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ASB wraps-up 1985-86 year

Cantrell lauds ASB's deeds

By BLAKE FONTENAY
Sidelines Staff Writer

"They have been responsible, they've shown a concern for student welfare, and they've implemented a lot of long term program," Paul Cantrell, dean of students said in summarizing the ASB's activities this year.

The Associated Student Body has passed a number of new resolutions and issued several commendations since April of 1985, according to the minutes taken from each House and Senate meeting. Among those resolutions were the requests for an on-campus telephone directory to be published each semester, to extend the open hours at Todd Library prior to and during exam week, to abolish the extra rent to remain on campus during spring break and to set up a committee to listen to student's concerns over university housing.

"More students have problems relating to housing than anything else," Mark O'Connor, speaker of the ASB House said. "I'd like to see the ASB look into students' concerns about housing. [University] Housing sometimes assert themselves too much."

The ASB has also issued commendations for the football, rugby, cheerleading and Pon Pon squads and an official protest against the suspensions of basketball players Kim Cooksey and Kerry Hammonds.

"The ASB is the official opinion of the students...it is a communication link with the administration," O'Connor said in explaining the significance of such legislation. "The student body goes on record with their opinion."

The ASB has also been involved in several events this year as either sponsors or participants. These events include New Student Week, two Tech Weeks (one during football season and one during basketball season), Homecoming Week, the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature and a Christmas reception with administration officials.

"We had a real successful homecoming," O'Connor said. "MTSU is usually well-supported at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature and this year was no exception," ASB President Bobby Hopkins said.

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Paul Cantrell, MTSU dean of students, speaks at the annual ASB awards banquet Thursday night. The banquet paid tribute to outstanding members of the university student government.

Awards banquet held

By CHRIS BELL
Sidelines News Editor

Troy Baxter was sworn in as 1986-87 Associate Student Body President during the 1986 ASB Awards and Inaugural Banquet Thursday night.

The evening was marked with a number of remarks aimed at the Sidelines staff from various university student government and staff members. Ranging from Master of Ceremonies "take Sidelines, please!" and "Bobby [Hopkins, former ASB President] won't have to worry any more about seeing headlines like 'Hopkins violates ASB constitution, leaves office at 4:30,'" to new ASB President Troy Baxter's "Sidelines has accused the ASB of being powerless. Wake up! The ASB has the greatest power of all — communication."

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Collage spring issue hits stands

By CRYSTAL NELMS
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

The spring edition of *Collage*, the creative magazine of Middle Tennessee State University, can now be picked up in the Sidelines newsstands.

Collage is published for students, faculty, alumni and friends of the university. It is published twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

The 1985 spring and fall editions of *Collage* won first place in Sigma Delta Chi's, the society of professional journalists, regional competition. They are now in competition on the national level.

D. Michelle Adkerson was the editor of *Collage* this year. Adkerson is a graduating senior majoring in English and minoring in history and French. The assistant editor was Dixie Highsmith.

Scott Thomas was the art/photography editor, and Vicki Beckwith did the production.

"Having to organize people's creative work is difficult," Adkerson said. "You have a lot of egos to deal with."

"It was hard work," Adkerson said. "It was exciting too."

Dr. Elaine Ware and Dr. Angela Hague both of the English department

judged fiction. Two-dimensional art was judged by Danny Phifer of Phifergraphics and Glen Emery of Emery's Fine Arts Gallery.

Poetry was judged by Guy Anderson of the English department, and photography was judged by Greg Kinney, a free-lance photographer.

The cover photo "Striving," by Kelly Hayes, won first place in the photography contest, and Kathy Brady won second place in photography.

"Goodnight, Irene," by Kathy Brady, won first place for fiction. "Perfect Timing" won second place. It was written by Elkin Brown.

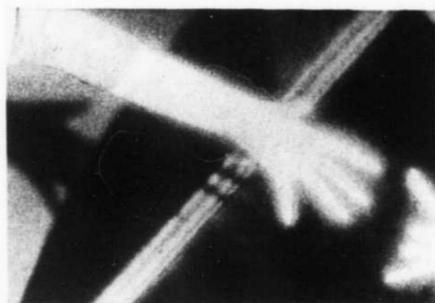
James Tucker won first place in two dimensional art, and Amy Harris won second place.

Kathy Brady won first and second prize in poetry for her poems "My Kind of Man" and "My Uncle Tom."

Collage used a new format this spring. Extra space was added for photography and fiction. More color was used in this edition.

"We appreciate the contributions, and we certainly appreciate the judges," Adkerson said.

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The spring 1986 issue of *Collage* was distributed to campus Sidelines boxes Thursday.

Islam not violent

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Staff Writer

"Killing is not Islam," Dr. Walid Rashid, a native Jordanian, said Wednesday in an honors series lecture on Islam and the Islamic world to about 20 honors students and six Arab students.

Rashid said the United States had a "distorted" view of Islam from what it sees and reads in the media. He said that terrorism is not representative of Islam.

Islam teaches that "you must love your brother," Rashid said.

Rashid is a specialist in Jordanian Folklore teaching Arabic and Jordanian Folklore for one year at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Rashid said he had been asked by Dr. Ronald Messier, head of the honors department, to speak on Jordanian folklore but that he preferred to speak on his religion and

American misconceptions.

"In Jordan we do not take him seriously," Rashid said of Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi. He said that Khaddafi had taken a "cousin's side against a brother" in the Iran-Iraq conflict because Libya was Arab and Iran was Persian. Libya under Khaddafi supports Iran.

One Arabic student in the audience disputed this fact stating "Khaddafi does not represent Islam."

Rashid also spoke on the basic tenants of Islam known as the Five Pillars of Islam. They are accepting Allah as the one and only god, praying five times a day, giving alms to the poor, observing a month of fasting and making a pilgrimage to Mecca within one's lifetime.

"Mohammed came to complete religion," Rashid said. "Jews and Christians are considered 'people of the book.'"

the beginning of the ceremony. The aerospace department was the first to give their awards. Kelly W. Wike received the Hendrick Scholarship Award from the Beechcraft Corporation, and Kimberly Casterline and Darren Vigil both were the recipients of Donelson-Symrna Rotary Club Scholarships.

Carl Edward Johnson was awarded the B.B. Gracy, Jr. Award in the agriculture department. The Sam Paschal Award was earned by Jennifer Alane Schmidt.

The biology department handed out several awards and scholarships. Melissa A. Tucker received

the George Davis Biology Club scholarship. The Charles Holland Biology Club Scholarship went to Robert W. Good. Kevin C. Sass was the recipient of the Outstanding Freshman Biology Award given by the Carolina Biological Supply Company, while Pamela J. Bohall received the Outstanding Senior Biology Award. The J. Gerald Parchment Tech Aqua Scholarship went to Bradley R. Kovach, and Michael L. Rutledge was the recipient of the John A. Patten Biological Field Station Scholarship. The C.W. Wiser Allied Health Scholarship went to Shawn A. Menefee. The J.L. Fletcher Scholarship was

given to Virginia K. Johnson. Kim King earned the Ellis Rucker Freshman Scholarship, and the Patrick Doyle Freshman Scholarship went to Helen S. Bowman.

The chemistry and physics department was next to honor their scholars. Keisa R. Birdwell won The Chemical Rubber Company Award while The Faculty Achievement Award went to Steven R. Coats. The J.E. Wiser Graduate Scholarship Award went to Terry D. Hammonds. Marilyn M. Miles received the Hubert McCullough Pre-Medical Scholarship. James T. Batey, W. Larry Jones and David W. Pitts all earned the Albert L.

and Ethel C. Smith Pre-Medical Scholarships, while the Albert L. and Ethel C. Smith Pre-Pharmacy Scholarships went to Angela J. Enis, Jennifer K. Gordon and Valerie K. McCallie.

Industrial studies student Bryan A. West received the Outstanding Senior In Industrial Education Award for 1986. The Outstanding Senior in Industrial Technology Award for 1986 went to Janice C. Boren. John P. Cunningham won the SME Outstanding Freshman Award and Kenneth D. Rigby earned the Outstanding Student in Quality Control Award.

The department of mass com-

munications honored Crystal Anita Nelms with the Johnny Lovier/Jostens Student Publications Scholarship. The Gene Grahm Award in Journalism went to Cynthia Lois Floyd. Eve Lynn West received the Society of Professional Journalists' Citation for Achievement.

The awards for students in the department of mathematics and computer science was next on the agenda. Kory Jill Green received the Honywell Senior Mathematics and Computer Science Award, and Kimberly C. Tate garnered the Mathematics and Computer Science Award. The Jesse L. Smith

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Annual MTSU academic awards presented to students

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Over 150 students received honors during the annual Academic Awards Banquet Monday, April 21.

Dr. Robert E. Corlew, vice president for academic affairs, presided over the ceremony. Dr. Sam Ingram, university president, delivered the opening remarks. Dr. Robert E. Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs, delivered the address, and Dr. Rosemary Wade Owens, dean of continuing education and public service, gave the invocation.

Over 40 students were recognized as senior honor students at

CAMPUS CAPSULE

APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE HALL DIRECTORS are being accepted through the end of the semester. Applications can be picked up in room 300 of the Krambler University Center. For further information call 866-2971.

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST on Wednesday, April 30 the Baptist Student Union will hold an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast in the BSU. It lasts from 10 p.m. until 12 midnight. Cost is \$2.00 and proceeds go to summer missions.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS: The Young Republicans will meet on Tuesday, April 29 at the Western Sizzlin' in Murfreesboro at 7 p.m. Anyone between the ages of 15 and 40 is welcome. We will be making plans for Winfield Dunn's campaign in the fall.

ZZ TOP: The bearded ones will bring fuzzy guitars and T.V. dinners to MTSU's Murphy Center Sunday, May 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are probably all sold out, but if they aren't you can pick them up at the Murphy Center ticket office.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR VIDEO TELECONFERENCE ON JOURNALISM will take place on April 26 in the Learning Resource Center multi-media room from 12 to 3 p.m.

Group seeks new marijuana laws

By BRIAN KLEY
Sidelines Staff Writer

"NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) is in and taxation," Kevin Zeese, national director of NORML, said.

"The only way to control the use of marijuana is to regulate and tax it," Zeese said. "We are not pro-pot. We are against kids smoking pot. We feel that there should be an age around 18 to 21 you must be before you can use marijuana."

"We think the decision on how marijuana will be sold should be left up to individual state and local areas," Zeese said. "The sale should be strictly regulated. There should be no advertising — or least there should be as little as the law allows. There should also be no public use of marijuana."

"There are a lot of misconceptions of the effects of marijuana," Zeese said. "It doesn't cause brain or chromosomal damage. The only long term effect of marijuana that

has been proven is lung damage." "Marijuana has never accounted for a substantiated drug death," *Recreational Drugs* states.

"Some of the reasons NORML feels that marijuana should be regulated are that the war on marijuana is not the correct way to solve the health problem, there is an overabundance on the law enforcement officials, it causes tens of millions of Americans to be criminals and because marijuana is illegal one of Americas largest cash crops is not being taxed," Zeese said.

Figures from NORML indicate that the illegal sale of marijuana is a 20 to 30 billion dollar a year industry making it the number one cash crop in America, Zeese said.

Figures released by NORML for the 1983-1984 crop year indicate that in Tennessee alone \$450 million was made from the sale of marijuana.

"If marijuana is legalized the tax on it should be high," Zeese said. "The tax should be around \$10 to

\$15 an ounce. That would raise approximately 10 billion dollars a year in tax revenue not counting the money saved on law enforcement."

"In 1974 the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimated the cost of enforcement of marijuana laws by state and local agencies alone was \$600 million," the *Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Drugs — Marijuana Volume 2* states.

NORML is currently working on legislation in Oregon that would make the cultivation of marijuana for personal use legal, Zeese said. NORML has model legislation to reform marijuana laws drafted.

Current Tennessee law holds a fine of \$1000 plus up to one year in jail for the sale of marijuana, for growing marijuana you get one to five years plus a \$3000 dollar fine. For first time possession up to .5 oz., the penalty is up to one year and up to \$1000 fine, second time possession gets you one to two years in prison, the *Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Drugs* states.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

John Stansbury and Todd Curtis, resident assistants, prepare hamburgers for the Area Four student residents at the student "blast-out" Thursday afternoon. The party was thrown as the final celebration for students before the end of the semester.

ASB

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Smith also made several references to "Mr. Editor," Lisa Flowers, *Sidelines* Editor-in-Chief, is a woman.

"This may be coming across as an anti-*Sidelines* gathering but we're trying to do our job and they're trying to do theirs," Mark

O'Connor, speaker of the House said attempting to put the situation in perspective.

The evening was also marked by a prayer for deceased MTSU student John Mark Clark and standing ovations for Hopkins farewells remarks and Baxter's inaugural remarks.

Supperlative awards were also presented at the banquet. Most val-

uable cheerleader: Ty Cannon, most outstanding student ambassador: Gloria Bailey, outstanding

Seniors: Mark Brown, Amy Spain, Christy Prasher, Scott Higdon, Mark O'Connor and Marty Watt, most outstanding legislator for the ASB House: John Conklin, most outstanding legislator for the ASB senate: Geoff Herring, outstanding cabinet member: Barry Fultz.

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Award went to Pamela Gail Barnett. Daniel Brian Conley received both the Charles Lewis Freshman Mathematics and the Pi Mu Epsilon Sophomore Mathematics Awards. James Troy Crowell also received the Pi Mu Epsilon Sophomore Mathematics Award. Daniel J. Harris was the recipient of the Miss Tommie Reynolds Mathematics Scholarship. The Leona Drake Mathematics Award went to Samuel Gregory Jennings. Achal N. Thakkar was the Mathematics 122 contest winner.

The military science department with Angela D. Watkins with the MTSU President's Scholastic Award. United States Army Two-Year Scholarship Awards went to Dong C. Ha, Karen L. Johnston, Thomas K. Jordan, David N. Lewis, Daniel T. Padgett, Charles R. Tilton and Angela D. Watkins. United States Army Three-Year Scholarships were awarded to David L. Crouch, Todd V. Curtis, Michael Hopkins, Arlis D. Hummel and Chandra L. Lawrence.

The nursing department was next. The Alma Matlock Making Memorial Award went to Marie Cecilia Dentici and Janice Karol Nelson received the Dr. J.W. Makeig Memorial Award. The

Murfreesboro Medical Clinic Scholarship was garnered by Sandra Dean Thweatt. Glenda Faye Smithson garnered the Helen Miles Memorial Scholarship, Rutherford Hospital Auxillary, Dorothy Ann Tracy Wilson wound up the Nursing Awards by earning the Eileen Marie Mahan Nursing Scholarship.

Two students received honors from the accounting and information systems department. Elizabeth Anne Coulter and Dennis Keith Wolfe won the Joe Dearman Memorial Award and the National Association of Accountants Award, respectively.

The business education, distributive education and office management department honored its outstanding students next. Michelle Girle got National Business Education Association and Cavalry Banking Federal Savings and Loan Award of Merit. Melody Summar received the Commerce Union Bank Award for the Outstanding Student in Office Management. Janet Travis garnered the State Farm Insurance Company Award for the Outstanding Student in Special Business Programs. The Murfreesboro Legal Secretaries Award went to Stephanie L. Burke.

The economics and finance department honored three of its scholars. Dawn F. Oliver and Karen

W. Schwartz received Economics and Finance Faculty Scholarship Awards and Muriel Mechele Newbill won the Stokely Scholarship Award.

Lori Anne Thompson garnered the first award in the department of information systems by getting the Lawrence Ray Leggett Award for highest grade point average. The Lawrence Ray Leggett Award for Outstanding Student in Information Systems went to Loren Blake Pool. Theresa Marie Gully received the Honeywell Scholarship.

The department of management and marketing honored Marie Louise Walker with the Jack Adams Scholarship Award in Marketing. Ronda Kathym Eischeid garnered the Bernard Goldstein Scholarship Award in Marketing. The Cain-Sloan Company Award went to Ginger Ann Wyatt and Michael Dale Turner received the Paramount Packaging Corporation Award.

Rebecca Lynn Reed was the recipient of the Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Award while Roderick Alan Williams garnered the Mid-South Bank and Trust Company MBA Award.

The elementary and special education department recognized its scholars next. Peggy Elaine Allen was the first to get recognized by

New editors of *Sidelines* announced

The summer editor-in-chief of *Sidelines* is going to be Laura Rader, an MTSU graduate student. Rader is majoring in English.

Rader has worked as copy editor of *Sidelines*, and she has worked on the advertising/production staff.

Rader did production for *Collage* in 1981, and in 1982 she wrote for the *Midlander*.

"I would like to have more balanced coverage, and I would like to see more viewpoints in *Sidelines*," Rader said.

"We, [MTSU students], are lucky enough to have a student newspaper that has done good things in the past, and the opportunity to learn by experience is here," Rader said.

"Student journalists need experience, and this is a great way to get it," Rader said. "It is great writing

experience for everyone."

Michael Turner will serve as *Midlander* editor for the 1986-1987 academic year. Turner served as editor in 1985-1986, and assistant editor in 1984-1985. He was a staff writer for the yearbook in 1984.

"We hope to update the graphic design of the book in 1986," Turner said. "Graphically the 1986 yearbook could be mistaken for a high school one."

"I would like to encourage people to apply to the *Midlander* staff," Turner said. "It is a lot of hard work, but the rewards you get from the experience make it all worthwhile."

James L. Tucker will serve as editor of *Collage* for the 1986-1987 academic school year. He is a junior majoring in chemical art and minoring in graphics and clay.

Tucker feels that it is important

for *Collage* to be careful not to alienate the majority. He says that *Collage* should bridge the gap between the artist and the student.

Connie Cass will be the editor-in-chief of *Sidelines* for the fall semester. She is majoring in journalism and English with a minor in political science.

She has worked on the *Midlander* as a copy editor and a staff writer. She presently works on the Zone Section of *The Tennessean*.

"I would like for *Sidelines* to have more thorough coverage of news and features and of campus activities," Cass said. "I would like for a strong emphasis to be placed on editing and accuracy."

"I would like to encourage everyone in mass communications, or anyone who is interested to get involved in *Sidelines*."

MTSU security says campus arrests up

By JANICE TOBITT
Sidelines Staff Writer

Seventy percent of the arrests made on the MTSU Campus in the first quarter of the spring semester were of students, Chief Jack Drugmand, of the department of public safety and security, said.

There were 10 arrests in the first quarter of the spring semester.

Drugmand claims that this amount of arrests for the short time period is unusual. The fact that most of these arrests were of students is also unusual.

"The emphasis is that the [campus] community should know it is not usually [campus] community trying on other students," Drugmand said.

The percentage of arrests for students is usually well under 50 per-

cent, Drugmand said.

In statistics compiled by security for 1983, 98 percent of the arrests made were of non-students. This figure fell to 53 percent in 1985.

Four vehicles were reported stolen in January. Two were recovered.

The recovery rate for the first quarter on all property stolen was 16 percent, according to the quarterly report for security.

Larceny was the major problem facing security for the first quarter. It resulted in \$47 thousand in loss of property for students, faculty and visitors.

Sixty-two cases of larceny, often called crimes of opportunity were reported during the quarter. Most occurred from unlocked vehicles and property left unsecured. Sixty-

five percent of these cases were of property left unsecured, the quarterly report states.

Three cases of burglary were reported the first quarter, resulting in losses of \$1,150, the quarterly report states.

For the quarter, 1,558 incidents required an officer to investigate. Of the calls answered 106 were for criminal offenses, the quarterly report states.

Of the other calls officers had to respond to, 28 were automobile accidents, 12 were medical emergencies, 558 were motorist assists, (jump starts and lock outs) and 83 were for crime risks reports (office doors left unlocked, unlit areas).

There were 11,020 parking violations issued, of these 824 were voided, the quarterly report states.

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There has been some discussion this year about the amount of actually power that the ASB possesses, and O'Connor admits that the ASB is a "democracy within a dictatorship." However, many of the resolutions the ASB proposed this year are either currently under consideration by the administration or being put into action, according to Cantrell.

Some of the ASB's recent accomplishments include the installation of the Greenland Dr. parking lot, the earlier advance notice before insecticide fumigation, an investigation into the library's treatment of handicapped students and a referendum to put the proposed increase in the student activity fee on the spring election ballot.

However action on the Greenland Dr. lot only occurred after several proposals were considered and rejected by the University Parking Committee last fall, and residents of university housing have not received notification before some sprayings.

"For the third time this year, H-Hall was sprayed for pests. Most other residence halls have only been sprayed twice," a letter sent to *Sidelines* and signed by 30 H-hall residents states.

"In most cases, we received notice the night before or none at all. The ASB recently passes legislation requiring Housing to notify residents no less than two weeks before the date of the intended spraying," the letter states. "As students paying for the right to live on campus, we demand that the Administration put this act into effect immediately."

"When we pass legislation it goes straight to the administrators in that area," Hopkins said.

"The vice-president for student affairs shall retain a final veto power over student legislation or any part thereof," the ASB Constitution states.

"The administration has every right. They haven't put even resolution into effect, but they have done a lot," O'Connor said.

The ASB has "one of the lowest budgets of any of the student or-

ganizations," ASB Treasurer Marty Watt said.

The total ASB budget was approximately \$9,500 according to Watt.

While the ASB spent most of that budget, fundraising activities during the year have left approximately \$5000 in the ASB account, according to Watt.

The greatest problem facing the ASB, according to the outgoing officers, is lack of student involvement.

"It's the damned student apathy...People either want to sit back and criticize or they just don't care," Hopkins said.

"Organizations on campus have representation but they don't use it. They don't show any interest now," O'Connor added.

Despite such feelings, both officers felt that the future of the ASB would be bright. "There will be a lot more experience in the ASB next year," Hopkins said. "Troy [Baxter, incoming ASB president] is very popular. Maybe Troy can generate some new interest."

awarded Robert Prytula Memorial Scholarships to Lee Ann McCormack and Marsha Hedayat. The Kappa Delta Pi Award went to Tammy Koudelka.

Ronald R. Porter was the recipient of the Hester Rogers Ray Scholarship from the art department.

Neal D. Frazier Writing Awards went to Michelle Adkerson and Dennis Kearney. The Richard C. and Virginia L. Peck Academic Award for the Graduating English Major with highest grade point average went to Elizabeth Kyle. Joan Andrea Petersen garnered the Christina Vaughan Scholarship.

The foreign languages department awarded the Outstanding student of German Award to Mark Damon Brown.

The geography and geology department chose to honor two students. Karen Mae Poteet received the National Council for Geographic Education Award, and Linda Muth Thorburn garnered the Estwing Award for Outstanding Geology Major.

Two students were also honored by the history department. Norman O. Burns II, received the Tennessee Historical Commission Award for Outstanding Senior in History, while Stephen Kent Whitworth was the recipient of the National Soci-

ety of Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee award for most outstanding graduate student in history.

Susan P. Wilson was the only music department student honored as she received the Senior Music Major with Highest Grade Point Average Award.

The political science department recognized three of its scholars. James Lee Moore received the John W. Burgess Award. James Thomas Dubois, Jr. garnered the Norman L. Parks Award while the C.C. Sims Award went to Marshall Larry Davidson.

The sociology, anthropology, and social work department awarded the Clayton L. James Award to Teresa G. Hammer, and the Joe Ramsey Leatherman Award to Hiram Elijah Wright.

Kathy Kim Weiss won the MTSU Clerical Caucus Award.

The Honors Program also recognized its outstanding scholars with Citizen Central Bank Awards. Jennifer L. McMillion earned the Outstanding Honors Senior Award, John Paul Abner received the Outstanding Honors Junior Award, C. Hugh Shelton garnered the Outstanding Sophomore Award and Rebecca D. Ingram and Linda J. Sarsfield were the recipients of Outstanding Freshman Awards.

Editorial/Forum

Ms. Editor-in-Chief takes a last stand

LISA ANN MICHAEL FLOWERS
Sidelines Editor-in-Chief



As the editor, I have requested that I write the final consensus editorial of the semester. As a general rule we normally choose a topic or an issue, take a vote and the majority rules the opinion of the editorial. Our choice for this editorial was to discuss the events of the year and the things we did right and wrong.

Well, I have decided since I'm the editor, I would like to discuss whatever the hell I want to. I seem to reflect upon the years' events entirely differently from the majority of the staff.

I am one of those people who always expects a lot from myself and others. It is easier for me to discuss the things that totally flopped than the outstanding things we have accomplished. You might ask, what things could *Sidelines* possibly have done right?

I feel obliged to answer this question. We tried to get the students and faculty to think. We filled the pages with strong editorial comments, raised moral questions (remember morality letters 1,2,3,4,5, etc.), and explored some news events that most would choose not to, for fear of the administration.

The reason I say it's easier to discuss what we screwed up than to discuss the what we did right is because that is what we constantly hear. The majority of letters, no let me correct that, almost all of the letters we get, tell us how we screwed up everything. In fact I'm not sure that we have ever gotten a letter telling us that we did a good job and I've been here for three semesters.

Okay, I'm not trying to get sympathy from anybody, I'm just trying to make a point. We endorsed a candidate for ASB, he lost. We rant and rave about anti-apartheid, no one responds. We hold an open house so you all can tell us what you want, no one shows up. We write your bullshit PR stories and you complain. We offer Campus Capsule as a service, free of charge, the you bitch about it. We challenge the administration on policies,

housing, parking, and even morality for god's sake and most of you just blow it off. We have a cartoon contest, three entered, three won. We discuss the Lybian crisis and the possibility of war, no response.

We have copy editing mistakes, you make sure we know it. We misquote someone, which of course we did on purpose, we hear about it. We fail to make space for a photograph or story that you took the time to send to us, it's all our fault. We mention the words bimbo, discuss drugs or sex, boy, then we are really asking for it. To you guys pushing the limit means cutting down a Greek.

The advice I leave for the next editor of *Sidelines* is to stay away from controversial issues, kiss up to the administration, publish every story and photograph presented to you from every Tom, Dick or Harvey, never criticize MTSU, the State of Tennessee, the U.S. government, rednecks, greeks, or any other campus organization. And be sure to keep those sexist comments to yourself.

I personally think that the staff this semester has done a great job and that we have done the best we could. I am proud to have been the editor of *Sidelines*. The only regret I have is that I am leaving MTSU and was not able to accomplish the goals I had wanted to achieve. I wanted to change so many things. I wanted to make the university better for all of the students and faculty. For some reason, I really thought we could do it. I'm sorry, but it takes more than words to change things.

ASB speaker speaks out

By MARK O'CONNOR
Sidelines Guest Columnist

The past year in the Associated Student Body has been an exciting year, and I am glad to have served the students as speaker of the House. I would like to commend Ralph Thomas, speaker of the Senate, and Bobby Hopkins, president, for doing a good job this year. The year had its ups and downs. But no matter how good, there are things that could have been different. Thus, I have compiled my "wish list" for the ASB.

My first and biggest wish is that more students would get involved in the ASB. Bobby, Ralph, and I cannot do it all. No three people can, whatever their position. The student government depends upon support from the students. I don't believe that most people really understand the function of the ASB. It is not a government that hands down rulings and laws that say you must do that. The purpose of the ASB is to be a communication link between the students and the administration. The opinions and input by the ASB into the administration is taken as the official student opinion. So, you see what the ASB says does mean something. No, we cannot force the administration to do anything, but who can?

Many people criticize the ASB for not doing anything. But most of them don't bother to get involved. They just sit back and complain. I suppose it will be that way wherever you go. But we are trying to get something done even if no one else is.

My second wish is that the stu-

dent organizations would actively get involved with the ASB. There are well over 100 organizations on campus. Only about 30 care enough to send a House member on a regular basis. Currently each organization is allowed one House member. Many people complained when legislation came up to reorganize the legislative branch and do away with the House. I feel this could lead to one or two large organizations controlling the "new" Senate. But how can we justify keeping the House when we justify only 25 percent of all organizations bother to take advantage of their right? So, to all organizations, use your right to representation or you all may lose it.

Another of my wishes is that there had been more communication within the ASB. I feel that Bobby did not consult with Ralph and me enough in general. It seems that he always went to the cabinet first. Don't get me wrong, I believe that Bobby did a good job, and I am proud to have worked with him. I just wish there had been more communication. Sometimes though, I feel that he discounted Ralph's and my positions because we ran unopposed.

A wish for the coming year is that a closer look be taken at university housing. I believe that this is an area that many students have trouble with and would like to see some changes. I wrote a bill that would set up an ASB committee to look into students' concerns with housing. I feel it is necessary that this be done because the students

want it done.

I have been hearing rumors for months that housing was planning to search dorm rooms during fire drills while everyone was outside and that some hall directors are tough on RAs because they don't write enough people up in a given period of time. I know for a certain that closets were to be searched for stolen milk crates being room check. Should housing be doing this? Are the students concerned about it? Are many of these rumors actually true? I think it deserves a closer look. The bill I wrote passed the House and Senate and is now on Bobby's desk. I don't know if he will sign it or not. He should.

Another wish for the coming year is that the new ASB President Troy Baxter will widen the scope to include more students. It seems now that he is more concerned with Greeks than the students in general. Maybe he is equally concerned, but he is perceived as catering to Greeks only. I think he will do a good job, and I wish him the best of luck, as I do Doug Roth and John Perdue.

As for me, I have had an exciting year and I thank the students for giving me the opportunity to serve as speaker of the House. To Ralph and Bobby, I am glad to have worked with you. I'll be graduating in a couple of weeks, but I'm not likely to forget MTSU or lose any fondness of it. I am, however, ready to graduate and go onto bigger and better things. And finally, to the students, I wish you would give the ASB a chance. It's there for you.

MTSU legend departs

CLYDELINES
By Clyde Crawley
Sidelines Columnist



This is an anti-climax if you ever wanted to see one — sort of like crawling in bed with Jessica Lange and not being able to perform.

This is the last *Clydelines* ever, and I anticipated a real blockbuster of a column. But alas, no freight train of inspiration has run over me. I suppose I'm lost in the delirium of finally graduating from MTSU, potentiated, of course, by cigarettes, coffee, tranquilizers, mood elevators, and other drugs that are none of your business.

This is another one of those "brain like a super-ball in a stairwell" columns, so relax — and assume the position.

I know that most of you think that graduating from college is a cinch. You think you can do it with one hand tied behind your back.

I thought that, too. "Throw about 132 hours together, rent a robe and pick up your diploma in the grill or something."

And that's just about it — except for when you have to go to the records office (music to the *Twilight Zone* is appropriate at this point, because that's where you'll be).

"I have to take 53 hours of what?!"

"But my advisor said..."
Forget it. Threats don't work, bringing in your mother won't help and it really tickles them if you send in your lawyer. They are omnipotent and omniscient up there in the "Mount Olympus" administration building.

Let me tell you, fighting it out with the gods is a losing proposition no matter how hard you try. If you really want out — except during times of national emergency — stand over, grab your ankles and do as you are told. It only hurts for a minute.

I suppose that, at this point, I should thank all the people who have helped make this column possible, but it just looks too egotistical to thank yourself.

But Liz Porter gave me my break and total creative control. You people probably didn't know Liz, but I loved her and will never forget her. When she died, I thought I'd never stop crying.

Tim Selby made writing this column fun. He's a really great guy and you'd like to know him unless it's while he's an editor for *Sidelines*, *The Midlander*, carrying

74 hours in one semester and trying to become a teen idol all at the same time. I knew you didn't want to be mentioned, Tim. That's why I did it.

I've enjoyed beyond all bounds of reason and sanity poking fun at rednecks, religionists, Reagan, RIMers, Frats (holy leisure suit!), the KUC grill, wardrobes by Mattel and, mostly, myself.

The best part, though, has been your letters. To those of you who have really been incensed at what I've written, let me tell you one thing: This has all been one big joke. Good clean fun. Right?

I regret that I never got to break the word barrier by not getting to use the "F" word. It's a challenge for me to write a sentence without it. Oh well, fuck it.

Don't despair, folks, if the threat of no more *Clydelines* bothers you. It's not like the Beatles breaking up, and you'll still have Brian Conley.

So just remember: LOVE is only chemical, people aren't mean, just stupid, I love Claire (but not chemically), Lars Hall is not a dorm, Reagan has a registered gun, everything you ever knew is wrong, it's all Reagan's fault, Greg doesn't wear underwear and Scott's pearls are fake. Lisa is a princess.

"Give peace a chance — War is over if you want it."
Be there! Aloha.

Doodles "THE ZODIAC AND YOU" by C.S. Hayes

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You consider yourself a born leader. Others think you are pushy. Most Leo people are bullies. You are vain and dislike honest criticism. Leo people are thieves.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22) You are the logical type and cold unfeeling. This nitpicking is sickening to your friends. You are hate and disorder and sometimes fall asleep while making love. Virgos make good door stops.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22) You are the artistic type and have a difficult time with reality. Most Libra men are homosexual. Libra women make good prostitutes. All Libras have venereal disease.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You will achieve the pinnacle of success because of your total lack of ethics. Most Scorpio people are murdered.

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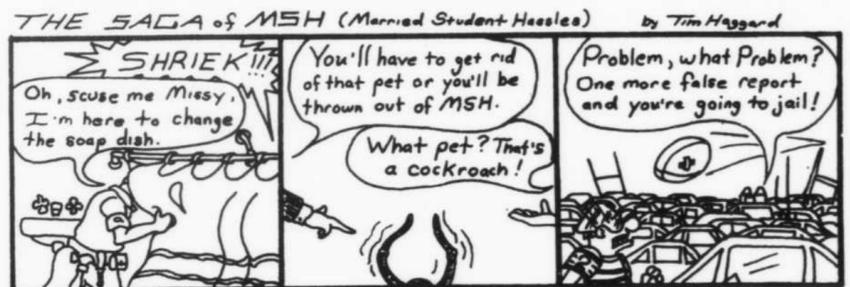
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) You are conservative, lazy, and boring. There has never been a Capricorn of any importance. Capricorns should avoid standing still too long as dogs often mistake them for fire hydrants.

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STEVE BEAT



BY KENT WHITAKER



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Editorial/Forum

Letters to the Editor

the Shorts

To the Editor:
In response to the April 22 front page article on the clearance of the security officer, we would like to make this response. The meeting that was held last Friday, was not called by Otis Floyd, but by the married student housing members that participated in that meeting. They had arranged the meeting through Robert LaLance's office and requested that Otis Floyd be included in that meeting.

The fact that the MTSU Rugby club contradicted what the housing member accused the MTSU offices of saying doesn't seem reliable. During the meeting on Friday, rugby members questioned how the housing families could see beer cans 100 feet away, yet the rugby club can hear everything and be positive of what was said the same distance away?

Does Mark Williamson have special hearing and how can he hear what was said when he was playing the game? (The game was not stopped during this time.) And how can the county and city police state that McCowan had indeed acted in a professional manner when they arrived after she had used the profanity, of course she's not going to use profanity with other officers present! Officer McCowan had been yelling and using profanity for at least 10 minutes before any other officer arrived. Security, by clearing her of these charges, is stating that the 12 people who witnessed the profanity and unprofessionalism were lying.

Why would all these adults (students and MTSU staff people) have any reason to lie? THERE WERE NO OFFICERS PRESENT WHEN McCOWAN USED PROFANITY. It seems funny that all the officers had a different opinion

of what happened. One officer stated it was the female who called McCowan a bitch and another officer said it was one of the males who called her a bitch. Why did it take a week to get the reports completed by the officers? Did they have to collaborate them? The *Sidelines* failed to mention that the meeting concluded with an agreement between the rugby team and housing members. Security was fully left out of the matter. Mrs. Short asked Chief Drugmand what Security policy was on futher problems involving the parking and Drugmand said "I don't know them." What Chief-of-Police of any professional organization would not know the policies? Maybe MTSU should not expect professional officers who are ruled by an unprofessional chief.

The last game match was better handled by the housing members and the rugby players, but several members and spectators were seen urinating in the open. Also, where was the rugby club member who was suppose to meet the Shorts at their apartment? The rugby representative at the meeting promised to have a member arrive at the Shorts apartment at 11:45 a.m. Come on guys, lets get together and work this out. Security is obviously not going to be of any help — at least not in a professional manner.

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Hazing?

To the Editor:
"It was just good clean fun that ended in tragedy."

That's how Tom Naylor, chairman of the music department, described the Phi Mu Alpha initiation procedure that claimed the life of John Mark Clark. Dr. Naylor's

comment was included in a story about the incident on April 17, 1986 in the *Daily News Journal*.

Dr. Naylor, Mark was a friend of mine, and I find his death and the event surrounding it senseless. He died during an initiation process that should have never occurred.

"Good clean fun" does not involve dropping students off during the night almost five miles from town and telling them to walk back. There is obviously an extreme element of danger walking along a public road at night.

Did you or members of Phi Mu Alpha make sure any of the pledges had a flashlight, wore reflective or light colored clothing? Were there any sidewalks where they were dropped off, or were they expected to just make their own on the side of the road?

Finally, if any pledges chose not to participate in this initiation activity would they have still been allowed into the fraternity? If not, were they not then being forced to comply, satisfying criteria for the term "hazing?"

I'm appalled at what happened and hope the university will help set a positive precedent with any decision it makes in dealing with Phi Mu Alpha.

The world needs more people like Mark Clark and if the members of Phi Mu Alpha would like to do something in his memory I ask them to become pledges again, as Mark was, and pledge to never let an initiation procedure like this ever happen again.

Brian Knox
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Conley rebuked

Dear Editor,
Was *Sidelines'* Entertainment Critic Brian Conley one of the judges in the Spinks-Holmes fight,

or did he just forget his contact lenses and wear a walk-man during the Buchanan Players' production of "The Robber Bridegroom"?

Perhaps Mr. Conley has narcolepsy and doesn't realize it. Even so, how can it then be explained that Conley doesn't know the difference in critiquing a play and critiquing the production of a play? For in Conley's most recent review of the MTSU theater department's show, he didn't know the difference.

Conley called the musical "fairly boring" and then began to run in the wrong direction by saying "However, that [was] not the fault of the Buchanan Players." If it was not their fault than who's was it? Perhaps Mr. Conley actually meant to say that it was director Deborah Anderson's fault. Personally, I thought Anderson's direction resulted in the best ensemble work I've witnessed in the last five years, and was the work of virtuoso. Coordinating a group of twenty to thirty individuals and getting them to respond like a well tuned machine is an art. Conley didn't have been pointing the finger at Anderson. He then continued to say that the play *itself*, while being, "...quite humorous at points," lacked action and, "...dragged quite often." I saw the play Friday evening and the energy was so intense, the audience raised the temperature in Boutwell Auditorium 10 degrees while trying to keep up with the energy and fast pace. Mr. Conley did you see the same show as everybody else...?

Since Conley didn't put the blame on the cast, or the director, he must therefore be criticizing the only person left - the author. In this case, this case there were two:

Alfred Uhry, who adapted the novella to the stage, and the original author Eudora Welty. Mr. Conley, this is called "missing the boat." You are not a literary critic and your review was not a theatre review. It was a farce. You represent a portion of *Sidelines* that people read in order to find out about something that they couldn't be there to see. You're suppose to critique actors, directors and productions. Instead you disappointingly critiqued a book that you've probably never read. How can students professors and others receive an honest opinion of MTSU's ART when you can not distinguish what the art actually is? This was a very embarrassing part of Tuesday's *Sidelines*.

In response to Conley's off-the-wall review I've critiqued "The Robber Bridegroom," myself. As mentioned earlier, the highlight in last weekend's production was the brilliant choreography of the ensemble. It was fine-tuned and added another dimension to the show. At times in the opening of the show, some individual voices were a little soft. However, after the voices warmed up, the auditorium hummed. Mark Perry, the gentleman robber, was quick and witty, middleman between the quite comical Tammy Coffman and the silly and sweet tounged Shannon L. Parnell. Their performances

were quite enjoyable. In addition to the threesome, Warren H. Gore and Daphne Hiers colored the comedy of the show even more. Jimmy Collins and John Lennon brought the crescendo to a climax, while the rest of the ensemble, including the band, put the exclamation point on the sentence.

In response to Conley, "The Robber Bridegroom" closed the Buchanan Players' season not with a "wimper" but with applause.

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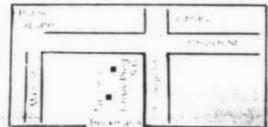
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Features/Entertainment

Potential suicide victims often cry for help

By DIANE GRIFFIN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Tony was a bright, talented, outgoing and friendly person. No one would have ever guessed that one thing was wrong, but it became evident that something had been very wrong.

That was the day he killed himself.

Why?

Psychologists have been trying to solve this riddle for many years, hoping to reduce the escalating suicide rate among young people.

Between 1955 and 1985, there was an alarming suicide rate increase of more than 300 percent among those between the ages of 15 and 24.

A recently published study reveals that every 90 minutes an American in this age group commits suicide. This doesn't take into account the unsuccessful attempts.

USA Today estimates there are 1,000 suicide attempts every 24 hours or around 370,000 per year.

The extremely high suicide rate among today's young people has been attributed to a number of causes.

Perhaps the most common factor is stress related usually because of an intense need to achieve and be accepted in an increasingly competitive world.

On the night before his death, Tony reminisced about happier times.

"Sometimes I wish I was back in junior high school. Everything was so simple then, no pressure," he said.

Another suicide cause prevalent among college students is an inability to rely on one's self to solve problems. Some students may find it very difficult to lead an independent life after having been cared for by the family for so long.

Psychologists point out other possible links to suicide, including the failure to achieve expectations, loss of status, the breakup of an intense relationship, or the sudden loss of a parent through death or divorce.

Whatever the cause for contemplation of suicide, it is important to realize that there are warning signs and that in eight of 10 cases the person will communicate his intent to someone.

One common signal among many who are suicide prone is a loss of interest in what was once very important in their lives.

For instance, they might give away treasured possessions or lose all interest in their personal dress, appearance or a hobby.

In Tony's case, he quit the track team about a month prior to the tragedy. At one time, he had loved to run, but then he insisted he just didn't have time for it any more.

This was one several warning signals which should have alerted someone to action.

Dr. Keith Carlson of the psychology department, who works as a volunteer at the Bob Prytula Crisis and Rape Center, lists 10 common warning signs indicating a person might be contemplating suicide:

— a previous suicide attempt

- marked changes in personality, behavior, and/or appearance
- changes in eating or sleeping habits
- withdrawal from family, friends and regular activities
- violent or rebellious behavior
- drug and alcohol abuse
- persistent boredom, difficulty concentrating, or a decline in the

- quality of school work
- frequent physical symptoms of apparent illness
- suicidal comments such as "It's no use" or "Nobody cares"
- giving away favorite possessions.
- What do you do if you think a friend may be depressed or thinking of suicide?

Dr. Carlson stresses the importance of "opening up the opportunity for them to talk. See things from their perspective. Show them you care."

If the situation seems serious, encourage them to seek help.

In Murfreesboro, help is readily available at the crisis center. The telephone number is 896-HELP.

Dr. Carlson notes that 10 percent of all calls received at the crisis center in 1985 were suicide related.

The surest way to prevent suicide is to be aware of the warning signals and the ways that you can help.

There are lots of Tonys out there, but their lives do not end the way his did. You can make a difference.

Two important MTSU workers leave

By KELLY ANDERSON
Sidelines Features/Ent. Editor

The award-winning MTSU flower beds have and will be drastically changed because of the leaving of two of its important elements: Somie, a wired-haired dog, and Jayme Proctor, Horticulture Technician.

Somie, Proctor's dog, was found on the MTSU campus in Oct. 1977 by Harold Baldwin's photography students.

"One cold, rainy day the students brought in the dog and interrupted class. We dried her off since she was shivering, and John Lucas, a photography student at the time, took her home," Baldwin said.

Somie passed through one more set of hands until she finally arrived at Proctor's home that same October.

Somie was named soon afterward.

"I was on the gymnastics team and Somie was so athletic. I thought I'd name her Somie because I wanted to teach her how to do a

somersault," Proctor said.

Many people on campus knew Somie because she helped Proctor every year with the flower beds.

"A friend of mine who went to the University of Texas was talking to someone about the flower beds. She said she didn't remember any of the people, but she did remember that little dog that looked like Toto," Proctor said.

After eight years of helping Proctor with the flower beds, the friendly little "Heinz 57" will not be involved this year because last Thursday night Somie died.

Proctor, the Somie responsible for the flower beds, will also be leaving after this summer.

"I'm planning to go to graduate school at North Carolina State in landscape architecture," Proctor explained.

"I didn't know how I was going to take care of Somie, because she was used to being with me all the time," Proctor said.

Before Proctor, an MTSU biology graduate of 1979, began de-

signing and planting the flower beds, MTSU didn't have beds like there are now.

"When I first started they were just beginning to have them (flower beds), and we've kind of developed them into what they are now," Proctor commented.

Proctor explained why he graduated with a biology degree.

"I felt maybe the department

(landscaping) wasn't developed enough in what I was interested in back then, so I went into biology."

Just like Proctor will always be remembered as an important part of the MTSU campus, Proctor explained that Somie was a significant aspect of his MTSU days.

"It was just as if she were a part of me being here at MTSU," Proctor concluded.



Somie, Jayme Proctor's helper, died Thursday night. Proctor, MTSU horticulture technician, will also be leaving MTSU this August. Somie and Proctor were responsible for the campus's flower beds.

Alexander to perform with symphony



Gov. Alexander will perform this Monday evening with the symphony.

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Gov. Lamar Alexander will be the featured piano soloist at the University Community Symphony Orchestra's fundraiser next Monday, April 28 at the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, according to Laurence Harvin, conductor of the University Community Symphony Orchestra.

"The funds from this concert will be used to help the Orchestra match a \$10,000 grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission," Harvin said.

The symphony has between 65 to 70 members that not only include students of Middle Tennessee State University but also residents of Murfreesboro and

Nashville, Harvin said.

"The Governor will not just be playing the piano," Harvin said. "He will also say a few words on Tennessee Heritage."

The program for the evening will include country, pop and gospel songs that will illustrate Tennessee's Heritage, Harvin said.

Some of the songs to be played include "Appalachian Spring," "Tennessee Waltz" [one of the state songs of Tennessee], "Wabash Cannon Ball" and a gospel medley.

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Features/Entertainment

Performing Arts Company's show is a failure

By ELISABETH FREEMAN
Special to Sidelines

The show was entitled Perspectives. Perspectives — of what? A bad Aerobics class?

The introductory number to the

MTSU Performing Arts Company 1986 Spring Dance Show, "Twitch," was the warning. The choreography may have been sufficient had the dancers in said first piece not been klutzes. Not all of them, mind you, but the great

majority were.

From this first piece I sank into the bottom of my seat and prepared for the worst.

However, this first number was not entirely an indication of the rest of the show. It rose and fell in degrees of technical proficiency, and lack thereof — when it hit bottom it really hit bottom.

For instance, "The Shakers," number four on the program, was not only shakeless, it was so boring that one of the dancers seemed to forget what she was supposed to do next.

"The Footloosers" would have

Review

been more properly named the "Footlosers," for the choreographer and principal dancer, Wayne Griffith fit the name far better. Christine Youngblood and Eileen Wiggs, his partners, would have done much better on their own.

An original composition by Hugh Shelton, entitled "Alone in the Dark" would have been fitted much better to a slower piece of music

than the "Night Moves" by Marilyn Martin, which was used. Or he should have sped up a little, one or the other.

Suffice it to say that the Pom Pon Drill Team seemed a wee bit out of place. Their only redeeming factor was that they could stay together throughout their two routines — you know the ones; the same two that they did at every home basketball game this year.

The main complaint is that there were so many bodies onstage that did not belong there. Maybe they were just beginning students, and maybe that was all they could get,

I don't know.

I do know if there is anything less attractive than a bad dancer, it's a dancer that is in bad shape. A bad dancer in good shape is a little more tolerable, but there were only a few.

I want to congratulate Amy Drum, D'arcy Holland, Caroline Holland, Terry Thompson, Lee Ann Allen, Sherry Black, and Amanda Cantrell. Under the guidance of choreographer and MTSU dance teacher Anne V. Holland in a piece entitled "Gravity/Anti-Gravity," an excellent and intriguing performance was given.

There was a well controlled mix of classical movement and modern concept in this number, and it was very impressive.

Amy Drum in particular, who has studied dance for a total of 17 years was by far the star of the show. In a short piece called "Le Corsaire" she played the perfect classical ballerina with a great deal of style, control and finesse. She is a very impressive, professional dancer.

The lighting and sound for this production were both quite good. They added to several routines which desperately needed something extra.

Particularly in "Decisions, Decisions," with Laura Austin, Matthew Dunne and Cindy Shrader, the lights were very effective, being used to exemplify power of good and evil with flashes of light.

I wish also to commend Cindy Shrader, choreographer, and Laura Austin, Sherry Rhyne, and Teresa Otto for a lovely, and fresh "Butterfly Dance."

With the exclusions of the above specially named people, I have but one piece of advice for the Performing Arts Company — do you're shows free until you're worth \$3.00.

Van Halen rocks

Review

By TRACY D. BUSH
Sidelines Staff Writer

Why can't this be Roth? This question was definitely not asked by the audience that attended the sold-out Van Halen concert last Sunday night in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium.

The words "David Lee Who?" were displayed on a banner made by the fans. Everyone seemed to share the same attitude, including the band.

Sammy Hagar, the new lead singer of the legendary rock group Van Halen, seemed as though he had always been a member. It was as if David Lee Roth never existed. Of course, Van Halen is not the same.

Not only has the music changed, but also the attitudes of the band members, Eddie and Alex Van Halen and Michael Anthony. They are more calm and not as wild on stage as they once were. However, Hagar's stage antics and powerful vocals more than made up for it.

Van Halen opened with "Girl You Really Got Me," which was originally recorded by the Kinks. This wasn't a very good choice for an opener, due to the fact that the song was a cover.

Van Halen is capable of writing their own successful material, and they shouldn't have to rely on hits of the past.

Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll" closed the show. The audience responded favorably. However, they should have remembered that they paid \$15 to hear Van Halen and not a bar band.

Most of the tunes on Van Halen's new album 5150 were performed and performed well. "Why Can't This Be Love" and "Best of Both Worlds" were well received by the thousands of fans.

"Ain't Talking 'Bout Love," "Panama" and "Jump" were a few songs performed that were Van Halen hits prior to Sammy Hagar. Hagar did the songs justice and performed them with energy. The only disappointment was that Van Halen didn't play more of their previous hit tunes.

The band also featured two of Hagar's solo works: "I Can't Drive 55" and "Only One Way to Rock." It was almost like two concerts in one, but Hagar and Van Halen are now one and what a great combination they make.

Van Halen has made a few changes, but they still stand for fun and rock 'n' roll the hard way. The only thing that David Lee Roth took with him was his good looks and sarcastic persona. Sammy Hagar may not be big, bad and beautiful, but he can sing.



Caroline Holland•Staff

Several members of the Middle Tennessee State University Performing Arts Company hold a final pose at the end of their last number during rehearsal of their spring show entitled Perspectives. This production was presented April 23-24 in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m.

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Sports



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MTSU's Mark Vaughn lies unconscious after being hit by a baseball during the Blue Raiders double header Thursday night with Murray State.

Raiders win, hosts tourney

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

The MTSU baseball team will host the Ohio Valley Conference tournament this season, after winning the first game of a double header last night over Murray St. 5-3.

The Blue Raiders needed to win one of the games to secure the Southern Division title pushing

them at least two games ahead of their closest opponent Tennessee Tech.

"I was well pleased with the game tonight," head coach John Stanford said. "The boys played like they wanted to win."

Chris Whitehead, a 5-8, 185lbs., freshman from Maryville, Tenn., led the Blue Raiders solo homer in

the first inning, his 15th of the season to setting a new season mark.

The Blue Raiders took the lead in the first inning but fell behind in the fifth.

The Blue Raiders rallied in the sixth with two outs, scoring Carnes, Zimmer and Hayes to take the lead.

The Racers added two, one in the sixth, and seventh, but couldn't overcome the Blue Raiders.

With the win, the Blue Raiders earn the privilege of hosting the OVC tournament, edging out Tennessee Tech.

The Raiders were 8-2 following the first game, bettering the Golden Eagles by one game.

"It will be nice having the tournament here," Stanford said. "We

haven't played before the home crowd in post season play in some time."

The double elimination tournaments will be held at Reese Field May 7-9.

The Raiders will host the top two teams from each division. From the Southern, the Raiders and Tennessee Tech will play, while Akron and eastern Kentucky will come from the Northern Division.

In the second game of the night, the Raiders fell to the Racers 6-3. Blue Raider Alan Correll took the loss for MTSU.

MTSU's Scott Marcum, a 6-0, 165 lbs. senior from Cookeville, Tn. recorded his first home run of the season for the Blue Raiders.

Netters set for OVC tourney

By MAURICE PETWAY
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Blue Raider tennis team improved its season record to 15-11 with a 7-2 victory over arch rival Tennessee Tech Tuesday on the Greenland Dr. courts.

Despite a driving wind, and chilly temperatures most of the Blue Raiders put on stellar performances.

"The team looked like they played really well," Coach Dick LaLance said.

David Wehrle got things rolling by using his blazing first serve, and consistent baseline game to overcome a scrappy Juan Escudero 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. This victory will make Wehrle the top seed, in the number singles slot, for the upcoming OVC tournament.

Ken Ventimiglia playing at the number two position, lost a tough second set tie breaker (10-8), and the match 7-5, 7-6 to Glenn Crouch.

"I felt I played well," Ventimiglia said, "but I couldn't get the big points."

Chris King, despite a poor performance, edged out Jaime Escudero 6-0, 3-6, 7-5. While Ilmar Multi, overpowered Tom Parwell 6-4, 6-2.

John Carrol-Wilcocks had a "lackluster performance," but his

big forehand propelled him to a 6-1, 6-4 victory, and a first or second seeding in the tournament.

"I really wasn't pleased with my game, but I guess you can't argue with a victory," Wilcox said.

Anson Chilcutt picked the court apart, defeating Tim Miles 7-5, 6-1.

In doubles action, the team of Chilcutt and Multi were winners, as were the team of Ventimiglia and Wilcocks.

When asked what the teams chances are of winning the OVC tournament LaLance said that the road to the championship would be a rocky one, but not an impossible one.

"Murray is still the clearcut team to beat," LaLance said. "We would have to play brilliantly to beat them."

The Blue Raiders, who some feel haven't hit their full stride, will hit the courts in the OVC tournaments this weekend, at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn.

According to LaLance, the team will be in fair condition, seed-wise for the tournament.

"Ken, Ilmar, Anson, and Chris should all be seeded third or fourth in the tourney," LaLance said.

No banquet fits

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

It fits. In a year riddled with firsts, and lasts, like this one has, it really fits that the Blue Raider awards banquet would be axed.

Athletic Director Jimmy Earle was quoted as saying that the banquet would have honored a football team, which for most of its season was ranked number one in the nation, and a women's basketball team that became the first team in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to win a conference basketball title four consecutive years.

I don't even want to think about the fact that it is the year

that the men's basketball team packed Murphy Center to drill Tennessee Tech, and go as far as 8-0 in the conference at one point, or the fact that it would be the final opportunity to pat Coach Hayes on the back and express sympathy over the loss of the track program.

Commentary

A year like this one will seem lost without a banquet formally recognizing the superb job that the athletes, ALL the athletes did.

Middle Tennessee is about to walk away with the Ohio Valley (Please see Freeman page 8)

Neal rolls 'perfect'-ly to tourney

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU womens tennis team will go into the OVC tourney with a undefeated conference record according to Sandy Neal, women's tennis team coach.

The Lady Raiders are a dead even pick along with Austin Peay to win the tournament.

"We [the women's tennis team] have a 7-0 record in the OVC this year," Neal said. "Austin Peay is also ranked even with us because they have some good younger players."

The Lady Governors are 6-2 in the OVC this year and are 20-7 overall while the Lady Raiders are 7-0 in the OVC and 15-8 overall.

MTSU has several standouts. Beth Bilyeau the number five seed is 19-8 for the year and Michele

Girl, MTSU's scholar athlete, is 14-8.

Girl won the OVC singles championship two years ago but lost in the championship a year ago.

The Lady Raiders are going into the tourney after an 8-1 loss handed to them by the Vanderbilt Lady Commodores. The Lady Raiders

Stewart inks final recruit

Middle Tennessee State men's basketball coach Bruce Stewart has announced the signing of a Darron Paulk, a 6-6, 185 pd., forward from Gadsden (Ala.) Junior College.

Paulk, who was named the Alabama State Junior College Most Valuable Player this past season averaged 18.6 points per game, and 7.8 rebounds per game.

won the number one doubles match for their only victory.

The Lady Raiders demolished Murray State 8-1 in their last Ohio Valley Conference match.

The OVC tournament will take place on Friday and Saturday on the campus of Austin Peay State University.

Paulk's signing should, according to Stewart, wrap up the 1986 signing season for the Blue Raiders.

"Paulk had 39 blocked shots at Gadsden, and had several 30 games," Stewart said.

Paulk is the third signee for Stewart, who is going into his third season at MTSU.

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Griffin picked by Showboats, wants to wait

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Don Griffin, MTSU free safety who was drafted by a USFL team in the league's territorial draft last Tuesday said last night that he will wait until the National Football League's draft to decide where he will play.



Howard Ross/Staff

MTSU safety Don Griffin
Hopes to wait for NFL.

Griffin, who was a Division I-AA first team All-American safety this past season as he lead the Raiders to an 11-0 record, was drafted by the Memphis Showboats in the fifth round.

Griffin served the Blue Raiders in a double role by also serving as a punt returner. Griffin returned 66 punts for 494 yards for an average of 7.5 yards a return.

Griffin was announced yesterday of his selection and announced in a *Sidelines* interview that several NFL teams had contacted him and felt that he would also be picked when that league holds its draft next Tuesday.

"I am real excited about being drafted, but I want to wait until the NFL draft next Tuesday before I make up my mind," Griffin said. "It's nice to have some options."

Griffin said he would welcome a call from Cincinnati asking him to join his brother James, who played for the Blue Raiders before joining the Bengals in 1983.

"It would be fun if I could play with my brother," Griffin said. "But that may not come about. I really don't care, I just like playing the game," Griffin said.

Eight NFL teams have shown interest in signing Griffin, including two who made play-off appearances last season.

"The [New York] Giants, Miami [Dolphins], Seat-

le [Seahawks], Houston [Oilers], [Buffalo] Bills, [Pittsburgh] Steelers and St. Louis [Cardinals] have all come down and given me a workout and stuff," Griffin said.

The exact price for Griffin's services has not yet been set as negotiations are still in progress and Griffin is waiting for the NFL before making his playing decision.

Defensive team prepared

FROM STAFF REPORTS

With the conclusion of spring football practice at hand, MTSU defensive coordinator Ed Bunio feels confident that the Blue Raider defensive squad is secure for the summer.

"Of course, it is still early, but the defense has a lot of potential," Bunio said. "We lost some good people, but we were fortunate to be able to fill their positions with some young talent."

Several defensive spots were left vacant by graduation, including two defensive end positions filled last season by John Garrett, and Robert Frazer, and Dino DeLulius' position at Defensive tackle.

Bunio feels that the defensive end spots can be filled by Kenny Tippins, a 6-2, 200 lbs., sophomore from Adel, Ga., and freshman Keith Wallace, while Jack Pittman, a 6-2, 235 lbs., will be a top contender for the tackles job.

"I believe that these guys will be able to take up the slack that was left by graduation," Bunio said.

Jim Hagmier, a 6-2, 225 lbs., sophomore from Bartlett, Tenn., will, according to Bunio be a top candidate for a vacated defensive guards spot.

"Hagmier and Allen Sharmino could move into Wade Peery's position," Bunio said.

Peery will not be returning to the team due to personal reasons.

Bob Moorhead, who was hospitalized earlier in the spring with a severe back injury will, according to head coach Boots Donnelly return in the fall if he feels he can.

"If he wants it, and is able," Donnelly said, "the job is available."

And in the position vacated by

graduating Don Griffin, Bunio said that three players have a shot at the free safety slot.

"Freeman Davis will be back, and so will Tommy Barnes," Bunio said. "Both of them have a good shot at it."

As to whether or not this defensive team will measure up to last season's team, Bunio stated that that was primarily up to the offense.

"The best defenses are the ones that can sit on the sidelines and cheer for three quarters of the game," he said. "Last year the offense was so good, we were off the field a majority of the time. They carried most of the weight."

The Blue Raiders will be put to the test Aug. 30, when they open the 1986 season at home against Miles College.

Sayers resigns, urges school

TSU should join the OVC

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Former Tennessee State University Athletic Director Gale Sayers, who reportedly resigned his post in a letter to TSU president Roy Peterson in a letter dated March 12, 1986, advised the university to align itself with a conference as soon as possible, the *Nashville Banner* reported yesterday.

The letter, according to the *Banner* suggested that the schools' president and athletic director prepare a presentation for admission to the Ohio Valley Conference, the "most logical choice for" the school, as soon as possible.

"I feel that TSU should try to align its athletic program with a conference as soon as possible," Sayers said via the letter. "A conference affiliation would solve the scheduling problem of being an independent."

"The Ohio Valley Conference would be the logical choice for TSU," Sayers said. "I strongly urge the new president and athletic director to make a formal presentation to the OVC for admission."

Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jim Delanie had said earlier that admission to the conference would be a good move for the university, but might meet with some resistance from schools in the northern part of the conference.

"Tennessee has three schools in the conference, (Middle Tennessee, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech), and a fourth school from the state might face some opposition from schools like Morehead and Youngstown, from the northern part of the conference," Delanie said. "The effects to TSU would be good, as far as joining a conference goes. That, in my opinion would be a good move."

Delanie denied the fact that TSU is considered an All Black school would have an effect on the schools chances at admission, but hinted that the fact that TSU's football field is in poor condition might be a hindrance.

"Their field was in bad shape," he said. "We would want a better field for a member."

Delanie declined to comment on the anxiousness of the conference to add a school, with the University of Akron looking to move up to Division I-AA football and admission to the Mid-America conference.

Tennessee State has played various OVC schools in different sports over the past years, playing Austin Peay and Middle Tennessee in basketball this season, and facing the Blue Raiders on the football field Sept. 6, at Memorial Stadium in Nashville.

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Conference All-Sports trophy, and will be able to sit back and gloat over its accomplishments, but they will have to do it without the banquet.

The banquet was scheduled to be held last night, but when Coach Earle looked back and saw what was to unfold, he, along with the Blue Raider Club Board of Directors, wisely pulled the plug on the entire affair.

"It wasn't organized, and wasn't well planned," Earle said.

It won't seem like a winning year at all, despite the two tennis teams odds at taking OVC crowns this weekend in their respective tournaments, and the winning attitude of the volleyball team, if the year ends without the celebration that is marked by the banquet.

I felt similarly about the Blue-White game, but it too was understandable, for, when athletes

are injured, they are more likely to get hurt even more.

So too with the banquet. It would be best to drop the plans for the affair than to injure the program with a poorly prepared feast.

But, still, things have gone so well this year, it really fits.

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