

Is it possible? Could a man be queen?

For the first time in the history of MTSU, a man has qualified as a candidate in the election of this year's Homecoming Queen.

Bennie Barrett, 27, a Nashville sophomore and professional student, filed his nominating petition Wednesday in the ASB office.

In 1969, a pig named Paula won the title in a contest that enraged the human contestants.

Barrett, former managing editor of the Sidelines, said he is not running to draw attention to himself since he is "already infamous on campus."

"I'm running primarily to disrupt the normal flow of events on campus and because Bill Mason (Sidelines managing editor) asked me to run," Barrett said.

"I don't see why I shouldn't run," he said. "I don't see how

the Homecoming Queen serves any purpose anyway, except maybe as a sexual object."

Barrett said the election of a Homecoming Queen is "one of those old traditions that has no purpose and should be done away with."

He said he does not expect to win "because of a massive communication gap between myself and the people of this campus."

Barrett is 6 feet 1, weighs 170 pounds, has blond hair, blue eyes and is balding.

He measures a voluptuous 35-31-39.

Deadline for filing entries in the Homecoming Queen competition is noon Monday. Names of the other candidates will be announced in the next issue of Sidelines.



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Dean says ASB Supreme Court is not a judicial body

by Ted Rayburn

ASB's Supreme Court is an administrative body, not a judicial one, Dean of Students Robert LaLance told the court's justices Tuesday.

"The court does not make substantive due process decisions, only procedural ones," LaLance said. Decisions of the justices do not affect guidelines set by the State Board of Regents, LaLance said.

LaLance outlined duties of the supreme court to the new justices

in a conference Tuesday at the University Center. He defined the four levels of judiciary at MTSU: the traffic and general sessions courts, the supreme court, the University Discipline Committee and the University Appeals Committee.

LaLance explained the duties of the Routing Committee, which is responsible for deciding whether a case may go to the supreme court or to a higher level of the judiciary. In the case of an offense on campus that violates a local, state

or federal law, the case is directed by LaLance rather than the committee.

LaLance went on to discuss the finality of evidence in a court case, saying that a defendant need not be proved guilty "beyond a shadow of a doubt," but that he may be found guilty if there is any reasonable cause to do so.

In federal and local courts, evidence "beyond a reasonable doubt" is required, LaLance said. However, this is not true in student courts, he said.

LaLance told the court members if they had an "umph" more evidence one way than the other, that is the way they must rule. "Beyond reasonable doubt" is not necessary, he said.

When a conflict in the testimony of a student and an administrator (including campus police) occurs, the benefit of doubt must be awarded to the administrator, he said.

LaLance explained that the accused person may choose whether to be judged by the supreme court or by an administration member or members.

Under some circumstances, administration official may decide to release the student, LaLance said.

If a defendant wishes to appeal his case, he is allowed only one appeal, and the appellate decision is final, he said.

LaLance established three duties the justices must follow. They must give the defendant an unbiased, fair hearing, weigh violations with consideration for the welfare of the school and give top consideration to state regulations, he said.

Mead cancels visit

Well-known anthropologist, Margaret Mead, has cancelled her campus speech scheduled for Nov. 1.

Mead was summoned to an emergency meeting of the World Council on Nutrition.

Her speech will be rescheduled for the spring semester.

John Denver concert scheduled for Sunday

by John Pitts

John Denver, the solo recording artist currently selling more records than any other musician in the world, will perform Sunday at Murphy Center in a concert sponsored by the Special Events Committee.

Denver's music is distinctive for its good, clean, country flavor. Themes in his music include a hope for the achievement of man's potential and for universal peace of mind.

"I can't imagine anyone being luckier than I am," Denver said in his biography, "doing the one thing I enjoy more than anything else in the world and being able to make a living at it."

Denver's career has also reaped him commercial rewards. His latest album, "Back Home Again," has sold over a million

copies since its release in June. "John Denver's Greatest Hits" has sold over 3 million copies this year.

In the singles market, Denver's musical tribute to his wife,



John Denver

"Annie's Song" has sold more than 1.5 million copies, and his new song "Back Home Again" is a success.

Denver's music has brought him national popularity due to the broad spectrum of music audiences it appeals to. Denver's music registers strong response in the National, Country Music and Easy Listening ratings.

Denver's appearances on national television have received good reviews and drawn large audiences. Denver has been signed for a series of television specials beginning in December.

Tickets for the concert are still on sale on the third floor of the University Center. Tickets will go on sale at the door at noon Sunday. There will be no student discounts at the door. Tickets at the door will be \$6 and \$7.

ASB Supreme Court denies posts to write-in candidates

The ASB Supreme Court ruled unanimously yesterday to deny senatorial posts to juniors Bill Mason and John Griffin who claimed write-in victories in last March's elections.

Bennett declared two seats vacant before the March election because only three candidates filed for the five junior senate seats.

Mason and Griffin contended Bennett's ruling was unconstitutional since the ASB Con-

stitution states "five Senators will be elected in the month of March," counsel Roy Wilson said.

The Constitution also states write-in votes will be allowed and must be counted, Wilson said.

When the ballots were counted in March, the write-in votes in the senatorial race were listed only as "others," he said.

Write-in candidates were not aware if they received any votes because all write-in ballots were not counted individually, Wilson said.

According to the Comprehensive Electoral Act, a person must file a protest petition with the election commission within 24 hours after the election.

The votes were not counted until about two weeks ago, Wilson said. The plaintiff, then filed their suit in Supreme Court within the 24-hour limit.

ASB Atty. Gen. Mike Carter argued that because of the 24-hour rule, Mason and Griffin waited too long before they protested the election.

Bennett had the right to declare two senatorial seats vacant, Carter said. These rights were given him by the general grants of power in the Comprehensive Electoral Act, he said.

The court ruled Mason and Griffin waited too long to challenge the final vote.

The court also ruled the actions of the election commissioner in the election to be unconstitutional, but said the "governmental process" would be impaired if Mason and Griffin were seated.

Wilson said the plaintiffs had no reason to file in March since they had no idea they had received the fourth and fifth highest vote totals.

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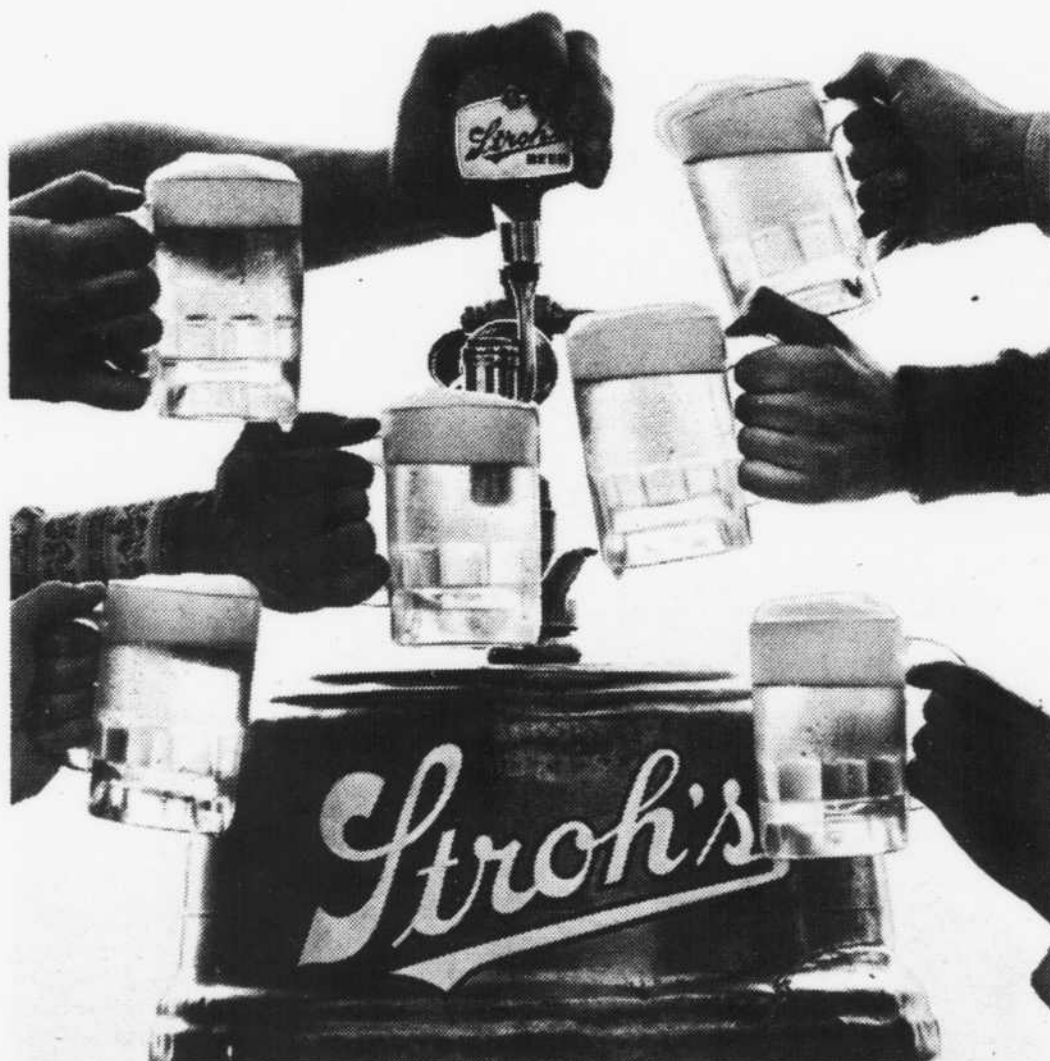
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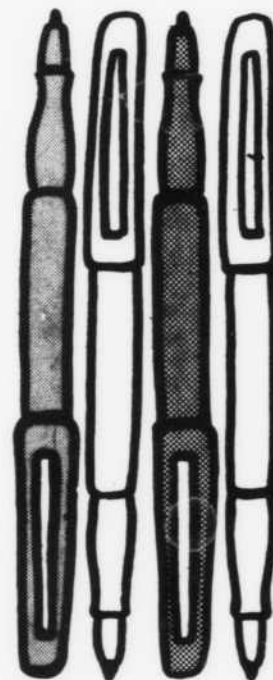
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File 13

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Applications for graduate study under the Mutual Exchange Program must be filed today. Contact Coy Porter at the Dramatic Arts building room 301.

Clifford Madsen of Florida State University's music department will conduct a workshop on the relationship between music and behavior at 9 a.m. Saturday in the UC theater. Cost is \$1 for students and \$3 for the general public.

Archeology Club will sponsor an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the UC room 310.

Die Deutschen Kameraden will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Foreign Language house. All interested students are invited.

FOUND--A man's sweater on the main floor of the library. The sweater will be returned to the owner by the reference section upon description.

Sidelines adviser asks end to summer publication

Sidelines adviser Jerry Hilliard has proposed in a memo to Edward Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman, that the newspaper cease summer publication.

"I think the time has come for us to give serious consideration to the possibility of ceasing summer publication," Hilliard stated.

"There are three major reasons (and a whole lot of less important ones) why this should be considered," Hilliard wrote in the memo.

He stated that unless the Sidelines received new equipment the current equipment would not hold up under the strain of 12 continuous months use.

He also said that a summer newspaper was too expensive when considering the number of students who attend summer school.

"Without the summer issues, we could put more money into improving the quality of the newspaper during the regular school year," he pointed out.

The most important consideration, Hilliard stated, was giving the staff members a vacation to

contemplate the changes to be made and new approaches to take in the fall semester.

"The way things are now, the same staff produces the summer newspaper that produces Sidelines during the regular school year--

and it starts off the regular year in a state of near exhaustion," he wrote.

A second consideration he said, was that a person serving as summer adviser would be free to teach classes.

JOHN DENVER

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Justice needs revival on campus, in court

Comments made by Dean of Students Robert LaLance to the ASB Supreme Court members Tuesday and a ruling made by the court yesterday reveal a complete disregard for the constitutional rights of students and for the U.S. and ASB laws that are supposed to govern them.

In a briefing of new justices, LaLance said proof of guilt "beyond a shadow of a doubt," a cornerstone of American justice since the foundation of this Republic, is not necessary.

All that is required for conviction, according to LaLance, is an "umph" more evidence for guilt than for innocence.

When a conflict in testimony occurs, the word of an administrative official must always be given more weight than the word of the accused, LaLance said.

Finally, if a student is convicted (and how could he not be?), he has but one chance to appeal that conviction in the university courts, he said.

What LaLance's comments amount to is a notification to the student body that its human rights, guaranteed not only by the Constitution of the United States, but by every judicial body in the land, have no validity on this campus.

What LaLance's comments show is a gross unconcern for the basic liberties and safeguards to liberty that have sustained this nation and its people.

The administration's attitude is apparently also subscribed to by the members of the ASB supreme court.

In a case before the court yesterday, two juniors claimed election to the ASB senate on the basis of write-in votes they received in March. The court found the actions of the ASB in the conduction of the March election to be unconstitutional, yet it declared no changes would be made and the two students not seated because such a ruling would disrupt the normal flow of government.

In effect the supreme court has ruled that the ASB Constitution has no validity when it interferes with the convenience of ASB officials, and presumably when it interferes with the whims of any university official.

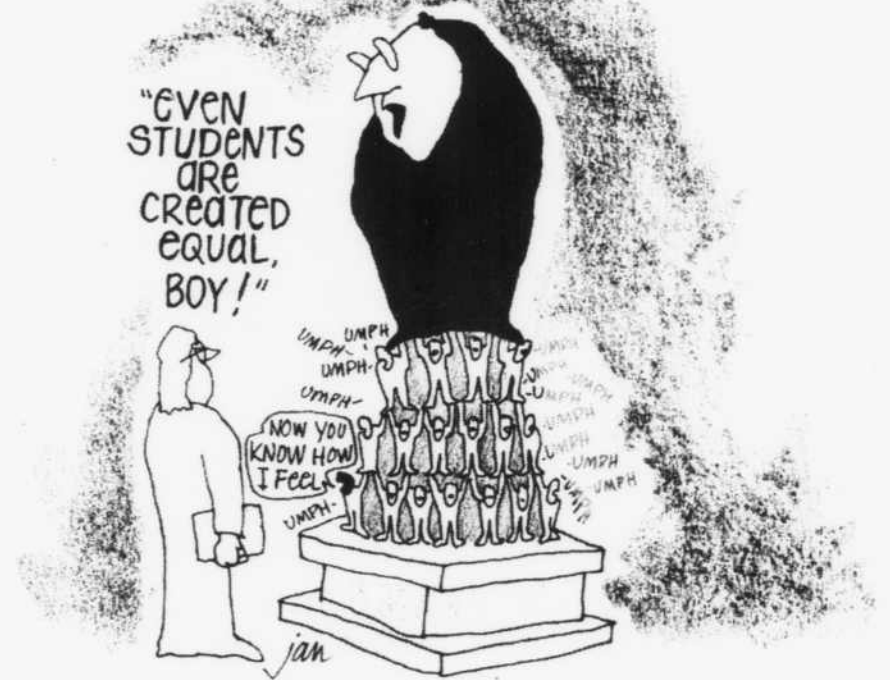
The supreme court has ruled the ASB to be a government of personalities and of individuals rather than of laws.

Perhaps some of this can be blamed on the fact that a majority of the justices on the court were appointed by ASB President David Dodd upon the advice of his attorney general, Mike Carter.

Carter represents the ASB in all civil matters and prosecutes all students in disciplinary matters. The question now arises if it is humanly possible to get a ruling from the supreme court that does not favor whatever position Carter and Dodd decide to take.

Something is wrong with the system of justice on this campus. Something is wrong when the constitutional rights are violated openly and freely by the administration. Something is wrong when the supreme court refuses to correct a flagrant violation of the ASB Constitution.

Something is seriously wrong, and only by an outcry of indignation from the students and a closer evaluation of the law by those in authority can this mockery of justice, fairness and decency be removed.



Feedback

Things 'could' be worse

I have lived in married student housing for three weeks. Yes, I have already come in contact with every situation mentioned in your article. I work full time so was unable to attend the meeting at 3:30 p.m., which is probably the very same reason many other residents were not present.

I agree that the laundry room leaves much to be desired, but I have washed at many public washing areas and have not found them any cleaner or in much better shape.

Of course I can hear people in the apartments surrounding me, but I didn't expect a sound-proof apartment when I moved in! I know how they are constructed and realize that it would be impossible to keep out all noise. I feel if I can hear other people, they can hear me so I try to keep the noise down as much as possible.

I agree that we need bike racks, but this problem is being solved since they have been ordered.

When I moved into my apartment, I was expecting to have to spend at least one day cleaning, but instead found it in very good shape and only had to do minor cleaning. Yes, the carpet was even clean. There are a few spots,

but they are permanent and will not come out.

I guess you could say that I am upholding the managers of married housing and the housing office because I feel we get much more for our rent than we could find anywhere. I feel that no matter where I live there will be a few inconveniences, but if I simply put up with them and not blow them all out of proportion, life is much easier!

Gwen Williams

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Owners change, but Brown's Mill traditions live on



Photos by Alan Loveless

by John Pitts

When Keel McElroy decided to turn Brown's Mill over to Dan McMurry, he did so because both men understood the old mill and the traditions behind it, an unfaltering servant of the community for more than a century.

The 101-year-old mill, located 10 miles from campus near Lascassas, has been continuously grinding corn meal and flour for the community since its water wheel began turning in August, 1873.

The mill has survived several owners, including the Brown family who had it constructed, McElroy and now McMurry, professor of sociology at MTSU.

"When we decided to make Middle Tennessee our home, we looked for a place in the country," McMurry said. "It was a stroke of fate that we bought the farm next to the mill."

The McElroy family quickly became the McMurry's "closest and dearest friends," McMurry said.

"I grew very close to the mill. I went down many times to help Keel McElroy grind, mill and sack."

McMurry had been living next to the mill five years when McElroy decided to sell. "I never had any doubt about buying it," McMurry said. "It just seemed the natural thing to do."

When McElroy was convinced of McMurry's interest in the mill "he wanted my assurance that the mill would be maintained as a source of good, wholesome corn meal and flour," McMurry said.

"When Keel signed the contract he looked at me and said, 'Dan, it's like giving you my right arm,'" McMurry said.

McMurry quickly decided to leave the mill "unaffected" by modern progress because "that's the way Keel wanted it."

McMurry purchased the mill and 15 acres of riverfront property. He acknowledged that he had received several substantial offers since, but that he did not



intend to sell.

He has found that housewives and health food consumers are among his biggest customers. The mill produces "Jack Frost" flour ("I guess because it's so white," McMurry said) and "All-Rite" corn meal.

"Brown's mill is one of the largest strictly water-powered mills in the south," McMurry said. McMurry pointed out that there are larger mills in the south but most have electric equipment.

The old mill has proven to be durable. The last major overhaul was in the late 1930's. McMurry

credits the long life of the mill to good construction and continuous care.

There was a time when more than a dozen mills were a day's ride or less from Murfreesboro. Now, Brown's mill is the only one that is close and McMurry is not planning to waver away from the "traditional mill" idea by planning anything "earthshaking."

"We've moved around so much," McMurry said, "it seems like our roots are really secure." If his roots are secure, then so is the future of the mill, which looks as bright as its successful past.

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Ombudsman council to grow

by Phil West

ASB's ombudsman campaign is snowballing as the council is expected to expand to about 30 members when it meets for a training session at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the ASB conference room.

David Dodd, ASB president, said he has written all residence hall officers, in addition to ASB cabinet members, enlisting their help with the problem-solving program.

"So far, we've been averaging six to 10 calls a day on the ombudsman line from people looking for information," Dodd explained.

"Most calls are from people wanting to know about dropping or adding courses and about our tutoring program, which is getting off the ground," he added.

One student from Alaska called the ombudsman line trying to locate a fellow Alaskan at MTSU. Another student sought information about getting a student visa for Bermuda, according to Dodd.

Dodd pointed out that while dorm officers are not technically on the council, they will enlist council members from each floor of every dorm. Council members will be requested to submit weekly reports to the council, Dodd said.

During the training session, council members and interested persons will be familiarized with the university and its administrative system, Dodd explained.

"What we've done so far is inform people," Dodd said. "I think that's pretty good for the first month of the program."

Concert opener not yet scheduled

by Jerry Manley

An opening act for the Oct. 26 Homecoming concert featuring the Pointer Sisters has not yet been scheduled, according to the director of the Office of Student Programming.

Harold Smith, student programming director, said The Righteous Brothers had been tentatively scheduled but accepted a contract for another show on that date.

"It's hard to get a group this close to Homecoming because most performers have already made other arrangements," Smith said. "We just found out The Righteous Brothers weren't coming this (Wednesday) afternoon."

Tickets for the concert are on sale at the UC second floor ticket booths from 10 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays. Both \$5 and \$6 tickets are still available. Students get a \$1 discount on each of their first two tickets by presenting a valid ID.

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Salesman cons students with book offer

by Gina Jeter

If a certain encyclopedia salesman from Grolier Interstate Inc. has selected you to receive his company's "fantastic offer," watch out.

"His whole offer is a bunch of garbage," says MTSU student Debbie Magish, and a Sidelines call to Grolier's Atlanta office yesterday verifies her story.

Magish said the salesman, whose name she could not remember, came to her door Tuesday night.

He told Magish and her husband they were one of 35 Murfreesboro families selected at random to receive a free offer worth

\$300--a 20-volume set of encyclopedias--in exchange for writing the company about the books' usefulness and permitting their names to appear in advertisements.

Then the salesman offered a yearbook and a question-answer service for 10 years at \$29.95 a year, Magish said. With this purchase came an added bonus--a bookcase, four health dictionaries and a two-volume dictionary set.

However, the purchase had to be completed in a maximum of 32 months, Magish said, and totaled \$384 with extra charges.

Lilly Higgins, a customer ser-

vice representative with Grolier's in Atlanta, said the offer is "definitely not a company policy." All items listed above, except the annual supplements selling from \$7.95 to \$8.95, are part of a package costing \$299.50, Higgins said.

Students who have signed contracts will be contacted and released from the contract if not satisfied, Higgins said.

"We can't do anything until we know who the man is," Higgins said. Anyone knowing the salesman's name is asked to make a collect call to 404-394-4900, she said.

Speaker to lecture on energy in future

Melvin Gottlieb, director of the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory, will lecture on "Energy for the Future" at 8 p.m. Tuesday in room 322 of the University Center.

The speech is being sponsored by the MTSU chapter of Sigma Xi, the scientific research society of North America, in conjunction with the Ideas and Issues Committee.

Gottlieb was one of the founders and the first chairman of the Plasma Physics Division of the American Physical Society, and is currently professor of astrophysical sciences at Princeton.

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Boyd named player of week

One of the bright spots in last Saturday night's 24-7 loss at the hands of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga was the play of Blue Raider linebacker Melvin Boyd.

Boyd had eight individual tackles, five assists and one fumble recovery against the Mocs to earn him Sidelines' player of the week honors.

A native of Springfield, Tenn., Boyd is a 6-0, 205-pound junior majoring in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He is considered a leading candidate for post-season honors by the MTSU coaching staff.

Eastern Kentucky game 'must win' for Raiders

by Scott Elliott

Bill Peck's Blue Raider football team, riding a 2-2 season's mark, will square off with conference foe Eastern Kentucky at 1:30 Saturday afternoon in Richmond, Ky., for what MTSU's coaching staff termed a crucial game for both squads.

The Raiders dropped a 24-7 decision to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga last week, while EKU blasted Austin Peay 22-9.

Both teams will put undefeated Ohio Valley Conference records on the line. MTSU owns a 1-0 OVC slate, while the Colonels

have knocked off conference rivals East Tennessee and APSU.

Peck said one of the Raiders' primary tasks will be to stop the "outstanding running" of EKU's sophomore tailback Everett Talbert, who leads all other runners in the nation with a 194-yard rushing average per game.

When the fleet Talbert is not testing the MTSU defensive line, the Raiders will have to deal with the "tremendous passing ability" of Colonel quarterback Jeff McCarthy, according to Otis Wagner, Raider defensive coordinator.

IM officials needed for flag football

Officials are still needed for men's flag football, intramural director Joe Ruffner said yesterday. The sign up deadline for officials is next Tuesday.

For further information, call Ruffner at 2104.

On Tuesday, a meeting of all officials will be held in Alumni Memorial Gym.

In addition registration for men's football and women's volleyball will remain open until noon Tuesday in the intramural office in Alumni Memorial Gym.

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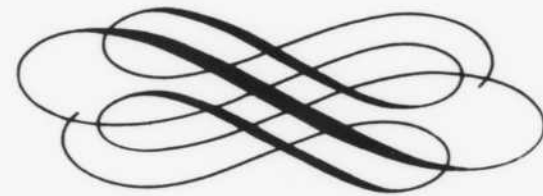
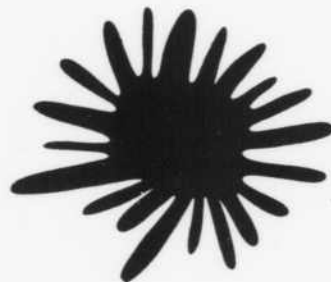
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