

James, Hammond win election run-off

By LISA HUMAN
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Randy James won a close presidential race yesterday by 79 votes against Louis Holiday and Martha Hammond won the senate speaker run-off by 20 ballots.

James received 845 votes

while Holiday got 766 and Hammond claimed 758 with her opponent, Gary Pomeroy, receiving 738.

"It's been a long campaign," James sighed, after congratulating his opponents for running a good race.

"I'm going to be an ASB

President for all spectrums," he exclaimed. "I'm not going to just be a greek president because I am a greek, and I'm not going to be a dorm president because I live in a dorm. My doors will be open to anyone."

James said he wants to emphasize more weekend activities

next year. "We may have to, in some cases, put pressure on the administration to open up facilities here on weekends," he said.

He added he will be able to work with Hammond and Speaker of the House Byron West very effectively.

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Speaker of Senate	
Martha Hammond	758
Gary Pomeroy	738

Hammond said she hopes to work in more committee systems and hopes to get more student input. She said she would like to get a list of all the senators, their box and phone numbers, and make these available to the students.

She also hopes to get bills all the way through the system. "There were some really good bills passed in the senate, but they didn't go anywhere," she explained.

"I'm not believing this!" she reacted excitedly. "I'm so glad it's over, though."

Meanwhile, in a telephone

interview last night, Holiday said he felt he and his campaign workers came a long way in the race.

"I feel we did much better than anyone would have given us credit for a week ago," he said. "When we started in the race, Randy had the advantage because he was vice president. We came a long way from zero."

Holiday said the fact that presidential candidate Bill Mercer contested his votes to James probably did not hurt his race.

"When Bill gave his support to Randy, I feel he was speaking for himself, not the 200 and something people that voted for him."

However, Holiday said he felt one problem with the election may have been that it was not publicized enough.

Appeal filed by Ralph Hillman

By LISA HUMAN
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Speech and theatre instructor Ralph Hillman filed an appeal Friday with the Faculty Grievance and Appeal Committee after learning last week he had not been recommended to MTSU President Sam Ingram for tenure and promotion.

The appeal suggests the possibility that a decision to refuse Hillman tenure and promotion may have been made between Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton, Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew and speech and theatre department Chairman Larry Lowe before the evaluation process began in December.

Carlton said yesterday Corlew, Lowe and himself did not make a decision previous to the evaluation process.

In December, the speech and theatre departmental committee on tenure and promotion recommended that Hillman be refused tenure and promotion 5-3. The decision went to a committee headed by Dean Corlew. That committee voted to give Hillman tenure 5-3. However, Corlew's decision was to not recommend Hillman to the University committee, headed by Carlton. Carlton would not comment on the way his committee voted.

Carlton said there were other

cases in which the committee's recommendation was different than the committee chairman's recommendation.

"Each of us has an official responsibility to make a judgement on these matters," he explained.

Ester Seeman, political science instructor, heads the grievance committee which will hear Hillman's case.

The committee is composed of Mary Dunn, biological science; John Williams, elementary education; and Fred Kittrell, economics and finance.

Two members of the university committee on promotion and tenure, Fred Colvin and Thelma Jennings, are non-voting members of the committee and will be present only to consult with the other members.

No date has been set for Hillman's hearing.



Elated over the election results, newly elected Speaker of the Senate Martha Hammond explains her plans for the coming year.

photo by Mark Holland

Spraying halted for danger study

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

Dormitory rooms will not be sprayed or fogged with pesticides until a decision is reached by the university concerning the actual dangers of the currently used chemicals.

Harold Jewell, director of maintenance, decided all spraying would be halted until the matter could be resolved.

"We've stopped until a decision is made, whether it involves changing pesticides or methods used or whatever," he said.

This decision came about as a result of an MTSU sophomore's charge that pesticides currently used in spraying dormitory rooms are "very dangerous."

George Davis, a pre-forestry major, filed a hazard form several weeks ago with the department of safety on campus concerning the use of the pesticides Oxford 514 (fogging) and 777 (spraying).

Director of Safety Archie Sullivan said he is currently reviewing the processes the maintenance department uses while spraying the rooms.

"I don't feel like there's anything really dangerous (with the procedures or the

pesticides)," he said. "I'm trying to determine if we're following procedures that comply with health standards. I think we need to tighten things up a bit, but there's nothing really dangerous."

Jewell explained that "things are pretty well under control" and halting the spraying of dorms would not have any adverse effects.

"We're ready to resume any time we get the go ahead," he said. "We're willing to go any way we're directed."

David, however has different feelings about merely changing the procedures while continuing to use the same pesticides.

"It will be over my dead body if they do start using the sprays again," Davis asserted. "I have evidence to be able to charge them with three counts of negligence. Now, I am not charging them at this point, but if 777 or a similar substance is used again I will be forced into such a situation."

Davis claims the pesticide now being used is mixed with a compound that is "six times more powerful as DDT," but adds that since the amount used is small the resulting pesticide is just comparable to DDT.

"I gave them an idea for an alternative (pesticide to use) but their decision to stop use totally is irresponsible and uncalled for," he said.

In an earlier report, Davis said that only 777 was at fault. Now he says the pesticide used in fogging dorm rooms, 514, may also be dangerous.

"The 514 label recommends a two-hour waiting period for hospital patients. The university just says 20 minutes," he explained. "I don't see why we're not afforded the same care and respect."

"I'm not just doing this for myself," Davis stated. "I'm doing this for the student population on campus. I'm that convinced that the stuff is harmful."

The Tennessee Code Annotated and federal laws state that the applicator of the pesticides be certified and that only Environmental Protection Agency approved pesticides are used.

"The 514 university has followed these to the utmost and I praise them for following these laws," he said. "But if the Oxford chemicals are really EPA approved why are people getting sick?"

Jones Hall ready for final inspection

Jones Hall is once again ready for occupancy, and the \$472,000 renovation project that began last June will undergo final inspection by state officials Thursday, according to Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

An informal inspection Wednesday found no major problems.

"Clean-up and some exterior painting previously delayed by

the weather are the only remaining touches. We are all pleased with the inspection," he added.

Others participating in the inspection were an architect from Morton-Lyne Associates of Nashville, the contractor from J. Harvey Shankle Co. of Nashville, electrical and consulting engineers and mechanical and electrical subcontractors.

Robert Jones, assistant vice

president of academic affairs, says school officials have not reached a definite decision on what department(s) will occupy Jones Hall.

"It has been discussed with faculty members of the department of education and the school of business, but President Ingram and Jack Carlton, vice-president of academic affairs, will make the final decision," he said.

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photo by Brian Wright

"Go fly a kite" — David Neal, a sophomore from Murfreesboro, takes that advice as he flies a kite in front of the library. It sure beats walking a dog.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday
 Presbyterian Student Awareness, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 SAE: Miss MTSU Ticket Sale, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Baseball: MTSU/Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Baseball Field, 1 p.m.
 Movie: "Alice in Wonderland," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
 Traffic Court: UC 313 & 315, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 MTSU Department of Foreign Languages & History: Speaker-Walter Grab (Vanguard of Individual Terrorism) - The Revolt of the German Students after the Congress of Vienna (1817-20), UC 324, 7-9 p.m.
 Jazz Ensemble Concert: Music Department, Tennessee Room, 8 p.m.
 Henry Harrell Lecture Series: Dr. Bruce Metzger, Princeton Theological Seminar,

"Problems — Old and New in Translating the Bible," Tennessee Room, 8 p.m.
 Alpha Eta Rho: Airplane Ride Tickets, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Movie: "Star Trek," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
 Sigma Delta Sigma Basketball Game: AM Gym, 5-7 p.m.
 Miss MTSU Pageant: MC, 7 p.m.

Thursday
 Public Relations: Taylor Yearbook Seminar, Tennessee Room, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 HPERs Department: Health Fair, North Concourse, MC, 8-11:30 p.m.
 Alpha Phi Alpha: Blood Pressure Clinic, UC Basement, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Baseball: MTSU/Tennessee Tech, Baseball Field, 1 p.m.
 Movie: "Star Trek," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

Torso photos in LRC

Robert Lindenmann, California photographer of "Portraits Without Faces," is currently having his works shown through April 17 in the MTSU Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center.

"Portraits Without Faces" include Lindenmann's photographs of the torso's of everyday people in the San Francisco Bay area. The body language of a person's torso reveals information in his photographs.

"Consciously or unconsciously, the way a person dresses and his body positions convey nonverbal communication, sending out many signals, which may either amplify or contradict verbal and facial expressions," Lindenmann stated.

"Body language is partly

instinctive, partly taught and partly imitative, and has adaptive, expressive and defensive functions," he added.

A native of St. Louis, Lindenmann received degrees from Diablo Valley College and San Francisco State University in California and was a free-lancer and photography instructor.

"It's a different kind of show than we've ever had before in the photo gallery," curator Harold Baldwin said. "With Lindenmann's 'Portraits,' one will be able to look at the clothes and body language in the photographs of people and make a firm decision about their character without seeing their face."

The Photographic Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon Saturday and 6-10 p.m. Sunday.

Sidelights

Mr. MTSU tickets go on sale

Chi Omega sorority presents the 11th annual Mr. MTSU Pageant Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center. All tickets are \$1.50 and proceeds go to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. Call 898-3154 for further information and/or tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

TV's effect on kids will be topic

A Vanderbilt psychology professor will present the results of her research at the annual spring meeting of the MTSU Sigma Chi April 3 at 8 p.m. in the Biology Auditorium of the Davis Science Building.

Emily S. Davidson, sponsored by the Sigma Chi and the Ideas and Issues Committee, will speak to the group about the effects of television on children.

Prior to the meeting, a banquet will be held in Davidson's honor at the Omni Hut in Smyrna at 6 p.m.

Career Workshop planned Thursday

The Placement and Student Employment Center is planning and will be conducting a Career Workshop designed especially for seniors and graduate students on Thursday at 11 a.m. in University Center Room 322.

Joe Sawyer, associate professor of business education, will give a presentation on writing resumes. A video tape, "Effective Interviewing Techniques," will be shown. This tape will assist students in developing skills for interviewing.

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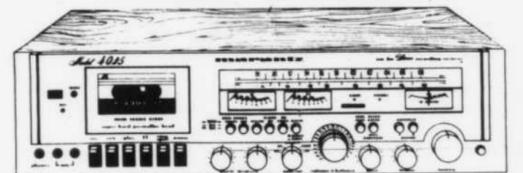
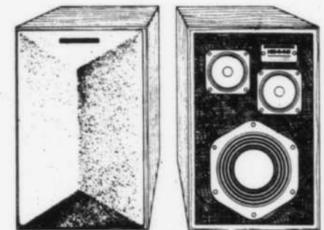
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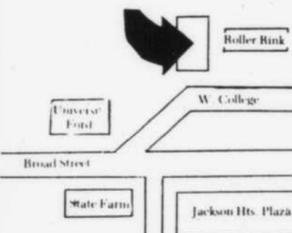
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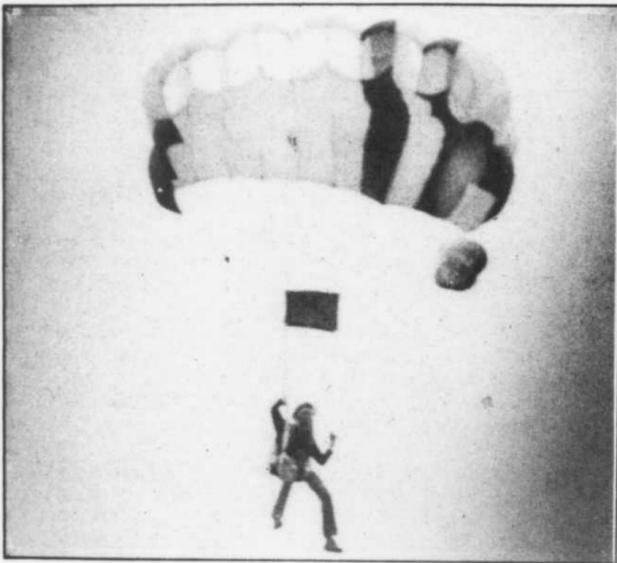
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Left, jump master Ed Scott floats down to earth after an exhilarating free fall from the Cessna 172. Tom Thomson, right, jump instructor for the MTSU parachute club, yells instructions before he lets go of the strut, the wing brace. Beginning students start jumping from 3,000 feet and as they progress, can jump from as high as 15,000.

photos by Mark Holland



By **ANGIE GALLOWAY**
Sidelines Copy Editor
Flying — just like Superman! Floating on a cushion of air. It seems like it will last forever. But it doesn't.

With a pack on your back and a helmet strapped under your chin, the exhilarating feeling of falling doesn't seem like you're going 120 miles per hour.

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Sky diving is a growing sport in the U.S. and the MTSU parachute club is growing along with it with seven active members.

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Ed Scott, one of the jump masters for the MTSU club, said the first and hardest step in jumping is learning how to arch your body to fall facing the earth. He compared it to learning how to walk.

He has been approved by the U.S. Parachute Association and has made over 340 jumps. Scott began at Tennessee Tech University in 1975. "It was quite a big one until they got kicked out of the Cookeville airport," he laughed.

He explained beginning instruction. "It includes air craft procedure — how to move in and exit from the airplane;

emergency procedures; how to guide the canopy, which is how to tell where you are landing; and how to land safely and walk away."

When training, a person is placed in a suspended harness and taught how to react to a mishap and expect a malfunction. "Rarely do mishaps happen, but just in case," Scott added.

He compared landing to jumping off of a four foot wall.

"When a person first learns to jump, he makes five static line jumps from 3,000 feet. That's where a line is attached to the plane and when the student jumps, the line opens the parachute," Scott said.

"Each pack has two parachutes. Students have the reserve on the front. This is more reassuring and a lot less expensive," he explained.

After jumping the first five static lines and the jump master has approved the student's performance, a person can then make jumps with freefalls that last three seconds, working his way up to 10 seconds and longer.

For the next three weekends, training lessons will be given beginning this Thursday in the Industrial Arts Building, room 20.

Students use the round high performance canopies that are similar to the military rigs. Scott said they perform better and land softer than the military ones.

The more modern harnesses and containers have the square

parachute which the more experienced jumpers use. They have a very small pack and reserve to reduce the overall bulk and weight to give better characteristics.

More experienced jumpers can compete in "boogies" and meets with others. The most popular area of competition is relative work. This is where jumpers do formations in the air. "The name came about because when you are in the air, everything is done relative to each other, not fixed objects on the ground."

Competition, is when jumpers try to hit a three inch disc.

"The squares (parachutes) are very unusual. Sometimes the winner usually hits the disc eight times in a row and misses are measured in centimeters."

Style, one of the classics of competition, involves a series of predetermined maneuvers while judges on the ground observe through high powered optical devices similar to binoculars. The sequence is timed and the one who performs less flawlessly wins, he explained.

Scott related a story about parachuting before it became popular in the U.S. "Two people were jumping somewhere in Tennessee and they landed in a field far off course. They loaded up their gear and they saw an old woman with a gun come toward them. They asked, 'Ma'am, could you please tell us where we are?'"

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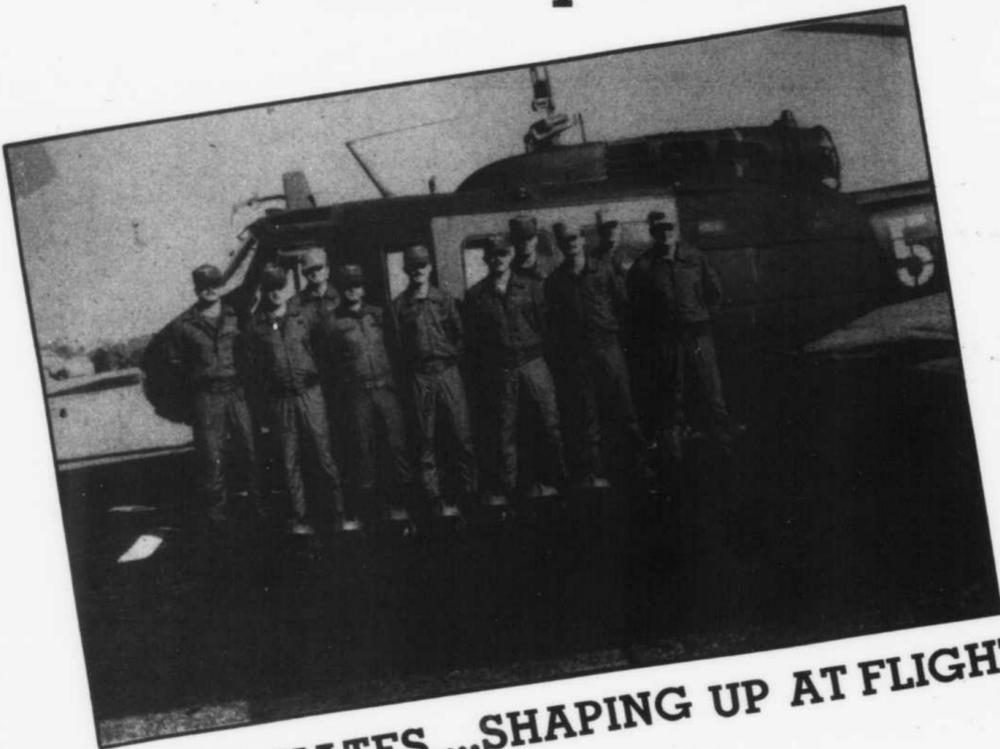
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from the editor

Plants: Congress halts watering foliage

In these days of high inflation and cut-backs, Congress took an appropriate step in passing a bill to stop federal agencies from hiring contractors to water their plants with tax-payers money.

Sen. James Sasser, D-Tenn., called upon seven federal agencies Tuesday to cancel contracts for plant care and watering, saying the "ridiculous service" costs \$54,000 a year, according to Associated Press Wire reports.

And a ridiculous service it is.

Last year, the General Accounting Office reported that 26 federal agencies were having contractors water their plants.

At last Tuesday's hearing, GAO officials presented a status report showing the Internal Revenue Service, Veterans Administration, Agriculture Department, Farm Credit Administration, Department of Transportation, Federal Election Commission and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service are still doing it. Total cost was put at \$54,400.

It is distressing to learn that federal agencies have spent tax-payers money in this way. At least now the government is trying to stop the spending, but it is sad to know that these agencies did not do anything about the wasteful spending earlier.

"It is hard for me to believe, in a time of extreme budget austerity, that we still have federal agencies wasting taxpayers' money to get their plants watered," Sasser said.

"Most incredible was the revelation that the Internal Revenue Service was wasting nearly \$33,000 to have its plants watered and cared for. I just can't imagine that the nation's tax collector would lead such a waste parade, but it is," he continued.

Sasser asked Comptroller General Elmer Staats to investigate the situation. He also said he was requesting that the agencies be notified to halt the practice.

These federal agencies may now have to water their own plants, but thankfully we will be able to save a little more money.

Tuesday, April 1, 1980

Viewpoints



from cell block F by Mary Ann Richards

MTSU could make history due to Hillman decision

Rumor has it all things work out for the best . . . in the end. It appears, however, in Ralph Hillman's case the great bureaucratic system of administrative peristalsis has descended like a colon and is presently stopped up. Mental laxatives are in order.

Thus I am appealing to those administrators who are presently responsible for making the final decision in regards to Ralph Hillman's tenure. I may write with tongue-in-cheek, but

before you speak with your tongues in all four, please digest the following before you move to regurgitate one of MTSU's finest professors, Ralph Hillman.

After all, it wouldn't look so super for MTSU to go down in history as the first school invited to plan the FINGER BOWL.

To whom it would concern if you were Ralph Hillman: Passing judgment is like passing gas.

If feels good, but often it is offensive to others.

as i see it

Little man makes big April Fool's Day jokes

Once upon a time there was a little village nestled between a rock and a hard spot.

For many years, the villagers had nothing to do after the last day of March, which was called March 31. They just slept for 24 hours and woke up on the second day of April, which was called April 2.

Then one day, a strange, funny looking little man came down from the rock and spoke to the villagers, "People of the village I bring you good tidings! No longer will you have nothing to do after the last day of March. From now on the day after March 31 will be the first day of April and it will be called April 1."

"The very idea of having a

first day of April! Why that has never been done before," said the village mayor. "Why only a fool would come up with such an idea."

The rest of the villagers agreed and ran the strange, funny looking little man from the rock out of town.

After the strange, funny looking little man had been run out of town, he said to himself, "I'll show them. When the next day after the last day of March comes around they will see with their own eyes what my powers can do!"

The next year, the little man from the rock spent many long hard hours working to fulfill his vow of vengeance upon the

the last word

Cool school turns dull into cruisin' kings

by Warren Denny

This past weekend I enrolled in the Murfreesboro School of Cool, a little known institution that claims it may turn any ordinary dullard into a genuine disco dancing, designer jean prancing member of the "in" crowd.

I had been leafing through the latest *Rutherford Terrier* when I ran across the Murfreesboro School of Cool ad that offered a weekend course for a nominal

fee (bring your own roller skates). Since many of my readers have hinted that I might in fact be an ordinary dullard, I decided to enroll.

I dug out my old metal adjustable skates, found my key and headed off for the MSC address on the public square. It was located above Fred's Department Store. I later found out that this was only a temporary location because con-

struction was well under way on a permanent site in Smyrna.

The office had a rotating disco ball in the center of the ceiling that reflected many different colors off of the multi-braided head of the MSC receptionist. I became intensely titillated at the prospect of spending my nights in a whirl of color at the Bavarian Disco. The receptionist handed me a schedule that was divided into four categories — Walking, Talking, Dancing and Chemical Compound Intake. I thought it remarkable that being cool could be broken down to such simple basics.

I was led to Room No. 1 in which about 15 people were mechanically striding about. I recognized only one of my fellow classmates, Sam Ingram. According to the instructor, walking should be a statement of one's lifestyle. This should include proper appearance, proper gait and facial expressions.

Within an hour I had unbuttoned my shirt to my navel, donned some shades and learned to walk with one eye open for cops and the other scoping for chicks. The men were dismissed earlier than the women, who had been equipped with spike heels and were still learning how to shift their buttocks without losing their balance.

The lecture on talking was short and to the point. I learned that in conversation, one must

constantly refer to one's self. All sentences should begin with "I" or "my" with all subject matter referring back to the first person.

Dancing was my downfall. My skates were a little rusty and I just couldn't enjoy the music. I could not see very well, due to the flashing lights, and I kept falling down. At one point I was run down from behind by Dr. Ingram, who was doing remarkably well. When we removed our wheels, I did a little better, since the dancing involved little more than snapping and pointing my fingers at myself.

My final class was Chemical Compound Intake. I was led into a room where the walls were lined with people (this was the most popular class) who looked like their faces had been dipped in bowls of powdered sugar.

They were learning how to use cocaine, the drug of the "in" crowd. Of course, to avoid any ugly confrontations with the law, MSC had substituted baby powder with much the same effect. We learned how to combine its use with that of alcohol to produce a "cool creature of the 80s."

In the end I received a grade of "B" (probably because of my rusty skates) and can now face the 80s with a confidence that only true coolness can afford.

by Chuck Keller

village down below. Meanwhile, the villagers had forgotten all about the strange, funny looking little man and his foolish idea. By and by, the 31st day of March was once again upon the small village located between a rock and a hard spot. On that afternoon the mayor proclaimed that the next day was the day after March 31 and that all the villagers should sleep until the second day of April.

Early the next morning, the villagers were awakened by the loud music of a marching band. The people rushed out of their houses to watch the band march by but the only thing they saw was the strange, funny looking

little man from the rock playing a portable stereo with the volume turned all the way up.

The little man laughed at the villagers and said, "This is your punishment for laughing at my idea of the first day of April. From now on on every first day of April, I will play a prank on your village!" With that the strange, funny looking little man packed up his stereo and went back to his home on the rock.

The people of the village were afraid and cried out with one voice, "What shall we do!?"

Being a person of immediate action, the mayor sent out a call for every able-bodied man in the village to assemble in front of the courthouse at once. Orders were also issued for all owners of practical joke toys to bring those items to the courthouse as soon as possible.

A small army was soon organized, armed with practical jokes and on their way to the strange, funny looking little man's house on the rock. In no time at all, an all-out battle of practical jokes and pranks was being fought between the little man and the men of the village. The people enjoyed the day's activities so much that each year on the first day of April (known as April 1) they would play pranks and other foolish jokes on each other.

And they all lived happily ever after.

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Perspective

Tuesday, April 1, 1980

from our readers

West has confidence, ability to improve ASB

To the editor:
First off, I would like to express my congratulations to the new speaker-elect of the house, Byron West, on his decisive victory of March 27. It is clear that he was favored for the post by the vast majority of the electorate, and I wish him success.

I had very bitter feelings at first about losing to Byron. However, we sat and talked at some length on election night as the votes were being counted and from that conversation I learned that Byron West has what it takes to be an excellent speaker. He has poise, confidence in himself and very concrete ideas on how to improve the ASB.

Most comforting to me at the time, while watching my effort come up short, was that Byron

was indeed a gracious winner. I was shocked at the wide margin by which I lost and Byron related that he was as surprised as I was. If you have never lost an election of this magnitude, you can't imagine what a help it is to have a class individual to concede to. Byron West has been a gracious winner and I hope I have been somewhat as gracious in my losing effort.

Secondly, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all those people who helped me in the race. They are too numerous to mention here, but I know the names of each and every one and they are very special to me.

Finally, I have this to say concerning the Greek community at MTSU. In talking with some friends last Friday, I had harsh words for the Greeks. I was, as I told one person, "snowed under the Greek avalanche." Which is true. But as I reflected on it over the weekend, I realized that the massive Greek block-voting is

not that uncommon. After all, republicans vote for republicans and democrats vote for democrats.

I am fully aware that massive Greek support for Byron won him the election, but I cannot hold that against the Greek community. Instead, I salute the MTSU Greeks for their stout support of their candidate. And I submit that the independents both on and off campus could take a lesson from the Greeks in the areas of supporting a candidate both in a campaign and at the polls. While I realize there was a record turnout this year, I would wager that half of the electorate was composed of fraternities and sororities, who make up a total of 10-15 percent of the total campus enrollment. Think about that.

Again, I express my congratulations to speaker-elect Byron West as well as my thanks to him for being a top-notch individual.
Bob Gary
Box 3493

Math prof shows inability to teach

To the editor:

Due to circumstances in my Math 100 class, I have been compelled to write a most regrettable letter to the editor.

The mathematics department has on its staff a most despicable man. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning he offers inadequate explanations in what should be a fairly basic course since it is a general requirement at MTSU. This morning, though, he showed, even to himself, his inability to teach.

Our class had an exam that should have been relatively easy had the material been conveyed to the class effectively, but unfortunately it wasn't. He became irate with the class because the average grade was below 50. During his fit of anger he beat the walls and said numerous uncalled for things to the class.

I realize that a portion of the blame is and should be accepted by myself and my classmates but I also believe he should look at and evaluate himself.
Name withheld by request

only in america
by Mike Kopp

Roaches shouldn't get hot over plan for contraceptive

It's a definite change of pace for Planned Parenthood . . . Scientists at Louisiana State University are working on birth control for cockroaches.

Entomologists at the university experiment station have been working with a newly developed synthetic hormone that keeps young, frisky cockroaches from maturing enough to reproduce.

Doctor Jeffery La Fage says this is a thousand times more effective than insecticide called F.D.T. But, he says, it will be years before the birth control hormone is ready for use under your sink.

A word of advice to cockroaches suffering from spring fever . . . don't let it bug you . . .

Principal hits the roof

"A principal who rose to lofty heights to encourage the young."

That phrase best describes the wheeling and dealing antics of a Stanton Elementary School principal in Stanton, Mich.

Earlier this school year, principal Steven Strait told his pupils, grades one to six, that he wanted to see improvement on their marks. To encourage the kids, Strait made a deal.

He said that on the day all 22 classrooms scored perfect scores on spelling tests, he would move his office to the roof of the building.

Last Wednesday, all but four rooms scored perfect marks, and those four had improved enough to count. So as agreed, principal Strait braved 28 degree temperatures and 15 mile per hour winds for seven hours. He had tables, chairs, a telephone and an American flag moved to the roof.

And as expected, all appointments with Strait were cancelled.

Abortion is murder

To the editor:
Re: March 28 letter to the editor by Lisa Pardue. Pardue gives many reasons for the rationalization of abortion. What she tried to do was rationalize the outright murder of innocent, defenseless babies.

She and many other people can use all the euphemisms they want, but the fact is abortion is legalized murder. It is scientific fact that life begins at conception, not birth. The matter is very clear cut; there is no way to get around it — if you advocate abortion, you advocate murder.

Lisa, do you really think that a human life is subjective? You say that God gave us the ability to "reason" and "choose." Do you really believe he intended for us to "reason" our way into killing our young? Think about it. What are we doing to ourselves? You say it is right to provide safe alternatives for women with accidental pregnancies, but what about the child? What alternatives does he get?

I am trying to see your point, Lisa, and people who think as you do, but somehow I can't see past the bloody containers filled with slaughtered fetuses that were ripped from the womb, their life ending right after it began.

There are more unborn children killed by abortion every three weeks than were Americans killed in the entire Vietnam War. That's a great statistic; we should be real proud of that one, shouldn't we?

I do realize that it is very unfair that women are usually left with the responsibility of an unwanted child. This is a terrible problem and I have compassion for women who are left in this situation, but death is not the solution. It is not the unborn child's cross to bear. Thousands of aborted babies have paid for our mistakes — paid with their lives.

The chance of child abuse, abandonment, poverty and mental scars on the parent are often-used reasons for abortion. But is it right to kill a child because there is a chance that he might be abused or abandoned? Does the possibility of mental scars on the mother justify the taking of a human life? Can you really answer 'yes' to any of these questions?

Please try to understand this. We must wake up and realize the terrible atrocity that is going on around us. Respect for life should not be confused with being self-righteous. The right to life is the most basic and important of all rights and it must be defended.
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Society tries to meet needs of future

From Staff Reports
As part of the third annual conference of the World Future Society, predictions of tomorrow were made concerning the people of today.

One of the lecturers was Bob Cage, director of the bureau of educational research at the University of Mississippi. He predicted that part time students will compose an increasingly important percentage of university enrollments over the next 20 years.

Continuing educational requirements, stiffening

regulations for relicensing and recertification and more leisure time to pursue personal interest are factors which will bring about this change.

Cage, speaking to a group of his colleagues also noted that women, minorities and older students will seek more higher education in the coming decades.

He predicted that the large number of college graduates will produce more unemployment with qualified people will take jobs below their levels.

Cage speculated that college

tuition will double in the next 10 years and admission requirements will be toughened.

When asked whether or not he thought education would soon be solely by means of television, he replied, "Not in this generation, but quite possibly in the distant future."

Another lecturer was Carolyn Siddens, home economist from the Family Studies Center at Oklahoma State University. She introduced the idea of teaching cognitive skills for futuristic thinking.

Siddens referred to the use of cognitive skills as the process of gaining knowledge about perception and ideas.

She then spoke about problem-solving in futuristic education. "When action on an issue is delayed, a problem occurs and future shock occurs

when no action is taken for a problem.

"The Decline of High Literacy" was addressed by Robert B. Johnson and Giovanni Fontecchio from the University of Southern Mississippi.

They headed a theoretical exploration, with audience participation, concerning possible results of "the institutionalized de-emphasis of literacy" in American society.

"Audio-visual techniques have supplanted reading in education," said Johnson, who is professor and director of comparative literature at USM. "Literature is only a small portion of goods included in today's educational-resource fare."

One reason for the reduction of reading material in learning

programs is that "activities involving literacy consume a great deal of energy as opposed to electronic communication which does not," Johnson explained.

Also among the speakers were Anne D. Barnes, Nancy Woodman and Lee Grove, all research assistants from the University of Mississippi. They spoke on the role of "Women as Managers."

"Women need to do five things when viewing career options," Woodman said.

They are: assess their capabilities, set concrete goals, devise job strategies, become career minded and develop networks of influence to guide them through the corporate maze.

Value systems are bound to change with the introduction of women at work, Grove said.

Ideally, cooperation will replace competition in the job environment.

Another type of future was considered by consultant to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center Konrad K. Dannenberg. He reviewed "Mankind's Future in Space" in the environmental simulation lab.

"I hope that space can contribute to solving many problems of the earth by enabling us to look back at the earth, apart from our own closed system," he said.

Slides were shown depicting the plans for future space colonies and a model of the soon-to-be-launched space shuttle.

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Raiders take break after losing OVC opener

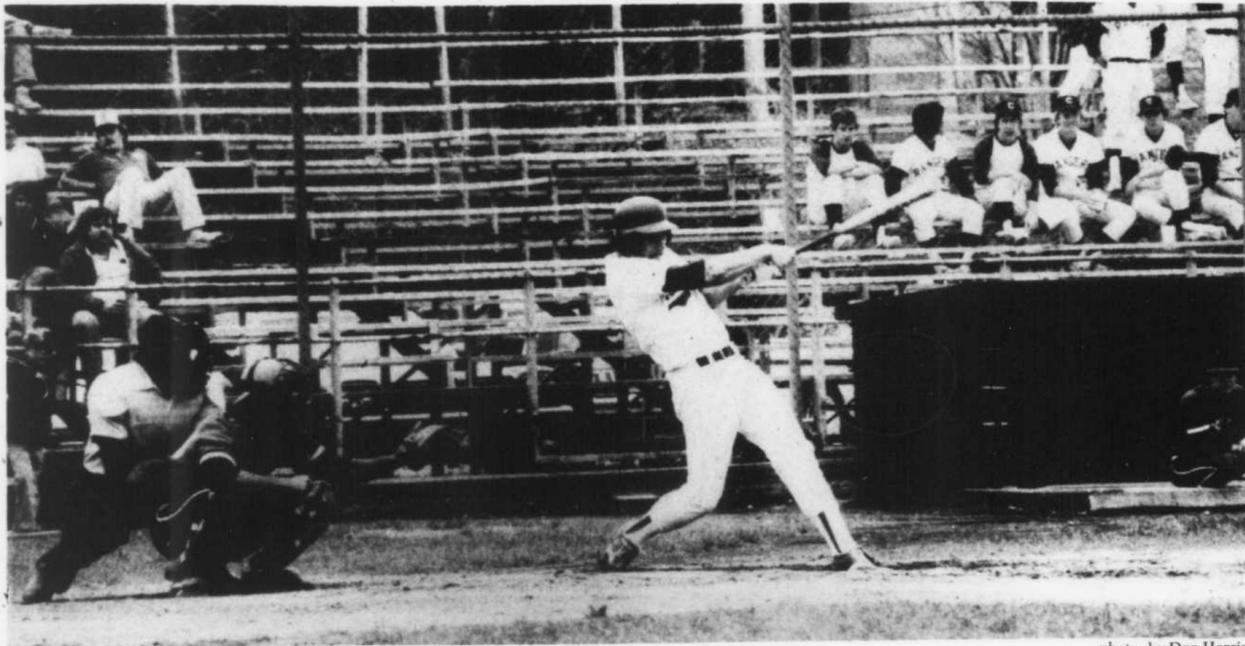


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MTSU catcher Mike Norment gives the ball a healthy swing during Saturday's OVC opening doubleheader against Western Kentucky.

Middle Tennessee lost both ends of the doubleheader at Raider field. The Blue Raiders will be back in action today against Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

All was quiet yesterday on the Blue Raider baseball diamond for the first time in several days as John Stanford's crew took a break.

MTSU has played 19 games in the last two weeks and Stanford, as well as some of the players, said the club was "mentally tired." The Blue Raiders dropped their conference opening doubleheader Saturday afternoon with Western Kentucky and along with mental tiredness, Stanford also said the team had tired bats.

"I've noticed ever since we got back from Louisiana that our bat speed has been extremely slow," Stanford said, "and the only cure for slow bats is to rest. I gave the guys the day off and I hope it does some good."

The Raiders dropped the twinbill to the Hilltoppers 2-0 and 5-1 while picking up only one hit in game one and six in game two. Western had a much better day, blasting Raider pitching for 19 hits including three home runs.

"They hit me real hard almost all day," senior pitcher Art Whitaker said. "All of their home runs were way out. They didn't get any cheap hits."

Bill Brantner got the loss in the first game, his first of the year against three wins. Tommy Blankenship got the only Raider

hit, a double in the fourth inning against Western's Jim Williams who ran his record to 2-0.

Whitaker started game two but left with the game tied at 1-1 in the seventh. Ace reliever Tony Dawkins took over but was racked for three runs and was saddled with the loss.

"My confidence is not wavered at all in this club," Stanford said, "our pitching has been excellent and I know these guys can hit because I saw them rip it up down south. This is not an individual slump, it's a team slump and I don't believe it will be too long before they come out of it."

"Western hit Tony Saturday but that was partly my fault because I've worked him too hard," Stanford continued. "He pitched almost every day over the spring holidays. He deserves a break so I'm not going to use him for awhile... at least until we need him real bad."

The latest team statistics for the season show Bob Fuson leading the team in hitting with a .343 average. Jeff Mallas and Joe Petrea are next at .333 followed by Randy Starkey (.313), Garry Keeton (.306) and Mike Yarotsky (.301).

MTSU will be back in action today at 1 p.m. when they host Wisconsin-Eau Claire for a doubleheader on Blue Raider field.

Donnelly happy with spring practice drills

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

For the first time since taking over the reigns of the MTSU football program, head coach Boots Donnelly yesterday had some encouraging words about his team.

The Raider footballers are currently beginning the second week of spring workouts.

"Right now, we have just gotten into pads and we have had a great deal of enthusiasm," Donnelly said. "It's the first time since I've been here that we have taken on that type of enthusiastic attitude."

The attitude, which the Blue Raider mentor said is conducive to winning, is due in part to new blood in the program.

"We have had a lot of good contact so far, much better than last year," Donnelly explained. "I think that's due to the large amount of youth we have on the team."

"I couldn't be any more pleased," he added.

Currently, the team is raw and has not taken shape. Donnelly said there are a few areas the coaching staff will be looking at, but right now they are just looking for a few people

to come forth and take charge.

"To be honest, any time a program has been down as long as ours, you just look for players that can play," the second year coach said. "We are looking for desire. If they can keep it up, play like they have been playing and hit like they have been hitting for 20 straight days and still come out with some enthusiasm, we will be all right."

Specifically, though, the coaches will be looking to fill some holes on the defensive unit. The defense was the weak point of the 1979 team, a squad that only won one game in ten outings.

"Every defensive position is up for grabs," Donnelly revealed. "No positions on that side of the ball have been decided."

Offensively, Donnelly said, three players are vying for the nod at the quarterback slot. Returning starter Brown Sanford appears to hold the advantage, but Butch Hamby and transfer Sammy Bryant are close behind. Hamby was switched to defense last year, but was moved back to offense where he led Mt. Juliet high school.

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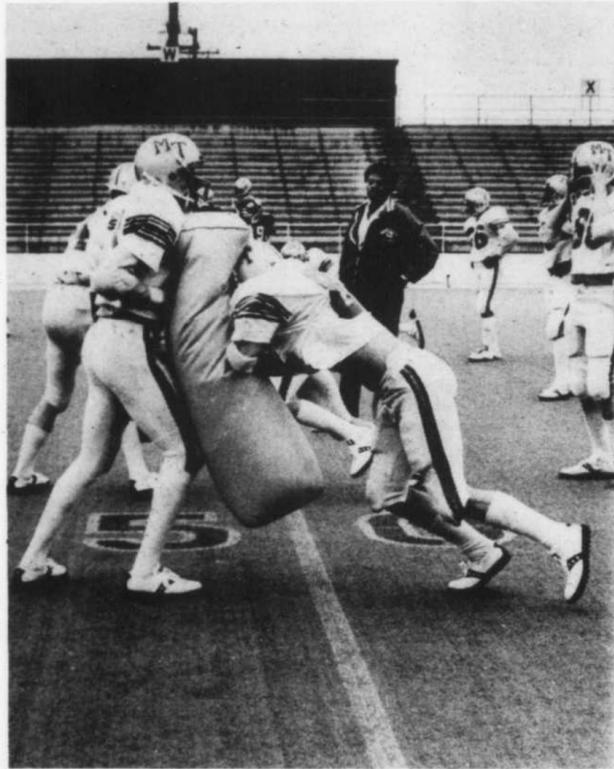


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Spring football practice is beginning its second week and head coach Boots Donnelly said he was happy with the workouts thus far. The practice sessions will culminate April 26 with a Blue-White game.

Lady tracksters take first meet win in history

Middle Tennessee's women tracksters passed a milestone Saturday.

In the opening meet of the outdoor season, coach Vikki Callison's squad recorded the first win ever for an MTSU team.

That win did not come under exactly the best circumstances. With only a ten member squad, the Lady Raiders still managed to finish with 63 points as compared to 49 for second place Fisk University. Host Tennessee Tech rounded out the triangular meet, scoring 37.

"I am very proud of our entire team," the first-year coach said. "All of our girls showed tremendous team unity and never complained even with many of them having to double and triple up on their events."

Although it was a day to remember for the MTSU team, freshman Marcia Hill just about

made the meet her own sideshow. The native of Kennesaw, Ga. ran in four events, winning three and taking second in the other.

Hill had an outstanding showing in both the 200 and 100-yard dashes, winning with times of 20.52 and 12.4 seconds, respectively. She also ran on the mile-relay team that placed first and the 4 x 100 relay team that finished second behind Fisk.

MTSU's Susan Vaughn, a sophomore from Mt. Juliet, grabbed first place in the 100-meter hurdles. Antoinetta Scruggs took the 400-meter dash and freshman Jane Simms won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:33.

Freshman Sharon Johnson, who was the number one runner for the fall cross country team, also nabbed a first place finish

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Former SID finds home at Daytona Speedway

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

Every weekend, from spring until fall, thousands of people turn out to watch a bunch of cars drive in circles.

Whoever goes in a circle faster than the other wins. It's as simple as that.

But one wonders about these people watching a bunch of guys in cars risk life and limb just to see who can go the fastest. Come to think of it, one should wonder about these fellows piloting the cars and question their sanity.

Quite simply, racing is a crazy, mixed up, wacky world. It's hard to see why it appeals to so many people.

But one former MTSU student and employee loves it.

"Coming here was a good move, all things considered," admitted Jim Freeman, former Sidelines sports editor and MTSU sports information director. "I loved it up there (at MTSU) but I like this even better."

Freeman served as MTSU's sports information director from 1969 until just prior to the beginning of school in the fall when he accepted the position as stock car media coordinator for Daytona International Speedway. Since that time, he has worked for Daytona Speedway and NASCAR, aiding the nation's press that covers the events.

"For the two weeks before the Daytona 500, we have races during what's called 'Speed Weeks,'" Freeman said via long distance telephone hookup from his speedway office. "During that time, we had 4,000 press requests. To put that in perspective, the Super Bowl has 2,500 requests each year."

"What I do is run the press box, which seats about 170 people," he explained. "We also have an infield press room. There are typewriters and telecopiers everywhere. What I do is just make sure everybody's happy and have the information they need."

The first experience Freeman had with racing at Daytona was a bitter one, though.

"The only thing I regret is that in the first stock car race they had at Daytona since I have been here, a kid was killed in it," Freeman said. "He got killed in one of the 125 lap qualifying races for the 500. It was the first time anybody has gotten killed here since 1972."

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A well tanned Jim Freeman steps from his car, the pace car for Daytona International Speedway. Freeman served as sports information director and as sports editor of Sidelines for several years

before going to Daytona last fall. He gives special VIP tours of the race track in the car at over 100 mph.

Donnelly

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Middle Tennessee does not have a running back returning with a great deal of credentials and Donnelly said those positions, too, are wide open.

"Our runningbacks need to learn to run tough," he said. "We don't have anybody to fill those positions yet."

The receiving corps appear to be the bright spot offensively while the line should show some improvement.

"Our offensive line will have some people back, so we should be better there," Donnelly admitted. "The receivers will be

better, too. We have Kolas Elion and Toby Miller back. We've moved Miller to the tight end position.

"We've got some athletes there," he added.

Spring practice will continue for the next two weeks, culminating in a Blue-White game on April 26. From early indications though, Middle Tennessee should be a more competitive team in the fall than in recent years.

"I can't say we will be better, but I can say we expect a better effort," Donnelly said happily. "We will be better than we were this year."

Lady tracksters

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for the Lady Raiders in the 3,000 meter run.

"It was just a tremendous team performance," Callison said. "Our girls really needed to

win this. They have worked hard all year and this should be a real confidence builder."

MTSU's next meet will be April 12 in the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville.

Former SID

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It is quite a difference to go from covering Middle Tennessee State University sports to the Daytona 500. One day you are handling college athletes. The next day, it's Richard Petty, Darrell Waltrip, Buddy Baker, Dale Earnhardt, Cale Yarborough, etc.

"The first time I interviewed Richard Petty, I was in awe," laughed Freeman. "I was working a race in Rockingham (Va.) and traditionally the winning driver comes to the press box to be interviewed. I stood there, right beside Petty, and watched him get interviewed, and he was just a regular guy."

"I guess it's because they don't have the television exposure like they do in football or basketball," he continued. "They don't see their own picture in the paper every day, so there's really only one or two head cases. They really are an excellent group to work with."

"They make it easier on me, because they cooperate with the media," Freeman added. "They'll sit down and talk with a sportswriter and answer the same question 30 times a day."

One exciting aspect of Freeman's job is that he is issued the Daytona Speedway pace car as his own personal automobile. The car is used to start the races, but Freeman also gets a chance to use it for other purposes.

"We've got a tour where you pay something like 50c and they drive you around the track in a van and tell you about interesting points," Freeman explained. "Sometimes I give VIP tours of the

speedway in my pace car. I take people around in the car and tell them about it and then I run the final lap in excess of 100 miles per hour.

"It's quite a thrill on a 31 degree banked track but I was a little apprehensive about it at first," he laughed. "I love it now. It's great to watch people's reactions."

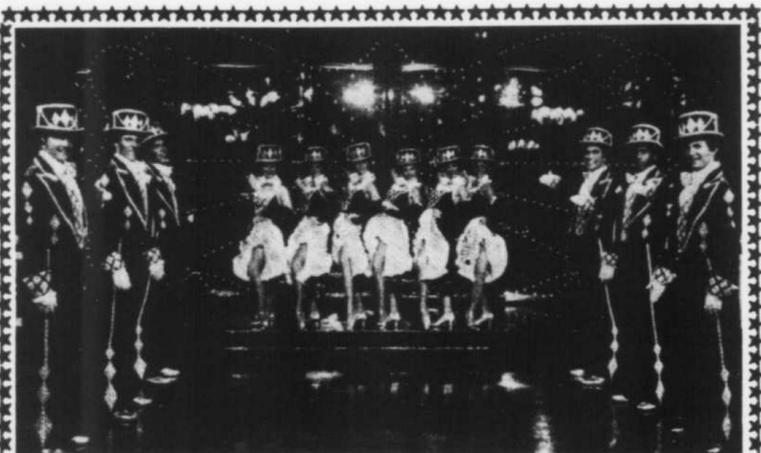
During spring break, Freeman had the opportunity to see the reactions of one of his closest friends, MTSU ticket manager Jim Simpson. Freeman took him for one of his exclusive rides.

"He gives a real fun tour if your idea of fun is zooming around Daytona Speedway at 105 miles an hour dodging turtles," Simpson laughed. "Turtles come out on the track to sun themselves and Jim was dodging them everywhere."

Freeman did manage to give Simpson a thrill, though. "Right in the middle of one of the 31 degree banked turns, he took his hands off the wheel in order to show me how safe it was," Simpson recalled. "I don't know if it was safe or not, because I had my eyes closed."

"But really, I don't think it was much different than the way he used to drive around Murfreesboro," he deadpanned.

Freeman said plans are for him to return to MTSU for "Raider Rally Day" on April 26. The pace car, he said, will also be here and might possibly be put on display.



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