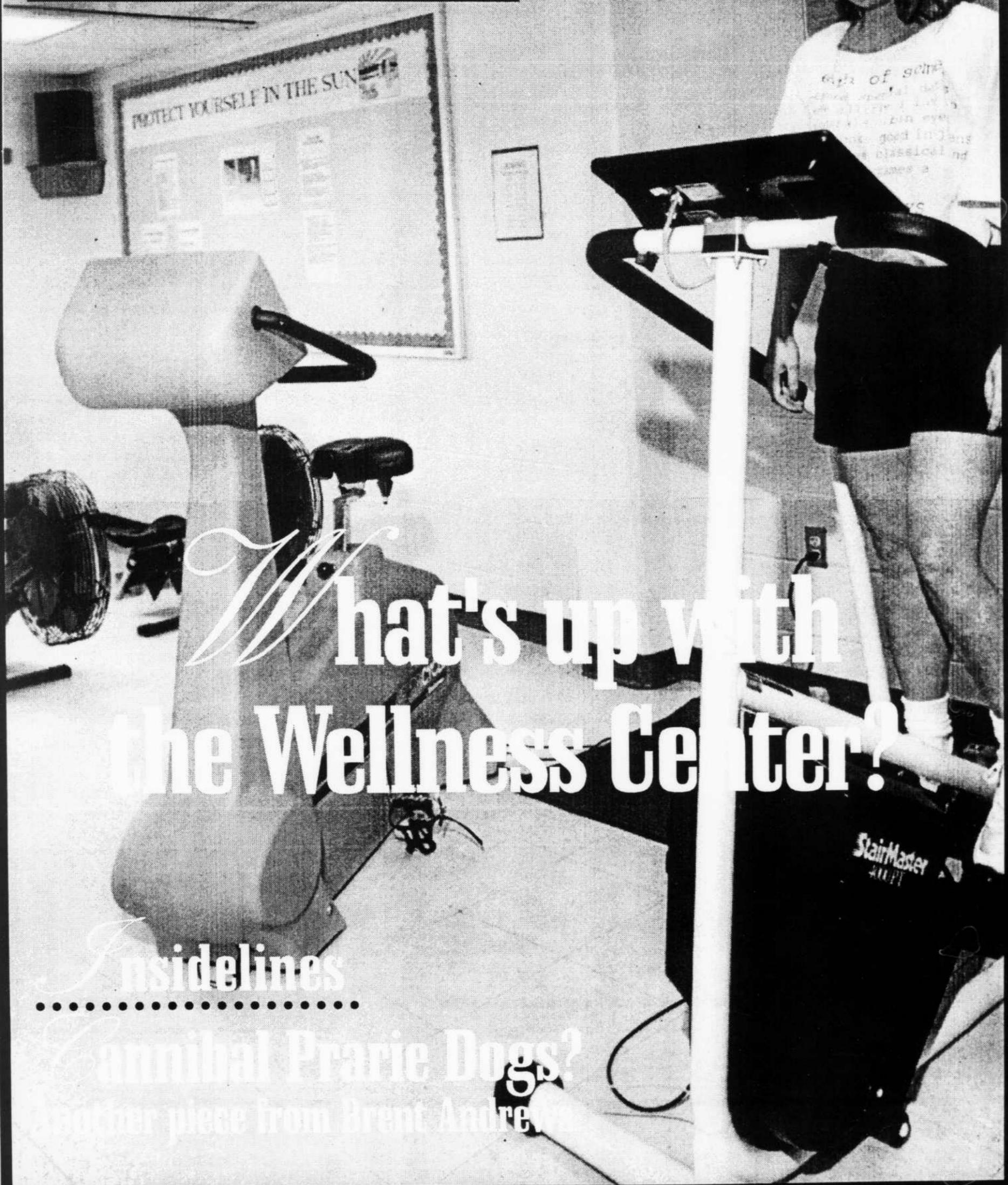


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WE DON'T WANT TO
 We don't want to seem passive-aggressive, but what exactly is going on around here? Arnold Palmer doesn't make the cut, O.J. Simpson's arrested for murder, the U.S.A. is hosting the World Cup and is actually ahead of Colombia in the first round standings? It's a sports Armageddon the likes of which hasn't been seen in our lifetime.

This has got to be some sort of sign—a guidepost for the armchair quarterbacks and weekend warriors out there who are thinking they made a mistake when they didn't go into professional sports. Something's happening here (and what it is ain't exactly clear).

We're not worried though; we're in summer school and the lectures are getting hotter every day. *Sidelines* even had the state buy us a new fan. Your tax dollars at work so we can feel a soft summer breeze as sweet as Ireland's 1-0 victory over Italy Saturday.

We just can't seem to get away from World Cup. I guess that's because the television won't let us. What do MasterCard, Snickers, GM, Fuji, Canon, Gillette, and Adidas have in common? They're all trying to sell more products to the European market by sponsoring World Cup USA '94. The games are taking place all over the United States in the afternoon or morning and are shown live, prime time in Europe on ESPN (1 and 2).

In the good ole U.S. of A., the hope is that by seeing the occasional soccer match and shaving with "the official razor of World Cup USA '94," Americans will embrace soccer and a professional league can be formed to exploit this newfound love for the "sport of popes and kings" for a tidy profit.

Sounds American to us. We want to thank Serenity Sutton for filling in last week. We took a little time off to stroll the boulevards of our nation's capital in search of America. We found World Cup at RFK Stadium.

The campus is healing nicely and preparations are being made to welcome the incoming freshmen to their future alma mater. That's nice. We remember how the campus looked when we went through orientation. It was August, 1986, the grass was green, the flowers in front of the Davis Science Building were arranged in the double helix of a DNA strand. Quite inspiring, really. The incoming class doesn't have the advantage of a well-groomed campus, so it's up to us to sell MTSU.

So look alive out there, everybody. We want to see a little spring in that step. We want to see a shine on those Birkenstocks and Dr. Maartens. We don't want to hear about how you got screwed by: a) Financial Aid, b) Admissions, c) parking, d) the bookstore, e) TRAM, f) your adviser, g) your department chair, or h) your dean.

We'll let that be our little secret for the next few weeks or you'll be pulling punchcards again before you can say, "But I really need an upper-division English course."

This is issue number four and we have to say, we're pleased with how things are going. We got a threatening letter from Satan. We'd print it, but due to the vigorous filing system here at *Sidelines*, we can't seem to find it.

The System Works

By Mike Reed

Maybe it'll turn up—or if Satan is reading, he could send us another copy. We'd owe him one.

And we'd owe you one if you'd drop us a letter. It's the same old address (P.O. Box 42). If you don't write in, we have to do desperate things like stage a riot or attempt to change the mascot.



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BUSINESS - AEROSPACE BUILDING FUNDS APPROVED BY STATE

The Tennessee Building Commission last Thursday cleared the way for MTSU to proceed with the bidding process for construction of the new business-aerospace building by approving \$16 million in state funds for its construction.

The commission also approved \$432,000 for reroofing KUC, JUB, and the university's maintenance facilities, which were damaged by this past winter's back-to-back ice storms.

The total cost of the business-aerospace building is \$22.2 million. MTSU is funding the remaining cost of the building through university funds. The bidding process is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Construction will begin during winter semester.

The business-aerospace building will be located between Cummings Hall and the Mass Comm building.



photo by Charles Hogue

THE CASUAL LINESMAN: Trae Soule shades himself from the blistering midday heat while watching the tennis action at the USTA tournament held last weekend at the MTSU tennis courts.

DRINKING AND RIDING A NO-NO IN THE 'BORO JULY 1

If you plan to drink alcohol in a car in Murfreesboro in the near future, do it soon, because after July 1 it will be illegal.

The Murfreesboro City Council last Thursday passed an ordinance making it illegal to possess an open container of alcohol in any moving vehicle in Murfreesboro. This ordinance supersedes Tennessee's "pass-the-bottle" open container law.

The penalty for violating the city law is \$250, as opposed to a \$50 fine for violating the state law.

Under the state law, drivers can avoid charges by simply passing the open container to a passenger in the car. The new city ordinance closes that loophole.

City Councilman Kevin Wax said the council wanted to make Murfreesboro's roads safer by closing the loophole created in the state legislature.

"We have such a serious problem with

alcohol abuse and drunk driving in this country," Wax said. "We need to do what we can to clear up this problem."

Murfreesboro Police Commissioner Bill Jones agrees with Wax concerning the problem of drinking and driving.

"Drinking in a car is not something to play with," Jones said. "You're not only endangering yourself but the lives of others on the road as well."

"We feel [the law] will probably be a deterrent to drinking in an automobile ... and stop a lot of young people riding around in cars from drinking," Jones said. "It's a good thing. It will save lives."

Jones said an officer will have the right to pull over a driver if he or she "is sure in their own mind" that they have seen a container of alcohol. The officer will then have the right to search the interior of the vehicle if necessary.

NEBRASKA JOINS OTHER STATES IN PASSING ANTI-HAZING LAW

A new anti-hazing law in Nebraska will help ensure that accidents, like the one involving Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) pledge Jeffrey Knoll, won't occur again.

Gov. Ben Nelson signed a law making hazing a crime punishable by a maximum of six months in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Organizations can be fined up to \$10,000.

The law was proposed by State Sen. Gerald Matzke of Sidney in response to a hazing incident on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. During the incident, Jeffrey Knoll was forced to consume alcohol and then fell from a third-story window of the FIJI house.

Jeffrey is living at home in Ogallala, still recovering from the accident. Jim Knoll, Jeffrey's father, said his son would return to the university as a full-time student in the fall.

"We're delighted he has come as far as he has," Jim Knoll said. "We really won't know the prognosis until he gives school a try again."

Jim Knoll said the anti-hazing law, along with the media attention given to Jeffrey's accident and the increased supervision of alcohol consumption on campus, would help prevent hazing in the future.

"I'm glad there's finally a law in place," he said. "Things like this will hopefully never happen again."

Nebraska joins 38 other states that have laws forbidding hazing by groups on college campuses.

A DESPERATE PLEA FOR HELP

Could someone in MTSU maintenance please fix the air conditioning in the *Sidelines'* offices? We like our new fans, but we'd like air conditioning better—it's so *infernal* to work in this sauna!

HIGHLIGHTS IN MTSU HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 11, 1988

The Intra Fraternity Council recently adopted a policy requiring fraternities to end all parties by midnight and to limit party attendance to members and their guests.

A five-point program was adopted by the council in an effort to curtail the problems that have erupted recently on Maple Street, where most of the fraternity houses are located, according to Paul Cantrell, dean of students and adviser to the council.

These problems include destruction of mailboxes and loud disturbances late at night.

The five points of the program are:

- * Parties held on weekends must be over by midnight;
- * There will be no open parties - parties will be limited to members and their guests;
- * Any advertisements about parties must be cleared by Cantrell or his office;
- * Teams from the fraternities and off-duty policemen have been hired from the fraternities' own funds to patrol the areas of the fraternity houses on the nights of parties;
- * Money will be taken from the IFC fund to pay for mailboxes that have been destroyed on Maple Street.

"The Greeks are not involved with the destruction that has been going on," Cantrell said, adding that he thinks it has more than likely been outsiders that have attended the parties who have caused most of the trouble.

The Greek Corner

TINA DENISE HARVEY - CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

MISS MTSU FARES WELL AT STATE PAGEANT



Photo by Charles Hogue

THE WINNER: Catherine Leigh Johnson after winning the title of Miss MTSU in February.

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority member and Miss MTSU Catherine Leigh Johnson won \$3,500 as a top ten finalist in the Miss Tennessee pageant held last Saturday night in Jackson.

"I had prayed that I would do my best," Johnson said.

"I was thrilled."

Having one of the highest GPAs earned her \$1,000. She received \$2,500 for being in the top ten of 31 contestants.

Johnson is a Memphis native majoring in public relations.

Contestants were judged on talent, presentation of evening gown and swimwear, interview, scholastics and two platform essays. Johnson sang "Quiet Love," a song about a woman in love with a deaf man, as she provided a character setting using sign language and monologue. This performance also helped her win Miss MTSU in February.

"The crowd responded real well to her talent," said Beth Coleman, attendee and Alpha Delta Pi member.

"A guy who judges pageants sat next to me and had her picked for first runner-up," Coleman said.

According to Johnson, questions asked by the judges during her interview included:

Are you sensitive? Who is the mayor of Memphis? How do you feel about the Greek

system? Who is the largest employer in Memphis?

To prepare for her interview, Johnson said she watched CNN and read daily newspapers to keep in touch with current events.

Contestants began learning and practicing group performances Monday, June 13, in preparation for ABC television broadcast of the state pageant.

"I heard stories before I left warning me to watch my back because all the girls would be real competitive," Johnson said. "But everyone was friendly and encouraging."

"If you don't have a healthy attitude about it, you could get disappointed and leave feeling real empty," Johnson said.

Johnson had the support of at least ten of her sorority sisters who attended the pageant over the weekend.

"I had a great cheering section," she said.

Johnson said she worked out, ran or jogged every day before the pageant. Rhonda North, a former Miss Tennessee runner-up, advised her on her wardrobe, makeup and photography. Sisters Susan, Betsy and Patty Drewry gave Johnson tips on her onstage interview and modeling techniques.

"The stage is my first love," Johnson said.

"My ultimate dream is to be a motivational speaker."

Lori Smith, Miss Tennessee Tech, won the title and will represent Tennessee in the Miss America pageant. Smith will also be the spokesperson for the Governor's Alliance for a Drug-Free America.

MTSU student Kimberly Clift, Miss Davidson County, was also a contestant in the pageant.

Johnson said, "Being in the pageant created the opportunity for me to have the chance to influence young people and let them know they have opportunities, too, if they try."

"I wasn't in the pageant to prove myself. I was there to be myself."

KAPPA SIGMA WORKS STARWOOD TO HELP ON BILLS

Working concession stands at Starwood Amphitheater this summer has added approximately \$1,800 to the treasury of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

"We've paid on house bills and sent money to our National Headquarters," President Greg Philpott said.

In April, the members worked the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert, earning close to \$1,000. The .38 Special concert brought in almost \$800.

The fraternity makes eight to ten percent profit on the merchandise sold.

"It's one of the biggest money-makers we have found," Philpott said.

For each concert they work, 18 to 20 brothers are assigned to one of three

booths at the theater.

"It's not hard," Philpott said. "We just work long hours."

Common hours worked are 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., according to Philpott.

"We reward brothers who volunteer the most time with movie or dinner passes," Philpott said.

They are scheduled to work other concerts July 13 and Aug. 1 at Starwood.

Kappa Sigma members also worked hockey games at the Municipal Auditorium last fall and spring, averaging \$300-\$500 a game.

"As long as the money made goes to the fraternity," Philpott said, "we don't mind donating our time."

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Going soft? You don't have to. Why not try... GETTING WELL AT THE WELLNESS CENTER

By Warren Wakeland

Photos by Carl E. Lambert

So you've finally decided it's time to get into some kind of decent shape. You've been sitting on your butt all spring and summer wanting to do it, but the gym's too far away, or you don't have a car so you can't get to the gym, or it's too expensive, or it's too dang hot, or whatever other excuse you can come up with today.

Well, there's no reason to be lazy anymore. The answer is lying right under your nose—the MTSU Wellness Center, located in the Alumni Memorial Gym between the gym building and the pool.

"A lot of people don't realize we're here," said Center director Dr. Timothy Michael, HPER associate professor and a doctor of exercise physiology. "That includes faculty, staff and students."

Membership costs \$15 per month, the best value in Murfreesboro. They ask that you pay for your first two months up front. They currently have between 150 and 200 members, of which 60 percent are students. Faculty, staff and their spouses as well as students are eligible for membership.

During the summer, the Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Center is equipped with Nautilus-like weightlifting equipment, aerobicycles, treadmills, rowing machines, a Nordic Track cross-country ski simulation machine and a StairMaster stair stepper, and offers written



Pumping up: Bruce Barlar, a senior, works out three to four times per week to stay in shape. Here he's doing lat rows to build upper body strength.

complete health risk appraisal, where you will answer a series of questions designed to determine whether it would be dangerous for you to begin a workout program, before you are accepted as a member.

"We go by the American College of Sports Medicine guidelines," Michael said. "We screen people. If they are high-risk, I talk with their

program with a computerized exercise-logging program based on a fitness point system developed by Dr. Guy Penny, the former director of the Center who retired last summer. The program allows you to log in the date you are working out, your weight at that time, the activity you have done, and the distance and time working on the activity. The computer will inform you of the total calories burned for each workout and the total fitness points accumulated during the workout. Each month you can get a printout of your totals for the month to see your progress.

"You'll be able to follow and evaluate your overall health much better," Michael said.

Across the hall from the Center is the human performance lab, designed to help you maintain peak physical and mental condition. With the lab, the Center can offer complete fitness, cardiovascular, body fat percentage and blood pressure evaluations.

Beginning in the fall, the Center will also offer blood screening once a month through the Veterans Administration hospital in Murfreesboro. The Center will be contracting with the VA to run urinalysis tests, tests for cholesterol levels, and even possible blood diseases.

Members will be able to get discounts on

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— Dr. Timothy Michael

information on stress management, good nutrition, cholesterol control and other health-related subjects. "We try to keep students informed of the latest [health-related] information," Michael said.

There are also fully-equipped men's and women's locker room facilities available. But their services don't stop there.

Michael and his graduate assistants do a

doctor to see if a program can be designed for them."

"We are concerned that people get the proper information and the best information on how to work out. We want to keep students informed about the latest things," Michael said.

The Center also offers members the ability to keep accurate track of their own workout

normal lab work. A complete blood workup, a normal \$50 value through a doctor, will cost \$7.50 for members, according to Michael. Males over 35 years old will be able to be tested for prostate cancer for just \$30.

Best of all, members will only have to go to the Center to take these tests. The VA will come to campus and pick up the specimens for testing and send the results to the Center.

"It's going to be a big thing," Michael said. "We're going to be able to offer full service to our members. It's going to be a definite asset."

Once the new Recreation Center is open, the Wellness Center will move into a space six to seven times larger than its current space.

Michael expects the Center to be able to move by March 1995.

"We have had a hard time offering anything more than what we have [in this building]," Michael said. "That will change once the Rec Center opens. We'll be able to offer a lot of options [like blood screening] on a regular basis."

"This facility will be used as a learning lab for classes and research purposes after the rec center opens," Michael added. "A lot of our wellness/exercise science majors will need to know how to use this equipment when they go out on job interviews."

Michael said all students should be interested in keeping fit.

"We're very convenient for the students," Michael said. "They can come in between classes. Two to three hours a week is all they need to do."

"Good physical fitness also helps your mental state," Michael said.

Keeping fit, however, is not the only reason to join the Wellness Center, according to Michael.

"It's a social thing, too—for freshmen in particular," Michael said. "The Center is a place to meet people and become workout partners. When someone depends on you to come and work out, it makes you come in."

"It is also a good way to relieve stress," he added.

"Wellness is an all-encompassing term," Michael said. "We like to give people the information they need and be able to tell them where to go if we can't help them."

Discovering America: The Newlywed Nomads, Chapter 2

By Brent Andrews



Denver rose out of the plain like a giant steel barrier between us and the Rocky Mountains as we headed west, oooh-ing and aaah-ing at the mountains against the setting sun. We wandered blindly into the midst of the skyscrapers, Ginny directing our turns with only courage and an inadequate map, both of us excited at the prospect of exploring the old city that has become a great modern metropolis since the days of the old West. We soon found our hotel, on the nicest street downtown, and checked in. People passed by on the adjacent pedestrian mall, looking excited and happy. As soon as we could, we left our room on the 15th floor and joined them.

Downtown Denver is full of things to do. Wishing we had more time to shop, hit the malls, and sample cuisine from around the world, we nevertheless enjoyed the vibrant nightlife of the city until late in the evening when, tired and content, we settled in for the night.

We awoke early in the morning, wanting to get back on the road, and promised ourselves that we would return to Denver one day for a longer stay. But for now we were ready to drive into the Rockies and the cool splendor of the mountains.

Leadville, home of the Rocky Mountain College, is nestled among snow-capped peaks higher than 14,000 feet. We explored the town for an hour, sinuses clogging and heads pounding from the elevation, and then drove westward to the Colorado National Monument to spend the night.

We awoke the next morning feeling dirty and needing a shower, but there were no showers at the monument so we settled for damp clothes and cold water. We decided not to cook breakfast and packed up our things in record time, the whole time looking around us at the stunning wonders of rock and scrub growth. I wanted to do some climbing, so we drove around until I found a suitable monolith. We sat in

the car for a moment gazing in awe at the landscape. At last the spell was broken when a monstrous R.V. passed, teetering dangerously close to the edge of one of the gorges. We got out of the car and I climbed, Ginny watching and taking pictures of my body draped over the rocks at the bottom of the huge rock I was on, and that was all it took. I froze in the wedge I was in and looked down, beginning to think I had managed to get myself stuck, but luckily I was able to find a few footholds and make my way to the bottom.

Upon leaving the monument, we found ourselves in a vast, flat desert full of short bushes and dirt and little else. We headed west once more on the interstate toward Moab, Utah, and looked for a place to have breakfast. It would be a long wait. The interstate exits were twenty miles apart here, and when at last we would come to one, there was always a sign that said "No Services." We wondered at the purpose of the exits, which turned to dirt roads as soon as the interstate ramp stopped; dirt roads that led into the desert, into a vast nothing.

We took the scenic route to Moab, a road that follows the Colorado River through canyon country and is easily the most beautiful road I have ever been on. We got out of the car here and there and climbed among the rocks, both of us impressed and silent in the unearthly landscape. We then drove on, knowing that each turn of the road would reveal a more inspiring sight. We were never disappointed.

One stretch of road, which leaves the canyons and wanders again into the desert near Cisco, Utah, teemed with wildlife. We saw hundreds of small rodents, which looked to us like prairie dogs, along the side of the road. Several times I had to swerve dangerously to avoid running one of the animals over, and as the road went on we saw that

many others had not been able to swerve and miss. There were dead prairie dogs all over the road, literally, to the point where the road seemed to be paved in places with clumped and knotted fur. We saw several buzzards along the way, and I decided that if I were a buzzard I would live near Cisco, Utah, and enjoy the buffet along that stretch of highway; a buffet that, we could tell by the large number of just-killed rodents, is served fresh daily.

I drove on, dodging rodents and slowing here and there to allow a buzzard one last bite before we forced him to fly away, until at one point along the highway we came to a dead rodent being mourned over by a live one. The live rodent didn't even budge as we passed, but stayed at the dead rodent's side. I pulled over a hundred yards or so beyond the animal to observe this new development, and as Ginny and I watched, a car pulled up beside us.

"Do you need help?" the driver, a man in his late thirties, asked.

"We were just looking at those prairie dogs. It looks like they're having a hard time on this road," I said.

"Hell, they're committing suicide," the man said. "There's too many of them. That one back there is eating a dead one."

I laughed out loud now, at the irony of the situation, confusing the man and his silent wife. I had felt sorry for the animal whose brother or mother or child had died. Now I knew they weren't related. The devoted sentry had just been hungry.

We drove on to Moab and then to Arches National park, where we saw canyons and a few impressive arches, but the park was not as impressive as the road we drove to get there, so we moved on to Salt Lake City, where we spent the night downtown. Our hotel was across the street from the Mormon Temple, and before we left the city we toured the grounds of the beautiful

place with a group of silent and reverent tourists. The tour started out well but soon became monotonous, and before it was over we were bored and sitting in a theatre watching a 15-minute show that was just like the commercials about sharing or loving or just being nice that are made by the Mormons for television. The commercials are all right, but the movie will never be a hit.

We drove from Salt Lake City to Craters of the Moon National Monument, where volcanic formations surrounded us in all directions. I was reminded of Dr. Guebert's Geology 100 class, where we learned about the different types of volcanoes and volcanic mountains. I saw *aa* and *pahoehoe* lava flows, cinder cones, tubes and even an ancient lava lake, all the while impressing Ginny with the knowledge I had gained through Dr. Guebert's Class.

After a night and day at Craters, we were ready to move on, but we had paid for two nights so we stayed, blazing and catatonic in the heat of the sun. At last it was time to move on, and we drove all the way to Bend, Oregon, with only one stop in Twin Falls, Idaho, to see Navaho Falls, a big waterfall. We were sort of impressed with the waterfall but decided Idaho is a bit too hot and dry for our tastes.

Bend, Oregon, was at the end of our Oregon Trail. We have dreamed of the town for a long time, and it exceeded our imaginations, with snow-capped mountains all around and the smell of Christmas trees in the air. It took only thirty minutes to decide it was the best town either of us had ever seen, and by the next day our minds had not changed. Bend was a hard place to leave.

So now we are on the road again, on the way to the famous Oregon Coast. The road looks promising from here, and our expectations are high.

What About The New Recreation Center? Campus Recreation department separates myth from reality

By Jessica Denise Clayborn / Sports Editor

Photo By Charles Hogue

In the spring of 1991, the MTSU student body voted to build a new recreation facility on campus. The measure was passed by only a small percentage of students.

Student complaints about the Rec Center are widespread. Campus Recreation is trying hard to erase the students' rumors, apathy, and hostility about the Center. They want students to become excited

being constructed behind the Mass Communications building, next to Family Student Housing. When completed, the two-story, 120,000 square-foot building will be larger than the Mass Comm building.

The available resources in the Rec Center will be numerous and the room even more spacious. The weight room will be 6,300 square feet, compared to the 400 square feet currently available in the Alumni Memorial Gym. A new 2,000-square-foot cardiovascular room will be featured, including stationary bikes, treadmills, simulated cross-country skiing and rowing machines.

A 4,000 sq. ft. aerobic dance/exercise room (similar to the dance studios at Murphy Center) will be available for exercise classes. There will be six racquetball courts, six basketball/volleyball courts, and

an indoor running track (1 lap=1/6 mile). There will also be a 30-by-30-foot climbing wall similar to those seen on "American Gladiators."

Another prestigious feature will be a 25-yard-by-33-meter indoor swimming pool. Included will be an outdoor sun deck, fenced in for activities such as parties and bands, and four sand volleyball courts.

Intramural sports, continuous open recreation, simultaneous recreation swimming and fitness swim classes (which is not possible now), and kayak roll clinics will also be featured.

With so many activities available, will the Rec Center stay open 24 hours?

"No, we can't stay open constantly," said Gregory.

"The Center will be self-supported by students"

— Charlie Gregory
Assistant Director of
Campus Recreation.

"Preliminary hours have been set for something like 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. during the week. The hours will be curtailed, of course, during the weekends, but it will basically depend on student demand."

Campus Recreation will also need student help.

"We expect to create approximately 150 to 200 new jobs," said Gregory. "We'll only use students for the jobs, but we may hire a few instructors. Student positions will include lifeguarding, student officials, weight room attendants, equipment checkout positions, and front desk assistants."

The center will only be used by the

university community with a special entry system.

"When you walk in the door, there'll be a turnstile," said Gregory. "At the turnstile there'll be a card reader that will read the strip on your ID card."

"The various activities available will help you stay fit, and good physical well-being can lead to good mental well-being," he added.

With everything moving to the new recreation center, what will happen to the AMG?

"The AMG is used mostly for academics and athletics," said Gregory. "There's a lot of offices there, too, so things there will remain the same."

Flintstone getaway?

MTSU Campus Recreation will host a hiking trip on the Appalachian Trail from August 3-13. Cost is only \$40 for MTSU students, faculty and staff and \$50 for guests. The trip will be limited to 10 people—first come, first serve. There will be a pre-trip meeting on July 25.

For more information on this trip and/or other events, call 898-2104 or stop by AMG Room 201



CHARLIE GREGORY

about the opportunities that will be available when the Center opens.

"The Center will be self-supported by students," said Charlie Gregory, assistant director of Campus Recreation. "It will be an inexpensive way to gather and hang out, especially on the weekends."

MTSU students have been paying for the Rec Center out of their debt service fees since the Fall 1991 semester. This has angered some students, especially those who will graduate before the building's scheduled April 3 opening. One of the most popular questions asked is, "Can I come back and use what I've paid for?"

"The final decision has not been made yet," said Gregory. "We [at Campus Recreation] have heard the complaints, but we haven't decided yet."

The Rec Center is

More Mysteries In Simpson Case

Police Give Up Search Of Chicago Field For Murder Weapon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police gave up the search of a Chicago field Tuesday without finding a 15-inch knife believed to be used in the slayings of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife and her friend.

Police Lt. Bert Luper remained convinced the knife is somewhere in Chicago. He called it a "gut feeling."

Dogs were used to comb the wooded field, nearby yards and expressways, and the perimeter of the O'Hare Plaza Hotel, where Simpson checked in the morning after the June 12 slayings in Los Angeles of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The football legend was charged Friday with murder. He pleaded innocent Monday, the day a duffel bag, sunglasses and socks were found in the field. Police said the sunglasses weren't connected to the case. They sent the bag and socks to a crime lab.

The field was searched unsuccessfully with metal detectors last week. Luper said new information led him to return this week.

Simpson's 24-year-old son Jason, from his first marriage, and Robert Kardashian, a friend and lawyer, had a tearful visit with him in jail on Tuesday.

"Obviously, every day he's getting a little stronger, but he still looks very bad, very depressed, upset that his son had to see him that way," Kardashian said.

Simpson and his son shared "family talk about how they loved each other," Kardashian said.

Prosecutors were seeking a county grand jury indictment of Simpson, sources told The Associated Press.

A friend of Mrs. Simpson's family told the AP that Mrs. Simpson believed she was being followed in the last month.

"She was very careful, she was certain she was being followed. She wasn't dating anybody because of it, because O.J. wasn't doing well with the situation," the friend said.

On Tuesday's "Hard Copy" TV show, an unidentified friend of Mrs. Simpson said she saw an enraged Simpson speed through streets a few blocks from Mrs. Simpson's Los Angeles townhouse in his Ford Bronco the night of the killings.

The woman said Simpson yelled at a driver in his way. "He was just screaming out and freaking out at the guy," she said.

The Curse Is Over!!

Warren Wakeland

"The Rangers win the Cup! The Rangers win the Cup!" was the cry, not from Harry Potter but from ESPN's Gary Thorne after New York's 3-2 game seven victory over the Vancouver Canucks last Tuesday night for their first NHL championship since 1940.

The Rangers not only defeated the Vancouver Canucks but tradition as well. The "Curse" the Rangers had experienced was unparalleled in hockey history. They had been there before, only to be shot down by sometimes-unexplained forces: players getting hurt at the wrong time, a fluke goal here and there. But never had they been this close, within one game of victory. They won three of the first four games of the series. It was thought that they would put away the Canucks in game five last Thursday night in Madison Square Garden, but they had never won a championship-clinching game in the Garden (another tradition). They would keep their fans in misery until Tuesday.

Game seven was a fitting ending to what may have been the most exciting NHL playoff game in the history of the league, with a record number of overtime games played and fueled by the question of "the tradition: can the Rangers do it? Yes, they can!

This year's playoffs gave the fans everything: outstanding goals, unbelievable drama, and high drama throughout. It is what makes the NHL playoffs the most exciting of the professional championship playoffs in American sports. Let's look at three games played in the last two weeks of the playoffs to show how thrilling the NHL can be.

One: Game five, won by Vancouver 6-3. After two periods, Vancouver led 1-0. In the 12 minutes of the third period, eight goals were scored in a wild frenzy. Vancouver scored the first two in 2 1/2 minutes to take a 3-0 lead and seemingly put the game away. The Rangers then scored three goals in five frantic minutes to tie the game and take all the momentum away from the Canucks. Thirty seconds later, the Rangers' Adam Graves had a breakaway to take the lead and was stopped on a magnificent save by Canuck goalie Kirk McLean. The save turned the tide back to the Canucks, who then scored three more goals in four minutes to finally put the Rangers away. It was crazy.

Two: Game six, won by the Canucks 4-1. This time, the score was 3-1 with 1 1/2 minutes left when the Canucks' Geoff Courtnall took a shot that seemed to get past Rangers goalie Mike Richter for an insurmountable 4-1 lead. But even though the goal was signaled a goal, the referee did not and allowed play to continue. Thirty-five seconds later, the Rangers' Mark Messier scored a goal that the referee saw, and the Rangers were within 3-2 with 58 seconds left. But the Canucks complained and asked for a replay (yes, there is instant replay in the NHL) to see if Courtnall's shot was actually a goal. For two or three minutes of high drama, the fans in Vancouver sat on the edges of their seats waiting for a ruling. So did I. Finally, the referee allowed Courtnall's goal and, because play would have been stopped and Messier never would have gotten a chance to score, disallowed Messier's goal. A 3-2 game with less than a minute to go became a 4-1 game with 1 1/2 minutes left. Game over.

Three: Game seven of the Cup semifinal series between the Rangers and New Jersey Devils, won by the Rangers 2-1 in double overtime. Many hockey purists say this was the greatest game ever played in the history of hockey. These teams had the two best records in the NHL this season, but the Rangers won handily all six of the season's meetings between the teams. Before game seven, these teams had already played two overtime games and one double in the series.

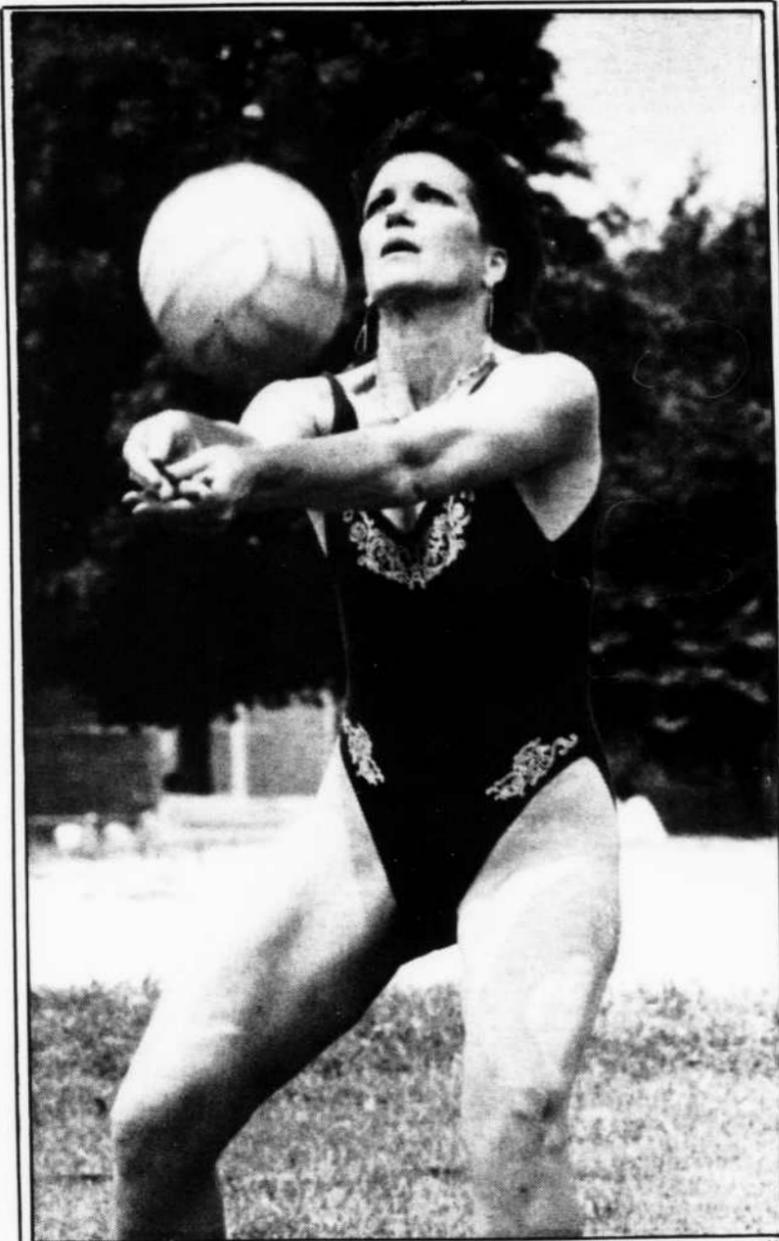
The game was characterized by incredible goaltending. Both Richter and the Devils' Martin Brodeur made saves that left you breathless, wondering how they could get across the goal mouth to save shots that were seemingly destined for the back of the net. I counted seven saves Brodeur and Richter made on shots in overtime that probably would have been goals in a normal game. The game took on legendary status as the overtime sessions progressed. Finally, the winning goal was scored on a fluke; a shot from the point that was tipped in front of the net and past Brodeur. He didn't have a chance. Watching it on TV, I was emotionally drained when it was over. If ABC ever needs new footage for "the thrill of victory ... and the agony of defeat," they should call ESPN and ask for the tape of this game.

It is this type of action that makes the NHL playoffs the most exciting of the championship tournaments in American professional sports. It makes the NBA look like a picnic in the park, even with all their violence. This will be important to remember because when the new arena is completed in Nashville, the first pro sport to find a home in Nashville will be hockey, not basketball. That is, if there is a major pro sport in Nashville before the year 2000.

Besides, can you see the NBA championship trophy (what is it called? I forget) stealing the *Late Show with David Letterman* the way the Stanley Cup did the night after the Rangers won? Hardly.

Did You Know?

Hockey legend Gordie Howe scored 68 goals in National Hockey League playoffs.



Carl E. Lambert, staff

GOTCHA!!: MTSU alum Jill Mushett enjoys a day of fun and sun at a Campus Recreation volleyball game.

From The Sports Editor's desk

At Last--A Brief O.J. Simpson Story!!

Surely you're as sick of hearing about O.J. Simpson as I am, so I'm not going to waste a lot of space talking about it.

A few weeks ago I wrote an editorial about how often sports stars get into trouble. I don't feel it necessary to add anything else to that story.

For all of you that got angry when Charles Barkley said he wasn't a role model, I'm sure you thought twice about what he said when you saw O.J. being chased by police. I know I would have.

People will always look up to sports stars, but I'd rather look up

to God. He's never disappointed me (sorry, atheists, but it's the truth).

The only thing that angered me more than the events leading up to Simpson's arrest was the way the fans practically camped out at his mansion. For all anyone knew, someone could have disrupted police, causing him to blow his brains out right in the driveway. That would have been another unnecessary death, and I'm sure the Simpson family would have been even more distressed.

Remember—you are innocent

Nigeria Routs Bulgaria

A Moment In World Cup Soccer History

The rout was on in the World Cup on Tuesday.

Two blowouts punctuated the action. One was somewhat expected, with Argentina showing the magic of old in a 4-0 victory against Greece. The other was a stunner as Nigeria, making its World Cup debut, scored the biggest win for an African team by romping past Bulgaria 3-0.

Both teams asserted themselves early and were led by star players.

The Argentines, who made the championship game four years ago in Italy with conservative, rough tactics that brought them

little credit and reams of criticism, were creative and relatively clean against the Greeks. Resembling more the team that won the 1986 World Cup, they got three goals from rising star Gabriel Batistuta and a magnificent score by embattled great Diego Maradona.

"He wore down the Greeks," coach Alfio Basile said of Maradona. "They didn't know how to stop him."

In a night game at Dallas, underdog Nigeria used speed and sudden striking power to beat Bulgaria, which never got its feared offense going.

MIDLANDER

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MIDLANDER has extended the date for orders for the 1993-94 yearbook through June 30, 1994. Stop by the Student Publications office at 308 James Union Building, or call **898-2815** between 8 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Clearing the Shelves

THE 'FUNK QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE' SPINS SOME CHILDHOOD YARNS

It's So Magic (HarperPerennial, \$10) is the latest offering from cult cartoonist Lynda "book-reviews-are-my-life" Barry.

Those readers familiar with Barry's frighteningly accurate strips about the terrors and wonders of childhood will not

Book Review by
Dollie Boyd

be disappointed with *It's So Magic*.

If you think you've heard the name before but aren't sure where, check out Matt Groening's (*Simpsons*, *Life in Hell*) book acknowledgements. You'll find Barry listed under the title "Funkqueen of the Universe." Barry returns the favor by crediting Groening with the title "Funklord of U.S.A."

Barry's "Funkqueen" title meshes perfectly with her unorthodox approach to cartooning. Her strips are



visually exciting as well as telling. One reading is never enough to catch the nuances of each strip.

Like Groening, whose *Life in Hell* strips must be digested rather than read, Barry fills all available space with motion and emotion. Reading one of her strips requires attention, for no detail in a Barry strip is unimportant.

Unlike most cartoonists who will take a running joke and fill a week's worth of strips multiplying the comic possibilities, Barry's treatment is highly novelistic.

It's So Magic explores a small, eventful period of time in the lives of Marlys, Maybonne and Freddy; siblings who have been juggled from relative to relative due to a broken home and irresponsible parents.

From the beginning, the reader will identify with these children. I, along with most of my generation, have personal experience with similar situations.

At times Barry hands her pen over to her characters, letting Marlys and Freddy express themselves through stick drawings and "book reports" that feature piercingly accurate insights.

Barry tackles issues from homosexuality to first love from a child's point of view. The reader experiences a renewed sense of loss and hope as Marlys, Maybonne and Freddy learn the painful lessons of the "adult" world. Their journeys are underscored with the poignant message that, in spite of it all, the world is still "so magic."

The Scorpions: rocking like a 40-year-old hurricane

Nashville's KDF radio and the Starwood Amphitheater launched the theater's "Summer of Pure Rock" in grand fashion June 8 with a special "Low-Dough" performance (tickets \$10.03, \$7) from metal legends The Scorpions.

The Scorpions, entering their 25th anniversary as a band, began their summer tour with the Nashville appearance in support of the group's latest release, *Face The*

instrumental "Coast to Coast," Meine donned a guitar and filled in rhythm parts as lead guitarists Matthias Jabs and Rudolf Schenker traded off solos and intertwined harmony leads.

For this tour, the Scorpions appear to be putting more emphasis on the music and less on elaborate stage setup. Gone is the heavy metal wardrobe—except maybe Shenker's leather pants—and outlandish

staging. Outside of the usual array of lights, the group only utilized several video screens

which incorporated "politically correct" news footage, live close-ups of the Scorpions and album artwork to flow along with the themes of the songs performed.

Another emphasis on the music came midway through the show when the group played a section of songs "unplugged" (thanks to MTV almost everybody feels compelled to play acoustically now). Though the Scorpions have always been known for their ballads as well as their traditional metal sound, the three-song acoustic set seemed slightly out of place. Only the 1979 hit "Holiday" had any real "unplugged" impact.

Following this break, the show picked up where it had left off, mixing a careful balance of radio-ready singles and time-honored metal anthems. Throughout the 90-minute show, the band showed signs of its glorious heyday, only periodically slipping into complacency by relying on worn-out tricks of the past such as Jabs' extended solo guitar piece and the ridiculous "call and response" antics during "The Zoo."

Saving its biggest guns for last, the Scorpions unleashed the best part of their performance during the four-song encore which featured the megahits "Still Loving You" and "Winds of Change" along with blistering renditions of "No One Like You" and "Rock You Like a Hurricane."

Though the Scorpions may not be the musical force they were a decade ago, they proved that, live, they can still hold their own among the best in the metal world.

LIVE REVIEW by
DON CARR

Heat.

With the theater's house lights dimmed, vocalist Klaus Meine strolled out to a lone, spotlighted bar stool at center stage. To a thunderous applause from the nearly 7,000 spectators on hand, Meine began the solo vocal opening of the band's 1984 hit "Coming Home." As Meine hit the crescendo of the vocal opening, the stage erupted in a spectrum of lights revealing the rest of the group, who in turn exploded full throttle into the upbeat metal anthem.

The group, whose members fall among the 40-plus age range, played with the same enthusiasm and energy as their younger counterparts of today's rock-and-metal generation. Though slightly weathered in appearance, the Scorpions seem to have lost none of the live musical prowess that made them one of the leading and most endearing metal bands of the 1980s.

Meine, addressing the crowd after a handful of opening numbers, thanked the audience for "years of support" and promised the fans a bit of both new and older material. Humorously, the majority of his between-song "raps" were delivered in a voice like an auctioneer laced with a thick German accent; too quick to follow and tough to understand.

While the band concentrated on promoting newer material like the current singles "Under the Same Sun" and "Alien Nation," they did live up to Meine's promise and mixed in a selection of older catalog favorites such as "Blackout" and "In Trance." In the 1979

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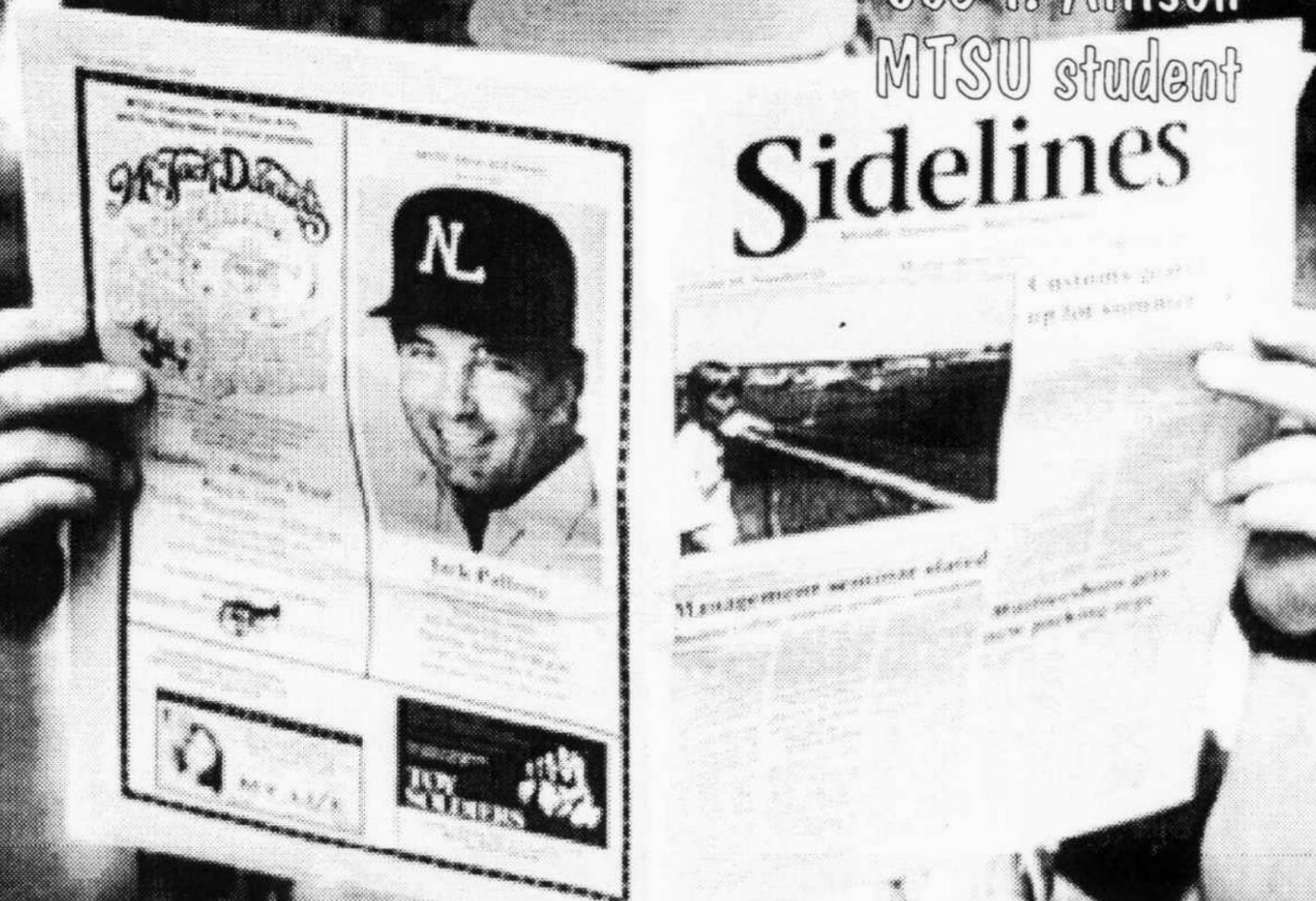
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