allow a functional hatred of poor people and blacks. He feels it to be an act of patriotism to not let the hard-working middle class be dragged down to their level.

It is this sort of subtle conservatism that allows Reagan to play the role of the innocent celebrity and say things like, "Vietnam was a noble cause."

Perhaps Reagan does present American voters with a return to "the way things used to be," but it is just this sort of wholesome hometown sort who can drop "the bomb" without a second thought.

As shown in his debate with Independent John Anderson, Reagan never allows arguments or quibbling to touch him. Rather, he feels that everything should depend on his own private vision and charisma, which is a very dangerous thought. Although facts and evidence may not be that important to Reagan, they demand examination in light of his simple solutions to our problems.

His ideas are simple ones: he feels that the last 20 years have been a failure in America, as we have been dishonored abroad and crippled at home by government intervention into industry and a denial of citizens' liberties.

Like most candidates for public office, Reagan offers the obligatory tax cut. His plan calls for a 30 percent cut over three years. However, a measure such

as this has been predicted as having an inflationary effect. And if this large tax break is implemented, the federal government will be short of money to meet the costs of even essential programs. In addition, his income tax proposals provide more benefits to those in the upper-income brackets.

As for America's dependence on unpredictable, expensive foreign oil (the energy crisis), Reagan feels that this problem can be easily solved. He says the crisis is caused by too much government regulation of energy companies—which reduces incentives to explore for and produce oil. His answer: simple, just let the energy (oil) companies run free, and everything will be fine.

How can Reagan defend oil companies and want to give them more room to operate when we pay outrageous prices for gasoline already? And, besides, Reagan is severely underestimating the complexity of the problem, as offering such a simple solution is extremely naive.

As for the economy in general, Reagan hopes to provide tax breaks to big businesses, on the theory that these breaks will result in extra profits that will be redistributed throughout all levels of the economy. The Reagan tax plan places no limitations or strings attached as to how businesses must use these extra profits. Thus, there are no assurances at all that the money will find its way to other levels.

In the area of foreign policy, Reagan offers some rather contradictory solutions. He proposes military superiority over the Soviet Union, while at the same time opposing the draft, promising to cut taxes and balancing the budget. Again he offers a simple plan chock-full of impossibilities. All of what he proposes cannot be done, as his plan is rather an either/or proposition. Military superiority over the Soviet Union could be reached, although, in order to

do so, the tax would have to be reinstated, taxes could not be cut and there could be no balanced budget.

Here, Reagan of 1980 sounds a lot like Carter of 1976, as both have visions of a simple world with simple answers. Ronnie, it's not that easy, just look at Jimmy's record.

Reagan also has supported better relations with American allies, but contradicts himself again, as he opposes the SALT agreement and detente with the Soviets, which those allies want.

Reagan's sole experience in foreign affairs serves as a dreadful warning to what may be ahead if he is elected, as he recently bungled a statement concerning the two Chinas. He is obviously an amateur in foreign relations.

His stand on some traditional issues sounds like the ancient, bloated rhetoric of yesteryear, as it is unfavorable towards the minimum wage and unemployment insurance. Party extremists also saddled him with a platform that opposes the Equal Rights Amendment; he has yet to disavow that platform.

So what is there to conclude about the Nature and Meaning of Ronald Reagan for president? Perhaps some sort of conclusion can be reached by answering these three questions:

(1) Does Ronald Reagan have the faintest notion what has happened in this country during the last 20 years?

Probably not.

(2) Under any circumstances, should Reagan occupy the White House?

Never.

(3) Is there anything more scary than Reagan being elected president?

Yes—that we are not scared of him.

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Perspective

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Loathsome monologue for KKK

by David Randolph

The Ku Klux Klan is the most disgraceful public organization in existence today.

An organization whose members are obvious bigots and hypocrites, who breed feelings of hate while supporting murderous threats and actions for the sake of a so-called "supreme race," has no place in today's society.

The KKK placed an advertisement accompanied by a blank membership application in the Sunday, Oct. 5, edition of the *The Tennessean* asking white students 12 to 17 years of age to "stand up for America" and join the KKK Youth Corps. The act of luring children to join such a hate-oriented organization by asking if they are tired of losing their lunch money is beneath human dignity.

There are many problems dealing with the differences between black and white Americans; however, many of these problems between the two races have been created by an attempt to resolve differences by putting everyone on a so-called "equal" level, which is nonexistent.

Personally, I will hail the day

punchline

Strange rumblings and trivia from home

by Danny Tyree

The *Sidelines* staff does too good a job.

Before I'm lynched for that assertion, let me clarify myself: This newspaper does too good a job of utilizing space, of filling up the page.

We're missing out on all those catchy little filler articles that most newspapers print. So, for the sake of you trivia fans out there, I'm presenting some fascinating bits of information culled from my hometown newspaper.

You can spring them on guests at a party, dazzle your professors or quote them in your next presidential campaign.

Enjoy. (Or at least tolerate.):
In 1922, 24-year-old Englishwoman Theresa Vaughn, charged with bigamy, was found to have 61 husbands. (Bigamy? She should have been charged with masochism!)

Chinese is the oldest living

as i see it

Lessons from outsiders and losers

by Chuck Keller

Their record here is 0 and 2, but to talk to their fans and followers, you would think that they were undefeated for the past five years.

I'm not talking about any major college-level team but, rather, a high school team located in the south-central region of the state. Within the past year, this school has sent both a basketball and football team to compete in the confines of a MTSU facility.

Now, I know that this isn't the sports page, but I do have the freedom to write about any subject that strikes my fancy—and this strikes my fancy. The Lincoln County Falcons (actually, their followers) have taught a lesson that we here at MTSU would do well to learn. This lesson is none other than team support.

The populace of Lincoln County first invaded Murphy Center last spring to participate

that people residing in this country become aware of the fact that there is more than one race and culture in this country, none of which are superior insofar as possessing the ability to change another culture's basic structure.

More absurd actions by the KKK include urging all families to purchase guns and train themselves for the coming race war between whites and blacks in the United States. There is no place in today's society for this type of "scare tactic." The public should not allow themselves to be so easily frightened or influenced.

What makes an individual think Bill Wilkerson or anyone else is capable of predicting a race war? A race war is not the type of event that can be predicted but, rather, an event which could be created—obviously a goal the Klan is working viciously to achieve.

Certainly the only result of inciting a race war, as the Invisible Empire is attempting, is unnecessary death and increased feelings of hatred between all people in this country regardless of race.

A war between the people of a

country as large as the United States would leave far-reaching wounds in this nation which would remain unhealed for eternity.

Perhaps the most ironic fact of this matter is that many members of the KKK fought a bloody war to quell the efforts of

Adolf Hitler, who attempted to exterminate the entire Jewish population for the sake of creating the "superior race."

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language, dating back more than 4,000 years.

Charles E. Duryea built the first (and last?) practical automobile in the U.S. in 1892.

The first co-ed in the U.S. was admitted to Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1833.

If the sticks of gum Americans chew in a year's time were placed end to end instead, they could circle the earth more than 35 times. (Oops! I hope I haven't given the frats any ideas for a new initiation stunt.)

Benjamin Franklin said, "He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals."

One fourth of the body's bones are in the feet. (Does that mean that when the Ayatollah Khomeini sticks his feet in his mouth, 100 of his bones are above his neck?)

The U.S. occupies one-

sixteenth of the earth's land surface.

Researchers say tolerance for alcohol decreases with age. (To hear some members of the younger generation tell it, tolerance for everything decreases with age.)

Frank Gotch, whom many consider the greatest wrestler in modern times, held the record for the quickest fall. He pinned an opponent in 6¼ seconds.

The protein content of an avocado is greater than that of any other fruit.

According to the National Population Council, there were only about 5 million people in the whole world in 5000 B.C.

The world's population grows by about 90 million a year.

U.S. Grant's real name was Hiram Ulysses Grant.

The average person moves once every seven minutes during sleep.

Until the late nineteenth century, psychology was not considered a science!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has raised more than 875,000 varieties of strawberries.

Every year, it takes the moon .002 seconds longer to circle the earth than the year before.

Russian scientists have recently obtained a U.S. patent for synthetic caviar.

Researchers at Vanderbilt Medical School hope to find a cure for the mysterious illness that prevents John Davidson from reaching puberty.

Danny Tyree is a junior broadcast journalism major from Lewisburg.

minimum wage

by Phyllis Hamm

Abundant alligators

A few years ago, environmentalists lamented the decline in the alligator population. Today, however, there is a peculiar overabundance.

The extreme severity of this problem first came to my attention while working in the assessment lanes during fall registration. In a span of four hours, I counted 36 shirts with little alligators parasitizing them. (This figure does not include the number of belts, pants, and dresses I saw with the little creatures clinging to them.) As cooler weather moves in, I notice more and more of them clinging to sweaters too.

This sharp increase in the alligator population is due not to the effort of Green Peace or the Sierra Club, but to the hard work of the Lacoste empire.

These people have given refuge to thousands of homeless alligators who would have otherwise ended up as some poor business exec's briefcase or his wife's high heels. Instead, these poor animals have ended up, all in one piece, on the bodies of thousands of humans.

Though Lacoste's original intentions were fine, the problem has grown totally out of proportion. Many college students (that segment of our population which is the most environmentally aware) are being misled.

Some students have adopted 10 or 20 of these creatures. The worst case I've seen is a guy in one of my classes—a nice enough fellow, but awfully gullible. He wears alligators on his shirts, sweaters, pants, socks, belts and, for all I know, his underwear.

(The other day I noticed a girl lean over and ask him what kind of after shave he was wearing. "Eau de Izod," he replied.)

Because of people like this, I resolve that a law be passed requiring that all alligators distributed by the Lacoste empire be sent to the Memphis Zoo and be used to clean fingerprints off the fishbowl.

Phyllis Hamm is a sophomore journalism major from Hermitage. She has been working at Sidelines since last spring.

guest column

by Jeff Bauer

Liddy's hazy demise

Last week I happened to see "The Dick Cavett Show." Instead of the usual drivel of sodomite zookeepers and Chicano dirt farmers, Dick was actually interviewing a real celebrity. As the image came to life on the television screen, I nearly dropped the strychnine I was playing with.

Who do we have here? Gordon Liddy, Mr. Willpower himself. Our zealous patriot, conqueror and deliverer of fear (with a strong bent towards pyromanic masochism), who has shamed our country more deeply than we can bear.

Shamed? Yes. What a scum-sucking bunch of wimps we are to have let this man be imprisoned for his outstanding patriotism and devotion to duty. How will we explain to our children that we stood by and let Liddy rot in prison for nearly five years when they ask us, "Daddy, what did you do during the Watergate?"

Think back now. When we needed Daniel Ellsberg discredited, who offered to feed him some LSD-25? I'm sure all of you remember the leftist guerrillas and other "subversives" (i.e., protest leaders of all varieties) who threatened the Republican National Convention with their unwanted presence. Who proposed to kidnap them, drug them and hold them in Mexico? None other than G. Gordon Liddy.

This is the same man, betrayed but not broken, who of his own initiative offered to kill columnist Jack Anderson for taking unfair advantage of the First Amendment. It was Liddy who truly voiced our belief that we have nothing to fear but fear itself and people who stand in the way.

Let us take time now from hiding skeletons in our closet and see if we can honor this man who has been publicly ostracized by the country he served.

It goes without saying that we have waited too long and there is no way we can change the damage that's already done. But perhaps we can convince Congress that Liddy should be given a full pardon—and maybe even a full-time job. There are still plenty of dissenting parasites all over this great country of ours.

In closing, I must insist that we recompensate Liddy for all the pain (and burn marks) that he has suffered at the hands of the country he served. Let's bring Gordon Liddy in from out of the cold. If not for him, at least for our own piece of mind.

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in the TSSAA basketball tournaments. Since I knew some friends who attended Lincoln County High, I decided to attend the game and see if there was anything worth mentioning. And there was.

Just about one half of the seats available were filled by students, teachers, parents and businessmen who were there to watch and support their team in its first-ever appearance in state competition. Believe me, it was a sight to behold.

After attending some of MTSU's basketball games and reluctantly accepting the fact that, for some strange and unknown reason, college students do not enjoy following the practice of "fan participation"; I was dumbstruck with the crowd's actions.

People, young and old alike, were standing up screaming, cheering, waving pom-poms, blowing whistles and ringing the ever-present cowbell.

You would expect behavior like this if the team were winning and you would probably get it, but the Falcons were on the lower end of the score. The final outcome of the game was disastrous, but a standing ovation guided the defeated Falcons off the court and presumably all the way back to the city of Fayetteville.

Last Friday night was no different. Braving the cold night air and the long drive, the fans of LCHS invaded the visitors' side of Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium as the Falcons faced the Riverdale Warriors.

In a nutshell, Riverdale controlled the movement of the ball for most of the game. The only problem was that their offensive unit could not put the ball in the end zone. The teams traded touchdowns in the second half, and then suddenly, in the final minute of the game, Riverdale scored and then made the two-point conversion.

Once again the fans came through with flying colors. The outcome was unquestionable, but hardly 20 people began making their way back to their cars for the long drive over Chestnut Ridge.

To sum it up, I overheard one man remark, "What the hell, I'm still proud of 'em."

When was the last time you heard a statement like that after a Raider's football game? Most of the time all you will hear is five minutes of unprintable quotes followed by a vow to God promising never again to attend another MTSU football game.

Instead of criticizing, get out there and show some support for the team. It takes time to build a strong, solid football program and even longer to make it work properly.

After all, it did take God seven days to create the world.

Chuck Keller is a freshman criminal justice administration major from Fayetteville.

Bookstore's policy claimed 'censorship'

By DENNIS MYERS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Since fall semester of last year, university book department manager Earl Harris has censored Asst. Prof. Alan Mussehl's supplemental text *Show Me*.

This case of censorship has been watched closely by *Sidelines*.

On Sept. 30 the Mass Communications Department met with officials from the bookstore in an effort to straighten out the controversy surrounding this issue. The meeting ended on a bitter note as Edward Kimbrell, chairman of the department, was overheard to say that the presentation by the bookstore management "was the most

appalling performance I've ever seen."

Kimbrell, along with several members of the department, was very upset over what one member called "the most absurd incident of a clerical censoring a professional's judgment I've ever seen."

According to Mussehl, his text is being censored by the "personal whim" of a man who has no business censoring *any* book, let alone a supplemental textbook.

Mussehl believes that no person other than a department chairman or other suitably qualified administration official should be allowed to censor a

professor's material.

The issue for Mussehl has become one of "academic" freedom, not just a mere incident of censorship over one book.

"The issue here is far broader than *Show Me*," Mussehl stated; "the issue is one of academic freedom for all university professors. The audacity of a mere clerical censoring a professor's material is abhorrent to the very foundation of academic freedom."

Robert Wyatt, associate professor of mass communications who attended the Sept. 30 meeting, said, "The law hasn't found the book obscene—

it takes a judge to do that. Harris' refusal to put the book on the shelf is definitely censorship."

"No university policy declared that this book shouldn't be on the shelf," Wyatt added. "It's the decision of one man acting with authority he does not have, and, to me, that equals censorship."

Perspective

Wyatt, when asked what he would do if his own material were being censored, replied, "I'd do what Mussehl is doing, except that I would be less restrained."

When I last reported on the

status of *Show Me*, I stated that if the book was not put on the shelf, the students and faculty of this university could yell cover-up as well as censorship. However, it appears there was no cover-up on the part of the Mass Communications Department; the same statement cannot be made about the bookstore.

It appears that the bookstore never intended to put *Show Me* on the shelf. It appears that they were only biding time, hoping that the incident would "blow over."

However, the incident has not "blown over," and there are several people still extremely

upset about Harris' actions concerning the book.

"I had hoped this issue could be cleared up here, on this campus," Mussehl stated. "It now appears, though, that steps might need to be taken to correct this appalling attempt at censorship beyond the university level. It's absurd that the issue has gone this far, but [Charles] Phillips [director of the bookstore] can't provide one reasonable excuse for the continued censorship."

"The only reason we were given why the book wasn't going on the shelf was that Earl [Harris] found it obscene. Phillips is Harris' boss; why can't he do something about it?"

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Middle Tennessee quarterback Brown Sanford is stopped by Western Carolina defenders during a rush attempt typical of Saturday night's action. The visiting Catamounts capitalized on the Blue Raider weaknesses to take home a 24-10 victory. MTSU drops to 0-4 on the season, while the Division I-A team, Western Carolina, raises its record to 2-3 on the year.

Sports

Neal looks to Christmas

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

There's probably nobody in Murfreesboro looking forward to Christmas any more than Lady Raider tennis coach Sandy Neal.

She sent in her holiday wishes some time ago and should

receive her Christmas presents early in the form of two top notch tennis players from Australia. After Neal lost four key players last season she found herself with a tough rebuilding job ahead of her and she got immediate results from her efforts by signing three

Australians to grant-in-aids.

Gone are Kaye Wrather to graduation, Elina Durchman who decided to forego her last year of eligibility to go to graduate school and Nancy Broadhurst and Jenny Orr who didn't return to school because of personal reasons.

With the sudden depletion of ranks Neal was forced to use walk-ons but has gotten some inspiring play from Murfreesboro native Lynn Swindell and Teresa Gammon of Oak Ridge.

"Lynn and Teresa are over most of their early season jitters now and are really contributing," Neal said. "The OVC is really going to be tough this season and we'll need all the help we can get."

What will the arrival of the two girls from Australia mean to Gammon and Swindell? Swindell said that she wasn't going to just roll over and give up her place in the starting line up which could lead to a little spirited competition in the spring.

"Sandy talked to me back during the summer about trying out and I kind of knew what the deal was then," Swindell said. "But I'm going to work hard and I'm not going to give up just because we get some new players."

As a team the Lady Raiders opened their fall season last weekend in the Blue Raider Classic finishing sixth and then lost to Eastern Kentucky Saturday, 6-3. Leigh Morel and Carolyn Newgreen were winners at number one and two singles respectively while Newgreen and Tarja Ojala teamed up to win the number two doubles for MTSU's three wins.

They will close out their fall campaign on the weekend of Oct. 16 as they face Tennessee Tech on Friday and then come back to play both Murray and Western Kentucky on the 18th.

beat seventh-ranked Ole Miss by six points last year and led Tennessee by seven points for 35 minutes in a narrow loss.

Middle Tennessee will be facing most of the other top twenty teams this season, including Mercer, Clemson, Jackson State, Valdosta, Memphis State, and Georgia Southern.

"We as a team have adopted a motto, 'To have a positive attitude in a negative world,'" Inman said. "We're out there in Division I with the UCLA's, UT's, and we feel like we can play with anybody in the country on a given night."

Another OVC team, Tennessee Tech, was picked as the eighth top team in the South with 298 votes.

MTSU falls 24-10

Cats blaze Raiders

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Editor

The Western Carolina Catamounts blazed trails across the Appalachians Saturday to capitalize on Blue Raider mistakes and win here 24-10.

The visiting Catamounts took advantage of a blocked punt and a snap out of the end zone on another punt to score two safeties in the contest.

Western Carolina eased out into a 7-0 lead halfway through the first quarter after MTSU fumbled on its own 24-yard line.

On Middle Tennessee's second play of the game, freshman fullback Josh Johnson dropped the ball in Blue Raider territory. Catamount Lee McCall recovered to set up a four-play scoring drive for Western Carolina.

Quarterback David Masburn, who started his football career at MTSU in 1978, threw a 15-yard pass to Leonard Williams, and Dean Biasucci added the extra point to give their team a 7-0 edge.

With 44 seconds left in the first quarter, MTSU punter Glenn Heath took a high snap from center Sam Anderson and got his kick away too late. Blue Raider Lonnie Burch caught the blocked punt to prevent a touchdown, but was tackled in the end zone.

"We were in the ballgame. Take away the blocked punt, the snap over the kicker's head for a safety, then take away the fumble... then you're talking about eleven points that we gave away that they didn't earn—we gave them away," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said.

Anderson, who had a small motorcycle accident on Friday afternoon, was responsible for another safety early in the fourth quarter. Anderson's snap went over the head of Heath and out of the end zone.

"Quite obviously on the second one he got his [injured] shoulder loosened up because he snapped it clear out of the end zone," Donnelly said.

The second quarter was a duel of place kickers as Blue Raider Gerald Robinson booted a three-

pointer and Biasucci combatted with a field goal with five seconds left in the half.

Biasucci added a 26-yard field goal midway in the last period, and Williams scored a touchdown on a short two-yard run. Karl Witzke's point after touchdown tallied the final point column for the Catamounts.

Middle Tennessee quarterback Brown Sanford, troubled by an inflamed bicep tendon most of the night, connected on a 15-yard pass to receiver Kolas Elion with four minutes left in the game. The touchdown, followed by Gerald Robinson's PAT, wrapped up the game's point margin, 24-10.

"We knew our passing game would be somewhat limited because of Brown's situation," Donnelly said. "We kept it quiet in hopes that it would miraculously heal."

The second-year MTSU coach hinted that tailback Sammy Bryant might be moved to the quarterback spot this weekend if Sanford isn't rested up by Saturday.

Sanford, who has suffered from the "over use" of his arm all season, hit on 10 of 26 attempts for 106 yards and one interception. The Blue Raiders rushed for a mere 68 yards total.

"We did not block well up front, and when we did block well, our backs did not hit the proper holes," Donnelly commented. "We did not play well offensively at all."

Western Carolina's Masburn, meanwhile, rolled up 261 yards passing on 19 of 29 attempts with one interception also. Masburn combined with reserve quarterback Ronnie Mixon for an outstanding passing attack of 342 net yards.

Western Carolina rushed for 142 yards with tailback Anthony James running the ball for 105 yards.

"Everything we did wrong Saturday night can be corrected," Donnelly said, "with the possible exception that is a very good football team and have super receivers."

Middle Tennessee's record drops to 0-4 for the season while Western Carolina raised its mark to 2-3 overall.

Netters sweep doubles

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's number one doubles team of Graeme Harris and Mark Tulloch swept their second doubles championship in as many weeks in the Shorter College Invitational at Rome, Ga. last weekend.

After rolling to the championship of the Austin Peay Invitational two weekends ago the duo made it two in a row by waltzing through four tough opponents, including Flager and Guilford who are both in the top ten in the nation NAIA schools, at the Shorter Invitational.

"They're just playing brilliant tennis," Raider coach Dick LaLance said, "that's all you can say about them. They're undefeated so far this fall and getting better all the time."

Harris and Tulloch decided to make it a little exciting in Rome by spotting Flager's number one doubles team three match points in the second set before coming back to win the set and then finally the match.

"We've just been real lucky lately," Harris mildly understated. "We played together for a semester last season and we've really gotten used to each other on the court. All we try to do is play sensible tennis, hit the ball down the middle and don't do anything stupid."

The Raiders as a team almost decided to take a break from the tournament instead of the usual team van after leaving

Jimmy Earle and David Mulkent home with serious viruses and then getting to Rome and having Randy Shubert go down with the same illness.

"It was really getting serious for awhile," LaLance said. "We were just kind of wondering who would go out next. We couldn't very well just drop out of the

tournament so we had to play with what we had."

Without anyone at the number six or five singles positions and no one in the number two doubles spot the Raiders were almost assured of not finishing well in overall team score, but ended up only 12 points out of first.



photo by Mark Holland

Leigh Morel won her number one singles match against Eastern Kentucky Saturday but the Lady Raiders fell 6-3.

Lady Raiders rank in Southern top 20

Middle Tennessee's women's basketball team has been selected by Southern coaches as one of the top twenty teams in the South.

In the All-South pre-season coaches' poll, the Lady Raiders received 95 votes to rank 20th among women's teams in the South. Louisiana Tech was chosen first with 577 votes, while Tennessee and South Carolina followed with 568 and 534, respectively.

"We're in there with some of the top teams in the nation," head coach Larry Inman said. "If I were picking anybody to win the nation, it would be Louisiana Tech."

The Lady Raiders, the defending OVC champions,

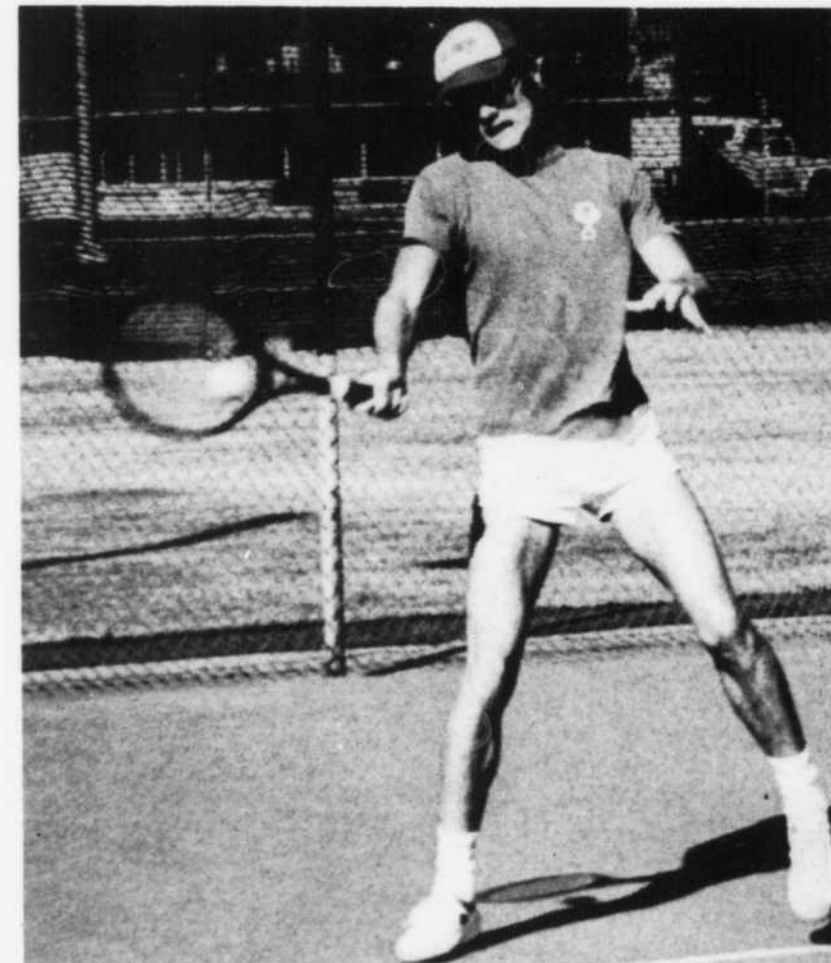


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Blue Raider netter Bates Wilson returns a volley in yesterday's fall practice session.

Fearsome foursome take Lipscomb invite

By PAM CRABTREE

Sidelines Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee men's cross country team successfully defended its championship in the David Lipscomb Cross Country Invitational this past Saturday.

MTSU ran away with a score of 26 points while Belmont captured second place with a distant 69 points.

The fearsome foursome of Ross Dowland, Joe O'Laughlin, Jeff Skinner, and Robert Willis led the race from the start with the only tough competition coming from Belmont's Terry Coker.

The Raiders definitely won the favor of the crowd, as the fans cheered the Raider quad on when they ran the last 50 yards of the race hand-in-hand.

Dowland, O'Laughlin, Skinner, and Willis shared the winning time of 21:19 for the 4-mile course.

Tim Webb and Mark Moses pulled in the other places for the Raiders to wrap up the championship. Webb and Moses captured times of 22:43 and 23:03, respectively.

The Blue Raiders will meet their next opponents Friday in the Furman Invitational in South Carolina.



photo by Pam Crabtree

MTSU cross country runners (l to r) Robert Willis, Jeff Skinner, Joe O'Laughlin, and Ross Dowland ran the last 50-yards of the David Lipscomb Invitational together.

Western, Murray tops

Western Kentucky was forced to share the top spot in the OVC standings this week with defending league champion Murray State.

While Western had an open date Saturday, unbeaten Murray raised its record to 2-0 in the conference and 5-0 overall.

The Racers crushed cross-state rival Morehead State 30-6 in a contest at Morehead. Lindsey Hudspeth caught a pair of touchdown passes, and Ken Gowdy converted a blocked punt into another touchdown in the game.

A linebacker from the Murray State football squad was named the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

Donald White, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, led a tough Racer defense in Saturday's win over Morehead.

White accounted for six tackles, seven assists, four tackles for losses totaling 19 yards and a pass deflection.

Murray State ranks first this

OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Murray	2-0-0	5-0-0
Western	2-0-0	4-0-0
Aron	1-1-0	2-2-1
Eastern	1-1-0	3-1-0
Morehead	1-1-0	2-2-0
MTSU	0-1-0	0-4-0
Tech	0-1-0	3-1-0
Austin Peay	0-2-0	1-3-0
*Youngstown	0-0-0	0-3-1

*Ineligible for title

week among NCAA Division I-AA schools in scoring defense, while finishing second in total defense and third in rushing defense. Morehead State was the first team this season to score a touchdown against Murray.

Eastern Kentucky, the defending I-AA champions, swept by host Austin Peay 23-10 in another OVC game Saturday night.

Eastern's Alvin Miller rushed for 121 yards on 13 carries and

scored a touchdown against the Governors. David Flores kicked three out of four field-goal attempts in the OVC win for Eastern.

Tennessee Tech edged by the University of Tennessee at Martin 30-28 in a non-conference matchup.

Golden Eagle Wayne Anderson kicked a 45-yard field goal with two seconds remaining to push Tech past the host Pacers.

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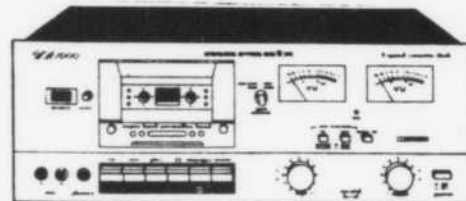
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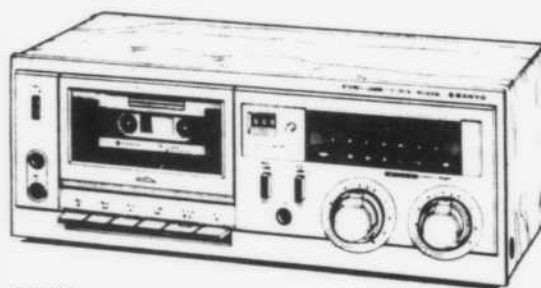


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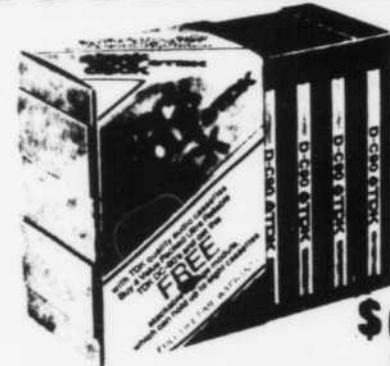


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