

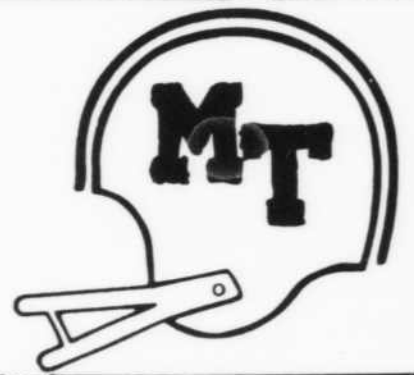
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The News In Brief

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—A man claiming to represent the Islamic Jihad yesterday reiterated responsibility for the suicide bombing of the U.S. Embassy last week and threatened to attack another American target soon. The man, in a call to the newspaper *Al Safir*, did not specify the target or say when the attack would take place.

NEW YORK (UPI)—President Reagan is ready to propose "constructive negotiations" with the Soviet Union according to his speech yesterday to the 39th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Reagan had a brief but warm encounter Sunday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir says he will ask the United States to help negotiate with Syria a withdrawal agreement of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon. Shamir said Sunday his country will no longer insist that Syria withdraw its troops at the same time as Israel.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—About 30,000 people squeezed into a harbor movie drive-in for a chance at 350 longshoremen jobs. Many of those who drove into the makeshift employment office Sunday were employed, but still willing to wait in lines that stretched for 10 miles for the \$15.57-per-hour base pay.

BASTOGNE, Belgium (UPI)—Residents of Bastogne cheered American veterans in commemoration of their defense of the town in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Forty years ago on Dec. 16, 75,000 Americans were either killed or wounded in the last German offensive of the war.

MOSCOW (UPI)—President Konstantin Chernenko received the Order of Lenin and the gold Hammer and Sickle, the Soviet Union's two highest awards, on the eve of his 73rd birthday yesterday. Chernenko is rumored to be in poor health.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Judges are sending thousands more criminals to state prisons each year, the Justice Department says. A survey released Sunday found that state judges sentenced nine people to prison out of a population of 10,000 in 1981.

Did'ja miss us?

In case you were wondering, a computer systems failure was the reason *Sidelines* did not appear Friday. (We're too dependent on those confounded machines!) We are glad to be back!

WARNING combats assault on women

By ALEX WIGGS
Sidelines Staff Writer

A new group called WARNING has been formed by some concerned residents of Felder Hall after attending an Assault Awareness Seminar Sept. 4. Safety and Security Chief Jack Drugmand said Tuesday.

WARNING (Women Against Rape Now In Numbers Growing) is headed by sophomore Susan Bingham with the help of Sandy Yeargin and Tony Hallman.

"I BECAME AWARE of what was going on," Bingham said, "after attending the seminar given by the two Austin Peay police officers on assault. I was shocked at the turnout; there were only 10 people there."

"When I got back to the dorm, some of the officers [and I] had a meeting and decided something needed to be done, so we decided to talk to Chief Drugmand."

The purpose of the group is to fight back against rape by helping others become more aware of the problem and how to react.

There will be a meeting on Oct. 3 in Felder Hall for all interested persons. Seminars will take place at different female resident halls during the semester if everything goes according to plan, Drugmand said.

Another Assault Awareness Seminar will take place Nov. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Theatre. Sgts. Steve Liebsch and Loris Ellsworth from the Austin Peay police department will direct the program.

"I was very disappointed in the turnout at the last seminar," Drugmand said. "I believe this one will be better."

The program will also be open to Rutherford County residents.

Package stores to be banned?

By KEVIN H. CRUZE
Sidelines News Editor

This is the first installment in a series concerning the referendum on the November ballot to ban retail package stores.

A referendum to abolish retail liquor stores in Murfreesboro, which will appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot, has raised concern and controversy.

"Alcohol has been a concern among a lot of factions in Murfreesboro," Dan McMurry, associate professor of sociology, said yesterday. "The

referendum is part of the continuing struggle for us to have a rational view on alcohol."

A NUMBER OF groups were involved in getting the referendum on the ballot, according to McMurry.

McMurry, an active supporter of the referendum, said he is not a spokesman for any of the groups but has been active in increasing community awareness of the problems of alcohol.

"There is mounting evidence that shows the major problem of alcohol in a community is relative to the availability of



Photo by Delores Delvin

"Easy does it," varsity cheerleader Leslie Windram seems to say through her smile as she helps Tim Buford demonstrate his lifting technique during last week's junior varsity cheerleader tryouts.

alcohol," McMurry said yesterday.

"THE SIZE OF the alcohol problem in a community is an index of how available alcohol is," he said.

McMurry takes what he calls the "public health" perspective to alcohol.

According to McMurry, the American Public Health Association views alcohol just like any other substance containing toxic chemicals.

THE APHA'S MAJOR thrust is to reduce exposure to toxic chemicals including alcohol.

McMurry's main reason of supporting the referendum is to limit the availability or "exposure" of alcohol in Murfreesboro.

"We've talked about alcohol education and sentencing people for DUI's but we've never talked about the availability of alcohol," McMurry said. "It's very unpopular to do that."

"TO DO ANYTHING about any of the alcohol problems, be it health or social, we must limit consumption, and to do this we must limit availability."

"If we can limit, not prohibit, consumption it will be an important step to limiting some of the other problems," McMurry said.

"There are some people now who are drinking alcohol to a

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Students seek attendants

By COLLEEN JENKINS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Handicapped students say it is difficult to find attendants this semester at MTSU and that this may cause a decline in the enrollment of handicapped students.

Jewell Carson, a handicapped student at MTSU, has been looking for an attendant since the spring semester. Her mother is living with her until she is able to find a steady attendant.

"I HAVE GONE to the Handicapped Student Services Department and there were only five handicap attendant applications filled out," she said. "I have posted up flyers around the buildings with my phone number, but I haven't gotten any response."

Wynelle Carson, president of Sigma Delta Sigma, an organization for the disabled, cannot understand why

students won't offer their services to the handicapped.

"We are willing to pay for the student's services," Wynelle said.

"I'M WILLING TO pay \$250 a month for a student to live with me which would include a few hours in the morning to help me get dressed, maybe cooking supper and a few hours at night to get ready for bed," Wynelle said.

"The rest of the student's time can be spent going to school or studying and the student would be right on campus (in J apartments)," Jewell added.

According to the Carsons, a student attendant living with a handicapped student is expected to pay his or her part of the rent but receives pay for helping the handicapped person. The pay varies according to the needs of the handicapped person.

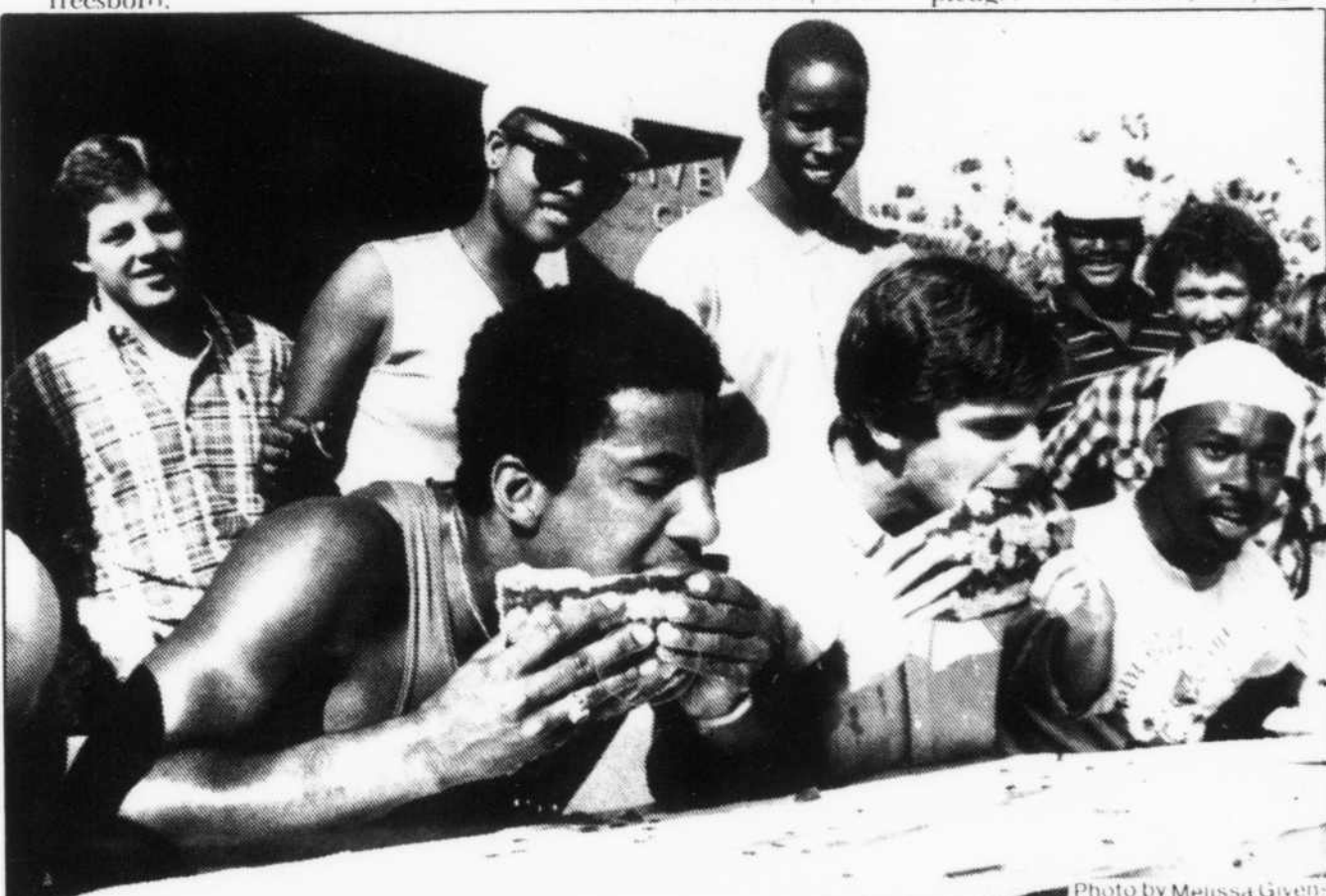


Photo by Melissa Givens

Erwood Ervin (far right) takes a breather in last week's Summer Fling watermelon-eating competition. But nothing seems to slow down Ortel Mason (left) and Steward Moffat (center), who won the contest in a tie.

Dual rush rules 'double whammy,' according to some

By DAN GOODWIN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell rates MTSU's fall fraternity rush a success but some fraternity presidents have expressed concern over the new rush requirements.

Cantrell, adviser for the Inter-Fraternity Council, said last week that he was pleased with the results thus far and that things looked "really good."

THE IFC VOTED last spring to change to a dry rush format if the drinking age was raised to 21. Prior to this ruling, fraternities were scheduled to hold two parties at which alcohol would be served in addition to the final or preference party.

Currently the IFC requires a student to have completed at least 12 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better to receive a bid from a fraternity and maintain a 2.3 GPA or better during the semester he pledges.

The combination of the two new rush regulations caused concern among some fraternity presidents.

"MOST INDIVIDUALS really aren't that up for a dry party," John Landers, president of Kappa Alpha Order, said last week.

"Statistically, the ratio of bids put out to those picked up is improving, but the actual quantity isn't as big," Landers said.

"I wish we could pledge freshmen again," Landers added.

"SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD come from within the chapter," Wade Adcock, president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, said.

"We like the dry rush because you get more serious-minded men, but we don't particularly like the fact that first semester freshmen can't pledge."

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BACCHUS to open Info Center

By PAT WARNER
Sublines Staff Writer

An Alcohol Information Center will officially open later this semester, Associate Dean of Students John D. Hays said last week.

The center, being developed by BACCHUS, will be located in Room 120-A of the University Center.

BACCHUS, WHICH stands for Boost Alcohol Con-

sciousness Concerning the Health of University Students, and members of the Omega Phi Alpha sorority will staff the center.

The center will feature a selection of materials which make students more aware of the effects of alcohol.

"We want some place on campus that students can come to and not feel like they will get a sermon preached at them," Hays said.

BACCHUS will also conduct a drinking assessment survey this semester which will measure the extent of the drinking problem on campus.

One third of the male students on America's campuses suffer from a drinking disorder, Hays said.

BACCHUS wants to determine the extent of MTSU's drinking problem among both males and females.

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harmful extent who will not [if the referendum passes].

"WE HAVE FAILED miserably in [alcohol] education," McMurry said. "Alcohol education has grown rapidly but so has alcohol abuse."

"Whatever we're doing isn't working."

McMurry also cited the economic disadvantages of

retail package stores.

"IN MY MIND there is no economical justification for Murfreesboro to be in the liquor business," McMurry said.

Three-quarters of Murfreesboro's \$1.6 million police budget goes to taking care of alcohol-related offenders, according to McMurry.

Murfreesboro currently

receives \$150,000 in taxes from the area liquor stores. McMurry cited a study in Memphis which showed that for every dollar in taxes derived from alcohol sales, it cost the city \$4.57 in economic outlay—not including health-related costs.

"If a private business was run at such a loss it would soon go broke," McMurry said.

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Greg Reynolds, vice president of Sigma Chi fraternity, pointed out that the dry rush was a reflection of the new drinking age law but that combining it with the no first semester freshmen clause was "a double-whammy nobody needs."

were opposed to the new system.

"We're very pleased with rush this fall," Jimmy Chapman, president of Pi Kappa Alpha said.

"Of course our location (across Tennessee Boulevard from the Alumni Gym) doesn't hurt a bit," Chapman added.

Of the 125 eligible bids turned in, 103 were picked up.

Final figures are not yet available on the size of pledge classes.

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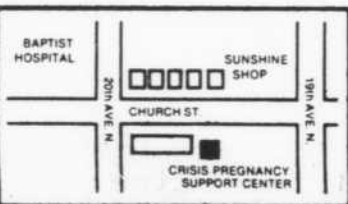
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REGISTER TO VOTE in Rutherford County. The Rutherford County Election Commission will be in the University Center lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register all students who wish to vote in Rutherford County. This will make you eligible to vote in the Nov. 6 election.

THE ASB SENATE will meet in Room 305 of the University Center at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

NOTICES

CAREER DAY, sponsored by the Placement Office, will be Thursday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Murphy Center Track. Approximately 70 employers and graduate schools will participate. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

WHO'S WHO APPLICATIONS are available in Room 304 of the University Center. Applications must be completed and returned by noon on Friday, Oct. 5. Eligible applicants will be all students with junior, senior or graduate standing who have not previously received this award.

ORGANIZATIONS WISHING to set up a display in the University Center should contact the ASB Office, Room 304 of the University Center (ext. 2464), to reserve a spot in the program. The event is set for Saturday, Sept. 29.

WEDNESDAY

THE ADVOCATES for Social Work and the Social Work Program are sponsoring a picnic for majors, minors and students interested in social work from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Murphy Center picnic pavilion. A sign-up sheet designating food to bring is in Room 309 at Peck Hall.

THE HONORS LECTURE today is "Collective Learning" by Dr. Bene Scanlon Cox, assistant professor in the English department. The lecture series is free and open to the public. Today's lecture begins at 3 p.m. in Room 107 of Peck Hall.

THURSDAY

THE HOSPICE of Murfreesboro Advisory will sponsor a panel discussion, "Hospice—Alternative Care for the Terminally Ill," from 7 to 9 p.m. today. The program is free and open to the public. It will take place in the University Street Conference Room of the Murfreesboro Health Care Center, 420 N. University St. The film, "Day by Day," which shows Hospice in action, will be viewed and there will be ample opportunity for questions and comments from those in attendance. It will also be possible at this time to register for Hospice volunteer training which will be offered in the same location on Oct. 4, 5 and 11. For more information, contact Patricia Helms or Jerry Redditt at 896-4663.

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Liquor will be had , regardless

If only one thing can be said for anti-liquor forces in Murfreesboro, it is that they are persistent.

In April, their efforts to block passage of a liquor-by-the-drink referendum were foiled when that measure was approved by a slim margin. Since the referendum's approval, five restaurants and clubs in town have begun serving liquor by the drink.

These same, largely church-supported forces have banded together again. This time their goal is to outlaw all retail liquor stores in Murfreesboro, and they are apparently garnishing some support for the measure. Last week, County election officials certified that they needed 966 signatures on a petition to place on the Nov. 6 ballot a referendum that would abolish package stores.

Once again the churches try to legislate their morality on us all.

Certainly liquor opponents cite seemingly sound reasons for their stand. For one, they claim banning liquor sales will help Murfreesboro economically by cutting the city's law enforcement and medical costs. But *permitting* liquor sales will also help Murfreesboro's economy by keeping thousands of tax dollars and many jobs right here in town.

Furthermore, though law enforcement and medical costs in Murfreesboro may be cut by such factors as a hoped-for decrease in alcohol-related accidents, those incidents will certainly increase in nearby communities as those folks determined to drink drive elsewhere to buy liquor. Outlawing liquorsales in Murfreesboro won't stop people from

buying liquor in Nashville and other towns. If Murfreesboro citizens are going to buy alcohol regardless (and to think otherwise is unrealistic and naive), why should Murfreesboro miss out on the tax dollars from those sales?

Another argument liquor opponents use is that eliminating liquor sales will curb alcoholism and simple overindulging. The churches and other anti-liquor sympathizers may be sincere in their intentions, but their proposal to carry out those intentions is shaky. Again it must be argued that those who want to drink will do so, whether they have to drive 30 miles to Nashville or just to the corner package store a block away. Conversely, the mere presence of package stores does not mean that people will become alcoholics. That is a problem that goes beyond the churches, the liquor retailers and the city council.

When one sets economic and medical factors aside, what this issue boils down to is a simple contradiction in moral beliefs. In this country, what is and is not "moral" is not dictated by the government. It is left up to the individual to determine his own morality based on his own beliefs. That's the way it should be.

If church leaders and others choose not to drink (or even to condemn liquor and those who drink as evil), no one can force them to go against their individual principles. Nor can anyone force them to patronize package stores. But they don't have the right to strip away the options of other adults whose moral guidelines may be a different.

C.L.F.

Letters to the Editor

Attack on Crawley was unwarranted, but predictable

To the Editor:

I guess practically everyone has heard of Clyde Crawley in one form or another.

Those of us who know him concede that he is short, rotund and balding—but at least he thinks for himself. He has a few friends, but he didn't buy or rent them all. He doesn't need letters on his shirt to get dates.

I guess with all this going for him, he should've known better than to stray into the area where certain three letter entities marked their territory almost as effectively and vigorously as dogs.

Another supporter claiming that Clyde was slandered

To the Editor:

After reading Mr. Andre's letter concerning "The Life and Times of Clyde Crawley," I felt compelled to write on Mr. Crawley's behalf.

Clyde is a friend of mine and I know that cross-dressing is not one of his favorite past times. I feel that it is most ludicrous for one to make unfounded allegations against someone else on the basis of differentiating opinions.

I personally do not usually agree with Marty Watt's

opinions, but I will defend his right to those opinions. Furthermore, I would never go so far as to publicly slander Mr. Watt.

Individuals such as Mr. Andre would immensely stifle the free press. Thanks to people like Clyde Crawley journalism is still alive and kicking.

Watt's nuclear 'savings account' theory questioned

To the Editor:

To the Right Side from just slightly on the left side (i.e., where the heart is).

If you want to equate an arsenal of nuclear warheads with insurance policies and savings accounts, please inform us ignorant, populist, environmentalist consumers and producers as to what (obviously Republican) retailers are accepting radiation as currency, and what goods or services those retailers are offering for public consumption.

P.S. What dose do I need to get a ticket out of "youse guy's" target range?

P.P.S. By the way, have you ever heard and understood the term "self-fulfilling prophecy," or are you still stuck on the "Romeo and Juliet effect?"

Chip Jordan
Box 5176

Older student is interested in starting organization

To the Editor:

As an older student returning to the classroom, I have encountered problems related to my maturity and "time lapse" from a high school environment. While talking to peers, I found they face these same problems with a varying twist or two.

Since there is no organization on this campus designed for older students, I am interested in getting feedback along these lines to determine if there is support enough to start one.

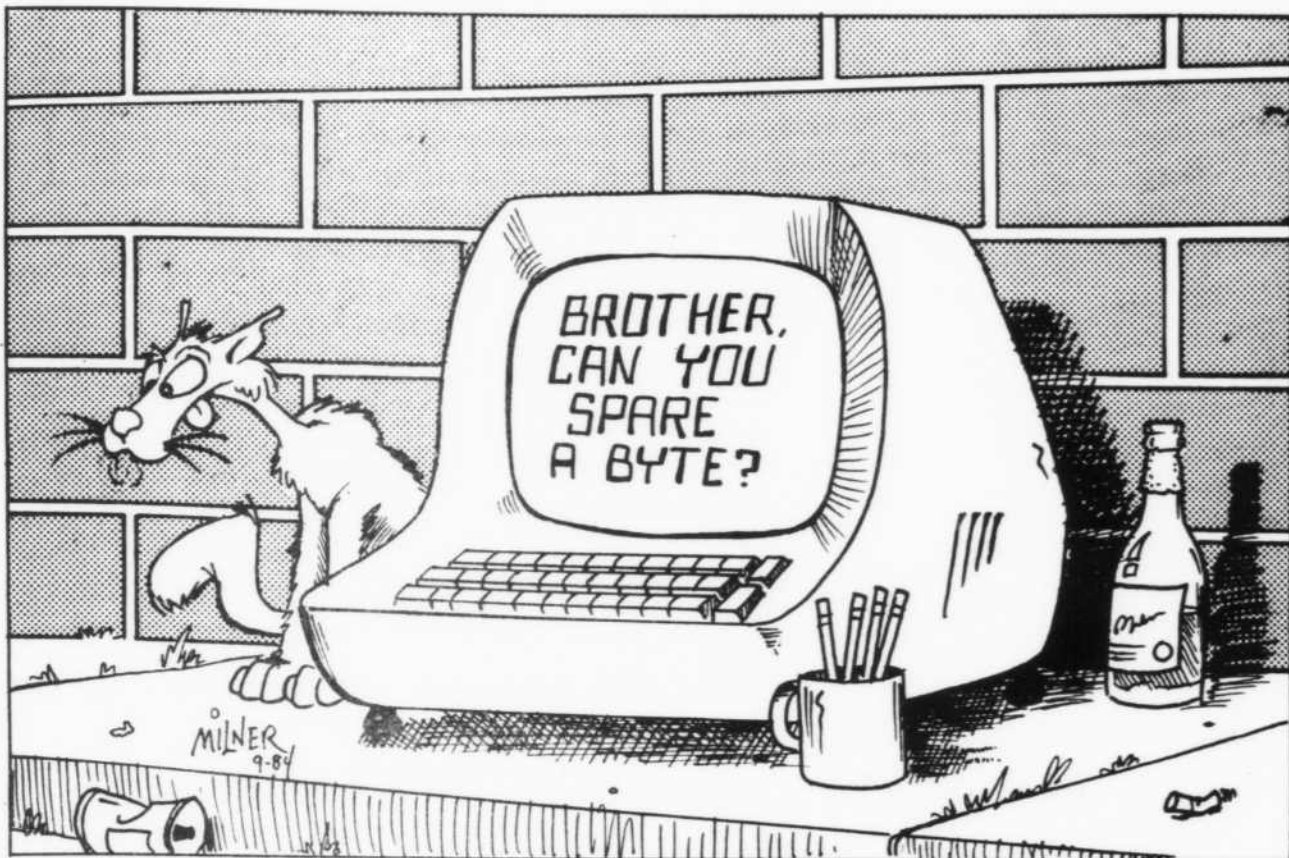
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Computer illiterates have future -jobs demand language literacy

By TOM MILNER
Sidelines Columnist

According to an article appearing in the recent issue of *Campus Voice*, computer skills aren't quite the hedge against post-graduation insignificance we were led to believe (by computer salesmen, no doubt).

This may come as bad news for those who have spent countless eight-hour sessions with *Grog* the program destroyer over in the Computer Lab. It may well turn out that all of your time spent absorbing gamma rays and wondering where the cursor went will go for naught.

Employers are allegedly more interested in an applicant's ability to read

(what?), write (gad!), and think (*). Sounds bad, huh?

For those of us who are virtual computer illiterates and can still recall the days before Pac Man, this news comes as a relief. Just because I can't do interlocking modular byte transfers doesn't mean that I have nothing to offer.

Oh, I can use one of the barfidiuous things if I have to, but I resent the fact that a machine that is supposedly more intelligent than I am can't even speak English.

Let me rephrase that. Computers can speak English; they simply prefer not to. For example, if you have a computer and you need to know what your bank balance is, you must punch in something like:

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Crap. What's wrong with: HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE I GOT? The boob tube won't respond, that's what! Or if it responds at all it gives you a "beep" and displays a derogatory remark. (The clever ones will say "WHAT?") I hate it. That's why they do it.

I realize that computers are here to stay, and we'll put them to good use, I am sure. But, until they make one that speaks my language and sells for about \$29.95, I shall remain unconverted.

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Clydelines

By CLYDE CRAWLEY
Sidelines Columnist

This is now school in full swing. From panicky freshmen to sweating seniors, no one has any doubt now that school is in session.

Tests, papers due, taking reams of notes in physio; these are enough indications for me. The problem is, I only got all of this put together a few minutes ago.

Yes, I've had my problems. For instance, I've been hearing about a problem with students smoking marijuana. Having studied this substance in psychopharmacology, and upon hearing whispered references to an upcoming "bust".... Just being an ordinary guy with a normal curiosity for things that are out of the ordinary, I decided I wanted to see what this marijuana stuff looks like.

Sure, I've seen pictures of it. It looks harmless enough. But it must be something that is really naughty, because I keep hearing that it can get you into

lots of trouble.

My first stop was, of course, at the drug store. Marijuana is a drug, so where would you look?

I walked up to the pharmacist and with all the confidence I could muster, asked, "Do you have any marijuana for sale?"

The pharmacist said no, but he was having a special on placidyls, and would I like some of those? I thanked him, said no, and walked out.

Let's see, where should I go next? A health food store? They sell herbs and stuff, so why not?

As I strolled into the store I noticed the stereotypical tall, skinny woman with long, straight blonde hair who works in health food stores.

"May I help you?" she queried.

"You guys sell marijuana here?"

The blonde turned pale and pleaded the fifth.

"What's the big deal?" I asked.

The word "deal" seemed to elicit a full-blown panic attack—"I'm sorry, we're closed," she cried.

Frankly, I was getting just a little frustrated at this point. I checked the produce departments in every supermarket, flea market and just plain old market in the area. People's reactions ranged from manic laughter to that of the old guy at the "feed and seed store" who pulled a gun on me and tried to make a citizen's arrest. Having studied self-defense, I ran.

I began to wonder if maybe this marijuana scare is a big collusion being foisted off on the American public by the CIA. I've never trusted those guys.

I finally let my fingers do the walking through the yellow pages. Nothing under "M," "P," "R" or "N."

So I think all this marijuana scare is a load of crap. I mean you can't buy the stuff anywhere.

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Marty Watt

By MARTY WATT
Sidelines Columnist

This may be a disappointment to some, but I'm not going to discuss politics today. With the President so far ahead in the polls, conventional political wisdom says stay quiet and let the other guy mess up—which Mr. Mondale may do, and quickly.

Anyway, I mentioned in my introductory column—you remember, way back in the first issue of the semester—that at times I would digress from national issues. Now, I'd like to begin a relatively short discussion on a subject which is near and dear to my heart.

It all began as a simple trip to Athens, Ga., to visit friends of mine. Now UGa is bigger than MTSU, but not by much. The actual University of Georgia has about 23,000

students, and Athens is slightly smaller than Murfreesboro.

But, it seemed that around every corner was a "Go Dawgs!" or something of the type. And this was over the entire north Georgia area—not just Clarke County. Even when I was growing up in that area, the Bulldogs were everyone's favorite.

That brings us to this point: with only 50 percent more students, UGa generates about 500 percent of the spirit of MTSU. Why?

We have a first class football program, baseball program, academic program, concert program and even basketball program. That last one is, of course, from preliminary observation.

As I write this column on Thursday night (deadline is noon, Friday, for those in-

terested), the Blue Raiders are preparing to do battle with the OVC powerhouse, Morehead State. Of course, by now you know the outcome—I don't.

Editor's note: The Friday issue did not run due to computer problems.

The question I have is did you find the score buried in the sports page of the Sunday paper, or were you there experiencing some of the hardest-hitting, most dedicated football played anywhere in the Southeast—or the nation, for that matter? I hope you were there.

At UGa, as is the case with other SEC schools, students wait in line for hours, skipping many classes, just to get tickets to sporting events. Most cost denaro, also.

I have yet to see the student section filled to capacity with

screaming, fired-up Blue Raider fans. And what is really a shame is that we don't have to wait in line, and we get in free.

Someone great once said: "A prophet is never known in his home country." We might adapt this a little bit and say "A school is rarely given any credit in Middle Tennessee." Most of the people from the Middle Tennessee area grew up with MTSU; therefore, it doesn't mean as much to them.

I grew up in Georgia and West Tennessee, and I'm proud as hell to brag on MTSU any chance I get. Sure, even those of us with some spirit still complain every now and then. But we are still proud to go here.

And I'm tired of going to Nashville and hearing people in my classes at MTSU say

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they're from Nashville Tech. Can we please have a bit more dignity than that? I could see saying Vandy and the guy (or guy) was rich if the snotty. Or I could see lying and saying you go to UT. (My blood runs half and half: Blue Raider and deep orange.) But, Nashville Tech? Be real folks!

I hope I have presented you with the problem. How does one go about finding the answer? I don't claim to know all aspects of the solution, but I do have a few observations.

The community of Murfreesboro and surrounding areas must fall in line behind MTSU. Before that happens, the student body and faculty will have to present a better attitude about their surroundings. I can't blame the community for non-support when the students themselves

aren't supportive.

Maybe a division I-AA national championship would wake people up. This year we have a good shot at it—the best in several years.

But, we can't beat Kentucky every year. School spirit is not just going "rah rah" at a couple of football games. It must concern itself with the totality of the MTSU experience. Education, people, landscape, atmosphere—they're all a part of what makes up the college years.

And to me, all those things come together with MTSU. I hope you will all try this week (just try, it won't hurt) to have a good feeling about your college.

To, again, misquote someone, "Ain't it great to be alive and be at Middle Tennessee!"

Phil Williams

Reagan advisers are running 'the show'

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Sidelines Columnist

The images are striking. Americans of every age, sex and skin color stand looking upward as a softly lit U.S. flag is hoisted up a pole. While patriotic music plays in the background, a deep-voice announcer declares that America is back and better than ever.

As the music fades away, this moment of paid inspiration ends with a shot of a tiny button, bearing a picture of a smiling Ronald Reagan.

This commercial and others like it demonstrate the tremendous challenge faced by Democratic challenger Walter Mondale. Instead of running against a man who holds our country's highest office and deserves close scrutiny, he must run against that which is so difficult to defeat—an image.

But this is the great hope of the Reagan campaign. In order to score an easy win, they cannot allow the American voter to see the man who holds that office.

They cannot let it be known that Ronald Reagan is a man who cares only for ideology and little more.

For example, as I covered a White House conference recently, it became painfully obvious that White House aides

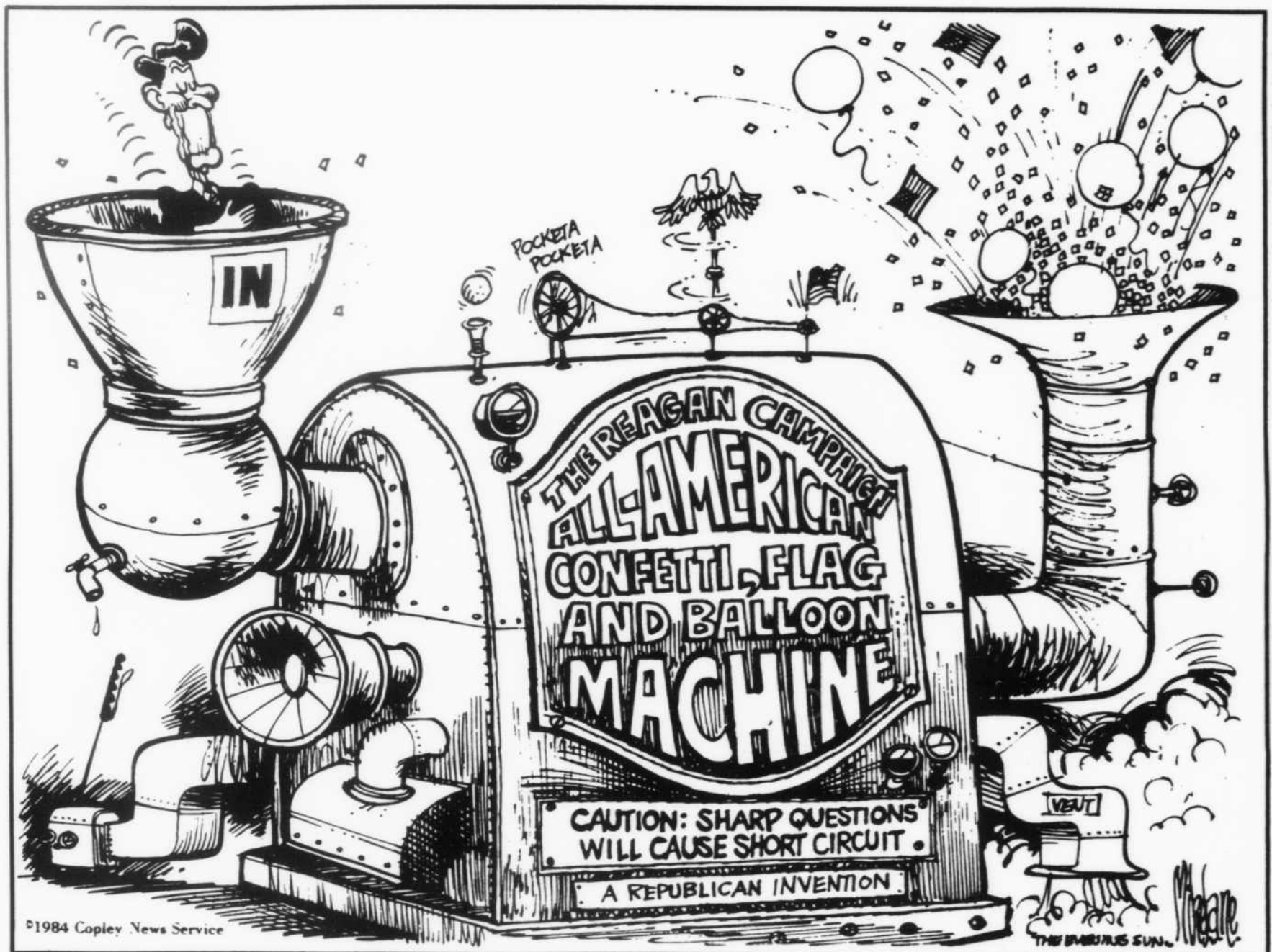
and bureaucrats decide policy. They spoke on details of administration plans, usually evoking the President's name to give it a ring of authority.

But when Reagan made a cameo appearance, he spoke only in generalities about America's past greatness and potential for being even greater in the future. There it was again—the image.

They cannot let it be known that Reagan really knows little about why he advocates the policies that he does.

That is why campaign officials are carefully shielding the president from reporters' questions. The number of news conferences has been steadily dwindling during the past year. Even in appearances like the one described above, Reagan is quickly ushered out without taking questions.

And instead of going one-on-one with Mondale, Reagan will participate only in the highly orchestrated, pseudo-debate that we have seen in the history of television—a method that encourages the use of humor to avoid questions. Campaign officials insist that it just would not look presidential for the incumbent to be arguing about policy with his challenger. Again, the image.



Above all, Reagan campaign officials have made it be seen that they run the government instead of him.

Two of the president's own comments are illuminating. During the conference mentioned above, Reagan told reporters: "I've been told to get

out of here. It may surprise you. Here probably thought I gave the orders."

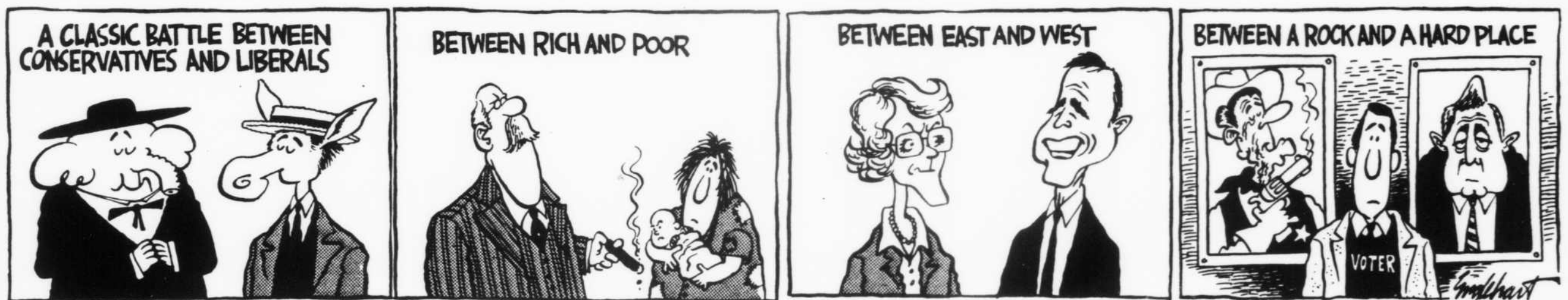
Then in his last news conference, the President was asked if he would have a news conference before the election. His response was, "I don't know. But I've been talking about that myself."

In other words, his top aides have not yet told him what he is going to do. Oops, what happened to the image?

But instead of letting the president defend his policies, campaign officials are hoping that they will be satisfied with a soft, technicolor portrait of

our American idealism. So they keep him in the White House handing out awards for heroism, honoring dead Democrats and posing for politically contrived photos.

And that is Mondale's problem. It's hard to run against that which exists only in the mind.



Political middle realigning, but voters still left out in the cold

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK
UPI Senior Editor

In their book "The Real Majority," Richard Scammon and Ben Wattenberg drew a picture of American politics as a struggle for control of the ideological center of the American electorate.

That was not a particularly startling revelation as such, except that the authors defined the political center in a somewhat novel way. The middle, they said, can shrink or expand, depending upon the size and strength of the political right and left.

Using a football analogy, they said the center of the political spectrum could be as narrow as the space between the 10 yard lines or as wide as the area between the 10 yard lines.

Whatever the width of the Scammon-Wattenberg center in the current political situation, it has become obvious in recent weeks that both the Democrats and the Republicans are trying to occupy it.

Some have said that Walter Mondale's victory at the Democratic convention marked return of party control to the liberal-left wing of the party, but Mondale has tried very hard to keep his campaign from being so labeled.

President Reagan's strategists have tried just as hard to avoid the radical right image on their campaign. From Campaign Chairman Paul Laxalt down, GOP leaders at last week's Republican National Convention characterized the party platform as reflective of the

mainstream views of average Americans.

And both sides have been putting in overtime trying to pin the extremist tag on the other. Mondale gave an exclusive interview to a Dallas newspaper during the Republican platform-drafting process, calling the GOP document the work of right wing "kooks." In doing so, he knocked the Republican convention off the top of the front page in the very town where it was about to convene.

Speakers at the GOP convention a few days later repeatedly charged that the Democratic Party had been taken over lock, stock and barrel by the left at San Francisco. Former President Gerald Ford, for example, pictured Mondale as the ideological heir of George

McGovern.

The convention also gave a lot of time to disillusioned Democrats, including U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and former professional football player Roosevelt Grier, a close friend of the late Robert Kennedy, and a White House aide with the politically fascinating name of Wendell Willkie Gunn. The message

from all of them was the same: the Democrats have repudiated their own traditions and become a vehicle for left-leaning special interests.

To the public, all of this finger-pointing and shrieking, "You're one, too," may seem somewhat childish, but it is a deadly serious business to the professionals.

Both parties have moved one

way or the other over the years, but in truth neither can be said to have moved beyond the boundaries of the wide center defined by Scammon and Wattenberg. The United States does have some really radical political parties at both ends of the spectrum, but most of them are outside the stadium where the game is being played.

by C.S. Hayes



FEATURES

England at MTSU

Chris Watts takes over at the art department

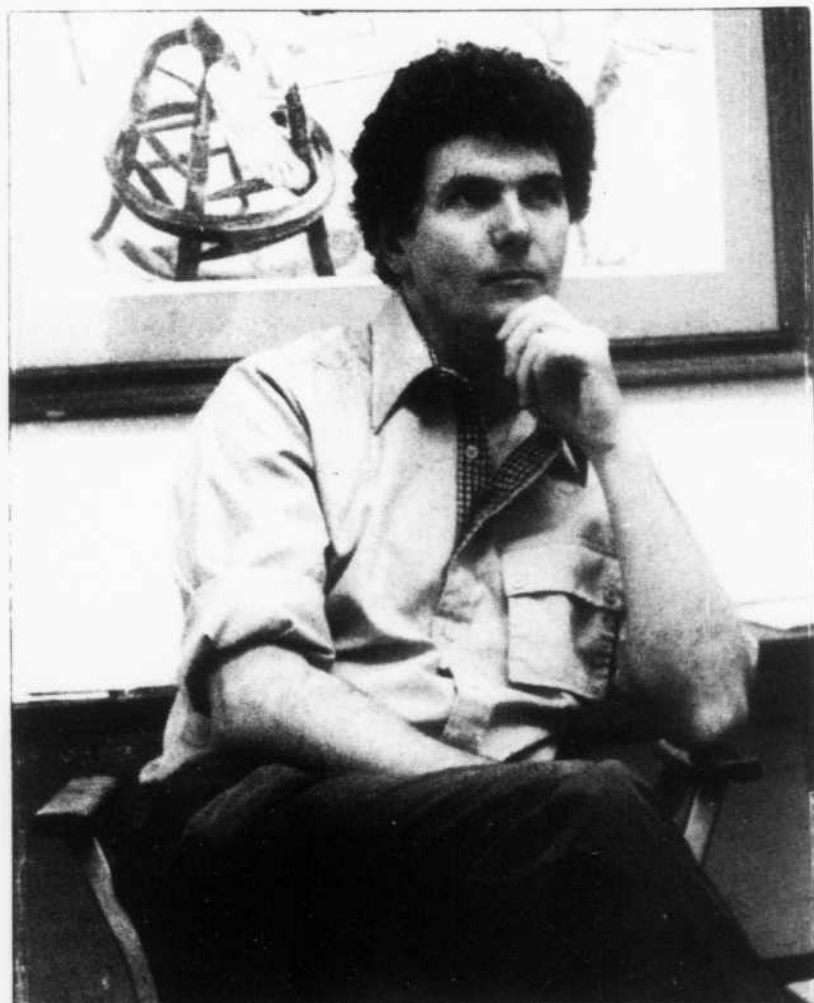


Photo by Delores Delvin

MTSU Art Department Chairman Chris Watts, who came to the United States from England in 1969, relaxes in his office between classes.

By DAVID DUGGINS
Sidelines Staff Writer

When Christopher Watts came to America from England in 1969, he'd barely heard of Tennessee, let alone MTSU.

"I never expected to end up here, certainly," he laughed.

BUT WHEN, WHILE acting as art department chairman at Cornish University in Seattle, he saw an ad for a similar position here at MTSU, he decided to find out more.

"The position opened up and I applied," said Watts in his lilting British accent. He shrugged, smiling whimsically. "It took about six months, but here I am."

Watts moved to Ohio after receiving his bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of London in 1969 and obtained his master's at Ohio University. He taught at various schools in Britain before returning to take the Cornish University position.

WATTS EXPLAINED that he moved to America for both personal and artistic reasons.

"I wanted to experience the states and to develop my own artistic identity," he said, adding that he believed he has successfully achieved that goal.

"I've increased my individuality," he said. "Moving out of England seemed best. It was a positive thing."

WATTS' WORK IS an unusual combination of numbers, lines and colors that stress order and logic. He feels that numbers are the best way to communicate an idea to a very large number of people.

"Numbers have a universal aspect," he said, explaining that they add a controlling factor to his work.

His fascination with order springs partially from his life in Devon County, which is near Stonehenge and other highly structured stone formations.

"I USED TO wander around the moors looking at the rocks and stuff, seeing which ones

were placed by humans and which ones were random," Watts said.

He traced the paths of these many "ley lines," ancient lines of force that cover much of Europe and are an integral part of the Druid religion.

"Ley lines are lines of stones that relate to East-West or North-South orientation," he explained. "They relate to the compass."

WATTS WAS ALSO influenced by his life in the London of the late 1960s.

"The rock scene and the art scene were both vital in London," he said. "There was a good visiting artist program." Watts enjoyed the blues and jazz of the period, but music didn't influence his art.

"My work is not me, as a person," he said. "I enjoy the music, but visual art is the intellectual pursuit I focus on the most."

AS TO THE differences in contemporary artistic approach between the states and

Europe, Watts felt that the European artists tend more toward the philosophical, while American art seems more oriented toward "experimentation and expressionism."

"Britain is a little bit more conservative," he said. "The U.S. supports the visual artist, but there's equal talent in both countries." Watts believes that many countries are establishing a national identity for their art.

"The art is in the way the experience is transposed, and we're starting to see differences from different countries."

Watts said he likes Tennessee and MTSU.

"This is an interesting department," said Watts of his position here. "There's an intense, strong faculty, and a variety of areas—sculpture, painting, printmaking. And it's an exciting growth period for the gallery. As chairperson, I expect to be here for a minimum of four years before anything really comes to fruition."

Kids and college students watching cartoons

By DAVID DUGGINS
Sidelines Staff Writer

The coming of autumn means many things to many people.

Mornings become cooler, the days shorter. School gets cranked up again. The leaves burst into a kaleidoscope of color, then wither and fall, to crackle under the feet of pedestrian traffic.

IN THE WORLD of television, fall means a whole bunch of new shows. The networks concentrate a great deal of effort throughout the year to put together new ideas, new scripts, new stars—all leading up to that one week in September.

Make or break time. The competition is intense.

And in a small, darkened studio, an elite group of

personnel work all year to put together a special set of shows for an audience comprised mostly of children and college students.

THE WORK IS tedious, the staff dedicated. The job is not glamorous. The actors' faces will never be seen, but they are willing to contribute their voices to this world of magic.

Yep, that's right—I'm talking about Saturday morning cartoons! September 15 marked the kickoff for some new animated fantasies, many of which are based on popular toys and games.

In the cute-little-creature department, the Smurfs get some competition from the Snorks (both shows on NBC). In case you missed it, a Snork is a sea-faring critter with a built-in snorkel atop his bubble head. These guys are a couple of points ahead of the Smurfs

in that they get into trouble on both land and sea, and they've got more color variety.

SOMEWHERE ALONG the line the Pink Panther had a couple of kids, and they are now horning in on the action with a show of their own.

And speaking of action, there's an abundance of adventure-oriented cartoons this time around, as video and role-playing games invade TV with Q-Bert, Donkey Kong, Space Ace, Dragon's Lair, Pole Position and Dungeons and Dragons all getting their two cents in.

One new show that is not based on a game, Turbo Teen, is about a teenager who turns into a car when it gets hot. Wonder if he ever runs out of gas.

MR. T HAS his own cartoon show as well, immediately followed by Monkeyshines, a

live-action show that features an orangutan as its main character.

The ultimate swinger, Spiderman, is wise—cracking and catching villains with Iceman and Firestar for the fourth year in a row. Thundarr the Barbarian and his companions, Ookla the Mok and Princess Ariel, have vanished into TV limbo (perhaps not forever—if one of NBC's other shows bombs, he may magically reappear.)

And, of course, some old favorites are back. Scooby-Doo and Bugs Bunny returned for the umpteenth consecutive season.

Exciting adventures and strange alien worlds are only a twist of the dial away. Watch and enjoy, and if you get laughed at, remember: you're only as young as you feel.



Fantasy explores real problems

By CARRIE HAWK
Sidelines Staff Writer

The Road Company's production of *Blind Desire* is so weird.

Blind Desire, a fantasy set in the world of McMankind, is the result of a cooperative effort by the members of Road Company. It comes from a period of time when Road Company had no plays to be played, when unemployment was laying heavy on the hearts of more than just one of the players and the world seemed to be a place from which to escape.

AS ROAD COMPANY illustrated in Thursday's performance in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building, escape they do.

The play is concerned basically with the plight of Jean, portrayed by Emily Green, as she makes her way through a world filled with many of the same problems women face today.

Jean is a young woman who needs a job. When she gets one, the company makes her into a mannequin with a bright red

smile and horrid wig who goes around saying, "Hi, I'm Jenny. May I help you?" in a southern drawl.

JEAN EVENTUALLY marries P.C. (Prince Charming) and has children, but through the course of the story realizes that she has been forced to assume a role others made for her. Just before the conclusion, Jean is reborn and begins to face life as herself, a real woman.

Green, who has been with Road Company since 1980, wrote most of the monologues she uses in Jean's character. Without flinching, Jean asks questions most people never whisper, let alone speak to other human beings.

If *Blind Desire* sounds like a typical woman's movement product, it sure didn't look like one. While one character would be speaking his or her monologue, other characters would be on stage moving and squeaking robotically, keeping the play alive with motion and energy.

ROAD COMPANY began as a two-week project in 1972 and, because of its initial

success, moved to Johnson City and incorporated in 1974. Since then they have produced 18 new plays.

Director and originator Bob Leonard has produced and directed 22 original works in all. He also designs the productions, directing construction and later the removal of the set.

As founded by Leonard the company is dedicated to the production of new theater. One of the ways they achieve this is during their off-season period, the company does work at a little bar in Johnson City. Now they're not serving drinks or cleaning up the joint, they are entertaining.

WITH THE AUDIENCE watching and ready to give their approval or comments, the Road Company will read a new play which has not been produced. This is what happened to a play by Arnold Powell.

The Down Home Bar was the scene of its first appearance. Powell saw it, decided it needed some

changes, made them and won the first place award at a New Orleans New Playwrights festival with his *In All the Whole Wide World*.

Movies superior and sorry

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Features Editor

The secret to *Romancing the Stone's* appeal is in its chemistry.

It's not the best or most unique adventure story—it doesn't have the most slam-bang action of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* imitator—and it isn't the funniest movie you'll ever see.

BUT ITS combination of those elements—humor, adventure and action—make it one of the year's best films.

Recently re-released and showing at Murfreesboro's Cinema Two, *Romancing the Stone* features Kathleen Turner as romance-novelist Joan Wilder and Michael Douglas as Jack T. Colton, her rescuer(?)

Wilder, who "gets" sick on the escalator at

Bloomingdale's," and Colton, a poor man's Indiana Jones, meet in Columbia, South America. The novelist has gone there to rescue her sister from a couple of inept artifact smugglers.

SOMEWHERE ALONG the line, said sister's (brutally) murdered husband had picked up a treasure map which the smugglers, not to mention the head of Columbia's secret police, covet in a vicious way. The map ends up in Wilder's hands and the movie's plot is set in motion.

Much of the film is a farcical and unpretentious chase/romp through beautiful jungle scenery and the towns, both large and small, of Columbia. One of the villages the pair ends up in makes Woodbury look like a thriving metropolis.

Danny DeVito, from

television's "Taxi," is a major source of the movie's slap-stick humor.

Romancing the Stone is exciting, funny and, yes, romantic, which makes it well worth the \$3.50 admission.

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The Philadelphia Experiment, a recently released science fiction movie starring Michael Pare and Nancy Allen, features two slightly worn subplots.

The film is interesting in its treatment of time travel, but the whole thing's been done before in a much better way in movies like *Time After Time*. Same goes for the love story within the movie between Pare and Allen. Incredible girl, at first disbelieving, ends up helping the man she had thrown in jail.

A good one to watch on HBO.

ENTERTAINMENT

Young's country tour still pleasing

By BILL STEBER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Clad in flannel shirt and buckskin vest, with hair in a ponytail, Neil Young, the man that time forgot, walked on stage and tipped his black, wide-brimmed hat to the thousands of screaming Woodstock veterans and folk enthusiasts that gathered in the Opry House Tuesday.

Then, picking up his guitar,

he began to sing in that thin strain of a voice known and loved so well: "Are you ready for the coun-try, because it's time to go."

BACKED BY AN impressive entourage dubbed The International Harvesters, Young gave one of his best performances here in years. His current tour represents a 180-degree turn from his past two, which have consisted mainly of material representative of his experimentation with new

forms of music or, more appropriately, his recent identity crisis. His new country approach suits Young's musical style and talent.

The packed Opry House crowd gave Young and his Harvesters a surprisingly warm reception; the atmosphere of the concert was one of intimacy and warmth. The silence that encompassed the auditorium as Young stood alone in the spotlight,

strumming and singing his songs, was astonishing for one accustomed to the usual rowdy Nashville concert crowd.

Young featured many new songs in his show, presumably from an forthcoming album. One about a travelling salesman was described by Young as "a song I wrote a couple of days ago on the bus."

ANOTHER NEW song was written for his baby daughter, Amber Jean, who has ob-

viously stolen his heart. Also featured were cuts from his *Harvest* and *Comes A Time* albums, as well as the Johnny Cash classic, "Southern Pacific."

After the *Harvest* classic "Old Man," the crowd rose in a standing ovation before rushing to fill the area in front of the stage. Young followed "Old Man" with a powerful version of "Powderfinger" to close his show.

The Harvesters performed 25 songs, chronicling Young's music career as a country-folk musician. Young's live performances, which have been consistently better than his studio work, have improved surprisingly in recent years.

His music, though limited in commercial appeal, captures the feeling of the late 1960s-early 1970s folk era that influenced so many, which makes him truly the man that time forgot.

College's 'ugliest' man finds fame and love

INDIANA, Pa. (UPI)—Being selected the "ugliest man" on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania does have its advantages. Just ask Bruce Morgan.

Morgan won the dubious honor Saturday night, beating out six other finalists in a contest inspired by the "College Book," in which author Lisa Birnbaum claimed IUP has the ugliest men in the

country.

IN ADDITION TO a prize of a wig with a dead muskrat on it, the title also brought pizzazz to Morgan's love life.

"Three girls asked me to marry them," said Morgan, 24,

of Canonsburg, Pa. "They were hanging all over me."

Clem Pantalone, manager of Poor Carl's-Caleco's College Pub who put on the contest, said Morgan, 6-foot-3 and 300 pounds, was the obvious choice

for winner.

"**HE'S PERFECTLY** suited for our definition of ugly," Pantalone said. "Bruce is everything we wanted. He's big, he's ugly and packed with 300 pounds of character."

Morgan said he plans to use the title for everything it's worth.

"I've just been waiting to become famous and I guess this is the time," he said.

And does he feel bad about being called ugly?

"Man, I ain't ugly," Morgan said. "My mom's been telling me for 24 years that I'm the best-looking guy in the world."

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SPORTS

Hall sets rushing mark

Raiders rally to gain third straight win

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU's high-powered offense put on a show Saturday afternoon at Horace Jones field that won't soon be forgotten by the Morehead State football team or the 8,500 fans who attended.

Morehead came out just as keyed up and ready for the Raiders and fought tooth and nail before the Raiders defense had taken all it could and helped MTSU to a 42-28 victory.

"WE HAD A lot of errors that kept them in the game because they capitalized on so many of them," according to freshman flanker Mike Pittman who caught two touchdowns from eight and 28 yards away.

"Eventually we stopped turning the ball over and kept our momentum going and we just took over," Pittman said.

Senior tailback Vince "Flea" Hall led the offensive explosion with the best performance ever for MTSU. Hall racked up 250 yards on 35 carries which erased the old record set by Mike Moore who gained 219 yards against East Tennessee State in 1976.

HALL WAS 47 yards short of the OVC mark.

Morehead now 1-3 under first-year head coach Bill Ballbridge showed that it has drastically improved from last year's squad which fell to MTSU 56-17.

The Eagles stunned MTSU in the third quarter by scoring two touchdowns in less than 30 seconds to take a seven-point lead.

THE SECOND SCORE came after the Raiders fumbled a kick-off return on its own nine-yard line. Eagle quarterback Mike Hanlin dove into the end zone three plays later.

"They weren't beating us, we were beating ourselves," said MTSU defensive coordinator Ed Bunio. "We were killing ourselves."

The Raider's squad improved after the final Morehead strike. Mickey Corwin moved the team 66 yards on the next 10 plays capped off by a 10-yard touchdown run by freshman Gerald Anderson which knotted the score at 28.

ON MSU'S NEXT possession the Raider defense stood up and denied the Eagles a first down.

MTSU then marched 62 yards in just six plays to take the lead back on a two-yard run by tight end Mike Clark.

Clark, who caught two touchdown passes against MSU last year had earlier scored on a 14-yard reception from Corwin in the same quarter to give MTSU a 21-14 advantage.

WITH JUST 1:02 left to play, fullback Tony Burse secured the Raider's victory on a one-yard plunge.

All-OVC Don Griffith set that final score up with an interception.

"Our players settled down in the second-half and just did what had to be done," Bunio added.

THE CROWD CAME to its feet when MTSU's place-kicker Kelly Potter attempted to break an OVC record for longest field goal. Potter's kick from 66 yards had the distance but a tricky wind carried the ball slightly to the left of the post.

The offensively slanted game was expected since each team went on the field averaging better than 30 points a game.

MTSU accumulated 560 total offensive yards—387 rushing and 173 passing. The Eagles had 335 total yards.

The win marked the fourth time straight the Raiders have beaten Morehead, which hasn't had a winning record in the past five seasons.



Roosevelt Colvard (52) and Don Griffin wrestle MSU ball carrier Daman Stephens to the ground.



By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

During the past week, there were plenty of surprises in the OVC—not so much in the outcome of the games but in the closeness or width of the margins of victory.

Eastern Kentucky 22, Akron 21.

KICKER DALE Dawson kicked three field goals, including the game-winner with :38 remaining to give the Colonels the victory at Akron Saturday night.

Eastern Kentucky could just as easily be 0-3 overall, but Coach Roy Kidd has been able to pull something out of his bag of tricks to give his Colonels the victory on each occasion.

Akron, now 1-3, appeared to have the game won until the Colonels recovered a fumble with about four minutes left. Then, on third-and-8, quarterback Greg Parker passed 25 yards into Akron territory to set the winning field goal.

NICHOLLS STATE 31, Austin Peay 6.

Austin managed an average of two yards per rushing attempt in 32 tries and Nicholls State passed for 287 yards en route to the romp.

The host squad decided from the start to test the inexperienced Governor secondary and came out of the game successful. Austin Peay had better find a pass rush, or every OVC team is going to

pass on them the way Nicholls State did.

WESTERN ILLINOIS 48, Youngstown State 15.

WIU scored early and often against the Penguins and the Youngstown offense never could get cranked up to keep pace with the Leathernecks.

The Penguins, who scored proficiently in the first several contests, cooled off Saturday. They have next week off before going back to Ohio to tackle Tennessee Tech.

MURRAY STATE 37, Tennessee Tech 0.

This game was expected to be closer because of the strides made by the Golden Eagles over the past season.

Instead, sixth-ranked Murray State embarrassed Tech 37-0.

THE GOLDEN EAGLES utilized three quarterbacks during the contest, but Murray defended all three well, limiting the Tech offense to 80 yards passing.

With the score standing at 10-0 at the half, the Racers came out ablaze, scoring on four of their first five possessions to assume a commanding 34-0 advantage.

OVC Games this Weekend:
Akron at MTSU
Eastern Kentucky at Austin Peay

Murray State at Morehead State

Tennessee Tech at Western Carolina



Photo by David Vaughn

The Kentucky Wildcats downed the MTSU Moosemen in rugby action this weekend 51-10 in Murfreesboro.

The Rugby Club will travel to St. Louis this weekend to participate in a two-day tournament.

Men's tennis team ready to bounce back

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

Though the MTSU men's tennis team lost two of three matches at home during the weekend, there are some signs of improvement, according to coach Dick LaLance.

The Blue Raiders split two matches Saturday, losing to Carson-Newman 4-5 before defeating North Alabama 8-1. On Sunday, MTSU fell to defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Murray, 3-6.

THOUGH Carson-Newman is a NAIA school, "They have a very strong tennis team," LaLance said.

However, he did indicate the Eagles could have been beaten.

"We had our chances to beat them," LaLance said. "We just couldn't capitalize on them."

TWO PLAYERS were singled out by LaLance as having good matches against Carson-Newman.

"I was generally pleased with the singles play, especially from freshman Roland Persson and sophomore David Wehrle," LaLance said.

Persson, a native of Linköping, Sweden, downed Ed Miller 6-3, 6-3 while Wehrle, who was the Blue Raider number one player for part of last season, defeated

Ricardo Gomez 7-6, 7-5.

DOUBLES PLAY left something to be desired, according to LaLance, who saw the Raiders win only one of three doubles matches.

"Overall, our doubles was on the weak suit that morning," the Blue Raider mentor said.

Against the UNA Lions, who LaLance conceded was the weakest team in the tournament, the Raiders' only loss came in number one doubles.

SUNDAY MORNING, MTSU took Murray, whom LaLance described as "The team to beat in the conference," to the tiebreaker in two singles matches and one

doubles match before losing each.

"It appears that we've made a lot of ground on them," he said. "If we improve, we should be able to catch them this year."

The Blue Raiders will get another shot at the Racers this weekend at Murray in an eight-team tournament that includes Louisville, Miami of Ohio, Southern Illinois, Murray, Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay.

"The toughest teams would be Miami of Ohio and Louisville," LaLance said.

Lady Raiders romp EKV in opener 8-1

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU women's tennis team opened up its fall schedule Saturday with an 8-1 thrashing of Eastern Kentucky at home.

The Lady Raiders dominated throughout the match, losing only one match in doubles that went three sets. Michelle Gire and Renee Giroux lost to Kristi

Spangenberg and Claudia Parras 5-7, 6-2, 4-6.

WINNERS FOR the Lady Raiders in singles were Gire over Spangenberg 6-3, 6-4; freshman Julie Laughlin over Parras 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; freshman Naomi Nakamura over Laura Hesselbrock 6-0, 6-0; Suzie Newberry over Jeanie Waldron 6-3, 6-3; Giroux over Beckie Mark 6-3, 6-0; and Robbie Pigg over Traci Parrella 7-6, 6-1.

In doubles, Laughlin-

Nakamura defeated Waldron-Hesselbrock 6-4, 6-1 while Newberry-Pigg triumphed over Carson-Parella 6-4, 7-5.

"I was really pleased," Lady Raider Coach Sandy Neal said. "They beat us last year."

"THE GIRLS PLAYED up to their potential," Neal said, adding that her three newcomers—Laughlin, Nakamura and junior transfer Pigg—did very well.

The Lady Raiders travel to

Bowling Green tomorrow for a match with the Lady Toppers before returning home to face Memphis State Saturday.

Neal said her team should be in shape for a good season.

"If the girls play as good as they are capable, we should beat Western," Neal said. "We've just got to keep them working hard to producing as best they can."

Greeks football season kicks off

By DAVID FUQUA
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Greek flag football season will kick-off Wednesday afternoon with a record 11 teams ready for action.

The league has been split into two divisions because of the large number of teams. The top two teams from each division will advance to the playoffs.

THIS YEAR ALL the teams must improve on offense and defense if they hope to win it all, because the competition will be much stronger than ever before.

There are four teams that I think have the people to go all the way. Here are my preseason picks:

• Sigma Chi—These are the bad guys of Greek football. When you hear the words

mean, dirty, cheap shot, you think of this team. They play hard and have the talent and confidence to go undefeated. Ross "Wild Man" Dewberry will anchor the defense.

• Pikes—The Pikes were embarrassed by last year's mediocre performance, but with their new strong-armed quarterback and some beef up front in the line, they are ready to demand respect. Defensive Coach Bobby Ballinger said: "Our multi-faceted offense can not be stopped." We will see!

• Kappa Sig—This team has the most talent of any on both sides of the line. Intensity and determination will be the key for this squad and if Bob Green's feelings are any example, I think they are ready. "All the teams we play are dead meat," Green said.

• KA—"Bombs away," are the

words for this team. If you lack the depth of the other teams, then use your strong points and that is what the KAs will do: throw the long one to Phil

Massey and a host of other receivers.

Other teams who could surprise these four are SAE and AGR.



Photo by Delores Delvin

Sigma Chi's Richard Smith tries to evade a Pike defender.

Buck leaves team, shoots for new career

By JOHN HIGH
Sidelines Sports Writer

In these days of college athletes striving for a chance at the pros, it is refreshing to see a student sacrifice his playing career to concentrate on a lifelong dream.

Bruce Buck, a former Blue Raider basketball player, has chosen to forego his senior year of eligibility to pursue a career as a Navy pilot.

BUCK SUFFERED a knee injury prior to his sophomore season at Dekalb County Junior College near his home in

Atlanta. He continued to be plagued by knee problems after signing with MTSU in 1982.

His knee is healed now, but doctors warn that another basketball injury could wipe out any chances of Buck being

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admitted to the strict Naval flight program.

"I don't miss it yet," said Buck of his basketball career.

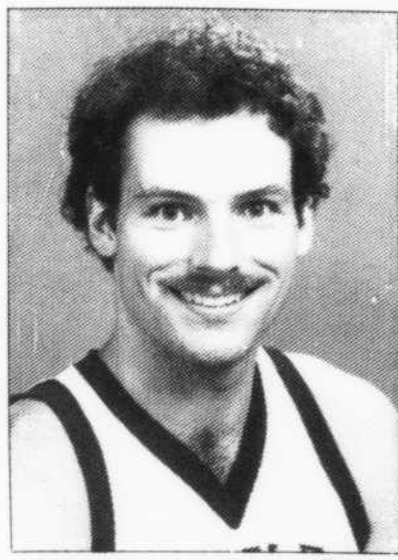
HE HARDLY HAS time to miss it. This semester Buck's schedule is filled with 19 hours of classes and 25 hours of

weekly work at the airport in Murfreesboro.

After graduation next August, Buck will head to Pensacola, Fla., for Air Officer Candidate School, a 15-week course involving basic military training and tough conditioning programs.

From AOCS, Buck will move into Basic Flight School as a commissioned ensign. This three month program will determine what type of flying each student will be assigned.

"If I finish in the top percentage of my class, I can choose what I want," Buck added. "I want to fly fighters."



MTSU senior Bruce Buck will not return to the Raider basketball program. Buck is pursuing a career in the Navy.

VU finally wins 3rd straight

NASHVILLE (UPI)—Vanderbilt Coach George MacIntyre said he's half-expecting defensive back Tim Johnson to report to his office Monday asking for a tryout at running back.

MacIntyre credited Johnson's 48-yard interception return for a touchdown as the key play in Vandy's 41-6 victory over Kansas Saturday. The win marked the first time since Dwight Eisenhower was re-elected to his second term in the White House that the Commodores have won three straight games. That was in 1956.

THE COMMODORES had been sluggish up until midway through the second quarter and finally went ahead 7-6 with 3:08. Five plays after that touchdown Johnson picked off a Mike Norseth pass and raced down the sidelines untouched. The play put the momentum squarely into the Vandy corner.

"Tim's interception return for a touchdown was a big play," MacIntyre said. "He made a great run. He'll be in my office Monday waiting to change to running back."

After that it was all Vanderbilt, which is now 3-0.

Top 20 jinx: Volunteers tie Cadets 24-24

KNOXVILLE (UPI)—Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors said about all he could about Saturday's 24-24 deadlock with Army.

"I hope this tie will motivate us to get better. It'll show what we're made of," he said.

FOR ARMY THE game represents a victory.

"Yes, I'm pleased with the tie," said Army coach Jim Young. "When you're a 20-

point underdog to a team like Tennessee and you've been losing to teams like that for the past 10 years, the players deserve not to lose.

"They say a coach should always win. That's the American way. Well, if I had to do it again, I'd do the same thing," he added.

ARMY MARCHED 80 yards in 11 in the waning minutes of the game with quarterback

Nate Sassaman squirming over from the one to put the Cadets in a position to tie with a kicked extra point or gamble for a two-pointer.

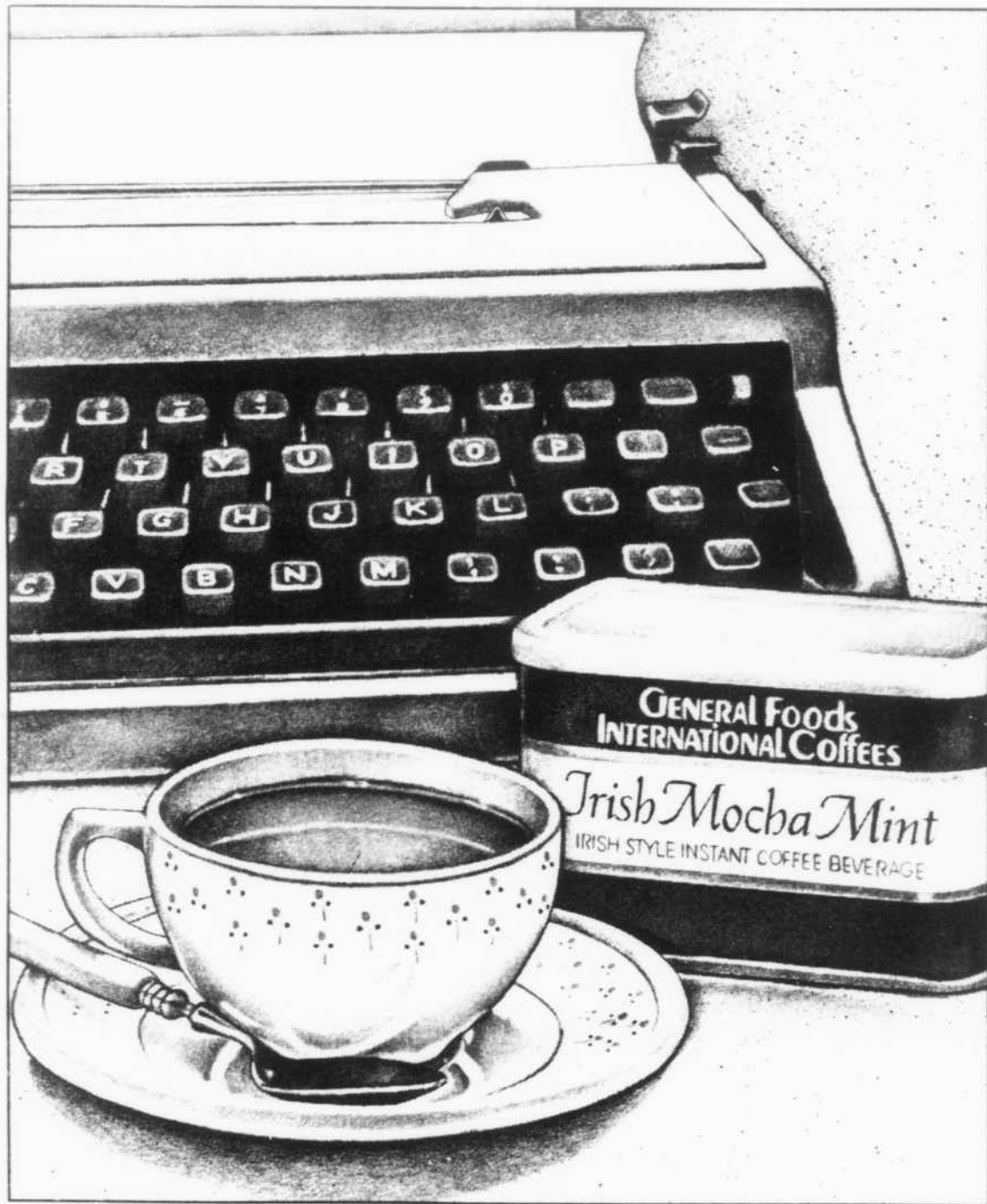
Young opted for a tie.

Sassaman scored with 1:17 left to play and Craig Stopa booted the extra point. The quarterback also tossed a one-yard pass to Rob Dickerson for another score and William Lampley ran in from the two-

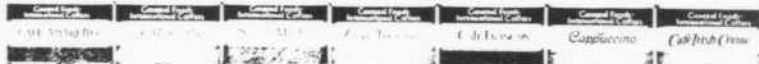
for the other touchdown. Stopa also had a 32-yard field goal.

Army is 1-0-1 while the Vols are 2-0-1.

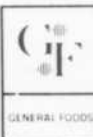
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UT is 'prolonged adolescence'

KNOXVILLE (UPI)—A new guidebook to America's college campuses says the University of Tennessee is a "relaxed school" where fun and football rank above academics.

Lisa Birnbach's *College Book* touts itself on the cover as "the first and only college guide to tell it like it is." Birnbach became famous as the author of "The Official Preppy Handbook."

FOR HER NEW book, Birnbach interviewed students at 186 colleges. The book says UT is an extension of high school for some students.

"Twenty-thousand undergraduates attend this relaxed school, many of them prolonging their adolescence with friends from high school," the book says.

"Every dorm has a sun roof. Students seem to think it's getting harder and harder to graduate in five years."

BIRNBACH SAYS the most popular academic majors at UT are business and engineering, the least popular major is home economics, the favorite drinks are beer and Jack Daniels whiskey and students' favorite drugs are "pot and coke."

The "favorite school traditions" are football games and spring break and the campus traffic is "life-threatening," the book reports. Birnbach includes quotes from students she interviewed.

"A LOT OF girls just spend time sitting by the phone," one female student is quoted as saying. "I mean, if you're not too picky, you can get married within a month of coming here. Really."

Birnbach said some students complained that sports are overemphasized in Big Orange Country.

"The jocks are fed steaks and

lobster in their own hall whenever they win a game," one student said. "Their books and classes are all picked for them and they get tutors, which most of them really need."

THE BOOK LISTS the following as the "best things about the school": "Truly diverse; niche for every kind of student; not cliqueish."

Kappa Sig honored for highest GPA

MTSU's Kappa Iota chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity was honored recently by its national for high scholastic achievement, according to Tim Davenport of the local chapter.

Last spring the chapter's cumulative GPA, 2.57, was

Cited as the "worst things" are the following: "Budget crisis; apathy; red tape; oversized classes; understaffed faculty; Professors practically work for charity. Overemphasis on sports."

The only other Tennessee schools discussed in the book are Vanderbilt University and Fisk University.

above the all-male average for the third consecutive semester, tying the Kappa Sigma national record. The chapter is now in a position to set a new national record, Davenport said.

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Family Day to offer parents look at MTSU

By SHERRI YORK
Sidelines Staff Writer

Family and friends of MTSU students are expected to converge on the campus Saturday for the annual Family Day activities, ac-

cording to Dot Harrison, MTSU's director of public relations. Family Day is an opportunity for parents, families and other interested persons to tour MTSU's campus and see displays and demonstrations

from every academic department, Harrison said. THE \$4 REGISTRATION fee includes a seat at the Akron football game and an all-you-can-eat meal at either High Rise, Woodmore or James Union Building cafeterias.

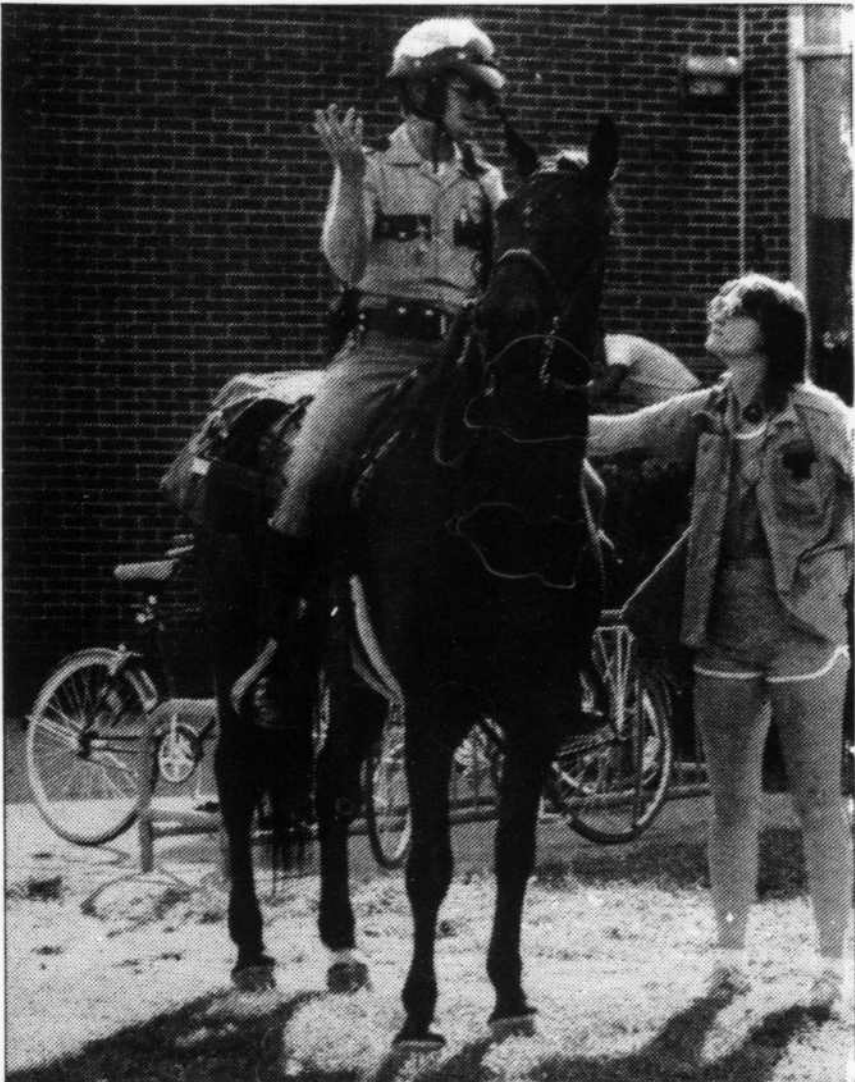
The theme for Family Day this year is "We have the future in minds." It shares the theme with National Education Week which is Oct. 13-20 this year. Registrants will receive campus maps, maps of display areas and bookmarks promoting National Education Week at registration. "WE HAD 1,500 participants at Family Day last year, and we hope to have an even bigger turnout this year," Harrison said.

"It's an exciting day and a chance for families to get together," Harrison added. This year's Family Day consists of many varied activities.

ACADEMIC DISPLAYS will be set up in the LRC lobbies and various departments around the campus.

There will be video tapes, posters, photographs and other helpful material explaining the functions of each department. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in some of the demonstrations, according to Harrison.

Tours of the campus will be given by the Student Ambassadors and members of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society.



Mark Morgan and his horse "Boo" have become a familiar sight on the MTSU campus, as the Department of Public Safety and Security take their patrol on horseback.

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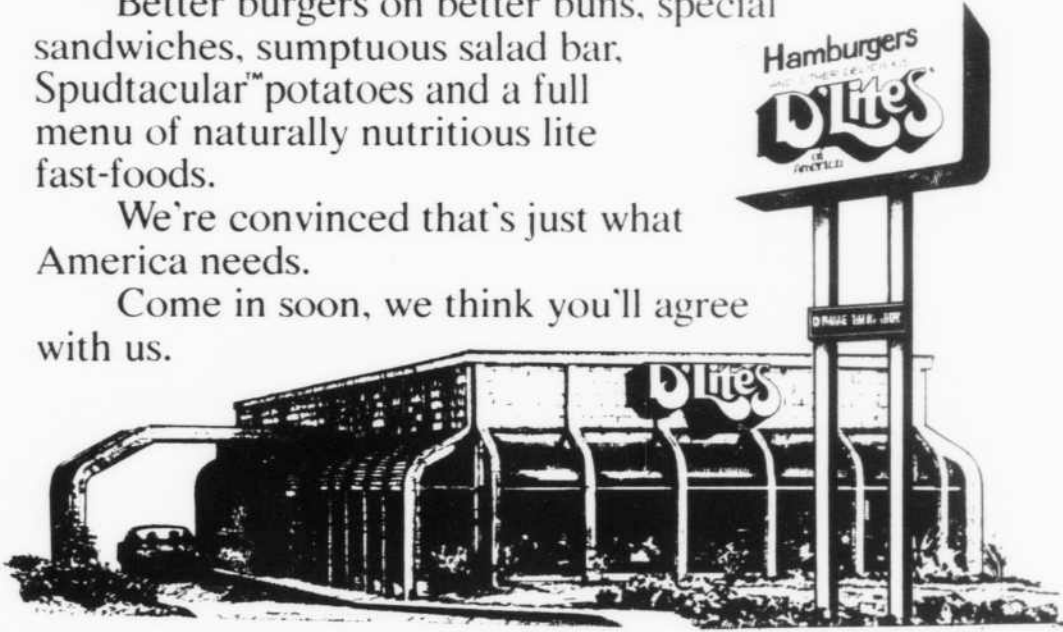


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WMOT fundraiser fall

By CONNIE CASS
Staff Writer

WMOT-FM is still receiving money from write-in membership renewals and businesses although the official fall fundraising drive has ended according to John High, general manager for the station.

The fundraising drive netted the station \$6,550 in donations, falling short of the \$14,000 goal because the event was too early in the semester, High said.

HIGH SAID HE hopes to be within \$2,000 of the goal when all the money is received.

The public station's membership drive is usually in

October but was moved this year because of conflicts with other events, High said.

Other reasons were also given for the shortfall.

"BECAUSE OF THE timing problem, the station was short-staffed during the drive," High said.

According to Eddith Dashiell, development director

Students can appeal grade disputes

By SANDRA BOBO
Staff Writer

She says she turned in all the required papers, but the professor claims otherwise and gives her a low grade.

Such problems sometimes occur. If any MTSU student feels he or she has not received a fair grade or if the student has been put on academic probation and wants to appeal the decision, there are steps the

student can take.

TO APPEAL A grade, according to a Feb. 1984 memo sent from Delbert Meyer, former vice president for academic affairs to President Sam Ingram, the student must first discuss the situation with the instructor. If there is an impasse and the matter cannot be resolved, it is brought before the department chairperson.

If the student is unable to resolve the matter, it is for-

warded to the dean of the school who will, if unable to resolve the matter, refer it to the Academic Appeals Committee, the memo said.

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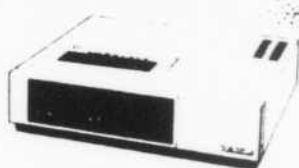
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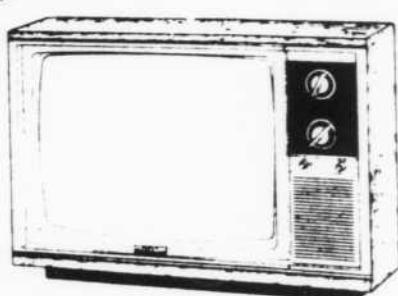
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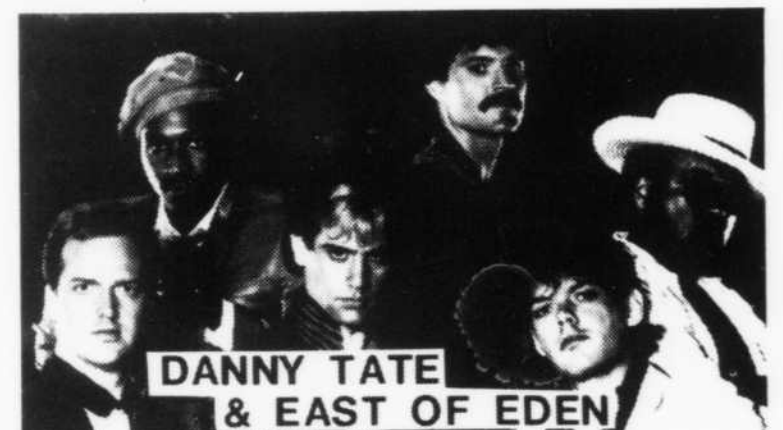
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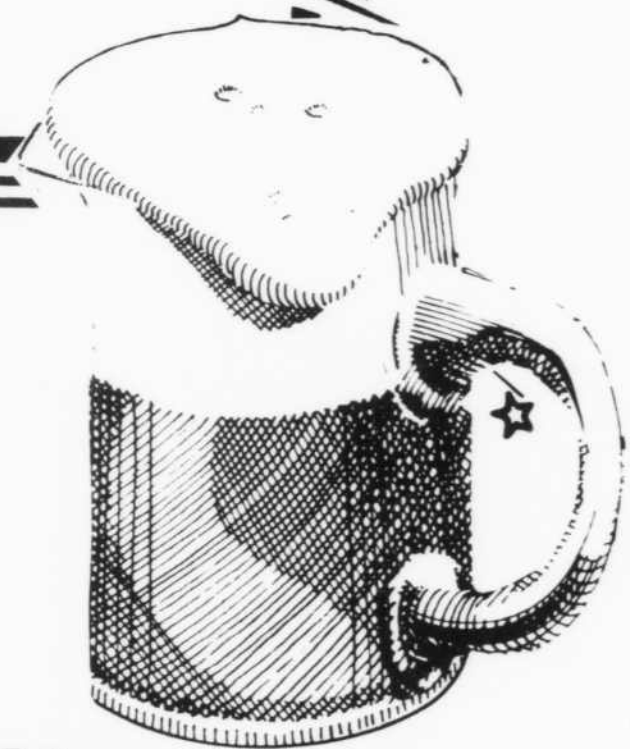
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