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Prez candidate admits violations

By BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

A candidate for the position of ASB president has violated the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983 — the document which governs all elections at MTSU.

Holly Lentz, the 1986 election commissioner, went to the Alpha Delta Pi sorority's table and to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon table in the Grill and told those present that they could sign the petitions of two different candidates for ASB pres-

ident, a source close to the elections said.

The Electoral act states in Section 4, second paragraph "No student may sign more than one (1) petition for a candidate for President."

When asked if she did violate the act, Lentz admitted to the error.

"On the first day for the first one or two hours I said somebody could sign two different petitions," Lentz said. "When I learned that was not possible Sunday I called Nanette [Krusbe, the election commis-

sioner] and talked to her about it.

"I told her to take any duplicate signatures off of my petition and put it on someone else's petition."

"Krusbe told me that was not fair and the duplicated names would have to be taken off of both petitions," Lentz said.

When contacted at her apartment last night, Krusbe said Lentz just asked her about the rule Sunday.

"She didn't mention she had violated the rule," Krusbe said. "Yesterday [Wednesday] someone told

me what had happened, I got Doug [Doug Roth, also a candidate for ASB president] and Holly together and they worked things out."

Roth, current executive vice president and speaker of the ASB Senate, and Lentz took the names which were duplicated off of Lentz's petitions, Krusbe said.

Lentz said she just violated the rule during the first two hours of the first day.

The issue arose Wednesday afternoon when three members of the ADPi sorority found out that

their signatures would violate the electoral act and would disallow them from signing Roth's petition.

"Three girls asked me to take their names off of my petition Wednesday because they wanted to sign Doug's petition," Lentz said. "I said no problem, I have taken care of it, any duplicate signatures will come off of mine."

"Me and Doug sat down and took somewhere in the vicinity of 30 signatures off my petition," Lentz said. When contacted about the matter Roth just read the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983.

However, after the Roth interview Lentz accused Roth of violating the act.

"Doug also went around saying that you could sign two petitions," Lentz said.

Roth denied Lentz's accusations when contacted yesterday.

"If anyone signed both mine and Lentz's petitions I do not know about it," Roth said. "If there are any duplicate signatures Holly must have brought them her then I brought they signed it, and then I brought

them mine and they signed it.

Roth added that he told all of his campaign staff on Jan. 28 to ask the people if they had signed Lentz's petition and if they had they were not to sign Roth's.

January 28 was the first day to begin collecting signatures for the petition.

When asked about the connection between this issue and her position as election commissioner last year, Lentz said "I was aware of the rule but I was unclear about the rule."

"Several people had told me this year that they had signed two petitions last year," Lentz said.

Lentz said she saw no problems right now.

"Me and Doug have worked things out and I see no problems," Lentz said. "We sat down and he [Roth] looked at both petitions [Roth's and Lentz's] and he told me which names to cross off of my petition. I took his word for it."

Roth said most people on campus do not know what the Electoral

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Student saves couple's house



John Barisa, the MTSU student who saved a Murfreesboro couple's house, prepares to rappel off of the High Rise dormitory yesterday.

By BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

"Thank God for Sunday drivers." Two Murfreesboro residents will say this many times in the future. A Sunday driver on his way to church saved their home.

John Barisa, a graduate student in the psychology department, was driving by the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neely, Sunday at about 6 p.m. when he noticed something a little out of the ordinary — the outside light on their porch was on fire.

"My husband and I had returned home from the lake earlier. My husband was in the living room and I was in the backroom when we heard a knock on the door," said Mrs. Neely, who lives near the Mercury Plaza shopping center on Mercury Drive.

"I almost didn't answer it because no one ever comes over at night," she said. "When I answered it he [Barisa] was turning away."

Barisa said he was on his way to church when he noticed that the Neely's front porch light had shorted and was on fire.

"I saw it as I went by," he said. "I stopped and told them."

Barisa, 24, said Mrs. Neely "freaked out" when she saw what

happened. Mrs. Neely agreed that she "was so excited" she couldn't do anything.

"He told me what to do, but I couldn't do it," Mrs. Neely said. "He did it for me and then stayed until the fire trucks had left."

Barisa, a member of the Huntingdon-Mayfield Rescue Squad, said he "just pulled the fuse on the light and called the fire department for her and they put it out," but Mrs. Neely sees the situation a little differently.

"We have a fence, my car in the driveway and a dog in the front — he had to go through a lot to help us," she said.

When asked about staying until the fire department left, Barisa said "he just wanted to make sure that they wouldn't do something like turn the light back on."

"They were pretty nice people but they didn't know that much about fires and electricity. I was just helping out."

Mrs. Neely says she is glad he helped out.

"If he hadn't seen it and stopped our house would have burned down," she said. "Now we just have a little damage on the front porch."

"He really went out of his way to help us."

Rapists think women deserve it: Trent

By LISA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

"In the eyes of the rapist, the women they rape have in some way asked for it," said James Trent of the MTSU Psychology Department, at a rape seminar at the LRC Tuesday.

The seminar was sponsored by the Psychology Club and the Psi Chi honor society.

"Rapists consider women whores" Trent said.

According to Trent, rapists live for now. They live for their own gratification, and for the humiliation of the women they rape.

"Rapists are not mentally ill, they are criminals," Trent said.

Trent outlined the basic characteristics of a rapist.

"Rapists usually have long criminal records of crimes against persons, starting from early juvenile years. They are anti-social and repeat offenders," he said.

Trent also said that rapists "don't know much about sexual matters, have suffered rejection from women from their lack of heterosexual skills and have above average, or at least average intelligence."

"There have been two reported rapes in the three years I've been here, and both have been date rapes" said Brian Grisham of the MTSU Security department. "I've heard rumors of 10-20 rapes a year, but most aren't reported."

In a nationwide survey of males on college campuses, 35 percent said they would rape if they abso-

lutely knew they would get away with it, according to Grisham.

"Rape is a way of controlling and overpowering women" Grisham said.

According to a fact sheet handed out during the seminar, in 48 percent of reported rapes the victim knew the assailant.

"Our main focus is trying to prevent it" said Grisham.

We make it a point to stop and question anyone who looks the slightest bit suspicious, and we offer a 24-hour escort program, Grisham.

"Women should pay attention to their intuition in uncomfortable situations and forget trying to be polite" Grisham added.

"Sometimes you can't avoid it

and the only thing you can do is survive it" Jeanette Heritage,

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McMurry discusses homelessness

By DEBORAH ROSE
Assistant News Editor

"It's easy to be homeless."

This is just one of the shocking comments made by Dan McMurry at the Honors Lecture Series on Wednesday.

McMurry, an associate professor of sociology at MTSU, has done extensive research on the problems of the hungry in America and has spent time on the streets of Nashville as well as many other cities across the U.S. posing as a homeless individual.

During his tenure as a "streetnik" in Nashville, he obtained or witnessed others obtaining many items without charge. These items ranged from food and clothing to newspapers and feminine hygiene

items. All items were given to street people, often without requiring identification or any form of repayment.

The people McMurry encountered on the streets were not hungry. In fact, McMurry found it was possible to "eat all day if you wanted to." Although there were many races of people living in the streets, Asians were notably absent. In addition, McMurry estimates that half of the streetniks are seriously mentally ill and half the transient men are not local.

McMurry spent many nights at the Union Rescue Mission. "It's terrible. There's no way I can describe the sounds and smells of the mission because I have nothing to compare it to. The mission is like

one large animal made up of several noisy parts."

"The smell was sickening; you could taste the air. Eventually, I lost my ability to discriminate smells."

Life at the mission was often violent. During one attempt at conversation with a fellow streetnik, McMurry was verbally accosted. He was never the victim of violence himself, but was witness to several violent acts. One occurred on the steps of the mission as two drunken transients engaged in a knife fight.

"They were too drunk to fight dangerously, but not too drunk to kill each other," McMurry said.

According to McMurry, there

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Murfreesboro firemen James Sathera and Z.E. Smith observe the ruins of city resident Mike Hancock's truck. Hancock said his engine exploded Wednesday night after his truck hit a pot hole near the corner of Mercury and Tennessee Boulevards.

Senate investigates Aerospace

By DEBORAH ROSE
Assistant News Editor

Problems with advising have led to legislation currently before the ASB House of Representatives that would launch an investigation into the MTSU aerospace department.

Bill SR-9, sponsored by Senator Tonda Mott, calls for clarification of required courses in the aerospace major.

Four courses, all industrial studies courses, are currently listed in the catalog as recommended; however, these courses are actually required.

"Advisors aren't telling students, and students are not aware of the situation," ASB Executive Vice President Doug Roth said.

Tonda Mott attempted to gather

information on the subject from faculty but came away empty-handed.

"I couldn't get anything. We had trouble getting anyone to claim responsibility." Faculty help was nonexistent.

Mott plans to discuss the matter with Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie this morning.

Mott goes on to say this problem is not a new development and that the ASB has been aware of it for some time.

Wallace Maples, head of the aerospace department claimed no prior knowledge of the problem.

"I am not aware of any changes to be made. I haven't found anything out so I guess they (the ASB) will find us out."

Section 3 of the bill calls for "the matter to be cleared no later than the conclusion of the current semester, so as to perpetuate understanding and avoid further prodigality."

According to Doug Roth, the matter needs to be cleared up so those people graduating in December can get the required courses that they need.

Correction

In the Tuesday, February 3, 1987 issue of *Sidelines* the name of the aviation fraternity in the cutline of the lower photograph was incorrectly reported as Alpha Theta Rho. The correct name is Alpha Eta Rho. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

Campus apathy heart of yearbook fund cuts

By JEAN ROESLER
Staff Writer

Due to lack of interest in MTSU's yearbook, funds are being cut and alternatives are being sought to replace the Universities only permanent historical record.

In 1978, 4,200 *Midlanders* were sold compared to the 2,300 sold in 1986, Student Advisor Jackie Solomon said.

"It is not meeting the demand, and I honestly don't know what the demand is," Michael Turner, editor-in-chief, said.

One male student stated that he did not purchase a *Midlander* because "one picture is not worth \$12."

Solomon traces the yearbook problems to the lack of involvement by the student publications committee and poor advisement over the past few years.

Solomon stated that past publications advisors, including herself, have never had any practical yearbook experience.

"MTSU sells more yearbooks than some universities, but nationally, yearbook sales are down and have been for several years," Solomon said.

Josten's Sales Representative Johnny Lovier has found college apathy to be a national problem.

"The need to belong is there, yet students don't want to make the

effort to go and have their picture made," Lovier said.

According to Lovier, the colleges with the most success in sales and student involvement are those who have the yearbook built into tuition costs.

"We have discussed the possibility of having such a fee built in for student publications," Turner said.

With the advent of more popular forms of media such as videos and magazines, the role of the *Midlander* is being questioned by Laura Rader, secretary of the Student Publications Committee.

Budget cuts for the *Midlander* will be discussed when the Student Publications Committee meets in general session on February 16.

Election

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act is and thus, do not know they cannot sign two petitions.

Roth denied further comment on the issue. Roth is a member of the SAE fraternity and is a big brother of the ADP sorority — the ones Lentz approached in the Grill saying signing two petitions was allowed.

Tony Morreale, a third candidate for the office, denied comment saying "I would rather not get into it right now."

NOTICE

There will be an ASB Senate meeting on Tuesday, February 10, in Room 305 of the KUC. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. It is necessary that all senators attend as there will be several items of importance to be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Rape

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of the MTSU Psychology department.

Two myths from the hand out are women should always fight to the death, or women should never resist an attacker. There is no fool-proof formula for choosing, but hysterics never saved a life.

According to Bill Taylor, owner of the Bushido Karate School, if you do decide to fight back go for such weak spots as the throat, temple, and eyes.

"In spite of popular belief, the groin is hard to hit and not always the best target. Plus, rapists will be expecting it. And you can expect to take some punishment," Taylor said.

One method Taylor recommended that was to poke the rapist in the eyes. He said that it wasn't necessary to gouge the eyes out, only to cause pain.

"He'll be disabled for a few seconds," Taylor said. "And those few seconds are all you need."

Homeless

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are several families on the streets, many with infants. But he says most "families" aren't the traditional families to which we are accustomed.

"These people don't want to change. It's easy to give in to the street. The street means freedom. No one hassles you and you can do whatever you want — drugs, drink, whatever."

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From Staff Reports

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The scholarship is a \$750 grant to be awarded for the fall, 1987 semester. To be eligible you must be a second semester freshman, a sophomore, or a junior with a minimum GPA of 2.3. Financial need, demonstrated activity on a student publication at MTSU and leadership potential also are considered.

In order to apply for the scholarship, submit letters of application describing qualifications and need, along with a transcript of grades to Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, Box 299, by Feb. 16.

Applicants will be interviewed on Feb. 17.



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Art / Entertainment



Seymour (Rick Moranis) and Audrey II wait to be interviewed on a radio program in this scene from *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The audience gets big laughs from *Little Shop of Horrors*

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

With *Little Shop of Horrors*, Muppet-master Frank Oz offers a movie with something for everyone — no joke!

This movie, which I think will be the next cult-classic, following in the footsteps of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, has quite a story behind the scene as well as on screen.

The movie is the simply hilarious story of a boy, a girl and a plant. This story was first introduced in a 1960 Roger Corman horror film of the same title — which has since become an English cult favorite.

The story then moved to the stage in the form of a very unusual musical, horror comedy. Alan Menken composed the score, and Howard Ashman wrote the screenplay and lyrics.

This brings us to 1987's version, which brings the story full circle

and back to the silver screen.

Rick Moranis, one of SCTV's "Makenzie Brothers" and the key-keeper from *Ghostbusters*, plays Seymour Krelborn.

Seymour works with and dreams of Audrey. Audrey is a sexy but stereotypically dumb blonde, superbly played by Ellen Green, who also created the role on stage.

The twosome, who for some strange reason remind me of a nerdy, drugged version of *Grease*'s Danny and Sandy, work together at the sleaziest floral store on Skid Row — Mushnik's Flower Shop.

Mr. Mushnik (Vincent Gardenia) took Seymour from the Skid Row Home for Homeless Boys and raised him as "his own."

The other main character in the film is Audrey II, the blood-thirsty talking (and singing) plant.

Review

This is where the fun really starts. The musical score of this movie is the best since *Grease*.

The movie begins with a voice-over similar to the beginning of *Star Wars*, "On the twenty-third day in the month of September / In an early year of the decade not too long before our own. / The human race suddenly encountered a deadly threat to its very existence / And this terrifying enemy surfaced, as such enemies often do / In the seemingly most innocuous and unlikely of places."

This immediately moves into the fast-paced, catchy title-tune, sung early '60's style by "Supreme-like" Crystal, Chiffon and Ronette (Tichina Arnold, Tisha Campbell and Michelle Weeks.)

These three appear, in full Motown-synchronized moves and matching dresses, everytime a song begins.

"Skid Row (Downtown)" is the next song on the soundtrack. This is one of the best numbers, complete with "street people" dancers in perfectly choreographed sequences that put film adaptations such as *Annie* to shame.

"Downtown" is also our first chance to hear Ellen Greene sing, and sing she does. She makes the

transition from her character's Betty Boop voice to her obviously well prepared singing voice. Next, Moranis surprises the audience with a singing voice that just doesn't seem to be coming from the usually parody-acting voice.

"Da-Doo," a fifties-sounding street corner song is next. The three women this time dressed in Chinese costumes provide some very funny backup.

Her scene-stealing sadistic, biker, dentist boyfriend, Steve Martin excels with his solo "Dentist." It begins "When I was younger, just a tad little kid / my momma noticed funny things I did / like shooting puppies with a bee-bee gun..."

Also in the movie, are cameo appearances by John Candy, James Belushi, Christopher Guest and Billy Murray.

The movie is currently playing at Cinema Twin until February 12.

The rest of the songs are just as memorable with great lyrics. Audrey's daydreamy solo on "Somewhere That's Green," has a great opening "I know Seymour's the greatest / but I'm dating a semi-sadist / so I got a black eye and my arm's in a cast..." and continues with "I cook like Betty Crocker, and I look like Donna Reed..."

Kraftwerk's *Electric Cafe* shocks

By MIKE VAUGHAN
Staff Writer

Although commercial success in the U.S. has eluded Kraftwerk, a German Synth-group, they have been European Superstars for the last decade.

The group was a frontrunner in the use of synthesizers and a pioneer in the evolution of electric music.

Kraftwerk's latest offering, *Electric Cafe*, shows a definite shift in style and has attracted a wider audience than their usual esoteric-music fans.

The single, "Musique Non-stop," has been getting airplay on black radio stations, and it is currently on Rockpool's dance charts in the number two spot. It is also a good sampling of the rest of the album.

In fact, the three cuts on the first side all carry the same "Musique Non-stop" theme. Kraftwerk is creative enough, however, to avoid tiresome repetition.

Mixed by beat-master Francois Kevorkian, the rhythm is definitely non-stop. It's the music that's elusive.

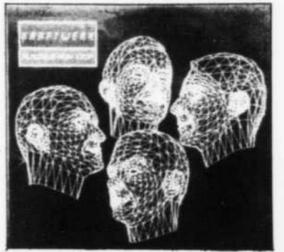
The group seems to have given up its multi-layered electronics in favor of a minimalistic beat-box sound.

Listening to their older work used to make one wonder how four guys with keyboards could make so much sound. Now it's hard to imagine why it takes all four of them. Since none of them sing, most of the vocals are spoken or electronically altered. Rhythm and cadence

become the center-point, and the delicate melodies slip in and out of the musical background.

This is a definite change in the normal construction of music. It's good, though. It can cause some infectious finger-tapping.

Who knows Kraftwerk may be giving us a taste of the music of the future.



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Editorials

Sidelines' name remains Student voting apathetic

On Friday January 23, *Sidelines* ran an editorial on changing the name of the newspaper. The response to this suggestion has been, at best, underwhelming. For the thirty-nine of you that voted, Thank you very much for your input.

For those of you that are curious, the votes went as follows: twenty voted for *The Sentinel*, thirteen decided not to change the name, one vote for *MTSU TODAY*, two for *the MTSU Times*, one for *The Impact*, and finally one renegade wants to call it *South Wind*.

We at *Sidelines* appreciate these responses — both the serious and the tongue-in-cheek. Thank you student body, faculty and staff for your help.

We at *Sidelines* will not go before the student publications committee and request the name to be changed because it is obvious we do not have a mandate from the student body to do so. The student attitude seems to be: I don't care for the name *Sidelines*, but I don't know any other name I like better.

This is close to the reaction that was expected — but we tried.

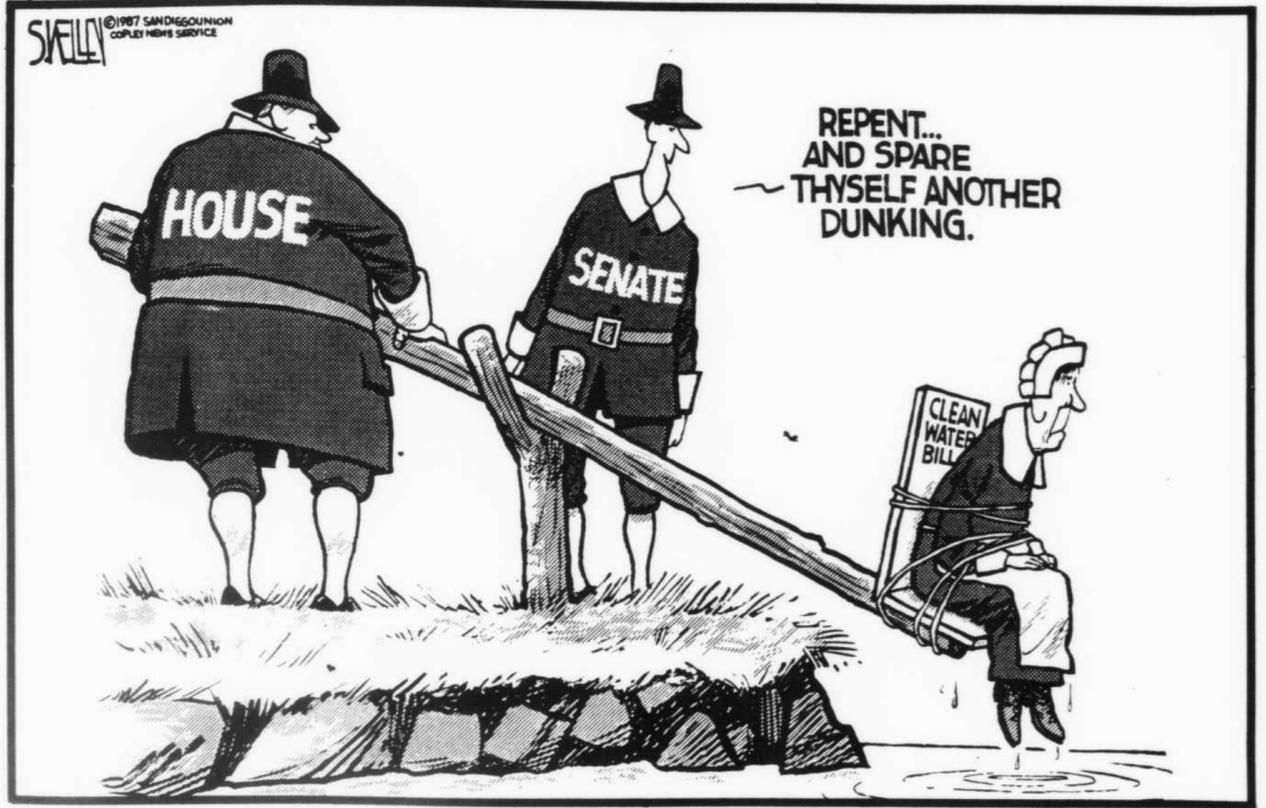
The initial editorial told reasons for the change. It mentioned that our current title meant "being out of the action," it also states that the name is passive — as if sidetracked.

We considered these valid points and so did a total of 20 students, based upon the responses received. Of course we must admit that these were 20 out of roughly 11,000.

The others that also gave their input had some very valid points as well.

Professor West wrote an excellent letter that showed one side of the issue. He pointed out that "The name of the publication should not be tampered with by temporary short term personnel." He also pointed out that coaches, though they stay on the sidelines, are still involved in the game. His time and effort was greatly appreciated.

In the future, if we decide to ask the students for their opinion on issues concerning student publications, university policies, or any other aspect of campus activities, how should we go about it to insure getting a response from more of you?



Commentary

By MIKE REED
Editorial Editor

Greeting all loyal readers. Recently, *Sidelines* has gotten some pretty bad publicity from public figures, letters to the editor, and by word of mouth. I, personally, would like to clear up a few misconceptions. I am a columnist, I deal with my opinions. True, I must have facts to back them up, but my opinions are what I write. If you

do not agree with what I write, write a letter to the editor. Do not persecute the sports writers, the photographers, or the news people. If we printed only what the public wanted to read, we would be a scaled-down version of *Pravda*.

When I took this job, I was made to understand that my work was subject to editing. The purpose of the editing was to make my column fit the space provided. Sometimes,

I was warned, the slightest change of wording can alter the meaning of the column. I am not saying this has, or will happen, I am saying that it is a possibility. Perhaps that is the reason some of you are upset.

Also, don't think I am making excuses for anything this paper has printed. I know of nothing for which to apologize. I am trying to say that we, as individuals,

are not responsible for the actions of the other reporters, editors, or staff of this, or any other, newspaper. We, as a whole, are representatives of *Sidelines*, not targets for anyone to vent their anger.

Since I have been working for this paper, I have learned quite a bit about its workings. The key bit of information I have learned is that mistakes happen. This is true for any newspaper.

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STUDENT BALLOT

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(Return ballot to Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs, CART, or to CAB-119, by February 17, 1987.)

The MTSU Foundation will sponsor a fund for three Outstanding Teachers again this year with a \$1,000 award for each winner.

Finalists are determined by recipients being nominated by graduating seniors, students, alumni and faculty. The teachers must have taught at MTSU for at least three years.

After finalists have been determined, the Outstanding Teacher committee will review the nominees. A final evaluation will be made in April and then tabulated by a computer.

The ballots below have been provided for the nominations and will be in three more issues of *Sidelines*.

February 17 is the deadline for submission.

Several new faces on Capitol hill

By PAUL LADD
Columnist

What happened to Florida is ex-Governor Robert Graham. Graham defeated Senator Paula Hawkins. Big deal, many of you say. Polls show that Senator Hawkins had the highest approval rating of any senator up for re-election. However, Graham's approval rating as governor was higher than that of Senator Hawkins. Paula will hopefully be best remembered for her crusades against child sexual abuse.

Graham was a popular state senator who served two terms as governor beginning in 1979. We will most likely hear much from him in the future.

Other senators to take note of are Maryland's Barbara Mikulski, the first Democratic woman elected to the Senate without succeeding her husband. She has earned a reputation as a fiery liberal...and could be another Bella Abzug...although without the floppy hats.

Another senator to take note of is Arizona's John McCain. Senator McCain succeeded that great American statesman, Barry Goldwater. McCain has a solidly conservative record in the U.S. House, where he served until this year. He is also a former P.O.W. in Vietnam.

On to the House. Three names immediately come to mind.

John Lewis is the first black congressman from Georgia since Reconstruction. He defeated Julian Bond in a bitter primary. We can expect to be hearing from Lewis soon.

Iowa elected Fred Grandy of "Love Boat" fame to Congress. Many people are saying it's wrong for an actor to be elected to office. The same liberal clique that praises Tom Hayden and Ed Asner and their kind, probably.

Kentucky has elected ex-baseball pitcher Jim Bunning to Congress. He has been the target of similar criticism by those who say ex-actors and athletes should not run for office.

I will say here that ex-actor Ronald Reagan has been a fine President and that Congressman Jack Kemp has been effective in the House. While I'm at it, I'll say that ex-Reps. Bob Mathias and Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell were also effective.

If you're wondering why Joe Kennedy hasn't been mentioned, it's because he's gotten enough hype already.

To the governorships. We won't talk about Tennessee here, because we should look at it in further detail.

Texas Governor William Clements is back after a four-year forced retirement. He whipped the man who defeated him four years ago, Gov. Mark White. White's handling of the state's economy was what did him in, according to most political experts.

Oklahoma has a new Governor...the same one they had 22 years ago. Henry Bellmon served a term as governor, then two terms as a United States Senator, retiring in 1980. He was called out of retirement this year to run for governor and won.

Florida has a new governor. He is Republican Bob Martinez, the first Hispanic governor of an Eastern state. He has a distinguished record as mayor of Tampa and promises to be a dynamic force in his party.

Alabama has a new Republican...yes, Republican governor Guy Hunt. Hunt has been a minister, farmer and probate judge. He was able to capitalize on a divided Democratic party...but the other factors may have also played a role.

Nebraska has a new governor, Kay Orr. She was elected in the all-woman race, defeating Democrat Helen Boosalis, who got most of the national media attention.

One high point for Democrats in the gubernatorial arena was out West. Two former cabinet members under Jimmy Carter won the governorships of their respective states.

Former Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus won in Idaho and former Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt won in Oregon.

There are others, no doubt, that we'll be hearing from as time goes by. However, if any of these I've mentioned achieve fame...remember...you heard it here first.

Steve Beat



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MTSU a "class act"

To the Editor:

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In short, basketball in Murphy Center is a class act!

Jimmy Earle
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Sports

Raiders seek revenge



Howard Ross/Staff
Dwayne Rainey scores over a Tech opponent. He is player of the week.

BY CHRIS DRUMRIGHT
Sports Writer

The MTSU Blue Raiders take on the Akron Zips Saturday night in Murphy Center.

Akron handed the Raiders their only conference loss of the season, 96-78, on Jan 26.

On Monday night, the Blue Raiders host Youngstown State.

Akron will be a very tough challenge for the Blue Raiders. The Zips come into Murphy Center as the best defensive team in the OVC. They give up only 66 points a game.

The Zips stingy defense allows the opposition only 43 percent of their field goal attempts.

The game will be a matchup of the best offense versus the best defense in the conference. The Blue Raiders currently lead the OVC in scoring with an average of 89 points a game.

The Zips, 15-5 overall, are third in the conference with a record of 5-3.

Akron has defeated the Blue Raiders the last three times they met. However, the Zips have never won a game at Murphy Center since Coach Bruce Stewart took over the Blue Raider team three years ago.

"Our team will play very hard and definitely try to win," Coach Bruce Stewart said. "We will give a do a better job of blocking out this time, and we will have to play better defense."

Both Akron and Youngstown have two of the premier players in the OVC.

Marcel Boyce of Akron is in the

top ten in the conference in three different statistics. He ranks third in rebounds and free-throw shooting as well as sixth in scoring with a 19.1 average.

Tilman Bevely of Youngstown will be coming off a conference record-setting 55-point performance against Tennessee Tech. Bevely is also the first collegiate player in the nation to score that many points this season. Bevely is first in the conference in scoring.

Youngstown is currently 7-10 overall, 1-6 in the conference.

The Blue Raiders enter this weekend's games with the best record of any division-one team in

the state at 16-3.

The Raiders are also in first place in the OVC with a conference record of 7-1. The Raiders have not lost a home game in their last 26 outings.

The game could play a very important role in determining where the OVC tournament will be held.

"The fans are the most important aspect of the game," Stewart said. "Our fans need to get on Akron like their fans got on us. The fans can win the game."

"I would like to thank the fans for their support against Tech. I would like to see even more students at the Akron game."

Ladies set to rip Zips

BY MAURICE PETWAY
Assistant Sports Editor

After a thrilling victory over Tennessee Tech Monday night, the Lady Raiders will have to avoid overconfidence when they face Akron and Youngstown State on Saturday and Monday nights.

In their quest for a fifth consecutive OVC regular season crown, the 6-2 Lady Raiders trail the 7-1 Lady Golden eaglettes with six games to go.

Having completed their annual two game regular season stint with Tech, the Lady Raiders need another conference foe to defeat the Lady Golden Eaglettes.

"For us to win the OVC, somebody else has to knock them off," Janet Ross, who wants to win the conference title for each of the four years she has competed, said.

They can help themselves by winning the remaining games on their schedule.

The Lady Zips will come to Murfreesboro looking to avenge a disappointing loss in "Ice Valley".

Youngstown State will also be out to even things up after losing to the Lady Raiders in late January.

After the completion of 18 games, the Lady Raiders lead the OVC in team offense with an 83.4 point per game average.

They also lead the league in free throw percentage (.702), and they are tied for the league lead in field goal percentage (.473).

Maybe the key for an OVC title for the Lady Raiders will hinge on their ability to improve in the categories of rebounding and defense.

The Lady Raiders stand dead last in rebounding with a margin per game of (-3.5). Defensively they rank fifth in the league. They are currently allowing an average of 71.2 points per game.

Akron, which stands at 4-4 in the conference, has the stingiest defense in the league. They have a team average of 63.5 points per game.

The Lady Zips are also fourth in the conference in total rebounds. In nineteen games they have averaged 42.2 per outing.

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Raiders could be something special



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Blue Raider Ty Baynham performs one of his patented slams.

BY TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor

The Blue Raider Basketball Team has the potential to be something special if they utilize their abilities.

They win with class, and if they encounter defeat, they lose with class. When they are trailing late in a game, they show poise and mount remarkable comebacks.

Commentary

This is a team with a desire to win and excel. When a loss comes their way, they usually bounce back with a victory. That alone shows the class act that they truly are.

Two of their three losses this season have been by a total of four points. These are the kinds of losses that make a team hurt inside, and say "what if." Even though these two losses made the Raiders hurt inside, they didn't say "what if." They bounced back and played with poise and determination — two of the key qualities that win conference championships.

The Raider's only other loss, an embarrassing defeat at the hands of conference foe Akron, could have very well made the Raiders stop and wonder if they were really as good as they appeared.

Yet, they didn't stop to wonder.

They bounced back with victories over rivals TSU and Tennessee Tech. Yes, it is safe to say that these Raiders are for real.

The Raiders, their coaches, their graduate assistants and their managers deserve praise for the job they have accomplished thus far in the season. Yet, it is not over yet.

There are still games to be played and conference championships to be won. The Raiders know this, and you can guarantee yourself that they will not quit until they have played the last second of the last game 1987.

Last year the Raiders started off their conference campaign with an 8-0 record only to lose four of their last six and tie with Akron for the conference championship.

What a difference a year can make! This year's Raiders are better than those of last season, even though the coaches poll wouldn't indicate that. The coaches poll picked Akron to win the conference outright this season.

This year's team plays as a unit, and they fight for one another. There are no selfish players on the court. This is not a one man team.

The fact that the Raiders can place six players in double figures on any given night proves that. It is a team effort.

The Raiders have proven that they can play with and beat some of the best collegiate teams in the country.

This is a team that outdueled Michigan and came out on the winning side. Michigan has, in the past, knocked off previously number one ranked Iowa and fifth ranked Syracuse. Michigan plays in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

Yet, the Raiders beat them.

The Raiders took the University of Alabama at Birmingham to the wire before losing 93-91 in overtime. They did this without the services of standout Kerry Hammonds.

The Raiders also defeated Old Dominion, who was ranked in the pre-season top twenty poll. They also knocked off Arkansas-Little Rock, a team that made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament last season. And there was also McNeese State — a National Invitational Tournament entry last year.

The Raiders have played some tough teams. That proves their desire to excel. They have beaten tough competition.

This is a team that has won 26 consecutive home games — one of the longest winning streaks in the nation. But that is not of their own

doing. You, the students and faculty of MTSU, must take some credit for that. You have supported MTSU, and you have shown opposing teams that when they come to "The Glass House," they better be ready for one hell of a crowd.

If the Raiders are to win the championship this season, you are going to have to make this happen. Five of their last seven conference games are played at home, and they need your support.

Dedicate yourself to attend a few more basketball games. Come to the game tomorrow night against Akron, the only conference team to defeat the Blue Raiders, and come to the rest of the games too.

The regular season conference winner gets to host the conference tournament, and your support will play a major role in deciding if it will be held in Murphy Center.

You have a chance to be a part of something very special. Don't let it pass you by!!!



Dr. Dunk electrifies crowd

BY TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor

Tyrus "Ty" Baynham is the silent killer on the MTSU basketball team. He isn't always the scoring leader, even though he scores in double figures almost every game.

He isn't the floor leader, even though he's always the first one down the court after a defensive rebound or a fast-break.

Baynham is the type of athlete that silently sneaks up on a team, and when he does, it usually means doom for the opposing team.

Baynham said. "There several different slams, such as the one-hand, two-hand, over-the-back, 360, tomahawk or a flying gorilla."

Baynham took up the sport at the age of nine, after his father had given him encouragement as an athlete himself.

As a senior in high school, Baynham was recruited by such major colleges as UNLV, UAB, Maryland, Minnesota, Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

"I chose to come to MTSU because I liked the coaches and the

beat them!"

Baynham likes to model himself after the "Ice Man" — George Gerwin.

"The Ice Man was always my idol," Baynham said. "I liked his style of play and what he brought to the game."

Baynham was a member of last year's co-championship team, and he feels that this year's team has the potential to do much better.

"We have a lot more balance and depth," Baynham said. "We know

that no one person can win the game for us. Opposing teams know that they have to stop five players, not one. Any five on the floor are capable of getting the job done."

Baynham sees good things happening in the future for the Blue Raiders — if everything goes as planned.

"We have the potential to win the conference without another loss," Baynham said. "If we get a good seed in the NCAA tournament, we could be the cinderella team this year."

Raider profile — Ty Baynham

Baynham is a streak player — when he gets hot there is no stopping him.

"I am the kind of player that when I finally get on stride, it is hard for me to be stopped," Baynham said. "It's like that in most every sport. If a player starts doing what he does best, it is hard to stop him."

Baynham is also the master of the slam dunk. There is virtually no one that can electrify a crowd with a dunk as well as he can.

Baynham leads the team in slams, and he has a variety of different ones that he likes to use when the opportunity presents itself.

"You do everything off instinct when you are going to slam," Baynham said. "It also depends on the positioning."

Baynham has an arsenal of slams that he uses — much to the delight of his peers.

"When I go to slam, I have to decide what I want to do,"

situation I was coming into," Baynham said. "It's really not that far from home, so my family can come to the games, and MTSU is in a good conference."

Baynham has very close ties with his family, and he feels that they are the reason behind his success.

"My mom has really supported me in everything I have done," Baynham said. "She has to work sometimes, but when she can she comes to the games. My father, brothers and sisters also make it to the games."

Baynham, a Nashville native, went to school at East High. While in high school, Baynham enjoyed several memorable moments. The quarterfinals of the state playoffs his senior year stand out the most.

"We were ranked third in the state, and we were playing the number one ranked team in the state," Baynham said. "We felt we should be the number one team, and we had something to prove. We

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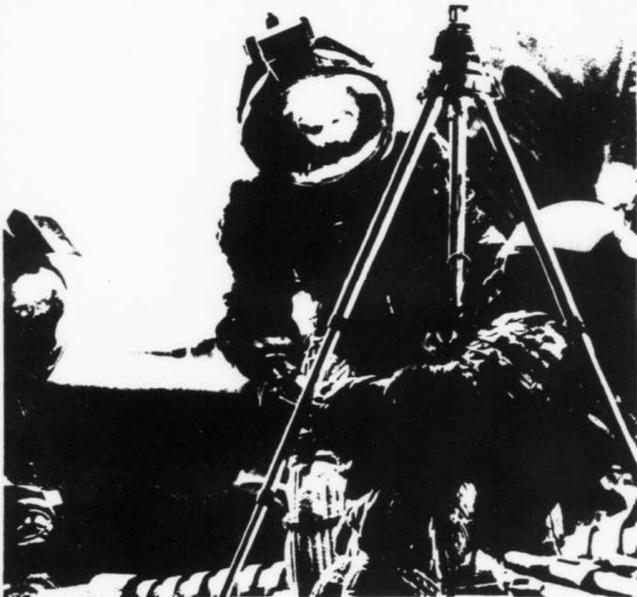
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