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Amanada Cantrell and Mathew Dunne perform a sixties tribute at the spring extravaganza Thursday.

For second year

Baseball team wins division

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor

By sweeping Murray State in a double-header Saturday, the Blue Raiders baseball team clinched its second straight Southern Division title and the subsequent playoff berth.

However the Raiders did get some help in their quest.

Tennessee Tech and the Governors of Austin Peay split their two-game series Saturday — giving MTSU the title.

MTSU won the first game 5-1 and squeaked by the Racers in the second 7-6.

However, the Blue Raiders are still two games shy of the school record for most victories in a single

season. On Sunday, the Raiders dropped a 6-5 decision to the Racers.

MTSU is currently 33-12 overall, tops in the state, and 11-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference's Southern Division. MTSU has five games remaining, including a three-game series with Tennessee Tech this weekend at home.

The Raiders face Tennessee tonight at Reece-Smith Field. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Pitcher Dave Richardson went into the first game of Saturday's double-header leading the conference in victories, earned run average and innings pitched. He didn't hurt his first place standings as he

went the distance and tied several long-standing university records.

Richardson struck out seven, gave up just five hits and one earned run in getting the victory.

With the victory, the junior from Nashville won his 10th game of the season — tying with Jack Laverty for the school record. By going the distance, he tied Mike Moore's record for number of complete games in a season with nine.

Murray State's only run in the first game came off a solo home run by Phillip Wessell.

The Racers didn't help themselves any by committing six errors in the first game which led to two

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Nashville center reports AIDS cases

By TIMOTHY C. COPE
Staff Writer

Murfreesboro is not immune to the AIDS virus, according to the director of Nashville CARES (Council on AIDS Resources, Education and Support).

"There have already been people with AIDS in the future," said Nashville CARES Executive Director Janet Pierce.

"We've got about three or four buddies [volunteers who wish to provide direct services to persons with AIDS or ARC] from the Murfreesboro area right now and we could use more because we do get referrals from Murfreesboro of people who have had AIDS," Pierce added.

Pierce said that although she doesn't know exactly how many people with AIDS there are in Murfreesboro, she does know of "three or four."

"They [experts] figure that for every person with AIDS, there are

at least 100 people infected with the virus," Pierce said. "There are at least 300 or 400 people in Murfreesboro with the virus."

According to Pierce, education and assessing what the educational level concerning AIDS is in various places, including MTSU and other college campuses, are primary concerns of the organization.

"Education can stop the fear," Pierce said. "Education is the only thing that can slow down the spread of the virus. It's the only thing that can stop the unwarranted fear about casual contact."

Pierce said she has advocated for money that would be spent on mandatory testing to be spent on AIDS education instead.

"Instead of mandatory [AIDS] testing, which, if you just did it for marriage licenses would cost the state of Tennessee at least \$3 million, use that \$3 million for education," Pierce said. "You are going to do education anyway. That's the

only logical reason for testing."

According to Pierce, there are several reasons for fighting proposed state legislation requiring mandatory AIDS testing for various groups.

"Does it make sense to spend the money to test people who may or may not be at risk," Pierce asked. "Testing food handlers make no sense at all because you don't spread AIDS through casual contact."

"Testing persons prior to obtaining marriage licenses has some rationale that's appropriate. If a woman is infected and has a child, her child has better than a 60 percent chance of getting AIDS. On the other hand, people that are going to get marriage licenses are unlikely to be that group most infected with the virus."

Pierce said mandatory testing also has the potential for making people feel safer than they really are.

Study shows MRS plan inadequate: Sasser

From Staff Reports

U.S. Sen. Jim Sasser said Tuesday that the General Accounting Office has prepared a draft report which concludes that the Department of Energy's proposal for a monitored retrievable storage system in Oak Ridge, Tenn., does not provide Congress with an adequate informational basis to decide whether an MRS should be integrated into the nuclear waste management system.

"The GAO's decision is clear," Sasser said in a statement before the Senate Committee on Energy and Public Works. "The Department of Energy has not demonstrated that the MRS is needed, nor has it demonstrated that the benefits attributed to an MRS could not be achieved through other means."

Finalists for outstanding teacher selection named

From Staff Reports

Five MTSU faculty members will be \$1,000 richer after the annual National Alumni Banquet next Saturday night, May 2.

They will be named winners of the 1986-87 awards for outstanding teaching, public service, and research. The awards are offered annually by the MTSU Foundation.

Elaine C. Royal, associate professor of Psychology, has the best

odds. She is a finalist in two categories: teaching and research. Seventeen others are finalists in the outstanding teaching category. They are:

Benjamin S. Austin, Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Billy M. Cox, Aerospace
Ann Donnell, Speech and Theatre
Frank Essex, Political Science
Jeannette Heritage, Psychology
Linda L. LaLance, Speech and Theatre
Varnell M. Lee, Mass Communications

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James F. Steward, Business Education
Frances Stubblefield, Mathematics
David Walker, Speech and Theatre
Dellmar Walker, Home Economics
Beryl West, Psychology
Harold D. Whiteside, Psychology

In addition to Dr. Royal, other finalists for the Faculty Research

Missing since Tuesday

Girl turns up in dorm room

By BRIAN CONLEY
Managing Editor

Two walk-on MTSU football players were taken with a runaway Murfreesboro teen-age girl in their dorm room Thursday and charges are pending on all three people involved, officers said.

A 16-year-old Riverdale High School student was found in the room of Terry Demetri Harmon, 20, and Tyundrape Donnell, 20. Both are freshmen from Lexington, Tenn.

Murfreesboro police officer Greg Lee took a complaint from the girls' father saying she had ran away from home.

The girls' father said the girl "was not having any problems at home and that she was probably with her

boyfriend at MTSU," the report filed Thursday by Lee states.

Grisham said the girl left a 5-month-old baby at home.

Later that day, MTSU security officer Brian Grisham found the girl in Room 307 of Clement Hall.

"Acting on names supplied by complainant [name of father deleted by Sidelines to protect girl] this officer [Grisham] located [the girl] in Room 307, Clement Hall," Grisham's report states.

The report states further that the girl "stated she had been staying at 307 Clement since Tuesday."

Grisham said charges against all three are "pending."

Grisham said he learned that neither male was the girl's boyfriend.

The MTSU officer added that charges may be brought against the girl for "unruliness" since she ran away and left the infant.

She also missed several days of school, according to Grisham.

Football coach James "Boots" Donnelly said he has not been able to review the case as of yet and will make a decision on the two in regards to their MTSU football career at a later date.

"The two kids walked on this winter," Donnelly said. "I don't really know anything and I don't really know what this situation is all about."

"I am not at liberty to make any type of statement to you until I find out what is going on," Donnelly said.

Director: Placement helps students

Office will provide applicants with list of potential jobs, interview advice

By KIM HARRIS

Senior Staff Writer

The heat is on for summer jobs, but the MTSU Placement Office tries to make the hunt a little easier, said placement director Martha Turner.

As soon as a student visits the placement office they are asked to fill out a general application. They are then given a listing of all available jobs, Turner said.

The list includes positions in retail, food services, and baby-sitting, to name a few. There are also unique openings for chimney sweep apprentices, construction workers, cocktail waitresses, and bartenders. There are positions available at Graceland and Opryland. Starwood needs a clean-up crew

and the IRS wants you.

Catering to a 50 mile radius, the placement office gives students an edge, Turner said. Most of the jobs are located in either Nashville or Murfreesboro, said Turner.

On-campus openings include positions in housing and maintenance, Turner said. Campus Recre-

ation is looking for a life guard.

Turner advises students to apply as soon as possible, if they haven't already. When interviewing for that particular job, "students should fill out the application accurately and neatly. They should be well-groomed and dressed appropriately. Their attitude should be very business-like," Turner said.

Campus Briefs

Advertising students place in district

Nine MTSU students competed in the National Student Advertising Competition and came home with a second place finish in the seventh district.

The second place win was the highest the team has placed in the school's history.

Members of the team included advertising majors Jeff Bryant, Mike Deitschmann, Craig Ford, Jan Heise, Will Higgins, Eddie Longbottom and Becky Thomas; JIM major Joe Dainwood and Hugh Shelton a history major.

The MTSU advertising team's campaign was for the 1988 Chevrolet Cavalier.

Other competing teams included the University of Tennessee, University of Georgia, Louisiana State University, Memphis State University, the University of Alabama, Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Mississippi.

The team thanked Bill Arnold and Jack Ross who helped the team with graphics and slides for the campaign presentation.

Grade mailing dates announced

Grades for spring 1987 will be mailed to the permanent address of all students enrolled provided outstanding financial obligations to the University are cleared by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 1987. Grade reports for those students who continue to owe money to the University after May 5 will be held in the Records Office.

ARMS sponsors album cover contest

ARMS, the Association of Recording Industry Management Students, is sponsoring a contest for the cover of RIMusic VI album.

Anyone can enter the contest by submitting a one-color piece of artwork on a white background to the ARMS office or to Chris Hasleu.

The artwork must be album sized.

A gift certificate from Cat's Records and Tapes will also go to the winner.

The ARMS office is in Haynes House and Hasleu is in the Center for Recording Arts and Sciences, Peck Hall Room 203.

Deadline for entries is May 30.

Author Jenkins to be graduation speaker

Peter Jenkins, author of the nationwide bestseller *Walk Across America* will be the commencement speaker at the graduation ceremonies May 9.

The first time the Idea's and Issues Committee brought Jenkins here, Jenkins spent the night with Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie.

MTSU business organization state champs

MTSU's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for future business leaders, received nine top awards at the state leadership conference in Pigeon Forge recently.

Lori Hockett placed first in the business communications category while the following students received second place honors:

Julie Magill	Accounting I
Karen Black	Word Processing
Shelia Wood	Data Processing I
Jackie Brackett	Job Interview
Sandy Stover	Impromptu Speaking
Three MTSU students	placed third in their categories:
Jackie Newsom	Information Management
Mark Lewis	Economics
Carol Hutcheson	Ms. Future Business Executive

Students from 15 colleges and universities from across the state participated in the event.

AIDS

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Pierce said "sex with responsibility" is something that Nashville CARES is trying to emphasize.

"In the past, the condom has had a bad name in our society," Pierce said. "I think that needs to change now, especially for young people."

According to Pierce, the first thing the organization tells young people is that it's OK to say no to sex.

"Barring that, the condom has got to be the best way to go," Pierce added. "What we would like to see is much easier access to condoms and encouragement for anybody who's being sexual to use a condom. I could see that might mean condom machines on campus."

Pierce said the number of heterosexual cases that there are right now is similar to where the number of homosexual cases were cord was broken. Ed Pye singled and stole his 37th and 38th bases of his two-year career at MTSU. The two stolen bases gave Pye the MTSU record for most stolen bases in a career, with at least another two seasons to increase his total.

The Racers added a pair of runs in the third inning to send Raider starter Chris Norton to the showers and take a 5-1 lead.

MTSU bounced back with a single run in the bottom half of the inning. After Whitehead began the

five years ago.

"The rates are dropping off among gay men," Pierce said. "Part of that's education, part may be that people most likely to be infected already are. What that means is that the increase is going on in the heterosexual community."

Although the heterosexual community is beginning to "wake up" to the threat of AIDS, Pierce said she fears it's still not happening

inning with a triple, Zimmerman drove in his third run of the game with a single to right field.

Murray added a run in the fourth while MTSU bounced back to score two in their turn in the fourth to make give Murray a 6-5 lead.

Chris Courtright tied the game with a solo blast over the left center field wall to start the inning. One out later, Messerly collected a base hit.

Greg Johnson won the game in relief to boost his season record to

with young people.

"Because young people have tended to say, 'Well, you know, all of my peers are healthy. They haven't been sexual that long. They are not likely to be infected.' The fact is, it only takes one time. It's just like pregnancy. You may not

get pregnant the first time, but you could. It's the same with the AIDS virus."

5-4.

The Raiders scored the go-ahead run on a hit-and-run that worked to perfection

Messerly took off from first on the pitch, the shortstop came over to cover second and the batter, Holmes, hit the ball where the shortstop had been.

What would have been a sure double play turned out to be the game-winning RBI as Messerly scored.

Baseball

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unearned runs.

Game one of the double-header was a pitching duel for the first couple innings, before the Raiders rallied for a single run in the bottom of the third.

Anthony Holmes walked to lead off the inning. He later went to second on a single by Chip Carnes and scored on an error by Murray shortstop Jay Connell.

Murray then added a home run in the top of the fourth to tie the game.

MTSU broke the tie in the bottom of the fourth and Holmes once again provided the spark.

After a single by Mike Messerly, Holmes tripled to right field to allow Messerly to score.

The Raiders scored another run in the fifth — compliments of several Racer miscues.

Chris Whitehead walked with two outs. He advanced to second after the pitchers pickoff throw got by the first baseman. He then went to third on a wild pitch and scored when the catcher's throw to third sailed into left field.

MTSU added two assurance runs in the sixth.

While the first game was a pitching duel, the second was a batter's war.

Murray got things rolling first as they loaded the bases with no one out in the first. Dave Winder then singled to drive in one run. Two sacrifices later, Murray was ahead 3-0.

The Raiders got two of the runs back in their half of the first when in a second and third situation George Zimmerman singled down the first base line driving in both runs.

In the second inning, another re-

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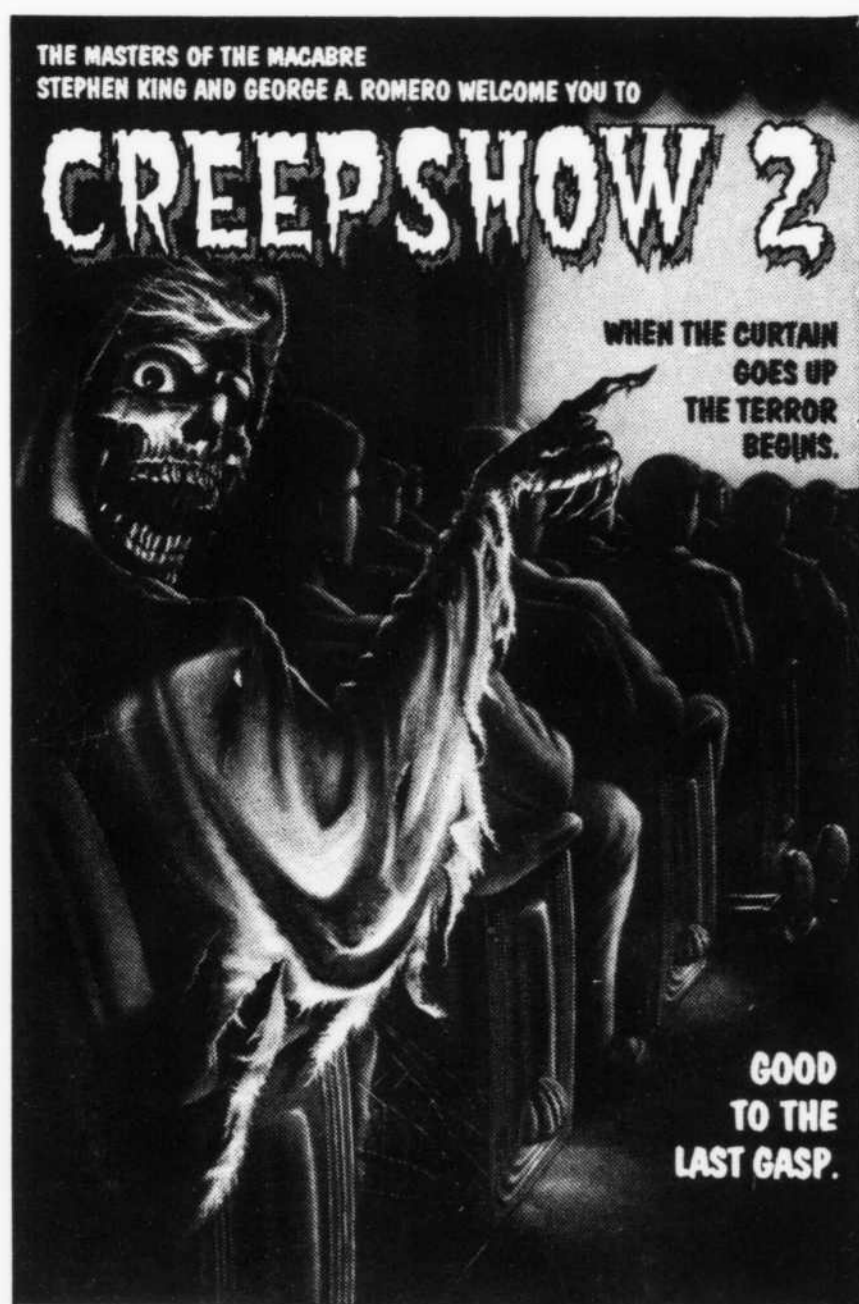
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Entertainment

Larry Hensel and Cynthia Perkins give vocal concert with humor and harmony

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

According to last Sunday's faculty recital program, *It's Got to Be Love* was "a review of songs from the American Musical Theatre." With this in mind, I was ready for a somewhat stuffy but pleasant evening of songs I had never heard from plays I had never seen. To my delight I instead found myself in the midst of a very enjoyable experience.

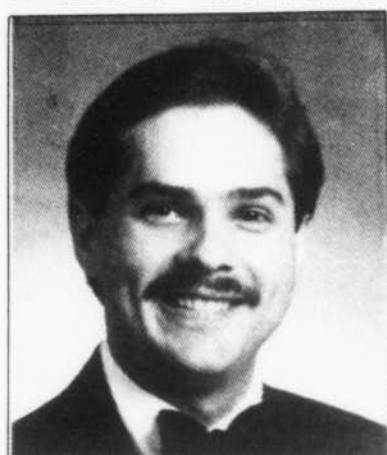
The recital began with the entrance of the piano accompanist Jerry Perkins. While the bridge of the first number *Love I Hear* (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*) was playing, Larry Hensel forked his head through the curtains and with a very amused look began singing.

After this, Hensel walked to the stage and donned a white dinner jacket as his guest artist Cynthia Perkins entered the stage on the right.

The two then performed the first of many excellent duets, this one being *All Through the Night* (*Anything Goes*).

The next song was a solo for Perkins *My White Knight* (*The Music Man*). Perkins sang this while Hensel looked at her in adoration, which smoothly led into his next number *C'est Moi* (*Camelot*).

Hensel's superb stage presence was exemplified while he sang the egotistical lyrics: "With virtue to spare / the godliest man I know / C'est moi."



Larry Hensel

Perkins then provided her evening's highlight with *Take Me Back to Manhattan* (*Anything Goes*).

With her slinky black dress and matching evening gloves, Perkins belted this tune with fervor and excitement that brought images of Liza Minelli (*Cabaret*) or Shirley McClain (*Sweet Charity*) to my mind.

Hensel and Perkins showed the chemistry the two share as performers with the next three songs. On

a *Desert Island with Thee* (*A Connecticut Yankee*), *Do You Ever Dream of Vienna?* (*Little Mary Sunshine*) and *Any Old Place with You* (*A Lonely Romeo*).

After some duets was the humorous tale of a woman who murders her husbands — *To Keep My Love Alive* (*A Connecticut Yankee*).

Then came the first of three songs which are included on the critically acclaimed *The Broadway Album* by Barbara Streisand.

Hensel's version of *Pretty Women* (*Sweeney Todd*) was breathtaking, Perkins joined Hensel for the second Streisand tune *The Music That Makes Me Dance* (*Funny Girl*).

The comical highlight came with *Colorado Love Call* (*Little Mary Sunshine*). For this number, which the pair really hammed up, Hensel put a mounsey's hat and Perkins wore an oversized bow in her hair.

Hensel then sang the third Streisand tune *Being Alive* (*Company*), which was his *Old Maid* (*110*



Cynthia Perkins

in the *Shade*) by Perkins and the final two numbers of the evening *A Man and a Woman*, also from *110 in the Shade* and *My Heart is So Full of You* (*Most Happy Fella*).

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Editorials / Opinions

American Classic found in Midlander

By Michael R. Turner
Guest Columnist
1986-87 Midlander Editor in Chief

The 1987 *Midlander* is finally out. And before the end of the semester too (call the Pope — it must be a miracle). While everyone is enjoying (I hope) the yearbook, I'd like to make a few comments on the state of this American classic.

I've been in the yearbook business a long time. I've seen a lot, and frankly, I'm very concerned. Yearbook sales are down again this year. Only 10 percent of the student body had their portraits made for the yearbook.

And participation in the organizations section was down. Now I don't want to sound like I'm griping, but these are signs that the yearbook is in trouble.

Indeed, it signs of a turnaround don't manifest themselves, the 1988 *Midlander* may be the last yearbook MTSU will see.

So what? I'll tell you so what. The yearbook is a history book, — a true American classic. Think now. Remember when you graduated from high school? Do you remember your classes, activities, friends, etc?

Your high school yearbook does. Same goes here. The 1987 *Midlander* will be around long after

everyone's trashed this issue of *Sidelines*. But what if it dies?

That's the course on which we're headed unless something is done. Six people can't consistently publish a 300-page yearbook. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte abolished their yearbook for poor sales and staff problems. It may happen here.

I've heard the complaints. And they don't bother me. Without constructive criticism we don't learn.

Just remember that deciding what becomes a part of history is no easy feat. And because the yearbook staff is human, we make mistakes. Unfortunate, but such is life.

What's more important is letting the staff know what's on your mind. The yearbook is your book.

We can't cover your if you don't keep us informed. Let us know what you want in the *Midlander*. And if you don't buy one, tell us why. Maybe we can't please everyone, but we'll try.

If something's not done, the *Midlander* will die. Austin Peay lost their yearbook for several years, only recently regaining it. Now they're having success with it. I hope we don't have to lose our yearbook in order to appreciate it.

Not everyone has an American classic. Let's keep ours around for a long time.

AIDS information truthful and misleading for some

By ANDREA AKINS
Editorial Editor

"...for every person in some kind of relationship, during the spring break it's likely 30 to 50 percent of them will get acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

Yes, that was one of my more notable errors as editorial editor this semester. But, amid the erroneous AIDS statistic, which appeared in the March 10 issue, the importance of understanding the risk involved with contracting AIDS is worth making one last effort.

Some of the main points to bring out are that the frequency of sexual activity will increase the risk of contracting AIDS.

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop claims that the only method of protection against AIDS is the use of a condom.

With becoming or being sexually active there is also an amount of responsibility one must take toward one's partner and anyone else that may be at risk.

However, those that are aware of the fallacies and misconceptions with contracting the AIDS virus are numerous.

For instance, Janet Pierce, executive director of Nashvilles CARES [Council on AIDS Resources, Education and Support], said there are several misunderstandings about AIDS. And

THE MTSU REPORT
BY ANDREA AKINS



"DR. KOOP, LET'S JUST KEEP IT ABOUT SMOKING!"

most of the misunderstandings regarding AIDS are due to poor education about AIDS.

The article reports that people "have AIDS in the future." What does this mean?

Experts figure that "for every

person with AIDS, there are at least 100 people infected with the virus. There are at least 300 or 400 people in Murfreesboro with the virus," Pierce reports.

Education is the only "logical

reason for testing" of AIDS, according to the article.

This type of information is startling and almost doubtful, but plausible. Perhaps because there is so little known — conclusively — about AIDS.

Letters to the Editor

Sidelines not so bad

To the Editor,
I have sat back all semester and listened to all the gripes, complaints and criticisms that a majority of the student body had to offer *Sidelines* during the duration of the semester.

Being a member of the editorial staff, I have found it very hard to say nothing, considering the fact that most of the letters have come from people that PROBABLY could not write a story in news style if they were paid to do so.

A case in point — in one letter a couple of people wrote about News Editor Brian Conley using the phrase "so-and-so," said a few too many times. I'm sorry but it is correct news style to attribute a quote to a person followed by the word said.

It is very strange how many people found so much wrong with *Sidelines* when the people that judged it found reason to award various writers with nine regional awards.

I'll have you know this included the entire Southeast. Papers from the Southeast include Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Georgia just to name a few. It was not by luck that the paper won these awards, it was by the talent of the writers that put it out.

On too many occasions have I seen letters concerning Miss

MTSU not being in the paper. I agree, 100 percent, that the story and a picture should have been in the paper. In fact, I have discussed it with Brian Conley. It wasn't in the paper, unfortunately, but there is nothing that can be done now, (it is old news,) so why not forget about it? The news editor has!

This brings something else to mind. Early in the semester, someone wrote that no one cares about *Sidelines* and it can always be found on the floor of the grill. Well, I hate to be the one to mention this, but in order for the paper to be on the floor someone had to pick it up and put it there. I think that is a damn good point — don't you?

I find the *USA Today*, *The Tennessean* and *The Nashville Banner* on the floor as well.

What is the matter? Don't you guys have anything better to do than to criticize? If you have all the answers, why don't you apply to work at *Sidelines* in the fall. I am sure that you have all the answers to make it a better paper. Yet, you never try, you only bitch about the quality.

If you people that have all the answers were the ones up here working during ungodly hours, I am sure your attitude would be different.

Well, I feel that is enough bickering. I, now, will offer some praise — to myself.

I feel that over the course of the semester, I have accomplished

what I set out to do as sports editor. Whether the readers of *Sidelines* feel the same way or not, I do.

I wanted to see that the baseball and rugby teams received a great deal of coverage, we all no they didn't last year. I feel that I did that, to the best of my ability. With the help of Eric Raney, I feel that the Rugby coverage was probably the best since I have been here, at MTSU.

I wanted to do a weekly profile on a sports figure — we did. And by all means I wanted to stay away from running Associated Press wire service. There is simply too much going on here to run AP. It was only ran two times.

There are a lot of things to complain about, I'm sure, but let us give credit where it is due. *Sidelines* is not a bad paper.

I would also like to thank my assistant sports editor, Michelle Gallaway, for sticking with me and making my job a lot easier.

While I am at it. My best friend LIZ LYALL has been trying to get into the paper all semester. Well, Liz, your name is now all over the campus. Congratulations, LIZ, you have finally made it.

In closing, I would like to wish a friend and former All-American football player, Cecil Andrews, my best wishes. He's getting married.

Tony Stinnett
Box 7033

Winning tradition lives on

To the Editor,
I am writing in response of this past year's issue of *Sidelines*.

I realize the news in general is a controversial subject to practically everyone. Yet, *Sidelines* has given MTSU's collegiate world the free availability of news that would otherwise go unknown especially in the sports world that is daily news.

I have been in both positions, on and off the staff, and have heard both sides of the "traditional" feud. The majority of my articles and commentaries were thankfully positive aspects of news — sports. Perhaps it is because MTSU has such a strong, positive athletic program.

Of course, athletics had their battle cries this year.

A few special moments stands out in particular in my mind. A NCAA nation-wide MTSU vs. Notre Dame basketball game will be fondly remembered — until the next NCAA game next fall, right guys?

The incredible hopes that we had for the Blue Raider Football Team plunged so sharp and quickly that it was hard to believe the season had really ended, yet they've never stayed down for long. I'm undoubtedly not the only anxious fan awaiting next season.

A historical jump shot by All-American Kim Webb sent her further into the record books than

any Raider basketball player has ever been in the history of MTSU.

Historical? Yes, memorable? No, what was memorable about the night was watching the pause in the game as Webb was presented the game ball. After which she tossed to her mom — obviously a special moment.

I saw a pre-game burst of energy from senior All-OVC basketball guard Duane Washington, as he led the team to final warm-up preparations, yet while in the process flattening our brave mascot 'Ole Blue in a nonchalant fashion.

While I'm at it, 'Ole Blue, you sincerely did a fabulous job and deserve more praise than you will ever receive.

Basketball Coach Bruce Stewart played the role of Superman for 'Hawaiian Night' with an incredible amount of wardrobe in one swift 'faster than a speeding bullet' motion.

And if Milwaukee thinks that their Brewers are hot, they haven't seen Murfreesboro's Raiders. Coach Stanford has put his troops together in the great MTSU winning tradition.

It will be a short summer for many of these teams and dreaded "work-outs" will never stop.

A lot of respect is upheld when I speak of these athletes. They take on a lot more than is seen on their field of play.

I am thankful that MTSU has such a great athletic program or *Sidelines* wouldn't have had such a great sports page. I, of course am bias not only to the newspaper, but also to the sports aspect. I only wish that our news on the sports page can continue to be "good news."

Michelle Gallaway
General delivery

No empathy for apathetics

To the Editor:

We the "Apathetic" students of MTSU would like to ask a question of the great minds that composed our 1987 yearbook. This question is, why was one student, Henry Higginbotham, singled out to represent our entire student body? If we had known such blatant favoritism was going to be practiced in this fine book I am sure several of us would have refused to purchase it.

While walking about campus the day the book came out, I overheard some students say that they thought that he was a student that had died

in the past year and perhaps the book was dedicated to his memory. If this was the case then I would be able to see such usage, but instead this individual was singled out to symbolize our school.

I do not feel that he, in any way, represents our student body or what we stand for. I personally know of very few individuals that ride roller skates around campus.

If most of us did so then maybe Henry would be a good example of our class. Also it is stated because of his major and minors he is a very well-rounded person.

To me it sounds as if he is a person who is confused as to what he wants to major in.

The last thing I would like to say is that if the *Midlander* is having trouble selling copies, perhaps it is because they are so out of touch with reality.

Loris Davies
Box 8321

Just let us know

To the Editor:

Unless Minority Affairs excluded the Band of Blue from its organizations roster or the band themselves neglected to register themselves on the campus-wide roster, the *Midlander* did alert their president/director of the Big Picture.

We would not intentionally exclude such an event. In addition Michael Johnson, Co-Editor in Chief, and I went to the Wright Music Building to write announcements of the photo on blackboards.

Finding only two, we started to spread the word verbally to whoever we could find. Two Band of Blue members informed us that half of the band would be off campus at the time the photo was shot.

We couldn't very well move the Big Picture to wherever the band was going to be that day.

Obviously there is a slight communication problem. And incidentally, there are seven pictures of the Band of Blue in the 1987 *Midlander*, three of which are color.

We are trying to give you the "recognition you deserve." Why don't you keep us informed of all your activities, so we can be sure to cover you????

Jean Roessler
Co-Editor in Chief
1988 *Midlander*

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Spring *Sidelines* staff retires



Sandy Campbell/Staff

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Students, faculty, staff and alumni of MTSU:

I would like use this space in the last issue to thank you for your support, comments and criticism throughout this past semester. Without you, our reading public, we wouldn't have been here. I ask that you who will still be here this summer and in the semesters to come please continue to support *Sidelines*.

Sidelines will always need your help.

It has been an eventful semester. We have seen student elections in which MTSU elected its first woman ASB President since the 1946-47 school year — Holly Lintz. MTSU also mourned the loss of Dr. William Beasley and cheered as the Blue Raider basketball team made it into the NCAA playoffs.

In the city of Murfreesboro the big news this semester was the city's fight to keep strippers from appearing at Spanky's, a local night club. The city also dedicated its new sports complex called, appropriately enough, SportsCom.

In state news former speaker of the house Ned McWherter was sworn in as Governor of Tennessee and in national news the twin scandals of arms deals with Iran the adulterous behavior of TV evangelist Jim Bakker have dominated the headlines.

Some of the staff will be back next semester and some will be on their way into the real world or back into the mainstream of campus life.

After five years I'm leaving MTSU — with a diploma hopefully — and heading for the real world. I have had a blast, and even if they did cancel the film department out from under me I still have enjoyed my time here.

There are far too many people who have helped me, in so many different ways, to ever be able to thank all of them properly. But most of you know who you are.

Good luck in your years ahead — either at MTSU or out in the real world.


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Sports

Tribute to Mr. Bob Luther

Luther, where is your i.d.?

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor
and
MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Assistant Sports Editor

Seldom in life is there a man that has touched the lives of so many people as Bob Luther has since he stepped on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in the 1960's.

We, the *Sidelines* sports staff feel that it is only appropriate for a man of this stature to receive recognition for the many years of hard work and dedication that he has contributed over the past years.

After joining forces with MTSU as a teacher in the R.O.T.C. department in 1960, later becoming a security guard with M.T.S.U., Bob Luther will be retiring in September.

Some of you know him as the man in Murphy Center who has nothing better to do than ask students, "let me see some 'i.d.'s", but most know him as a man that would go out of his way to do anything for anyone.

"Luther's bark is worse than his bite," Jim Staley, facilities manager of Murphy Center, said. "He likes to come on strong, but he really isn't that way. When the kids get to know him they really like him. Some of them probably think of him as the 'terror of Murphy Center.'"

Sidelines sports contacted various people who have been associated with Luther over the years and got their opinions of him. All showed the top-quality type person that Luther is.

"Luther is a fine, honest man," Staley said. "He goes out of his way to help kids, I have a lot of respect for him."

Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly had Luther as a teacher in a R.O.T.C. class when he first

came to MTSU in 1960.

"As a freshman, Luther had me convinced that he was Patton," Donnelly joked.

Commentary

After Donnelly graduated and left MTSU to begin his career, he returned to his alma mater in 1978 to take over the football program. Luther was still here.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Bob Luther

After spending several years as a security guard on campus around the dorms, Luther was transferred to Murphy Center.

"Murphy Center is his home away from home," Track Coach Dean Hayes said.

Donnelly became reunited with Luther and respected him as a positive influence to the players, coaching staff and program.

"When I came here he was a supporter of our program," Donnelly said. "It was bad then and he stuck through it. He never lost faith."

"Luther is the type of person that

regardless of your won-loss record, he is a supporter and that means a great deal to me," Donnelly added.

"Our players will go to a dearly trusted friend. He will go out of his way to befriend a player. In my years of athletics, players look for someone who is a true friend and confidant and Luther is just that.

"He is probably one of the most dedicated supporters of MTSU athletics," Donnelly concluded. "He has spent basically half of his life at MTSU."

"I remember his interest in the sports program," said Bill Smotherman, who had been director of Murphy Center for seven years, before being named director of the physical plant.

"He was in the position for so long that he had to become associated with the athletic program," Smotherman said. "There have probably been two full classes go through Murphy Center that have known Bob and associated him with Murphy Center. He has almost become an institution there."

"Bob is like a bulldog," Smotherman continued. "He's got a rough bark but he's soft at heart. He's a very good person."

Luther is known for being the "card shark" of Murphy Center. No one beats Luther in a game of spades. Right? — Wrong!

"He was with us on one of our all night trips back from the Drake Relays," Hayes, a long time friend, said. "We play spades all of the time and this time we were playing low, or mello as some people call it, and Bob bid low."

"We got down to the very last card and he had the two of spades left and it was the only spade left. He got the trick and it ruined him. We laughed about that for hours," Hayes added.

"Personal contact was the biggest

thing. Here's a guy that wears a uniform and has authority, which I'm sure is not a handy position," Hayes said. "But they find out that he is a real person rather than the guy who asks for i.d.'s."

Only the limit of space stopped our progress of displaying the variety of stories, opinions and overwhelming respect that is due to such a major influential person upon MTSU athletics.

To Luther we give our utmost respect and gratitude — you will not be forgotten.

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