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After 60 years

Beasley's death ends long-term alliance

By BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

[Editor's note: Sidelines will publish an in-depth personality profile of Dr. William M. Beasley in Tuesday's edition.]

A sixty-year relationship ended yesterday with the death of MTSU English Professor William M. Beasley.

Beasley first set foot on the campus of the Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in 1927 when he was three. His father, the late N. C. Beasley, was the first dean of the faculty.

Beasley was involved with MTSU until his death at St. Thomas

Hospital at 4:55 Thursday morning after suffering from liver cancer.

"Dr. Beasley was very active, right up until last week," said English Department Chairman Francis Ginnani.

"I wish a lot more students around here could have known him," Ginnani said.

"Bill Beasley will be greatly missed," said John McDaniel, dean of the School of Liberal Arts.

"Hundreds of faculty members and thousands of students through the years have been touched by the warmth, compassion and deep concern Dr. Beasley showed for

MTSU," McDaniel added.

"The Beasley family and MTSU and Murfreesboro have gone hand in hand for as long as anyone can remember."

Beasley's academic career began in 1947 when he obtained his bachelor's degree in English from Middle Tennessee State College.

He left MTSC for eight years to get his post-graduate degrees from Vanderbilt University and then taught at Vandy and the University of Alabama before joining the faculty of MTSU in 1955.

The 62-year-old professor was one of the most loved men on-campus,

according to those *Sidelines* contacted.

"Dr. Beasley was very widely known and respected," said Ginnani. "I think loved is an appropriate term."

"I'm distraught. I'm not being too coherent right now," Ginnani said. "Beasley responded to some very difficult times with a great deal of courage."

Beasley's former students also thought highly of Beasley.

"He was a wonderful teacher," said Dot Harrison, a former student of Beasley's.

"He made the material come

alive," Harrison, who is MTSU's director of public relations, said.

"He was the consummate teacher; he had an interest and empathy for the students," she added.

Because of his long-time relationship with MTSU, Beasley gave the address at the Academic Convocation which launched MTSU's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

"Everybody who heard his speech kicking off the 75th anniversary celebration came away with a sense of pride in the university," Harrison said.

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William M. Beasley



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Dupree Spiller (left) staggers from a blow to the head delivered by Eric Fisk (right) at the Pike Fights Wednesday night at Murphy Center.

Gatorade makes student ill

Galbreath released from hospital after three-day stay

By KIM HARRIS
Senior Staff Writer

MTSU student Herbert Dean Galbreath was released from the Middle Tennessee Medical Center yesterday in stable condition. He had been in intensive care from Sunday night until Wednesday, after drinking a bottle of Gatorade.

According to Smith Hall Resident Assistant Brent Skelton, Galbreath was out playing ball early Sunday evening when he drank the Gatorade.

"As soon as he drank it, he smelled it — he downed it before he realized it," Skelton said.

Skelton and roommate Scott

Hustell both said that the lemon Gatorade was sealed and had popped when it was opened.

"He came in and told me what happened, and asked to be driven to the hospital," Hustell said. "He smelled like he'd drunk ammonia or turpentine. He complained that his lips were burning and his insides felt like they were burning as the drink went down."

Galbreath also experienced temporary vision problems, Skelton said.

At MTMC, Galbreath was placed in intensive care, and samples of the Gatorade were sent to Specialized Assays, Inc., a private

laboratory in Nashville, said Rebecca Climer, a public relations official at MTMC.

Climer said the results of the testing will not be available for several days.

The lot number for the Gatorade was CT118E2182. It was purchased at the Village Market.

Other samples were sent to the Quaker Oats Research Center in Barrington, Ill. Quaker Oats is the parent company of Gatorade.

"There is no direct link at this time between the product and Galbreath's condition," said Robert

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Fights end Pike's Peak Week

Pike's Peak Week.

The week started with the "Tour de Boro" bicycle race on Sunday, and continued with a golf tournament on Monday.

The boxing match started with a junior Olympic bout for the U.S. Golden Glove Championship, Peak Week promoter Freddie Baker Jr. said.

"These were the best, most professional fights I've ever seen," said Troy Baxter, the emcee and a previous promoter.

In the first bout James Sparks defeated Mike Gilbert. The other results are as follows:

Ronnie Lee defeated Dan Stevenson, Donald Sander wiped out Roy Williams, Billy Davis beat Madison Burnett, Eric Davis defeated Dupree Spiller, Glen Farris

defeated John Patterson.

Daryl Amason beat Mark Mayes, Derek Depasgo beat Joe Sudereth, David Key defeated Chris King, Rickey Bingham aced Sam Jones, Tim Swarts beat Mike Reiny and Joe Mulloy wiped out James Usury.

Baker said 50 riders participated in the cross-country bike race.

Baker said the winning time was one hour and nine minutes. However, the only finisher he knew of was MTSU English Professor Guy Anderson.

Anderson came in fourth place overall and did a fantastic job," Baker said.

Beta Theta Pi won the two-man golf scramble for the second year in a row. Ron Graham and Jay Oselton had a winning six under par. Budweiser sponsored the event.



Darrien Caughom/Staff

George Fiefer speaks on Russian life and television's role in Russian society in the Keathley University Center's theatre Thursday night.

Campus Briefs

ADPi and Beta Theta Pi win All-Sing

Alpha Delta Pi and Beta Theta Pi received first place in their divisions in the 19th annual All-Sing. The event, sponsored by the Tau Omicron, was held Tuesday night in Murphy Center.

The three divisions were sorority, fraternity and mixed. The Wesley Foundation placed first in the mixed division.

All-Sing Director Amy Davenport said she was "impressed at how well all the organizations did and how smoothly it went."

Tau Omicron is a scholastic honor society for women. The proceeds from the All Sing will be used for scholarships.

Two MTSU students get NAF scholarships

MTSU students William Higgins and Carol Fletcher were among the four recipients of Nashville Advertising Federation scholarships.

Higgins, a junior advertising major, received a \$1,000 award. Fletcher, a senior advertising major, received \$500.

Eight finalists were chosen by the NAF, based on essays they wrote on "Why I Want a Career in the Advertising Field," their grade point average and their extracurricular activities.

Twenty-one students from eight Tennessee universities applied for the scholarships.

The other two award winners were from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Two MTSU students receive recognition

MTSU students Wendy Irwin and Freida Myers are the 1987 recipients of the Willard Kerr Student Paper Awards, presented by the Middle Tennessee Psychological Association.

Irwin's entry, "Therapeutic Preschools: Are They Helpful for Abused Children?" won in the undergraduate division. Myers received the award for her master's thesis, titled "Attitude Toward Feminism as a Predictor of Mass Media Use Among College Students."

The awards were presented April 4th, at an MTPA meeting at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville.

State House passes trust for colleges

State representatives cleared the way this week for the establishment of a state trust fund for people who plan to send their children to Tennessee public universities.

The Tennessee Baccalaureate Education System Trust Act, sponsored by Reps. Dan Byrd (D-Memphis), Alvin King (D-Memphis) and House Education Committee Chairman Gene Davidson (D-Springfield), "would provide Tennesseans a method for paying college tuition in advance," Byrd said.

"But it is available only for people who want to send their children to one of Tennessee's colleges or universities," Byrd added.

Byrd said the lawmakers are trying to see if the trust would be exempt from federal taxes but said it would "certainly" be exempt from state and local taxes.

Paper's editors named Collage editor still open

By ANDREA AKINS
Editorial Editor

The Student Publications Committee chose *Sidelines* summer and fall editors this week, but failed to choose an editor for *Collage* the literary magazine.

Sophomore Kelly C. Anderson will be *Sidelines* editor in chief this summer, and junior Crystal A. Nelms will be editor in chief this fall, committee chairman Virginia Vesper said yesterday.

However, the one applicant for the editorship of *Collage*, the literary magazine, was not chosen, Vesper said. Though the *Collage* applicant was "very talented and creative, she did not have any editing experience," Vesper said.

"We felt the publication needed someone with editing experience. The committee felt this has been a problem with *Collage*." Students

are skilled in photography and art, but not in editing," she said.

Members of the English department faculty received memos urging them to inform students of the editorship and to solicit applicants for *Collage*, Charisse Gendron, a committee member, said.

"It's a really wonderful opportunity for students to express their creativity," Gendron said.

"Obviously we can't just appoint someone...It's an opportunity for them to do what they want to do. We just provide them the money," Gendron said.

The qualifications for *Collage* editor are a 2.5 grade point average, and enrollment as a full-time student.

Jacqueline Solomon, student publications coordinator and ex-officio member of the committee,

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Russian people like jokes: sovietologist

By DALE DWORAK
Editor-in-Chief

Just because Russians will pay two weeks wages for a pair of Levis doesn't mean they want capitalism, said Dr. George Feifer last night in a lecture at the KUC.

Feifer, a Sovietologist, author and journalist was speaking on the Russian people and their similarities and differences to Americans.

The Soviet system of government provides great security to the individual, Feifer said. They do not like the idea of unemployment which is part of the capitalistic systems.

"Russian instinct is for security not opportunity," he said.

Russians tell a lot of jokes, Feifer said.

"Jokes tell us a lot of about a country beneath the surface," he

said. "While the Russians are poorer than us in material things they're richer than us in humor."

Many Russian jokes center around a bumbling KGB agent named Ivan Vasilivitch.

"Russians are more like Americans than any other peoples I know," Feifer said. He added that he had lived in much of Europe.

"There is a public Russian and a private Russian," he said.

Feifer named a saleswoman as an example. Because she is not motivated to help customers she will be a "surly bitch" when asked for help — but will be very sweet if approached at a personal level.

According to Feifer one must understand Russian History in order to understand the Russian people.

Central to their existence is the "long harsh Russian winter." These

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Beasley

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Beasley showed his courage and love for MTSU when, despite being ill with liver cancer, he tried to teach.

"He tried to come back, but couldn't because he was too sick," Harrison said.

"He never did retire," she added. Harrison fondly recalled the first time she saw Beasley.

"He walked in, and his delivery was like that of David Brinkley; he had a dry wit like David Brinkley's."

"He loved the material and he conveyed that love to the students, to me," Harrison said.

He is survived by his wife Jean and his three sons. Craig is the public relations director at the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant, Bearl is a school teacher in a Rutherford County school teacher, and Brad is a student at MTSU.

Beasley's funeral will be held at 3 p.m. today at Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro.

Harrison summed up her feelings and the feelings of all who knew Beasley with the statement:

"I felt fortunate to be in his class."

While at MTSU, Beasley held every professorial rank, and from 1973 to 1978 served as chairman of the English department. In addition, he was a trustee of the MTSU Foundation and was president of the MTSU Alumni Association in 1984.

Beasley was active in off-campus activities as well.

He is a former president of the Tennessee College English Association and served four years as secretary of the Tennessee Council of Teachers of English.

At the time of his death, Beasley was researching a biography of author William March.

Beasley was named an Outstanding Teacher at MTSU in 1972.

**Drinking
and driving
can kill a
friendship**

Sidelines

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said candidates for the position at *Collage* should have an "understanding of all [fine] arts, good writing skills, an appreciation of visual arts and an understanding of design principles."

The *Collage* editorship lasts for one academic year.

The primary purpose of the magazine is to serve the MTSU community. Original art, fiction, non-fiction, graphics and photography are the elements exhibited in *Collage*.

Applications for *Collage* editor in chief will be accepted until Thursday, April 23 at 4 p.m., Solomon said.

Selection for summer editor in chief was relatively simple, because there was only one candidate, Vesper said.

"She seemed to be very well qualified," Vesper said.

Anderson said she worked almost two years at *Sidelines* before she applied for the position, adding that she anticipates this summer's *Sidelines* to be one of the best.

"I'm going to have to get a staff. Last summer we went without a

Gatorade

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Bottrell, senior manager of corporate communications at Quaker Oats.

Two quality assurance teams are investigating the situation, Bottrell added.

Bottrell said that another case of Gatorade with the same code number has been checked and found normal.

"The product factory date that the Gatorade was manufactured on was August 6, 1986, quite some time ago," Bottrell said.

"A couple of Galbreath's friends also drank out of the same four-pack. Galbreath was the only person to become ill," he said.

"Understand that we can't confirm until the lab analysis is sent back," Bottrell said.

Hustell said that Galbreath was released yesterday and is doing fine. The hospital would allow only immediate family members to talk with Galbreath.

sports editor," she said.

Though she already has the photo editor's position filled, she said that without a staff the summer will be rough.

Competition for the fall editor in chief was stiffer because there were two candidates, Vesper said. Brian Conley, News Editor at *Sidelines*, was Crystal Nelms' opponent.

"I felt very good that we had two qualified people to choose from," Vesper said. After the committee looked at both applicants Nelms was chosen because "she had more experience," she added.

Nelms said she intends to create an "Entertainment Capsule" — similar to the campus capsule — to showcase "movies, television shows, awards" and any activity or event in the Murfreesboro and Nashville area.

Russians

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winters can often last "six or seven months," Feifer said.

"Winter sets the mood — makes Russians feel picked on," he said.

Historically the ravages of the invasions of the Mongols, Napoleon, and Hitler have helped make the Russians paranoid, Feifer said.

Twenty million Russians died in the Second World War, Feifer said.

"There is a Russian cemetery, one Russian cemetery, that holds more victims than America lost in the Pacific and Atlantic theatres of the war," he said.

"Russia is a jumble of wheeling-dealing and black marketing," Feifer said.

Russians now believe "that socialism is a failure," Feifer said. "That is one reason why they drink so much."

Because socialism doesn't work "stealing defies description," Feifer said. "They feel if it's the state it belongs to anybody."

"The food shops are empty but the refrigerators of the enterprising are full," is a common Russian saying for those who know how to use the black market.

Gorbachev's attempts to reform the system in Russia is "an attempt to do the undoable," Feifer said.

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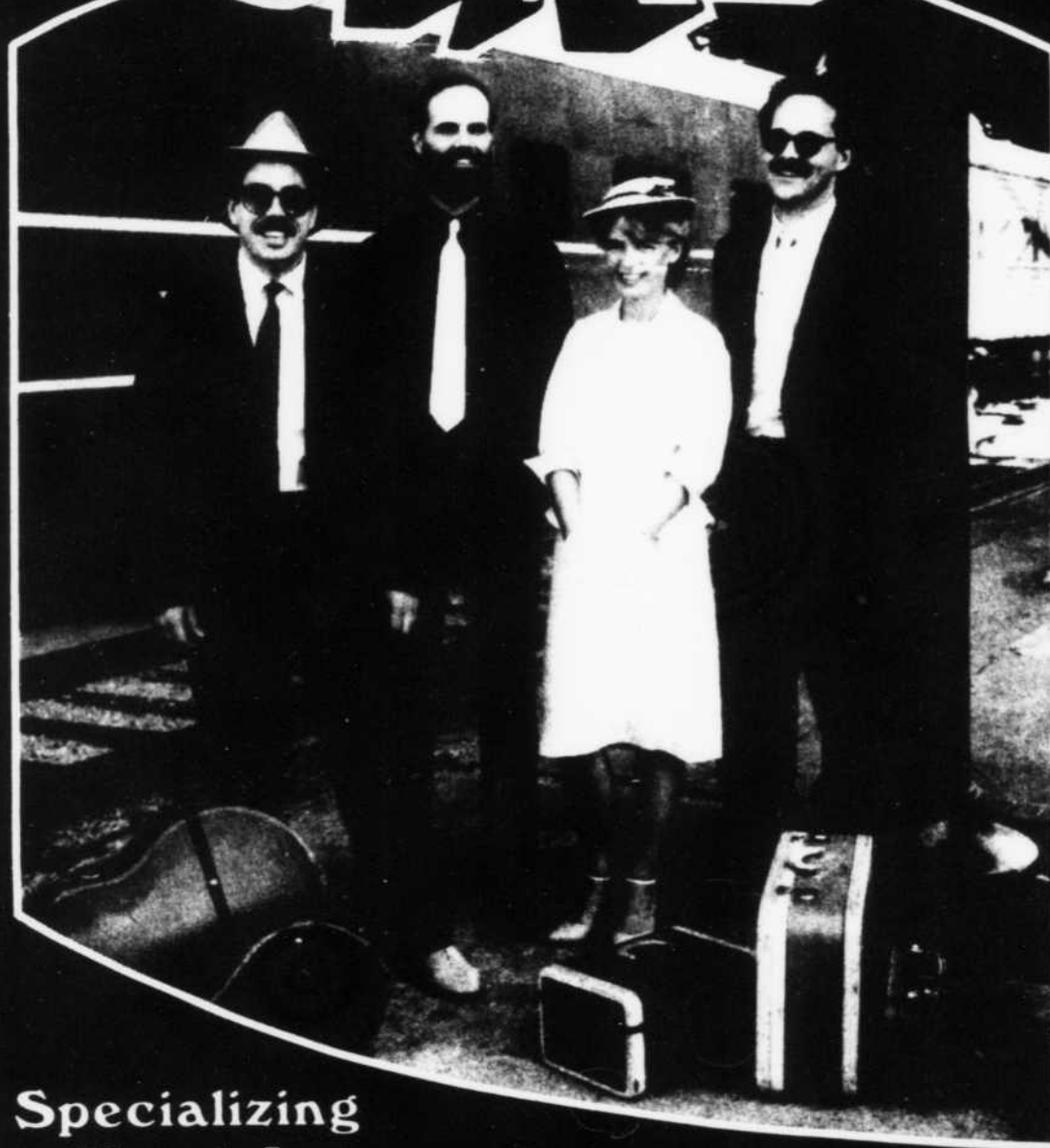
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Rockabilly trio to perform at Nashville's Exit/In Monday



The Paladins

By LARISSA KEILICH
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 20, the nationally acclaimed blues-rockabilly trio the Paladins will be appearing at the Exit/In as part of a cross-country tour in promotion of their self-titled debut album, which has just been released on Wrestler Records.

The Paladins hail from San Diego, California, where they have been a strong force on the music scene, performing regularly all over the West Coast. They have toured in most states, as headliners and also as openers for artists such as Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Los Lobos, the Blas-

ters, John Lee Hooker, and X.

The Paladins were originally formed as a quartet by guitarist Dave Gomez, bassist Tom Yearsley, and two other musicians. After several changes, drummer Scott Campbell was recruited from Los Angeles and the group became a trio. Their musical style shifted from country-rockabilly to blues-rockabilly, which they have now perfected to a tight, intense sound that seems to tear up the audiences everywhere they go.

Guitarist Gomez alternates between straight-ahead, hard-driving rock and slow roadhouse blues. His precision guitar work has earned

him admiration from other musicians, including the members of Los Lobos, who are long-time fans of the Paladins.

Yearsley takes his role as bassist to the limits — and one step beyond. Rumor has it that he often catapults himself across the stage and lands squarely on his feet just in time for the next beat.

Campbell pounds away fiercely on the drums, keeping a steady tempo that matches the energetic licks of his bandmates.

In 1982, a song by the Paladins was featured on a Government Records compilation called *Who's Listening*. This was followed by a spot

on the Rhino Records compilation called *The Best of L.A. Rockabilly*. An EP was then released by the band on Swinging Records.

In 1985, the Paladins went to Texas, where they captured the attention of Kim Wilson (of the Fabulous Thunderbirds). Wilson was quite impressed with the band and produced several tracks on the new LP. Other songs were produced by Steve Berlin (of Los Lobos) and Mark Neill.

Guest musicians on the record include Wilson, Anson Funderburg (noted blues guitarist), and Katie Webster (legendary boogie-woogie pianist).

Changes in daytime TV stir up 'soap' bubbles

BY JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

All three networks are doing their best to stir up the suds in their daytime soap operas.

Early last month, CBS cancelled *Capitol*, the lowest rated soap. They replaced the half-hour drama with *The Bold and the Beautiful*, which is produced by the same people who bring us daytime's highly acclaimed *The Young and the Restless*.

The new soap, which is CBS's only half-hour serial, stars John Wayne's son in the lead role.

ABC is fighting the soap battle with stories revolving around some old favorites.

All *My Children* fans are presently in the middle of a baby selling ring which is being infiltrated by Jesse and Yvonne.

On *One Life to Live*, Victoria Lord-Riley just returned from the dead where she was seen dressed in white, riding a star to heaven.

The only good thing about this ridiculous storyline was that Vickie got the chance — as did viewers — to see some former characters who had died on the soap before.

NBC is making its own contributions in order to keep their viewers interested.

On *Another World*, Country-singer Crystal Gayle recently made a series of appearances. Gayle played herself in a plot which involved her being chased by "the Bay City Sin Stalker."

Gayle, along with special guest Gary Morris sang their latest single, *You Take Me to Another World*,

which is now being used as the shows new theme.

Days of Our Lives is undergoing some major cast changes.

Today, Bo and Hope Brady (Peter Reckell and Kristian Alfonso) will end their stay in Salem when they take their newborn son and set off for a world cruise.

Days' most popular character Marlene Evans-Brady (Deidre Hall) will end her reign as soapdom's queen next Friday. After more than a decade of trials and tribulations, Hall's character will "die" in a plane crash.

In real-life, Hall has been signed for a second season of her primetime family drama *Our House*.

To fill the void which will be left by the departure of Marlene, Bo and Hope, *Days* has introduced several new characters and revived some old ones.

Of the new character, Genie Francis, formerly Laura on *General Hospital* joined the cast. Francis' character, who showed up at the hospital as an unconscious Jane Doe, will be linked to Mike Horton's past.

Angelica and her son Jack will be involved in Neil Curtis' life. Justin Kiriakas and Adrienne Johnson will become the new "young couple."

The characters of Maggie and Alton have given more important plot lines which will develop over the next few months.

With all three networks vying for your attention, all you need to do is tune in tomorrow.

Wonder Why?

Television offers several unanswered questions

BY JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

Lately, I have become an avid reader of Larry King's nationally syndicated column in which he poses questions similar to those brought to our attention by 60 Minutes commentator Andy Rooney.

Commentary

The more I read King's column, the more I thought of things I have always wondered about, but never really gave much serious thought.

I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of the questions concerning television that have been on my mind recently.

For starters, lets take cartoons. Why did Velma (*Scooby Doo*

Where Are You?) always let the dog drive whenever she lost her glasses?

Why could Scooby Doo's cousin Scrappy Doo speak perfectly clear English, while Scooby and his Hanna-Barbara cousin Astro (*The Jetsons*) spoke some almost unintelligible dog-English?

Wait a minute, Why could these dogs talk at all? How many times did the villain of *Scooby Doo* say "It almost worked, if it hadn't been for you meddling kids." Why do most Walt Disney animals — Mickey, Donald, Daisey and Goofy — talk, while others like Pluto don't?

Okay, enough about cartoons. What about those classic TV shows we grew up with?

Let's take those super-hero shows of the '70s. Why did Wonder Woman always jump over that

white fountain, no matter where she was? Why could we see her invisible airplane? Where did her clothes go when she turned around? Why didn't Steve Trevor ever figure out that Diana Prince was — you know who?

Why did Lindsay Wagner (*The Bionic Woman*) always move her hair back to hear with her bionic ear? Why did it cost more money to make the bionic man? Why did

they have a bionic dog? Why didn't Callahan, Oscar Goldman's secretary have a first name until the show was about three years old?

Why did Samantha (*Bewitched*), Jeanie (*Jeannie*), Ginger (*Gilligan's Island*) and numerous others have evil twins or look-alikes they never mentioned before the episode they appeared in?

Well, I just wanted you to think about these things

Ask Us

Dear Crystal and Jonathan,
I am currently dating a really nice young man but lately I have been having some strange feelings that our relationship is under a lot of stress.

I don't know if he's losing interest in me or if it's school pressures that are bothering him.

It may be the fact that his ex-girlfriend has been around him a lot. May be he is feeling some of the former feelings he use to have towards her.

When we first started dating we had so much fun & we talked about everything under the sun. Now we have fun on dates but we don't talk much any more.

I'm afraid its my fault. I know he's not proud of the way I look, I'm not pretty & I'm a little over weight. But I think I've got a good personality.

I'm really confused & I'd appreciate some advice on how to get our relationship back on the right track

I want to do something that hopefully neither one of us will be hurt by.

Sincerely, a very confused Girlfriend

Dear very confused girlfriend,
There is only one answer to this question in our opinion.

You need to be honest with him, and tell him how you've been feeling.

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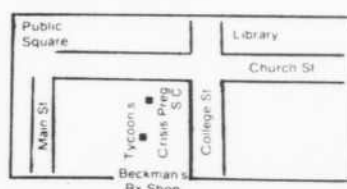
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Editorials / Opinions

If we know how to look Life can be seen

By MIKE REED
Editorial Editor

Aside from my duties at *Sidelines*, I work at a local hotel. This job allows me to see people of all backgrounds. One lady stands out in my mind. Her story is one that I can guess at pretty easily.

She looked to be in her early 40s. She might have been attractive — with her red hair and blue eyes — had she not had the tell-tale red marks of tears long since dried under her eyes. She needed a room for herself and two children. I gave her a room up front and she asked for a room around the back. For the rest of the story, I have to use my imagination.

She had a fight with her husband. He had probably been drinking and had hurt her. She had no bruises but a husband can hurt in ways that are not physical. She had finally had enough and needed to get away from him. So, she grabbed her children and ran to the truck. She probably had to lock the doors to keep her husband out. She wanted a room around back so her husband would not see the truck. She went to bed with her children huddled next to her. She is frightend and her children know it. They ask her questions but all she will respond with is a harsh "go to sleep". She will probably ride around and visit her relatives tomorrow.

Her children will be glad to miss school, but they will be worried about going home. When they left last night, their dad was yelling at them to come back inside. They were torn between their parents.

Now their mom is yelling at them to go to sleep, but sleep won't come. They need assurance, but

that won't come either. They finally drift off and dream of the family they once had but have lost. They might blame themselves for that. The phone rings and their mother answers and hangs up quickly then takes the phone off the hook.

Morning will come and she will go home and her husband will apologize and things will be fine for a few more days. Her husband will swear off the bottle and she promises never to leave again. Her husband will be good for nearly a week. He'll make sure she won't leave again.

Her children will be fine for now. Children bounce back easily. She is emotionally scarred for the rest of her life. Maybe this is not the first time this has happend. Maybe she does not believe her husband will keep his promise. She has heard it all before — the "I'm sorry"s and the "I'll do better"s. Because of this she will keep the truck door locked and the keys in the ignition. Perhaps she has a few things tucked away in the back for just such emergencies. Maybe she has a gun.

What of her husband? He spent a night, perhaps the first, without his family. He truly believes he can stop this time if he can just keep that bottle out of his life. He loves his wife and his two children. The bottle makes him a little crazy that's all. He is more, sorry than he can convey in words. He sits and thinks and tries to figure out when it happend. When did he ruin his life and his families. He sits there with his family at some hotel or God-knows-where and cries. He has lost control.



Reagan enjoys cutting student aid.

By JOHN CONKLIN
Columnist

Today, I'd like to address a few things that have been on my mind recently.

First of all, I received a letter at the end of last semester saying "President Reagan has recently signed into law legislation that dramatically affects financial aid."

Now, maybe I'm just cracked in the head (oh, all right, no maybe about it) but it seems like I get a letter like that from financial aid once a year. Is that all Reagan does is sit in the oval office signing legislation that dramatically affects financial aid?

I can just see the scene in the White House.

Ron: "Nancy, I think I'll help you with the 'Just Say No' program."

Nancy: "No, Ron. Why don't you just sign legislation that will dramatically affect financial aid."

Ron: "Gee, what a good idea." Next week on Capitol Hill:

Ron: "I'd like you to work with me on feeding the hungry and housing the homeless."

Congress: "No, sign more legislation that will dramatically affect financial aid."

Ron: "Gee guys, thanks. I didn't think you really cared."

Maybe those scenes have never taken place. Maybe the administra-

tion doesn't want to take the rap for cutting financial aid. Maybe they're a bunch of limousine liberals that don't like Reagan. Hey, I don't make the rules, I just work here.

Another thought is the return of "red M & Ms," brought about by the actions of a University of Tennessee student I'm told.

Now, I've never been much of a UT fan because I've had some friends go there who were nice people and came back real snots. But anyway, people all across the

nation are going to see this change brought about by a UT student and wonder things like "is that all they're teaching people these days?" or "is this what all UT students do in their spare time?"

Seriously though, I'm glad red M & Ms are back, even if they do cause cancer. We all gotta go sometime, right?

Well enough sadistic satire for this week. Check back next week to find out how to keep people in suspense.

Letters to the Editor

Take that, Mr. Creighton

No Miss MTSU coverage

Dear Editor,
I would like to respond to the letter by Stacy Creighton concerning MTSU's policy on AIDS. Mr. Creighton claims "anyone with the AIDS virus is quite capable of easily and inadvertently passing it on to others."

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, AIDS cannot be acquired through casual contact. It is primarily transmitted through sexual contact, sharing of contaminated hypodermic needles and blood products.

It seems to me, Mr. Creighton, that MTSU neither requires or forces sexual contact, contaminated needles, or blood products on anyone at this university.

Mr. Creighton proposes that persons infected with AIDS should be quarantined and they shouldn't be allowed to attend public universities. He also claims that "discrimination is not at issue here either."

May I suggest, Mr. Creighton, that you pick up a dictionary and look up the definition of "discrimination" since you obviously haven't done so.

To address Mr. Creighton's proposals of quarantine and preventing AIDS victims from attending public universities, not only would such a policy be illegal, it is frighteningly similar to Hitler's views and treatment of the Jewish people. A dramatic analogy, but who would have ever thought that millions of people could, and indeed would, be tortured and annihilated in a civilized society merely on the basis of their origin and religion?

We all should be extremely concerned about AIDS. The U.S. Surgeon General estimates that 145,000 cases will develop by 1991. AIDS is not discriminatory — heterosexual or homosexual, black or white, rich or poor, young or old, it is a threat to every human being.

It is extremely important, however, that we deal with this terrible disease as rational, educated, realistic, and sympathetic human beings.

Dani Durkee
Box 1669

Dear *Sidelines*,
This letter is in response to the Friday, April 10th edition of *Sidelines*. We looked everywhere for the article covering the Miss MTSU pageant, but we couldn't seem to find it. Admittedly, a teenager being shot while playing laser tag is newsworthy, but this happened in California. It seems to us that the Miss MTSU pageant would deem more coverage that this since it did occur right here on the campus of MTSU. The brothers and little sisters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon put a lot of time and effort into putting on a quality pageant, and they deserve to be commended on their success. Kellye Cash even commented on the professional air that the pageant had! Obviously, *Sidelines* had a person present because we did have a picture of Mrs. America, alias Miss America, Kellye Cash. There was also a brief mention that Dari Anne won Mrs. MTSU. (And we thought she was single!) come on, *Sidelines*, would it have hurt that bad to have one paragraph giving recognition to a greek organization for a job well done and the 18 lovely ladies that represented their organizations so well?

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I hope you have a good year Holly

By JOHN CONKLIN
Columnist

Thursday will see the inauguration of Holly Lentz as the new ASB President. I'd like to use my column space this week to offer her a little advice.

Holly, there will be tough times, no doubt. Just keep that backbone that you have already shown strong, and you'll make it through just fine.

Don't wait for people to come to you with their thoughts and ideas. Keep your eyes and ears open as you go about your business, and you'll learn a lot about those ideas others have.

When somebody doesn't like what you are doing, or if some special project fails, just remember that it is the project being rejected, not you.

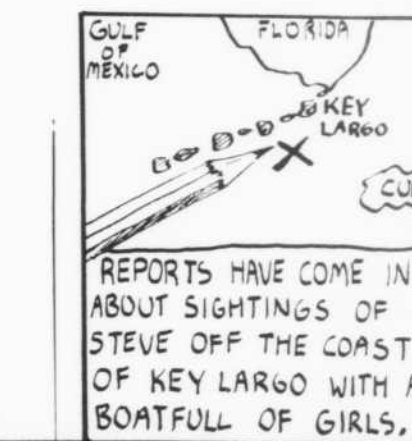
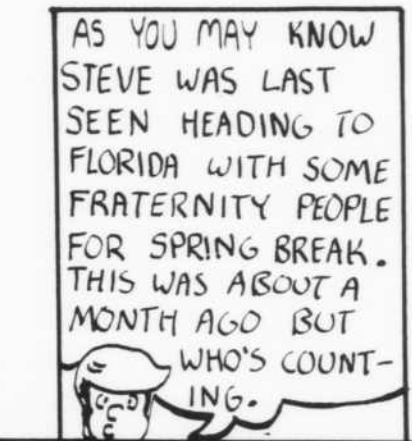
In spite of all of your administration's goals, your biggest task will be to bring back an air of total respectability to the office of ASB President. That has kind of been knocked down a bit in this past year. The best way to solve that problem is just to continue to work as hard after Thursday as you have up until now.

Above all, keep on being yourself.

I hope everyone is as excited about your administration as I am. My only regret is that I won't be around to watch the successes.

Good luck, my friend.

Steve Beat



By Kent Whittaker



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Sports

Defense, mistakes key to White win

By BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor
Defense.

Good defense coupled with the traditional mistakes of spring football games helped the White squad hand the Blue a 7-0 victory in the B.F. Goodrich Blue-White Game last night.

The only score of the game was on a 11-yard scamper off left tackle by Floyd Walker at the 1:45 mark in the first quarter.

"It was a typical spring game: very sloppy, lot of mistakes, lot of miscues," said Head Coach "Boots" Donnelly after the game.

"It was the typical spring game, but so what, there are a lot of young kids out there.

"You never expect anything in the spring."

Donnelly said he "didn't want [Gerald Anderson] to play as much" as he did.

"I thought he ran well," Donnelly said of the senior tailback.

A Kenny Tippins interception and 15-yard set up of a Ramsey Hailey pass return the White scoring drive from the Blue 29.

On the first play from scrimmage following the interception, Walker was thrown for a two-yard loss. However, on the next play Terrell Allgood got that back and three more, to set up a third-and-seven from the 22.

Van Dinger then hit tight-end Derek Breeding on a 11-yard toss. Then Walker broke off tackle and crossed the goal line for six.

Joe Lisle's kick was good and the score was 7-0.

After Walker waltzed into the end-zone, the Blue squad attempted to even the score but fell short.

They drove 56 yards in 9 plays to set up a Dick Martin 25-yard field goal attempt. Tailback Gerald Anderson had the last eight carries of the drive for 61 yards.

However, with it fourth-and-inches on the four, the Blue squad

was called with an illegal procedure penalty to make it fourth and 6.

Martin missed the chip shot.

The two squads exchanged punts until the 3:29 mark in the second half, when the White squad started driving again on the passing of Dinger and the running of Walker.

They got to the 20-yard line before they ran out of time and were forced to attempt a field goal, which Lisle missed.

The Blue squad came out of the locker room somewhat slow as flanker Robert Alford fumbled a reverse on the first play. He recovered it after an eight-yard loss.

The recovery was useless, however; on the next play, Tommy Barnes intercepted another Hailey pass and returned it 12 yards to the 26.

A 15-yard penalty on the return gave the White a first-and-ten on the Blue 41.

They drove to the 25, and Mike Cooper attempted a 42-yard field goal which fell short and wide left.

Neither team could get any more offense going, and the White squad went into the locker room happy, ready to eat the traditional steak dinner that awaits the winner of the Blue-White game.

The Blue squad got white beans and cornbread.

Anderson worked up an appetite for any meal as he gained 79 yards on 11 carries for the White to lead the rushers. Walker finished with 68 yards on 15 carries.

Dinger was 12 of 19 for 58 yards, and Hailey was 2 of 10 for 10 yards and three interceptions.



Floyd Walker attempts to escape the clutches of a Blue defender while Ralph Buckingham (95) and John Kempf (58) chase after the elusive tailback.

Bivens named new women's head coach

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Assistant Sports Editor

After several days of interviews and a long line of applicants, the MTSU administration has named Lewis Bivens as MTSU's new women's head basketball coach.

"He has done well in recruiting as well as in coaching," University President Sam Ingram said. "We looked for somebody we had the confidence in to continue the success of the women's basketball program."

Bivens accepted the job late Wednesday night after taking the day to deliberate the job offer with his family.

Formerly the women's head coach at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City for nine years, Bivens brings an impressive collegiate record of 216-74 with him to MTSU.

"I am happy to be the new Middle Tennessee coach," Bivens said. "I welcome the chance to coach in the Ohio Valley Conference."

Bivens has numerous credentials that undoubtedly made his application a highly favorable one.

"He obviously impressed the committee because he was their number one choice," Ingram said.

Bivens was not one of the original five finalists for the position. When DePaul's Jim Izard and Kentucky assistant coach Donna Murphy dropped out of the race, Bivens and Mike Bona, head coach at Emmanuel Junior College in Franklin Springs, Georgia were called to Murfreesboro for Tuesday afternoon interviews.

"Coach Bivens has a proven track record," Athletic Director Jimmy

Earle said. "He was a strong candidate for the job."

Bivens' coaching career is full of high recommendations as well as numerous honors.

- He posted a 79-29 record at Calhoun High School, taking his teams to the sub-state losing to the eventual state champion Pickett County.
- His Carson-Newman Lady Eagles have been to the NAIA national tournament three times.
- His 1984-85 unit lost in the second round of the national tourney with a 32-3 record.
- Bivens was named president of the 1984 NAIA Women's Basketball Coaching Association.
- He was the 1985 Converse NAIA national coach of the year.
- He leaves a stable Carson-Newman Lady Eagle team which finished this past season with a 20-9 record.
- He brings to MTSU a strong background of coaching experience and recruitment.

MTSU desperately needs to fill critical positions that were left vacant due to graduation.

Since recruitment is so essential to compete in the OVC title race, added intense pressure is placed upon Bivens to fulfill the obligation to rebuild a four-time title championship team.

"The thing I have to do right now is to begin recruiting immediately," Bivens said.

For the second time in a year, the MTSU women's basketball team will be going through a critical coaching change, while the percentage for a successful season continuously decreases.

With the hiring of Bivens as head

coach, MTSU will once again go through a fall season with frustration and a confusion that allows any change within a squad of this caliber.

According to Bivens, "I am ready to go to work," he said as he started

his first day as MTSU's head women's basketball coach.

Bivens earned his bachelor's degree at Tennessee Wesleyan and in 1977 he earned his master's from Union College.

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Ruggers win third straight

From Staff Reports

MTSU's Rugby Club defeated the University of the South's Rugby Club 27-4 last Saturday in Sewanee, to improve its record to 4-4-1.

After getting off to a dismal 0-3-1 start, the Raiders won four of their last five games (including three straight), and have outscored their last three opponents by the combined total of 77-12. The ruggers hope this momentum will carry over into tomorrow's grudge match against S.E.C. powerhouse University of Alabama.

MTSU scored early and often to overwhelm the inexperienced

Sewanee ruggers. Prop Robert Weske got MTSU the early lead with a spectacular diving try, five minutes into the contest. Fullback Brain McElroy hit the conversion to put the Raiders up 6-0.

Minutes later, McElroy's 30-yard penalty kick gave the Raiders a 9-0 lead.

Outside-center Eric Raney followed with a 40-yard try to make the score 13-0, but Sewanee came back and cut the Raider lead to 13-4 at halftime.

The second half was all MTSU's, as the Raiders scored 14 unanswered points. Hooker Chip Finley struck first on a one-yard plunge

seven minutes into the half, to extend the Raider lead to 17-4.

Inside-center Clay Walls followed with a 30-yard burst for a try, and the Raiders led 21-4.

Forward Richard Loony capped the victory with a 20-yard try with 10 minutes remaining. McElroy made the conversion, to make the final score 27-4.

The Raiders were scheduled to meet the University of Alabama this Saturday at the MTSU Intramural Field behind Murphy Center.

At the last minute the University of Alabama Rugby Club backed out of the meeting and said they could not make the trip.

As a result, the MTSU Rugby

Club has been forced to reschedule another game with a different team.

MTSU will now play the Nashville Club, which is comprised mostly of MTSU graduates. The game will be played at MTSU.

It is not certain why Alabama dropped out of the contest, however, the fact that last years meeting between the two schools was marred by several fights and controversies seems to be one of the main reasons.

The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Intramural Field, located outside of Murphy Center beside the Greenland Drive parking lot.



Caroline Holland/Staff

Raider rugger Robert Wesky flies through the air before putting the ball down in the try zone in the moosemen's victory over Sewanee.

First place on line as Raiders face Peay

By CHUCK MORRIS
Senior Sports Writer

Two of the hottest teams in the Ohio Valley Conference's Southern Division collide head-on this weekend in Clarksville when Middle Tennessee's Blue Raiders take on the home-standing Governors of Austin Peay.

MTSU starts the second half of OVC play in first place after winning nine of their last 10 games, including five of six from divisional foes.

Austin Peay, meanwhile, has been the surprise team of the division, moving into second place last weekend on the strength of a three-game sweep of Murray State, including a 5-4, 15-inning marathon on Sunday.

MTSU will be counting on the league's number one pitching staff to carry them through the pivotal three-game series.

Dave Richardson, the number one MTSU starter, is 8-3 on the season with a 2.06 earned run average. The junior lefthander from Nashville has struck out 40 batters and walked only 24. At 8-3, he needs only three more wins to set a new school record for victories in

a single season.

Barry Vetter, a senior from Dickson, leads a Raider bullpen that has totaled seven saves this spring. He leads the league in saves, with three, to go with his 6-0 record and 2.49 E.R.A.

George Zimmerman has emerged as a strong second starter after playing exclusively as a first baseman a year ago. The sophomore from Nashville has also hit five homers, driven in 22 runs and is hitting .306 as the team's designated hitter.

Chris Whitehead, Mike Messerly, Chris Courtright, Tony Hayes and Zimmerman comprise the heart of the highly productive Raider batting order. Hitting .291 as a team, MTSU is averaging nearly seven runs per game.

Whitehead, known for his power last season, is hitting for average this year. The sophomore third baseman has five home runs so far, compared to a total of 18 last year, but is batting .369, an increase of more than 60 points.

The Raiders and Gobs clash in a twin bill Saturday at 1 p.m. and a single game Sunday, also starting at 1 p.m.

After resigning from MTSU

Radford accepts South Alabama job

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor

Ralph Radford, a former MTSU assistant coach and the Blue Raiders' top basketball recruiter, has resigned his position here in order to accept the same position at the University of South Alabama.

South Alabama, the cellar-dwellers of the Sun Belt conference, have completely reconstructed their men's basketball staff, in order to be more competitive in the conference.

Radford will join South Alabama's new head coach Ronnie Arrow. The two met when Radford was recruiting Blue Raider Jimmy McGill at San Jacinto Junior College in Texas.

According to basketball head coach Bruce Stewart, Radford's departure is a loss, but the MTSU team will continue to do what they have done over the past few seasons.

"Ralph has done an excellent job at MTSU," Stewart said. "He is responsible for a lot of the success we have had. I wish him and his wife well, but we must continue to operate as we have. The sun will still come up tomorrow and we will

continue."

Radford accepted the new post for several reasons. Firstly, South Alabama is home for Radford. Secondly, he will receive something of a raise. Thirdly, he gets the challenge of pulling the program out of the bottom of the conference.

"They have a great recruiting budget at South Alabama," Radford said. "This is my home and I'm excited about being back here."

Radford is responsible for most of the athletes now at MTSU, as well as the ones who are already signed for next season. An example of Radford's dedication to the Blue Raider program was seen when he went out recruiting on the night that MTSU won the conference championship.

"He has to be one of the top recruiters around and he helped in a lot of other ways, too," Stewart said. "Mobile is a lot closer to 'home country' for Ralph and I know he'll do a great job for them. It will be a great challenge for Ralph and I wish him the very best."

Radford expressed gratitude toward Stewart for giving him the chance to be a part of the Blue Raider program.

"I would like to thank Bruce Stewart for giving me the opportunity at MTSU," Radford said. "I would like to think that during the time I was here we did a good job of making this a better situation than when we came."

Stewart said he won't rush to hire a new assistant, though the candidates are available.

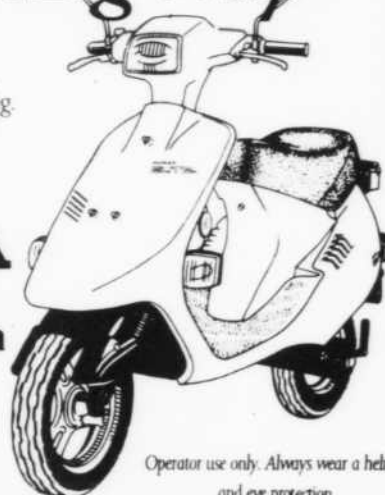
"We have two or three people in

mind," Stewart said. "We are in no rush to hire a new assistant. Our recruiting is done, and we will probably name someone in June." Radford joined the Blue Raider staff when Stewart took over as head basketball coach three years ago. Previously, Radford was an assistant at Arkansas-Little Rock and UT-Martin, and taught for two years at the high school in Okeechobee, Florida.

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