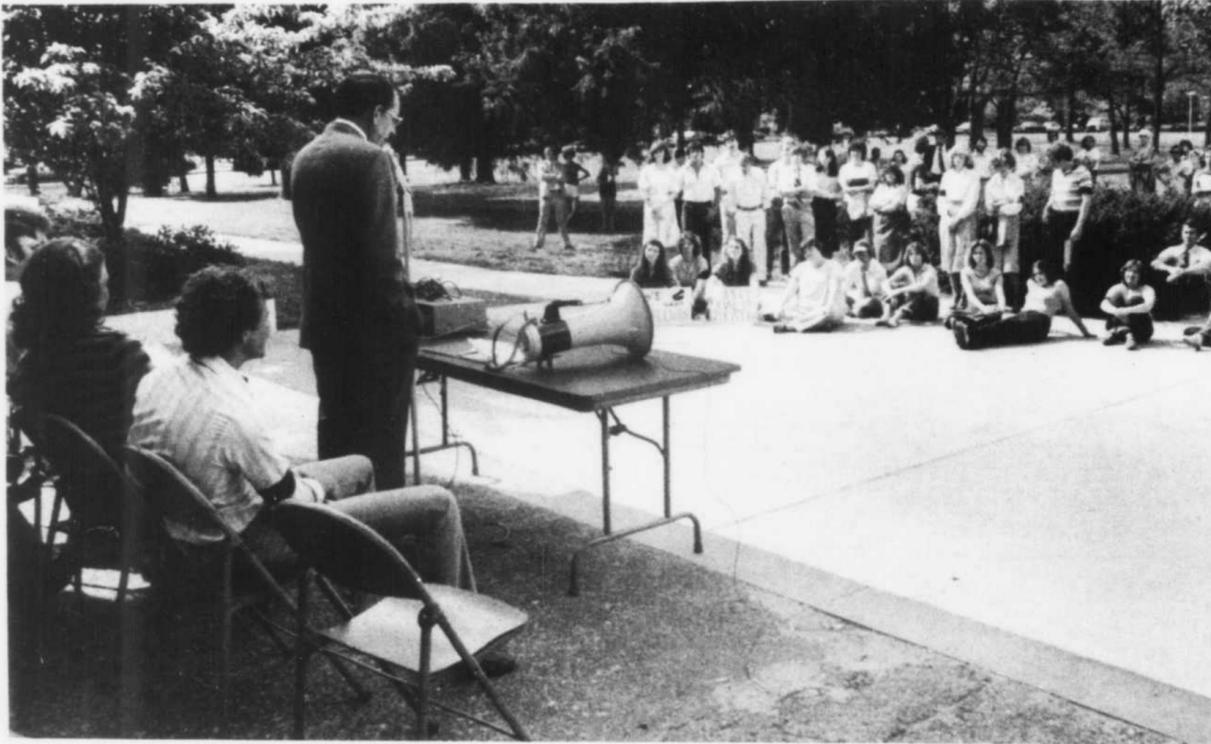


65 turn out for Hillman protest rally



MTSU President Sam Ingram spoke at yesterday's rally for Ralph Hillman. Speech and Theatre instructor. About 65 students marched in support of Hillman.

photo by Brian Wright

By LISA HUMAN

Sidelines Editor in Chief

Students sitting on the grass in front of the administration building yesterday weren't skipping class, but were fighting for quality education.

Approximately 65 students gathered at the UC yesterday to begin a march for Speech and Theatre instructor Ralph Hillman, who has been denied a recommendation for tenure by three university administrators, although two of the three committees voted the opposite way.

The students marched from the UC, chanting a jingle and wearing black arm bands in protest. They continued past Old Main and to the back of the administration building, where they heard speeches from various students and MTSU President Sam Ingram.

"I don't know what my decision will be, but I will make it in the best interest of the university," Ingram told the students.

"If Dr. Hillman is not given tenure, it will not be because he is not a competent instructor at MTSU," he added.

Ingram explained there was a lot of information to be reviewed, and he would consider it all before making a decision. "I'm happy to see students concerned about what they should be," Ingram said, "and that is their education."

"I also think it is just as important for you to assist ad-

ministrators in eliminating poor faculty as it is to help retain outstanding faculty."

Ingram commented, "We may be reaching a point where we won't be able to retain either quality or quantity education," referring to Gov. Lamar Alexander's 11 percent higher education budget cut.

Before Ingram budget, students Daniel Brown, Doug Cole, Mark Ross, ASB President Randy James and Speech and Theatre major Martha Kelly gave brief speeches in favor of Hillman.

"The purpose of our meeting isn't to condemn or accuse anyone," Kelly began, "but to do something about our quality of education. You can always go through college absorbing material from all your teachers, but once in a great while you find a teacher like Dr. Hillman."

Cole asserted "We are protesting the possibility that we might lose an excellent professor... If this university is to progress in stature it must keep quality instructors."

Ingram commented that he hopes someday he goes to a meeting where "so many people say so many nice things about me" as they did about Hillman yesterday.

Hillman, surrounded by students and press after the speeches, thanked the students for their support. "It takes a lot of guts to do what you guys did," Hillman said. "I really appreciate it."

Vice president's job terminated

By LISA HUMAN

Sidelines Editor in Chief

The position of Vice President of Administration has been eliminated from the university effective July 1, and other cuts may be forthcoming within the next two years.

"I have talked with the Chancellor (of the Board of Regents) about reducing the number of Vice Presidents by one," University President Sam Ingram said. "We're going from four to three."

Lynn Haston, who is now Vice President of Administration, has been informed of the decision by Ingram, who

advised him to look for a temporary position in the university until he could find employment elsewhere.

Haston has held his present position since 1975. He is out of town until Monday and could not be reached for comment.

The Vice President of Administration's position was eliminated instead of the positions of Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Business and Vice President of Student Affairs because Ingram said that was the most recent position added to the university.

"Not just at MTSU, but at

universities across the nation, the Vice President of Administration is the newest position," he explained, adding the responsibilities of the Vice President of Administration are the easiest to disperse elsewhere.

Of those responsibilities, Ingram said it will be proposed to the board that Admissions and Records be placed under the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the university police department be placed under Vice President of Student Affairs.

Public Relations and Alumni Relations will be possibly placed under Otis Floyd, the president's

administrative assistant. The affirmation action officer will report directly to Ingram.

Ingram and Floyd have been developing a new organizational chart this semester in order to "get more funds directly to the students by cutting out some of the layers of administration," Ingram said. They plan to look at all aspects of the administration.

In an interview earlier this semester, the president said "We are trying to save in administration so when we have to ask others to cut back we can say we are practicing what we preach."

Blacks protest, rally against treatment

By JIM DE MARCO

Sidelines Staff Writer

A rally protesting the treatment of blacks on campus will begin Monday at 10:30 a.m. in front of the UC, according to Louis Holiday, spokesman for the Black Student Organization.

Holiday claimed yesterday the ASB and the administration of MTSU have ignored the rights of blacks to the point of failing to comply with federal laws.

"This is not a black-white issue, but an institutional issue, and blacks are a part of this institution," he said. "We have certain legal as well as human rights."

One of the organization's

complaints was that Randy James, president of the ASB, did not have any blacks on his cabinet.

James said he had appointed between three and four "qualified students that are black," emphasizing that they were chosen because they were black. Five blacks applied to be on the cabinet.

The organizations Affirmative Action Committee found there were only eight black instructors at MTSU, with only Dr. R.B.J. Campbell of the Criminal Justice department being tenured. Holiday added that two of these were leaving at the end of the spring semester, one of which is Pearl Gordon,

"and this we can not understand."

The Housing Committee plans to talk with David Bragg, director of housing, to discuss the assignment of putting roommates of the same race in one room rather than integrating races.

The organization wants to meet with Athletic Director Charles Murphy to discuss the hiring of black coaches and the lack of continued participation of black athletes.

"We can not understand why the number of black athletes have decreased within the past year," Holiday said.

The organization's security

committee plans to meet with Larry Nixon, university police captain, saying that the police should be under the student affairs division rather than under the Vice-President of Administration. Holiday said the group feels that black groups are at a great financial burden by having to pay almost \$40 for university police security for on campus events because black groups are smaller than other groups.

"It is not our objective to alienate ourselves from the system of MTSU, but to address issues that we are confronted with as being members of MTSU," he said.



One way to keep from being towed away is to chain your bicycle to the sign.

photo by Brian Wright

Cabinet confirmations, bills proposed in Senate's first meeting

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

The 1980-81 ASB senate began its work this week by passing several bills and confirming 11 members of President Randy James' Cabinet during two meetings this week.

All senators were sworn into office by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Kent Evetts.

Junior Senator Doug Cole sponsored a resolution requesting a change in the current university policy on promotion and tenure. This bill was proposed Tuesday, but tabled until yesterday.

"It has come to light that

there is much need in the policies and procedures of granting tenure and promotion to faculty," he said. "The faculty is really barred from deciding; they only get to advise. They also do not get certain information that could be pertinent to their decisions."

Cole's resolution calls for a revision of the current policy to bar any decision based on "common law" policy and also states the new policy shall be revised by a university committee of five faculty and two administrators.

It also grants final authority on recommendations for promotion and tenure to the

committee itself and not to administrators and provides them with needed information to make decisions. This resolution provides for notification at each committee level as to the reasons of the decision, a student member be added to each committee and the Faculty Senate will ratify the policy revision.

Cole's bill brought about much debate and the final vote was 6-4 with one abstention.

Other bills passed include a resolution calling for the installment of water fountains in the lobbies of dorms which do not presently have them and a

bill to form a joint committee to study and propose weekend activities. Daniel Brown, sophomore senator, sponsored both bills. Senate members of the Weekend Activities Committee are Brown, Cole and sophomore senators Mark Ross, Ranota Thomas and Tony Yates.

The senate confirmed 11 members of James' Cabinet. They are:

- Darlene Arnold and Don Wilson — co-directors of freshmen orientation
- Jeff Ellis — homecoming director
- Jimbo Gray — election commissioner

•DeDe Heironimus and Ken Jobe — co-directors of internal affairs

•Mark Johnson — treasurer

•Tommy Moyers and Masudur Rahman — co-directors of the ASB retreat

•Cindy Porter — attorney general

•Bill Ray — chief of staff

These members were confirmed as they will be working during the summer or as soon as school begins this fall, according to James.

"This is by no means my whole Cabinet," he explained. "But these people have duties which are starting now."

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Bookstore receives new electronic cash registers

The University Bookstore will install eight new electronic cash registers next week at a total cost of approximately \$16,000, according to Kelly Dement, bookstore supply manager.

"Our old registers were exhausted — just completely worn out — and it was hard to keep them running," he said.

The new registers will perform more functions than the old ones. Dement said they will compute discounts during a sale. At the end of the day, the register will give a readout of the total amount bought during the sale, and totals from all other departments.

Checks can be validated easier than in the past since the cashier can do this by sticking the check into a slot in the top of the machine, he explained. The check is endorsed and a transaction number is printed on the check. These operations used to be performed by hand.

"The main reason we got these is because of speed and efficiency," Dement said. "Getting checked out, especially during registration, will be much quicker."

The bookstore plans to begin using the new registers next week after the company they were purchased from, National Cash Register, programs them.

Sidelights

California test given July 1

The California Achievement Test will be administered at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Students taking the test must present their ID cards.

'Jesus' movie shown to ministries

Filmclips from the upcoming movie "Jesus" are being shown to the different campus ministries and also to many other campus organizations.

Volunteers from the different ministries are showing the filmclips to promote the film which will be shown at the Martin Twin Theatre in Jackson Heights Plaza beginning Friday, April 25.

Tickets are being sold in advance at a 20 percent discount. For more information, call 893-1105.

Arnold gives up post

Due to inadequate support from his department chairman, associate professor of speech and theatre David Arnold is stepping down from his responsibilities as director of the speech and hearing clinic.

"The primary reason why I have decided to step down is due to the Chariman's lack of support," Arnold explained.

Speech and Theatre Department chairman Larry Lowe refused to comment.

Arnold said Lowe failed to renew contracts of two employees in the speech and hearing clinic without consulting him.

He said Lowe also arranged with Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton and Dean

of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew to eliminate a speech and hearing position and to hire a someone with a doctorate to replace the one remaining position without conferring with Arnold.

Arnold said he realizes the director of the speech and hearing clinic cannot have final firing and hiring authority, but said he ought to be able to at least make recommendations.

"My recommendation would be that we withdraw the current Ph.D job offering and fill it with an MA by conducting an on-campus search," he said.

Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew said to his knowledge assistant professor of Speech and Theatre Ken Stockdall would become the new director.

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No quorum for house meeting

In his first official capacity as speaker of the house, Byron West, cancelled the last meeting of the semester due to not having a quorum, 50 percent plus one.

"At the beginning of next year, we will be sending out a memorandum to all of the campus organizations," he said at the meeting. "They will send us the names of their representatives and alternates."

West added that he did not know what a quorum was for the house at that meeting because there was not an accurate attendance list and that a better log would be kept next year.

Urging all of the members present to go back to their organizations and elect representatives, he closed the meeting.

The first official house meeting in the fall will be Sept. 11.

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Students, faculty have choices

Coffee, movies help thru finals

Final exams are upon the student body again and this usually means long nights, lots of coffee, No Doz and cancelled dates.

For those students needing a quiet place to study, Todd Library is extending its hours during final exams, Don Craig, university librarian, announced.

The main floor will be open from 11 p.m.-1 a.m. on Sunday, April 27, until Thursday, May 1. These hours apply for Sunday, May 4, also. The Reserves Room will only be open late this Sunday.

Books and periodicals needed from the ground or top floors will be retrieved for students to use on the main floor.

The University Center Grill will be giving free cups of coffee to students beginning Monday night. Vera McPherson, manager of the grill, said, "Since 1968 we've always given the students something." Free coffee hours are 8-11 p.m.

Students needing relief from studying and faculty who need a break from grading exams and averaging course scores can find several escapes.

Men's residence hall

programming will sponsor free showings of two movies Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the University Center theater, according to Greg Denton, head of men's residence hall programming.

"Three Stooges Follies" and Clint Eastwood's "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot" will be shown to kind of give everyone a break from exams," he explained. "It will also give everyone who is on campus Saturday night something to do."

Admission to the movies is free, Denton said, adding that movie-goers will probably have to show their school I.D. for entrance.

Saturday is also the first Raider Rally, which will become an annual event. Co-sponsored by Alumni Relations and the Athletic Department, the day will be full of activities.

MTSU versus Eastern Kentucky in a doubleheader baseball game starts at noon and the Blue/White spring football game begins at 2:30 p.m. Both games are free and open.

The Blues Crusade, MTSU's jazz ensemble, will be featuring

music from the "Big Band Era" at the Raider Rally Dance in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building Saturday night at 8. Tickets to the dance are available from the music department or the public relations office.

The Symphonic Band will present a free concert in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Sunday at 3:30 p.m. And Thursday, May 1, the DA will be the home of Stunt Night, an event sponsored by the Biology Club.

Biology Club does Stunt Night

The Biology Club will sponsor its 45th Annual Stunt Night on Thursday, May 1, in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Various fraternities and sororities will sing, dance and present comedy skits for the audience, according to Patrick Doyle, faculty sponsor for the biology club.

"Stunt Night is always family-type entertainment and we encourage everyone to come and bring their relatives," he said.

Proceeds will go to the George Davis Scholarship Fund which provides students with interest-free loans.

Admission is 50 cents for students and \$1 for others.

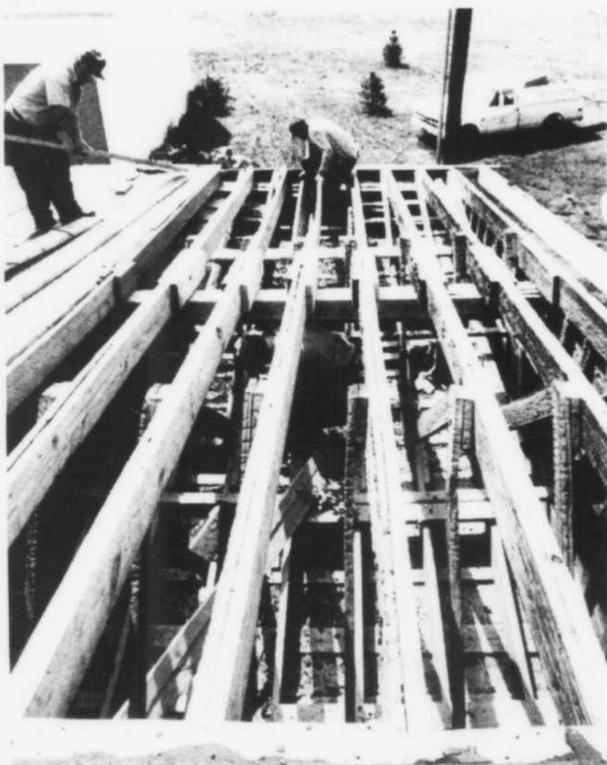


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Workers do repair work on the Art Barn roof. Three to four years ago, there was a fire caused by one of the kilns. Since then, the roof was just patched up. A complete restructuring is being done.

Cheerleaders chosen

Cheerleaders for the fall semester were chosen last week by a group of students and administrators, according to Diane McCord, graduate assistant to Judy Smith, dean of women.

Female captain for next year is Leah Norris. She is a junior from Goodlettsville, majoring in public relations and advertising.

Other female cheerleaders are Shan Raney, sophomore from Shelbyville majoring in public relations and advertising; Suzy Bennett, junior psychology major from Nashville; Vicki Keeton, sophomore broadcast journalism major; Sue Campbell, freshman physical education major, and Karen Boyle, junior management and marketing major, all from Chattanooga.

Alternative female cheerleaders are Ellen Byrd, sophomore from Nashville majoring in Elementary Education, and Karen Mayfield, freshman from Hendersonville.

Male cheerleaders for next year will be led by Steve Comer, sophomore computer science major from Franklin.

Other male cheerleaders are Bill Mifflin, sophomore from Huntsville, Ala.; Mike Barnes, Fayetteville junior majoring in Agriculture; Scott Ratterman, junior in management and marketing from Cleveland; Timothy "Tito" Tubbs, freshman from Smithville, and Richard Walker, junior history major from Jackson.

Alternative male cheerleaders are Kort Pettersen, sophomore from Murfreesboro majoring in Forestry and Park Management, and Mike Arnold, freshman from Manchester.

Cheerleaders were chosen on their performance of four cheers and two chants by students and administrators selected to judge from offices held on campus.

Since last year's squad only had one graduating senior, this person judged in place of the captains so they could try out again for next fall. "This is the first time in six years this has happened," said McCord.

"I couldn't be any more pleased with the group," she added. "They're a very good group and I'm looking forward to working with them."

Work starts on new dorm parking lot by H Hall

The ex-basketball court in front of H Hall is now being converted to a new parking lot by J. W. Victory Construction Company of Murfreesboro.

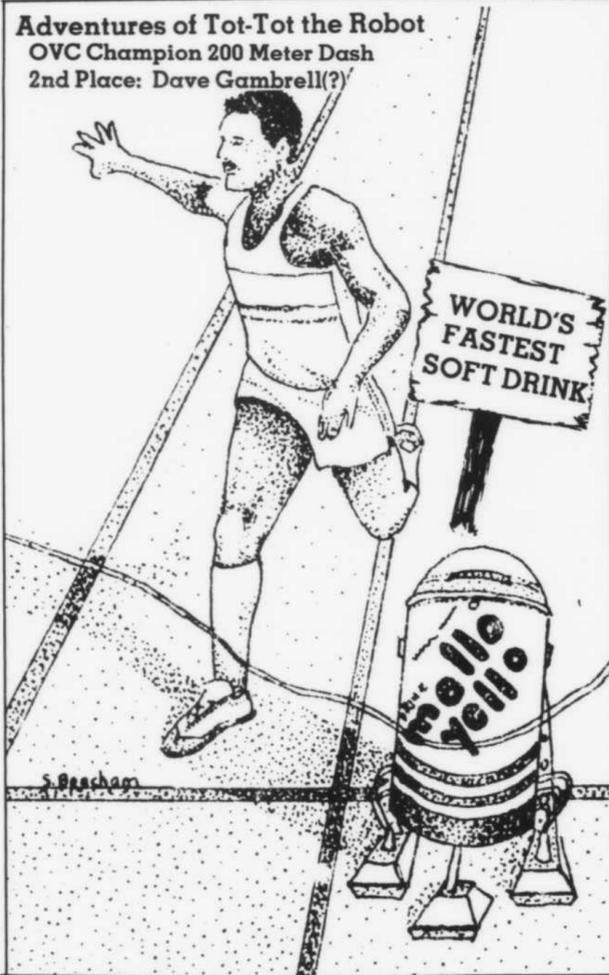
Harold Jewell, of MTSU's maintenance department, and Dean of Men Ivan Shewmake put in a recommendation for the parking lot in November of 1979.

"They needed more parking spaces," said Victory after cutting the concrete starting the rebuilding of the parking lot.

Victory has just replaced part of the sidewalk around Rutledge Hall.

"That sidewalk has been there ever since the dorm had been built, around 1911," he said.

Adventures of Tot-Tot the Robot OVC Champion 200 Meter Dash 2nd Place: Dave Gambrell(?)



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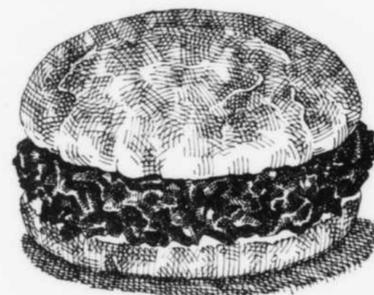
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from the editor

Good bye: *End of semester hard to wrap up*

Since this is the last issue of *Sidelines* until June 1st when the summer editor will take over, we wanted to tie up loose ends and draw everything together for our final paper, but we found that to be impossible.

Unfortunately, due to powers beyond our control, we have to leave you hanging, wondering what Dr. Ralph Hillman's fate will be, what will become of the black student protest and what the ASB will do next. Miss Black MTSU will occur this month, along with the Biology Club Stunt Night.

Our computer terminals hold stories waiting to be used, but they will probably never be printed.

We can't tie up loose ends, but we will attempt to bring the semester to a close as much as possible.

It has been a semester full of controversial events. The proposed organizational row, voter registration, activity fee money, rallies, tenure, student elections, arsonists, city elections and other issues. We hope you have enjoyed reading *Sidelines* as much as we have enjoyed covering campus and reporting the news to you.

For us, the semester has amounted to working hours way past midnight, afternoons full of meetings and mornings full of telephone calls from friends and foes.

Nevertheless, it was all worth it. We gained a tremendous amount of experience and became filled with a sense of accomplishment when we saw our final product each Tuesday and Friday. We made enemies, but we made many close friends, too.

Our goals were to inform you of campus news, make you think after reading our editorials and columns and to entertain you with features and reviews. Our major task, then, was to serve you, our readers.

We hope you have benefited from *Sidelines*, at least in some small way this semester.

We know we have benefitted from you. Reader interest has been outstanding. The letters we received made *Sidelines* a center of student opinion and helped us determine what students were interested in.

It has been an interesting semester, and while we are a bit sad to leave this publication that has become very close to us, we are looking forward to the fall semester when Angie Galloway takes over as Editor in Chief. (A summer editor has not officially been chosen, although Warren Denney is presently being considered.)

And hey, one more thing, good-bye.

Protest: *Students march for Hillman's tenure*

The rally that occurred yesterday protesting quantity over quality education was not like a 60s protest, but it showed that students at MTSU are not apathetic, as people are generally inclined to think.

Over 60 students marched from the University Center to the back of the administration building, chanting verses, parading signs and wearing black arm bands.

Unlike the 60's rallies, students yesterday thanked the administration for allowing them to legally protest!

The riot was peaceful and no violence occurred. All students were roused and polite when others spoke.

Still, the rally proved that students are concerned about their education. So concerned they were willing to get out of their dorms and do something about it.

The rally may or may not be a determining factor in Ingram's decision whether or not to tenure Hillman, but it will probably have some effect.

It showed that more than a few students are interested in quality education, and are interested enough to march across campus to let people know how they feel.

Students, the Hillman protest served its purpose. You got your point across — quality education over quantity education, no matter what the cost.



Friday, April 25, 1980

Viewpoints



Sidelines Staff

next to last word

by Henry Fennell

Despite bad times, ending on good note

The next to last word is now the last. I'm determined to end the column on a positive note. There are, however, many reasons I find this hard to do.

The college community is disgustingly flat at a time when a positive voice is so needed.

We've almost completely flopped the 70s. This past one has been the "me decade." If it didn't effect me, I effectively didn't give a damn.

In the meantime, the human race continues to raise armies. It still fights wars. We live with what seems to be a day to day threat of nuclear proliferation. A practical end to the human race lies a button away.

Thousands of people starve everyday. Millions others are under-nourished. Corporate power grows by the minute, while environmental concerns have been squashed by issues believed to be more important.

As incredible as it may seem, racism and bigotry are alive and well in 1980. We know it to be true.

Politics disgust us, but we refuse to battle for reform.

This column has taken some pretty good shots at certain individuals and groups on campus. I believe that writers take issue with the bad because they feel it could be better. Yes, writers can be and certainly are

often wrong about what is good or bad. That's your decision.

I would then like to close in harmony — on a positive note. Despite the issues that cloud and sadden our existence, I find hope in unified a you and I. It has been written many times and in many ways that you and I are one. I've come to believe that and for this reason I look forward to tomorrow.

We are one.

on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

'Vengeance is sweet' sayeth Sexton, the bicycle

My poor, neglected bicycle (Sexton is his name) has been hitched to the "J" Apartments bicycle rack all winter. I suppose he thought he was left an orphan. I never went to check on him from November to April, but only stole quick, cringing glances at his rusting body as I scurried past him every morning.

There sat Sexton through months of freezing ice, snow and rain in the midst of other, rainier two-wheelers whose owners were thoughtful enough to at least cover them with plastic, orng take them inside during storms.

There I walked past him every day with increasing feelings of

guilt, Guilt, GUILT plaguing me. I kept telling myself, "Oh, what the heck? He's only a \$60 Sears 3-speed. It's not as if he were a Raleigh or a Schwinn."

But my rationalizations didn't help. "He's all I've got," I would think to myself, "and I'm just letting his tires split and his handlebars rust. He probably won't even be able to change gears." Can you imagine being stuck in first gear for the rest of your life?

Just because he's only a *Free Spirit*, does that mean he doesn't have feelings, like any scraggly stray puppy with big, sad eyes? Neglecting an inexpensive bicycle is like putting a child up for adoption because he's left-

handed. Oh, how could I do such a thing!

Well, one bright morning this week I finally broke down. I walked hesitantly over to Sexton and caressed his seat. Needless to say, he wouldn't speak to me. Have you ever heard a *Free Spirit* whine? Okay, so it was just his seat squeaking, but it was obvious he was in pain.

I had thought that if his tires were flat I would have an excuse not to unlock him and set his spirit free again, but surprisingly enough, he was full of air. It took a few minutes to turn the rusty tumblers of the lock, but finally it came open, and I dropped the plastic-covered

chain to the ground as a brown fluid spilled from it.

"Well Sexton," I said, "Mommy's back. Just let me check your little brakes so we won't run over an innocent pedestrian." I cringed to hear his little body squeak as we rode along the sidewalk.

I found a spot in the bicycle rack in Peck Hall and left Sexton there among some new friends. As I looked around embarrassingly while walking away from the brown rusty heap, I caught a glimpse of the new spring-green outfit I was wearing. There was icky brown stuff all over it. I glared back at Silent Sexton, then just smiled.

"Okay, Sexton. We're even."

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Perspective

Friday, April 25, 1980

from our readers

Criticism of Carter's policy unwarranted

To the editor:
This letter is in response to Warren Denney's "the last word" in the April 22 issue of *Sidelines*.
I don't think that there is any harm in looking for the lighter side of the Iranian hostage crisis once in a while. Mr. Denney's editorial had some humorous

parts. In my opinion, the article should have stopped one paragraph sooner.
Mr. Carter's handling of the hostage situation makes much sense than Mr. Denney's suggestions do. Does Mr. Denney know everything there is to know about the treatment of touchy foreign affairs? I know I

don't. I doubt that Mr. Carter knows everything, but I suspect that he is much better versed in the handling of such affairs than Mr. Denney or I. And Mr. Carter knows more than I what resources he has at his disposal for the treatment of the crisis.
Mr. Carter is "doing something." He is acting with a

calculated cool that has kept 50 hostages alive and our nation unified.
When my turn comes to criticize the president, I will be sure to have a better, realistic plan to back up my criticisms.
M. Stewart Todd
Box 8623

Yearbook left out group

To the editor:
Well, the 1980 *Midlander* has finally arrived but some organizations have not been fairly represented. Several organizations had their pictures left out or never even taken.
When a member of our organization spoke with Vivian Bearden, the editor, she was told that the photographer had made a mistake but they did not know which group had been left out until the first day the yearbooks were distributed. This shows incompetence on the part of the *Midlander* staff.
Werealize the photographer

was on his own schedule but our picture was made. This gross error can not be ours. Whichever staff member was in charge of the Greek section should have realized that a mistake had been made and a group was missing before sending it to the publisher.
We sincerely hope that next year's edition of *Midlander* will be more equally representative of the student organizations of this campus.
The Sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta
Box 3874

Graduating Australian student thanks fellow MTSU friends

To the editor:
I would like to thank the students, faculty and administration, especially the staff of the athletic and physical education departments, for all the support and direction I have been given during the past three and a half years. In particular I would like to thank Coach LaLance and the members of the men's tennis team.
I have been well-received and that has helped make the "jump" from Australia to living

in the United States an exciting experience for me. My horizons have been opened and to those responsible I am very grateful.
As graduation draws near for me and others, I would like to wish everyone connected with MTSU happiness and all good things for the future. Life at MTSU has been good to me, and I will try to represent MTSU well wherever I go.
Peter Heffernan
Box 1420

Reasons for protest questioned

To the editor:
Rumors have been circulating on campus for the past week and now the truth is out — the black students on campus are planning a protest because they think they are not being well-represented at this university.
Well, boo hoo! It just so happens that President Sam Ingram's administrative assistant, Otis Floyd, is black. Dr. Rucker in the sociology, anthropology and social work department is black and he does a good job. Last year's ASB president was black.
How in the world are they mis-represented? Why would they not talk to *Sidelines* last Monday or let anyone from *Sidelines* into their private little meeting?
It seems like they are trying to either cover up something or else create something that is false. And do without anyone else around.

Why is all this coming around right now at the end of school? Surely if they are being misrepresented this is a situation that has been going on for quite some time, not just in the past week or two.
True, the rally will probably be big because this is something most black students can get behind and get into. But what will they really accomplish?
This is just another black/white conflict that so often unfortunately occurs. I don't think I am prejudiced and I would like for blacks and whites to mix equally and be equally represented. But at the same time I am realistic about the situation.
I see blacks at strategic places on this campus. I don't think anyone is purposely discriminating against them.
Name withheld by request

Exam Schedule

Classes meeting at:	Will have exams:
9:25 TTH 1:40 TTH 4 T, 4 TTH, 4:10 T, 4:15 T, 4:30 T, 4:30 TTH 4:50 T 6 T, 6 TTH, 6:30 TTH 7 T, 7:15 T, 7:25 TTH, 7:30 T	Tuesday, April 29, 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 8-10 p.m.
9 MWF 1 MWF 4 W, 4:30 W, 4 MW, 4 MTWTF, 4:15 W, 4:30 MW, 4:40 MW, 4:50 W 6 W, 6 MW, 6 MWF 7:15 W, 7:30 MW	Wednesday, April 30, 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 8-10 p.m.
11 MWF 12:15 TTH 3:05 TTH, 3:05 T 4 TH, 4:15 TH, 4:30 TH, 4:50 TH 6 TH, 6:30 TH 7 TH, 7:15 TH, 7:30 TH	Thursday, May 1, 8-10 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 1-3 p.m. Thursday May 1, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 8-10 p.m.
8 MWF 10:50 TTH 12 MWF	Friday, May 2, 8-10 a.m. Friday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, 1-3 p.m.
8 SAT 9:50 SAT 11:50 SAT	Saturday, May 3, 8-10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 1-3 p.m.
10 MWF 2 MWF 3 MW, 2:25 MW 4 M, 4:15 M, 4:30 M, 5 M 6 M, 6:30 M 7:15 M	Monday, May 5, 8-10 a.m. Monday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, 1-3 p.m. Monday, May 5, 4-6 p.m. Monday, May 5, 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 5, 8-10 p.m.
8 TTH	Tuesday, May 6, 8-10 a.m.
TBA and Others	To be arranged by instructor between April 29 and May 6

Classes meeting after 4 p.m. during the semester will have their exams from 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m. or 8-10 p.m.

'Sidelines' commended for good job

To the editor:
It's hard for a newspaper that's responsible for reporting the news to thousands twice a week to please everyone all the time. Often we're quick to criticize and think how we could have "done it better."
I think *Sidelines* should be commended for doing an outstanding job this year, especially in its editorial page. Here students have been able to voice their opinions.
Although sometimes I felt that

Sidelines did not cover everything as it should have, it contributed much to the quality of students' lives on campus this year by giving them a opportunity to voice their opinions.
Whether it's been about the parking situation, Ralph Hillman, abortion or Organizational Row, *Sidelines* has always provided students a place to speak out.
I believe that's one of the most important contributions a

newspaper can make to its readers.
At the beginning of the year I can remember how *Sidelines* had difficulty in getting people to write in. Now, thanks to inspiring editorials, good reporting with creative and witty columnists, each paper overflows with opinions from interested, involved students.
Thank you *Sidelines* for all the work put forth this year.
Stan Schklar
Box 7693

Alan and Danny, thanks for issues

To the editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Danny Tyree and Alan Sissom for pointing the way to the issues that will face MTSU in the 80s.
It is comforting to know that these two individuals saw a need and rushed forth to expound upon it.
Once again, thank you, Danny and Alan, for reaffirming my dubious faith in human nature.
Chuck Cagle
Box 8016

as i see it by Chuck Keller

Creating controversy is his major purpose in columns

Controversy, that's what it's all about.
So far this semester, none of my columns has received such an honor. The killing off of Edith Bunker, kicking the smoking habit and television commercials just isn't as interesting as Ralph Hillman, abortion or comic books.
In order to catch up with my fellow columnist, I thought that I would combine these topics in one final, desperate attempt to raise some hell with my humble column.
Abortion. Somewhere along the line I remember hearing something about, "Thou shalt not kill." The last time I checked, abortion meant (more or less) the death of the unborn fetus. Even though the child is still in the mother's womb, it is still a living, breathing and brain functioning being.
I could go on discussing my moral, religious and realistic thoughts on abortion; but before this gets too far carried away, let me ask this one question.
"Why is it unconstitutional to take a life in the form of punishment (capital punishment) in many parts of this country and perfectly legal to take the life of an unborn human being?" When you figure it out, please let me know.
Comic books. I must admit that I'm not an avid reading of "newsprint art." What comic books I do read are filled with the same things.
One person with a split personality. One half is a mild mannered newspaper reporter who on a particular afternoon was exposed to too much radiation. The result, the second half of the main subject; a super do-gooder that goes around promoting "truth, justice, mom, apple pie, virginity, hotdogs and the American way" by breaking bones and using other means of violence with his super-human strength.
Now comes the paragraph that we all have been waiting for. By the way, I put this "graph" last in hopes that the whole column would be read.
Ralph (hell no, he won't go) Hillman. The main topic of conversation across campus for this semester. Much has been done about Dr. Hillman and his not being given tenure, but one thing remains undone. A final decision has yet to be made.
In my opinion Dr. Hillman's future here at MTSU will be one of departmental pride. Someone in power has decided that Ralph must go. This person obviously has some influence on campus for R.H. may very well be soon packing his bags.
I am not one of Ralph's students, and I have only seen him a few brief moments but I have made up my mind on one thing — having a habit of betting on underdogs, I sincerely hope that President Ingram will do everything possible to keep Dr. Hillman here at MTSU for many years to come.
Good luck Ralph and good-bye for the summer.

punchline By Danny Tyree

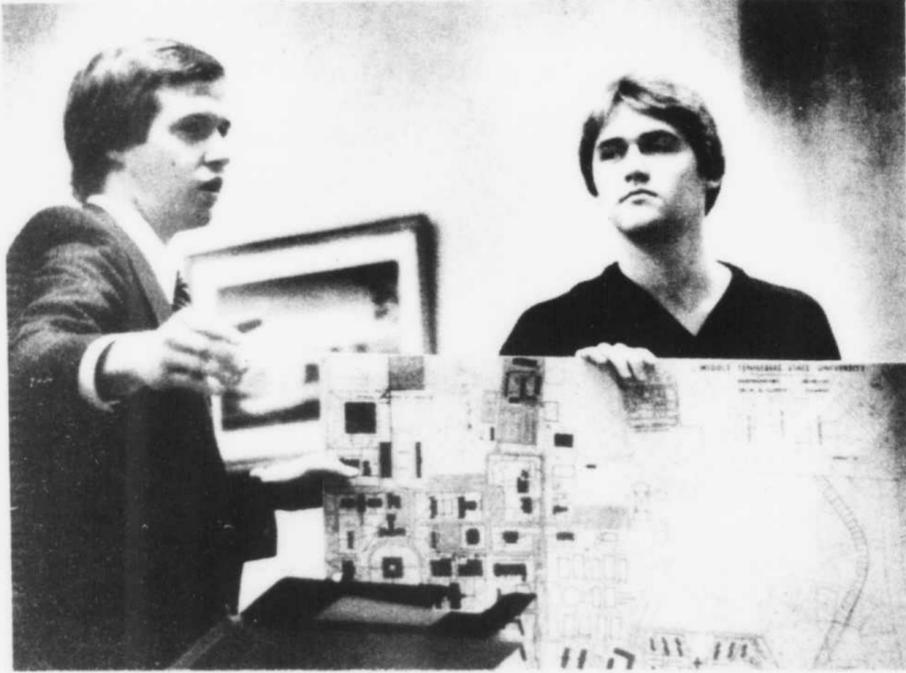
One last attempt to prove he's not a self-righteous bimbo

One final abortion column.
Brian Griffin suggested in a letter to *Sidelines* that the responsibility for abortion should legally lie with the conscience: Saul of Tarsus persecute the early Christians "in all good conscience"; the perpetrators of the Holocaust were "just doing their jobs"; and Soviet spies can lie without its registering on a polygraph. As much as I admire the simplicity of Jeffersonian democracy, on some issues the government and people who respect life have to put their foot down!
By no stretch of the imagination is abortion a "victimless crime." So why is it treated as such a special case? Why can't conscience be the sole guide for littering, breaking the speed limit, vandalism, bribery and disturbing the peace? Bank robbery will always be a part of our "unchaste" society. So, as long as bank robbers will perform some obligatory wallowing in self-pity, why not allow them to "rub out" any witnesses to their crime? That would save the criminals and their families the trauma of arrest, trial and imprisonment.
"This is unfortunately not a black-or-white situation," Griffin insists. In its broadest sense — no, it's not. But that's like asking, "Should the government give money to people?" Socialists and capitalists will never come to a satisfactory conclusion on that one.
But narrow it down to, "Should the government pay its employees? and most people would immediately reply, "Yes." Similarly, you include cases where childbirth poses a physical threat to the mother, there is a frustrating gray area. Narrow it down to cases where the mother just doesn't want to be bothered with pregnancy, however, and it is a black-and-white issue: abortion is needless murder!



Unwanted pregnancies are a fact of life. So is the energy crunch. There are no perfect solutions to either. But only an extremely dense person would say that all answers to either problem are equally acceptable. Isn't an additional tax on gasoline better than arresting everyone who owns a car? We need a human alternative to "women with their guts hanging out." And adoption is definitely better than legalized killing of babies. Why must we bend over backwards and tell pregnant people, "You go right ahead and pick the worse of the two solutions if you want to, honey."
Richard Silk wrote to *Sidelines* and warned that orphanages can become overcrowded. True, a lot of children who are orphaned ages 3 or 4 for remain in an institution until the age 18. But the demand for newborn babies is so great that a black market has sprung up! Certainly a woman shouldn't just turn her baby children up for adoption doesn't have to be a drain on society.
Of course the people who have died and gone to Paradise are more fortunate than we. But in the Bible, Abel was "helped" in leaving this "vale of tears" sooner than expected. So why did God punish Cain for his "humanitarian" slaying?
Anarchy will run rampant in this great land if we can't agree that a person's place of residence (earth or Paradise) should be determined by God — not by a drunken, jealous husband; not by a careless clod in a nuclear plant; not by an irresponsible woman and her doctor.

How well do you remember the semester?



ASB President Kent Syler and Inter Fraternity Council President Don Taylor show the proposed route from organizational row to the City Planning Commission

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor
Today is Friday, April 25, the 116th day of 1980. There are 250 days left in the year. There are five to thirteen days left in this semester.
But how much of the past semester do you remember? To

4. What faculty member has aroused much action from students as a result of his not being awarded tenure?
a. Larry Lowe
b. Ralph Hillman
c. David Walker
d. Glen Himebaugh
5. Tim Fox, a student, won a



University Police Capt. Larry Nixon and Sgt. Brett Bonham escort alleged arsonist David English from the UC to the police car.

test your memory, here is the second, all-improved, whatever-you-want-to-call-it quiz on the past few months.

1. Who did not run for speaker of the senate in the first ASB spring election?
a. Don Hammon
b. Ken Jobe
c. Martha Hammond
d. Bob Gary
e. Gary Pomeroy
2. In January, three men threatened several and injured one fraternity member while they were at their house. What fraternity was involved?
a. Sigma Chi
b. Omega Psi Phi
c. Pi Kappa Alpha
d. Alpha Gamma Rho
3. How many times was the opening date of the swimming pool in Alumni Memorial Gym postponed?
a. 5 times
b. 17 times
c. 3 times
d. It's still not open



The refusal to grant Ralph Hillman, speech and theatre instructor, has been the cause for much controversy this semester.

- bookstore giveaway in January by filling out 2,500 entry forms. What did he win?
a. A color television
b. Free books for as long as he's at MTSU
c. A moped
d. Dinner for two at Faces
6. Students who registered to vote in Rutherford County were faced with the possible threat of having to pay:
a. A \$5 activity fee
b. County taxes
c. Higher tuition fees
d. Wheel sticker tax
7. What new mascot took the place of the "Blue Raider?"
a. The Masked Marvel
b. Old Blue
c. Blue Boy
d. Ol' Blue Eyes
8. What team won the women's OVC tennis championship this year?
a. Austin Peay
b. MTSU
c. Eastern Kentucky
d. Morehead

9. The MTSU Energy Council began several programs this semester to save money and energy. One of these programs received activity fee funding. What was it?
a. Every other light was turned out in all classrooms, offices, dorms, etc.
b. MTSU is building its own nuclear power plant
c. A shuttle bus service was begun
10. Organizational row was the source of much debate this semester. Where is a likely spot for the row to be built?

- due to a lack of funding?
a. Wrestling
b. Track
c. Tennis
12. What two plays did the University Theatre last perform?
a. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "Back County Crimes"
b. "Back County Crimes" and "Scapino!"
c. "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "The Royal Family"
d. "Opening Night . . . MTSU" and "You Can't Take It With You"
13. Congressman Albert Gore Jr. hosted a weekend workshop in Murphy Center in February. Topic of the workshop was:
a. The draft
b. Nuclear energy
c. Abortion
d. Gasohol
14. Two fires were reported within a week of each other in two different buildings on campus. What buildings?
a. H Hall and Beasley Hall
b. James Union Building and High Rise West
c. Sam Ingram's house and H Hall
d. Peck Hall and Monohan Hall
15. For the first time since the Ohio Valley Conference began its post season basketball tournament in 1975, something happened. What?
a. MTSU lost the tournament
b. Austin Peay was not one of the participants
c. MTSU was not one of the participants
d. MTSU won the tourney, beating Murray in double overtime

16. Who was arrested in connection with one of the fires mentioned in question 14?
a. Dave German, a philosophy major
b. Dean of Students Paul Cantrell
c. David English, 20 years old
d. Mark Eaton, last year's speaker of the ASB senate

17. The ASB spring elections, scheduled for March 12-13, were postponed for two weeks. Why?
a. There were not enough candidates running
b. An error was made over which box to mark on the back of voting students' ID cards
c. Louis Holiday was found stuffing the ballot box
d. The elections were held up until qualified candidates could be found

18. An MTSU student charged last month that certain things done on campus were dangerous. What things?
a. Playing frisbee in front of the UC
b. Playing with live electric wires while standing in a full bathtub
c. Spraying and fogging of dormitory rooms with pesticides

19. A run-off election was run for two ASB positions. They were:
a. Speaker of the senate and speaker of the house
b. President and speaker of the house
c. Speaker of the house and senior senators
d. Speaker of the senate and President

20. Who will be summer and fall editors of Sidelines?
a. Warren Denny and Angie Galloway, respectively
b. Randy James and George Davis, respectively
c. Paul Cantrell and Frank White, respectively
d. Lisa Human and Kent Syler, respectively

21. What do those televisions in the grill do?
a. Show HBO movies
b. Flash messages of campus happenings
c. Show X-rated movies — 25 cents for 2 minutes

22. How much may fall undergraduate tuition increase if Gov. Lamar Alexander's proposed budget is passed by the legislature?
a. Yes
b. No

- b. Zadie Key
c. Buleah Davis
d. Pearl Gordon
25. Approximately how many students registered to vote in the Rutherford County elections?

- c. Wesley Singers, Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon
d. Delta Zeta, Omega Psi Phi and Alpha Gamma Delta
31. Were classes on campus ever



Ol' Blue is the new mascot

- a. 200
b. None, they were afraid of being forced to pay a wheel tax
c. 57
d. 130
26. What was the name of Eddie Gossage's sports column?
a. Sports Talk
b. Sports Spotlight
c. Gossage Garbage
d. At Murphy Center

27. Who took the first published photograph inside the Rutherford County Courtroom while court was in session?
a. Scott Adams
b. Jim Norton
c. Nancy Warneke
d. Don Harris

28. Will computers be used on campus this fall for registration?
a. Yes
b. No

- cancelled due to snow this semester?
a. Yes
b. You gotta be kidding!
c. Maybe
d. B and C, but not necessarily A
32. What high school in the city did a tornado strike last month?
a. Murfreesboro High School
b. Riverdale High School
c. Oakland High School
d. Campus School

33. Who were the speakers of the house and senate this past school year?
a. Randy James and Mark Eaton, respectively
b. Randy Shuptrine and Bill Ray, respectively
c. Kent Syler and Martha Hammond, respectively
d. Jeff Ellis and Libby Williams, respectively



Counting ballots for the ASB 1980 elections was a long task that resulted in a run-off between Randy James and Louis Holiday. James won the run-off two weeks later.

- a. 8 percent
b. 17.4 percent
c. About \$89
d. 13.5 percent
23. What nickname did an MTSU basketball player go by to help gain attention to himself and the team?
a. Pattycakes
b. Marshmallows
c. Pancakes
24. Who filed a sex and race discrimination suit against MTSU this semester?
a. Jane Poole

- c. Maybe
d. Who cares?
29. Who will be the new dean of the School of Business?
a. Ben McNew
b. Jane Mier
c. P. William Vaught
d. Wallace Ralph Windom

30. What organizations placed first in Tau Omicron's All Sing?
a. Baptist Student, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Delta
b. Alpha Delta Pi, Wesley Singers and Chi Omega

34. How many awards did Sidelines win in a recent Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence contest?
a. 2
b. 17
c. 10
d. 5

Answers: 1.d, 2.c, 3.c, 4.b, 5.a, 6.d, 7.b, 8.c, 9.d, 10.d, 11.a, 12.b, 13.d, 14.a, 15.c, 16.c, 17.b, 18.c, 19.d, 20.a, 21.b, 22.d, 23.c, 24.b, 25.a, 26.b, 27.d, 28.b, 29.a, 30.c, 31.d, 32.c, 33.a, 34.d

Charlie Daniels visits campus with his limo

By WARREN DENNY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Charlie Daniels, the popular country-rock artist from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., rolled into Murfreesboro Tuesday to speak to a group of recording industry management (RIM) majors.

He rolled in style, too, as he was ushered to Peck Hall in a limousine complete with bar and stereo.

The musician was greeted by more than 50 RIM students who had packed into one of the tiny classrooms to hear him speak. It turned out to be a question and answer session that lasted almost two hours.

Daniels enjoys speaking to college students and they apparently like to listen to what he has to say. "I like to make myself available to them so they can draw on whatever experience I have to offer," Daniels said. "I'm no expert, but I have been in the business almost 22 years.

"I'm glad I had a chance to come over here; it's a unique program and a good one too," he added.

He is a busy man. The Charlie

Daniels Band is heading for California in the next few weeks to do some television work on the "Dinah Shore Show" and a guest spot on an upcoming Cheryl Ladd special. The band will be going on tour July 1.

Daniels thinks that his type of music is still very popular and viable, even in the face of the changing trends today.

"There is room for all kinds of music and as long as our band continues to pump out quality work, then we'll remain popular," he said.

Music is business, and for Daniels business is good. "Heck, I'm as busy now as I've ever been and I'm not planning on slowing down. We're not on the road as much as we used to be, but we're still putting in as much work," he said.

Daniels is currently recuperating from surgery on a compound fracture of his right arm that he acquired while working on his farm in Mt. Juliet. "You know, I guess I'm just glad to be alive and be in Tennessee," he laughed.

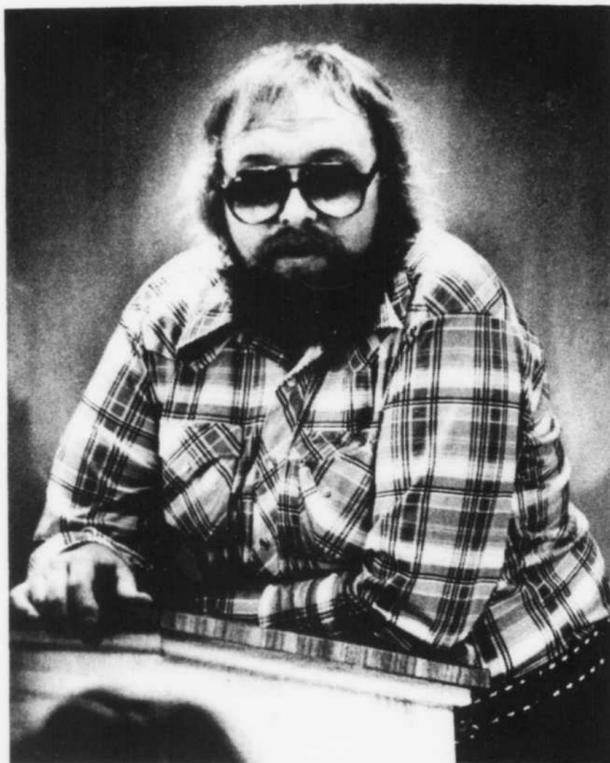


photo by David Mudd

Charlie Daniels visited campus Tuesday and spoke to about 50 Recording Industry Management majors.

Hero kills dragon on stage

By PHYLLIS HAMM
Sidelines Staff Writer

If he had been born 400 years ago he would have been a member of Queen Elizabeth's court.

Last night Donald Sidney-Fryer presented, from memory, a section of Spenser's "The Faerie Queen" about St. George and the dragon, a piece dedicated to Queen Elizabeth I.

Unlike a musty English Literature book, Sidney-Fryer made the words live with his brilliant intonations and motions. Using only a piano bench and a lace cloth as props he moved across the stage, transcending from character to character with ease.

The lace cloth was used to indicate the character of the fair and delicate maiden. He also portrayed St. George, the hero, and several fallen dragons as well as the teller of the story.

His costume consisted of gold and green pants, a green brocade shirt and a brown velvet

cape. Bells sewn to his shirt contributed to the Elizabethan mood as they jingled with his movements.

Sidney-Fryer, who now lives in Sacramento, bills himself as the only Elizabethan entertainer in northern California. He comes from an English French background, appropriate considering the combination of French and English in the work he performed.

Of his unusual work, which he has done on and off for 10 years, he said, "If we don't start doing this now it will be dead in 50 years." He was not disappointed in the small audience saying "at least these people care."

The story itself was the typical tale of noble hero kills dragon (several dragons) and survives, thus winning the fair maiden. Written in olde language Sidney-Fryer pronounced his 'k's' — knights, knife, knoll — in his gentle but powerful voice.

Cadet Major 1st black woman commissioned by army here

By CLAUDIA ROBISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

They used to tell her "don't be afraid, you can do it," and this semester she did.

Cadet Major Donna Dawson is the first black female commissioned by the army from MTSU's ROTC program.

"I didn't even know it till Sergeant (Nicholas) Schneider told me," she exclaimed. "I couldn't believe it."

On May 10, Dawson will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and will be leaving July 6 for officers training in Ft. Harrison, Ind. As a member of the Adjutant General's Corps she will work in administrative personnel and will be stationed in Frankfurt, West Germany.

"I was behind in the ROTC program when I decided to come to MTSU," she said smiling. "I caught up in summer school. When I entered as a junior, there was only one girl in my class, Terry Monihan. We became friends.

"The guys didn't look down on me because I was a woman," explained the petite cadet. "They expected me to carry my load but they were really great. They were always encouraging me and helping me learn."

Dawson was a member the White Berets Drill Team last year. She is a member of Crossed Sabres, the military honor society, and was a nominee for the military ball queen.

Last summer at the training and evaluation exercises held at Ft. Riley, Kan., for all juniors, Dawson placed second in a platoon of 42 men and six women.

"I was really scared at first, but once you get started, you get over that," she explained.

Speaking on her new appointment with the army, Dawson said, "I am looking forward to all of it, except for going to Germany. I am engaged and won't be able to see my boyfriend," she said sadly, explaining she has signed up for three years active duty and three years of reserve duty.



Donna Dawson

and Broadway music, ballet and square dancing, and the Oakland High School Jazz band and the Riverdale High School Concert band.

All events are free and open to the public, except for a \$5 fee for the reservation of a booth and for a space in the flea market.

"This is a fun celebration of Rutherford County's people, heritage and cultural resources," Leonhirth commented.

For further information contact Leonhirth at 896-9352.

Rutherford County festival May 10

Rutherford County Street Festival, co-sponsored by the Rutherford County Arts and Humanities Council and the Murfreesboro Architectural and Zoning Society, will be held Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Calling the event "a fun day for everyone," Jim Leonhirth, a director of the street festival, said, "We want everyone to come, especially students. Students will be graduating that day and should bring their

parents to show them part of the culture of where they have been living."

Festival officials will be closing East Main from Maney Avenue to Bilbro Street for the festival, and parts of the festival will be held at Central Middle School.

Activities for the festival include a flea market, arts and crafts exhibits, a dunking machine, a solar exhibit from TVA and other organization booths. Entertainment will include bluegrass, gospel, disco

Handicapped Bart Dodson travels long way for final mile; National Track and Field to be held in Champaign, Illinois

By LIBBY WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Champaign, Ill., is the final mile for handicapped student, Barton Dodson.

Dodson recently qualified for the National Track and Field meet to be held at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill. This event, which Dodson calls his dream, will be held May 28-June 1.

Dodson has been doing well to qualify for this event, too.

Almost 100 students participated at the MTSU meet April 11-13. Dodson won three gold, one silver and three bronze medals in the track and field events held on campus.

Dodson, though, was the only one from MTSU to participate at

ETSU April 18 and 19 at the Sanction Regional Track and Field meet. He then won six gold medals and a silver one there.

At ETSU he won his gold medals in the "A" Class (classified according to the use of one's muscles) in the 60 meter dash, 200 and 400 meter distance, shot put, discus and club throw (which is similar to

bowling). His silver medal was won in the 800 meter relay.

"I feel pretty good. I'm just glad I qualified for the nationals. This is my first time," he said.

Dodson is a junior pre-engineering student and a member of Sigma Delta Sigma and the Rolling Raiders Wheelchair basketball team.

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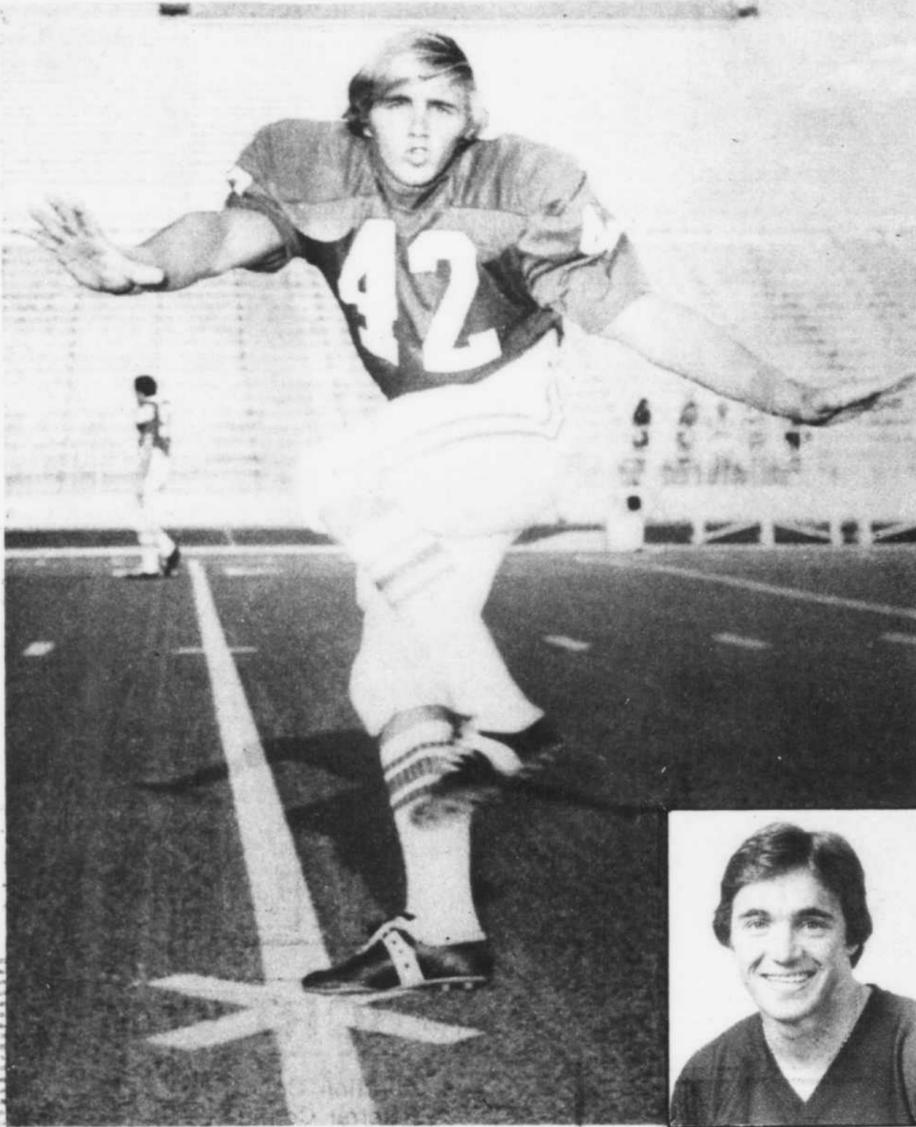
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Oldham picked Alumni Athlete of Year



Sidelines Alumni Athlete of the Year, Ray Oldman, is seen as he appeared in the early '70s when he was a defensive back at MTSU. The insert is how he looks now as a defensive back for the New York Giants of the National Football League.

By EDDIE GOSSAGE
Sidelines Sports Editor

New York Giant defensive back Ray Oldham has been named the recipient of the first "Alumni Athlete of the Year Award" by *Sidelines*.

Oldham will receive a plaque, compliments of L & K Trophy House in Murfreesboro, during halftime of the Blue/White football game Saturday at 2:30. The game and the presentation are part of Raider Rally Day.

"Gosh, that's really tremendous," said Oldham from his Chattanooga home after being informed that he was the winner of the award. "I really didn't expect anything like this. I was just planning on coming back and supporting the school. I'm really shocked."

Oldham was chosen because he is a seven year veteran in the National Football League. His career began with the Baltimore Colts, where he played five seasons.

Then, he was traded to Pittsburgh and played in the 1979 Super Bowl, where the Steelers won a World Championship. Prior to the beginning of the past season, Oldham was dropped from the squad but joined the New York Giants where he

earned a starting berth in the defensive backfield.

This past season was one of his best, Oldham said. He was the recipient of the Giants' "Hit of the Week" award four times, a prestigious honor that goes to the player that made the game's hardest single hit. He pulled down two interceptions, forced four fumbles and recovered three.

"It was such a good season last year," Oldham said. "It was good to be playing with a young team."

"One of the interceptions came in the last game of the season against Baltimore (his old team)," he explained. "I made an interception that ended a drive in our end zone off of Greg Landry. It was great to make that kind of play against my old team."

Oldham played football at MTSU in the early '70s with a group of hard hitting defensive backs that became known as the famous "Mod Squad." Oldham, along with Ken Coffee, Raymond Bonner and Ed Miller, became a mainstay on the team. Oldham said he is looking forward to being reunited with the other members of the "Mod Squad" this weekend.

"I haven't seen Bonner in

seven years," Oldham recalled. "I saw Miller in San Diego when we were playing the Chargers. He came by to see me before the game. Kenny Coffee and I have kept in touch and plan on coming up to Murfreesboro this weekend together."

"We had some good times and played some good football together," he added. "The others had good talent, better than me, because they were bigger. It's going to be fun to see them again."

Oldham said he tries to keep up with MTSU football and hopes to be of some assistance to head coach Boots Donnelly and his staff.

"I want to sit down with him and see if I can help him out," Oldham said. "I would be very happy to help with some prospects in the Chattanooga area."

But, for this weekend, Oldham is looking forward to being reunited with his old teammates and receiving the *Sidelines* award.

"I'm really appreciative of all the alumni, friends and faculty I know in Murfreesboro," Oldham said. "I'm really excited about see a lot of them again."

Sports

Friday, April 25, 1980

Raider netmen's final home match rained out

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Austin Peay's men's tennis team got a little saving grace from the heavens yesterday when their scheduled match with the Blue Raiders was rained out on the Murphy Center courts.

The match was halted right in the middle of singles play with MTSU leading 2-0 on the

strength of wins by number one and two players Dale Short and Peter Heffernan.

The Gov's are struggling through this season after losing several good players to graduation and their number two singles player is gone for the year with an injury. Even though the Raiders were favored to win the match, the whole team's sentiments were reflected

on the chalkboard in their dressing room which read: "Let's not let these 'peay pickers' slip up on us."

Of course there's not too much loss because the two too much, as was evident from the number of disputed calls in every match. And in two matches, arbiters were demanded to settle the disagreements.

The match marked the last home appearance by the Blue Raiders this season which will also be the last time seniors Short, Heffernan and Tony Fernandez play in front of the home fans.

Fernandez is kind of the Rodney Dangerfield on the team because he hasn't gotten much respect from either the media or the fans in his excellent career as a Blue Raider.

"Not getting much publicity has not bothered me that much, but what does get to me is that when I do, it's usually wrong," Fernandez said.

"In the yearbook they had me listed as playing number six last year and they had my record wrong, too. They even misspelled my name," he added laughing.

Fernandez, who plays the number five position this season, played five in both his freshman and sophomore years, but was elevated to number three last year. In last year's OVC tournament he pulled off one of the biggest wins of his career by upsetting the number one seed by number three singles before going down in the semi-finals.

"I guess I've had a pretty good career here. I've never had a losing season in my four years so I'm pretty satisfied with that. Plus winning the conference championship last season was a highlight, too," he said.

Fernandez is a native of Orlando, Fla. and will return home after graduation to take a full-time job as the tennis pro at Disney World.

"I'm real happy about the job mainly because they'll sponsor me in a lot of tournaments," Tony related. "I've worked down at tennis camps in Florida for several summers and I've always enjoyed it."



photo by Brian Wright

Tony Fernandez returns a volley in yesterday afternoon's match against Austin Peay on the Raider courts. The final home appearance of the Raider netters was stopped due to rain.



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Eddie Gossage

OVC's Women's All Sports Trophy to find home at MTSU?

LAST weekend's OVC Women's Tennis Tournament showed just how strong the MTSU women's athletic department has grown to be.

Sandy Neal's Lady Raiders, minus their top player, Elina Durchman, who is out with a knee injury, won the conference championship over defending champs Western Kentucky. It further proved the dominance the program has shown.

Through the tennis competition, MTSU has tallied 45 points in the women's first All-Sports Trophy Race.

The score puts MTSU well ahead of the rest of the pack, but it is still conceivable that the Lady Raider program might be overtaken. It is doubtful, though.

The only remaining sport is outdoor track, and coach Vikki Callison's squad has been striving for respectability.

"It has taken five years hard work for everyone," replied women's athletic director Pat Jones when asked the reason for the strong showing this year. "I certainly hope we can keep the standards up to where they are now."

The women's cross country team picked up five points with a third place finish last fall.

"I think it is a very good thing that Vikki was able to take a cross country program over like she did and put the team together and take third place," Jones said of the first year coach. "It says a lot for her coaching ability."

Then, Larry Inman and his amazing women's basketball team captured the first women's championship in any sport. Inman and his team put together the drive for the championship in a strange style, relying on a mostly freshman team, Inman and his squad won the title. Plans are still in progress to hang a banner in Murphy Center proclaiming MTSU the 1979-80 OVC Women's Basketball Champions.

Then Neal and Company pull off an equally amazing stunt last weekend with their astounding victory in the conference tournament. A great deal of credit should go to her and the members of the team. Earlier in the year, the team felt it was being overlooked because all of the publicity of the injury to Durchman. However, the championship sealed the notoriety the team deserves — and they did it without Durchman.

"Coach Neal has on her program for four years," Jones explained. "It all came together for her this year. Winning it without Durchman shows the excellent coaching ability and excellent athletes on the team."

"Sandy Neal has pointed to this (the conference title) for years with her recruiting," Jones explained. "Both coach Neal and coach Inman are excellent recruiters. Recruiting is the key to a successful program."

All of the members of the women's athletic department deserve a pat on the back. From Jones right on through Inman, Neal and Callison. They have all done an excellent job. They are class people with a class program.

Not enough can be said about them.

Myers wins in state tourney

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Still riding high from their first team championship in the OVC tournament, MTSU's Lady Raiders tennis team rolled into Memphis for the Division I state tourney which began yesterday.

In team competition the Lady Raiders drew conference rival Tennessee Tech and blitzed them, 9-0. But they were playing on borrowed time because they had to face the Lady Mocs of UT Chattanooga in round two and bowed out losing, 9-0.

"They (UTC) had already beaten us 9-0 during the season and we knew it would be next to impossible to win," head coach Sandy Neal said. "We had a couple of close matches with them, but overall, they were just too strong for us."

The biggest news from the today's action was the report of Diana Myers' stunning straight set upset of Vanderbilt's number one singles player Jan Maxey. Myers won 6-2, 6-4, and now advances to the quarterfinals to be played today. MTSU's only other hope in singles play is senior Kaye Wrather who downed Cricket Manuel to make her way to the quarters.

According to Myers, Maxey must have come into the match looking past her. "When I found out I was going to play her (Maxey) I was really looking forward to it. She might have taken our match too lightly. I was playing crazy, everything I hit was going in and I guess she got a little flustered," Myers said.

In today's singles action, Myers will play Karen Stuart of the University of Tennessee, and Wrather will take on Brenin Crump who plays number two for East Tennessee.

Wrather and Leigh Morell are still alive in doubles play, having won their first match yesterday. They advance to round two to face the number one doubles team from UT Chattanooga.

Football drills conclude with Blue-White game

By **EDDIE GOSSAGE**
Sidelines Sports Editor
Tomorrow's Blue/White intrasquad football game should be both interesting and exciting, head coach Boots Donnelly said yesterday.

"This team has had a good amount of enthusiasm," he said, looking back over the spring drills. "They have had a hard year, but they never backed off. Overall, we are about as pleased as we could be.

"But, there is still a long way to go," he warned.
The game will kickoff at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon as part of the Raider Rally Day festivities.
The squad has been divided up into two units with assistant

coaches acting as the coaching staff.
The Blue team is coached by assistant Bubba Hooker, while the White team will be led by the assistant Ed Bunio.

And, just like old pros in the head coaching profession, Bunio charges that Hooker has all the horses while Hooker counters by saying the two teams are well balanced.

"On paper they probably have the advantage," Bunio said while eyeing the Blue team's roster. "I hope we can hang in there with them. I'm not conceding anything to them, though."

"I feel like the two teams are well balanced," Hooker said. "We spent two hours in a staff meeting picking 'em over."

"I'm speaking from an offensive standpoint, since I am an offensive coach," Hooker explained. "The offense is evenly matched. The defenses are evenly matched."

"It will be a good game," Hooker continued. "It should be a lot of fun."

Bunio maintains, however,

that the cards are stacked against him.

"They look, offensively, well

this stuff about good speed and great receiving, well, I have failed to see it in the 20 days of

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Blue	White
OFFENSE	
QB-Brown Sanford..... 12	QB-Butch Hamby..... 10
RB-Ronald Teague..... 23	RB-Sammy Bryant..... 7
RB-Lonnie Burch..... 34	RB-Danny Brown..... 27
WR-Jerry Luckhart..... 24	WR-Kola Elion..... 30
WR-Marshawn Jolly..... 5	WR-Mark Wilson..... 48
TE-Craig Woullard..... 86	TE-Larry Miller..... 81
T-Craig Wilkins..... 76	T-John Minor..... 79
C-Tony Blossom..... 63	C-Marty Luplow..... 73
C-Joe Boyd..... 67	C-Mike Stanfill..... 50
G-Gid Samples..... 67	G-Roger Carroll..... 62
T-James Gary..... 72	T-William Spurlock..... 68
K-Jim Merryman..... 46	K-Gerald Robinson..... 42
DEFENSE	
DE-Reggie Gough..... 15	DE-Greg Jefferson..... 88
LB-Jim Roberto..... 58	T-Charles Gregory..... 77
LB-David Crowell..... 51	LB-Jay Murray..... 36
NG-Ron Amodeo..... 64	LB-Robbie Ridings..... 56
T-Micky McCullough..... 74	NG-Creg Thomas..... 78
DE-Ricci Merendino..... 83	T-Earl Brown..... 60
DB-Dennis Mix..... 21	DE-Emanuel Toles..... 82
DB-Scott Burton..... 7	C-Bo Ingle..... 17
DB-Lane Albert..... 1	S-William McCormick..... 25
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balanced," Bunio said. "They have a good running attack, a lot of speed and some good receivers. In the offensive line, they have experience at all the positions."

"Defensively, they've got the advantage bunch," he went on. "Most of the line, the guys up front, are junior college transfers."

But Donnelly fails to see some of the talent his assistants see.

"You've got to remember, you are talking to two offensive coaches," Donnelly said of the two coaches comments. "All of

spring practice." An interesting bet is riding on the game. The losing team will serve the winners at Monday evening's dinner. In the event of a tie, the assistant coaches will serve the team.

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Assistant football coach Ed Bunio talking with members of the white team in preparation for tomorrow's Blue/White game. Bunio is coaching the white team while assistant Bubba Hooker is leading the Blue team. Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m.

Raiders find going tough against foes

By **CAROL A. STUART**
Sidelines Sports Writer
Middle Tennessee's pitchers were pounded for sixteen hits yesterday as host Vanderbilt handed them a 13-5 loss, the third non-conference loss of the week for the Blue Raiders.

MTSU's Jerry Moore started the game and was quickly drilled for two runs in the first inning. Commodore Phil Cohen led off with a double, followed by a couple of walks to Mark Elliot and Scotti Madison. Clean-up hitter Bill Hench singled both Cohen and Elliot in to take the lead early in the game.

In the third inning, the Blue Raiders evened the score on a double by Kenny Gerhart, a triple by Mike Yarotsky, and an RBI ground ball by Dave Collier.

Moore got into trouble early in bottom of the third as the Vandy batters sprayed hits to all sides of the field. Southpaw Art Whittaker came on to relieve Moore but had little effect against the Commodores. Vanderbilt ended up with a five-run rally that put them ahead for good.

The Blue Raiders saw a little ray of hope in the fourth when Joe Petrea hit one out of the park for a three-run homer. Gary "Buster" Keeton and Jeff Mallas scored on the round tripper.

Vanderbilt rallied in the fifth, including a three-bagger by Charles DeFrance. They wrapped the game up in the top of the eighth with two scores on basehits.

"It wasn't lacking of effort; the pitchers fell apart and we couldn't do anything about it, he head coach John Stanford said.

"Both Moore and Whittaker were getting hit and we didn't want to use anybody else," he added.

On Wednesday afternoon, Middle Tennessee found no luck in a non-conference doubleheader, postponed from rain-outs earlier in the season. The University of Alabama-Birmingham dropped the visiting Blue Raiders, 8-2 and 5-1.

In the opener UAB was paced by a two-run homer by catcher Ricky Collum. The host team touched MTSU starting pitcher, Mark Dawkins, usually the ace reliever, for 13 hits. Middle Tennessee got its only scores off of a first inning Tim Tant single that scored Yarotsky and a sixth inning solo homer by Jeff Mallas.

The second half of the twinbill saw UAB continue to rout the Blue Raider hurlers, scoring five runs on nine hits. Tom Wilson went the way for MTSU in the losing effort.

"It was about the same as the Vandy game," Stanford said. "We pitched a reliever and he didn't last long. In the second game, Wilson pitched adequate but not good enough."

Tomorrow the diamondmen host Eastern Kentucky in a doubleheader that is billed as part of Raider Rally Day. Game time is at noon.

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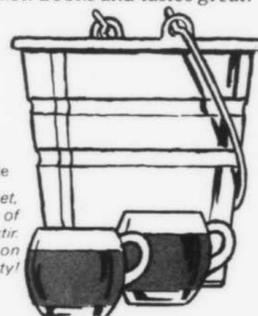
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