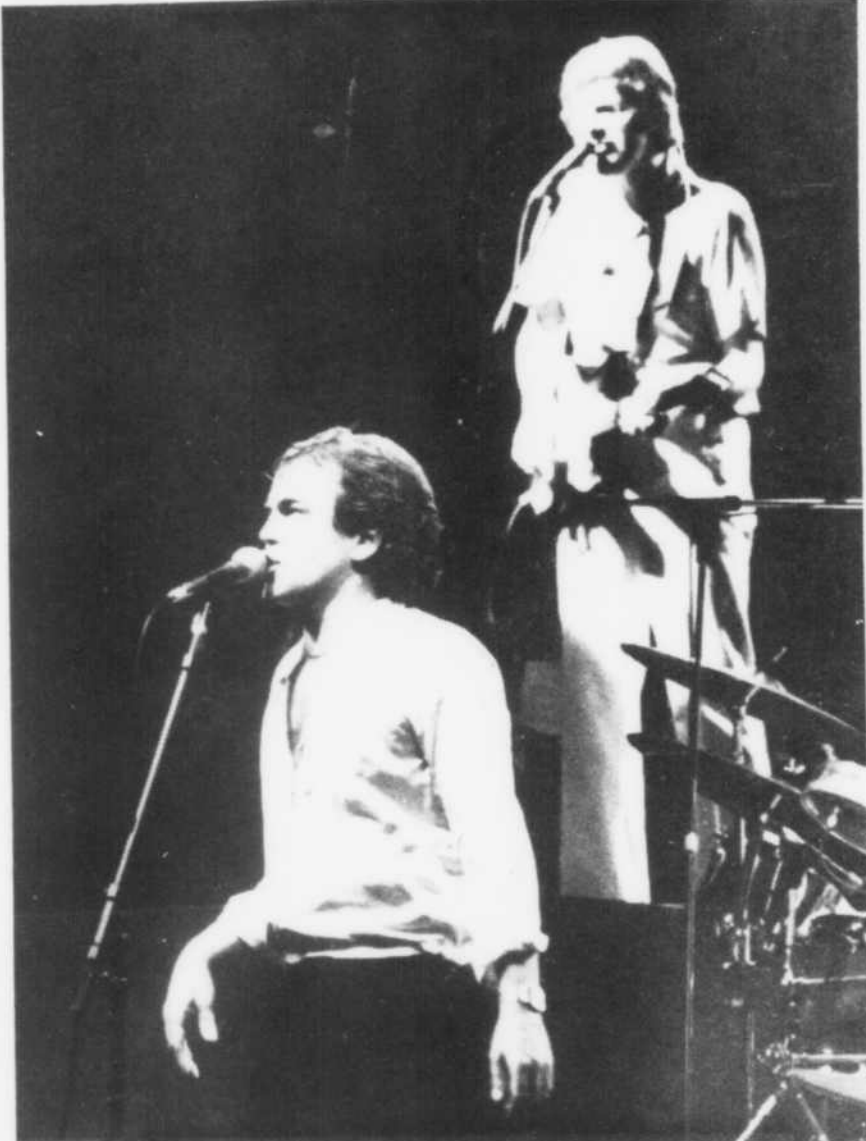




The Tennessee State Fair in Nashville this week offered many forms of entertainment, from the rubber woman in a freak show to the Little River Band's concert. The Little River Band and lead vocalist, Glen Shorrock,



performed before a crowd reported to number 17,500 at the fair Tuesday night.

photos by Bill Ray

WMOT gets satellite; spectrum will broaden

By ALAN ROGERS
Sidelines Copy Editor

WMOT will become part of a National Public Radio (NPR) satellite broadcasting system beginning in January, John High, WMOT general manager, said.

Funded entirely by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and associated with 200 public radio stations nationwide, the satellite will interconnect WMOT with other NPR stations and the central NPR broadcast facility in Washington, D.C.

"This is probably the most widely spread broadcast system. It will put WMOT on state of the art operation," High said of the project. In addition to greater fidelity than is presently available through normal telephone line transmission, the satellite link-up will provide more programming flexibility and is more cost efficient than any other system.

Programs broadcast on WMOT provided by NPR are presently taped and mailed to the station. The satellite will allow WMOT to broadcast one program while simultaneously taping up to three other programs for a later transmission.

NPR programs include performing arts, classical music,

drama, "Masterworks Theater," "Star Wars" (beginning later this year) and "Morning Edition." A two-hour program airing Nov. 5, "Morning Edition," is a morning news magazine for radio. The program includes hard news, features and a close-up of the events of the day.

"This is one program where NPR has really done their homework," High said. "They studied demographics, arbitron ratings, they did surveys — they got the best people possible to do the program."

"There is a very real possibility we'll be heavily involved in contributing segments of the program," High also said this would allow more efficient use of the facility for students to have them work on developing network material which is more meaningful for them.

People should see a real diversification of network programming, according to High. National Public Radio acts as a clearinghouse for productions received from its member stations.

A demonstration project in the area of broadcasting, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) views the satellite (continued on page 2)

Plans under way for pavilion

A livestock pavilion will be built on the MTSU campus at a total cost of \$750,000, according to Rep. John T. Bragg (D-Murfreesboro).

The project, which will provide a facility for use by Tennessee's livestock producers for shows and sales, was originally part of a \$30.8 million appropriation bill. Construction of the pavilion will be financed through surplus state funds.

Lewis Donelson, state commissioner of finance and administration, announced last week at a joint finance committee meeting that he intended to recommend funding of the pavilion. It will utilize and expand an existing MTSU facility at a saving to the state of approximately \$1 million.

"I'm tickled to death about it,"

Bragg said yesterday, admitting that he was surprised by the announcement. Earlier the project had been delayed by state officials.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jere Griggs said the facility, for which there "is an absolute need in Tennessee for the livestock industry," would have cost upwards of \$2.5 million "if we had had to start from the ground up."

"I am delighted that Commissioner Donelson and I have been able to concur in approving the construction of the Tennessee Livestock Pavilion," Griggs said. He added that Bragg's assistance was "very important in obtaining approval of the state legislature for this most important project."

Bragg said that selection of MTSU as the site of the pavilion was a natural choice. "If we are

going to have a place like this in Tennessee, they can take advantage of the existing facilities here," he explained.

Bragg noted that the project was not a priority item on the University's list of long- and short-range goals, nor was it among the state Board of Regents' priorities.

Among MTSU's major selling points, Bragg said, was its access to Interstates 40 and 24. He further noted adequate motel and eating facilities in the Murfreesboro area for the influx of people who will be attracted to livestock shows and sales. Bragg added that the pavilion could have a major impact on the Rutherford County economy.

"I envision there will have to be some policies established under which the Pavilion can operate,"

Bragg said. These policies would determine the amount of use the University could derive from the structure in conjunction with commercial functions.

Jim Akers, executive vice president of the Tennessee Livestock Association, lauded the project's approval. "We have felt for a long time that we could schedule national shows and sales if we had a structure that could handle them. I can foresee a lot more events coming into Tennessee that previously had gone to border states. From our standpoint it will be a real boost to the industry, something we've needed for a long time. It will be a real drawing card for the livestock industry in Tennessee."

Architectural work for the (continued on page 2)

MTSU student killed in automobile crash

By JERRY WILLIAMSON

Sidelines News Editor

One MTSU student was killed and another remains in the intensive care unit of Rutherford Hospital after a head-on automobile collision early Wednesday morning.

Nancy Renee McDonald, 20, a junior management major, was killed instantly during the accident

which occurred at the intersection of Highway 96 and Twin Oak Drive.

William E. Bush III, a sophomore, was listed in satisfactory condition in the intensive care unit yesterday afternoon. Earlier, the pre-pharmacy major was listed in serious condition reportedly concerning head injuries.

Tennessee Highway Patrolman Henry Lane responded to the 1:50 a.m. collision, but was unavailable for comment.

However, Operator Ronnie Inman, dispatcher for the Nashville district of the Tennessee Highway Patrol confirmed the head-on collision, but said the case is pending further investigation. "At this time, they really don't know

what happened," he said.

According to Judy Smith, associate dean of students for women, the accident occurred on a "slight" curve.

Smith said Bush was thrown from his vehicle and was transported to the Rutherford Hospital by the Rutherford County Ambulance Service suffering from face and head lacerations.

Inman said no charges have been made concerning the accident pending further investigation of the collision.

Funeral services for McDonald were held at 2 p.m. yesterday at the Nave Funeral Home in Lebanon, Tenn., and burial was at the Wilson County Memorial Gardens in Lebanon.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. C.C. McDonald of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Mrs. Nancy Hurt of Nashville; step parents, Mrs. Geneva McDonald and Mr. Thomas Hurt; and one brother, Clay McDonald of Nashville.

Pallbearers for the services were members of the MTSU ROTC department.

Senate seats 'up for grabs' in elections

Qualifying petitions for persons interested in running for ASB senate seats must be filed no later than noon Wednesday, Sept. 26, according to ASB Election Commissioner Janet Clark.

Senate seats up for grabs in the Oct. 3 and 4 elections include five freshman positions, one sophomore and one graduate senator. In addition, the 1979 Homecoming Queen and her court will be selected in the balloting.

Clark said Wednesday that three persons have qualified for the freshmen senate posts. No candidates have filed for the other senate positions.

To qualify, prospective candidates must submit a petition bearing the signatures of 50 members of the class to be

represented. Clark, in a memo to the candidates, said that at least 25 extra signatures should be included to account for names which could be deemed invalid.

Candidates must also meet a 2.0 grade point average requirement.

Campaigning for the seven senate positions will begin Sunday, Sept. 23, ten calendar days prior to the election. Further, each candidate is required to submit an itemized statement reporting all donations received and campaign expenditures, Clark said.

No candidates have been announced for the homecoming court, Clark said. However, she explained that sponsoring organizations have until next Wednesday to submit the proper forms.

"Last year we had 25 or 30 candidates, so we're hoping for at least that many this year," she said. "But this year, because of our new image, we're hoping for a bigger and better homecoming election."

In addition to the senate and homecoming balloting, a mock presidential election will be conducted. Clark said that political figures who have already announced for the 1980 presidential nomination, along with some unannounced candidates, will be on the ballot.

Student up for trial



Ivan Shewmake, dean of men students, and the accused Edward Turner, look on Friday as police search for a weapon near the scene of the stabbing.

By JEFF ELLIS
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Memphis freshman Edward Turner was arraigned yesterday in a Murfreesboro courtroom on charges of assault with intent to commit murder.

Turner is charged in connection with last Friday's knifing of Michael Pierce, a 19-year-old junior from Chattanooga.

During the proceedings, Turner asked for a continuance in order to seek legal counsel. The trial date has been set for Monday, Oct. 1, with Judge James Buckner presiding.

University Police Detective John Driver said yesterday that the weapon which was apparently used in the knifing accident has been uncovered.

Driver indicated that the knife's owner, whom he did not name, surrendered the "small, two-bladed pocket knife" to campus authorities Tuesday.

The detective said that Turner had apparently borrowed the knife from a friend and returned it following the altercation. The knife's owner, who had left campus for the weekend, was not aware of the incident until Tuesday, according to Driver.

Turner was charged with assault following the Friday afternoon knifing incident outside Woodmore Cafeteria. Pierce was rushed by ambulance to Rutherford Hospital where he underwent surgery for multiple stab wounds. He was released from the hospital Sunday.

Inside Sidelines today

Today in Sidelines, Jane Mier takes a tour of the LRC and discovers what it has to offer; we blast apathy from all sides; and the sports department offers a preview of Saturday's game with Morehead.

News Digest

Carter nixes status quo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will act on its own to alter the status quo if negotiations on Soviet troops in Cuba fail, President Carter told congressional leaders Thursday.

Reporting this, White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter, who has said he will not accept the status quo in Cuba, told the leaders the situation could be changed through negotiations "or by action on our part."

Powell said the president told the group the administration was readying options in case the issue "is not resolved satisfactorily" through negotiations. In that case, Powell said, Carter would "be prepared to take whatever actions are appropriate."

House Democratic Whip John Brademas of Indiana said Carter spoke of options "that would be unattractive from the viewpoint of the Soviet Union." But a White House official, who asked not to be named, emphasized that no direct military action against either Cuba or the Soviet Union was contemplated.

Carter also told the leaders that U.S.-Soviet discussions on Soviet troops in Cuba are just now approaching the bargaining stage and that previous discussions focused on a search for information.

Convention topic of meeting

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Eleven members of the American Association of University Professors at MTSU met Wednesday to discuss the national convention held in Houston, Texas, last June.

The organization, which hosts about 50,000 members nationally, promotes the idea of teachers being involved in participating in determining workload policies and adjusting to changes in the size, academic programs and facilities of the university.

"The AAUP is a different type of organization from TEA (Tennessee Education Association) or NEA (National Education Association)," Norman Ferris, former president of AAUP who attended the convention, said.

At the convention, Ferris said, the issue of the tenured teachers laid off by Vanderbilt when it "absorbed" George Peabody University became the top issue for the consideration of the National AAUP to investigate.

"The AAUP makes close to a thousand investigations of this kind every year, and we really worked to get the Vandy-Peabody issue on top," he said.

In the case of the Vanderbilt merger with Peabody, 30 tenured teachers from various departments were given notice their contract would not be renewed that year.

"Tenure means nothing if a governing board can fold departments without demonstrating an absolute necessity for doing it. The school was not in financial trouble, but potentially it might have been," he said.

A group of AAUP members counseled the teachers on how best to maintain their legal and professional rights.

Teachers at Peabody retained the legal counsel of David Pack, former Attorney General for Tennessee, to maintain rights, Ferris said.

"The Red Book" is a compiled guideline and interpretation of AAUP policies. "Many courts look at the AAUP policy for decision making in questions of university

cases," he added.

Another study dealing with an AAUP policy statement on institutional mergers was undertaken and will be completed by next June. "And when the statement is voted on and approved in June, it will become part of 'The Red Book' policy statements," Ferris said.

The guidelines of the policy book are used as guides to faculty handbooks by practically all universities in the country, he stated.

Other topics of discussion included a movement to work together and consolidate efforts in collective bargaining in tenure, principles of academic freedom and responsibility of a faculty for determining academic policy with the TEA. So far, it is illegal to bargain with the NEA or TEA unless legislation is enacted. As yet, none has been passed, but the TEA is pushing a bill to enact this.

Sidelights

Most of us would be frightened to enter a house full of ghosts and strange phenomena, but ghost hunters Ed and Lorraine Warren walked into the Amityville Horror house to investigate the strange happenings.

The Warrens will be at MTSU Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, illustrating their experiences with a slide show and a lecture. They will show a series of "psychic photographs" in which ghosts and other images have mysteriously shown up on film and conclude the program with a question and answer period.

Their lecture, which was moved from the LRC to the DA because of projected audience size is free and open to the public.

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Pavilion

system as being in the public interest to provide better communications. High said the commercial networks are watching the project, which is already in operation on the west coast, and will probably utilize this type of system "when the bugs are worked out."

"We're at the take-off point where a satellite can be utilized."

High said. "Satellites have not been used heavily as an interconnection like phone lines to distribute signals nationally."

"The loss of signal quality transmitted over the 44,000 mile round trip is not much more than sending it through traditional means from here to Nashville," he continued.

The 15-foot diameter dish antenna will be constructed next to the tennis courts, south of Cummings hall. Construction on the receiving dish will begin Oct. 2, High said.

He said a framework is being laid for a satellite link between higher education institutions in Tennessee. "There is an interest in the state of Tennessee right now in developing a public broadcast system," he offered.

"Congress has decided it's in the public interest to develop a system nationally," High said, as became apparent from the Public Telecommunication Financing Act of 1978. "People say, yes there are some problems with public broadcasting, but they need to develop."

WMOT

facility will be done on campus under the direction of Charles Pigg, director of campus planning. Pigg's office prepared the schematic diagrams for approval by the commissioners and the livestock producers.

Plans must be approved by the state building commission, with the bidding process at least six months away, Pigg said.

A prefabricated steel structure with 37,376 gross square feet will be attached to an existing horse pavilion which will be expanded to

house 300 head of livestock for shows or sales. The new arena will seat approximately 2,000 persons for shows. Additional parking space will be added adjacent to the pavilion.

"We at MTSU are pleased to have a facility designed to serve the livestock industry, which is such an important part of Tennessee's economy. It will be a boost to the Murfreesboro area and to the region as the facility attracts more people to our state and helps the livestock industry in Tennessee to grow," said President Sam Ingram.

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LRC offers reruns, temperature changes, photos

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Want to view the works of some of the best photographers in the country? Just walk down the hall. Feel like walking into a room and having the temperature change from hot and humid to windy and cold? Right around the corner. How about catching up on your favorite soap opera or "The Adams Family" reruns? Take a left and go through the first door you come to.

All of these things, and many more, can be experienced in the Learning Resources Center (LRC). Located across the street from High Rise West cafeteria and beside the University Center, the LRC offers a variety of supplemental material for courses, while housing MTSU's radio and television station.

The personalized learning lab contains video playback equipment, slide and filmstrip projectors, tape recorders, 16mm film projectors, five electric typewriters and a flight simulator used by aerospace majors.

Mary Jo James, director of media services, hastened to explain that the video recorders are not the same type that is available on the market today. "Most home machines use half inch tape, while our machines use three-quarter inch tape. I'd hate to have someone bring in a tape that they had made and not be able to see it."

The television monitors are able to receive regular network channels also. "Some students come over here just to catch up on their shows," Carolyn Brooks, lab assistant, said.

A cable system connects all classroom buildings on campus with the LRC, James said. Video recordings and television programs

can be transmitted from the personalized learning lab to all classrooms connected to the cable system. There are presently more than 100 rooms wired for television viewing.

Upstairs is a classroom with capacity of approximately 45. The room also contains 2 large television monitors and a film projector. Soundproof rooms line the back wall of the learning lab. The smaller ones, called isolets, can accommodate one or two people and the larger ones can hold up to eight. "A student can make reservations for a room," James added. "We book them one week in advance."

The computer lab is located in the personalized learning lab also. It has recently been expanded, James said, and its hours have been lengthened. "Anyone with a legitimate excuse can generally use the computers. The computer center issues identification numbers to those wishing to use the machines. Most people, however, who use the machines already know what they're doing. There's usually a graduate assistant in the computer lab to help you with some of the trickier technical stuff."

"Mid Tennessee Film Service also operates out of here," James said. "Public and private schools all over the middle Tennessee area subscribe to our service. We have approximately 3000 film titles, and about 6000 prints. We have a van which drives around the area, picking up and delivering the films."

"Our television and motion picture studio is equipped with professional type color cameras," Bill Jackson, director of media production, said. "Students learn

to operate equipment comparable to that used in commercial TV stations. Other services provided to faculty and students include video tape recording, editing and duplication."

"Our graphics and photography departments have a variety of special equipment," he continued. "More than 2000 35mm color slides are processed in the photo lab each month. Artwork for brochures, displays, research projects and designs for audio-visual presentations are created here."

All equipment in media production is used only in support of classroom instruction, Jackson added. The use of the equipment must be arranged through an instructor of a course.

The Environmental Simulation Laboratory, located in a room at the east end of the building, has the equipment to change the brightness of lights, humidity and temperature.

The 360 degree beehive-shaped room with a 40 foot ceiling can display one, three or five screen images. The lab can also simulate smells by using a wind ventilation system, Jackson explained. There are four amplifiers in the room that can be moved to produce special effects.

A photo gallery graces the hallway connecting the two lobbies. Harold Baldwin, mass communications professor, is the director for the gallery.

"About 8-10 exhibits are here each academic year," he said. "We have photographers from all over the world showing their work here. Now that MTSU is in the national photographic magazines, we have



photo by Larry McCormack

Students in the LRC Personalized Learning Lab utilize the carrels for studies. A variety of resources are located in the LRC for the students and staff

people writing us, requesting a show date here and we have to turn a lot of them down. We're booked through 1983."

Each semester the gallery tries to book one large show from a national gallery, Baldwin added. Also, MTSU students have displays on a regular basis.

WMOT, MTSU's radio station, is located on the second floor of the LRC, just off the east lobby. The station is not formally recognized as a part of the LRC, however; it is part of the mass communications department but is housed in the LRC for space purposes.

"We broadcast 20 hours a day during the week and 24 hours from Friday until 2 a.m. Sunday morning," John High, station

manager, said. "We've got 50 thousand watts."

WMOT is manned by professional full time staff of 8 people. Seventy-four students work there, either on internships or as employees.

"We receive the Associated Press wire service, ABC information radio and are a member station of National Public Radio," High said.

Frank Forgette, chief engineer of the LRC, is responsible for all technical or engineering type services on campus related to the LRC.

"My department maintains the audio visual department, TV studio, the simulation lab, multi media classroom, the electrical

equipment in the learning lab and we install the cables around campus," he said.

Presently, there are four other workers in the engineering department. "We usually have two or three students on work study with us, but so far have not yet received any," Forgette said. "Sometimes we'll take an internship from one of the local vocational schools."

The personalized learning lab is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8-4:30, Saturday 8-12 a.m., and Sunday 6-10 p.m. The computer lab is open 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday 8-4:30, Saturday 8-12 a.m., and Sunday 6-12 p.m.

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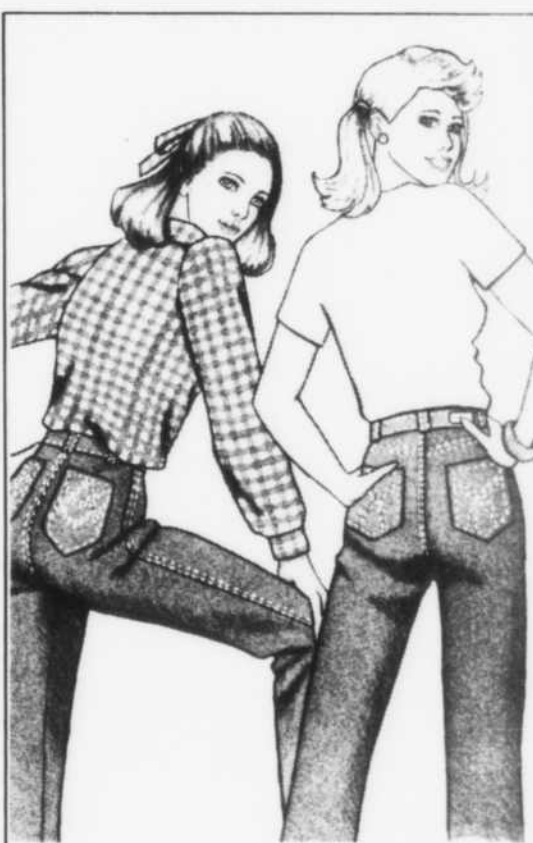
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from the editor

Is there an answer to apathy?

Apathy. It's a six letter dirty word — especially at MTSU. Throughout the years, much has been written about campus apathy and its consequences. Many people are probably tired of hearing all the commotion raised over it. They're sick to death of it. They just don't care anymore.

After the first four weeks of the semester, apathy reigns supreme on the MTSU campus once again. For example, in the past two issues of *Sidelines*, we conducted a poll to determine who the most influential students on campus are, in an attempt to gauge the overall power of students. We received fewer than 10 ballots prior to the deadline. Out of a student population of 10,000, one-tenth of one percent is a distressing and disturbing figure.

Perhaps we went about it the wrong way and certainly the evidence indicates that the poll was a great failure. But the fault does not fall entirely upon *Sidelines* and the method in which the poll was conducted. Instead, the blame should be placed upon those apathetic people who just don't care if students have any power at MTSU.

Now, we will be the first to admit that the poll could have turned into a popularity contest. That was one of the first things we considered when we first began discussing the proposal. However, we had faith in MTSU students. We expected at least 100 ballots — most of which, we thought, would be genuine.

Let's face the facts. Eight ballots do not indicate greatness or influence, do they?

Because we were disappointed with the outcome of the poll is not just cause for a tirade on apathy. But it does point out some disturbing actualities.

If we all allow ourselves to become apathetic — to reach the point that we just don't give a damn anymore — then we adopt a defeatist attitude. Forming an opinion and expressing it is an extremely important part of life.

We must continue to be interested, to play an active role in life around us or else fall into a lethargic state.

The day could very well come when every MTSU student doesn't care anymore and when that happens, we'll all be sorry.

Thus, the plan of action is evident. Involvement, interest and common sense are needed to ensure the future stability of the University's student body. It's the only safe procedure to follow.

And it's better safe than sorry.

Renee will be missed

She was one of those rare people who could make you laugh at any time. She was a people lover. She was Susan Renee McDonald. But now, she's gone — forever.

Early Wednesday morning on Highway 96 and Twin Oak Drive, Renee became the victim of a tragic automobile accident — an accident which took her life.

But for those 20 years that Renee lived, she seemed to make the best of every minute, friends say. For she was one who lived day by day and loved each day. She was happy and made others happy through her bright and beautiful outlook on life. Some claim she could make even the worst times seem good. That's just the kind of person she was.

Close friends of Renee's say she was always willing to help others, no matter what was asked of her. Renee has been described as very bright, beautiful, something special and spunky. Many say she was always busy, but with people, not with organizations as many other students are. She was happiest when she could be around people and have a good time. Some say the only thing needed to have a good time was Renee.

She was a junior at MTSU, and while attending this university she was a major in management. Renee became very involved in the ROTC program. She was a member of the White Beret Drill Team, and has been said to have been one of the better drill members. And owning up to that claim, Renee was attending MTSU on an Army scholarship — the second female in MTSU's history to receive such an honor. Members of the drill team said she was very dedicated to the organization and contributed ideas that would better the performance of the team and the university.

Because she was the type of person she was, honest and forward, Renee said what she felt. Not in a harsh or cruel way, but in a way to get her point across — a way to better whatever she was involved in. She gave everything her best and friends and faculty members say it showed.

This young MTSU student lived day by day and tried to make tomorrow better than today. As many have said, "That's just the kind of person she was." She was just a big cut-up, a crazy kind of person who was fun to be around.

But what was, is no more. The happy days, fun and special times are over. They are now just memories. But they are special memories and memories of beautiful times — memories that will last forever.

To those who were touched by her presence in this world, she will be deeply missed because she was special. But for those who didn't know her she will still be missed. She may have just been a "hello" to some people or a number to others in a roll book. But still, she will be missed. Because there is a common bond among us all — we are students of Middle Tennessee State University.

She was one of us and we will miss her.

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Viewpoints



from cell block F

by Mary Ann Richards

Does anybody really care about apathy?

I don't know whether I like the idea of getting stuck writing a column on apathy. Frankly, I really have nothing to say since I am being unfairly prodded to come up with some opinions. I'll adapt and make some up. Actually, it really doesn't matter anyway. Actually it's no big deal.

APATHY

By Mary Ann Richards

I have this to say about apathy. Apathy is a pretty neat noun. Apathy is a noun composed of six letters. I think I like the word apathy and sometimes I'm fond of the adjective apathetic. Yeah, apathetic sometimes is a neat, convenient word.

I think I first learned about apathy in grade school. Perhaps reading "See Spot run. Spot can run. Run, run, run Spot" was my first lesson in surviving in a beige society. I sometimes think this has helped me to be the well-adjusted, fashionably lethargic American that I am. Once in a while, I think, this has also helped me to be a free-floating social mixer. I'd like to say I owe it all to Spot. I can't. I'm not really sure. I'm not really certain about a lot of things except that I am not certain. Maybe that's why, just sometimes, I feel as empty as an album filler.

Apathetic people are fun people. Apathetic people fall in love in the

grill and fall asleep during wars and dental surgery. You can count on apathetic friends. Apathetic friends don't bother you, especially when you're alone, sick in the hospital or on a deserted road with a broken down car *except*, of course, when they are sick in the hospital or on a deserted road with a broken down car. Apathetic friends send mimeographed unseasoned greeting cards. Apathetic friends might send you a Care-less package containing a razor blade and a mop. Isn't it fun never rocking the boat? I'm not sure, but I might be glad that God created apathetic friends.

My favorite dead actor is Clark Gable. He said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." Maybe, I

sometimes think, he was a modern day prophet. Atta boy, Clark.

Maybe being apathetic has helped me a whole lot. Maybe sequence and brevity are most essential elements in our society. Anyway, who cares? One time, I'm not sure exactly when, I might have felt real glad about apathy. I think it was when I might have ruined my reputation by forming an opinion. Boy, am I glad I'm apathetic. It sure is wise to be unbiased. Being unbiased is also pretty neat.

Apathy might have a real place in our society. Actually who cares? But if apathy really might, only at times, have a real place in our society, maybe we could proclaim next week as national apathy week.

(The motto will be — National Apathy Week . . . So What???)

It really doesn't matter if you show up or not. In fact, nobody cares whether you do. Nothing will change anyway.

I'd like to say I'm glad I wrote this column on apathy. But I'm not.

I just work here and I don't ever want to get involved. Besides, who asked you??? Sometimes I think the world has been slipped a giant mickey, but then sometimes, once in a while . . . What was I saying? . . . Oh yeah, sometimes I think the world has been . . . I mean . . . the world . . . oh hell, it really doesn't matter. . . don't call me. . . I'll call you. . . don't quote me on that . . .



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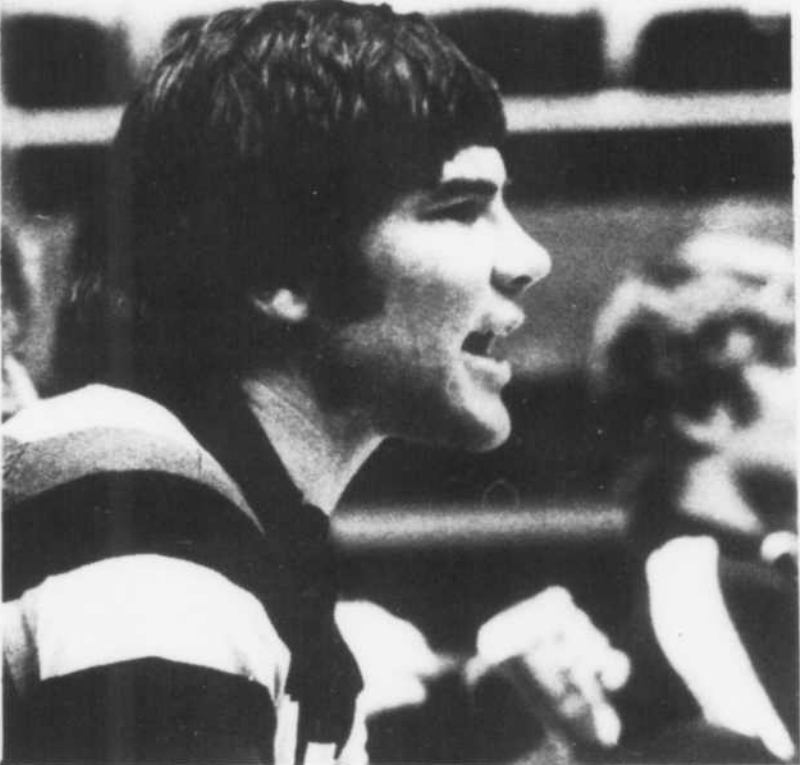
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	W	L	T	PF	PA
Eastern Kentucky	2	0	0	32	14
Austin Peay	2	0	0	44	13
Morehead State	1	0	0	14	7
Murray State	1	1	1	56	54
Tennessee Tech	1	1	0	28	30
Middle Tennessee	0	2	0	40	51
Western Kentucky	0	2	0	55	99
Akron	2	0	0	39	20



Gordon Connell

Connell terms '79 Grapplers 'strongest team ever'

By CAROL STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

After two weeks with only the freshmen and transfers, wrestling coach Gordon Connell has now begun readying his entire squad for the upcoming season.

Around 18 veteran grapplers are returning to the squad, deemed by Connell to be "our strongest team ever." And, recruiting turned out good for the Raiders, with 10 of the many freshmen being in the state finals last year.

"We have a lot more team depth. We will have somebody in every weight, which we haven't done before. This should be our best season," Connell said.

The main loss the wrestling Raiders face is the graduation of Pat Simpson, 126 pounds, who reached the national finals last year.

"Ordinarily, you miss somebody of his calibre, and you expect a little bit of weakness in that weight," Connell stated. "His presence at that weight will be missed, but as far as leadership... we won't be hurt."

Leadership this year will be assumed by fifth-year senior, Mike Kuziola, at 158 pounds. Red-shirted last season, Kuziola is considered by Connell to be "our best shot" to go to the national finals.

The middle of the weights seems to be the strongest area for the Raiders. Along with Kuziola, Tony Rowland, 150 pounds, and Willie Sardin, 167 pounds, are picked by the coach to be top wrestlers with chances at the nationals.

Competition for the squad begins Thanksgiving weekend at the Southern Opener, one of the leading tournaments in the South. The Raiders have kicked their season off with this tournament for the last few years, with everybody given a chance to wrestle before the real season begins.

"We're basically going to be a tournament team because of inexperience in certain weight classes," Connell remarked.

Some of the tougher opponents on the grapplers' schedule include the University of Tennessee, Indiana State, Auburn, University of Kentucky, Clemson, Illinois State, and UT-Chattanooga, who is unbeaten against the Raiders.

"I'm really optimistic, more so than I've been in the last couple of seasons," Connell added.

Blue Raiders open OVC effort

By HENRY FENNEL
Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly refers constantly to what he calls the "Hot Button." "We (the coaches) can't push the hot button" is one of his favorite expressions as he talks about the Blue Raider's efforts so far in '79.

As the Raiders prepare for Morehead's Eagles and their 'second season' in OVC play, Donnelly has stated he is still looking for the 'hot button' to get his team in the win column for the first time this season.

Morehead (1-0) has been picked as the weak sister in the OVC this year. Saturday's contest might represent the last time this season MTSU will be picked as the favorite. Morehead was the only team rated below the Raiders in the OVC coaches' pre-season poll.

The game looks to be of the utmost importance to the Raiders and the team's confidence as they head into the OVC schedule.

For the first time since pre-season, Donnelly has threatened to start nine freshmen on defense. Linebacker Stanley Wright and tackle Eddie Deeb have been cited as the only definite non-freshmen starters.

Wright ranks as the most active defensive player in the OVC after two weeks with 23 tackles and seven assists. Deeb is fourth in the conference with 20 tackles and his six assists are second best in the OVC behind Wright.

The head coach stated he was making the moves despite the protests of his assistant coaches. Donnelly also indicated he might back off some of the replacements as game time got closer.

Nose-guard Reggie Bell has been working with a groin pull and the injury has dropped him out of starting role for Saturday. It is possible Bell will play some, but Charlie Gregory, a 6-3, 215 pound freshman, is scheduled to start. Gregory saw extensive action against UTM last week after Bell was injured.

Last week's starters sophomore tackle Bill Cherry, junior defensive end James McClellan and senior cornerback Guy Albaneese were termed doubtful starters by Donnelly.

The shake-up in the defensive alignment is what Donnelly promised after UTM piled up 387 yards rushing this past week.

The Raider defense now ranks last among OVC squads while giving up an average of 436 yards to opposing offenses.

Of that average, 370 yards-per-game have come on the ground. That represents a full 200 yards more per-game than the next best rushing defense.

By contrast, MTSU ranks as the second best against the pass. In two games, MTSU opponents have only attempted 17 passes and completed eight.

MTSU's offensive alignment will be basically the same as the past

two weeks with the exception of the split end position.

Starter Larry Miller will be out this week with a knee injury. He will be replaced by freshman Allan Curtis of Hendersonville. Curtis, a 9.8 100-yard-dash man, has been sharing time with Miller in the first two ballgames.

Sophomore Gus Purvis will again get the start at quarterback. "If he's hot and is controlling the game, he stays," Donnelly said. Freshman Brown Sanford is also expected to see action against Morehead.

Sanford ranks second on the OVC total offense list behind John Hall of Western Kentucky. The Murfreesboro freshman has averaged 161 yards-per-game in total offense, while playing on a limited basis. Sanford put the ball in the air 24 times against UTM in just over one quarter of play.

The MTSU offense enters Saturday's contest as the third most productive among the seven OVC schools. The Raiders have averaged 313.5 yards in two games.

The bulk of the offense, 201 yards-per-game, has come through the air, second only to Western's 203.5 yards-per-game. MTSU's rushing offense ranks last in the conference with a 112.5 average per-game.

Donnelly heaped praise on his receiving corps. The Raider skipper cited tight end Bruce Bryant, flanker Kolias Elion and split end Allen Curtis for their play in the

past two games. Donnelly also noted that Elion was the first player he had ever coached who could run the forty-yard-dash in under 4.5 seconds. That would make the Raider wide receiver as fast as any player in the OVC.

Morehead awarded first year head coach Tom Lichenberg with a win in his initial game at the Eagle controls. Morehead defeated Kentucky State 14-7 this past week.

In the game, Morehead piled up 281 yards on the ground. Bernard McIntosh led the way with 118 yards on 18 carries as the Eagles turned away from the passing game they have relied on for the past several seasons. Morehead had two other backs to go over 80 yards in the contest.

Gone from the Morehead ranks is first-round NFL draft choice Phil Simms. He was at the heart of the Eagle air game for four seasons.

Morehead's defense features two all-conference linebackers in Tommy Warren (6-3, 215) and Rodney Jefferson (5-11-195). "Those two linebackers are as good as anyone around," Donnelly said.

Saturday's meeting between the two schools is number 30. MTSU leads the series 23-5-1. MTSU claimed it's only win of the '78 season at home against Morehead by the score of 9-6.

The contest will begin at Morehead's Jayne Stadium at 1:30 p.m. (EDT). 12:30 Murfreesboro time.

Simpson starts pre-season training Monday

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

For new Blue Raider head basketball coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson it's still a game of wait and see.

Simpson, who replaced Jimmy Earle at the end of last season, has heard all of the silly old cliches by now like 'big shoes to fill,' and 'hard act to follow.' But for Simpson and his 1979 Blue Raiders the waiting game is almost over. At least as far as organized practices go.

For the scholarship players the organized conditioning program will begin on Monday. The first official practice session, monitored by the coaches, will begin on October 15 in accordance with NCAA regulations.

The biggest news to come from the basketball ranks of late is the

condition of sophomore John Denen. Denen, who had lost 16 pounds unexplainedly over a span of about three weeks, entered the hospital last Monday and stayed several days undergoing extensive tests.

The initial diagnosis was sugar diabetes, but after the tests proved negative Denen was put on a no sugar diet and told to take it easy for awhile.

"Of the 16 pounds I lost, I've already gained four back, so I'm pretty confident that everything will work out OK," Denen said. "I ran about a half a mile yesterday and I was really surprised that I didn't get more tired than I did."

Simpson, who said he expected great things from Denen this season, said that he and the trainers were going to keep a close eye on the situation until Denen gains the

weight back.

"The doctor gave us the go ahead to let John practice, so to say the least, we're glad everything turned out alright."

With four of the top six players gone from last year's team which amassed a record of 16-11, Simpson will be faced with a rebuilding situation in his first year as head coach. But with the additions of some fine recruits and a healthy Jerry Beck, Simpson's initiation could be very rewarding.

Beck, who injured an ankle in the first four minutes of his very first ballgame as a Blue Raider last year, will be heavily counted on to juice up the offense. Joining Beck will be Leroy Coleman, a three year starter, who was second on the team in scoring with a 14 point per game average. Also returning is 6-6 center Chris Harris who wound up

the number three scorer on the squad with 11 points per game and was also named to the All OVC freshman team.

Other returnees are Denen, Curtis Fitts, Mike Frost, Mark Lynn and Raymond "Zoom" Martin.

New signees for the coming year include 6-3 junior college transfer Robby Randolph, 5-10 guard Edward Perry and 6-9 freshman Ray LeComte.

"I've spent the last couple of days working on the master practice plan and I'm really getting excited about starting practice," Simpson said.

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Diana Meyers is back at the number three singles position for the Lady Raiders tennis squad. Meyers is one of five returning starters under head coach Sandy Neal.

Lady netters open fall schedule

MTSU women's tennis team opens its 1979 fall schedule this weekend, traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky for a quadrangular meet with Mississippi State, Miami of Ohio and Western Kentucky.

Under head coach Sandy Neal, the Lady Raider netters open the tournament this afternoon with Miami of Ohio. Tomorrow morning, they take on Mississippi State before facing defending OVC champion Western tomorrow afternoon.

"We are looking forward to this weekend," Neal said. "We really haven't had a chance to evaluate

our players as we have had only two weeks of practice. This tournament will give us a chance to see what our problems are and what we need to work on the most," Neal added.

Neal should feel comfortable about this year's team as she returns her top five players off last year's team that finished with a 13-6 record, good enough for a second place finish in the OVC tournament and third in the state tournament.

Elina Durchman, OVC Player of the Year for the past two years, is once again expected to play the number one position. The Helsinki,

Finland native led the team in 1978 with a 23-8 record and won her second consecutive OVC championship.

However, sophomore Tarja Ojala, also of Helsinki, has been most impressive during the fall, and Neal indicated that she might play the number one spot, moving Durchman to the second position.

Diana Myers came to MTSU last year as one of the top singles players in Nebraska. The Omaha native proceeded to compile a 24-9 mark at the third spot and will be counted on heavily as a sophomore to continue her outstanding play.

In the fourth position, Chattanooga's Nancy Broadhurst is back. Broadhurst finished her sophomore season with a 15-13 record and teamed with Myers to compile a 17-10 record at number two doubles.

However, Murfreesboro's Kaye Wrather is pressing Broadhurst hard for the fourth spot and might move up from number five where she was 21-8 last year as a junior.

Only sixth seeded Karen Miller is gone off last year's team. Taking her place this Fall will be freshman Jenny Orr of Savannah, Ga. Orr was listed among the top 20 women's tennis players in Georgia during her high school career. She should provide MTSU with an excellent replacement for the departed Miller, Neal indicated.

"Western Kentucky will be the favorite in the tournament," Neal said. "They have their number one player back in Sandy Leslie. She was undefeated in regular season matches last Spring but lost in the first round of the OVC tournament to Mary Knobb of Austin Peay."

"They lost their number two and five players to graduation but recruited the number one ranked player in Turkey," Neal added. "They should once again be a strong team and this weekend will really provide us with some excellent competition because we know Mississippi State and Miami of Ohio have good programs," Neal concluded.

Saturday's OVC schedule

Western Kentucky plays Austin Peay in Clarksville this weekend in the key Ohio Valley Conference match-up.

The Defending OVC champion Toppers have had rough going in their first two games against division one teams. Western has allowed a total of 99 points in their games with UT-Chattanooga and Lamar University.

While the defense has struggled, the Topper offense has been most effective. Western quarterback John Hall leads the OVC in total offense averaging 214 yards-per-game.

Austin Peay enters the contest with a number eight national ranking among Division 1-AA football team. Peay took advantage of numerous mistakes by UTM two weeks ago to defeat the Pacers 34-7. The Gov's had an off week this past Saturday to prepare for Western.

In other OVC games, Eastern Kentucky, ranked number four in the nation, goes out of the conference to play East Tennessee State in Johnson City. Tennessee Tech will be at Murray State Saturday night for another key OVC matchup.

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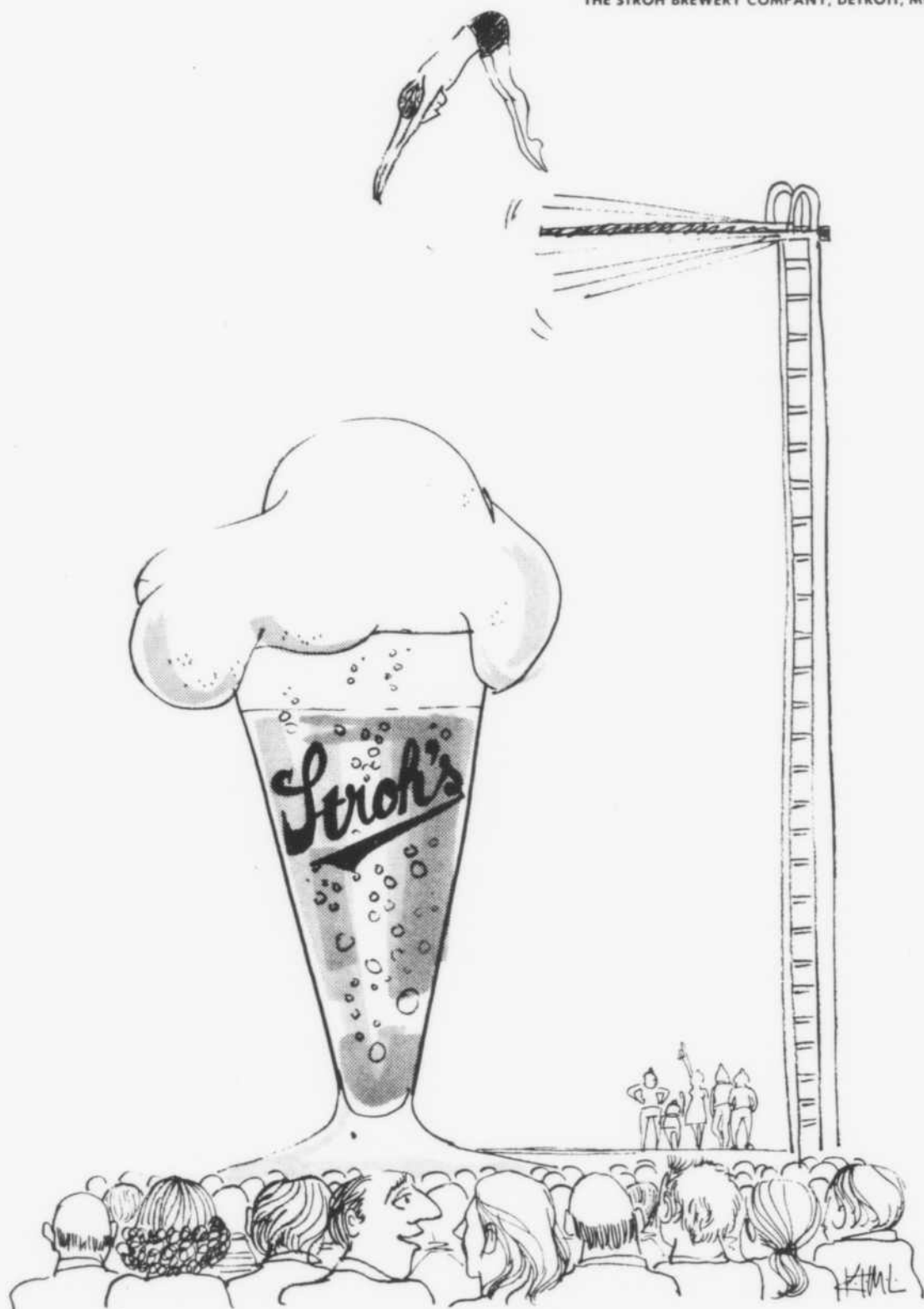
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