

False alarm brings firefighters to Jones

By ERIC STEINBERG

Sidelines Staff Writer

Responding to a call from campus police, the Murfreesboro Fire Department rushed 20 fire fighters and six fire trucks to a false alarm at Jones Hall yesterday afternoon.

"Some little kid pulled the alarm," said Inspector Jerry Goodwin of the Murfreesboro Fire Department. "There was no fire."

According to Tennessee law, any person who knowingly initiates a false fire alarm is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$500 and imprisoned for six months.

Goodwin told *Sidelines* that Jones Hall was evacuated as per regulations.

According to Ivan Shewmake, associate dean of students, steps have been taken to catch students who maliciously pull the fire alarm boxes.

"Whenever there is a problem in a particular building with

someone pulling the alarm, we put a dye on the box," Shewmake said. "Then we go around and check fingers."

"We can't fingerprint everyone," Shewmake continued. "But, if they have purple dye all over their fingers, well, we can check to see that, can't we?"

In the past, dorm residents accused of turning in false alarms have received academic suspensions, been restricted from living on campus or been given work sentences of 80 hours or more, Shewmake said.

Recent *Sidelines* articles have prompted university officials to reconsider procedures involving fire alarms. Many faculty members claim they will not evacuate their classes until the false fire alarm situation is under control.

University President Sam Ingram has asked Charles Pigg, director of campus planning, to look into the situation and report back to him.



An MTSU faculty member and firemen with the Murfreesboro Fire Department discuss the procedure for turning off the fire alarm

which was accidentally set off around 4 p.m. yesterday by an unidentified person in Jones Hall.

photo by Charlie Hunt

Lost registration forms bar voters

By DENNIS MYERS

Sidelines Staff Writer

Some students who participated in the recent registration drive held on campus by the MTSU Young Democrats will not be eligible to vote today in Rutherford County, according to an Election Commission spokesman.

"Those who did not receive a voter registration card in the mail are not registered to vote in this county," Amy Williams, registrar-at-large, said yesterday.

Registration material submitted in October by several students is therefore believed to have been lost by either the commission or the Young Democrats who conducted the drive.

"It [the Young Democrats' drive] was not sponsored by this office," Williams said.

"Any time you have people out registering 4,000 voters, you have these problems," Williams continued. "If they had

registered in this office, we would have given them their [registration] cards before they left, then there would be no problem."

Williams said she doubted the problem was in the Rutherford County Election Commission's office.

"We used to register college students on the same day they registered for classes," Williams stated, adding that loss of registration information was never a problem.

Williams said that people whose registrations were lost would not be allowed to vote outside their precinct and, if they are not registered anywhere else, they won't be able to vote at all.

The problem appears to be limited to students who are presently registered in other counties and are trying to change their registration to Rutherford County.

Kelley Lambert, a senior majoring in commercial art, claims to have registered with

the Young Democrats during their registration drive.

Lambert is currently registered to vote in Knox County, but said she tried to register in Rutherford County to avoid voting by absentee ballot or driving to her home county to vote.

"I am not sure whose fault this is, but this mistake is going to cause me to miss all of my Tuesday classes and will cost me at least \$20 in gas money," Lambert said.

"I filled in all the forms, and I'm sure the Young Democrats attached them correctly," Lambert continued. "I feel like the mistake was made by the Election Commission because, as far as I know, the forms got down to the Commission's office intact."

Williams admitted some people from Smyrna also called the commission to complain that they were not registered properly during similar voter

registration drives conducted by various groups there.

"I can assure you they [the voter registrations] were turned in to the Election Commission's office on time," Cynthia Cline, head of the registration drive for the Young Democrats, said.

"There is a delicate balance between the Election Commission and students," Cline continued. "Many times in the past, there have been problems with on-campus registration."

"We always try to do the best we can, but the [Election Commission's] office was flooded just before the 12 noon deadline on Oct. 4. Perhaps they misfiled some of the forms due to the confusion," Cline said.

"I've tried to get in touch with Rep. [John] Bragg to see if we can find out what happened," she said.

"When we find out what happened, it will be too late for those whose registration was not handled properly this time, but it may help in future registration drives," Cline concluded.



photo by Stuart Marshall

Freshman Karen Bartholomew receives first place in beginning walk, trot, canter equitation during competition at Murray State with nine other schools. She is sponsored by the MTSU Horseman's Association and Equestrian Team.

Election surveys show Reagan ahead

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News estimated Sunday that Ronald Reagan has sufficient support in enough states to win the presidency from Jimmy Carter.

The state-by-state estimate gave Reagan 28 states with 280 electoral votes to Carter's 11 states and the District of Columbia with 96 electoral votes. Eleven states with 162 votes were judged too close to call by NBC.

A total of at least 270 electoral votes are required to win the presidential election today.

The NBC estimates are based on interviews with politicians and political professionals across the country and on examination of public and private polls.

NBC pushed Reagan over 270 electoral votes in their estimate by moving Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey and Vermont from the toss-up category last week to leaning to Reagan.

The major change since last week for Carter is that NBC now says New York, with 41 electoral

votes, is a tossup; that it is no longer leaning to Carter.

NBC did say a Reagan victory is not assured, explaining that it has judged only 15 states with 78 electoral votes safe for Reagan, while 13 states with 202 votes were considered to be leaning to Reagan.

The toss-up states in NBC's judgment are Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

A new Gallup poll said Reagan had the backing of 46 percent of the likely voters, while Carter was supported by 43 percent. Independent presidential candidate John Anderson drew 7 percent; 1 percent named others and 3 percent of the more than 3,500 persons interviewed from Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 were not sure.

A CBS News-New York Times poll, taken Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, said the race was a dead heat: Reagan 44 percent, Carter 43 percent. Anderson drew 8 percent and others and un-

decided drew 5 percent among the 2,264 registered voters.

The latest available ABC News-Louis Harris poll put Reagan at 45 percent and Carter at 40 percent. Anderson drew 10 percent, 1 percent named others and 4 percent were not sure. That poll, conducted Oct. 31

through Nov. 1, is based on interviews with 2,994 likely voters.

The margin of error for the ABC-Harris, Gallup and CBS-New York Times surveys is 3 percentage points; it is 4 percentage points for the Newsweek and for Post surveys.

No rain expected to cramp voter turnout

No rain is forecast for Middle Tennessee this election day, which by "conventional wisdom" gives the Democrats an edge. The National Weather Service calls for cloudy skies with a high in the mid-60s.

However, rain is predicted for East Tennessee where Ronald Reagan needs to build a commanding margin if he is to wrest the state's 10 electoral votes away from President Carter.

The weather is thought to effect voter turnout and, in some cases, the results of elections.

"Everyone seems to follow the conventional wisdom that a heavy turnout is more helpful to Democrats than Republicans," Frank Essex, assistant professor of political science at MTSU, explained.

"The fair weather ought to encourage a large turnout," Essex said.

In a district where a majority of the voters are Democrats, bad weather often facilitates Republican gains.

"However, the bad weather in [Republican] East Tennessee might not have as bad an impact as normally expected," Essex continued. "They are accustomed to voting in any type weather and business should be as usual."

Transportation to local schools offered to student voters

STUDENT VOTER INFORMATION

Students living on campus may vote at the following precinct polls:

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- Democratic Campaign Headquarters: 895-0740
- Republican Campaign Headquarters: 895-0290

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. According to the Election Commission, the busiest voting hours are usually 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

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Season debut

Orchestral concert sparkling

By RENEE VAUGHN
Managing Editor
Soloist Jerry Perkins' bright and lucid performance Saturday night of Mac Dowell's Piano Concerto No. 2 illuminated an

already sparkling season debut by the University-Community Symphony Orchestra.
The unusual character of the concerto, which begins with a slow first movement and

proceeds to a scherzo, largo and, finally, allegro, was rendered with precision and control by Perkins on the Music Hall's new Boesendorfer Imperial Grand Piano. Tempestuous chordal interpretations of the larghetto (first movement) were delicately balanced with expression and verve in the scherzo.
The 66-piece ensemble, which includes members of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, performed under the direction of Laurence Harvin. The orchestra displayed consonance and energetic phrasing throughout the syncopated second and third movements.
Bizet's Symphony No. 1 and Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain" were also expressively presented by the orchestra.

Lightning-fast passages by the first violins and cellos and melodic solos by oboe and clarinet were highlights of the Bizet symphony.
The Mussorgsky piece had haunting passages which were stirred by the basses in an exciting and appropriate Halloween theme. The conclusion was airy with flute and horn emphasis, representing the triumph of good over evil.
The orchestra produced full-sounding staccato cadences in all three selections, which resulted in an interesting interplay between strings and horns.
Perkins, chairman of the piano faculty at MTSU, and the university-based orchestra played to a near-capacity crowd in the Wright Music Building.

Shinn piano concert Thursday

The Fine Arts Committee will present soloist and chamber music performer Ronald Shinn in the Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Thursday.
Shinn's experience includes performances in the Peabody Seminar on Piano Teaching, appearances with the Blair Chamber Players, as accompanist in the Northwestern University Distinguished Alumni Series and as soloist in the Promenade Series in Alabama.
The concert will be free and open to the public.

"See How They Run"

MTSU theatre plans 'rip-roaring' farce

By DEA SANDY
Staff Writer
"See How They Run," a farce written by Philip King and set in 1949, will be presented Nov. 13-

15 and 18-22 at the MTSU Arena Theatre at 8 p.m.
"The play is a rip-roaring farce that will leave you with your tongues hanging out," said Theatre Instructor Ann Petty.

"Set in England, a lot of the comedy comes from our ideas about the British and their reactions to the situations they become involved in," Petty said.
The plot of the play is basically a case of repeated mistaken identities.
"I think about it as 'Lucy and Ricky in England'—the vicar wants to be stuffy, and Penelope [his wife] has strange friends," said Laura Leopard, who will play Penelope Toop.
David Cummings, who plays Clive Winton, the American GI, said that "the difference between 'The Rivals' [University Theatre's first production of the season] and 'See How They Run' is like the difference between daylight and dark. The acting was much more stylized in 'The

Rivals,' and 'See How They Run' is more natural."
"The Rivals' is verbal comedy, and 'See How They Run' is visual comedy," Martin McGeachy, who plays Vicar Toop, explained.
"I love the arena theatre—it's my favorite place to work," said Leopard. "All the little nuances are caught, everything matters."
Lighting for this production will have to be "real subtle," with colors "less saturated and area distribution better defined," explained James Trigg, lighting designer for the production.
"Color plays a vital role, since every color has a different connotation for everything, and you have to consider the mood of the show," Trigg said.

Aerobics good exercise

By DEA SANDY
Sidelines Staff Writer
Does the thought of becoming physically fit conjure up images of gym classes, sit-ups, leg-raises and generally dull but grueling bodily punishment?
Jazz Exercise, a class being offered through the Office of Continuing Education, could change your thinking.
The class combining dance and exercise is for those who want exercise but not the same old routine, according to Jimmi Lou Tate, instructor of the course.
Exercise in this class consists of dance movements set to music ranging from the "Star Wars" theme to Barry Manilow's "Jump Shout Boogie."
"More important than getting every step right, however, is constant movement," Tate said. "This aerobic approach provides exercise, strengthens muscles and aids in weight loss."

Jazz Exercise is a "self-paced program," according to Tate.
Participants may walk through the movements or jog through them, depending on their individual fitness.
"It isn't where you start, but where you finish," Tate said.
Classes are held from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with new classes beginning the first Tuesday of each month.

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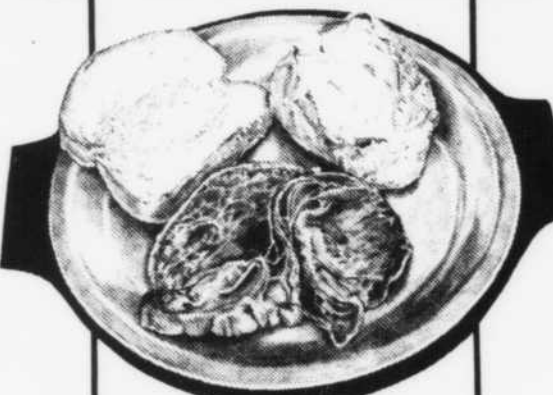
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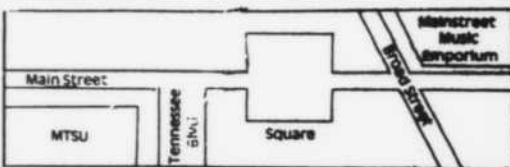
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Local survey reveals positions on the issues

The local League of Women Voters recently issued a list of questions to all candidates running for county commissioner in the 21st district.

The questionnaire was drawn up and distributed by Maryedith McFarlin, the voter-service chairman of the League.

The questions revealed the following answers:

- Helene Colvin opposed additional property and sales taxes and said an income or payroll tax would be the fairest. Colvin was receptive to the idea of turning the wheel tax into an advalorem tax. She showed concern for placing housing of any type in flood plains and felt we should be cautious about industry moving into the community. Colvin also called for a long-range plan for the development of Rutherford County.
- Thomas Deal called for a redistribution of funds, so that they are used more wisely. He felt that any new taxes should be placed on luxury items. Deal advocated a strong zoning and planning commission to ensure proper growth and also called for an effective long-range plan for the county to grow by.
- Jeff Jordan calls for a cutdown in wasteful spending, and if tax increases are necessary, he would favor either an increased property tax or a state income tax. He called for input from various groups in the county toward the Long Range Planning Committee and emphasized that group's importance to the future of the county.
- Joseph Maxwell supports a deductible property tax increase and advocates looking toward the Planning Commission for planning. He also calls for long-range planning and looking at the possibility of Metropolitan government.
- Steven Todd calls for any tax increase to have those deriving the benefit paying the greatest amount. He also calls for input into the planning commission by outside experts and community individuals. He also feels that long-range planning should be followed on.
- James Earp supports a sales tax on everything but food, medicine and the elderly on a fixed income. He feels that an industrial park is needed to accommodate more plants and to produce more jobs. He also supports a long-range plan for Rutherford County.



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from the editor

Hostages: *Iran sets demands for their release*

WITH NO time to spare, the Iranian Parliament met this weekend and put down four demands for the release of the American hostages.

The parliament appeared to have hardened in at least one key area in the conditions previously outlined by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini for releasing the 52 hostages.

The parliament threatened Sunday to "punish" the hostages through legal action if the U.S. government fails to comply with some or all of the four conditions which the parliament insists the United States must fulfill.

THE FIRST condition mentioned in a Tehran radio broadcast is one which the Carter administration already has fulfilled—a pledge of non-interference by the United States in Iran's internal affairs.

That pledge has been made publicly on several occasions by President Carter and Secretary of State Edmund Muskie.

THE remaining conditions are:

- Return of the late shah's wealth. There is broad disagreement between the two countries about the amount of money involved. The United States maintains that Iran's only recourse is to pursue this objective through the U.S. courts.

- The unfreezing of Iran's assets. Carter could release the more than \$8 billion he froze last November with the stroke of a pen, but some of this money is the subject of suits filed in U.S. courts by American firms with claims against Iran.

- Cancellation of U.S. claims. More than 260 lawsuits have been filed by American companies which claim to have lost investments and contracts in Iran.

Even though the president and others want to get the hostages back as quickly as possible, some of the four conditions are not within the power of just one man.

DUE TO THE legal complexities involved and constitutional ramifications, the president may not be able to meet the conditions required by the Iranian Parliament.

And while the president has already promised to meet some of the demands, would he not need congressional approval? And if so, how quickly could they move?

TO BE forced into a quick decision under the deadline of Election Day would be even more rash.

When Khomeini first outlined the conditions on Sept. 12, U.S. officials said they were encouraged by the omission of any reference to trials. The administration had said that Iran would suffer "grave consequences" if any of the hostages were tried as spies.

THIS RAISES the prospect of protracted claims fights but the Carter administration is considering legislation which would circumvent this problem.

The language approved by the parliament makes no specific reference to spy trials. The provision states, however, that the "criminals" (hostages) would be turned over to the "judicial system" if some or all of Iran's conditions are not met.

U.S. officials declined immediate comment on the new refinement, explaining they were awaiting an official translation of the conditions.

Previously, however, officials had said that the conditions outlined by Khomeini represented a difficult—but not impossible—obstacle in the administration's efforts to end the crisis. They added that the hostages' fate would be determined less by Iran's demands than by Iran's interpretation of them.

ONE official said last week if Iran believes the time has come to end the crisis, it is "not about to engage in long years of haggling with the United States over details."

Viewpoints



criticisms and witticisms

by Steve Spann

An election year autopsy

"Many appeared to be in the terminal stages of Campaign Bloat, a gruesome kind of false-fat condition that is said to be connected somehow with failing adrenal glands. The swelling begins within twenty-four hours of that moment when the victim first begins to suspect that the campaign is essentially meaningless. At that point, the body's entire adrenaline gizzard is sucked back into the gizzard, and nothing either candidate says, does or generates will cause it to rise again..."—Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, somewhere in 1972

I WOULD like to think that Campaign Bloat is at the root of the mental block that appears every time I try to write something meaningful about the 1980 presidential election. Because if it's not Campaign Bloat, then it's probably something worse that may be affecting us all.

This country could have been a fantastic monument to all the best instincts of the human race, but today that sort of dream is simply too far-fetched for the mind to conjure up. That's because tonight we are faced with the extreme likelihood that either Jimmy Carter or Ronald Reagan will be elected president.

Where will it end? How low do you have to stoop in this country to be president?

ANSWERS TO that question have dropped to new dimensions in this election year. In order to put the dismal realities of

Campaign '80 into perspective, it is necessary to examine some recent political history.

Perhaps the most politically important event in the last ten years was that which we called Watergate. There may have been many lessons learned from it, not the least of which resulted

in a functional distrust of politicians. However, we also learned just how stable the American political system is—because even at that low point when the president was forced from office—nothing happened. No tanks rolled into the streets. Instead, we all sat back and watched the event on television.

After a short spell under Gerald Ford, we all showed just how concerned we all were by electing a man that journalist Tom Wolfe has called "an unknown down-home matronly-voiced Sunday-schoolish soft-shelled watery-eyed sponged-backed Millennial lulu."

JIMMY CARTER has done a lot to live up to that characterization in the last four years. In 1976 he was Mr. Outsider—uncorruptible by the evils of big-time politics. Now, in 1980, he is suddenly Mr. Experience—who deserves the presidency again simply because He Has Been There.

Carter's most obvious failure has been in managing the economy, as massive inflation and unemployment swamp the country. Worse than that have been the number of his plans to solve economic problems. At last count, there had been five, none of which have worked.

Jimmy has also failed to live up to campaign promises of tax cuts, reducing the federal bureaucracy, handgun control and national comprehensive health insurance. There have also been numerous boondoggles in foreign policy.

GIVEN THIS record of incompetency, countless others began a vigil for the White House. The Terrible Nightmare began nearly a year ago, as potential candidates jockeyed for positions in their respective parties. There was genuine hope for something good to come out

of it all for awhile, although that's hard to imagine now.

"Any man who can win a contemporary presidential campaign ought not to be president. Wrong temperament"—Gore Vidal

They came from every walk of life, under the guise that anyone in America could get themselves elected president if they try hard enough. But the summer conventions proved that point wrong, as Teddy Kennedy dominated the Democratic convention, but could not get that party's nomination.

ON THE OTHER hand, the Republicans gave in to the extreme right of their party and saddled their candidate with a platform that even Barry Goldwater would have been embarrassed with.

The Republicans offered as a candidate Ronald Reagan: a relaxed conservative who, with simple answers, folksy nods of

AS FOR OUR energy crisis, Reagan proposes to get government off the backs of oil companies, which serves as a fine example of his simple ideas. The problem at hand is infinitely more complicated. At best, Reagan is inexperienced in foreign affairs.

They stoop to conquer. Political historians are hard-pressed to find a more dismal choice of candidates on election day. This theory is supported by the overall negative strategy of both major candidates, who urge that you vote for them because they are *not as bad* as their opponent.

THE ONLY true gentleman and scholar in the campaign, John Anderson, has fallen from the graces of the American voters, as he got lost somewhere in the middle ground between issues and ideology.

"A leader is one who, out of madness or goodness, volunteers to take upon himself the woe of a people. There are few men so foolish: hence the erratic quality of leadership in the world"—John Updike

This statement should appear on signs hung on election booths all across America today. It has a sense of timelessness and a universal nature that allow it to be applied to any election, anywhere, in any year.

THERE IS A great deal of uncertainty as to who will win tonight's election, however, there is one certain loser: the American People. Once again, we have seen the bastardization of the American political system, and no doubt, whoever wins tonight will do so only because we fear one candidate less than the other.

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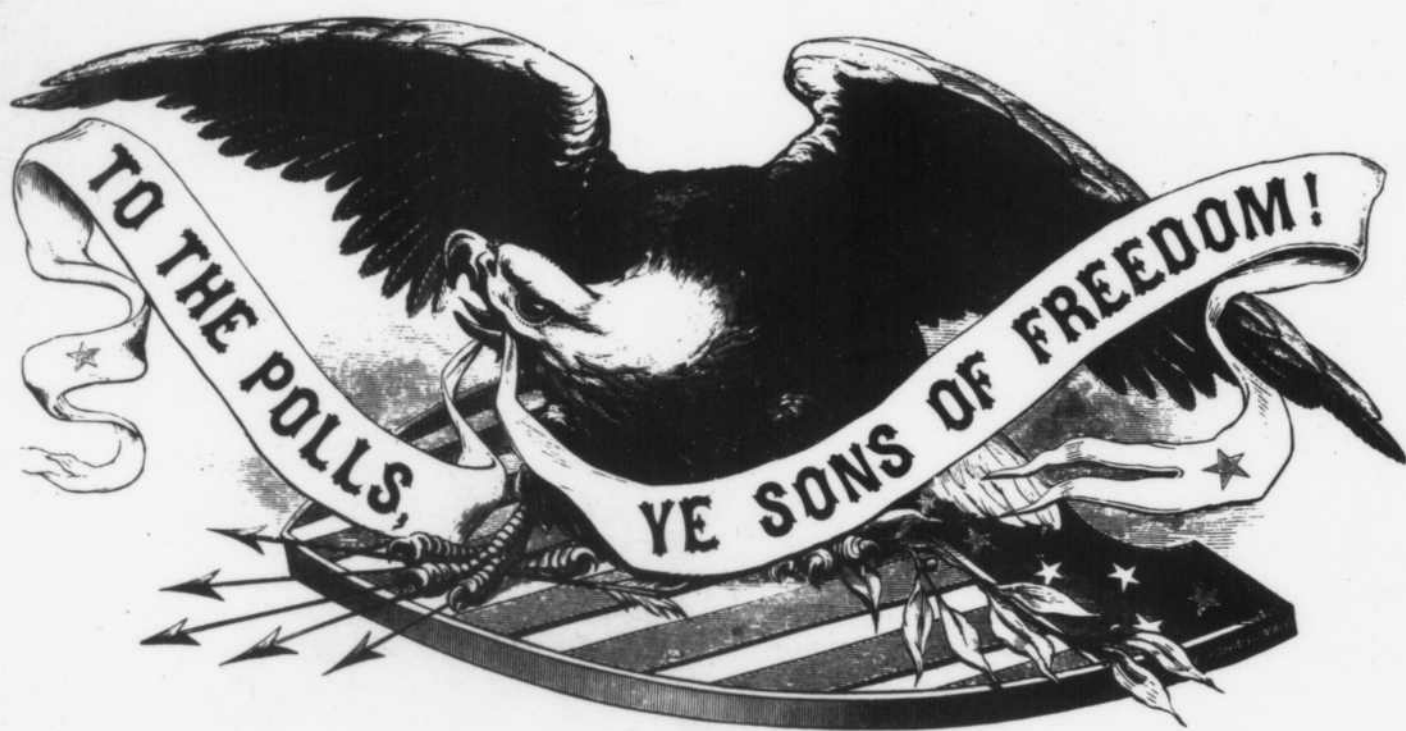
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Perspective



backward glares

by Tony Simones

Reasons to still vote Anderson

"When the Great Scorer comes to write against your name—he marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game"—Grantland Rice

IN THE modern era of big-time politics, there are essentially only two ways to gain success: One is to come on like a wild beast with a political machine that scares your opponent . . . and the other is to tap the energies of a large disillusioned electorate.

Independent John Anderson fits in the latter category, as from the start, his campaign has been fueled by the fire of those in this country who are unsatisfied with the major party choices for president.

Anderson's third party movement is different from similar movements in our history, as no single issue has permeated his campaign except the one of dissatisfaction.

THERE IS NO doubt that there are still a significant number of people in this country who are unsatisfied with the non-choice of Carter or Reagan, as approximately 7 percent of the electorate are undecided, while a large number are not strongly committed to the candidate they say they will vote for.

Unfortunately, John Anderson has, for several reasons,

been unable to capture these undecided and soft voters. As a result, what had been a 15 percent standing in the polls is now reduced to approximately 11 percent nationwide, and only around 5 percent in Tennessee.

"I always wanted to get into politics, but I was never light enough to make the team"—Art Buchwald

MAYBE Buchwald had a point when he talked about what it took to play big-time politics. Anderson is the only major candidate to come out with a serious, detailed and complex analysis of our national problems.

If Anderson's genuine seriousness is contrasted with the friendly personalities and methods of Reagan and Carter, then we can believe Buchwald had a valid point, because the two candidates who have told us that our problems are not really that bad are the same two candidates who lead in the polls.

But, I can't imagine Anderson ever coming to terms with the down-to-earth persuasive techniques of Carter and Reagan, because he would then be abandoning the principles of his own movement. What Anderson represents is this: a candidate who is willing to overcome partisan politics and friendly gestures in order to

reach the greater good of effectively managing this country.

HE AVOIDED the traditional campaign promises of tax cuts, because they simply aren't possible until the economy

for Anderson because the other major party candidates are not worthy of holding the office of president.

The Carter record is horrendous, while the possibility of a Reagan administration is scary. Voters must ask themselves if they want to be responsible for putting either in the White House. If not, then they can still pull the lever for Anderson, because if they do, politicians all across the country will receive a message that goes something like this: *I am not satisfied with the choice that the two major parties offer or with the way our federal government is operated.*

A VOTE for Anderson might not get him in the White House, but it will send a message of extreme importance.

Historian Alistair Cooke once said of Democrat Adlai Stevenson that he showed American people that were good reasons for not being elected president. The same could be said about John Anderson today.

Perhaps it was a stupid mistake to think that Anderson could ever really win, but my mistake seems minute and frivolous compared to the things Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan do every day of their lives, on purpose, as an expression of everything they stand for.

is back on the right track. On every, Anderson calls for a comprehensive plan devoid of trivialities. His position on defense offers a realistic view of what kind of war we may have to fight: he advocates upgrading the quality and number of military personnel, while opposing the expensive B-1 bomber and MX missile.

If a majority of the American people have disregarded John Anderson, then it is because they feel he has no chance to win or because they don't want to hear a serious analysis of the issues.

SADLY, I cannot tell you to vote for John Anderson because he can win tonight.

But, I can tell you to vote

**ANDERSON
For
President**

by William Tuttle

Reasons to never vote Reagan

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"—Jeremiah, 8:20

FOUR YEARS AGO, I voted for Gerald Ford for president, and I doubt that many would argue the point that we would be better off today if my candidate had won. Jimmy Carter has proven to be grossly incompetent for the job he holds. The Carter record speaks for itself in defense of that contention.

However, due to circumstances beyond my control, I have been unable to find good reasons to vote for Ronald Reagan. So, the crux of this column is: the Carter record demands a change, but there is nothing offered by Ronald Reagan to suggest that he should be the successor.

A DEVOUT Republican myself, I have concluded that there is not that much difference between Democrats and Republicans. But, only a blind geek or a waterhead could miss the difference between Ronald Reagan and anyone else with a

desire to occupy the White House the next four years.

Granted, they are all white men, all are politicians and (therefore) all are experts at cajolery and evasiveness . . . but the similarity ends right there. From that point on, the difference between them is so vast that anyone who can't see it deserves what will happen to them if Reagan is elected.

I watched the Republican campaign in horror this past year, as numerous worthy candidates with innovative ideas about how to run this country fell to the wayside.

Apparently a lot of people don't want this country to face up to its problems—which require complicated answers—and instead would rather hear that everything is not so bad after all. Because that's exactly what Ronald Reagan is all about. He offers a blind optimism that our problems can be solved with yesterday's solutions and by getting Democrats out of office.

REAGAN looks at today's

problems through the rose-tinted glasses of a pre-World War II era, when things were not so complicated.

For example, how do we put more money in people's pockets? Simple, by cutting taxes.

How do we solve the energy crisis? Easy. Just get government out of the oil companies' hair—then everything will be fine.

HOW DOES the U.S. regain respectability abroad? No problem. Next time we're threatened, all we do is just send in some troops.

How does such a politically naive man get in the position of occupying the White House? I'm not sure, but that question is too deeply rooted in the nature of National Politics to be answered here.

PERHAPS Reagan's naivety could be overcome if he had some guidelines to follow. But, he is unfortunately bogged down with a platform that is outdated.

It's an embarrassing year for Republicans, because the current situation represents a golden opportunity to oust the Democrat who has the country

where it is today—in chaos. But with Ronald Reagan as an alternative, it's sad to say that he is not the clear choice for president.

In any other election year, voters (maybe even Democrats) would be turning out in droves to vote for the alternative to Carter. But this year, that is unlikely to happen.

NEVER



If Reagan is elected, then maybe this is the year we should go ahead and admit it to ourselves—that we are a nation of 220 million used car salesmen with all the money we need to buy guns and with no qualms about taking military action against anyone at home or abroad who make us feel uncomfortable.

guest column

by Bill Ward

Carter is the one

THERE ARE any number of good reasons why James Earl Carter should be re-elected today, the primary one being the date.

As we enter the 1980s, the world and the country face many more complicated problems than ever before.

Jimmy Carter, having spent nearly four years in the planet's most difficult and thankless job, has come to understand the nature of these problems and even begun to solve a few of them.

Ronald Reagan, on the other hand, longs to push the country back to less complicated times, when "unleashing private business" would solve economic problems, and harmony between the races and the sexes would reign because no one would be "aware that such problems existed."

SORRY, Mr. Reagan, but it is indeed 1980, and facile answers no longer untie knotty questions. Neither do a pleasant demeanor and charismatic presence.

Perhaps the most telling aspect of last week's debate was that the president's responses to Reagan's statements were always delivered sternly and sincerely, while Reagan retorted with smiles and off-the-cuff attempts at humor.

What Mr. Reagan and so many others have forgotten is that running the country in 1980 is a very serious business, and rejoinders such as "There you go again" are not going to wash with the Brezhnevs and Khomeinis of this world.

Absurd cracks like this and a number of verbal gaffs have characterized the Reagan campaign during the last few months. Even his wife got into the act last week; in an interview with National Public Radio, Nancy Reagan was asked which adjective best described her husband.

"I would say 'integrity,'" Mrs. Reagan replied.

Of course, there are those who feel that her husband is not the most "integrity" candidate for the nation's highest office.

What's most ironic about Reagan's anti-Washington, cut-government-spending, stress-integrity, balance-the-budget campaign is how similar it is to Mr. Carter's 1976 presidential run.

If the former California governor thinks his opponent is so incompetent, why is he running on a virtually identical platform?

Carter, meanwhile, has worked arduously to familiarize himself with the men and the matters of importance. Unlike his opponent, he wisely does not claim to have all the answers to our economic woes, but that situation does seem to be improving.



Mr. Carter has charted a prudent, pragmatic course in foreign affairs, and has even scored a couple of coups in uniting Egypt and by returning land which never really belonged to us to the Panamanians.

He is also the first president to ever formulate, much less enact, a comprehensive, forward-looking energy policy. In addition, he has striven to stop the grossly obscene profits pouring into the oil companies' tills, but a balking Congress, barraged with intense lobbying, would not hear of it.

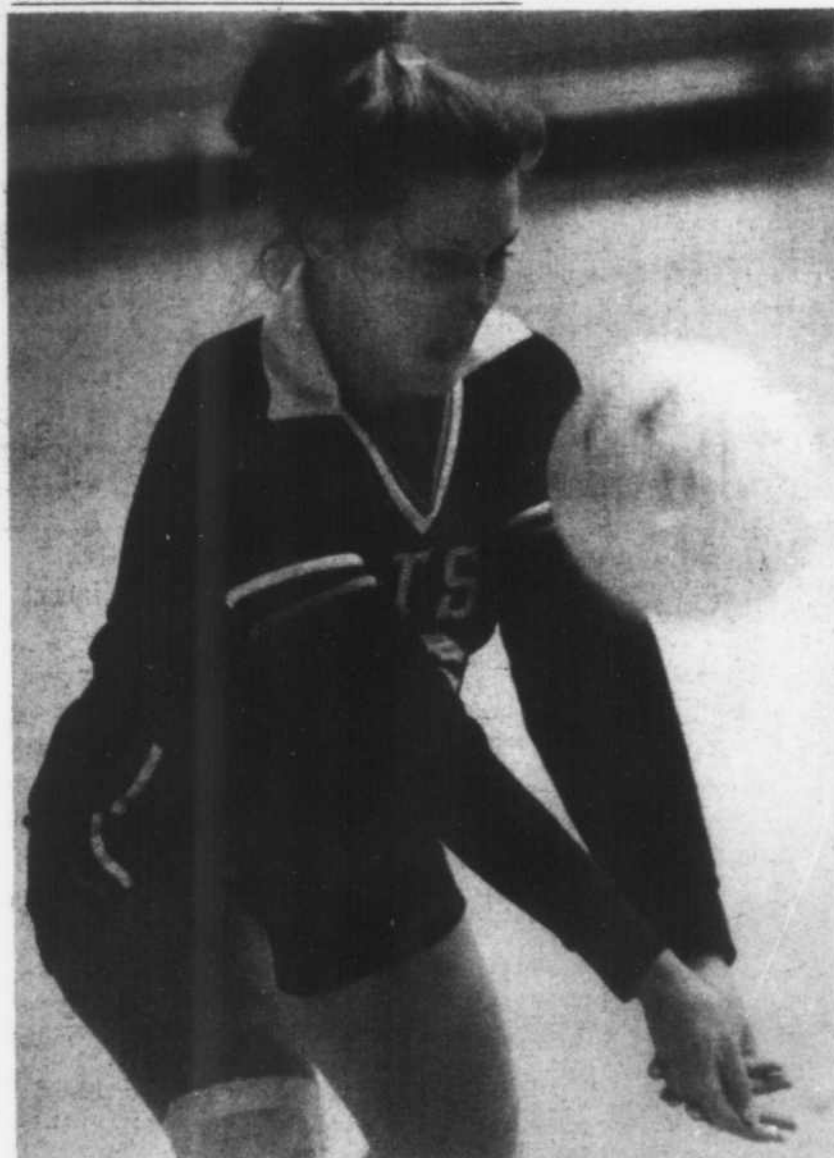
Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Carter should be re-elected because of his compassion and sense of social justice. His record for appointments to federal jobs is outstanding; he has nominated well-qualified men and women of all races.

Considering the probability that three or four new members of an already ultraconservative Supreme Court will be appointed in the next few years, having a forward-looking chief executive is of the utmost importance.

NOT SINCE 1964 have the American people had such a clear-cut choice between the two major party candidates; as in that year, an incumbent Democrat who has made some mistakes, but learned from them, faces a reactionary Republican with contradictory proposals on defense, taxes and the budget.

The difference between this year's candidates boils down to this: Mr. Carter has grasped the issues and is ready and seems able to lead us into the future; Mr. Reagan superficially glosses over the issues and seems hellbent on leading us into the past.

Remember when you vote that what's riding on this election is the future.



Lady Raider volleyballer Jill Carroll led her team to a second place finish in the UT-Martin Invitational this weekend. The MTSU squad won three of four matches, losing only to the Mississippi University for Women. The Lady Raiders play in Nashville tonight against host Vanderbilt and Trevecca and take on host Trevecca and Lambuth on Thursday.

Volleyballers grab second

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Editor

The Lady Raider volleyball team finally got around to enjoying a tournament.

After several disappointing tournament showings, the Middle Tennessee squad grabbed a second place finish at the UT-Martin Invitational this past weekend.

"After last Thursday night's losses, when we played so badly, we talked about team spirit and being motivated," MTSU coach Beth Glass said.

"Apparently, it helped. We played some great games at UT-Martin," she said. "Everybody played for everybody else on the team."

The Lady Raiders took three matches out of four in the round-robin tourney, losing only to the Mississippi University for Women.

MTSU opened the two-day competition against the host Lady Pacers, pushing the match into five games before taking the victory. The match was a contest of endurance, lasting two hours and a half before the

Lady Raiders won the final game 16-14.

"They all played well," Glass said. "Jackie [McReynolds] got hurt, and we took her out. But we had to put her back in for the last game."

After a short ten-minute break Friday night, the Lady Raiders swept the University of the South 15-0, 15-1, 15-4.

The eventual tournament winner, Mississippi University for Women, gave the MTSU squad its only problems of the weekend.

"They are an outstanding team," Glass said. "We can play with that calibre team, and we proved it."

The Lady Raiders didn't give the match away easily to MUW,

forcing the contest into five games.

"We started off really slow that morning [Saturday]," the MTSU coach said.

MUW opened with a 15-0 shutout over the Lady Raiders and then followed with a 15-7 game win. MTSU refused to roll over, though, and came back for 16-14 and 15-13 victories. MUW edged out to a final triumphant with a final 15-13 decision.

The Middle Tennessee coach singled out the play of senior captain Jill Carroll and sophomore Asaji Komatsu as important to the tournament placing.

"The experience of Jill and Asaji came through," Glass said, "because when the pressure was on, we went to them and they played outstanding."

The Lady Raiders also recorded a match victory over Christian Brothers College of Memphis on Saturday afternoon. Middle Tennessee

downed CBC 16-14, 15-8, and 15-5.

MTSU went into the tournament with a 7-5 regular season record after two straight triangular losses last week.

"We can either come in fifth or first in the state tournament," Glass said. "We know we can beat Memphis State, and they beat UT-Knoxville."

"When we play as a team," the coach continued, "we can beat really first-rate teams like UTK."

The Tennessee Division I state tournament ends the season for the women volleyballers. This year's tourney will be held Nov. 14 and 15 at Tennessee Tech's Hopper Eblen Center in Cookeville, Tenn.

The Lady Raiders will be in action tonight at Vanderbilt in a match with the host Lady Commodores and Trevecca. Thursday, the MTSU squad travels to Trevecca in a triangular that includes Lambuth.

sports stuff

by Bob Gary

NBC's latest broadcasting experiment:

Whither the Giffer, Dick, Brent, et. al.

This coming December 20th, the National Broadcasting Company will experiment with a new form of sports broadcasting that at best will deviate from the norm drastically; at worst, it could be the beginning of the end for those of us at this university and others who are broadcasting majors with a special interest in sports.

NBC will broadcast the NFL game between the Miami Dolphins and the New York Jets from Miami on the aforementioned date without commentary of any kind. No Dick Enberg on play-by-play. No Merlin Olsen on color commentary. No nothing, save for the Orange Bowl's public address announcer, bless his soul.

NBC has admitted that this is something of a gamble, but they say it's worth it. One might suppose that when one is rated third out of three in television ratings, any gamble might be worthwhile.

There is some merit to the experiment—it may appeal to those who religiously turn the sound on the TV all the way down when Humble Howard hits the screen and search for a radio broadcast of the same game. But, one might ask what happens if it actually works? What happens if the absurd takes place, and this experiment goes over with the audience?

THE ISSUE HERE is not who is doing this experiment (although it does figure that it would be NBC); it is the potential consequences. Suppose for a moment that it did work, and all three networks went to the announcer-less format.

You'd have Brent Musberger perhaps going into professional boxing (taking on Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder in his first bout). You might see people like Len Dawson, Don Meredith and Pat Summerall trying to make comebacks into pro ball. And you would see hundreds of college students across the country (this writer included) turning to aerospace, agriculture and (God forbid) economics for their new major and career.

Sure, every sportscaster isn't that great, and there are more than a few who are genuinely bad. But, believe it or not, there are some excellent minds and mouths in the field of American sports broadcasting. To wit:

At ABC, Keith Jackson (NCAA College football) is the best in the business. Period. Whether he's working with former Arkansas coach Frank Broyles or ex-Notre Dame mentor Ara Parseghian, Jackson has no peer in television play-by-play.

AS FAR AS Monday Night Football [MNF] is concerned, Frank Gifford is fairly good, but one must remember that MNF is mainly show-biz. The same goes for Dandy Don and Humble Howard.

CBS offers perhaps the best combination (Jackson is the best individual) going in Pat Summerall and Tom Brooksheir. Even though they do appear at times to have a warm spot in their hearts for the Dallas Cowboys, Patrick and Tommy have a chemistry that makes even the worst game fun to watch.

CBS also has capable regional play-by-play and color commentators to back the number one team. The "NFL Today" show is a past Emmy winner, and it remains pretty good. The rapport on that show has been strained somewhat of late, what with the fisticuffs between host Brent Musberger and America's favorite oddsmaker, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder.

AND THEN THERE'S NBC. When you're number three, you try harder, and NBC should get credit for at least that. Dick Enberg and Merlin Olsen are actually pretty good as NBC's top twosome, but beyond them lurks a void. The supporting cast is not nearly as competent as CBS'. Bryant Gumbel is very good as the central anchorman, keeping the national audience abreast of what else is going on with up-to-the-minute scores and highlights.

So, that's pretty much how the three major networks stack up in terms of broadcasting football, in the opinion of this writer. NBC's experiment (I wonder what Dick, Merlin and Bryant think about that?), if it works, could be the mandate from the fans for a change. I hope it won't be. I'm terrible with economics.

Robinson provides Raider kicks

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

Step, two, three, kick. Step, two, three, kick. Sounds like the latest dance craze you would see down at the local disco, huh?

Well, it's not, but when it's done correctly, MTSU place kicker Gerald Robinson can produce as much excitement on the football field as Fred Astaire could on the dance floor.

Robinson, a senior from Knoxville Farragut High School, took over for another Robinson (Mike) last year after the latter left with just about every MTSU kicking record in the books.

Gerald had a hard act to follow last season after Mike, who had the nickname "Automatic," graduated, but his years of dedication and hard work paid off.

He finished the 1979 season with some mighty impressive stats as he booted seven of seven field goals through the uprights and hit on all but one of his 11 extra points tries, and that one was blocked in the Western Kentucky game.

But this year has turned into somewhat of a nightmare for the 5-7, 155-pound pre-dental major. After seven games Robinson is three of seven on field goal attempts and three of four on point after tries.

"I really feel like I've let Coach (Boots) Donnelly down this season," Robinson related, "because after last year, I know he was

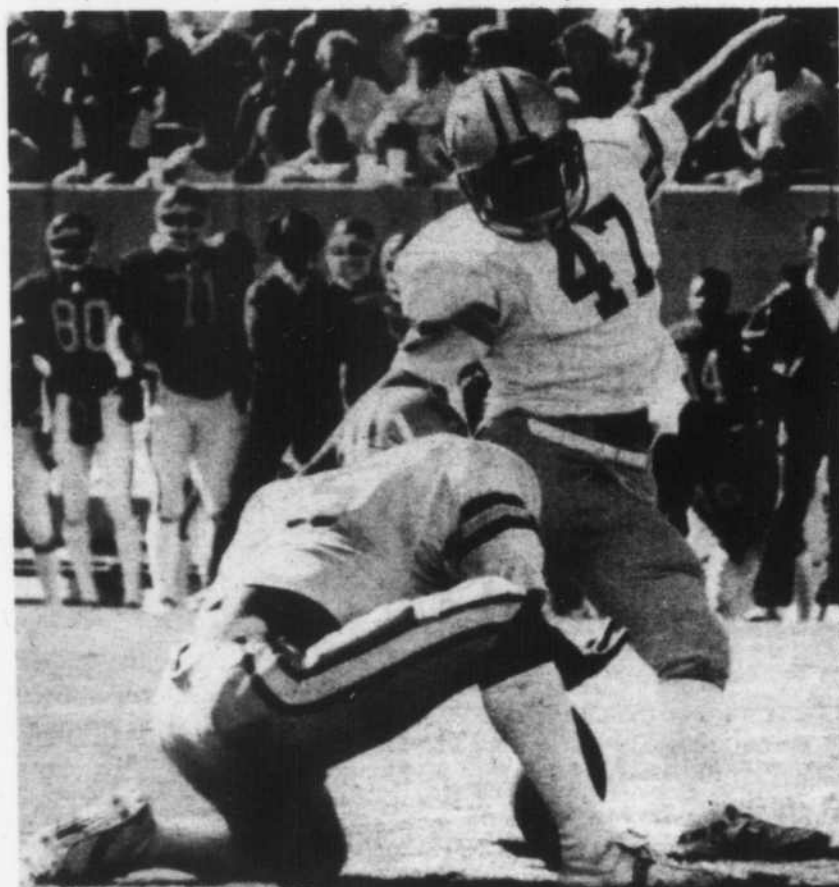


photo by Mark Holland

Senior kicker Gerald Robinson provides the Blue Raiders with a strong kicking game. Although Robinson has had some "timing problems" this year, according to head coach Boots Donnelly, the team won't hesitate to rely on the senior's kicking abilities.

Murray falls; Western stays on top of OVC

Western Kentucky gained sole possession of the OVC lead Saturday as Murray State dropped its first loss of the season.

Murray was knocked from atop the standings with a 24-14 defeat by Eastern Kentucky. Formerly undefeated, the Racers gave up 17 points to the Colonels in the first quarter, more points than they had allowed in a single game thus far.

Eastern's Jamie Lovett kicked a 45-yard field goal while Nicky

Yeast scored on a 1-yard run and Steve Bird caught a 12-yard Chris Isaac pass to give Eastern a 17-0 first quarter lead.

Murray quarterback Gino Gibbs ran for a touchdown early in the third period to put the Racers on the scoreboard. Isaac came back with a 23-yard touchdown run midway in the fourth quarter, giving Eastern some insurance, but Murray added another touchdown pass with eight seconds left in the game.

Western Kentucky, mean-

while, chalked up a 17-7 victory over Morehead State. Troy Snardon rolled up 160 yards rushing in the Hilltopper win, which left them as the only defeated team in the league with eight victories overall.

A nine-yard touchdown run by Snardon in the fourth quarter, following a 33-yard field goal by Jim Griffiths, provided the Hilltoppers with a winning margin.

Austin Peay won its fourth straight game with a 41-14 decision over Akron. Senior

quarterback Sonny Defilippis had 148 yards passing and 84 yards on the ground to continue as the OVC's top total offense leader. The Govs ran up 528 yards offensively in the victory.

Tennessee Tech dropped a designated league game with Troy State, a Gulf South member, 52-3.

OVC newcomer Youngstown State was drubbed by Northern Iowa 38-17. Winless Middle Tennessee had an open date Saturday.

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really counting on me to kick just as good this season."

But to speak to Donnelly, it's hard to find even a trace of an insecure feeling toward his senior kicker.

"Shoot, the way our offense has been going lately, we've been tempted to let Gerald kick from our own 20," Donnelly said laughing. "He had some trouble earlier when his timing got a little out of whack, but he's got that corrected now, and don't be surprised if you see him a lot more in the last few games."

The timing problem Donnelly spoke of stemmed from a bad habit Robinson picked up while trying to improve on his distance in practice. Gerald said that it's every kickers dream to be able to consistently knock them in from 50 yards out but that for him it just wasn't very realistic.

"All kickers like to back up and try to hit 'em from way back, but it really messed my steps up," Robinson explained. "I thought for awhile that I just wasn't hitting the ball right but then Coach Donnelly told me that he thought I was coming up to the ball wrong, and he was right."

"I went all the way back to the basic things and put my kicking routine together step-by-step," Robinson continued, "and it seems to have helped. This week has been my best one all season as far as feeling good when I kick."

Robinson began kicking as a freshman in high school when he broke his arm early in the season and couldn't play his normal wide-receiver position. His desire to contribute got him tinkering around with the kicking tee, and with the help of his high school coach Bill Clabo, he had his start.

A lot of credit for Robinson's success is given to Clabo, the father of former UT Vol and Minnesota Viking kicking great Neal Clabo.

"Coach Clabo was really a great inspiration. He was a personal friend of UT's kicking coach who also gave me a lot of pointers on the soccer style type kicking," Robinson said. "Coach Clabo was the kind of guy who always made you want to do your best, and that made a big impression on me."

Place kickers are considered to be an unusual breed by most, but the barefoot soccer-style kickers like Robinson always seem to get the most attention.

"I've always kicked like this (barefoot), so I never really think about it being unusual," Robinson said smiling. "The question most people ask me is if my foot gets cold."

"It doesn't when it's just cold outside," Robinson continued, "but when it's wet, the ball really stings when I hit it. But I would never think about doing it any other way."

What does the future hold for the stocky little kicker? "Well, I'm planning on graduating after this semester, so I'm trying to get into a dental school right now," he said.

"I guess what I would like more than anything at this point is to win some football games," Robinson concluded.

And you can rest assured that he's not the only Blue Raider who has that on the top of his list.