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What is she talking about?

Helen Comer•Staff

Pi Mu Epsilon members (l to r) Scotty Tucker, Lisa Henegar, Patti Beers and Darren Allen answer questions during last night's Sigma Club Quiz Bowl. Pi Mu Epsilon won the event for the third consecutive semester. Mike Bogard mediated the event.

Computer displays highlight first MTSU technology show

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Temporary Editor

Representatives from 10 national computer companies displayed the best and the brightest of their wares yesterday in MTSU's first Technology Show.

Hundreds of MTSU students and faculty members went through numerous displays of PC's, "Mac's," laser printers, flatbed optical scanners and fiber optic technology in an effort to see the latest in computer technology.

In addition to the fair in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, the computer services department (sponsors of the fair) also had 18 faculty members give presentations on what they have been doing with computers to make their jobs easier.

People at the fair witnessed demonstrations of the newest from IBM, Hewlett Packard, Digital Equipment Corporation, Gentry Associates, Periphonics, South Central Bell, Sun Micro Systems, Xerox and Zenith.

Every sales representative contacted considered the show a success.

"The laser printer was probably the biggest attraction," said Colleen Wilt, a Hewlett Packard systems engineer.

A flat bed scanner, a device which "looks" at a picture or flyer and then reproduces it on the monitor screen with high resolution, also attracted a large number of people, said David Benneyworth, a HP sales representative.

Students in any field can benefit from owning a computer system, the representatives said.

"As far as a student is concerned, the primary concern would be educational aids," Benneyworth said. "The PC (personal computer) would be of interest to both graduate and undergraduate students equally in that the system can help with word processor or data system needs."

Statistical packages are available for psychology or business students. Mathematics students can use mathematical function systems and business majors can use project management software, Benneyworth said.

Organizational skills of a student can also be improved with the aid of a computer system, said John Thompson, IBM sales representative.

"Productivity. Organization. It will make them (students) competitive and literate when they enter the commercial market," Thompson said.

Thompson added that a personal computer will aid the student in presenting and drafting papers and reports which are more professional.

'Red Scare' symposium today; Faulk key speaker

By SEAN STEPHENSON
Staff Writer

"Red Scare," a symposium on McCarthyism and its effects, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The symposium is sponsored by the MTSU mass communications department and the John Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies.

Introducing John Henry

Faulk, current chairholder of the Seigenthaler Chair, will be John Seigenthaler, current editor, publisher and chairman of *The Tennessean* and editorial director of *USA Today*.

Faulk's background is prominent within the "Red Scare". In 1957, while working with CBS, Faulk was blacklisted by the private vigilante group, AWARE, Inc. Due to this action, Faulk was awarded

\$3.5 million dollars after six years of court battles against them.

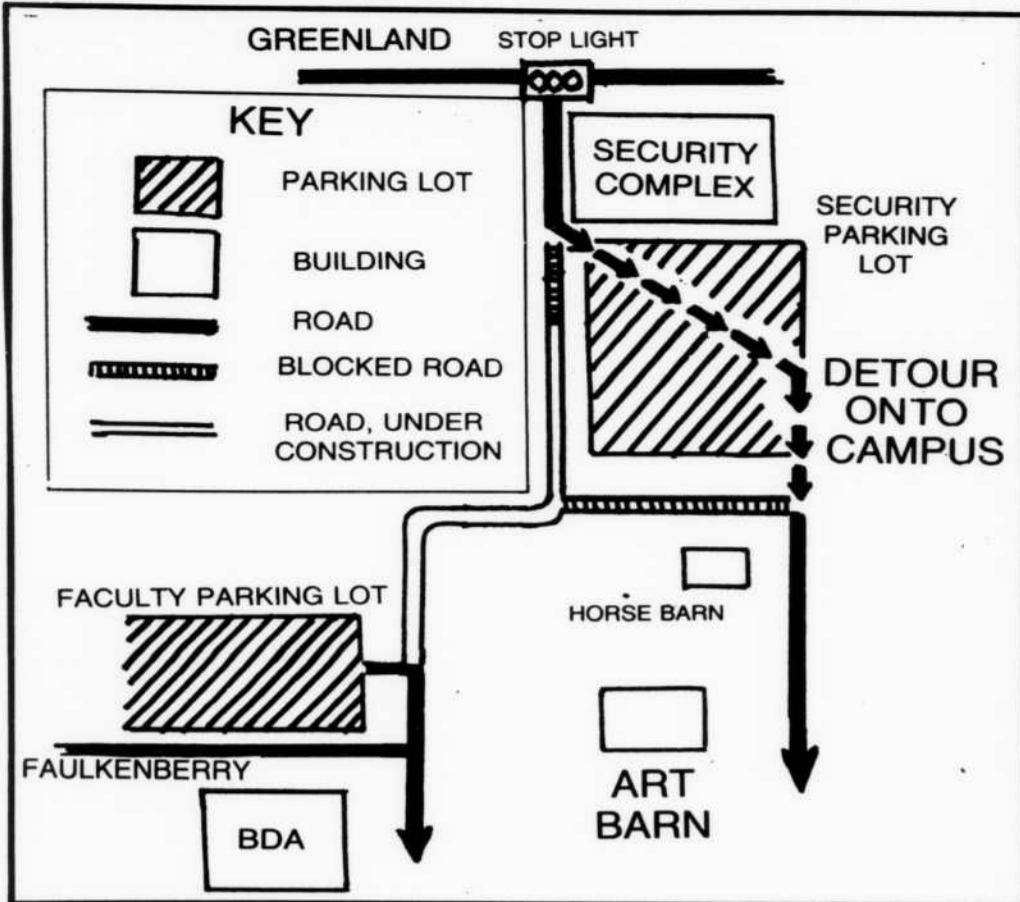
Symposium speakers will include special guest Studs Terkel, the 1985 Pulitzer Prize winner in General Non-fiction for his book *The Good War: An Oral History of World War II*; Don Carleton, director of the Barker Texas History Center in Austin and author

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Hewlett Packard Sales Representative David Benneyworth instructs (top) Daniel Reynolds and Jason Failla on the advantages of owning an HP computer system.



Now where's B and where's C?

A portion of B Street, the "S" shaped curve behind the baseball field, will be closed to traffic beginning today and, according to Chief of Security Jack Drugmand, will hopefully be finished by Monday. The asphalt will be torn up and re-laid because of the condition of the road. Detours for the road will be as follows:

For access onto campus using C Street, which is the name of the street before the curve, where it turns into B Street, cars will be detoured through the Campus Security parking lot to connect with C Street again.

For access into the parking lot in front of Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, cars will be detoured to a new entrance east of the one normally used.

(left) Tom DeLord, director of a top organization of law officials in Texas, and (right) Lt. Dacheco, of the Boston Police Department, participated in a fly-by Tuesday in support of Gov. Michael Dukakis. They made stops in several cities in Tennessee during the day.



Helen Comer/Staff

Girl grills Quayle on abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dan Quayle told a persistent young reporter from a children's news program he would rather she had a baby than abort the fetus if she became pregnant through her father.

"That's a difficult question and one that does not have an easy answer, but my answer would be be yes," the Republican vice presidential candidate told an 11-year-old reporter for "Children's Express" during a bus tour of Illinois last week.

The question-and-answer session was broadcast Tuesday on the CBS evening news. The children's show is broadcast on public television.

"But don't you think it would ruin my whole life? ... It's not even by fault and my whole life would be ruined," the reporter asked.

"Well, I don't think that would be case at all," Quayle said. "I think that if somebody had an unfortunate experience like that, it would be something that you would remember the rest of your life."

"The idea of a father abusing a daughter is a horrendous situation, one you wish that would never occur, but unfortunately it does occur."

"It's a tragic situation."
"So you would want me to have the baby even though my whole life would be ruined and I could be mentally affected?" she asked later.

"I just hope that the baby would live....," he said. "I would just like the baby have an opportunity."



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Foundation accepts money for MTSU Women's Month

By DEANNA KALAS
Staff Writer

Donations are being accepted for Women's History Month through the MTSU foundation by the Planning Committee to fund the 1989 celebration in March.

"We usually receive in the neighborhood of \$600 per year in donations," Ayne Durham, originator of Women's History Week at MTSU in 1983, said.

Durham said she expects the amount of donations to be about the same this year.

English professors Linda Badley and Margaret Ordoubadian are the co-chairwomen of the 1989 Planning Committee of Women's History Month at MTSU.

International Women's Day takes place March 8. It recognizes the work of women in the organized labor movement.

A key issue in the celebration is the "Women in the Curriculum Series," which was first coordinated in 1985 by Charisse Gendron, assistant professor of English. The series will run March 13 - 17.

"We encourage professors to teach classes that pertain to women," said Linda Badley. "(Gendron) gets them to sign up for it, and to give titles to lectures or films that they will show."

Badley said professors would be encouraged to cancel some lectures to permit students to visit these classes.

There will be nearly 60 activities at MTSU for the celebration. Events include films, readings, art exhibits, athletic events, writing essay contests and lectures by visiting scholars and artists.

According to Badley, the celebration will feature three panels in March. The first, titled "Women in the Professions," will be featured March 2. The second, titled "Women and Health," will be on March 9. The third, "Women and Religion," will be featured March 16.

In addition to other activities, three dramatic productions will be presented. The first is a musical review titled "A... My Name is Alice," which was performed last year by the drama department. The tentative date for the production is March 7 and may be shown at the Arena Theater in the Dramatic Arts building.

"It isn't exactly a play in the usual sense," Badley said. "It's more like portraits of different women. It focuses on different problems and character types, all of which are women."

The second production is called "Anne Sexton's Transformations." The tentative date for presentation is March 8, at 7:30 p.m. It may also be shown in the Arena Theater.

"They're really feminist fractured fairytales in poetic form," Badley explained. "They take things like 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Cinderella' and explain them in feminist terms."

The third production, titled "A Gathering of Women, Part 4," was written by Virginia Derryberry of the English department. The tentative date for presentation is March 17, at 2 p.m., and may be shown at the Arena Theater. According to Badley, Derryberry constructed plays out of letters written by Victorian women, such as Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Charlotte Bronte.

The Planning Committee is also coordinating efforts with Black History Month, which takes place in February.

Badley stressed the fact that the committee has been making efforts to get MTSU students involved in the celebration.

"What we're trying to do is emphasize such things as getting students more involved in the planning stages of National Women's History Month," she explained. "We've had a lot of faculty involvement but not as much student involvement as we'd like."

Badley added that the committee is also making efforts to get honor societies, fraternities and sororities involved.

The first celebration of Women's History Week took place in California in 1977, in order to introduce professors and students to the contributions women have made to the nation. National Women's History Week became so successful that the celebration was expanded to the entire month of March.

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Responsibility nothing new to nursing student/mother

By TRACEY RIEDLE
Staff Writer

Nursing student Becky McConnell knows what responsibility is all about.

Working, raising her three-year-old daughter, Stasha, by herself and taking classes full-time keeps her very busy.

A native of Jasper, Ala., McConnell moved to Shelbyville fifteen years ago. She finished high school, married and had a child. She became a licensed practical nurse, and attended summer school in 1987. It had been ten years since she attended school. Recently divorced, she is now working on her Associates Degree in Nursing.

McConnell said it was tough coming back to school.

"It was a lot of hard work just getting back into the routine of having to do things a certain way, having to study and turn in homework."

"It would've been a lot easier to get my education when I was eighteen. Now I'm twenty-eight. It really is hard. I think it takes a lot of determination."

Despite the hard work necessary for success, McConnell said that she enjoys being at MTSU.

"Everybody's been real helpful and I like all my professors. I've done real well so far."

She said she has had an interesting time adjusting to being an adult student on MTSU's campus.

Registration was a frustrating experience for McConnell.

"That was my first time on a college campus. I didn't know anything about how to register. I was wondering why everybody was sitting on the floor. Then I saw this guy get up and move the clock. I was mobbed by all these people. Then I was walking around in a daze trying to figure out where I was supposed to pull these cards. I thought, 'Where do I pull them from? They're not hanging from the ceiling!'"

Mechanical room storage stopped

By DEANNA KALAS
Staff Writer

The MTSU physical plant will begin removing all items stored in mechanical rooms on Nov. 1 due to fire regulations.

University safety officer Baxter Cook advised that state fire codes prohibit storage of items in mechanical rooms on campus.

"I have not made a complete survey of the campus," Bill Smotherman, di-

rector of the physical plant, said, "but I am aware of several mechanical rooms that do have things stored in them."

Smotherman said he observed at least one mechanical room where maintenance workers could not get to the equipment to work on it, due to the amount of items stored.

No fires have broken out

in any of the mechanical rooms on campus, according to Smotherman.

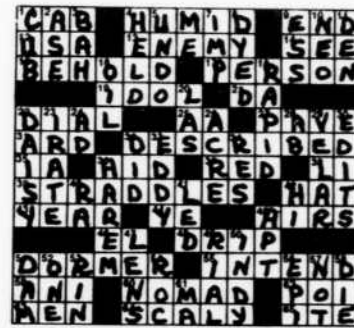
"You wear your seatbelt 5,000 times, hoping that when you need it that one time you'll have it on," Smotherman added. "It's that way about a fire in a mechanical room. We hope we don't have one, but if we do, we certainly don't need combustible items stored in there."



Classic concentration...

Helen Comer/Staff

Tom Dahill, Irish folk song performer, plays his Irish fiddle Wednesday in the KUC Theater. Dahill's concert consisted of many Irish folk songs and ballads. He performs at colleges and high schools as he tours the United States. Approximately 40 people attended the noon concert.



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WMOT raises half of fund-raising goal

From Staff Reports

Midway through its biannual fundraising drive, MTSU's jazz station has reached half of its projected goal of \$18,000, according to WMOT's general manager.

"Essentially, we are going on the air three times an hour, telling the audience of the need of personal support of the station," John High, the general manager, said.

Being on track at the midway point makes him feel optimistic, High said. So far, they have renewed 38 percent of the pledges from last year.

The station, which features an all jazz format with news from National Public Radio, is trying to decrease dependence on federal funding and rely on dona-

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of *Red Scare! Right Wing Hysteria, Fifties Fanaticism, and Their Legacy in Texas*; Anthon Theoharis, professor of history at Marquette University and co-author of the book *The Boss: J. Edgar Hoover and the Great American Inquisition*; Thomas C. Reeves, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and author of the book *The Life and Times of Joe McCarthy: A Biography*; and Ellen W. Schrecker, assistant profes-

sions from individuals and corporations, High said.

According to High, the \$9,000 raised so far is from individuals. There is a lot of individual support coming in this drive from professional people such as doctors and attorneys.

The next part of the drive will attempting to get more support from corporations.

WMOT 89.3 has been on the air since April 9, 1969. They have featured an all jazz format for the past six years.

Each April and October, WMOT holds a fundraiser for a total of 18 days out of the year. Their goal each campaign is \$18,000.

This campaign ends Sunday when the station signs off at midnight.

sor at Yeshiva University and Stern College for Women and author of the book *No Ivory Tower: McCarthyism and the Universities*.

Each of the lecturers has spoken on various topics on the threat of spreading Communism within the McCarthy era.

Joseph McCarthy was a Republican Senator from Wisconsin who charged many persons and organizations as being Communists.

U.S.-Soviet cooperation frees whales

By BRUCE BARTLEY
Associated Press Writer

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — Two whales headed for the open sea yesterday after nearly three weeks imprisonment in the arctic ice, freed by superpower saviors, the Soviet and American icebreakers who hacked a path to freedom.

"The whales are loose and in the channel and headed out," said Lt. Nike Haller, a spokesman for the Alaska National Guard.

"They looked good all afternoon," Haller said. "To look at them, you'd have thought they had their bags packed and were ready to head south."

Progress in the work to free the migrating California gray whales surged on Tuesday when two Soviet ice-breaking vessels began smashing the ice that kept the pair imprisoned. A third whale, also trapped, is believed to have died last week.

Before their liberation, as the Soviet icebreakers drew near, the whales were "acting in a very excited manner, almost like they can sense freedom," said Sgt. Ian Robertson, an Alaska National Guard spokesman.

By midday, the Soviet icebreakers were a quarter-mile from the line of breathing holes being cut by Americans working in the opposite direction, he said.

Later Wednesday, rescuers began to use a gargantuan, tractor-like device propelled by pontoon augers to clear the

ice cut by the icebreaker, Robertson said.

Rescue coordinator Ron Morris of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the weather was "positively balmy" -5 degrees Fahrenheit, Robertson said.

The breakthrough in the effort to free the migrating gray whales caught in the early freeze came after more than a week of delays and disappointments.

"We feel very good about it," said Rear Adm. Sigmund Petersen of NOAA. "The cooperation has been just been fantastic. The Soviets came in here with a very positive attitude and went to work immediately."

On Tuesday, the Americans moved the huge mammals around a shoal that had stymied progress for three days. Eskimos with chain saws cut a detour in the ice so the whales could swim around the shallow water they had refused to pass.

When the Eskimos started cutting the air holes, the whales "followed the water right to the end. They like that deeper water," Petersen said.

Working in the other direction, the Soviet icebreakers reduced to rubble the ice ridge standing between the whales and open water. The ridge, formed by colliding ice masses, was a jumble of ice blocks as big as small houses.

"The whales seemed to be doing fine," Petersen said. "It's like they expected something to be happening. Everything seems to be coming together."

'Smart' fashions shown by student

By LUCAS JOHNSON II
Staff Writer

Dennis Smart, a former football player for MTSU now majoring in fashion designing, brought "New York fashion to Murfreesboro" Sunday.

After seeing a fashion couture show in Memphis, Tenn., Smart decided that Murfreesboro needed to have one also. So he designed the clothes for such an event at the Garden Plaza Hotel.

The theme of the show was "Bringing New York's Fashion to Murfreesboro."

"I noticed that the clothes the models were wearing seemed to have a language and nature of their own. They seemed to speak for themselves, and that really appealed to me," Smart said of the show in

Memphis.

After graduation, Smart said he plans to go to New York and attend Parson's School of Designing.

Smart said he began designing clothes in high school and presently de-

signs both men and women's clothing.

"I felt a need to enhance the beauty in the woman," he said. "I wanted her to look beautiful in a way that would be even more appealing to the male gender."

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EDITORIAL

Environment: Bush vs. the Duke

By DOUG STULTS
Editorial Editor

In the preface to his latest essay collection, Hunter S. Thompson noted that this is the '80s, an age where *love is death and rain is poison*.

While the Reagan Administration's do-nothing approach to the exponential expansion of AIDS has been a hidden travesty these last eight years, the damage done by their environmental record won't require a decade to fully appreciate.

For starters, Reagan and the losers he placed in the EPA (Eradicate all Plants and Animals) have done exactly diddleysquat about acid rain.

You know who told the country about the acid rain problem? The freakin' Canadians, for God's sake.

Though Canada is the size of, oh, Pluto and is sitting right on our heads, we hear less about them than we do Luxembourg. Only in three cases are they mentioned:

- When one of those inter-racially minded moose gets the hots for a cute young pony.

- When a French-speaking Canadian gets fed up with bilingualism and takes a pick-axe to an English-speaking Canadian, or vice versa.

- When chemical pollution from American factories is absorbed into soft, fleecy clouds that release acid rain on Canadian soil, killing Canadian wildlife and annihilating Canadian ponds and rivers.

Official Canadian protests to the U.S. — ignored by Reagan — were the opening salvo of the growing environmental furor. Next came the onslaught of '88: the onset

of the greenhouse effect, AIDS-carrying needles washing up on New England shores (an apt combination of evils) and the "Boston Harbor thing."

The greenhouse effect — the gradual warming of our planet caused chiefly by burning fossil fuels — is here and it ain't gonna go away, raising serious heck (I can't say hell in the paper) for water and food supplies.

Reagan does not care. Bush, eight years late, says he does, at least a little. Bush, in fact, has called himself an environmentalist. Let's just see about that.

The Reagan/Bush Administration has done about as much as the Jefferson Administration to stop sulfur-dioxide emissions, the main culprit in air pollution.

Also, nefarious Reagan appointee James Watt (just one of the Reagan officials guilty of mugwumpery) sought to turn national parks into oil drilling sites, while reducing the amount of federally protected land. Bush himself led a deregulation task force which attempted to stop the EPA from removing lead from gasoline.

Where was Greenpeace George in the first half of the '80s, when EPA budgets were being whittled down in favor of purchasing really neat missiles?

Probably out flip-flopping in the debate over offshore oil drilling. He voted reservations about the practice in California while enthusiastically backing it in Texas and Louisiana.

What does he have to say about his record? "Uh, the Boston Harbor is really dirty, I mean *reeeaaally* filthy."

Yup, sure is. Never mind that it was a cesspool before the Duke took office in Massachusetts. Never mind that

he is the first governor to attempt a cleanup. And just plain screw the fact that it was the federal government which cut funding for such an undertaking in the first place.

Environmentally, to go beyond the distortions, Massachusetts ranks in a tie for first with Wisconsin in rankings compiled by environmental watchdogs Renew America.

When George talks about the Boston Harbor, he's talking about himself. But he's been talking about himself a lot.

All of a sudden, Bush has decided to betray his boss and promise to cut "millions of tons" of sulfur-dioxide emissions by the year 2000, though he refuses to specify how many.

Dukakis has said that he will impose national limits on the emissions of both sulfur- and nitrogen-oxide to attack the acid rain problem. Also, he will set up a group of "public toxics auditors" to directly oversee corporations who dump such wastes, making illegal dumping difficult.

To encourage domestic energy production, Bush has proposed tax credits for oil companies, no matter if they produce or not. (Just what a stinking-rich megalith like Exxon needs, a rebate from the government.) The Duke, on the other hand, will give a \$5 premium per barrel on all oil from new fields that finds its way to the storehouse known as the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Both candidates rightly endorse deregulation of the natural gas industry, so that this squeaky clean fuel will become competitively priced.

So, there you have it. By the way, I apologize about the lack of rhetoric vs. rock-hard facts here. It won't happen again.

ACLU loses original purpose, swings left

By PORTER MCCORMICK
Staff Columnist

During this year's presidential election there has been quite a huff created over Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis' membership in the American Civil Liberties Union.

While Republican George Bush has gone slightly overboard in berating the Massachusetts governor joining what many people feel is an extreme left-wing organization, the facts support the vice president concerning the ACLU's current radicalism.

From its inception in the 1920's until the mid-1960's, the ACLU was an organization which sought to defend the Constitution by carrying the banner of free speech, free press, freedom of assembly and association, free exercise of religion and freedom from governmental racism.

In the group's own words, they sought to ensure the proper maintenance of constitutional democracy in the United States by providing "the missing ingredient that made our constitutional system finally work." This ingredient was the opening of our government to various viewpoints, regardless of race, sex, religion or political affiliation.

This purpose was more than commendable. Personally, I would have been proud to be a "card carrying member of the ACLU" in those days. It is hard to imagine what our country would be like now had not the ACLU fought for cases such as the 1925 *Scopes* case and *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. Rampant fundamentalist religion and racism would still abound.

During this era, the ACLU defined its mission as "clearing the main channels of political liberty." They sought to provide all citizens with "freedom of inquiry and communication, fair procedures, and non-discriminatory treatment on the basis of individual merit, blind to race, color or religion."

The ACLU strived for the betterment of our society as a whole, and they did so with the firm belief that if our democracy, particularly the legislative branch, was opened

to all facets of that society the end result would be true representation for all.

However, for some reason, the ACLU forsook this line of reasoning in the 1960's.

The ACLU of 1988 supports racial quotas, regardless of the fact that they do not promote individual merit and amount to nothing more than governmental racism. They also fight for the virtual elimination of religion from public view and call for the expansion of prisoners' rights, abortion rights and criminal defendants' rights — although none of these stances represents a betterment for our society.

Among the union's more off-the-wall stances, they have argued that public school dress codes violate students' freedom of expression, airport security checks violate citizens' freedom against unreasonable search and seizure and they have forwarded the view that Catholic nuns who wear their habits when teaching in public schools violate the separation of church and state.

The current ACLU has also fought to have all anti-drug and anti-prostitution laws overturned. They want the words "Under God" removed from the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" removed from all currency. They have fought laws which allow post office officials to stop delivery of obscene materials to a customer's home upon that customer's request, and they attempted to have a New York law repealed which prohibited the depiction of children in sexual acts.

Somewhere along the line, the ACLU dropped its fight for the betterment of society as a whole, and chose instead to fight for almost any obscure left-wing position it could find.

The union also lost its faith in constitutional democracy and decided to take its fight to the most undemocratic branch of our government — the courts.

Perhaps this is the easy way out. Take up unpopular positions and end-run around our elected officials to a

group of unelected, and virtually unaccountable, judges. This tactic may grab a few headlines, but it certainly doesn't seek to better our government or society.

It is sad to see an organization that once was so vital to true democracy fall from its original purpose and become nothing more than an apparent gaggle of crackpots.

Perhaps Dukakis doesn't hold to every position forwarded by the ACLU. One does not have to completely agree with an organization to be a member.

However, to borrow the words of *The New Republic*, the current ACLU agenda "is fundamentally hostile to the processes of American constitutional democracy, and should be rejected by thoughtful democrats of all parties."

SIDELINES

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Sidelines, Middle Tennessee State University's student produced newspaper, is published every Monday and Thursday.

Letters to the Editor

Homosexuality not ordained by Bible, society; gay organization a health risk

To the Editor:

I'm writing in regard to three pro-gay letters published Oct. 17 in *Sidelines*.

First, E.A. Elmlinger shows his ignorance of the *Bible* by claiming the Old Testament sodomy law is outdated because the pork ordinance is outdated. The pork ordinance was just that, an ordinance, while homosexuality was "an abomination." Even if it was outdated, the Apostle Paul wrote that homosexuals "shall not inherit the Kingdom of God," unless they repent, not a light statement.

Also, comparing MTSU with other reputable schools that allow organizations such as Lambda is immaterial since the number of actual participants in the groups at UCLA is quite small and the gay group at Harvard is even smaller. Also "allowing" and "promoting" are two different things and neither UCLA nor Harvard promote this foolishness.

As for tolerance, being tolerant of anyone's actions does not make them Christ-like, another myth Elmlinger perpetuates. Christ threw the money-changers out of the temple. This is far from an "I'm okay — you're okay" attitude.

There is another problem where homosexuals think they deserve special rights. This is ridiculous because 1) they are not a different race or sex, and 2) most people don't recognize them until they start flaunting their homosexuality.

It is only where gays start forcing people to view their aberrant behavior in public (such as men's restrooms) that people get angry and say something should be done about it.

Elizabeth Dugger claims in her letter that no one can say they would give this institution a bad name because there are other potential criminals on campus that go unnoticed. This might be true, but they certainly don't form a group wanting official recognition and rights.

There is also an enormous social problem with homosexuals. In Houston, Texas there were sodomy mobs that would roam public parks and molest children. Over the summer the police had to arrest queers that would meet at Old Fort Park and flash innocent people visiting the park. Police have had similar problems at Centennial Park in Nashville and a park in Chattanooga.

The National Security Agency has had such problems with them that they will no longer hire them. The reason

is because every time they hired a homosexual, the person did something treasonous, up to and including defection to the Soviet Union with secrets. The court ruled in favor of the NSA when homosexuals tried the rule in court because of the tight back record of the NSA.

Now I don't hate homosexuals and I'm not afraid of them. But someone needs to point out that what they are doing is unhealthy and immoral. Homosexuals are the chief transmitters of AIDS, and it saddens me that anyone advocating a gay forum where they can meet and spread this deadly disease must not even care whether they live or die.

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MTSU students more interested in gays, partying than intellectual pursuits

To the Editor:

In the last few weeks I have been keeping an eye on the contents of the campus newspaper, *Sidelines*. I have been thinking that a campus newspaper should reflect the ideas, beliefs and needs of the student body. This brings me to my purpose in writing this letter. What this college needs is more thinking and less doing.

When I first came to college I expected to find a large number of people engaged in serious intellectual pursuits. In contrast I found all manner of people worrying about where to park or the location of the grill. Nobody seemed concerned about who were the best professors.

As a class we are now halfway through the first semester. If one's grades are not up to par, it's almost too late to bring those grades up, but I haven't heard anyone worrying about that.

This is also mid-semester test week and these tests will be a major portion of our grades. Yet nobody seems the least bit concerned. Instead of thinking about our grade point average, we're thinking about the fight song competition, the chili cook-off, a scavenger hunt, activities day, who went with who to the bon-fire Friday night, what to do on a date, how to stop college students from drinking and even what happened to the bathroom doors.

In light of all these things to do, the library looks like a ghost town.

In recent weeks, *Sidelines* has carried on a storm of words over homosexuals on campus. Now who do these homosexuals affect? The writer? No, not I. Maybe the reader? Perhaps, if the reader is one of the seventy-five

million Americans who do or have engaged in homosexual activities.

In view of the state of western civilization, homosexuals and their way of life affect nobody except other homosexuals. I think the space in *Sidelines* could be better used for things that affect us all instead of used trying to figure out what to "do" or "not do" about homosexuals.

In closing, I would like to say the average college student seems to spend very little time thinking about the lessons that he or she might learn here, and how to best benefit from the knowledge because there are too many things to do.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest and space.

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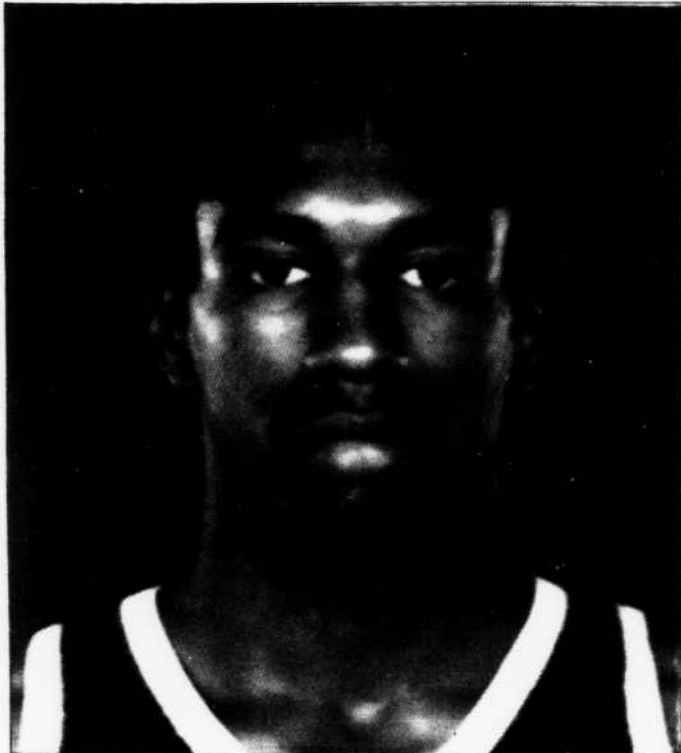
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SPORTS

Basketball team faces changes



The Blue Raider's will be without Leslie Gregory, a member of last year's OVC All-Freshman team.

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Adversities continue to flag the Blue Raider basketball team since the beginning of the 1988-89 season.

According to Head Coach Bruce Stewart, three players have now left the squad since practice began last week.

Henderson Kelly, a highly-recruited freshman was dismissed from the squad because "he broke some team rules," Stewart said.

Sophomore Leslie Gregory, who became a starter during 21 games last season has now been red-shirted for the duration of the 1988-89 season.

"Leslie isn't sure at this time whether he even wants to stay in school," explained Stewart.

"We want to give him a chance to make the determination the way he really needs to," he said. "We think the best thing for all concerned at this point is to red-shirt him.

"If he decides to continue his education, we fully expect him back with us next season," Stewart added. "If he decides to leave school, at least he will have been able to make that decision without the pressures of a basketball season."

Gregory averaged 12 points per game and 5 rebounds, and led the team in field goal percentage last season.

He earned OVC Freshman of the Year honors with 12 points and 5 rebounds per game. He also led the team with 56 percent accuracy in field goal

attempts.

Junior-college transfer Stacy Simms has withdrawn from the team, as well as school.

As a player for Aquinas Junior College, Simms averaged 14.7 points and 8 rebounds per game with All-Conference and All-State honors.

Despite these problems, Stewart was optimistic with the first week of practice.

"It went very well, in terms of what we've accomplished on the court," he said.

The Raiders return three starters to this year's team which established a 23-11 record last year.

Seniors, including Chris Rainey, Randy Henry and Kerry Hammonds, back after a red-shirt season last year, will be the leaders of this year's squad.

"The veterans have jumped out and shown some leadership, which will be important this year," Stewart said.

Other squad members back from last season are sophomore forward-cent Chris Ingram and red-shirt freshman Jeffrey Hunter.

"We have a healthy blend of veterans and some exciting newcomers who should add some quickness and shooting ability to our team," Stewart said.

Among the new crop included in this year's team are Kevin Wallace, a junior college transfer, Mike Buck, Quincy Vance and Malandruck Webb.

"We have some freshmen and other players who are going to contribute a lot earlier than we originally thought they would," said Stewart.

EKU favored in meet

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

MTSU's cross country teams will travel to Murray, Ky. this weekend to compete in the OVC championships.

Last year, the Lady Raiders placed third, the team's highest ever showing. Eastern Kentucky is favored for the championship this year.

Lisa Malloy, EKV's all-OVC runner, has led the Colonels to five out of six wins this year.

The Lady Raiders have had an impressive record thus far, placing no lower than third in meets this fall.

Coach Dean Hayes is predicting his team, led by freshman runner Sharon Smith, will finish year.

Finishing in the top seven places consistently in every meet this fall, Smith increases the Lady Raider's chances for an upset.

"I hope we can finish at least third, as we did in 1987," said Hayes. "Eastern is heavily favored and Murray is very strong."

Behind Smith are seniors Tracy Robinson and Ursula Langford; junior Jennifer Binkley; sophomore Becky Brown and freshmen Karen

Barnes and Michelle Welch.

On the men's side, Eastern and Morehead State are the teams to beat. The Colonel's will be led by David Hawes.

Morehead State will be led by All-OVC runner Jeff Collier, who finished third in the meet last year.

MTSU will struggle to contend for the first positions.

Last week, in a warm up for the OVC championship meet the Blue Raiders highest finish was by William Keathley in 41st place.

"We are really just out there to have a good time," said Keathley. "After all that's what sports are all about."

Behind Keathley are Nick Shumack, Nels Hendrickson, Phil Snell, Robert Stepp, Arabee Mateen and Chris King.

"Since we don't give scholarships for this sport, it's hard to contend for the top positions," explained Coach Dale Short.

"I hope that we can place close to the middle of the OVC," said Short. "But we will be competing against teams that offer scholarships and attract the best runners."

Basketball assistant coach Tommy Smith goes one on one with senior Blue Raider standout Chris Rainey during a practice Tuesday night in Murphy Center.



Helen Comer/S

Campus Activities

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

MTSU's Volleyball Team will host Murray State tonight in OVC action at the Alumni Gym. Game time is slated for 7 p.m. On Saturday, the Lady Raiders will host Evansville University.

The Blue Raider Baseball team is looking for a public address announcer for all home games during the 1989 season.

Anyone interested should call Coach Peterson at 898-2984 or Assistant Coach Ron Vaughn at 898-2961.

Campus Recreation will be having a sign-up date for the Colorado Ski Trip Nov. 1.

Fall Backpacking sign-up will be Nov. 7. This year's trip will be to Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness.

The last scheduled event for Campus Recreation this year is the Billiards Tournament, sign-up date will be Nov. 7.

Anyone interested in Campus Recreation activities should call 2104 for further details.

Raiders rest up for Colonels

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

Player of the Week, Chris Coffey a 5-10, 226 sophomore totaled five tackles and 10 assists with a caused fumble and a pass deflection.

Offensively, Eastern's tailback Elroy Harris, set his third league record in as many weeks taking Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Harris' two touchdowns last week brings his career point total to 264, one point over the prior record held by former Murray State kicker Paul Hickert.

Not to be outdone, MTSU is ranked first in the nation with their passing defense. On the year, only two aerial touchdowns have been scored on them and only 723 yards passed.

MTSU is ranked eighth in the Division I-AA football poll.

Coincidentally, ECU is ranked 14th in the same poll.

Altogether, the defense has had a total of six touchdowns scored on them. Blue Raider opponents average only 224 yards a game, first in the OVC.

MTSU's offense is steadily improving after struggling through the first half of the season. They average 270 yards a game, fifth in the OVC.

MTSU's punt blocking team combined their efforts, once again, as they tied the Division I-AA national record with eight. Tommy Barnes' block in the Austin Peay game tied the record which was formerly held by Lafayette in 1979.

MTSU is now ranked



Helen Comer/Staff

Members of the Blue Raider football go through drills yesterday after two days off.

MTSU's Blue Raider Football team takes this week off before their OVC showdown against Eastern Kentucky.

The 36-0 Raider victory over Austin Peay moved the Raiders into a tie with Eastern for the lead in the OVC.

"They put a lot of pressure on us with their passing," said Donnelly. "And our defensive front did a good job with the rush, too."

The victory was the second consecutive shutout.

MTSU took a couple of days off before donning the gear once again yesterday.

"We need the break in routine," said Head Coach Boots Donnelly. "There's a lot of talk about how much the open date could help us — or hurt us with the Eastern Kentucky game coming up."

"Our players have been going steadily, without a break, since they came to fall camp in August," he said. "Without a break of some kind, we could run the risk of fatigue setting in and we don't need that."

EKU played outside the conference last week with a victory over Western Carolina, 32-14.

The battleground site for what appears to be the OVC title will be at the home of the Colonels.

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LIFESTYLES

ARMS goes 'Psycho' tonight

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

"Psychobash," the concert to benefit the Association of Recording Management Students (ARMS) will take place despite a change in venues, according to ARMS president Herb Agner.

Originally scheduled to be held at Mainstreet, last week's fire at the nightclub sent Agner scurrying to secure a location for tonight's event.

Agner said the new location for the event is the T.S. Emporium, a new club in Nashville located in famed Printer's Alley. T.S. Emporium is a good place to have "Psychobash" because of the large size of the club.

Agner said that he tried to find a location in Murfreesboro but had no success.

"We exhausted every other means — everybody (in Murfreesboro) was booked up," Agner said. "It

was just such short notice for everyone."

Nashville rockers "Raging Fire" will headline the show, which will feature two other bands and possibly a third, Agner said. The two bands definitely appearing are the hard-rocking "Mammy Namms" and the thrashing "Rednecks in Pain."

The show will also include a costume contest and will award prizes in several different categories. The music will begin around 9:30, and the costume contest will occur around midnight.

Agner said that the proceeds from "Psychobash" go to benefit ARMS and the organization's many projects.

Tonight's show is open to anyone 18 or older, and tickets are available today in front of Phillip's Bookstore, and tonight at the door.

Agner added that designated drivers will provide



Nashville rockers "Raging Fire" will headline tonight's "Psychobash" at T.S. Emporium, a club located in Printer's Alley in Nashville. The MTSU Association of Recording Management Students is presenting the show.

transportation for those that do not want to drive to Nashville.

U2's 'Rattle and Hum' shows band trying different things

By JACOB C. MALL
Staff Writer

For what it's worth, U2 is still as politically and as religiously oriented as they've ever been.

I don't think they have "sold out" to the pseudo-oriented-pop teen crowd, or anyone else for that matter. They are just reaching a larger audience with their music.

Their message is being sent this year by their long-awaited new album, *Rattle and Hum*. This album coincides with the release of a movie of the same name.

As for U2's last offering, *The Joshua Tree*, I've heard

enough about the "hiss" on the album. U2 proved with that LP that even with a poorly-mastered album, their songs were still strong enough to make *Joshua Tree* one of the most important albums of 1987.

Yes, for all you underground fanatics, U2 has come out into the real world of popular music. But that shouldn't be a surprise to anyone, because they've been knocking on success' door since their first album. With *Rattle and Hum*, quantity did not affect the quality.

One must understand that the control and the pro-

duction of expressive sound is the highest aspect of music, and Bono is one of the most expressive singers in music today.

This album is no exception, but U2 went a step further by trying some new tricks, like Bono's duets with Bob Dylan on "Love Rescue Me" and B.B. King (not to mention the Blues legend's classic guitar riffs) on "When Love Comes to Town."

These two songs, along with "Angel of Harlem," which features some great playing by "The Memphis

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The hardcore rock group, "Rednecks in Pain" will open for "Mammy Namms" and "Raging Fire" tonight at the 5th annual "Psychobash" to benefit ARMS.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The latest in the fall semester film offerings is "Flowers in the Attic." It is showing today at 3:30, 6, and 8:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Cinema. Tickets for the shows are \$1, \$1.50 and \$2, and are available at the K.U.C. Ticket office.

The MTSU Dance Committee is sponsoring a Halloween Dance October 31 from 8 p.m. - midnight, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. "Autumn" will provide the dance music for the evening, and there will be a costume contest. Admission to the dance and contest is \$2.



U2 has finally released the long-awaited follow-up to *The Joshua Tree*. From left to right the members of the Irish band are Larry Mullen, Adam Clayton, Bono, The Edge.

Students present recital of classical and show tunes

From Staff Reports

MTSU music students Dawana Gudger and Kurt Von Shmittou will give a senior voice recital Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Wright Music Building.

The performance is the only senior recital of the semester, according to Lawrence Hensel, Gudger and Von Shmittou's voice teacher.

MTSU's music depart-

ment is sponsoring the recital.

The recital is required for the music industry students to meet the requirements for their major.

Although mostly known for her talents in the area of pop and gospel music, Gudger will be performing classical, theatrical and showtunes in the recital, Hensel said.

Gudger has appeared in

several different MTSU productions, including an acting role in last spring's Buchanan Player's production of "A ... My Name is Alice."

The first part of the recital will include sections from classical music and the second half will feature tunes from the American musical theatre, Hensel said.

Gudger's program will vary from a light Bernstein piece ironically entitled "I Hate Music," to an aria entitled "Porgi Amor."

Hensel said that the second part of the show will showcase the talents of Gudger and Von Shmittou as they sing showtunes by Bernstein, Sondheim and Boch.

"This will be a very good recital," Hensel said. "Kurt and Dawana are exceptionally talented and mature performers."

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Horns," were recorded right down the road in Memphis.

U2 also tried something new by recording their own versions of two classic songs, the Beatles' "Helter Skelter," and Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower."

"Helter Skelter" was recorded live at a concert in Denver, Colorado. I'll be the first to admit I was a little skeptical about the remake of this classic Beatle tune, but U2 pulled it off and I was rather impressed with their own special flare in the classic.

Oh, but the fun doesn't stop there. U2 guitarist The Edge tries his luck by doing some vocals on "Van Dieman's Land," and on their live version of "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," U2 is backed up by "The New Voices of Freedom," a gospel and rock choir/band.

The result is one of the most spiritually uplifting re-

nditions of any song I've heard this year.

Also on *Rattle and Hum*, U2 releases live recordings of "Pride (In The Name Of Love)" and "Bullet The Blue Sky." Both of these songs are strong spots on the album and show that U2 has always been a top-notch performing band.



To add to the diversity that this album has, 43 seconds of Jimi Hendrix's rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" and Sterling Magee's "Freedom For My People" are added to the album.

Along with "Desire," the current hit by the group, other possible hits in the fu-

ture include "Silver and Gold, Heartland," and "All I Want is You," which has a meloncholy string section that is something new for the group.

Other future hits from this LP include "God, Part II," a song dedicated to John Lennon that has a "Lennon feel" to it, and "Hawkmoon 269," which sounds more like an earlier version of U2.

Rattle and Hum will be a big album this year. I was very impressed by the diversity that this album offers.

From old classics to new hits, this album carries itself well, and will probably be a big winner at the next Grammy awards.

Rattle and Hum was produced well and is a great album. It's definitely worth the price and your time as you will play it over and over again.

I can't wait to see the movie.

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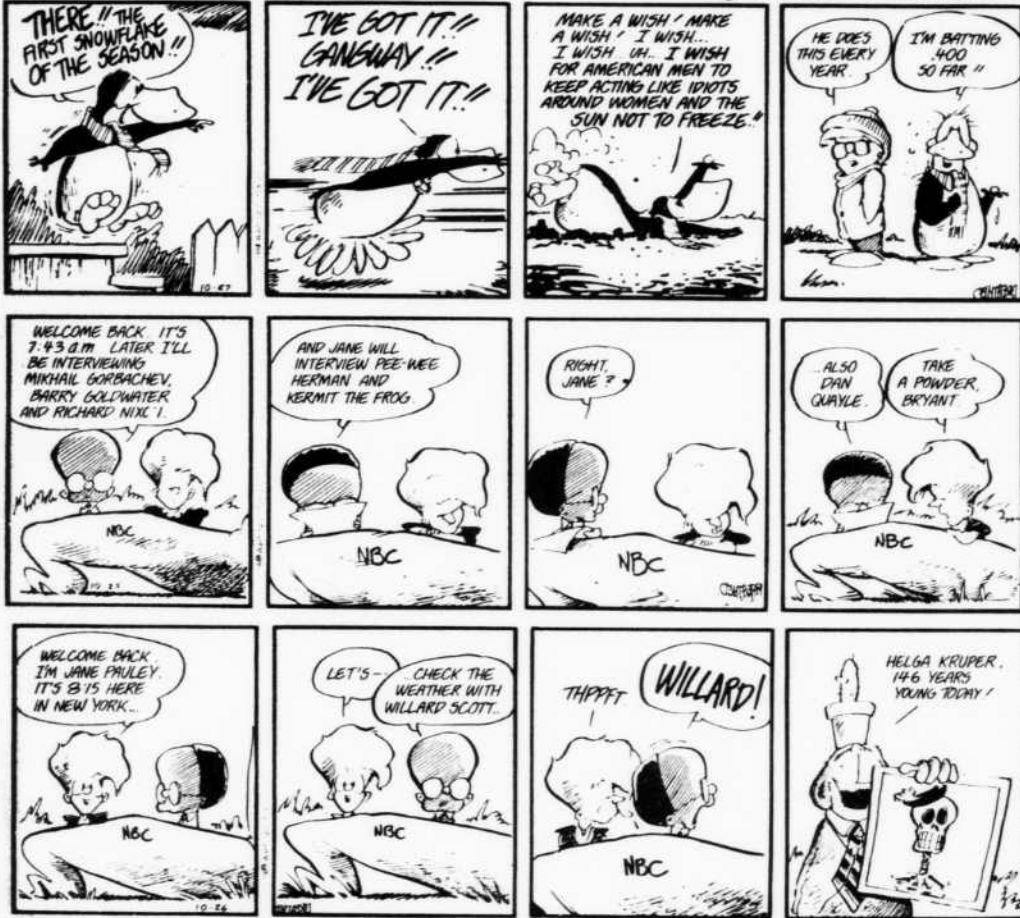
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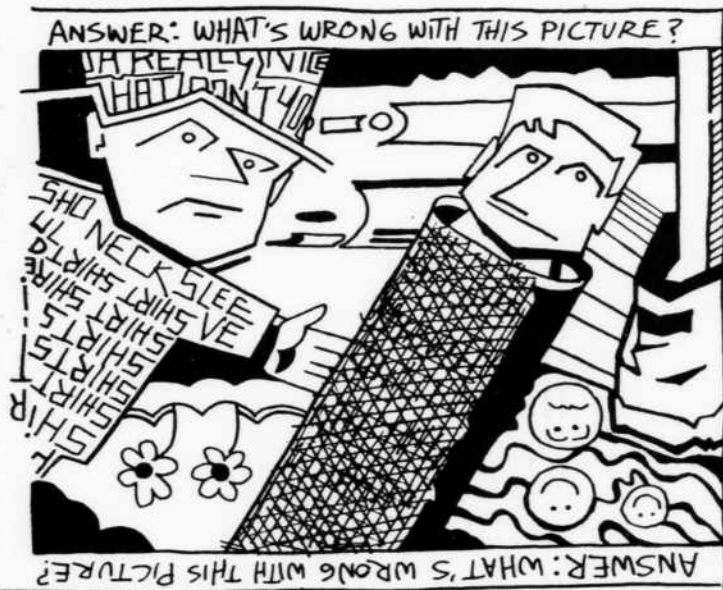
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21. Prosecuting lawyer (abbr.)
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31. Person who does something to excess (suf.)
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35. Midwest state (abbr.)
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38. 1/3 mile (Chinese)
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11. Room for relaxation
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20. Vegas
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26. 43,560 sq. ft.
28. Away from (Lat. pref.)
29. Guttural sound
30. Changes
32. Completed
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36. Muslim wives
40. Egyptian sun god
41. Local lawyer (abbr.)
42. Greeting
45. Appropriate
47. Camera glass
49. Iranian monetary unit
50. Classic race (slang)
51. Water hunter
52. Low number
53. -Tin-Tin
54. Extinct bird
56. Over; above (pref.)
57. Negative
58. Dead
61. Colloq. for mother

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