

Fee money granted

Ten of 21 applications for activity fee money received approval, including a \$2,500 request to bring the Nashville Symphony Orchestra to MTSU.

This request, made by Student Programming's Fine Arts committee, was unanimously approved at an activity fee committee meeting yesterday morning.

Committee members agreed that this would be beneficial to a great majority of students.

Harold Smith, committee member and director of student programming, explained it would cost approximately \$5,000 to bring the orchestra here. The fine arts committee will pay the additional funds from their existing budget.

The committee also acted on:

- A \$150 request was approved for Sigma Delta Sigma to use for Handicapped Awareness Day April 10.

- Two hundred dollars to supplement the Student Nurses Association pinning ceremony was approved.

- The Ideas and Issues committee had \$550 approved to supplement bringing Peter Genkins, a man who spent 10 years walking the country because he was disillusioned by American society, to MTSU. Projected cost for the speaker,

- Five hundred dollars was approved for Sigma Alpha Epsilon to use in the Miss MTSU Pageant.

- A \$100 request in terms of a loan for the MTSU chemical society was approved, along with a \$200 grant for the society.

- A \$500 grant for the Student United Nations was approved, but a long term grant for the

same amount was denied. Student United Nations was also denied a \$2,000 request for performance scholarships.

- The Associated Student Body's request for \$7,273.71 for a secretarial salary was approved, in addition to an \$800 ASB backed request for the MTSU Energy Council to provide a shuttle bus service to Nashville.

- Sims Hall's request for \$350 for a scholarship was denied as was Gore Hall's application for a \$1,000 grant.

- Phi Mu Alpha, the music fraternity, was denied a \$1,000 request for the annual Phi Mu Alpha Stage Band show.

- One thousand five hundred dollars for a block party for Beasley, Gracey, Judd, Smith and Sims Hall was denied, partially on the grounds that it did not come through Residence Hall Programming.

- Sims Hall's request for \$450 to rent video tapes to be shown in dorms was also denied.

- The ASB's request for \$300 to use for aid in voter registration was denied, as was their \$1,000 request for a social event on campus.

- A request by the Forrest Raiders was denied because the application did not specify how much money the group wanted or exactly what activities the money would be used for.

- Phi Beta Sigma, a fraternity, had requested \$750 to supplement a Black History Week program, but the speaker who the funds were to go to cancelled, causing the committee not to approve money.

The committee will meet Monday at 10 a.m. to discuss contracts and other business.



photo by Brian Wright

Valentine's Day is approaching, but love is nothing new to this couple who seem to be warm and happy despite the snow and cold weather.

Boiler pollution violates code

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Black smoke rolling from MTSU's boiler plant almost two weeks ago resulted in a notice of violation by the Air Pollution Control division of the State of Tennessee.

Harold Jewell, superintendent of maintenance here, said yesterday the pollution was caused by a malfunction of controls at the plant which automatically determine the correct amounts of air and coal smoke to be mixed by the boiler.

"The problem got started on a Saturday and we got the citation on that Monday or Tuesday," said Jewell, explaining he was unable to recall the exact dates.

"Within a week the situation was corrected," he said.

Spokesman for the Air Pollution Control division, Atupili Reddy, said the notice was the work of field engineer Larry Bowers, who also works in the pollution division for the state. Bowers was in the Murfreesboro area at the time of the incident and upon spotting the smoke issued the citation.

Reddy noted that the boiler is fairly new to the maintenance department and that it may be causing problems for the people who run it.

"A test was conducted by the Air Pollution Control department when the new boiler was added. During the test, the boiler was run manually and that may be why problems with the automatic system did not show up at that time," Reddy said.

According to Jewell, the boiler began operation shortly before Christmas. "We don't know a whole lot about the controls on it yet," he admitted. "But we did discover the problem with the defective timing mechanism in time to correct the situation within a week."

"Occasionally, when they pull the ashes out of the boiler, you may still see a puff of smoke lasting for no more than a few minutes," Jewell said, adding there should be no more problems with the automatic system of the boiler.

Nashville commuters meeting to decide bus stops

Nashville commuters interested in the Buspool will meet today in the University Center theater at 12:30 p.m. to discuss plans.

At a similar meeting Friday, it was decided that the Grayline bus will leave the terminal at 5th and Broad Streets in Nashville and stop at Green Hills at 6:55 a.m. and then at Harding Mall at 7:10 a.m.

The bus will arrive at MTSU campus at 7:50 in time for 8 a.m. classes. During the afternoons, the bus will depart from campus at 3:30 p.m. from Kirksey Old Main and arrive in Nashville about 4:10 p.m.

"The students felt that they could get to Green Hills and Harding Mall without any major problems," David Grubbs, chairman of the MTSU Energy Council said. "We were really pleased to hear that."

Presently, students are paying

their fares in advance to Dallas Biggers, director of the University Center, in UC Room 208. The rates are \$60 a month for Monday through Friday commuters; \$36 a month for Monday, Wednesday, Friday commuters; \$24 a month for Tuesday and Thursday commuters.

Ingram to receive questionnaire

Discussion of condensing and expanding personnel in various departments was the focus of the Faculty Senate meeting last night.

Bob Prytula, Academic Affairs Committee II chairman, presented 10 questions decided upon by the committee. The questions were presented to the Senate for amendments and discussion before being sent to

will average about \$3.

Grubbs explained that at least 40 people must ride the bus round trip daily in order for the program to be implemented. However, he said only about 10 muters and \$24 a month for Monday and Wednesday commuters. Round trip fares

people have paid for the service.

"There are some students who are waiting for the bus to get running and then they will participate, but the bus won't run until we get the participation because there is a necessity for paying a month in advance," Grubbs said.

"We will have a decision Thursday at the latest as to whether it's (the Buspool) feasible. Everyone that has paid the fare money will be notified one way or the other," he added.

ASB election rules set

Deadlines for qualifying petitions for Associated Student Body offices and rules for the upcoming election were decided in a meeting of the Election Commission yesterday.

Janet Clark, chairperson of the commission, said petitions for ASB senators, speakers and president will be accepted until March 5 before midnight. A copy of qualification rules may be picked up at the ASB office after Feb. 27 for the March 12 and 13 election.

Polling stations at Peck Hall, Old Main and the University Center will be manned from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and at High Rise, Woodmore and the James Union Building cafeterias from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 4:30-6 p.m.

Prospective senate candidates must have signatures of 50 students, speaker candidates must have 100 signatures and the president requirement is 200.

There will be no campaigning before March 2 except on a one-to-one verbal basis, Clark said, adding this includes speaking to organizations on campus. And, there will be no campaigning on the second floor of the UC or within 50 feet of any polling station on election day.



photo by Brian Wright

Psychology professor Chester Parker, center, was caught yawning as the Faculty Senate discussed the expansion of personnel in various departments last night.

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Angelou to lecture Wednesday

Maya Angelou, deriving from centuries from her African heritage, will highlight Black History Week on campus Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room.

Angelou, sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, is recognized as one of the foremost poet/author/dramatists of the day.

Angelou writes a monthly column for *Playgirl* and has had articles published in *The New*

York Times, *Cosmopolitan*, *Red Book* and *Playboy*.

With just a high school education, she has been a singer, educator, dancer, author, historian, lecturer, actress, producer, editor, song writer and playwright. Angelou also speaks six languages fluently.

In 1952 she received a scholarship to study dance with Pearl Primus in New York. Her first professional appearance was in 1954 at the Purple Onion as a singer. Angelou then joined

the European touring company of "Porgy and Bess," sponsored by the U.S. State Department, as a lead dancer singing the role of Ruby.

For a time, Angelou lived in Africa and became the associate editor of "The Arab Observer" in Cairo, the only English-language news weekly in the Middle East.

Her next position was with "The Ghanaian Times" and Ghanaian Broadcasting Corp. in Ghana, where she wrote freelance articles.

Random House has published four best-sellers by Angelou. They include two autobiography volumes — "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "Gather Together In My Name" — and two poetry books — "Just Give Me A Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Die" and "Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well."

Angelou has appeared on over 100 TV networks and local talk shows which include The Tonight Show, The Today Show, Merv Griffen, Mike Douglas, and Kup' Show.

Calendar

Tuesday
 Singing Valentine Sale: MTSU Concert Choir, UC Basement, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Traffic Court: UC 313 & 315, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Sigma Phi Epsilon Basketball Tournament: Auxiliary Gym 2 & MC, 4:45-9 p.m.
 National Science Foundation Special Lecture Series: Speaker - Randolph Shields, Botanist, "Use of Plants by White Settlers in Cades Cove," New Science Bldg., Room 100, 7:30 p.m.
 Lady Raider Basketball: MTSU/UT Chattanooga, MC, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
 Placement: Navy Recruiting, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Delta Tau Delta Little Sisters: Carnation Sale, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Interfaith Council: Meditation Time, UC Theatre, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Traffic Court: UC 313 & 315, 3:30-5 p.m.
 Pi Sigma Epsilon: Singing Valentines at Dorms, 6-10 p.m.
 Alpha Kappa Alpha: Little Miss Valentine Pageant, Ag Auditorium, 8 p.m.
 Speaker - Maya Angelou, Ideas & Issues, D.A. Auditorium, 8 p.m.
 Dance Committee: Mid-Winter Formal, Tennessee Room, 8 p.m.

Thursday
 Sigma Nu Little Sisters: Rose Sale, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Movie: "California Suite," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
 Lady Raider Basketball: MTSU/Murray, MC, 5:15 p.m.
 Men's Basketball: MTSU/Murray, MC, 7:30 p.m.
 Dance: Phi Beta Sigma, Tennessee Room, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
 Arena Theatre Productions: "Back County Crimes," D.A. Arena, 8 p.m. (runs through Feb. 23)

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Sidelights

Dorm meetings to gather input

The Associated Student Body will begin a series of dorm meetings, starting Wednesday, to gather input on the proposed organization row and other ASB issues, according to Kent Syler, ASB president.

"We want first-hand feelings of the students to ASB projects," Syler explained. "The best way to get the answers to questions is by direct answer."

Beasley Hall's lobby is the setting for the first dorm meeting, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"All students in the general area of Beasley are invited as we will not hold meetings in all the dormitories," Syler said. "We welcome all people with opinions and hope everyone will come and tell us how they feel."

Nixon to speak to chemistry society

The MTSU chemical society will be sponsoring Ronald Nixon, chief chemist of the Tennessee Adhesive Company. He will talk about the many facets of industrial chemistry Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Davis Science Building 106. Admission is free and there will be a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

MCAT guide contains review for test

Students anxious to do their best on the new Medical College Admission Test now have access to a proven guide for self-managed study. "A Complete Preparation for the New MCAT" is a 420-page study guide and workbook first developed as part of the Harvard University Summer Health Careers Program.

This manual contains complete review materials in the fields of human biology, general and organic chemistry and physics. Special sections are included on development of quantitative and reading skills. Other tips include setting up a study timetable in the weeks and months before the test date and advice on how to achieve your best performance in the testing session.

"The best preparation for the MCAT is good high school and college preparation," author James L. Flowers, M.D., M.P.H. said. "But the workbook is designed to help students prepare most efficiently to take the exam."

Copies of "A Complete Preparation for the New MCAT" can be obtained by sending a check or money order for \$14 to: Health Professions Educational Service, Inc. (HPES), 11901 Goya Drive, Rockville, MD, 20854.

As an additional HPES student service, Flowers will be presenting several workshops on study and test-taking skills development on college campuses during the coming year. Student groups interested in information about such a program should address correspondence to Director of Educational Service.

Symphony to perform

Schubert's "Unfinished" symphony will highlight the University-Community Orchestra concert Sunday, Feb. 17, at 3 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The orchestra will also be performing Haydn's "Symphony No. 104" and Sibelius' "Finlandia," conducted by Laurence Harvin.

"Finlandia" was composed by Sibelius as a protest to Russia's domination over Finland in 1899. Today this song perfectly expresses Finland's national pride and heritage.

The 70-piece orchestra consists of the combined efforts of the university students and musicians from surrounding areas such as Manchester and Lebanon.

"The orchestra has worked hard in six weeks of rehearsal. We have some fine musicians," Harvin said.

"I just wish we could build more interest with the students concerning the orchestra concerts. I am convinced that if the students would come to this concert, they would enjoy the music and would want to attend more concerts of this kind," he added.

Meeting tonight to plan European tour

An organizational meeting of students interested in a European Cultural History Program will be held today at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts room 305.

Students participating in the program spend seven weeks in Europe, touring cultural interest cities such as East and West Berlin, Salzburg, Rome, Venice and Athens. The programs include lectures, visits to museums and historical sights,

concerts and operas.

Cost of the entire program is \$1,324, which will include tuition for six hours, rail transportation throughout the program, field trips, tickets to all operas and concerts, rooms based on multiple occupancy, breakfast and dinner, all cable car fares, chair lifts, Visa fees to East Germany and Czechoslovakia and other things.

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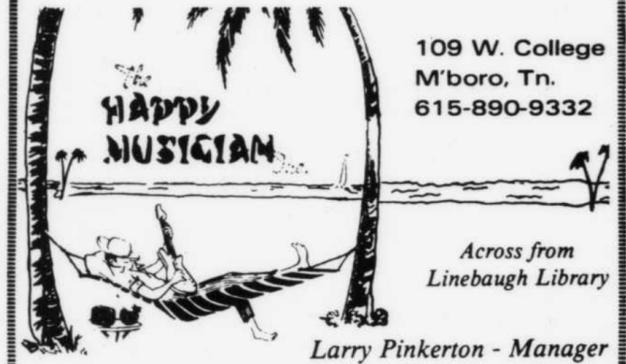
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from the editor

Apathy: *Being replaced
by involvement*

I've been noticing a lot of things around this campus lately that made me feel good about being a student here.

I'll admit that when 1980 began I doubted that any real changes were about to occur just because we tore a page from the calendar, but looking back I see a lot of things that are slowly but surely pushing apathy out of the way and making room for better attitudes.

For instance, when I lived in a dorm, my fellow residents and I sat around complaining about why *they* didn't make our lobby look better, why *they* didn't get new furniture, why *they* didn't paint the walls.

Now I hear that students like Bubba Travis and Steve Love are utilizing their talents to make Gore Hall a nicer place to live.

Not only are students getting involved in things that they previously relied on the administration to do, but the administration is attempting to get involved with the students.

When the president of a university gets out of his office and goes to classes in order to gain a better understanding of student and faculty needs, then things are on the upswing for that university.

I applaud President Ingram's step toward breaking down hierarchical administrative barriers, and I feel that MTSU will continue to grow now that the tunnel from the president's office to the president's home has been filled in.

Then there's the ASB. The only thing I recall about the student government from my freshman year is that President Bobby Francescon was one of the best-looking guys I'd ever seen. I don't know if that means that the ASB didn't do anything that year, or that I, like most other students, simply didn't take notice. Either way, things seem to have changed for the better.

That isn't to say that I support everything that ASB is doing now. In fact, student opinion is split down the middle on most issues raised by the ASB, but at least there is student opinion. The fact that a debate about frat row was aired on WMOT, and that it was a "heated" one proves that students are finally shedding their apathy.

There is even more proof on the editorial pages of *Sidelines*. In the past, letters to the editor consisted of complaints about roaches in dorms, bad cafeteria food and petty grievances about fraternities destroying snowmen. Now there are letters about pertinent moral and social issues and issues that concern the university community.

Then there is the tenure issue. When students heard that Ralph Hillman might not receive tenure they rallied together and did whatever they could to support him.

There were letters, petitions and visits to chairmen, deans and even the president; and it's not over yet. If this university loses one of its best professors, students are going to raise the roof.

We've always known that teachers were concerned for students, but when have we ever witnessed such student concern for faculty?

It's my guess that this loss of apathy is not only on this campus, but probably all over the United States. Could it be that international crises have opened our eyes, or have we just decided to come out of hibernation from the 70s? Whatever the reason, I think God we've finally started to wake up.

Jackie Gearhart

Love:

*St. Valentine's Day:
feelings expressed*

St. Valentine's day is one of the nicest holidays celebrated because it allows us to express love for people we would otherwise take for granted.

Valentine's day reminds us to pick up the phone and call, send a letter to someone far away, or simply tell our "valentines" we love them.

A lot of "I love you's" and "Thank You's" would never get said if it weren't for Feb. 14.

But the nicest thing about Valentine's Day is that you can tell someone you like them without feeling awkward. It's perfectly natural to send someone a "singing valentine," or a box of candy without feeling awkward.

It's okay to send your secret love a funny or even mushy card without feeling like your chasing that person.

At no other time is it so easy to say "I Love You" to just about anybody. That's what makes Valentine's Day so special.

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Viewpoints



the last word

by Warren Denney

Few alternatives offered for pregnancy

It would seem that the Tennessee Legislature is determined to keep women between the rock and a hard place. Their vote to ban abortion, through a constitutional amendment, raises some interesting questions.

Granted, abortion is not an absolute solution for the problem of unwanted pregnancies, but women are not given many safe alternatives to begin with.

Who is asked to take the Pill? Who is asked to use a diaphragm? Who is asked to use an intrauterine device? Women.

Who gets pregnant? Women. The contraceptive methods mentioned are the three most

popular among the women in Tennessee. Recent medical studies have raised serious questions about the safety of oral contraceptives, indicating heart disease, stroke and circulatory disease as possible side effects.

There are currently more than 7 million women on the Pill in the United States.

Other means of contraception are markedly less efficient than the Pill and some (the IUD, for example) offer additional side effects.

It becomes obvious that the woman who is concerned about her own health may be forced to run a higher risk of getting pregnant. And now the

legislature seems intent on punishing women for trying to protect that health.

On the other hand, abortion should not be used as an ultimate contraceptive method. It could be allowed according to each individual pregnancy and the circumstances surrounding it. It should be protected from abuse.

In banning abortion, the legislature would be setting itself up as the final authority on matters concerning an individual's moral code.

Laws should be constructed for the benefit of society. This means that it has the responsibility of keeping up with the social conduct of the time. The

cold, hard fact is that our present day society condones sexual freedom and abortion happens to be a direct result of it.

Why, the state would have as much success in banning the sex act as they would have with banning abortion!

It is up to the state to handle abortion responsibly. They must find the middle ground between the use and abuse of abortion, not dismiss it. They should focus their efforts on educating the public on the safest methods of contraception and should stop threatening to punish women for pregnancies that are not entirely their fault.

It takes two to tango.

meanderings

by Cindy Houston

Next decision on tenure rests with Carlton

Jack Carlton — the ball is in your corner now.

First, the speech and theatre committee refused Dr. Hillman tenure only "by a slight majority" vote. Then, Robert

Corlew, dean of liberal arts, solely decided that Dr. Hillman should not receive tenure. The next wobbly step up this venal ladder of so-called bureaucracy is Jack Carlton's vote. (I use the term bureaucracy very loosely.)

Two points seem very pertinent in this controversial tenure decision. First of all, even though the decision-makers are closely-guarded but they do seem to reach a consensus on one reason. They say enrollment is declining in the liberal arts school. Therefore, the relevant staffing needs of the budget has exceeded the budget. On the surface, that would sound like a valid reason. However, when looking at other significant facts, that reason is immensely illogical and invalid.

Five years ago, when Dr. Hillman first came here, there was one small class of Voice and Diction offered once a year. Since Dr. Hillman has taken

over the class, it is offered five times a year and there are no problems filling it. Now according to my mathematical calculations, that is not a decline in enrollment in that particular class. Granted, maybe there is an overall decline in enrollment, but it has not affected Dr. Hillman's classes. And most likely the reason for this is Dr. Hillman himself. He draws many students to this class who would otherwise not take it. It would seem that if the department is so worried about declining enrollments, they would keep one of the few teachers who can fill his classes. Ironically, he could be one of the few teachers that is helping keep that department afloat.

Also, they talk of replacing him with a graduate teaching assistant. After looking at a comparison of Dr. Hillman's salary and a GTA's, would that small amount of money make that much difference? The

illogical thinking of a GTA replacement is so self-evident it needs no further discussion.

And one has to wonder why Hillman has to be the one to go to help "balance the budget." True, he is the only doctor in the department without tenure (and one doctor has taught less years than him). However, there are five other instructors in the department without a doctorate who are still teaching. So why Dr. Hillman?

Finally, these administrators naively think the students will forget about this issue in a week or so. Think again. We value our education and we feel we deserve the best possible. When you start ousting high-quality, unique teachers like Hillman, it is no small matter.

I personally have not given up on this issue. I'm sure that I am well-backed by other supporters. Once again, Dr. Hillman deserves the tenure. It's now your turn, Dr. Carlton.

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Perspective

Tuesday, February 12, 1980

from our readers

Department's decision questionable

To the editor:

As a student of MTSU and of its Speech and Hearing Department (as one major or another), I feel compelled to speak out on some controversial decisions made in connection with that department, the most recent decision being the refusal of tenure to Dr. Ralph Hillman.

Dr. Hillman is a dedicated, talented and concerned educator. In fifteen years of formal education, I have never had an instructor of Dr. Hillman's quality. I know that I speak for many, many other students when I say that he, unlike the great majority of teachers, is honestly concerned for his students.

So it is incredulous to me how MTSU can refuse tenure to such a fine teacher and offer it to some of the turkeys they've got stumbling around campus. Dr. Larry Lowe, the chairman of the Speech and Hearing department, has certainly been in the limelight this year for controversial decisions concerning his staff.

Earlier this year he relieved Linda Meyer and Pearl Gordon, the department's only speech pathologists, and only women,

Falling students; not a funny sight

To the editor:

I just witnessed the most revolting display of callousness I've ever seen in person: scores of young people laughing and jeering at others unexpectedly in trouble on the slippery paths in front of the UC.

It's not a long step from this to kicking them while they're down, nor is it remote from the joy ancient Romans felt at watching innocent people slaughtered by man or beast. How appalling the thought and how revolting the sight. The Christian propaganda in the grill is obviously lost on many if not most here at MTSU.

God help us all; this is the future of America.

Charles Jansen
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Registered voters must pay tax

To the editor:

A student legislator recently was "appalled by the apparent lack of constitutional knowledge" of two county commissioners.

As a registered Rutherford County voter and MTSU student, I disagree. Anyone enfranchised to vote also incurs the obligation of paying taxes. This isn't a "poll tax" to keep

of their positions. This leaves the speech clinic and students at MTSU totally without supervision or instructors in speech pathology. Now Dr. Lowe has denied tenure to a man elected "Teacher of the Year" and who has an outstanding record including impressively high ratings from students evaluations. Why do they waste

Council appreciated for shuttle bus

To the editor:

My sincere thanks to the MTSU Energy Council for their inventiveness in sponsoring the Commuter Shuttle Bus Service to and from Nashville.

Special thanks to Bob Stovall for taking the time to explain and promote this plan to the

our time filling out all those forms if they are going to be ignored? These decisions concerning the Speech and Hearing department staff seem questionable at best.

I hope that students won't let this issue die and allow us to lose a fine teacher like Ralph Hillman. We pay a princely sum for a college education, and I

feel that we deserve more teachers like Dr. Hillman on staff. It's time the students of this campus stand up and demand that the right thing be done. Let's offer tenure to those instructors who are good educators. Maybe it will start a trend.

Debi Coady
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members of the ASB House of Representatives.

The Shuttle Bus Service and the money allocated to the program will help ease the high fuel costs faced by MTSU commuters from Nashville as well as help ease already overcrowded parking here on campus.

I hope that all commuters will make themselves aware of the program and that a substantial portion will participate.

Once again, my thanks to Dr. Grubbs, Bob Stovall and all the members of the MTSU Energy Council.

Randy James
Speaker of the House

Reasons unclear on decision to veto bill

To the editor:

While reading the article titled "House backs money requests" in Friday's issue of *Sidelines*, I learned that ASB President Kent Syler had informed the House of his decision to veto a bill passed earlier by both houses. The bill would expand the powers of and rename the Joint ASB Housing Committee. As a sponsor of the bill and chairman of the committee I was surprised by the news, to say the least. Later in the day I made arrangements to talk with Mr. Syler concerning the reasons why he planned to veto the bill.

According to the article, Mr. Syler's reasons for vetoing the bill were: "We feel the housing committee should address issues concerning housing. There are so many problems residents face every day that a committee needs to look at this specifically."

When I asked Mr. Syler, he stated that the proposed expansion would weaken the committee and that he felt the

survey should not include questions concerning the proposed fraternity row because it (fraternity row) does not concern on-campus residents. I beg to differ with the president, but when residents ask questions about proposals which will concern them because they live on-campus, I believe these should be considered of valid concern.

I would also like to point out that the committee is representative in that it consists of two members from the Senate, two members of the House and two members from the Executive Branch. The committee did not formulate the survey without getting student input from dorm residents. On Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Joint ASB Housing Committee met with head residents and dorm presidents in order to get input about issues which they felt were of concern to them. At this time, the bill had passed both the House and Senate. We anticipated no problems concerning the final passage of the bill expanding the committee's power. The bill had been written for the specific purpose of giving on-campus students a way of asking questions dealing with issues which were of concern to them.

The committee met again on Monday, Jan. 28, to formulate a survey which would be administered on a one-to-one basis throughout the dorms. The questions which were decided

upon covered many established topics such as actual complaints and suggestions dealing with dorm conditions, the infirmary, visitation and weekend activities. Other questions were included on proposals which would effect on-campus residents such as the new recreational center, fraternity row and the shuttle bus service from MTSU to Nashville. The survey was meant to give on-campus residents the opportunity to raise questions about issues which would affect them in any fashion; it was not meant to be a pro or con survey! I was under the impression that in order to learn about something, you have to ask questions and receive answers — not just a yes or no acknowledgement.

On-campus means students living in university housing. If conducting a survey concerning issues which will ultimately affect on-campus students is not the Joint Housing Committee's responsibility, then what is? On the other hand, if fraternity row does not concern the students (as Mr. Syler believes), why was an opinion poll taken in the Senate (a body which "represents" the students) on the proposal? Furthermore, if this was an attempt to get student views, why was the same type of poll not taken in the House (a body almost three times the size of the Senate)?

Martha Hammond
Sophomore Senator
Box 5513

observations

by Billy Edwards

God never breaks a promise, but time of return not known

Peter, an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Jewish nation, declared these words to every believer: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (I Peter 3:9)

Have you ever had anyone to make you a promise and then not keep his or her promise? If you are like me and most other people I know, you have experienced this disillusion many times before.

But God is not like this. When God makes a promise, He keeps that promise with the very essence of His divine being.

In the context of this passage, however, the reader will note that the writer is referring to the promise of Christ to His disciples of His second return. For in the forevision which God gave him, Peter catches a glimpse into such a time as we are living in right now and for people to say that something as the return on Christ for His believers is virtually impossible.

Even today we are seeing believers denying the doctrinal truth of the second return of the Lord Jesus Christ. A recent survey taken revealed that less than half of professed believers in God believed in a literal bodily return of Christ.

Despite what statistics tell us, the Bible very definitely teaches us about a second coming of Christ to gather His faithful believers from the four corners of the earth in a universal rapture.

During the time He lived on earth, Christ spoke much in reference to heaven being a place of perfection and unity. Those who heard Him speak of Heaven with all of its splendor wanted to know more. They wanted to know when they themselves will behold such a place. In reference to this, Christ gave them some insight as to the conditions of the world just prior to His coming.

While it is true that no man knows the exact time when Christ will come to exodus His followers from the world, the Bible does not leave the believer in the dark on such matters. The unbelieving Jews had to have signs for just about everything, so Christ gave them some insight as to the world situation just prior to His second coming as we read from Matthew 24.

As to exactly when all these things will take place, it is not for us to know. When His followers asked as to the time of His coming, He answered them saying, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not even the angels in heaven." (Matt. 24:36)

To the believer this is the hope and expectation that make life worthwhile. In his first epistle to the church at Thessalonica, Paul said concerning the transformation of the Church at His coming, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thess. 4:18)

You can look with great expectation for the coming of the Lord if you, with child-like faith, accept Him as Savior and His word as the only authoritative truth. If you will take this step of faith, share it with me by dropping me a note at Box 5572. Until next time, keep looking to Christ.

Help needed before now

To the editor:

We would like to know why *Sidelines* is giving the wrestling program so much attention now that it is in danger of being dropped?

Where were you when we beat Notre Dame and when we placed second in the Mid-South Tournament, just to mention a few?

We appreciate your coverage and support now, but could have used you before our program was in danger. Wrestling is just like any other sport. It takes years to build a winning team and our wrestling is only seven years old.

Last year for the first time, we sent a wrestler to the NCAA Championships, placing well in his weight class. This year Coach Connell was chosen as a

coach for the Junior Olympic team.

This past summer, the Olympic Training Camp was held here with the Pan Am team practicing. Two wrestlers off last year's team are now coaching in the mid-state area and led their teams to victory in the district tournaments this past weekend.

If every other sport would cut a little bit off their budget, then we would not have to drop this program which has brought a lot of recognition to MTSU. We feel that a school should have a well-rounded athletic program with a wide range of interests. Since each sport represents MTSU, we feel that each deserves support.

Jim Simpson
Box 2248

Foreign students who are naturalized pay in-state tuition

To the editor:

As the individuals charged with the responsibility of initially classifying students for fee-paying purposes, we would like to make some comments concerning the article which appeared in *Sidelines* on Friday, Feb. 8, regarding in-state tuition paid by foreign students. Although we appreciate the attempts of *Sidelines* to explain this matter to the University community, we feel that clarification of certain points is necessary.

First of all, we must emphasize that all foreign-born people paying in-state tuition at

permanent residents of the United States and domiciled in the state of Tennessee. One cannot pay in-state fees simply because he "is not planning to return to his country after completing his degree at MTSU." We find this statement quite misleading. In order for a foreign citizen to get permanent residency in the United States, he must apply to Immigration Service and meet very rigid requirements. Permanent residency is not freely given to foreign students because they want it.

Foreign-born people paying in-state fees at MTSU are em-

ployed, pay taxes and are subject to all other responsibilities and obligations required of U.S. citizens. No person is given permanent residency by Immigration unless he shows evidence of being gainfully employed on a full-time basis and able to support himself and his dependents. Simply marrying an American citizen is not sufficient reason to gain in-state status for fee-paying purposes.

Non-citizens who are permanent residents are only permitted to pay in-state fees if they have come directly to Tennessee from their country

and have lived in no other state. These people (or their parents) are normally employed full-time or have met the residency requirement of living in Tennessee for one year prior to enrollment. They are not given special privileges, are not "getting away" with anything and differ from U.S. citizens only inasmuch as they do not have the right to vote.

Out-of-state American students also have options to be re-classified as in-state students for fee-paying purposes. If an out-of-state American student is willing to work full-time in the state and go to school part-time

(11 hours or less), he may receive in-state status for fee-paying purposes on a temporary basis. Upon the completion of one year of working full-time and going to school part-time the individual will qualify for in-state status in most cases.

Graduate assistants are charged in-state tuition only during the period when the assistantship is in effect. This applies to both foreign and American students. They do not qualify as residents of Tennessee for any other purpose.

Our staff members try to cooperate with *Sidelines* per-

sonnel as fully as possible because, as educators, we are aware of the important role that a college newspaper plays in the University community and the valuable training it gives our students. However, we must stress that facts should be presented as accurately as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings on the part of the readers. When facts are misrepresented, it discourages the interest and cooperation of individuals.

Elizabeth Perez-Reilly
Assistant Director of Admissi-
W. Wes Williams
Director of Admissions

To the Delta Darlings

with Love and
Appreciation



from
the Brothers of
Delta Tau Delta.

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from a Little Moma across the court yard!
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Happy Valentine's Day!
Chicken Lips & Gumby



Big Debbie, Tammie, Cathy, Carol, Pam,
Annette and Little D
To the best friends anyone could have! I love you! Jane

To KA Brothers:

Warm hugs and kisses to warm
your hearts on this cold Valentine's
Day.

Love

The Southern Bells



Happy Valentine's Day
to the Little Sisters



of the White Rose

We Love You All!

The Brothers of Sigma Nu

May our
Love entwine on Valentine's
From Lyndon to Penny

Happy Valentines Day to
all (my girls) of Gracy,
friends in SDS and special
fellows around Gracy

"My Dutch Valentine-
Fly Me to the Moon.
Love, Vic"

Sonja,

You are so fine
Cause you ring my
chime.
So please be mine,
My Valentine.

Forever Snips

I love you my darling
this is true
for there is not another
quite like you

For

Randy L. Drake

Your valentine,
Kelly Sanders

A Special Valentine's Wish
to the Little Mamas
from the Brothers of
Sigma Jo Mama



The Brothers of Alpha Tau Omega
would like to wish All Chi Omega's
and Alpha Delta Phi's
A Happy Valetines Day.



Happy Valentine's Day L.A.
For A Very Special Friend
Love The "G"

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Sigmas
want to wish
the Brothers of
Sigma Chi
a very Happy
Valentine's
Day because
we luv you.

Brothers of
Delta Tau Delta

We
Love
You



Love
Delta Darlings

Happy Valentines Day,
Denise To the Sweetness
of my Life. Lovingly
your nut, Bill

Happy Valentine's Day to the
Brothers of
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
from the Sisters of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Happy Valentine's Day
Sigma Nu Brothers and
Pledges
With Love,
The Little Sisters of the
White Rose

Kerri, I love you, Jeff

Happy Valentine to the
KA Southern Belles
from the Brothers.

Susie Antle
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Barbara Bullington
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Brenda Dilegge
Cathy Dixon
Mona Evans
Tricia Fields
Susan Gatlin
Beverly Giles

Miriam Gober
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Kit Olker
Tammy O'Neal
Lisa Patterson
Shan Raney
Ellen Roberts
Renee Rogers
Cindy Sparks
Lisa Troutt
Jackie Waddell
Debra York

To my favorite
"Yubangie Boy"
Love, Disc

Happy Valentine's Day to
Ray, Kathy, Chris, Vicki and Chuck.
Love, Diane and Al

To my adopted little sister
Susan.
Happy V.D. Don

A very Happy Valentine's
to my very special Diane.
Much Love Al

Me and you in '82.
Love, Ramona

To: MTG I Love Chocolate,
I Love Fudge,
But most of all
I love my pudge
From: REE

Billy-Willy,
Voulez-vous etre mon
petit lapin?
Angie-Pangie

Happy Valentine's Day
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Donna,
Love from Lil Brother & Sister
Kerri & Jeff

Happy Birthday Lyndon

From your friends.

To Dipstick:
Happy Valentines
from a good ole egg
John

To the Brothers
and Pledges of

Alpha Gamma Rho

We Love You.



Happy Valentine's Day,
My loving Husband Steve.
Eternally yours,
Elizabeth

Billy,
I have "hush-hush"
eyes for you.
Cheryl

To my new "baby Bill"
who gives me a thrill.
Love, Miriam

J.R.
When are you moving in?
Valentine's Day
D.I.

Brothers of
Alpha Tau Omega,
Happy Valentines
Day

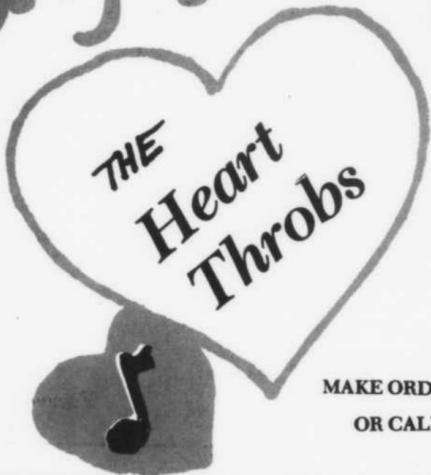
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From Kelley

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 On Valentine's Day
 Will you please be mine?
 To Frankie
 From Super Scooper



To the dean who lights up our lives,
 Roses are red, violets are blue
 When you close meetings you can't win
 There is no need to cry "Boo-hoo,"
 Just let the "sunshine" in!
Happy Valentine's P.C.!

SHADOOBIE SHADOOBIE SHADOOBIE
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I love you, Randy
 SHADOOBIE SHADOOBIE SHADOOBIE

Silly-Willy Will you
 BE MINE
 Happy Valentine's Day



Linda,
 You are my valentine,
 I love you. Tony

Happy Valentine's
 Simone

Happy Valentine's
 Day,
 Sweetie!
 I Love You,
 Lori

Happy Valentine's Day
 Too Tall
 I Love You,
 Carole

Larry-Larry
 Of all the men there's ever been
 Most rank seven but you're
 a "10" Love Jaws

Happy Valentine's
 Day Kem,
 Love Always,
 Jeff

Happy Valentine's Day
 To my "Family":
 Hal, Jeff, Greg, Lisa and Phyllis
 Love, Lori

PUNK LOVE



IT
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 of the Maltese Cross
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From the Brothers of ATΩ
 to all KΔ's A TΔ's
 and Δ Z's:
 Happy Valentines day.



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 to the best brothers
 and pledges
 on campus!"**

Do it
 with a cupid!



**Love ya,
 Pi Kappa Alpha
 Little Sisters**



To the
 Brothers of
 Phi Beta Sigma

Together we found
 something special...

Happy Valentines
 Day with Love

The Silhouettes

**Much Love on Valentines Day to the Golden Hearts
 and the Little Sisters of Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Susan Berry
 Nancy Boyce
 Vicki Duke
 Jerrifer Hamilton

Cindy Hopper
 Kim Johnson
 Susie Reaney
 Teresa Sanders

Jay Smith
 Carol Tate
 Karis Watson
 Susie Wilson

Bryna Estes
 Andi Klautsch
 Tonna Bowie
 Tammy Evette



From Your Loving Brothers and Pledges of the Tennessee Theta Chapter

Radical changes needed

Woods: All people are linked

By BILL TROUP
Sidelines Staff Writer

"The concerns of all people are linked, no matter how far away geographically they are," stressed former South African newspaper editor Donald Woods in a speech to a small audience in the LRC multimedia room last night.

Woods spoke on the political situation in South Africa, the murder of anti-apartheid leader Steve Biko, and the western world's misconception of life in South Africa.

"A reform of the current apartheid laws isn't enough to

improve the racism in South Africa, it will take a much more radical movement." Woods said concerning the current political situation there.

He said laws now exist forcing blacks to think of themselves as inferiors. One of these laws states a black man can hammer a nail into a plank, but he cannot remove a nail from a plank — this is considered too complicated a job for a black man.

Woods also said there is a law requiring separate toilets for every different race and sex of people living in South Africa.

This means there are 12 different toilets in a public building.

Woods also spoke on the murder of his friend Steve Biko.

Biko was an anti-apartheid leader, who even in government, built the largest following of black South Africans ever.

Biko died in a South African prison after being interrogated, tortured and finally fatally beaten on the head, for his attempt at uniting the oppressed people of that nation. "There are very, very, very few people in the world like Biko," said Woods of his friend.

He said the Western World has a misconception of what life is like in South Africa, adding most Americans still believe the cliches of the "Tarzan" Africa — uncivilized jungles and uncontrollable violence.

Woods said African countries

have made great progress in recent years and South Africa is one of the richest countries in the world with two-thirds of the world's gold, half the world's Uranium, and almost all of the world's diamonds.

The journalists said he looks forward to going back to South Africa, but added that there would have to be some drastic changes in the government before he would return.

When Woods left South Africa, he was being kept under constant surveillance by the South African security police. When the security police began harrasing his children, Woods said he decided to flee the country.

On New Years Eve 1977, disguised as a catholic priest, Woods escaped from South Africa with his family and fled to England where he still resides today.

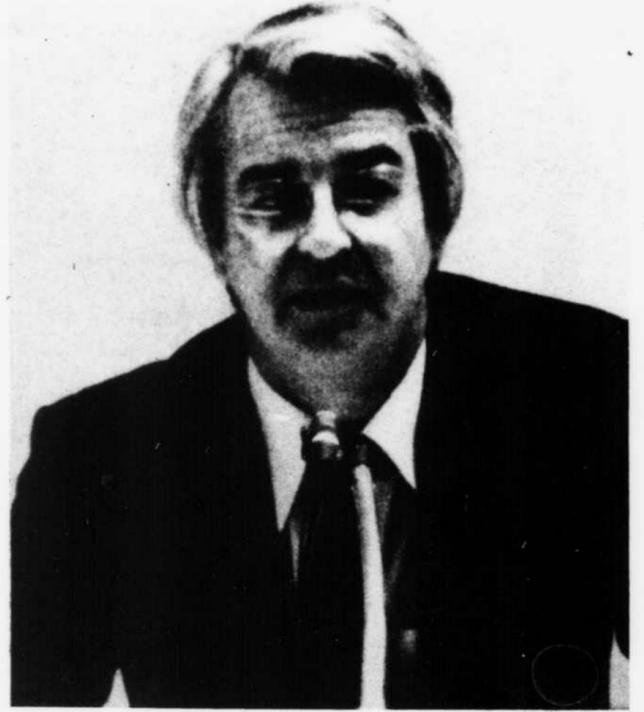


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Donald Woods, South African newspaper editor, claimed people in the Western World have misconceptions about life in South Africa. He spoke last night to a group in the LRC.

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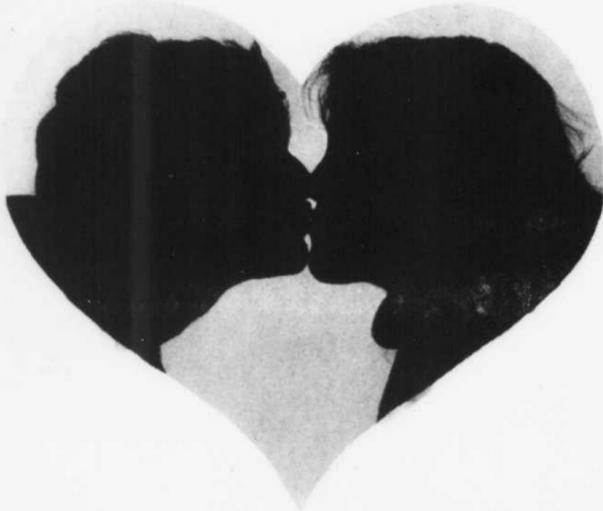
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Love Around Campus



Gifts of love

By GWEN MURPHREE
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU students are beginning their annual search for ways to say "I love you," or simply, "Be my valentine."

Area merchants hope to furnish that "perfect" gift and are making both traditional and not-so-traditional efforts to do so.

Cards are probably the most common of all valentine remembrances. They range from small packaged cards to large poster-size ones and carry a variety of sentiments.

Most local florists will sell long-stem roses for \$35-40 per dozen and smaller sweetheart roses for about half that amount, according to salespeople at Rion Flower Shop.

Other options are special valentine arrangements, starting at \$12.50 or a single rose, costing \$3-6, said a florist at Hudson's Flower & Gift Shop. Prices vary due to extras like special vases and delivery.

Customary favorites such as candy and stuffed animals are available in all shapes, sizes and price ranges. Jewelry is another



photo by Mark Holland

Gifts for Valentine's Day all say "I love you." Cards, candy and flowers are included in efforts to find the perfect gift.

the custom for unmarried women to get up before sunrise on Valentine's Day, stand by their windows and watch for a man to pass. They believed the first man they saw would marry them within a year.

William Shakespeare believed this also when he wrote *Hamlet*: "Good morrow! 'Tis St. Valentine's Day All in the morning betime, And I a maid at your window, To be your Valentine!"

In Denmark, pressed flowers

valentines are the "best valentines in the world," and invites students to buy one in the UC basement Tuesday or Wednesday for \$3. A person will have the choice of three different songs to send to that "someone special."

"Ziggy" t-shirts, night shirts and ceramic gifts are options at

the Blue Raider Bookstore.

Readmore Card Shop recommends other ideas such as books, plaques and keyrings expressing thoughts of love and friendship.

Of the many gift choices available, love, both traditional and ever-new, is still the best gift of all.

Hey, it's Leap Year!

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

For the romantically inclined, Valentine's Day takes on added meaning this time around. It's leap year and women, in theory at least, are supposed to take the initiative in the ritual of courtship.

An ancient Scottish law dating back to the 13th century gave women the prerogative of proposing during leap year. According to the old custom, the lady signals her intentions to the chosen male by wearing a scarlet petticoat and perhaps serving pink champagne. And if the man looks reluctant, he can be warned that refusal makes him liable for a fine.

But have you noticed how hard it is to find scarlet petticoats in stores this time of year? As for pink champagne, well, I always prefer a golden brut myself. So for all you women sans scarlet petticoats and champagne, I offer my 10 sure-fire ways on how to catch a man.

Beginners note: Never ever look the least bit interested in the guy you're chasing. It ruins the element of surprise.

1. If you're the shy type, try leaving a note in some strategic location such as his post office box, desk, under the windshield wipers of his car, etc. with your name and phone number on it.

2. If you're the aggressive type, try leaving yourself in some strategic location such as the backseat of his car or in his dorm room.

3. Do some sleuthing and discover (a) your object of affection's favorite food and, (b) the route he usually takes to classes. Scatter the food along his path and be waiting at the end of it. (Warning: I once fell for a man who was nuts for chocolate-covered ants. Those things crawl all over the place and are really messy, so it's a good idea to have a second-favorite food on hand.)

4. Introduce your best friend to his best friend then get the two of them to fix you up on a date with him.

5. Conveniently "just happen" to be jogging around Murphy Center or playing racquetball at the same time he's there. Engage

him in a meaningful conversation about why Nikes are far superior to Adidas.

6. Play safari queen. Dig a large pit and cover it with palm fronds (never mind, no one will notice that palm fronds aren't native to MTSU) or place rope snares along the sidewalks.

7. If he's a history buff, try throwing out some facts about Valentine's Day, such as on Feb. 14, 1929, seven gangland figures — rivals of the Al Capone gang in Chicago — were gunned down in a garage. It became known as the "Saint Valentine's Day Massacre."

8. Advertise in the "Personal" section of a classified ads column.

9. If the two of you share a class, invite him over to your place for a study night. Plan a cozy little candlelight dinner and answer the door wearing a sexy dress and Chanel No. 5. Forget the books.

10. Go the single bars route. (Or, depending upon your interests, try cruising the discos, the grill or the horse barn.)

If for some unexplainable reason you really mess things up and none of these guaranteed attempts at man-catching work for you, try being original and thinking up your own ways. Just remember: A lover who reasons is no lover (Norman Douglas, 1868-1952).

There are many ways to say 'I love you'

By LIBBY WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Spring is the time for lovers. And, that is why people have been celebrating Feb. 14 for years.

Valentine's Day has been traced to the Roman festival called Lupercalia. Others say the event is connected with the Christian church. Still others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on Feb. 14.

In Great Britain and Italy it is

the custom for unmarried women to get up before sunrise on Valentine's Day, stand by their windows and watch for a man to pass. They believed the first man they saw would marry them within a year.

William Shakespeare believed this also when he wrote *Hamlet*: "Good morrow! 'Tis St. Valentine's Day All in the morning betime, And I a maid at your window, To be your Valentine!"

In Denmark, pressed flowers

called "snowdrops" are sent to sweethearts, friends and families. Also Danish men send a type of valentine called a "gaekkebrew" (joke letter). The sender writes a rhyme and signs it with a dot for each letter in his name. If the receiver guesses who sent it, she is rewarded with an egg on Easter.

Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their gods. The children missed Valentine and tossed loving notes between the bars of the cell window. This tale reportedly was the beginning of the exchange of messages on Valentine's Day.

The earliest records of Valentine's Day in English tell that birds chose their mates on that day.

Geoffrey Chaucer wrote in *The Parliament of Foules*, "For this was on St. Valentine's Day, when every fowl cometh there to choose his mate."

Many Valentine's Day customs involved ways that single women could learn who their future husbands would be. Englishwomen of the 1700's wrote men's names on scraps of paper, rolled in a little piece of clay and dropped them all into water. The first piece of paper

that rose to the surface was supposedly the name of the person's true love.

One of the oldest customs was the practice of writing women's names on slips of paper and drawing them from a jar. The woman whose name was drawn by a man became his valentine, and he paid special attention to her by presenting her with gifts such as fancy-dress balls, gloves and flowers. The custom of sending romantic messages soon replaced the giving of gifts.

Commercial valentines were first made in the early 1800's. Many of them were blank inside, with space for the sender to write his own message. The British artist Kate Greenaway became famous for her valentines in the late 1800's. Many of the cards featured pictures of children and lovely gardens.

Esther A. Howland became the first manufacturer of valentines in the United States. She set up an assembly line and expanded her business into a \$100,000-a-year enterprise.

Many of the valentines were hand painted and had lace and paper flowers added to them.

Many of the older valentines have become collectors items. The newer ones have been changed from religious to sentimental to comical over the years and are destined to change in the future.



photo by David Mudd

The history of St. Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Roman times. Each age brought a different way to express feelings.

Love from afar can be sweeter, better

By TERRY MEACHAM
Sidelines Staff Writer

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder" is what some students prefer to think rather than "Out of sight, out of mind" when asked about their long-distance romances.

One MTSU student, Dee Cather, has a romance long-distance from New York City. Dee hasn't seen Ron Rakoczy in four months.

"Ron is in the Navy with my brother and I got to know him through being pen pals. He calls me about every three weeks when he's in port. My phone bill is about \$70 so far," she said.

The mail from Murfreesboro to New York City is often delayed, and in one day the two may receive several letters written over a long period.

Cather is expecting a Valentine's Day surprise from Rakoczy.

"Our relationship is working out great and it is getting stronger everyday. It's hard when he's not here because I wish I could talk to him all the time, but it makes it more special when he is here," she added.

Sophomore Lisa Holt makes South Central Bell happy by calling Rusty Hunt in Clarksville once or twice a week. Holt once received a \$40 phone bill and Hunt had to pay \$80 another time.

"We write each other about every two weeks, but we like phone calls better because they are more personal. It's nice to know that he cares enough about me to not worry about how much it costs to call long distance," she smiled.

"One bad thing about long distance relationships is that I'm not able to just run over and see him if I've got a problem and we can't go out during the week like other couples can," Holt added.

MTSU Sophomore Dewayne Balew calls Nancy Moss at David Lipscomb College once a week. He drives there as often as possible to see her.

"We write each other once a week and send cards with special messages. Being away from each other puts a little strain on the relationship, but I know how much she means to me when I see her," he said.

Next semester Moss will be going to school in Memphis so mail between the two will increase, Balew said, adding, "I think long-distance romances are overall much more good than they are bad."



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Terry Porter, a senior from Mount Juliet, talks to his "H.T.H." (home town honey). Porter is one of many students who face expensive phone bills due to those few and far between minutes spent talking intimately long distance.

Committee to decide wrestling future

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

The MTSU Athletic Committee will meet tomorrow morning to decide the fate of the Blue Raider wrestling program.

At the committee's last meeting, MTSU athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy made a motion to discontinue the wrestling program, citing economic pressures on the department.

Since that meeting, wrestling coach Gordon Connell has revealed that he will make several proposals in favor of retaining the program.

Perhaps the biggest proposal Connell will make tomorrow includes dropping all financial aid to the wrestlers. Connell said the wrestling team is willing to make the sacrifice and work on outside projects to raise approximately \$5,000 the wrestling team will lose.

Among the fund raising activities Connell and his wrestlers will participate in will be a run-a-thon.

"Provided we are given the go ahead, we will approach campus organizations like fraternities and clubs, and ask them to have runners in an eight mile run-a-thon," the wrestling coach explained. "They will get people and businesses to sponsor them for a dollar a mile or so. That way, a person will only be out eight dollars at the most."

Connell said he figured that if 100 runners participate with each having 25 sponsors, the run could raise \$25,000.

Connell added that the reaction since the proposed dropping of the program has been in favor of retaining the team. A petition was circulated at the SEIWA tournament held this weekend at MTSU favoring the retention of the program. Several area people have called

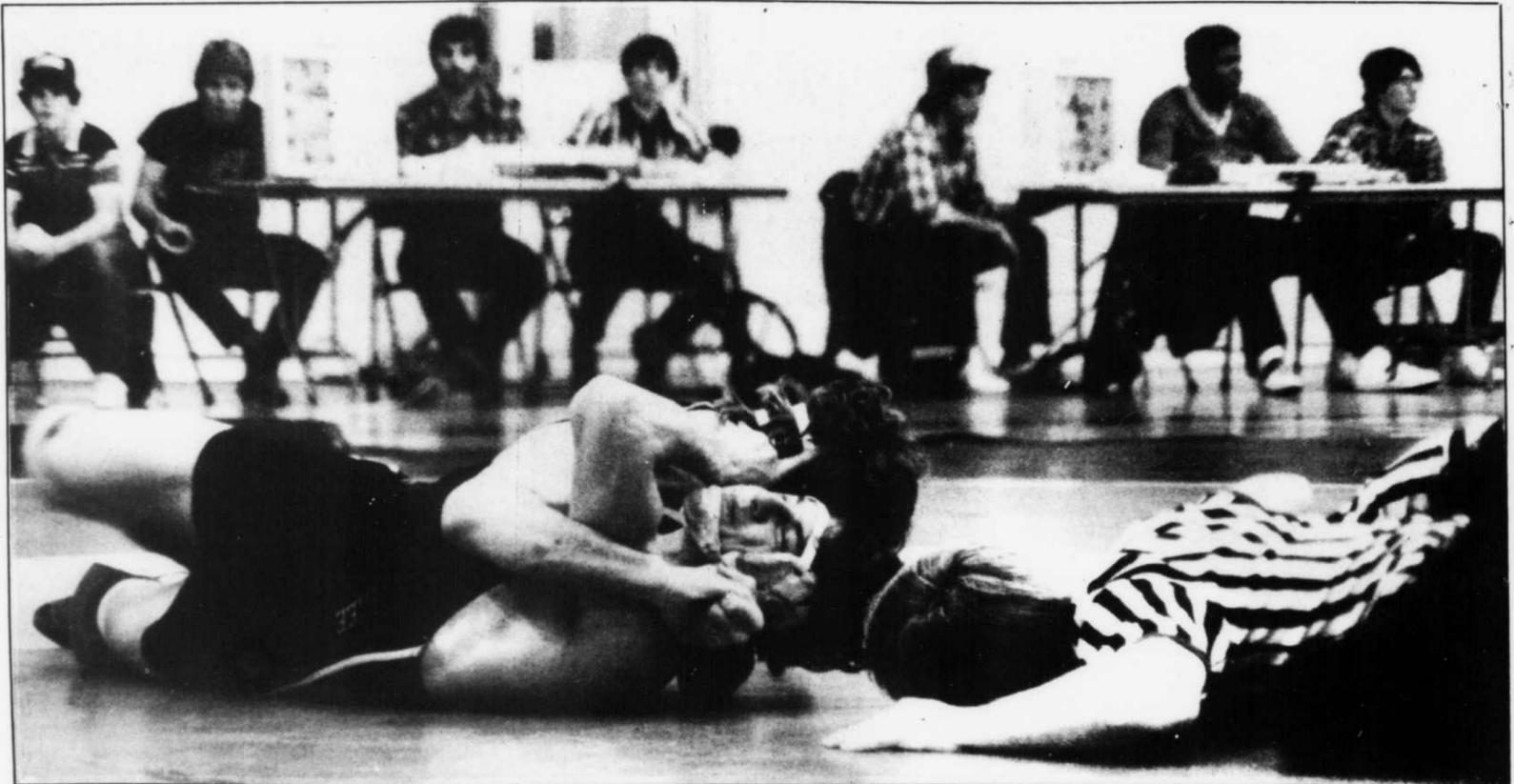


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MTSU's Pat Souris mixes it up on the mat during this weekend's action in the SEIWA wrestling tournament in the Alumni Memorial Gym. Auburn University took first place while Middle Tennessee placed at a dismal fifth in the championships.

Connell and offered to make donations to aid the program and some coaches in other sports have offered to speak in favor of Connell's team.

Connell said he is approaching tomorrow's meeting with guarded optimism.

"I can't help but feel like we've got a chance," he said yesterday. "We aren't asking for much and are willing to make some sacrifices. I'm optimistic as long as I know they (the committee) are willing to hear what I have to say and have not

already predetermined their decision."

However, Connell is concerned.

"I don't want Middle Tennessee to cut wrestling as a token to turn heads," Connell said emphatically. "That could be in the back of the committee's mind. We (the athletic department) may be in trouble, but don't cut us just to try and get people to realize the department is in financial trouble.

"They can afford to cut us

because we aren't required for MTSU to retain their NCAA Division I-AA status," he added. "If we were a requirement, I know they wouldn't drop us."

Connell added he was afraid the move might be an effort to call attention to potential donors that the department is in financial need.

"I am very concerned about this tokenism," Connell said.

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. tomorrow in Murphy Center. The meeting is open to anyone wishing to attend.



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Eddie Gossage

Boycott?

THE Winter Olympic Games open in Lake Placid, N.Y. tomorrow, yet all the headlines continue to involve the controversial summer games set for Moscow.

It has been so confusing that I really couldn't decide how I feel. Should we compete in the Olympics? Should the Games be moved? Did President Carter play his hand correctly? Why have the Olympics drawn such national attention?

All of these are valid questions that need to be answered. Only one man on this campus can answer those questions with any degree of expertise. He is Dean Hayes, MTSU track coach and a veteran in Olympic competition.

Hayes serves as the U.S. Olympic long jump coach, as well as coaching in Olympic trials and training events. Four of Hayes' students at MTSU have made Olympic teams. Among them were shot putter Brian Oldfield, triple jumpers Tommy Haynes and Rayfield Dupree, and Sheikh Faye. Faye represented South Africa in the 1976 summer Olympics, but withdrew when the South African nations boycotted.

"I really don't think we will be in the summer Olympics," Hayes said. "My feelings are that the Russians won't leave Afghanistan by Feb. 20, and I don't see Carter backing down. He can't."

"I would say right now that we had better prepare ourselves not to go to Moscow," he added.

Carter has set Feb. 20 as the deadline for Russia to evacuate Afghanistan. If the Russian troops have not withdrawn in 9 days, the United States will not compete.

Hayes said he does not expect the Games to be moved to another location. It is simply too late for another nation to begin plans to host the world's athletes.

And as for the president, I wonder if Carter realized the public sentiment when he first mentioned a possible boycott in a speech early in January. He mentioned it almost coincidentally, stressing the grain embargo. But in recent days, the public seems to be more interested in whether the summer Olympics will take place more than what effect the grain embargo is having on the American farmer.

So just why are the Olympics so important? Perhaps it is because it is a time of unification, when all countries can come together in one place and compete on an equal basis. No matter what size a nation's army is, each athlete can compete against another fairly.

Hayes said that track and field, swimming, boxing, etc., are the top sports in many other nations. The United States is more oriented towards football, baseball, basketball, etc. Other nations are interested in soccer and criquet.

But the events that take place in the summer Olympics are international sports. They know no geographical boundary. The mile run in the U.S. is the same as a mile run in Kenya.

But American athletes probably won't participate. It is unfortunate. Many of these athletes will never get another chance. Four years from now may be too long for their bodies to continue training.

So will President Carter be right if he prohibits the athletes from competing?

"I resent athletes being used as a pawn," Hayes explained. "I hate to see kids, and I mean kids, having to suffer."

Hayes feels Carter played his "ace" card, the athletes, too quickly. He feels the president should have prohibited NBC from televising the Olympics and spectators from attending the events. The result would be the loss of millions of dollars for the Russians.

However, Hayes feels the athletes should be allowed to compete. I agree. Unfortunately it is probably too late. Carter has laid down the rule and has no choice but to follow it.

Hopefully, the Olympics will survive. If so, maybe something can be learned from this nasty situation.

Middle Tennessee second in tourney

The MTSU wrestling team placed fifth in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championship matches held this weekend at Middle Tennessee.

Southeastern conference power Auburn University placed first with 113 1/4 points, while UT-Chattanooga was a distant second with 49 1/2 points.

"I wasn't really happy with our performance in the meet," admitted MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell. "Before the matches, we felt we had a good chance to take second but it just didn't happen. We lost a couple of matches that we knew would be close. We lost some real

heartbreakers."

Probably the biggest heartbreaker was the loss of Mike Kuziola to Auburn's Scott Howard in the finals of the 159-pound division. Kuziola and Howard had met previously with the Raider grappler claiming the first win.

The loss by a pin was Kuziola's first in his collegiate career.

"Kuziola's match was the epitome of what happened to us this weekend," Connell said, shaking his head. "Mike was clearly the best in his weight class. He started slow but caught up and was ahead by four points.

"The guy that beat him told me after the match that he felt Kuziola let up and reversed him," Connell said. "Up until then, we thought Mike had a good shot at 'Outstanding Wrestler' in the tournament."

The only other MTSU wrestler that placed in the tournament was Woodie Sardin in the 168-pound class. He beat Georgia Tech's Rich Bortles in the consolation match to take third place.

Akron zips past Blue Raiders, 71-78

AKRON, Ohio — A great deal can occur in five minutes.

One of those things is that you can lose a basketball game.

Just ask the Blue Raider roundballers, who went scoreless for almost a seven minute stretch of the second half. The results were devastating, as MTSU dropped a non-conference battle to the Akron Zips 78-71 here Saturday.

"We had some good shots that didn't fall during that period," MTSU basketball coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson said. "Akron got hot and we just broke down. We played the worst defense we have played all season."

Forward Jerry Beck played only 12 minutes of the game after coming down with a stomach virus prior to the game. Beck came out of the game with just over ten minutes left in the game with only ten points on the evening.

MTSU's field goal percentage was a poor 43.2 for the night while Akron hit 63 percent from the field for the game.

Middle Tennessee held the lead for the first seven minutes, but costly floor mistakes kept the Raiders from assuming a lead of more than four points. The two teams swapped the lead for much of the first half, but MTSU retired to the lockerroom at the half with a 32-30 lead.

All ten of Beck's points came in the first half as he led MTSU in scoring. Chris Harris and Curtis Fitts had six each at half for the Raiders.

Wendell Bates, one half of Akron's Bates Brothers com-

bination, had 14 points in the first half to lead the Zips. Wendell and brother Lance Bates played last year for Cumberland College in Lebanon.

Akron came out after the break and quickly popped in three unanswered baskets to take a 36-32 lead. MTSU came back and knotted the score at 42 on a jump shot by Harris.

Then the drought set in. Harris' shot fell through the net with 13:53 left. The Raiders did not score again until senior Leroy Coleman hit a free throw with 9:21 to play. By that time, Akron had zipped out to a 52-42 lead.

MTSU never really challenged again as Akron extended its lead to as many as 15 points.

Simpson gave some substitutes some playing time, sending Mark Lynn, Ray LeComte and David Thornton into the action.

The Raiders came on in the final minute of play to pull in close enough to make the final score look respectable.

MTSU fell to 13-9 overall with the loss.

The Raiders will be in action Thursday evening against league leading Murray.

"The student body has been a lot of help to us at home," Simpson said. "We definitely need them Thursday night more than ever before, especially since this is our last home game."

"Murray is playing the best ball in the OVC and we need help from the crowd," he added. Tipoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Heffernan, Short shine in OVC doubles play

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

Playing in their first and only indoor tennis match of the year, MTSU's number one duo of Dale Short and Peter Heffernan won the doubles title in the OVC Indoor Championship at Murray, Ky. on Saturday.

The format for the tournament was drawn up at the last meeting of conference coaches and included only the top two players of each team who competed in both singles and doubles competition.

The team of Short and Heffernan downed Austin Peay's Don Carbone and Rich Dlabik 6-2, 6-3 to take the doubles crown, but neither of the Blue Raider duo fared well in the singles. Short who has played at the top of the Raider lineup for as long as he has played at MTSU, went out in the quarterfinals while Heffernan, last year's conference Player of the Year, bowed out in the semis to Terje Persson of Murray State.

"Peter hasn't worked out with us but about four times so far this year because he's been pretty involved with his student teaching," LaLance said, "so for

him to do as well as he did says a lot for his natural talent. And Dale has been battling back problems lately, so I'd have to say, overall, everything went about as expected."

Rich Leslie of Morehead defeated Persson of Murray 7-6, 7-6 to capture the singles title.

MTSU's first match of the spring outdoor season will be Feb. 29 at Oxford, Miss. against Samford. They will then face Ole Miss on March 1.



Peter Heffernan

Leroy Coleman enjoying role as team leader

By EDDIE GOSSAGE
Sidelines Sports Editor

For a fellow 22 years old, Leroy Coleman has seen it all. From being recruited in a police station by former MTSU basketball coach Jimmy Earle to playing in the NCAA-basketball championships, Coleman has seen it all.

But ask him what his favorite thing, the highest point of his collegiate career, and Coleman's response may surprise you.

It's not playing in the NCAA tournament. It's not winning the OVC championship. And it's not one of his "in your face with disgrace" slam dunks.

It involves leadership. "I guess you could say the highlight of playing basketball in college has been my senior year," Coleman said in reference to this season. "Of course I enjoyed playing in the NCAA's and winning the OVC, but I enjoy playing and working with the younger guys."

"Just being out there on the floor I can show the other players how to handle it when things get rough," he added in reference to the turbulent play of OVC basketball. "I've been through it all and I can show the guys how to calm down."

Coleman has been the unsung hero this season while other players on the team have grabbed the spotlight. People like freshman point guard Pancakes Perry and reserve Jerry Beck have grabbed the headlines.

All the while, Coleman has steadily chipped away, contributing things that don't show up in the box scores.

But recently he has come on strong, performing steadily in every game. Last Thursday evening in the hostile environs of the Tennessee Tech gym, Coleman pumped in a game-high 25 points, playing every single second of the game.

Coleman said the success he has enjoyed this season, though,

reflects the effect the coaching staff of Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson has had on the squad.

"I think Coach Simpson is a good coach," Coleman said. "I really enjoy playing for him. I mean I like Coach Earle a lot, but I really, really enjoy playing for Coach Simpson."

Coleman has become known on the OVC as a superb defensive player. However, it hasn't always been that way.



Leroy Coleman

Lady Raiders roll past Memphis State

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

Memphis State became the latest victim of the merciless Lady Raiders, 68-63, in a roundball matchup at Memphis Saturday night.

Rebounding back from a Thursday loss at Tennessee Tech, the win guaranteed MTSU a second-place ranking in the upcoming state tournament. "I was very proud of the way we were able to rebound from the tough loss at Tech," head coach Larry Inman said. "This game was very important as it assured us a number two seed."

The victory was not assured, though, until the last four minutes of the ballgame. Memphis State held the lead at the halftime mark, 29-26, and kept the game within its reach in the second half's early beginnings.

With 3:59 remaining and the score at 54-54, Lisa Justice, who came off the bench for a 16-point performance, gave the Lady Raiders a much needed spark by dropping in six points.

In fact, the charity stripe was where the Lady Raiders achieved victory. Twenty of twenty-two foul shots went through the hoop and onto the scoreboard for the young team, while the Lady Tigers only hit 7 of 15.

While at the foul line Saturday night, freshman sensation Ester Coleman rewrote the MTSU recordbooks. Coleman, the Lady Raiders' leading scorer, got 13 of her total 17 points from the line, all in the second half. The 14 charity shots surpassed Sharon McClannahan's record 11 attempts. After only missing her first try, she also broke Karen

Carter's Most Free Throws Made and Most Consecutive Free Throws marks with the 13 baskets.

Coleman is also in contention to break another scoring record this season. With 409 points thus far, the star from Humboldt is challenging Liz Hannah's Most Points Scored in a Season (477).

"Dr. E," or Ester, is not the only Lady Raider to rewrite the record books. Justice's 15 field goals against UT-Chattanooga last month tied a game record held by McClannahan and Hannah. Point guard Sherry Smith, also a freshman, will undoubtedly break Jan Zitney's seasonal high assists (125) within

a couple of games as she now has 119.

"We've got a whole lot of people with a whole lot of capabilities," Coleman said. "I think the record books will definitely be renewed by the time this team gets through."

Tonight at 7:30, UTC's Lady Mocs come into UTC's Center to avenge the earlier loss handed to them in Chattanooga. If the match-up results in another MTSU victory and Tennessee Tech downs Tennessee in Cookeville tonight, the Lady Raiders could possibly be in a tie for top seed in the state.

The Lady Raiders end their last home stand Thursday night against Murray State at 5:15 and finish the season on the road against OVC foes, Austin Peay, Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky.

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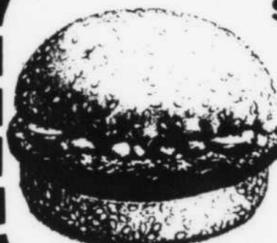
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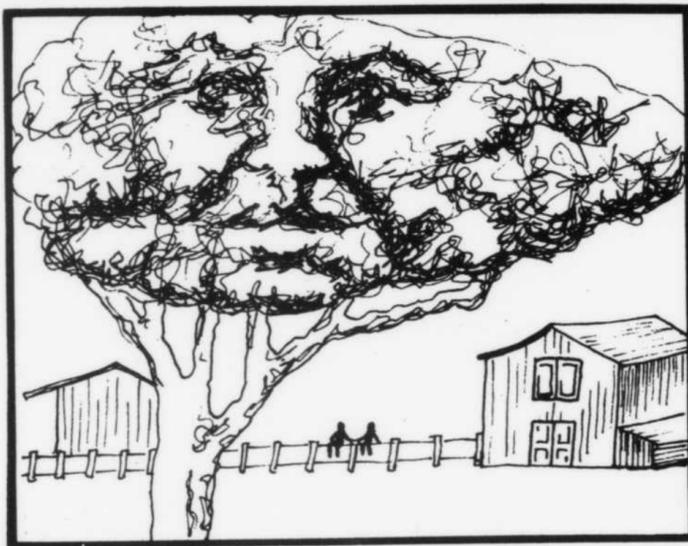
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