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Ag department solves problem; Saga buys unchecked steer

By Michael Gigandet

A steer, which was not inspected by the state Food and Drug Division, has been sold by the agriculture department to Saga Food Services and served to unsuspecting diners.

In a letter to the business office dated Oct. 28, 1974, Robert Alexander, chairman of the agriculture department, stated the steer was processed through Jones Locker Co. and sold Saga for \$130.

Dick Deheck, Saga Food director, and Alexander both said that as "far as they knew" the meat had been inspected.

The steer was one of three used in a demonstration project in which a fistula, or clear pane, was installed in the animal by a local veterinarian so that students could view the animal's internals.

"The fistula continually came out of the animal resulting in considerable loss of the rumen fluids, and as a result, the animal continued in an emaciated condition," the letter read.

"It was determined, therefore, that we had one of two recourses: namely, to destroy the animal on the spot writing it off as a complete financial loss or to have the animal slaughtered by Jones

Locker and sell the carcass to Saga Foods," the letter read.

Jones Locker Co. is not a commercial processor and does not inspect or grade meat, a company official said.

The company does slaughter and process meat for individual use but is "not allowed" to on a commercial basis, the official said. If they had known the steer was intended for commercial consumption, they never would have slaughtered it, the official added.

Robert Reeves, assistant director of the state Food and Drug Division, said his department does inspect Jones Locker for unsanitary conditions.

However, the inspection does not include examining the animals as in a commercial inspection, he pointed out.

A commercial inspection requires examining the animal before it is slaughtered and an inspection of the animal's organs afterwards, Reeves explained.

Reeves said he would contact Alexander and recommend that all meat sold to Saga in the future should first be inspected.



"John" is only one of Roger Camp's photographic endeavors now on display in the Photo Gallery through Jan. 31.

Saga opens SUB cafeteria

Students, faculty and staff have a new campus eating place in the Student Union Building's cafeteria.

The cafeteria, opened Wednesday by Saga Food Services, features "dinner type food" and a snack bar serving sandwiches, Saga director Dick Deheck said.

Deheck said the cafeteria will honor the services' new 3-2-1 meal plan.

Completely renovated since its closing in 1973, the cafeteria includes a faculty and staff dining room open 11 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Rooms for banquets, receptions and conferences are available and can be reserved in the UC office, Deheck said.

The new hours are:

Breakfast: 7 — 10 a.m.

Lunch: 10:30 — 2 p.m.

Dinner: 4 — 6:30 p.m.

Snack bar: 10 — 6:30 p.m.

Questions Armour appointment

WMOT seeks 'Sunshine' ruling

WMOT-FM has asked for a ruling from the state attorney general's office as to whether the Murfreesboro City Council violated the "sunshine law" when it hired Claude Armour as public safety director.

Dennis Adamson, news director at WMOT-FM, said he learned that "meetings had been conducted in the Murfreesboro Federal Savings and Loan Association building by councilmen on this matter (the hiring of Armour)."

Adamson said officials of the station "felt it our obligation to the public to seek a ruling from the state attorney general."

Harold Baker, director and general manager of WMOT-FM,

said people had misunderstood the action taken by the station. "We didn't charge or accuse anyone. We simply asked for a ruling concerning a possible violation," Baker said.

The announcement of the hiring of Armour was made by City Manager E. C. Fite, Jr., at last Thursday's council meeting. Adamson said "the announcement was the first mention ever made at a City Council meeting that Armour had been considered or even that the post was going to be filled."

"Since that was the first indication that they were going to hire anybody, the thought popped into our minds, 'Where did they decide they were going to take

this action?'" Adamson added.

The "sunshine" or "open meeting" law states that it is unlawful to hold chance meetings, informal assemblages or to use electronic communication to decide or deliberate public business.

Since Fite said he had contacted the councilmen over the telephone and the matter was discussed at a "coffee" held at the Murfreesboro Federal building, WMOT-FM is asking for a ruling dealing with the individual polling procedure of the councilmen.

State Rep. John Bragg is formally seeking the ruling upon the station's request.

SDX to meet

Sigma Delta Chi, the society of professional journalists, will hold a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 316 of the UC.

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Prelaw Society to hear attorney for latest details on ABA suit

By Phil West

An attorney for the Prelaw Society and other plaintiffs in its lawsuit against the American Bar Association (ABA) will speak to the MTSU group Jan. 28.

Charles R. Ray, a Nashville attorney, will present "up to the minute details on the (law) suit" during his speech at 11 a.m. in Old Main room 324, according to Mike Carter, Prelaw Society president.

Named as plaintiffs in the suit, which was filed last Friday, are the Prelaw Society, Laborers District Council of Greater Memphis (Tennessee Local 1733), attorney David E. Caywood of Memphis and the National Consumer Center for Legal Services.

Defendants in the action are the ABA; the Tennessee BAR Association; Graham Bartlett, state bar association president; Ramsey Leathers, clerk of the state bar association; and T. Mack Blackburn, executive sec-

retary of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

The plaintiffs are bringing the action to lift restrictions from the ABA Code of Professional Responsibility that prohibit attorneys from participating in "closed panel" group legal aid programs like the one proposed for MTSU, according to the complaint.

Under the proposed MTSU program, students would pay \$10 a year, providing 1,000 participated, to receive criminal misdemeanor defense up to \$400 with \$25 deductible and felony defense up to \$500 with \$50 deductible. Students could also bring action as plaintiffs in cases involving warranty violations and landlord-tenant problems.

The suit charges that amendments to the Code of Professional Responsibility "endorse and authorize lawyer participation in open panel legal service plans, which are generally considered more lucrative for attorneys, but forbid lawyer participation in closed panel group legal service plans, which may result in lower cost to beneficiaries with attendant lower income for attorneys."

Under the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the complaint points out, "any attorney in Tennessee who provides legal services pursuant to a closed panel group legal services plan" is subject to discipline by the state Supreme Court for violation of its rules.

Members of the Prelaw Society had earlier negotiated with Ray concerning the legal aid plan for MTSU, according to Carter.

Carter said the National Consumer Center for Legal Services is bearing the cost burden of the suit.

"We needed a helping hand, and that hand came through," Carter said.

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Godspell, Fields, Synesthesia highlight March festival

By David Weiser

A repeat performance of Godspell Mar. 4 is just one of the events scheduled for the Fine Arts Festival Mar. 2-6.

The Fine Arts Committee is planning an extensive campaign effort that includes distributing brochures and utilizing campus talent to participate in the festival.

Harold Smith, director of student programming, said "It will serve as a preview showing for Opryland" where it will open the following week.

A two-hour band concert directed by Joe Smith, associate professor of music, will feature trumpeter Larry Skinner. The

concert will be held at 2:30 p.m. Mar. 2 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

An improvisational act called The Boston Tea Party will be held at 8 p.m. on Mar. 3 in the UC Theatre.

The revue, which was written by Jules Feiffer, Philip Roth and Art Buchwald, mixes contemporary characters with historical events resulting in "a humorous and satirical bonanza" to celebrate our nation's 200th birthday.

Earl Hinton, professor of music, will direct the university orchestra in a classical program scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Mar. 5 in the DA.

Synesthesia, a kaleidoscopic media show that merges color, light, sound and photography, will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Mar. 5 in the UC Theatre. A workshop will be held at 3 p.m. in the theatre.

In the same vein as John Chappell's "Mark Twain Tonight," Richard Paul will portray W.C. Fields in "W.C. Fields 80 Proof" at 8 p.m. on Mar. 6 in the D.A.

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However, there is a small group of governors-elect who care about people freezing and starving. There are those who realize the sad shape of their state economies, the ever worsening plight of their people and the political crisis that faces them.

If there is anything outstanding about this election year's batch of governors, it is the early beginning of a new strain of politician. That is the type of governor who not only tells people what to do but gives them an example to follow.

There's Ella Grasso, governor-elect of Connecticut, who refuses to ride in a chauffeur-driven limousine, but drives her personal compact to conserve fuel and the taxpayer's money.

Instead of ordering new elitist stationery, Grasso merely crosses the name off her predecessor's surplus supply and writes her name above.

There's James Longley, the independent governor-elect of Maine, who said this isn't the time for balls and banquets, and if anyone wants to congratulate him they can drop by the gubernatorial mansion for coffee and donuts.

There's Edmund Brown, Jr., governor-elect of California, who also refuses to have a big, expensive banquet when some people are wondering about their next meal. Instead, he took his family to a Chinese restaurant for dinner.

And there are others, each in his own way listening to his conscience and denouncing the elitism which now prevails in American politics.

America is faced with a crisis; the call has been heard; and the people are slowly beginning to respond.

So when the elitists go to their banquets they will have one more thing to worry about. Their time is up. The forerunners are ready, and their presence will expose the elitists as the small leeches they are.

As we watch our state politicians wheel and deal at their banquet, keep in mind that they are like the fateful passengers of the Titanic, dancing their way to Hell!



feedback

Symbol change could go too far

The proposed change of the University's symbol raises some very provocative questions.

It seems a problem arises from the seal which portrays General Nathan Bedford Forrest mounted on a horse. As reported in Sidelines, Nathan Bedford Forrest was one of the founders of the KKK, and could possibly be a source of insult to blacks.

Suppose the proposed logo is accepted. What will be the next prey to this thinking? Will it be a change in Forrest Hall, or possible a change in that elite group of ROTC students, the Forrest Raiders?

Next might fall the name of the school's athletic teams. Everyone knows that the name Blue Raiders is a direct derivative of Forrest's lethal band of cavalry. If this trend continued long enough, it could possibly affect the name of the Rutherford County courthouse, dedicated to

best cavalry officer in the South.

The symbol, so well used and accepted at this university, is in the process of change without the students' being able to properly voice their opinions. In view of this, we feel a campus referendum would be the only fair de-

termination.
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reflect the views of the administration or faculty. Columns and letters are solely the authors' opinions.

Group gains in logo issue?

Tuesday's article dealing with the so-called face lift of the school symbol seems to be supporting a small minority and is not giving the majority of students an opportunity to voice an opinion about removing General Nathan Bedford Forrest from the logo.

Before any decision is reached the question should be put to vote. This small minority already has had abolished the school mascot, the playing of "Dixie," and the waving of the Confederate flag.

All minorities should be heard, but this country operates on the voice of the majority.

The students are only asking to be allowed to vote on this matter. If President Scarlett sees fit to approve the change of our symbol without a student vote then I am for changing the name MTSU to Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro Branch.

Jack Nicholson
Box 4121

Social Security benefits many

By Robin Freeman

So you're collecting social security payments when you're 18? No, you haven't been put out to pasture, but students may be eligible for benefits and not know it.

A student can draw social security if one parent receives disability or retirement benefits or has died, according to Ann Bryan of the Social Security Administration in Murfreesboro.

"A student can receive payments up to the age of 22 if he is a full-time student," Bryan said.

If a student decides, however, to go to school part-time, or gets married, the payments will stop, Bryan warned.

This, on the other hand, doesn't prevent a student who is receiving payments from getting a job. "As long as a student does not earn more than \$2,520 in wages, he can still get a check," Bryan said.

Conduct important in job interviews

By Robin Freeman

"Duh, I wan' a job. How 'bout it?"

This may sound fine to you, but it's not a recommended way to make points with a prospective employer. When you go for your long-awaited campus interview, learn the proper way to conduct yourself.

The placement office can help. They have a brochure called "The Campus Interview--Are You Ready?" and a cassette on interviewing that will surely prepare you for the big time.

Don't rush over to the office and demand to see a campus representative so you can practice your suaveness and slickness on him. You must have an appointment, and that appointment must be made at least two weeks in advance, according to placement office officials.

Sign-up sheets for interviews between Feb. 3-14 will be available Jan. 20. You can also sign up for interviews for Feb. 17-28 as early as Feb. 3.

Please note, however, that you must sign up in person. After all, everyone likes to peek at top quality merchandise in advance!

Martha Turner is in charge of the office and is available to help students with questions.

Some tips to keep in mind to help you through the rough spots are: 1)hair combed-no wetheds; 2)teeth brushed-a whitening brand might help; 3) always be prompt-watch Mickey's hands; and 4) wear business attire-a Lynyrd Skynyrd T-shirt wouldn't do, man.

If a student earns more than \$2,520, his benefits are reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned, Bryan said.

Full-time students need not worry about collecting payments during the summer months. "If a student goes to school from September through June and plans on returning to school in the fall, he can still draw payments for the summer months," Bryan added.

Don't pack that suitcase!

Today

Movie: "Soylent Green," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre, 50 cents
Gymnastic Meet: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., old gym
Open tryouts for next University Theatre production of George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion."
4 p.m., DA Auditorium

Saturday, Jan. 18

Track Meet: MTSU-Furman, 12-3 p.m., Murphy Center
Track
Gymnastic Meet: 8 a.m.-5p.m., old gym

Girl's Basketball: MTSU-UTC, 2-4 p.m., Murphy Center
Jr. Varsity Basketball: MTSU-M'boro Independents, 5:15 p.m.
Basketball: MTSU-Eastern, 7:30 p.m., Murphy Center

Sunday, Jan. 19

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'Spirit towels' sales begin

Kappa Sigma fraternity will begin selling "spirit towels" this week for \$1 "to try and get some spirit going," according to sale representative Jimmy Jackson.

The "Carolina Blue" towels, patterned after the "Big Red" towels of Western Kentucky have the picture of a basketball and say "MTSU: The Runnin' Raiders."

"We want people to wave them in the crowd" at the basketball games, Jackson said. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Kappa Sigma scholarship fund, but the fraternity is prepared to lose money if necessary, Jackson added.

The spirit towels go on sale today in the basement of the University Center.

'One of greatest' walking horses buried near Agriculture Building

By John Pitts

A solemn group of more than a hundred students, faculty and other onlookers huddled around the freshly dug grave, eyes transfixed on the gray coffin which hung above the orifice, awaiting the final rites.

After a short eulogy, recorded for posterity by a television camera, the coffin was awkwardly laid into the ground as several members of the crowd broke into convulsive laughter. Laughter? Well, after all this was no burial; it was a reburial of a Tennessee walking horse, no less.

Legendary Wilson's Allen, the one-eyed stud regarded by many fanciers of the breed as "one of the greatest horses on the North American continent," was buried Tuesday on the front lawn of the Agriculture building.

Equestrian historian Bob Womack explained that Wilson's Allen's greatness came about

after he sired the first National Champion Walking Horse, as recognized at the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration in Shelbyville. That same year (1939), one of Wilson's Allen's "children" won the first championship, the old horse died, linking himself forever to the Tennessee Walking horse line.

As it turned out, the old boy was pretty busy in his last years. He sired seven of the first eight grand national champions, and it is pretty safe to say that few walking horses alive today do not have some of Wilson's Allen's blood in them.

Several purposes were well served by moving the horse to MTSU. Old Wilson's Allen now has a permanent place of repose, the horse science program at MTSU got some good publicity, and the upcoming drive to adopt the walking horse as the official MTSU mascot got a shot in the arm.

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Thinclads to open against Paladins

by Tom Wood

Furman University provides the test, and coach Dean Hayes doesn't know how his rookies will measure up when the Blue Raiders indoor track squad hosts the Paladins at noon Saturday in Murphy Athletic Center.

"We lost our hurdlers, sprinters and jumpers to graduation," Hayes said, "so what it all boils down to is what our newcomers do or don't do."

Hayes has seven freshmen and three transfers he is counting on, including Bill Moore, a transfer from Florence State University who could be "a vital quarter-miler."

The Raiders' biggest asset is senior Dwaine Copeland. He will compete in the 60 yard dash, the 300 yard dash, and the long jump.

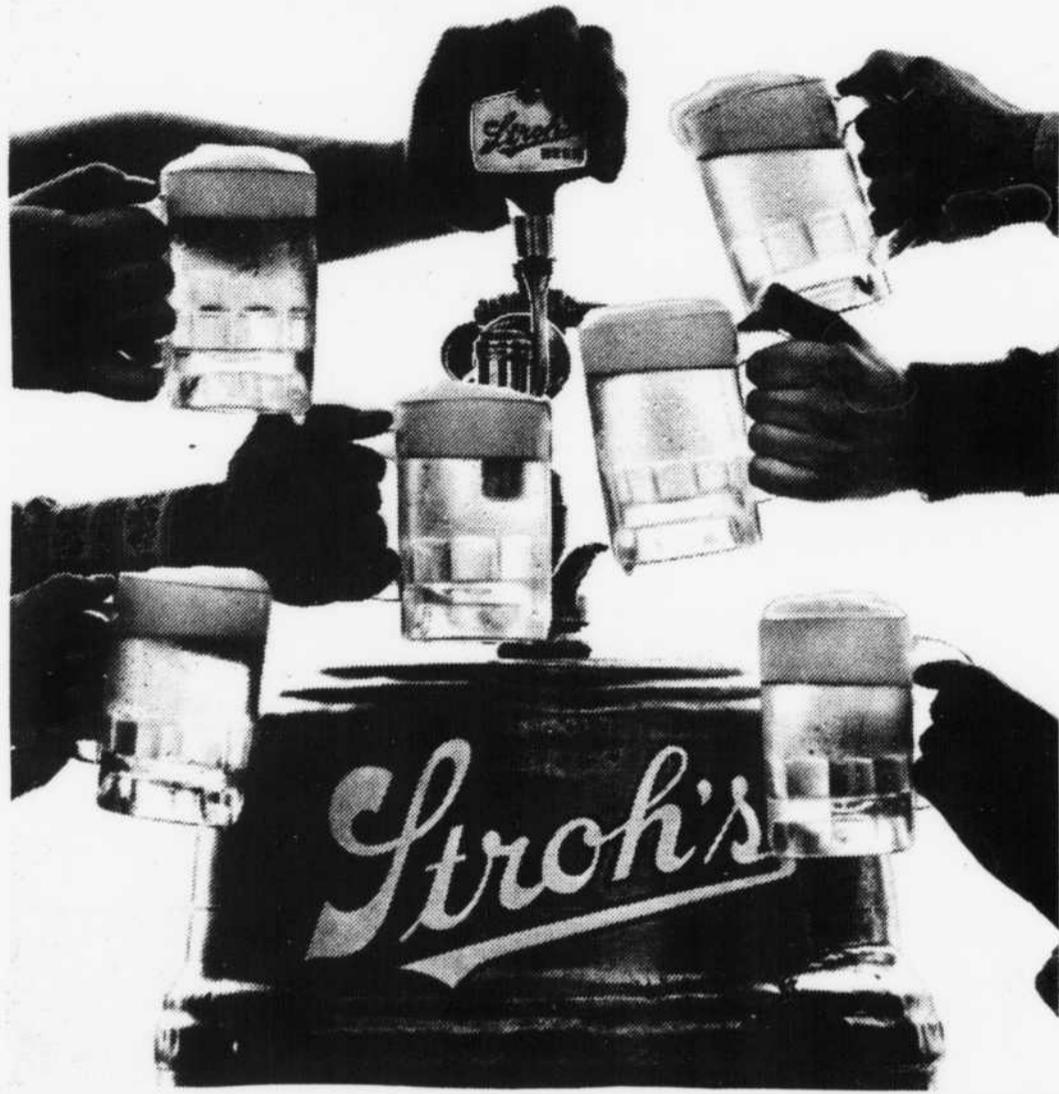
For Furman, they will be bringing in last year's Indiana State Champion, Phil Barker. "They will be at least equal to last year's team," Hayes said.

Belmont tops Blue

Coming off a Tuesday night victory over Columbia State, the Raiderettes basketball team was overturned by Belmont 78-54 last night in Murphy Center. Forward Stephanie Johnson pumped in 22 points in the losing cause.

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Raiders to host EKU in OVC home opener

By Scott Elliott

Tied for the Ohio Valley Conference leadership at 2-0, Jimmy Earle's Blue Raider basketball team will open its league home schedule at 7:30 tomorrow night against Eastern Kentucky at Murphy Center.

The contest promises to be a real barnbuster as Eastern, characterized as "a fairly young but talented team" by Earle, sports an explosive offense led by Carl Brown, the fourth highest scorer in the conference with a 19.5 per game average.

Defensively, the Raiders are leading the OVC in points allowed per game with a 70.8 mark,

while EKU is giving up points at a 77.4 clip. MTSU also has the edge offensively 83.1-81.3.

"We're going to have to play much better against Eastern than we did against Tech and East Tennessee," Earle said. "Our mental attitude is excellent. All the ingredients for winning are there."

"Now," he added, "we're going to have to show what we can do on the floor."

Earle is mighty right about that, but the Raiders have done nothing thus far to demonstrate that their pick as pre-season favorite by the conference coaches was not well placed.

Matmen downed by UTM

Despite back-to-back opening match wins by Pat Simpson and Tommy Smith, the Blue Raider wrestling team dropped a 24-12 decision to the University of Tennessee at Martin Wednesday night at Murphy Center.

Simpson, coming close to a pin several times, decided Tony Bradley 10-7, while Smith blanked Kelly Owen 8-0.

Smith, who was wrestling on a

seriously damaged knee, will undergo surgery and miss the remainder of the season.

The only Raider to be pinned was Steve Dorris, who went down in 6:47.

MTSU, coached by Gordon Connell, travels to Maryville tomorrow for a match against Furman, Virginia Military Institute, and the hosts.

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