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Let's face it, there are certain legitimate news functions that *Sidelines* must serve. There are entire rainforests full of PR releases and campus claptrap that you, the student, need to know about. Warren Wakeland has separated the wheat from the chaff for you, dear reader.

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When the campus is invaded by wee people, only the strong survive. Serenity Sutton takes us into the heart of the children's theatre production of "Winnie-the-Pooh" and demonstrates The Tao of Children's Theater

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Ahh, the subtle art of cheerleading. Not everyone can do it. It takes strength of character and body. Mike Reed goes behind the scenes of the varsity squad tryouts and even gets a quote or two from Ole Blue himself.

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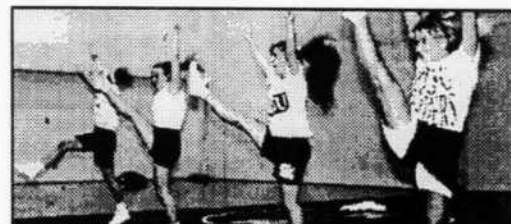
Ole Blue looks a little deflated without his innards to make him tick. Photo editor, Chuck Hogue snapped this keepsake for our cover.



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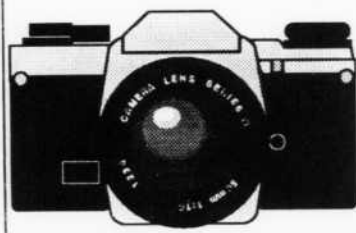
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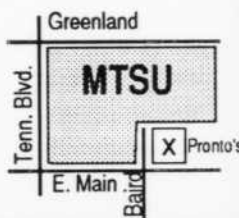
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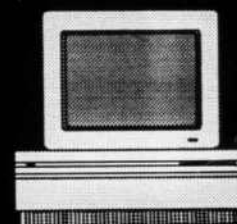
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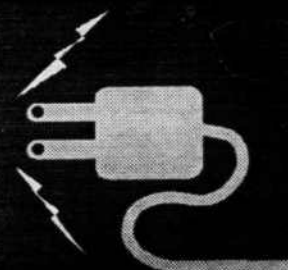


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IT'S SUMMER

"We cynical, slacking, 'Generation Xers' who in a few short years will be running the show are the darlings of the demographic curve."

The System Works
by Mike Reed

IT'S SUMMER AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE NFL. The new Fox advertising campaign is getting us all juiced up: "It's about power. It's about grace. It's about speed. It's about heart. But most of all, it's about memories." All we can remember is how much good money Fox paid to buy hardware pitchman John Madden to commentate.

And memories are all we have of the student affairs division. Sure, Dr. Lalance is still veep, but deans Judy Smith and Paul Cantrell are waiting out the clock in retirement city. Holly Lentz is ready to start filling Smith's shoes, but with Customs coming up fast, we can't help but wonder if Lentz's experience as president of the Associated Student Body will be enough.

It's about memories ...

Remember when you could walk from the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building to the Keathley University Center without having to take the Limebaugh Library throughway?

It's about speed ...

Taco Bell is encouraging us to start out late. "Deh less you sleep, deh longah de sommah lasts" claims their Rasta pitchman. That doesn't sound so hot for those of us taking upwards of 19 hours trying to get out of here in time to apply for those three jobs that aren't taken by the five million college students who graduated a month ago. An endless summer filled with tension, sleep deprivation, and the promise of "radical nachos." Where do we sign? And we better sign in a hurry before the Tennessee Board of Regents approves yet another tuition hike.

It's about grace ...

In spite of it all, we're looking forward to summer school. There are six empty pages in our four notebooks. If we write small we can fit in three weeks' worth of notes on "19th Century American Literature."

That'll save us from having to find a clear path to the bookstore.

It's about heart ...

Sidelines summer edition is going to take some getting used to. We've tried to put together a publication that reflects how we feel about summer school. The changes should be obvious, but any questions can be directed to our internal affairs department sector 7G.

Perhaps it will help you forget the rigors of cramming a semester's worth of studying into a few weeks' worth of classroom torture.

Regardless, *Sidelines* is different. We're larger and smaller. Not as many pages, not as much advertising, but now we have another inch of paper per page to spout what quintessential magazine writer Joe Queenan calls "cheerful, life-affirming malice."

It's about grace ...

So enjoy the new look and never worry; like the NFL season, summer school only lasts until it's over.

What lasts much longer than the summer are advertising campaigns aimed at us.

We cynical, slacking, "Generation Xers" who in a few short years will be running the show are the darlings of the demographic curve.

We're witnessing a great change in advertising. The Baby Boomer, in the eyes of American popular thought, can best be compared to the velociraptor: pretty smart, but a headful of long-dead ideas.

Now that we're coming into our own (demographically speaking), ads are catering to us. We're the ideal consumer: more obsessed with possessions than the intricacies of world finance, with compact discs than certificates of deposit, with comfort than security.

That's okay. We know what we're doing. Otherwise we wouldn't be in summer school.

We like summer school.

To us it isn't a horrible torture you have to endure because you got an "F" in "Western Civ."

Summer school is an easy way to get those nasty "Fs" off the books. We can do five weeks on our heads.

No, summer school transports the MTSU campus back in time to an era when MTSU wasn't bursting at the seams. The campus becomes unstuck in time. Suddenly it's 1979 and we have plenty of room and no curriculum.

All the classic signs are there: no upper division writing courses in the J-school; about 10,000 fewer students banging around; everybody's frustrated with the college, but nobody wants to criticize too harshly because we know the administration is doing its best to keep MTSU from becoming a trade school for the 21st century.

That's why we can't complain too much that those trenches are running through the campus.

That work is necessary and to be perfectly honest, the drainage on campus has never been better.

We like summer school, but we feel sorry for the faculty. They give up their summer to earn money to survive (salaries being what they are), only to be forced to jam months of lectures into weeks of blank stares. Well, either that or try to make "Western Civ" come alive at 7:30 a.m. for a bunch of students who are there because they flunked it before, want to get it over with in a big hurry, hoping for an easier watered-down version or are very recent high school grads trying to get the jump on their peers.

It's about speed ...

MTSU can be a pleasant place to be in the summer. The classes may be in *Reader's Digest* mode but our focus isn't split too wide. We can handle three hours of lower division speech classes per day.

We might even learn something.

Our Duty to the State

SURPRISE SURPRISE, ENROLLMENT IS UP!

Enrollment for summer semester could reach 7,500 students, according to the Office of Admissions.

As of May 27, total enrollment for summer stands at 6,611 students, according to records obtained from Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie. Gillespie intimated the number will increase.

"With registration going on through the beginning of the last summer session (July 6), students will continue to be added to that number," Gillespie said. "We expect as many as 7,500 students will register for summer classes."

The projection of 7,500 would suggest a slight increase in attendance from the Summer 1993 semester and would double the number of summer enrollees since 1987. Gillespie was quick to point out, however, that these enrollment numbers cannot be compared with numbers from the years before 1993.

"Remember, before last summer we had intersessions during the summer," Gillespie said. "Those numbers were not counted toward enrollment. Starting last summer, intersession was included in the normal summer session. Therefore, those numbers are now included in the total enrollment for last summer and this summer."

Gillespie feels there are a number of reasons for the steady increase.

"We've done a lot the last few years to change the attitude of high school students toward MTSU, and this has helped a lot," Gillespie said. "Recent discussions with high school counselors have told us this, and we are seeing the results."

Gillespie said the slowdown in enrollment increase from Summer 1993 to this summer can be attributed to the higher admissions standards recently put in place.

"With our new admissions standards," Gillespie said, "we've changed the image of MTSU from one where anyone [who applies for admission] can get in to one of being a better overall school."

"Prospective students look at the broad curriculum available and the location and decide this is a good school to attend," Gillespie said.

CAN'T KEEP CRIME IN THE DARK

College students and their parents are entitled to receive campus crime data under final regulations published by the U.S. Education Department.

"Consumers have a right to know what they're buying," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, "and campus crime statistics and safety procedures provide critical information for any parent or student when selecting a college. If consumers can find out the safety records of motor vehicles, surely they would have access to the same information for college campuses."

Colleges and universities are now required to distribute an annual security report to all current students and employees. Any prospective student or employee may receive a complete report upon request.

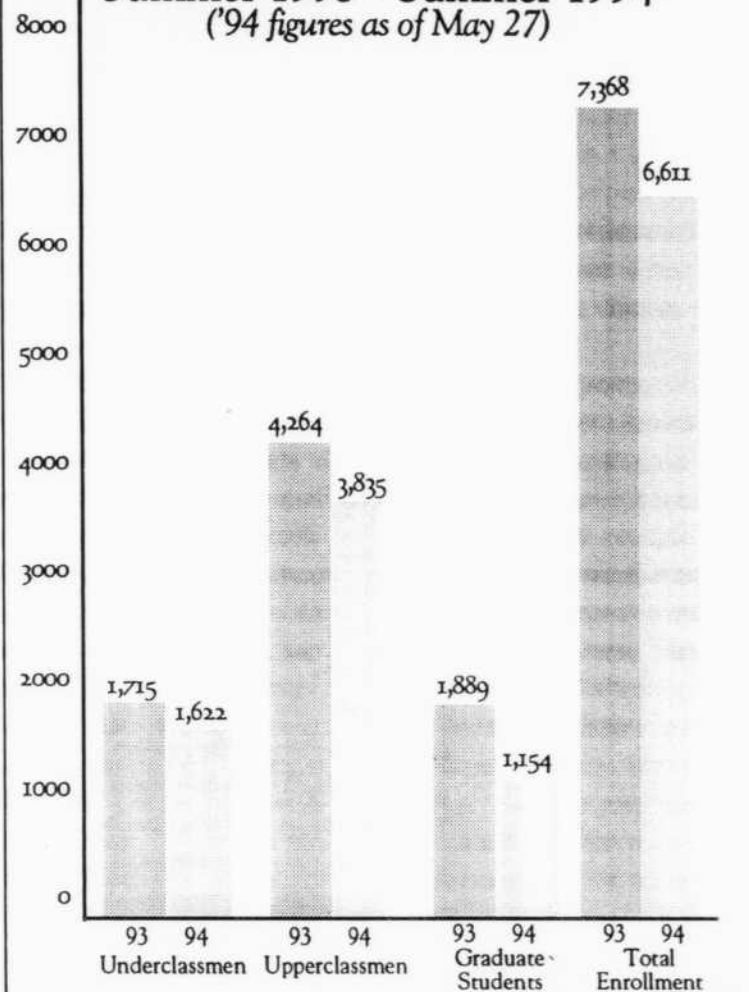
The report must include statistics about on-campus violent crimes, policies about on-campus security, procedures for reporting crimes and other emergencies, information on campus sexual assault and rape awareness programs, policies concerning on-campus drug and alcohol use, and a description of programs about alcohol and drug abuse education.

In addition, the Department will provide close to \$14 million this year to colleges and universities to help them develop campus-wide programs to curtail the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

As Compiled By Warren Wakeland

Enrollment Comparison

Summer 1993 - Summer 1994
(94 figures as of May 27)



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NO RECORD? NO KIDDING

Who stole the MTSU Record?

The public relations department-produced newsletter could not be found anywhere on campus this past Friday. The 2,000 copies of the paper were to be dropped off at KUC for dispersal around campus. About 3:00 p.m. Monday, Sidelines received a call from the public relations department wondering whether their papers had been dropped off at the Student Publications offices.

When told they were not there, Gayle Robinson of the PR department started a search.

"We didn't know what had happened to them," Robinson said. "All we know is the papers weren't dropped off."

An investigation by The

Daily News Journal, the publication which prints the paper and brings it to campus, led to the problem. Their delivery person could not get into the KUC through the normal delivery entrance because the doors were locked.

Rather than trying to find another way in to the building, the deliverer instead kept the papers in the van and took them back to the Journal with him. In the back of that van the papers did stay until Tuesday morning, when the PR department called to complain and the mistake was found.

"We thought the janitorial staff may have thrown them out this [past] weekend, not knowing what they were," Robinson said. "We didn't know the [delivery] guy would just keep them."

FROM THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Wendee Capley got to her car after her morning political science class last Wednesday and received a nasty shock — a \$10 parking ticket.

Capley was parked in a resident assistant spot behind Schardt Hall, one of the dormitories not being used to house summer session students.

"I couldn't believe it," said the senior criminal justice major of the ticket. "I was late, and I thought that because Schardt wasn't being used, it would be all right. It was a green spot."

Gary Hunter, manager of Public Safety and Security, said that every spot is clearly marked, and that the rules don't change during summer session.

"The parking regulations state that marked spaces are reserved 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Hunter said. "The spaces [in question] belong to the Housing staff and are not available to the general public. Any student who parks there without the proper permit will receive a citation."

Representatives of the Housing Department could not be reached for comment.

Hunter said the traffic committee, of which he is a non-voting member, is responsible for handling all appeals concerning parking tickets.

"The decisions about appeals is strictly up to the [traffic] court," Hunter said. "They will listen to the student's circumstances and make their decision based on those circumstances."

There is no fee assessed for appealing a parking citation.

For Capley and many others, this is not good enough.

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HEY, YOU WITH ALL THE EXTRA CASH, WANNA LOTTERY?

Editor's note: In yet another attempt to figure out what is going on inside your head, Sidelines has produced the first in a series of surveys on topics concerning you, our favorite reader. Return responses to Box 42 or JUB 310

1. Have you ever played a lottery game in another state?
 - yes
 - no (skip to question 5)

2. In which states have you played?
 - Kentucky
 - Georgia
 - Alabama
 - Mississippi
 - Other _____

3. Do you currently play a lottery in another state?
 - more than once a week
 - once a week
 - once every two weeks
 - less than once every two weeks

4. How often do you win?
 - more than once a week
 - once a week
 - once every two weeks
 - less than once every two weeks

5. Do you think that Tennesseans should have an opportunity to vote concerning establishment of a state lottery?
 - yes
 - no

LOOKING FOR A JOB? TRY YOUR COMPUTER

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Beginning a job search is never easy for college seniors. However, the ever-increasing amount of information available via the computer super-highway is providing an alternative to the traditional job search.

John Abriano, a senior at Penn State, faced the grueling task of putting his diploma to work. He, like many college seniors, began the job search through the traditional avenues of newspaper ads and employment services. He changed his approach, however, after "discussing" the trials of the out-of-work college graduate one night on CompuServe, an on-line computer network.

"People were suggesting I use my computer for the job hunt," Abriano says. "I spent the next few nights on the bulletin board, asking around about jobs."

In less than two weeks, Abriano accepted a job offer from a cellular phone company in New York. "My roommates were kidding me about finding work without ever leaving my couch," he said. "It wasn't quite that casual, but I have to admit it was pretty simple."

During a time when many corporations continue to cut back on campus recruiting, students are turning to their personal computers for job leads.

Students at Emory University in Atlanta are using various software packages to input their resumes on a system that can be reviewed by potential employers, and the university has developed its own software program that enables recruiters to place job listings on a database accessible to all Emory students.

Emory is also working

with other universities such as Brandeis, Duke, Georgetown, New York, Vanderbilt and Tulane, to develop a computerized career hotline. The hotline would enable students from all participating universities to scan the database for job listings. "This way a Brandeis student who wishes to relocate to Atlanta can obtain local contact names and job openings," says Tariq Shakoor, director of the school's career center, "while Emory students who wish to move to Boston can do the same."

More and more, college career placement offices faces with shrinking budgets are using computer databases to pool resources, adds Shakoor. "It's in our best interest to share when resources are so limited."

Meanwhile, various on-line job-hunting services are helping to match up thousands of applicants with prospective employers. Online Career Center, a non-profit organization based in Indianapolis, lists 12,000-14,000 job openings and more than 18,000 resumes within the service, and the numbers are constantly increasing, says Bill Warren, the center's executive director.

"We get about 150 resumes every day," he says. "People are realizing there are many alternatives to the standard job search."

The center is funded by more than 40 corporations and is able to offer its services at no charge to subscribers of services like CompuServe, Prodigy and America Online. "Because of online computers, we really are in every college campus in the country," he adds.

OUR SECOND LOTTERY PIECE IN AS MANY PAGES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Most state residents support a state lottery and allowing citizens of Memphis to decide by referendum whether to put casinos in their city, according to a poll.

Sixty-seven percent of 805 Tennessee voters contacted by phone by Mason-Dixon Political-Media Research Inc. favored a state lottery, which is illegal under the state constitution. Thirty percent were opposed.

The poll, conducted May 21-22, has a

margin of error of 3.5 percent.

Respondents also said they were agreeable to Shelby County residents deciding for themselves whether to build casinos to compete with those opening nearby in Tunica, Miss. Fifty-four percent were in favor of allowing a referendum, 32 percent were opposed and 14 percent were undecided.

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"I don't see why students can't park in reserved spots during the summer semester if it is obvious those spots are not being used," Capley said.

Capley said she has not seen a university vehicle parked in the spots behind Schardt since the summer session began May 17.

"There is a whole inner area at Schardt, Monohan and Reynolds Halls for university trucks to use," Capley said. "Why can't we use the spots on the outside if the RA's aren't there? It doesn't make sense to me."

The Tao of Children's Theater

MTSU students entertain the kids for fun and profit

By Serenity S. Sutton

The dim reaches of MTSU's Tucker Theater erupt with the uninhibited giggles and chirps of its audience, an atypical reaction for the usually composed theatre-going crowd.

Yet the typical crowd can also reach the floor with both feet, and this gaggle of gigglers swings legs cheerfully as it laughs along and calls out in happy recognition as the cast comes onstage.

"Winnie! Look, there's Winnie-the-Pooh," goes the buzz of recognition.

And so it is. In all his honey-pot, stuffed-belly, red-shirted glory. A.A. Milne's classic creation ambles onstage in golden fur and elaborate face make-up.

The question of whether today's too-cool pre-adolescents, reared on a steady diet of Nintendo and violent action movies, will even respond to such an admittedly corny classic ends swiftly. The older (we're talking fourth-grade) kids, especially boys, might mutter, "This is stupid," and pass the time mentally thinking of ways to blow Winnie out of the woods, but a largely kindergarten crowd hasn't yet succumbed to the hipper elements among them. They love it.

As does Dale McGilliard, MTSU associate theatre professor and the director of "Winnie-the-Pooh," this year's Children's Annual Theatre Production.

The children's theatre project has been going on for five years now, according to McGilliard. Previously a classroom project, the event has been added to the regular season of MTSU Theatre Group performances.

College students play the parts of the characters for the children, create the sets and do make-up and publicity, just as they do for other MTSU shows, McGilliard explains. But for these productions, local schools make

reservations and bring groups to performances. Crowds range from 150 to 700, mostly extremely active kids with a healthy appreciation for the theater.

"It's been great for the students in the cast to learn to play this size crowd," McGilliard says. "They have a lot of fun doing it."

This season's cast is headed up by Jonathan Shockley, an MTSU theater veteran who plays the unfailingly gentle and optimistic Winnie-the-Pooh. Winnie's human friend, Christopher Robin, is played by Jason Porter, and Heidi Eland tackles the role of Piglet with great zeal. Eeyore is played by Travis Mondrall, the Rabbit by Julie Shavers, and Skunk by Harvie Butler and Brent Hodge.

Missing from the cast is everyone's favorite irrepressible tiger, Tigger, of "Tiggers are wonderful things" fame. Although a staple of Winnie-the-Pooh cartoons — and a popular feature in Disney's Winnie-the-Pooh cottage industry of stuffed animals, T-shirts, wristwatches, plates, boxer shorts, ties, and numerous other gift items — Tigger is sadly not part of this show.

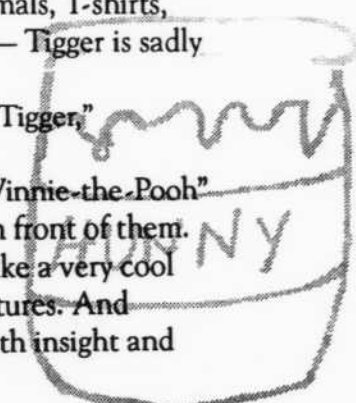
"This is one of the early Winnie-the-Pooh stories, so it didn't have Tigger," McGilliard explains regretfully. "Everybody asks for him."

Even without Tigger, the kids at one of the last performances of "Winnie-the-Pooh" seem perfectly thrilled as Milne's familiar characters move and speak in front of them. The "hundred-acre wood" where Winnie and friends hang out seems like a very cool place indeed, filled with all sorts of talking creatures and quaint adventures. And although nothing horrible ever happens in Winnie's world, it's filled with insight and observations, kind of like a Seinfeld of the animal kingdom.



POOH JUST IS — Heidi K. Eland, Vicki Jones, and Jonathan Shockley recreate A.A. Milne's classic characters in Tucker Theater's production of "Winnie-the-Pooh."

"The question of whether today's too-cool pre-adolescents, reared on a steady diet of Nintendo and violent action movies, will even respond to such an admittedly corny classic ends swiftly."



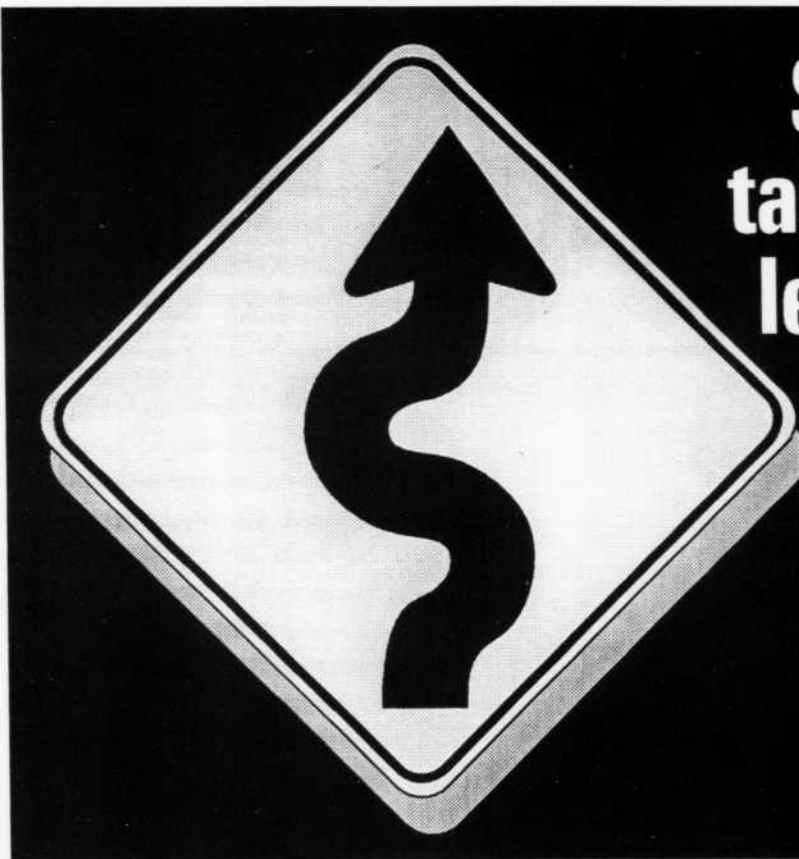
"It's so neat to see the little kids afterwards," McGilliard says. "They just love the characters."

And they get to meet them, as cast members mingle with children in the lobby after the show.

This is a particular pleasure, proclaims Rebecca Brooks, an elementary school teacher who has braved the safety of the classroom to chaperone these trips several times.

"It's so important to get these little minds out of the dull classroom sometimes and teach them things in the real world," she says. "And of course, they love it. They love anything that gets them outside, but coming to the theater is always something special. I am always impressed with the quality of what we see here."

Winnie seems like a pretty mellow bear dude, especially compared to his animated brother, Yogi. But the pace, the gentle humor and the dedication in this play all make it an excellent experience for anybody who can still manage to smile. You just have to like someone whose whole philosophy of pleasure is a snug home, a pot of honey and a walk in the woods.



Sidelines is taking the road less traveled.

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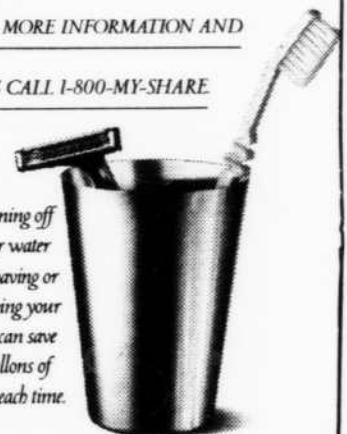
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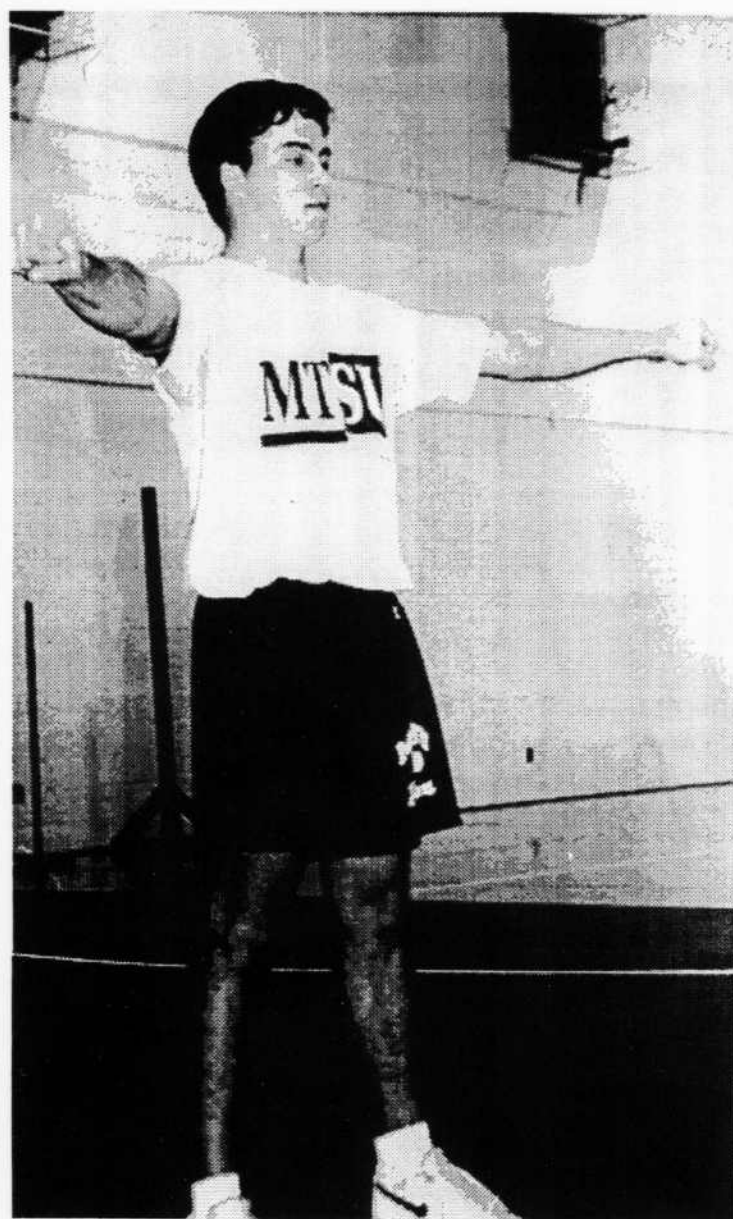
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Am I Blue?

Competition for slots on the varsity cheerleading squad can be fierce

By Mike Reed



WARMING UP: Jonathon Crocket (above) is among the hopefuls trying out for a spot on the varsity cheerleading squad. (Below) LeaAnn Whitehead (standing) waits with the others for her turn to perform.



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Chuck Hogue
Photo Editor**

To really enjoy a trip to the ball park or football stadium certain ingredients must be present. The crowd has to be loud. The food must be greasy. The team has to be ready to play and the cheerleaders have to be excited.

Getting excited isn't a problem for the hopefuls who have turned out for the MTSU varsity cheerleading tryouts. The sponsors are excited. The hopefuls are excited. Administrative Advisor Paul Cantrell is excited.

"These are wonderful ambassadors for the university," he says.

Ironically, spectators aren't allowed to clap or cheer during the tryouts which consist of several events including chants, cheers, fight songs, jumps, stunts and an interview.

That's quite an ordeal for even the cheeriest of people. Cynics might ask: Is it worth it?

Absolutely, says former cheerleader and MTSU graduate Ansley Tonkin.

"You get a scholarship and all your books," she says. "And you get to go on a lot of trips and meet lots of people."

Last year the cheerleading squad went to Hawaii with the football team.

With a scholarship on the line, competition can be fierce. In fact, there are only 14 slots available for the 22 hopefuls—six men and six women plus two alternates.

"You have to try out every year to stay on the squad," says Tonkin. "The people chosen at the end of the Spring semester are the squad for the next year."

Eddie Johnston has been a cheerleader for MTSU since 1987.

"I got moved up to varsity my first year," he said. "I was on the varsity squad for five years, then I tried out for Blue."

Ol' Blue, that is — the lovable hound who serves as a mascot for the Blue Raiders.

Johnston has been Blue for the last two seasons and today is trying to make it an unprecedented third.

"He's crazy," says Johnston of his canine alter ego. "Sometimes I can't control him."

Johnston became Blue for many reasons not the least of which was financial.

"I'd go to all the games anyway," he says. "This is a way to get in for free."

Johnston also likes the independence associated with being a mascot.

"There's not as much practice involved. It leaves me more time for work."

This year, however, the competition for the cherished blue and white fuzzy suit is heated.

Chelsea McKissack wants to be Blue too.

Chelsea even has a little experience in the realm of professional mascot.

"I was a cheerleader in high school," she says. "I also worked at Disney World dancing and as some of the characters."

The third contender is somewhat bashful about the tryouts. She would only tell me her first name — Stephanie.

Stephanie also has some experience in the mascot arena. She was Governor Peay, the beloved mascot of Austin Peay State University, last season.

"I have a picture of me as Governor Peay with Ol' Blue," she says.

These hounddog hopefuls have to go through the same rigmarole as the cheerleaders, including the interview.

"It was no big deal," says Stephanie. "It was very short. They asked about experience and about me and that was it."

But being the Blue Raider mascot is more than putting on a blue furry jumpsuit and oversized dog head; being Blue is a state of mind.

"He really is a cheerleader," says McKissack. "He helps get the crowd up. Sometimes the cheerleaders can't. If you've got a crowd of people pissed off about the game then Blue will go into the stands and buff an old man's head or something."

Johnston prefers to think of Blue as a comic.

"I'm not the kind of mascot that says 'I'm real powerful and I dare you to cross this line,'" Johnston explains. "I try to let the other mascots know that we can cohabitate."

It's not always easy to cohabitate with the fans. At last season's football game against Tennessee Tech, for instance, Johnston found this out the hard way.

"Some guy said, 'Hey, Snoop Doggy Dog, come here,' and I bent over and another guy hit me in the back of the head and jarred my spine."

Johnston was in physical therapy for a month after that incident.

Though the competition is fierce and the will to win strong, there is no ill will among the contestants. Backstage at the tryouts, everyone is stretching and cheering. This may be the only place on campus that has an absence of malice. These people are trained to be cheerful and happy even when their team is behind.

With only 14 slots and 22 people trying out, eight people are going home empty handed. But those eight will have the satisfaction of knowing they can watch the games from the stands and cheer with the rest of us. The first rule of cheerleading applies to them as well as the squad — no matter what the score, keep smiling.

MTSU NAMES NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Lee Fowler, associate athletic director and director of Tiger Clubs at the University of Memphis, has been named athletic director of MTSU.

Fowler, 42, is a Columbia, Tenn., native. He earned his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1974 and his master's from Memphis State in 1986.

Fowler's accomplishments include playing for the men's basketball team at Vanderbilt as an undergraduate and serving as assistant basketball coach from 1975 until 1979. He took a similar post at Memphis State shortly afterwards. He was named an assistant athletic director and director of MSU Tiger Clubs in 1986 and was promoted to associate athletic director in March.

Fowler is credited for increasing fund-raising totals at Memphis State from \$634,000 in 1985 to \$3,059,000 in 1993. In addition, he added more than \$550,000 to the Athletic Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Fowler will continue his duties at Memphis until June 10 and will begin his position at MTSU June 13. John Stanford, current athletic director, will then retire to become MTSU's first director of athletic relations, working in conjunction with Fowler and President Walker in managing MTSU's general athletic relations program.

BLUE RAIDERS LOSE IN FIRST ROUND OF NCAAS

The Blue Raider doubles tennis team of Paul Goebel and Frederic Niemeyer were defeated by Notre Dame 6-3, 6-1 in the first round May 26.

BLUE RAIDERS COME UP SHORT IN RALLY

The Blue Raider baseball team was defeated by the Citadel 4-0 in the second half of a May 21 doubleheader in Charleston, S.C. The Citadel won the series 2-1, ending the Raiders' season. The Raiders' final record was 32-23-0.

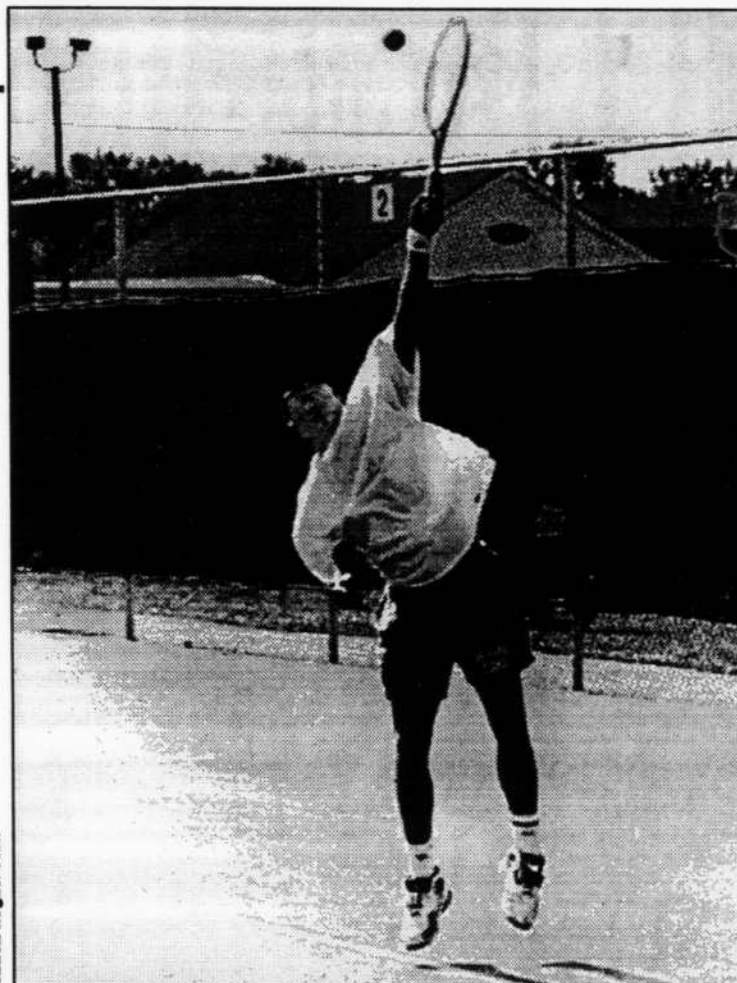
VARSITY CHEERLEADER SQUAD NAMED

The results are in from cheerleader tryouts: The squad list reads as follows:

Amy Fletcher
Pammy Baricuatro
LeaAnn Whitehead
Dikesha O'Neal
Mary Katherine Gilbert
Julie Cripps
Barry Martin
Jason Wood
Harlan Dabney
Bryan Moseley
EJ Gonda
Jonathon Crocket

Alternates:
Matt Pasiewiz
Carol Brandon

Ole' Blue:
Eddie Johnston
Stephanie Coates, alternate



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THE NEXT AGASSI? Tom Mozur serves it up at the United States Tennis Association (USTA) League Tennis tournament held at MTSU this weekend.

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CAMPUS REC GEARS UP FOR FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN

BY JESSICA CLAYBORN SPORTS EDITOR

Looking for a way to escape campus boredom? Is the euphoria from having nothing to do driving you insane? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then MTSU's Campus Recreation may be the answer to your prayers.

With a new state-of-the-art recreation center currently under construction, Campus Recreation believes student involvement in its activities is very important. The department has spent the past few years upgrading its resources and services for students in order to achieve campus-wide support.

Campus Recreation is trying to get students involved by developing a slate of summer trips and activities of student interest. A variety of activities has been planned, from hiking and canoe trips to days of outdoor volleyball.

The first trip of the summer is a June 10 parent and child canoe trip to the Fall Creek Recreation Area on Percy Priest Lake. It is located approximately 18 miles from Murfreesboro, near the Nashville International Airport.

"We chose [Percy Priest] because it's closest to the school," said Charlie Gregory, assistant director of Campus Recreation.

The trip is for anyone who is interested in paddling on Percy Priest Lake with their child. The cost of the trip is \$5 per child. Canoes, life jackets, paddles, transportation and snacks will be provided.

For those who have safety on their minds, Gregory wants to put them at ease.

"Safety was also a [reason] we chose the lake," he said. "We'll have trained coordinators, but you don't need a lot of experience."

Participants will leave MTSU at 3 p.m. on June 10 from the parking lot in front of the Student Recreation Center construction site. The paddle will last in approximately two hours, with a scheduled return to campus by 6 p.m.

Gregory encourages first-time paddlers to attend if at all possible.

"We'll teach [paddling] when we get there," he stressed. "It's a lake area with flat water, so there shouldn't be any problems."

Anyone interested in participating can sign up June 8 at the Campus Recreation Office in room 201 of the Alumni Memorial Gym. A meeting will also be held on June 8 at 4:30 p.m. in AMG room 219 to discuss trip plans. For more information about this trip or other events, stop by the Campus Recreation Office or call 898-2104.

MTSU Campus Recreation 1994 Summer Activity Schedule

- June 10 Parent/child canoe trip to Fall Creek Recreation Area

- June 18 Outdoor Volleyball

- June 24 Parent/child day hike to Old Stone Fort State Park

- June 25-26 Ocoee MTSU

More information is available and sign-ups are available at the Campus Recreation Office (898-2104).

ANOTHER D-DAY IN DIXIE

Second Atlanta sports star sent packing

BY JESSICA CLAYBORN SPORTS EDITOR

Sunday I turned to Atlanta Braves' radio just as Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa hit a home run off Braves pitcher Tom Glavine.

Boy, did I cheer!!

So sue me. I'm one of those horrid Giants fans still smarting over last year's humbling defeat.

Nevertheless, I was unprepared when I heard the news of the trade Skip Caray best put as one "that will blow away even the Indy 500."

I didn't know what he was talking about at the time, but as I put two and two together I realized Deion Sanders had been traded to the Cincinnati Reds for Roberto Kelly and that infamous "minor league pitcher."

Okay, so maybe the Braves need right hand power. And yes, maybe they are struggling. But don't the Braves struggle every April and May only to turn it up in August and September? Just because the Cubs beat you two days in a row doesn't mean the world is coming to an end (or is it?).

Wake up, Atlanta! The Phillies aren't coming back!! The nightmare is over!

Kelly is certainly a fine player, but he's lacking something Deion gave generously even when he didn't know what sport he wanted to play. It's called heart and soul.

Sure, I'm not a Braves fan, but I loved Deion. He made baseball exciting, particularly when he was off the field. His antics are memorable and helped make the Braves "America's Team."

And when I look at Deion's predicament, I think of another "memorable" trade I'm still fuming over.

You guessed it. Danny for Dominique — made by the other half of the dummies that run Turner's sports teams.

Tell me Danny Manning's an all-star. Tell me he's younger and has more potential. Tell me you're starting a building process for the future.

Now tell me why Atlanta's watching Indiana and New York battle in the Eastern Conference Finals. I can tell you why. Because their heart and soul is gone — that's why.

Ironically, back in February when the Hawks trade was made, Deion, who was in spring training, simply stated, "Dominique Wilkins is Atlanta Hawks basketball."

I agree. Wilkins responded to the critics of his game and became less selfish. He was one of those players who had never been given a sufficient supporting cast to win it all, and when that chance was finally given, he got traded.

Wilkins was a landmark in Atlanta and more than likely its most popular athlete. The words Dominique and Atlanta went hand in hand. They already weren't selling out at the Omni. Why make it worse?

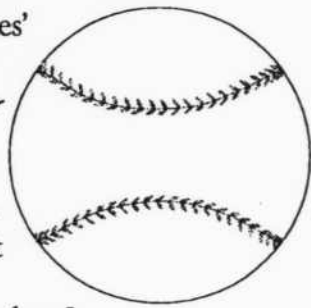
Deion wasn't the star of his team like Dominique, but he was one of the more popular (of course, no one is more popular than David Justice) Braves players. His participation in two Atlanta sports made his name just as household as Dominique's. He wore his heart on his sleeve, and when he did something, everybody in America took notice. And with the constant eye on the Braves' organization, I think that made them play all the better.

I did feel better when I saw Deion wasn't going to stand around and pout about going to the Reds. At least he's with a team whose owner is as colorful as he is.

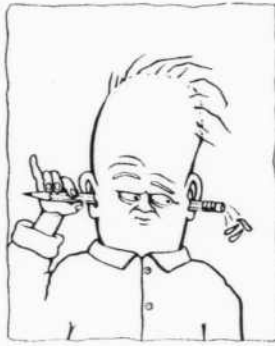
Monday Marge Schott actually put her loving arms around Deion. I guess this means that he's going to be top banana in her fruit salad! More power to her.

Perhaps I'm overreacting, but hopefully the Braves will take off and break the trade jinx of their basketball counterparts.

Hey Deion — while you're on that "Green Beret" mission, you might want to check out the Bengals, too.



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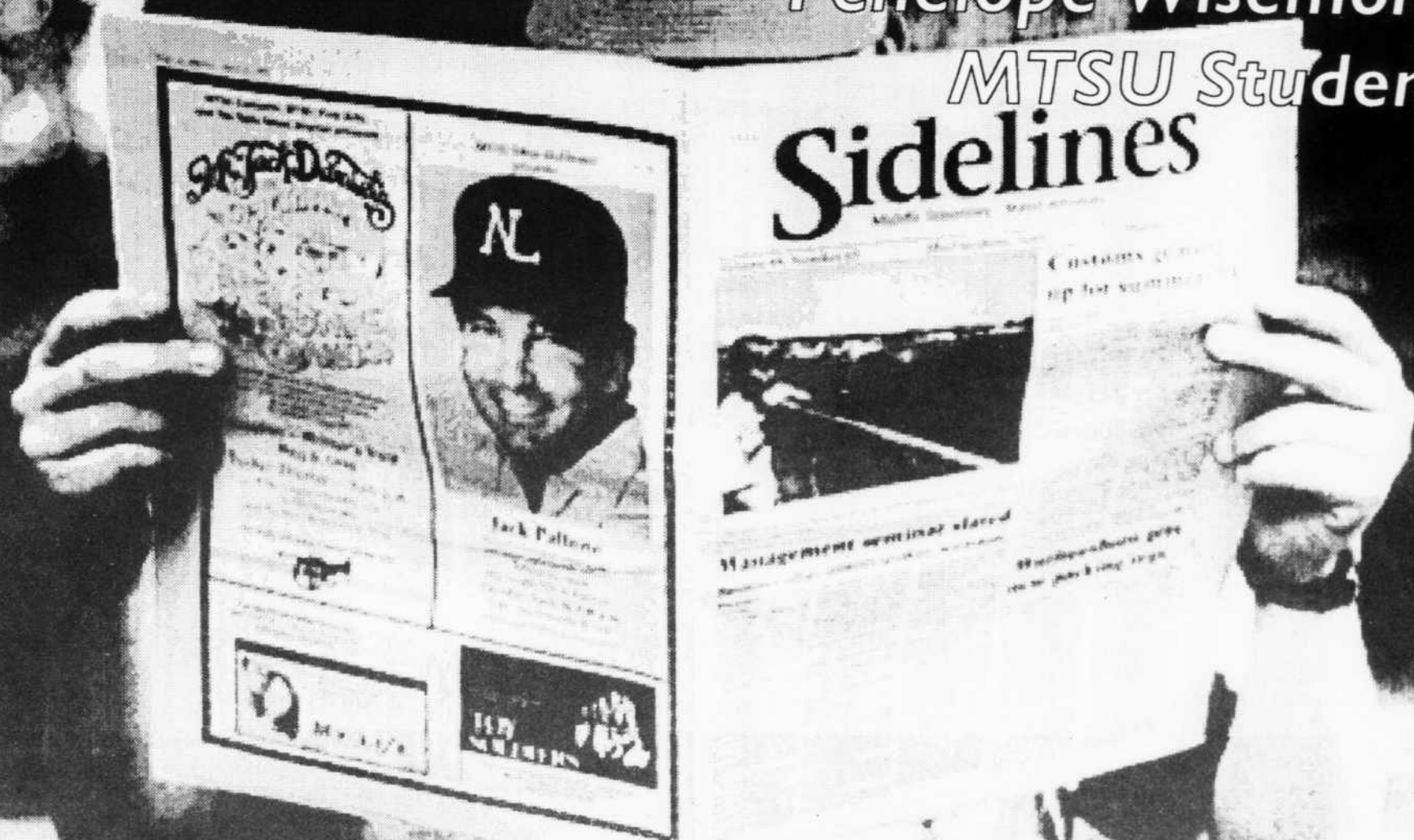
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