

Run-off set for presidential elections

By LISA HUMAN AND JANE MIER

Sidelines Staff Writers

A run-off race between Louis Holiday and Randy James for the office of president and between Martha Hammond and Gary Pomeroy for speaker of the senate resulted from a record voter turnout of 2,229 students in the ASB elections yesterday and Wednesday.

The run-off election will be held Monday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Peck Hall and the University Center.

James led the presidential race with 1,076 votes, or 49.585 percent while Holiday came in second with 827 votes, or 38.111 percent and Bill Mercer followed with 282, or 11.751 percent.

Hammond led with 591 votes (28.318 percent) and Pomeroy

followed with 581 (27.839 percent). Don Wilson and Ken Jobe had 549 and 366 votes, respectively.

President	
Randy James	49.585%
Louis Holiday	38.111%
Bill Mercer	11.751%

Speaker of the Senate	
Martha Hammond	28.318%
Gary Pomeroy	27.839%
Don Wilson	26.305%
Ken Jobe	11.537%

Speaker of the House	
Byron West	69.7%
Bob Gary	30.3%

Organizational Row	
For	715
Against	544

"Fifty percent of the votes plus one constitutes a run-off," Election Commissioner Janet

Clark explained.

Mercer announced he would extend his support to James.

"I want to endorse Randy because he has proved to the best man for the job," he said. "I don't know that Louis has the experience necessary."

He added it "has been a good campaign" and thanked all students who voted for him.

Byron West won the house speakerseat with 69.7 percent of the vote. He defeated Bob Gary, 1,332-579.

The proposed organizational row passed by student vote 715 to 544. The referendum was only voted on Wednesday of the two-day election.

"I'm real excited about the run-off and I'm optimistic I will be the next ASB president," Holiday stated.

He thanked the students for

"getting out and voting" and said they were to be congratulated.

"I hope they all go out Monday and vote, even though it will be the third time. Three elections lets you know something is wrong with the system. I can be the one to help correct things," Holiday commented.

"I'm rather happy," James said in a telephone interview shortly after the returns came in.

"I didn't expect to get the support we did get," he said,

adding he would like to thank the other candidates for their participation in the elections.

Mercer was not available for comment.

Hammond said she was "real pleased" with the turnout.

"This is something the administration will look at next year," she claimed. Urging everyone to get out and vote Monday, she said good voter turn out is "what we need."

"It was a hard race," Pomeroy said. "I can't believe it. I'm so

happy to have made it to the run-offs."

Sophomore senators elected were Daniel Brown, Mark Ross, Randy Shuptrine, Ranota Thomas and Tony Yates.

Junior senators are Doug Cole, Raleigh Green Jr., Mark Anthony King, Julie Ann Littlefield and Keenan Pen-dergrass.

Elected as senior senators were Bruce Baranowski, Mark Lawrence, Jimmy Singleton, Melanie Thomison and Renee Williams.

Two arrested for thefts

Two Murfreesboro men were arrested at 2 a.m. Tuesday for allegedly breaking into approximately 10 cars in High Rise parking lot.

Jeff Finley, 59, and Ricky Grizzle, 60, were found hiding in one of the cars by the university police after a complaint was received from a Cummings Hall resident, University Police Capt. Larry Nixon, said.

According to the police captain, Finley is on parole for armed robbery and was not allowed to make bond and Grizzle is not expected to make the \$6,500 bond set for him.

Police reports said the two men had in their possession upon arrest three 8-track tape decks, 59 8-track tapes, two tape cases, a pair of stereo speakers, four flashlights, one automobile jack

and some miscellaneous tools.

The two allegedly obtained entry into the vehicles by breaking the windshield or windows of the cars.

Officers that made the arrests were Larry Dauberman, Jim Horne and Dale Robinson.

Persons whose cars were broken into may pick up their articles at the university police department, Nixon said.

Ideas too costly

No registration on computers for fall

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

There will be a few changes in registration for the fall and summer, but there will be no computer registration, Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records said.

The Office of Admissions and Records had been looking into the possibility of registering all of the students on computer terminals to speed up processing time.

"We studied the problem and put a considerable amount of time into considering this type of registration and at the same time looked at how to improve the present registration system," Gillespie explained.

He cited the main reason for not using computers as cost. "It is probably more expensive than

the present system. During the spring '80 registration, some improvements were made in better training.

"We have people work that don't get paid, but we let them register early," he added.

Another reason for not using computers was lack of terminals and personnel to handle that type of job.

"No one in this office had enough spare time to plan and implement that registration," Gillespie said.

He added they were not sure they would not go to terminals in the future, but for right now, the present system would still be used.

The changes in the present registration system will allow most students to register in just two days in the fall.

"We will also try to better train workers. We have made small changes in the assessment lanes," he said. "We are trying to take out the problems. The students who are taking both graduate and undergraduate classes have to pay a special type fee. These people will be assessed in a special lane and this will alleviate much of the hold up in the lanes."

He added that the scholarship pulled and will register late in the business office the following Saturday, just like late registration.

Gillespie explained the scholarship athletes fees were handled in a special way and that usually tied up the assessment lanes also.

This summer's registration

will last from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. for students who work and cannot come at their scheduled time.

Fall registration for students will be August 20 and 21 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Students who want to register for night classes will be handled specially. "There will be plenty more staff and it will look like regular registration," he described. "It will be in Murphy Center at night. About eight administrators will handle the fee assessment lanes."

He said he is not sure which night the registration will be held, and added that it will be announced at a later date.

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McNew accepts position of dean

Pending receipt of a signed contract, Ben B. McNew has been appointed dean of the School of Business, MTSU President Sam Ingram confirmed yesterday.

McNew, professor of economics and banking at the University of Mississippi's School of Business Administration, has verbally accepted the position,

Ingram said. "It will not become official until all the paperwork is done," he said.

Contacted in his University, Miss., home, McNew declined to comment.

"Any comment on my part would be premature," he said. "If this works out, I'll be looking forward to coming there."

From August 1975 to June 1979, McNew served as dean of Mississippi School of Business Administration. Since 1966, he has been assistant director and vice president for the School of Banking of the South, Louisiana State University, a program of advanced studies sponsored by banking associations in 15 states, including Tennessee.

McNew holds degrees from the universities of Central Arkansas, Arkansas and Texas. He and his wife have three children.

The deanship was left vacant by P. William Vaughn after he announced his intention last

year to step down from the position at the end of this semester and resume his teaching career here.

Summer class schedules ready

Summer class schedules are now available in the administration building. Registration date for Session I (tersession) will be May 12. Classes for Session I will begin May 13.

Registration date for Sessions II (first half), III (whole semester), IV (last half) will be June 2. Classes for Sessions II and III will begin on June 3.

A second registration date for Session IV classes will be July 3. Classes for Session IV will begin July 8. Graduation will be August 9 at 11 a.m. in Murphy Center.



Maintenance employee James Proctor plants pansies near High Rise West yesterday. Surely Spring-like weather can't be far away.

photo by David Mudd

English hearing reset for April 14

By CHUCK KELLER

Sidelines Staff Writer

The preliminary hearing for MTSU sophomore David English, 19, has been postponed to April 14, 1 p.m. at the Rutherford County Courthouse, it was decided yesterday.

English was arrested and charged with arson on Feb. 27 by university police in connection with the Feb. 19 fire at Beasley Hall. The fire reportedly occurred when a dormitory

mattress was placed in the second floor bathroom of Beasley Hall and set on fire.

The English hearing has been postponed, for the second time, apparently with a pre-trial diversion plan between the defendant's attorney, Dicken Kidwell, and the district attorney general's office.

Using a pre-trial diversion plan, a first-time offender can plead guilty as charged and obtain probation under certain conditions set forth by the court.

These could include repair of damaged property and any other requirements set down by the court and probation officer.

This plan may be accepted by the trial judge or the motion might be denied. If this should happen, English will stand trial under charges of arson. And, if found guilty, he could face a possible jail sentence of up to 15 years.

Currently, English is free on \$2,500 bond and has been banned from campus.

Sidelights

Outstanding Senior applications ready

Applications for Outstanding Senior will be available Monday in the ASB office, UC 300. Deadline is April 11.

Inter-faith council set devotional

The Inter-faith Council will sponsor a devotional on Good Friday, April 4, in the UC Theatre at 7:30 a.m.

The devotional will be brief and consist of singing, prayer and scripture reading. It is open to all who wish to attend.

The Inter-faith council is composed of representatives from the different campus ministries.

Hurd appreciation day April 7

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity is sponsoring an appreciation day for Rhynette Hurd, English instructor, Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Tickets will go on sale next week for the dinner in Hurd's honor. She will be leaving MTSU at the end of this year.

For further information call 898-3223 or 898-4433.

Jazz concert set for April 1

The music department will sponsor its annual "Swing Into Spring" jazz concert Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Featured on the program will be the MTSU Jazz Ensemble, which this year has been named "The Blues Crusade." Jazz groups from Riverdale, Columbia and Franklin County high schools will also appear on the program.

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Pesticides to be investigated

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

The charge that pesticides used in dormitory rooms are dangerous has brought about an investigation by campus Safety Director Archie Sullivan.

MTSU student George Davis recently prepared a report in which he stated that the pesticide used in spraying dorms was "very dangerous and ac-

cidental misuse or information could result in serious consequences." He also filed a hazard form with the campus safety office.

"I have received the form and have forwarded it to the maintenance department chairman," Sullivan said. "I am also in the process of getting a complete copy of the procedures

used in spraying the dorms."

He added that if he determined any of the procedures to be in violation, he would recommend these be changed.

Kenneth Fox, director of building services, stated that the spray used, a compound called Oxford 777, is Environmental Protection Agency approved.

"We follow the directions on

the can, also," he said. "This spray is only used around baseboards and in cracks and crevices. A person needs to have physical contact with the stuff; you just can't breathe it and have it hurt you."

Davis, however, maintains that "actual physical contact or contact with the vapors is dangerous. It's an all-around toxic."

Shelton steps down; new chairman sought

An on-campus search for a new foreign language department chairman began this week after present chairman Roy Shelton said he wanted to step down and resume teaching here.

All university faculty and administration can apply for the position in Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew's office until the April 3 deadline.

Corlew said an on-campus search is not uncommon. "I have seen both kinds, (on-campus searches and those open to anyone). I think where the faculty is already large, there is a need for an on-campus search."

In the school of liberal arts last year, an on-campus search was conducted for chairmen in the departments of sociology, English and history.

Shelton came to MTSU in 1968, and served as acting foreign language department head for one year.

"When I first came on campus the department was just being formed," Shelton said. "Dean Clay Tucker (then dean of Liberal Arts) asked me if I wanted to be department head. I said no, so he asked me to serve as acting chairman for the time being. So I did the paper work for a while."

The next year Coy T. Porter became chairman, but in 1975 he stepped down to become a full-time instructor here.

Shelton then took the position of foreign language department chairman. Now he is stepping down to teach classes.

"People stay in these positions for a while, then they like to start researching or doing other related work," Corlew explained.

Tenured faculty members in the foreign language department will review the applications for department

chairman and make a recommendation to Corlew, who will forward that to Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton's office.

Carlton's recommendation will then be given to MTSU President Sam Ingram.

Residents receive housing forms

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

This year's housing re-application forms have been broken down into differentiate types and hall types, according to David Bragg, director of housing.

Differentiate housing refers to the amount of visitation per week that a dormitory has. There are five types of visitation choices ranging from no visitation to visitation every night during the week.

"If someone checks number one, that they want their room back, then they will get it. But if they check number four, which means they are not coming back, then they don't have to fill out the other preferences," the housing director explained.

He added if a student wanted to change dorms or types of housing they should be concerned about parts two and

three on the applications.

The applications of those people already on campus will be put into the computer first and placed, then the new applications will be put in, Bragg emphasized.

Students have until April 2 to return the forms to their head resident.

Changes may be made in some dorms' type of housing.

Since only 13 new applicants have requested "A" type housing (no visitation) for the fall, Bragg feels there could be a change in the differentiates some of the halls.

"I do anticipate a change in the type housing in the female area, but I'm not sure which ones will be affected. There will be some who will want to live in 'A' type housing and some will have to live there because of the need to fill space," Bragg explained.

"If 'A' type housing only appeals to 13 out of 3,400, is it worth all the hassle we have to go through to provide it?" he asked.

He said the housing office was trying to give students the opportunity to select particulars. "Hopefully next year this new system will be refined."

Bragg added that most of the new applicants wanted "C" type differentiate (visitation twice a week) and not more than 200 wanted "B" type (visitation only on open house weekends) and about the same number wanted "D" (visitation four nights a week).

He said few of the new applicants qualified for "E" type housing (every night visitation), which is J and K apartments where only juniors, seniors and graduate students are allowed to live.

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Ballot counting; trying on the nerves

By LISA HUMAN and JANE MIER

Sidelines Staff Writers
You could barely see Election Commissioner Janet Clark sitting on the floor counting ballots because of anxious candidates, their roommates and friends pressing toward the tabulation board.

"Pomeroy . . . Jobe . . . Gary."

Fingers swiftly flew over calculator keys as ASB workers huddled about the table counting ballots and calling out names.

It's 7:30 p.m. Cigar in hand, ASB President Kent Syler worked his way to the front of the ASB conference room and chalked up the latest vote total.

"Louis Holiday, 39 percent; Randy James, 49 percent, and Bill Mercer, 12 percent," someone in front called out. "The senate speaker race, Bob Gary, 29 and Byron West, 71. House speakers: Martha Hamond, 29; Ken Jobe, 19; Gary Pomeroy, 27; Don Wilson, 25."

Anticipation filled the little room. Presidential candidate

Louis Holiday, tall enough to see the board from the back, let out a sigh. "I'm a little nervous," he admitted, although he appeared calm in his coat and tie.

Meanwhile, presidential hopeful Bill Mercer was "just sitting around and relaxing" in his dorm room.

"It's been great," he reminisced. "This is one of the better campaigns we've had in recent years."

"Hammond . . . Mercer . . . West."

The tabulations continued as interested persons roamed the halls of the third floor of the University Center.

Empty styrofoam cups lay scattered on a table beside a blue and white thermos jug containing coffee.

Sophomore senator candidate Randy Shuptrine, wearing a cowboy hat, was sprawled in a chair, talking to some friends. Daniel Brown, also running for sophomore senator, kept glancing around the room.

Away from the bustle of the conference room was Martha Hammond, candidate for speaker of the senate.

"I'm very nervous, to say the least," she said, laughing. "Right now, I'm just going into fits. I've got several friends with me and we're all just sitting around talking."

Presidential hopeful Randy James was spending a long dinner break at CJ's Subs and Sandwiches.

"We've done all we can at this point," he said in a telephone interview. "Now it all comes

down to the students. We've handed it over to them."

The clock rolled around to 8:30 p.m. Old tabulations were erased and the new ones were displayed on the board.

By this time all the coffee was gone. People were telling jokes but the tension was evident as candidates and their friends were seen biting fingernails and tapping feet.

Gary's face fell as he looked at

his amount of votes. "I don't know how I feel," he admitted. "It's been a long, hard campaign and . . ." He fell silent.

Byron Smith, campaign manager of sophomore senator hopeful Tony Yates, was sitting in the lap of Teresa Egan, Hammond's roommate.

Around 9:30 p.m. the Election Commission and vote tabulators retired to add up the preliminary counts and

calculate a final tally.

As the final votes were announced some 40 minutes later, cheers, screams and sighs could be heard. Pomeroy's face was red and he looked as though he might cry. Brown was jumping up and down, patting people on the back. And Holiday smiled and nodded.

"It's been a long day," Clark sighed. "I'm going home and take my phone off the hook."



photo by Mark Holland

This Vali-dine meal card may be used as ID cards for the entire university next year.

Films committee makes changes for fall

By **TERRY MORROW**
Sidelines Staff Writer

Due to recent poor attendance at the 6 and 8 p.m. movies at the UC Theatre, a new show time and new movies for the fall were established by the MTSU Films Committee this week.

"Next year, there will be only two shows per day," David Power, chairman of the films committee, said. "We have eliminated the 6 and 8 p.m.

shows to make room for a new 7 p.m. show beginning in the fall."

Ticket prices will remain the same, with the 3 p.m. show costing 50 cents and the 7 p.m. movie one dollar.

"Star Trek — The Motion Picture," "Kramer vs. Kramer" and "10" are being sought by the committee as fall films.

Other movies include: "The Muppet Movie," "FM,"

"Halloween," "The Rose,"
"When A Stranger Calls," "M *
A * S * H," "Time After Time"
and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely
Hearts Club Band."

"We hope to get enough campus support to continue to show good quality films," Julie Duncan, graduate assistant in Student Programming, stated.

Duncan explained the movies drawing in the biggest crowds

are ones displaying sex and violence.

"The committee realizes they are existing to serve the public's interest," she said, but "they are going for quality, not quantity."

Both Power and Duncan agreed the committee could have made more money if they had decided to show cheaper, more violent films. However, the committee has decided not to show so many of that type films next year.

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from the editor

Opinion: *Students' views not considered by some*

All semester students have voiced strong opinions in favor of speech and theatre Instructor Ralph Hillman, who has been denied recommendation for tenure and promotion, but apparently their opinions have not had much influence on decision makers at the university.

No wonder students become apathetic after a while. It isn't often that students here feel so strongly about an instructor that a committee is set up in the ASB senate to investigate the issue, petitions are circulated and handfuls of letters are written to *Sidelines*. Unfortunately, all this support for the professor has not done any good.

Some instructors have been heard to say that students should not be involved in the Hillman controversy. Granted, tenure is a delicate matter, but students have every right to get involved.

Many students who have had Hillman for a class feel the university is losing a great professor. Their education is affected by the quality of instructors here.

Maybe student opinion was taken into consideration to some degree during those meetings behind closed doors. It is evident the way the votes fell that some instructors were for Hillman.

In the departmental committee, chaired by speech and theatre instructor Larry Lowe, the vote was 5 to 3 against Hillman. Hillman noted those he works most closely with were the ones that voted for his tenure and promotion recommendation.

In the committee headed by Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew, the vote was reversed — 5-3 in favor of Hillman. However the final decision was to not recommend him for promotion and tenure.

We believe many administrators and instructors do have the students in mind. But, those who closed their ears to student's obvious objections to the tenure recommendation refusal need to take a strong look at the overwhelming student opinion. Surely then they will see how strongly the students are involved.

Maybe next time they will take note.

Friday, March 28, 1980

Viewpoints

HEAR NO EVIL



on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

What if Russia invaded and nobody was home?

About a month ago I wrote a column about women going to war. I tried to be real light and comic about the situation simply for the sake of being light and comic. Actually, if you keep up with my columns at all you probably realize by now that you can't believe everything you read.

I always try to look at the light side of things because I would go crazy if I didn't. That's why hostage parties are okay with me. I'm a person who likes to walk a bit above the sidewalk, but I'm always careful to keep one foot on the ground. By making jokes of serious situations, I at least acknowledge my awareness of them.

I refuse to ignore ethical, moral, political and social dilemmas. If I treat them satirically, it is not because I am a cynic. It is because I will use any means possible to make others aware of problems, even if I have to present a view that is

opposite to my own personal beliefs.

Such was the case with my joke about wearing high heels in fox holes. I made it sound as if I believed that women should not be drafted. In order to be consistently inconsistent, I now contradict myself.

No, I don't believe that war is right, and I'm not always sure that America is right, but I'm not going to sit in my easy chair while Russia connivingly tries to blow us off the map, or even rearrange the map.

No, I'm not a feminist, and I would gladly give Gloria Steinem over in exchange for the hostages in Iran, but I fail to see how women are so much more privileged than men when it comes to serving their country. I don't think putting us in action would be very feasible, but then it's not very likely either.

Women could play a big part in our nation's defense without

going to Siberia. There are plenty of other positions we could fill so that men could be where we need them most. Besides, there are plenty of benefits provided by the GI Bill, so what is the big problem?

Of course, why should I be harping on this at all, you might ask, since there hasn't even been any effort to draft *anyone* yet? Well, that's another thing I'd like to harp about.

Already there are anti-war demonstrators in Washington. Already there are people packing to go to Canada. I ask you what kind of shape would we be in if Russia invaded, and there was nobody home? What good is a democracy if no one is willing to stand up for it?

"Take my home, take my principles, change my way of life, take away my free will, but for God's sake, don't hurt me." We sound like a bunch of children.

I advocate registration for the draft *now*. Our armed forces right now are full of a bunch of sissies and high school drop-outs taking a free ride on the government. If that's who's going to protect us, maybe we'd better go to Canada.

I guess it's hard to take a stand, though, when our own president won't. Boycotting the Olympics is fine. I do feel sorry for the athletes, but their purpose in the Olympics is to represent their country, not themselves.

Nevertheless, simply not showing up for the games has the effect of sticking out our tongues at the Russians. There we go being children again.

We're 200 years old. Don't you think it's time we grew up?

next to last word

by Henry Fennell

Advise given not always good

Advice is cheap. At least it has been stated that advice is cheap. As a whole, advice might very well be cheap. Good advice, however, can be expensive.

A lot of people make their livings giving advice. Some of them make a lot of money. Presumably, the quality of advice a person can offer coincides with the amount of money that person makes. Advisors are known to lose or change jobs a lot. There must be a lot of bad advice floating around.

The good advice, it seems to me, is lying out there. The problem is wading through all the bad advice to get to it. Let's try a for instance.

For instance, tell everyone you know your about to trade cars. Feedback is often immediate and nearly unavoidable. At the end of this process you will no doubt have been advised to buy several different makes and dozens of different models of automobiles. The problem remains in

plucking out that one good bit of advice from the rest.

It could be that is what the very best advisors are all about. These people are able to discern between good and bad advice. Maybe they just think they can make that distinction. Firmness is quite important in this advising game. Enough generalities? I went to see my advisor this past week.

I don't usually like to visit my advisor. In fact, I see him as little as possible. I'm sure he doesn't mind. I do, however, hold out hope that he will really give me some good advice at one of these visits.

I imagine one day I'll walk in and he'll really be loaded with direct and meaningful advice. "So you've come for advice," he would say.

"Yes sir, I'm all set"

"Well son, Quit smoking, cut down on the drinking, spend less time reading Lampton and more time on history, recognize the fact that your girlfriend has an I.Q. and quit wearing white socks all the time."

"Thank you sir. By the way, I'm thinking about buying a new tennis racket."

"Yamaha-fiberglass. String it at 61 pounds of pressure."

"Thanks again."

"No problem."

I would probably hate his guts, but it beats indifference.

To the best of my recollection, (To coin a phrase leftover from the Nixon administration) here's how last week's meeting went.

"Got a minute?"

"Sure, sit down. How are things going?"

I mumbled a few things about how things were going pretty well. I didn't mean to give any false impressions about my school work, but my response seemed to perk him up a little. He then responded with a lengthy speech about how he knew I could do good work. He also said he was pleased school was going well.

"Well now," he concluded, "what exactly can I help you with?"

"I want to drop a class."

"Oh."

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Perspective

Friday, March 28, 1980

from our readers Columnist is self-righteous critic and 'bimbo'

To the editor:

Re: last Tuesday's "Punchline." As far as abortion is concerned, it is not Mr. Danny Tyree's place to forgive any woman.

"Dense" is hardly the word for one such as he; affectively and intellectually dysfunctional are more fitting. His cerebral capacity certainly does not compare with anything out of "Star Trek," but still he sounds like a "supremely self-righteous" male who thinks he knows all the secrets of the Universe, and thinks that ridding the entire planet of abortion will spare its inhabitants from immorality, for which he dumps the blame on women.

How does a "bimbo" like Mr. Tyree all of a sudden become such an expert on women's

bodies and abortions? And I would like to remind Mr. Tyree that it takes two bimbos to create an accidental pregnancy

and an even bigger bimbo to sit back and criticize.

In issues concerning such abstract matters as justice, morality and when life begins, it is seldom possible, if ever to draw any clear straight lines. Abortion is a highly complex and delicate matter, and not so simple as to either right or wrong all across the board. It is subjective; I would rather pick a vegetable for the state than to give birth to one. And let's leave the Grand Ole Opry out of this, shall we?

With some exceptions, we are all responsible for our own bodies. And just as surely as we are all prone to make mistakes, God gave most of us the ability to reason and to choose our own alternatives. Human beings are not perfect, and neither are their judicial systems which, incidentally, predominantly consist of men.

Having an abortion is not a casual decision or experience. Not so casual as some ex-

periences which result in unwanted pregnancies, in which cases females certainly receive more than enough help. There are always two "culprits;" I prefer to call them human beings.

People should be more responsible, but sometimes they aren't. There shouldn't be murders, rapes, theft, etc., but there are. You see, nothing is fair and nothing can ever be done to stop it. But if we can provide alternatives and rehabilitation for criminals, why not provide safe alternatives for women with accidental pregnancies?

And who says that women who have abortions always suffer from repressed guilt feelings which are dangerous to everybody around them? Most of these women do have deep feelings about the situation, and they certainly go through a trauma, but they do not necessarily have to emerge, scarred for life, as dangers to

their families and society. When we do not try to understand each other, then this *does* put individuals into vacuums. There is so much to consider. Mr. Tyree may know all about placentas, but clearly, there surely is a great deal that he does not know.

Early abortions, under the proper conditions, are more safe than childbirth. With "back ally quack doctors" it is clear what

would happen. It's easy for a male to say, "Don't get pregnant or face the consequences." Women are not the only ones, you know, who could abstain from sex or use birth control devices. And why does a baby all of a sudden become just "her" child?

There is nothing new about the morality we're talking about here. There have always been accidental pregnancies and there have always been mur-

derers, rapists and thieves. And self-righteous critics who think they know it all.

I can forgive a man who has fathered an unwanted child. I can also forgive Mr. Tyree. But I have one suggestion for him:

I know that what you do with your own body is your business, but why don't you do us all a favor and get sterilized?!

Lisa K. Pardue
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Students need boot, not winner

To the editor:

From what I read in your paper, I'm the average college student. I'm involved in very few extracurricular activities, I go home every weekend and, most importantly, I try to ignore all this ASB mess.

But since it is well-scattered throughout your papers, I have become well informed of ASB activities. For the most part, I have been amused, yet ever disgusted, at some of the antics which have occurred, particularly the latest voting screw-up.

My latest misgiving, however, is with *Sidelines*, not the ASB. It appears that the editor could not make up her mind where she stood concerning the elections, which have now passed.

In the recent "from the editor" and in a correlating cartoon in Tuesday's paper you

stated that you weren't endorsing a candidate for the office of president of the ASB because there were none that could fill the boots.

However, on the same day in the same issue, even on the same page, you attempted to persuade your readers to get out and vote. You told us not to let the elections drop (I'm not sure how you drop an election), yet at the same time you said that they were not worth fooling with. It just doesn't make sense.

You told us to re-evaluate our decision. Why should we if we knew who we wanted to vote for? Weren't you actually trying to tell us to care enough to vote a second time?

"Vote: Use extra time to re-evaluate decision" was a waste of time and space because it was so overshadowed by "Endorse: No candidates fill the boots" that

it looked trite, ridiculous and out of place.

I'm surprised that you even found the fact that you aren't endorsing anyone for the presidential office newsworthy. You were telling us what you weren't doing and making news of it. Perhaps it is your duty partly to persuade your readers, but to my knowledge, nothing to this effect was published previous to the original election. Why was it necessary for the second election? Did the boots get any bigger?

I'm glad the elections are now over because it is becoming increasingly apparent that if the crap concerning the elections had gotten any deeper, it would have been us, not the candidates, that needed the boots.

Floretta McDole
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Don't condemn athletes who work hard — understand their purpose

To the editor:

After months of reading many articles in *Sidelines* concerning the Olympic boycott, I've decided that it is time to say something for the athletes themselves.

I feel that many people don't realize what an athlete goes through to become an Olympic team member and, even better, to win an Olympic medal — be it gold, silver or bronze. Imagine four years of sweat, long, hard training and anticipation suddenly struck down before your eyes. Can anyone honestly understand the disappointment and frustration that many of our potential Olympic athletes must feel at this time?

The purpose of this letter is not for me to say that I am for or against President Carter's decision to boycott the Olympics. I do wish that this decision did not have to be made. In some ways, I can see how the boycott can be justified. It would seem ridiculous to some people for the U.S. to go on to the Olympics as if nothing is wrong while world peace is possibly being threatened by Russian aggression.

I do resent the sarcasm of one of *Sidelines*' reporters who has written some of the articles concerning the Olympic boycott. I agree with one reader who wrote a letter to *Sidelines* stating that this certain reporter is not obviously on any Olympic team.

I have been a competitive rifle shooter since I was 12 years old and I consider myself an athlete. I have competed in numerous tournaments around the U.S. and I hold two National Junior Championships and three National Women's Records. I

am striving for a position on the U.S. 1984 Olympic rifle team.

It took years of work and dedication for me thus far, but these next years are going to require even more of my time and myself. This dedication and time is required not only in the shooting sport, but in all the others whether it is swimming, track or boxing.

An athlete gives up a good majority of his or her social time and money to reach the perfection to win the Olympic gold. How can I and other future athletes be assured that our dreams will not be shattered in 1984 or 1988? Without the reassurance that there will be an Olympic Games, an athlete can

lose his motivation and greatly reduce the morality of an Olympic team.

What I am asking in this letter is not to condemn the athletes and those who support their fight against the boycott of the summer games in Russia; but instead, to have some understanding as to their sole purpose of their opposition. I am sure that I am speaking from experience when I say that in order for an athlete to reach that ultimate goal of the Olympic Games, he or she has to do a lot of work, sacrifice a lot of time, do a little praying and sometimes do a little crying.

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TV station wants to thank students for help

To the editor:

In the very competitive television news business, sometimes we find our backs to the wall so to speak. We at WDEF found ourselves in that position the week of March 10, during the TSSAA State Basketball Tournament. We had to rely on the MTSU television

department for help in covering the event and we were not disappointed.

Steve Sawyer, Karen Gerson and Jay Luber not only proved to be a lot of help in securing videotaped footage of the games, but their work was excellent. The entire university should be proud of their efforts.

The university should also be proud of their communications department. The television news

business needs well-trained people to fill countless numbers of positions. And knowing that MTSU is doing such a great job is a comforting thought.

Again, my thanks to Steve, Karen and Jay. And if we at WDEF-TV can ever be of service to you, please feel free to contact us.

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MTSU not involved in grade scandal

By EDDIE GOSSAGE
Sidelines Sports Editor

Recent disclosures that the FBI was investigating several NCAA schools for alleged transcript doctoring have raised some eyebrows, but if MTSU athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy has anything to do with it, the Blue Raiders will never be involved in such a scandal.

The scandal has reached such tremendous proportions that several coaches have resigned under fire and one is even being charged in court with fraud.

"I really don't think any of this goes on in the OVC," Murphy said of the transcript doctoring. "I've talked to many of the other athletic directors around the conference, and we all feel that our conference is okay."

"As long as you go by NCAA rules, you won't get in trouble," he continued. "We used to be able to get a boy's transcripts from his high school, but we can't anymore. We aren't allowed to."

Instead, a recruit must send his high school transcripts to the dean of admissions. The transcripts must be broken down into the four-point grading system, instead of the A-B-C-D-F scale as used by most high schools. Therefore, Murphy feels, the university would not be liable for any wrongdoings if the college does not have direct access to a student's high school records.

"If any cheating goes on, it would have to be the school that sent

the transcripts," Murphy said. "We don't have any chances to do anything to the transcript. And if we did have a chance, we wouldn't."

MTSU has never been involved in any type of illegal practices and have never been placed on probation. However, Murphy said, several years ago the conference used a conversion table that transferred SAT scores to ACT scores. Former OVC commissioner Art Guepe asked the NCAA for a ruling as to whether or not the use of SAT scores was legal, and it was ruled illegal.

The results were that the athletes were deemed ineligible that entered school under the plan, but the individual schools did not get in trouble. MTSU lost only one player.

As for the current scandal, Murphy feels the dimensions have been blown out of proportion.

"I don't think it is as big as people are led to believe," Murphy admitted. "There are some violations going on, but people are led to believe everybody is doing it."

MTSU assistant basketball coach Larry Slaughter, who oversees basketball recruiting, has found the scandal has raised some questions in the minds of many possible athletes.

"About the only thing I have found is that the athletes ask more questions, as do their parents and coaches," he said. "For example, they ask if the athlete gets in trouble academically, will we send him some place else to raise his grades. The answer is no."

"We may try and get them to go to summer school, but we don't send them some place else to raise their grades. That's where these other schools have gotten in trouble."

Slaughter went on and stressed that his bosses, coach Stan Simpson and athletic director Murphy, impress on him the importance of recruiting legally.

"We try to keep everything honest," Slaughter explained. "We don't want to get our program in trouble, so we stay on the up and up."

Murphy agrees with the assistant coach.

"No, I have never seen any recruiting violations here," he said. "We give the coaches a pamphlet and tell them to read it. It tells them what they can and can't do. We have never been on probation and don't ever plan on it."

Sports

Friday, March 28, 1980

Raiders 'squeeze' Vandy

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee's baseball team put the squeeze on Vanderbilt here yesterday, 2-1.

But it wasn't easy. For the first seven innings, both teams went scoreless, with only three hits scattered between them. Finally, in the eighth inning Vandy broke the ice with a sacrifice fly by Charles DeFrance that sent home designated hitter Joe Stamps. Stamps had gotten on base with a stand-up double to deep left center.

With a narrow 1-0 lead, losing pitcher Barry Raulston walked the inning's lead off batter, Randy Goff, to set up the tying run. Blue Raider Greg Houts, hitting in the ninth spot, then sacrificed a bunt down the third base line, which appeared to be a double play ball. But the Raiders got a lucky break, Vandy third baseman Bill Hench fumbled the ball, and MTSU was in business.

Raulston, who was the starting pitcher, was apparently weakening by this time and walked the next batsman, Mike Yarotsky. After Vandy coach Roy Mewbourne lifted Raulston, Blue Raider Tony Blankenship hit a ground ball to score Goff and tie the score on a fielder's choice.

The Commodore reliever, Gary Burns, never did get it together on the mound. He quickly threw two wild pitches that sent Houts in for the winning run and moved Blankenship to third. MTSU failed to squeeze anymore runs out of the Commodores for the inning, but Vandy had three up and three down in the top of the ninth to end the game.

Coach John Stanford singled out the error on Houts' bunt as the turning point in the ballgame. "We were down and tired and this win will definitely help them," he said. "They didn't quit. We're not swinging a good bat and I knew we were

in trouble around the fifth inning."

Raider starting hurler Mark Smith made a good showing, pitching 8½ innings, while giving up only two hits. Reliever Tony Dawkins notched the win, evening his record to 1-1, in the 1½ innings he pitched.

"Smith did a really good job," Stanford remarked, "even though he did run out of steam."

The Blue Raider defense was awesome at times, keeping the MTSU squad in the ballgame on several occasions. Early in the second inning, Vandy threatened to score with Hench standing on third base and Nelson Jennings on first. Catcher Mike Norment, an outstanding juco transfer, threw a strike to second baseman Randy Starkey. The pick-off throw was only a "sucker-play" and Starkey sent it back to Norment to catch Hench stealing home.

The Blue Raiders take the field again today, hosting Hope College out of Michigan.

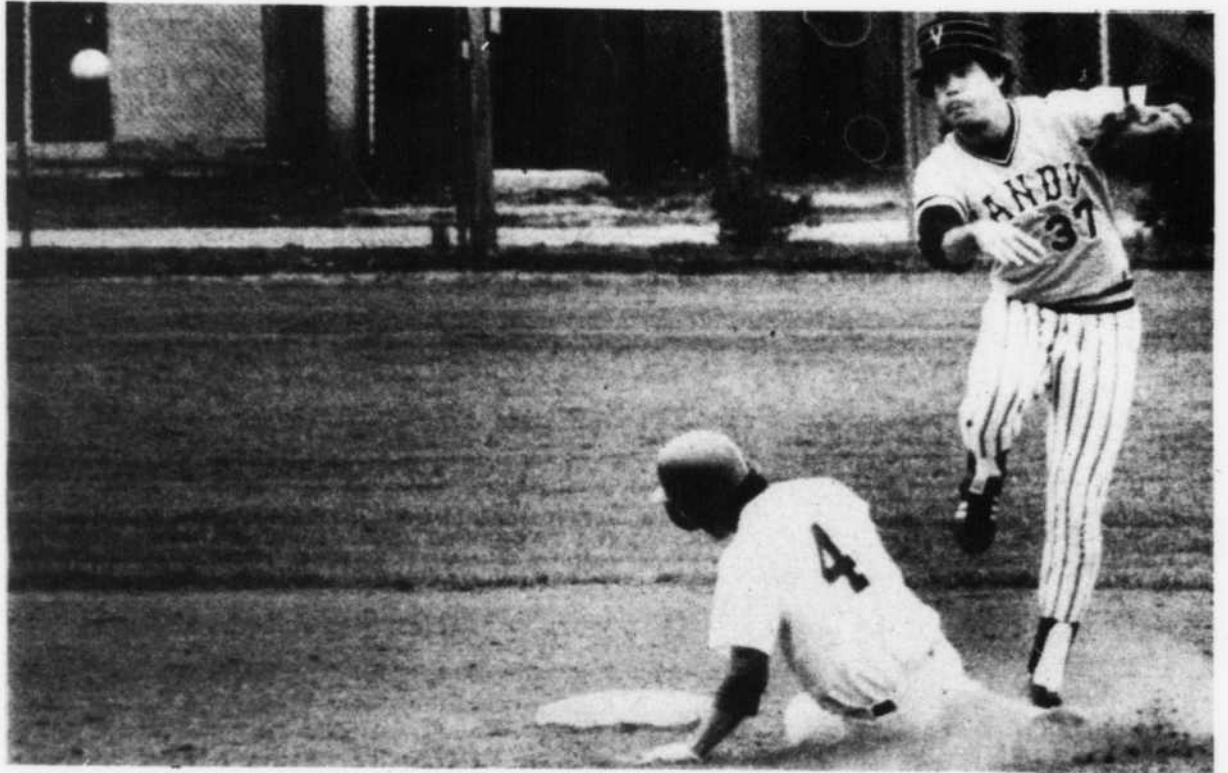


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MTSU third baseman Mike Yarotsky slides into second while Vanderbilt completes a double play. Middle Tennessee came on late in the game to defeat the perennial SEC powerhouse, 2-1 yesterday at the Raider field.

UAB batter breaks attempt

Duncan: two outs away from no-hitter

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

There is always a mystique in baseball that goes with the words no-hitter, whether it comes in a Little League game or in the seventh game of the World Series.

And MTSU junior pitcher Steve Duncan came two outs away from putting his name in the record books as he went into the last inning of a doubleheader with the University of Alabama-Birmingham with no hits registered against him.

"You try not to think about it but after about the fifth inning it stayed in the back of my mind," Duncan said. "When I went out for the seventh I told myself not to try and get cute, but to just throw it like I had been all day."

It wasn't really one of those storybook tales like Clair Bee used to frequently turn out in his Chip Hilton series because the game wasn't close (8-0), but you can bet the tingle was still there for Duncan as well as Blue Raider catcher Jeff Mallas.

"Nobody ever says anything in the dugout about a no-hitter because of the old jinx deal I

guess," Mallas said, "but I honestly didn't realize it until the top of the sixth."

Duncan had walked five batters in the game but with the help of a few key double plays only two Blazer runners got as far as second base during the whole contest.

"Steve was really keeping the batters off balance. To say the least he really had his good stuff," Mallas added. "He was a little wild, too, and that always helps because the hitters can't dig in and get set."

Duncan started the top of the seventh by getting UAB catcher Mike Vaughn to ground out to Greg Houts for the first out and had worked the count to one

ball and one strike on the lead off hitter Jeff Young when the string ended.

Young ripped the 1-1 pitch up the middle for a clean single and the small group of fans that had hung around to watch the drama unfold headed for their cars.

It took Duncan several moments to remember the pitch that Young had hit but Mallas recollected instantly. "It was a fast ball low and outside, it was a good pitch but the batter did a good job getting around on it," Mallas said.

"And it was kind of ironic because we had been having a lot of success with Steve's fast ball on the inside and it was

really one of the few pitches he had thrown outside for several innings."

After Young broke the spell, Duncan went on to retire the next two hitters to preserve the shutout.

"Pitching a one-hitter against a good hitting team like they had is still a big accomplishment," Mallas added, "but you always look back for a little while and think it was too bad he couldn't have gotten the no-hitter."

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