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In meeting with president

## Students protest teacher's pending dismissal

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Veita Jo Hampton

Last Thursday 12 photo-journalism students met with MTSU President Sam Ingram to protest the pending dismissal of Veita Jo Hampton, a photo-journalism assistant professor.

"I am grateful for their interest on my behalf," Hampton said "I think they have handled the entire situation very professionally and with a great deal of consideration for my feelings and my future," Hampton said, concerning the students' appeal.

Hampton, who has taught at MTSU for six years, was not recommended for tenure by university committees this year.

Faculty members not recommended for tenure within six years are not offered contracts at MTSU after a seventh year of employment.

"She has practical experience and a number of [professional] acquaintances," Pam Harison, a photo-journalism major who has worked on the *Midlander* and is now intern-

ing at *Daily News Journal*, told Ingram at Thursday's meeting. "She has connections in the real world of photo-journalism."

Bill Steber, another photo-journalism major, was also present Thursday.

"We are finding work out in the real world," he said. "Now this school is producing people that are able to find jobs with the aid of Veita Jo."

Frank Conley, *Sidelines* Photo-Editor, was also present.

"Veita Jo has given us a true sense of what is required of a photo-journalist," Conley told Ingram.

"She has instilled in her students a desire to go out and do the very best," Mike Johnson, *Sidelines* Staff photographer and photo-journalism major, said at the meeting.

"She established the photo-journalism department in mass communications and accredited it under the AEG Mass communication guidelines. She also merged the photo and graph departments together," Johnson added.

Wayne Cartwright, who has worked for *The Nashville Banner* and is working for *The Tennessean*, also felt strongly about Hampton's teaching abilities.

"She is one of the most motivating people I know. She really motivates her students to do the hard work needed in photo-journalism," Cartwright said Thursday.

"She was responsible for creating the award-winning photo-magazine *Light Year*, and then she handed it over to the students to learn by doing," Sandra Rennie, photo-

journalism major and *Sidelines* staff member, said to the MTSU president.

*Light Year*, the magazine Hampton helped to create, is compiled once a year from students' submissions. The magazine is then distributed nationally and internationally from photo gallery funds.

*Light Year* has won awards from several organizations including the Mead paper company for printing and excellence in editing and design.

Hampton's case is still in review, subject to Ingram's recommendation to the State Board of Regents.

The number of student credit hours in the photo journalism department has declined, Ingram explained to the students.

"We staff according to the number of student credit hours" Ingram later said.

"The procedure for tenure does not depend on one person. There are reviews at several levels of the administration," Ingram said. "I will try to review the process and make a decision that is right for the students."

One of the reasons given by university officials for Hampton's pending non-renewal was her lack of a Ph.D.

"There is nothing in any policy that states a person must have a Ph.D. to receive tenure," Robert Corlew, vice pres-

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## Biology professor to retire this May

By BRICE MINNIGH  
Staff Writer

After 40 years of teaching Biology at MTSU, Gerald Parchment is planning to retire in May.

While here, the professor has won an MTSU Outstanding Teacher Award, a Distinguished Alumnus Award, and has been listed in the publications *American Men of Science* and *Outstanding Educators of America*.

"Dr. Parchment is like an institution around here," George Murphy, biology department chairman, said. "He's been here for 40 years and has made a great impression on our staff. His retirement will be a major change for us. It will be hard to find someone to fill his niche."

"I was a student in his ecology class, and I found him to be an excellent teacher," Patrick Doyle, biology professor, said. "He has a real talent for extracting just what the students need to understand the material. He is also a very prolific joke teller. He knows enough jokes to print a book full of them. His sense of humor always helps to lighten

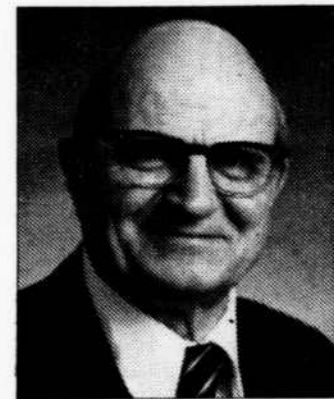
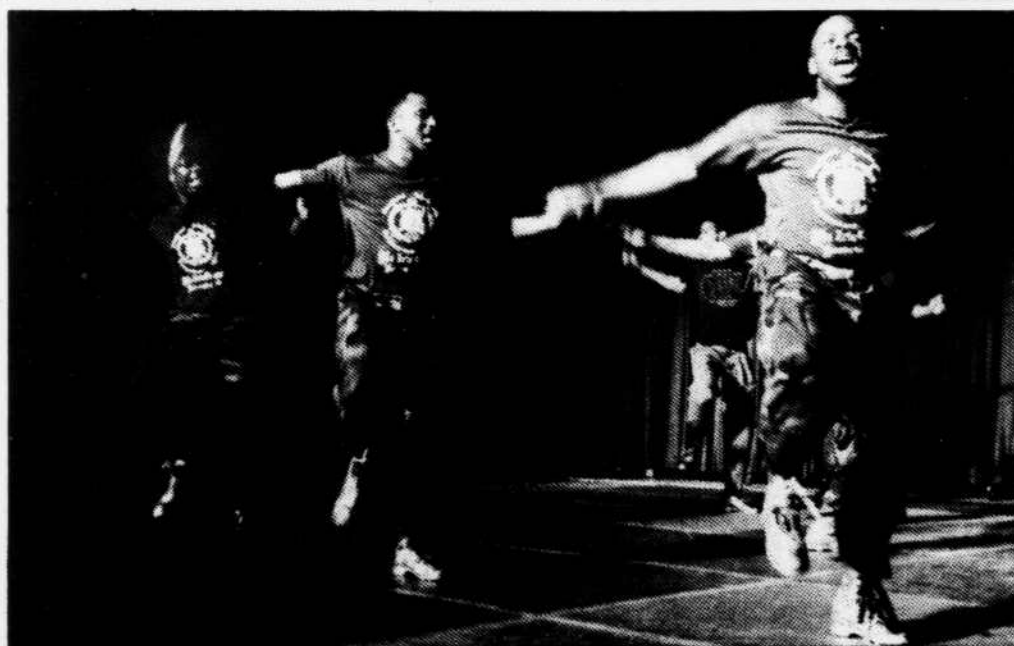
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Top: Members of the Iota Mu chapter of Phi Beta Sigma show their stuff at Saturday night's "step show" sponsored by the Mu Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. The Sigmas won first place for for best fraternity.

Bottom: Members of the Mu Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity perform at the show. Since they sponsored the event, the Omegas did not compete.

Photos by George Walker•Staff.



Gerald Parchment

# Two buildings get automatic doors

By **JEREMY ROLFS**  
News Editor

Thanks to the combined efforts of Harry Hosey and the ASB, Handicapped Student Services, and Campus Planning, automatic doors have been placed in two MTSU buildings.

"We have two doors in place right now, and we're thinking about a third," John Harris, Handicapped Services director, said.

The doors, located in Kirksey Old Main and the Keathley University Center, can be opened by pushing a buzzer located on nearby walls, Harris said, noting that the doors can still be opened simply by pulling the handle.

"Harry Hosey and the

ASB did a lot to get things rolling — he was instrumental," Harris said.

"I did some of the research on the project," said Hosey, ASB president. "Memphis state has about five wheelchair students, and they have automatic doors. Vanderbilt has four or six wheelchair students, and they have eleven electric doors. At the time I was working on [the project], MTSU had about 20 wheelchair students and no automatic doors. We have the most wheelchair students of any university in the state of Tennessee."

"Charles Pigg of Campus Planning was also very helpful," Harris said.

"I believe the idea came

out of the Handicapped Student Services Committee," Pigg said. "The ASB was very supportive."

Pigg said he felt the system in place prior to the installation of the automatic doors was insufficient.

"The original requirement was that there be doors that required no more than eight pounds, but some of our students have no use of their arms or hands," Pigg said. "The new doors can be triggered by a very small amount of pressure."

Harris said he was considering possible locations for another door.

"We're looking for a third door right now," the director said. "We're considering



Michael Johnson/Staff

Floyd Stewart Jr. demonstrates the new automatic doors at the Keathley University Center. The doors allow easier access to the building for handicapped students.

High Rise West Cafeteria Building." "We're very pleased to have them," Harris said.

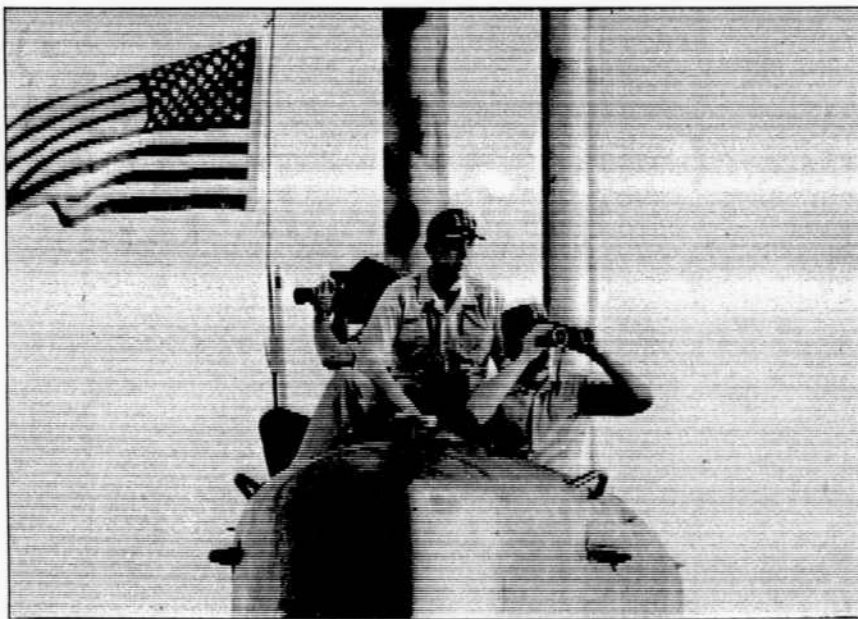
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A lecture entitled "Delivering Effective Service to Handicapped Students on College Campuses," will take place Tuesday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in Room 322 of the KUC. The lecture will feature Pat Pierce of Vanderbilt University, and is free and open to the public.

A lecture on test anxieties, presented by the Association of Non-traditional Students, will take place Tuesday, April 25, at 5 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 201. All students are welcome to attend.

The Charlie Daniels Murfreesboro Noon Exchange Club Championship Rodeo will take place Friday, April 21, starting at 7 p.m. For more information, contact David G. Hunt, Jr. at 896-2912 or 898-6446.

MTSU Cable Channel 33 is now accepting resumes for the following management positions: production director, news director, programming manager, promotion manager, and operations manager. Appointments for interviews will be made in the next few weeks.



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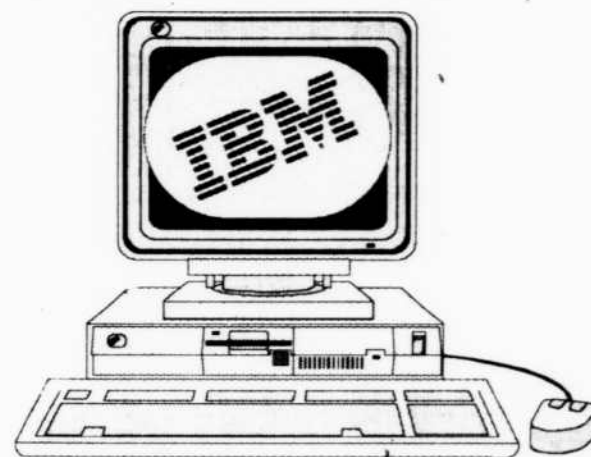
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# In Thursday taping

# Negative media influence examined

By JEREMY ROLFS  
News Editor

Members of MTSU's student media and the director of the office of public relations met last Thursday night on Cable 33's "The Carla Moore Show" to discuss the effects of MTSU's media on university policies.

Sidelines editor D. Brian Conley, Cable 33 Assignment Editor Carlos Johnson, and Public Relations Director Dorothy Harrison answered questions raised by Carla Moore, the show's host, and members of the studio audience.

The discussion began when Harrison addressed the importance of good journalism. She mentioned that *Sidelines* wasn't just read by MTSU students.

"It needs to be done accurately and honestly," Harrison said. "It's for more than just the campus, it goes to the State Board of Regents as well."

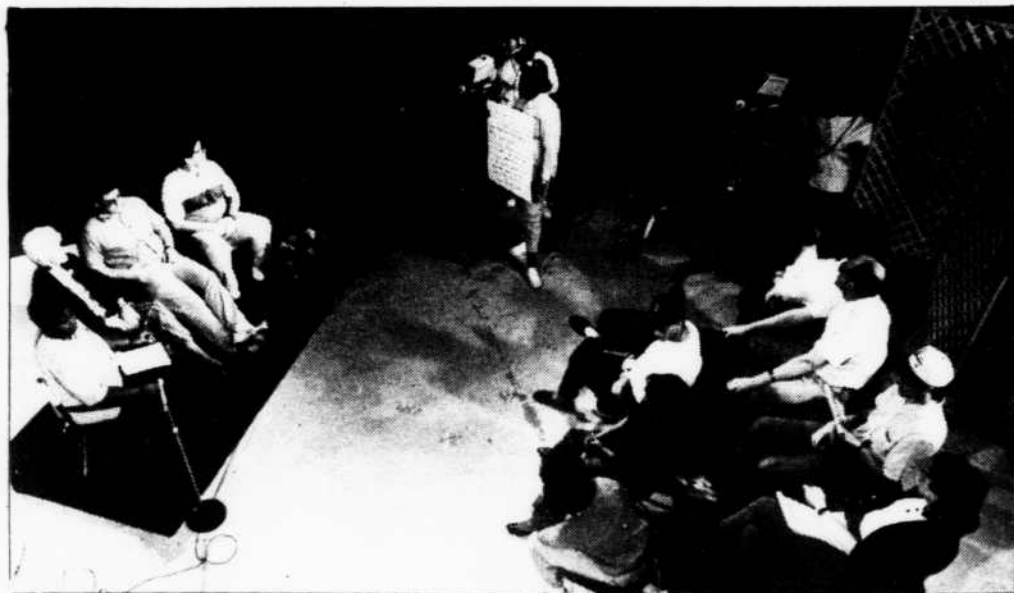
The guests continued their conversation, agreeing that what the media covers should be done in "good taste," which they all admitted was difficult to define.

Coverage of stories that have a negative impact, or are unpleasant for the university,



Frank J. Conley ● Staff

D. Brian Conley and Dorothy Harrison share a laugh while Cable Channel 33's Carla Moore looks on. The panelists discussed campus media influence.



Frank J. Conley ● Staff

(From L to R) Carla Moore, Dorothy Harrison, D. Brian Conley, and Carlos Johnson, wait to begin a discussion in a video-taping of "The Carla Moore Show" last Thursday.

were discussed when a question was raised about a story which appearing in last semester's *Sidelines* concerning homosexual activity in men's restrooms at MTSU.

"I don't like running things that are negative," said Conley, who was not the paper's editor at the time of the homosexual stories' publication. He added the paper had a "responsibility" to cover important stories, regardless of whether or not they made the university look bad.

Later the *Sidelines* editor restated his position.

"As far as I'm concerned, nothing is too big for the campus newspaper to cover," Conley said. "If it makes someone look bad, that's not my fault — it's just a news story."

Johnson also felt that the media should publish any important story.

"We should cover anything as long as it's in good taste," he said, noting that there was a "fine line" between good and bad taste.

Harrison again stressed that the media must work hard to be accurate and responsible.

"I'm going to work as hard as I can to be fair and honest," she said, referring to the office of public relations coverage of campus events. The purpose of public relations is not just to make the university look good, it's to inform the public about MTSU."

Harrison added that she too was a journalist.

The program will air April 27, at 6 p.m. on Cable Channel 33.

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a dreary day. We're going to miss him."

Another former student of Parchment, biology professor Philip Mathis, also spoke well of the retiring professor.

"For four decades this man skillfully plied his craft — teaching. Despite his training as a scientist, his approach to teaching was that of an artist. His classes are alive, spontaneous, and punctuated by laughter."

The professor has seen many changes at MTSU over the years.

"An increase in enrollment and the number of buildings on campus are the most striking changes to me," Parchment said.

The professor earned his bachelor of science in 1944 from what has since become MTSU.

"When I first came to MTSU, the campus ended just past the Davis Science building. From that point on, the rest was farmland. The [agricultural] barn was there before the land area of the campus increased. The faculty is much larger today, and its programs have improved greatly," Parchment said.

"Teaching is something I always wanted to do, and my most memorable moments here have been working with young people, which is something I enjoy very much," Parchment said, regarding what he would miss most about MTSU.

The professor said there were some things he would not miss, like "finding parking spaces" and "having to issue bad grades."

Parchment plans to go "full steam ahead until graduation," after which he plans to spend his retirement enjoying outdoor activities, telling stories, playing with his three grandchildren, travelling, and visiting relatives.

"I had other offers before coming here, but I'm very glad I came and have no regrets at all," he said. "I would do it all over again if I had the chance."

Colleagues and friends are invited to attend a retirement dinner in his honor on April 27, at 6 p.m., in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Cost for the dinner is \$11 per person, with a portion going toward the purchase of a gift.

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ident for academic affairs, said. "A Ph.D. is just the highest qualification. There is a six-year tenure track here. The professor is either recommended for tenure, or given a notice not to be back, after six years."

The MTSU Policies and Procedures for Tenure (No. 11:01:05A) states the following as minimum requirements for eligibility for academic tenure (part I): [instructors must] "(a) hold academic rank as assistant professor, associate professor, and meet the minimum rank criteria for the rank held under Universities policies . . . (b) have been employed pursuant to tenure-track appointments and have completed not less than the minimum probationary period of service (c) have been determined by the University to meet the criteria for recommendation for tenure and have been so recommended pursuant to this policy."

Although Hampton has met all these requirements, MTSU committees have recommended against her being tenured, sources said.

Lack of photo-journalism students was another factor in the university's decision, Dennis O'Neil, radio, television, and photography interim department chairman said.

"There has been very little growth, if any, in the photo-journalism program," O'Neal said. "She was brought here to build the [photo-journalism] program. There are so few photo-journalists, it is difficult to make the classes."

Although one of the reasons Hampton will not be given a permanent position is a lack of photo-journalism students, her position will be filled by a new employee, officials said.

"No faculty position will be eliminated," O'Neal said. "Vita Joe Hampton is not the one determined to lead us down the road in the 1990s."

Hampton's courses will not be eliminated as a result of her dismissal.

"News-photography will always be a part of our program," O'Neal said.

Frank Conley, another student present at the Thursday's meeting, summed up the students feelings about Hampton.

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# Opinion

## Pro-life, pro-choice abortion factions have lot in common



**Frank Lannom**  
*Just an Opinion*

With the sincere hope of not talking a subject to death, I will delve into a subject which has been constantly pranced on by this paper. Hopefully, I can further some understanding of the opposing sides in the abortion issue.

With the Supreme Court only days away from hearing a case which may well affect the legality of abortion, both sides of the issue are using protest as a means of letting the court know their feelings on the issue.

First, I commend both sides on their methods of protest. For the most part the protests have been car-

ried out in traditional forms of non-violent demonstrations which would have made Chandi proud. There has been, however, a misinterpretation of one side of the issue by pro-choice forces.

It seems pro-lifers have been labeled as religious fundamentalists who are attempting to impose their views on others who do not share their feelings. Agreed, a large number of anti-abortionists are religiously affiliated, but so are many in the pro-choice movement.

I see the basic misinterpretation as labeling

them as people wishing only to impose their views on others. It is my observation that the pro-life movement is supported by sincere people who see what they perceive as a major injustice and are taking steps to correct that injustice. Their position is simple, they feel that an unborn child is a human being, believing so, abortion is to them nothing more than outright murder. Sensing this, a person has a moral obligation to do something to stop the perceived tragedy.

Take as a counter-example the popularity on our campus of protesting the inequities present under apartheid in South Africa. Those involved in the protest see an injustice being committed and are doing

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## Simple solution to complex abortion battle: compromise



**Ken L. Davis**  
*The New Jack Speaks*

**ABORTION** — this topic is causing one of the biggest moral and/or ethical dilemmas in this nation today. To those still living in the stone age, abortion is the expulsion of a fetus from the womb before it is able to exist outside the uterus. This very fact is the cause for the existence of two noted opposing forces — *pro-abortionists* and *anti-abortionists*; pro-abortionists are for the woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion while anti-abortionists are against this "right to choose." So the question is, "Who is right?" I say neither! Both groups are wrong, not in their cause, but in their methods and viewpoint.

Yeah, both are wrong! Anti-abortionists rant and

rave about "the destruction of human life" as they put it, and technically they're right. They say their basis for fighting abortion is of a moral nature, but is it really? I don't question their moral conviction. However, I must ask why don't I see any of these people, who block clinics and lay their lives on the line for "the right to life", also blocking the entrance to the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C.? Not to say a baby doesn't have the right to live, but humans are being tortured and killed everyday in South Africa. Moreover, those who've es-

caped this "death trap" are forced to live in sub-human conditions and servitude. Somehow, I believe anti-abortionists have their moral priorities mixed up!

Meanwhile, pro-abortionists are saying the woman deserves the "right of choice." Yet, the pro-abortionists seem to forget *the father* of the unborn child has rights as well. The argument seems to be the following: "The woman is the one who has to bare the pain and discomfort of the pregnancy!" True, but unless the woman is totally oblivious to reality, she should

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## Readers react to anonymous letter about Lora's death

To the editor,

Our opinion in regard to the letter submitted from the "unknown person" about the killing of David Lora is that he/she obviously has no tact in dealing with such a sensitive matter.

Obviously, he/she has no experience with college life and is stereotyping athletes and greek organizations. Well, there is no reason for college students to remind themselves that they are not superior to those who do not attend college; because anyone that wishes to further their education may do so. As the phrase goes, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

There is nothing wrong with holding your head high and being proud of your accomplishments. Obviously, the person who submitted this letter has few things to be proud of and it is quite obvious who the redneck is!

Names not withheld because we're damn proud of who we are.

Tonya, Angelia and Mary

To the editor,

I would like to address the individual who wrote the article and who also seemed to condone the murder of David Lora. First, I would like to say, Mr. Anonymous, if your spine was as strong as your hatred for the Greek society, then your name would have been printed in the April 13 issue of *Sidelines*. I am an independent and feel that David Lora was as much of a human being as you and I both. I am not athletically inclined, but still have friends. I didn't see the lightening of tension; I saw the uncovering of ignorance. Your harsh generalities about football players and greeks do not legalize murder. The last thing David Lora "paid" for was death. I pray to God that his mother does not read your article. I wonder if she would feel better knowing that you feel her son deserved being murdered. If being an independent means that I should share your feelings about the greek society, then I better join one tomorrow. By the way, my name is Jonathan Alvis and my P.O. Box is A-762.

To the editor,

I am appalled and extremely sympathetic to the "anonymous" writer of the letter to you concerning David and the greek community. I think it is pathetic for this "common Joe" to use the tragic accident involving David to display his/her contempt for the greeks.

I am neither a member of the greek society nor an athlete, yet David Lora was one of my best friends. We had class together for the past two semesters. David always had a kind word to say and was absolutely willing to help you out. Yes, David was an athlete and yes he was a greek, but he was everyone's friend. I miss David and it will take a long time to get over what's happened.

To the Editor,

For the past four years I have lived in Murfreesboro, attending MTSU. I moved here from a small town about 45 miles away and I've seen my share of rednecks — however, I can't ever remember them going around stabbing people for possibly making

I feel very sad for this "common Joe" in his pious attempt at using David to get at the greeks — or whatever he was trying to do. Whoever he is, he can be sure of one thing — if the "tables were turned" and it had been him who had gotten killed, we would not see a letter such as his in the paper from David. David would have offered nothing but compassion for a catastrophe involving a fellow student. That's the kind of person he was.

I am sure there are many others on this campus who are willing to back me up when I say this person is a deplorable jerk — and I have the balls to sign my name.

Elizabeth Hudson  
Box B231

the wrong impression. The letter in your April 13th edition concerning the stabbing incident of David Lora really hit me the wrong way.

Never have I wanted to thrash out at someone so bad. I did not even know Mr. Lora, but I've seen him around on campus and he

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# Letter to the Editor

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was always smiling and surrounded by friends. Therefore, I feel safe in saying that he must have been a happy, easy-going individual. On the night of his death, it would appear he was defending the honor of a young woman ... protecting her from being the subject of some pretty obscene language. Now correct me if I'm wrong — but isn't that pretty much the American way? Every woman would like to think she'd be protected by her male friends from people as afflicted as Mr. Sims.

The author of that letter seemed to have such an opinion formulated on the subject, yet was apparently ashamed to give his or her name ... well, put up or shut up buddy. The author felt compelled to write "college students need to remind themselves that they are in no way superior to others who do not have the privilege of attending college." What a cop out. This is America friend — get a

clue. Anyone can go to college these days — if you can pass the entrance tests. Oh, but that involves work doesn't it? That means you have to study and work a little bit for what you want.

So maybe we are a little superior ... because we have goals set in our life — and through our hard work — we meet them. I don't mean to put down those who do not attend college, only the ones who are angry at us for attending, because apparently they are jealous — and to be jealous you must have a desire — and to have a desire and not even try to fulfill that desire — is lazy — and lazy, I cannot tolerate.

The author of that "no name" letter wonders how the greeks would react if Mr. Lora would've killed the redneck. Well I'm not sure of the elite greeks, but I think they'd have been shocked — because I doubt that David Lora rode around with deadly weapons in his automobile ready to kill in **COLD BLOOD** the first person

who happened to cross his path. Most normal people don't react as Mr. Sims did, **dude or dudette!**

Then the "no name" attacks the football players stating we should "place academics in front of sports ... maybe then we won't have athletes with 10-foot tall egos giving the wrong impressions to common Joes in our society." In the past four years I've had many classes with the athletes of MTSU and they're just normal people. You probably wouldn't even know they were athletes if you didn't notice those bulging muscles — which were gained from many hard, long hours in the gyms and on the fields. But, once again, its the old work syndrome! So if the "common Joes" get the wrong impression of these fine athletes then they simply have copped an attitude and could use an "attitude adjustment."

When I got to the last paragraph, my disgust really boiled over. That author definitely has a major problem. I can't understand how anyone could say "if

[he] behaved the way many of the athletes [and greeks] often do, then he got what he paid for." My God, David Lora was only 19-years-old, he had the chance of a football career, he was involved in the Teke's — most of all he was a living, breathing human being — he **did not** deserve to be the victim of a psychotic man with a knife who obviously has very confused priorities. No one did — not my worst enemy would I have wished that on.

Last Memorial Day, two of my very dear friends were killed in a boating accident on Percy Priest Lake. They too were victims of a drunk with an attitude. Their youthful lives were ripped from them and us by a man who didn't value other's lives worth a damn. We are told not to be bitter, but its hard not to be — it's hard to understand and it's hard to get over. I understand how all of you who were David's friends feel, and I offer you my sympathy and my heartfelt prayers. I think of Gwig and Mitchel often and

finally, after almost a year, I can feel a smile spreading across my face when I think of them for all of the happiness that they brought into my life. I try to think that maybe God wanted them up in Heaven to help spread more love, happiness and sunshine. ANd if it's really true that "only the good die young" then surely the "no name" should live to a ripe old age! I'd also like to give

that person a word of advice ... **GET A PERSONALITY!** But then again, if you stay as you are, at least you won't have to worry about protection, just use your personality for birth control. To Mitchell, Gwig and David ... we (your family and friends) will always love you and miss your additions to our lives.

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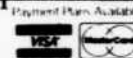
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# Letter to the Editor

## Hunter 'ignorant'

To the editor,

As a non-hunter, I found Joel McDuffee's letter to the editor (in the April 13 edition of *Sidelines*) in defense of hunting to be ignorant and extremely contradictory.

In the second paragraph of McDuffee's letter, he seemed to denote that it is somewhat less than honorable to be concerned with the welfare of "defenseless animals." It is a sad day for human beings when compassion for fellow inhabitants of Earth is a matter of little importance.

In McDuffee's third paragraph he stated, "Let's face facts, human beings are meat eaters." McDuffee based this assumption on the fact that we have canine teeth. I read the rest of the paragraph and found more

facts. OK, now for the real facts. Human beings are meat eaters purely by choice, not out of necessity. In case McDuffee didn't notice, most of our teeth are molars, and not canines. The molars in human beings are flat, like the molars in herbivores, and are used for grinding plant material.

Here are some more "facts" for Mr. McDuffee. It is an absolute fact that human beings can live a long and healthy life without ever eating a single piece of meat. The idea that one has to eat meat for protein has long since been disproved, meat is not the sole source of highly concentrated protein. When protein is digested it breaks down into amino acids. Of these 22 amino acids, only eight cannot be synthesized by the body. These eight "essential" amino acids can

be found in abundance in non-meat foods. Grains, beans, nuts, etc. all have protein. Peanuts and lentils, for example, have more protein per ounce than beef or pork. These are "just facts."

In Mr. McDuffee's third paragraph he also stated that, "No one has the right to place the value of the life of one animal above another." If Mr. McDuffee really believes this, then why is he placing the value of his life over the value of the animal's life he is hunting? This seems to be a blatant contradiction on Mr. McDuffee's part. Mr. McDuffee stated that hunting is the most ancient profession. I wish he could explain to me how he came about this conclusion, I'm interested. It is nice to know that hunting kept people from starving during the Great Depression, but

this is 1989, and few people in the U.S. are starving. The ones that are, are supposed to be taken care of by the government.

The sixth paragraph of Mr. McDuffee's letter has to be the most absurd one of all. He said, "I never met a hunter that enjoyed killing." Just one look at this statement attests to its absurdity. I suppose hunters hunt because they hate to kill animals. Mr McDuffee

made another statement that was almost as absurd as the above one, he said, "I have a great respect for the animals I hunt and enjoy learning about how and where they live." When

I read this I felt it must have been some sort of inside joke, popular with the hunting crowd. If he respects the animals, then why does he kill them? If he enjoys learning about animals,

then why doesn't he just observe them.

I am not going to take any ethical stands on hunting or meat eating. I only want to present Mr. McDuffee with "the facts." Killing for recreation is the weakest link in the chain of animal and ecological abuses. I leave a final fact for Mr. McDuffee. Man is the only animal that kills for sport.

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consider such consequences, as should the man, before engaging in the act. No doubt, a woman bares more when pregnant. "But, for this reason alone, a woman must weigh the consequences more when it comes to sex.

If these two groups would stop arguing, maybe they would realize they have much to compromise with. Anti-abortionists want to make abortions illegal except in cases of rape, incest, or if the mother's life is in danger. Well, if you omit the making of abortions il-

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legal, nothing else is wrong with this! Surely, pro-abortionists want to promote responsibility in the decision-making of pregnancy and, with the exception of the three cases previously mentioned, every other case of pregnancy involves a *will-ing decision* made by both participants.

Pro-abortionists want to have a "right to choose." Well, isn't this an inalienable right? After all, who gave anyone the right to pass judgement? As Jesus Christ put it, "Let he who be without sin cast the first stone!"

So, what's the point to all

this? Compromise, people! Make stricter requirements for a pregnant woman to abort an unborn child, such as cases of life and death, rape, incest, and provide the necessary enforcement to see it is adhered to. However, under no circumstances, should abortion be made illegal. If made illegal, it will stop the increased abortion rate.

Unfortunately, it will only contribute to the increase of "back-alley" abortions, increased birth defects should the baby live, and more deaths of pregnant woman.

to stop the injustice. Likewise, if a person truly believes that an unborn child is a human being, and they see and hear of the number abortions committed every day, they then have no choice but to take action. If they did not, they would be forsaking their duty as human beings to help those who cannot help themselves.

For a person with the sincere belief that abortion is murder, there is no choice; no way around the feeling

that they must do something to stop the tragedy that they perceive.

Both sides of this protest are filled with sincere people who believe what they are doing is right. Because of this, an answer to the abortion issue will not be found in the Supreme Court. The battle will only start there. If, however, the opposing sides can learn to understand each other better, maybe the battle will be a little less bloody and a little shorter.

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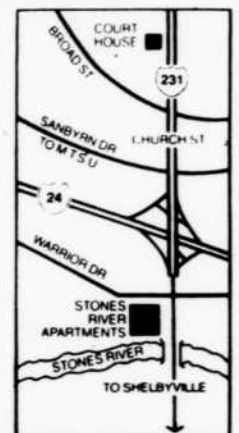
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# 'Hair' best MTSU play yet

By **AMANDA CANTRELL**  
Senior Staff Writer

The MTSU Buchanan Player's presentation of *Hair* was the best performance that I have ever attended at MTSU.

*Hair, the American Tribal Love Rock Musical*, was directed by Deborah Anderson, and contained a cast of 26 actors, dancers and singers; not to mention a live band.

I was pleasantly surprised by the singing in this pro-

duction, considering that the majority of the cast were from the theatre and dance departments.

Claude, the main character, was played by Tim Gillard. He could not only act well, but was also a good dancer and had a strong voice. Michael McGee, the choreographer for this performance, and also a cast member of "The Tribe," possessed a shocking voice range. Richard Browder as

Hub, with his afro and his jacket of streamers, nearly stole the show as he sang "Colored Spade." Shannon Parnell as Shelia, and Shelley Stice as Chrissy, are also to be commended for their singing.

Cast members of *Hair* did not just remain on stage to sing and dance, but interacted with the audience. Enthusiastically, they gave out flyers for a fictitious "Be In," bummed money from

members of the audience, and marched down the isles carrying candles and singing. Hair flying and beads jingling, the cast, as well as the audience, seemed to be having a great time during the performance.

I would have liked to have seen more dancing in the production, but I realize the difficulty of singing and dancing at the same time.

The music in the production was entertaining,

though the band was better at improvisations at the beginning of the show than at performing the written music.

Despite injuries (one of the main characters was in a wheelchair with a broken foot), *Hair* was a great success.

Cast members dancing and singing on huge, mobile sets, creative lighting effects, and wonderful bright costumes made the production visually exciting.

Slide photos of the Vietnam War were projected onto the white backdrop at the end of the show, giving

the musical a realistic and poignant undertone.

The cast and the production crew thoroughly deserved the standing ovation they received after the performance.

♥ MTSU's performance of "Hair" was dedicated to Abbie Hoffman, one of the original radicals and member of the Chicago Seven. He formed the Yippy group — Youth in Protest of the Pentagon — which led to a demonstration at the 1968 Democratic Convention.

Abbie Hoffman died April 12, 1989, opening night, at the age of 52.

## Delta Zeta wins All-Sing again

From Staff Reports

Beta Theta Pi stole the show at All-Sing Thursday, April 13, and took home trophies for both men's division and best overall performance.

The Betas used the Wizard Of Oz as their theme. Since Dorothy and the wicked witch were played by men, this theme choice was interesting.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon came in second place. Their theme, "Friends," seemed to be enjoyed by the crowd.

Delta Zeta won first place in the women's division for the second year in a row. Dressed in theater usher uniforms, they gave a terrific performance of famous movie songs.

Following with second place was Alpha Delta Pi. They showed good voice quality in their performance from *Mary Poppins*.

Kappa Delta's program was well performed and their costumes were great. Alpha Omicron Pi gave a great rendition of the 50s and 60s dressed like Go Gos. And finally, Chi Omega also gave a great performance. They were, however, disqualified for the use of off-stage props.

In the mixed division the Baptist Student Fellowship and the Wesley Foundation also did a great job. The Wesley Foundation was the winner with a touching scene using sign language.

The show, which was sponsored by Tau Omicron, was very well put together. This year's emcee was KDF disc jockey, Shannon.

"Overall, everyone did a great job and their talents really proved that they worked hard," said a spectator of the show, Andrea Jones.



Frank Conley • Staff

Dressed in theater usher uniforms, Delta Zeta sings a theme from famous movie songs. They won the women's division of the All-Sing for the second year in a row last Thursday.

## DST celebrates heritage with activities

By **BRIAN WILLIAMS**  
Senior Staff Writer

The Iota Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority will be celebrating its heritage this week. The theme of the week is "Heading in the Right Direction." During the week many activities and programs will be held. Activities scheduled for the week include:

Monday

A display by the members about their sorority will be featured in the bottom of the KUC from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A "Graffiti Dance" will be held at the JUB from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Everyone will wear white T-shirts and bring markers to write on each other's shirts during

the dance.

Tuesday

A bake sale will be held in the bottom of the KUC from 9:25 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. During the bake sale, a "Sexy Body" contest will take place to see who has the sexiest body.

The sorority will play a volleyball game against Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Gym.

Wednesday

There will be a gospel showing in the KUC Theatre beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will feature local gospel singing talent within the Murfreesboro Church community.

Thursday

A play show will be per-

formed at 5 p.m. on the dial in front of the KUC and Davis Science Building.

There will be a Lip Sync contest beginning at 8 p.m. in the KUC Theatre.

Finishing the day, a dance will be held at the Elks Lodge located on Greenland Dr. from 10 p.m. until...

Friday

There will be a picnic from 3 to 7 p.m. at Old Fort Park.

Saturday

A dance will end the week. It will be held at the JUB from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The theme of the dance will be "A Delta Affair."

Also during the week, two service projects will be held and a "Greek Mixer"

will take place on Friday. This event will be a private affair for all black Greeks.

All events are open to the public. For more information about any of the programs and activities call Cheryl Bridwell, the president of the sorority, at 898-3919.

## Coming Up

Monday

The Handicapped Student Services wheelchair team will play the SAE's in basketball in the AMG building at 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Pat Pierce, from Vanderbilt, will give a lecture for the Handicapped Student Services month in the KUC room 322.

Wednesday

There will be a women's oil wrestling match at City Limits. After 10 p.m., women may enter without paying a cover charge and receive happy hour prices the rest of the night (\$1.25 long neck beer and \$2.50 a pitcher). A live disc jockey will perform.

Thursday

The AGR Barbeque is open to the public. Domestic Geoffrey will perform. The barbeque will not serve alcohol this year, but to make up for it they will have 900 pounds of "all you can eat" barbeque. The barbeque will begin at 8:30. Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door. Also Thursday, City Limits will be having "We Love You MTSU" night which will include a free cover charge, live disc jockey, and happy hour beer prices (\$1.25 for long neck beer and \$2.50 for pitchers).



# Sports

## Kentucky prospect signs with MTSU

By KEN SALTER

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders made their second signing of the spring by inking a guard from Boone Co. Kentucky.

Julie Morrison, a 5-8 guard from Union High School, averaged 16 points per game her senior year as she led her team to a 28-7 record and a spot in the sweet 16 of the Kentucky state basketball tourna-

ment.

"I really enjoyed my visit to MTSU," she said. "The coaches and players were very friendly and I like the location. The place just gave me a good feeling."

Morrison plans to major in wellness and fitness and said that also played a part in her decision.

"They have what I want to major in, or at least what I think I want to major in, she said. "So that also

played a part in my decision."

Julie chose MTSU over Western Illinois, Wisconsin, Bradley and West Virginia who also recruited her.

In addition to her 16 points per game, Morrison averaged six assists and five rebounds while hitting 69 percent from the charity stripe.

"Julie played both point guard and number two

guard for us," high school coach Nells Folks said. "She will fit into the MTSU system well. Coach Bivens is looking for her to play point guard because she sees the floor well and is an excellent passer, but she can also shoot well."

"Julie didn't shoot all that well from the freethrow line this season, but she is a much better freethrow shooter," Folks said. "During her sophomore and

junior years she shot about 75 percent. That part of her game just slipped a little this season."

Morrison has not only posted impressive statistics on the court, she has also done well in the classroom.

"She has a 3.8 gpa," Folks said. "She is a well rounded individual and has won a couple of academic awards."

In this year's Kentucky high school basketball tour-

namment, Morrison was awarded the J.B. Mansfield award which is given to the player who shows excellence in basketball, academics and sportsmanship.

Morrison feels confident that her decision to come to MTSU was the right one. "I'm glad I'm going to MTSU," she said. "I really feel like I've the right choice."

## Iffert return leads Raider doubles sweep

By M.A. BROWN

Sports Editor

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Saturday's 6-3 victory over Austin Peay turned out to be an answer to MTSU tennis coach Dale Short prayers as he got two things he had been wanting for some time.

A sweep in the doubles and the return of Mike Iffert.

The Blue Raiders, aided by Iffert's return to form

after suffering a knee injury against Murray State two weeks ago, took all three doubles matches from the Governor's, after splitting six singles games.

"It was a great win. We played extremely well," Short said. "We really wanted to beat Austin Peay because they have more money and scholarships."

With the victory, MTSU raised its season's record to 14-10 overall, 3-2 in the

OVC.

They will next meet Tennessee State Tuesday in Nashville before heading into the OVC Tournament as the second seeded team on April 23 and 24.

The Raiders will compete against Murray State, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay in the tournament, which will be played at Eastern Kentucky.

"This is probably the closest tournament in con-

ference history," Short said. "All four teams will only be separated by about 10 points, and we only missed first place by two points."

"It will take a little more than hard work and determination to win this one. It's going to take a little luck, too."

All though the final individual standings have not yet been determined, Short said Craig Haslam and Chris King should enter the

tournament as top seeds in the two and five positions respectively.

He also said that Nick Sheumack and Jeff Raper would most likely be number two seeds in the three and six spots, and Johan Franzen and Iffert would be fourth seeds in the one and four positions.

"We feel good about our chances in the tournament, and the victory over Austin Peay gave us a great deal of confidence," Short said.

In Saturday's action, Franzen lost to Christer Blomquist, 6-3, 6-3.

Number two Haslam remained undefeated in conference play by downing Miroslav Jevtic, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Sheumack lost his first OVC match of the year to Anders Sundquist, 7-6, 2-6, 6-1.

Iffert, who Short said was playing at about 50 percent effectiveness, lost to Greg Brownlow, 6-2, 6-3.

"He tried, but he just couldn't do it in the singles," Short said.

King defeated Aymeric Cartau, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and Raper beat Rodger Steele, 6-1, 6-4.

In doubles action, Haslam and Iffert beat Blomquist and Sundquist, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, Franzen and King beat Jevtic and Brownlow, 6-2, 6-3 and Raper and Sheumack downed Cartau and Steele, 6-1, 6-4.

## Blue Raiders sign highly-touted center

From Staff Reports

VINCENT, Ala. — MTSU head basketball coach Bruce Stewart landed a major catch Saturday when the player many experts considered the best unsigned center in the nation signed a national letter of intent to play for the Blue Raiders next season.

Warren Kidd, an Alabama All-Star for Vincent High School, chose MTSU over head coach Gene Bartow's University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers.

"It was a true battle and a lot of hard work went into this one," Stewart said. "It

was a total staff effort, and Tommy Smith and Ricardo Patton did a heck of a job."

Kidd delayed his decision for several days while he debated over which school to attend.

"He's a heck of a player and a great athlete," Stewart said. "He jumps well, he's a great rebounder and tremendous shot blocker."

Kidd won every All-State honor possible in Alabama his senior season, while leading the state in rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots.



Tee time ...

Frank Conley • Staff

Tom Rennie, a 1984 graduate of MTSU, and Scott Zimpfer, a visitor from Pennsylvania, shoot a little golf in the field behind Cummings Hall Sunday afternoon.



# Brescia College kicks MTSU Soccer Club in hard-fought match Sunday

By BRICE MINNIGH  
Staff Writer

MTSU's Blue Raider Soccer Club suffered a 2-1 loss Saturday in Owensboro, Kentucky against Brescia College's club team.

Brescia's team consisted mostly of players from Brescia's varsity squad.

MTSU scored first in the middle of the first half when center halfback Warren Juliano chipped a cross-field pass to right forward Marty Gilbert, who virtually ran the ball into the net.

Brescia College evened the score up when they were awarded a penalty

kick on a highly-disputed pushing call. Many players claimed that the player who was allegedly pushed was off sides to begin with.

"He might have been pushed, but he was off sides before that, so the play should have been dead long before the tripping call was made," MTSU goalkeeper Chris Wren said.

Brescia College scored the final goal of the game after Wren knocked the ball away from the goalpost, only to have it tapped in by an unmarked forward.

MTSU had several shots in the final minutes of the

game, but none of them found their way into the goal.

"The game was a hard-hitting one, with most of the fouls being committed by the Brescia players," Right halfback Scott Hughes, who injured his ankle in the first half, said. "They (Brescia players) were playing the ball instead of the man, and the ref had absolutely no control over the game. You could hardly hear the whistle when he blew it, and he let the Brescia players call his game for him."

"The team played excep-

tionally well considering the fact that they were on an undersized field, and were getting no support from the referees," MTSU soccer coach Mark Hodge said. "I can't wait until we play Brescia again."

MTSU, who has a 3-2 record, will face "The Cure" (Vanderbilt Medical School's team) Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Sykes Field in Nashville.

MTSU will also be participating in the Dixie Amateur Soccer League tournament, which begins this weekend in Nashville.

# MTSU splits twin bill

From Staff Reports

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — MTSU pitcher Rob Angell continued his Orel Hersher impersonation Saturday as he extended his string of scoreless innings pitched to 19 1/3 to lead the Blue Raiders past Western Carolina 3-2 Saturday.

Angell relieved Scott McCormick in the fifth inning of the second game of Saturday's double header and shutout the Catamounts down the stretch to help Middle earn a split in the twin bill.

Western Carolina blasted

three homeruns to win the first game 7-4.

After the Catamounts took a 1-0 lead, MTSU came back to take a 2-1 lead on a two-run single by Cale Lawson in the fourth.

Western Carolina retied the game at 2-2 in the sixth, before Middle rallied to take the lead in the seventh.

Jeff Avery drew a pinch-hit walk to start the inning, then moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on a Mike Young single.

With the split, the Blue Raiders upped their season's mark to 15-15-1.

# Sports Celebration to be held April 29

From Staff Reports

All senior members of Middle Tennessee State University's athletic teams will be honored in the annual Sports Celebration which will be held in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room on April 29.

The event, which is sponsored by the Blue Raider Athletic Association will also honor student-athletes who were recognized during the year for outstanding academic performance, along with the university's male and female athlete of the year awards.

The Blue Raider Athletic Association will also name its

Blue Raider of the Year, an award which goes to the year's most outstanding individual MTSU booster.

Cliff Gillespie, MTSU's Dean of Admissions will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

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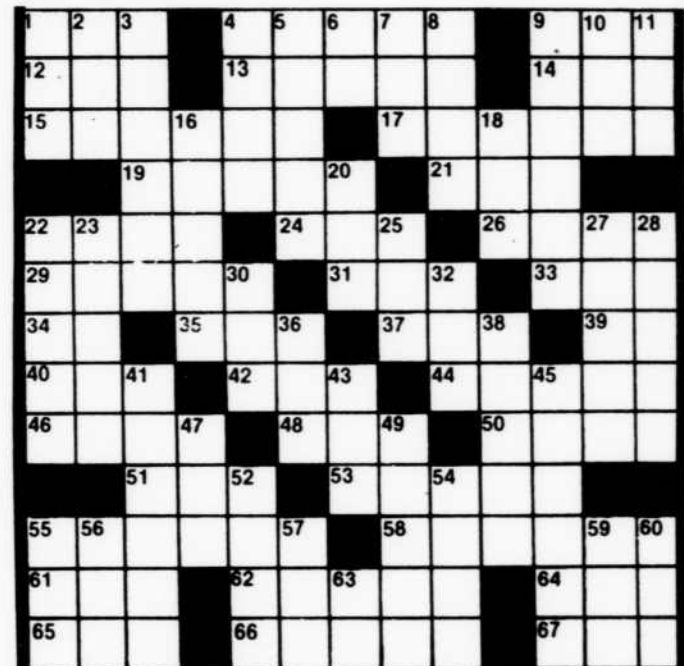
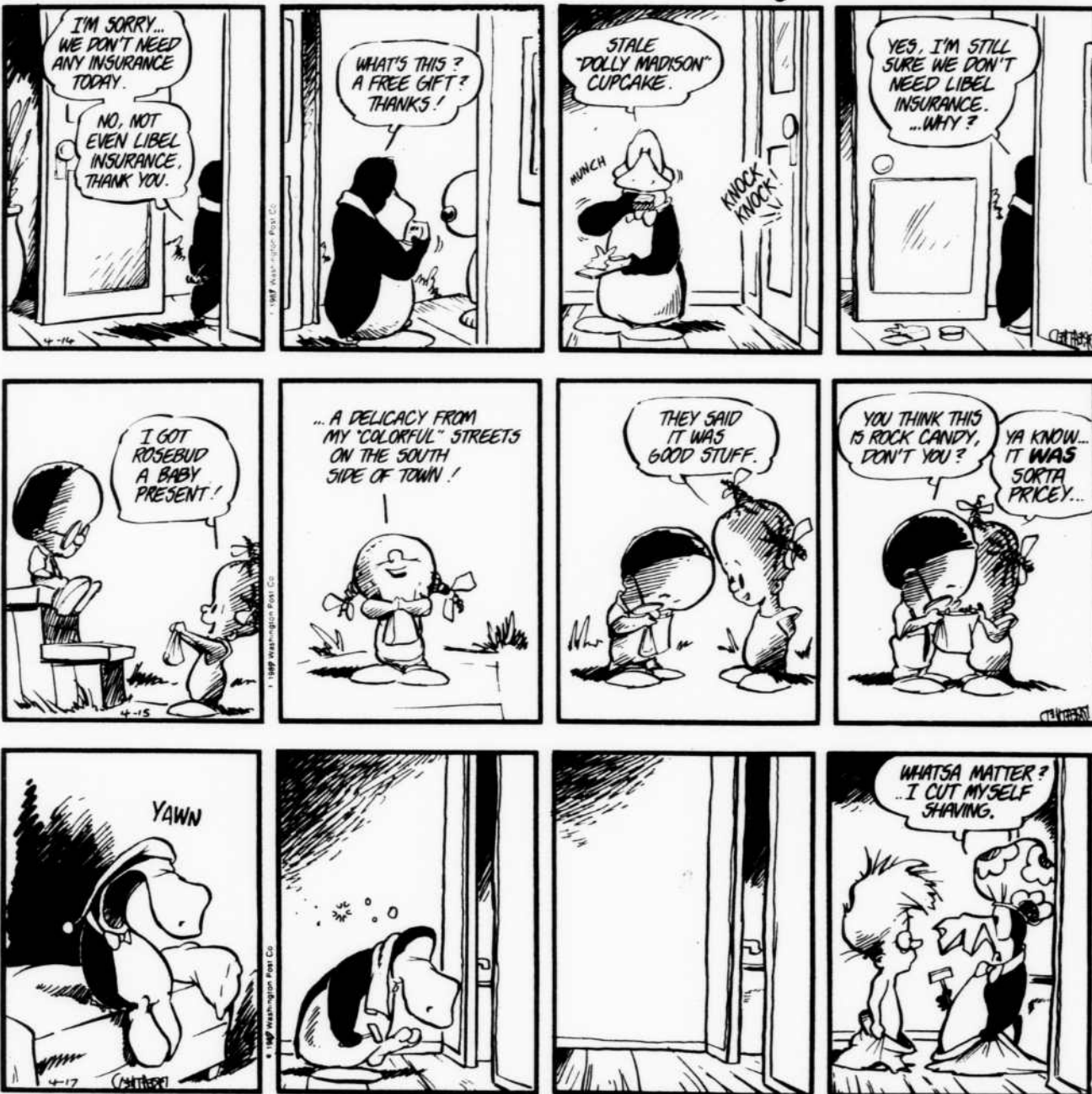
LOST IN PECK HALL OR KOM - Purple jacket with jacket with yellow lining, collar, and cuffs. Has "Smyrna Band" letter and several stripes on left with "Carlton E. Kinslow" on right. If seen, call 898-2437 or 459-5219 or return letter and stripes, at least, to office # 118, SAC - No questions asked.



# The Back Page

## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



### ACROSS

1. Unhappy
4. Return money
9. Sweep
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Gershwin
13. Area for sports
14. Hail!
15. Do over
15. Take forcefully
19. Dot
21. Allow
22. Put foot forward
24. Perfect number
26. Dash
29. Silk net
31. Rest
33. Self
34. Morning time (abbr.)
34. Rock band of 1970's
37. Neon
39. Thing
40. Fishing reel
42. Gov. police agency (abbr.)
44. Steps over a wall
46. Vacation
48. Incorporated (abbr.)
50. Old
51. Bow-shaped
53. Soft material
55. Domed roof
58. Refusal
61. Dined

62. Accede
64. Attempt
65. Each
66. Castle ditches
67. Strain to fill out

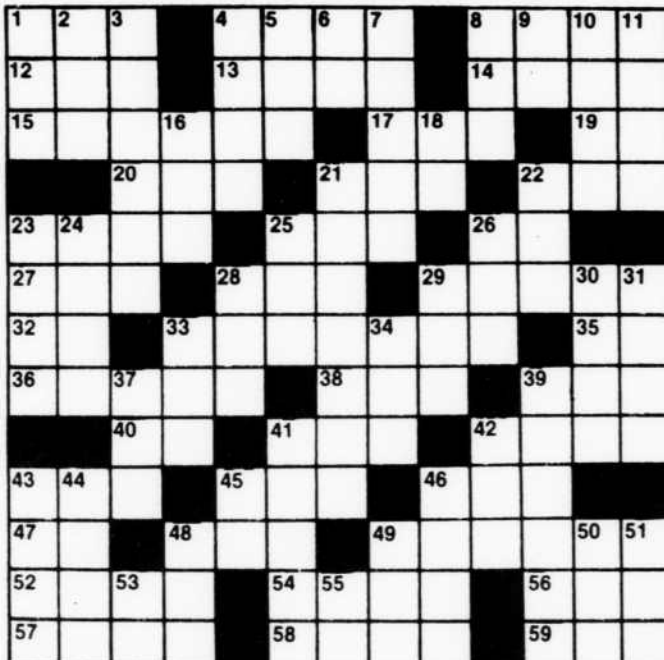
### DOWN

1. Man's title
2. Plural verb
3. Knight's lady
4. Sweep leaves
5. Bull
6. Myself
7. Pen fluid
8. Cat appendage
9. Sleeveless coat
10. Egg
11. Energy
16. Red fruit
18. Scotland river
20. Man's name
22. Begin
23. Growth
25. Pester
27. Alert
28. Distinguished
30. Mischievous child
32. Ballet step
36. Jap. sash
38. Mar
41. Baby's garment
43. Those not out
45. Light
47. Champion
49. Military student
52. Shell fish
54. Prepares golf ball
55. Hat
56. Indian
57. At one time
59. Noah's boat
60. Leached wood ashes
63. Egyptian sun god



### ACROSS

1. Unhappy
4. Frolic
8. Measure
12. Poem
13. Spoken
14. Newspaper piece
15. Find
17. Upper appendage
19. Third scale note
20. Mineral
21. Perform
22. Appropriate
23. Mineral vein
25. Frozen water
26. Preposition
27. Hail!
28. Dined
29. Eight singers
32. Myself
33. Springs up suddenly
35. Second scale note
36. Rub out
38. Craft
39. It is (poetic)
40. Direction (abbr.)
41. And so on (abbr.)
42. Two singers
43. Amount (abbr.)
45. Anger
46. Send a bill
47. Thus
48. Single unit
49. Sign
52. Low speed
54. Scion (variation)
56. Fill out
57. Sea bird
58. Fork prong
59. Young boy



### DOWN

1. The sum
2. Astir
3. Convert from code
4. Word for word
5. NW state (abbr.)
6. NE state (abbr.)
7. Put
8. Edge
9. Near
10. Temperature (abbr.)
11. Send forth
16. Plural verb
18. Right (abbr.)
21. Salt of acetic acid
22. Boat stern
23. Limp
24. Above

25. Indefinite pronoun
26. Fall month (abbr.)
28. Monkey
29. Food scrap
30. Great lake
31. Exam
33. Employ
34. Curve
37. Picnic pest
39. Underground passage
41. Standing up
42. Dig (p.t.)
43. Assistant (abbr.)
44. Burrowing animal

45. Not out
46. Eat
48. Has
49. Male offspring
50. Also known as (abbr.)
51. Lead (p.t.)
53. Either
55. Two (Roman)



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