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Controversy rampant at Speak Out



Tim Cope ● Staff

ASB presidential candidate Harry Hosey (L) tries to get opponent William Newberry to sit down during Wednesday's Speak Out in the Grill. Hosey was responding to charges from Newberry and Newberry was trying to clarify the accusations.

By KIM HARRIS
Assistant News Editor

A shoving match almost broke out between Associated Student Body presidential candidate Harry Hosey and William Newberry in Wednesday's ASB Speak Out in the Grill.

When Hosey attempted to defend himself against Newberry's accusation that "he did not pull an equal amount of his weight" during Fall Homecoming activities, Newberry jumped up and attempted to take the floor.

Hosey grabbed him by the shoulders and told him to sit down. "Dammit! I will go to people and talk to them," Hosey shouted in front of a crowd of an estimated 200 people.

"I did work hard and I didn't appreciate the accusation," Hosey said after regaining his composure.

Throughout the debate, Newberry kept a defensive stance against "the cultures" in the audience, saying people had been strategically placed to ask questions which would discredit him.

He was accused of attending a blackface costume party on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday by former Speaker of the Senate Doug Roth. Roth made the accusation during a question and answer session at the ASB Forum Tuesday night.

"It was not a mockery of anything," Newberry said.

"I'm the farthest thing from racist on this campus...you're pushing for slander, aren't you Doug?"

"I blacked my face... I am not racist," he said.

Newberry had not admitted to blackening his face at any previous debates.

Newberry was also accused of failing to represent MTSU by not upholding his duties at the recent Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature. He defended his duties by saying he had to "make a living" and that his work did not interfere in any way with the events at TISL.

Newberry had hoped to gain supporters by emphasizing his experiences as fresh man senator and his involvement in homecoming, bringing up for the first time the \$3,000 scholarship awarded to the elected ASB president.

Newberry urged voters to put their money down on experience, but he was counteracted by candidate Tony Stinnett.

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Tim Cope ● Staff

ASB presidential candidate William Newberry speaks to approximately 200 people in the Grill Wednesday during the ASB Speak Out.

Publications committee censures Stinnett

By LAURIE JOBE WATTS
Staff Writer

The Student Publications Committee voted 3-2 yesterday to compose a statement of censure voicing their objections against *Sidelines*'s editor in chief running for ASB president.

Committee member Chris Haseleu forwarded a motion to censure Tony Stinnett "for his vio-

lation of the [Sigma Delta Chi] Code of Ethics" and that this censure be submitted to *Sidelines* and "forwarded to the administration and to the chapters of SDX."

"We think [Stinnett] did the wrong thing and we're making that a public statement," Haseleu said.

The main issue was the section of the code that states, "secondary employment, political involvement, holding public office and service in

community organizations should be avoided if it compromises the integrity of journalists and their employers. Journalists and their employers should conduct their personal lives in a manner which protects them from conflict of interest, real or apparent."

It is made clear in the student publications operating papers that "anyone who accepts appointment at *Sidelines* subscribes to these pa-

pers," according to Haseleu.

Prior to this situation, Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, planned to submit a conflict of interest policy to the ad hoc committee for consideration as an amendment to the student publications operating papers.

"This situation has made apparent the need for a policy concerning conflict of interest," Solomon said.

George Bush faces long, hard campaign for GOP nomination

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

The 1988 race for the Republican presidential nomination has been a long, hard one for Vice-president George Bush.

Bush, who is making his second attempt to become chief-executive, has spent the majority of his campaign defending himself against charges that he is a wimp.

Bush points to his years as a

he would be violating the trust of President Reagan.

According to Davanport, Bush is well within his rights on this subject.

"Bush's job as vice-president is to support the president and his candidacy should not supercede that responsibility," Davanport said.

Even though Bush has been soundly defeated by his main rival Bob Dole in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, he still has the larger number of delegates by virtue of his victories in New Hampshire and Michigan.

Bush currently leads Dole in delegates, 41-40.

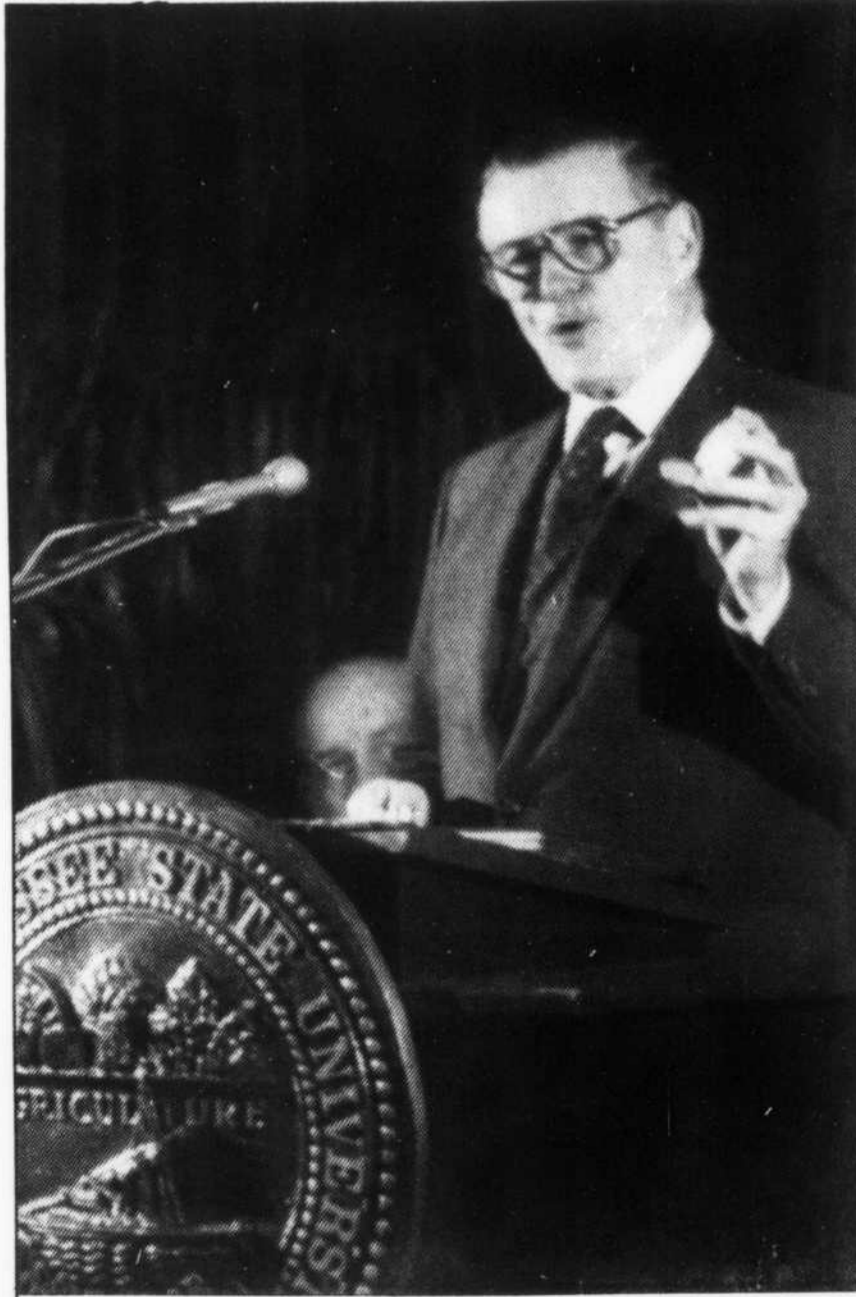
Bush also appears to be the front-runner coming into the Super Tuesday primaries.

Many Republicans feel that Bush would be the strongest general election candidate. This and the fact that he hails from Texas, should help Bush on Super Tuesday.

"Although I won't officially support any candidate until after the GOP convention, I think Bush will take Super Tuesday," Davanport said.

The candidate has also been helped by recent attacks from Dole and a flourish of seemingly unfounded charges from fellow candidate Pat Robertson.

If Bush does roll through Dixie on March 8, his ride may not stop until it reaches the White House.



Frank Conley ● Staff

Coming home

James Buchanan, Nobel Prize winner in Economic Science, talks about his days in Murfreesboro while holding the gold medal he won with his prize. Buchanan was on campus yesterday.

MTSU security chief to leave post Monday, gets private job offer

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Monday will be MTSU Security Chief Jack Drugmand's last day in office here after serving for 52 months in the position.

Drugmand, 43, will be moving to Topeka, Kan. to become director of security for the industrial division for Benchmark Companies. Benchmark supplies security guards for various corporations, hospitals, banks and other businesses, Drugmand said.

"It's been absolutely outstanding working at MTSU," Drugmand said. "I hate to go. It's always hard to leave when you've made so many friends."

However, there often comes a time when a person needs to make a career move, Drugmand said.

"I'm 43, not too many good opportunities will come my way," he said, adding the company has plenty of room for personal advancement.

MTSU President Sam Ingram will be leaving Drugmand's last day in office, but will remain in the chief's office.

"He said a lot of soul searching went into his decision," Ingram said in the best interest of his family if he did not turn the job down.

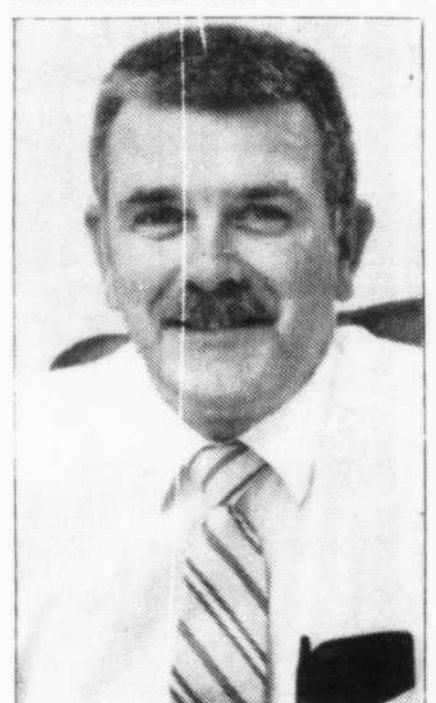
"He has done a good job here at MTSU as security chief," the pres-

ident said. "We would like to keep him a little while longer but I understand why he would want to take advantage of the new set of opportunities he would have in his new job."

Drugmand said he has enjoyed his time at MTSU.

"I'm very comfortable with what we've accomplished," Drugmand said. "I really believe I have an excellent staff here."

Ingram said a search will be made for a replacement once Jessie Warren, the new vice president for administration, takes office.



Jack Drugmand

News Analysis

fighter pilot in World War II, in which he flew several combat missions over the Phillipines, and his stint as head of the Central Intelligence Agency as proof that he has the necessary courage to become president.

Bush also helped resolve this issue in the minds of many Americans by his handling of the now famous Dan Rather episode on "The CBS Evening News."

According to MTSU College Republican President Mark C. Davanport, Bush's tangle with Rather proves that the candidate is "a take charge candidate that will not be dictated to."

"As far as his wimp impression, he has had the misfortune and honor of serving under a very strong president. This has overshadowed Bush's accomplishments as vice-president," Davanport said.

Bush has also spent a great deal of time answering questions about his role in the Iran-Contra affair. In fact, this incident precipitated the argument with Rather.

Some people feel that Bush has never disclosed his true role in the affair.

However, Bush points out that the tremendous amount of information that has been revealed about the affair, has never directly shown any involvement on his part.

Bush also refuses to make any other comment on the grounds that

Super

Tuesday
COUNTDOWN
Tenth in a series

Women's History Month activities scheduled

By SEAN STEPHENSON
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second of a two part series on the events scheduled for Women's History Month.

MTSU will celebrate National Women's History Month with lectures, a musical presentation and a symposium, said Nancy Rupprecht, event spokesperson.

"Students can pick and choose

what they are interested in. There are art exhibits, lectures, music recitals, a workshop, an oppretta, a symposium, a poetry reading and even a slide show," Rupprecht, a history professor, said. "Whatever you are interested in, it is there."

Most events will be held early in March, she added.

"Many of the activities are kept within the first two weeks because of spring break being the third

week in March, even though a drop in attendance is not expected because of the amount of publicity here and in Nashville," Rupprecht said.

The events are as follows:

■Feb. 25 — March 16: An exhibit of the work of Rebecca Kamen, Virginia sculptor and visiting artist-lecturer in China. The exhibit will be in the Art Barn Gallery.

■Feb. 26 — 7 p.m.: Kamen will be lecturing on "Contemporary Chinese Sculpture" in the Agriculture Building Auditorium.

■March 4 — 8 p.m.: Amanda Penick, MTSU music professor, will be giving a piano recital in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. There will be an admission fee.

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Official: dorm occupancy up, cable TV reason

By TRACY BOYD
Assistant Sports Editor

Occupancy in residence halls increased this semester for the first time in five years partly due to the addition of cable television, according to Ivan Shewmake, director of housing.

Since the 1983-84 school year, on-campus housing has been on a gradual decline.

Based on the regressive pattern over this period, housing officials projected a decrease for this semester as well.

Total occupancy for the fall semester 1987 was 90.4 percent. Officials estimated that it would fall to 87.63 percent this semester.

However, occupancy increased this semester to 92.32 percent.

Shewmake attributes this increase partly to the installation of cable television in campus residence halls.

"In my estimation," Shewmake said, "the installation of cable television has impacted the occupancy."

The benefits of cable television are two-fold, Shewmake said.

With the increased occupancy, rent increases will not be as great next semester as they would have been had the occupancy declined, Shewmake said.

"The higher the occupancy, the smaller the rent increase will be," Shewmake said.

Also, students are receiving a luxury, which explains the rise in occupancy.

"It feels more like home to me now," said Leslie Gardner, a High-Rise West resident, "because I have cable at home."

"There were movies last semester that I couldn't watch because I didn't have cable. I stay in my room more now," she added.

"I think I will enjoy the cable because it gives me a greater variety than CNN Headline News," said Michele Feder, a J.U.B. student resident, "and most of the stations stay on the air 24 hours a day."

Lyon has not yet received cable.

danger of being oppressed by the majority," Lovett concluded.

Honors lectures are held each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 107. However, next week's lecture has been canceled, and the series will resume on March 9.

Pre-Civil War racial discrimination still felt: prof

By DIANE GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

The effects of the South's long history of discrimination against blacks are still being felt today, Dr. Bobby Lovett, history professor at TSU, told students in an honors lecture here Wednesday.

Lovett has two books under consideration for publication, one about the history of Nashville's black community and the other a coauthored *Ethnic Genealogy*, a book published in 1983.

"It would take three generations of abolitionist activity and a bloody Civil War to convince the South that black Americans, too, must enjoy their rights of citizenship under the Constitution," Lovett said.

In the past, the South clung tightly to the institution of slavery, and became a "humanly oppressive region," Lovett said. "A veil over their faces prevented them from seeing that the world of the 19th century despised human bondage."

Prior to the Civil War, the South was run by a minority, an aristocracy consisting of only 20 percent of the population. This group "successfully convinced most whites in the region that the Constitution protected slavery and encouraged discrimination and the violation of humanity," Lovett explained.

"The Civil War and bloodshed would settle the constitutional question of black citizenship," Lovett said, and would eventually

destroy the institution that had become "embarrassing to a young nation who professed to be a 'beacon on a hill' for the world to emulate."

However, these newly won rights soon became meaningless as the government attempted to restrict these rights through the passage of Jim Crow legislation, the grandfather clause and "separate but equal" public accommodation laws.

Beginning in the 1940s, black Americans fought back against "a warped society based too long on the principles of color, race and sex," Lovett said. This civil rights movement culminated in the 1960s with massive protesting, rioting and social upheaval.

The U.S. Constitution is a "protector of the minority, always in

several other robberies in Nashville," Keisling said.

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Welch was arrested on the morning of Feb. 10. Reese was released before it was known he was involved in the incident.

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March 13 — 7:30 pm: Lanita Moses, Tennessee Poet of the Year will give a poetry reading in Room 305 of the Keathly University Center.

March 14 — 1 p.m.: Virginia Derryberry, a professor in the MTSU English department, will present a lecture on "A Gathering of Women, Part III" in the Faculty Senate Room of the James Union Building.

March 31 — 3:05 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.: A slide show will be presented on "Images of the Geisha in the Floating World" by Esther Seeman, Japan Center and Political Science, Janet Higgins, Art department and Bob Peterson, English department. It will be in Room 307 of the Saunders Fine Arts Building.

Man has hearing today in kidnapping

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

A Nashville man wanted in the recent kidnapping/robbery which finished in MTSU's campus had a hearing in the Music City yesterday and faces another hearing today.

Daryl Lamont Reese, 20, was placed on \$27,000 bond in Davidson County General Sessions Court on armed robbery, kidnapping, concealing stolen property and possession of a sawed-off shotgun

charges, said Kerry Keisling, MTSU's investigating officer.

Reese faces a hearing in Rutherford County General Sessions Court at 1 p.m. today on charges of aiding and abetting and armed robbery, Keisling said.

Nashville police officer Bob Nash made the arrest at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Keisling said. Nash spotted Reese driving a vehicle stolen in Murfreesboro.

"Reese is a possible suspect in

several other robberies in Nashville," Keisling said.

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The Sigma Club will hold an ASB debate on Feb. 29 at 1 p.m. in the Keathly University Center Theatre. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Sigma Club will make its endorsement of a candidate on Feb. 29.

Gamma Omicron Delta Christian Fraternity will be holding a general meeting Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in Room 311 of the Keathly University Center. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Campus recreation is sponsoring a spring backpacking trip along the Appalachian Trail beginning March 21. Interested parties must sign-up by March 7.

Pi Sigma Epsilon is sponsoring a "Dress for Success Seminar" March 1 at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathly University Center. The event is presented by Levy's of Nashville and is free and open to the public.

The MTSU Observatory will be open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 8. On March 9, Dr. Catherine Pilachowski, a visiting astronomer, will lecture on new telescopes being planned for the future. For more information contact Dr. Roy Clark at 898-2077.

The French club is sponsoring a dating game March 10 at 8 p.m. For more information concerning registration and tickets, see outside bookstore as of Friday, Feb. 26.

The John Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies will present a debate entitled "Freedom of the Press and the Right to Privacy" March 1, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center Multi-media Room.

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March 5 — 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Penick will be giving a master class and piano workshop in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. Admission will be charged.

March 7 — 7:30 p.m.: James Koval, family studies professor at California State University, Long Beach, will give a lecture on "Relationship Violence: The Role of the Perpetrator."

March 8 — 8 p.m.: Gertrude Stein will present an oppretta, "In a Garden," by Meyer Kupferman in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

March 9 — 3:30-4:20 p.m.: Honors Lecture: "Sissy Jupe in the House of Standards" by Dr. Ada Long, director of the honors program, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

March 12 — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: A symposium will be held on "Women in American Musical Life" by Paul Wells, director of the MTSU Center for Popular Music and moderator Charles Hamm of Dartmouth College. It will be in the Keathly University Center.

March 12 — 1 pm: Elisabeth Perry will lecture on "Women's Biography: Women's History: What's the Connection." The lecture will be in the Keathly University Center.

March 12 — 1 p.m.: Marquette University's Carla Hay will lecture on "The 'Celebrated' Mrs. Macaulay." Hay is international

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Newberry served this year on both the traffic court and as a senator — which is prohibited by the ASB Constitution. "If he would have known how the constitution works, if he would have known his job descriptions, he would not have been in a position to have stepped down from one thing or the other," Stinnett said.

Newberry said he stepped down from traffic court "within 24 hours of finding out."

Stinnett also defended his positions of being the editor in chief for *Sidelines* and a presidential candidate, saying he had no control over the ASB election coverage and that his decision to run was not a

legal conflict of interest.

"I've worked hard for my position and I'm not going to step down for anybody," he said.

Also present was presidential contender Larry "Bud" Hall. He briefly spoke of his uniqueness and urged students to get involved.

While the candidates agreed on such issues as parking, lighting, campus unity and a computerized library, ideas for change separated them.

Hosey stressed the need for greater handicapped accessibility and suggested the implementation of electronic doors as a possible solution.

Stinnett voiced his support for priority seating and said a more de-

tailed freshman orientation is needed.

In addition to the presidential candidates, hopefuls for Speaker of the House and Speaker of the Senate were present.

Unopposed Todd Burnette thanked everyone present for giving him the opportunity to be Speaker of the House.

He stressed the need for more prestige in the house as an incentive to get more students involved.

Jim Barnes and Lan Vaughan are vying for Speaker of the Senate.

Barnes voiced the need for representation of all students, while Vaughan asked students to vote for him to be part of the "motivational force" in the senate.

Jump Rope for Heart slated

By TONY STINNETT
Editor-in-Chief

The MTSU HYPER's club will be sponsoring their fifth annual "Jump Rope for Heart" Thursday, March 3rd in the Murphy Center arena in an effort to raise money for the American Heart Association.

Registration for the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Murphy Center, in the hallway facing the southeast entrance. Jumping will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

"This is an event that the HYPER's club has been sponsoring for five years and we have been successful in raising donations for the American Heart Association," Patty Simms, vice-president of the HYPER's club said.

A percentage of the money raised will be given to the local chapter, Simms said. The event is

set up in a team effort so that one person does not have to jump for two consecutive hours.

"A team of six jumpers will take four turns jumping rope for two hours," Simms said. "Each team will secure donations from friends, family and the general public for jumping time."

The individual that collects the most money will be awarded a "Jump for Heart" trophy. The money that is gathered is not necessarily money from sponsorships based on how long a person jumps, she said. The basic idea is to obtain donations based on the fact that the

team member will jump as part of his/her team for two hours.

In addition to a trophy for the winner, there will be several other prizes to be given away by area merchants. Prizes will be based on the amount of money donated and turned in at registration.

Disc jockeys Shannon and Marijo Monnett of KDF will be on hand at the event. It is open to any organization on campus.

Pledge forms and more information about the event can be obtained by contacting Patty Simms at P.O. Box 378 through campus mail.

HELP not just for young: director

By DIANE GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

"You're never too young to be a part of Project HELP," said Ann Campbell, director of this MTSU program to Help, Educate Little People.

Campbell, speaking at an honors lecture Feb. 17, said the project is a dual purpose endeavor.

"We are a training program . . . and outside the university, we are a service program serving Rutherford County," said Campbell, a special education professor.

Project HELP is the "only program in Rutherford County that serves children, ages birth to 4," who are developmentally delayed in some way, Campbell said. The project aids children with mental retardation, visual or hearing impairments and other conditions.

The project is also a training program with 150 students from 11 different majors participating each semester, Campbell said.

"The children love the students," Campbell noted. Their interaction with them is a "good socializing ex-

perience."

"We are not a play school," Campbell stressed. "We bring children to school to work."

Children are taught interaction skills, self-help skills, balance, coordination and exploration, she added.

Also, parents are a big part of the program and are encouraged to participate, she said.

"When parents think about that baby they're going to have, they're thinking about that healthy, bubbly baby who's going to smile, coo and grow up to be president of the United States," Campbell said.

When the unexpected happens, parents often go through depression, guilt and sometimes denial, she said.

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- The press should stay away from stories that depict the grief of a family, human tragedy, or human paths.
- There ought to be a Constitutional amendment protecting privacy rights from press intrusion.
- The news media have gone overboard this year in exposing the private lives of political figures and officials of government.
- Television news is a more powerful medium than newspapers and magazines and we need some special rules to limit TV news, as opposed to print news, in the coverage of privacy matters.
- It is all right to write or report about some privacy matters as long as intrusive photographs are not used.
- The technology explosion and media access to computers, satellites, and surveillance devices will require the government to limit media access to such technology.
- The growing concern about privacy is going to endanger First Amendment rights of the media.

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EDITORIALS

ASB presidential run a two man race



Tommy Williams
Columnist

The ASB presidential race has definitely started off on a negative foot. The primary opponents thus far are *Sidelines* Editor Tony Stinnett and William Newberry, followed by the "laid-back" Burd Hall and the surprisingly popular Harry Hosey.

On Monday night the Sigma Club sponsored a televised debate between the candidates that was sparked by Newberry's charge that *Sidelines* was very prejudice against greeks as a result of a recent editorial by M.A. Brown.

Newberry also charged that Brown was Stinnett's campaign manager — which is not true. Mark Davanport, a very capable individual, has taken the reins of the Stinnett campaign — much to the surprise of the severely misinformed Newberry.

Rob Marlin, Newberry's campaign manager, spread the rumor of Brown's supposed appointment during last week's Tennessee Inter-collegiate State Legislature.

That is to say, Marlin and Newberry made such comments when

they found time to attend TISL meetings.

Regardless of Newberry's claim in Tuesday night's debate that he attended "more than 75 percent of the time," I was ashamed by his and Marlin's attitude of attendance at this very important university event. I was there, and I know the thoughts of MTSU's delegation and delegations from other schools concerning this matter were virtually the same.

Concerning Stinnett, I am disturbed by the recent concern over a possible conflict of interest.

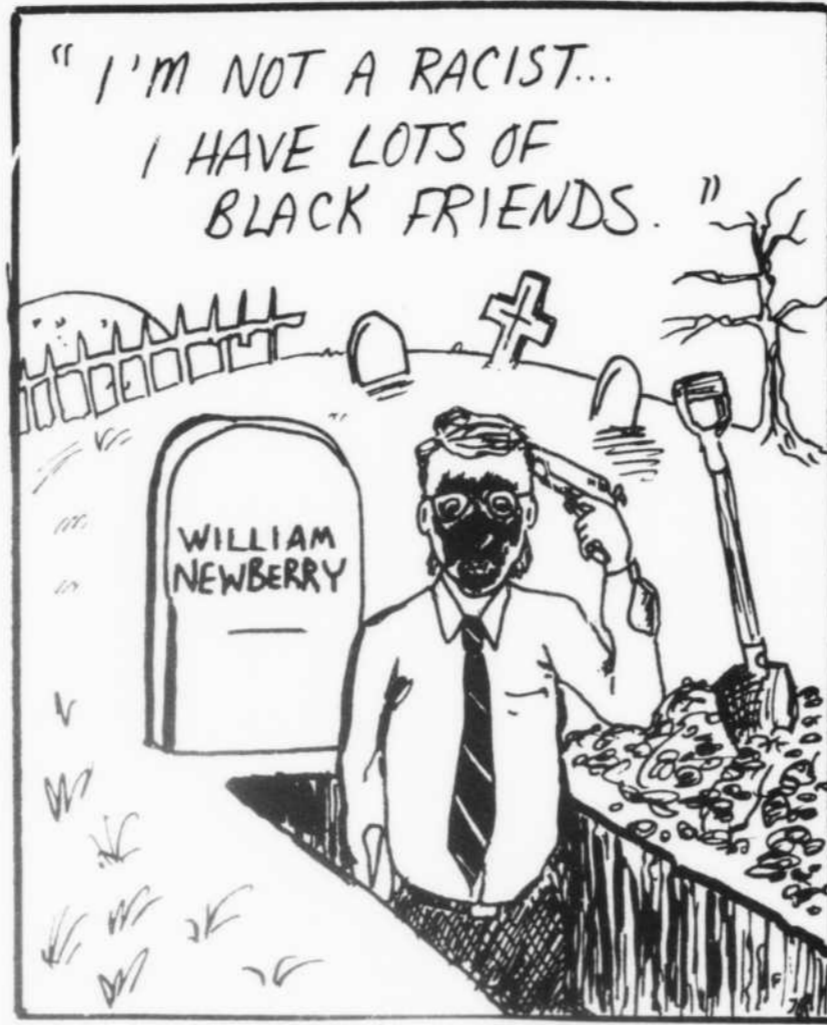
Tony and I have a great working relationship, but he doesn't tell me what to write. My pen is controlled by me and me alone. When the day comes that Tony tries to use his influence to change my views, our working relationship will be over.

Today, Tony and I agree on a few things and disagree on many, but I do feel that he is leading this race.

Tuesday night's debate was a flaming pit of jabs from both Stinnett and Newberry.

Newberry was asked from the audience about a recent party that he attended on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

It seems that in order to attend this party, people had to blacken



their faces in a blasphemous demonstration toward one of the world's greatest leaders.

Newberry has denied that he is a racist. However, he has since admitted that he attended the party

and did blacken his face. According to reliable sources, Marlin was also in attendance at this party.

After being exposed as a racist Tuesday night, Newberry asked Hosey, "Where have you been for

the last few years?"

Hosey skillfully answered this less-than-positive jab by acknowledging his participation in several university programs as well as his participation in his fraternity.

Hosey came out unscathed by Newberry's questions and has come across to some voters as a definite run-off prospect.

Then we have Burd.

I like Burd. If Burd is elected ASB president, we will have the coolest president in the history of the university.

Burd is so laid back that homecoming this year might start in September and not end until December.

Burd represents the calm, cool and collected part of our university that really doesn't care about partisan politics or the power of the position. Burd simply wants to show the other candidates that you can run a campaign and not sweat a drop.

But what about Doug Roth? Roth informed me on Monday night that he is a definite candidate for the presidential slot.

What does this mean? It means that Roth can run as a write-in candidate without being controlled by the election commission. This could be very interesting. I wish

Roth the best of luck.

Let's look at the election as a whole.

Newberry is virtually finished if he doesn't change his image and rid himself of his less-than-capable campaign manager. He must also use his campaign to make a statement that Marlin won't control his office if elected.

Stinnett has won all three debates and is the leader as of today. Hosey is going to be the strongest greek candidate and may attract some independent votes as well. Some folks are just wild about Harry. As for Burd, he is cool, what else can I say.

I see a two-man race between Stinnett and Hosey. This does not mean it is a race between *Sidelines* and the greeks.

If you will notice, the only time *Sidelines* has had any trouble with an outside entity, it has been with the ASB and not the greeks.

And the only time *Sidelines* has had any trouble with the ASB has been when Marlin has opened his mouth.

This could be the year that the paper, the greeks and the ASB can mend fences.

Finally, one last word to Marlin, "Loose lips sink ships."

Is George Bush really a wimp?

A View From The Left



Tommy Williams
Columnist

In the course of political events it becomes necessary for one person to dissolve himself from all reality — Vice-President George Bush has done this.

The vice-president, sometimes referred to as a "weenie," has done virtually nothing for the American people except attend funerals and represent the president at the convention for the promotion of opium eating. Nice guy, huh.

Bush is now running for president. We have heard this story before.

In 1980 Bush ran for president by referring to then-candidate Ronald Reagan's economic plans as "voodoo" economics. Now Bush contradicts himself by saying he fully supports Reagan's program. This only shows Bush's views are easily changed, especially when a possible promotion is in order.

Bush became close to Reagan after that first election and continued to follow under his conservative wing until the Iran-Contra affair came about. This shows his lack of loyalty to an aged Reagan.

This also proves Bush's lack of responsibility to the American people to explain what really hap-

pened. He simply says, "My name is George, and I didn't do it."

I don't believe that and neither does the American public. We don't trust Bush. Reagan doesn't trust him. Bob Dole doesn't trust him and today Jimmy Swaggert doesn't care much for him at all, according to Pat Robertson.

But what about the GOP nomination? Well, according to recent polls and caucuses, Bush is being closely trailed by both the Dole and Robertson camps.

Dole has been at constant odds with Bush concerning personal and political issues that have singled them out as bouting opponents.

Robertson, who has remained on the sidelines for several weeks, has gained some recognition because of the Bush-Dole conflict.

I personally believe that Bush can get the nomination if Dole makes a very bad boo-boo. But a Dole boo-boo would have to be severe enough to disrupt the whole gamut of Republican hopefuls enough to benefit Bush. However, in this case, Robertson could rise from the Bush-Dole storm and prove to be a viable candidate, even though Bush does have more experience.

Finally, who can win the election from the Republican side? Bush could pose a serious threat to a Democratic hopeful if he can shake the Iran-Contra affair from his

shoulder.

Bush's eight years as vice-president to Reagan have been very conservative, yet less-than-productive years.

In those eight years the deficit

Vice-President George Bush is a man on a political hot seat.

As the apparent front-runner for most of the race towards the Republican nomination for president, Bush has suffered the slings and



has tripled, Americans have been robbed of their sexual lives, and the credibility of American foreign policy has been ruined.

A Bush Administration would be the same old song, second verse

arrows of his opponents, both Democratic and Republican, and from the national media.

Questions have been repeatedly raised over Bush's credibility, his role as vice-president and his in-

volvement in the Iran-Contra affair.

To this point, Bush has weathered the storm fairly well. Coming into the pre-Super Tuesday primaries, most polls show Bush either ahead of or neck and neck with rival Sen. Bob Dole.

In fact, one of the more recent attacks on Bush may have swung a number of voters his way.

Following last week's New Hampshire primary, Dole asked Bush on national television to stop lying about his record.

According to recent surveys, some potential Republican voters feel that Dole's attack was unwarranted and have now swung their support to the vice-president's camp.

By now Bush should love the national media.

The now infamous Bush vs. Dan Rather title fight that occurred on "The CBS Evening News" drew the vice-president raves for his performance.

Bush helped to squelch some of the accusations that he was a wimp with his battle with Rather.

The incident also gained Bush acclaim from anti-media conservatives such as Pat Buchanan.

These two issues are very important to Bush's campaign.

First of all, the wimp issue has haunted the vice-president throughout his career.



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

Many people seem to feel Bush is a little short on backbone. I agree that Bush is not as forceful as he should be. However, I don't think anyone who has the courage to go through the rigors of a presidential campaign is a wimp. Hopefully, through his stand against Rather, Bush has resolved this problem.

Secondly, Bush needs conservative support. The vice-president is the most moderate candidate among the Republican field.

Although Bush has served as Ronald Reagan's vice-president, many conservatives, myself included, have been a little untrusting of the candidate. One of the main reasons for this distrust has been Bush's attack campaign against Reagan in 1980.

Now, however, Bush has seemingly shown conservatives that he holds to the same set of beliefs that they do, and that a Bush Administration wouldn't break their hearts upon taking office.

Bush still finds himself in a dogfight with Dole. However, by resolving these issues, he may have pushed himself over the top and into another four years in the White House.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Rush's masterful performance enthralling



Alex Lifeson, Geddy Lee and Neil Peart of RUSH

By TRACY MILLER
Staff Writer

Monday night, at Munciple Auditorium, Rush played their usual great show to an enthralled audience.

Opening with former Styx-guitarist/vocalist Tommy Shaw, the dynamic power trio of Geddy Lee, Neil Peart and Alex Lifeson treated the well-warmed-up crowd to a spectacular show.

While the band has had few hit singles, it's albums always go to the top of the charts. More importantly, their live shows have created a large and loyal audience for them. The feeling of anticipation Monday was proof of that.

As for this concert, it was masterfully performed using an advanced laser system, massive video screen and one of the most effective light displays ever witnessed. Rush has consistently been a leader in high-tech stage shows, and this was no

exception.

Even with the band's incredible showmanship, it was the clear sounds of their music that kept the audience on its feet.

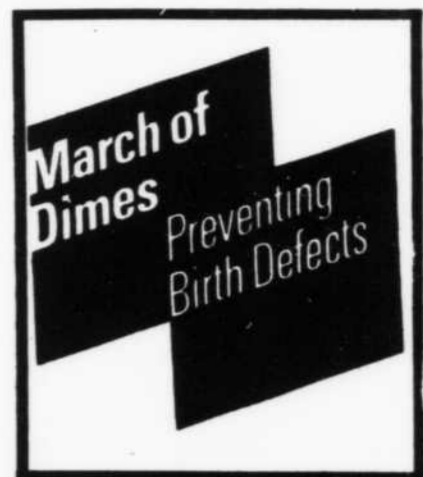
While performing several songs from their new album *Hold Your Fire*, Rush blended their progressive music with nostalgic hits from their past albums including *Rush*, *2112*, *Hemispheres*, *Permanent Waves*, *Moving Pictures*, *Signals*, *Grace Under Pressure* and *Power Windows*.

Ever professional, Rush played brilliantly with vibrance, enthusiasm and mischievous antics that showed that they are not only happy to perform but happy to work together as well. From Peart's hyper-speed drumming to Lee's multi-instrumental attack to Lifeson's guitar-hero ax work, the band proved why they are so highly respected for their instrumental activities.

After coming back for a well deserved encore, hundreds of *Hold Your Fire* balloons were released from the ceiling, topping off Rush's latest and greatest concert performance. On the ride home, every rock radio station was full of phone calls from fans talking about what they'd just seen, and they all sounded satisfied.

Although this is their twelfth studio album in the thirteen years Rush has been together, the band manages to keep their music innovative and distinct. Peart, the group's drummer and major lyricist, works diligently to keep the music intelligent. Crafting not only complex themes, but also some of the most highly-skilled rhythms to back them up.

If you missed this year's concert, you missed an excellent show. Rush has continued to delight and entertain fans for thirteen years running. So wait for them in 1989 and don't make the same mistake twice.



Midnight Oil out of 'Diesel,' bites the 'Dust'



Midnight Oil's Diesel and Dust

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used in evaluation purposes. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★

By DEE DEE DAVIS
Entertainment Critic

OK mates, do you like the new, hip tune "Beds Are Burning," Midnight Oil's current hit that's being played on 91 Rock, Rebel 100 and MTV?

"Beds Are Burning," currently at the top of most college record charts, is what lead me to listen to *Diesel and Dust* Midnight Oil's new Album on Columbia Records.

The only good thing about the album besides the single "Beds Are Burning" is that it is well-produced, but then again most major label albums are.

An appropriate analogy for this Australian band: A synthesized Lynard Skynard minus sense. The lyrics are so uncorrelated. I can't imagine why a band would want to confuse its listeners so much.

Midnight Oil's songs make many references to love for their country,

Australia, and a hatred of industry which threatens to corrupt it. (This recurring theme comes through the chaos challenging the listener who is unfamiliar with this dilemma.)

The members of the band have shown dedication to their native land in everyday life. The lead singer has even run for the Australian Senate.

I feel that most listeners are not going to be impressed with *Diesel and Dust*. In part because of the seemingly senseless lyrics and also, the fact that listeners are not familiar with the dilemma of the ongoing upheval of Australia. This album hits home if you are up-to-date on world affairs or a mate yourself.

Suggestion: Buy the single "Beds Are Burning" and spend the money you save on another album unless you feel like a challenge, then go for it! Oy!

What's Up MTSU?

Saturday, Feb. 27: MTSU vs. University of Illinois in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. at Reese Smith Field.

Sunday, Feb. 28: MTSU vs. Univ. of Ill. in a single beginning at 2 p.m., at Reese Smith Field.

Sunday, Feb. 28: Sunday Cinema presents *The Magician & Sex in the Park* in KUC Theatre at 7 p.m.

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SPORTS

Baseballers down Trevecca, WKU



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MTSU shotstop Ed Pye leaps to avoid a Western Kentucky baserunner Wednesday and completes the double play. MTSU won the game 4-3.

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

MTSU remains undefeated after three games this week.

The Blue Raiders beat Western Kentucky and Trevecca and tied North Alabama.

MTSU played its worst game of the year yesterday while downing Trevecca 11-9 at Jackson Field.

The game was halted during the bottom of the eighth inning because of darkness with Trevecca having runners on first and second and only one out.

MTSU got excellent hitting from the bottom of the batting order against Trevecca.

Cale Lawson, Scott Duff and Darryl Steakley, batting seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, had six hits in nine at-bats, scored three runs and drove in five runs.

Mike Messerly hit in two runs with a towering home run to right field in the third.

MTSU beat Western Kentucky Wednesday afternoon in the home opener 4-3.

Designated hitter George Zimmerman had a two-out RBI double to left center field for score Ed Pye from third base for the game-winner.

Chris Norton started for the Blue Raiders, but did not last for a decision. Norton struck out seven Hilltoppers in six innings of work and

walked only three.

MTSU got a fine performance from its bullpen in its first heavy use of the season.

Tony Martin, who picked up the win, along with Larry Leaver and Jody Tripp allowed Western Kentucky only one hit the last three innings.

Leaver also pitched his way out of a dangerous situation created by Martin and himself — bases loaded

and no outs.

Leaver struck out James Wambach and Chris Turner and forced Mike Cash to hit into a fielder's choice to retire the side without any damage occurring.

On Tuesday, MTSU and North Alabama battled to a 4-4 tie in another game called before its completion due to darkness.

Jeff Avery carried the big stick in Florence with two hits and two RBIs.

Illini bring new look to the 'Boro

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

Baseball at its best visits Reese Smith Field tomorrow when the University of Illinois plays a three-game series against the Blue Raiders.

Illinois has a new look from the Illinois teams that have visited Smith Field in the past.

Illinois fired Tom Dedin after last season and hired former California State-Fullerton head

coach Augie Garrido.

Garrido coached Cal St. Fullerton to two College World Series titles and has won 777 games as a head coach, ninth among active coaches.

"Illinois has made a commitment to win the Big Ten and a national championship," MTSU head coach Steve Peterson said. "Garrido knows how to win and Illinois has made a financial commitment to win."

Illinois brings one of the best pitchers in the country to Murfreesboro.

John Ericks, a senior, was selected by *Baseball America* as a second team All-American.

Last year, the hard throwing Ericks downed the Blue Raiders 3-2. Dave Richardson, who will start the first game Saturday, suffered his first loss of the season in that game.

Title hopes on the line as MTSU travels to APSU, Murray State

By **TONY STINNETT**
Editor in Chief

Everything will be on the line this week when the Blue Raiders take to the road to tangle with the top two contenders in the league as the heated Ohio Valley Conference race comes to a close.

The Raiders must surge their games with Austin Peay and Murray State this weekend to have a chance at winning their third consecutive OVC championship when they travel to Cookeville next Thursday night.

The Raiders go into Saturday night's game against Austin Peay with a 9-2 conference record, good for sole possession of second place in the OVC. MTSU is 18-8 overall.

Austin Peay is currently in third place in the OVC with a 9-3 record while Monday night the Raiders will play Murray State, who leads the league with an 11-1 record, including a 79-67 whipping of the Raiders here at Murphy Center in early January.

The game Saturday night will mark the fifth of the five ESPN/OVC telecasts that have been shown this season. MTSU played two of the four games that have

been telecast and has won both of those games. MTSU won at Tennessee State and conquered Eastern Kentucky at home on ESPN.

Tip-off for the game is 10:30 p.m. Every game is now a tough one for the Raiders and they face a must-win situation every time they take the road.

"The game is a situation where we are going to do it," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "All of my attention is on APSU because if we don't win it, we'll be playing for second place in the Murray game."

The Raiders have played well in the late night television games and Stewart cited that fact in his weekly press luncheon.

"It is up to us to win on the road, but it's a TV game and we've played well on TV," Stewart admitted.

Austin Peay has a fine shooting team and they counter defensively with the tallest front-line in the OVC.

Transfers Andre Harris from Indiana and Barry Sumpter from Louisville were supposed to play a vital role in the Gobs' season but neither have lived up to their pre-season expectations.

Tony Raye has been a solid performer thus far this season and has played a key role in keeping the Gobs in contention down the stretch.

"Stewart Peay will be tough," Stewart said. "If we beat APSU it will make the Murray game mean a great deal."

Murray State is led by the junior tandem of super performers Don Mann and Jeff Martin.

These two athletes are the main reason for the success of Murray State this season.

Mann has been called one of the top point guards in the conference, while Martin is cool and usually plays the entire game.

Murray was picked to finish fourth in the pre-season by league coaches but has put together an unblemished 7-0 road record to emerge as the sole leader in this race, making the other teams chasers down the stretch.

Should the Raiders and Racers tie for the league crown, the Raiders would claim the title's benefits as the top team based on the league's tie-breaker system.

Leslie Gregory was named the OVC Rookie of the Week. The freshman sensation scored 44 points and had 13 rebounds in two games last week.

and Austin Peay, 85-58.

In that game, Tawanya Mucker scored 41 points — one short of Kim Webb's school record.

On Jan. 23 at Murphy Center, the Lady Raiders downed Murray State, 74-70.

Austin Peay stands 3-9 in the OVC, 6-15 overall.

Murray State is currently in second place in the conference at 9-3, 20-5 overall.

Tipoff for Saturday's game is set for 8 p.m., due to the ESPN telecast of the men's game.

Lady Raiders need one win to clinch sixth straight title

By **TRACY BOYD**
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders, having already clinched a tie for the Ohio Valley Conference championship, need only one more conference win, with only three games remaining, to clinch the crown outright.

MTSU, 11-0 in the OVC and 19-4 overall, will take to the road this weekend for a Saturday night game at Austin Peay, followed by a Monday night contest at Murray State.

On March 3, MTSU will finish the regular season at Tennessee Tech.

To own sole possession of the championship means that the Lady Raiders will host the OVC tournament. Therefore, winning one more conference game is crucial.

Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens realizes the importance of this road trip.

"We have to go to Austin Peay and win to clinch the title," Bivens said.

But he knows this will not be an easy task, "because Peay's big game is us."

"We hope we can win one of these three and win the conference tournament," Bivens added, "because that's what the kids have worked for all season and they've done a heck of a job."

If the ladies win the OVC championship outright, they will host the tournament at Alumni Gym rather than Murphy Center. Murphy Center is the site of the TSSAA Girls' State basketball tournament, which is scheduled the same time as the OVC tourney.

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