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WEATHER

Tuesday's weather will be an improvement over the last few days, with fair skies and a high in the lower 60s. So it'll be nice, but not nice enough for all of you beach bunnies with fading tans to lie out in the sun. Unless you enjoy the cold. Of course if you're reading this you've been outside already, so why are you reading this?

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Security officer cleared

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

Independent witnesses and reports filed by three different police organizations vindicated MTSU security officer Beverly McCowan, according to MTSU Chief of Security Jack Drugmand.

"We heard testimony today from witnesses that she could not have said the things she said," Drugmand said.

Allegations arose last Tuesday when *Sidelines* published a story that McCowan became irate and shouted profanities at residents of Family Student Housing while investigating a call at the rugby field adjacent to FSH last Sunday.

A meeting was called by Vice President Otis Floyd to attempt to solve the problems that arose after FSH resident Jennifer Short discovered that rugby players were parking in spaces paid for by FSH residents.

During the meeting, presided over by Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance, Short stated that McCowan, when investigating the report, yelled and cursed at her, her husband, and

several other residents.

"She called us sons of bitches, and told us she would have us evicted," Short said.

Statements later made by two members of the MTSU Rugby club contradicted that statement, saying that Short in fact cursed the officer.

Rugby player Mark Williamson, when asked by Short if the officer had used specific profanities, responded, "I never heard that word used."

"She (Officer McCowan) was doing her job until he [resident Fred Funte] accused her of not doing her job because she was black," Williamson said. "She got upset after that."

Reports filed with MTSU Security by an MTSU officer, a Murfreesboro policeman, and a Rutherford County deputy stated that McCowan had indeed acted in a professional manner and did not use profanity.

The reports stated that Short, her husband, and another male were violent and cursed McCowan.

"The female stated that Officer McCowan was a lazy pig and didn't

do her job because she was black," MTSU Security Officer Chris Jenkins said in his report.

"I heard (Mrs. Short) call Officer McCowan a pig, a bitch, a lazy black and an incompetent and unprofessional officer," Deputy Sheriff Carolyn McGowan said in a statement. "Officer McCowan yelled at them to shut-up or she would take them to jail. One of the males said she could not do that (and)...called her a bitch," McGowan said.

The meeting was called to answer questions as to why the confrontation took place, according to Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake. It was determined that the rugby team would take it upon themselves to keep Family Housing parking spaces clear of their cars so that residents would be free to park.

"I believe that we can settle this in a friendly manner," Shewmake said.

University Housing will make available rooms for the players to change clothes and restroom facilities in the FSH office building, said Shewmake.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Robert Nelson, the Butterfly Man, entertains a crowd in front of the Keathley University Center last Friday afternoon with his blend of sarcastic humor and crowd pleasing juggling antics. Nelson was one of the performers taking part in MTSU's Comedy Week.

MTSU security a busy job

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Staff Writer

"In the first quarter of 1986 MTSU Campus Security answered 1,558 requests for services," Jack Drugmand, chief of public safety and security, said in an interview last week.

"One hundred and six of these were criminal offenses," Drugmand said.

"In numbers of arrests and calls for assistance we resemble any town with the same population," Drugmand said. "Also, our requests for assistance are up because we recently began the jump start program." Drugmand also mentioned the campus escort service as a program requiring more man-hours.

"At present, we have ten full-time officers and 45 part-time student employees," Drugmand said. "All officers must be graduates of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy or its equivalent. Student workers are hired on an availability basis."

"The police revolver is a tool of our profession," Drugmand said, referring to the fact that MTSU security officers carry guns. "It's

use is to protect life and is to be used only when the officer is in immediate danger...or when the life of a victim or innocent bystander can be saved."

"You must remember that [MTSU] has 550 acres, 12,000 residents during the day, and 11.3 miles of roads; it is a city within a city," Drugmand said. "One of our officers just recovered a large knife off a suspect."

"Our biggest problem right now is off-campus people coming on campus," Drugmand said.

"Ninety percent of our students are good people who never cause problems," Drugmand said. "With their help we can solve problems as they arise. Often we must decide between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. Police work is discretionary."

"Some things are enforced at different times," Drugmand said, citing parking as an example. "We like to see what we can tolerate before we start writing tickets. Students have to park," Drugmand said that one reason parking was so bad this year was that the economy was

good and more students owned cars.

"Ninety percent of violations occur unintentionally and we understand this," Drugmand said. "It is intentional abusers that cause problems."

"I want students to see us more," Drugmand said. "It's not us against y'all. We like to maintain high visibility. When something is stolen the kids never think to call us, but we are the authority all the same."

"In fact, our officers have more training than most city police," Drugmand said. "I sent them to Criminal Investigation, Crisis Intervention and Fingerprinting schools—schools most city officers don't attend unless they make detective."

"I believe in people and want to serve them," Drugmand said. "I have a lot of faith in the system."

Drugmand also said that the student, part-time help did a "super job."

"Security is everybody's problem," Drugmand said. "It takes so much to make things work. But with the students help we'll solve problems."

Faculty finds football low on list

By CRYSTAL NELMS
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Of 211 MTSU faculty members who responded to a survey, 74 percent did not purchase season tickets for football games in 1985, and 60 percent of those faculty indicated that other weekend activities were more important to them.

The MTSU football season ticket survey was conducted by five students for a marketing research class taught by Ron Moser. Five hundred and fifty surveys were sent out, and of that number 211 responses were received.

MTSU faculty members can purchase football season tickets at half price, but 25 percent of the survey

respondents who did not purchase season tickets were not aware of that fact. However, of that 25 percent, 83 percent said that that would influence their decision to purchase season tickets.

Fourty six percent of the faculty members surveyed, that did not purchase season tickets, indicated that they felt that there is too much emphasis put on athletics at MTSU.

As part of the survey, faculty members were asked whether or not they would like to have a payroll deduction plan to purchase season tickets. Only seven percent of the faculty who do not have season tickets and 33 percent of the faculty that do purchase season tickets in-

dicated that they would like to have the price deducted from their paychecks.

"This is not a very significant amount," Brandon Hodge, student surveyor, said.

Ninety seven percent of the faculty members that did not purchase season tickets indicated that they do not attend more than two games a year.

According to David Eubanks, a student surveyor, several recommendations will be made to the athletic department. There is a need for better advertising of football games to faculty members as well as students, and teacher's concerns about emphasis on athletics at MTSU needs to be addressed.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Officer Jimmy Fanguy sits in observation of the traffic traveling through C Street in front of High Rise Residence Hall Monday afternoon. Traffic surveillance is one of the many daily tasks performed by MTSU security officers. The officers also assist students in starting stalled vehicles, respond to student calls, patrol the campus and help in other ways beside the normal law enforcement duties that people associate with campus security.

MTSU ticket writer takes job seriously

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: Staff Writer Dale Dworak recently accompanied an MTSU ticket writer on his early-morning rounds to provide a look at where those tickets come from.]

"I usually work until the ink runs off my pad," said MTSU ticket writer Phillip Miller as we walked his morning route in a steady rain.

"In four hours I can write 75 to 100 tickets. I could easily write 200 or more if I could write and walk faster," he said. "I don't set out to write a certain number but I try to cover my area."

Miller's shift starts at 8 a.m. but he usually shows up at the security building at 7:45 a.m., where he gets his radio and checks the bulletin board for assignments and messages.

"If people call and say their car is out of gas or has mechanical problems we'll make sure not to ticket it. That's why we make sure and check the bulletin board," Miller said. "We can't use notes on the vehicle because we don't know

who's telling the truth and and who's just parking illegally."

Miller covers three zones or, roughly, the west end of the campus, during his four-hour shift. Miller is a 37-year-old graduate student who has a B.S. in criminal psychology and is working on a master's in criminal justice.

He has served time in the Army, Air Force, Army Reserve and the Tennessee National Guard. He holds a deputy sheriff's commission in West Tennessee and has worked as a city police officer as well as a corrections officer.

At 8 a.m. I joined Miller to get an idea of what it is like to write tickets. First of all, it is a lot of walking.

"I walk a lot and walk fast," Miller said near the Jones Field lot. That is where Stephanie Lampley, another ticket writer, will spend her shift in a small, white shack making sure students don't park in the faculty lot. As we walked though, Miller pointed out cars with stickers not correctly attached to the window.

These are called paper-on-permit offenses and are heavily ticketed. He showed a memorandum that listed over 30 stickers that had been reported stolen and said that many had been improperly attached.

Students do not attach them all the way in order to have less trouble removing them.

By 8:20 a.m. we were in the KOM faculty lot where, Miller said, his job really begins.

"Usually, if students are late they'll try and park here," he said as he wrote a ticket on a white Datsun 280Z. Another car had a note saying that the owner had forgotten his/her umbrella and that it was raining too hard to walk far. Miller ticketed that one, too.

"There shouldn't be exceptions to the rules," he said. "With the number of tickets we write a day we do make mistakes occasionally," Miller added. The appeals court was for taking care of those mistakes, he said.

"I just wish some of those students on the appeals court would take the time to walk around with us on a shift so they could understand our position better," Miller said.

At 8:30 a.m. we walked through the lots around the industrial studies building. "After walking day in and day out I know which cars should be there and don't necessarily have to check each individual sticker," he said.

After crossing Tennessee Blvd. we walked through the Home Economics parking lots and then walked up the lot behind Rutledge hall and the JUB. It really began to rain and we ducked into the JUB.

"My job is not just writing tickets," Miller said once we were inside. "I give directions and use my radio to call security. I've seen three weeks this semester in the Bell Street lot where I've used my radio and I also use it when I find someone who's locked their keys in their car and needs help."

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Campus Capsule

TUESDAY

ARMS, The Association of Recording Industry Management Students, will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in room 324 of Keathley University Center. Officers will be elected and constitutional revisions will be voted upon. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

WEDNESDAY

PERSPECTIVES the spring dance concert by the MTSU Performing Arts Company, will be held in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24. Admission is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

NOTICES

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the semester following graduation must notify the post office by Tuesday, May 6, 1986, of their desire to retain their present post office box.

AN INTERNATIONAL TELECONFERENCE will be sponsored by MTSU in cooperation with the Christian Science Monitor on April 26. The conference will focus on the role of journalism in identifying and reporting major international issues. The conference will run from noon to 3 p.m. and will be in the Multi-Media room of the Learning Resources Center.

GRADES FOR SPRING 1986 will be mailed to the permanent addresses of all students enrolled, provided outstanding financial obligations to the University are cleared by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6. Grade reports for those students who continue to owe money to the University after May 6 will be held in the Records Office.

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: all submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 1 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's paper and 1 p.m. Thursday for Friday's paper. All submissions are printed on a space available basis.

THE BLOTTER

The Blotter is a record of incidents investigated by the MTSU Department of Public Safety and Security and submitted to *Sidelines* by that office.

Incident: Larceny

Victim stated he left his bicycle in the bike rack near Sims Hall on 4-1-86. When he returned on 4-2-86, the bicycle was gone.

Incident: Vandalism

Victim stated he found a scratch mark that appeared to be done with a key on the right side of his vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the H Hall parking lot. The incident occurred on 4-2-86.

Incident: Public Drunkenness

Jack Arbuckle was arrested on 4-3-86 for public drunkenness. He was observed [near] the J.U.B. wandering aimlessly and unsteady.

Incident: Burglary to Auto

Victim stated that some time between 4-3-86 and 4-4-86 someone entered his vehicle and removed stereo equipment. The vehicle was parked in the I Hall lot and was secured when parked. The passenger side vent window was found unsecured by the officer.

Incident: Vandalism

Campers at MAC waiting for tickets to ZZ Top complained of two males acting drunk or crazy. Witnesses stated the two threw a wooden sawhorse

against the glass side of the MAC three times in an attempt to break the glass.

Incident: Larceny

Victim stated he chained his bicycle in the bicycle rack on the west side of Gore Hall on 4-7-86. When he returned on 4-9-86, the bicycle was gone.

Incident: Vandalism

Victim stated he parked his vehicle on 1st and Womack on 4-7-86. When he returned to the vehicle on 4-8-86 he found all four of the tires had been slashed with a knife.

Incident: Miscellaneous

On 4-7-86 an officer responded to a call in reference to people camping out for concert tickets at Murphy Center. There were people shooting fireworks. Upon arrival the officer saw a small tent near the ticket office. The tent was to have been taken down on 4-5-86. The tent was taken down and returned to Campus Recreation Department.

Incident: Vandalism

While on surveillance an officer observed three males exit a vehicle and proceed toward Sims Hall. Upon entering Sims Hall lot, one of the male subjects pushed over a motorcycle that was parked in the lot. Subject issued a dean's citation.

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"Younger ticket writers often get intimidated by their fellow students. A lot of them won't write tickets between classes when they're highly visible," Miller said. "I've been called scab, traitor and

even asshole. It doesn't bother me; I figured they're just frustrated 'cause they know they're wrong and there's not much they can do about it."

Miller said that one big problem was the fifteen-minute limit on spaces around the UC and Cope administration buildings. He said that he was trying to rigidly enforce

them so that others could park there and take care of their business, too.

It was still raining heavily and I had forgotten my umbrella, and he appeared anxious to resume his job so I thanked him for his time and shook his hand. He walked out into pouring rain and headed for his next lot to check the cars there.

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Editorial/Forum

She was worth my money



THE BACKROOM
By Dale Dworak
Sidelines Columnist

My old truck died this weekend. It died on the interstate trying to get me to a friend's house, but I was asking too much of the old girl and her ticker finally gave out. It hurt like hell to see her go.

I used to have a huge, four-door Plymouth Satellite that my parents gave me, but I never cared much about her. In fact, when she died, I was glad — now I could buy a truck.

And so I did — buy a truck that is. In fact I bought a 1959 Chevrolet 3100 series Apache stepside with a custom cab. She sounds a whole lot better than she ever looked. She was somewhere between green and blue in color with a good dose of rust thrown in for good measure. As they say in the country she was 'et by cancer in the fenders. And half her front grill was about to fall down to the street.

I got her from one of those nameless fly-by-night used car lots that line the length of 41 between Murfreesboro and Nashville — the kind that advertise easy monthly terms and have signs exclaiming, "We tote the note." Paid \$300 and my car which, as I mentioned earlier, was dead.

You should have seen her that day, her wiring lying on the floorboards, sparking and sending up little puffs of blue smoke. The driver

section of the seat was nothing but springs; she didn't have a spare, a headlight switch, and she wouldn't start. She also had the dumbest looking home-made roll bar I've ever seen. I left that in the dumpster on Leanna Road the first day I had her.

But she was a truck and she was mine. I'd wanted a truck ever since Lester and I used to ride around in his '68 Chevy back in my halcyon days in Missouri. And boy did she have personality; anything that ugly had to have personality. Every girl I ever knew, save one, loved her she was so ugly.

The day I bought her I drove her to Murfreesboro where she proceeded to lock her shift linkage up and cause me to call home for a ride. This was the routine for the next few weeks and it almost got old. Sometimes she'd almost start a fire and I had to take the carpet out because I didn't like the idea of sitting in front of the gas tank in a constant electrical hazard. Then one horrible day in June her differential gear seized up and spat gears all over the road. We had her towed home and in the next few weeks we rebuilt the differential, replaced the brakes, rewired four thousand miles of wiring and got her running.

After that it was all smooth sailing. She ran fine and I loved to

drive her. She sat real high off the road and the sailor in me liked to refer to the cab as the "bridge." And she'd go down any road you wanted her to, once you got used to her nine inches of play in the wheel. Once this girl and I were talking when we noticed we were driving at a precarious angle along the side of a ditch, but the old girl got us out.

Of course she was always an adventure. Both sides of the grill, in fact the whole damn thing, eventually ended up being held on by hangers. My front end ate tires at the rate of two used ones a month until I replaced the tie rod and one summer, after visiting a girl in Murfreesboro, the whole electrical system shorted out and it took close to \$150 to get her running again. Then there was the time that my door decided it would no longer open and I had to start exiting from the passenger side. That always drew a lot of stares. And when the gear shift sheared off I used vice grips to shift. She was something else.

Some cars or trucks you love, and some you hate. For all her problems, I loved her and I hate to think of her in that junkyard being slowly stripped for parts. She deserved better. There's more than getting your money's worth out of something. My only regret is that we never made it to Missouri; perhaps we weren't meant to. But I got two good years out of her and that was 23 more months than anyone would have guessed.

Should have stayed in bed



SUBURBIA
By Chris Bell
Sidelines Columnist

All of us have memories that still frighten us. Nightmares that make us realize just how darn scary life can be.

And the experience that can send me into Andy Kaufman (God rest his soul) impersonations? The worst date of my life, of course.

"The worst date of my life" conjures up unpleasant pictures of beatings from boyfriends, day-after disease confessions, trips to the tile matress and lots of other stuff that sober, respectable people should avoid, but heck, let the kids have a little fun.

Mine started with the Ramones, always a good place to start. The Ramones could arguably be called the fathers of punk rock (76-79 division) and are unarguably one of the fastest, loudest and most humorous bands in America. I was wearing full leather (o.k., near full leather with boxer shorts, plain white — no goofy patterns), drinking bourbon (which makes me gag) and thrashing around like a goon.

I had a great time (except for the bourbon and I had to look really tough) and if I'd gone on home and slept it off I'd remember it fondly.

I didn't.

On the trip back home a friend offered me a hallucinogen to be named after a seven year period. [I'm not advocating drug use here! Keep reading and if you still think that's the case then you're probably the kind of person who gets turned on by criminal records.]

I accepted. Dumb move. Really dumb because it was one o'clock in the morning and there wasn't much to do for the next eight hours while I was hiking the Tim Leary nature trail.

I'd like to describe that evening but this is about the worst date of my life so just imagine giggling at anything that moved, deciding that *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*

was the most incredible movie ever on cable, and feeling that the walls and ceiling were going to ooze in on me in my bed. Fun, huh?

No, but if it stopped here I could sleep at nights. At eleven the next morning I was awakened by a phone call from my fraternity big brother.

"Where are you?" the voice shouted. "Trying to sleep." I shouted back as I hung up the phone with excessive force. It rang again. "You were supposed to pick up your date an hour ago!" the voice shouted again.

Holy mother of pearl. It was the homecoming day and the frat has set up everyone with dates and invited a bunch of alums over for a pre-game brunch. And I was hung over, ill and still scared of the walls.

I showered, shaved and spent 20 minutes trying to fix my collar pin. Doom was written on the wind and written in my trembling hands. Doom, doom, doom! Argh! And lots of other Charlie Brown-type exclamations.

I managed to get to my car. The same car which was littered with debris from the night before. I was on my way to pick up the blind date and wondering how many eyes she had. I was praying for two, but would settle for one.

During the drive I was throwing trash out the window so the car didn't look like some greasy, boho, college student without a future drove the thing. This meant I wasn't watching the road. This meant I drove up on the curb. This meant two blown out tires.

O.K., I'm more than a hour late, strung out, and the car is d.o.a. What else could go wrong? If this were a movie the camera would pull back for a long shot and you'd hear a laugh from the heavens.

I ran to a pay phone and called a service station. After I dragged the dead horse off I ran to the fraternity house, begged my big brother for his car, and went to pick up the blind date.

That should have been the worse part. But the fates smiled. She wasn't. Hell, if I'd been in any normal frame of mind she might have even been attracted to me. Nahhhh.

My editor is over my shoulder telling me to wrap it up. But I still haven't talked about dropping food on the rep. from the frats' national, the worse race riot of 1984 (it was in Franklin, made page two of USA Today, page one of Pravda), spilling a coke on my date, or standing in the cold for two hours after it was all over waiting to see how much they would over charge me for two bald tires.

But I survived. Hell, maybe I'll even date again. Time heals. I hope.



A semester's worth of updates



INSIGHTS
By Brian Conley
Sidelines Columnist

The semester is finally about to end and it is time for a little bit of reflection on what has happened.

Internationally and nationally it has been a real exciting year. Khadafy (how do you spell his name?) has done his best to terrorize the world. It looks like his motto so far in 1986 is: bomb everything in sight.

The situation in Lebanon has cooled down somewhat, or at least the media haven't said much about it.

The Russians are still fighting in Afghanistan and Reagan's doing his best to start the next Vietnam in Nicaragua.

The government of South Africa is doing its best to destroy the free will of the blacks while thousands are still starving in Ethiopia. At least people are trying to solve the problem.

Reagan is trying to start a war before he leaves office. If we don't invade Libya to stop terrorism, we will invade Nicaragua to help the so-called freedom fighters.

The shuttle program suffered a severe setback this year. Americans are still grieving the loss of the

seven astronauts who lost their lives in the explosion.

Nationally, things are pretty messed up. Gasoline prices are down and the dollar is up. The stock market is enjoying its best year ever. Still, the farmers are going bankrupt and starving and there are still millions of people homeless in the United States. Reagan is trying to give \$100 million to the contras in Nicaragua to overthrow a popularly elected government.

Closer to home, Middle Tennessee State University has had a good year. MTSU received several chairs of excellence this semester — one chair of insurance and two chairs in the mass communications department. The aerospace program also received a boost recently. It was announced that they will be receiving money for a building at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport.

The administration has been racked with problems this year. The dean of education was forced to resign to teach in the psychology department although the faculty already in the department do not want him. Housing has been under

constant fire for allegedly not serving the students as they should.

The ASB has also been under attack for being apathetic and ineffective.

MTSU was also racked with tragedy last week as Mark Clark, a student, was killed by a drunken driver.

There have been a few good things to happen this year. The local music scene has started to gain recognition. This is true although the Hideaway saw an undeserved demise.

Murfreesboro saw the start of one of the best groups in Middle Tennessee — The Blind Farmers From Hell. We also saw the first good, hard-core band in the Nashville area, the F Particles, play their first gig at an anti-apartheid benefit at Mainstreet.

MTSU also played host to several top supergroups this semester — John Cougar Mellencamp, Diana Ross and Tina Turner. And ZZ Top will be here in May.

A lot has happened this semester. Some bad — most good. If things keep on the way they are going, the best of the year will probably be better, assuming that Reagan doesn't go senile and start invading every oppressed third world nation and Khaddafy doesn't get a hold of a thermonuclear device and start World War III.

Letters to the Editor

Phi Mu Alpha

To the Editor:

On the behalf of the Omicron Tau Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, I would like to thank the entire University community for the support that has been shown to us in our time of need.

I would like first of all to thank the article space normally taken by Doodles to pay tribute to Mark Clark. Mark enjoyed that comic strip, as many of us do; he had a wonderful and delightful sense of humor.

Additionally, I would like to express the brothers' appreciation to Dean Paul Cantrell; Dr. Tom Naylor, music department chairman; and Horace Beasley, our faculty advisor, for the concern and

assistance that they have provided.

The sisters of Delta Omicron have been very comforting to us, as well as the Little Sisters of Phi Mu Alpha, Molly Sherrill, Ann Malone, and Kellie Greer. The whole music department has been very strong and loving throughout the whole ordeal.

The faculty of the music department is to be commended for the leadership and comfort and humanity they have displayed this week. We as brothers feel that they are the best one could find anywhere.

I ask for your prayers for Mark's family, as the pain is really just starting for them.

Also, we ask for your prayers for another brother injured seriously and in the hospital with multiple

fractures, Billy Duane Copley of Mt. Juliet.

Finally, we are grateful that no one else was hurt or killed on Friday night. The events could have easily been more tragic, if that is possible. Again, thank you for the support that you have shown to us; we really need it, and remember the families in your prayers.

Lovingly,
Daniel E. Wulfers
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Features/Entertainment

Alabama excites MTSU crowd

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

This is country music? My last live country experience was the Grand Ole Opry, and I wasn't quite prepared to actually enjoy myself at the Alabama concert.

The band was able to mix lighting effects with hard-driving, well-played music that brought the crowd, which varied in age from infant to grandparent, to its feet.

The quartet from Ft. Payne, Ala. opened its show with a dazzling

special effect that featured the band rising through the floor onto a raised, smoke-covered platform. They played "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down," and the crowd rushed the stage.

They then went into a medley of old favorites which included "Take Me Down," "Love in The First Degree" and "The Closer You Get."

The light show included a Rebel flag done in small, Christmas-style lights and hidden in a black net behind the band.

The ability of lead singer Randy

Review

Owen to bring the crowd to near frenzy by simply glancing in its direction or waving was uncanny. He kept the crowd on its feet throughout the show.

Lead guitarist Jeff Cook picked a guitar solo with his teeth during "Tennessee River," much to the delight of the audience.

The band's last songs on stage were "Mountain Music," which brought about a deafening barrage of foot stomping, and "My Home's in Alabama," a slower, more down-home tune.

Earlier in the evening, at a press reception, the band was presented with Platinum Records for their latest hit album, *Greatest Hits*, which sold its millionth copy last week.

As the band wrapped up its show, I thought to myself, "Their home may be in Alabama, but the welcome mat is always out in Middle Tennessee."

Two bands, Restless Hearts and Dan Seals, opened the show, both carrying out their assignments with near perfect performances.

Nashville-based Restless Hearts played a 30-minute show that will, in years to come, be billed in the same way as Alabama. Look for this band to gain popularity as its talent becomes more widely recognized.

Dan Seals was perhaps more experienced, with a more traditional approach to country, donning a cowboy hat and Western boots. His hit from the number one album, *I Won't Be Blue Anymore*, "Bop With You, Baby," brought the crowd to its feet.

Overall, the three bands offered up a genuinely good show, well worth the price of admission.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff
Three Alabama members, Jeff Cook, Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry, get the diversified Murphy Center crowd on their feet Saturday.

'Robber Bridegroom' closes theater season

Review

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Entertainment Critic

The 1986 MTSU theater season closed with the Buchanan Players production of Alfred Uhry's *Robber Bridegroom* last Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The season closed with a whimper.

Despite fine performances by Shannon L. Parnell, "Rosamund," and Mark Perry, "Jamie Lockhart," the musical dragged the audience over the limits of boredom. It was difficult to stay awake during the performance.

The singing was good for the most part, but many times it was difficult to hear what the actors were saying.

This is surprising because the play was wired for microphones by the RIM department in order to produce a recording of the performance. Still, I overheard several

patrons complain that it was difficult to hear what was said.

Once I got past the fact that I couldn't hear almost half the musical numbers, it was still fairly boring. However that is not the fault of the Buchanan Players.

The Buchanan Players did a fair job acting and singing in this production. Mark Perry did a good job as the gentleman robber, "Jamie Lockhart" and Shannon L. Parnell was excellent as "Rosamund," the leading female role. Tammy Coffman and Jimmie Collins also deserve credit for their roles as "Salome" and "Clemment Musgrove," respectively.

The problem with the play lies in the fact that there were only spurts of action. Although the play was quite humorous at points, it still dragged quite often. No action, coupled with the fact that the acoustics in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building were atrocious, made for a boring play.

The setting was well done, as was the lighting. The lighting crew de-

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serves a special mention for the outstanding lighting effects they provided in the background of the set which helped the audience get a

better feel for where the action was taking place.

Another plus for the play was the way the cast members acted as stage props at times. For instance, several times they would pose as a

door, stair case and one time they even acted as a swing.

The band did a good job also, but they played too loud most of the time which was probably the reason you couldn't hear the actors.

A redeeming factor of the play was the setting. The stage crew did an excellent job building the set. The band was placed above the actors out of the way, yet still in a location they could be seen. The stage was simple but it was still very effective.

The play itself was a bit risqué for college. It talked openly of sex. The whole plot basis was the secret love affair between "Rosamund" and "Jamie Lockhart." At one point in the play "Lockhart" robbed

"Rosamund" of her dress and under garments. Parnell was left wearing flesh colored, skin-tight clothes. Definitely a sight you wouldn't have seen on stage in a college play thirty years ago.

On the whole, the production was well done for college. Although the acoustics and loudness of the band made for difficulty in understanding what was being said, the play was still somewhat enjoyable. The lighting effects and staging almost made up for the lack of action.

I have seen much better productions from the Buchanan Players than this production of "Robber Bridegroom." This performance was mediocre, especially for the Buchanan players.



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Sports

Raiders ram Morehead

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

The MTSU netters slid past Ohio Valley Conference rival Morehead State, 9-0 Saturday, in Morehead, Ky.

Head coach Dick LaLance, who has expressed concern over the Blue Raiders chances at an OVC crown in 1986, seemed a bit more optimistic following their route of the Eagles.

"I was really encouraged by our play," LaLance said. "We are really playing a lot better."

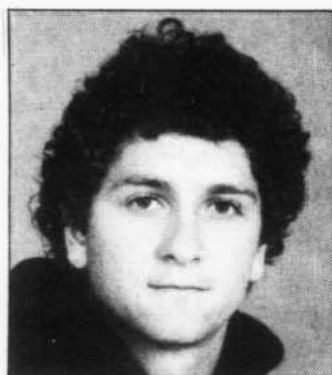
The win upped the Raiders' mark to 14-11 a week before the conference tournament in Cookeville.

"We play Tennessee Tech at home (today), and that will be our last match before the tournament," LaLance said.

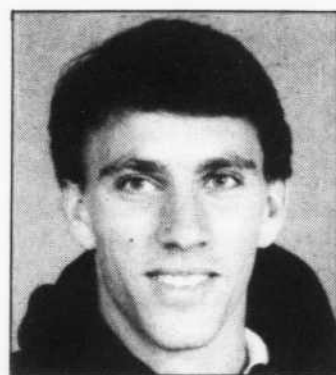
The Raiders slipped past Tech 6-3 when they played them at Cookeville, earlier in the season.

"Earlier in the season, we were not playing so well," he added. "But, now we are coming around."

David Wehrle defeated Paul



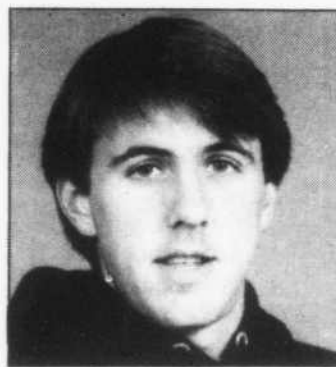
Ken Ventimiglia



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Anson Chilcutt

Hope, 6-1, 7-6, while Ken Ventimiglia downed Domenic Au-Chong, 6-0, 6-0.

Chris King beat John Patrick 6-0, 6-2 and Ilmar Muti beat David Conyers 6-1, 6-2.

John Carrall-Wilcox handed Rich Caldwell a 6-0, 6-0 setback and Anson Chilcutt defeated Steve Conn 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles, all three of the pairs took their Eagle opponents

at half price.

Today's match, which will get underway at 2 p.m. will decide the seeding for several of the Raiders going into the tournament.

Should he come out on top of his Tennessee Tech opponent, number one David Wehrle would be seeded in the top stop for his slot.

Wehrle, a junior from Marietta, Ga. thus far is 5-1 in the conference.

Also, Ventimiglia will be playing for second seed in his playing class, as will Anson Chilcutt.

Carrall-Wilcox, also 5-1 in OVC play, will be vying for number one seed as he takes the court today.

Although the Blue Raiders should be a slight favorite over the Golden Eagles, LaLance feels that won't be the case.

"This is a very important match for us," LaLance said. "It will boil down to who will be hungrier, and who wants to win."

The match will be played on the Greenland Drive courts.

Rugbers fall to NRC

The Middle Tennessee State University Rugby Club was defeated by the Nashville Rugby Club 14-4 Saturday.

The loss brought the team to 12-2 on the year, still in very good shape.

"Our season has been very good," said team member Robert Keith. "Our record this season is well above .500. We did extremely well

this season. It's the best season we've ever had."

Late last week the ASB passed a resolution commending the Rugby team and its accomplishments.

The Moosemen will return to action Sunday April 27, at 1 p.m. in the Blue and White game, in which alumni and new team members will square-off in a battle.

Arnold named WKU basketball coach

Murray Arnold, an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association, has been named head coach of the men's basketball program at Western Kentucky University.

The highly successful Arnold served as head coach at UT-Chattanooga and at Birmingham Southern for 14 seasons prior to joining the Bulls' staff this season.

The 48-year-old Arnold comes to Western to fill the vacancy created

earlier this month when former Hilltopper Coach Clem Haskins resigned to accept a similar position at Minnesota.

Game cancelled

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